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'Inkatha hired buses'

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PUTCO yesterday disclosed that the two buses used to ferry heavily armed impis to the National Education Crisis Committee conference in Durban at the weekend were hired by Inkatha members.

The explanation follows the killing of two men during a confrontation with delegates who were attending the conference.

The NECC later passed a resolution condemning the bus company for "aiding and abetting the criminal activities of Inkatha against the people".

Mr Pat Rogers, a Putco spokesman, yesterday said: "We did hire buses to be used by Inkatha to a prominent community leader for the Saturday of the reported clashes, but were not aware at the time of the intention of the passengers. Putco is fully aware of the importance of the NECC conference held in Durban over the weekend."

He said some of these buses were stopped by the police and that after the clashes Putco drivers refused to pick up Inkatha reinforcements who wanted to return to the scene. The Durban management is making a full inquiry into the matter, Mr Rogers said.

He added: "We would point out that we had also discussed the hire of buses to the NECC in Johannesburg and Durban on the same hire terms, but in the event, the NECC did not con-

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clude arrangements. It is very difficult for our company to stand neutral in South Africa's present political conflict but it is our chosen stance that we are here to serve the black community as a whole."

A statement issued by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's office yesterday said he had met with the United States consul-general in Durban, Mr M.L Cheshes on attacks on Inkatha and the United States in conference resolutions.

He told Mr Cheshes that both were tarred with the same brush because those who met at Chatsworth were "in cahoots" with the external mission of the ANC.

The *Sowetan* had made inquiries to the Inkatha president's office for his reaction to allegations that Inkatha was involved in the incident that saw two men killed and about 20 injured. We were told that a comment would be received in due course. No mention of the clashes was available in the statement received. A telex was also sent in a bid to get a full explanation of Inkatha's part in the clash. By late yesterday no reply had been received.

Fifty buses burnt down

FIFTY buses belonging to the Bophuthatswana Transport Holdings were burnt down by unknown persons in Maboloka, Bophuthatswana, yesterday morning.

A BTH spokesman estimated the damage at R1m. He said the incident took place during the early hours of the morning at the company's parking area.

Thousands of commuters were left stranded as buses did not operate on the route. The company spokesman said there was no way in which a service could have been quickly restored because a large number of vehicles were involved.

Colonel M A Molope, a divisional commissioner of police in the Odi and the Moretele regions, said the matter was under investigation.

"The situation was so serious that many people could not reach their places of work because of lack of transport this yesterday morning," he said.

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Alex car hijacks 9 in court

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Nine youths from Alexandra township, near Johannesburg, appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with allegations of robbery.

No charges were put to the youths and the magistrate, Mr J V Myburgh, postponed the case to April 10 for further investigation.

The hearing was held in camera because seven of the youths were under 18. The other two are Ms Voni Letuka (21) and Mr Frazer Makholwa (19), both of Sixth Avenue. The nine were arrested on March 18 in connection with vehicles which were allegedly hijacked near Alexandra township.

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Thokozani Gumbi (left) and John Mzewemadoda (13), points to the spot where Modiri Israel Mmesi fell when shot on March 25.

I saw youth shot, says resident

A KAGISO resident who said he saw last week's shooting incident in which a 14-year-old youth was killed, yesterday refuted a police report that the boy was shot while stoning a beerhall.

Mr Thabo Peter Gallant, who lives near the spot where the incident occurred, said he saw Modiri Israel Mmesi fall. Mr Gallant was from work then. He said when he went to help he found three boys aged between 11 and 14 years writhing in pain. This was in Sipho Drive, about three kilometres from the two beerhalls in the township.

"If the police claim that Modiri Mmesi stoned a beerhall, then why did the council policeman allegedly shoot three other boys playing at Mr Isaac Genu's house (3156 Sipho Drive). None of the victims had been near the beerhalls. Why do the police incriminate the dead boy?" said Mr Gallant.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria yesterday said: "Anyone who saw the incident should make a statement at the local police station where investigations into the shooting are continuing. We will present them to the magistrate."

Two of the youths admitted to the hospital with gunshot wounds were discharged at the weekend. The third is still in hospital.

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Nafcoc head's wife charged over protest

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Joslyn Motsuenyane, the wife of Nafcoc president Dr Sam Motsuenyane, and three other people were charged in the GaRankuwa Magistrate's Court yesterday as the ringleaders of the protest gathering that led to the Winterveld shootings.

About 120 others also appeared in court yesterday. They are believed to be the last of 2 500 people to appear. They were arrested in Winterveld last week during a clash with the Bophuthatswana police.

11 killed

According to the police 11 people were killed and scores injured during the clash at a soccer stadium on March 26.

Those who appeared with Mrs Motsuenyane are Mrs Lebopo, Mr Moshwana and Mr Ngema.

All were warned to appear in the GaRankuwa Regional Court.

They had been in custody until yesterday.

Witnesses at the protest said Mrs Motsuenyane was injured when protesters were confronted by police.

Dr Motsuenyane

At a special sitting on Easter Monday a group of about 250 people appeared in court and were fined R100 or six months, suspended for five years.

Yesterday a spokesman for the Mabopane-Winterveld Youth Organization (Mawiyo) claimed the number of people killed was more than the reported 11.

A hospital spokesman said 32 people were admitted to the GaRankuwa Hospital with gunshot wounds and one of them died immediately on admission.

Five others were treated for minor gunshot wounds and discharged while the rest were still in hospital.

A police spokesman yesterday said five of the dead had already been identified.

A mass funeral is being arranged for a date to be decided on.

Minister of State Affairs for Bophuthatswana, Mr Rowan Cronje, said President Lucas Mangope, had ordered an inquiry into the Winterveld massacre.

● About 51 people were arrested at Maboloka village, near Brits in the Western Transvaal, in connection with an incident in which several Bophuthatswana buses were stoned, police said.

Suspended

Fifty Bophuthatswana Transport Holding (BTH) buses were extensively damaged this week at a bus depot near the village in the Odi region.

Services to the area were suspeneded indefinitely.

BTH managing director Mr Hendrik Prinsloo said the services had been suspended until there were assurances that the incident would not be repeated.

Colonel M A Molope said the 51 arrested are between 18 and 30 years old. They will appear appear in court soon.

Nafcoc chief's wife charged

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SOPHIE TEMA

THE wife of the president of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (Nafcoc) and three others were yesterday charged as ring-leaders of a protest group.

Joslyn Motsuenyane, wife of Nafcoc head Sam Motsuenyane, and three others appeared in the GaRankuwa Magistrate's Court in connection with the protest gathering which led to the Winterveld shootings.

They are believed to be the last of a group of 2 500 people, arrested in Winterveld last week during a confrontation with the Bophuthatswana police, to appear in court.

The other alleged leaders who appeared with Joslyn were Mrs Lehopo, Mr Moshwana and Mr Ngema.

Bophuthatswana police captain M A Molope confirmed that Joslyn and the three people who appeared with her have been charged as the ring-leaders of the protest gathering.

At a special sitting on Easter Monday, a group of about 250 people appeared in court and were each fined R100 or six months' jail suspended for five years.

The alleged ring-leaders are to appear in the GaRankuwa Regional Court.

They were arrested at a protest meeting in the area last week when at least 11 people were killed and scores injured.

Eyewitnesses said Joslyn was seriously injured when police confronted the protesters.

Until yesterday she and the other alleged leaders had been held in police custody since their arrest.

Yesterday a spokesman for the Mabopane/Winterveld Youth Organisation (Mawiyo) claimed the number of people killed was far more than the reported 11.

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Fuel price to fall

GERALD REILLY

THE price of petrol is certain to drop by the month-end, according to informed sources in Pretoria.

But any price cut would depend on the cost of landed crude remaining low and the rand's exchange value steadying around $0,47.

Progressive Federal Party energy spokesman Brian Goodall said authorities expected the crude price to stabilise at between $10 and $12 a barrel.

Until recently, he said, about 50c of the petrol price had consisted of the landed price of crude.

The cost of crude landed had dropped by about a third in the past two weeks, said Goodall.

He said he expected a price-cut of at least 12c a litre to be announced before the end of the month.

World oil prices recovered slightly yesterday.

Oil from Britain's North Sea Brent field for delivery this month perked up to $10,70 a barrel yesterday morning, after sinking to just over $9 on Tuesday, less than at any time since Brent came on stream in 1977.

Economics Reporter

STELLENBOSCH University's Bureau for Economic Research (BER) paints a bleak picture of the SA economy in its *Manufacturing Survey*, which shows capacity utilisation, volume of production and employment continuing to decline in the fourth quarter of 1985.

The survey says the volume of production in the manufacturing sector in the fourth quarter fell 1,8% compared with the same period the previous year. Production capacity utilisation fell to 84,3% from 85,7% in 1984.

Employment was down to 1,343-million from 1,380-million. Total employment in the manufacturing sector has decreased

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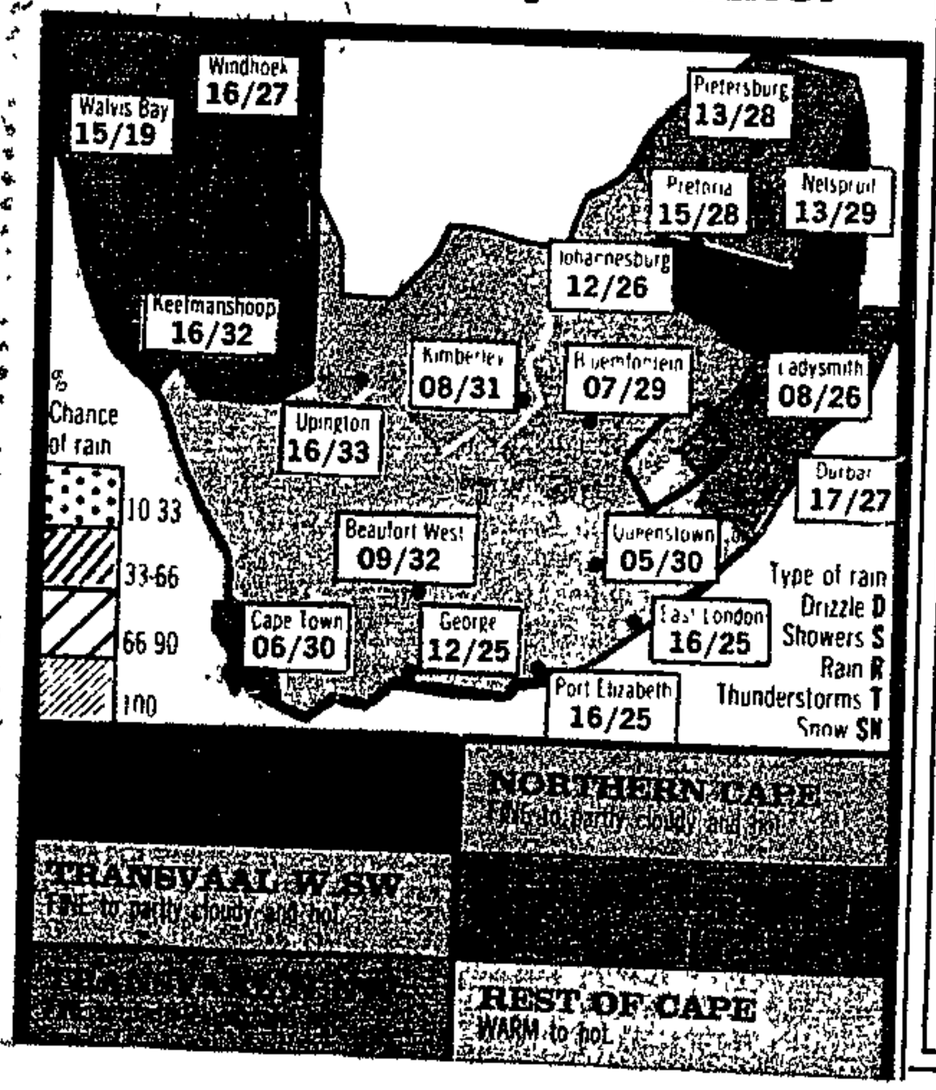

More unrest in Soweto

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A DELIVERY vehicle was set alight and damaged during unrest in Soweto on Tuesday night, police said yesterday.

In another incident, a private vehicle was damaged by stonethrowers. Another delivery vehicle was robbed of its load of 88 bags of mealie meal.

In Kathlehong, near Alberton, a post office vehicle was set alight and extensively damaged.

In two other incidents in the same area, two private vehicles were set alight and extensively damaged.

At Hazyview, Eastern Transvaal, blacks set fire to and looted two shops and a private home in the Swala Trust.

Police arrested 10 blacks in connection with the incidents. — Sapa.

Complete stayaway hits towns

Cape Times 3/4/86

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The complete stayaway by black workers in Nelspruit and White River which began on Monday is expected to last for at least a week.

All available white volunteers and schoolchildren were yesterday rounded up by the Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Nelspruit municipality to take over duties usually performed by black workers.

Refuse

According to Nelspruit Town Clerk Mr Hans Muller, jobs included the manning of petrol pumps, shop counters, delivering milk, collecting refuse and working in factories.

He denied reports that all available men in the areas were asked either to become a police reservist, join the local commando or become actively involved in civil defence.

Mr Muller said: "Before the weekend, the local commando asked men to come forward to help patrol the streets. But this sort of thing is organized throughout the country."

White River's Town Clerk, Mr Amos van Heerden, disclosed some of the contents of a letter sent to a worker at a government office.

It was signed by "a comrade" and urged the worker to stay away from work or face "great agony together with your staff".

The letter said workers could return to work on the 7th of this month.

Emergency meetings involving businessmen, municipalities, the police and residents in White River were held on Tuesday and again yesterday.

People approached said they did not understand what the stayaway was about and said they did not wish to speculate on the reasons.

The Chamber of Commerce chairman, Mr Bill Wiggan, said: "But our message is clear. No work, no pay. That's regardless of whether people have been intimidated or not It's business as usual."

A fair percentage of workers arrived at work on Tuesday, he said, but were "induced to return home".

Mr Van Heerden said up to 25 percent of workers returned to work yesterday but Mr Wiggan said there was a complete stayaway

Police said they were unaware of any incidents which may have occurred as a result of the stayaway.

Mr Hennie Smit, organizer of a meeting of more than 100 businessmen on Tuesday, said "everything is under control"

TWO HURT IN MAMELODI BOMBINGS

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TWO people were seriously injured when bombs were thrown at three houses in Mamelodi, Pretoria, yesterday morning.

By MONK NKOMO

Primrose Skosana (12) of 12666 Mamelodi East is in a critical condition at the Kalafong Hospital after petrol-bombs were thrown into her home about 12.30am.

Her father, Mr Skosana, a local street committee member, told how he rescued his daughter.

"I was awoken by a loud explosion. Primrose's bedroom was in flames. I saw her jump on the bed — burning and screaming. I went in there, grabbed her and ran outside. We took her to the Kalafong Hospital. She is badly injured."

Mr Japhta Alucia was seriously wounded when a home-made "bomb" consisting of bolts, nuts and washers ripped through the house of Mr Freddie Matlhobogwane in Mamelodi East. The attack took place about 1.05am. Mr Alucia was also rushed to the Kalafong Hospital.

A house opposite Mr Matlhobogwane's had its windows shattered by the "bomb". Mr Matlhobogwane is also a local street committee member.

In another incident the family of a political activist, Mr Khala Mokgonyana of Mamelodi East escaped serious injury when six petrol bombs were thrown into their house at about 1am yesterday. Damage was estimated at R5 000.

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Five witnesses tell of Winterveld shots

Aftermath of the shooting. Crowds gather round a pile of shoes left behind by the fleeing throngs in their haste to escape police gunfire. Injured witnesses say they were crushed and trampled, then shot while people stampeded.

Picture TREVOR SAMSON, AFP

WEEKLY MAIL REPORTER

FIVE wounded Winterveld men this week gave their account of shooting by Bophuthatswana police which left 11 people dead and scores of others injured

The five, who are being treated at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital, were among those injured when police fired on a crowd at a meeting at City Rocks' soccer grounds in Winterveld on Wednesday last week.

The men said police fired on the crowd without any provocation and they denied police claims that the crowd attacked them with petrol bombs

However, Bophuthatswana Police Divisional Commissioner MA Molope insisted the crowd attacked the police with petrol bombs and stones

One of the injured, Thomas Maluleka, 27, said there was a large number of armed soldiers and policemen at the grounds when he arrived at the meeting

People were talking with the police, he said, and he heard gunfire He was crushed and knocked down by people running for cover While he was lying on the ground a policeman came and shot him in the right thigh

He lay on the ground with the dead and other injured until an ambulance and mortuary van arrived, he said

Thomas Shoma, 58, said the police colonel addressing the crowd at the meeting said ANC leader Nelson Mandela "is not wanted in Bophuthatswana".

The colonel added that if the children "continued to destroy" they (police) would also destroy

Shoma heard gunfire and he was hit by three bullets Two bullets went through the left, then through the right thigh The third went through the left thigh, breaking it

Vetboy Mokoena said that when police summoned elderly people to the front of the crowd he tried to move forward, but was knocked down by a fleeing crowd, crushed and trampled He was then shot in the right thigh A policeman later ordered him into a van to go to hospital

Johannes Chauke said there were many policemen and soldiers when he arrived A police colonel was addressing the crowd when Chauke heard gunshots He was hit in the right thigh

Wilson Ngwenya, 24, heard people demanding explanations from policemen about assaults and detention of youths

A senior policeman told the people to see to it that their children did not burn buses if they did not want to die Another policeman then said "I'll shoot these things," Ngwenya said

He then saw police preparing their guns while teargas was fired He was hit by three bullets in the left arm as he ran A finger was also broken

Four Winterveld residents killed were James Ditobe, Martha Ntuli, Walter Nkabimi and Thomas Lusenga.The other dead include Philemon Magaledi and Phineas Maganedi

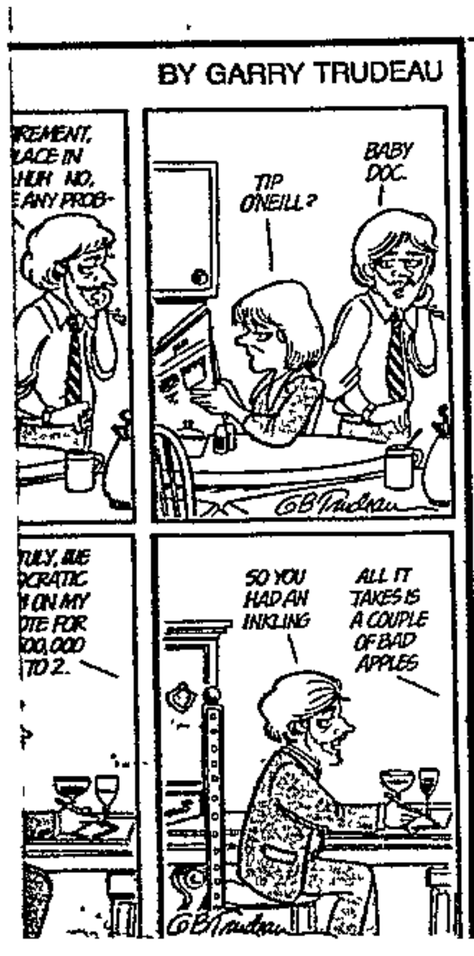
A mass funeral for the victims has been tentatively set for Wednesday, April 9, in spite of the banning of political funerals in Bophuthatswana.

The injured included two French doctors, Vincent Faucherre and Benedicte Chanut.

The South African ambassador to France, Dr Robert du Plooy, reportedly had to cut short his Easter holiday when the French Foreign Minister asked to see him to protest against "renewed repression" in South Africa

Meanwhile, 67 people, including Mrs Josslyn Motsuenyane, wife of Nafcoc president Sam Motsuenyane, were released on bail when they appeared in the Ga-Rankuwa Magistrate's Court on Tuesday

●The Pretoria UDF area committee and the Mabopane-Winterveld crisis committee will hold a press conference today to discuss the violence at Khanya House, Pretoria, at 12 noon



Slabbert speaks on UDF platform

WEEKLY MAIL REPORTER

DR Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, former leader of the Opposition, will be speaking on a United Democratic Front platform in Johannesburg next week.

The meeting is part of a new UDF "Call to whites campaign", intended to present UDF affiliates as a political alternative to whites opposed to the government

Titled "Where to white politics?", it is the first in a series of five such meetings

The meeting is organised by the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac), a UDF affiliate.

Slabbert will speak alongside Zac Yacoob, of the Natal Indian Congress, Dr Nthato Motlana, leader of the Soweto Civic Association, and Dr Beyers Naude, general secretary of the SACC.

It will take place at the City Hall on Wednesday evening

TERROR IN LEBOWA

12 people have died in unrest at Seshego

POLITICAL activists in Seshego near Pietersburg are living in fear of their lives after recent police raids in which residents have allegedly been assaulted, at times severely.

More than 12 people have so far died in incidents of unrest

Three houses belonging to top Azanian People's Organisation men in the Lebowa township have been petrol-bombed. The victims and neighbours claim the police were responsible for the attacks last week

The deputy commissioner of the Lebowa police, Colonel J M D Mphahlele, has denied any knowledge about the police assaulting or torturing residents — mainly youths and members and sympathisers of Azapo.

Trade unionist and Azapo member Mr Pokela Rasethaba (36) was seriously injured and admitted to the Knobel Hospital in Lebowa after being allegedly assaulted by the police on March 26

Speaking with difficulty from his hospital bed, Mr Rasethaba said police dragged him out of his car and took him to the Seshego cemetery where about 22 policemen assaulted him in turns He sustained injuries to the head, body, arms and legs

A group of Islamic faithfuls who had gone to visit Mr Rasethaba at the hospital this week were detained at the Seshego Police Station They were later released without being charged

Sharing a ward with Mr Rasethaba is a 20-year-old standard 10 pupil, Mr Peter Semenya He was allegedly assaulted on the same day by the police

Also in the same ward are two 21-year-old men, Mr Mack Ngoatje and Mr Claupas Mawasha of Ga-Mawasha village near Turfloop They said they were assaulted by the police

Residents said police moving in a white mini bus with Bophuthatswana registration numbers have allegedly assaulted people in the township The residents have termed this police squad the "A Team"

A victim of the A Team, Mr Mathabathe Seyema (31) said the A Team has pasted United Democratic Front posters on the car and calling themselves "comrades"

He said they took him to a dam in the township where he was assaulted, made to wear a sack after being stripped and submerged into the water for a few minutes He was later detained for 16 days without trial, he said

Story: THEMBA MOLEFE

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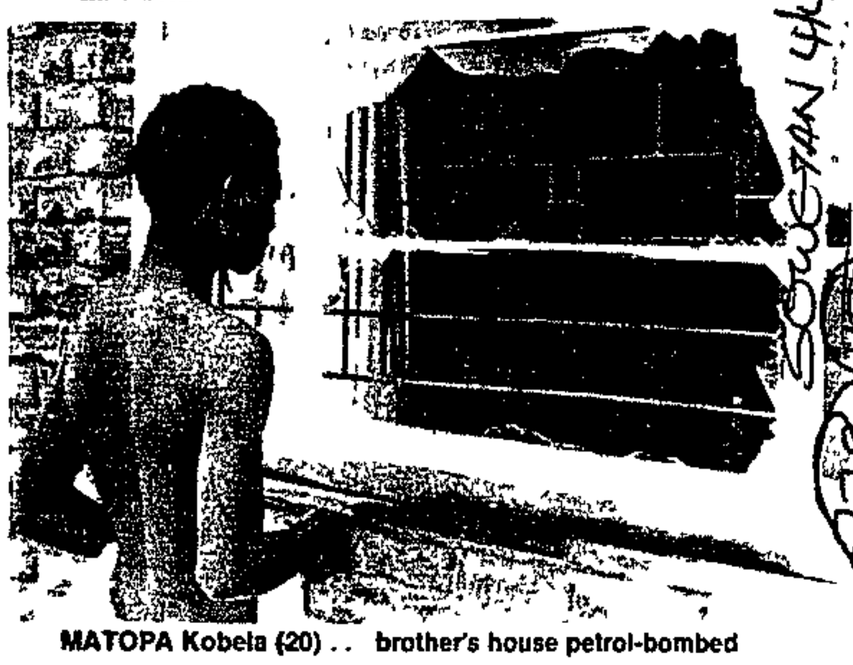
Mr POKELA Rasethaba in his bed at the Knobel Hospital.



MATOPA Kobela (20) .. brother's house petrol-bombed

Mr Claupas Mawasha.

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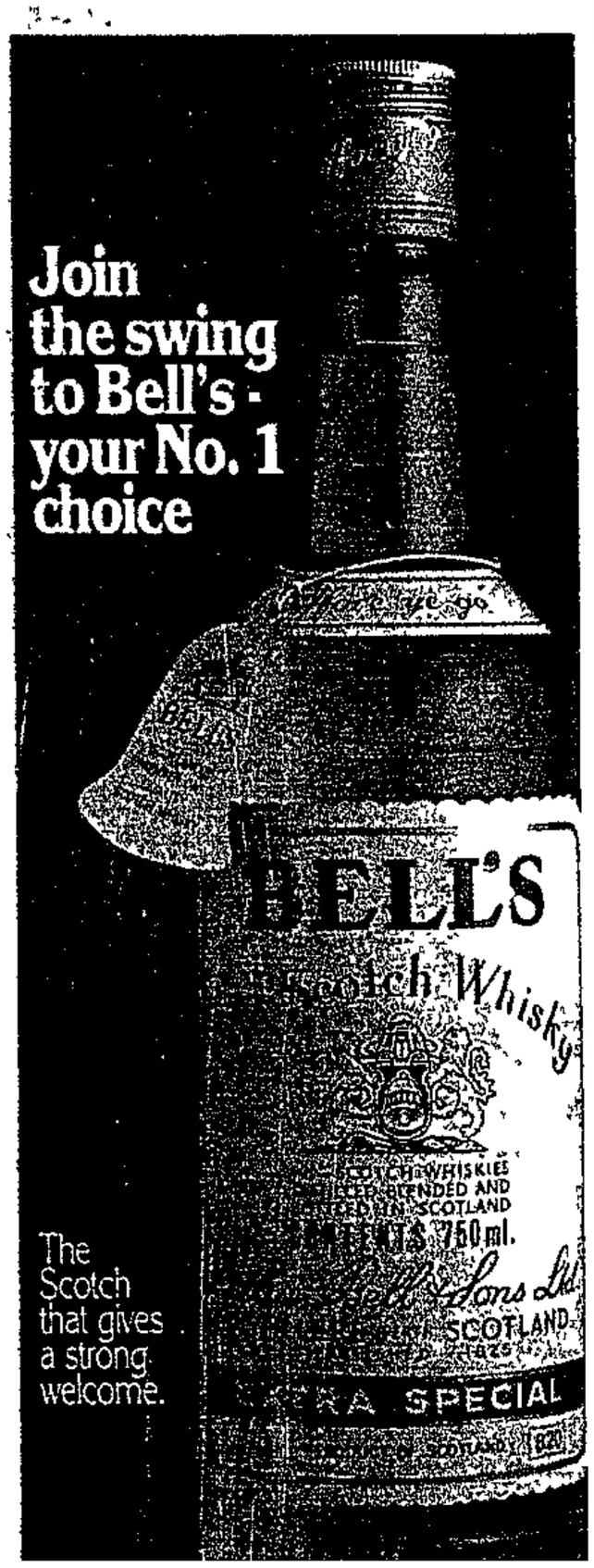

Confrontation at Vosloorus

YOUTHS run for cover behind the hearse and family car as security forces fire tearsmoke at the funeral of an alleged ANC member in Vosloorus.

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SHOTS KILL 5

FIVE youths were killed and several other people were injured yesterday hours before the burial of an alleged African National Congress member.

Mr Samuel Sekgole died in a shootout with the police last week

The four were shot dead during a confrontation with police early yesterday morning They were among more than 1 000 youths who were marching towards the Vosloorus administration offices

Another youth involved in the march was seriously injured He was admitted to the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital where he died late yesterday

One of the dead has been identified as Sydney Moake

Three of those injured are Miss Zandile Zulu, Mr Andile Ngwenya and Mr Michael Masango.

There was drama near the Vosloorus Cemetery when police fired tearsmoke and shots. They turned back more than 15 000 mourners

Family

Earlier in the week police told the Sekgole family that only 50 people, all family members, should attend the funeral and that no political speeches should be made and no freedom songs sung at the service

The family was also told that the funeral should be over by 11am Mourners ignored these restrictions Political speeches were made and freedom songs chanted

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

yesterday confirmed the death of two youths in the township

He could not confirm the shooting incidents and the turning back of the mourners.

Only the family and a few relatives were allowed into the cemetery.

For about three hours, police continued firing tearsmoke and shots in the township. Mourners fled

Thousands of people stayed away from work and pupils stayed away from school

On Wednesday night the Vosloorus Stayaway Supporters Committee distributed pamphlets calling on residents to stay away from work and attend the funeral

Yesterday no transport left the township

Late yesterday afternoon security forces were still patrolling the streets

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Tough Lowveld response to black labour stayaway

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Lowveld businesses were still without much of their black workforce today — the fourth day of a labour stayaway in the Eastern Transvaal.

And as many key management and administrative personnel worked on the production line in Nelspruit and White River, tough counter-measures were adopted by employers yesterday.

"No work, no pay" was the decision taken at a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Afrikaanse Sakekamer, municipalities, the Laeveld Kooperasie and other employer organisations.

Employees who returned to work today where temporary staff had been employed would be told to return on Monday. Any workers intending to return on Monday should immediately inform their employers as a "gesture of goodwill".

"Strong-arm"

A source from the Nelspruit Town Council, who attended the meeting and asked to remain anonymous said although it may sound like "strong-arm tactics" it was not meant to be.

"We in the Lowveld have a very strong commitment towards the creation of jobs. This stayway action is counter-productive to that."

He said it was decided in principle that, in future stayaways, employer organisations would decide on a deadline date for workers to return to work. If they did not adhere to it they would be paid off.

Members expressed sympathy for persons wanting to work, but who were being "intimidated by militant youths". Blacks were requested to identify and report agitators.

An employee of South African Breweries in Nelspruit said a very small percentage of workers had returned to work today. The same situation existed at Coca-Cola (Pty) Ltd.

Youths on rampage after four allegedly shot dead

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Youths went on the rampage in Vosloorus, near Boksburg, after four people were allegedly shot dead at a funeral.

The youths stoned and threw petrol-bombs at houses belonging to councillors and policemen, badly damaging a house.

Major S van Rooyen, of the Police Public Relations Directorate, said: "During a funeral yesterday approximately 10 000 blacks gathered illegally.

"When the police ordered them to disperse, they refused and stoned the police. The crowds were dispersed with tear-smoke and shotgun fire. About 19 men were wounded and are being treated in hospital."

Police confirmed the deaths of two people.

A spokesman for the local students' congress said four people were shot dead. Two of them were from Daveyton near Benoni and one was from Duduza near Nigel, he said. The fourth person was believed to be from Vosloorus.

They are believed to have been shot when a large crowd attempted to march on the administration offices, after attending a night vigil for Mr Samuel Mosotho Segole, an alleged African National Congress insurgent.

An undisclosed number of youths were arrested.

Members of the foreign media were earlier escorted out of the township by police.

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5 homes petrol-bombed

DIANNA GAMES

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AS THE black stayaway in the Eastern Transvaal town of Nelspruit entered its third day yesterday, police reported that the homes of at least five policemen were petrol-bombed in a nearby township on Wednesday night.

Despite alleged threats to workers in townships, ranging from Nelspruit and White River to the border town of Komatipoort, however, a small percentage of workers were back at work yesterday to relieve whites who had stepped in to run many of the town's services.

Nelspruit town clerk Hans Muller said only about 10% of the total work force returned yesterday, and these people were from Lekasi township.

It appeared no reason had been given for the stayaway. Many blacks reported that the order was given by youths in the townships who had not returned to school, with many threats but no explanations

A source in White River said a child was killed in a petrol-bombing incident,

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Homes petrol-bombed

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but was not confirmed by police.

Since Tuesday the area has been in the grip of a total black stayaway which threatens to last until Monday.

The Lowveld Youth Movement issued a pamphlet listing several organisations that condemned the stayaway.

They requested a return to school and work with immediate effect.

A large trade union in Nelspruit also made it clear it did not support the stayaway.

The Nelspruit Chamber of Commerce yesterday formally agreed that the policy applied to black workers would be "no work, no pay". Several workers yesterday claimed many others were willing to return to work, but were afraid.

Whites maintained they were coping well.

The white school holidays have been very timely, with schoolchildren filling almost every labour gap. A large Nelspruit manufacturing company with its headquarters in the UK has recruited about 60 students to help man its factory, and its own staff have been doing shifts around the clock.

A garage owner said some of his staff returned to work yesterday but requested to work in the back yard for fear of being seen.

Although commerce and industry have apparently agreed not to fire workers for the stayaway, there are fears among blacks that the final result may be lay offs.

Intimidation is reported to be rife, with youths barricading roads in the townships, ordering people off buses — some of which were driven by whites — and threatening to burn homes.

Some white employers drove into the townships yesterday to collect staff.

Police fired volleys of teargas to disperse groups of youths at a funeral in Vosloorus yesterday. This youth was blinded by the teargas and is wiping his eyes to minimise the stinging effect.

Four feared dead 'as police fire on crowd'

At least four people are believed dead after police allegedly shot five youths in Vosloorus, near Boksburg, yesterday morning

The youths are believed to have been shot when a large crowd attempted to march on the administration offices, after attending a night vigil for Mr Samuel Mosotho Segole, an alleged African National Congress insurgent.

Police in Pretoria confirmed the deaths of two people A spokesman the Police Directorate of Public Relations said. "A body of a man with bullet wounds was found in the township.

"The circumstances leading to the death of the second man are still not known Our men down there said they did not use any live ammunition, but there was police action.

Unconfirmed reports said two of those shot were from Daveyton, Benoni, two from Duduza, Nigel, and another from Vosloorus The name of the Vosloorus youth was given as Sizwe Zulu, allegedly shot in the head and back.

Restrictions were imposed on the funeral by Boksburg magistrate Mr Johannes Roets.

According to the restrictions, the proceedings were "limited" to the house and the cemetery and no speeches of any political nature were to be made. The number of mourners was limited to 50 people who had to be family members Banners, posters or flags were not to be displayed at any stage during the procession which was to be led by mechanically-drawn vehicles

Police said later that about 10 000 people had gathered illegally and had been dispersed.

ed yesterday after the funeral of Mr Segole, who was buried at the local cemetery amid a heavy presence of police and members of the security forces.

Many more were injured by birdshot pellets and rubber bullets fired after police dispersed thousands of mourners, mainly young people, who were marching to the local cemetery

Most of those injured were shot in the back, head and legs Their ages ranged between 16 and 35.

A number of youths were said to have been punched, kicked and beaten with sjamboks by police who were on foot after the funeral. They were searching for youths in yards of homes.

Scores of other people were injured when the police, who had sealed off the area between the township and the cemetery fired a volley of teargas canisters as the large crowd of chanting youths surged towards the cemetery.

The youths, some carrying banners and a small flag of the Soviet Union, made the peace sign as they neared the police The police replied by firing teargas

There was a near stampede as women and children fell, blinded by the clouds of teargas. Others were cut by wire as they desperately scaled fences

Rampaging Vosloorus youths also stoned and petrol-bombed houses belonging to councillors and policemen

A house belonging to a policeman was seriously damaged when it was firebombed.

Major S van Rooyen, of the Police Public Relations Directorate, said a policeman's

A Vosloorus youth receives attention from his friends after he was shot with birdshot during yesterday's funeral.

2 die in clash with police at funeral

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SIPHO NGCOBO

TWO people were shot dead and scores injured and arrested in a confrontation between mourners and police during the funeral of a suspected ANC insurgent in Vosloorus, East Rand, yesterday.

Vosloorus has been hit by a massive work stayway since Tuesday. All businesses in the area have been closed.

The clash between mourners and police occurred after about 15 000 mourners gathered for the funeral of Samuel Sekgole who died in a shootout with police in nearby Katlehong last week.

Mourners, who sang freedom songs and waved a SA Communist Party flag, attempted to march to the cemetery in defiance of a police restriction order.

A spokesman for the SAP Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria confirmed the two deaths but could not say how many had been arrested.

Businesses pull out of Alexandra area

SUNDAY 4/4/86 (278)

DOMINIQUE GILBERT

SUN International Theatres has decided to leave its Marlboro premises adjoining Alexandra township.

It fears unrest in the area, on the eastern edge of Sandton, might hamper performance.

An Alexandra Action Committee spokesman — a group of white businessmen and industrialists — said yesterday 80% of the buildings in Malboro's First Street were boarded up while half-built buildings had been abandoned.

Sun International's Hazel Feldman said: "We needed a bigger building but our decision to move was accelerated by our proximity to the unrest."

Entertainments manager Mike Hollies said the unrest proved to be a danger to his staff who were twice evacuated from their building during the height of the recent troubles.

An insurance broker who has assisted the company said: "So far there's been no problem to insure them but we've told them to give up their lease and get out for the safety of their staff."

Today members of the AAC will meet Alexandra residents in an attempt to resolve unrest-related problems in the area.

Several insurance company spokesmen who were interviewed denied that insurance covers were being withdrawn.

C J Oosthuizen, chairman of the SA Insurance Council, said it was possible that underwriting policies were becoming more selective in certain areas but he was unaware of any new trend regarding covers for businesses around the area.

High-risk areas had been identified by insurers for some time and premiums adjusted accordingly, he said.

One underwriter, Johan van der Merwe, said as far as he was aware existing policies for residences near the area were not being cancelled or having premiums increased.

"But we are looking very carefully at new covers and are asking for safety measures to be implemented," he said.

2 die in clash with police at funeral

CAPE TIMES 4/4/86

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two people were shot dead and scores injured and arrested in a fierce confrontation with police during the funeral of a suspected ANC insurgent in Vosloorus, East Rand, yesterday.

Vosloorus has been hit by a work stayway since Tuesday and all businesses have been shut since then.

Mourners from neighbouring townships who travelled to Vosloorus to attend the funeral were stranded as there were no buses or taxis to ferry them back.

The violent clash between mourners and police erupted after about 15 000 mourners gathered for the funeral of Mr Samuel Sekgole, who died in a shootout with police in nearby Katlehong last week.

Graveyard

The police had ordered that not more than 40 people could go to the graveyard.

Mourners had only marched about 500 metres when soldiers stopped them and allowed only family members and a handful of other people to proceed to the grave.

A spokesman for the SAP Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria confirmed the two deaths. He could not give an exact number of those arrested.

An East Rand police liaison officer denied any knowledge of an allegation that police stoned mourners.

Cape Times 5/4/86 (278)

Tension after funeral deaths

JOHANNESBURG. — Police and soldiers yesterday patrolled Vosloosrus, where several people in a funeral crowd died on Thursday in clashes with police.

Pupils continued to boycott classes yesterday in protest at the killings and many workers stayed away from work.

Residents say five people died but police have confirmed only two deaths.

Residents said tension was still high yesterday as large numbers of heavily-armed police and troops in armoured personnel carriers moved through the East Rand township.

Most streets were still barricaded with burning tyres, rocks and branches.

A house belonging to a policeman, Sergeant Joseph Moloi, was set alight by youths.

Sergeant Moloi, whose house was still smouldering when newsmen arrived at the scene, warned photographers not to take pictures of him.

He then threw stones at Business Day photographer Tony Naidoo.

A spokesperson for the Vosloosrus Youth Congress (Voyco) said pupils were continuing their stayaway in protest against the shootings.

Buses and taxis did not operate and workers who shunned the stayaway call were stranded.

Residents say those allegedly killed on Thursday were youths from the neighbouring townships of Duduza, near Nigel, and Daveyton, near Benoni.

Defiance

A Voyco spokesperson said five people were killed when police tried to turn back a crowd of 15 000 people marching to the funeral in defiance of a magistrate's order that only 40 people attend the service.

But police yesterday said two men were found shot to death at Vosloosrus, adding that it was unclear whether the deaths were "unrest related".

They said clashes erupted when about 15 000 people turned out for the funeral of Mr Samuel Segole, an alleged ANC member.

A police spokesman said 19 people were wounded in police action against mourners, but he could not confirm any arrests.

However, the Sowetan newspaper said scores of people were arrested. — Own Correspondent and UPI

Soweto pupils in demand for automatic promotion

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JOHANNESBURG—Some Soweto pupils yesterday refused to attend lessons and called for automatic promotion to higher levels for all pupils.

Though pupils at some secondary schools in Soweto were at the school premises, they refused to attend classes and were demanding automatic promotion irrespective of previous results, Mr G Merbold, area spokesman for the Department of Education and Training, said.

He declined to say how many pupils had refused tuition, or to name the schools.

Attendance at primary schools in Soweto and Alexandra township was normal, he said.

The department had rejected the pupils' call to 'pass one, pass all' and would explain the reasons to pupils today, he said.

'Discussions are being held with the pupils concerning this demand but the department has taken a firm stand not to concede,' Mr Merbold stated.

The Rev Molefe Tsele of the National Parents' Crisis Commitee said that, according to his information, most pupils had attended classes throughout the country yesterday.

He said those who stayed away were not defying the decision by the National Education Crisis Commitee conference last weekend to end the school boycotts.

Other factors had intervened, he said.

Meanwhile, pupils in Vosloosrus on the East Rand continued a boycott of schools sparked by the death of two people at the funeral yesterday of an alleged African National Congress insurgent.

Police said the two deaths were not related to unrest. — (Sapa)

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Nafcoc man's home one of 10 bombed

PRETORIA. — Four homes — including that of Dr Sam Motsuenyane, president of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (Nafcoc) — were petrol-bombed in Winterveld, Bophuthatswana, early yesterday.

The attacks were part of a spate of at least 10 petrol-bombings of homes in the Pretoria area yesterday.

In Garankuwa the councillor for Zone 3, Mr Hosia Tladi, yesterday resigned after "five petrol bombs" were throw at his shop at 2am.

He said damage was estimated at R3 000.

And in Atteridgeville five houses were petrol-bombed, bringing the total number of attacks on the homes of activists in the area in the past few days to 45

On Thursday four anti-apartheid organizations condemned the spate of petrol-bomb attacks on political figures in Pretoria and accused police of turning a blind eye.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said: "There is no point in commenting on vague allegations made against the police."

In Saulsville, near Pretoria, United Democratic Front members Mr David Mkhumbuzi and his wife Elsie were asleep when their home was petrol-bombed. Mrs Mkhumbuzi was admitted to hospital and her husband discharged after treatment.

The four Winterveld petrol-bombings were announced at a Pretoria news conference called by the Mabopane-Winterveld Crisis Committee (MWCC) in protest against the deaths of 11 people shot by police in Winterveld on March 26.

Mr Tshini Mulondo of the MWCC said three of the homes belonged to members of a delegation that had held discussions with the Divisional Commissioner of Police in Garankuwa about the arrests of students in Winterveld.

Those in the delegation were Mrs Joycelyn Motsuenyane, Mrs Martha Lebopo, and Mr J Motshwane, who was in hospital with serious burns. They were released on bail this week after being arrested at the mass meeting which ended in the 11 deaths.

Dr Motsuenyane is in Brussels on business

Mrs Motsuenyane said the attack on their home occurred about 3am.

The Rev S D Makhudu, who had been visiting at the time, was overcome by smoke and his clothes were covered in blood. He was rushed to Kalafong Hospital in a serious condition.

She said the R127 000 house was destroyed.

The director of Nafcoc, Mr Stan Kubheka, said it was strange that the attack had occurred three days after Mrs Motsuenyane and the others were released on bail.

"This is a job of professional people who knew what they were doing. Their intention was obviously to kill" — Own Correspondent and Sapa

CAPE TIMES 5/4/86

Five more unrest deaths

PRETORIA. — Police last night reported five more unrest deaths in black townships — three of them near Nelspruit where petrol was poured over seven people and they were set alight

Police said the incident happened at Kanyamanzane near Nelspruit on Thursday when a large group of blacks gathered and "arrested" seven black males.

The seven were then tied up and set alight after having petrol poured over them.

All seven escaped, but one was caught and beaten to death.

Three of the others were admitted to hospital where two of them died. One is still in hospital with serious injuries, the report said. Four people were arrested.

At Langa, near Port Elizabeth, police yesterday discovered the charred remains of a woman's body and on Thursday night, the charred remains of a man. — Sapa

Vaal acts to stop 'jungle justice'

CITY P

6/4/86

By STAN MHLONGO

VAAL residents this week decided to apply for a court order to stop the arrests and issuing of summonses on scores of rent debtors.

Already 7 500 residents have been issued with summonses following the 19-month-long rent boycott in the area

The court action comes in the wake of the 30 day prison sentences imposed on 42 residents who ignored the summonses served on them for boycotting rent payment.

The residents' lawyer Richard Spoor said the validity of the summonses was highly questionable because residents are expected to answer them within three days – "which means they are given insufficient time to react."

Vaal Civic Association spokesman Racks Kabi said: "Jungle justice was being implemented by Vaal authorities against residents.

"The residents are illegally thrown in jails without any legal action being implemented in a court of law. Unless a court order is imposed to stop the harassment of residents, VCA will call for a countrywide stayaway involving other national organisations and workers because what hurts us in the Vaal can hurt residents in other areas tomorrow.

"Remember an injury to one is an injury to all," said Kabi.

pupils who did not return to school this week did so because the Durban conference's decision had not yet reached them.

● Cops' presence outside Badirile High School in Khutsong near Carletonville disturbed what could have been a normal second term opening, reports Herman Letsie.

Students at the Western Transvaal school – closed by DET last term – returned on Wednesday.

But they left soon because "several police vehicles were seen patrolling outside the yard and this infuriated students", said a student.

A police spokesman only commented that police vehicles had been stoned at Khutsong.

● Bekkersdal's Kgotalang Secondary School students, dissatisfied with the books they got from DET, held a one-day class boycott.

CITYP. 27/6 8/4/86

Funeral for four 'comrades'

By SINNAH KUNENE

A MASS funeral for four Meadowlands youths – three of whom were allegedly stabbed to death by a gang leader who went on the rampage after his home was petrol bombed by "comrades" – will be held at the Zone Six Hall tomorrow

The victims, including a youth shot dead by council police during the hunt for the gang leader, will be buried at Avalon Cemetery at 2 pm.

from black teachers – they now face a boycott

PE ready for another mass burial

CITYP. 6/4/86

By MONO BADELA

A MASS funeral for the 13 unrest victims shot dead by security forces last Wednesday will be held at Dan Qeqe Stadium near Port Elizabeth tomorrow.

And the shooting of the men and youths – whom cops claim had attacked a liquor outlet in KwaZakhele – sparked off the consumer boycott which will start on Monday.

PE unrest victims burial committee spokesman Temba Duze said a record crowd is expected to attend the funeral.

Shops and shebeens in the township will also close.

Some of the unrest victims are: Vincent Ntshona, 24, Pindile Mosita, 29, Fumasi Lombo, 18, Mxolisi Lebeko, 22, Toto Sidzumo, 19, Owen Bongani Msizi, David Mpumelelo Mguqulwa, 20, Mandlenkosi Lindani, 20, Wandile Ronald Mlumbiso, Cecil Danile Sigula, 49, and Mlamli Wange, 46

Since the shootings – and the massive outcry that followed – police headquarters has told policemen to only use live ammunition "when their lives are in danger".

The Vaal mourns

CITY P. 6/4/86 (278)

TWO unrest victims will be buried in the Vaal tomorrow, in what is expected to be one of the largest funerals held in the area recently.

Evaton resident Bethuel Njiyela Sigudla, 50, and Sebokeng's Mofeši Thobeli, 13, were both allegedly shot dead by police last week.

It is believed Thobeli was shot on March 25, and Sigudla on Good Friday.

Police spokesman Major S Van Rooyen said Sigudla was accidentally shot by a municipal cop when he intervened in a fight between two men on Good Friday. He could not confirm the shooting of the 13-year-old.

A joint service for the deceased will be held at the McCamel Church in Evaton at noon. Vaal Civic Association spokesman Simon Molotsi condemned the "shooting of residents by cops".

Residents decide on buses

By MANDLA NDLAZI

THOUSANDS of residents on the West Rand yesterday decided at a huge meeting to continue the boycott of Greyhound buses until their demands are met.

The decision was taken at a mass meeting held at the Kagiso Stadium. Residents instructed the Krugersdorp Residents Committee (KRC) to inform the bus company about issues that could end the boycott

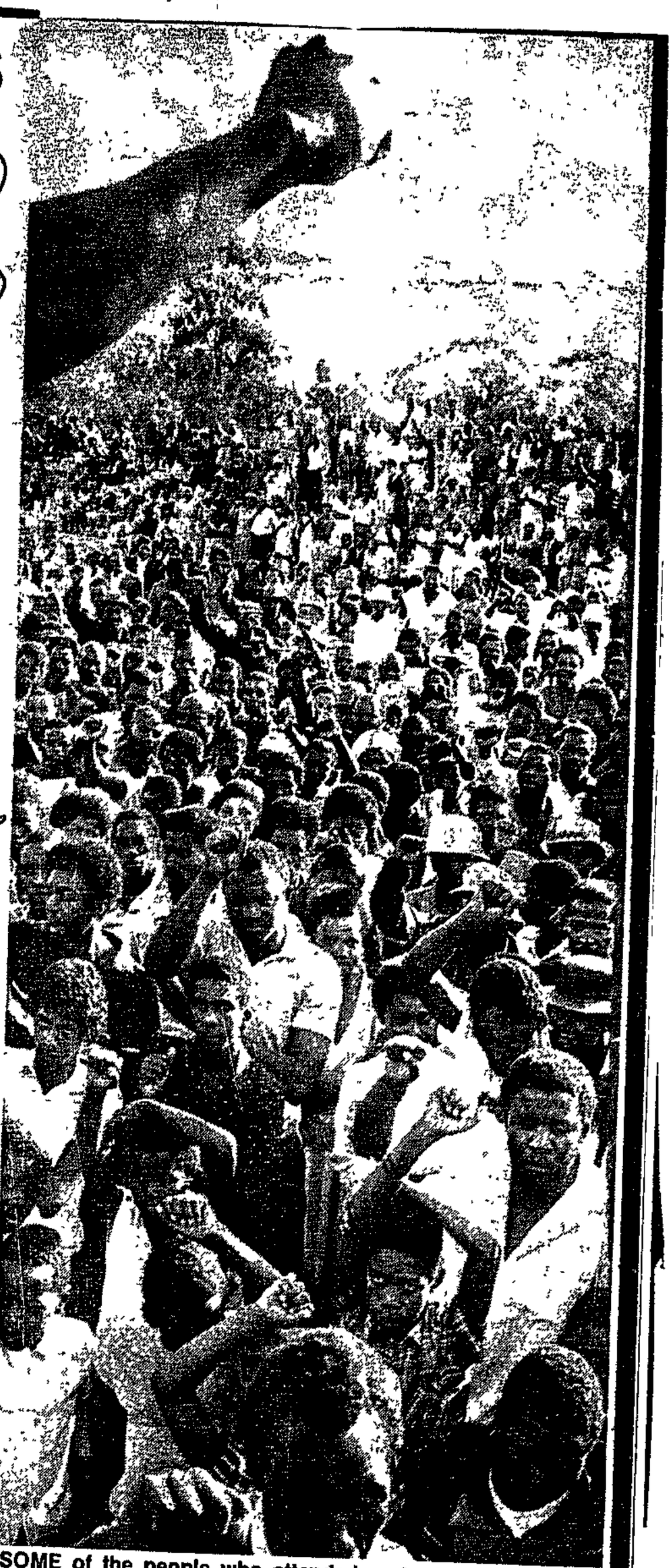
Residents have been on a boycott of Greyhound buses in the townships of Kagiso and Munsieville (Krugersdorp), Mohlakeng (Randfontein) and Bekkersdal The meeting had people from all these areas The boycott started in January. SOWETAN 7/4/86

Demands

The residents have made the following demands

- That the company should erect decent bus shelters
- Half price fare for the children
- Pensioners should be given a free ride to pay-out points.
- Free buses for funerals of unrest victims and the needy
- The company's mini-buses should be withdrawn from the townships
- Streets to be tarred
- The fleet of buses should compare well with those allocated for the use of white communities
- Greyhound should not block applications by residents who intend operating taxis.
- Greyhound should make bursaries available to residents' children
- Fare increases to be negotiated with KRO
- Greyhound bus employees retrenched because of the boycott to be re-instated
- Company to introduce monthly tickets.
- Greyhound to refund the taxi owners who were fined by traffic officers for overload and other mechanical defects

The residents resolved that the boycott could end if these conditions were met by the company.



SOME of the people who attended yesterday's meeting in Kagiso.

Red tape trips up car-theft victims

7/4/86 BUSDAY (278)

LESLEY LAMBERT

MANY victims of the recent spate of car thefts in Johannesburg's northern suburbs are finding themselves in a catch-22 situation when they make insurance claims on burnt-out cars, the shells of which have been recovered and then often destroyed by the police.

This means that when an assessor goes to assess the damage, the evidence on which the claim is based has usually disappeared, as police say they dispose of the wrecks after a certain period to avoid congestion in the compounds.

Unless the claimant gets a "scrapping licence" from the licensing department of the local municipality, the claim will probably be rejected.

However, once the necessary official documentation has been supplied, the claimant whose vehicle was probably stolen and found discarded and burnt-out is bound to walk straight into the next bureaucratic trap

If the car was found in one of the townships, the direct insurer is likely to pass the claim on to the South African Special Risks Insurance Association (SASRIA) if the client is insured by SASRIA — the only local body providing cover for politically-related risk.

Many direct insurers appear to be passing on car theft claims which, under normal circumstances, would be categorised as conventional theft but are defined as political because the burnt-out vehicle has been found in a township during a period of political unrest, says Don Gallimore, PFV executive director and chairman of the South African Insurance Brokers Association's SASRIA committee.

SASRIA will probably reject this type of claim unless it can be proved that the car was hijacked by politically motivated youths for political reasons.

Kagiso residents call for boycott after shooting

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By Rich Mkhondo

Hours after four youths were shot and seriously injured and others arrested in Kagiso near Krugersdorp at the weekend, about 5 000 residents thronged the local stadium and resolved to resume the boycott on white-owned shops from tomorrow.

The youths were shot during the funeral on Saturday of a 14-year-old unrest victim and are reported to be in a critical condition in hospital.

The spokesman for the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation (KRO), which convened the meeting, said the youths were shot near the cemetery when police forced people out of cars travelling to the graveyard.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said today it was possible people were injured and others arrested during a funeral in Kagiso at the weekend. "I have not received my police situation report from the area yet," he said.

The meeting was called to discuss "pressing issues affecting the township".

Chanting "asithengi edolobheni (we do not buy in town)", residents resolved to resume the boycott from tomorrow because the authorities "turned a blind eye to our demands".

Speaker after speaker condemned the Government's reform initiatives, saying "apartheid cannot be reformed, it should be dismantled, they have the guns, we have the buying power".

BUS BOYCOTT

The residents' association was madated to present "the people's demands" to the management of Greyhound Bus Lines, over the five-month bus boycott.

Residents resolved not "to put foot" on Greyhound's buses until those demands had been met.

The "people's demands" included:

- The company should stop "apartheid in buses" and integrate them.
- It should build shelters in all bus ranks, help improve the streets and buses should travel along all township streets.
- The company should provide tranport for pensioners on pay day and help during funerals.
- It should introduce monthly tickets and discuss increases with residents.
- The company's mini buses should be scrapped.

DEATH BLOWS

Newsman dies after shebeen raid

(278) SOWETAN 7/4/86

A JOURNALIST in Mahwelereng, Potgietersrus, died shortly after he was arrested with three members of the Azanian People's Organisation last Friday.

The journalist, Mr Lucky Kutumela, was a member of the Media workers' Association of South Africa (Mwasa).

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Mr Lucky Kutumela worked for the Lebowa Times.

The three Azapo officials, who were allegedly assaulted by the police and have been admitted in hospital are Mr Terry Kekane, chairman of the Azapo branch in Mahwelereng, Mr Kgalabe Kekane and Mr Dan Thobejane, both executive members of the Azapo branch in the area.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria yesterday said he could not confirm allegations. He said: "We can only be in a position to respond to the allegations today. Our offices only operate from Monday to Friday."

An executive member of Mwasa last night described the death as "horrifying". "The situation in the country today is much worse than it was during the state of emergency.

"The death of our member is a sign of the times and we wish to assure our community that we have an obligation to tell it as it is."

Mr Thobejane, who is serious, is at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital, near Pretoria. The other two have been admitted at the Mokopane Hospital in Potgietersrus.

A source in Mahwelereng yesterday said the four were at a shebeen in the township late on Friday night when a group of policemen arrived at the house.

Assaulted

The police allegedly assaulted a number of people who were in the house before arresting the four, the source said.

Our source said the four were taken to the Mahwelereng police station for "questioning".

"Mr Kutumela died a few hours later," the source said.

He could not say whether Mr Kutumela died in the cells or in hospital.

A spokeswoman for the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital yesterday confirmed that Mr Thobejane was still in a critical condition. Mokopane Hospital could not be reached for comment.

No funeral arrangements have been finalised for Mr Kutumela.

His death follows that of another union member, Mr Joel Phoshoko (28), who died last Tuesday after handing himself over to the police. Mr Phoshoko was a member of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Ccawusa).

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Mourner killed at funeral

Business Day Reporter and Sapa

ONE person was shot dead and at least one other injured at the weekend when police used birdshot and tearsmoke to disperse a crowd attending a New Brighton funeral of eight people shot in Kwazakele recently.

Police said an SAP patrol was stoned and they "were forced to fire birdshot to disperse the mob".

The funeral was switched to the Centenary Great Hall after permission was refused for it to be held at the Dan Qeqe Stadium. More than 8 000 people attended, while hundreds gathered outside.

In other incidents of unrest:

- At Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, a mob set fire to a policeman's home and a youth was arrested.
- At Vryheid, in northern Natal, buses and a police patrol vehicle were stoned. Three bus passengers were injured.
- At Motherwell, in the Eastern Province, a police patrol discovered the charred remains of two people. It could not be determined whether the badly burnt bodies were male or female.

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Ermelo

Belfast
Bethal
Volksrust
Piet Retief
Carolina

HANSARD 8/4/86 Col 923

London: national convention

*24. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:†

(1) Whether he or any members of his Department intend attending a so-called provisional national convention of leading South African political leaders which is to be held in London soon; if so, why;

(2) whether his Department is involved with arrangements for South African politicians to attend this convention; if so, (a) why and (b) who are the politicians;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the Government's standpoint in this connection?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

(1) No, as far as I am aware, no so-called provisional national convention of leading South African politicians was held in London. Rumours to that effect were pure newspaper speculation and were confused with a conference organised by the Wilton Park Conference Centre on the theme "South Africa in Crisis" and which ultimately was cancelled and replaced according to reports by an informal exchange of views. Neither myself nor members of my Department were invited to the conference.

(2) No.

(3) No, it is not proper or customary for the Government to take a stand on unfounded newspaper speculation.

HANSARD 8/4/86 Col 924

Guguletu: members of ANC

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

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 26 on 18 March 1986, any person escaped capture in Guguletu on 3 March 1986; if so, what were the circumstances surrounding this escape;

(2) whether the identity of this person has been established; if so, who is this person;

(3) whether the police received any information that this person (a) was a member of the African National Congress, (b) had received any military training and (c) was armed; if so, (i) what information and (ii) when;

(4) whether this person has since been apprehended; if so, (a) when and (b) where;

(5) whether the post-mortem reports on the persons killed on this occasion have now been completed; if not, why not; if so, what was the cause of death in respect of each such person;

(6) whether any of the persons killed had gunshot wounds in the head; if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the (i) nature and (ii) extent of these head wounds;

(7) whether the police had any (a) information on when these persons became members of the African National Congress, (b) knowledge of which part or formation of the African National Congress they belonged to and (c) access to records of the membership of these persons of the African National Congress; if so, (i) what is the nature of this information, (ii) to which formations of the African National Congress did they belong, (iii) what records did the police have access to and (iv) where did they gain access to these records;

(8) with reference to paragraph 5 (b) of his reply to the above-mentioned question, (a) where did the training of these persons as terrorists take place, (b) what were the dates of this training, (c) who conducted the training and (d) what is the nature of the evidence in the possession of the police that these persons received such training;

(9) whether the police received any information on the number of persons who would be involved in the proposed attack on a police station, as referred to in paragraph 11 (c) of his reply to the above-mentioned question; if so, how many persons were there to be in this group?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes, when the shoot-out began, a person or persons fled from the scene.

(2) No, investigation to determine without doubt his or their identity, is continuing.

(3) No

(a) to (c) Fall away.

(4) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(5) Yes, according to the finding of the port-mortems the cause of death with regard to each of the persons is attributed to gunshot wounds.

(6) Yes.

(a) All the deceased.

(b) (i) and (ii) Until the inquest has taken place, I am not prepared to furnish the detail of the wounds.

(7) (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(i) to (iv) Fall away.

(8) (a) Some in the RSA and others abroad.

(b) During the period May 1985 until December 1985.

(c) The African National Congress.

(d) It is neither the policy nor the custom to make known such information.

(9) No.

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Kabokweni magistrate's court

HANSARD Col 926

*26. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether any officials attached to his Department were witnesses to an incident at the Kabokweni magistrate's court near White River on or about 11 March 1986; if so, (a) what officials and (b) what was the nature of the incident;

(2) whether a crowd of persons was present at the court on that date; if so,

(3) whether any court proceedings were interrupted as a result of the presence of this crowd; if so, in what manner;

(4) whether any officials attached to his Department took any action in regard to this crowd (a) as a result of court proceedings having been interrupted and/or (b) for any other specified reasons; if so, (i) who, (ii) what action and (iii) with what result?

SOWETAN, Tuesday, April 8, 1986

CLASSES ARE SUSPENDED

CLASSES at Vulamasango High School in Bloemfontein have been suspended until April 20 because there was no effective teaching and attendance over a period of time.

The announcement was made by Mr N Botha, Director for Education and Training in the Free State and Northern Cape. He said they wanted to normalise the situation at the school by consulting with the school committee, parents and teachers.

According to Mr Botha, trouble at the school started during the last week of March when pupils decided not to attend classes. They did not give reasons.

A spokesman for the Manguang Parents Crisis Committee, Mr Z Mzuzwana, yesterday said the action by DET was provocative. "It is aimed at victimising the pupils and also defying the resolution adopted at the NECC conference held in Durban. This conference stressed that pupils should go back to classes," he said.

Meanwhile a teacher at the school said there had not been normal classes as pupils were pledging solidarity with detained pupils.

He stated that officials of the Students Representative Council (SRC) approached the acting principal and reported to him that they would not attend classes until detained pupils were released.

Another teacher expressed dissatisfaction at the suspension of classes and said: "I am surprised why DET picks on our school while there are similar problems at other schools."

STUDENTS WOUNDED AFTER DEMO AT TURFLOOP

TWO students at the University of the North (Turfloop) were shot and wounded and several others sjambokked by the Lebowa police after a demonstration at the campus yesterday.

The incident happened about 10 minutes after the entire student body held a peaceful demonstration on the campus against the death of Miss Josephine Mashobane, a BA student. She died last week after an illness.

According to a statement from the Azanian Students Organisation (Azaso), Miss Mashobane suffered from loss of memory since her release from detention in October last year.

The students declared yesterday to Sunday a period of mourning. They banned all merrymaking, parties, cultural activities and lectures on campus in honour of Miss Mashobane.

Mr Moeti Mpuru, the national correspondence secretary of Azaso, said the police are directly responsible for the death of Miss Mashobane.

Lebowa police liaison officer Colonel B Moloto was not available for comment yesterday.

• Professor T J Taljaard, the Medical University of South Africa (Medunsa) rector, yesterday warned the students against retarding their progress by boycotting lectures.

In a statement issued yesterday, he said although the black students were continuing with the class boycott, the university remained open.

"The non-attendance of practical lectures and tests will seriously affect the progress of students, particularly the weaker ones during the academic year. Although both Mr Pieter Kruger and Mr Darryl Wilke have indicated their intention to continue with Medunsa, their actions cannot be explained at this stage," Professor Taljaard said.

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2 whites to continue studies at Medunsa

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two white Medunsa students, whose presence sparked off a student boycott, will continue to study at the university.

Black students had complained about the presence of the two at the university, and a complete class boycott started at the university earlier this year when the Supreme Court granted an order allowing Mr Darryl Wilke and Mr Pieter Kruger to study there.

Mr Wilke and Mr Kruger, neither of whom had registered at the university, were given until midday yesterday to do so. By midday yesterday their legal representatives had informed the university that both intended to continue their studies at Medunsa.

Boycott

The black students yesterday continued to boycott classes in protest at the admission of the two white students to the campus.

The Legal Aid Centre and the students' representative said yesterday the matter was being fully investigated.

The university said in a statement: "The legal representatives of the students Wilke and Kruger informed the university before 12 o'clock that their clients intend to continue their studies at Medunsa.

"The rector will convey this to the student body and will also consult with the legal representatives of the university."

Yesterday the university was calm but very tense.

ARGUS 9/4/86

Police refuse to release bodies

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The funeral of eight of the 11 Winterveld people shot by Bophuthatswana police has been cancelled because police are holding the bodies.

A spokesman for the Mabopane-Winterveld Crisis Comittee, Mr Gilbert Mahlangu, said police refused to release seven of the eight bodies.

The divisional commissioner of police, Colonel M A Molope, said yesterday as far as he knew no mass funeral was planned for today.

He said police did not recognise the crisis committee and burials would be arranged by families.

Winterveld was tense today as thousands stayed away from work to attend the funeral.

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No ruling on death of Cosas petrol-bomber

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JOHANNESBURG. — A magistrate presiding at the inquest of an unrest victim yesterday said South Africa was not in a state of war and that a warning should have been shouted before police shot and killed the alleged petrol-bomber.

Mr Bongani Khumalo, 19, the former branch secretary of the banned Congress of South African Students (Cosas) in Soweto, was killed on September 13, 1984, during a two-day stayaway.

The magistrate, Mr C de Lange, said the court could not make a finding on whether Mr Khumalo's death had been caused by any act or omission on the part of any person.

'Pellets'

He said the court might have been able to reach a more just finding if the pellets removed from Mr Khumalo's body had been handed to the expert who was called to give ballistic evidence yesterday.

However the pellets were not available nor was the petrol bomb.

The magistrate said the evidence of the police witnesses had been credible but unsatisfatory in that it did not explain wounds on the back of Mr Khumalo which could have been caused by either a baton or a sjambok.

There was evidence that a Constable Stirk had shouted "Stop police". But since Mr Khumalo was running away from the police it would have been more proper, said Mr De Lange, to have shouted "Stop or I'll shoot".

He added that while it might be easy to take an armchair attitude, "South Africa is not in a state of war."

Evidence was that members of the police force were patrolling the streets of Dhlamini, Soweto, in a riot squad bus.

A petrol bomb was thrown against the bus but did not explode. A Lieutenant Buytendag jumped down and put out the burning rag in the neck of the bottle.

Constable Stirk meanwhile chased the suspected thrower, Mr Khumalo. He did not stop when ordered to do so.

A shot was fired "in the general direction" of the suspect. He continued and another shot was fired. Mr Khumalo was cornered in the kitchen of a house.

Struggle

There, according to Lieutenant Buytendag, he collapsed after struggling for possession of the lieutenant's gun.

The court found that the cause of death was a shotgun wound in the chest.

Dr V Kemp, a Johannesburg district surgeon, said there were wounds on both the right and left sides of Mr Khumalo's body. The aorta and heart had been pierced. Another wound, through the ear, penetrated the brain.

A ballistics expert, Mr Gary Arntsen, said it seemed more likely that heavy duty shots had caused the wounds. — Sapa

● A baton-wielding policeman chases one of the marchers at Winterveld.

3 'shot dead' in Bop demo

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SIPHO NGCOBO

WINTERVELD community leaders yesterday said at least three people were shot dead and others injured when Bophuthatswana police opened fire on a crowd of marchers.

Police in Bophuthatswana could not confirm any deaths yesterday, but said they were investigating.

An incident occured after Winterveld residents, singing freedom songs and chanting political slogans, took to the streets in protest against the refusal by police to release the bodies of 10 unrest victims for burial yesterday.

Armed police confronted the marchers on the township's main road and allegedly opened fire, lobbed teargas cannisters and launched a baton charge.

At the same time, a number of youths were arrested at the home of one unrest victim.

Winterveld police said relatives of the dead did not know the mass funeral was scheduled to take place yesterday, and police headquarters in Mafikeng said they could not release the bodies because post mortem examinations had not yet been done.

☐ The 10 families waiting for release of their relatives' bodies were yesterday still consulting with a top Johannesburg lawyer in a bid to find ways of recovering them.

MAN DIES IN BLAST

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SOWETAN

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Blown to pieces after device explodes in city toilet

A MAN was "blown to bits" and at least four others injured in a blast at a public toilet in Vrededorp, Johannesburg, yesterday.

An eye-witness from a nearby cafe said he saw the remains of a man's body "being dragged from the toilet to a mortuary vehicle" about an hour after the blast rocked the men's toilet on the corner of Solomon and Smit streets just after 1pm.

"There were bits of body everywhere. They even picked up pieces in the street," one eye-witness said "He was a mess, gone from the waist up, blown to bits

"If you ask me, he could have been planting it when it went off," he added

He heard a loud bang at 1 05pm and rushed outside to see about five men, scuffed and bleeding, climbing out of the toilet windows that had been blown out

Rubble

Piles of brick rubble, odd shoes, rolls of toilet paper, a bench and tin drums were heaped on the pavement outside the toilet, after police had sifted through it searching for evidence

Inside the red brick building, the toilet bowl was shattered All that was left was the base of the bowl The partition walls had collapsed and the entire wall behind the toilet was streaked red with blood

Initial indications were that the explosive device had been placed near the toilet bowl.

Cops sjambokked me — constable

By MANDLA NDLAZI

AN off-duty policeman was allegedly sjambokked by a group of policemen during unrest in Kagiso, Krugersdorp.

Constable Richard Mohlala (38) of Kagiso said he had laid a charge against the men who allegedly assaulted him.

Krugersdorp police yesterday said a charge had been laid. The matter was being investigated.

Mr Mohlala said he now had second thoughts about allegations of assault made by civilians.

"Now I know part of the truth because I was sjambokked for no reason. Although I made my identity known, I told my assailants I was a policeman."

CONSTABLE Mohlala

Mr Mohlala said he was walking home when one black and six white policemen confronted him. Without saying a word, they allegedly sjambokked him.

He said two blows were landed as he shouted that he belonged to the police force.

The third blow, he said, was landed by the black policeman. After that the police left him.

"I had my appointment card with me and had expected the group to say I should produce it to prove my claim," said Mr Mohlala He joined the police force in 1974.

Mr Mohlala said he later phoned his station commander, Lieutenant J J Brink, in Luipaardsvlei who advised him to lay a charge. He then went to the nearby Leratong Hospital where he was treated.

The District Commandant, Colonel G P de Klerk, said he could not remember such a case and referred the *Sowetan* to Major Tienie Halgryn, PRO for the West Rand Police.

A receptionist said Major Halgryn would only be available on Monday.

Mr Mohlala, a father of five children, said he had not returned to work.

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Magistrate on missing SAP pellets

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The magistrate who presided at the inquest into the death of a former Congress of South African Students (Cosas) secretary will not be asking for an investigation into why exhibits went missing.

Mr C G de Lange said in an interview yesterday: "I had no comment to make on the exhibits which disappeared.

"Ask the police what happened to them. When I asked the police they said they could not be found."

In his finding on 19-year-old Mr Trevor Bongani Khumalo's death, Mr De Lange found that nobody could be blamed.

Mr Khumalo died on September 13, 1984, of a shotgun wound in the chest, during a two-day stayaway in Soweto.

Mr De Lange said he may have been able to make a fair finding if the pellets removed from Mr Khumalo's body could have been produced and handed to the expert who was called to give ballistic evidence on Monday.

Neither the pellets nor the petrol bomb, which Khumalo was alleged to have thrown at police, were available.

Mr De Lange said in the interview that if evidence on the pellets was available for cross-examination, the court would have had more accurate information about the distance from which they were fired.

Asked yesterday if he would pursue the matter, Mr De Lange replied: "No, I don't think so. In any case I did not make any comment on it."

Mr De Lange found that due to certain circumstances the court could not make a finding whether Mr Khumalo's death had been caused by any act or omission by any person.

Asked for a comment on the missing exhibits, a spokesman for the Attorney General's office said the matter would be investigated should "anything untoward or a cover-up" be detected.

He said no stone would be left unturned in the investigation.

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by Ian Walker

If, like me, you have hassles

Night of drama as whites flock to meeting

Thousand respond to UDF's call

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By Gary van Staden, Political Reporter

Bomb threats, police harassment, sneeze powder and general chaos did not stop more than a thousand people, mainly whites, from crowding into the Selbourne Hall last night for a United Democratic Front "Call to Whites" meeting.

In a night of drama before the meeting even began:

- People refused to leave when police tried to evacuate the hall after an alleged bomb threat.
- Sneeze powder and teargas spray were released in the foyer of the hall.

Tried to prevent entry

- Police tried to prevent entry to the meeting, saying the hall was too full. They later allowed hundreds of people who had gathered in President Street outside the Johannesburg City Hall, to enter the building.
- Entry to some of the media was refused by police who first said the hall was too full and when challenged, said "because of a bomb scare". They later relented and allowed the media inside.
- Police later tried to bring a sniffer dog into the hall but crowds of people jamming the entrance hall, the stairs, the foyer and the hall forced them to abandon the attempt.
- Dozens of people went home before the meeting began after being told by police that the hall was full and no further entry would be allowed.

A UDF spokesman said the reaction to the meeting was "unbelievable" and beyond anything anticipated.

The meeting, organised by the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac), was addressed by Dr Beyers Naude of the South African Council of Churches, former Progressive Federal Party leader Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, Natal Indian Congress member Mr Zac Jacoob and UDF acting publicity secretary Mr Murphy Morobe.

While cynics in the crowd suggested the whites had come to listen only to Dr Slabbert, less than 100 people left the hall at the end of his speech.

Billed as "Where to White Politics?", the meeting was convened to spell out the role of whites in extra-parliamentary politics.

Dr Naude called on white South Africans to leave their laager and talk to their fellow countrymen. He said: "You have to *really* cross the Rubicon, not just P W Botha's version."

Dr Slabbert said while he respected his former colleagues in the PFP and the parliamentary system still had a role to play, it was clear solutions to the country's problems would have to come from outside Parliament.

He said: "The Government has no intention whatsoever of scrapping the pillars of apartheid."

● See Page 15.

3 shot dead in Winterveld march, say leaders

Cape Times 10/4/86

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least three people were shot dead and many injured yesterday when Bophuthatswana police opened fire on marchers in Winterveld, community leaders claimed.

Bophuthatswana police, however, could not confirm any deaths yesterday.

The incident occurred as scores of angry Winterveld residents were marching to the nearby Soshanguve township to protest against the refusal by police to release bodies of 10 unrest victims for burial yesterday.

Armed

Residents said that armed police in armoured personnel carriers, trucks and vans confronted the marchers, who were singing freedom songs and chanting political slogans, on the main road in the township.

They alleged that police lobbed teargas canisters and baton-charged them. They then opened fire, leaving three dead and several marchers seriously injured.

Police ordered members of the press out of the area.

"We are sick and tired of seeing you here and the next thing, we are going to beat you up," one policeman said.

The homeland's police gave conflicting reasons for their refusal to hand over the bodies

Police in the area said relatives of the dead did not know that the mass funeral was scheduled to take place yesterday, while their Mafikeng headquarters said they could not release the bodies as post-mortems had not yet been conducted.

Residents dismissed these statements as "rubbish".

Meanwhile, 10 families who waited in vain for the bodies of their relatives — victims of a wave of unrest in the area two weeks ago — to be released by police, were yesterday still consulting with a top Johannesburg lawyer in a bid to find ways of recovering the bodies.

Only one body, that of Mr Thomas Lusenga, 66, has been released by police. He was shot dead with 10 others in the unrest.

Sapa reports that two-year-old Ruth Nkome, who died after a petrol bomb was hurled at her parents' Ga-Rankuwa home, was buried at the local cemetery yesterday.

In the attack, five petrol bombs were thrown at the Nkome home in the middle of the night on March 24.

Her father, Mr Lucas Nkome, was away at the time, but five people — including his pregnant wife — escaped with their lives.

Damage to the house is estimated at R8 000.

Bophuthatswana police break up yesterday's protest march in Winterveld.

Picture: Daniel Simon

3 reported shot dead in Winterveld

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Three youths are reported to have been shot dead by Bophuthatswana security forces at Winterveld, north of Pretoria, yesterday.

The reports said that the youths had come from a night vigil when the shooting occurred at about 3 am.

It was also reported that many people were arrested on Tuesday night and early yesterday morning.

Yesterday, several hundred people gathered at a football field for the mass funeral of the 11 people shot dead at Winterveld last month but police refused to release the bodies.

Although the crowd was well-behaved, a large force of Bophuthatswana police and soldiers arrived on the scene.

Representatives from the crowd spoke to the police and, after about two hours, the crowd dispersed.

People began running down the main road, chanting and singing. Police then fired teargas and beat people with batons and sjamboks.

A reporter from *The Star* saw police firing at fleeing residents with their service revolvers.

Bophuthatswana police could not be contacted for comment.

Blast kills man and injures four

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ANN PALMER

AN EXPLOSION — believed to have been caused by a limpet mine — ripped through a public toilet near the Braamfontein railway station yesterday, killing one man and injuring four others.

The blast took place just after 1pm on the corner of Smit and Solomon streets in Vrededorp, Johannesburg.

Police said last night they could not confirm that the man who died in the blast had been priming the bomb.

Police brought a mutilated body from the blood-spattered toilet.

The body was taken to the city mortuary.

The injured — Arohm Boete, of Bagley Avenue, Bryanston, Frans Chauke, a Brixton cemetery worker, Naddeni Bala, of Selby Compound, and Phineas Majoue, of Owl Street, Auckland Park — were treated at the Hillbrow Hospital.

Police would not specify the type of explosive device involved, but it is suspected that a small limpet mine was used.

For about two hours after the blast, detectives sifted through debris of the building and surrounding area for clues.

Eyewitness Giovan Ramjee said one of the injured men had jumped out of the window of the toilet shortly after the bomb exploded.

Ramjee, who owns a nearby shop, said: "Three men staggered out of the entrance. They looked dazed.

"When I approached them, they did not look as if they had been injured, but blood started pouring from their heads as I asked them if there was anybody else inside."

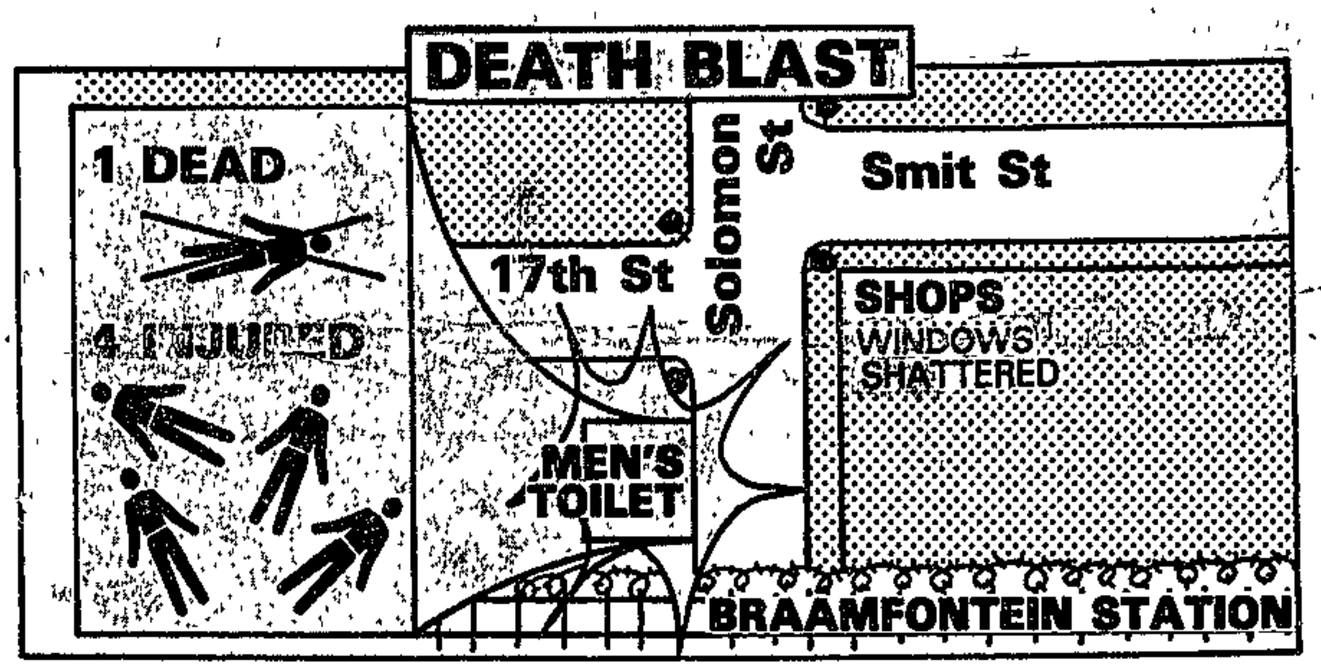
Ramjee said he did not go inside the toilet as he had been warned that there might be another bomb in the building.

"Minutes later the ambulances arrived," he said.

Another witness, Leonard Kirsch, said he was in a shop opposite the toilet when the bomb exploded.

"I looked across at the toilet and it was covered in smoke. Three men came out looking confused. I then telephoned the emergency services."

The area surrounding the toilet was cordoned off after the explosion as scores of onlookers gathered. The heavy traffic on Smit Street was redirected into Solomon Street by traffic officers.



Lebowa hit by widespread violence

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By Dirk Nel,
Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — There is growing concern here about the worsening unrest situation in Lebowa in which at least 11 people have died over the past two weeks.

The main trouble areas are Seshego, Mahwelereng and Lebowakgomo, where rampaging youths have caused widespread damage while waging a campaign against so-called "collaborators of the system".

The death in detention of *Lebowa Times* reporter, Mr Lucky Khumalo (21) at the weekend, and the detention of at least three members of the Azanian Peoples Organisation (Azapo) appear to have fanned the violence in these areas.

Mr Khumalo and the three men were apparently arrested during a clash with Lebowa police at a shebeen in Mahwelereng on Friday.

Mr Khumalo apparently died in detention on Saturday. A Lebowa police spokesman said his death was being investigated.

Rivalry has erupted between Azapo and other organisations, and this has accounted for the destruction by fire of several homes.

The latest reports from Mphahlele, near Lebowakgomo, indicate that youths are threatening businessmen in order to get money to bail out friends arrested for various offences.

One businessman was forced to close his shop after refusing to give the youths money, while another watched helplessly as his shop was looted and then burnt to the ground.

Several businessmen paid R500 or more to keep their shops open.

Reports of violence include:

- Chief Maroga of Driekop and three of his close associates brutally murdered — and villagers have refused to speak to the Press or police for fear of reprisals.
- At least six people have died in violent clashes between police and youths at Motatema, near Groblersdal, since the beginning of March.
- Reports have been received of people being burnt alive at stakes in the Mphahlele area.
- Several members of the Lebowa Legislative Assembly have resigned after receiving death threats.
- The home of the Lebowa Minister of Education, Mr S P Kwakwa, was destroyed in a petrol bomb attack.
- An official of the Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union, Mr Phokela Rasethaba, was kidnapped, beaten up and left for dead.
- A circuit office of the Lebowa Department of Education was gutted by fire.

Man shot dead in petrol bomb raid

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A man was shot dead by police early yesterday morning as he fled with five others after a petrol bomb attack at a technical high school in Randfontein.

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Surprised

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No-one was injured but the building was slightly damaged.

A police spokesman said the man was killed yesterday morning after he and his accomplices were surprised at the Jan Viljoen Technical High School, in Main Road, Randfontein.

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The spokesman said the men had thrown away at least eight petrol bombs as they ran away.

Police are investigating both incidents, but no arrests have been made.

● Pupils at two Randfontein schools burned text books they described as "inferior" and defied pleas by their school principals, Sapa's correspondent reports.

Eyewitnesses said pupils from Phahama and Abby Phokompe high schools burned the books after they were issued by teachers.

● Two Northern Transvaal activists were yesterday admitted to the Pietersburg hospital with shrapnel wounds after petrol bomb and hand-grenade attacks on their homes, reports **Thelma Tuch**.

A hand grenade was thrown into the Manqweng township home of Joyce Mabudafasi, secretary of the UDF branch in the Northern Transvaal and a member of the National Education Crisis Committee.

She had wounds on her face, neck, arms and chest, and is under observation in the intensive care unit of the hospital, according to a doctor at the hospital.

In another incident in the same township, a hand grenade was hurled into the home of Mr Peter Mokaba, who was released three weeks ago from detention under Section 28 of the Internal Security Act

Mr Mokabe was not at home, but his younger brother was slightly injured

Police surprise fleeing arsonists

Petrol bomber shot dead in school attack

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ANN PALMER and THELMA TUCH

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In another incident in Manqweng, a hand-grenade was hurled into the home of Peter Bokaba who was recently released from detention.

Mokabe was not at home but his younger brother was injured.

Shrapnel was removed from his body and he was discharged from hospital.

School boycott's on – despite the vote

By SEFAKO NYAKA

THOUSANDS of pupils are still boycotting classes, almost two weeks after the National Education Crisis Committee voted that pupils should return to school.

In Vosloorus, on the East Rand, students have been staying away from classes since the funeral of alleged ANC insurgent Samuel Mosotho Segale last week. Pupils are believed to be protesting against the shooting of five youths during the funeral.

In Ratanda, Heidelberg, students boycotted classes after a 22-year-old man was allegedly shot during a scuffle with a community councillor on Sunday night.

A police report said the councillor fired a shot after a group of youths tried to set him on fire. However residents said the councillor had questioned the young man about a UDF T-shirt he was wearing. A fight ensued during which a shot was fired. The man was injured in the upper lip and is recovering in hospital.

In Soweto, although pupils have returned to school, there is no serious teaching going on, according to Reverend Molefe Tsele of the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC).

"The main problem in Soweto schools is the demand by students that they should be promoted to the next class — the popular slogan of 'pass one, pass all'."

Tsele said the issue is presently being handled by the SRCs and the Soweto Principals' Council.

In Katlehong on the East Rand and Kimberly in the Northern Cape, pupils have set next Monday as the date of the introduction of "people's education".

Pupils in Potchefstroom are also reportedly out of school because, although high school pupils agree with the Durban decision, pupils at the higher primary schools disagree with the decision.

In the Northern Transvaal, a member of the Modjadji College of Education SRC, Reggie Kapa, has died after being allegedly assaulted by Lebowa police, and most pupils have fled Modjadji village in the face of what they call "Operation Extermination" by the bantustan police.

At the nearby Hwiti High School, students have boycotted classes since authorities refused to rename the school after Shadrack Mafokoane, the school's first victim of last year's student-police clashes.

In Natal's Lamontville township, all schools were suspended when students walked out because the KwaZulu education department had not sent them the necessary stationery.

Tsele said the central government has definitely granted the KwaZulu Education Department money towards the free supply of stationery but the authorities there "seem reluctant to speed up matters, as they think this might be interpreted as bowing down to the wishes of an organisation they don't agree with".

In Claremont, pupils are boycotting because they saw the return-to-school call as a sign of giving in

But discussions are going on between members of the Natal Education Crisis Committee to clear up issues

In KwaMashu, there is no schooling as students fear a reprisal attack from Inkatha members bent on avenging the death of two men killed during the clash at the Education Crisis meeting two weeks ago.

In the Eastern and Western Cape, attendances are reportedly at their lowest, with schools in the East London township of Duncan Village virtually empty.

Pupils at the Beaufort West primary school have burned free excercise books (called "see-through") given to them under a multi-million rand "new deal" by the government, charging the books were of inferior quality.

Pupils at the ID Mkhize High School in Gugulethu and at Sizamele in Nyanga burnt their books after complaining the books were too thin

A spokesman of the DET public relations division, Peter Mundell, said the claim that the books were of an inferior quality could not be substantiated.

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Winterveld tense after night of confrontation

WEEKLY MAIL REPORTERS

WINTERVELD — still waiting for the release of the bodies of 11 people shot by police — was yesterday tense after the postponement of the funeral and a night of confrontation with the Bophuthatswana police.

The shack township was an operational zone on Wednesday night following the cancellation of the scheduled funeral for the 11, who were shot by police during a public meeting at a sports stadium in Winterveld two weeks ago.

Chaos broke out after police dispersed mourners and the press who had gathered for the funeral.

Soon after police ordered the crowd to disperse, there was gunfire throughout the township as gun-toting police engaged in running battles with youths.

Police, mounted on vans and hippos and backed by Bophuthatswana Defence Force members, fired teargas as they pursued youths through the township.

Three people were reported shot and scores injured, while about 50 people were arrested.

At least 10 buses were stoned and a van petrol-bombed.

Samson Ndou, a United Democratic Front vice-president who was due to speak at the funeral, was arrested at a roadblock in the nearby township of Soshanguve.

Winterveld had come to a standstill for the funeral. All shops were closed, no buses and taxis were running and few people went to work or school.

The unrest spread to nearby Mabopane, where many workers and students also stayed at home.

Police denied there were any shootings on Wednesday. Journalists and lawyers were among those who claimed to have been shot at by the homeland police.

The Bophuthatswana State Attorney yesterday said the bodies will only be released after a second post-mortem has been conducted.

This contrasts sharply with the homeland police's version of why the bodies were not released in time for the funeral on Wednesday.

Major RJ Nkoane of the Garankuwa police said the bodies were not released because the next of kin had not come forward to make the necessary arangements with the police for the burial.

"If they can come forward today, then they can have the bodies tomorrow," he said.

"They can bury them as they want. We won't stop them."

But late yesterday, Johannesburg lawyers acting for the families of the deceased said they had been told by the homeland authorities that the first autopsy results were not satisfactory.

Attorney Peter Harris said it was his impression that the homeland authorities were not prepared to release the bodies for a mass funeral and are using the autopsy as an excuse.

Meanwhile, the Mabopane/Winterveld Crisis Committee is still conducting an investingation into the whereabouts of 10 more bodies which, they claim, have been missing since the shooting.

Shebeen grenade deaths: four SADF men in court

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By Dirk Nel,
Northern Transvaal Bureau

Details of the grenade incident at a shebeen in Lulekani township and the subsequent arrest of four members of the South African Defence Force have come to light after persistent investigations by *The Star*

Initially there were rumours that "Zimbabwean dissidents" and "Mozambique terrorists" were involved. The impression was also created after the arrests that the court proceedings were being conducted in camera.

But it has now been established that Lazarus Nyathi (27), James Reeves (26), Anderson Mack (26) and Altinios Gondoh (38) were arrested on April 3 after intensive police investigations. They are all members of the Schiettoch Reconnaisance Corps of the SADF.

They appeared in court on Wednesday in connection with six charges of murder, six of attempted murder, and charges of theft.

They were not asked to plead and the hearing was postponed to April 23.

The case arose from an incident on March 28 when a hand grenade was allegedly hurled into a group of people outside a shebeen in the township. Five were killed and 13 injured, including several unnamed members of the SADF unit.

A sixth man died later from injuries received in the blast. The names of the dead have not been released.

The reason for the unit's presence in the township and the course of events immediately preceding the grenade blast are unknown. Rumours have been rife in Phalaborwa since the incident, and some rightwing sources claimed ANC terrorists had infiltrated the district. The township is about 7 km from Phalaborwa.

There has apparently been a great deal of tension in the township, according to residents. This has been mainly because of an influx of Mozambican refugees, who have apparently been largely rejected by residents because they have been receiving food supplies from Government and missionary agencies.

Battle for Bop bodies

By MONO BADELA

The Mabopane/Winterveld Crisis Committee is determined to bury the bodies of 11 homeland unrest victims held by Bop police – despite Wednesday's ban on the planned mass funeral.

In a renewed attempt to retrieve the corpses, the committee and the families of eight of those shot dead in Winterveld stadium, is going to court to demand the immediate release of the bodies. They also want an undertaking from the police not to interfere with the running of the funerals

But when lawyer Peter Harris informed the homeland state attorney of the court application, he was told the bodies werre being held for a possible second post-mortem

When he queried this with Bop state pathology officials, however, they denied knowing anything about a second post-mortem Harris now believes Bop authorities are playing for time

GaRankuwa police chief MA Molope said afterwards "These people are not interested in the welfare of the homeland We will not give the bodies to the agigators" He will not allow a mass funeral in Bop, he said, and would arrange for the burial of the bodies with each family

● Lawyers are preparing a court application on Monday to have Colonel Molope arrested for the alleged assaults on 40 people taken from a GaRankuwa night vigil on Wednesday.

● At least three people were reported shot dead and many seriously injured when Bop cops in Winterveldt opened fire on a crowd of marchers protesting cops' refusal to hand over the bodies on Wednesday.

Yesterday the police in the homeland would not confirm any deaths, but said they were investigating

When **City Press** and about 40 local and foreign journalists arrived at Winterveldt stadium for Wednesday's planned funerals, a large group of police in Casspirs, vans and cars had occupied the pitch to prevent the 800 mourners moving in

When angry mourners dispersed to march through the streets, police followed – joined by units of the homeland army – and in the clashes which followed, the three were reportedly shot

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Photographers – led by Reuters' Wendy Schwegmann and Peter Magubane – ignore the Bop ban, working, literally, behind the cops' back.

Pic: Themba Nkosi

Evictions spark off Vaal unrest

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By STAN MHLONGO

UNREST in the Vaal Triangle erupted this week when scores of squatters were forcibly evicted and hundreds of students boycotted classes after a fellow-student was arrested following a punch-up with a principal.

The unrest follows a week after the joint funerals of 13-year-old Nicholas Thobeli and Mzwandile Sigudla of Evaton – allegedly shot dead by cops in two seperate incidents in the past weeks.

Community leaders say the unrest was sparked off by four prominent events in the area this week.

- The alleged arrest of Matthews Lehoko – a student at Sizanani Secondary School in Sebokeng.
- The eviction of scores of squatters despite a reassurance by Evaton mayor Sam Rabotapi three weeks ago that the freehold rights of residents were secure and that they did not need to fear eviction.
- The eviction of Constance Sotunda in Sebokeng's Zone 14 – the first alleged rent defaulter believed to be evicted since the rent boycott started in September 1983.
- The stoning of buses.

A Vaal Student Congress member said trouble at Sizanani Secondary School started when "teachers and the principal boycotted the funeral of fellow student Vusi Albert Mdingelwa" – a victim of a hit-and-run accident on Easter Monday. He was buried last Sunday.

He said students attacked the teachers and principal and demanded the resignation of the principal.

They claimed the principal influenced the teachers not to attend the funeral

A criminal charge has been laid against Lehoko for fighting with the principal, a Vasco member said

Two hurt in blasts at UDF homes

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By SINNAH KUNENE

UDF Northern Transvaal secretary Joyce Mabudasasi, 48, was seriously wounded in a grenade attack on her Mahwelereng home at 2am yesterday.

Within five minutes of the attack, a similar explosion at UDF activist Peter Mokaba's home injured his brother Ernest.

The two wounded were admitted to Pietersburg Hospital, where a spokesman said they were in a stable condition. Mabudasasi was out of danger and her condition was improving.

"A sharp nail was reomved from her throat. Mokaba was treated and discharged," he said.

Lebowa assistant police commissioner Col P Moloto said the bombings had not been reported to them.

Mabudasasi, a National Education Crisis Committee member, sustained shrapnel wounds on her throat, face and temple, said her son Crause.

He said Mokaba, a technician at the telecommunication offices, sustained shrapnel wounds on the head, back and hands.

The two families said at midday on Wednesday a white Ford Cortina with four white occupants was seen near their homes, apparently inspecting them.

Mabudasasi's son Crause said his mother had seen a torchlight shine on her bedroom window before the blast.

After the explosion a neighbour saw a car drive off from her home.

A former Section 50 detainee, Mabudasasi is a librarian at Turfloop.

Winnie backs Soweto's youth

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By Montshiwa Moroke

Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela yesterday stated her belief in the youth of Soweto.

Mrs Mandela was speaking at Regina Mundi Church, Soweto, where about 1 000 people were gathered to discuss the behaviour of the township's youth.

Speaker after speaker condemned "harassment" by youths of residents, in particular "abosiyaniyova", a name given to township youth involved in acts of violence.

But while criticising some of the actions, speakers also gave their support to youth for "spearheading the liberation struggle".

Mrs Mandela also assured youth it would be supported in its fight for education.

The speakers included Mrs Grata Ncapayi, a member of the Transvaal Federation of South African Women, and Mr Phillip Mathews, a member of the Soweto Civic Association.

MEANS

The meeting dealt with the formation of street and block committees. It also discussed ways and means of combating acts of violence in the name of the "struggle".

One speaker attacked the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasm) in Orlando East and accused the organisation of coercing pupils to become members and threatening their lives if they failed to do so.

Impassioned pleas were made to the youth of Soweto for discipline and vigilance against "agents of the State" who were sowing seeds of division.

Speakers called upon people to inform organisations like the civic associations whenever they encountered people commiting acts of violence.

After the meeting, scores of people came forward to join the Release Mandela Committee, the SCA and the Soweto Students' Congress (Sosco).

Associated Press reported today that Mrs Mandela said in three speeches this weekend that blacks would finally win equal rights this year.

She said that although they were fighting a far more heavily armed white government "the power is in our hands".

2 Atteridgeville residents hurt in 4 bomb attacks

Pretoria Bureau

Two people were injured when four Atteridgeville houses were petrol-bombed at the weekend.

The attacks, on the homes of two unidentified policemen, as well as the homes of Mr Simon Tshabalala of 48 Hlakubela Street and Mr Stanley Baloyi of Kgaka Street, brings to 49 the number of homes bombed in the past six months.

Mr Joseph Baloyi and his wife Selina (54) were injured when two bombs hit their bedroom at about 1 am on Friday.

Mrs Baloyi was admitted to the Kalafong Hospital.

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria, Major S Van Rooyen, dismissed as "ludicrous" allegations that policemen were responsible for the two attacks.

EXPLOSION

He said the attacks had not been reported, "and if people have any complaints against anybody they should lay charges".

He added that the only attacks reported on Friday were those on the homes of the two policemen staying in Saulsville.

Mr Tshabalala said they were awakened by a loud explosion outside their bedroom window at about 12.55 am on Friday.

He said: "I saw three vehicles drive away at high speed.

"A few minutes later the same cars passed in front of my house."

Nobody was injured.

Curtains and a hi-fi system were damaged.

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Policeman abducted and robbed

A policeman was allegedly abducted and robbed of his service revolver during a night vigil for two unrest victims in Vosloorus township last night.

A police spokesman confirmed the policeman was taken from his home and to a church where the night vigil was being held. Witnesses said the policeman staggered home with a bloodstained shirt early this morning.

Residents said teargas was used to disperse mourners who were holding a vigil for Mr Jacob Moloi (46) and Sidney Maake (15) at the Vosloorus Methodist Church.

TWO SHOT

Mr Moloi and Sidney were allegedly shot by police on the day of the funeral of an alleged African National Congress insurgent, Mr Samuel Segole, about a week ago.

Mr Moloi died on the spot while Sidney died later in hospital.

Vosloorus residents said a group of youths went from house to house last night summoning young people to join the night vigil at the church.

Putco buses were withdrawn from the township today and operated only as far as its entrance.

Residents said the situation in the township was tense this morning and police were on patrol.

KIDS BURN 'INFORMER'

A 22-YEAR—OLD woman, accused of being a police informer, died after being doused with petrol and set alight by youths in Alexandra at the weekend.

Miss Theresa Lucia Maseko was fetched from her 19th avenue home by a group of youths at 3 pm on Saturday. The youths took an axe and told the family they were going to "chop her to death" with it. When her 52-year-old mother, Mrs Jane Maseko, pleaded with the youths to leave the axe she was warned to "Shut up or else we will chop your head off" by one of the four people who entered the house. Scores of other youths waited outside the yard. Miss Maseko was put into a panel van which the youths hijacked as it came into the township.

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

Eyewitnesses said she escaped into a room at 7th avenue but was pursued by her attackers. She escaped through a window when the group stormed the house. They eventually caught up with her and the youths assaulted her with an assortment of weapons as they cried: "Burn the impimpi (informer)". They doused her with petrol and set her alight.

The police arrived and fired tearsmoke.

Miss Maseko was rushed to hospital where she died.

Fear

The family is living in fear and two girls who attend school at the Realogile Secondary School in Alexandra stopped going to class last week after threats of "necklace treatment" by other pupils. Antoinette Maseko, who is in standard 10 said: "We no longer go out of the yard. I was accused of helping my sister and threatened by other pupils. I will not go back to school until the issue has been setteld by the civic organisations in Alexandra". Plans of Miss Maseko's funeral had not been made.

Meanwhile Sapa reports police shot an 18-year-old man dead in Katlehong "during a stone-throwing attack on the SAP", according to the overnight unrest report from the Police Public Relations Directorate.

At Sebokeng "a guard at the administration board buildings was stabbed in the neck and he was robbed of his shotgun," the report added.

A number of unrest incidents in the Eastern Cape were also reported.

In New Brighton, near Port Elizabeth, arsonists set fire to a private home, a business property and vehicles belonging to a local undertaker. Extensive damage was caused.

In Walmer, another township of Port Elizabeth, a police patrol was fired upon overnight.

At Alexandria in the Eastern Cape, a man was wounded and arrested and four men and one woman wounded after residents attacked an SAP vehicle and the administration board offices with petrol bombs.

THERESA MASEKO . . . horror death.

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Public inquiry called as SAP holds secret probe into shootings

Staff Reporters

While the South African Police continue with their apparently secret probe into the shootings at Kabokweni near White River last month, a second inquiry is to hear public evidence next week.

The police have refused to answer questions relating to the official probe, saying only "investigations are continuing".

They refused to admit, at first, that it was being headed by Major-General Bert Wandrag, head of the counter-insurgency unit.

But next Monday will see the start of a second, public commission of inquiry into the incident which left one dead and at least 80 injured It was appointed by kaNgwane Chief Minister Mr Enos Mabuza.

The inquiry will be held at the Kabokweni Magistrate's Office and the terms of reference are "to call, hear and record evidence, investigate and report urgently on the shooting of people by the SA Police or other persons at Kabokweni on March 11 1986".

All parties interested in testifying before the commission have been asked to report to the secretary at the Kabokweni Magistrate's Court on Monday.

Durban advocate Mr G O van Niekerk has been appointed by Mr Mabuza to head the inquiry.

The police inquiry, which has been so secret that there was speculation last week that it may already be over, will probably deal with allegations that the youths went on a rampage before the shootings.

The Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said the "investigation, repeat investigation" was continuing.

The police inquiry has been widely criticised by opposition political parties and human rights groups who say it is wrong and pointless for the police to investigate themselves.

'UNJUSTIFIED'

The shootings took place outside the local Magistrate's Court where thousands of young people had gathered to attend a trial of youths accused of public violence.

An official statement at the time said police were forced to fire in self-defence.

This was supported by a Kabokweni magistrate, Mr G L S Engelbrecht, who said at the police had "no alternative".

But advocate Mr Laurence Tonkin who was on the scene said in a signed affidavit the shootings were unjustified.

Rioting at Medunsa

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SIPHO NGCOBO

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A university spokesman said Pieter Kruger did not turn up for lectures yesterday morning.

MEDUNSA IS SHUT

Buildings, car damaged as students riot

15/4/86 SOWETAN

By MONK NKOMO

MORE than 1 200 Medical University of South Africa students were yesterday ordered to leave the campus after the administrative buildings and a car belonging to the assistant rector, Mr William Steyn, were badly damaged.

According to a spokesperson for the public relations section, about 600 students stoned Medunsa's administrative buildings. They also overturned and extensively damaged Mr Steyn's car.

The students are believed to have rioted in protest against the presence of a white undergraduate student, Mr Pieter Kruger, on campus Repeated attempts to set Mr Steyn's car on fire were unsuccessful, the spokesperson said

About 80 percent of the student body had already left by late yesterday Police, she said, were present on the campus

Medunsa's council is to meet today to discuss the future of the university

Mr Darryl Wilke, another white student whose admission had caused a dispute at the university, has left He and Mr Kruger registered with Medunsa early this year but black students protested against their admission

Mr I M Bredenkamp, a lawyer representing the two, yesterday said Mr Kruger was "definitely continuing" with his studies at the same school "Only Mr Wilke has cancelled his registration He said it was impossible to continue studying there," said Mr Bredenkamp

Tutu gets the vote

BISHOP Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his campaign against apartheid, was yesterday elected leader of the Anglican Church for southern Africa.

The announcement came after a day-long meeting of about 500 Anglican clergy and lay people who convened to choose a new Archbishop of Cape Town, the highest Anglican post in the region

The incumbent, Archbishop Philip Russell, is retiring in August after five years in the post

Bishop Tutu (54), who last year became Johannesburg's first black bishop, was opposed by some conservative whites who criticised his outspoken political involvement

Other leading candidates were Bishop Michael Nuttall of Natal and Bishop Bruce Evans of Port Elizabeth

Details of the vote were not immediately available, but the choice of a new Archbishop required support from two-thirds of the delegates at the assembly

He will be the first black head of the Province, which covers South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique, Swaziland, Lesotho and St Helena Island. Most of its 2 000 000 Anglicans are black — Sapa-Reuter

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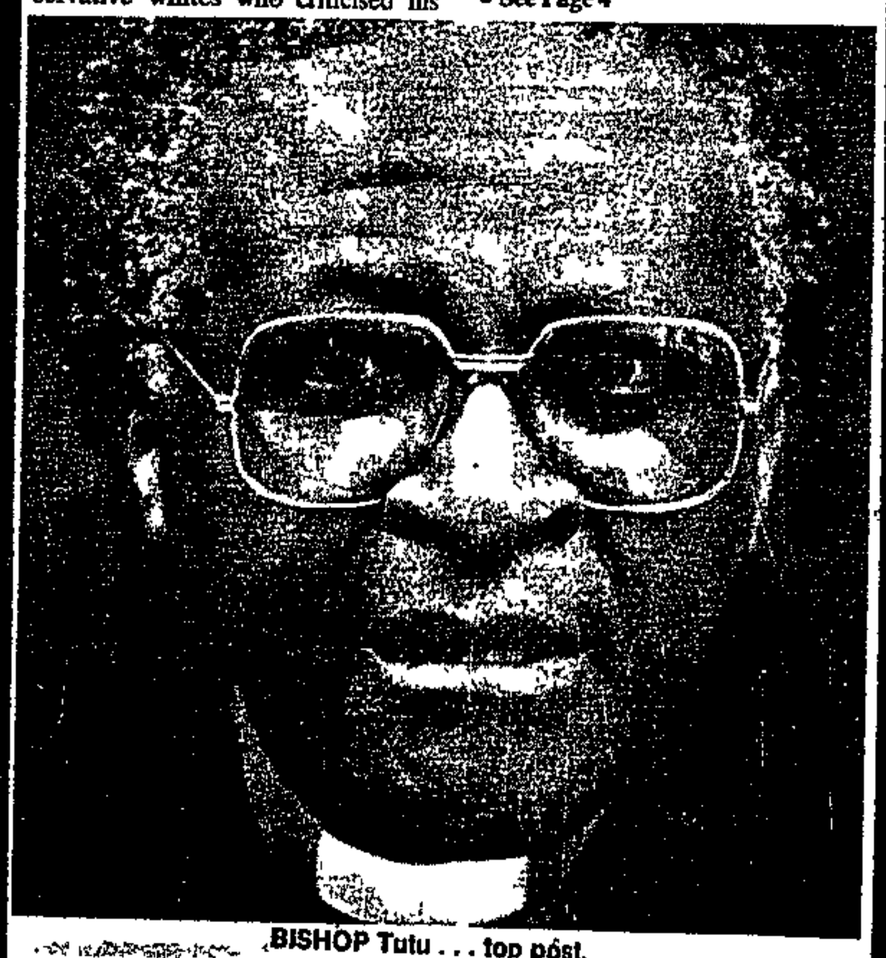

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Rocks thrown at woman's car

ARGUS 15/4/86 (278)

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A 34-year-old motorist, Mrs Janet Lyell, today described being attacked by about 12 rock-wielding men as she stopped at an intersection in Kew, near Alexandra, yesterday.

Mrs Lyell, of Weltevredenpark, Roodepoort, said that as she stopped at the intersection in Thirteenth Avenue, the men surrounded the car, threw stones and tried to wrench open the doors.

MIRACLE

"My doors and windows were closed and it was a miracle they were not smashed. They rocked the car and tried repeatedly to break the windows.

"I was terrified, but managed to get the car in gear and drive away.

"The men all appeared to be in their late 20 s or 30 s — definitely not youths," she said.

Mrs Lyell was treated for shock but was otherwise unhurt.

Altogether 17 attacks on motorists in the area have been reported since the beginning of April.

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Police discover 30 victims of 'necklace' death

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The bodies of more than 30 "necklace" victims have been discovered in the Sekhukhune district of southern Lebowa, south-east of Pietersburg.

Some of the bodies were found in shallow graves — others were not even buried. Lebowa police came upon the scene of the grim massacre after receiving information from terrified villagers.

Although police investigations have not yet brought all the details to light, it has been established that the deaths were largely the result of clashes between political rivals.

But it seems that criminals and perpetrators of witchcraft have also taken advantage of the situation.

HACKED TO DEATH

The majority of deaths, however, are alleged to be part of a campaign by radicals to eliminate "collaborators with the system".

Earlier this year, Chief Maroga of Driekop and three of his top indunas were hacked to death. Since then rumours of the deaths of other tribal leaders have spread rapidly.

Villagers are viewing every stranger with suspicion and are refusing to speak to the Press or the police for fear of reprisal.

Businessmen have been attacked and members of the Lebowa Legislative Assembly have been threatened with death if they do not resign.

CHIEF'S BIRTH PLACE

Mr M A M Masha and Mr A K Mariri, two local MPs, have reportedly resigned but they could not be reached for comment. Both are businessmen in the Sekhukhune area.

The Chief Minister of Lebowa, Dr Cedric Phatudi, was not available for comment today. Violence and death have also been reported from Ga-Mphahlele, Chief Phatudi's birth place.

Today police were combing Sekhukhune for more bodies and clues to the identities of some of the dead.

A Lebowa police spokesman said police were finding it difficult to get information because of fear and intimidation but he added that violence had subsided in the past week.

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Students sent home after Medunsa riots

From SIPHO NGCOBO

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The violence on the campus followed a week-long boycott of lectures in protest against a Pretoria Supreme Court ruling that two white students — Pieter Kruger and Daryl Wilke — remain students of the university.

According to a university spokesman, about 600 singing and chanting students attacked the administration block about 9am yesterday.

Windows and doors were broken.

The spokesman said repeated attempts to set a car alight were unsuccessful.

Police were called in and students fled to the university residence.

After the violence, the rector of the university, Professor L Taljaard, decided that all students had to leave the campus by 1pm.

"Buses were made available and by 1.30pm at least 80 percent of the students had left," the spokesman said.

By yesterday evening the last batch of students had been bused off the university premises.

A regular meeting of the university council will decide today on "further action".

Meanwhile, one of the reinstated white students, Mr Wilke, has asked the university to cancel his registration.

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Motorist describes car attack in Alex

STAR 15/4/88 (278)

By Don Holliday
Crime Staff

Mrs Janet Lyell (34) today described an attack by about 12 men wielding rocks when she stopped yesterday at an intersection in Kew, near Alexandra.

Mrs Lyell of Weltevreden Park, Roodepoort, said as she stopped at the intersection in 13th Avenue, the men surrounded her car, pelted it with rocks and tried to wrench open the doors.

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"I was terrified, but managed to get the car in gear and drive away.

"The men all appeared to be in their late 20s or 30s — they definitely were not youths," she said.

Mrs Lyell was treated for shock but was otherwise unhurt.

A police spokesman said 17 attacks on motorists had been reported in the area since the beginning of April. Two special police patrols had been assigned to patrol the area.

He said it was suspected that a criminal and not a political element was responsible for the attacks.

Foreign Pressmen are ordered out of Vosloorus Township.

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UDF official held as police swoop on Vosloorus funeral

The funeral service of two unrest victims was disrupted yesterday when police stormed a church in Vosloorus, near Boksburg, and whisked away a United Democratic Front official delivering a speech

At least 10 policemen escorted Mr Themba Mbandlwa out of St Boniface Anglican Church which was packed with about 500 mourners. It is not known whether Mr Mbandlwa has been detained or arrested.

Heavy restrictions were placed on the funeral of Mr Jacob Moloi (46) and Sidney Maake (15) by the local magistrate, Mr J Roets. Both victims are reported to have been shot by the police during the funeral of an alleged African National Congress insurgent about a week ago.

Outside the church police and members of the South African Defence Force sealed off all the roads leading to the funeral.

A policeman was injured when a firearm allegedly went off by mistake.

The media were ordered out of the township, which was teeming with police and SADF members throughout the day.

There was confusion when the police ordered the mourners not to march to the graveyard. Transport had to be hastily organised and five buses were offered by the Putco transport company.

At about 4 pm, a deadline stipulated on the magistrate's restriction order, the police and troops moved into the graveyard and ordered mourners to disperse.

Two injured as bombs hit youth leader's home

Pretoria Bureau

Two men were injured when a home-made explosive device and a petrol bomb hit the home of the president of the Saulsville Atteridgeville Youth Organisation; Mr Sam Morotoba, yesterday morning.

A police spokesman, Colonel Victor Haynes, confirmed the blast at 47 Mokolobotlo Street and said that two men were injured in the attack.

Mr Morotoba was not at home but his brother, Harry, who was sleeping with his cousin, Eric Makhala (21), a visitor from Venda, in the front room said the heavy explosion rocked their home at 2.10 am, ripping open the roof and shattering all the front windows.

Mr Makhala, who suffered wounds on the right arm and on the left side of the body was treated at Kalafong Hospital and discharged.

WER IS JUST

Investigation into shooting continues

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PARLIAMENT. — The investigation into an incident at kaNyamazane near Nelspruit last month in which police fired at crowd had not yet been completed, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday.

Replying to a question by Mr Peter Soal (PFP Johannesburg North) he said the police had been surrounded by black crowds armed with pipes, sticks and stones in four separate incidents.

At one stage rocks were rolled at police from slopes next to the road and petrol bombs and stones hurled at their vehicles.

The lives of the police were endangered and they had resorted to their firearms. One black man was killed. No injuries were reported to the police. The inquest investigation had not yet been completed. — Sapa.

Medunsa students to discuss return-to-class ultimatum

STAR 16/4/86

By Sue Leeman, Pretoria Bureau

Medunsa students will meet in Johannesburg tomorrow to consider the university council's ultimatum that they return to classes on Monday or face expulsion.

It appears unlikely that the confrontation between authorities and students will be resolved, as indications are some students favour continuing their class boycott until their demands have been met.

Black students want the removal of Mr Pieter Kruger, the sole white student on campus, and the dismissal of head of campus security, Mr William Steyn, who they say is harassing students.

On Monday than 500 students marched on the administration block. All students were later sent home.

'DESTRUCTIVE ACTION' DEPLORED

The university council discussed the matter at a meeting yesterday. Rector Professor Leon Taljaard said afterwards that the council deplored the recent "destructive action" of students.

The council would not consider removing Mr Kruger — who has a court order allowing him to continue his studies — or Mr Steyn, against whom nothing had been proved so far, he said.

Students who failed to return to classes on Monday, would have their registrations terminated. Those who did resume classes would have to give an undertaking to devote themselves to their studies.

A student spokesman appealed to all students to attend a meeting of the Students Representative Council at Khotso House, De Villiers Street, at 10 am tomorrow.

The SRC would not take a stand on the expulsion threat until it had talked to undergraduates.

Another Pta home bombed

By MONK NKOMO

SOWETAN 16/4/86

A 20-year-old man was injured when a heavy explosion rocked the house of a political activist in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, yesterday morning.

About 50 houses have been petrol-bombed in the township since the beginning of this year. At least two people have died after their houses had been attacked.

And yesterday the family of Mr Sam Morotoba, president of the Saulsville/Atteridgeville Youth Organisation (Sayo) narrowly escaped death when an explosive device ripped through their house about 2am. Mr Eric Makhala, his cousin from Venda, was injured in the attack.

He was rushed to the Kalafong Hospital where he was treated and discharged. He has been on a visit for two weeks.

A spokesman for the police public relations division in Pretoria yesterday confirmed the incident and said the nature of the explosive device used was still unknown. Police were investigating, he said.

A family spokesman said they were awoken by gunshots and a loud explosion.

A petrol bomb that failed to explode was found in the yard, he added. Police travelling in a van were later seen driving along the street.

The spokesman added: "I first heard shots being fired outside the house. Then there was a shattering sound that shook the house. I was scared. We screamed for help and neighbours came to assist us. Police travelling in a van drove slowly past our house immediately after the explosion. I saw two men inside. They stopped for a moment and then drove off without asking questions."

Police petrol-bombed homes claims woman

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By Kym Hamilton,
Pretoria Bureau

Atteridgeville policemen were responsible for a recent spate of petrol-bomb attacks on the homes of civilians in the township, it was alleged in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday.

Mrs Miriam Sekgothe, an Atteridgeville domestic worker, brought an urgent application for an interdict to stop the police, particularly Constable David Mdawo, attacking her home at Mantoedi Street with petrol bombs or other devices and from harassing her family.

Deputy Police Commissioner General Hendrik de Witt said in an affidavit there was "not the slightest possibility" that policemen in the course of their duty took part in any of the alleged terror activities or misconduct.

Mrs Sekgothe said unidentified policemen had arrived at her home on April 4 looking for her son, Sello. They claimed he was involved in a petrol-bomb attack on the home of an Atteridgeville council policeman, Mr Ruben Kgogomo.

While searching her home, they asked her if she had seen how the police burn homes and warned her the same would happen if Sello was not found, she said.

At 10.30 pm on April 10, Constable Mdawo and another policeman returned. Constable Mdawo threatened to arrest her and her daughter if they did not find Sello.

"He threatened to petrol-bomb our house. He noted that the windows of our house had been barricaded against attacks by petrol bombs.

"He stated that we should not believe we were safe from such attacks and that he would use a grenade like the one 'we used on the house in the Mathebeleng area'," said Mrs Sekgothe.

She added that recently the Masuku family's home in Mathebeleng was attacked with a hand grenade

Constable Mdawo also allegedly told her he was the policeman who carried out the petrol bombings in Zone 76 — where the family live — and said he was experienced in the different kinds of petrol bombs

Constable Mdawo also warned her he would shoot Sello if he found him and that unless he reported to the Atteridgeville Police Station by April 14, he would petrol-bomb the Sekgothe home.

50 ALLEGED PETROL BOMB ATTACKS

Mrs Skegothe said she was frightened by the threats and believed Constable Mdawo would carry them out.

Five other affidavits from Atteridgeville residents detailing petrol-bomb attacks and the threat of attacks from policemen, were placed before the court. It was alleged that about 50 such attacks had occurred.

An application by Mr S J Maritz, appearing for the police, for a prohibition on the publication of the details, was refused

Constable Mdawo denied the allegations in the affidavits and said the application was founded on "patent untruths".

The sole purpose of the application was to hinder him in his official duties as a member of the criminal investigation section of the Atteridgeville police station, he said.

The hearing continues

When heavy firing broke out at the wheel to turn the vehicle seafront highway in front of ATI-

Reign of terror lurks behind the face of Lebowa's tidy villages

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By Abel Mabelane

The houses at Nchabeleng and Makgane villages in the Sekhukhune district of Lebowa, where 32 people were "necklaced to death", compare favourably with any found in urban areas and it is difficult to believe in these clean, tidy mountain villages there was a reign of terror.

Sekhukhuneland district is in the south of Lebowa and southeast of Pietersburg. It consists of many villages where the chieftaincy is still respected.

Most of the villages in Sekhukhuneland have their own youth congresses and most of the youth is politically conscientised.

However, as in urban areas there are also non-politicised youths calling themselves comrades who take advantage of "the struggle".

At Nchabelang a woman said the comrades pushed tyres in the streets and sang freedom songs when they went out to fetch their victims.

She said. "This was the most frightening sight of all. It left most of us so fearful we dared not go outside for fear of being pounced upon, accused of witchcraft and killed.

"The comrades have wielded so much power in this village even the Sekhukhune Youth Congress members, whom we regarded as being the most radical, are afraid to face them."

Whereas in the past the villagers regarded strangers with suspicion and refused to speak to them, when *The Star* team visited the area on Tuesday the villagers, most of them women, were prepared to talk about those who were killed and how the "comrades" instil fear in them.

TYRES DANGLING

The children whose mothers and grandmothers were killed spoke about how they died.

A girl said "I cannot forget the helpless look which appeared on my mother's face when she was accused of being a witch. I pleaded with her to say something and even to deny she was a witch but she just looked at me and answered 'what do you expect me to say.'

"I would never forget those tyres dangling round her neck and the pall of thick black smoke I saw coming from the top of the mountain where she had been taken.".

There has been speculation that trouble in the two villages was a result of clashes between two groups of youths in the area but the deaths of old women does not seem to confirm this.

Most of the relatives of the elderly women killed said their loved ones were completely apolitical.

They also said they had no form of contact with the police and could not understand how they could have been seen as being collaborators.

Most of the women interviewed by *The Star* said they felt the absence of men in the villages has complicated their problems and given the comrades a free reign in the village

One of the women said: "If only our menfolk were here our mothers and grandmothers would not have been taken away and killed so ruthlessly".

Chief Stephen Phasha confirmed the whole incident was not politically motivated.

Apartheid takes another

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Lebowa bodies: 23 in court

JOHANNESBURG. — Twenty-three people appeared on murder charges in the Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court yesterday in a sequel to the massacre of suspected witchcraft practitioners whose bodies were found in shallow graves.

The accused, mostly Lebowa labourers and villagers, were not asked to plead and remanded to May 15.

The charred and decomposing bodies of the suspected "witches" — mostly young people — were found in shallow graves around Nkoana village over the past week.

Initial reports that 36 bodies had been found were based on incorrect information supplied by the Lebowa police. The death toll then was 32.

Meanwhile, four more charred bodies were yesterday found by Lebowa police in the Ga-Nkoana village, in Sekhukhuneland, bringing the death toll to 36.

To date more than 80 people have appeared in court to face charges over the killings. — Sapa

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Motsuenyane resignation

PRETORIA. — The president of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce, Dr Sam Motsuenyane, has resigned from the board of the University of Bophuthatswana's (Unibo) Foundation.

In a letter to the board's secretary, Mr Colin Knowles, Mr Motsuenyane said: "I deeply regret that owing to the continuous harassment I am experiencing in Bophuthatswana, I have decided to resign from the board of the Unibo foundation with immediate effect."

Dr Motsuenyane's resignation follows a petrol-bomb attack on his Winterveld house. The house was gutted on April 4. — Sapa

Evidence to be led about alleged police petrol bombs

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By Kym Hamilton,
Pretoria Bureau

The Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday ruled evidence should be led in support of an urgent application to restrain the police from petrol-bombing an Atteridgeville home.

But an interim order was granted interdicting an Atteridgeville policeman, Constable David Mdawo, from petrol-bombing the home of or harassing the Sekgothe family.

No order was made against the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, who was cited on the papers as the first respondent.

Mrs Miriam Sekgothe, a domestic worker who lives in Atteridgeville, brought the application as she said she feared Constable Mdawo would carry out his alleged threats to petrol-bomb her home in Mantoedi Street and kill her son, Sello.

HAND GRENADES

Deputy Police Commissioner General Hendrik de Witt said there was "not the slightest possibility" that policemen in the course of their duty took part in the alleged terror activities and misconduct.

Mrs Sekgothe said unidentified policemen arrived at her home on April 4 looking for her son. They claimed he was involved in a petrol bomb attack on the home of an Atteridgeville Town Council policeman, Mr Ruben Kgogomo.

While searching her home, they asked if she had seen how the police burn homes and warned her the same would happen if Sello was not found.

On April 10, Constable Mdawo and another policeman arrived at her home looking for her son.

Constable Mdawo threatened to throw petrol bombs and hand grenades at the house and to arrest her and her daughter, she said.

Five other affidavits from Atteridgeville residents detailing petrol bomb attacks and the threat of attacks from the policemen, were also before the court. The court heard there had been about 50 such attacks.

Constable Mdawo denied the allegations, saying the application was founded on "patent untruths".

The hearing was postponed indefinitely.

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Report on violence a 'severe indictment'

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Parliamentary Staff

THE Van der Walt report on the Vaal Triangle unrest was perhaps the most severe and blunt indictment of the Government in 38 years that the National Party had been in power, the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly, Mr Colin Eglin, said today.

It was an indictment of the Government for having allowed the country to slide into conditions which made revolt against the authorities and the system they stood for inevitable, he said.

He was speaking during the debate on the budget vote of the State President.

LINK

Mr Eglin said the report pointed to the direct link between education, socio-economic conditions and politics — and revolution.

"When one reads in the report of the legitimate grievances of the blacks, the appalling living conditions, the lack of effective political expression, the breakdown in communication with the authorities — one can see the inevitability of conflict and human tragedy that goes with it," he said.

"But the real tragedy is that the bloodshed, the violence and the loss of life need not have occurred.

"Down the years this government has been warned by blacks, the Opposition in this House and inquiries.

"The Government has either done nothing or far too little. The situation has got worse.

"South Africa cannot afford a government that carries on like this."

● See Page 12.

Govt blamed for Vaal unrest

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By BARRY STREEK

PATHETIC levels of communication, incomprehensible lack of sensitivity and facilities which bordered on the "shocking" contributed to the unrest which erupted in the Vaal Triangle in September 1984, the Van der Walt inquiry has reported.

The report, which was tabled in Parliament yesterday, effectively blames the government and the local authorities for the conflict in South Africa which has now claimed about 1 500 lives.

Several people were killed in clashes with police in violence sparked by proposed rent increases in the Lekoa and Evaton areas in September 1984.

"September 3, 1984, is a black day, not only in the history of the Vaal Triangle, but in the history of South Africa.

"It should never have happened Unless the necessary measures are taken in good time, the same thing could occur at various other places in the country," the report warned.

"Agitation and intimidation did undoubtedly play an important part.

"It would be short-sighted and unrealistic, however, to attach too much weight to this factor

"On the other hand, what is shocking is the large extent to which people have played into the very hands of the agitators, thus making their work so much easier," it said

The inquiry, headed by the rector of Potchefstroom University, Professor Tjaart van der Walt, was appointed in November 1984 to conduct a preliminary investigation into the unrest in the Vaal Triangle as far as it affected education.

His terms of reference were to establish the circumstances that had led to the unrest and how the education situation could be normalized again.

Since the September 1984 conflict in the Vaal Triangle, violence has continued to plague South Africa in different parts of the country.

Insensitive

Professor Van der Walt said "Humanly speaking the entire crisis situation could have been prevented had there not been such an incomprehensible lack of sensitivity and communication.

"Alarm signals were disregarded, legitimate grievances fell upon deaf ears, mistrust and suspicion mounted visibly, and sooner or later the situation simply had to explode.

"Since the other channels were either blocked or non-existent, the schools were, next to the labour force, the obvious means by which to try to register a radical protest through strikes, boycotts and stay-aways"

Shortcomings

Although the black school problem in the Vaal Triangle was "marked by not a few conspicuous shortcomings, the root of the problem does not lie here

"Therefore action that concentrates purely and simply upon the schools cannot produce even a medium-term solution. Yet the schools do form a strategic starting point," the report said.

Professor Van der Walt also said·

● Because schools were seized for "extraneous purposes" and provided local residents

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Leandra teenage refugees on run again

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Many Leandra "teenage refugees" are on the run again, having left their sanctuary at the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre because of fears that vigilantes are preparing to attack it.

The fugitive teenagers said yesterday they could not go home to Leandra because the vigilantes, who killed Leandra Action Committee leader Chief Ampie Mayisa in January, were still after their blood.

The Anglican Bishop Suffragan for Johannesburg East, Bishop Simeon Nkoane, made an emotional plea to senior police officials to curb the power of the vigilantes.

He also accused the police of not taking action during December and January after being warned by him of serious divisions and violence in the area.

NORMALITY

But Bishop Nkoane said: "I still believe police could restore normality to the people of Leandra. There is nothing these children wish more than to be able to sleep in their own homes and to go back to school."

The teenagers' flight from Wilgespruit was sparked by:

- Repeated shootings on the periphery of the property.
- A particularly heavy police presence.
- A TV report suggesting that the young people had been taken from Leandra against their will.

Soon after the teenagers arrived at Wilgespruit in late January, police swooped on the centre and detained most of them. Their release was secured by urgent court action but the teenagers have not been secure since.

About a month ago, the homesick teenagers went back Leandra but were forced out by vigilantes within 24 hours. Several supporters of the Leandra Action Committee were hurt trying to take the youngsters home.

And yesterday, the fugitives rebutted TV claims that they had been forced by "outsiders" to leave Leandra. They said most people interviewed as "parents" were relatives sympathetic to the vigilantes.

We did see Mangope — families

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By ANDREW LEFOKA

FAMILIES of people shot in BophuthaTswana — and who are still awaiting burial — are adamant that they *did* meet President Lucas Mangope, in spite of the president's denials.

And they insist that Mangope secretly offered financial help to the six Winterveld residents whose relatives died on March 26 when BophuthaTswana police fired on a crowd at a meeting in a stadium in Winterveld.

All residents interviewed claimed Mangope offered money for the funerals — as long as they were private funerals attended only by relatives.

But a local political activist, Zebulon Sithole, who accompanied the residents to the meeting, said that although it was true that Mangope had offered them funds, he had added they would have to repay in instalments until he recovered his money.

In an interview with Weekly Mail, the residents said Mangope addressed them on Friday last week at a secret meeting understood to have been held at Ga-Rona Building.

According to the residents, Mangope conveyed his deepest sympathy for the deaths and tried to dissuade them from holding a night vigil and mass funeral. He urged them to conduct the burials with relatives and priests only.

Peter Harris, the residents' attorney, said it was clear his clients had been taken to Mmabatho to meet Mangope and that he had offered them a sum of money if they agreed not to hold a night vigil and a mass funeral.

"We have a situation where people are shot and killed by the police, and not only are the bodies not released, but the relatives are persuaded with money how they should be buried," Harris said.

However, an official at Mangope's office, Joseph Jack, denied the president met the residents.

"That is news to me. There was no such meeting. Even if the meeting took place it did not take place in this office." He refused to discuss the matter further.

One resident Ephraim Mokwena, who walks with crutches, said: "Police bundled me into a van like a bag of mielie-meal when they fetched me at home. At Mmabatho we were taken into an office where we were seated at a table with Mangope."

Mokwena said: "I refused when I was offered finance to bury my wife, Dinah. Police also came to my home on Monday to take me to Winterveld Police Station to select a coffin, but I refused."

Sinah Bjopape said a police colonel and another senior policeman told her the "chief" wanted to talk to the residents at Mmabatho.

"Mangope said he was heartbroken about what happened at Winterveld. I refused financial help to bury my husband, Johannes," she said.

Samuel Maimela said police fetched him at his home, saying they wanted to help him select a coffin for his son, Daniel, who had been shot dead. He was taken to Ga-Rankuwa Police Station to sign for the coffin, but he changed his mind and told police he first wanted to consult his relatives in Giyane.

Daniel Nkakbinde said Mangope told him that those who needed finance for the burial would get it, but he had turned it down after consulting his family. His son, Abel, was one of the dead.

"I was taken to the police station and offered a coffin, but I told the police my burial society would finance it," he said.

Col M A Molope, district commandant, was said to be on leave and could not be reached.

He was earlier reported as having denied any meeting had taken place.

Inquiry into Kabokweni shooting on Monday

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Lowveld Bureau

NELSPRUIT — The Commission of Inquiry into the shooting on March 11 at Kabokweni Magistrate's Court, which left one dead and 80 injured, will open proceedings on Monday.

But all the evidence will be voluntary and no witnesses will be compelled to attend.

No recommendations will be made once the inquiry has been completed.

This, according to townsfolk, means the true story may never be known.

Details of the police investigation, headed by General Bert Wandrag, are also not available but it is being speculated that this will only deal with allegations that the youths went on a rampage before the shootings.

TEARGAS

At least two eyewitnesses who claimed to have seen police fire teargas at the youths said they would not be giving evidence.

Both feared victimisation, saying they would be almost certainly be "marked and killed" if their evidence did not satisfy the radicals.

The inquiry was appointed by kaNgwane's Legislative Assembly. Durban advocate Mr G O van Niekerk will head it.

Mr Enos Mabuza, Chief Minister of kaNgwane, has made a special appeal to the public to make themselves available "to throw some light on the events on that day."

Armed youths chase pupils out of classes

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JOHANNESBURG—A group of youths armed with pangas and knives forced several schools in Mohlakeng, Randfontein, to vacate their classrooms yesterday.

They chased pupils out of their classrooms and threatened those who resisted.

The pupils said they were told to leave their classes and to come back next Monday or 'face the consequences'.

They said they were not given an explanation as to why they were ordered out of classes.

They had to abide by the order or else risk their lives they said.

In another incident in Mohlakeng, a man was hacked to death after he was alleged to have shot a pupil.

According to witnesses the dead man was later covered with bricks and stones by the jubilant mob.

No arrests have been made.

In Soweto, police averted what could have been a bloody clash between a group of Emdeni High School pupils and another group from Jabulani.

The pupils were intercepted by police while on their way to 'fix up' a member of the group who allegedly raped an Emdeni High School girl.

The police stopped the armed pupils.

It is believed friends of the youth were also armed with pangas and knives.

Incidents of violence in the police unrest report include the stoning of a private home at Sibongile, near Dundee.

The owner dispersed his attackers with revolver fire, wounding a man. Police arrested a youth in connection with the incident.

In the black residential area near Harrismith, a number of private vehicles were extensively damaged by stone-throwers.

At Watville, near Benoni, stone-throwers damaged two private vehicles.

In Soweto, Witwatersrand, a number of buses and Post Office vehicles were stoned and two delivery vehicles petrol-bombed. The delivery vehicles were extensively damaged.

Stoned

At Jouberton, near Klerksdorp, a private vehicle was destroyed when it was set on fire.

In the Bellville South coloured residential area, police arrested three youths and a man when they stoned a bus. In the same area, a petrol tanker was damaged when it was stoned.

At New Brighton, near Port Elizabeth, a butchery and a dry-cleaning concern were extensively damaged when they were petrol-bombed. In another incident, a shoe repair shop and a dry-cleaning concern were extensively damaged by arsonists.

At Evaton, near Vanderbijlpark, two schools were damaged in stonings.

On the Smaldeel Road, near Kroonstad, a police vehicle was stoned. Three men were arrested.

'At Katlehong, on the East Rand, two private vehicles were extensively damaged when they were set on fire.' — (Sapa)

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Evidence by Cosas was 'illuminating'

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Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Members of the now-banned Congress of South African Students (Cosas) spent four hours giving evidence to the Van der Walt inquiry into the educational conflict in the Vaal Triangle in September 1984.

The head of the inquiry, Professor Tjaart van der Walt, rector of Potchefstroom University, said in the report, which was tabled in Parliament yesterday, that the Cosas evidence was "one of the most illuminating events of my whole investigation".

Cosas, a high school pupil organization, was affiliated to the United Democratic Front (UDF) until it was banned last year.

The account of the Cosas evidence by Professor Van der Walt, who was appointed by the government to conduct the inquiry, is remarkable, particularly because of UDF's usual stance of boycott towards government institutions.

Professor Van der Walt said the way he persuaded them to come forward and his approach was unconventional — "and a story in itself" but "I am of the opinion that this strategy paid handsome dividends".

Tjaart van der Walt

He said: "I was very outspoken in both my appreciation and my criticism — but most important was the fact that I listened to them first and continued to do so.

"As regards my appreciation: I told them frankly that they were in my opinion more mature than the average white pupil of their age generally speaking, that I respected their commitment and idealism, as well as their responsibility in respect of community affairs, specifically the plight of their parents."

He had allowed the Cosas students to "talk and talk and talk" until they "began to express trivialities about which they differed among themselves".

"Eventually they conceded that they had had sufficient opportunity to put their side of the matter and that they wanted to hear what I thought.

"I then gave them feedback point by point, telling where in my opinion they had made a valid point and telling them also what steps had already been taken (for example, concerning the matter of students' councils, the age limit and corporal punishment) but I also told them quite frankly where I differed from them."

He told the students that the authorities were willing to listen to reason although this did not mean all their objections were valid.

"I also told them I had learnt more about their grievances by talking to them personally than from newspaper reports and from hearsay.

"In this way I tried to stress the value of direct communication, of dialogue rather than confrontation, discussions rather than boycotts."

He said he was convinced that Cosas's three main grievances, regarding students' councils, the age limit and corporal punishment, had been adequately dealt with

Lebowa killings: who's next?

FOCUS

SOWETAN 18/4/86

By MATHATHA TSEDU

PANIC has gripped the communities of GaNkwana and Ga-Nchabeleng Villages after last week's bizarre burning by youths of 32 people alleged to be witches

With the youths discarding the traditional "sniffing out" of witches by sangomas and seemingly choosing victims at random, the big question on everyone's lips is: who is next

When some of the youths — known in the villages as comrades — formed the Sekhukhuniland Youth Organisation (SEYO) in January this year, their demands were "political" and they had the support of the community

"They wanted free and equal education, freedom for blacks and an end to white rule and we supported them," said 40-year-old Mr Isaac Ngake.

"They burnt government property, like tractors and the agricultural co-operative's buildings We were not worried We support the struggle for freedom "

The direction of events, according to residents, changed on February 7 when four "witches", including a shop-owner, Mrs Magdeline Ngake, were "necklaced" — had tyres placed around their necks and then burnt to death.

Forces

SEYO denies involvement in these macabre killings SEYO executive member, Moss Mabotha (22), said "anti revolutionary forces" were using the youths to create a wedge between the organisations and the community.

Everyone agreed that the killings were not a result of "political feuding" as was alleged in earlier Press reports

The four who were burnt first were fetched separately from their homes in daylight and dragged to nearby hills and set alight

This new trend was elaborated last week on a larger scale when the people were brunt to death in two ways

Petrol

The victims, whose ages range between 30 and 80 years, are invariably taken to the nearest donga or hill, forced to drink a litre of petrol and lie down while dry wood is piled on them. The tyres are sprinkled with petrol and set alight.

Mrs Ramachobane Rachidi this week described how her younger sister, Mrs Ramathabathe Debeila, was dragged screaming from her home into a nearby donga and burnt to ashes. Tyres confiscated from her own house were used.

"All we could find was a piece of her skull, which we buried," a clearly shaken Mrs Rachidi said.

The spot where this burning took place, less than 300 metres from the Debeila house, was a grim sight. Mrs Rachidi was picking up small white bones from the ashes hoping to bury them too.

Shocked

Shocked residents are still wondering if a genuine "political" struggle was turned and twisted by powerful and evil forces.

'Comrades'

With nearly 300 of the "comrades" in police custody the community is heaving a sigh of relief. The question worrying everyone is how long will this last and how can the parents regain control over their children.

Already Chief Steve Phasha has said the killings must stop or the parents will fight the "comrades".

Mrs RAMACHOBANE Rachidi stands in the ravine where her sister, Mrs Ramathabane Debeila, was burnt to death. The wires of the burnt out tyre are the sad memorial to her sister.

THE TJAARD VAN DER WALT REPORT

Secret report nails causes of SA unrest

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By BRUCE CAMERON and DAVID BRAUN, Political Staff

A HARD-hitting report kept secret for more than a year has blamed the 1984 Vaal Triangle unrest on an incomprehensible lack of sensitivity to the aspirations and problems of blacks.

The unrest, which started on September 3 1984, triggered the massive unrest which has engulfed the country since.

The report drawn up by Professor Tjaart van der Walt, rector of Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education, was tabled in Parliament yesterday.

IN the report which he handed to the Government on December 21 1984, Professor van der Walt warned that the country faced actual revolutionary danger because of frustration as a result of stagnation.

Teachers had warned high-ranking education authorities about the "explosive situation" building up five months before September 3 1984, but had "come up against a wall of prejudice and incomprehension".

He found that behind the school unrest were socio-economic conditions and these in turn stemmed from the local government situation — and they eventually extended into nationwide implications.

Prof van der Walt repeatedly appealed to the Government in the report to take "pro-active steps" and not to be "reactive".

Reaction to unrest and violence would be seen as a sign of weakness, he said.

Prof van der Walt recommended a number of reform moves, including the scrapping of influx control. The Government has since then started implementing most of these.

POLICE strategy came under fire in the report, particularly the use of Casspirs and "bush uniforms" which were seen as a declaration of war.

Complaints against the police should be investigated fully, and the results publicised to improve the image of the force, Prof van der Walt recommended.

LOCAL conditions and local government were probably the area where the real problem of unrest was to be found, he said.

In the absence of conditions of urban neglect and decay, there would probably still have been protest actions, but certainly not on such a scale, not with such intensity and not over so protracted a period of time.

On rational grounds the so-called rent increases could not be regarded as the primary cause of the riots, as was believed so widely at the time.

The Progressive Federal Party says the report is a shocking indictment of Government policy and its ability to redress grievances.

The Government has responded to the report by saying that many of the matters raised by Prof van der Walt have already been attended to or are in the process of being dealt with.

Points from the report

SOUTH Africa's future lay in revolution or reform — there was no third choice.

And Prof van der Walt labelled the tri-cameral system of Parliament as a spark to unrest.

The top stratum of blacks and the youth felt strongly that the new dispensation amounted to rejection.

THE basic grievance of pupils was the feeling that their education system was inferior to that of whites.

Not only did this disparity make the pupils feel that an injustice was being done to them, but it also offended their dignity.

"That is why comparisons with education elsewhere in Africa are futile: The blacks are concerned with how they compare with whites."

"The need, the hunger, for education and the total inadequacy of the available facilities are evident eveywhere.

TEACHERS had warned high-ranking education authorities about the "explosive situation" building up, five months before September 3 1984, but had "come up against a wall of prejudice and incomprehension. The Commission heard this report from many sources.

"More than one educationist stated that they had told the appropriate authorities five months before the eruption that they were experiencing problems with the parents and that they, the educationists, wanted to discuss the situation."

But when the teachers finally succeeded in meeting high-ranking officials, they were "arrogantly" dismissed as "trying to be Dr Motlanas."

"I wish to state categorically and emphatically that this feeling of being up against a stone wall of incomprehension was mentioned to me not only by black educationists, but also by their white colleagues," Professor Van der Walt said.

THE role of the media in reporting events leading up to unrest and of unrest generally was criticised by Prof van der Walt.

But he also commented that the "rather weak diversionary tactic" of branding the media, particularly certain sections of the press, as the culprit when things went wrong was not unfamiliar in South Africa.

DEALING with the role of the Churches, he said he had not the slightest doubt that there were clear signs of undercurrents from what was termed black theology, linking up particularly with the theology of liberation and possibly even the theology of revolution.

However he suspected that the politically militant religious group although very active was smaller than one might believe.

BLACKS in unrest areas saw the use of Casspirs and "bush uniforms" as a declaration of war.

Although he praised the exemplary manner in which the police carried out their duties he was critical of many of the tactics employed.

The police were criticised by blacks for failing to take early action, particularly against unlawful elements but then causing irritation later by their presence.

Repeated roadblocks and humiliating searches and claims of abuse were causes of complaint.

THE van der Walt Investigation's findings on the causes of the 1984 Vaal Triangle unrest were a shocking indictment of Government policy, the Progressive Federal Party said last night.

Mr Peter Soal, PFP spokesman on black affairs in the Transvaal, said it was also an absolute disgrace that the Government had not published the report for so long after receiving it.

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2nd post-mortem on Winterveld victims

PRETORIA. — The Bophuthatswana police, in a move described by lawyers as "very strange", have ordered a second post-mortem on the 11 victims who died during police action in Winterveld three weeks ago.

Mr Peter Harris, the attorney for the families of the dead, said he viewed it as a delaying tactic on the part of the police.

"I can find no possible reason why they would want to hold another post-mortem. The first was done three weeks ago by a highly competent pathologist," he said.

A mass funeral, planned for April 9, was cancelled when police refused to release the bodies.

Colonel M A Molope, divisional commissioner in the Odi and Moretele regions at the time of the shootings, said there would be no mass funeral as "no organizations had come forward to make arrangements".

"At no stage was a second post-mortem mentioned. It is our opinion that this is a delaying tactic," Mr Harris said.

He said a legal representative would be present at the post-mortems today. — Sapa

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Police shoot arson suspect

PRETORIA. — Police shot dead a Std 6 pupil near Nelspruit last week when he tried to escape from custody while being held on a charge of arson, a police public relations directorate spokesman said in Pretoria yesterday.

He supplied the information in answer to charges that neither Mr Eric Ngomane's family nor his lawyer had been allowed to see him during a three-week detention period, from March 20 till his death on April 12.

The police spokesman said Mr Ngomane, 22, of Mahushu Trust, Nsikazi, KaNgwane, had been arrested on March 27 at 10.52am.

He was shot on the night of April 11 when he tried to escape while being taken out for investigations and after attempts to re-apprehend him had failed.

His parents could not be traced but his sister was found four days after his death and told, the spokesman said.

The case was being investigated and the normal judicial proceedings would follow, the spokesman said. — Sapa

THE FACE OF AGONY

Assault a nightmare, says wife

By STAN MHLONGO

THE assault on a Vaal bus driver by a group of inmates from the Sebokeng hostel has turned into a nightmare for his wife.

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For the Vaal Transport Corporation employee Fortunate Gumede has had to be re-admitted to Sebokeng Hospital – this time after he allegedly tried to set his own house alight

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Gumede's wife, Daphne, this week told *City Press* she believes her husband has lost his sanity "He only breaks dishes and wants to burn down the house," she said

Gumede said she still shudders when she thinks of the violence on February 14 this year – the day on which her husband was so badly assaulted by the hostel inmates

"It was like something from a James Hadley Chase thriller," she said

Her husband was not the only victim of the attack.

"I was slapped and knocked unconscious by a vicious kick from one of the inmates who later assaulted my husband," she said

The nightmare started when one of the inmates started pouring beer on the seats of the bus.

The bus – which was to have been driven by her husband – was going to take the hostel inmates to Quamata, Transkei.

"When my husband tried to stop the man, a fight started.

"In the ensuing fracas I was slapped and kicked I fell to the ground unconscious

"The inmates then allegedly attacked my husband with an assortment of weapons," Gumede said

Gumede says her humiliation at the hands of the inmates is nothing compared to the way her husband has had to suffer

"He remained in a coma for two weeks – and now he is back in hospital."

"The whole thing has become a nightmare

"I was so happy when my huband was sent home after regaining consciousness

"And can you imagine how I felt when I discovered that he no longer talked sense?"

A spokesman for the VTC said Vereeniging cops are investigating the case

Constable, baby die in unrest incidents

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A black police constable was killed in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, in an apparent unrest-related incident yesterday.

A police public relations directorate spokesman said the constable had apparently been hit over the head and attempts had been made to set him alight.

No further information was immediately available, he said.

Township residents said the man's "necklaced" body was found in the toilets of a primary school

In Middelburg, Cape, there was a police "crime prevention" operation yesterday after four deaths had occurred in Old Location township on Friday night.

A two-day-old child died when a community councillor's house was set alight.

A second councillor was "necklaced" when he tried to drive off a crowd which was attacking his home.

The other two people who died were shot by the councillors during the attacks on their homes.

A wounded man was arrested and police are looking for two others who received treatment for bullet wounds at De Aar.

During the crime prevention operation four other people were arrested in connection with various criminal activities.
— Sapa-Own Correspondent.

Medunsa: back but on boycott

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JOHANNESBURG — Students of the Medical University of Southern Africa (Medunsa) have resolved to go back to campus today, sign the undertaking to abide by rules and regulations, but still go on a boycott of lectures until their demands are met.

The resolution was taken at a meeting held at the Witwatersrand University and attended by parents, students and representatives from the National Education Crisis Committee and the Release Mandela Campaign Committee.

Other resolutions taken at yesterday's meeting are:

- Assistant registrar, Mr William Steyn should be expelled from the university.
- All university's extra-mural activities will be boycotted.
- A meeting of all students on campus is to be called in spite of a decision by the senate and the council to ban all meetings on campus.
- The rector was called on to annul the senate's and the council's decision to bar all meetings.

The resolution by students to return to campus follows the university council's issuing of an ultimatum last week that they must all come back today or face expulsion.

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Medunsa students resolve to return

JOHANNESBURG. — Students of the Medical University of Southern Africa in Garankuwa will return to the university today as required by the university authorities, but under protest.

This follows a resolution taken by Medunsa students at a mass meeting held at the University of the Witwatersrand yesterday to consider a resolution adopted by the university council setting out conditions under which students will be re-accepted to the university following its closure on April 14 when students rioted.

Students boycotted classes, demanding the exclusion of two white students admitted earlier this year and the expulsion of the chief security officer of the university, Mr William Steyn. One white student has since left the university.

At yesterday's meeting the students resolved:

The boycott of cultural and academic activities will continue until their demands have been met; to call an emergency meeting to consider their next move; students would consult with the National Education Crisis Committee when faced with problems at the university; they noted the university council's intransigence in tightening repressive measures instead of lifting them, and to press the university to expel the white student still registered with Medunsa, Mr Pieter Kruger.

For re-admission to the university when it re-opens today, the students have been told they will be required to sign a document on their arrival indicating their willingness to maintain law and order.

The students are required to seek permission from their rector three days before holding a meeting. — Sapa

Thousands at funeral of man who died in detention

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By Michael Tissong

Residents of Mahwelereng township near Potgietersrus turned out in force on Saturday for the funeral of the journalist who died in the township jail about two weeks ago.

People from the Northern Transvaal areas of Lenyenye, Mankweng, Seshego and Lebowakgomo swelled the number of mourners to about 40 000 despite the roadblocks leading to the township and the presence of about 100 policemen and soldiers in vans, cars and Casspirs.

On Friday restrictions were placed on the funeral, limiting the number of mourners to 50 close friends and relatives. About 9 pm the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) successfully applied for an interdict cancelling the restriction order.

The journalist, Mr Lucky Makompo Kutumela, a member of Azapo and the Media Workers' Association of South Africa (Mwasa), died on Good Friday after a day in detention. His body was found to have had more than 40 sjambok weals.

Three people held with him claimed they had been beaten with sjamboks and hammers.

Mr Justice Eloff, who made the Supreme Court ruling, upheld magistrate Mr J J Nel's condition that the service be held between 8 am and 1 pm.

At 9 am thousands streamed from almost every home in the township to the Kutumela house where the service was held.

When the mourners returned from the graveyard after 1 pm for the traditional washing of hands and a meal, they were ordered to disperse by police.

When warnings to stop singing freedom songs were ignored, police drew up to the house. People scattered in all directions.

Before the start of the funeral, a camouflaged helicopter dropped army personnel on a hill overlooking the area.

Obstacle to funeral removed

A second post mortem examination on the 11 Winterveld shooting victims has been conducted by the Bophuthatswana pathologist — paving the way for their burial.

Attempts by Winterveld residents to hold a mass funeral two weeks ago were thwarted when Bophuthatswana authorities refused to release the bodies.

A spokesman for the Bophuthatswana police confirmed today that the second autopsy which was ordered by the authorities was conducted in the presence of an independent pathologist on Friday.

The spokesman said the bodies would be released soon. "We are only waiting for the relatives to come and identify the corpses," he said.

Now homeland masses join the political struggle

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

Cycles of township resistance since 1976 have made the Nationalists realise that urban blacks have to be accommodated politically outside the homelands The State President's Rubicon 2 speech indicated that the reform scenario would be stretched in an attempt to do this.

Now battles against apartheid are being waged at a mass level inside the homelands, challenging the very foundations of grand apartheid.

Even the more "liberal" of these satellite "countries" — Bophuthatswana, kaNgmane, Gazankulu and, especially, Lebowa — are having to deal with popular resistance.

Workers for relief and development organisations inside Lebowa say political resistance and police repression of this activism have reached unprecedented levels

Operation Hunger, which functions throughout Lebowa, says there is hardly an area where the young people are in their classrooms. Clinic staff tell of the scores of injured children they treat after clashes with the police

Mrs Ina Perlman, director of Operation Hunger, says violence motivated by superstition and belief in witchcraft has also risen alarmingly and several multiple killings have never been reported in the media.

The United Democratic Front refers to a "simmering rural revolt throughout the Transvaal" but distances itself from the practice of witchcraft and the extraordinarily violent response of superstitious people to this

The Northern Transvaal is the UDF's newest region — formally constituted at the beginning of the year and centre on Lebowa. It now has about 100 affiliated organisations

Among the most coherently organised areas is Lebowa's Sekhukhuneland — where the Boers had many bloody clashes with the northern tribes during the last century It was also the scene of the Sebatakgomo peasant revolt of the 1950s

It is here that two members of Parliament and a number of chiefs are rumoured to have resigned their positions, allegedly in protest at the treatment of their people at the hands of the Lebowa police

The two MPs, Mr M S Masha of Apiesboom and Mr J Scopela of Schoonoord, are said to have decided to quit at a public meeting called to form the Sekhukhune Parents' Crisis Committee in the wake of police action against mourners at the funeral of Lucas Tokoane Molopo in mid-March

"At the meeting we called for the resignation of the Lebowa police, who our people, and for the resignation of Lebowa MPs because the police get their mandate from Parliament," Mr Japhta Thobejane, co-ordinator of the Sekhukhune Youth Organisation, said recently.

"We pointed out that the government the MPs are serving does not serve the people but its own purposes."

The Star has been unable to obtain official confirmation of the resignations, but other MPs and senior government officials are aware of the claims that some of their colleagues have quit

There are activists who assert that the old spirit of Sekhukhuneland is reasserting itself, and that chiefs who have lain low since the 1950s have been encouraged to show their sympathies by the re-emergance of a national movement against apartheid

This may be a factor But resistance in Sekhukhune and the rest of Lebowa has much in common with the style of anti-apartheid organisations in the urban townships

The most widespread form of organisation is the youth congress, which may include school pupils but is usually spearheaded by young workers and unemployed young men.

In the Sekhukhune area the Sekhukhune Youth Organisation is an umbrella body, with about 30 individual youth congresses, organised at village level, affiliated to it.

Within particular villages — as for instance in Steelepoort — the youth congress co-ordinates its work with women's, pupils', workers' and civic organisations.

The structures, activists point out, are a rural equivalent of the street committees and neighbourhood organisations established in the urban townships since the state of emergency was announced last year

Popular organisations in Lebowa have taken up the national education issues and they have posed themselves as an "alternative" civic body by handling public projects such as clean-up campaigns.

They have also taken up distinctly local issues — such as protest against enforced contributions to a company-owned recreation club in Eerstegeluk, protest against a chief at Gaparsha who allegedly failed to pay women workers and spent public funds "on a building meant just for the collection of more money, like Lebowa taxes".

Many protests and campaigns have allegedly provoked police intervention and the cycle of violence familiar to the townships has set in. Since the blanket ban on outdoor gatherings holds good in Lebowa, action against "illegal gatherings" is inevitable.

As crowds are dispersed with teargas and sjamboks, arrests are made, which result in protest boycotts of classes, demonstrations at court appearances — and further police intervention. Lives have been lost and funerals have inevitably yielded additional victims

Violence has escalated on both sides. Youths have burnt homes of policemen and government buildings, set buses alight and stoned vehicles.

For instance, the car and home of the Minister of Education, Mr S P KwaKwa, were set alight in Mahwelereng Two buses of the Lebowa Development Corporation were burnt in the Tafelkop area because the corporation was perceived to have collaborated with police at a funeral where six activists were shot dead.

There has been a number of reports recently of concerted campaigns of assault (sjambokkings and beatings) on Lebowa residents, from Seshego in the north, to Namakgale in the east and Mahwelereng in the south.

The injuries have been severe. *The Star* has seen two victims who have lost the vision of one eye and has interviewed a teenager who required a week in hospital after a sjambokking.

UDF affiliates claim that between 40 and 50 civilians have lost their lives in recent political violence in the Northern Transvaal If the troubled Moutse/Dennilton area is taken into account, this figure is not out of line with deaths reported to the Press.

Two political figures have died within hours of being detained and two key activists' homes have been bombed by unknown persons

The Deputy Commissioner of Police for Lebowa, Colonel P Moloto, says statistics on political deaths in the homeland have been compiled but they will not be available until presented in the Legislative Assemply.

He concedes there has been a dramatic upsurge of violence. "What has happening in other areas is now happening in Lebowa"

The secretary-general of the South African Council of Churches, Dr Beyers Naude, puts it more strongly: "There is a situation of civil war in the Northern Transvaal in which innocent and defenceless people are confronted daily with the spectre of brutal repression in the form of apartheid's war machinery — helicopters, Casspirs, Buffels, etc.

"The people in the area no longer feel safe in the presence of the police. Many are fugitives in their own villages — they have fled and are now living in the mountains in caves. The old people in the villages are terrified — many are being beaten up. Even chiefs have been detained and beaten."

Colonel Moloto said he did not want to comment in detail on the extent of political resistance and the form of response.

aware of the things to which the hon member for Houghton refers. It is so that we are blamed for many things which we often are not responsible for, but it is still a serious objective of the Government that it will take note of the administration that takes place in such national states. It is, however, once again not my field; therefore I cannot comment on it. Another hon member of the Cabinet is responsible for the administration in this regard. If the hon member has any enquiries I ask her to put it to my hon colleague who in addition to the national states also has specific responsibility for the administration and governing of those states.

Joint administration: Transvaal/national states

*15. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether he has received from (a) the Administrator of the Transvaal and/or (b) any national state any proposals for the joint administration of the Transvaal and any or all of the national states situated in that province; if so, (i) when, (ii) what is the nature of these proposals and (iii) what was his response thereto; if not,

(2) whether his Department will (a) investigate the possibility of such a joint administrative structure and (b) initiate discussions between affected parties, if not, why not; if so, when;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) No.

(2) (a) Legislation will shortly be presented to Parliament creating a statutory framework for co-operation at administrative and executive levels between provincial authorities and national states.

(b) No. Such co-operations rely on agreement between the parties concerned and must be initiated by them.

(3) No. The State President made a statement on the matter on 18 April 1986 in the House of Assembly.

London: travel bureau

*16. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) With reference to his reply to Question No 685 on 7 April 1986, what total amount in revenue was generated by the 3 620 bookings made at the travel bureau of the South African Transport Services in London in the 1985-86 financial year;

(2) whether any bookings made at this bureau were cancelled in the abovementioned financial year; if so, how many?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) R3 338 000

(2) Yes, 227 individuals and 7 groups of 15 persons each.

Dellville Wood

*17. Mr J H VISAGIE asked the Minister of Public Works:†

(1) Whether the memorial museum at Dellville Wood has been completed; if not, when is it expected to be completed; if so, when;

(2) what is the latest estimate of the total cost of the erection of the museum, (b) what amount has been spent on the erection thereof to date and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

†The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS:

(1) Finishing is in progress and should be finalised shortly.

(2) (a) to (c)

The final accounts will be available in due course. For the present the estimate remains at R9 760 000 as indicated in the White Paper on the department's building programme. To date R8 599 895 has been brought into account in respect of this service.

Kagiso: person shot

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

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was shot and killed in Kagiso on or about 25 March 1986; if so, (a) by whom was this person shot, (b) what were the circumstances surrounding his death and (c) what is his name;

(2) whether an investigation has been held into the death of this person; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;

(3) whether an inquest has been held into the death of this person; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) where and (c) what were the findings?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) to (3)

Since judicial proceedings, resulting from the events on 25 March 1986 in Kagiso, have already commenced and a Judge has already banned the publication or disclosing of information relating to the matter, I do not deem it in the interest of the administration of justice to make known further information.

Aircraft: tyre problem

*19. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether, during March 1986, a South African Airways aircraft on a flight from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth had a tyre problem on take-off; if so,

(2) whether this problem required the aircraft to re-land at Jan Smuts Airport; if so, at what time did the aircraft re-land;

(3) whether the passengers were required to remain on the aircraft while repairs were being carried out; if so, (a) why and (b) for how long were they required to wait;

(4) whether these passengers were kept informed of the situation; if not, why not; if so, in what manner?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes, at 19h00.

(3) Yes.

(a) Intially only a tyre change would have been made which is normally not a time consuming procedure. However, after the tyre was changed it was also found that a wing flap was damaged during the incident and it was therefore necessary for the passengers to change aircraft.

(b) 2 hours

(4) Yes, through regular announcements by the captain.

Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply given by the hon the Minister, could he tell us whether the tyre problem was caused by a poorly retreaded tyre, or whether it was an original tyre?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I cannot say whether it was a Firestone, a Dunlop or a retreaded tyre, I cannot provide the hon member with that type of information.

(e) what are the names of the persons who were involved in these attacks;

(8) whether these allegations have been investigated; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) to (8) As each of the deaths of the seven persons who were shot and killed by members of the South African Police in Guguletu on 3 March 1986 will in the near future be the subject of an inquest, I am not prepared to be subjected to cross-examination on this matter in this House.

I suggest that the hon member put his questions at the appropriate time to the official presiding at the inquest.

Members of Parliament: arms

*24. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the South African Police have been approached in connection with the issuing of arms to members of Parliament; if so, (a) when, (b) by whom, (c) for what reason and (d) what was the nature of this approach;

(2) whether the police have issued any arms to any members of Parliament, if so,

(3) whether he will furnish the House with information on this matter; if not, why not; if so, (a)(i) to which members, (ii) on what dates and (iii) why were arms so issued, (b) what specified arms were issued to each such member and (c) who took the decision in this regard;

(4) whether any ammunition has been issued to these members; if so, how many rounds;

(5) whether there is any restriction on the number of rounds of ammunition that will be issued to each member; if not, why not; if so, what is that restriction;

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

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No.

(a) to (d) Fall away.

(2) No.

(3) to (5) Fall away.

(6) No.

Political consultants

*25. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Deputy Minister of Information:

(1) Whether he or the Bureau for Information has (a) consulted professionally any political consultants from abroad and/or (b) engaged the services of any such political consultants; if so, (i) why, (ii) at what cost ot the taxpayer, (iii) what are the names of these consultants and (iv) in what countries are they based in each case;

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID (for the Minister of Information):

(1) (a) No.

(b) No.

(i) to (iv) Falls away.

(2) No.

Police units

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

(1) Whether any special unit of the South African Police has established a base or office on the Chamdor factory premises, Nichols Street, Krugersdorp; if so, (a) when and (b) for what purpose;

(2) whether any police units from Pretoria were used in Kagiso Township during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available; if so, (a) which units, (b) when, (c) for what purpose and (d) why were units from Pretoria used in this township?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) 1 August 1984.

(b) Accommodation for the divisional riot unit.

(2) Yes.

(a) A riot unit.

(b) From 22 January 1986 until 10 March 1986.

(c) and (d) To support the local riot unit in quelling the unrest situation.

Kubus Kwekerye: liquidation

*27. Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether a certain company, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, was liquidated recently; if so, what is the name of this company;

(2) whether the Receiver of Revenue had a claim against the company at the time of such liquidation; if so, what was the amount of that claim;

(3) whether that claim has been relinquished by the Receiver; if so, (a) on what grounds and (b) on whose authority did he relinquish this claim;

(4) whether the relinquishing of this claim was discussed with (a) him and/or (b) any other persons prior to a decision being taken in this regard; if not, why not, if so, (a) with whom, (b) when and (c) what was his response or that of the other persons with whom the matter was discussed?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (for the Minister of Finance):

(1) (a) Yes.

(b) Kubus Kwekerye (Pty) Ltd.

(2) Yes;

(a) Income Tax—R29 620 000.

(b) Penalty for late payment of Sales Tax—R935 320,42.

(c) Employees Tax—R2 986,73.

(3) Yes, partially;

Income Tax

(a) Because the company had not yet submitted returns of income and it was necessary to protect the revenue, estimated income tax assessments in the amount mentioned above were issued. These estimated assessments were based; on the negligible particulars then known to the Receiver of Revenue. On receipt of acceptable returns of income it was found that the company had suffered a substantial loss and the relevant assessments had, of necessity to be discharged;

(b) the issue of the estimated assessments and the discharge thereof took place under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, No 58 of 1962.

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Court to hear allegations of security force killings

By Gary van Staden

Allegations in 118 affidavits relating to claims of unlawful acts on the part of the security forces, including the killing of innocent people and assaults, were made public in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

In replying affidavits the allegations were denied by the Minister of Law and Order, the Minister of Defence and the Divisional Commissioner of Police (West Rand).

All the alleged acts were committed in the Kagiso/Munsieville area near Krugersdorp and were contained in an application brought by the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation for relief from such acts.

Oral evidence in support of the application was due to be heard yesterday but Mr Justice Goldstone granted an unopposed request from Mr Jules Browdie SC, for the applicants, to postpone the hearing until Thursday.

The residents' organisation and others, acting on behalf of the township residents, brought the urgent application against the Minister of Law and Order, the Minister of Defence and the Commissioner of Police (West Rand), in February.

The application was referred to oral evidence by Mr Justice Goldstone and as the allegations were of a particularly grave nature, the court ruled that none of documents could be made public before oral evidence proceedings began on April 21.

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In the application the organisation and others asked for a rule nisi preventing the security forces from carrying out any unlawful acts in Kagiso 1, Kagiso 2 and Munsieville, and in particular to desist and refrain from

- Shooting hard ammunition, firing teargas of any kind, rubber bullets or any other projectile towards or in the vicinity of members of the communities, except in ordinary duties of upholding law and order
- Encouraging and creating situations of violence and confrontation between the community and the security forces
- Assaulting any person in any manner other than may be justified in law.
- Entering homes or other premises of residents without a lawful search warrant.
- Wilfully and unlawfully damaging or destroying property
- Using insulting or abusive language
- Detaining or causing to be detained any person without valid grounds.

In its founding affidavit the organisation sought urgent relief from the alleged unlawful actions of the police and the Defence Force on the grounds that the manner in which the security forces conducted themselves was dangerous, disruptive and intruded into the lives of township residents.

The affidavit said that in doing so the security forces had committed numerous unlawful acts including the killing of persons, serious assaults, harassing, threatening and abusing ordinary township residents and generally showing a basic and contemptous disregard for the lives and rights of township residents.

In replying affidavits all three respondents denied the allegations.

They disputed the right of the residents' organisation and the other four applicants to speak on behalf of the communities concerned.

They disputed all the allegations and said such claims were either wilfully false, made in support of and in furtherance of the objects and strategy of the African National Congress, or, if not, then in furtherance of the strategy of the residents' organisation to undermine the present authorities and create "liberated zones" in Kagiso and Munsieville.

The hearing continues on Thursday.

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Shops watched as Alexandra boycott starts

JOHANNESBURG. — The consumer boycott around Alexandra township near Sandton took off in earnest yesterday as youths watched to ensure that no resident patronized white-owned stores.

One shopkeeper said that yesterday he made only 20 percent of his normal daily takings — "even then from people who sneaked into my shop before they could be found out".

And one resident said: "Today nobody is carrying a paper bag with a name of a white-owned shop on it."

Residents returning from work were closely watched by youths and goods were confiscated from those found to have bought from white-owned shops.

The police continued to patrol the township. Residents reported no confrontations with them.

Shebeens hardest hit

Hardest-hit are shebeen owners who have been barred from buying their liquor from the Benny Goldberg liquor supermarket in Kew.

"But they are selling. We do not know where they got their liquor from," one resident said.

The boycott has been launched by the Alexandra Consumer Boycott Committee in protest at the failure of the government to meet demands.

Residents have also been told not to pay their rents, particularly to the Alexandra Town Council.

Members of the council were not available for comment yesterday.

It is believed residents support the boycott because of the failure of the authorities to account for some people whom residents say "disappeared" during last month's riots.

Another apparent cause is the failure of the authorities to withdraw security forces from the township.

Release of detainees

The boycott committee is also demanding the release of all political prisoners and the unbanning of black political organizations.

● The Consumer Boycott Committee in King William's Town yesterday reiterated its appeal to black consumers not to patronize white-owned shops in the town and district.

A committee spokesman, Mr Themba Mntwapi, told Sapa the call was to put pressure on whites, who had the vote, to in turn pressurize the government "to heed the demands of the people".

Demands made by the local boycott committee — which had not been met — included the upgrading of living conditions, a stop to the detention of activists and political leaders, the lifting of the "unnecessary ban" on meetings and for attention to be paid to "fundamental student demands".

Mr Mntwapi said businessmen in black townships had been advised to lower prices "so as to ensure the doubling of turnover". — Sapa

WITCH BURNINGS - 33 MORE ARE CHARGED

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The late Peter Nchabeleng's son among 300 who are accused

By MATHATA TSEDU

THIRTY-THREE youths appeared in the Schoonod Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the burning of people alleged to be witches in Sekhukhuneland.

According to the prosecutor, Mr S Shiloane, they were charged with several counts of murder. The case was postponed to May 15. Bail was refused.

The youths are among a group of 300 others who have already appeared in the same court in connection with the witchhunt killings. One of them is Morris Nchabeleng (26), whose father, Mr Peter Nchabeleng, died in police custody two weeks ago.

All those arrested in connection with the killings are to appear in the same court on May 15. The arrests followed the burning to death of 32 people in the Ga-Nkwana and Ga-Nchabeleng villages over the past two months The victims, alleged to be witches, were doused with petrol and set alight.

• Measures already taken by the Lebowa Police to curb unrest and maintain law and order have the blessing of the South African Government.

This was said yesterday by the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr P J Badenhorst, when he officially opened the Lebowa Legislative Assembly in Seshego.

Tight security was evident in the township yesterday with units of the South African Police and Lebowa Police patrolling the streets.

Only about half of the Legislative Assembly members were present yesterday. Most of the absentees were from the troubled Sekhukhune and Nebo areas where calls for their resignations have been made by political organisations.

Chief Minister Dr C N Phatudi is to address the assembly today and is expected to touch on the Moutse and Sekhukhune issues.

ARGUS 22/4/86

Death of boy: Policeman is charged

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A policeman appeared in a Pretoria Magistrate's Court on a charge of culpable homicide after it was alleged that he kicked and hit a 13-year-old boy to death.

Police Constable Daniels Johannes Blom, 20, of Rietfontein, yesterday pleaded not guilty to causing the death of Moses Mope, of Atteridgeville, on October 12 last year.

The State witness, the father of the boy, testified that he woke up about 11.45pm that day to find his son in their lounge with his head bowed and blood running out of his nose and mouth.

Moses died in hospital.

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700 at Medunsa resume studies

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PRETORIA. — About 700 students returned to Medunsa yesterday and signed an undertaking that they would continue their studies in accordance with the university's rules and regulations, the Rector, Professor L T Taljaard, said.

Students have been boycotting classes since last Monday after two white students registered.

In a statement yesterday announcing the return of the students, Professor Taljaard said all students had until 4pm yesterday to return to the university.

Lectures would resume today and registrations of those who did not return would be cancelled.

Professor Taljaard said measures adopted by the council which, among other things, prohibited demonstrations, had been adopted after R80 000 damage was caused by students eight days ago.

Council would consider lifting these when students proved they were "dedicating themselves to their studies in a responsible manner".

Students' demands for the dismissal of Mr W P Steyn, an assistant registrar at the university, could not at this stage be considered by council, he added.

The students allege that he "harassed" them during unrest on the campus on March 21.

The SRC had undertaken to provide substantiated allegations for an investigation approved by council, but had not yet done so, he said.

Professor Taljaard said a Supreme Court judgment compelled the university to allow Mr P E Kruger to continue his studies at Medunsa. The other white student, Mr Darryl Wilke, cancelled his registration last week. — Sapa

Threats keep pupils away

22/4/86 E. Post

NO African pupils attended Port Elizabeth's Trinity High School yesterday following threats to them last week.

Confirming this the principal of Trinity High School, Sister Dorothy, said she was saddened at the loss of the black pupils.

The threats, made last Friday, followed a call by the Port Elizabeth Students' Congress for all PE African pupils at schools outside the townships to enrol at township schools.

Sister Dorothy said: "All of us could understand the call for black people to stand together and we accept it.

"We can appreciate the need for solidarity among black people against a system which we and they know to be unjust," she said.

"What does sadden us though, is that we are seen to have become associated with that system, when in fact over the years we campaigned for non-racial education and only last week we indicated we would not be able to accept State subsidies based on race."

Sister Dorothy said she would seek opportunities to open negotiations with the leaders of the black community on the matter.

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Businessmen blame youth for shop boycott

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — As the consumer boycott gained hold in Alexandra township, white businessmen blamed the youths who monitored the boycott by chanting and advising residents not to buy at selected shops.

Businessmen said yesterday, "boycott enforcers stood outside our shops and advised people not to enter certain shops".

Said a businessman who did not want to be named: "Those who defied the enforcers were merely advised not to do it again and given pamphlets listing the names of shops which should be boycotted".

"There has been no physical violence against those defying the boycott."

The Alexandra Boycott Committee (ABC) distributed pamphlets in the township listing about 25 shops.

Among the businesses are some of the shebeens, dry cleaners, hair salons and shops belonging to councillors.

One businessman said: "You can see for yourselves. It is bad."

Alexandra residents are demanding that troops be withdrawn from the township, that missing corpses and people be recovered and all political prisoners be released and political organisations be unbanned.

Call not to victimise workers in stayaway

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Dispatch Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The chamber of commerce here has appealed to employers not to victimise workers forced to stay away from work on May 1 (Labour Day) or June 16 (Soweto Day).

"Where all other avenues of negotiation have failed and the position looks bleak, we appeal to commerce not to be party to any form of victimisation of individuals," a spokesman said.

He said some companies had already had talks with union officials and managed to swop another holiday for May 1, obviating the necessity of applying the "no work, no pay" rule.

"But employers must be careful about allowing employees to work time in. They could well set a precedent for some future date. This chamber has every sympathy with the plight of most employees but by making concessions, the employer is making it easier for intimidators.

"The company labour officials should sit down and explain to employees that if they don't come to work on these days, and no other arrangements have been made, the company cannot be expected to pay for the stayaway."

An Assocom spokesman said it advised employers that if negotiation with the workforce had not been successful they should stick to the no work, no pay dictum.

"Most employers appear to have already resigned themselves to the stayaway but are not prepared to condone it.

"Many even have sympathy with the workers and accept that the current schedule of public holidays is somewhat unbalanced and needs revision. But they can't condone the workforce just taking its own public holidays."

The Transvaal Chamber of Industries said "no work, no pay" was the general attitude of organised industry, "but this attitude is not binding and employers are free to negotiate".

The TCI advised employers to ensure they are clear on how they will deal with these matters, know what their labour force intends doing, and ensure workers know well in advance what the company attitude is.

VAAL TRIANGLE UNREST

Bullet victims forgotten, says Friday

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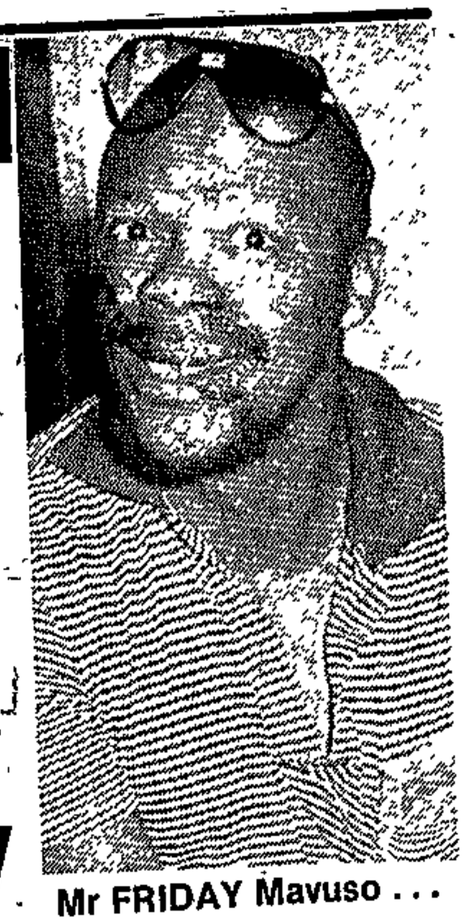


Mr FRIDAY Mavuso ... concern.

THE uncertainty about the number of people maimed during the Vaal Triangle unrest about 19 months ago has caused Mr Friday Mavuso, the brains behind the successful Soweto Self-Help Association for Paraplegics to spend many a sleepless night.

By SY MAKARINGE

Mr Mavuso, who is chairman of Shap and vice-chairman of the Disabled People of South Africa — an umbrella body for the handicapped, said in an interview this week that Press reports only gave the number of people who were killed in the area during the unrest, but did not indicate how many were maimed as a result of bullet wounds.

"Our belief is that there are scores of people who have virtually been turned into prisoners in their homes," Mr Mavuso said.

He said it was for this reason that he had organised a mass rally of disabled people to be held at Mphahlatsane Hall in Sebokeng on Sunday with the view to establishing a self-help project similar to the one in Soweto.

Complex

Mr Mavuso said he spoke "factory language" and did not believe in the protective or sheltered workshop concept.

"Disabled black people have an inferiority complex, forgetting that if they stood up and faced their problems, they can do what abled people can do.

"It's about time we stand up and be counted. We must not just sit back and think everything will be done for us by our families," he said.

He said people had problems of furthering their studies after being disabled which later cause them to feel discriminated against in the open labour market.

Mr Mavuso said education, housing and transport for disabled people would be among other burning issues that would be addressed at the meeting.

Taxi owners and other operators have been asked to play a role in the provision of transport for disabled people who would like to attend the rally.

Instant burials for unrest victims

SOWETAN 23/4/86.

THE corpses of a number of people shot dead by Bophuthatswana police about four weeks ago were released and immediately buried following strict orders from the police in Winterveldt yesterday.

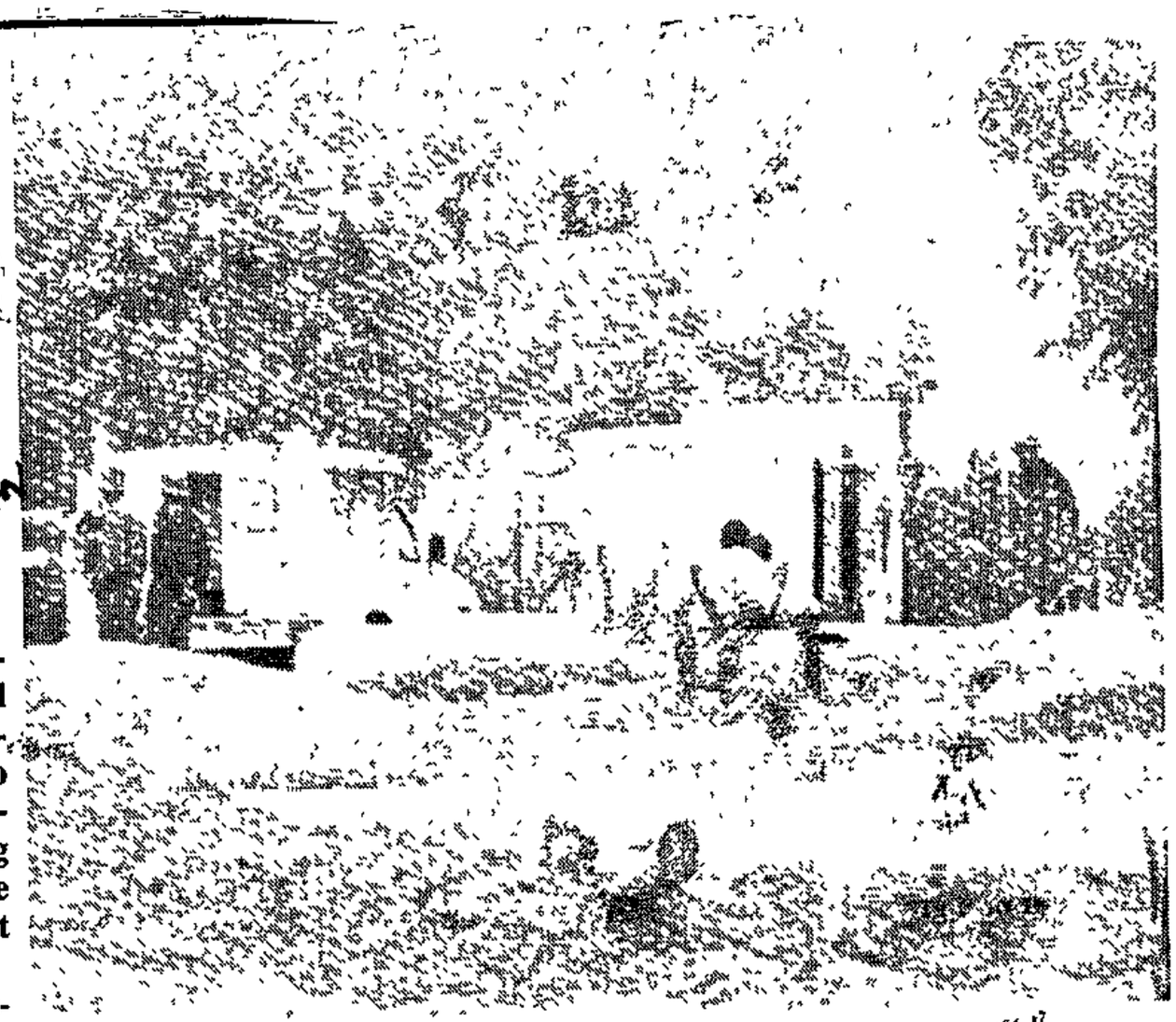
The *Sowetan* has established that among those buried in what the bereaved families described as "a paupers funeral" were Mrs Dinah Mokoena (30), Mr Albert Nkabinde, Mr Vusimuzi Zwane (16) and Mrs Selina Masuku who is believed to have been buried in Mamelodi yesterday morning.

A number of other corpses are expected to be released for immediate burial tomorrow and Friday.

The bodies were brought by the police at different times yesterday morning and buried under police supervision — an hour after being released to the respective families. There was a heavy police presence at the homes of the bereaved families. "It is like a pauper's funeral. No songs. No speeches and almost nobody to bury the dead. The police gave orders that only close relatives should attend. They also warned that there should be no youths around", some families said.

Families interviewed yesterday said they rejected an offer from Bophuthatswana's President Lucas Mangope to pay funeral expenses.

Some families yesterday said they were "shocked and disgusted at the way our people were buried".



BOPHUTHATSWANA police at one of the unrest victim's homes in Winterveldt yesterday.

PIC: MOFFAT ZUNGU

Eleven people were killed when Bophuthatswana police opened fire on an alleged illegal meeting in Winterveldt on March 26. Scores were seriously injured. The government refused to release the bodies for a scheduled mass funeral on April 9.

Local political organisations yesterday condemned the decision to bury "our dead in such shameful and tyranical conditions".

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Inquiry told of shooting of youths

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Kangwane magistrate described how 1 500 youths — chanting slogans and singing freedom songs — pulled down 20 metres of security fencing and entered the courtyard at Kabokweni.

Mr Gideon Lourens Engelbrecht was giving evidence at an inquiry in Kabokweni yesterday into the shooting of people on March 11.

Mr Engelbrecht told the inquiry chairman, Durban advocate Mr G O Van Niekerk, he saw many youths in school uniform marching to the court buildings.

He telephoned the commissioner of police in Kangwane and arranged for the gates to be locked.

Three police vehicles arrived and a Captain du Plessis pleaded with the crowd to behave, but they kept shouting.

The police, surrounded by portion of the crowd, moved behind a building and he lost sight of them. A burst of shots followed and the youths scattered.

The inquiry continues today.

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Night of turmoil in Alexandra — '8 die'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least eight people may have been killed in continuing unrest in Alexandra township.

Police have confirmed that at least one man has died. A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations said there had been two further incidents of unrest this morning. However, he could not confirm residents' claims that eight people had been killed.

The township, adjoining Johannesburg's lush northern suburbs, was tense this morning after a night of chaos and bloodshed in which mobs attacked the homes of anti-apartheid activists.

Witnesses said seven houses had been razed and more than 30 cars destroyed by fire and bullets in attacks on activists.

The chairman of the Alexandra Civic Association (ACA), Mr Mike Beea, was a special target of attack, but the gang which descended on his home, assaulting his mother and wife, failed to extract information of his whereabouts.

Prominent trade unionist Mr Moss Mayekiso was also hit.

Police said a man's body was found in a burnt-out home.

They said that 13 cars, one police vehicle and three homes were damaged by arsonists and stone-throwers yesterday.

The police spokesman said he was "aware of rumours that policemen had been involved in incidents of unrest yesterday". These rumours were being investigated, he added.

Today Alexandra residents blamed suppoters of the Government for the deaths.

They said bodies of eight people with gunshot wounds had been found in the township. They have not been identified.

Trouble started at 7.40 last night when people wearing balaclavas allegedly attacked people selling goods at the Pan African shopping complex.

They went on a rampage, attacking cars and

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Alex council 'collapse'

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Elections for a new council will have to be held in Alexandra, near Sandton, following the collapse of the old council under the leadership of the Rev Sam Pabalo Buti.

Mr Buti and three remaining members of his council officially announced their resignation yesterday.

The councillors who resigned are Mr L C Koza, Mr H M Makubire and Mr P Peters.

Five others who resigned since unrest broke out in the township are Mr L M Taunyane, Mr T K Molepo, Mr R Mashile, Mr P Maphala and Mr P Williams.

The town clerk, Mr Arthur Magerman, resigned last week, as did the Alexandra Junior Town Council.

Addressing a press conference yesterday Mr Buti said: "It leaves us with deep remorse to be compelled to resign when the total redevelopment project of Alexandra is not fully realized. Alex remains a squalid and dilapidated township."

Mr Buti said emphatically that he had not been intimidated into taking the decision, not even at the height of the unrest in the township.

The acting publicity secretary for the United Democratic Front, Mr Murphy Morobe, said yesterday: "The UDF welcomes the fall of the Alexandra Town Council. This spells victory for the people of Alexandra.

"Though some councillors may claim intimidation, the truth is that the councils were extremely unpopular ..."

Mr Morobe said: "If they chose to join the ranks of the democratic movements the doors are wide open for them."

● Sapa reports that the rent and consumer boycott in Alexandra entered its second day with signs that it is having a heavy impact on commerce in the area.

A spokesman for the Alexandra Boycott Committee said the boycott was "one hundred percent effective".

Mr Louis le Grange

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Lebowa police PFP call

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Political Correspondent

MRS Helen Suzman (PFP, Houghton) has called on the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to use his influence to put a stop to "the alarming behaviour of the Lebowa police".

Mrs Suzman made her call after Mr Le Grange's refusal in Parliament to answer a series of questions about people who had either died or been admitted to hospital after being arrested or detained by Lebowa police this month.

Mr Le Grange said this information was not available because Lebowa was a self-governing state with its own police force.

Mrs Suzman said afterwards that the minister was technically correct in saying the Lebowa police force was "autonomous", but that because of Lebowa's financial dependence on South Africa "there is surely no doubt that he could exercise his influence behind the scenes".

Horror story unfolds in claims before court

By Gary van Staden, Political Reporter

Allegations of killings, shootings, beatings, rape, damage to property, harassment and intimidation have been levelled against the security forces operating in the Kagiso/Munsieville area on the West Rand.

The allegations — contained in 118 sworn affidavits — were made public in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

They were denied in answering affidavits by the Minister of Law and Order, the Minister of Defence and the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the West Rand.

Oral evidence is due to begin in the Rand Supreme Court tomorrow following an urgent application brought by the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation for relief from such unlawful acts.

● Allegations of security forces abusing their powers in respect of detention without trial.

One affadavit, dealing with one of the allegations of unlawful detention, was filed by a 13-year-old Std 5 pupil who was still in prison at the time the affidavit was written.

"No one has told me on what charges I am being held. I have been interrogated for several hours by what appear to be security policemen. They have been asking me about all kinds of things which I know nothing about and have assaulted me and I told them I did not know anything about what they asked me," she said.

The following are extracts from a few of the 118 affidavits which were made public this week.

The first few deal with the death of Mr Steven Roy Mashigo.

From the affidavit of Mr Aubrey Mpopote:

● **December 9** — The affidavit described how Mr Mpopote and a friend, Mr Mashigo, went to search for the latter's missing raincoat and told of Mr Mashigo's subsequent argument with a white policeman.

During the course of the argument a struggle ensued during which the policeman allegedly punched Mr Mashigo and wrestled him to the ground Mr Mashigo broke free and stood, dusting himself off.

"At that moment another policeman came up and gave the one who had been wrestling with the said Mashigo a gun with a long barrel. The policeman took the gun and shot the said Mashigo.

"He fell to the ground on his back and I saw blood on his stomach."

Mr Mashigo subsequently died.

The account of the shooting of Mr Mashigo was supported by three other affidavits filed by eye witnesses.

One, filed and sworn to by Mr Harris Ramapoa, alleges:

"I noticed the policeman who had been responsible for shooting the said Mashigo took a fixed blade hunting knife out of a sheath and placed it in Mashigo's left hand. Once the knife had been placed I saw the policemen take photographs of the scene."

Five other deaths are referred to in the affidavits as well as numerous allegations of unprovoked shootings which did not, however, have fatal consequences.

The affidavit of Mr David Kopela is an example:

● **January 3** — "On the evening of the third of January I was on my way home from work.

"I was alone and did not notice any other people in the vicinity as I was walking along Dinizulu Street in Munsieville. It was dark in the street. Suddenly I heard a loud noise such as that of a gun being fired and simultaneously experienced immense pain in my lower back.

"My first instinct was to flee, and despite the pain ran into the nearest house."

The affidavit goes on to describe how three uniformed policemen entered the house where Mr Kopela had taken shelter and how they proceeded to assault him.

He was given no explanation nor medical treatment.

Allegations of assault — and allegations that the police refused to act on complaints of assault brought against members of the force — abound in the court documents.

'But you are killing him'

The affidavit of Miss Maria Lehodi outlines one example of the allegations.

● **January 10** — "... as my said boyfriend was leaving for home (after a visit), two Hippo vehicles stopped in front of our yard.

"A number of policemen got out and entered the yard and started assaulting my boyfriend by sjambokking him all over his body."

According to the affidavit there was no apparent reason for the assault. Others contained allegations of more serious assaults.

Methodist Minister, Mr Jacob Sefatse, said in his affidavit:

● **January 23** — "I observed four white policemen in uniform, all carrying rifles. I observed them strike a youth with the butts of these rifles on the head until he fell down and the policemen then proceeded to kick him.

"I spoke to the policemen and asked them why they were doing this. They answered 'hy het ons gevloek' (he swore at us). I then remonstrated with them and said: 'He has sworn at you but you are killing him.' "

● **January 26** — "I observed a group of about six or seven white policemen in uniform surrounding a black youth aged about 20. The youth was carrying two heavy-looking boxes on his head and was trotting on the spot while the policemen sjambokked him."

'Unprovoked violence from police'

The major claims against the security forces are.

- Allegations relating to the killing of a man by the police.
- Allegations of planting evidence.
- Allegations of unprovoked and unnecessary violence on the part of the security forces — which in many cases proved fatal.
- Scores of allegations of assault by the security forces.
- One allegation of indecent assault.
- Allegations of assaults on detainees.
- A total of 28 individual allegations of unwarranted security forces harassment of residents by day and night.
- Allegations of entry into and the search of homes without proper authority.
- A total of 19 individual allegations of wilful damage to public and private property.
- Half a dozen allegations of police disruption of peaceful meetings, funerals and other gatherings.
- Allegations of harassment of local shops and stalls.

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People claim 8 die in Alex

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burning some. At least one man died in one of the vehicles.

Mrs Dorothy Beea was attacked as the men sought her son, the ACA chairman. Men dressed in white shirts and wearing balaclavas forced entry and ransacked her house.

Mr Beea's wife Rebecca was also assaulted. She fled to the place where her husband was hiding. She said their home had been destroyed.

The mob also set fire to a neighbour's house.

Although transport was available few went to work or school this morning. There was talk that a mass meeting would be convened at the stadium.

MASS CAMPAIGN

The attacks on activists come within days of the launching of a two-pronged mass campaign to boycott certain local shops and to isolate policemen by refusing them service in the community and shunning them socially.

The attacks also came within a day of the resignation of Alexandra Mayor the Rev Sam Buti and all remaining members of the council, which was a long-standing demand of the ACA and the Alexandra Youth Congress.

Two months ago Alexandra was torn apart as security forces clashed with youths and more than 20 lives were lost. The number of deaths in Alexandra in February is the subject of bitter dispute as many people disappeared in the chaos.

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Alex volley hits policeman in stomach

Police, youths in AK47 shoot-out

SIPHO NGCOBO, SOPHIE TEMA and DOMINIQUE GILBERT

A CONTINGENT of 100 policemen took cover for 45 minutes in Alexandra township, Sandton, yesterday when youths — some armed with AK47 rifles — fired repeated volleys at them from a 10 000-strong crowd.

Constable G C Terblanche was shot in the stomach during the confrontation He was in serious condition and undergoing surgery last night.

Police reported only one death, but residents put the toll at eight.

In a 24-hour period, the homes of ten activists were burned down, allegedly by black policemen, and more than 30 cars destroyed. The township was cordoned off and an emergency hospital set up.

Dr T Wilson of the Alexandra Clinic said a dead man was brought into the

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clinic at midday yesterday. He was thought to have died the night before.

At least one other body was taken straight to the mortuary, he said.

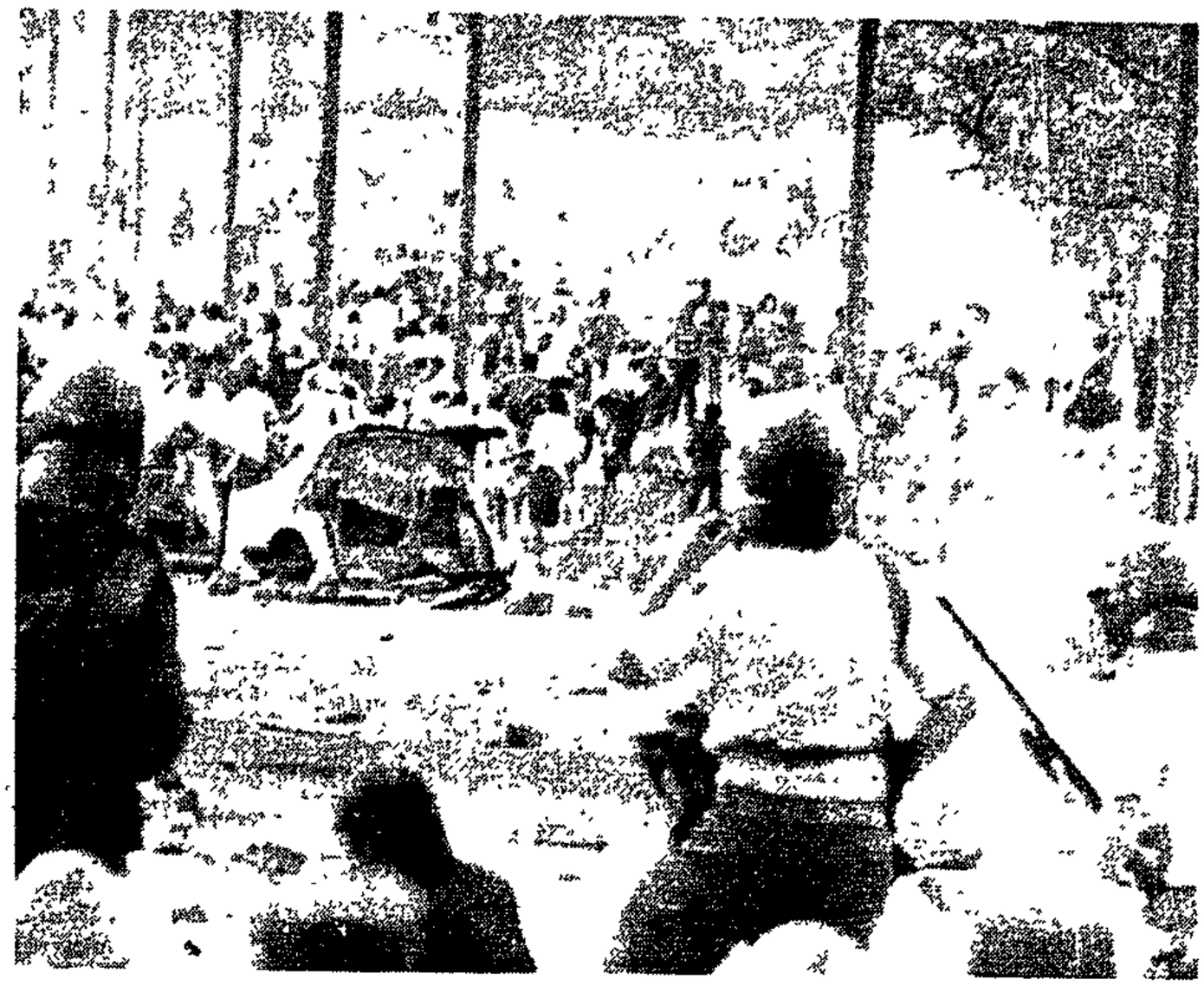
About fifty people were wounded, said Wilson, a large number by birdshot. Many others had bullet wounds.

Those killed on Tuesday night were either members of the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) or the Alexandra Civic Association (ACA), both affiliates of the UDF.

Residents claimed two of the casualties were first shot and then set alight by a mob.

They said the first attacks by the mob, which was brandishing guns and wielding pangas, axes and clubs, took place at about 7.45pm on Tuesday.

They claimed 10 of the 60 houses hit by petrol bombs were razed to the ground.



Under fire in Alex... **Picture: Walter Dhladhla**

SOPHIE TEMA reports the homes of several political activists, including that of Mike Beea, chairman of the Alexandra Civic Association, were gutted.

Yesterday police were seen carrying out a house-to-house raid on homes in Alexandra.

Asked to confirm the allegations that police were involved in the burning of houses in the township, a spokesman for the Police Directorate in Pretoria said: "Investigations are continuing. We have had a number of inquiries.

"We are aware of allegations that police were involved in these incidents and we are investigating that angle."

A white motorist was attacked and stoned by the youths yesterday before being saved by the police

A police report released to Sapa yesterday said:

"Alexandra, near Johannesburg· Two private vehicles were extensively damaged by arsonists. In another incident, the SAP were attacked with a petrol bomb. One black man was fatally wounded."

Late yesterday, groups of people, some

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SA'S TRADE SURPLUS

Police, youths in shoot-out

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singing and dancing, stood around buring tyres in the township, but the area appeared to be without any major incidents.

Soldiers in Defence Force Hippos were randomly shooting teargas into the air.

A police spokesman confirmed that three people were detained early yesterday morning under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act. He said their names would be released when they appeared in court.

Earlier a spokesman for the Alexandra Action Committee said a number of community leaders had been detained. They included John Grant, the vice-chairman of the committee, Maria Mthembu, a committee member, and Obed Bapela of the Alexandra Youth Congress.

Armoured cars patrol township after policeman is shot

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By Rich Mkhondo,
Maud Motanyane and Montsiwa Moroke

Alexandra was in a virtual state of siege yesterday as police in armoured cars patrolled the township.

Police removed barricades in the streets but these were soon replaced by youths who constantly taunted the security forces.

A policeman was allegedly shot by one of the residents and this seemed to anger the police who scoured the township throughout the day.

House-to-house searches were conducted by the police who said they were looking for "comrades".

Police homes and that of the former mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, were heavily guarded.

Some teenagers were chased into a yard and two of them, aged about 15, were apprehended and taken to a Casspir. It was alleged that, later, they were punched and kicked.

The incidents followed a night of terror during which political activists were attacked by what were alleged to be government agents.

Thousands of Alexandra residents, who stayed away from work, attended an impromptu meeting at the local stadium to discuss the events of Tuesday night.

By 10.30 am, at least 10 armoured personnel carriers were parked along Selbourne Avenue and others were stationed on the township fringes.

Scores of police patrolled the streets on foot, dispersing crowds who were returning from the meeting at the stadium.

There was confusion and panic as police in civilian dress jumped out of cars with their firearms at the ready.

Mrs JOHANNA Machaka of Orlando West showing part of her damaged property after her house was attacked yesterday

Mr DAVID Tshabalala and one of his sons, Sethuba . . . their home was petrol-bombed in Diepkloof yesterday

PETROL BOMBS HIT FOUR HOMES

AT LEAST four homes of detained Soweto students and the offices of the Anglican Bishop Suffragan of Johannesburg West were petrol-bombed yesterday by what are believed to be right-wing elements.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate in Pretoria was unable to confirm the incidents and allegations of police

SOWETAN Reporter

involvement yesterday, but said the people should report all allegations at their nearest police stations

In a statement to Sapa the police said there were a number of arson attempts at schools in Sebokeng township

Swoop

The homes affected in Soweto belong to Mr David Tshabalala, Mrs Mary Molete, Mrs Onica Diuthuwileng, all of Zone 4, Diepkloof, and Mrs Johanna Machaka of Orlando West, Soweto

The families claim that their children have been detained by police in connection with school activities during a swoop last week

The Anglican Bishop Suffragan of Johannesburg West, Bishop M S Ndwandwe, told the *Sowetan* that his Klerksdorp church offices were petrol-bombed at 2 30am on Wednesday

He was asleep at the time when he heard an explosion and neighbours came to help There were three petrol bombs, but only one exploded

Claims

"I saw a police vehicle near my church after the incident The police did not come to help nor ask what happened They drove away. I do not know the cause of the attack, but I suspect it has something to do with claims that we are instigators in the township," he said

Mr Tshabalala said he was asleep at 1 30am on Wednesday when an explosive device was thrown into his house He managed to put off the fire He was assisted by neighbours after raising an alarm. Damage was estimated at R2 000

"After the incident I saw a car leaving my house "

Mrs Molete said her children, who were in the house, narrowly escaped death when a bomb exploded She estimated damage at R1 500

Mrs Machaka said two of her rooms caught fire after a petrol bomb was thrown into her house She saw a police vehicle leaving her home after the incident She reported the incident to the Meadowlands police.

Police hunt two men

POLICE have launched an intensive manhunt for two men who were seen at an arms cache buried in a Roodepoort suburb on the West Rand this week, a police directorate spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday.

The spokesman said there were no further developments at this stage, but that investigations were continuing.

The two men were burying arms and explosives in Constantia Ridge on Monday afternoon when they were spotted by a black worker. The worker approached them and they fled.

The cache was only 10 m from the nearest house in the suburb

It contained two anti-vehicle landmines, 10 limpet mines with detonators, three mini-limpet mines, four AKM-47 folding-butt rifles with 20 fully-loaded magazines, two magazines, 10 mini-limpet mine detonators, nine hand-grenades and one sealed tin of hand-grenade detonators. — Sapa.

Hope for SA: N

HARARE — While the picture of South Africa today is bleak with the country on the verge of an explosion, there is tremendous hope that a just and humane society will finally emerge, Dr Beyers Naude, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, has said here.

On a flying visit to Harare to address a semi-

'Trapped' by AK-47s

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Cape Times correspondent SIPHO NGCOBO was under fire in Alexandra in the company of about 100 policemen for about 45 minutes as volley after volley of shots were fired at the police.

I HAD just arrived in Alex, on my way to the stadium where a massive meeting was being held by thousands of residents following the killings of political activists the previous night.

As I reached Selbourne Road, which leads to what used to be Alexandra Stadium, a contingent of armed police were jumping off their armoured personnel carriers A crowd of more than 10 000 residents was moving towards them

Police moved forward with their guns cocked The crowd kept coming.

Then the crowd suddenly stopped and a salvo of gunfire sent the advancing police scattering.

Policemen frantically took cover in little ditches and under the trees amid shouts of "Dit is die AK ... dis die AK"

I dived down behind the car of a foreign television crew. Next to me, also taking cover, was a young policeman, about 22 years of age, his hands thrust on his gun. He was shaking. Looking at my hands, I realized that I was shaking as well

Police returned fire but the crowd stood as if they were glued to the road

One policeman tried to be brave and moved forward. Gunfire rattled, and I heard the policeman yelling. It had caught him in the stomach He moved back, his legs rubbery As he went down, his colleagues helped him and took him away in their emergency vehicle.

From my cramped position I could only see one of those firing from the crowd, a youngster of about 18, armed with an AK-47, who darted from one side of the road to the other, firing intermittent bursts

Journalists arrested

The AK-47 kept rattling. I was trapped Police returned fire, the crowd amazingly not retreating. There were also no apparent injuries

All of a sudden, police told me and other journalists that we were under arrest. As the firing continued, they confiscated film and took six of us to Bramley police station, a short drive from the Alex battlefield

After about 15 minutes at the station, however, a senior policeman told us we were allowed to report on the events at our own risk.

I returned to the scene, to find the large crowd still there, many policemen still taking cover But the firing was over and the gunmen had gone.

Police take cover as youths open fire from the crowd yesterday.

The body of Colin Ntuhla, who was shot and killed on Tuesday night, is removed from his house in Alexandra yesterday.

Township 'war zone'

Policemen under fire

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JOHANNESBURG. — At least one person died and a policeman was seriously wounded as gunmen opened fire on a contingent of 100 policemen in Alexandra yesterday.

Policemen took cover for 45 minutes as youths — some armed with AK-47 rifles — fired volley after volley from a crowd of about 10 000 people

The township resembled a war zone as in a 24-hour period the homes of 10 activists were burned down, allegedly by black policemen, more than 30 cars were destroyed, security forces cordoned off the township and an emergency hospital was set up.

In the confrontation between the crowd and the police, Constable G C Terblanche was shot in the stomach. A hospital spokesman said his condition was "serious but stable"

Sound of gunfire

Late last night residents reported the sound of gunfire and said sections of the township were without electricity.

Just two months ago Alexandra was torn apart as security forces clashed with youths on the streets and more than 20 lives were lost.

Police reported two deaths since Tuesday, but residents put the toll as high as eight.

Dr T Wilson of the Alexandra Clinic confirmed two deaths and said about 50 people had birdshot or gunshot wounds.

Residents said those killed were members of the Alexandra Action Committee or the Alexandra Civic Association, both UDF affiliates They identified one of the dead as Mr Colin Ntuhla.

Residents also claimed that two of the dead were first shot and then set alight by a group accompanied by a police Casspir.

"We have no doubt that those were members of the police revenging the burning of their houses during the recent unrest," an activist said.

Residents said the group was armed with guns, pangas, axes and knob-kieries. Sixty houses were petrol-bombed, 10 of which were razed.

The home of the chairman of the Alexandra Civic Association, Mr Mike Beea, was gutted, and his mother, Mrs Dorothy Beea, was attacked.

She told Sapa that a "group of men wearing balaclavas and white shirts stoned the house. When I tried to go out they said I must go back inside the house as they wanted to talk to me.

"They asked me where the comrades and Mike were. I said I did not know One of them chopped me with a panga on the head. They went inside the house and overturned my bed and TV and set them alight".

Asked to confirm allegations that police were involved in the burning of houses in the township, a spokesman for the Police Directorate in Pretoria said "We are aware of allegations that police were involved in these incidents and we are investigating that angle."

A police spokesman said three people were detained early yesterday morning under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act.

A spokesman for the Alexandra Action Committee said a number of community leaders had been detained. These included the vice-chairman of the committee, Mr John Grant, committee member Miss Maria Mthembu and Alexandra Youth Congress member Mr Obed Bapela.

Meanwhile, white businessmen near Alexandra called for urgent dialogue with Alexandra residents — moderate or radical — as they believed it was imperative for concerned groups to get together as the state and local authorities were not doing enough to solve problems in the area.

SADF always acted lawfully in unrest townships — claim

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Defence Force had at no time acted illegally or unlawfully in the execution of their duties and allegations to the contrary were false.

This was stated in an SADF statement issued with copies of 18 affidavits which form part of an urgent application brought against the police and the SADF by the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation (KRO).

The KRO application, supported by 118 affidavits containing allegations which include the killing of innocent people, assault, damage to property, entering homes without a warrant and harassment and intimidation, was first lodged with the court in February. It relates to events in Kagiso and Munsieville townships on the West Rand.

It was denied that SADF units were under police command.

Oral evidence in the urgent application — brought for relief from alleged wrongful and unlawful acts on the part of the security forces — is due to begin in the Rand Supreme Court today.

In a statement accompanying the affidavits the SADF said copies of all the relevant documents pertaining to the hearing were a matter of public record and could not be dealt with in any depth by the SADF

The statement said only a few of the many allegations listed applied to SADF members and that they had at all times acted legally and lawfully.

An affidavit from Colonel F J van den Berg, officer commanding Group 17 (West Rand and Vaal Triangle), stated that none of the allegations levelled against the SADF in the applicants' affidavits were true.

He directed his replies to the founding affidavit in the case filed by Mr D J Makgotlho of the KRO.

The SADF affidavits contain replies to all the specific and general allegations.

Claims that people were beaten with sjamboks by SADF members could not possibly be true as SADF members did not carry such equipment.

Colonel van den Berg denied that SADF members were involved in the killing of residents, assaults, harassment, damage to property, entering homes without proper authority or disrupting township meetings, funerals or vigils.

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Alex gunmen attack police

● NGCOBO

Reporter SIPHO NGCOBO was under fire in Sandton's Alexandra township for about 45 minutes yesterday as volley after volley rung out from a crowd confronting about 100 policemen.

I HAD just arrived in Alex on my way to the stadium where a mass meeting was being held by thousands of residents after the killings of political activists on Tuesday night.

As I reached Selbourne Road, which leads to what used to be Alexandra Stadium, a contigent of armed police was leaping from armoured carriers. A crowd of more than 10 000 was moving towards them.

Police moved forward with guns ready. The crowd kept coming, apparently fearless.

Then the crowd stopped. A salvo of gunfire from the crowd sent the advancing police scattering for cover.

Police frantically took cover in little ditches and under the trees. I dived, hands first, behind the car of a foreign television crew.

Next to me, also taking cover, was a young policeman, about 22. His hands gripped his gun. He was shaking. I realised I was shaking too.

Police returned the fire, but the crowd stood as if glued to the road.

One policeman moved forward. An AK47 rattled and I heard him yell. He had been shot in the stomach. His colleagues carried him to an emergency vehicle.

From my cramped position I could only see one of those firing from the crowd, a youngster of about 18, armed with an AK47.

The AK47 kept rattling. I was trapped. Police returned fire, the crowd not retreating and there also being no apparent injuries.

Suddenly, police told me and other journalists that we were under arrest. As the firing continued, they confiscated camera film and took six of us to Bramley Police Station.

Later a senior policeman told us we were allowed to report on the events, but only at our own risk.

I returned to Alex to find the large crowd still there and many police still taking cover, but the firing was over and the gunmen had gone.

Police probe attacks in Alexandra

Pontical Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A high-level police investigation has been ordered into allegations that off-duty policemen were involved in attacks on homes and civilians in Alexandra on Tuesday night.

A senior police spokesman said it is not yet known who was involved in the attacks on homes of "comrades" and members of the Alexandra Action Committee.

Police were aware, however, of rumours and allegations that a crowd of moderates — which had apparently taken the law into its own hands — had included a number of off-duty black policemen, he said.

"The police would never sanction anything like this. Any form of violence, no matter from which quarter it comes, cannot be condoned by the police," he said.

Alexandra residents have claimed that the attacks were carried out by members of the police revenging the burning of their houses.

It was claimed that 60 houses were petrol-bombed, 10 of them gutted.

There was no comment from police today on reports that a contingent of 100 policemen were fired at by gunmen using AK-47s during a confrontation with a large crowd in Alexandra yesterday.

P W tells of brutal maiming to frighten moderate blacks

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Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — President P W Botha has told Parliament that "necklace" executions and brutal maiming are being used to intimidate moderate blacks.

He said the victims were people who did not support the violent aims of the African National Congress and the instigators of unrest.

Mr Botha said in the House of Delegates that the "necklace" was no longer regarded as sufficiently effective.

"The latest trend is first to chop off the arms of the victim at the elbows so that he becomes a pathetic example of what happens to those who oppose the will of the so-called liberators," Mr Botha said.

"In this manner, a dreadful fear is instilled into those who prefer to be moderates."

TO GAIN CONTROL

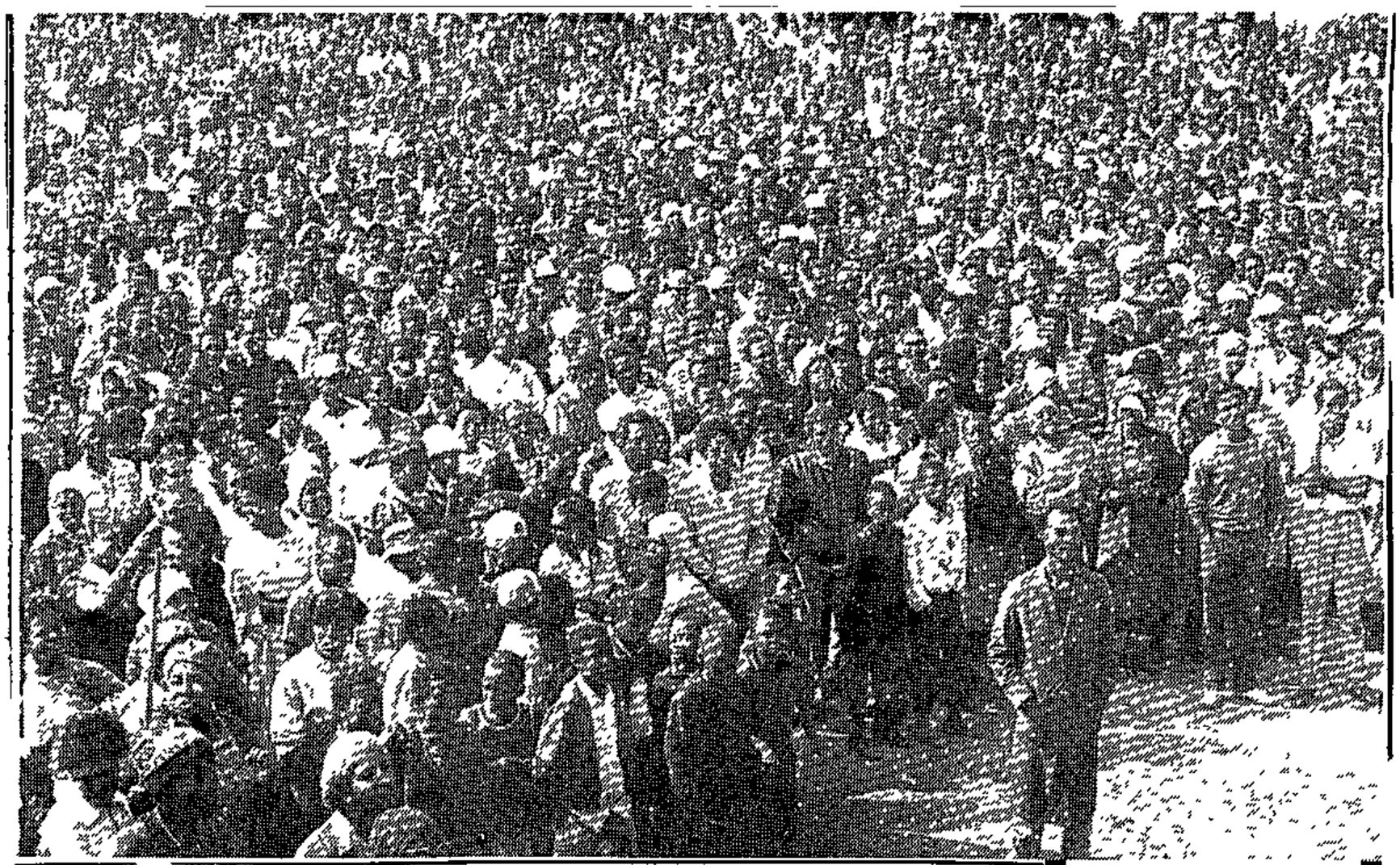
The ANC and its "cohorts" used these methods of terror and extreme violence to intimidate people and, thus, to gain control of the various black population groups.

This corresponded to the "blue-print methods" of other communist-inspired revolutionary groups.

Other forms of intimidation included indiscriminate killing by landmines, limpet mines, car bombs and other explosive devices placed in public places and buried on public and farm roads.

Mr Botha said that, since the lifting of the state of emergency, black-on-black violence had increased alarmingly.

In these circumstances the Government had no choice but to ask Parliament to extend the powers of the police.



'Alex sealed off' after night of violence

Star 24/4/86

MORE than 50 000 residents attended a meeting yesterday morning in the troubled township of Alexandra near Johannesburg after a night of violence in which at least two people died, a spokesman for the Alexandra Action Committee said. Most workers and students stayed at home to attend the meeting, held in the Alexandra Stadium between 9,30 am and 11 am yesterday, where residents resolved to continue their three-day-old consumer and rent boycott and repeated a call for all policemen to leave the township. No incidents of violence during or after the meeting were reported. However, according to the Action Committee spokesman, the township has been sealed off by the army and shots were heard in the vicinity of Fifth Avenue after the meeting. — Sapa.

By Rich Mkhonto,
Maud Motanyane and Montshiwa Moroke

About 45 000 Alexandra residents, who flocked to the local stadium after violence flared in the area on Tuesday night, unanimously blamed Government agents for the attacks on the homes of the activists.

Residents resolved to form "self-defence units to protect ourselves from the agents of the system". They vowed that by last night, the defence units would be in operation.

Angry residents said "what happened on Tuesday night was not black-on-black violence, but supporters of the system parading as comrades killing our people".

Thousands of residents stayed away from work following a night of violence when "mobs of balaclava-clad men", went on a witch-hunt of activists.

Scores injured

The men, who allegedly disguised themselves as activists and used liberation rhetoric, fire-bombed homes of activists and attacked their families using an assortment of weapons.

Three people have been confirmed dead but residents claimed at least eight could have died during the attack which lasted four hours. Scores of people were injured during the attack and about 60 are believed to have been treated at the local clinic.

Ironically the incident came hours after the resignation of the controversial Alexandra mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, and only two days after a consumer boycott had been launched.

Prominent Alexandra civic leaders, who were at a meeting at the time of the attack, narrowly escaped death when the mob arrived at their homes.

Spent cartridges and full magazines were found in the yard in which a prominent leader of the 650 000-strong Congress of South African Trade Unions, Mr Moses Mayekiso, lives. Several dwellings on the property were hit.

The chairman of the Alexandra Crisis Committee, Mr Linda Twala, said he was visiting a friend and on his way home he saw houses being attacked.

He said. "I stopped and identified the attackers. When I arrived home I found my home had been attacked and my 11-year-old daughter injured.

"Neighbours positively identified the people responsible This morning police came to my house and asked me what happened. I told them their people were responsible and they did not have to ask me that. They asked me which people and I told them that I did not want to continue the conversation because all was said and

Police disembark from their vehicle to remove a makeshift road block in Alexandra yesterday.

3. Provident Fund
Coverage : --
Worker Contribution : --
Employer Contribution : --

5. Leave Fund
Coverage : All
Worker Contribution : Yes
Employer Contribution : Yes
Annual leave covered : 15

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Angry Alex residents form self-defence units after activists' homes attacked

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Wounded clerk tells of Kabokweni shootings

Lowveld Bureau

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A man wounded by birdshot last month showed his scarred legs yesterday to the chairman of a commission of inquiry into the Kabokweni shootings.

Mr Jabulani Masina (30) was giving evidence at a commission of inquiry into the shooting of people by the South African Police or other persons at the Kabokweni Magistrate's Court on March 11, where people were killed and injured.

GATE LOCKED

Mr Masina, a clerk at the Kabokweni Magistrate's offices, pointed out 25 birdshot scars on his left leg and 15 on his right knee. His knee is still swollen and painful and some birdshot has not been removed.

Mr Masina said he was on duty at about 10am when he noticed about 2 000 youths walking toward the court buildings.

The yard gate was locked and he saw a man, whom he later heard was advocate Mr Laurence Tonkin, walk towards the fence.

He said: "It appeared Mr Tonkin wanted to make peace".

Shortly afterwards youths pushed the fence over and entered the courtyard.

While they milled around the grounds singing and dancing, three police vehicles crashed through the entrance gates. Armed with shotguns, they moved towards the crowd.

Mr Masina, who had been standing near the fence adjoining the testing grounds, said he did not hear the police speak among themselves or to other people.

After the police opened fire, he ran from the fence towards the back of the building.

Another witness, Mr Dumisani Thwala, employed by the registration and motor vehicle section, said he heard a large crowd shouting: "Open the gate, open the gate."

He said: "I became afraid when the youths' mood changed once the police had moved in".

After the first shot had been fired, he tried to get into his office, but the doors were locked.

FIRED TWO SHOTS

He then watched as a policeman fired two shots at a fleeing pupil, he said.

Mr Ismail Mhlanga, also a clerk at the magistrate's offices, told the commission he saw a workman on a ladder being shot.

The commission of inquiry is being chaired by Durban advocate, Mr G O van Niekerk, and the appointed members are MrG M Pitje and Mr C Sibande.

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Dogs bred to beat crime

Own Correspondent

TZANEEN — A new type of guard dog is being bred by an ex-Zimbawean who has established a security organisation near Ofcolaco in the Trichardsdal district near Tzaneen.

Mr Ron Selley's Ofcolaco Farm Services Association offers security and protection to farmers, and anyone who might require it, in an area when the theft bill tops R3 million a year.

Mr Selley has a long history of combating poaching, first as a member of the Nature Conservation Department in Zimbabwe and then as a nature conservation officer with the Department of Co-operation and Development in the Eastern Transvaal.

After leaving the service, he started his security dog business near Ofcolaco where he has 85 dogs plus their guards who are trained to military standards.

He has bred into his German Shepherd dogs a percentage of pure Timberwolf blood. This is said to make an ideal combination. In the wolf pack only the strongest and most intelligent survive, hence this cross produces outstanding qualities.

The imported wolves, crossed with the German Shepherd dog, produce animals that are physically strong, loyal and obedient, while remaining vicious to strangers. The nature and breeding of his dogs is claimed to be the essential difference between Mr Selly's and other security organisations.

Each dog is allocated a specially-trained handler who remains with it throughout its life. The military-like training which they receive as a unit, aims to ensure a perfect partnership between man and dog — essential for security work.

The handler/dog teams are allocated to a farm, or wherever needed, for a period of five days, after which they are replaced by another team The five-day period ensures the dogs and handlers do not become familiar with anyone in the area.

Since Mr Selley's unit has become operational, a drastic reduction in stock and crop thefts has become evident.

The Letaba area has always been described as South Africa's winter storehouse, but this "storehouse" has had to write off between 10 and 15 percent of its annual crops due to theft.

'Rambo killer' is necklaced

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A man who was known as "Rambo" and who was alleged to have killed a number of people including schoolchildren, was "necklaced" early today in Soweto.

He was Mr Simon Makhusha Maseko (22) of 392A Zone Six, Meadowlands.

According to eyewitnesses, a group of youths was heard singing near his home at about 4 am. They were carrying "Rambo" trussed up in a blanket.

His neighbours said he had already been injured. They were not sure whether at that stage he was dead.

The youths took "Rambo" to a patch of veld where they "necklaced" him, burning him to death with a tyre.

This morning crowds flocked to the scene.

Another shot dead in tense, but quiet, Alex

Star 24/4/86 (278)

By Rich Mkhondo

An alleged petrol-bomber was shot dead in Alexandra township last night bringing the official death toll to three and the unofficial toll to nine.

Residents said a man was shot in Third Avenue last night and police had accused him of being a "petrol-bomb manufacturer". Residents denied the allegation.

They also said there were sounds of gunfire last night, but the situation had quietened by about midnight.

Police confirmed they were investigating allegations that policemen parading as "comrades" were responsible for Tuesday night's violence.

Today residents flocked back to work and pupils returned to school after the two days of violence. Troops were seen removing barricades in the streets.

The township was quiet but tense and members of the security forces kept a low profile.

They were still guarding factories near the township, however.

Business was back to normal at all shops closed yesterday.

Police have released the name of the policeman who was shot in Alexandra yesterday.

A police spokesman said Constabl G C Terblanche was hit in the stomach when a shot was fired from amongst a large crowd which had gathered in Selborne Avenue and he was in a serious condition.

The spokesman also said three people were detained early this morning in Alexandra under section 50 of the Internal Security Act. He said their names would be released when they appeared in court.

Earlier, a spokesman for the Alexandra Action Committee said a number of community leaders had been detained. These include Mr John Grant, the vice-chairman of the committee, Miss Maria Mthembu, a member of the committee and Mr Obed Bapela of the Alexandra Youth Congress (Ayco).

Last night Alexandra was quiet but very tense and streets were empty.

Selbourne Avenue, the township's main street, which youths had barricaded during the day, was deserted. Wrecked cars were still there and smoke, apparently from smouldering tyres was still in the air.

Families had apparently locked themselves in their homes and many homes were in darkness.

Members of the security forces travelling in a Casspir while on patrol in the streets of the trouble-torn Alexandra township yesterday. The township was quiet but tense last night after the Tuesday night's violence.

Residents allege police attacked grim 'people's court'

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By Don Holliday

The violence in Alexandra erupted when an attack was launched on a people's court" on Tuesday night, residents have claimed.

They allege the attack was carried out by policemen. The police say they are aware of the allegations and are examining them.

Yesterday they showed reporters the corrugated-iron shanty adjoining a brick house which police said formed the people's court

A rickety table served as the presiding officer's desk, a small, sharpened wrought-iron pick was the judge's gavel.

On the wall hung two motor car tyres, painted red and white - reminders of the awful "necklace" death which awaited collaborators with "the system".

The "sentences" meted out ranged from beatings to death, sometimes by burning

Two vehicles had been burnt out in the street in front of the court

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Deaths: Soldiers in court

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Four members of the South African Defence Force appeared in the Lulekani Magistrate's Court again in connection with six charges of murder, six of attempted murder, and several charges of theft.

Mr Lazarus Nyathi, 27, Mr James Reeves, 26, Mr Anderson Mack, 26, and Mr Altinios Gondoh, 38, were not asked to plead yesterday and the case was postponed to May 14.

Applications for bail were refused by the magistrate, who, however, indicated that future applications would be considered on merit.

The case arises from an incident on March 28 when a hand grenade was hurled into a group of people outside a shebeen in the Lulekani township. Five people were killed and 13 injured, including several unnamed members of the SADF.

A sixth man died later from injuries received in the blast.

The four men are all members of the Schiettoch Reconnaisance Corps of the SADF at Phalaborwa.

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Third man dies as dust settles in Alex

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — An alleged petrol-bomber was shot dead in Alexandra, bringing the official death toll to three and the unofficial to nine.

Residents said a man accused by police of being a "petrol bomb manufacturer" was shot. Residents denied this.

Last night Alexandra was quiet but very tense. Residents said there were sounds of gunfire, but the situation quietened by midnight.

Police released the name of the officer wounded yesterday. Constable G C Terblanche was hit in the stomach when a shot was fired from a large crowd which had gathered in Selborne Avenue. He is still in a "serious condition".

DARKNESS

Police confirmed that they were investigating allegations that policemen parading as "comrades" were responsible for Tuesday night's violence.

Selbourne Avenue, the township's main street, which youths had barricaded during the day, was deserted.

Wrecked cars were still there and smoke, apparently from smouldering tyres, hung in the air.

Families apparently locked themselves in their homes in view of the previous night's violence. Many homes were in darkness. Not even the sound of music could be heard.

Police suspected an AK47 rifle was used in the shooting of Constable Terblanche. This was being investigated.

First reports said the shot came from a crowd ranging from 7 000, by police estimates, to 45 000 by residents. They marched from the Alexandra Stadium towards the Wynberg police station on the outskirts of the township.

The police spokesman confirmed that three people were detained under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act. He did not give their names.

Earlier a spokesman for the Alexandra Action Committee said a number of community leaders had been detained. They include Mr John Grant, vice-chairman of the committee, Miss Maria Mthembu, a committee member, and Mr Obed Bapela of the Alexandra Youth Congress.

Today residents flocked back to work and pupils returned to school after the two days of violence.

Troops were seen removing barricades in the streets, but they were keeping a low profile.

Factories near the township were still under guard by members of the forces.

Most of the shops which were closed yesterday opened for business today.

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Only birds sing in the village of burnt bodies

SOPHIE TEMA

ONLY the calls of turtle doves and the songs of bright multi-coloured birds were echoing from the mountains surrounding the Ga-Nkoana and Nchabeleng villages, where the charred bodies of at least 32 people who were burnt alive — all necklace killings — were discovered this week.

The hundreds of youths who had turned the mountains into their habitation were now all in the hands of the Lebowa police, held as suspects in the most vicious and gruesome killings recorded in the history of the homeland.

A village resident described the agonising screams of men and women pleading for mercy as they lay dying under the burning tyres.

Residents said most of those killed were accused by the youths of practising witchcraft. Other killings are believed to have been politically-related.

On Tuesday, 67 of the youths appeared in the Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court in connection with the killings while about 150 others — aged between 15 and 21 — had gathered at the royal kraal of Chief M Phasha, waiting to be picked up by the police for questioning.

Relatives of the burnt victims have gone into hiding, fearing for their own lives after youths had threatened to come back and "get even" with them as well.

At Apel — the home of Peter Nchabeleng, president of the Northern Transvaal region of the United Democratic Front, who died in detention at the weekend, parents have been instructed to take their children to the Schoonoord police for questioning today.

Meanwhile, police are continuing their investigations and conducting extensive raids in the villages where many of the charred bodies were found in the dongas along the mountains, shallow graves and in bushes.

Some of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

Lebowa Police spokesman Colonel P Moloto confirmed that police investigations suggested the deaths were related to witchcraft.

He said: "Youths are being used in these witchcraft killings. It used to be the old people, but now youths are being used. Politics is involved, though."

● NCHABELENG

On the other hand, many other residents said: "It is time these people who ride on brooms and fly over other people's roofs at night are eradicated."

But for those who lost their dear ones, it remains a painful and dreadful experience.

Gertrude Nchabeleng, shares the grief of those who lost their friends and relatives when youths went on the rampage setting men and women — young and old — alight using car tyres doused with petrol.

Nchabeleng, who this week told how her husband was picked up by police at midnight from their home in Apel, said: "My husband saved a family from being burnt by the youths before his detention.

"I am now living in fear of my life and that of my children because some people in the area believe my husband had links and influence over the youths — some of them now in detention. Meanwhile he had tried his best to show them the right way.

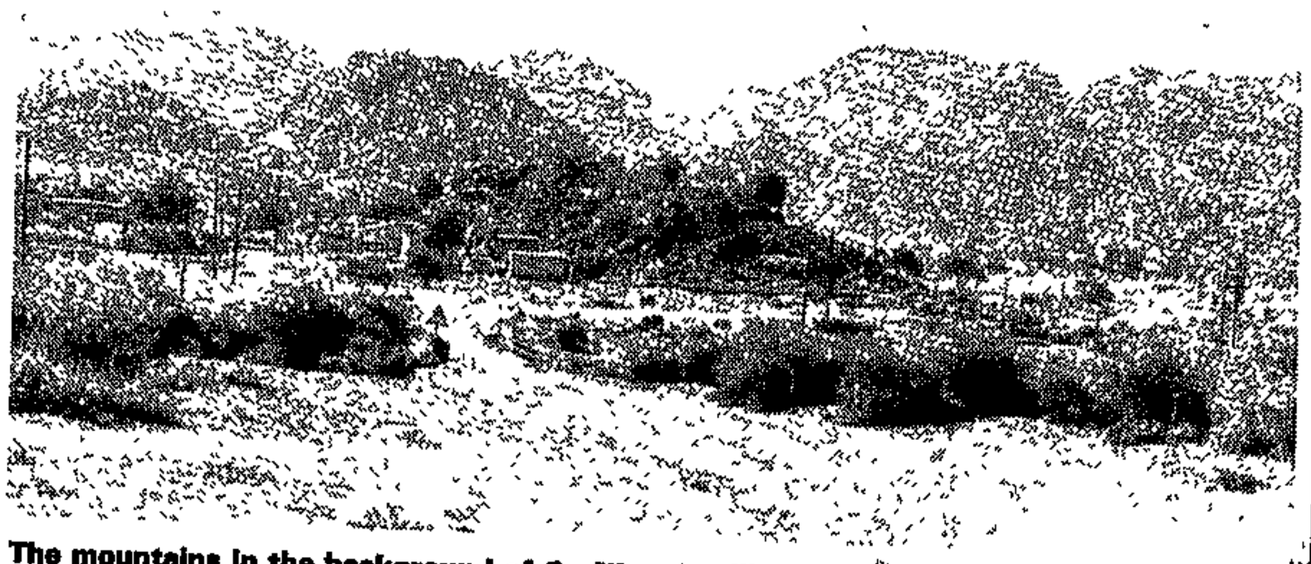
"He was a man of peace and would never have encouraged the type of killings that took place in the villages in the past two weeks.

"He did not believe in the power of witchcraft and always said nobody can cast a bad spell over another and get it to work.

"Before his detention my husband was making arrangements with the chief of our village to call a residents' meeting to protest against the killings."

A spokesman at the kraal of Chief Phasha, said: "We came to this area in 1902 and have never had an experience as tragic as this in our village.

"The killings took place in broad-daylight covering the mountains with thick and heavy black smoke and the air was filled with petrol fumes."



The mountains in the background of Ga-Nkoana village where bodies were found. Picture. Walter Dlhadlha

Boycott goes on

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IN the midst of widespread violence in Alexandra, the local consumer boycott continues unabated. W. Mail

Shopkeepers in the township and on its outskirts said they "were starting to feel the pinch" of the campaign.

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Tens of thousands of residents who met at the local stadium to discuss the violence said they were to intensify the boycott "because the very same people who were aiding the state in its repression were responsible for the attacks".

Residents alleged some shopkeepers took part in this week's attacks on activists' homes. Shopkeepers refused to comment on the allegations.

At the stadium, Alex residents chanted "Asithengi edolobheni" (We don't buy in town.) No time limit has been set for the boycott. Several shops in the township itself have been targeted because the owners are said to be "councillors and other collaborators with the system".

Necklace mass murders: The real story

In the first explanation of what lay behind the 32 "necklaced" bodies found in Lebowa earlier this month, SEFAKO NYAKA describes the fear that has set against one another the villagers of Apel and GaPhasha in the Northern Transvaal.

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GANGS of rebellious youths, and not "comrades", were responsible for the deaths of the 32 "witches" found buried in the rocky slopes of the Sekhukhune mountains earlier this month.

The deaths apparently occurred because the gangs of youths felt the "witches" were standing in the way of unity in the community.

According to residents of the area, "comrades" from the Sekhukhuneland Youth Congress tried to prevent the killings.

"There had been problems in trying to forge unity and close co-operation amongst the villagers (in the twin villages of Apel and GaPhasha)," an area student leader, who asked not to be named, said this week.

"There were some villagers who felt they could not work in the same structures as, maybe, their neighbours, whom they accused of being witches.

"Generally there were fears that witches would use public meetings as places to select targets for their nocturnal exploits.

"There was also the fear that witches were capable of casting their spells on the place where their selected victims would have sat during a meeting. This made some people wary of attending public meetings.

"A programme of re-education was introduced whereby the myth of witchcraft would be gradually exposed and wiped out of the minds of some villagers. But obviously this would have taken time. Some thugs thought they could do it their way.

"This apparently led to the 'sniffing out' and elimination of witches from the villages, so that unity could be forged without some villagers fearing to sit in the same chair as a witch."

When the first victims of the witch-hunt were eliminated at the beginning of April, "comrades" who are members of the Sekhukhune Youth Congress (Seyco) tried to intervene.

Their task was made difficult by the fact that the gangs of youths would flee into the night when approached by members of Seyco or other "comrades".

On the night United Democratic Front Northern Transvaal president Peter Nchabeleng was picked up by police from his home, he had been called to intervene in a witch-hunt case.

A couple from GaPhasha had arrived at the Nchabeleng home saying they were fleeing from people who wanted to burn the woman, a nursing sister at Jane Furse Hospital, because she had been "sniffed out" as a witch.

According to his Nchabeleng's wife, Nchabeleng sent a few youths to call the youths who were chasing the couple, Mr and Mrs John Phasha.

When the youths, who were all members of Seyco, approached the the youths, they fled.

The gang regrouped, and Nchabeleng went out to confront them personally; but when he approached, they fled again, into the night.

This week, Lebowa police instructed Chief Richard Moloke Nchabeleng of Apel to tell all parents to bring their children to his kraal — where boys and girls who had not fled to the mountains were loaded into four small vans and one big police truck.

According to the chief, police said they would bring the children back after questioning them at the Sekhukhune Police Station about 50 kilometres away.

At the police station children — some as young as seven — were made to sleep in police vans in the courtyard. Those released were not provided with transport and had to walk back to the village.

Sekhukhune police are holding the woman who "sniffed out" the witches.

Before taking her away they made her perform some of her rituals at Chief Nchabeleng's kraal.

She darkened the room by hanging blankets over the windows and promised the police, the chief and his councillors that after drinking a prepared herbal concoction they would be able to "see the witches" on the wall of the darkened room.

"I refused to drink the concoction, but those who did claim they saw nothing on the wall," Chief Nchabeleng said.

Fear and suspicion still stalk the remote Lebowa settlement of Apel and GaPhasha: suspicion that any stranger is a police plant posing as a journalist; and fear that the omnipresent "comrades", who are presently hiding in the rocky slopes of the Sekhukhune mountains, are seeing and hearing everything a villager says to a stranger.

There is also the fear of the ever-present police who, say villagers, have warned them not to talk to the press unless it is to tell strangers that the villagers were killed by "comrades".

There are no boys in these poverty-stricken villages — they have all fled to the mountains.

And those who could not make the hasty retreat in time are in detention, accused of murder.

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Necklace death 'not ordered' by by Alex 'court'

JOHANNESBURG. — Alexandra residents have denied that sentences of death by "necklace" have been passed by a "people's court" in the township.

In the latest upheaval in Alexandra on Tuesday night the "court" was the first to be attacked by a group of men whom residents claim were policemen parading as members of activist organisations.

Residents said the "court" dealt with domestic affairs.

The chairman of the local civic association, Mr Mike Beea said the "court" was formed after February's six days of violence to assist the deceased, people missing their next-of-kin and other matters related to the people of Alexandra.

He denied allegations that the "court" was established for sinister purposes.

Set alight

In Alexandra violence this week at least seven cars, three of them almost new, were set alight and destroyed by the men when they were found parked outside the "court", which was in session.

Residents said the "people's court" function was to solve family disputes amicably "and nobody was ever sentenced to death by necklace (a burning tyre)."

Replying to allegations that the "court" was where "Young Comrades" planned attacks on "collaborators of the system" and self-made judges sentenced people to death with a necklace, a resident said:

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BUSIN

Alex calm after violence

SIPHO NGCOBO

ALEXANDRA, just north of Johannesburg, was calm yesterday after violence on Tuesday and Wednesday left at least three people dead and many injured, and houses either petrol-bombed or gutted.

In the wake of the unrest, and after allegations of police violence against activists in Alexandra, the United Democratic Front (UDF) has called for the formation of "street defence committees".

Among those killed on Tuesday night — residents allege by disguised members of the police — were activists of the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) and the Alexandra Civic Association (ACA), Ace Mashao and Colin Ntuhla.

The injured included police constable G C Terblanche, who was shot with an AK47 assault rifle on Wednesday.

A police spokesman described his condition as "serious but stable".

Meanwhile, police and soldiers in armoured personnel carriers patrolled the township, while others camped at the stadium where local residents normally hold meetings.

The roads were still barricaded yesterday with cement pipes, tree trunks, rocks and car wrecks.

☐ Sapa reports that two elderly women, alleged to be witches, were doused with

World Gold meeting returns to London

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● STALS

THE World Gold Conference, organised by the *Financial Times*, returns to London from June 18-19 for the first time in 10 years.

SA Director-General of Finance Chris Stals will deliver the keynote address.

More than 200 bankers, mining-house executives and other specialists will be analysing and forecasting the precious metal's future role in the international economy.

Delegates from North America, Europe, Middle and Far East, SA and Australia will hear addresses on gold supply and markets, as well as the political and economic aspects of the business. They will meet under the chairmanship of Robert Guy, a director of merchant bankers N Rothschild and Sons.

Other prominent personalities from the world's gold-producing countries will include the MD of Mase-Westpac in Australia, Warren Magi, and assistant GM of the Chamber of Mines of SA, Tom Main.

The consultant to Consolidated Gold Fields on the Middle East, Far Eastern and South American markets, Timothy Green, will assess the gold outlook.

Among other speakers are the gold specialist at James Capel and Company, Julian Baring, who will talk on gold shares, and the senior partner of Brian Marber and Company, Brian Marber, who will give a five-year forecast. — Sapa.

Reverend Deon Louw, of the Reformed Church, marrow cancer

Clerk tells of court shooting

'Police fired on fleeing pupils at kaBokweni'

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Lowveld Bureau

A policeman fired birdshot at a fleeing pupil from less than 5 m, a magistrate's office clerk yesterday told the commission of inquiry into the March 11 shooting at the kaBokweni Magistrate's Court.

Mr Sipho Nkosi said about 2 000 pupils had entered the courtyard. Some of the youths shook hands with the magistrate and the crowd started singing freedom songs.

Shortly afterwards two police vehicles arrived and about 10 policemen tried to separate the pupils and prevent more from entering.

Mr Nkosi said a third police vehicle arrived and a man, wearing a safari suit, got out and fired a shot.

Afraid of being shot

Several shots followed and he saw a youth running towards his office.

Mr Nkosi said: "He was followed by a uniformed policeman who, 4 to 5 m away, fired at him. The boy fell when he was hit".

Afraid of being shot, Mr Nkosi ran into a nearby office and escaped through a back window. A girl followed him.

As they ran through an adjoining passage a policeman, about 10 m away, fired as they approached, he claimed.

The girl fell as birdshot hit her legs.

Mr Nkosi and helpers were taking wounded people to the Themba Hospital when he heard shots.

On an embankment about 500 m from the hospital he saw police fire at youths running towards the township and into the bush, he told the inquiry.

A Khutsaleni School pupil, Mr Moses Dube (19), said he and his fellow "comrades" arrived at the magistrate's court shortly after 9 am.

He said it had been suggested by the Ngodini youth chairman they attend the hearing of fellow students.

After the crowd had pushed down the courtyard fence Johannesburg advocate Mr Laurence Tonkin, who was to have represented youths appearing on public violence charges, called on six boys to act as leaders and speak to him.

The police, through Mr Tonkin, asked youths to throw away the sticks they were carrying. The youths in return requested the police to put away their guns.

This was done.

Mr Tonkin and the six youths moved away and the crowd started singing and giving the black power salute.

The police returned to their vehicles, grabbed their guns and a shot was fired.

The commission of inquiry continues today. The inquiry was appointed by the kaNgwane Cabinet. Advocate Mr G O van Niekerk, of Durban, is chairman and the appointed members are Mr G M Pitje, of Johannesburg, and C Sibande, of Wattville.

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BUSDAY 25/4/86 (278)

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2 'witches' set alight

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PRETORIA. — Two elderly "witches" were doused with petrol and set alight in Winterveld, Bophuthatswana, last week, police said yesterday.

Meanwhile, police allegedly used teargas in Atteridgeville on Wednesday night to disperse a group of people who were throwing rocks on to the roof of the home of a policeman, Constable Benjamin Masinga, killed there last week.

A Police Public Relations Directorate spokesman said in Pretoria yesterday that there were no records.

A youth had been arrested in connection with his death. — Sapa

Anglican bishop arrested

ARGUS 25/4/86

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Anglican Bishop Suffragan of the West Rand, Bishop Sigisbert Ndwandwe, has been arrested at his Klerksdorp home, a day after petrol bombs were thrown at his office.

A police spokesman said the bishop was being held in terms of Section 50 of the Internal Security Act.

Anglican Archbishop-elect Desmond Tutu said the police told him the bishop was arrested last night and would face charges of public violence.

"He is such a caring man. It is one of the most ridiculous things I have come across," he said.

MISSION HOUSE

Bishop Ndandwe's wife Dorcas said the same policemen visited them on Wednesday night in connection with the bombing of the office in the mission house.

Two other homes in Klerksdorp's Jouberton township were petrol-bombed on Wednesday about the time that the mission house was hit.

They belong to the president of the Joubertina Youth Congress, Mr Ivan Maqayiya, and his vice-president, Mr Matlakala Motidi.

Balaclava-clad marauders were policemen, claim several attack victims

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Alexandra families tell tales of horror

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By Maud Motanyane

Jizabelle Grant pushed her seven children through a low, she and her husband scrambled after them and · home burst into flames.

th a year-old baby on her back, a 14-year-old handicapped son tive other children in tow, the 36-year-old mother ran through ark and dingy streets of Alexandra Township.

e jumped high fences and ditches to seek refuge with her ıbours.

Her husband John stayed behind, watching their home and car being razed.

The marauding gang of men responsible for the attack did not pursue Mrs Grant. They continued on their path of destruction, burning and destroying several homes of Alexandra civic leaders on Tuesday night.

Earlier in the night, Mrs Grant had watched through her window as the balaclava-clad men destroyed the home of Mrs Sarah Mthembu, an executive member of the Alexandra Action Committee.

She said: "They were shooting and throwing stones and I did not suspect my house would be the next target."

She said police arrested Mr Grant the next morning.

Fourteen people are believed to have died and several were injured Two deaths have been confirmed by police. About eight homes were destroyed during the attacks.

Yesterday the victims of the Alexandra attacks emerged to tell their stories of horror at a Press conference called by the Alexandra Civic Association.

Several victims claimed their attackers were members of the South African Police. Mrs Grant said although the men hid their faces with balaclavas and scarves, she was convinced they were policemen.

Mr Tex Zwane, whose home was also attacked, said he recognised some of the men "but I am afraid to name them for fear something might happen to me"

Mr Zwane said he saw a police Land-Rover parked a street away from his house which was being attacked

He said: "I wanted to run to them for help but I was afraid the men in the street would catch me. At the same time I was suprised the police did not come to see for themselves what was happening".

The chairman of the Alexandra Civic Assocition, Mr Mike Beea, whose home was also attacked, and whose wife, elderly mother and children were assaulted said: "The black police are hired to kill their own nation".

Mrs Audrey Coleman, of the Detainees' Parents Support Committee, said. "What struck me was the cynical and brutal manner in which the attacks were conducted. Children were attacked in both Mr Beea and Mr Zwane's homes".

● *The Star* yesterday reported that a high-level police investigation has been ordered into allegations that off-duty policemen were involved in the attacks

'eople's court' not to blame for deaths — residents

By Rich Mkhondo

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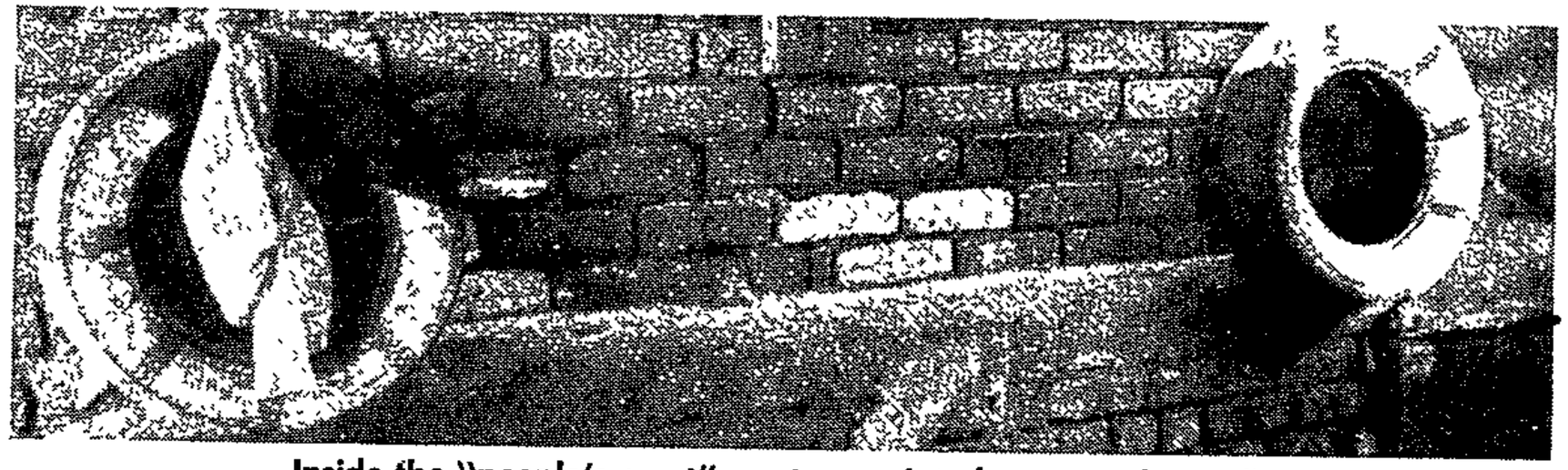

Inside the "people's court" . . . two painted tyres on the wall.

Mr John Grant, whose house was fire-bombed, has been detained and Mr Moses Mayekiso, his deputy was said to be "somewhere in the township".

Residents said the function of the court was to solve family disputes amicably "and nobody was ever sentenced to death by "necklace" (a burning tyre).

They said the painted tyres hanging on the wall in the court were "just decoration" and not tyres ready for someone found guilty".

Replying to allegations that the court was where "young comrades" planned attacks on collaborators of the system and self-made judges sentenced people to death, a resident said: "A popular belief, deeply rooted in our society is that some problems in our townships are beyond the white man's law Only the people's court, guided by senior citizens, are competent to sit in trials.

"Typical examples of such trials are marital problems, cases of people failing to maintain their children, accommodation problems and most important the control of crime prevention units which routinely patrolled the township.

"We do not understand why some white men's laws should be applied in what are purely domestic affairs."

Another resident said: "Township folk want to deal with those problems themselves without involving the foreign white man's laws.

"We reject outright that failure to solve the problems could land one in a bonfire made of used tyres."

A resident who was helped at the people's court said: "I left my family for another woman. My wife reported me to the court. Because of the advice I got there, I returned to my original home."

Another resident said: "There was friction brought by acute overcrowding at my home.

"People at the people's court solved the problem amicably."

Most residents did not want to discuss details of the problems they had before they visited or were brought to the court.

They all, however, denied they were ever threatened with death.

RAMBO

MEADOWLANDS policemen sift through the charred remains of a man suspected to be Mr Simon Maseko, the notorious Soweto's Rambo.
PIC MOFFAT ZUNGU

SLAIN

'Comrades' corner him at hideout

A MAN believed to be Soweto's notorious "Rambo" — who allegedly murdered three people and injured several others in a one-man reign of terror a few weeks ago — was burnt beyond recognition when a gang of youths went on the rampage in Meadowlands early yesterday morning.

The Meadowlands "comrades", who had apparently received a tip-off of "Rambo's" whereabouts since his disappearance from home several days ago, ambushed him at his hideout at 4am yesterday.

He was overpowered, doused with petrol and set alight.

Although police were still battling to establish the identity of the dead man yesterday, they have a strong suspicion that he is the man nicknamed after a Sylvester Stallone film.

They also have, for the first time since the reign of terror, released his real name — Simon Maseko (22).

Schooling came to a standstill in Meadowlands yesterday as thousands of pupils marched to other schools in Soweto, seemingly to inform them of their "kill".

"Rambo" went on the rampage after his home was petrol-bombed by youths returning from the funeral of Martin Maswanganyi, who was allegedly necklaced by "Rambo"

"Rambo", together with four youths, started attacking people indiscriminately — leaving behind them a trail of death and agony.

People who had encounters with him said he was merciless, cold and boasted of his superhuman powers.

Brigadier James Beeslaar, Divisional Criminal Investigation Officer of the Soweto Police, confirmed yesterday that a man was burnt to death in Meadowlands.

No one has been arrested and police investigations are continuing, he said.

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Consumer boycott continues

JOHANNESBURG. — Residents of Alexandra returned to work yesterday but continued to boycott stores and businesses owned by whites.

Police reported no serious overnight incidents in the township where nine people reportedly died in 24 hours of violence on Tuesday and Wednesday and a policeman was seriously wounded by gunfire from an angry crowd.

A senior police official in Cape Town said an investigation had been opened into allegations that black policemen were involved in several of the attacks on homes in the township.

"The police would never sanction anything like this, no matter which quarter it comes from," he said.

Colonel Vic Haynes, a police spokesman in Pretoria, said results of the investigation would be made public in a court hearing if developments warranted a trial.

Meanwhile, the United Democratic Front yesterday called for the formation of "street defence committees" following the allegations of police violence against activists in Alexandra.

"The time has come to defend ourselves," UDF spokesman Mr Samson Ndou said at a press conference here. — Sapa and UPI

Black policeman is hacked to death by Soweto mob

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Staff Reporters

A black police sergeant was hacked to death yesterday after a mob of about 400 people armed with weapons ranging from pangas to axes surrounded his car in Soweto.

The policeman, attached to the Soweto police, was trapped in his car as the mob attacked.

This was one of several violent outbreaks in the sprawling black township.

Witnesses said the home of at least one other policeman was set alight and a number of Putco buses damaged by stone throwers and arsonists.

It now appears certain that students will no longer receive any co-operation from Putco.

A Putco spokesman said the company had provided 12 buses after student representatives requested transport to carry them to Protea Magistrate's Court to attend the trial of 15 fellow students.

The appearance of the 15 was the sequel to the death of a black policeman in Diepkloof last week.

By late yesterday, parts of the township were still tense as police and members of the South African Defence Force patrolled the streets.

In another incident, a team from *The Star*, including a driver, photographer and reporter were left without transport after a company car was hijacked. It was later recovered with a flat tyre and without the battery, spare wheel and ignition keys.

The driver was told it was a "target" since it belonged to a white company

Youths drove away with the photographer, but later ordered him out.

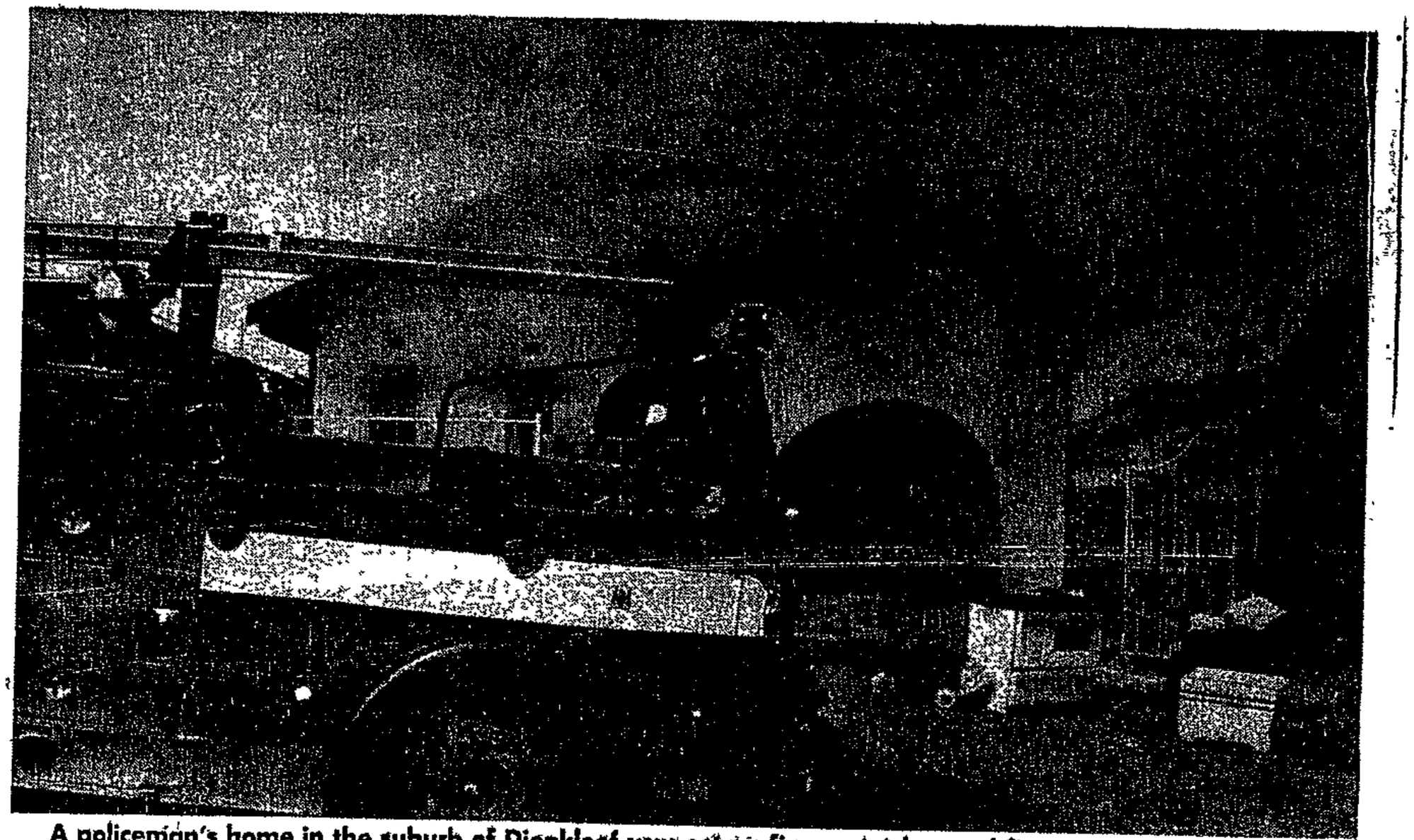
Witnesses in Alexandra township, scene of bloody clashes in the past few days, said residents were building what they called "tank traps" on several of the main dirt roads.

"They are digging holes in the roads and camouflaging them with tarpaulins in the hope that some of the armoured police vehicles will drive into them," a witness said. "It's not just teenagers doing it. Everyone seems to be involved, as if it were some kind of community project."

The Alexandra boycott of white-owned and selected black shops skirting the township is biting deep.

Initiated on April 21, and to continue "indefinitely", the boycott includes an embargo on the sale and reading of two major Reef newspapers, and a call for "non-participation" in services linked to the authorities.

Particularly hard-hit are Portuguese cafe and shopowners, singled out by the Alexandra Consumer Boycott Committee for allegedly "maltreating their workers and customers".



A policeman's home in the suburb of Diepkloof was set on fire yesterday and firemen were soon on the scene, battling to extinguish the flames which had engulfed the house.

These charges were vehemently denied by shopkeepers spoken to by *The Star*

"It is a lie, but we are suffering anyway," said Mr J de Freitas, sitting idly behind his counter — his only customers a few youths playing video games "This is the first time I've heard of this so-called bad treatment of customers and staff. A lot of people say a lot of things these days."

It is reported by Sapa that in Ciskei a 17-year-old girl, Nomboniso Sakwe, is said to have died from first-degree burns after an arson attack on a house.

The home of Ciskei Minister of Justice, Police and Prisons, Mr David Takane, was also extensively damaged by fire on Thursday night after violence broke out at Sada township near Whittlesea.

Sport coverage

"Sport 86" on TV1 today features coverage of

Athletics: Saambou Street Mile in Pretoria (2.50 and 2.56)

Horseracing: R100 000 Juvenile Colts and Geldings Stakes at Gosforth Park (3.08) and the R30 000 Benson and Hedges Eastern Province Derby at Arlington, Port Elizabeth (3.18).

Rugby: Northern Transvaal vs the Cavaliers (3.27).

Motocross: Camel Supercross event at King's Park.

Squash: SA Games men's final at Hillbrow (5.28).

TV2 and TV3 sport this afternoon features horse racing — the R100 000 Stake from Gosforth Park and the Benson and Hedges race from Port Elizabeth; athletics — Street Mile live from Pretoria, Karaté — the second test, South Africa vs the US from Sun City

Soweto youths kill policeman, steal arms

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JOHANNESBURG. — A police sergeant was stabbed to death at his Soweto home yesterday morning by youths armed with pangas and knives.

He was the 33rd black policeman to die in 26 months of unrest.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the group also attacked the sergeant's car with axes and two firearms were stolen.

In separate unrest, police fired teargas to disperse hundreds of Soweto pupils travelling in buses on their way to the Protea Magistrate's Court, witnesses said.

The pupils were on their way to attend a court case in which 15 fellow pupils were appearing in connection with an incident in Diepkloof last Friday in which a policeman was killed and set on fire.

The 15 were all in custody.

When the pupils could not all be accommodated in the Putco buses available, they hijacked cars in Diepkloof.

A car belonging to the Johannesburg newspaper The Star was one of those hijacked.

The pupils drove away with a photographer, but after travelling about 2km ordered him out.

Police intercepted the pupils on the old Potchefstroom road and the new Klipspruit Valley road.

'No violent confrontation'

Police fired teargas into the buses, forcing pupils to scatter, witnesses said.

They said youths went on a rampage, hijacking buses and smashing their windows.

A police spokesman said there had been "no violent confrontation" between the youths and police, although teargas had been used to disperse the groups.

At Protea, where a heavy contingent of police was present, the pupils were warned to leave the court. The pupils then dispersed.

Members of the foreign media and local newsmen without press cards were turned away.

Ten members of the security forces patrolled near the court on horseback.

Roadblocks were manned by security force members along the Potchefstroom road and on all other roads leading to Protea. Police in armoured vehicles patrolled Soweto's streets.

A youth was slightly injured when SADF members fired a rifle at a group who stoned their vehicle.

The house of a policeman, Captain Nondabula, was badly damaged by arsonists. — Sapa

Pilot describes flight over troubled townships

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I saw the world explode, major tells treason trial

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By Kym Hamilton, Pretoria Bureau

A pilot who flew reconnaisance flights over the troubled Vaal Triangle townships on September 3 1984 described to the Delmas treason trial yesterday how he saw "the world explode" at about 8 am.

Major Johannes Adriaan Krause, of Sasolburg, testifed he was called out on the morning of September 3 and immediately took off in a light aircraft.

He flew reconnaisance flights over the five townships until about 8.40 am. During that time he noticed many people were in the streets. He said several were throwing stones at houses and vehicles, including police vehicles.

As he flew from Boipatong to Evaton he gradually noticed the crowds increase in size until some in Sharpeville numbered between 500 to 600.

Major Krause said he reached Sharpeville at about 7.40 am and saw several burnt-out vehicles in the streets. In Sebokeng he saw two houses burning.

At about 8 am the unrest exploded, he said. This was indicated by the increased activity of the radio he was using to report back his observations to security forces on the ground. He also noticed large crowds moving through the streets towards the administration offices. He said it was then that everything blew up.

All 22 accused have pleaded not guilty to charges of high treason, murder, subversion and terrorism.

During cross-examination he said he had taken photographs during the flights and admitted none of those taken between 7 am and 8.30 am showed big crowds or any violence.

In reply to a question from Mr George Bizos (SC), for the defence, Major Krause said he was not confusing the days when he had told the court the administration building in Boipatong had been burnt down prior to his first flight on Monday September 3. Mr Bizos put it to him the building was set alight only after 10.30 am.

The trial continues on Monday.

Youthful pawns in the game of death

By SAM KUMALO and HILTON HAMMAN

Alexandra Township: Wednesday: 17h00.

THE South African Police are keeping a high profile in the township. It has been a dangerous, frightening 24 hours.

The night before groups of balaclava-clad men, residents in Alexandra, claiming they were policemen, attacked and burned down the homes of number of political activists.

The next day violence again explodes. A crowd marches from the stadium and is met by a thin line of policemen. A volley of shots from an AK47 rifle is fired — a policeman hit in the stomach.

More shooting. By late afternoon the town has the tragic appearance of being at war.

Burnt out shells of vehicles are pulled across the rutted and untarred streets by rioters in an effort to hamper patrolling police casspirs. They are as effective as a man trying to hold back the sea with his hands.

The giant police armoured vehicles — some gaily painted in canary yellow — push through as though they weren't there.

Despite the menace, however, it seems in many cases almost a game.

A few stones are lobbed casually from the shadows.

Police fire teargas canisters at groups of youth who quickly scatter, dampen the canisters and then return to taunt the police.

"Come out you coward shouts a young policeme The answer is more stone

Minutes later what soun like a shot rings out. A poli patrol van seems to be t target.

"Get out of here," screan a constable to Pressmen. N reaction.

"They are shooting. Get o of here." Still no response.

Within minutes three Ca spirs arrive on the scen Teargas cannisters are in the air falling among th houses and barricades. In th confusion the Casspirs bul doze through the barricade and smoke.

The youngsters scatter the police dismount to cle the obstructions. Round Fi teen.

Special report by DAVID JACKSON, SAM KUMALO and HILTON HAMMAN

ars, erupted on Tuesday evening when a group of "vigilantes" petrol-bombed the homes of civic activists.

By Wednesday morning the dead were being counted. Unofficial reports said eight people had died and as many as 50 had been wounded, some had gunshot wounds, but most were stabbed or beaten.

Militants

It coincided with a consumer boycott of selected white and black businesses around Alexandra — announced in a leaflet by the Alexandra Boycott Committee adorned with the slogan "The people shall govern."

And the "comrades" — the faceless group of hard-line militants who aspire to rule the township — were quick to exploit the gap left by the resignation of Mr Sam Buti and his councillors.

They called on blacks to "isolate collaborators socially", to refuse to serve councillors and their families in their shops and "to end all personal relationships with police and other collaborators."

Wide-eyed township dwellers talk of "peoples' courts," where the comrades dispense their medieval justice — often condemning victims in absentia, with the dreaded "necklace" as the symbol of their revolution.

Angry white businessmen talk of forming vigilante squads to curb the wave of crime and vandalism which has seen open looting of some white-owned shops.

Meanwhile the search to find a middle ground continues as concerned blacks and whites work around the clock to break the cycle of violence.

The Alexandra Action Committee, a group of white businessmen based in industrial areas surrounding the township, is trying to set up direct contact with blacks in Alexandra.

Says their spokesman Mr Ron Osborne: "We'll talk to anyone, moderate or radical. Now that Sam Buti has resigned, there is no one with whom we can talk. But something has to be done to get talks going.

Hysteria

"We are the buffer zone. We have had no response from authorities so we have to do something ourselves.

"We have nothing to do with politics. We opened our businesses here to create employment for Alex residents. Now we are being threatened by vandalism and the criminal elements that are jumping on the bandwagon."

Said an angry white businessman, who declined to be identified: "Some businesses are being robbed left, right and centre. It's the comrade thing ... it is ANC backed."

Businessmen also blame the media — and even the police who warned motorists recently to keep away from the area unless they were going there on business — for creating an atmosphere of hysteria.

But every time a vehicle is stopped by the "comrades" — there have been more than a 100 such reported incidents — it sends waves of apprehension rippling through the beleaguered community.

The meetings of leading white businessmen are an attempt to take the heat out of the situation. Talks at Chamber of Commerce level are at the preliminary stage. No firm decisions have been made.

Inside the township the anger appears almost palpable while allegations of police misconduct abound.

A youth who only wanted to be known as Lawrence, claimed one man dresssed in civilian clothes had come to their house and demanded one of the "comrades in the struggle".

Pangas

"When they were told that he was not in, they started hitting everyone in the house with all sorts of weapons including pangas.

"We know policemen and it easy to spot them. What enabled us to recognise them was that they had torches and wore blue T-shirts — the same as those the police have."

Police say they are investigating allegations that policemen were involved in the attacks.

Away from the burning barricades, the comrades were trying out their boycott weapon. Major shops in the area are the targets.

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White business bid to stave off anarchy as the 'comrades' take deadly grip of crisis township

THE smouldering time bomb that is Alexandra erupted again this week as white businessmen began a tentative initiative to stop the township drifting into anarchy.

A new fear grips the troubled township — fear that "rule by the comrades" will fill the vacuum left by the sudden resignation of the township's mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, and three black councillors.

There is also fear of a spillover of the boycott tactics into surrounding white suburbs.

And fear that the continued unrest will further erode business confidence — forcing some firms to consider moving to other areas.

This week preliminary meetings were held between the Chambers of Commerce of Johannesburg and Sandton — which borders Alexandra — to consider a co-ordinated strategy to defuse the crisis.

And white businessmen and property owners skirting Alexandra made a direct appeal to township blacks to "come out and talk".

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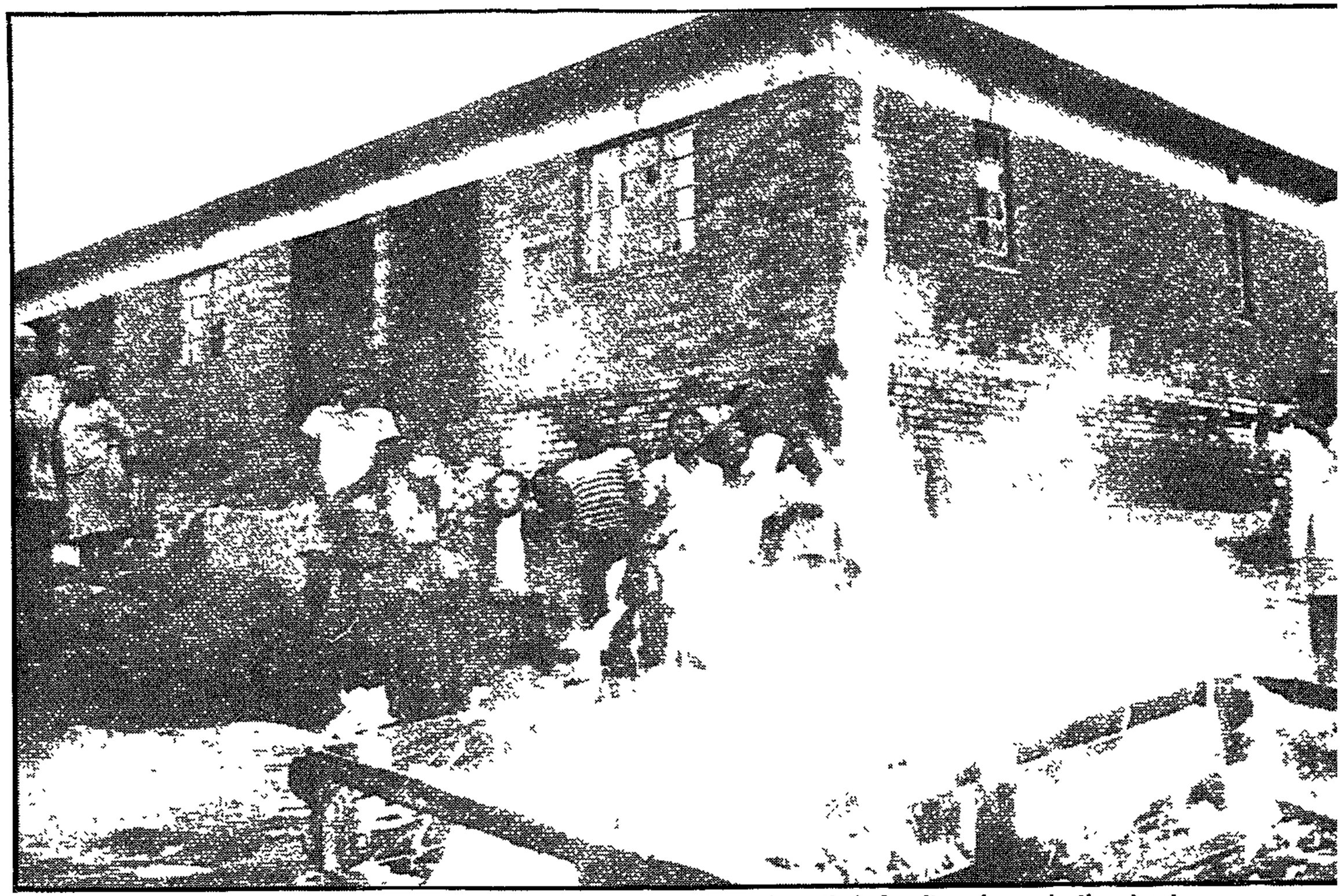

Residents of a house petrol-bombed by "vigilantes" watch as their furniture burns in the street

Workers murder white farmer

By NEIL HOOPER

AN EASTERN Transvaal farmer was murdered in the Kriel district this week by a gang of farm labourers who had been hoarding home-made weapons.

Mr Johannes Martinus van Niekerk was stabbed to death on Thursday evening by one of the men after he went to confront a farm worker who earlier had allegedly assaulted his two teenage sons.

At the family's hired homestead on the farm Onverwacht in the Kriel district, his widow, Mrs Triana van Niekerk, yesterday spoke for the first time of the death of her 41-year-old husband

'During the afternoon we had trouble with the farm labourers. When my husband came home, he decided to confront them.

'He took along his shotgun ... just in case.

'A fight developed. My husband managed to fire one round from the shotgun (which apparently hit four of the men) before he was hit over the head and stabbed.

'By the time the police arrived he was dead from a stab wound in the heart."

The police arrested the wounded four and took them to hospital.

'Afterwards police searched the labourers' living quarters and found a large supply of home-made weapons," she added.

Three held

POLICE have arrested three men after a 22-year-old unidentified white man was found stabbed to death near the Malvern Post Office, Durban, yesterday.

BUTI'S DREAM IS A NIGHTMARE

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By MONO BADELA

SAM BUTI's dream has turned into a nightmare.

The once-popular churchman resigned as mayor this week without seeing his cherished dream – of Alexandra as "a model township" – fulfilled.

Alex is a "model township" of sorts – but not the way Buti meant it.

It is, rather, a model of street-level opposition to apartheid – a total rejection of town councillors like Buti.

Alexandra today is governed by area committees, and decisions concerning the day to day administration are taken at grassroots level – not in plush council chambers

Buti himself eventually seemed to have acknowledged this development by quitting the "stooge council" and publicly declaring his readiness to support people's organisations fighting for a complete change in South Africa.

He and the three other remaining councillors – deputy mayor Lucas Koza, Harry Makubire and Patrick Peters – told a Press conference: "It is with heavy hearts that we finally come to this decision to resign after lengthy, extremely agonising moments of our lives"

But Buti – founder of the Save Alex Party which fought against the removal of Alex families – said he had no intention of dissolving his party.

"I will continue to fight apartheid as I have been doing, but this time outside the system."

He said the "oppressive system had destroyed family life in Alexandra" and turned the township into a hostel.

He denied allegations that he resigned because of continuous intimidation against councillors and government colloborators.

"I have not been intimidated into this decision," he said.

He said he entered civic life because he wanted to improve the quality of life of the people in Alexandra.

He thought he could serve them through his Save Alexandra Township party, but he's come to realise that the people are not interested in government created institutions, he said.

"Now we are abandoning our reconstruction program amounting to nearly R3 m. We have no option but to pull out," he said.

Buti lashed out at what he called "so-called government reforms".

"I do not believe in the concept of reforms," he said.

He reiterated the call for the unconditional release of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela and the unbanning of the ANC. "I was one of the first people in 1983 to make this call," he said.

● Alex's Town Clerk Arthur Magerman and the Alex Junior Council resigned last week Five other councillors resigned earlier this year.

Why there is still hope in Alex

By ZB MOLEFE

AN Alexandra priest this week spelt out – in graphic detail – how violence has rocked the dusty township he calls his home.

St Michael Anglican Church rector Horace McBride told Wits University's Alumni luncheon club. "Alexandra is a heart pumping with hurt, guilt, anger and – at the same time – love."

McBride said he could understand why Alex residents are "involved" in the violence.

"I must stress that I abhor violence ... but these are the people I must minister to," he said.

A hush fell over the meeting when McBride asked: "How would you feel if there was that dreaded midnight knock at your door, and people burst into your house and took away your child?

"Then the following day comes the phone call to say your child has been detained because he is an ANC member."

But, added McBride, there was still a message of hope: "What has come out of Alex, especially from the youth, is that we don't want to rob whites."

'Protected' guerilla holds 200 cops at bay

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By MONO BADELA

AN UNKNOWN guerilla held about 200 heavily-armed cops at bay for almost 30 minutes during a shootout in the heart of Alexandra township this week, wounding at least one cop.

Hidden among a crowd of about 10 000 residents, the guerilla rattled off shots at a police patrol.

Constable GC Terblanche was hit in the stomach by a round fired from an AK47 assault rifle

And as far as *City Press* could establish, the guerilla withdrew unharmed.

Surrounded by defiant residents, the guerilla held a mini-army of cops in Casspirs, "Mellow Yellow" buses, trucks and Land Rovers at bay, firing from behind a barricade of burning tyres.

The police eventually retreated and held fire for almost an hour, probably fearing more gunfire from the guerilla.

The injured policeman was whisked away in a Land Rover and was reported to be fighting for his life after an emergency operation.

The township was still simmering yesterday, although it was not certain how many people had been killed or wounded.

The dramatic shootout – filmed by camera crews from the foreign media – was the climax of two days of death and destruction in Alex, which was torn apart by violence in the "Six-Day War" only two months ago.

Marauding gangs attacked the homes of several anti-apartheid activists on Tuesday night, setting their homes alight and killing members of the Alexandra Action Committee.

The police have been accused of involvement in the attacks – and a police spokesman confirmed that these accusations were "being investigated".

At least eight people are believed to have been killed on Tuesday, the first night of unrest.

Another 17-year-old youth was gunned down by police on Wednesday afternoon when the cops fired bullets and teargas at groups of angry people who took to the streets.

Residents stayed away from work on Wednesday, and 45 000 residents attended a mass meeting at the stadium to assess the damage caused by what they called "the bandits".

They reaffirmed their decision not to pay rent and to continue with their three-day-old consumer boycott.

They also repeated their call for all policemen to leave the area.

Activist Billy Ace Hlongwane of 55 2nd Avenue was reported shot dead in an attack on his home, and his body thrown into his burning house – headquarters of the Alex Action Committee.

Another victim was 28-year-old Collin Ntohla, shot dead.

Among those whose homes were damaged are:

- Alexandra Action Committee member and trade unionist Moses Mayekiso.
- Action committee member Linda Twala, whose home in 17th Avenue was gutted.
- Alex Residents' Association chairman Mike Beea. Beea's 67-year-old mother and his wife were attacked.

COLLIN NTOHLA
Died in attack on activists

Eyewitnesses said attackers were heard saying: "You are the dogs who do not want the police."

Residents also alleged that the "bandits" were backed by three Hippos.

On Wednesday night, residents could still hear gunfire and sections of the township were without power.

- Meanwhile the Congress of SA Trade Unions has warned "those who are perpetrating these barbaric acts" that it will deal with them severely.

It said people were being provoked to justify certain "barbaric actions".

"We see this as an open challenge – a declaration of war on the people".

The United Democratic Front also condemned "the strongarm tactics of the police and their surrogates in Alex", saying "The people of Alex won't be fooled by police denials."

"It is a misguided notion to think that violence against our organisations and activists is a solution to apartheid's problems," the UDF said.

Cop hit in shootout with guerilla

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By MONO BADELA

ALEXANDRA was a war zone again this week.

First the township went up in flames – then there was a dramatic gunfight with the police.

"Bandits" – allegedly with police backing – raided the homes of township activists on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, killing at least eight people and destroying several homes.

Hours later, an angry crowd of 10 000 residents – at least one armed with an AK47 assault rifle – confronted the police, and held them at bay for more than 30 minutes in a dramatic shootout.

One cop was wounded and had to be taken to hospital for emergency treatment – but whoever fired the shots managed to escape unhurt.

Hidden among the crowd, and protected by a barricade of burning tyres, the guerilla rattled off shots at a police patrol of six Casspirs, "Mellow Yellow" buses, trucks and Land Rovers.

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Missed Molefe

CP Reporter

UNITED Democratic Front national secretary Popo Molefe's home in Alex was nearly destroyed by petrol-bombers this week. Attackers hit the house next door – but residents firmly believe they were aiming for Molefe's home. Molefe is presently standing trial in Delmas for treason.

Wednesday night's attackers also hit the home of Alex Youth Congress member Jeanette Yekwa.

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ALEX AFLAME

White business bid to stave off anarchy as the 'comrades' take deadly grip of crisis township

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THE smouldering time bomb that is Alexandra erupted again this week as white businessmen began a tentative initiative to stop the township drifting into anarchy.

A new fear grips the troubled township — fear that "rule by the comrades" will fill the vacuum left by the sudden resignation of the township's mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, and three black councillors.

There is also fear of a spillover of the boycott tactics into surrounding white suburbs.

And fear that the continued unrest will further erode business confidence — forcing some firms to consider moving to other areas.

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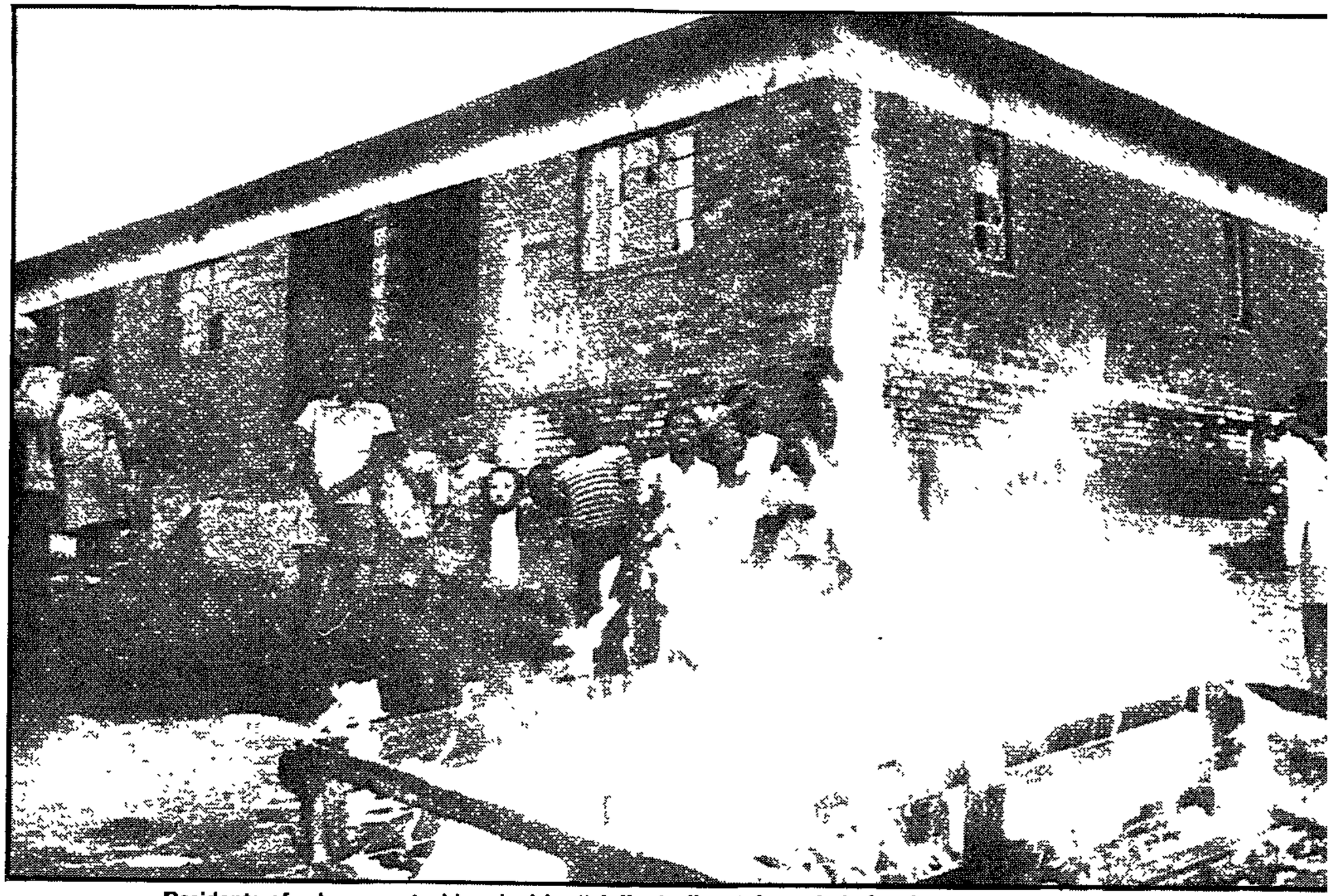

Residents of a house petrol-bombed by "vigilantes" watch as their furniture burns in the street

Youthful pawns in the game of death

Special report by DAVID JACKSON, SAM KUMALO and HILTON HAMMAN

ıannesburg's poshest suburbs, erupted on Tuesday evening when a group of "vigilantes" petrol-bombed the homes of civic activists.

By Wednesday morning the dead were being counted. Unofficial reports said eight people had died and as many as 50 had been wounded, some had gunshot wounds, but most were stabbed or beaten.

Militants

It coincided with a consumer boycott of selected white and black businesses around Alexandra — announced in a leaflet by the Alexandra Boycott Committee adorned with the slogan "The people shall govern."

And the "comrades" — the faceless group of hard-line militants who aspire to rule the township — were quick to exploit the gap left by the resignation of Mr Sam Buti and his councillors.

They called on blacks to "isolate collaborators socially", to refuse to serve councillors and their families in their shops and "to end all personal relationships with police and other collaborators."

Wide-eyed township dwellers talk of "peoples' courts," where the comrades dispense their medieval justice — often condemning victims in absentia, with the dreaded "necklace" as the symbol of their revolution.

Angry white businessmen talk of forming vigilante squads to curb the wave of crime and vandalism which has seen open looting of some white-owned shops.

Meanwhile the search to find a middle ground continues as concerned blacks and whites work around the clock to break the cycle of violence.

The Alexandra Action Committee, a group of white businessmen based in industrial areas surrounding the township, is trying to set up direct contact with blacks in Alexandra.

Says their spokesman Mr Ron Osborne: "We'll talk to anyone, moderate or radical. Now that Sam Buti has resigned, there is no one with whom we can talk. But something has to be done to get talks going.

Hysteria

"We are the buffer zone. We have had no response from authorities so we have to do something ourselves.

"We have nothing to do with politics. We opened our businesses here to create employment for Alex residents. Now we are being threatened by vandalism and the criminal elements that are jumping on the bandwagon."

Said an angry white businessman, who declined to be identified: "Some businesses are being robbed left, right and centre. It's the comrade thing ... it is ANC backed."

Businessmen also blame the media — and even the police who warned motorists recently to keep away from the area unless they were going there on business — for creating an atmosphere of hysteria.

But every time a vehicle is stopped by the "comrades" — there have been more than a 100 such reported incidents — it sends waves of apprehension rippling through the beleaguered community.

The meetings of leading white businessmen are an attempt to take the heat out of the situation. Talks at Chamber of Commerce level are at the preliminary stage. No firm decisions have been made.

Inside the township the anger appears almost palpable while allegations of police misconduct abound.

A youth who only wanted to be known as Lawrence, claimed one man dresssed in civilian clothes had come to their house and demanded one of the "comrades in the struggle".

Pangas

"When they were told that he was not in, they started hitting everyone in the house with all sorts of weapons including pangas.

"We know policemen and it easy to spot them. What enabled us to recognise them was that they had torches and wore blue T-shirts — the same as those the police have."

Police say they are investigating allegations that policemen were involved in the attacks.

Away from the burning barricades, the comrades were trying out their boycott weapon. Major shops in the area are the targets.

By SAM KUMALO and HILTON HAMMAN

Alexandra Township: Wednesday: 17h00.

THE South African Police are keeping a high profile in the township. It has been a dangerous, frightening 24 hours.

The night before groups of balaclava-clad men, residents in Alexandra, claiming they were policemen, attacked and burned down the homes of number of political activists.

The next day violence again explodes. A crowd marches from the stadium and is met by a thin line of policemen. A volley of shots from an AK47 rifle is fired — a policeman hit in the stomach.

More shooting. By late afternoon the town has the tragic appearance of being at war.

Burnt out shells of vehicles are pulled across the rutted and untarred streets by rioters in an effort to hamper patrolling police casspirs. They are as effective as a man trying to hold back the sea with his hands.

The giant police armoured vehicles — some gaily painted in canary yellow — push through as though they weren't there.

Despite the menace, however, it seems in many cases almost a game.

A few stones are lobbed casually from the shadows.

Police fire teargas canisters at groups of youth who quickly scatter, dampen the canisters and then return to taunt the police.

"Come out you cowards," shouts a young policeman. The answer is more stones.

Minutes later what sounds like a shot rings out. A police patrol van seems to be the target.

"Get out of here," screams a constable to Pressmen. No reaction.

"They are shooting. Get out of here." Still no response.

Within minutes three Casspirs arrive on the scene. Teargas cannisters arc into the air falling among the houses and barricades. In the confusion the Casspirs bulldoze through the barricades and smoke.

The youngsters scatter as the police dismount to clear the obstructions. Round Fifteen.

Mourners attacked at Soweto night vigil

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Five people are believed dead and at least 13 others are in a serious condition at Baragwanath Hospital after being shot and attacked with pangas at a night vigil for a pupil in Diepkloof, Soweto, early yesterday morning.

Police are investigating the incident.

Eyewitnesses said the attack was carried out by about 40 men wearing balaclavas, who also set alight two tents hired for the occasion.

A hospital source said the death toll could rise. As many as 30 people may have been wounded.

Several other youths are said to be missing after being taken away during the attack in vehicles which residents say resembled police vehicles.

CROWD

The attack occurred at about 1am at the home of Mr Stanley Mashango Mabaso (18), a Namedi High School pupil who died after being shot by a policeman in the township on April 18.

Mourners said that hours after the attack a contingent of police arrived at the house and prevented a large crowd of mourners from attending the funeral at the Avalon Cemetery.

Only members of the family and relatives were allowed to join the procession.

At the cemetery police filmed the proceedings and at one stage told mourners to hurry up because they wanted to leave, they said.

Five mourners killed, many injured after vigil becomes night of terror

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Five people are believed dead and many others are in a serious condition at Baragwanath Hospital after being shot and hit with pangas at a vigil for a student in Diepkloof, Soweto.

A hospital source said the death toll could rise because of the condition of some of the patients.

Several other young people, including girls, are said to be missing after being dragged to vehicles during the attack, early yesterday.

The incidents occurred about 1am at the home of Mr Stanley Mashango Mabaso, 18, a student at Namedi High School, who died after being shot in the township on April 18.

Witnesses said the attack was carried out by about 40 men wearing balaclavas, who also set fire to two tents hired for the occasion.

Hours after the attack, a large contingent of police arrived at the house and prevented a large crowd of mourners from attending the funeral at the Avalon Cemetery.

Only members of the family and relatives were allowed to join the procession.

The rest of the procession was made up of police and Defence Force vehicles.

Police filmed the proceedings at the cemetery and at one stage told mourners to hurry because they wanted to go.

Mourners and neighbours later told of a night of bloody terror. One of the victims said a minibus stopped in the street. The occupants got out and stormed the yard, firing shots.

"It was during the tea-break. The attack happened so fast it took everyone by surprise. We ran for our lives, some stumbling and falling during the pandemonium," said a mourner.

"As we tried to get away to jump over the fence, we were ambushed by a different group who attacked us with pangas, knives, iron bars and sjamboks.

"We screamed as old and young were hacked into submission with blood oozing from deep gashes. I saw some people with their clothes drenched in blood and others had their clothes torn to shreds."

A neighbour said some mourners took to the rooftops as they fled the attack.

He said some fell off and others were cut by wire and by bottles placed on high security walls.

"The people had no option but to run for their lives. It was a nightmare. I had never seen anything like that in my life."

Witnesses said it was later discovered that the attackers had parked their vehicles at both ends of the street while others were parked at the back.

The body of a youth who had been heard screaming was found in a neighbour's yard after sunrise. The body of another youth was found in an alley a few metres away.

● The police reported that early today policemen on duty in Alexandra were fired on from a house. Two were hit.

Police returned the fire with rifles, pistols and a hand-grenade. Two men were killed and one was wounded and arrested. — Sapa.

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Policeman set alight by mob in Mamelodi

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A policeman was doused with petrol and set alight and a Russian-made hand-grenade thrown at another policeman's home failed to explode in incidents of violence in Mamelodi.

In the first incident, according to reports, the policeman tried to escape in his car but was dragged out, doused with petrol and then set alight.

Also in Mamelodi two youths were arrested after stones were thrown at a policeman's home.

2 killed in Alex battle with police

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DOMINIQUE GILBERT

POLICE yesterday threw a handgrenade at a home in Alexandra, near Johannesburg, during a pre-dawn shoot-out in which at least two black men were killed.

Two white officers were slightly injured.

Police said they opened fire and threw the handgrenade after they were shot at from the house.

Residents, however, said police arrived at No 7, 17th Street, about 4am, knocked on the door, ordered that the door be opened and started shooting after an officer had counted to seven.

Jane Mdlulu, owner of a neighbouring house, described how she and her family took cover when stray bullets struck her home, breaking windows.

She said the gunfight lasted almost an hour, after which all houses in the area — including hers — were thoroughly searched by police.

Residents believed the dead men were members of the Alexandra Youth Organisation and the Alexandra Student Congress.

Residents also said more than two people who were thought to be in the house were missing. They believed two more people were either killed or had been detained.

Police confirmed that a third person in the house had been wounded and detained.

Two die in shootout with police

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday threw a handgrenade at a home in Alexandra township, near here, in a pre-dawn shootout between occupants of the home and police in which at least two men were killed.

Police said they opened fire and threw the handgrenade after they were shot at from the Alexandra home.

However, residents claim police arrived at the home about 4am, knocked on the door of number 7 17th Street, ordered that the door be opened and fired their guns after an officer had counted to seven.

Bullet holes covered the walls around the wrecked three-roomed house and the walls of neighbouring houses.

The owner of a neighbouring house, Ms Jane Mdlulu, said she and her family took cover as the shootout began and stray bullets hit her house, breaking windows.

She said the shootout lasted almost an hour, after which all houses in the area, including hers, were thoroughly searched by police.

"Most of us took cover and did not see anything after the shooting began because we feared we would also be killed," she said.

Residents believe the victims of the shootout were members of the Alexandra Youth Organization and the Alexandra Student Congress.

Two white policemen were also slightly injured.

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● Several "tank traps" which have been dug in Alexandra's dirt roads over the past few days were still evident yesterday.

● In reply to a question about whether handgrenades are being issued to all police who enter townships, the Witwatersrand liaison officer for the SA Police, Lieutenant Pierre Louw, said the matter was sub judice.

"We take the necessary precautionary measures which we deem fit for particular situations," he said, and referred the matter to SAP head office for a policy statement.

In turn, head office liaison officers referred the matter to local division liaison officers.

The director of the Information Bureau, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said the matter was not a ministerial one and referred it to the Pretoria duty officer.

An anti-Casspir/Hippo trench in Alexandra township.

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Police know of 'trenches'

PRETORIA. — The police said yesterday that security forces in unrest areas had experienced "tank trenches" — ditches dug in an attempt to damage or stop patrolling vehicles.

The police were commenting on eyewitness accounts last week which said residents of Alexandra were seen digging such trenches.

The police would not comment directly on the Alexandra accounts but said: "We have had previous experience at several places of rioters digging trenches, in an apparent effort to damage or stop patrolling security force vehicles."

The trenches were also a serious danger to civilian motorists, the police said. — Sapa

Mob burnt house of slain Alex activist

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By Maud Motanyane and Jo-Anne Collinge

One of two men killed yesterday when police fired into a house in Alexandra was a victim of the mob which went on the rampage in the township last week, attacking political activists.

Mr Zephaniah Mdakane, a member of the Alexandra Youth Congress, made a statement to relief workers soon after losing his home last week.

He said that he was out at the time of the attack but had returned to find "the shack where I live had been burnt. All my clothes and furniture had been destroyed." There were witnesses to the attack.

Police are investigating widespread claims that off-duty policemen played a central role in the violence against activists, which claimed at least two lives last Tuesday.

Police have said that two men — identified by residents as Mr Emanuel Ngubeni and Mr Mdakane — were killed yesterday in a gunbattle between occupants of 37 10th Avenue and the police, during which the police hurled a handgrenade into the house.

DENIAL

They state that a civilian and two policemen were injured in the shootout.

But residents deny that any shots emanated from unit number seven in the yard. They say the first noise they heard was police knocking at unit seven and demanding entry.

The owner of the house, Mr Andries Phiri, lives and works away from home. His two daughters, Nomvula Georgina (20) and Thulane Angel (15), usually live there alone.

Mr Phiri was distraught at the disappearance of the two young women after the attack. He said he had no idea if they had been detained, or were injured or dead.

Residents said people who remained in the house were taken away by the police during the morning. The police have not confirmed or denied the detention of the Phiri girls.

Police told Sapa yesterday that a group of white policemen were fired on from a house. "Two of these policemen were struck by bullets," they said. "The police returned fire with rifles, pistols and a handgrenade."

REFUGE

Mr Ngubeni was a cousin of the two women living in the house, and Mr Mdakane and a third man are believed to have taken refuge there after losing their homes in earlier attacks.

Neighbours, who have refused to be identified for fear of reprisals, said they were woken well before dawn by policemen knocking on the door of unit seven in their yard.

Some allege that the police counted to seven before opening fire.

Three people were shot dead in Alex on Friday night — Bucs' player Vusi Silango, schoolboy Elias Thulani Mduli and Mr Thulani Ngubane.

One of a crowd of people which gathered around a fire where Silango was shot said the group had scattered minutes before the shooting because they had heard a rumour that "soldiers were in the area." But Silango had stayed at the fire to warm himself.

Man flees youths in burning truck

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Lowveld Bureau

NELSPRUIT — A 42-year-old deliveryman drove a burning furniture truck for more than five minutes after rioting youths hurled petrol bombs at it on Monday.

The man, an employee of a Nelspruit furniture store who asked not to be named, said he was delivering a four-ton load of furniture to kaNyamazane.

In the centre of town about 50 youths ordered him to stop. He refused and they threw a petrol bomb which set the furniture alight. The crowd the ran towards him and smashed the windscreen and side window and threw another petrol bomb into the cab as he sped away.

The R35 000 truck and furniture worth R7 000 were completely destroyed.

Another eight vehicles were stoned and burnt by rioting youths in kaNyamazane. A number of people who allegeldly disobeyed the consumer boycott, were also assaulted by youngsters.

An elderly women, who had bought groceries from a Nelspruit supermarket was forced to eat 1 kg of margarine and drink two bottles of vinegar.

Another shopper was ordered to consume a bar of soap and inhale insect spray before a group of laughing youths.

Despite the consumer boycott call, thousands of blacks went about their shopping. Stores in White River and Nelspruit all reported normal trading.

No incidents of unrest were reported in Kabokweni.

4 shot dead at funeral — claim

FOUR people were allegedly shot dead at the funeral of a Metal and Allied Workers' Union member in Tembisa on Monday. (278) SOWETAN 30/4/86

But Colonel Vic Haynes of the SAP public directorate in Pretoria said: "That claim is not true."

He said police acted because organisers of such funerals failed to adhere to rules stipulated by magistrates.

A Tembisa resident who was involved in organising the funeral yesterday claimed that four people were shot dead.

"A youth was shot dead at 6am. At 11am when about 20 000 mourners were marching to the cemetery police fired tearsmoke and opened fire on the crowd.

"Three people were found dead. We are busy establishing names and addresses of all the victims," said the resident who asked not to be named.

After the funeral the youths burnt down five beerhalls in the township.

Mr Mpumelelo Kortman was to be buried. He was allegedly shot by police after a Mawu rally at the Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong two weeks ago.

BOYCOTT IS ON - PCBC

30/4/86 278 Sowetan

THE Pretoria Consumer Boycott Committee has denied a rumour that the indefinite consumer boycott of white shops in Pretoria has been called off.

A PCBC spokesman reacted in a Press statement to a rumour which circulated in Mamelodi at the weekend that the boycott had been discontinued.

The spokesman said the PCBC was still assessing the situation to gauge whether it was necessary to continue the boycott.

The PCBC met at the weekend to discuss the boycott and will meet again on May 5 to discuss the issue. — Sapa.

We are running Alexandra says AAC

DOMINIQUE GILBERT

THE Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) yesterday claimed it had established grassroots control of the township near Johannesburg.

It also claimed that since the pre-dawn attack on activists' homes last Tuesday, at least 18 people have been killed by police and their bodies are presently at the State mortuary.

AAC chairman, trade unionist Moses Mayekiso, alleged at a Press conference yesterday that police had formed vigilante groups of up to 200 to patrol the township by foot in a bid to eliminate activists involved in the "new structure".

Last December a people's decision was taken to form an alternative administrative structure to govern the township, he said, because residents rejected any government-appointed administration.

He claimed the Alex council's collapse and mayor Sam Buti's resignation were forced because the council no longer enjoyed a mandate among residents.

"Residents have now successfully been mobilised so they can defend themselves against the police — and that includes Buti's own special council police unit which operates with the regular police to attack residents."

Mayekiso said the new Alexandra administration — "which is part of the broader national liberation struggle" — included elected representatives who controlled "yard blocks".

Each yard had its own court in which trials were held and community problems discussed, Mayekiso said.

Comment from police spokesmen was not available last night at the time of going to print.

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Policeman shot dead by accident

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East Rand Bureau

A young Boksburg policeman called to his best friend to help him as he lay dying after being shot on Monday in Tembisa by a colleague who had mistaken him for an arsonist.

Detective Constable Karel Emiel von Sweel of Van Dyk Park, Boksburg, was accidentally shot by a police sergeant.

A police spokesman said Constable von Sweel, who turned 22 last week, was patrolling the area in a Casspir when he saw a house being petrol-bombed.

FOUR SHOTS

With other policemen, he went up to the house and kicked a petrol bomb off the veranda.

The householder, a police sergeant, apparently mistook the policemen for rioters who had come to burn his home and fired four shots with a 9 mm service pistol.

Constable von Sweel was wounded in the stomach and shoulder. He fled to his best friend, Sergeant Nick Spang, to help him, but he died seconds later.

His wife, Constable Frieda von Sweel, who is stationed in Boksburg North, is heartbroken. The couple were married three months ago. A Boksburg police officer today described Constable von Sweel as a good man and a dedicated policeman.

BREWING INDUSTRY, WITWATERSRAND

Parties Employer Organisation: South African Brewing Industry Employers' Association
Trade Union: Witwatersrand Brewery Employee's Union

Area Magisterial Districts of Alberton , Johannesburg, Kempton Park* and Krugersdorp*.

RIOTS AND DISTURBANCES

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Judge inspects death scene

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

A shell case from an R-4 rifle was picked up in the dust at Winterveld yesterday as a judicial commission of inquiry completed its inspection in loco of the soccer ground where 11 people died last month in a confrontation between residents and Bophuthatswana security forces.

The empty cartridge, found near the southern goal posts, was kept as evidence for the one-man commission under Bophuthatswana's only judge, Mr Justice E A T Smith, who will begin hearing evidence in the Ga-Rankuwa Magistrate's Court on Monday.

The judge was accompanied by about 40 people — lawyers, police officers, journalists and Black Sash observers — and walked slowly round the soccer field, inspecting aspects of the scene pointed out by counsel for the Bophuthatswana police, Mr Jan Hugo.

These included:

- Small holes — possibly bullet holes — on the outer surfaces of two houses. These marks were to be inspected by ballistics experts and further evidence on their cause will be submitted to the commission.
- A pile of weather-worn shoes and outer garments lying in the dust on the eastern edge of the field. Mr Justice Smith observed that these had apparently remained on the field since residents fled the scene during the confrontation on March 26.
- A rubbish dump, which will be referred to in future evidence, and four entrance points to the field, which is surrounded by houses.

Legal representatives for Winterveld residents' organisations and for several prominent members of the community refrained from identifying any aspects of the scene as particularly significant to future evidence.

Alexandra 'insanity'

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Political Staff and Sapa

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.— There was "overwhelming evidence" that the latest round of killing and violence in Alexandra was "planned and executed by policemen and their friends", Mr Dave Dalling (PFP Sandton) said yesterday during debate on the Law and Order vote.

Unless the "insanity" was stopped, he warned, Alexandra would experience a "new dark era which will for years to come bear the fruit of bitterness".

Mr Dalling said the "bottom fell out of any hopes for peace in that community" on April 22 when police roadblocks were set up around the township.

Statements made to him by residents all reflected that action had been taken that evening by three teams of men, supported in some cases by Hippos.

Police 'laughed' at teargas victim

● Police were "seen and heard to be laughing" after a Grahamstown clergyman, the Reverend D G Cragg, fell down after being overcome by teargas at a funeral in Grahamstown last Sunday.

This is one of the observations contained in a document compiled on events at the funeral of Mr Bigboy Mginywa by Mr E K Moorcroft (PFP Albany).

A copy of the document has been handed to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

● Mr Moorcroft said during the debate police were "in the direct line of fire" and had to expose themselves to "the accumulated anger and hostility of those suffering under indefensible laws".

"That is why they are front-line targets today, and not because they are inherently bad or inferior."

'Strong evidence police executed Alex killings'

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Political Staff

PARLIAMENT — There was "overwhelming evidence" that "police and their friends" had executed the latest round of violence and killing in Alexandra township, Mr Dave Dalling (PFP Sandton) has told Parliament.

Mr Dalling called for a judicial commission of inquiry into the alleged police involvement.

He was speaking during the debate on the law and order vote.

He said police had erected roadblocks at entrances to Alexandra on Tuesday April 22 at about 5.30 pm and sealed it off.

At about 7.30 pm three separate teams of men, supported in some cases by Hippo personnel carriers, attacked certain targets

Some had been dressed in plain clothes, others wore police shirts and trousers, he said.

SHOT DEAD

Mr Dalling cited evidence given to him by residents that the teams assaulted the wife of the civic association chairman, Mrs Rebecca Beea, and her children, and burnt their house down; that Mr Colin Ntola, a member of the Youth Congress, was shot dead by several blacks in blue uniforms who ran from behind a parked Hippo; that a "people's court" dealing with a matrimonial issue was attacked and several participants killed or wounded.

"Alexandra looks today like a scene from the movie 'Killing Fields'.

"A leadership vacuum exists as every known leader has fled, fearing death at the hands of the police.

"As a matter of urgency, the police must pull back and call off the military occupation of this town," Mr Dalling said.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, replied that the police were investigating the allegations.

Mr Dalling asked if it was proper for police to conduct the investigation when they were the subject of the allegations.

Mr Le Grange replied that it was not possible to have a judicial commission "for every allegation against the police."

Shots fired by arsonist

By Jo-Anne Collinge

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A man allegedly opened fire on a Diepkloof teacher when she shouted from inside her burning house that she had seen him setting fire to the building.

"I called out: 'What are you doing — I see you'," Mrs Nomhlawulo Mabaso said. "And he started firing shots into the house — many shots. I was fortunate not to have been hit."

The attack appeared to have involved three men. Two were heard trying windows at the back of the property while one went for the front, she said.

This man hurled petrol bombs into the main bedroom, then broke all the lounge windows before throwing another bomb into the dining room.

None of the bombs exploded.

Then Mrs Mabaso saw the man throwing petrol from a gray plastic bucket into the lounge and putting a match to it.

"I had turned off all the lights in the house and turned on the outside lights so I could see him. He was black on the face, but his hands were very white — like a white man's hands."

Together with her husband, Hamilton, they had managed to put out the fire in the lounge. Two sons, aged nine and 11 had stayed huddled in their bedroom. Nobody was hurt.

She was baffled at why her home had been singled out for attack but thought it useless to report the matter to the police.

Appeal against joint funeral veto

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MAIL 2/5/86

By SEFAKO NYAKA

THE families of three Wattville victims of police action yesterday brought an urgent aplication in the Rand Supreme Court to declare invalid a magistrate's notice restricting conditions for a joint funeral.

The action was still being heard late yesterday.

The three were killed as a result of police action at a May Day rally in the Benoni township.The families want the burials to take place at a joint funeral on Saturday but the magistrate's notice restricted the funeral to today, Friday, and limited the number of mourners to 200.

Meanwhile, the families of the eight victims of the recent violence in Alexandra made a fresh attempt yesterday to get magisterial permission to hold a mass funeral on Saturday.

The funeral was scheduled for yesterday but the acting chief magistrate of Randburg, R Mandelstam, refused permission.

Lawyers acting on behalf of the families said Mandelstam had asked for additional evidence, but had again turned down the application yesterday.

In Tembisa, the mass funeral of three unrest victims had to be abandoned on Wednesday after a lengthy wrangle between the security forces and relatives of the deceased who refused to travel in buses arranged and driven by soldiers.

By the time the security forces agreed to allow the families to use their own transport, the 1pm deadline set for the funeral by the local magistrate, Edward Parsons, had expired, and the funeral had to be cancelled.

Relatives also claimed that the undertaker had been ordered by police not to release the bodies for the customary night vigil the previous night but to take the bodies to the Nepo Cinema only on the day of the funeral.

Night vigils were, however, held at the homes of the victims in defiance of the order and two people are alleged to have died at the vigil of Vincent Xaba after being shot by the police.

At the other vigil held at the Matole Cinema about six people sustained broken legs and arms when they jumped from the gallery after police had fired teargas into the cinema.

The funeral was originally scheduled to have been held at the Jan Lubbe Stadium, but was moved to the Nepo Cinema in terms of the magistrate's order.

The mother of one victim claimed that soldiers had told her they would help mourners fill the grave if she agreed that her son's body be handed over for burial.

She refused, and they "became very agitated", the mother said.

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2/5/86 WEEKLY M.

By PATRICK LAURENCE

the years in diplomatic manoeuvres

MAY DAY

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Union leaders save youth from burning

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SIPHO NGCOBO and DOMINIQUE GILBERT

LEADERS of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) saved a man from being burnt alive by scores of youths during Cosatu's massive May Day rally at Orlando Stadium yesterday.

Police fired teargas into a crowd of about 25 000 at the stadium, briefly causing chaos as part of the crowd panicked.

Police also shot dead one man in Tembisa yesterday and found the body of another man apparently killed by police in Kabokweni on Wednesday.

Police allegedly slashed the tyres of 10 vehicles outside Orlando stadium.

The man saved from fiery death was about 21. Youths alleged he was a member of the "MaKabasa," a right-wing gangster mob.

The man was captured outside the stadium by youths who locked him in the boot of a car. As the SA Defence Force arrived, they opened the boot and dragged their victim into the stadium.

Hundreds of other youths joined the onslaught, kicking and stabbing the man as the Cosatu leaders abandoned the rally and rushed to save him.

In May Day unrest yesterday police opened fire on crowds in Khutsong, Tembisa, Bekkersdal, Watville, Brackenfell, Kabokweni, Tseweleng and Bophalong. Arson and stone-throwing attacks were reported from around the country.

In Mbekweni, Paarl, shots were fired at police and a police vehicle and a policeman's home were extensively damaged by petrol bombs.

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IN A SMALL TRANSVAAL TOWN, SENIOR OFFICIALS OF SEVERAL POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS STAND

Commission shuns 'agitator' thesis

BY JO-ANN BEKKER

THE Van der Walt Commission into the September 1984 uprising in the Vaal townships could have major implications for the 22 men facing charges of high treason in Delmas.

In examining the causes of the revolt, Professor Tjaart van der Walt, rector of Portchefstroom University and a director of Sanlam, shunned the government's favourite scapegoat, "the agitators".

Instead he called for official investigations into rent increases, and allegations about corrupt black community councillors — grievances which he ascertained led to the spiral of violence which began on the third day of September two years ago.

The report was submitted to the government in March 1985, but was only tabled in parliament a fortnight ago. The reason for the delay is a mystery; one wonders if the protracted Delmas trial might have taken a different route had the findings been made available earlier.

In his report — which was primarily aimed at investigating education for blacks in the Vaal after the unrest — Van der Walt said although agitators must have been present at the time of the unrest "one should not give (them) more credit than is (their) due".

He warned against "branding people too readily as agitators or troublemakers".

"The person who is frank enough to voice his criticism honestly and forthrightly to the appropriate authorities (instead of stirring up people behind the scenes) may be a nuisance, but has exceptional worth: we should not too readily brand this person a trouble maker (a tendency I often encountered in the Vaal Triangle). Rather we should admire him for his courage ... We should cultivate this group of people, particularly with an eye to the future," Van der Walt wrote.

"To me it is cause for concern that during the investigation I so often had the feeling that perhaps we had alienated more of these people than we realise — on the one hand by in advance turning a deaf ear to their legitimate grievances and criticism and on the other hand, by after the event pigeon-holing their critical comments in the same category as those of the agitator, or completely ignoring them."

His findings include that:

- Residents of the Vaal townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Evaton and Boipatong had long-standing grievances about the high rent in the area and the conduct of town councillors.
- The rent increase of September 1984 — which was handled "overhastily, unwisely, clumsily and insensitively" by the town council — was "the final straw, the spark that caused the powder keg to blow up".
- Not one resident of the 137 he interviewed had a good word to say for the Lekoa Town Council and there were a vast number of allegations of corruption.
- Van der Walt recommended three official investigations, which should be conducted by independent experts, be established to: compare the rent in the Vaal Triangle with that charged in other townships and in white towns such as Vanderbijlpark; examine all allegations of corruption and maladministration by black town councillors; and delve into the personal financial positions of the present town councillors "either to put things right or to clear the atmosphere once and for all".

He recommended that if these investigations did not have the "desired effect", the Lekoa Town Council should resign *en masse* and councillors should stand for re-election.

FRIDAY, 2 MAY 1986

†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

HANSARD 2/5/86 Q cur 1511

Taxable income

337. Mr B B GOODAY asked the Minister of Finance:

			Whites	Coloureds	Indians
(a)		(1984)	24 679,9 m	1 462,3 m	1 171,5 m
(b)	(i)	(1985)	21 929,8 m	1 580, 1 m	842,9 m
	(ii)		4,54%	14,77%	22,33%

Notes:

(1) It is assumed that what is required under (a) and (b)(i) is the taxable income assessed for the 1984 and 1985 tax years, respectively. This excludes taxpayers paying tax under the Final Deduction System, in respect of whom accurate statistics are not available.

(2) The statistics for the 1985 tax year are incomplete because ± 25 per cent of individual taxpayers have not yet been assessed. The percentage growth has therefore been calculated on the average income per taxpayer.

Q cur 1571

Mamelodi: ammunition issued

HANSARD 2/5/86

526. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

With reference to his reply to Question No 6 on 11 February 1986, how many (a) tearsmoke canisters, (b) quirts, (c) shields, (d) helmets, (e) rounds of buckshot and (f) R1-rifles were issued to the members of the South African Police deployed in Memolodi on 21 November 1985?

(a) What were the total taxable earnings for Whites, Coloureds and Indians, respectively, in 1984 and (b) what was the (i) total taxable income earned in this year by each of these race groups and (ii) percentage increase or decrease for each such group over the previous year?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Except to mention that adequate equipment had been issued to members of the South African Police deployed in Mamelodi on 21 November 1985 to resist any eventuality, I am not prepared to furnish further particulars

(a) to (f) Fall away.

HANSARD Q cur 1572 2/5/86

99-year leasehold

528. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) How many houses (a) had been bought under the (i) 99-year leasehold and (ii) 30-year ownership scheme and (b) were being rented in each township falling under each specified Development Board as at 31 January 1986;

(2) how many housing units had been sold under the special State housing sale scheme in each specified Development Board area as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

99-Year leasehold is a form of land tenure and does not necessarily include houses. In the reply to question 1(a)(i) no distinction is made between developed and undeveloped sites in respect of the following Development Board areas. With this reservation, the question is replied to as follows:

Northern Cape Development Board

(1) (a) (i) 333.

(ii) 3.

(b)

Mataleng	404
Bongani	195
Motswedimosa	239
Tlhakatlou	224
Boipelo	117
Boichoko	616
Huhudi	399
Thembinkosi	127
Lukhanyisweni	101
Mziwabantu	110
E'Thembeni	246
Matlhomola	200

(2) 33.

Orange-Vaal Development Board

(1) (a) (i) 404.

(ii) 1 092.

(b)

Bothaville	817
Frankfort	156
Harrismith	811
Heilbron	4
Parys	25
Petrus Steyn	4
Viljoenskroon	145
Villiers	201
Vrede	237
Vredefort	32
Warden	84

(2) 174.

Southern Orange Free State Development Board

(1) (a) (i) 1 913.

(ii) 2 969.

(b)

Allanridge	—
Bethulie	132
Boshof	289
Bultfontein	—
Brandfort	305
Clocolan	109
Dealsville	178
De Wetsdorp	221
Edenburg	147
Excelsior	69
Fauresmith	134
Ficksburg	126
Fouriesburg	61
Hennenman	—
Hertzogville	—
Hobhouse	74
Hoopstad	155
Jagersfontein	75
Jacobsdal	189
Koffiefontein	102
Marquard	105
Paul Roux	8
Petrusburg	129
Philippolis	136
Reddersburg	156
Rosendal	4
Rouxville	47
Senekal	1 062
Smithfield	34
Soutpan	260
Springfontein	207
Theunissen	204
Trompsburg	188
Tweespruit	386
Vanstadensrus	2
Ventersburg	41
Verkeerdevlei	2
Wesselsbron	111
Wepener	—
Winburg	251
Zastron	318

(2) 1 913.

Natalia Development Board

(1) (a) (i) 14.

(ii) 3 205.

Cop 'necklaced'

A POLICEMAN was "necklaced" and a youth shot dead after a May Day meeting at Wattville Stadium yesterday. SOWETAN

The killings happened after the meeting was halted by police.

Residents were given five minutes to leave the stadium and police then began firing teargas and birdshot.

The youth was shot dead in the township, and his colleagues then cornered a policeman and "necklaced" him. (278) 2/4/86

The names of the dead have not yet been established.

Sapa reports that there were many other incidents of unrest throughout South Africa yesterday including:

- At **Mbekweni**, near Paarl, shots were fired at an SAP vehicle. No one was injured. In the same area, police arrested 22 men and seven women when a police vehicle was stoned.
- At **Khutsong** near Bothaville in the Northern Free State, a private vehicle was set alight and extensively damaged. In the same area, a councillor's home was set alight and a number of houses were stoned.
- At **Thandukukhanya**, near Piet Retief, a black man attacked an SADF member with an axe. He was disarmed and arrested.
- Near **Dube Railway Station**, Soweto, two passenger coaches were destroyed when they were set alight. Also in Soweto, police arrested two men when they stoned a police vehicle.
- At **Tembisa** on the East Rand, two private homes and two beer-halls and a number of vehicles were damaged by arsonists. A youth was killed when police fired at a mob attacking one of the beerhalls.
- At **Bekkersdal** near Westonaria, a police vehicle was petrol-bombed. Police warded off the attack with shotgun fire. A woman was injured.
- At **Pienaarsrust** in the Eastern Transvaal, a police vehicle was petrol-bombed and extensively damaged.
- At **Maukeng** near Kroonstad, private vehicles and buses were stoned.
- At **Brackenfell** in the Western Province, a mob of blacks marched through the white residential area. They were dispersed with tearsmoke. Three men and a white woman were arrested.

Townships form self-defence militias

By SEFAKO NYAKA

IN the face of violent attacks on political activists and their homes, residents in several townships have come together to form "people's militias".

This week parents and pupils in Diepkloof, Soweto resolved to get together and defend themselves against attacks such as those suffered by some residents last weekend.

Six people died and 13 others are in a serious condition in Baragwanath Hospital after being shot and attacked with pangas at a night vigil for a dead student in Diepkloof early on Sunday morning.

Eyewitnesses say the attack was carried out by about 40 men wearing balaclavas, who also set alight two tents which were hired for the occasion.

Several youths are said to be missing after being allegedly dragged to vehicles which residents said resembled police vehicles.

Cartridge cases and a "brain-spattered" balaclava were picked up in the blood-stained yard.

On Monday, David Mabeba, the father of a high school student, was shot dead by an unknown gunman during a raid on his house in Diepkloof by several men who said they were looking for his son

In Soweto alone more than half a dozen houses of activists have been attacked in a week.

In a statement this week the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) said the fact that the "police, the SADF, councillors and their henchmen have been seen at scenes of petrol-bombings and other savage acts of brutality is cause for concern.

"We can no longer stand by idly while our wives, children and property are being attacked. We have no option but to defend ourselves and it is in this context that we support the resolution taken by residents to form self-defence units."

The SCA said the situation "we are being forced into" may lead them to review "our commitment to non-violent struggle".

The first significant attack took place in Alexandra township more than a week ago.

According to sworn affidavits from residents, the attacks were carried out by men wearing powder blue shirts and dark trousers — standard police uniform.

Residents also claim that some of the white policemen had their faces blackened during the attack and that police vehicles escorted the attackers or appeared on the scene shortly after the attacks and did nothing to stop them.

The affidavits also claim that there is collusion by the fire department. In most instances described in the affidavits, people whose houses were set on fire were told not to put out the fire as the fire brigade was on its way.

The Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) claimed that since the attacks police had killed 18 people.

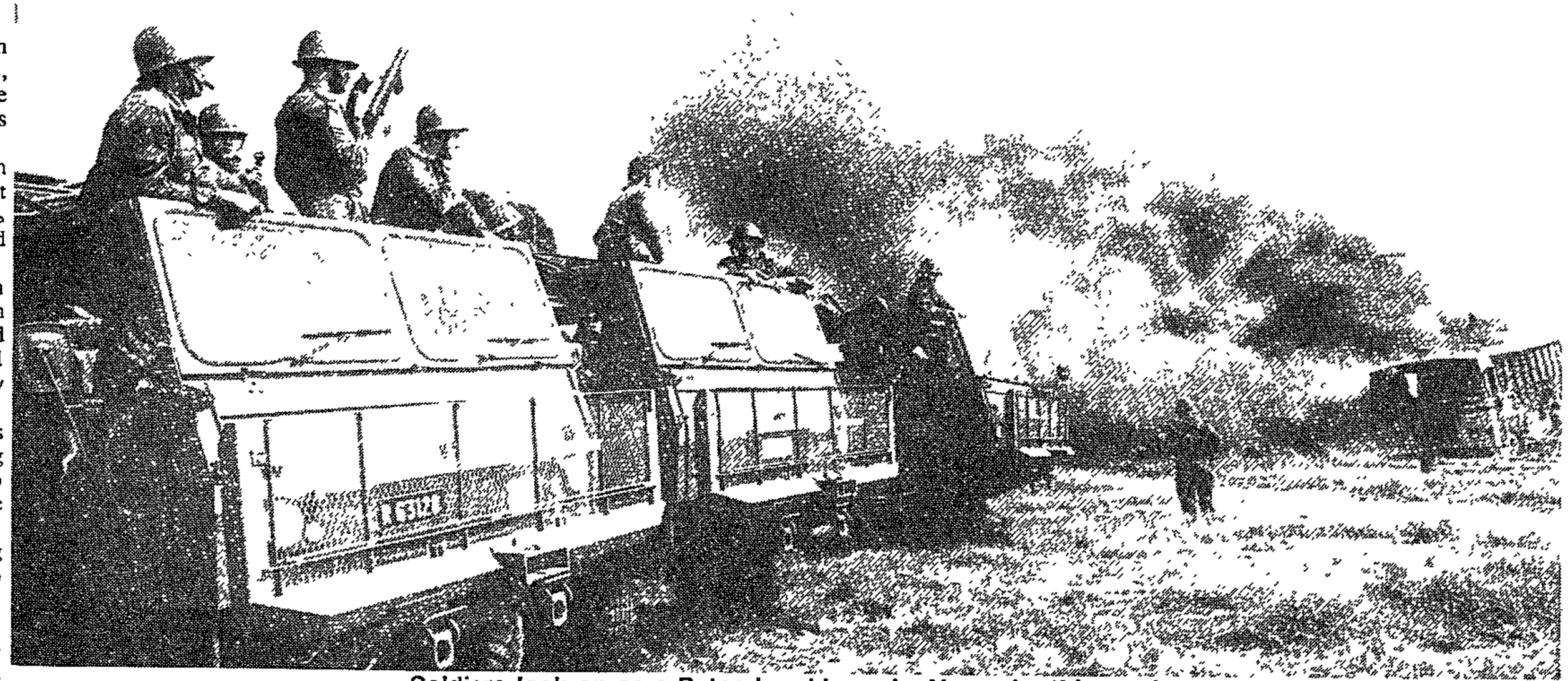
Police have confirmed only four deaths in Alexandra since last Tuesday — admitting that three of them were the result of police action — and said they were investigating claims of police involvement in vigilante groups.

AAC chairman Moses Mayekiso told a press conference this week that police had formed vigilante groups of up to 200 to patrol the township on foot in a bid to eliminate activists.

The acting publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, Murphy Morobe, said people were becoming more and more convinced that the attacks were taking place with the sanction of the police, or some police units or even by certain elements in the police force.

"In all these incidents hardly a single person has been arrested. It didn't take the police long to make arrests in connection with the killing of Rambo," (the alleged thug killed in Meadowlands a week ago).

Attacks were also reported at Carletonville, Krugersdorp, Bophelong in the Vaal Triangle and at Welkom, Free State.



Soldiers look on as a Putco bus blazes in Alexandra this week Picture: STEVE HILTON-BARBER

More than 1,5-m workers observe May Day

MASSIVE STAYAWAY

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2/5/86 SOWETAN

Mrs WINNIE Mandela . . . May Day message.

SOWETAN REPORTERS and SAPA

AT LEAST one and a half million South Africans stayed away from work yesterday in a massive display of solidarity.

The figure is a preliminary "conservative" estimate by the Labour Monitoring Group.

The independent group, made up of academics from the universities of the Witwatersrand, Cape Town and Natal, said the May Day stayaway was strongest in the Port Elizabeth/Uitenhage area and spread into most small towns in the Eastern Cape.

In the Transvaal, an estimated 80 percent of the workforce stayed away.

In Durban and the rest of Natal, about 70 percent were absent.

The call to stay away was less successful in the Western Cape. Figures for the Free State were not available.

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The stayaway — to mark the 100th anniversary of May Day — was one of the biggest ever in South Africa.

Buses and taxis did not operate in most townships yesterday. Residents generally stayed in their own yards, while police and army vehicles patrolled the streets.

In Johannesburg several small businesses in the city centre were closed as almost all black workers stayed away.

Many chainstores employed housewives and pupils to carry out tasks left vacant by black workers. Businesses in the city relying on black trade were closed, and there were few commuters from the townships to the city.

The stayaway was marked by huge rallies — and in some cases unrest — throughout the

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Diary of death and destruction in Alex

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Alexandra burst into the news again two weeks ago when the homes of political activists were attacked by a mysterious group of men.

After the violence had simmered down civic leaders gave the death toll as eight.

Last Monday three more youths were killed in Alexandra. Civic leaders later put the death toll at 18. They did not give the names of the dead.

Violence flared in Alexandra on February 15 after the funeral of two youths. There was a long running battle between the youths and the security forces. Three people died on that day.

It was quiet on Sunday but the township exploded into action again on Monday and when it stopped on Wednesday, 22 people were reported to be dead and scores of others injured.

During those four days Alexandra resembled a battleground. Streets were barricaded by youths and all forms of transport were prevented from entering the township.

Several houses, one belonging to a member of the Alexandra Town Council, were firebombed.

Security forces patrolled the streets and traffic officers manned roadblocks at all entrances.

Streets were impassable after the weekend rioting. Youths used old cars, rocks and burnt-out tyres to barricade the roads.

After the rioting the residents put the death toll at 22.

Youths prevented residents from going to work.

The Bishop of Johannesburg, Bishop Desmond Tutu, rushed to Alexandra where he managed to cool the tempers of the youths who were bent on marching to the Wynberg police station.

A delegation consisting of Bishop Tutu and members of the civic organisation went to Cape Town and met the deputy Minister of Law and Order and Defence, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to put the residents' demands — which included the withdrawal of troops.

The delegation reported back to about 40 000 people who crammed the local stadium. It became clear to them that nothing had been achieved by the meeting. Many of the youths were unhappy.

Then councillors began to resign. The Town Council no longer had a quorum and finally collapsed when the mayor, the Rev Sam Buti, resigned.

Violence erupted again in Alexandra two weeks ago and eight people were killed.

The homes of civic leaders and political activists were attacked. They included the chairman of the Alexandra Civic Association (ACA), Mr Mike Beea

Many young people have fled the township ... those remaining are living in fear of their lives.

'Rand policeman linked to bombs'

3/5/86 STAR

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Detailed allegations that a kwaThema policeman played a key role in petrol-bombing the home of the Anglican Bishop Suffragan for Johannesburg East, Bishop Simeon Nkoane, are in the hands of the Attorney-General.

Lawyers acting for the Anglican Church have told the Attorney-General that they believe the dossier they have sent him provides "sufficient prima facie evidence that a sergeant and other members of the South African Police may have been engaged in criminal activities". Brigadier Dick Greyling, of Springs, said he had received the statements and investigations were continuing.

One statement has been made by Mr Patrick Mahlangu, who says he was staying in a back room on the property of a sergeant at the time of the two petrol-bomb attacks on Bishop Nkoane's home in the Springs township in June last year. Several other homes were attacked on the same nights and shots were fired into them.

'SAW THEM BEING MADE'

Of the first attack, on June 21, Mr Mahlangu says the sergeant told him of the intention to petrol-bomb the bishop's home and boasted of the deed afterwards. "He told me that he and others had fire-bombed Bishop Nkoane's house and would do so again and again until the Bishop moved out of kwaThema."

Of the second attack, on June 26, Mr Mahlangu makes more detailed claims, including the allegation that he witnessed the making of petrol bombs on the sergeant's property.

Four men, including the sergeant, loaded about 12 petrol bombs into a white mini-bus, which was alleged to be a police vehicle. They drove off and returned about 2.30 am.

Cops hold 40 in night raid

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI

MOHLAKENG Students' Congress president Reginald Maphumulo this week described how security forces woke up members and friends in the dead of night and allegedly forced them to lie on their stomachs in the street.

At least 40 people were arrested.

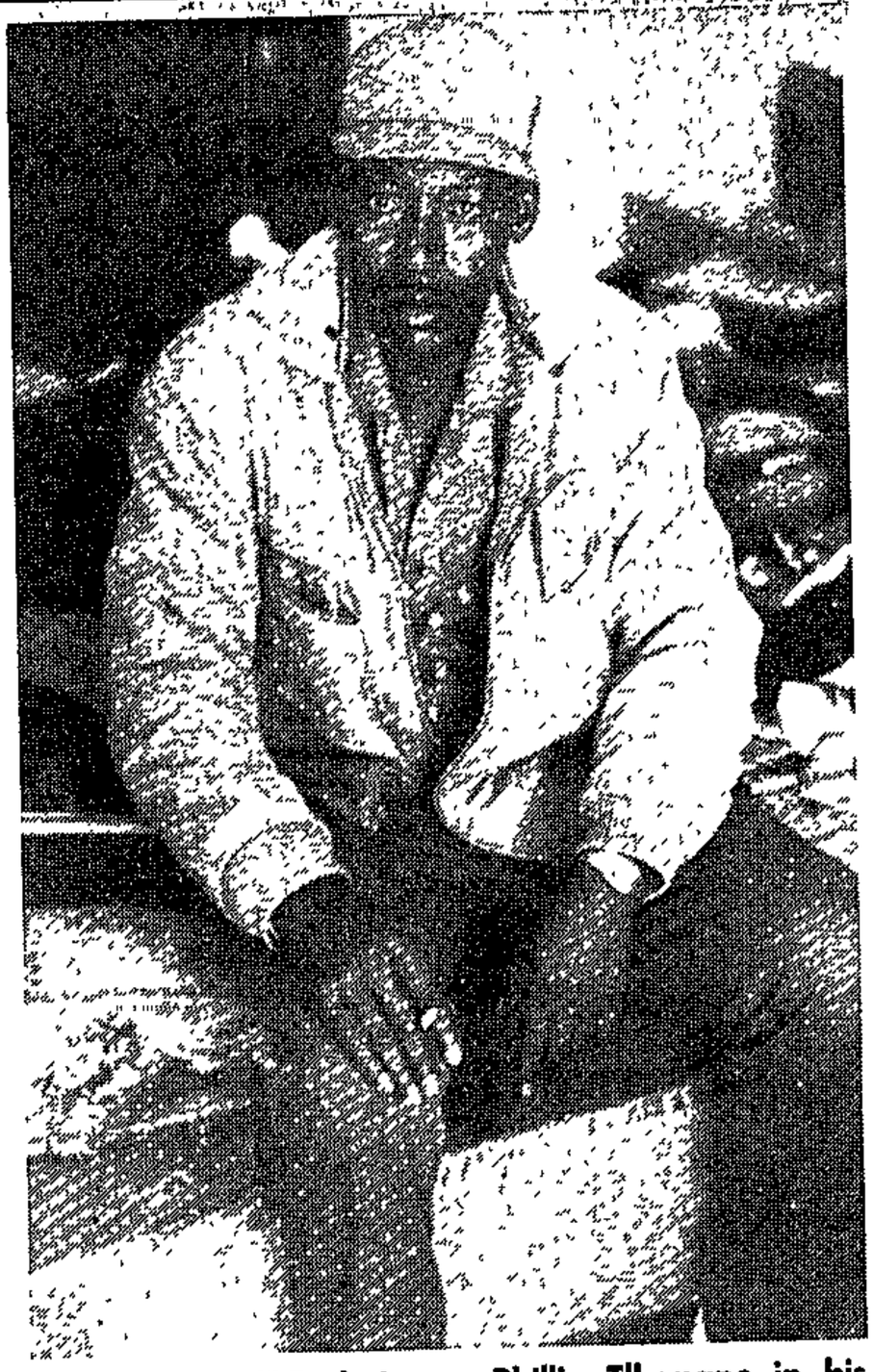
The incident happened at the home of local UDF chairman Phillip Tlhapane – who claims security forces turned everything upside down and left his house in shambles.

"The security forces threw in teargas, destroyed furniture and removed documents," he said.

"They came in four Hippos, a Casspir and a fleet of cars. This happened exactly a week after my house was petrolbombed."

A police PRO confirmed that 40 men were being held in terms of Section 50 of the Internal Security Act, after police arrested them in Mohlakeng and confisticated 16 petrolbombs.

The police said two of the men were being questioned in connection with two murders in Mohlakeng last Sunday.



Mohlakeng UDF chairman Phillip Tlhapane in his bedroom after he was raided by security forces. "They left my house in a shambles", he says.

Tlhapane said the security forces "rudely" woke them up at about 2am.

"They told me to open the door because there were 'comrades' in the house. When I opened the doors all hell broke loose – they tore everything apart," Tlhapane said.

Maphumulo said they were taken out of the house and forced to lie down in the street. "which felt like a cold slab".

"For three hours we lay in the street with the security forces standing over us with guns," said Maphumulo. "At the cop station, they used abusive language – calling us Kaffirs and petrolbombers."

Thlapane said problems started a long time ago when they tried to settle the dispute between UDF and Azasm members in the township. "We have held eight rounds of talks with no positive result."

Border is a powder keg, say farmers

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By Hannes de Wet

Trouble is brewing between white farmers and blacks living along the border which separates Sekhukhuneland in Lebowa and Steelpoort in the North-Eastern Transvaal.

Farmers say the area, which has been the scene of several necklace murders and petrol bombings since mid-February, has become a powder keg.

"Unless something is done, there will be a fatal casualty on the white side within the next month. Once that happens, nobody is going to stop these farmers from retaliating," Mr Johan Wessels, chairman of the Steelpoort Farmers' Action Committee, told *The Star*.

"We are getting repeated threats that the ANC is going to 'burn' us. This is an ugly sore selves," Mr Wessels said.

According to Mr Louw there were only two other choices:

- That the black villages across the border be moved.
- That the Government buy out the farmers and declare the area a no-man's-land.

Steelpoort is about 150 km from Pietersburg on the road to Lydenburg. Only the Steelport River separates about 20 farmers on the South African side from black villages in Sekhukhuneland in Lebowa.

The farmers began to feel threatened in mid-February when a vehicle belonging to Mr Paul Malan, of Belvedere Farm, was petrol-bombed. Several similar incidents followed.

In the past two or three weeks farmers have been the targets of theft and damage to property. Several have suffered serious losses.

One morning, Mr Wessels found his game fence had been cut in 34 places. The damage was estimated at R30 000.

Farmers said that the African National Congress was "very active" in the area. ANC pamphlets were regularly distributed among the blacks.

"Black farmworkers living across the border in Lebowa have been threatened with violence if they do not demand higher wages from us. Many of them are scared," Mr Wessels said.

Virtually all black farmworkers in the Steelpoort area stayed away from work on May Day.

"This is unusual. Some of these farmers have people who have been in their service for up to 30 years without a single day's absence," Mr Louw said.

that is going to burst open."

Farmers view the situation so seriously that they have demanded that the Government put up an electrified fence along the border.

Indications are that the Government will comply.

"We have been told that the Defence Force will take us to the Limpopo border to show us the electrified fence which is being erected there. We will then decide whether we want a similar fence," said another farmer, Mr Christo Louw.

The farmers have also asked for soldiers to patrol the border and protect their crops.

A delegation of farmers will meet their member of Parliament, the Minister of Manpower, Mr Pietie du Plessis, on Friday to discuss their demands.

"If the Government refuses to protect us, we will do it our-

'Boy ordered to cut his father's throat'

"And then they told the boy to cut his father's throat..."

The farmer angrily anticipates your reaction. "If you don't believe me, I will bring you people who saw it with their own eyes!"

He continues the story about the incident close to his farm on the border between Lebowa and Steelpoort in North-Eastern Transvaal:

"I knew the victim well. He borrowed money from me a while ago and was repaying it in instalments. He still owed me R180.

"On that fatal day he was apparently on his way home after visiting my farm. They were waiting for him and his 14-year-old son among the bushes close to the river.

"The large group of black youths grabbed him and put a tyre around his neck. The tyre was sprinkled with petrol and set alight. But they didn't have enough petrol and the man was still alive after the tyre had burnt out.

"They then gave his son a knife and ordered him to cut his father's throat. When the boy refused they threatened him with the same treatment. He went ahead and killed his father."

The farmer asked that his name be withheld — "otherwise I will be the next one to get a necklace".

The story he told was to illustrate "how active the African National Congress had become" in Lebowa and the area along the border between Sekhukhuneland and Steelpoort.

It all started in mid-February, the farmer said.

"I have inside information on how they went about. They started by making friends with schoolteachers and by offering them money. My information is that they are paying the teachers twice their salaries to co-operate.

"The teachers then had to provide the insurgents with class registers with the names of the brighter pupils underlined. These pupils are then summoned to be at a certain place for an evening meeting.

"The pupils are warned that their mothers or fathers will be necklaced if they don't attend the meeting. Parents were burnt to death in this way. Some pupils have become so scared that they don't even talk about the death of their parents."

2 May Day deaths on Reef — Cosatu

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By Jon Qwelane

At least two people died on May Day in the Vaal Triangle, according to the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), which was among the organisers of the countrywide stayaways.

One of those who died, Mr Joseph Mkhwanazi, could probably have been saved had the ambulance not "stood unattended with injured people inside for more than two hours".

UNION'S CLAIMS DISMISSED

But Major M J Halgryn of the SAP Directorate for Public Relations (West Rand), dismissed the union's claims that there were fatalities as a result of police action in the Vaal Triangle on May Day.

He said the police were attacked with petrol bombs in the township of Boipatong in the area.

"The police opened fire with shotguns, firing three bullets. Three people were injured and were taken to Sebokeng Hospital where they were placed under police guard," Major Halgryn said.

The other person was allegedly shot dead by police. He was taxi driver Mr Madala Mofokeng, who died near Sebokeng Hostel from where he was transporting people to a May Day rally.

The police said the meeting at the stadium was illegal, so it was transferred to the NG Kerk. Cosatu's "marshalls" directed people to the church.

"Hardly an hour after the meeting started at the church, the police arrived and gave orders to one of the marshalls to close the gathering.

"The people were given 10 minutes to disperse, but before a minute had passed teargas was fired into the church," says Mr Richard Mnculwane, regional organiser for Cosatu in the Vaal Triangle.

The teargassing was followed by a stampede in which many people were injured.

Cosatu, which is seeking legal advice on the alleged activities of the police, says those who were injured or have relatives missing should contact the union's Vaal advice office at (016) 21-2131 and 22-4362.

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Funeral runs over time limit

APEL. — South African Police ordered mourners at Mr Peter Nchabeleng's funeral at Apel, Lebowa, to disperse when the funeral service on Saturday overran a time limit set by the local magistrate.

The thousands of mourners were given 100 minutes to conclude their service and disperse by police who had arrived in nine Casspir armoured vehicles.

Mourners had listened patiently for hours in the sun as political figures delivered speeches and paid tribute to Mr Nchabeleng.

'Heart failure'

Mr Nchabeleng, Northern Transvaal UDF president, died three weeks ago at the Apel police station, where he had been held.

The police said he had died of heart failure, a cause which is being disputed by his family, who maintain Mr Nchabeleng was very healthy when he was detained by the Lebowa police.

A number of well-known political figures, including Mrs Albertina Sisulu, addressed the crowd against the backdrop of huge banners.

Mrs Sisulu said: "We want to take (Mr Nelson) Mandela out of prison and straight to Parliament."

Others, however, like Mrs Winnie Mandela, failed to arrive.

Dr Beyers Naude, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance fo Reformed Churches, were all on the programme, but were not present.

At 1.20pm South African and Lebowa police vehicles pulled up 200m from the gathering

An officer of the SAP quoted the the magistrate's order which said the funeral should end at 1pm.

He also ordered organizers to remove an ANC banner.

Organizers appealed for more time and were granted till 3pm.

The crowd then hastily moved to the cemetery where they sang freedom songs as Mr Nchabeleng's coffin was lowered into the earth.

The mourners then dispersed minutes after 3pm.

Mr Nchabeleng's name has been added to the long list of activists who have died while in detention.

And although little known to white South Africa, he was no stranger to the SA Government.

He spent eight years on Robben Island from 1962 for furthering the aims of the African National Congress, and was banned on his release.

'Banished'

He was banished to Sehukhuneland where, in the early 1950s, he led a massive peasant resistance campaign against the imposition of the Bantu Authorities Act and worked for people charged during the uprisings.

His banning order expired in 1983 and at the time of his death he was the first president of the UDF Northern Transvaal region. — Sapa and Own Correspondent.

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Soweto youths attack 'Inkatha supporters'

SOWETO — Scores of women fled a Soweto hostel at the weekend after some of them were attacked by youths accusing them of attending an Inkatha rally in Durban last week.

Two women were admitted to hospital and several were bruised following the attacks on inmates of the women's hostel in Mzimhlophe.

The attacks, in which doors and windows were smashed, were carried out by youths believed to be members of the Azanian Students Movement (Azasm).

The Durban rally was the inauguration of the Inkatha-backed United Workers Union of South Africa at which Chief Mangosothu Buthelezi was the main speaker.

The names of the two hospitalized women were not immediately available.

The youths allegedly swore to continue attacks on Inkatha members and accused Chief Buthelezi of taking "sides with whites against recognized leaders of the people". — Sapa

Murdered councillor 'evicted sick man'

A SEBOKENG councillor, Mr Caesar Motjeane, who was stoned and burnt to death during the Vaal Triangle unrest two years ago, was responsible for the eviction of a sickly man, an accused said in the Pretoria Supreme Court on Friday.

Mr Khoase Michael Phakwe (25) told Mr Justice van der Walt and two assessors that the dead councillor ordered that the belongings of a man known as Levy be thrown outside his home when he was in hospital.

He said the house was allocated to another family in Mr Levy's absence.

Murder

Mr Phakwe is charged with the murder of Mr Motjeane and another resident, Mr Phineas Matibidi. The two were killed on September 3, 1984.

Mr Phakwe is appearing with Mr Ratosilane (25), Samuel Mashela (64), Mr Thami Mayfair Zwane (25), Mr Sidwell Sealana Mpila (22), Mr Pule Thomas Maine (29), Mr Playmatic Rantlheneng Pulube (28), Mr Oulady Maria Sobekwa (32), and Mr Lazurus Bikinyana Kolokoto (25). They have all pleaded not guilty to charges including subversion.

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fluctuations in the exchange rate of the rand in the past year; if so, what factors gave rise to them;

(2) whether the Reserve Bank took any steps in this period to stabilise the rand and to cause it to appreciate; if so, (a) what steps and (b) why were these steps no longer successful;

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

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House):

(1) As is the case in most other countries in the western world, South Africa presently has a system of a floating exchange rate that changes continuously. Except for temporary short-lived fluctuations, the exchange rate of the rand was relatively stable during the first half of 1985. The value of the rand indeed fluctuated considerably against *individual currencies*, but from the end of 1984 until the end of June 1985 the weighted average exchange rate of the rand decreased by only 0,4 per cent Thereafter, during July and August the rand depreciated sharply due to the announcement by some foreign banks that they would reduce their short-term credit lines to South Africa. This was an important contributing factor to the decline in the value of the rand which, from the end of June to the end of August depreciated by an average of 29,8 per cent against other currencies. The rand subsequently fluctuated around this low level until 18 December, whereafter it began to appreciate. From 18 December to 21 April the weighted average exchange rate of the rand increased once again by 27,9 per cent. The latter increase could be attributed chiefly to the improvement of the capital account of the balance of payments. The measures adopted early in December 1985 to permit the Reserve Bank to exercise greater influence in the foreign exchange market, and the achievement of an agreement between South Africa and her foreign bank creditors on the treatment of South Africa's foreign debt have also created a more positive climate and thus contributed to the strengthening of the exchange rate.

(2) Although the Reserve Bank endeavours under the system of *managed* floating to exact a stabilising influence on the foreign exchange markets it was not in a position to contain the sharp fall in the exchange rate during July and August 1985. For that purpose massive foreign exchange reserves would have been essential. The drastic step was therefore taken of instituting a standstill on the repayment of a part of South Africa's foreign debt and of again applying exchange control to non-residents. Exchange control on South African residents, of course, continued uninterruptedly.

After the standstill had been announced, trade credit to South Africa importers was initially largely curtailed; in some cases importers even had to make cash deposits when placing order. This change in trade credit arrangements appeared as a large capital outflow in the balance of payments and was the chief cause of the sustained pressure on the rand until about the middle of December 1985. At the same time, repayments related to that portion of debt not subject to the standstill arrangements were made on the settlement dates in the normal manner. Under these circumstances it was naturally out of the question for the Reserve Bank to facilitate an appreciation of the Rand.

Further adjustments were made on 6 December 1985 to the exchange control measures and the existing foreign currency market arrangements, aimed at strengthening the Reserve Banks's influence in the market. For example, it was enacted that the gold mines would henceforth be paid in rand for their full output, and that the Reserve Bank would itself sell in the market the dollar proceeds of all gold sales

By the middle of December the trade arrangements with overseas suppliers of imports by South Africa had in a measure been normalised and the large outflow of capital had declined. The Rand therefore began to appreciate again in line with the improvement on the Capital Account and the sustained surplus on the Current Account of the Balance of Payments.

(3) No. The matter is fully dealt with in the answers to 1 and 2 above.

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Mamelodi

*4. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 29 on 25 March 1986, the inquests into the deaths of the persons killed in Mamelodi on 21 November 1985 have now been completed; if not, why not; if so what were the findings in each case;

(2) whether the police investigation into this incident has now been completed; if not, why not; if so, (a) when was it completed and (b) what were the findings?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) and (2) No, problems to trace witnesses so that statements can be obtained from them are still being experienced.

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Q COL 1597

Reference books/influx control

*5. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether any persons serving sentences for offences related to reference books and influx control were recently released in consequence of a White Paper on urbanisation, the tabling of which was announced on 18 April 1986; if not, why not; if so, what total number of persons was released;

(2) whether any prisoners serving sentences for offences related to reference books and influx control remain to be released; if so, (a) how many and (b) when will they be released?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Justice):

(1) Yes. A total of 188 persons were released by the SA Prisons Service. This figure is compiled as follows:

Sentenced	
Male	87
Female	32
Awaiting trial	
Male	49
Female	20
Total	188

(2) No.

Furthermore, it can be mentioned that the SA Police also released 64 persons of whom 14 were sentenced prisoners and 50 awaiting trial prisoners.

Receiver of literary prize: travelling costs

*6. Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:†

Whether the South African Transport Services contributed to the travelling cost of a certain person who visited the Republic recently to receive a literary prize and whose name has been furnished to the South African Transport Services for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, (a) why, (b)(i) what form did this contribution take and (ii) what was the value thereof and (c) what is the name of the person concerned?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

No. (a), (b)(i), (ii) and (c) Fall away.

question has been permitted as proper by Mr Speaker. He considered it to be a "good" question.

Q Col 1611
HANSARD 6/5/86

Kabokweni Magistrate's Court

*21. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether he or any member of the South African Police has been invited to participate in, and/or give evidence to, a commission appointed by the Chief Minister of KaNgwane to inquire into an incident which occurred outside the Kabokweni magistrate's court near White River in KaNgwane in March 1986; if so, (a) when and (b) who will give evidence to this commission; if not.

(2) whether the South African Police will send an observer to these proceedings; if not, why not;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter:

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes, the District Commandant of the South African Police, Nelspruit.

(a) 21 April 1986.

(b) No member of the South African Police shall give evidence before the commission.

(2) No, since the commission has not been appointed in terms of the Commissions Act, 1947.

(3) No.

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Alexandra Township

*22. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether any incidents of unrest occurred in Alexandra Township near Johannesburg on or about 23 April 1986; if so, what were the circumstances surrounding these incidents;

(2) whether the South African Police took any action in this township as a result; if so, (a) when, (b) what action and (c) with what result;

(3) whether any persons were killed in this township during these incidents; if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the cause of death in each case;

(4) whether any policemen were injured in action in this township; if so, what was the nature of their injuries;

(5) whether the police received any complaints or allegations that members of the South African Police were involved in incidents of burning houses and assaulting residents; if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) what was the nature of the complaints or allegations;

(6) whether these allegations have been investigated; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;

(7) whether any action has been taken as a result of this investigation; if not, why not; if so, what action;

(8) whether any persons have been taken into custody in connection with this unrest; if so, (a) how many and (b) in terms of what statutory provisions?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes, as from 06h00 on 22 April 1986 until 06h00 on 24 April 1986 various incidents of stone throwing, arson, fire damage, petrol bomb attacks, use of a firearm and the erection of road barricades occurred in the township concerned.

(2) Yes.

(a) Immediately after the first incidents came to notice.

(b) Reinforcements were sent into the township and intensive patrols were executed.

(c) Due to the intensified police presence and police actions the number of incidents decreased

(3) Yes.

(a) 4 persons.

(b) In 2 cases due to gunshot wounds.
In 1 case due to burns.
In 1 case due to assault.

(4) Yes, one White member due to a gunshot wound in the stomach.

(5) Yes, allegations.

(a) 23 April 1986.

(b) and (c) Allegations that members of the South African Police were involved in incidents of burning houses and assaulting residents, appeared in Press reports.

(6) and (7) Yes, allegations made in Press reports are being investigated.

(8) No. (a) and (b) Fall away.

Q Col 1613
HANSARD 6/5/86

Guguletu: ANC terrorists

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

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 23 on 22 April 1986, he will furnish information on the inquest into, and certain general matters relating to, the deaths of suspected African National Congress terrorists killed in Guguletu on 3 March 1986; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether the inquest referred to above has been completed; if not, when is it anticipated that the inquest will be completed; if so, (a) when was it completed and (b) what were the findings;

(3) Whether any progress has been made in the investigation of the circumstances surrounding this incident; if not, why not; if so, what progress;

(4) whether any further action has been taken in regard to this matter; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) with what result?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No, I refer the hon member to the content of my answer to Question No 23 which I have answered on 22 April 1986

(2) No, but will be completed shortly.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(3) and (4) Fall away.

6/5/86 Q Col 1614
HANSARD

Lawaaikamp

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

(1) Whether the South African Police took any action at Lawaaikamp near George on or about 22 April 1986; if so, (a) at what time, (b) what was the purpose of this action and (c) who was in charge of the operation;

(2) whether this was a combined operation with the South African Defence Force; if so, (a) why, (b) who took the decision in this regard and (c) which section of the Defence Force was involved;

(3) whether any persons were taken into custody, if so, (a) how many, (b) in terms of what statutory provisions and (c) for what alleged offences;

(4) whether any of these persons were under the age of 18 years; if so, how many;

(5) whether any other action was taken on this occasion; if so, (a) what action, (b) what was the purpose of tak-

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Policeman allegedly fire-bombed bishop's home

ALLEGATIONS of police abuse of power have become common. PETER WALLINGTON reports on fresh allegations of police involvement in the petrol-bombing of houses in KwaThema, near Springs, last year.

A SPRINGS policeman was part of a group of men who petrol-bombed the homes of Johannesburg Anglican Bishop Suffragan Simeon Nkoane and other anti-apartheid activists in KwaThema last year, it is alleged in an affidavit.

The affidavit was one of four sent in April to Transvaal Attorney-General Donald Brunette by attorneys who act for the Anglican diocese in Johannesburg. A spokesman for the A-G said the affidavits had been received and that police had been asked to investigate.

Once a docket had been received a decision would be taken on whether to prosecute, he said.

East Rand CID chief Brigadier D A Greyling said the matter was under investigation and that no arrests had been made.

Nkoane said last year that he had been warned to leave KwaThema or face death. The threat had been made only days after two petrol-bomb attacks on his home — the first on Friday, June 21, and the second on Wednesday, June 26.

In his affidavit Patrick Mahlangu said he often heard a police sergeant, whom he named, complain that people like Nkoane and activist Alpheus Moepye were "instigators" of school children.

Mahlangu said he knew the policeman well but never suspected he was involved in criminal activity "until May or June 1985 when the rash of fire bombings broke out in KwaThema".

Mahlangu claimed that at the end of May or early June last year the policeman "told me that he was going to fire-bomb Bishop Nkoane's house. I did not see any of the preparations for this expedition, but the morning after he told me of his intentions, the policeman told me that he and others had fire-bombed Nkoane's house and would do so again and again until the bishop moved out of KwaThema.

"He also told me they had thrown fire bombs at Moepye's house on the same night."

Mahlangu said the policeman told him again in June that he was going to burn down Nkoane's house.

Mahlangu said the policeman said he would fire-bomb the house of a Daphne Malinga because she provided shelter for young people who had "caused trouble" in the township and would fire-bomb the house of a Debra Makabela "who was always going to meetings".

At about 5pm that day Mahlangu said he saw the policeman take a 25l plastic container and say he was going to get some petrol. He then drove off in a police vehicle and returned sometime after 6pm.

Then a man who worked for the policeman collected some wine bottles and Mahlangu said at about midnight the guard and two other people (one of whom he knew to be a policeman) were making petrol bombs with the wine bottles.

Three rifles lay on the ground next to the men, Mahlangu said.

The policeman then joined the men and they got into a white Kombi with about 12 bottles. They were wearing balaclavas, Mahlangu said but left the rifles behind.

The Kombi returned about two hours later, the rifles were collected and the men left again. It returned half an hour later and the policeman got out and entered the house. The Kombi then left.

Mahlangu said the policeman told him the next morning what had happened the previous night.

"He told us that they had been to Malinga's house and thrown a fire bomb at it and shot through the windows of the house. He told us that he had heard Malinga scream. He also told us that he and his accomplices had burnt the cars outside Malinga's house.

"He told us they had then moved on to Nkoane's home. He told us that Nkoane had nearly seen him through the window and seemed to be nervous about having been seen by the bishop. Nevertheless he told us that they had thrown the bombs into the house, but had left their axe in the grounds of the bishop's house as they ran away.

The policeman "told us they had then moved on to his ex-wife's house. He said that he had burnt a car outside the house and then he and/or his accomplices had thrown petrol bombs at the house and fired shots at it.

"He told us that the party had then proceeded to Makabela's house. He told us that he had thrown a fire bomb through the window and fired some shots at the house. He told us that he and his accomplices had poured petrol in front of the front door.

"My sister appeared to receive this news very well and said that it showed the people that 'we can attack back'. My wife was scared and said nothing and while I was not particularly scared, I certainly did not like what was going on so I just said nothing."

In his affidavit, also sent to Brunette, Nkoane said on the night of June 21 five petrol bombs were thrown through windows that had been broken in his living room. Two young people and his 82-year-old mother put out the fire.

A neighbour and Nkoane's brother reported the incident to the police.

Then, at about midnight on June 25/26 Nkoane said he heard two explosions outside his home. However, he found nothing and went back to sleep. Later he thought he heard voices outside and woke up a young man in a room next door to his and went to investigate.

Again he found nothing and went back to sleep, but was again woken up by the young man who said there were people outside. Nkoane said he looked outside and saw three men with balaclavas.

He immediately woke his mother up and heard "crashes and bangs which must have been the men breaking windows in the front room. When I came out of my mother's room I saw a fire in the front room".

Nkoane then grabbed a stick and shouted at the men, one of whom fired three shots at him. The fires in the front room and in Nkoane's room were put out, and Nkoane handed an empty cartridge to the Springs CID on July 1.

economic activity in the homelands for them to support their large numbers. Government's industrial decentralisation programme has failed to create workable growth points. Although many employers have availed themselves of the generous incentives offered, development has been uneven. Jobs have been created, but the simultaneous development of social amenities such as housing, transport, health and education has been neglected.

In addition, the cost effectiveness of the decentralisation programme has also been questioned, and the authorities have not been able to stem an endless stream of allegations of corruption. And when the Treasury can no longer bear the cost of subsidising decentralisation, all the jobs "created" will be lost — witness the eastern Cape and the motor industry.

With few exceptions, most rural families are dependent on money earned in the urban centres, although some are surviving on State pensions and various forms of assistance from aid agencies. Both Allwood and Operation Hunger executive director Ina Perlman say the recession and increasing urban unemployment have exacerbated rural poverty. Over the past 18 months both organisations have been forced to increase the amount of relief feeding they are doing to prevent massive starvation.

Despite influx control, sheer desperation has led to a drift to the cities: witness Crossroads in Cape Town and the growth of shanty towns on the KwaZulu/Durban border. But on the Reef, shortage of land for black settlement has inhibited a similar process. Instead, large numbers of PWV workers commute from massive slum settlements in Bophuthatswana and KwaNdebele — Winterveld and Kwaggafontein to name two.

The question is: will the abolition of influx control allow people to escape their impoverished conditions and cause a massive flood of people into the metropolitan centres? Neither Allwood nor Perlman believe it will. Based on reports from their field workers they say the feeling out in the rural areas is one of distrust and suspicion, with people waiting for government's hidden agenda to be revealed. "If it wasn't for this there would be a mass migration," says Allwood.

Despite the occasional rural development success story, Allwood remains pessimistic about the future of the homelands. "We can write these areas off until they have political legitimacy," he says. But as government has made it clear the homelands are still an integral component of the constitutional plans for a future SA, this is not likely in the near future.

Meanwhile, people working in rural areas tread a delicate political line and, for this reason, Operation Hunger works through community structures only. There is an obvious need for aid and development. But political sensitivities are such that organisations are sometimes accused of supporting the homeland system. Yet they feel they cannot ignore the issues while waiting for political change. Says Allwood: "The least we can do is put these rural towns on the map, upgrade settlements and create the necessary infrastructure."

Poverty back home

SA has produced the freak cities of the Third World. Compared to other places, they are clean and orderly without the *favelas* of Sao Paulo and the *canhicos* of Maputo — those sprawling shanty slums that cluster around cities of Africa, South America and Asia.

But SA, like the rest of the Third World, *has* spawned slum settlements. Only, largely because of influx control, they have mushroomed in the homelands.

Townlike conditions have been created in the rural areas. This is a consequence of many factors. "Betterment schemes" designed to maximise land use have meant that people who were once distributed over large areas have been crowded into small villages. And mass removals during the Sixties and Seventies have swelled the homeland population by 3m. Of course, this process happened without sufficient planning so the agglomerations lack basic urban infrastructure such as adequate roads, an energy supply, sanitation, rubbish removal and domestic water on tap.

So severe is the crowding that UCT's Urban Problem Research Unit estimates that approximately 60% of the homeland population would have to leave over the next 16 years if a meaningful agricultural policy is to work in these areas. "Today, less than 30% of people living in the homelands are involved in primary production," says John Allwood, executive director of World Vision of Southern Africa, which is currently sponsoring over 100 rural development projects.

To add to the misery, there is not enough

HAND GRENADE BLAST KILLS 2

3 others injured outside house in Mabopane

TWO people were killed and three others were seriously injured when a hand grenade exploded outside a house in Mabopane, Bophuthatswana, at the weekend.

Bophuthatswana police yesterday confirmed the deaths and said the incident took place on Saturday night.

Colonel David George, liaison officer of the Bophuthatswana police, yesterday said two men died instantly when a hand grenade exploded outside a house "during a disturbance".

The country's security forces were not involved, he added.

Two other people, Col George said, were seriously injured. They were both rushed to hospital where their condition was yesterday reported as satisfactory, the police spokesman added.

Col George declined to give the names and ages of the dead and the injured and said their next-of-kin had not yet been notified. He also declined to give the address of the house where the hand grenade exploded.

The *Sowetan* has established that the explosion took place outside a house in Section B. A source said police cordoned off the area immediately after the blast. The police also sifted through the rubble looking for clues, the source said.

Col George said no arrests had been made.

Meanwhile the house of a well-known Anglican Church minister was set alight by unknown people in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, at the weekend.

Father Kenneth Motsepe of 41 Mote Street said his furniture worth thousands of rands was burnt down. Nobody was at home at the time of the attack.

A double celebration

IT WAS an occasion for pride for Mofolo South mother S'bongile Dube when her twins, Rethabile and Banele, celebrated their second birthday.

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Police assisted vigilantes, Leandra residents claim

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One youth is feared dead and two others were seriously wounded when vigilantes — allegedly backed by police — attacked anti-Government activists in Leandra in the Eastern Transvaal on Sunday.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations today said the matter would be fully investigated. Leandra police have denied any knowledge of violence at the weekend or of any police involvement in the matter.

Residents told *The Star* youths had reported seeing the body of a young man lying near the railway line outside the township early yesterday morning.

Mr Vuyiswa Johannes Mbatha and Mr Mpostola Nkosi were admitted to the Belfast and Far East Rand Hospitals.

Mr Mbatha is in a serious condition following what residents claimed was a vigilante operation.

According to residents, trouble started on Friday afternoon when vigilantes, who were allegedly accompanied by police, arrived at the home of Mr Ephraim Nkosi, a member of the Leandra Action Committee.

Their leader, who is known to Mr Nkosi, ordered him to face the wall and then searched him for weapons. He then fired two shots, but Mr Nkosi was not hit.

The group then allegedly assaulted him. When Mr Mpostola Nkosi tried to intervene he was hacked with pangas and other weapons before fleeing the house, residents said.

Pupils killed and house gutted in Sharpeville

3 KILLED AS GANG, PUPILS FEUD

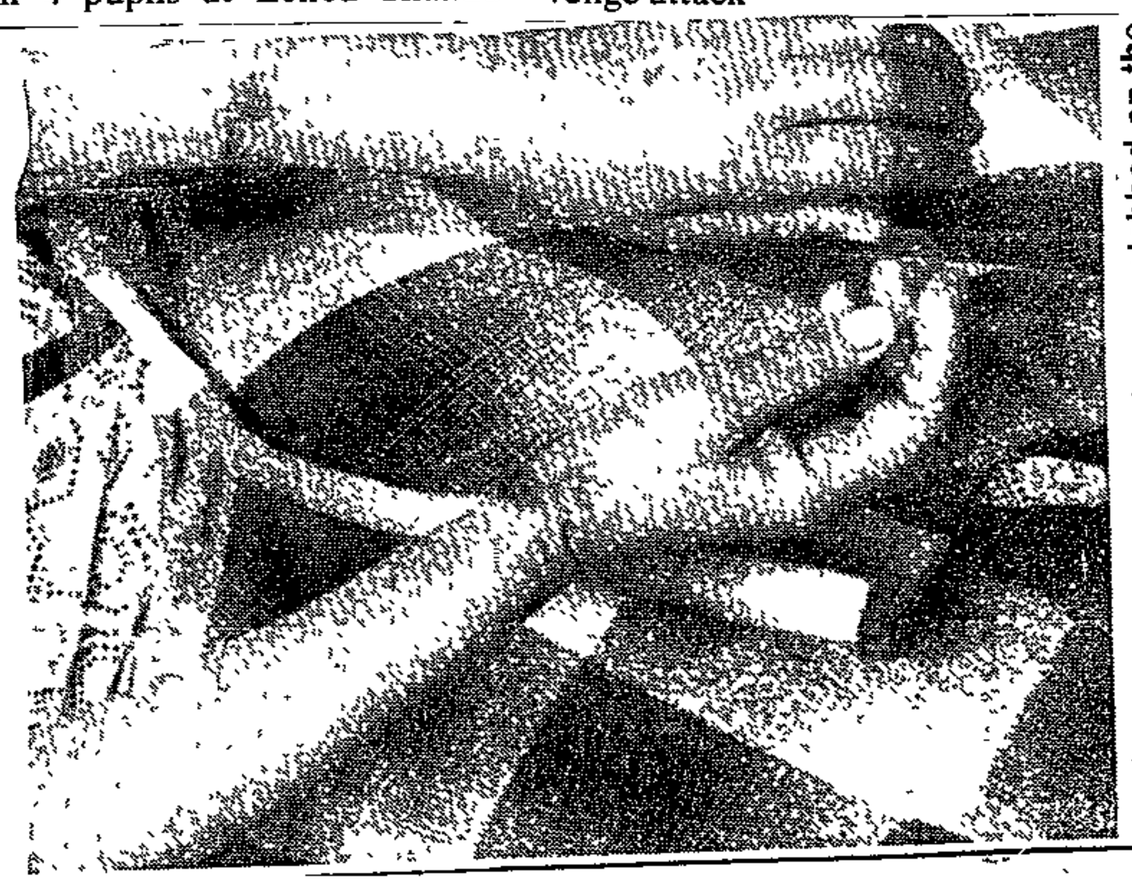
TWO high school pupils and a gang member were killed and a house gutted in clashes between schoolchildren and a gang known as Jets in Sharpeville.

Victor Thabiso Tlhabanelo (18) was stabbed to death on Sunday night and Ismael Khumalo (19) was killed last week. They are both Form 4 pupils at Lekoa Shandu High School.

Mr Malebu Tlhabanelo told the *Sowetan* that his nephew, Thabiso, was stabbed to death by an unknown man on Sunday night. He did not know why.

Revenge attack

A gang mamber, known as Mayoyo, was killed in an apparent revenge attack



Mrs MIRRIAM Mokoatsi who was stabbed on the arms and hands and had her house burnt.

Yesterday schoolchildren set alight the house of the man they believe killed Thabiso on Sunday.

Witnesses said the pupils stoned and petrol-bombed the house.

Nobody was injured during the attack.

Mrs Mirriam Mokoatsi, whose house was burnt, said they were attacked on Sunday.

Her three children — the youngest is two years old — were wounded and were treated at the Sebokeng Hospital.

My hands were stabbed when I tried to ward off the knife attack," she said.

She added· "Yesterday my house was attacked by pupils as I was returning from the hospital "

The fight between the pupils and the gang started a few months ago after the pupils had vowed to wipe them out.

Police are investigating.

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Witnesses' telephones tapped, judge told

JOHANNESBURG. — Telephones of members of the Krugersdorp Residents' Organization (KRO) who are giving evidence in a civil action against the ministers of Law and Order and of Defence were being tapped, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr Jules Browde, SC, told Mr Justice R Goldstone that the tapping of witnesses' telephones "is ongoing, it is still being done at the moment".

He said it was the first time in his career that during litigation respondents were eavesdropping on witnesses.

Mr Brian Berman, for the Minister of Law and Order, said the tapping "started long ago" but was being done "for other purposes".

The KRO made an urgent application to the Supreme Court in February for an order prohibiting the police and the SADF from committing unlawful acts in the townships of Kagiso I and II and Munsieville.

Questioned on the consumer boycott, the secretary of the KRO, Mr Laurence Ntlokoa, 28, denied that his organization had stopped people from buying where they wanted or that it had anything to do with petrol-bombing. He said the KRO was a non-violent organization.

Mr Ntlokoa said he had chaired a meeting at which the purpose of a consumer boycott was explained.

The crowd of about 700 people decided to hold a boycott from December 6 and the Krugersdorp Boycott Committee was formed by delegates from six organizations, including the KRO

The total population of the three townships is about 50 000.

In reply to a question from Mr Berman, Mr Ntlokoa asked: "Can 700 prevent 50 000 from buying in town if they wanted to?"

After receiving complaints from people who were harassed when they bought goods from white shops, the KRO had decided to go on a crime-prevention campaign, Mr Ntlokoa said.

A disciplinary committee, which was not part of the KRO, was formed in January at a mass meeting on the crime problem.

Parents of children who were caught harassing people were called in and the children were given lashes.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

Police deny person killed in Leandra

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The police have denied that a person was killed in Leandra on Sunday and said the "body" seen near the railway line "was in fact that of a sleeping youth who later walked to a nearby farm".

Members of Leandra Action Committee yesterday said one youth was feared dead and two others were seriously wounded when vigilantes backed by the police attacked anti-Government activists in the township.

A spokesman for the police directorate in Pretoria said in a telex reply that no policemen were involved in any action in Leandra at the weekend. "No incidents of unrest were reported and the persons, referred to in your telex, have not reported attacks on them by the police."

Two youths, Mr Vuyiswa Johannes Mbatha and Mr Mpostola Nkosi, were alleged to have been attacked.

The police spokesman further said:

"The fact that these and other allegations were reported to a newspaper and not to the police gives us reason to believe that this is yet another attempt to attain propaganda and to dicredit the South African Police."

Difficult to identify those guilty of violence, court told

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Staff Reporter

It was very difficult to identify people who committed acts of political violence in the townships of Kagiso and Munsieville, because these acts often occurred at night or the perpertrators disappeared soon afterwards, the secretary of the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation (KRO) told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

'UNLAWFUL ACTS'

The KRO have alleged that the police and SADF are guilty of committing unlawful acts in the townships of Kagiso I and II and Munsieville.

In February the KRO brought an urgent application against the Minister of Law and Order, the Minister of Defence and the District Commissioner of Police for the West Rand, in an attempt to win an order restraining the security forces from committing "unlawful acts" in these areas.

All three respondents have denied the allegations made in 114 affidavits submitted to the court.

Under cross-examination, Mr Laurence Ntlokoa (28) said it was very difficult to identify the people who committed acts of political violence in the townships, but the KRO was not in favour of such violence.

He was explaining to the court why he was not sure how effective an anti-crime campaign launched by the KRO had been.

Mr Ntlokoa said the KRO had launched the campaign last December and they felt it had been successful.

But sometimes, he said, people who had been teargassed or shot at reacted violently against people or objects they felt represented a repressive ruling system.

Under cross-examination he told the court several affiliate organisations were represented on a general council with senior KRO members and that Kayco (Kagiso Youth Congress) had seven branches.

Each branch represented a geographical area, some of which included six or seven streets. He said the organisation had to split into branches because memebership grew too large.

Bodies of 3 youths found in Roodepoort

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West Rand Bureau

The semi-naked, badly mutilated bodies of three youths were found dumped behind the CMR Hostel in Roodepoort yesterday.

All three had multiple stab wounds. The bodies had been piled on top of one another.

The youths, whose ages were estimated at between 12 and 16, had been stripped of most of their clothing. Two were wearing underpants only.

A police spokesman said today it was clear the bodies had been taken to the spot and dumped. The possibility that the killings are linked with unrest in the area is being investigated.

Anyone who may be able to identify the black youths is asked to contact Colonel Langenhoven at (011) 763-3225.

TWO HAD 'AK-47s' - COURT HEARS

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TWO youths carrying what looked like AK-47s attended a congress held by the Azanian Students Organisation in a West Rand township during 1984.

A former West Rand student leader said this at the trial of 22 men charged with high treason.

They are appearing before Mr Justice K van Dijkhorst sitting with two assessors. They have pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Yesterday's hearing was held in camera. The State witness who gave evidence may not be identified.

He told the court that from July 4 until July 8, 1984 a West Rand branch of Azapo held a congress. The witness said that on July 5 while the congress was in progress at a community hall he saw two young men carrying objects looking like AK-47s.

He said: "I could not confirm whether these objects were real firearms or toys but they looked like AK-47 rifles."

People in the hall sang freedom songs and banners were displayed, the witness said.

The witness also told the court national campaigns set out by the United Democratic Front were carried out by their affiliates.

Meanwhile, the editor of the *Weekly Mail* and a freelance journalist yesterday appeared before Mr Justice van Dijkhorst on a charge of contempt of court.

Their appearance follows three articles in last Friday's *Weekly Mail* which dealt with the Delmas treason trial.

They are Mr Anton Paul Harber, the newspaper's editor and Ms Jo-Anne Baker. Judgment will be passed today.

Proceeding.

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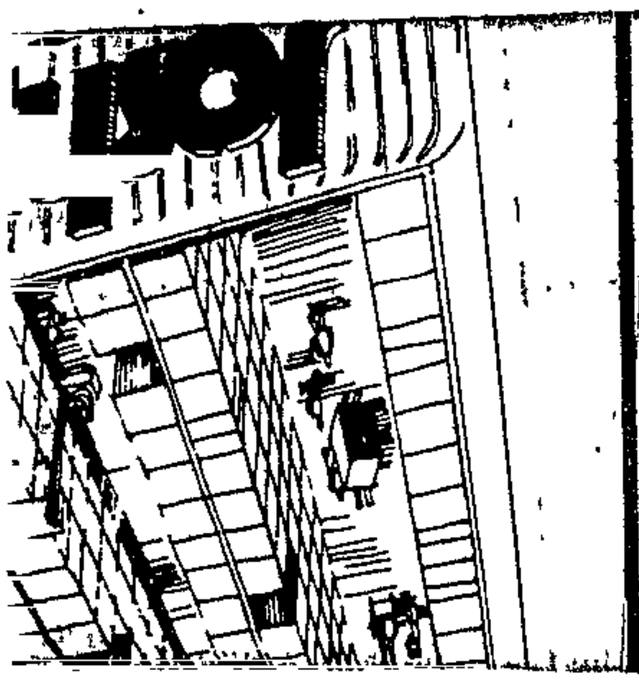

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Whites invited to see graves in townships

By Estelle Trengove

The people of Alexandra have invited whites to their township on Sunday, May 18, to visit the graves of their dead and meet the "mothers, fathers and wives of the people killed".

A representative of the Alexandra Action Committee, Mr Sipho Kubeka, extended the invitation at the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee's (Jodac's) third "Call to Whites" meeting, at St Martin's-in-the-Veld Anglican church yesterday.

"Your safety shall be guaranteed," Mr Kubeka said.

"The activists are not safe ... you have probably heard of the list of names of people who are to be eliminated."

A group will meet at the Civic Methodist Church in Braamfontein at 2 pm on Sunday May 18 to travel together to Alexandra.

Catholic priest and Jodac member Father Albert Nolan said that a war was being fought in the townships. The time had come for whites to take sides clearly and unequivocally.

A member of the audience was applauded when he suggested that whites go to the townships and place themselves between the beseiged community and the guns of police and army.

He was again applauded when he said whites should give blacks some respite from the war by letting them stay in their houses, while whites stay in the township.

Some 250 attended.

SAP vow to protect youths

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Senior policemen have assured lawyers they will see to it youths who fled Leandra vigilantes will not be molested if they return to the township.

This is according to Mr Richard Spoor, attorney for the Leandra Action Committee (LAC).

He said this after police met LAC legal representatives at the Evander police station yesterday afternoon to discuss the return of the youths.

After the first vigilante attack about five months ago the youths sought refuge at the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre near Roodepoort.

About 50 youths who returned at the weekend were allegedly attacked again and fled to kwaThema in the East Rand.

SAP member testifies at Winterveld inquiry

The commission of inquiry into the Winterveld shootings continued yesterday at the Ga-Rankuwa Magistrate's Court.

A South African policeman, Warrant Officer Gabriel Swanepoel, who is also a legal medical assistant at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital, told the hearing a bullet was removed from the corpse of Mr Thomas Lusenge by a pathologist in his presence.

He said he did not consent to an autopsy as it was not necessary.

The chairman of the Winterveld Community Council, Mr Lawrence Samuel Lebese, said that on the day of the shooting he and seven other people were holding a meeting with the Minister of Internal Affairs, Chief B L Motsatsi, at the Ga-Rankuwa Police Station.

He said police trucks arrived transporting people who were arrested for allegedly attending an illegal meeting.

He said that the arrested people were accompanied by the area's district Commissioner of Police, Colonel Andrew Molope.

Acording to Mr Lebese, Colonel Molope told him that the meeting in Winterveld was rowdy and that prompted the police to shoot at the mass, resulting in the deaths of 10 people.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa.

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Schools hit by stayaway

Atteridgeville's schools were hit by a mass stayaway of pupils yesterday. STAR 8/5/86.

Pupils in the Pretoria township are demanding the immediate unbanning of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), the resignation of the town council and the withdrawal of security forces from the townships.

No police action was taken, and pupils were peacefully moving about the streets in their school uniforms. — Sapa.

Unita threat discussed

STAR 8/5/86

The Star's Africa News Service

LUSAKA — Senior Zambian officials were believed to have met yesterday to discuss Unita leader Mr Jonas Savimbi's threat of reprisals if his forces were attacked fom Zambia.

A Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman said yesterday an urgent meeting of all ministeries concerned with security had been arranged to discuss the threat.

Tembisa family attacked

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Mr Difa Bennet Thulare (51) of Tembisa narrowly escaped serious burns when a petrol bomb thrown at his bedroom window by unknown people exploded in his face yesterday.

His daughter Tembisile was shot in the thigh when a burst of gunfire followed the petrol bomb attack

A Pretoria police spokesman today confirmed the attack.

Mr Thulare, a former organiser of the Tembisa Civic Association (TCA), said he heard a car outside his house just before the attack at about 2 am.

"I instinctively jumped from the bed and parted the bedroom window curtains to see who was outside

"Just then I saw a ball of fire come flying towards me and before I could do anything, it struck the window panes and burglar proofing in front of me, splashing petrol on my face and hair." Mr Thulare had a few minor burn marks on his face.

He said the petrol bomb attack was followed by a quick burst of what he believed to be machinegun fire.

His children, who slept in an adjacent room, panicked during the shooting and ran into the kitchen, where Tembisile (24) was shot in the right thigh. She was taken to hospital where she was treated and discharged.

Mr Thulare showed *The Star* at least 35 spent cartridges which he said had been fired in the machinegun.

Bodies of 3 youths found

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JOHANNESBURG. — The semi-naked, badly mutilated bodies of three youths were found dumped behind the Consolidated Main Reef Hostel in Roodepoort on Tuesday.

All three had multiple stab wounds. Two had been stabbed in the chest and the other in the back and side.

The bodies had been piled on top of one another and the police believe the killings took place elsewhere.

The youths, ages estimated at between 12 and 16, had been stripped of clothing. Two were wearing underpants only. The third was wearing trousers.

A police spokesman said yesterday that it was clear that the bodies had been taken to the spot and dumped. The possibility that the killings are linked with unrest in the area is being investigated. — Sapa

TERROR ATTACKS MOUNT

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Narrow escape in Tembisa . . .

A TEMBISA family of six was nearly wiped out by two gunmen who sprayed their house with machine-gun fire minutes after they had hurled two petrol bombs that exploded in the bedroom.

By MANDLA NDLAZI

"We are lucky to be alive because the system's gangsters intended to wipe us out judging by the way they attacked," said Mr Difa Thulare (50) of Umfuyaneni section yesterday.

He is an executive member of the Tembisa Civic Association

A bullet grazed the knee of his daughter, Thembisile (24) who was taken to the local hospital where she was treated and discharged

The petrol-bomb fire destroyed the bedroom curtains, furniture and clothing

A spokesman for the SAP Public Relations Division in Pretoria said Mr Thulare should make an affidavit and send it to the police who would then investigate

This was the second attack on his house within 10 days, Mr Thulare said

The first attack was last Monday when a petrol-bomb was hurled at his house It struck the wall and exploded outside causing no damage

Mr Thulare said he was awakened at about 2 am on Wednesday by the sound of a car near his front yard When he peeped through his bedroom window facing the street he saw two flaming petrol-bombs being hurled into his bedroom

The curtains caught fire and soon after that he heard blasts of machine-gun fire The first bullets hit the window

The other bullets drilled holes in the front door, the front wall and the other window facing the street

Whistle

A neighbour blew a whistle and this apparently scared the gunmen who immediately drove off, said Mr Thulare He said he was later told by neighbours that another vehicle that belonged to the gunmen was parked in the street at the back of his house

"This shows that had I ventured out in a bid to escape the fire in the house, I would have been shot and killed," said Mr Thulare

Meanwhile, police have told the *Sowetan* that they have no record of incidents in Vosloorus township on the East Rand in which some residents claim police fired tearsmoke canisters into their homes "without provocation" on Monday

Mr DIFA Thulare holding seven of the 13 spent cartriges he picked up inside and outside his four-roomed house after the gunmen had left. He said more than 30 shots were fired as he and his family hid in the house

Pic MOFFAT ZUNGU

Pick 'n Pay sleep-in wage strike goes on — Page 3

Violence at a Soweto home

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SIPHO NGCOBO

THE Soweto family of a student activist reported yesterday that a man — they say he was white but had his face painted black — fired about 25 shots into the house and at outside walls and tried to set it alight.

The activist, Vusi Mabaso, 18, who spent six months in police detention under emergency regulations last year, was not at home during the attack.

The man hurled two petrol bombs which did not explode. One fell on the bed where the owner of the house, Vusi's father Thulani Mabaso, was asleep.

The other, thrown into the bathroom, did not explode but broke, spilling petrol on the floor.

Vusi's schoolteacher mother said the attack, which caused damage estimated at R3 000, was launched about 2am.

"I was studying when it happened. I heard a noise of someone dropping a can. I heard our steel gate open. I decided to switch on the outside lights and just then I saw a white man, wearing a cap and with his face painted black. Although he was wearing a cap, I could still see his hair.

"He was breaking the front window while others were trying to break the back ones. He doused petrol through the broken window. I started shouting in Afrikaans: *Wat maak jy? Ek sien jou, jy is 'n boer.*

"He then fired through the window a number of times with his gun," she said.

Pretoria pupils shun classes

A CALL for police to reign was among demands made by the organisers of a total stayaway at Atteridgeville's 40 schools which started on Wednesday.

All pupils at the Pretoria township's seven high and 33 primary schools boycotted classes on Wednesday.

The stayaway was expected to continue the rest of the week, a Department of Education and Training spokesman said.

Pupils walked around Atteridgeville in their school uniforms yesterday. No police action was reported.

Demands

The stayaway organisers, "the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Stayaway Committee" released pamphlets in which they demanded that:

- Police and councillors resign;
- SRC offices be made available to pupils at schools;
- Exam fees be refunded;
- School windows be repaired;
- More stationery be supplied, and;
- Teachers resign from the African Teachers' Association of SA and the Transvaal United African Teachers' Association.

No name or address appeared on the leaflet.

The department spokesman said youths told primary schoolchildren who arrived at their schools on Wednesday morning to leave.

Black matric examinations were proceeding "very well" nationally, the department said. Atteridgeville matriculants were writing at special centres and these had not been affected by the stayaway. — Sapa.

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TJAART VAN DER WALT

Tapping a depth of hurt

Tjaart van der Walt was appointed deputy chairman of Sanlam the day the results of his inquiry into the Vaal Triangle unrest of 1984 were tabled in parliament. It was apparently pure coincidence, since the report had been gathering dust in government offices for over a year.

Van der Walt found a direct link between education and socio-economic conditions, emphasising real grievances rather than relying on the popular "agitator" thesis. Many found his conclusions surprising, since he's a staunch NP supporter and rector of Potchefstroom, probably SA's most conservative university.

On paper, Van der Walt is an unlikely figure to inspire confidence in the young radicals he set out to interview; yet he succeeded remarkably. A minister of the Gereformeerde Kerk for the past seven years, it was probably his profound religiosity, sympathetic pastoral manner and sincerity that won the trust of groups as diverse as Cosas, the ANC, vigilantes and community leaders.

A one-man commission, he interviewed 137 people making notes or using a tape-recorder — only with an interviewee's consent. His brief was to investigate educational problems, but it didn't take long to discover that the root of the problem went way beyond the educational system.

"I'm convinced the direct cause of the unrest was local conditions — lack of sensitivity, lack of communication, corruption and ignorance of the workings of the local authority system." People paid municipal fees, for example, and saw no improvement "I couldn't understand municipal accounts myself," he says, "and recommended a comprehensible system so that people would know what they were paying for."

To the surprise of his detractors, he also recommended a declaration of intent, the abolition of influx control and the Immorality Act. His discoveries of corruption at local authority level have already resulted in 55 court cases.

As rector of Potchefstroom University's 1 700-student Vanderbijlpark campus, Van der Walt was recommended to government by local community leaders to investigate the area's educational problems. "My approach was to listen, try to understand and let government know the facts — whether I agreed or not. I wanted to breach the communication gap between government and the people."

He started his investigation on December 4 1984, handing in his final report, supported by 1 000 pages of documentation, on January 18. His objective was to get the children back to school — and he succeeded. Meeting this goal meant interviewing from 7am till 11pm every day and sending his wife and children on an overseas holiday.

Robert Tshabalala

Van der Walt ... winning the radicals' trust

The inquiry wasn't all he had on his plate He is chairman of the SA Universities Sports Council, on the boards of Trustbank, Sanlam, Sankorp and Perskor, and a member of the Media Council. He's an honorary colonel of the Potchefstroom University Regiment and author of a number of theological books on practical Christianity His car registration is KLM. students joke that the only difference between him and the airline is altitude.

How does he manage all his activities? "I like to be captain of a strong team, to build up trust and delegate. I like to be informed, but subordinates are free to act and this gives me freedom to move around."

Van der Walt has served on the Sanlam board since 1981 and was a student friend of Sanlam chief Fred du Plessis. Although he's 52, Van der Walt probably represents an infusion of young blood on the board. "My intention isn't to meddle in Sanlam's affairs, rather to assist where I can," he says. "I'm no economic wizard, I'm a theologian."

Learning business

Luckily, after nine years as rector, his long leave began last week. He intends using this time to brush up on business management techniques and economics. Van der Walt matriculated at Helpmekaar Hoërskool — where his father was headmaster — with seven distinctions This was followed by a Wits honours degree in classics, theology honours in Semitic languages, and a doctorate in eschatology of the gospels from Kampen University in Holland.

"Today, people call me a verligte liberal I call myself a progressive nationalist. I'm not for the status quo nor revolution, but evolution is too slow A radical, though peaceful, transformation is required The inquiry made me more aware of what was going on in SA, of the depth of human feelings, the depth of injury and hurt It's made me more conscious of the need for outspokenness by business and community leaders and strengthened my desire to tell government to hurry up, they *have* to act now . "

NEILL MILLER

A big byte

In less than a month, Eurefin's share price has doubled The reason is simple· Computermatic (C-Matic), a Eurefin subsidiary, is to be listed via a rights issue to Eurefin shareholders. The human centre to the story is Neill Miller. Although Eurefin is associated with chairman Ronnie Price, it is Miller, now CEO of C-Matic, and MD of Eurefin, who built up the original, highly successful C-Matic operation

C-Matic was founded in 1971, when Miller, a B Comm CA, completed a post-graduate course with ICL — and realised he was one of a few who understood both accounting and computers Accordingly, he set up a bureau with a programmer and partner and, for the next six years, often worked through the night. It was tough, but it paid off North City Brokers bought shares, so giving C-Matic valuable respectability at a time when computer bureaus as a whole had attracted a bad name.

But the really big breakthrough came

Arnold Pronto

Miller . . . 'my work is my hobby'

when Miller, having designed C-Matic's first HP accounting system, won the account for Lubners Furniture HP debtors. By the time Price took the company into the Eurefin fold, Miller and his team had also secured the PICK data base and developed System Builder, a fourth-generation language, now in worldwide use. In addition, they had moved into PC sales and engineering, software development and distribution, and media supplies. The bureau also provided on-line services.

Why did they need Eurefin? Simply, management was stretched. There was no time for long-term planning as "at the coal face, you can handle only one job at a time." Since the takeover, Miller says, he has learnt what delegation really means.

In March, Dennis de Necker officially became MD of C-Matic, although unofficially he has been acting as that since last September. Miller says C-Matic now has a very strong management team, so that he can concentrate on ensuring that everyone in the group shares the "same culture."

With the number of takeovers in the past few months, this is important. Miller says, however, these have fitted in extremely well. At Micrographix, the latest acquisition, for example — where two men from another Eureka subsidiary have been put in as CEOs — the day-to-day operations have been left unchanged.

Miller would now only get involved in day-to-day operations in C-Matic if it signed a contract with another exceptionally big group of clients. He sees an important part of his job as ensuring that existing clients receive the same service as before — and new ones are treated in the same way.

Miller thinks that, with disinvestment, SA might have problems in matching mainframe developments, but should stay abreast in the smaller computer market. If there *are* sanctions, then bureaus are likely to thrive — given some health in the economy.

With all the accent upon work — "my job is my hobby" — and a 12-hour working day (with another two to three hours working at home), there would seem little time for family. But the computers at home are also used by Miller's three children.

On his personal future, Miller feels he'll be happy with his present position for "quite a while." C-Matic is forecasting a doubling of profits this year, and "I am very comfortable with that forecast," he adds. ■

ALAN AMBOR

Ranching out

If you were a teenager growing up in the late Sixties, a Saturday night waffle at Cape Town's first steakhouses might have been the high spot of your week. Being seen at the Sea Point or Newlands Spur steakranches was the acme of adolescent dating achievement. Today, the highly successful steakranch chain is more family-orientated and founder, Alan Ambor, plans to list Spur Steakranches Ltd on the Development Capital Market (DCM)

A well-known restaurateur, Ambor (44) has provided Capetonians with good food, value for money and places-to-be-seen for nearly 20 years now In addition to the 43 Spur franchised outlets, he also owns the popular Hard Rock Cafe in Rondebosch.

Fiercely ambitious, the Johannesburg-born Ambor put himself through a Wits economics degree, working as a waiter and dreaming of owning his own steakhouse in the Cape Today, the chain's annual turnover is around R40m.

"It's a buzz, a trip," he says. "If a steakhouse works well, you're like an air-traffic controller directing operations at an international airport. I'm a restaurateur at heart, not just an entrepreneur. You have to be dedicated, have a lot of energy and goodwill to survive You also have to be a vibey person with a sense of humour. It's a hassle-intensive business. Everyone wants their meal right now."

Robert Botha

Ambor

Not exactly a conventional JSE candidate, Ambor wears an open-necked shirt and an all-year tan. He lives in a *Style*-featured Bantry Bay house which his erratic working schedule permits him to enjoy fully A normal day is 6pm to the early hours — but also includes long yoga sessions and walks on the mountain and beach.

Ambor started the first Spur in 1967 with R2 000 he'd been given for his barmitzvah. "In those days it cost R24 000 to start a steakhouse," he recalls, "today about R200 000 "

Luckily for Ambor, he met a property developer who took a liking to him and helped him start the Newlands Spur The Sea Point Spur followed soon after. Three years later, when an old school friend asked him to open a Spur in Bellville, he started the franchising operation.

Scope to grow

Most of the Spur outlets are in the Cape, though there are 16 in Transvaal and Free State towns. Johannesburg and Natal offer as yet unexploited growth opportunities. Spur's expansion, Ambor says, has been conservative.

"It's company policy that franchisees must wholly own their steakhouses though we've loaned up to 33% to properly secured franchisees in the past. We want them to work for themselves so that we're just a tax-deductible expense."

In fact, one of the reasons he's seeking a listing is to help franchisees with finance. He's adamant, though, that Spur is a franchising company, not a finance company.

"We've got the right calibre of franchisee candidate applying but, because of the economic climate, they're finding it difficult to raise finance. I want to offer financial backing to the right applicants provided they eventually buy us out "

Ambor's British partner, Weal Investment and Licensing, acquired a minority share in the organisation some years back when Ambor planned to expand abroad However, SA's bad press has scotched these plans for the moment

Spur Ltd gets royalties on franchisees' turnover — and average monthly turnover of individual steakhouses varies from R55 000 to R120 000.

Though Spur qualifies for a main-board listing, Ambor chose the DCM because he felt "it was showing a lot of life and is a lot less expensive."

The listing will also help Ambor in his plans to raise money for a new venture — an upmarket burger-based fast-food chain.

Shares will be privately placed through stockbroker Frankel Kruger and Spur themselves and represent about 10% of the 12,5m shares in issue after the listing. A substantial allocation has gone to franchisees and Ambor has also put aside an allocation for his black employees — some of whom have been with him for 17 years

All of which is not bad going for this food king. ■

Church, home hit by petrol bombs

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DOMINIQUE GILBERT

AN ANGLICAN church and a home in white suburbs adjoining Alexandra township, near Sandton — and the Alexandra clinic — were targets of petrol bomb attacks early yesterday morning.

The home of a member of the anti-apartheid Civil Convergence Movement (CCM), Maarten van der Ploeg, in 8th Road, Kew, was attacked at about 1am.

Van der Ploeg was woken by dogs barking. He looked into the street and watched two men light a petrol bomb and throw it at his lounge window.

At about 2am, staff at the Alexandra Clinic heard a car alarm go off. The car — belonging to a medical student — had been tampered with and attempts had been made to set it alight. While they investigated, clinic staff noticed a fire in the records office.

Some time during the early hours of the morning a fire broke out at the St Catherine's Anglican Church sanctuary on the corner of Homestead and Dalene Roads, Bramley North.

St Catherine's Father Goodyear said it seemed a petrol bomb, thrown through the window, had not been effective and the arsonists had then apparently broken in and used church furniture to make a bonfire. He said there was evidence of a "huge fire" and much smoke damage to the church.

Van der Ploeg's lounge window was smashed but little else was damaged as the petrol bomb appeared to have bounced off the window into the garden.

The clinic suffered "superficial damage", a spokesman said.

Both Goodyear and Van der Ploeg believe either right-wingers or left-wingers were responsible for the attacks.

Van der Ploeg believes his house was attacked because the CCM attempts to "bring together people — from the security police to Alexandra vigilante groups — to negotiate in a bid to keep violence at a minimum.

☐ Meanwhile, an Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) Press conference scheduled for yesterday was cancelled because members went into hiding after allegedly being harassed by police.

AAC acting chairman Moses Mayekiso, the only one to arrive at the conference, said he had been telephoned by committee members and told it was "not safe" for them to leave Alexandra.

They had decided to "lie low" after being visited by security forces the previous night.

Police confirmed the three petrol bomb attacks but no comment could be obtained on claims made by the AAC.

Police also confirmed two people were injured in attacks on two homes in Tembisa, East Rand.

Widespread violence hits Reef on holiday

By Craig Kotze and Montshiwa Moroke

Widespread violence hit the Reef on Ascension Day, leaving seven people injured by mob attacks, petrol bombings and police action.

One man was seriously wounded and another slightly injured when police opened fire on a mob stoning their vehicle near Krugersdorp, according to a police unrest report. Both men are under guard in hospital.

In Soweto a panga-wielding mob seriously injured a man after he tried to escape a petrol-bombed house. A man and a woman suffered burns in the same attack.

In an attack in which an AK-47 automatic rifle was apparently used, a woman was slightly wounded when shots were fired at a house in Tembisa on the East Rand.

Also in Tembisa, another man was burned when a private house was petrol-bombed, police reported.

In Johannesburg, the St Catherine's Church in Bramley and a home in Kew were also petrol-bombed early yesterday. No one was injured in these attacks, which caused R30 000 damage to the church, but minimal damage to the house (see Page 3).

The Alexandra clinic was attacked but no one was injured.

In Soweto a Diepkloof man, Mr Hamilton Mabaso, and his family were yesterday the victims of an alleged white vigilante attack when their home was petrol-bombed and sprayed with gunfire.

A Pretoria police spokesman today said he could not confirm the incident as no reports had been received.

Mr Mabaso's wife, Nonhlawula, told *The Star* she saw a white man's exposed hands and face — disguised with dark paint — while he was shooting at the house.

Mrs Mabaso said the attack took place at about 2 am when she was preparing to study.

She heard sounds and turned off the inside lights, then switched on the outside ones.

"The next thing I heard the main bedroom window smash, then the two front living-room ones. Next it was the children's bedroom window at the back and then the bathroom window.

"I immediately switched on the bathroom lights and heard footsteps receding. As I looked through the broken living room window, I saw a man wearing a cap, dark glasses, black leather jacket, dark trousers and white takkies."

She saw the man pour petrol through the window, remove a glove from one hand, and light a match.

"What are you doing, I can see you are a Boer," she shouted.

"The man became wild and started shooting at random," she said. She darted to another window and saw the man backing away, still firing.

She saw him run to a waiting van which drove off at high speed.

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High school 'ransacked'

JOHANNESBURG. — The Immaculata (Holy Cross) High School in Diepkloof, Soweto, was "ransacked" by about 300 members of the Defence Force, the principal, Sister Therese, said yesterday.

A spokesman for the SADF said he could not comment until he had received a telex with the allegations.

Sister Therese said the soldiers, accompanied by four policemen, arrived at the school at 11pm on Wednesday.

They broke into all the classrooms and her office. — Sapa

Atteridgeville school boycott: DET talks

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Department of Education and Training held urgent negotiations yesterday with a wide spectrum of community organizations in Atteridgeville in an attempt to end the mass 25 000 pupil-strong stayaway which began on Wednesday.

Of concern to the DET is the method used by pupils to call the stayaway which included using unspecified "distressing intimidation" to gain access to a school, and using its notepaper, typing and roneo facilities and school stamp to bring out a pamphlet of demands, which included:

- The unbanning of the Congress of South African Students.
- The refunding of exam fees.
- The establishment of offices for Student Representative Councils.
- The resignation of town councillors.
- Teachers must resign from the African Teachers' Association of SA and the Transvaal United African Teachers' Association.

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Attacks blamed on vigilantes

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) yesterday claimed right-wing vigilantes were responsible for firebomb attacks — two in white suburbs adjoining Alexandra — early on Thursday morning.

A spokesperson for the AAC and the Alexandra Crisis Committee (ACC), Mr Naud Moitse, said at a press conference that vigilantes also attacked the "People's Court" in 3rd Avenue, Alexandra.

"They then went on to bomb the clinic offices, the Anglican Church and (Mr) Van der Ploeg's house in Kew," he said.

The AAC in conjunction with the Progressive Federal Party are collecting affidavits on alleged police involvment with the vigilantes, Mr Moitse said.

Police last night appealed to any person with more information about the attacks to submit affidavits to police stations so that the allegations could be investigated.

Also announced yesterday were plans for a mass funeral to be held in the township next Thursday where speakers would include Mrs Winnie Mandela.

The AAC claimed 20 people in Alexandra were killed by vigilantes during the pre-dawn attacks on activists' homes on April 22 and during a shootout between youths and the police on April 28.

They also claimed that SADF soldiers in Caspirs confiscated T-shirts with slogans from youths on the streets and that there was regular teargassing and shots fired "for no other reason but to provoke residents", Mr Moitse said.

Sapa reports that a police spokesman in Pretoria said he could not comment on the allegations "until a formal complaint" had been made to the SAP.

An SADF spokesman in Pretoria said he was not able to comment on the allegations that the Alexandra Stadium had been turned into a "sort of military base" as all matters of unrest had to be referred to the police.

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Alexandra is sealed off: 16 held by police

JOHANNESBURG. — Police said today 16 people had been arrested in trouble-torn Alexandra township, which has been sealed off by security forces since last night.

They were arrested in connection with drug possession and possession of stolen property. One person was arrested for driving without a licence.

The 1 670-strong security force moved into Alexandra at midnight, erected roadblocks and made house-to-house searches.

Members of the security force were handing out pamphlets at the roadblocks asking Alexandra residents if they were "tired of being harassed?".

High profile

Police said the operation had been launched because of "a high level of lawlessness which has been continuing in the area".

A statement from the police pubic relations division said security forces would continue to keep a high profile in Alexandra and the operation would carry on "as long it was necessary to restore law and order to the area".

Alexadra residents said taxis were told to stop operating from 7am "in order to keep people at home".

The pamphlets said the police needed information about people who were "preventing your children's education," and "keeping you from work". They offered protection and gave a telephone number where information could be given anonymously and assured people it would be "kept confidential".

The chairman of the Alexandra Action Committee, Mr Moses Mayakeso, said that apart from the present operation the security force presence in the township had made life "very difficult" for the residents. His group would contact employers to allow people to sleep at work as it was impossible to rest in Alexandra.

"For the past few weeks we have been hearing gunshots in the night and there are a lot of searchlights all over the place making sleep difficult," he said.

He added that since last night no shots had been heard in the township.

Commenting on the pamphlets, he said it was the police who were harassing the residents. — Sapa.

In ruins after youths set it alight

Tladi's pride

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI

THE Coloseum Inn – once the showcase of Tladi – now looks like the Zimbabwe ruins after youths set it alight.

The Inn – worth R40 000 – was gutted after youths blamed owner Lettie van Wyk for the death of their friend, who was shot outside the tavern. Van Wyk's R8 000 car was also set alight.

Van Wyk said she and six members of her family were trapped inside the house when the youths doused the doors and windows with petrol.

"I don't know what I've done to deserve such treatment. The youth was killed in the street. Although the argument which led to the fight started in my house, it doesn't mean I was involved," she said.

Van Wyk said the fight started after one of the patrons reversed into another car. The owner of the damaged car apparently confiscated the car which bumped into him.

"Suddenly there was gunfire in the street and the youth was hit by a stray bullet. He died instantly," she said

Van Wyk said a large crowd gathered outside her house.

"Some of them forced me to go to the home of the dead youth, where they said I would have to pay the funeral expenses," she said.

"The youth's family realised my predicament and said they would decide on my 'offer' with other family members. After the cops removed the corpse, the youths attacked my home.

"They stole liquor from the storeroom, stoned the house and set it alight. They then burnt my car.

"Everything in the house was destroyed. We're left only with the clothes we are wearing," she said.

Van Wyk and her family have fled and are staying with relatives in Soweto.

Coloseum Inn owner Lettie van Wyk after the fire.
Pic: GIDEON NHLAPO

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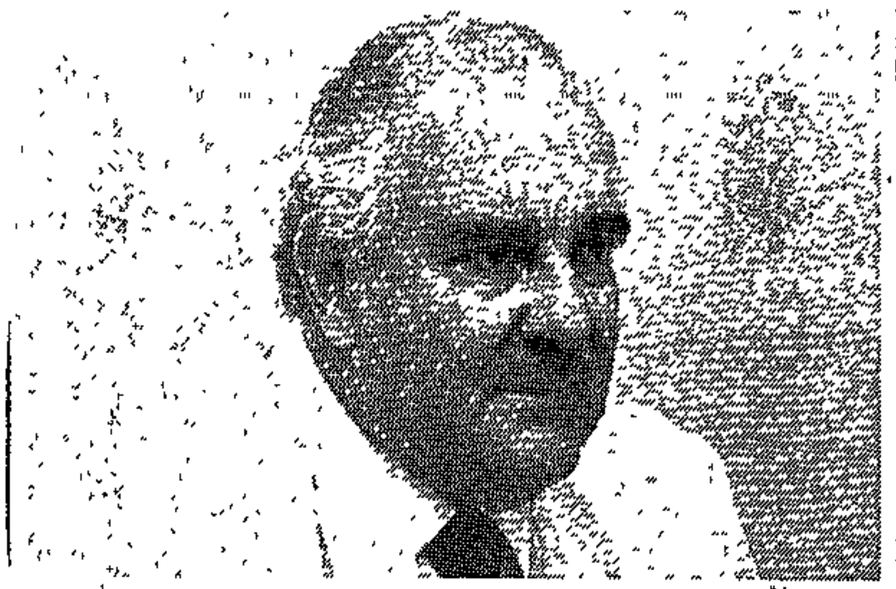

Vaal doctor Daan le Roux who was stoned last week, but aims to keep up his practice.

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Vaal doctor faces stones

By STAN MHLONGO

VAAL doctor Daan Le Roux was almost stoned dead by a group of youths last week.

Le Roux said he had a narrow escape when his car was invaded by stonethrowers – minutes after he had closed his Sebokeng surgery and was on his way to his Vanderbijlpark home.

It was the first time in 25 years that Le Roux – popularly known as "mlungu doctor" to local residents – was confronted by township youths.

When other white doctors operating in black townships decided to abandon their surgeries after violence erupted in the Vaal in 1984, Le Roux did not budge.

He stayed even though his Boipatong surgery was burnt with hundreds of shops and businesses in the area.

"I have worked in the townships all my life," Le Roux told *City Press*.

In all the years that he has been a doctor in Boipatong, Bophelong and now Sebokeng, Le Roux said, he had never "crossed swords" with township youths.

When it happened last week, Le Roux said, "it was a frightening situation".

"The stones just kept raining on my car – like I was in the middle of a hailstorm," he said.

His car was damaged.

Some residents who saw the incident apologised to Le Roux.

"All is forgiven," he said. "I don't have a grudge against anybody."

He said he had not been scared into leaving his practice in Sebokeng.

"I will move to Sebokeng Hostel, where the Orange-Vaal Development Board has fixed up a new surgery," said Le Roux.

Bomb blasts strike-bound Pick 'n Pay

By SINNAH KUNENE

STRIKE-RAVAGED Pick 'n Pay was hit by a bomb yesterday, which blew up part of its store near Sandton.

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The bomb exploded on two floors of a fire escape at Benmore Gardens shopping centre, which houses a branch of Pick 'n Pay.

Four cars were damaged and three windows shattered by the blast, which went off at about 1.05 pm yesterday.

The blast concided with a sit-in by over 140 Pick 'n Pay employees at the Benmore store, who heeded a Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union for national solidarity action over a wage dispute.

Nobody was injured in the blast, however, a witness said a white woman was almost hit by flying glass.

The woman was treated for shock.

"I was walking towards the building and I suddenly heard a loud bang and everything went dark," said the eyewitness.

"I saw a dark cloud from the fire escape, which is used by people in the office block above the shopping centre."

Late yesterday afternoon, ballistic experts and police were still searching the area and it was rumoured that there was second bomb in the building.

Police spokesman Lt Pierre Louw said they didn't know the cause of the explosion, or the make or origin of the bomb.

He said "extensive damage" was done.

● It is not known whether yesterday's blast had any connection with the Pick 'n Pay dispute.

A Pick 'n Pay employee said workers had sat-in inside the Benmore building, and those who were not on duty sat in the canteen. He said it was a peaceful sit-in.

About 8 000 workers at 60 Pick 'n Pay stores staged sit-ins throughout the country yesterday, threatening to go on strike for higher wages – demanding a R90 a month increase.

● Although no-one has yet claimed responsibility for the blast, the African National Congress has – in the past – bombed companies involved in disputes with workers, including the Chamber of Mines.

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3 men 'nyovad' – cops

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI

THREE young men have been found dead near New Canada – all victims of "siyayinyovas", according to the cops.

Soweto CID boss Brigadier James Beeslaar said the bodies – of youths between 17 and 20 – were found by cops this week.

"At the moment we suspect they were killed by the 'Siyayinyovas' ", said Beeslaar.

● Four motorists were robbed of their cars in Soweto this week.

The cars were taken by youths armed with knives.

● A 20-year-old woman was raped at gunpoint in Jabulani this week by six men who confronted her and her boyfriend.

No arrests have been made.

Second Khutsong necklace

By HERMAN LETSIE

A 19-year-old girl was doused with petrol and set alight in Khutsong near Krugersdorp this week – the second attempt to necklace a local resident in less than a week.

Martha Mapule Moruledi managed to escape before it was too late – but she still had to be treated for serious burns.

Moruledi was cornered by "comrades" who allegedly saw her travelling round with cops in a Hippo.

● Sakkie Sixolo – necklaced in the township last week – died of his injuries this week.

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Birdshot blinds pupil

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

ARCHIE Velile Mphetha, 21, will have to study for his junior certificate with only one eye – the Form Three Orlando West High pupil lost the other one when cops shot him in the face last week.

Mpetha – grandson of unionist Oscar Mpetha – was hit by a blast of birdshot as he fled his classroom from a cloud of teargas, fired during lessons.

Colleagues Bongani Ngwenya and Martin Moleleki were also wounded.

Police spokesman Major Fanyana Zwane said they had not received a report on the incident, but school principal H Lekhetho confirmed Mpetha's story.

Political comment in this issue and newsbills by P Qoboza, headlines and subediting by D Niddrie and C Vick, all of 204 Eloff Street Ext, Johannesburg

11 died of gun wounds

By SOL MORATHI

ELEVEN of the 32 people admitted to the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital on March 26 died of gunshot wounds.

This was said by hospital medical superintendent Rudolph van Niekerk in the Odi Magistrate's Court during the inquiry into the deaths of 11 people in Winterveld.

He was being cross-examined by Adv R Nugent – representing the Mabopane Action Committee, Mabopane Winterveld Crisis Committee, Pretoria Council of Churches, Metal and Allied Workers' Union and families of the deceased.

He said the patients were brought in by members of the Bop police, security forces and SAP.

Alexandra residents slam massive police crackdown

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By Rich Mkhondo

Residents of trouble-torn Alexandra township yesterday called on the Government to investigate the real causes of township strife instead of virtually declaring a "mini state of emergency".

Reacting to the weekend's massive army and police crackdown on Alexandra, residents said the action would worsen the situation.

Hundreds of police and troops were still surrounding Alexandra last night, searching cars and people leaving or entering the township.

The security forces distributed pamphlets calling on all law-abiding citizens to report people disrupting schooling or preventing people from going to work.

An executive member of the Alexandra Crisis Committee (ACC), Mr Linda Twala, said: "The more police besiege the township, the more people suffer and become bitter about the system.

"We do not say they should not be conducting law and order, because even if it was a black government, it would have a police force and army to enforce law and order.

"But what is happening here is against the will of the people. Gone are the days when if you saw police, you felt relieved, thinking they were going to help you.

"There is enough evidence that their men are responsible for the strife in the township, but they seem to be ignoring that and blaming some residents for being lawless," he said.

AAC chairman Mr Moses Mayekiso said his organisation condemned the "militarisation" of the township.

"We are appealing to the authorities to remove the forces so that we can live in peace and harmony," he said.

On Friday night hundreds of soldiers backed by the police moved into Alexandra township and conducted house-to-house searches.

At least 16 people were arrested for alleged possession of drugs and stolen property.

Three-year-old Khensani Sibiya had to be taken to a doctor after police allegedly fired teargas canisters into some houses yesterday.

A police spokesman said he could not comment as he did not have full details of the incident.

Alexandra still 'under siege'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Alexandra township was still under siege yesterday from contingents of police and members of the SADF who sealed off the area early on Saturday morning.

The 1 670-strong security force moved into Alexandra in a pre-dawn raid and erected roadblocks and started conducting house-to-house searches.

Every entrance leading to the township was blocked by police and army who searched vehicles and conducted body searches. This invasion has led to a total of 18 people being arrested on charges of dealing in or possession of dagga, possession of stolen goods or driving without a licence.

Firms bordering Alexandra were guarded by armed members of the SADF and police.

Police in Pretoria said the security operation was "mounted to combat the increasing wave of lawlessness in the township" and "will be carried on indefinitely".

The chairman of the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC), Mr Moses Mayekiso, lashed out at the raid as "another futile attempt by the Botha regime to frustrate, harass and intimidate the people of Alexandra".

Members of the security force were also handing out pamphlets at the roadblocks asking Alexandra residents if they were "tired of being harassed?"

"The police need information concerning people who are: Preventing your children's education. About people who are keeping you from work. About people who stop you buying where you like.

"Let us protect you," the pamphlet said and then gave a telephone number where information could be given anonymously and assured people that the information would be "kept confidential".

Alexandra residents told Sapa that taxis were told to stop operating from 7am on Saturday "in order to keep people at home," one township dweller said.

One Alexandra resident said that police were "thoroughly searching all the people and cars" going through the roadblocks. He added that residents had to undergo up to six of these searches before being able to leave the township.

Heavily armed

Another Alexandra resident said the security force was heavily armed and "groups of two or three were standing a few metres apart" throughout the township.

"They are just like bees swarming all over Alex," he said.

He said armed members of the security forces were heavily deployed in main streets of the township and there were a "lot of police in vehicles as well as people on foot" involved in the operation. He described the situation there as "tense".

● In another massive police action, combined units of the SADF and police made a pre-dawn raid on Saturday on Walmer township, near Port Elizabeth, arresting 35 people. Police said all 35 detentions were related to unrest.

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†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

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Bureau for Information

806. Mr P G SOAL asked the Deputy Minister of Information:

(1) Whether the Bureau for Information keeps a record or register of the foreign correspondents working in the Republic; if so, (a) when was this record or register commenced, (b) how many foreign correspondents were there in the Republic as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (c) what are the (i) names and (ii) nationalities of these correspondents and (d) for which newspapers, magazines or broadcasting companies do they work in each case;

(2) whether foreign correspondents are required to (a) register with and/or (b) acquire a permit from his Department before they may work in the Republic; if not, from whom do they obtain permission; if so,

(3) whether foreign correspondents are required to renew their permits to work in the Republic; if so, (a) at what intervals, (b) why, (c) how many correspondents (i) applied for, (ii) were granted and (iii) were refused renewed permits to work in the Republic during the latest specified period of six months for which information is available and (d) what were the reasons for refusing these applications in each case?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION:

(1) Yes. The Bureau for Information keeps a register of all foreign correspondents who apply for accreditation. Accreditation is done on a voluntary basis and information in this regard was given in question number 550.

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(2) (a) No.

(b) Yes, work permits are required by foreign correspondents. Such permits are administered by the Department of Home Affairs.

(3) (a) to (d) Fall away.

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Munsieville/Krugersdorp

896. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Defence:†

Whether the South African Defence Force recently took steps to bring about peace and quiet between the residents of Munsieville and Krugersdorp; if so, (a) what steps, (b) what is the (i) total and (ii) monthly expenditure involved in this, (c) how many (i) officers and (ii) other members of the South African Defence Force are involved in guarding the boundary between Munsieville and Krugersdorp and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(a) The SA Defence Force is not responsible for the combatting of unrest in Black townships. It is the task of the SA Police. The undermentioned steps taken by the SA Defence Force must be seen as support to the SA Police to establish peace and quiet between the inhabitants of Munsieville and Krugersdorp.

— The Commando unit established a temporary base which is manned at all times, in the buffer zone between Munsieville and the White schools of Krugersdorp.

— One platoon is deployed

Sowetan 12/5/86

Three youths killed by council cops

ZONE 1 DEATH SIEGE

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

EUGENE Mtshali Shot dead. Mr JOSHUA Maseko: Son shot. Mrs CECILIA Mtshali: Son dead.

THREE youths were shot dead and several others are believed to have fled their homes after a confrontation with the Diepmeadow Council Police in Soweto yesterday.

Eugene Zakhele Mtshali (19), a Form Four pupil at Deepdale High School, Joshua Maseko (16), a Form Three pupil at Bopha Senatla Secondary School, and David Jabu Khoza (20), were killed when police raided the trouble-torn Zone 1, Diepkloof, area

Captain C J Maree, of the Police Directorate in Pretoria, yesterday confirmed the shooting and said about 60 youths stoned and damaged police vehicles The council police fired pistols at them at 11.45 on Saturday night.

It is understood that residents and youths had intended to call a meeting to discuss the possibility of forming "street defence units" against a group of vigilantes that harass them when the police come into the township

Ms Patricia Khoza said her brother was fetched from home by a group of youths on Saturday to attend a meeting in the area

"We do not know what happened to him until we received a message on Sunday morning that his body had been found on the roof of a neighbour's house," she said

Ms Khoza said several shots were fired in Zone 1 on Saturday night and most residents stayed behind closed doors in fear of their lives Her brother was apparently shot dead when he tried to escape

Mr Nick Maseko said shooting started at about 11.30pm on Saturday and lasted almost the whole night

"We were under a virtual siege as shots were fired from every street My child, Joshua, was shot dead during the action He had visited friends

Mr Maseko added that his other son, Temba Maseko, narrowly escaped death when he was missed by several shots

Mrs Cecilia Mtshali said her son was shot dead during the raid by the council police

Several residents interviewed by the *Sowetan* yesterday described how a massive council police force invaded the area in vehicles and patrolled their streets

They said they feared for their children's lives

The township was tense but calm by late last night

"Damelin makes it easy!"

Mr J P Brummer, Principal, Damelin Correspondence College

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Police and army block entrances to Alexandra

SUNDAY 12/5/86

SIPHO NGCOBO

ALEXANDRA township, near Sandton, was still under siege yesterday by contingents of police and SADF members, who have been sealing off the area since Friday night.

Every entrance leading to the dusty township was blocked by policemen and soldiers who searched vehicles and individuals.

The action has resulted in 18 people being arrested on charges of dealing in or possession of dagga, possession of stolen goods and driving without licences.

The security operation was mounted to combat the increasing wave of lawlessness in the township, police said.

Chairman of the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) Moses Mayekiso condemned the raid as "another futile attempt by the Botha regime to frustrate, harass and intimidate the people of Alexandra".

The 1 670-strong security force moved into the township and conducted house-to-house searches after erecting roadblocks.

In other massive police actions around the country:

- Combined units of the SADF and police made a pre-dawn raid on Walmer township, near Port Elizabeth, detaining 35 people in terms of the Criminal Procedures Act. Police said all detentions were related to unrest.
- About 400 residents of the Oudtshoorn township of Bhongolethu were held for questioning after police — backed by troops — surrounded the area and conducted house-to-house searches.

Residents blame West Rand Board police

Four shot dead in Soweto raid

12/5/86 STAR 278

At least four youths were shot dead in Diepkloof, Soweto at the weekend and several are said to be missing after a midnight attack by a group said to be West Rand Board policemen.

Residents said they had seen people being beaten up and thrown into police vans.

Residents woke to find three bodies lying in three adjacent yards yesterday morning.

According to the police situation report, the youths had been shot when about 60 blacks stoned a development board vehicle on Saturday at 11.46 pm.

"The board members used a 9 mm pistol to disperse their attackers, fatally wounding three youths (male)."

Late yesterday, the township was tense after members of the SAP had fired teargas at residents on their way to Orlando police station.

It was the second occasion yesterday that police fired teargas. At 11 am, when they arrived to take the three bodies to the mortuary, they dispersed scores of onlookers.

Families of the dead had earlier refused to allow the bodies to be taken away.

The dead were Zakhele Mtshali (20), a Form 4 pupil at Diepdale High School; Jabulani Mbatha (19), and Ntsizwa Maseko (15), a Form 1 pupil at Bopa Senatla High School — all residents of Zone 1, Diepkloof.

Climbed on roof

The incident occured at about midnight. Scores of youths stood at a corner after meeting to discuss attacks on the homes of student activists.

One said: "Several police cars and other vehicles appeared. Shooting came from the vehicles, then policemen got out and pursued us on foot.

"I and about five others climbed on a rooftop but a white policeman took aim and hit Jabulani, who rolled off the roof to the ground."

● A youth was shot dead and several others seriously injured in Constantia Park township near Kroonstad on Friday after hundreds of mourners were given two hours to complete the funeral of an unrest victim.

A police spokesman confirmed that a man had been fatally wounded in Kroonstad "during lots of unruly action".

David Lephoka (16) was shot dead by police when they dispersed mourners returning from the funeral of Iziah Mokgampane (16) who was shot dead on May Day in the township.

Kroonstad's chief magistrate, Mr S A Smith, had banned the funeral from taking place on a weekend or public holiday.

Kroonstad's United Democratic Front (UDF) executive member Mr Dennis Bloem said the service and funeral had not exceeded two hours.

However, he said, "without any provocation, the police and the army started shooting".

Four slain in weekend of unrest

12/5/86 BUSDAY 275

Business Day Reporter and Sapa

AT LEAST four people, including a bus driver, died in weekend incidents of violence.

The driver died when a mob set his bus on fire at Guguletu, near Cape Town.

Police reports say that at Port Alfred's black residential area, a mob broke into the mayor's house, stabbing him three times. He fought off his attackers with a revolver, fatally injuring one. The mayor himself was slightly injured.

The charred body of an unknown man was found later.

At Zwelitsha, near Uitenhage, the charred body of a man was found.

At Wesselton, near Ermelo, a development board guard fired a shotgun to disperse a group stoning a house. A man was a injured and arrested.

At Matsuko, near White River, Eastern Transvaal, a shop and a delivery vehicle were destroyed by arsonists.

At Soweto, near Johannnesburg, the Seilibisthito Primary School was extensively damaged by arsonists.

In another incident, a policeman fired a rifle when a car was stoned. Police arrested a man.

At Wesselton, near Ermelo, a development board guard dispersed a mob with shotgun fire when a private dwelling was stoned. A man was a injured and arrested.

At Kwazakele, near Port Elizabeth, a home was petrol-bombed. In another incident, unknown persons fired rifles at a policeman's home. No one was injured and no damage done.

At Umlazi, near Durban, two homes were petrol-bombed, causing extensive damage to one.

At Batho, near Bloemfontein, a councillor fired his revolver when intruders broke into his home, injuring one.

At Makwelela, near Robertson in the Cape, a mob set fire to and destroyed a private vehicle. Police tearsmoke to disperse the m-

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5. Leave Fund
Coverage : --
Worker Contribution : --
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Annual leave covered : -- days

6. Sick Fund
Coverage : All workers
Worker Contribution : All workers
Employer Contribution : All workers
Annual payment for 5 day week : 160 days
Annual payment for 6 day week : 192 days
Qualifying period : 3 months
Waiting period : 2 days
Percentage of wage paid : --.0 %
Maternity days per pregnancy : 65

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Soldier hijacks taxi to flee mob

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A member of the Defence Force hijacked a taxi at gunpoint to escape a stone-throwing mob in Mamelodi township near Pretoria.

Captain C J Marais of the police public relations department in Pretoria said the soldier moved away from others in an attempt to arrest suspects on Friday.

Residents spotted him and he was stoned by about 100 people before he hijacked a taxi and fled to the police station.

Witnesses said the soldier held up the taxi at gunpoint and the passengers got out.

The mob stoned the taxi as it drove off with he soldier.

399-CANVAS GOODS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, CERTAIN AREAS.

Superceding w.d. no: 344

AREA A Durban, Inanda, Pinetown, and Port Elizabeth.

AREA B Bloemfontein, East London, and Pietermaritzburg.

AREA C Klip River.

Alex is calm

ALEXANDRA was tense but calm yesterday after a combined police and army crackdown at the weekend.

Soldiers and police patrolled the township but no incidents of violence were reported.

The weekend crackdown, in which about 16 people were arrested on various criminal charges, was strongly condemned by executive members of the Alexandra Crisis Committee.

Residents called on the Government to investigate the real causes of the unrest in the township, instead of declaring a "mini state of emergency".

Pamphlets, calling on residents to report those who disruped schooling and preventing people from going to work to the police, were also distributed during the house-to-house searches.

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move to Sandkraal has been completed; if not, when is it anticipated that it will be completed; if so, (a) when, (b) how many families were included in this survey, (c) what were the findings, (d)(i) by whom and (ii) in what manner was this survey carried out and (e) what (i) questions were asked and/or (ii) items were included in this survey;

(5) whether his Department intends providing any housing for residents of Lawaaikop and other areas in the vicinity of George who cannot afford to provide their own housing; if so, what will be the (a) nature of this housing and (b) conditions attached to the allocation of such housing; if not, why not;

(6) whether residents of Lawaaikamp who are unable to provide their own housing will be allowed to remain in existing housing in Lawaaikamp; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps will be taken in respect of such residents;

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

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Yes.

(a) 2.

(b) One during the night of 15 February 1986 and the other one during the weekend of 19 April 1986.

(c) Arson in both cases.

(d) A show-house which was used by an officer of the Development Board as an office was completely destroyed. Concerning the second house almost no damage was done.

(2) Yes. It was negotiated with the Development Board that gypsum board cladding be fitted in future on the inside of the external walls and that the foundations be closed-in with asbestos cement sheeting.

(3) Yes, an inspection was carried out on 22 January 1986.

(a) By a Control Inspector of Works of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

(b) After completion of the first 89 houses

(c) (i) Technical.

(ii) Quality of finishing, materials used, method of construction and quality of construction.

(4) No, due to the unrest situation it is not possible to undertake the survey at this stage. The survey will however be undertaken as soon as circumstances permit. (a), (b), (c), (d)(i), (ii), (e)(i) and (ii) Fall away.

(5) Yes.

(a) Conventional two-roomed brick houses.

(b) Sub-economic group earning less than R150,00 per month.

(6) No.

(a) The land belongs to the Municipality of George and forms part of the townships for Coloured people.

(b) Negotiations with each of them will be undertaken as soon as the survey has been done.

(7) No.

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Johannesburg City Mall: person arrested

HANSARD 13/5/86

*15. Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether any members of the South African Defence Force arrested a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply, during the course of a meeting at the Johannesburg City Hall on or about 29 April 1986; if so, (a) what were the circumstances surrounding the incident, (b) how many Defence Force personnel were involved, (c) what is the rank of the person who took the decision to arrest this person at this stage and (d) what is the name of the person arrested;

(2) whether the Defence Force personnel were in uniform at the time of the arrest; if not, (a) why not and (b) how were they dressed;

(3) whether the Defence Force personnel identified themselves to the person concerned prior to making the arrest; if not, why not; if so, in what manner;

(4) what is the policy of the Defence Force regarding the (a) carrying out of military duties by personnel in plain clothes and (b) identification of Defence Force personnel operating in plain clothes;

(5) whether the Defence Force personnel used military vehicles on this occasion; if not, (a) why not and (b) to whom did the vehicles belong; if so, what specified (i) vehicles were used and (ii) military markings were displayed on these vehicles;

(6) whether an investigation has been held into this incident; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the rank of the person who was in charge of this investigation and (b) what were the findings;

(7) whether any action has been or is to be taken as a result of this incident; if not, why not; if so, what action;

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

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) Yes, but not during the course of the meeting. The arrest was made 15 minutes before the commencement of the meeting.

(a) The person failed to report for military service which he was liable by law to render.

(b) Twelve. Nine members of the Military police guarded the exits and three entered the hall of whom two made the arrest.

(c) Captain.

(d) Lance Corporal P G Wilkinson.

(2) No.

(a) Firstly, because the nature of the meeting was such that military policemen in uniform could have created the wrong impression among those present about the purpose of their presence at the meeting. Secondly it could have given the arrested person the opportunity to escape.

(c) In plain clothes.

(3) Yes. By showing a military police identity card to the arrested person.

(4) (a) Where circumstances necessitate, the Military police wear plain clothes.

(b) Military Police are required to carry an identification card and to produce it upon demand, when they act in an official capacity.

(5) Yes.

(i) Two panel vans.

(ii) None.

(6) and (7) No, there was nothing irregu-

Arson attack on homes in Zolani

CAPE TIMES 13/5/86

Staff Reporter

THE home of one of the Zolani residents who recently sought a Supreme Court interdict restraining 16 other residents in the township "from operating as vigilantes" was subjected to an arson attack early yesterday morning.

The attack on Mr Mvula Tokwe's home was one of at least three similar attacks on the property of Zolani community leaders yesterday.

The home of the chairperson of the newly-formed Ashton Civic Association, Mr Alfred Jaftha, and a car belonging to another resident, Mr Julius Bhozo, were also set alight.

The attacks on the two homes were confirmed by police in last night's situation report.

According to residents, it is believed the attacks were revenge-motivated as a "vigilante" had been "set alight" about 10pm on Sunday. His condition was unknown yesterday.

Residents also said that a "security" light in operation since about two weeks ago was not in use on Sunday night and yesterday morning.

They said that a group of youths who had decided to stand guard at the two homes were ordered to disperse by a large contingent of police

A police spokesman in Pretoria confirmed last night that teargas was used to disperse about 15 people "who had gathered illegally" at 5.50am.

The spokesman could not confirm the alleged arson attack on Mr Bhozo's car nor the attack on the vigilante.

A third dwelling was attacked but damage was slight. It could not be ascertained last night whose home it was.

Shop boycott begins in N Tvl

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Cape Times

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A consumer boycott of all shops and businesses belonging to whites and homeland politicians started in the Northern Transvaal yesterday. The boycott is set to last "indefinitely" and includes more than ten towns.

Various organizations joined in the launch of the Northern Transvaal Consumer Boycott Committee last week. A member of the committee told Sapa that towns to be affected by the boycott would include Duiwelskloof, Burgersfort, Phalaborwa, Potgietersrus, Tzaneen, Pietersburg, Groblersdal, Marble Hall and Roedtan.

The committee said the boycott would be called off only if a list of demands were met.

These include an end to detention in the area, and to attacks on the homes of activists; reduction of bus fares and rents; withdrawal of troops from townships and villages and the resignation of councillors and "Bantustan" MPs.

Terms

The president of the Pietersburg Chamber of Commerce, Professor Andre de Villiers, said the chamber's seven industrial groups were making "adequate arrangements to deal with any eventuality".

He added that different industries, such as transport, retailers, wholesalers and financial institutions had appointed conveners who would have close communications with boycotters and who would try to liaise agreeable terms if possible.

"We will try and convince boycotters that their mainly political demands cannot be solved through business boycotts," Professor De Villiers said.

"The chamber has asked police and the defence force not to worsen the situation through unecessary intervention."

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9 000 pupils continue stayaway

No end in sight to school unrest at Atteridgeville

THELMA TUCH

SIGNS of continuing educational disruption in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, flashed yesterday when only 64% of primary and high-school pupils returned to classes after the 25 000-strong stayaway last Wednesday.

Enrolment at the township's seven secondary schools varied from 50% to 78%. There was a 64% attendance at the 26 primary schools, said Job Schoeman, chief liaison officer for the Department of Education and Training (DET).

This means that about 9 000 of the 25 000 Atteridgeville pupils did not go back to school yesterday — an indication of divisions among pupils.

Last Wednesday all pupils stayed away in response to a pamphlet calling for a boycott.

The DET Northern Transvaal regional office has been holding urgent negotiations with community organisations in Atteridgeville in an attempt to end the stayaway.

Of concern to the DET is the method used by pupils to call Wednesday's stayaway.

They made use of school notepaper, typing and copying facilities to print the pamphlet voicing their demands.

"Access was gained to the school by rather distressing intimidation," said DET spokesman Peter Mundell. He refused to disclose details.

The pamphlets calling for the stayaway were distributed at Atteridgeville schools. Headed the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Stayaway Committee, the pamphlets listed the following demands:

- ☐ The unbanning of the Congress of South African Students.
- ☐ The repair of school windows.
- ☐ The refunding of exam fees.
- ☐ The establishment of offices for Student Representative Councils.
- ☐ The resignation of all police and town councillors.
- ☐ More stationery.
- ☐ The resignation of teachers from the African Teachers Association and the Transvaal United African Teachers Association.

Mundell said the situation in the township was extremely tense, with lives being threatened.

Teachers, in particular, were having a rough time, with bands of youths using dreadful intimidation tactics.

"Teachers are being placed in a totally impossible situation and I am beginning to marvel at their morale."

He said isolated incidents were still occurring at schools in other townships, but that they did not constitute an unrest situation.

13/5/86 BUSDAY

Clash claims man's life

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Business Day Reporter

A MAN was killed and another seriously wounded during a clash between so-called Comrades and another group at Kutsong, near Oberholzer, in the Western Transvaal, police said yesterday.

According to a police report, a black policeman fired shots at a group attacking his house with petrol bombs, fatally wounding one man.

In Soweto, Witwatersrand, a private vehicle was set alight and petrol bombs were hurled at an SAP vehicle, police reported.

Shots were fired in the petrol-bomb incident, but no injuries were reported.

Isolated incidents of violence involving petrol bombs also occurred in Claremont near Durban, Natal, and at Worcester, Western Cape.

In both cases private houses were extensively damaged, police said.

At Uitenhage, Eastern Cape, police fired shots to disperse a stone-throwing group on the national road and arrested a wounded black youth.

In the D'almeida coloured township, near Mossel Bay, police fired birdshot to disperse a stone-throwing group. No injuries were reported.

Cops beat me - claim

13/5/86 SOWETAN (278)

AN accused in the Sebokeng murder trial told the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday that police assaulted him before he made a statement.

Mr Thami Mayfair Zwane (27) also told Mr Justice van der Walt and two assessors that police had shown him a photo album and said he should point out pictures of people he had seen at the scene of unrest.

They wanted him to incriminate some of his co-accused, he said.

Mr Zwane and seven other Sebokeng residents are appearing in connection with the murder of Lekoa councillor Mr Ceasar Motjeane and another man, Mr Phineas Matibidi, on September 3, 1984.

The dead men were allegedly stoned, attacked with weapons and set alight during the Vaal Triangle unrest.

They have all pleaded not guilty.

Mr Zwane told the court that allegations that he held a container and also doused Mr Matibidi with the liquid were untrue. Asked why State witnesses could have made such accusations against him he replied:

"There have always been liars and witnesses who testify lies. This is even clearly stated in the Bible," said Mr Zwane.

"I refused to obey when the police said I should incriminate other people. I did not want to lie. The State witnesses who testified against me could possibly have been exposed to the same experience," he said.

Fearing that the police would assault him again, the accused said he decided to make a statement before a magistrate.

He said he was assaulted on September 9 and 18, 1984.

(Proceeding)

434 - FOOD INDUSTRY, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Superceding w.d. no's: 311 & 385

AREA A: Alberton, Bellville, Benoni, Boksburg, Brakpan, The Cape, Durban, Germiston, Goodwood, Inanda, Johannesburg, Kempton Park, Krugersdorp, Kuils River, Nigel, Pinetown, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria, Randburg, Randfontein, Roodepoort, Sasolburg, Simon's Town, Springs, Uitenhage, Vanderbijlpark, Vereeniging, Westonaria, Wonderboom and Wynberg;

AREA B: Bloemfontein, East London, Kimberley, Klerksdorp, Malmesbury, Odendaalsrus, Paarl, Pietermaritzburg, Somerset West, Stellenbosch, Strand, Virginia, Welkom, Wellington, Witbank and Worcester;

AREA C: In all other areas.

Footnotes

1. Additional Allowance - Bicycle allowance

Police still in Alexandra

Star 27/8/86

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.

For the third consecutive day, police and soldiers patrolled Alexandra township yesterday.

According to police a total of 28 people have been arrested on various charges since a combined force of police and the SADF went into the area on Friday night.

They are facing charges ranging from possession of drugs to possession of stolen property including stolen motor vehicles.

The police spokesman said the police and army were going to remain in Alexandra "as long as lawlessness prevailed".

Police and soldiers patrolled the township and conducted searches at road-blocks, while soldiers stood guard on Vasco da Gama Road bordering Alexandra, where a number of white businesses are situated.

Soweto squatters hurt in police clash

STAR 13/5/86

Operation demolition

West Rand Development Board policeman used dogs to control angry squatters yesterday when workers demolished shacks at Mr Ephraim Tshabalala's shantytown in Mofolo, Soweto. An elderly woman was taken to hospital after being bitten by a dog. The angry squatters booed the workers who were pulling down their shacks.

● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

By Rich Mkhondo

Three people were injured when Soweto Council policemen, assisted by members of the SA Police, charged squatters with dogs and later fired teargas canisters into the Mshengu squatter camp in Mofolo, Soweto yesterday.

Captain Henry Beck of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said no incidents concerning squatters were reported to them.

The violence started after a large crowd of shack dwellers booed police protecting West Rand Development Board workers who were demolishing Soweto mayor Mr Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala's shanty town.

Police moved into the area at about 9 am yesterday and demolished newly-built shacks amid interjection by the dwellers.

Equipped with helmets and other riot gear, police charged the shack dwellers with dogs as WRADEBO workers went ahead with the demolition.

Within minutes hundreds of the squatters were joined by nearby Mofolo residents. They continued chanting and hurling insults at the workers.

An elderly woman sustained a serious cut on the leg when policemen charged with dogs. Police asked her to come with them to a doctor but she refused.

Using a loudhailer, a police officer told residents: "You are constituting an illegal gathering. We are giving you 10 minutes to disperse or we will take action. We want you to go back peacefully into your huts, so that Mr Tshabalala can come and address you."

Residents interjected and said: "Where are those huts? You are demolishing them."

Gradually residents dispersed peacefully into their shacks and only a few remained next to where the police had camped.

Police then moved to the western side of the camp, where the wind was behind them, and fired teargas canisters.

Mr Tshabalala yesterday said he would consider dissolving the entire council because "all its members do not have the interest of Soweto residents at heart".

He added: "What the police, in collaboration with some councillors, are doing is totally inhumane."

Nel slates Alex 'propaganda'

By David Braun, Political Correspondent

STAR 13/5/86 278

CAPE TOWN — The Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel, yesterday lashed out at media reports on recent police action in Alexandra.

It was clear that a propaganda campaign was being waged against the security forces, he said after senior officials of the Bureau for Information had spent the weekend in the township.

The officials had been present during the security forces' high-density crime prevention drive to combat the recent spate of lawlessness.

"On the basis of a detailed report received from the officials of the Bureau for Information, I want to congratulate the Security Forces who acted in a restrained, calm and friendly manner.

"This was borne out by the co-operation and the peaceful mood of the residents of Alexandra throughout the operation," he said.

Claims by the Alexandra Action Committee that it was in complete control of the area and that so-called street defence units had been formed were false.

Statements that the township was besieged, sealed off, tense and a war zone were exaggerated.

Alexandra was not sealed off. Residents could move freely in and out of the area. The township was not besieged and a calm atmosphere had prevailed during the operation.

It was also not true that taxis were not allowed to operate and that the taking of photographs was prohibited.

In fact, special facilities were made available for the media to accompany the security forces and to obtain first-hand and on-the-spot information.

"To claim that the police and army action was a form of harassment against the community is a particularly nasty piece of propaganda.

"The radical elements are responsible for the harassment and intimidation of law-abiding citizens."

This influence had been restricted.

Security forces would remain in the area for as long as necessary.

Violence in the Vaal Triangle spotlighted in cases before two Supreme Court judges

'My son was part of mob'

A SEBOKENG policeman's wife yesterday told the Pretoria Supreme Court that her son was part of a mob that marched through the streets the day on which a councillor and another resident were killed in the township.

Mrs Augustine Mpela of 12902 Zone 11 also told Mr Justice van der Walt and two assessors that her son, an accused in the murder trial, withdrew from the marchers before there were violent incidents. She said she was frightened when she saw a crowd that day because there had been a rumour that Vaal Triangle policemen's houses were to be attacked on September 3, 1984.

Mrs Mpela was giving evidence for the defence in a case arising from the death of Mr Caesar Motjeane, then a councillor, and Mr Phineas Matibidi. Her son, Mr Sidwell Sealana Mpela (22), and seven others are also facing another charge of subversion, but they have pleaded not guilty.

- She told the court that Sidwell had joined the mob but came back immediately after a shot was fired at the crowd. People scattered and her son came home, she said.

(Proceeding)

SUSPENDED CLASSES AT 6 SCHOOLS

SOWETAN 14/5/86

THE Department of Education and Training has suspended classes at six Atteridgeville secondary schools as from today.

In a statement released late yesterday in Pretoria, Mr P G J Felstead, director of the Northern Transvaal schools, said the Det had no choice but to suspend classes at the schools because of the prevailing situation. He outlined the problems he said they faced as follows:

- Pupils come late and the majority do not return after long breaks;
- Absenteeism was rife at the schools;
- Pupils come to school without books;
- Pupils have no respect and discipline;
- Gambling and dagga smoking was taking place in the vicinity of schools, and even in some classes;
- Pupils refuse to do written work or write tests;
- Departmental property was being destroyed;
- The SRCs wanted to take over control of schools by arranging stayaways whenever they wished. They also chased certain pupils and teachers away from some schools;
- No effective teaching is being allowed to take place; and
- Students organisations do not heed the appeal by national organisations to resume their studies, and they also act "in defiance of regulations and agreements reached with the Det."

The affected schools are Saulridge, Mr W F Nkomo, D H Peta, Flavius Mareka, Phelindaba and Hofmeyer high schools.

Mr Felstead said parents' meetings will be held to discuss the situation.

Star Times 15/5/86

Mourners killed in police fire

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least two people were killed and scores injured in Tembisa, East Rand, on Tuesday night and early yesterday morning after police allegedly opened fire on youths attending the night vigils of three unrest victims.

The alleged police attack took place as mourners walked out of a cinema hall, leaving the bodies of the unrest victims — Mphithizeli Mahlangu, 12, Vincent Xaba, 20, and Samuel Thlathla, 32 — in the hall in protest against harassment of the families of the deceased by the security forces.

They told police and SADF members at the scene to "take the bodies and eat them".

After the violence, the funeral was cancelled and the bodies had to be taken back to the mortuary.

Among the scores who walked out of the Nepo Cinema hall were Mphithizeli's family. He was shot dead by police on April 30. Families of the other two victims did not even bother to go to the cinema.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said he had not received any unrest report from Tembisa.

Youths 'necklace' man - cops

AN unidentified Soweto man was "necklaced" when a mob of youths went on the rampage in Emdeni this week, a Soweto police spokesman said yesterday.

His body was found by police in an open space behind the Emdeni Industrial Park at midnight on Tuesday. He suffered severe burns from waist-up after a burning tyre was slung around his neck by the "siyayinyovas", according to Brigadier James Beeslaar, Divisional Criminal Investigation Officer of the Soweto Police.

Motive

He said the motive for the killing of the man, who is believed to be in his early 20s, was not yet known as police investigations were still continuing.

This was in one of the two murder cases reported to the police yesterday, bringing the murder toll since the long weekend to 25.

Sowetan 15/5/86

Two Soweto houses bombed, bus set alight

TWO houses were petrol-bombed and a Putco bus was set alight in Soweto yesterday.

The homes belong to Mrs Florence Mlangeni (59) of Diepkloof Zone 5 and Mr Emmanuel Lithebe of Phefeni.

The bus was set alight by a mob of youths in Diepkloof Zone 3, about 10am.

The attacks on two homes occurred within thirty minutes of each other. The first attack was at Mrs Mlangeni's home about 2am and Mr Lithebe's house was attacked about 2.30pm.

No-one was injured in both incidents.

Mrs Mlangeni, a widow, wept as she described the attack on her house.

"I had just got into bed when I heard a loud bang. My children began screaming.

"My son's bedroom was on fire. I did not see the attackers but I suspect it might be the same people who attacked my neighbour Mrs Mabaso's home last Thursday morning.

Mrs Mlangeni said she saw two cars which had their lights turned off moving away slowly. She could not see their registration numbers.

The attack on Mrs Mlangeni's home is the second within six days in the area.

"I do not know why this should happen to me. I am only a widow. My husband died in 1982," she wept.

Blankets, a wardrobe and R120 in cash were burnt in the attack.

Mr Lithebe said he was in bed when he heard a noise.

"I thought it was a car at the gate.

"When I jumped up I saw the house was on fire. The whole family was screaming and running around trying to extinguish the fire. There was also the smell of teargas in the house," she said.

Lithebe said he did not know the motive behind the attack. The matter has been reported to the police.

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SOWETAN, Thursday, May 15, 1986

FOUR HURT IN GRENADE ATTACKS

Sowetan 15/5/86

SINGER Brenda Fasi and friend Oupa Hlomuka, get close at a party at Lumoman Hairdressers last week The party was a treat for the staff for producing the best hairstyles

FOUR people were injured — one seriously — after two houses were bombed in Mamelodi, Pretoria, yesterday morning.

By MONK NKOMO

Moses Mdluli (16), a Standard 8 pupil at the local Tsako Thabo High School, was seriously injured after a hand-grenade was thrown into his home, ripping off the roof The incident happened about 1 30am He was rushed to hospital with injuries to the head, leg and feet said his mother, Mrs Lettie Mdluli

The other victim is Mr Kanakana Matsena, co-ordinator of the Mamelodi Action Committee (MAC) who, together with his wife and mother, narrowly escaped death when two handgrenades were thrown into their house and a backyard room about 12 45am

Mr Matsena's wife Masepeke, and his mother, Mrs Evelyn Matsena, were cut in the face and legs They were taken to hospital, where they were treated and discharged

Mr Matsena said the explosion has caused temporary deafness in his left ear

Damage

Captain J Beck of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria could only confirm the attack on Mrs Mdluli's house

He added "A hand-grenade was used during the attack on a policeman's house causing extensive damage" He declined to give the name of the policeman or where he was stationed

The attacks occurred hours after the Saulsville/Attendgeville Youth Organisation (Sayo) condemned an attack on the home of a Cosatu official, Mr Gabriel Twala of Saulsville His eight-year-old brother was slightly injured during the attack

Cowardly

Four men wearing balaclavas were seen leaving the house shortly after the incident

"War equipment is being used against our members We condemn these cowardly acts by the system and call upon freedom-loving people to intensify the struggle against oppression and exploitation," Sayo said in a statement yesterday

Mr Matsena, who did not report the attack to the police said "The MAC shall not be discouraged by this act of violence "

Govt 'no' to open schools

THE Government has refused South African College Schools permission to open to all races.

The Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly, Mr Piet Clase, on Friday told a four-man delegation from Sacs that no amending legislation was being considered which would permit this.

The delegation met Mr Clase after almost 80 percent of parents from Sacs junior and secondary schools voted to open the schools

Other state-run schools have had similar support from parents for open enrolment.

Stalemate in Sacwu talks

Sowetan 15/5/86

WAGE negotiations between the South African Chemical Workers' Union and management at seven Sentrachem subsidiaries, whose 3 000 workers are on strike, reached deadlock yesterday.

The striking Sacwu members went on strike on Monday this week, demanding an across-the-board wage increase of R250

Sentrachem divisions affected by the strike are NCP (Germiston), NCP (Kempton Park), Safripol (Sasolburg), Fedmis (Sasolburg), Agrihold (Pretoria), Karbochem (Newcastle) and Karbochem (Sasolburg)

Sacwu general secretary, Mr Mike Tsotetsi, said negotiations between the union and Sentrachem management had reached a stalemate

• The black workforce at Central Brass and Iron Foundry near Roodepoort were involved in a work stoppage yesterday, protesting the dismissal of a colleague

The company's managing director, Mr Alfred Duro, declined to comment and said "the whole thing is an internal matter"

The Steel, Engineering and Allied Workers' Union of South Africa has sought a meeting with management at the Roodepoort firm in a bid to resolve the dispute

The striking workers are demanding the reinstatement of a colleague and wage increases

• The Women's Association of the South African Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union (Sabmawu) yesterday threatened to call out its members at Soweto City Council if the municipality continued to pull down shacks at "Mshenguville"

The council should provide shack dwellers at "Mshenguville" with alternative accommodation before demolishing their structures, the association said in a statement

"The problem is that our members are made to do the council's dirty work of demolishing shacks," the Sabmawu wing said

• Pick 'n Pay, fresh from a labour dispute involving 6 500 workers at the company's stores, yesterday placed a newspaper advertisement thanking its customers for their "loyal support"

Mass burial halted

THERE was chaos in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, yesterday when the funeral of three people who died three weeks ago could not take place because of police action.

Those who were to be buried are Mr Vincent Xaba (20), Mr Samuel Tlhatlha (32) and Mpithizele Mahlangu.

Sowetan reporter Mojalefi Moseki, who was arrested and later released after being told to leave the township, saw five injured people — two of them seriously — at the Tembisa Hospital.

There were many police and army officers manning roads and all the venues where the funeral services were to be held were under police guard. These included Mathole Cinema, Nebo Cinema and the Jan Lubbe Stadium.

Hundreds of people who tried to get to these venues were turned back. The police told the *Sowetan* to leave the area immediately.

Coffins

Police told undertakers to go to the police station. Buses driven by members of the South African Defence Force were sent to fetch family members for the burials. The families refused and the *Sowetan* has established that the coffins were returned to the parlours.

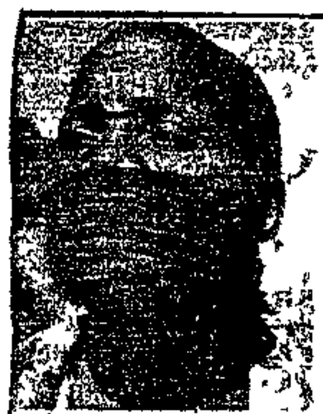
A member of the Tembisa Civic Association (TCA) told the *Sowetan* that four youths were killed at a night vigil on Tuesday night.

The police, however, said only two of the deaths were related to unrest.

There was a massive stayaway in the township. Buses and taxis did not operate throughout the day.

The Tembisa branch of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) had called on township residents to stay away from work for the funeral.

Two die in embattled KwaNdebele MAYHEM



VICTIM: Shot in mouth

By THEMBA MOLEFE

TWO corpses were found near a royal kraal while a heavy contingent of SAP and SADF fired teargas and rubber bullets at crowds in embattled KwaNdebele yesterday.

The bodies of the two unidentified men were discovered near the Ndzundza Royal Kraal where more than 2 000 villagers had converged for an anti-independence report-back meeting.

One of the bodies — a man aged about 25 — was found lying in a street. The cause of his death is unknown

The other man, about 35 years old, was apparently shot in the mouth.

The Commissioner of Police in the area, Brigadier J M van Niekerk, refused to comment about the situation in the homeland yesterday

His office said he would not speak to the Press and referred enquiries to South African Police headquarters in Pretoria

The Directorate for Public Relations of the SAP, however, could also not comment A spokesman said KwaNdebele was out of the jurisdiction of the SAP

Ndzundza Village was under siege as the security forces moved in An unidentified boy, about 10 years old, was taken to hospital after being run over by a bus into which police fired teargas

The driver was forced to abandon the bus and the boy, one of the many passengers who fled from the vehicle, tried to run to safety when he was hit

The villagers were unaware that the meeting they had gone to attend at Chief David Mabhoko's kraal had been banned the previous day by the local magistrate, Mr J Theron.

As hundreds of villagers gathered at the kraal police fired teargas from Casspirs and a helicopter

People were trapped for hours inside the kraal

Teargas was fired into Putco buses as soon as passengers boarded to get back home People had to scatter in all directions Those who could not get away in time were overcome trampled upon and many were injured

VILLAGERS flee as teargas canisters and rubber bullets rained in Ndzundza Village, KwaNdebele, yesterday.

PIC LEN KUMALO

3 die as homeland violence escalates

Cape Times 15/5/86

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least three people died yesterday in unrest in KwaNdebele which has escalated since the announcement last week that the homeland was to accept independence.

For the second day reports of widespread unrest emerged from KwaNdebele — scheduled to become independent on December 11 — in spite of an official news blackout on the violence

A report from the area claimed two people had been shot dead and scores injured by police attempting to quell yesterday's unrest. A police source said five people had been shot and that "sustained fighting" was in progress.

In a later incident a boy was shot dead outside a supermarket.

According to a witness who arrived at the supermarket in Tweefontein East only minutes after security forces fired shots into a crowd of rampaging youths, the boy's body was left lying outside the shop for at least 30 minutes.

"We were expecting an attack on the supermarket as it belonged to a member of the Imbokotho group," he said.

The Imbokotho, a cultural group with close links to KwaNdebele's Chief Minister, Mr Simon Skosana, are allegedly acting as vigilantes.

A spokesman for the KwaNdebele police said they were not prepared to comment on the reports or confirm any deaths or injuries.

Earlier, at least two people died and scores were injured when, witnesses said, security forces opened fire on thousands of villagers gathered at a meeting.

South African and KwaNdebele police cordoned off the area around Siyabuswa — about 100 kilometres north of Pretoria — after about 30 000 villagers met at the kraal of Prince James Mahlangu, an opposition KwaNdebele politician.

The meeting was called to resist the planned independence of KwaNdebele and to call for the disbanding of the Imbokotho.

Police fired teargas at buses carrying villagers from the meeting and a youth was run down by a bus and seriously injured after the driver allegedly jumped to safety when a teargas canister was fired into the bus.

A Beeld reporter was slightly injured when a teargas canister hit him on the head and a photographer was attacked by a group of people during yesterday's unrest in KwaNdebele.

Beeld said the photographer, who was not injured, and the reporter were later detained by security forces along with two members of the PFP unrest monitoring committee, Chris and Durkje Gilfillan. All were later released.

Funeral

The unrest started in the area on Monday after the funeral service for Mr Jacob Skosana, whose mutilated body was found two days after he had allegedly been abducted by the Imbokotho on April 22.

His wife said she had been sexually assaulted.

The UDF-affiliated Moutse Youth Congress lauded the "revolt", saying it was "the first large-scale protest against independence".

The Commissioner-General, Mr G J van der Merwe, said in a telex to Sapa yesterday that the KwaNdebele government had been told of the people's "concern" about Imbokotho and about the future of the Ndebele people after independence.

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As a result, Chief Minister Skosana had released a statement saying that if legislative assembly members requested it, the independence issue could "again be discussed in full".

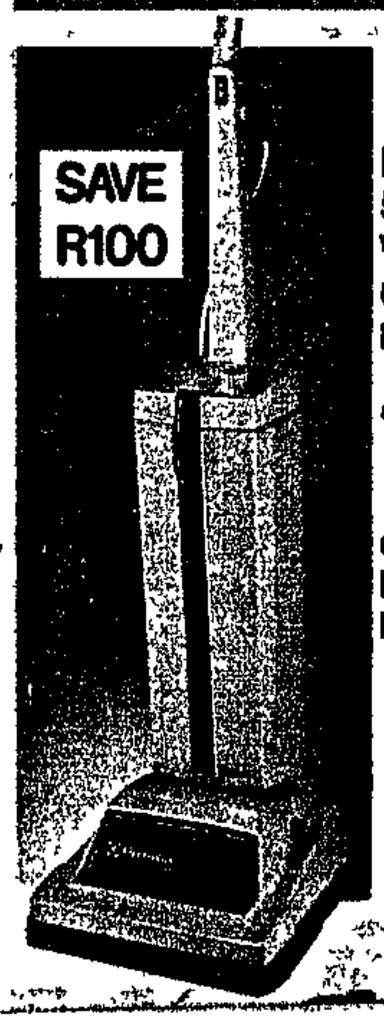
The cabinet had also requested the Assembly of Captains to advise it on the future of Imbokhotho, Mr Van der Merwe said.

A spokesman for the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning said Mr Chris Heunis had no comment on the issue.

A spokesman for the South African Police's liaison office in Pretoria said he could not comment on the shootings because "KwaNdebele is not in the SAP's jurisdiction".

When asked about the SAP's alleged involvement, the spokesman said: "We are only helping out there and I can't comment."

Well worth a trip to Parow or Tyger Valley.



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PFP calls for referendum in riot-torn Kwandebele

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THE Progressive Federal Party has called on the Government to reconsider its decision to give Kwandebele independence.

Mr Peter Soal, PFP spokesman on homeland affairs in the Transvaal, called on the Government to test opinion by referendum.

Yesterday morning scores of people were injured when soldiers and police threw teargas canisters into buses returning from a mass meeting.

A youth was run over and seriously hurt by a driverless bus. The bus driver had leapt from vehicle when teargas was thrown into it.

The trouble started at 9.30am when about 25 000 inhabitants of the homeland convened at the Endzundza kraal for a report-back on the demands they made on Monday.

At a meeting on Monday residents demanded that the Imbokotho vigilante group, be dismantled.

They also demanded that the homeland cancel plans for the independance celebration to be held on December 11 and that members of Parliament should resign.

Residents were unaware that the magistrate of the area, Mr J Theron, had prohibited the meeting.

Before the meeting could start, with more than 25 000 residents having convened at the kraal, police arrived and fired teargas and buckshot. Two people died.

Figures regarding the number of people killed, injured and arrested during unrest so far this week were not available.

Unofficial estimates put the death toll as high as six, following the alleged use of live ammunition, rubber bullets, birdshot and tearsmoke by police aided by the SADF. —Political Staff and Sapa.

An out-of-control bus hit and seriously injured a youth yesterday after a meeting in KwaNdebele when teargas was fired by security forces on the buses.

Picture. Trevor Samson-AFP

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Three die after village meeting is disrupted

BUSDAY 15/5/86

SOPHIE TEMA and ANN PALMER

THE death toll in yesterday's KwaNdebele unrest rose to at least three when a boy was shot after youths rampaged at a supermarket.

An eyewitness who arrived at Tweefontein East minutes after security forces allegedly fired into the crowd of rampaging youths, said the body of the boy was left outside the shop for at least 30 minutes.

He said another boy had been shot but ran off with the crowd.

"We were expecting an attack on the supermarket as it belonged to a member of the Imbokotho group," he said. (Imbokotho is allegedly a group of vigilantes with close links with KwaNdebele Chief Minister Simon Skosana.)

A KwaNdebele police spokesman said they were not prepared to confirm any deaths or injuries.

Earlier in the day at least two people died and scores were injured when security forces fired at thousands of villagers at a meeting.

SA and KwaNdebele police cordoned off the area around Siyabuswa — about 100km north of Pretoria — after about 30 000 peoplemet at the kraal of Prince James Mahlangu, an opposition KwaNdebele politician.

The meeting was called to resist planned independence of KwaNdebele and to call for the disbanding of the Imbokotho.

Eyewitnesses said a large contingent of police fired at the gathering with buckshot and teargas.

Youths retaliated to dispersal of crowds by erecting burning barricades to halt the movement of the security force's armed vehicles.

Teargas was fired at buses carrying villages from the meeting. A youth was hit by a bus.

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Uncertainty over Alexandra funeral

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Uncertainty hangs over today's scheduled mass funeral in Alexandra with lawyers saying it has been postponed to Saturday and some residents believing it is "definitely still on".

A massive security force presence has been put on alert in Alexandra to break up any attempts by mourners to hold the funeral today.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, warned in Cape Town yesterday that under no circumstances will a mass funeral be allowed.

Lawyers acting on behalf of bereaved residents said yesterday a fresh application for the funeral to be held at the Alexandra stadium on Saturday had been made after this week's banning of the funeral by a Randburg magistrate.

The chairman of the Alexandra Action Committee, Mr Moses Mayekiso, told Sapa last night the funeral had been postponed and the matter was being taken to the Supreme Court where an application would be made for an interdict to allow the funeral to continue.

"If we succeed with the interdict we may hold the funerals on Saturday," Mr Mayekiso said.

However, some residents said the funeral would go ahead today in spite of Tuesday's decision by a Randburg magistrate to turn down an application for the the funeral to be held today at the Alexandra stadium.

Residents say the funeral — of about 20 people allegedly killed by police since the predawn raid on April 22 — is due to start at 9am.

Mr Dave Dalling, the PFP MP for Sandton, said yesterday Mr Le Grange had told him that any attempt to go ahead with the banned mass funeral service would be viewed as seeking confrontation with the police.

He said Mr Le Grange had told him the police would not hesitate to act if the law was broken.

'Restraint'

Mr Dalling appealed to the leaders in Alexandra not to proceed with the mass funeral which, he said, "can only result in people being seriously hurt and killed".

He also urged police to use the greatest restraint in dealing with the situation.

Mr Dalling said he did not agree with the magisterial ban on the funeral.

He said he was filled with foreboding that unless something was done, today would end in violent clashes between the people of Alexandra and the police leading to further deaths and grief.

Boycott hits hard in N Tvl

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Several businesses in the Northern Transvaal are experiencing up to 80 percent less daily sales since the black consumer boycott in the area began on Monday.

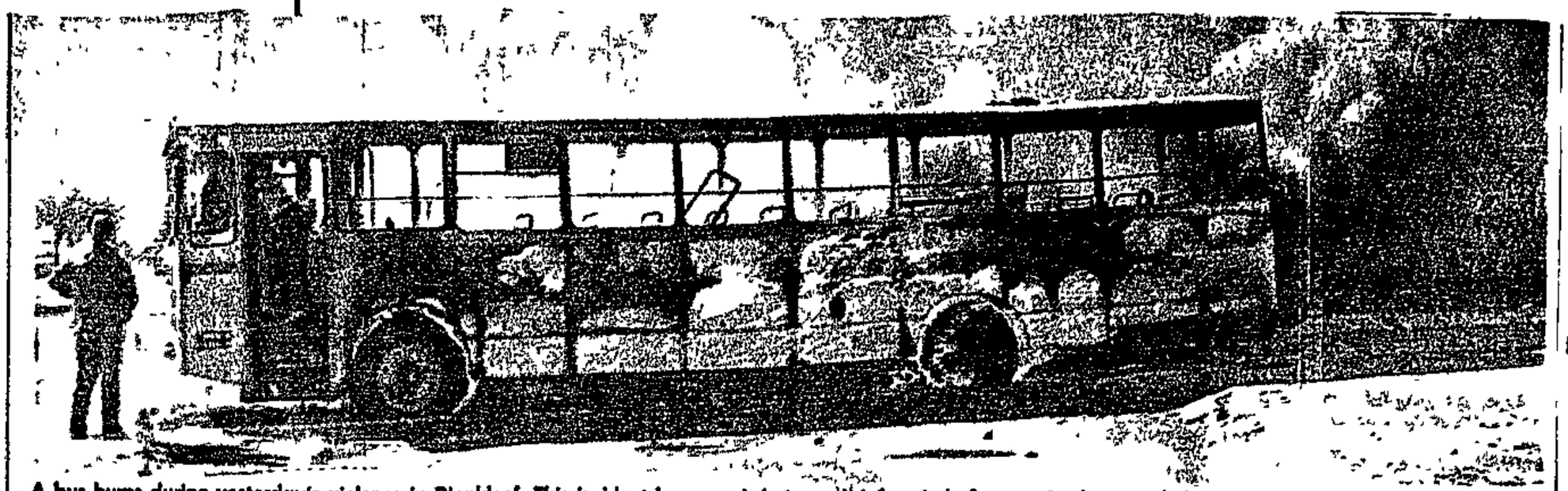
Pietersburg seemed the hardest hit. Smaller towns like Potgietersrus, Naboomspruit and Nylstroom reported no decrease in sales.

Many of the large stores in Pietersburg were virtually empty except for staff and a few white shoppers, and Jazz Stores in Pietersburg reported very low sales. Spar, owned by Mr Frik Deysel, was described as "quiet as a grave".

A black shopper confirmed he received a pamphlet urging him not to shop at white stores.

Mr Derek Jackson, manager of Jet Stores in Pietersburg, reported 40 percent less sales. He said the boycott was very successful, and that many businesses would feel the pinch.

The Pietersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries president, Professor Andre de Villiers, warned yesterday that the consumer boycott could cause many of the 25 000 employees in Pietersburg to lose their jobs.



A bus burns during yesterday's violence in Diepkloof. This incident happened during a brief period of unrest in the area linked to the appearance in court of 15 Diepkloof youths.

Up to 5 killed as resistance mounts in kwaNdebele

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Staff Reporters

As many as five people are reported to have died in kwaNdebele in the past two days as resistance to independence gains momentum in the tiny homeland.

Reporters of *The Star* saw two bodies, but unconfirmed reports from the area claim three more people died last night.

A Colonel Gysbers, speaking on behalf of the Police Commissioner for kwaNdebele, Brig C van Niekerk, quoted a telex from the area s Commissioner-General, Mr G J van der Merwe, which read. "The police of kwaNdebele were forced to ask a number of people who wanted to attend an illegal gathering at the village of Chief Mapoch to disperse."

Yesterday morning, two people died and scores were injured when members of the SADF and the police hurled teargas canisters into buses returning from a mass meeting

The trouble started at about 9.30 am, when about 25 000 people gathered at the Endzundza kraal for a report-back on the demands they made on Monday. Residents had demanded that the Imbokotho vigilante group, which is alleged to be government-backed, be dismantled, that the homeland cancel plans for independence and that members of parliament resign.

Residents were unaware that the magistrate of the area, Mr J Theron, had prohibited the meeting. Before it could start, police arrived and started firing teargas and buckshot. Two people died.

Police and members of the SADF followed buses leaving the meeting site and threw teargas canisters into them. Scores of people were injured in the stampede to get out of the buses

● In Tembisa yesterday, the funeral of three unrest victims had to be abandoned after a lengthy wrangle between security forces and relatives of the deceased, who refused to travel in buses driven by soldiers

People who ignored yesterday's stayaway from work to mark the funeral were sjambokked by thugs.

Sources at the Tembisa hospital said the casualty section was busy last night treating people who had been attacked with "sharp instruments" Some had serious wounds

● Several people — including children — narrowly escaped death or injury in Soweto yesterday when four homes were attacked with petrol bombs

The attacks occurred within minutes of each other at the homes of parents of high school pupils

● Two homes of political activists have been set alight in the Parys atownship of Tumahole, bringing to three the number of attacks in the last week, a spokesman for the Tumahole Civic Association said yesterday.

Passengers leapt from moving buses when teargas canisters were hurled into vehicles in kwaNdebele yesterday. Some buses stopped while others ploughed into yards ● Picture by Herbert Mabuza

Lucky escape as police teargas passengers

By Rich Mkhondo

I saw homeland police and members of the SADF laugh and joke as they hurled teargas canisters into buses full of cheerful, chanting people in kwaNdebele, yesterday

There was no provocation at all and there seemed to be no reason for their actions

A driver, overcome by the fumes, leapt from a speeding bus with the rest of the passengers. Two photographers and I narrowly escaped death as the driverless bus then zig-zagged wildly towards our car.

My attention had been on a youth who had been run over and seriously injured by the bus. It was only after *Star* photographer, Herbert Mabuza warned "Watch out! That bus is going to hit us," that I realised death was only metres away.

I accelerated, avoiding the bus. Still travelling at full speed, it passed over the spot where we had been seconds before.

The whole experience was terrifying. Knees buckling, we left the car.

Then I saw the panic-stricken driver shouting to the people still on the bus to stay where they were. He told them the bus would stop when it reached the hilltop

The bus careered off, ripped through a fence and came to a halt in a yard.

I was almost too terrified to look at the boy who had been run down. He was probably about 10 years old, grimacing but not crying, staring at the gaping wound in his leg.

Going into the kraal where the meeting was disrupted by the police was another chilling experience.

The chief's house was full of people coughing from the tearsmoke fumes Nearby lay two people, one an elderly man and another a youth, both dead

The boy had been shot through the mouth and the elderly man's tongue protruded. I nearly collapsed when I saw the bodies.

In another terrifying incident, police fired teargas into buses about to cross a bridge over a river. Fortunately, the drivers, having seen what happened to the other buses, managed to stop without incident

It was disturbing and infuriating to see the police action and to see elderly people and even a crippled man, leaping from moving buses

Approached for comment, a police officer in the area said. "Brigadier N C van Niekerk is not going to speak to the Press, radio or television. You should contact the police public relations directorate in Pretoria."

A spokesman for the public relations directorate said: "kwaNdebele has its own police force. It is out of our jurisdiction".

Mass funeral of Alexandra unrest victims is postponed

15/5/86 S/Star (278)

The mass funeral scheduled for today in Alexandra township has been postponed and lawyers are making a fresh attempt to get magisterial permission for it to be held on Saturday.

A spokesman for the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) apologised for inconvenience to those who planned to attend.

Lawyers said the organisers were anxious to have the mass burial proceed without further loss of life.

The acting chief magistrate of Randburg, Mr R Mandelstam, had received the second application for permission to hold the funeral, police said last night.

Lawyers, instructed by the action committee and families of the eight victims of political violence, applied earlier this week to hold the funeral today but Mr Mandelstam refused permission.

Police say the fresh application is still being considered.

The only venue in Alexandra large enough for a mass funeral is the open stadium. The AAC says troops camped there pose an additional barrier to the funeral.

'Forced to hit dying man'

Pretoria K/5/86

By ALINAH DUBE

AN elderly Sebokeng inyanga yesterday told the Pretoria Supreme Court that an unknown man ordered him to hit a dying councillor with a stone during unrest in the area.

Mr Ratosilane Samuel Mashela (64), was giving an account of the events which took place during the Vaal Triangle riots. He said the unknown man instructed him to hit the councillor, Mr Caesar Motjeane, on the head.

Mr Mashela, who is practising in Sebokeng, is charged with the murder of Mr Motjeane and Mr Phineas Matibidi on September 3, 1984.

Charged with him are another seven residents of the same township.

They are appearing before Mr Justice Van der Walt and two assessors.

The court heard that Mr Mashela was sitting in his yard when five men approached him. One was armed with a knife and another carried a golf stick.

Mr Mashela said one of the men pointed a finger at him and said: "This is Caesar's friend. Come, let us take you to a place where your friend has been killed," he said.

The men, he said, grabbed him and told him: "Look, we are taking you along or else we will kill you and burn down your house."

Mr Mashela said he was taken to a house where many people stood and appeared as if they were trying to have a glimpse of something. A man who had been walking in front of him, he said, turned and ordered him to pick up a stone. The man signalled with his head and told the accused "go and hit Caesar's head".

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Mourners tell police to eat bodies

SIPHO NGCOBO

AT LEAST two people were killed and scores injured in Tembisa, on the East Rand, on Tuesday night and early yesterday morning.

Police allegedly opened fire on youths attending night vigils of three unrest victims.

The three bodies were left with police and SADF when thousands of mourners walked out of a cinema.

They were protesting at alleged harassment of the bereaved families and because the bodies had not been released to them.

Mourners told police to take the bodies and eat them.

Among scores who walked out of the Nepo Cinema was the family of one of the unrest victims, Mphithizeli Mahlangu (12), who was shot by police on April 30.

Families of the other two unrest victims, Vincent Xaba (20) and Samuel Thlathla (32), did not go to the cinema where a service was to have been held.

Xaba and Thlathla were also shot by police.

The mourners' walk-out stopped the funeral. The bodies were taken back to a mortuary.

Police went to the Mahlangu family and ordered the dead child's mother to come with them for the burial. There was chaos as the family booed police.

"Take the body for yourselves and eat it!" the family shouted.

Police then left.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said he had not received any unrest report from Tembisa.

According to Pretoria's Police Liaison Directorate yesterday, isolated incidents of political violence occurred in the Eastern Cape, Soweto, Durban, on the East Rand, in the Eastern Transvaal, Western Cape and Northern Cape.

Diepkloof 15 are released

STAR 15/5/86

Fifteen Soweto school pupils alleged to have set alight and murdered a policeman were yesterday granted bail in the Protea Magistrate's Court or released into the custody of their parents.

The pupils, who have been in custody for weeks, are alleged to have killed the policeman in Diepkloof during unrest on April 18.

Seven of the boys, aged from 14 to 17, were released into the custody of parents or guardians. The others were granted bail of R300 each.

They are: Mr Peter Ntamo (19), Mr Moses Sithebe (18), Mr Alpheus Molefe (18), Mr Dingane Mabogoane (19), Mr Isaac Mosipe (19), Mr William Makgamathe (19), Mr Noel Thobejane (20) and Mr David Diutlwileng (18).

Magistrate Mr D Breedt had earlier ruled that only the accuseds' parents or guardians could remain in court. Others were ordered out.

No plea was entered and the case was postponed to May 28 in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

Friends hoisted the under-aged youths high and sang as they left the court yard.

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2 hurt after truck stoned

TWO people were seriously injured in Seshego, Pietersburg, yesterday when youths stoned a Lebowa Government refuse truck which later overturned.

One is Mr Paul Fishar, the driver. The other is an unidentified woman who was sitting in front with him. Ten other women at the back of the truck were not injured.

Authorities confirmed that the two had been admitted to hospital.

Witnesses said the truck was stoned before it hit an electricity pylon and overturned.

Bystanders condemned the stoning that occurred amid a heavy army and police presence in the township. Two high schools have been empty since Monday when pupils fled from troops and units of the Lebowa police who had surrounded the schools.

Meanwhile, the secretary of the Mahlereng Parents Crisis Committee (MPCC), Mr Alfred Malakalaka, has been detained by security police, an MPCC spokesman said.

Raids

His detention was followed by pre-dawn raids on houses of prominent members of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) in the Northern Transvaal townships.

This is the latest in the series of similar actions by police and the army units which have been in the area for more than two months.

• One of the two remaining detainees in Venda maybe released soon, according to the bantustan's chief of security, Brigadier Gerson Ramabulana.

Brig Ramabulana said Mr Dick Ralusha's case was under review "and may be finalised soon". He said the case of the other detainee, Mr Gabriel Malaga, was "different" as he "was still in hospital and still has to be interrogated".

KwaNdebele residents say no to 'uhuru'

Sowetan 16/5/86

By THEMBA MOLEFE

THE clock is slowly ticking towards December 11, when KwaNdebele is given its independence by Pretoria.

The first rumblings against this independence were heard soon after the Government finalised plans to incorporate Moutse and its 20 000 inhabitants and their 32 villages into KwaNdebele.

Moutse became the focal point of resistance to independence. More than 100 people were killed in confrontations between villagers and KwaNdebele vigilantes. Despite the fact that Moutse was finally consolidated on January 1, it is still simmering.

Protest

This week the resistance to "independence" reached a bloody climax when about 2 000 villagers from 25 settlements were confronted by a heavy contingent of the South African Police and South African Defence Force as they gathered at a protest rally at the kraal of Chief David Mabhoko in Ndzundza Village.

Thousands of people turned up for a meeting that had been banned by the local magistrate, Mr J Theron. The villagers were to be addressed by two Ministers from the KwaNdebele Legislative Assembly.

The Minister of Justice, Law and Order in the homeland, Mr M F Mahlangu, and his colleague the Minister of Works, Mr K M Motshwene, were to respond to the demands of more than 1 500 villagers tabled at a previous meeting.

The demands made at that meeting, chaired by the chairman of the Ndzundza Tribal Authority, Mr James Mahlangu, were that:

Resign

- The KwaNdebele Legislative Assembly be dismantled and that the whole Cabinet should resign because "it was not serving the interests of the people;
- The Imbhokoto movement — whose president is the Chief Minister, Mr Simon Skosana, and whose vice president is Mr Peter Ntuli, the Minister of Interior — be dismantled.

The Imbhokoto, composed mainly of Cabinet Ministers and businessmen, is feared in the villages and has been accused of brutality.

On Monday afternoon, Boy Masilela, a 13-year-old boy who lives in Ndzundza Village, was going to buy bread when he was shot and killed by a shopkeeper. Villagers, angered by what they called an unprovoked killing, burnt the businessman's shop and attacked the homes and shops of other Imbhokoto members.

The Imbhokoto is regarded as a "notorious" vigilante gang by villagers, Mr Mahlangu said.

The feelings of the villagers about the movement were clearly shown when a man who told a crowd he was a member of the group was seriously assaulted. This happened near Chief Mabhoko's kraal. The man's car was set on fire and he was taken to hospital after the police saved his life by arriving.

The villagers, mostly poor and unemployed, do not want independence. Mr Skosana is unpopular now, before independence.

"There are no industries and no jobs now while we are still under South Africa. Where does Skosana think he will get the means to give us work after the so-called independence," one old man said.

Crisis

The old man does not see himself gaining anything from "uhuru".

But the crisis in the KwaNdebele villages was summed up by a man among those trapped inside the Ndzundza Kraal on Tuesday. "How long are we going to face the heavy hand of those who rule us? First it was the South African Government with its apartheid laws and now it is Skhosana and his Imbhokoto."

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- KwaNdebele will be the fifth bantustan to gain independence from Pretoria.

It is situated on 103 000 ha of land and is composed mainly of rural villages stretching between Cullinan and Marble Hall in the Eastern Transvaal.

The majority of the villagers depend on subsistence farming and own livestock. Many are migrant workers employed in the PWV area.

Fear and loathing stalk Diepkloof

By SEFAKO NYAKA

FEAR and anxiety stalk the streets of Diepkloof after dusk.

Residents of this township on the fringe of Soweto say it is not the thugs, muggers and robbers that they fear, but "unknown men armed with sub-machine guns"

Incidents of police shootings and raids on homes have increased in recent weeks

Last weekend at least four people were shot dead and several were said to be missing after a midnight attack by a group said to be West Rand Board policemen

The incident occurred at about midnight after scores of youths were ordered from their homes to "go and discuss attacks on the homes of student activists

"There was commotion in the yards and we heard some people shouting that the youth should get out of the houses and go and fight," one parent said

As it was dark it was difficult to say whether the people who were ordering the youths out were "comrades".

When the youths gathered at a street corner waiting to be given further instructions by the organisers, nobody seemed to know who was in command of the group

One youth said "Several police cars and other vehicles appeared Shooting came from the vehicles, then police got out and pursued us on foot.

"I and about five others climbed on a rooftop, but a white policeman took aim and hit Jabulani (Mbatha), who rolled off the roof to the ground"

Three pupils, Zakhele Mtshali, Nisizwa Maseko and Jabulani Mbatha — all residents of Diepkloof — and an unnamed youth were killed

A former member of the Committee of 10, Lekgau Mathabathe, told newsmen this week that his association had evidence of police involvement in the shooting at and burning of cars in Diepkloof

"As I was taking my wife to work, we saw a car had gone into a lamppost On reaching the car, we saw that it was smouldering I thought of getting out of my car to see what was happening, but when I saw that the police were already on the scene, I proceeded to Mofolo

"On my way back from Mofolo I found that the car was completely engulfed in flames"

Mathabathe said it struck him as odd that police could arrive at a scene where a car was smouldering and do nothing to try and extinguish the flames

Another resident, Philip Mabunda, who lives near the spot where the car was burnt out, said sometime that morning he heard a crashing sound

"I looked through the window and saw that a car had crashed against a lamppost A few seconds later police arrived and I saw one of them break the windscreen with a gun butt.

"Then saw the car go up in flames while the group of about five or six policemen joked and laughed."

Mabunda said he saw the police drive away, but later returned when the car was burning fiercely He said they watched before driving off

But the Public Relations Division of the South African Police rejected as "false allegations that the SAP were involved in any unlawful unrest-related action on this day in Soweto

"Should anybody however be of the opinion that there is legal cause for complaint, affidavits can be made available to the police for investigation"

Police said a group of blacks stoned an Administration Board vehicle, damaging it

"The occupants (Administration Board officials) fired three shots with a pistol Three youths were fatally wounded"

Diepkloof has been a "no-go" area for more than two months, with young activists "running the township"

The houses of several policemen have been either set on fire or stoned The death of a policeman marked a turn of events in the township

Recently six people died and 13 others were injured after being shot and attacked with pangas at a night vigil for a dead student in the township

Eyewitnesses said the attack was carried out by about 40 men in balaclavas, who also set alight two tents which were hired for the funeral

The following day, David Mabeba, the father of a high school student, was shot and killed by a gunman during a raid on his house in Diepkloof by several men who, said witnesses, claimed they were looking for his son

Last weekend a Diepkloof family escaped death when a man armed with what is believed to be an AK-47 sprayed the home of Thulani Mabaso with more than 20 bullets

Three homes were petrol-bombed early yesterday morning Residents said they noted the registration number of a car seen in the area and passed this on to the civic association.

Unexpected visitors at a Release Mandela Campaign meeting in Athlone, Cape Town, last weekend: Masked youths, bearing ANC flags, took the stage to declare that "the young lions of Umkhonto we Sizwe (the ANC military wing) are active and ready to continue the struggle".

Picture by ADIL BRADLOW

Appeal against joint funeral veto

By SEFAKO NYAKA

THE families of three Wattville victims of police action yesterday brought an urgent aplication in the Rand Supreme Court to declare invalid a magistrate's notice restricting conditions for a joint funeral

The action was still being heard late yesterday

The three were killed as a result of police action at a May Day rally in the Benoni township The families want the burials to take place at a joint funeral on Saturday but the magistrate's notice restricted the funeral to today, Friday, and limited the number of mourners to 200

Meanwhile, the families of the eight victims of the recent violence in Alexandra made a fresh attempt yesterday to get magisterial permission to hold a mass funeral on Saturday

The funeral was scheduled for yesterday but the acting chief magistrate of Randburg, R Mandelstam, refused permission

Lawyers acting on behalf of the families said Mandelstam had asked for additional evidence, but had again turned down the application yesterday

In Tembisa, the mass funeral of three unrest victims had to be abandoned on Wednesday after a lengthy wrangle between the security forces and relatives of the deceased who refused to travel in buses arranged and driven by soldiers

By the time the security forces agreed to allow the families to use their own transport, the 1pm deadline set for the funeral by the local magistrate, Edward Parsons, had expired, and the funeral had to be cancelled

Relatives also claimed that the undertaker had been ordered by police not to release the bodies for the [illegible] the homes of the victims in defiance of the order and two people are alleged to have died at the vigil of Vincent Xaba after being shot by the police

At the other vigil held at the Matole Cinema about six people sustained broken legs and arms when they jumped from the gallery after police had fired teargas into the cinema

The funeral was originally scheduled to have been held at the Jan Lubbe Stadium, but was moved to the Nepo Cinema in terms of the magistrate's order.

The mother of one victim claimed that soldiers had told her they would help mourners fill the grave if she [illegible]

HOW A COUNCILLOR'S WIFE ESCAPED MOB

By ALINAH DUBE

A SEBOKENG resident yesterday described in the Pretoria Supreme Court how she helped a councillor's wife and children escape a stone throwing mob.

Giving evidence for the defence, Ms Matimela Esther Lepota said she worked for the councillor, Mr Caesar Motjeane, and his wife, Maud.

She told Mr Justice van der Walt and two assessors that it was on the morning of September 3, 1984, when she overheard Mrs Motjeane telling her husband that "people are coming to burn down our house". The councillor's wife was crying, she said.

This took place before Mr Motjeane and another resident, Mr Phineas Matibidi, were attacked and burned later that day, she said.

Ms Lepota said she took one of the Motjeane baby twins to her own home for safety.

"After changing the baby's napkin, I immediately went back hoping to rescue the other twin," she said.

"Once in Caesar's yard, I saw his wife and children escaping through a bedroom window. They came to me and with the help of a Mrs Mahlatsi we jumped over the fence. We used a chair to climb over," Ms Lepota said.

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JUDGE HALTS BURIALS

Funerals of unrest victims can't be held tomorrow

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AN URGENT Rand Supreme Court application by three Wattville families to have their children — who died during unrest — buried tomorrow was last night rejected.

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Mr Justice N M MacArthur said he would give reasons for his ruling in 10 days' time.

Those who made the application are Mrs Florence Dineka, whose son Abednego Ntsibande was killed on May Day, Mrs Kate Nkosi for her son, Richard Hermanus and Mr Saul Xaba, whose son Walter was also killed.

The families were told to make fresh applications if they so wished and to decide on a new date for the burials.

The State had submitted that the burials were to have taken place today instead of tomorrow. The families were represented by Ishmael Ayob and Associates.

• A second application to hold a funeral for eight unrest victims in Alexandra Stadium tomorrow was yesterday refused by the Acting Chief Magistrate of Randburg, Mr Mandelstam, police said.

On Monday Mr Mandelstar turned down an application to hold the funerals yesterday.

A statement from the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria said Mr Mandelstam considered the application and "after hearing all the parties, including the attorney acting on behalf of the deceased, the application was refused".

The statement added: "The attention of all concerned has been drawn to the fact that the funeral may be conducted from within a building and as such that funeral may still be held."

It said that those interested have been advised that any application for gatherings at the cemetery will be considered and "if circumstances permit, be granted".

• A three-year-old girl was knocked down by a truck in Alexandra yesterday, which was later set alight by a mob.

Adzwiswari Nthangeni, of 43 18th Avenue, died on the spot.

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Man dies in 200m fall on mountain, page

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Separate funerals for Alexandra 8

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Earlier yesterday, the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) told Sapa the funeral would go ahead today in spite of the refusal by the Chief Magistrate of Randburg to allow them to use the local sports stadium.

An AAC spokesman said: "Because of the ban on the funerals being held at the stadium we will make use of a local church or churches depending on the number of people who attend the services."

Last night Mr Nicholas Haysom, a lawyer for the AAC, said the magistrate, Mr R Mandelstam, gave permission for the burials today, but prohibited a mass funeral and banned speeches, posters and flags.

Mr Haysom said the magistrate did not impose a limit on the number of mourners allowed to attend the funerals, but "prohibited the display of political posters, banners or flags".

Funeral organizers said a single burial service at Alexandra stadium would be easier to control and the chances of violence were increased by the order separating the burials.

"They are concerned that the four churches will not be big enough to hold all the mourners and there could be trouble if the crowd spills over," Mr Haysom said.

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Activists' homes are damaged

By Abel Mabelane

The homes of four activists from Vosloorus township on the East Rand were petrol-bombed on Thursday night.

The organiser of the Vosloorus Youth Congress (VYC), Mr Oupa Motaung, said three of the homes which were petrol-bombed belonged to VYC members. The fourth belonged to a member of the Vosloorus Student Congress (VSC).

Mr Motaung said the incidents took place at about midnight. He said it was not known whom the attackers were.

He said furniture at the homes of the VYC chairman, Mr George Mashele and Mr Farais Mazibuko was badly damaged.

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Villagers on murder charges

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SEKHUKHUNE, Lebowa. — Murder and arson charges have been laid against more than 150 villagers in the Sekhukhune area, where more than 30 bodies were found by Lebowa police recently.

Fifty-six are facing three murder charges each, and 52 have each been charged with one murder.

In another case, 21 people appeared on four murder counts, and another 26 are facing murder and arson allegations. Some bodies are still unidentified and police investigations are continuing.

Many of the accused are under 18 years of age, and have been placed in the care of their parents until their next court appearance. The others have been released on bail ranging from R100 to R200 each.

Four accused failed to appear, and may face contempt of court charges. All the accused will appear in court again during the next two months. — Sapa

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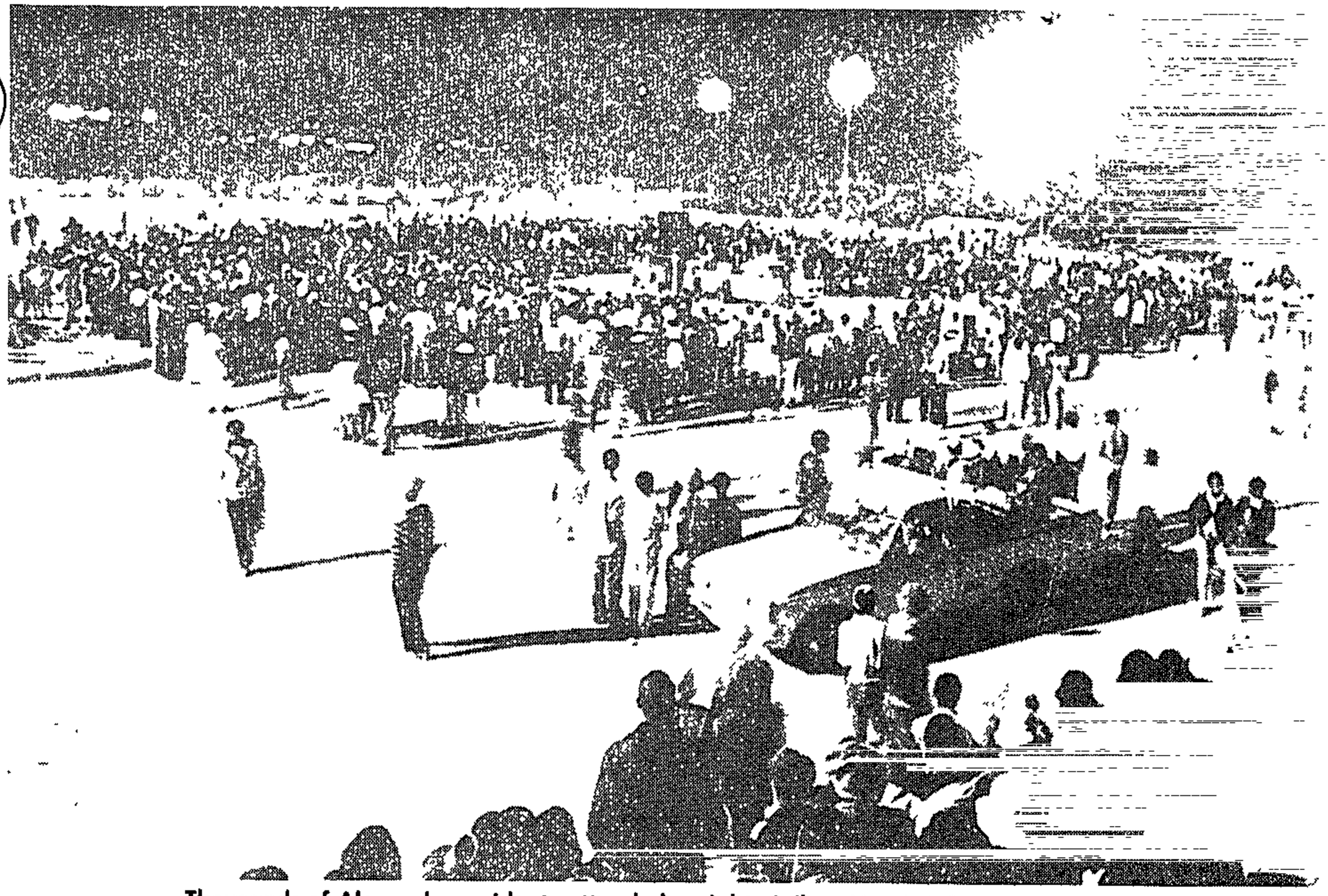

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By STAN MHLONGO

COPS took complete control of the Tembisa mass funeral on Wednesday – forcing the families of the dead to cancel the burials.

The cops barred both the media and residents from the funeral and would only allow the deceased's family.

Troops lined the main street leading to Tembisa cemetery.

There was growing anger among thousands of residents who had stayed away from work when, at 1pm, there was still no sign of the hearses.

And when the three hearses eventually appeared they were empty.

The corpses of Vincent Mandla Xaba, Samuel Papie Thlathla and Isaac Mahlangu were returned to the mortuary after family members decided to call off the funeral.

A family member of one of the dead said: "We could not condone the police's harsh restrictions."

Residents claim police interference started at the night vigil at Emathole Cinema on Tuesday.

They claim cops fired teargas and shot four youths.

Hundreds had gathered to honour the three victims allegedly shot by cops at the funeral of trade unionist Terrian Mpumelelo.

But a policeman spokesman confirmed the death of only two Tembisa residents.

The families of the dead intend to contact their lawyers to get an interdict restraining cops from interfering with the indefinitely postponed funeral.

Cops 'took body at funeral'

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By KHULU SIBIYA

AN 18-year-old Balfour student in the Eastern Transvaal was this week given a pauper's funeral – after cops allegedly disrupted his funeral by firing teargas and birdshot.

A police spokesman said Abraham Mnguni was given a pauper's funeral on Tuesday after his father had given the cops permission

But a Transvaal Students' Council representative said cops confiscated Mnguni's body when a crowd of about 400 people at his planned funeral was dispersed by teargas and birdshots

"The family went to the police station to demand the body. The police refused – saying they would rather bury him to avoid political speeches," he said.

"They told the family to bring their lawyers if they wanted the body," said the TSC spokesman

Mnguni was allegedly shot dead in front of his home by cops on May Day

Police had placed restrictions on his burial – but these were ignored by the mourners.

The entire township stayed away from work on Tuesday to bury him Several people have apparently been arrested

Balfour residents say it's highly unlikely Mnguni's family signed an affidavit allowing the cops to give their son a pauper's funeral – when in fact they had already planned the funeral

"Mnguni was given a pauper's funeral on the day he was going to be given a hero's funeral," said the TSC spokesman

The TSC is applying to get the body exhumed

Bop cops fail to produce documents

CP Correspondent

BOP police this week failed to produce documents relevent to the Winterveld shootings – and the inquiry had to be postponed for a day.

The commission of inquiry – led by Judge EAT Smith in the Odi Circuit Court in GaRankuwa – are investigating the deaths of 11 people killed by Bop police and security forces in Winterveld on March 26.

Earlier this week Advocate R Nugent – for the Pretoria Council of Churches, Mabopane Action Committee, Winterveld Crisis Committee, Metal and Allied Workers' Union and families of the deceased – demanded that police present the commission with the documents

But the cops – who promised to present the documents the next day – failed to produce photographic negatives of the Winterveld shootings, a book for people arrested during the incident, the Winterveld occurance book and copies of telexes sent from one police station to the other.

Other documents also included radio and record books, ammunition records, correspondence records between members of the force and ministers, statements made by members about the shooting, and the register of people arrested, injured and killed during the incident.

Nugent said the documents had to be provided because the commission – unlike in a civil case – was bent on finding the truth without any party being seen to be hiding from the truth for his own benefit

All the documents relating to the case were supposed to be in possession of the State, he said

The judge agreed with Nugent and postponed the case so that police could produce the documents.

Police legal representative A Hugo initially said he had handed the documents to the Winterveld defence counsel

Later, when asked why he did not, Hugo said he had no formal instruction from the commission to do so

By he was willing to do so as soon as possible, Hugo said

He could also not issue documents because he did not know what procedures the commission wanted to follow, he said

Nugent told the commission the documents would help ascertain the circumstances and incidents surrounding the shooting of the 11 people.

The inquiry is proceeding.

Soldier grabs taxi

A SOLDIER this week took a taxi in Mamelodi – at gunpoint – to escape a group of stonethrowers.

A police spokesman said the soldier had broken away from others to arrest a suspect.

A group of residents began stoning him.

The soldier escaped after "commandeering" a taxi, which he drove to the police station.

The taxi was stoned as it drew off

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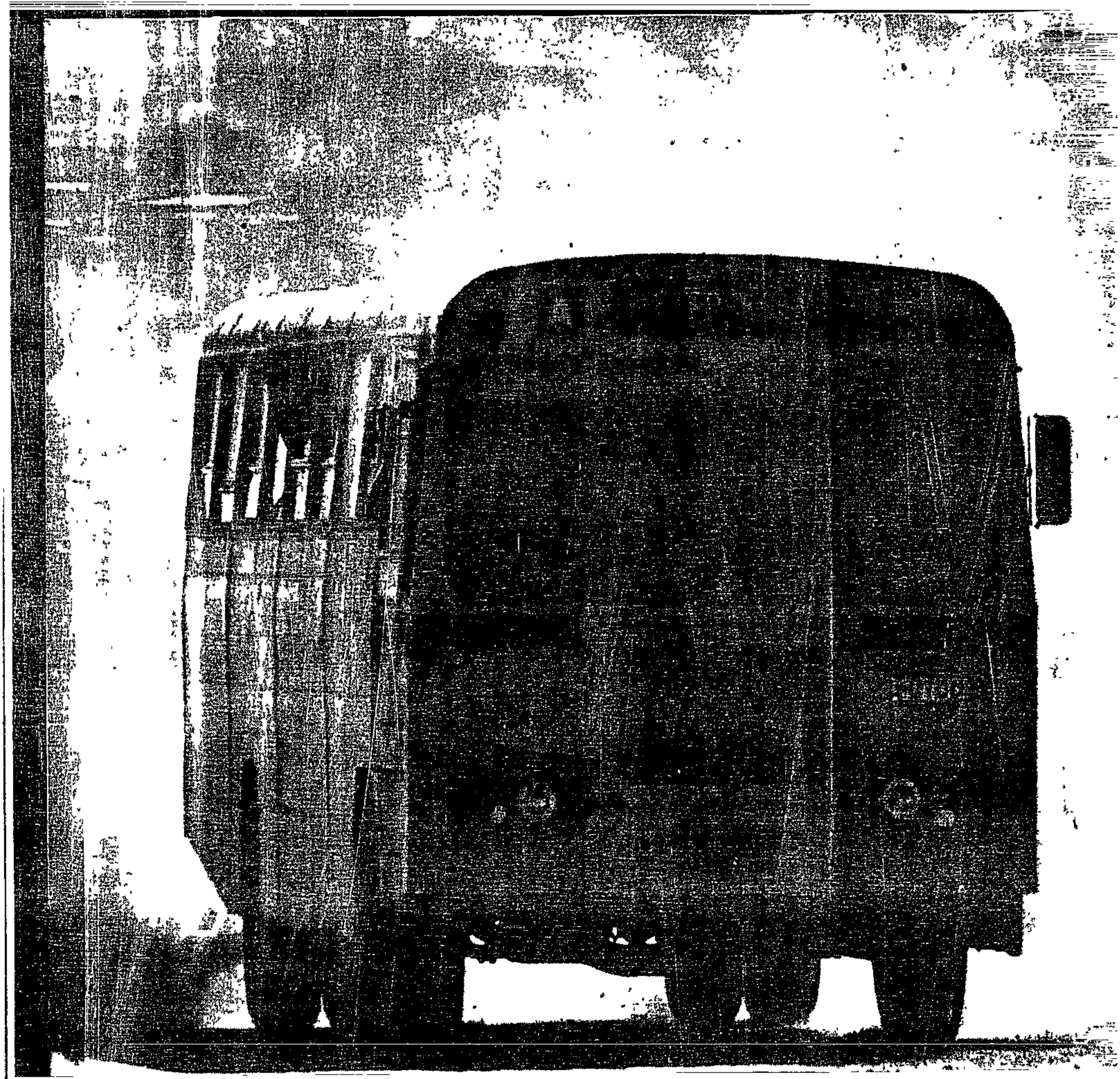

A young woman tumbles from a bus at the height of this week's "war of independence" in KwaNdebele. She was teargassed by security forces, according to residents. They could not say if the woman was hurt.

RURAL resistance continued to grow this week, with people throughout the Northern Transvaal stepping up their protests against apartheid institutions.

At least 50 towns and villages – some just dots on the landscape – launched a two-month consumer boycott to popularise widespread objections to security force activities in the area.

And in KwaNdebele, angry residents took to the homeland's dusty roads in a "war of independence" – a massive bid to stop the homeland government from declaring itself "independent" on December 11.

At least five people have died in the KwaNdebele war, seen as part of the growing politicisation of people in the area.

Further north, massive consumer and worker stayaways were reported in towns like Pietersburg, Tzaneen, Potgietersrus and Phalaborwa, where residents are protesting against recent detentions and security force raids on local people.

People are boycotting all shops owned by whites and by homeland politicians.

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politicians.

Boycott organisers say the protest – scheduled to last two months – has been highly successful, and is likely to continue.

They say the boycott is a response to "months of repression and attacks on our people by the Botha and Phatudi forces, with the help of white business".

An indication of just how tense the situation is in the Northern Transvaal came with the announcement this week that farmers in the area want to erect an electrified fence along the border with Lebowa because of raids by "highly-politicised local people".

According to reports, some farmers are being forced into buying what are called "ANC permits" so they can enter certain areas.

The angry farmers want to put an end to this, according to reports – and feel an electrified fence between themselves and people living in Lebowa may be the answer.

● Workers are staying away on several local farms – demanding a 100% increase to R5 a ...

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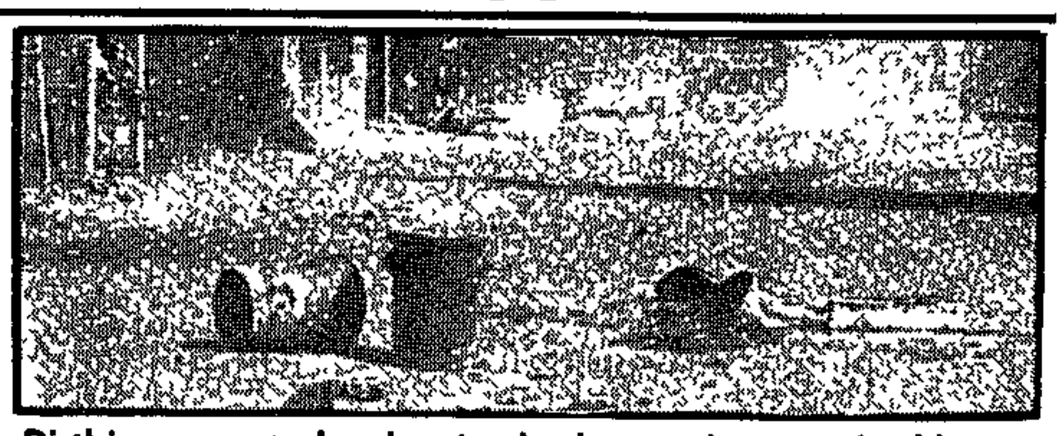
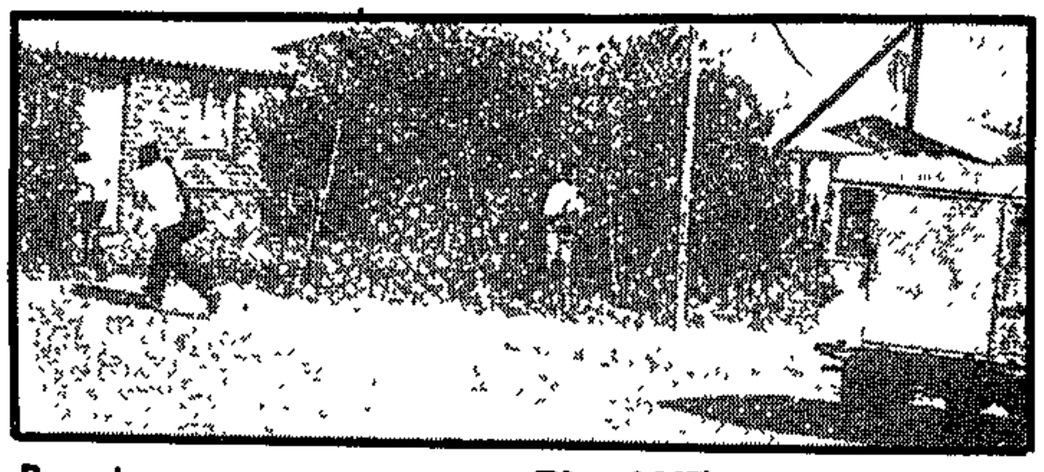


Dirtbins – erected as barricades by youths – crushed by a Casspir in the street.

Some of the youths who protested against the presence of security forces.



Running away ... Pix: ANDRIES MCINEKA

THE KNOCK on the door became the curse of Diepkloof residents this week.

For most youths knew it meant death.

It could have been a comrade on a recruiting mission, a member of the Makabasas vigilante group, or the cops.

So, some of the youths responded to the knocks – and risked their lives to join the battle

The next morning – on Sunday – three of them were found lying in the backyards And six others – believed to be shot – were missing, residents said.

Residents claim the Makabasas – who have been seen driving luxurious German cars – have been responsible for the sporadic violence in the area.

And they have the support of the police, residents claim, because cops "always clamp down when comrades defend themselves against the vigilantes".

Residents have now formed various structures – commonly known as fight the vigilantes, who allegedly have guns and shoot people at random.

No-one is safe. Their target areas have been all the Diepkloof zones, where residents claim more than 20 people have died in clashes with gangs and police.

Although residents do not have the necessary "machinery" to fight back, they have vowed to end the violence in the township, a youth said

"We were shocked when our street committee meeting on Saturday evening was disrupted by a rain of bullets – allegedly from the police," said one of the survivors

The next morning they launched a hunt for "the bodies of some comrades" they believe have been dumped "somewhere"

their music too loud.

Business has reached an all-time low since the unrest in the area, one shebeen owner said.

● The police directorate in Pretoria confirmed that teargas was fired. A spokesman said council police fired at a group of youths with 9mm pistols after their van was stoned, fatally wounding three youths.

It was difficult for the police to investigate the other allegations because residents have not lodged a formal complaint, he said.

"We cannot investigate unless there is a complainant who would be able to come to court.

"We do not understand why they make statements to newspapers whenever they have complaints. The newspapers won't go to court on their behalf," he

policeman taking a statement from

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But their search was fruitless.

They kept a close watch on the three bodies, though, and refused to allow cops to remove them.

Government mortuary officials who were summoned to the scene came back with a reinforcement of security police, privately-dressed cops and the riot squad.

Pandemonium broke out when the security forces fired teargas at the crowd — which included Zionist church members holding a prayer meeting at the scene.

Choking on teargas and overcome by grief, one of the mothers charged at the police: "Kill me, because you've already finished off my family."

A white policeman on the scene questioned reporters and warned "you'd be arrested if you stuck around here. You are hindering police in action (sic)".

Some students this week claimed that they were arrested by people wearing civilian clothes, claiming to be police.

According to them they were taken to Orlando police station and beaten up.

A student — who did not want to be named — said he was beaten up at Orlando police station.

He also alleges the "police" told him to stay away from the streets if he wanted to live longer.

And in the tense Diepkloof women have also been warned to stay off the streets after sunset.

Shebeen owners have also been warned to keep a low profile and not play

Russians die in comrade clashes

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By HERMAN LETSIE

THREE people died in violent clashes between "Russians" and "comrades" in Khutsong near Carletonville at the weekend.

A youth was shot dead when a group tried to petrol-bomb a cop's home in Khutsong and two Basotho people from nearby East Driefontein gold mine were murdered during the Sunday afternoon clash.

According to a source, trouble started when a group of Basothos – known as the "Russians" – went to look for a youth in Khutsong. When they failed to find him, they assaulted his father.

The youth's father went to local mayor Reuben Mosiane's garage to lodge a complaint and was allegedly referred to the police station.

All hell broke loose when the men came back from the mayor. A group of youths attacked about 20 of the Russians and soon a free-for-all began, said the source.

He said the Russians began assaulting anyone they saw on their way back to the hostel, when they fled from the persuing youths.

"This caused residents in the Tswana section to join the comrades in chasing the Russians," he said.

The cops arrived and order was restored, but not before a Russian was fatally assaulted by the mob.

Later a blanketed Basotho was found murdered in the township.

A police spokesman confirmed the clashes but said only one youth died when a group attacked the cop's home and three men were seriously injured.

Political comment in this issue and posters by P Qoboza, headlines and sub-editing by D Niddrie and C Vick, all of 204 Eloff Street Ext, JHB

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Arrests at big Alex funeral

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Thousands of mourners ignored a magisterial order on Saturday as they gathered outside Alexandra's packed St Michael's Anglican Church where the service for eight unrest victims was held.

Police arrested four men for allegedly contravening Section 46 (1) of the Internal Security Act The arrests were in connection with the alleged transgression of the conditions imposed by a Randburg magistrate, Mr R Mandelstam, with regard to the funeral.

Police were heckled as they ordered those standing outside the church to disperse.

Security forces in Casspirs, armoured personnel carriers and trucks poured into the strife-torn township. Defence Force vehicles were also positioned outside Alexandra.

Each of the eight coffins was draped in the flag of the banned African National Congress and two youths carrying a large ANC flag led the procession.

Police and soldiers watched as the bodies were buried.

And in Wattville, near Benoni, three people killed on May Day were buried in accordance with restrictions laid down by a Benoni magistrate.

Violence at burials

SOWETAN REPORTER

ACTS of violence flared up in several areas throughout the country at the weekend as unrest victims were buried.

On the Reef, the burial of at least 15 people was marked by heavy police presence. The police kept watch for violations of restrictions imposed on the funerals by magistrates.

• In Alexandra township eight people were buried; in Wattville on the East Rand four, and in Soweto three.

The Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria yesterday reported several incidents of unrest throughout the country.

A police spokesman said a charred body of a man was found in Soweto. The man had apparently been "necklaced".

• In Sebokeng township on the Vaal, a school was set alight and extensive damage was caused by a group of arsonists, while another group petrol-bombed a house in Vosloorus, near Boksburg. The police dispersed the mob with birdshot, killing a man and injuring another.

• A group of people stoned the police at the West Rand township of Bekkersdal and also attacked them with an explosive device. Police retaliated with teargas. No arrests were made.

At the funeral of the eight unrest victims in Alexandra, a magistrate had imposed a ban on people gathering in the open. The crowd estimated at between 4 000 and 5 000 arrived at the St Michaels Anglican Church.

• Another mass funeral of four youths shot by police on May Day took place in Wattville township. It was held at the Anglican Church and the police virtually besieged the area around the church.

The police also enforced the funeral restrictons imposed by a Benoni magistrate. People who had missed the buses, taking mourners to the cemetery, were ordered by the police to disperse.

• A mob stoned a bus in Umlazi township in Natal and two men and two women were slightly injured.

MEMBER of the SADF in Wattville on Saturday.

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2 die in battles between squatter rivals

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Thousands homeless

By YAZEED FAKIER and TONY WEAVER

AT LEAST two people died in a pitched battle between rival conservative and radical squatter factions in Crossroads yesterday.

Warring factions from three squatter camps fought in Lansdowne Road, flinging stones and petrol bombs and exchanging shots as scores of squatter shacks blazed in the background, leaving thousands homeless

Reporters saw Casspirs standing by without apparently intervening — an accusation which was emphatically denied by the police last night.

Mr Greyton Mahlati of Nyanga East found two boys in their teens shot dead in Nyanga Bush, but it is likely the death toll will be much higher

The fighting began on Saturday night and by late last night there was no indication it would subside Estimates of burnt-down shacks were around 200

Fear of retribution

Thousands of residents of the two "satellite" squatter camps, Nyanga Bush and Portlands Cement Works camp, fled as conservative vigilantes owing allegiance to Crossroads committee leaders, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana and Mr Sam Ndima, moved through the area, setting shacks alight and chasing out residents

Those attacked were supporters of Nyanga Bush leader Mr Melford Yamile and Portland Cement Works camp leader Mr Christopher Toise

A Crossroads resident, who did not want to be identified for fear of retribution, said Mr Ngxobongwana's men were helped on Saturday night "by white men wearing balaclavas"

About 1 30pm yesterday shots were fired in Nyanga Bush and about 4pm a large group of adults and youths from Nyanga Bush moved into Lansdowne Road and hurled rocks and petrol bombs at Old Crossroads vigilantes Police Casspirs were 100 metres away, occasionally driving back and forth but their occupants were not seen to be using teargas or shotguns

Then a number of rifle shots rang out from the Old Crossroads side and two youths from Nyanga Bush armed with handguns opened fire on the Old Crossroads men

After a brief lull the fire started up again from Old Crossroads A minibus came hurtling from Old Crossroads and knocked over a woman The minibus was stoned and the windows were broken.

Cape Times photographer Obed Zilwa was caught in the crossfire but A WTN television crew came to his rescue in their vehicle

Lansdowne Road was lined with hundreds of people standing helplessly alongside possessions salvaged from the embattled areas

Mr Tian van der Merwe, PFP spokesman on law and order, who went to the area after being telephoned by residents, said he saw armoured police vehicles moving around "but there didn't seem to be any intervention"

Yesterday afternoon he telephoned the Guguletu police station "I asked them to intervene, but they said the person in charge of the station at the time, a Warrant-officer Barnard, was not available and was at the scene. I then asked them to radio my appeal to him "

A police liaison officer, Captain Jan Calitz, said the allegations against the police were rejected "and are seen as an attempt to discredit the SAP"

"There was fighting between factions and they were hurling stones at one another Every time the police approached the fighting groups they dispersed Police warned members of the press several times to leave the area

"At one stage, about 5 30pm, people were removing furniture and personal property from the burning shacks and when again attacked by other blacks, police used tearsmoke to disperse the fighting groups "

The weekend violence came after months of tension in Crossroads in which left-wing activists had continuously been harassed and in which Mr Ngxobongwana's committee has effectively banned all work by progressive community, women's and youth organizations More than 20 activists have fled

The Nyanga Bush/Portland Cement Works area has been rife with rumour for the past week that conservative vigilantes loyal to Mr Ngxobongwana and Mr Ndima have been armed with rifles for a massive "purge" of the area and that he would try to wrest control of the two camps from Mr Yamile and Mr Toise

● Last night calls for peace and unity were made by the Western Cape Hostels Dwellers Association (WCHDA), the Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA) and community leaders

The WCCA, of which Mr Ngxobongwana is the chairperson, yesterday condemned the "persecution of progressive organizations by Mr Ngxobongwana in Crossroads" and warned he will face disciplinary action

Conservative vigilantes in Crossroads prepare to attack younger "comrades" in fighting yesterday which saw more than 200 shacks burnt down

Crossroads residents gather their belongings as their shacks, set alight by vigilantes, blaze in the background.

Cape Times Newscolour: Obed Zilwa

Man is burnt to death in unrest

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Business Day Reporter

A MAN was burnt to death in Soweto as widespread arson and stone-throwing attacks broke out around the country over the weekend, say police reports.

Police came under attack at: Bekkersdal on the West Rand — where "a suspected commercial explosive device" was thrown at a police patrol; Tembisa on the East Rand; Bishop Lavis near Cape Town; and Ethambeni near Prieska.

Police fired teargas and birdshot to disperse crowds and reported two arrests and an injury from the incidents.

Buses and buildings were stoned and fire-bombed in: Umlazi, near Durban; White River in the Eastern Transvaal; Maukeng, near Kroonstad; Clermont, near Durban; Sebokeng, near Vereeniging; Galeshewe, near Kimberley; Motherwell, near Port Elizabeth; Athlone in the Western Cape; and Jouberton, near Klerksdorp.

Seven people were arrested in connection with the incidents.

Alex mourners ignore order

THELMA TUCH

THOUSANDS of mourners ignored a magisterial order on Saturday as they gathererd outside the packed St Michael's Anglican Church in Alexandra, Sandton, where the service for eight unrest victims was held.

Police arrested four men under Section 46(1) of the Internal Security Act — for allegedly transgressing conditions imposed by a Randburg magistrate regarding the funeral.

Each coffin was draped in the flag of the banned African National Congress and two youths carrying a large ANC flag led the procession.

Police and soldiers watched as the bodies were buried. SADF vehicles were outside Alexandra.

In Wattville, near Benopni, three people killed on May Day were buried in accordance with restrictions laid down by a Benoni magistrate.

In Soweto, thousands attended the funeral of unrest victim Simon Mthethwa — recently killed by vigilantes.

300 whites defy police to pray in Alexandra

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By Glenda Spiro

More than 300 whites who responded to an invitation to visit Alexandra township yesterday defied a police threat of arrest if they entered the area But only two people were arrested.

The Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (Jodac), an affiliate of the UDF, called on the public to visit the township to pay respects to people who had "died in the struggle".

The group were stopped by police in Kew, which borders Alexandra

Police vehicles formed a roadblock on the corner of 2nd and 12th avenues and Jodac representatives were told that no one could enter the area as this was "undesirable", in terms of section 9 of the Black Consolidation Act of 1945.

Lieutenant L J Cole of the Security Police said that in view of "public safety and security" a ban had been issued He asked the group to leave the area

Lieutenant Cole said they would be liable to a R500 fine or six months' jail or both

Written notices were served on two of the representatives, Mr Neil Morrison and Mr Morris Smithers, prohibiting them from entering for three months

One of the Jodac members, Mr Steve Sadie, was arrested when he raised his hand in front of a camera belonging to the police video unit

Mr Morrison was later arrested at the township cemetery.

The group defied the ban after negotiating with police for nearly an hour.

As the convoy entered the cemetery, thousands of residents ran singing to the gravesite to welcome the guests They sang and prayed together.

A teargas canister was fired at the crowd as the group was leaving the graves.

ABOVE: A group of white people who visited Alexandra township yesterday lay flowers on the graves of unrest victims. When they left residents who escorted them bid them a warm farewell, shaking hands and saluting the visitors.

LEFT: More than 100 armed policemen monitored the flower-laying ceremony. A teargas canister was fired at the large crowd when they were leaving the graves.

● Pictures by Alf Kumalo.

Police 'beat me with whips', pupil alleges

Cape Times 19/5/86

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

A MITCHELLS PLAIN pupil with sjambok wounds on his face, hands and body has alleged that a policeman "savagely" beat him while swearing at him as he lay on the ground.

Mark Bense, 15, a pupil at Rocklands High School, said he was walking on a field near the school after a rally last week when policemen in a patrol van started chasing him.

He alleged they chased him in circles until he tripped and fell. A policeman with a sjambok then started whipping him, he said.

"He hit me over the head with the sjambok, I think he was aiming for my face, but I put my hands over my face".

He alleged the policeman continued beating him while he lay in a foetal position. "While he was hitting me he said 'Jou vark ek sal jou doodslaan' (You pig, I will beat you to death.)"

An eyewitness to the incident, an elderly woman who did not want to be identified, said she had screamed at the policeman, telling him that he would kill the child if he kept on beating him.

"I will kill the pig," the policeman had replied, the woman said.

Hospital

The boy alleged police left him lying on the ground after the beating. He was later taken to Lentegeur Day Hospital for treatment.

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, requested that he be supplied with the address of Mark Bense so "we can send somebody to his house and investigate the matter".

In another incident a Mitchells Plain couple allege police searched their home without a search warrant after detaining their son, United Democratic Front activist Mr Clive Doman.

Mrs Elizabeth and Mr Cecil Doman alleged that police "illegally occupied" and searched their house from about 10.30 to 2.30 on Thurday after arresting Mr Clive Doman after a rally at Rocklands High School.

The police allegedly refused to let their daughter Gwen out of the house while they were there. Police also allegedly refused to allow her to use the phone.

Mrs Doman said five policemen, including Major Dolf Odendaal and policemen called Smith, Plaatjies and Baardman, were involved in the incident.

Captain Calitz said that in "investigating a suspected crime we searched the house". He said the daughter may have "jeopardized the investigation", if she had been allowed to leave the house.

WOMAN

'MY DAUGHTER IS INNOCENT...'

As daughter Theresa and others await the hangman in death row

By SIZA KOOMA

WHEN tragedy strikes the home of a single mother, she should be the last person to break lest the whole family disintegrates

That is why Miss Julia Ramashamole has had to be a pillar since her daughter, Theresa, was sentenced to death last December

Theresa was the only woman among seven men charged with murder of a Sharpeville community councillor, Mr Khuzwayo Jacob Dlamini, who was stoned and set alight by a mob on September 3, 1984

She and five others — Mr Mojalefa Reginald Sefatsa, Mr Reid Malebo Mokoena, Mr Oupa Moses Diniso, Mr Duma Joshua Khumalo and Mr Francis Don Mokgesi — were sentenced in the Pretoria Supreme Court on December 6

Now the battle for their lives has started in earnest they have just been granted leave to appeal against their death sentences

Miss Ramashamole, Theresa's mother, was first hit by misfortune in 1977 when her eldest daughter, Celestinah, died after falling ill

Theresa was only 24 when she was arrested Violet, now 24, the girl who comes immediately after Theresa, had to be admitted to hospital after hearing of her sister's conviction and sentence

The last born, Josephine, is still at school

"I nearly lost my mind when I saw my daughter in the cells after sentence was passed," Miss Ramashamole says

"She did not understand what was happening She had lost weight terribly and would take time before answering a question, as if her mind was wandering I felt like swopping places with her"

Miss Ramashamole says that it was only after she had explained to her daughter that the sentence did not mean that she would be sent to the gallows immediately, that an appeal could be made, that she relaxed

Shot

"I have hoped that one day she will come out of that place, free and alive I believe that she is innocent and that God will not let her die unjustly," she says

Theresa was working at a roadhouse when she was arrested

"She had gone visiting a friend on the day of the incidents and I was shocked when I heard that she and the friend had been shot She had a head wound and the friend was shot in the arm," Miss Ramashamole said.

Theresa and the other seven pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, subversion, alternative charges of malicious damage to property and arson

"Theresa had no interest in politics and I had never seen her going to political meetings She was also not a secretive child to have hidden her political involvement, if she had any She was unfortunate to be around the scene of the shooting at that time," said Miss Ramashamole

She says that her daughter had very few friends and preferred to stay indoors, sewing lace mats or crotcheting She also made her mother some mats when she was in detention

"I had no interest in politics too But after what has happened, I will take a firm stance and be actively involved in the struggle I do not care what the cost is I am now prepared to fight for justice in my country"

'I am now prepared to fight for justice in my country'

Miss Julia Ramashamole, who now lives on hope.

Dad tells of Vaal violence

Sowetan 20/5/86 (278)

By ALINAH DUBE

A SEBOKENG father yesterday told the Pretoria Supreme Court that a group of people siphoned petrol from his car as a councillor's wife and children were hiding inside his house during the Vaal Triangle unrest.

Mr Steven Kobokwane, whose house adjoins that of the dead councillor Mr Caesar Motjeane, was giving evidence for the defence. The case is before Mr Justice van der Walt and two assessors.

Mr Motjeane, then a Lekoa councillor, and another man, Mr Phineas Matibidi, were stoned, attacked with a variety of weapons and burnt on September 3, 1984. Eight people are appearing in court in connection with their deaths.

The judge heard that Mr Kobokwane locked himself inside a house while Mr Motjeane's house was under attack. His children, a councillor's wife and children were sitting in his bedroom, he said.

Scared

"They were all scared and trembling. Maud (the councillor's wife) was so terrified that she even lay down on my bed. None of them left the room during the attack," the witness said.

He said although all the windows were shut, he could see through a lace curtain that the dead councillor's house had been set alight. That, he said, took place after petrol was siphoned from his car.

Mr Kobokwane added that Mrs Motjeane and her children were later fetched from his house by the police.

The *Sowetan's* chief photographer, Mr Joe Molefe, also gave evidence yesterday. He said the councillor was lying on his stomach when he took photographs that day.

Proceeding.

A stunned Mrs Ellen Diphudi sifts through the remains of clothing in the room where her sister, Mrs Martha Montoedi, and four children died. ● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

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Grieving father vows 'I'll not be cowed'

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Knowing without being told that his children and wife had died he wept — tears rolling down blistered cheeks.

Speaking through peeling lips under the remains of a moustache, he vowed never to be cowed by the terrorists who had taken his family. He would go back, he said, to work with the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation in its battle against apartheid.

Mr Morgan Montoedi (51) was sitting up with difficulty in his Leratong Hospital bed just 12 hours after his Kagiso home was petrol-bombed on Sunday night.

He last saw his wife Martha as she went into their children's blazing room in an attempt to rescue them. He remembers little of what happened then but was almost sure nobody else left the house.

He was right. Mrs Montoedi, three of their children — Elizabeth (28), Motsei (15) and Lucky (9) and grandchild Thabo (2) — all died.

There was almost nothing left of the bedding in the children's room next day. The dressing table was charcoal and the burglar bars had fallen in.

The sitting room and the second bedroom were also charred. Only the kitchen was not gutted.

Mr Montoedi now has only his eldest son, who was away during the attack. He now has no job, no home and no income. Friends in KRO regard this as an especially bitter thing to happen to a man who was more a voluntary welfare worker than a political figure.

Mr Montoedi, chairman of KRO's discipline and good-conduct committee, described his job as reconciling feuding families, disarming gangsters and dealing with rebellious youths.

He was unaware of the pamphlets distributed by the "Brotherhood of Blacks" threatening "white and black radicals".

Friend and KRO associate Mr Laurence Ntlokoa said: "In our area we have never had 'black-on-black' violence. We conclude pro-system and pro-apartheid outsiders were responsible."

Stones caused wounds - witness

A SENIOR State pathologist, Professor Johan Laubscher, told the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday that a slain councillor, Mr Caesar Motjeane, sustained a number of wounds showing he had possibly been struck by more than one stone.

Prof Laubscher was giving evidence before Mr Justice van der Walt and two assessors. He said the marks on the dead councillor's face were possibly the wounds he sustained while being attacked.

Mr Motjeane, a Lekoa councillor, and Mr Phineas Matibidi were killed by a rampaging mob on September 3, 1984. They were stoned, attacked with weapons and burnt.

Eight Sebokeng residents are charged with the murder of the two. They have all pleaded not guilty.

Prof Laubscher said it was possible that the councillor either lay on his stomach or back when he was attacked. "But even a blow received while in a standing position does cause brain damage," he said.

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Wits students clash with police on campus

THOUSANDS of Wits University students yesterday clashed with police.

A meeting — to protest against the SADF raids into Botwswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia — on the library lawns was broken up by police who said the gathering was illegal.

Thirteen students were arrested and later released, said student leaders.

Students moved towards a hall at the Student Union building where the first confrontation with the rightwing Student Moderate Alliance took place.

Later, after about 4 000 students listened to speeches condemning the raids, hundreds of black students marched on the SMA offices.

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Police and students clash in fiery day at Wits

By Susan Pleming, Education Reporter

Clashes between police and students and several confrontations between opposing student groups took place at the University of the Witwatersrand yesterday.

The campus drama started at 9.30 am when police, armed with sjamboks, shotguns and dogs went on to the campus where about 2 000 students were gathered on the library lawns for a meeting about the SADF raids this week.

The police declared the meeting illegal and chased students, who ran in all directions for safety. Police cornered two Indian scholars in the men's toilets in the student arcade. A struggle ensued and tiles were ripped off the walls.

Thirteen students were arrested by police, but were later released Several had lacerations from sjambok blows and two students were bitten by police dogs.

POLICE LEAVE CAMPUS

About 20 minutes after the police had first charged the students, negotiations began

The students said they would not disperse until the 13 students taken into police custody had been released.

The police then left the campus and about 4 000 students crammed into the Old Mutual Sports Hall to hear speeches condemning the SADF raids.

Conflict between the Student Moderate Alliance other students ran high and there were two clashes between this group and the black students.

In one clash several hundred students surrounded five SMA members and the president of the SMA umbrella body, Mr Russel Crystal.

The students chanted slogans, sang freedom songs and destroyed SMA posters and pamphlets. Campus security battled to keep the students from surging forward and paper planes, doughnuts and cups were thrown at the SMA members.

After about 20 minutes a group of riot police returned and escorted the SMA members off campus. The students then dispersed.

Students try to grab a South African flag sticker from the president of the Student Moderate Alliance, Mr Martin Yuil.

Police action at Wits 'totally unnecessary' — academics

Education Reporter

The Academic Staff Association (ASA) of the University of the Witwatersrand has described police actions on the campus yesterday as "totally unnecessary and provocative".

Yesterday about 200 police, armed with sjamboks, shotguns and dogs, stormed the campus to disperse an "illegal gathering" on the library lawns. Students had met on the lawns for a mass rally to discuss the SADF raids and the release of all political prisoners.

"The police took it upon themselves to interfere with a peaceful gathering of students on the library lawns. Some students were injured and others detained," said the ASA.

After the police had entered the campus the mood became confrontational until the police agreed to leave the campus and release the 13 students held, said the ASA.

"We call on the South African Police to refrain from provoking confrontation by remaining off our campus."

Religion students in boycott

A GROUP of theology students at the Stoffberg Theology School at the University of the North (Turfloop) boycotted lectures this week.

According to the university public relations officer, Mr Frans Swart, the group tried to recruit support for a complete boycott by all students on the campus, on Tuesday morning.

He said the students were divided into two groups and the Students Representative Council called a mass meeting to normalise the situation.

After the meeting members of the Lebowa police, South African Police and SADF were noticed on campus.

The students returned to lectures yesterday morning.

• All male students at the University of Transkei (Unitra) have been evacuated from their hostels.

A joint statement by the principal, Professor B D van der Merwe and the vice principal, Professor W L Nkuhlu, said that in view of the continued boycott of lectures it had been decided to close the men's residences.

The deportation of two students, Mr Wakhile Mhlophe and Mr Mzingaye Gqobo, sparked the boycott of lectures.

On Sunday morning more than 500 students were arrested, but later released.

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Residents up in arms

RESIDENTS of the Vleifontein township near Louis Trichardt are up in arms over the imminent incorporation of the township into Venda.

Residents have "banned" Venda government cars from the township, and reports from the area say schooling has been disrupted and school gates barricaded.

The township, presently administered by South Africa, is about 40 km south east of Louis Trichardt. Its intended incorporation into "independent" Venda has already been gazetted.

Vleifontein was built in 1979 and the residents, almost all of whom are Venda speaking, were removed from the Tshikota township and settled there. It borders Venda and its location was apparently chosen with the incorporation in mind.

Venda government officials are said to have addressed the residents recently, outlining the incorporation. This angered residents, who say they want to remain South Africans.

The director-general of the Venda Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr L Ramavhoya, yesterday said the issue "was South African" and declined to discuss it. An official at the Chief Commissioner's office in Pietersburg, a Mr Griesel, said the incorporation had been gazetted on April 11.

He said no firm date of incorporation had been set. He did not know of any resistance by the residents.

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Probe Alex attacks, say academics

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About 800 academics have signed a petition urging the Government to investigate allegations of police involvement in attacks on Alexandra activists last month.

The petition, drawn up by staff and students at the University of the Witwatersrand's Medical School, has been circulated at all South African university medical faculties.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Wits, Professor Maurice McGregor, who has helped circulate the petition, said about 100 signatures were being collected daily at medical faculties At some universities, such as Stellenbosch, the petition had been sent to all departments

He said the petition would be sent to the State President, Mr P W Botha, this week.

ALLEGATIONS

The petition calls on the Government to state publicly that allegations of police involvement in the recent violence would be investigated with the greatest vigour.

It calls on Mr Botha to respond to reports of attacks on the homes of community leaders in Alexandra townships by gangs of black and white masked men wearing "police-type" uniforms.

"Mr State President, we urge you to let it be known that these events, implying police involvement, will be investigated with the greatest vigour and that the full power of the State will be turned against any persons who may be found guilty of such violence, whoever they may be," the petition says.

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Will wooing Pik get a whipping tonight?

By David Braun,
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A dramatic showdown in Afrikaner politics threatens to disrupt a National Party meeting in Pietersburg tonight.

At the centre of it will be the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, bê te noire of the white radical right.

He aims to defy an undertaking of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) that a Nationalist Minister will never again be able to address a public meeting in the Transvaal.

The AWB has recently broken up two Transvaal Nationalist meetings.

Mr Botha has staked the National Party's political credibility by insisting that he is going to hold his meeting tonight, under a Nationalist chairman.

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre-Blanche has likewise put his political credibility on the line by stating publicly that Mr Botha will not hold the meeting.

Minister Botha ... never-say-die political war horse takes on right wing tonight.

The Minister's meeting will be an AWB meeting, organised and paid for by the Government, he said.

Whoever wins the battle for Pietersburg will score a major propaganda victory in the fight for the political allegiance of Afrikanerdom.

If Mr Botha wins, his prestige in the National Party and the white electorate would get a much-needed boost.

By being able to field its most liberal Minister in the very heart of Conservative Party/AWB territory, the National Party would feel a lot more secure about threats from the right.

If, on the other hand, the AWB should succeed in breaking up the meeting, or preventing Mr Botha from arriving At the hall, the National Party would be in serious trouble in the Transvaal.

A further implication for the Government, and one which it knows will not go down well abroad, is that if it is unable to hold a public meeting it could be said that it is no longer fully in control of even white South Africa — adding to the impression that the country is becoming ungovernable.

Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht will not endorse the tactics of the AWB, but he would use such a happening as proof of how angry whites are at being sold out.

It is therefore important to the National Party that the AWB fails to show up, or that if it does, the NP can still ensure that it holds its meeting, preferably without the help of the police.

Tonight's meeting is expected to be well attended by South African and foreign media.

Not knowing exactly what the AWB has in mind, the National Party has been obliged to plan for a number of contingencies.

Arrangements include the provision of a back-up power supply (in case some zealous official of the CP-controlled town council cuts off the electricity to the hall) and the possible use of a private helicopter should the Minister have difficulty in getting to the hall.

If he gets as far as the stage and he is allowed to speak, Mr Botha's speech will be carefully analysed by the media for any signs of pandering to the right.

Mr TerreBlanche ... cast die.

Dr Treurnicht .. will use defeat.

The Minister is a seasoned war horse of many National Party campaigns. He has faced countless hostile audiences at home and abroad and this vast experience has made him one of the party's top public speakers.

If anyone in the Government can sell its reform policies in the Transvaal platteland it is him, and he gets his big chance tonight.

Right wing poised to hijack Pik's meeting

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Pietersburg is braced for the backlash

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By Hannes de Wet

Pietersburg

Tension is running high at Pietersburg, where the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) and its right-wing allies will be going all out tonight to prevent Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pik Botha from addressing a National Party meeting.

Spokesmen for both sides said yesterday that the showdown would be a make-or-break event for them. And both camps vowed that nothing would make them back down from what they regard as a political test match.

Mr Lodewyk Snyman, chairman of the local NP, said: "The atmosphere is loaded. We are determined not to let anything stop us holding our meeting. We are doing everything possible to ensure it will go ahead."

Mr Izak Butler, leading AWB figure in Pietersburg, said: "We will have 4 000 to 5 000 people from the right wing. We are going to prove that the nation doesn't want to listen to Pik Botha or his Government any longer.

"Our only concern is that the NP is involving schoolchildren in the meeting. We will not be able to guarantee their safety if things start getting out of hand. Feelings are running high among some right-wing supporters."

Indications are that the right-wing meeting set to be addressed by AWB leader Mr Eugene TerreBlanche at the rugby stadium will not take place. All the action will be at the the Jack Botes Hall, where the right-wing forces will attempt to take over the NP meeting.

Public peace

The Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Far Northern Transvaal, Brigadier Gert van Rensburg, said the police would not hesitate to act if the public peace was disturbed or property damaged. "Although we are standing on the sideline, we will pay attention to all complaints."

Left, right or centre: where will police be?

PIETERSBURG — Whose side will the police be on in the expected clash between the National Party and the far right tonight?

The Divisional Commissioner of Police in the Far Northern Transvaal, Brigadier Gert van Rensburg, said the police "will be standing on the sideline" — but there are other opinions.

A senior NP source told *The Star*: "We discussed this at length with the police and explained to them that no NP gathering will ever be safe again if the physical intimidation by the AWB is not stopped in Pietersburg. I can assure you that they had great sympathy with our viewpoint."

Right-wing sources gave a different picture.

"I know for a fact that we have many supporters among the ranks of the police force in Pietersburg. I am not sure about the officers, but there is no doubt in my mind that a large number of policemen are fed up with the Government," one source said.

Local AWB leader Mr Izak Butler said his people would be going out of their way to avoid a clash with the police.

"We regard the police as our friends and will do everything possible to help them" he said.

"We know the NP is going to try to provoke us into violent actions tonight. Their strategy will be to try and alienate us from the police."

Mr Butler said he believed there would be a large contingent of security police in civilian dress among the audience.

"We are quite aware of the fact that the Government will be trying to use the events of tonight to ban the AWB. And they will be using the police to

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Probe into car lootings

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THE newly-formed Vaal Crisis Committee is investigating the school crisis and the looting of shops and delivery trucks in the Vaal Triangle townships.

The committee, comprising members of the Vaal African Chamber of Commerce, political and civic organisations, was formed in an attempt to curb the violence in the townships.

The Vaal Civic Association, the Vaal Parents Crisis Committee, the Azanian People's Organisation and the United Democratic Front, are also represented in this committee.

The chairman of the Vacoc, Mr Don Mashinini, said many traders have been forced to close their shops after hooligans attacked them and looted their businesses.

These elements have also disrupted classes in the area, especially in Sebokeng and Evaton townships, after claiming to be students' representatives.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training in Vereeniging said although classes have been disrupted and some suspended, the situation seemed to have gone back to normal this week.

5 homes bombed in Mohlakeng

SOWETAN Reporter

FIVE houses were petrol-bombed in Mohlakeng, Randfontein this week — three of them yesterday.

The house of United Democratic Front executive member Mr Phillip Tlhapane was bombed on Wednesday night — hours after he was held on charges relating to attempted murder. His mother, Mrs Sophie Tlhapane's house was petrol-bombed on the same night.

Also on Wednesday night, a man was found "necklaced" in the township.

Major Tienie Halgryn, public relations officer for the West Rand police, yesterday confirmed only the Tlhapane petrol-bombings.

Arrested

Major Halgryn also confirmed that Mr Tlhapane had been arrested for attempted murder.

He said police did not have information that a man identified as "Mr Bambo Mbatha" died on Wednesday night after being "necklaced" by youths.

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The blazing remains of a delivery truck set alight by youths in Soweto

Soweto erupts after banning of funeral

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SIPHO NGCOBO

A PERSON was found dead in Soweto yesterday when the township erupted after the banning on Wednesday night of the funeral of three unrest victims.

The body was found by police on the veld in Mapetla. Reporters were ordered away from the scene by riot police.

Police and youths clashed outside the home of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

A teargas cannister was fired into one of the houses adjoining the Mandela home.

The street was virtually closed by youths using burning tyres and tree trunks as barricades.

In another clash with youths, police fired a teargas cannister into a shop in Meadowlands, scattering workers and customers.

A delivery truck was set alight by youths, resulting in another battle with police.

A delivery van was attacked and set alight.

Troops and police in armoured personnel carriers and trucks kept a watch at the homes of the three unrest victims yesterday.

The situation was tense in Mohlakeng, near Randfontein, yesterday in the wake of an explosion on Wednesday night and fighting between two rival groups.

About 8.30pm on Wednesday, an explosion rocked the house of UDF branch chairman for Randfontein Phillip Mosire Tlhapane.

No-one was injured, but considerable damage was caused.

The blast came after the petrol-bombing of a shebeen on Tuesday.

Groups of youths stopped pupils going to Bulelane Higher Primary School and Tswele Lower Primary School.

□ Police reported continuing violence countrywide yesterday.

Leftist Wits students burn a banner waved by rightwing colleagues during a protest against SADF raids on Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana Pic REUTER

The campus goes to war ... for a day

Cheered on by conservative students, baton-wielding police charged the largest-ever protest on a 'white' campus'. GAVIN EVANS reports

Police armed with shotguns, batons and sjamboks invade Wits to disperse protesting students Pic SANDY SMIT, Afrapix

THE security forces need not go to Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe to find the ANC, students at the University of the Witwatersrand were told this week.

"They're right here in our kitchens, offices, toilets — and in your universities," they were told.

These comments, by Release Mandela Campaign leader Aubrey Mokoena and End Conscription Campaign (ECC) leader Laurie Nathan, summed up the tone of this week's protest gathering at the University of the Witwatersrand, the largest — and angriest — yet seen on a "white" campus.

But despite the fact that 85 percent of the Wits student population are white, Tuesday's demonstration was clearly black-led

The almost 2 000 white students who participated were prepared to follow the pace and direction set by the militancy of the black student leaders.

Addressing his remarks to white students at a 4 000-strong gathering in the Old Mutual Sports Centre during a meeting that lasted three hours, black student leader Firoz Cachalia said· "Some of you have been bitten by dogs and sjambokked today, but in the townships the police and army use live bullets and they (the people) don't leave"

ECC's Laurie Nathan said "All of us face a moral dilemma. The people in the townships are saying you have no choice· you cannot enter the townships as soldiers"

He continued· "It's not enough to go to meetings to protest We have to get involved through organisations"

The impetus to the day's activities was given by the SADF's raid into Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

What had initially been planned as a "Release Mandela - Unban the ANC" rally became more than that after the SADF raided three Southern African countries.

Painted in the black, green and gold colours of the ANC, the student union wall carried the slogan "Botha declares War Our will is stronger than their steel", while a Nusas poster read· "Some people go to Lusaka to talk .. the SADF goes to kill."

By 6 45am about 30 students joined Black Sash, United Demoractic Front and ECC members in a street picket against the raids An hour later 500 black students were chanting ANC slogans while about 60 medical students marched on to the main campus. Slogans of the ANC and Umkhonto We Sizwe were painted on the university walls

At 9am students gathered on the library lawns under the ANC flag while about 200 riot police poured on to the campus, armed with shotguns, batons, sjamboks and dogs

According to police the students were staging an illegal gathering by meeting outdoors and had refused to disperse.

Half an hour later when the gathering had grown to about 3 000, police charged and the crowd scattered

Riot police, cheered on by members of the conservative Student Moderate Alliance (SMA) ripped down posters and banners belonging to the National Union of South African Students (Nusas), The Azanian Students Organisation (Azaso) and the ECC as well as the ANC flag

Police entered the library and student union and two students were trapped in the toilets when the police caught them.

Politics lecturer Mark Swilling, who said police had "hit them (the students) for about a minute and stuck one of their heads in a bin before dragging them out", was briefly held when he tried to intervene.

One toilet was shattered, the door was broken and tiles were ripped off the walls

Outside, several students screamed until a woman shouted· "Be disciplined. Don't cry."

Outside the William Cullen library a riot policeman kicked a black student lying on the ground while Prof Mervyn Shear, deputy vice chancellor for student affairs, stood by

"Can't you see what he's doing, professor? Tell him to stop," a student shouted, until another academic, Prof Eddie Webster, intervened

After negotiations with SRC president Claire Wright and Black Student Society president Dali Mpophu, with Shear as a mediator, the police agreed to withdraw and allow student leaders five minutes to address the campus Students agreed to hold their meeting in the sports centre

Police said students later regrouped in Yale Road where two police vehicles and several private cars were stoned

By 10,30am 13 students had been arrested and several suffered from dog bites, lacerations and bruises Those arrested were all released after being charged

As the police left, the crowd, which by now numbered more than 5 000, chanted "Go, go, go"

Shortly afterwards about 10 SMA members, who had set up a table distributing small South African flags, pro-Uwusa (United Workers Union of South Africa) leaflets and pamphlets commemorating the Pretoria bombing, were confronted by a group of black students After a scuffle, the SMA orange, white and blue banner and many of their pamphlets were burned

Earlier a small group of young men in student dress, who appeared to be conservative students, had joined police in tearing down Nusas, Black Students Society (BSS) and ECC posters

The rally in the sports centre, which lasted nearly three hours, focused on the SADF raid, the history of the ANC, and the intensifying struggle for liberation

As Nusas president Brendan Barry put it "We can draw strength from the fact that today we've kept them (the police) out of South Africa's townships .. but right now the northern suburbs are sitting quietly while Alexandra is burning There is work to be done there"

Winnie Mandela, who was scheduled to speak to students, was delayed in Cape Town and could not attend

Later in the afternoon, 60 students staged a picket on Jan Smuts Avenue protesting against the SADF raids

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Family's plea

A KATLEHONG family left stranded after youths burned down their home is appealing to student leaders for talks to resolve the problem. Sowetan 23/5/86

The Matla family, whose house in Mopedi Section in Katlehong was set on fire by youths last Thursday, is staying with neighbours.

The family lost everything in the house. They had gone visiting in the Free State. The group that set the house alight is said to have accused Mr Matla's wife of having set thugs to kill their colleague. Mrs Matla has denied the accusation and would like to clear herself with the youth leaders.

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Chaos in Soweto

THIS was the scene in many parts of Soweto yesterday after students who had come to bury three colleagues were told the funeral had been banned. More than 5 000 pupils were given 15 minutes to disperse.

180 DAYS

Extra detention powers for police

A BILL that empowers the police to detain people for up to 180 days in cases of increased unrest was published in Parliament yesterday.

The Internal Security Amendment Bill's provisions will be put into effect by proclamation by the State President only when required and is aimed to remove from the community people involved in unrest for a sufficient period to "allow the situation to normalise".

The State President may at any time suspend the measures or make them operative again. Every proclamation, published in the Gazette, must be tabled in Parliament, a memorandum attached to the Bill says.

According to the memorandum the Bill's extension of the detention period under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act from 14 to 180 days was being enacted in permanent legislation but only applied by declaration of the State President.

The proposed Section 50 A provides that a police officer above the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel who feels "that the further detention of that person will contribute to the termination, combating or preventing of public disturbance, disorder, riot or public violence," may, after the initial period of 48 hours of detention, extend the period to 180 days without trial.

A board of review, which will report to the Minister of Law and Order, will be appointed to adduce the reasons for detaining anyone for longer than three months.

The present Section 50, which allows for detention of up to 14 days, will still be at the disposal of the police when the provisions of the proposed new Section 50A are not operative.

The Bill also makes provision for the transfer of detainees to other prisons and the measures relating to the board of review. — Sapa.

Cops, SADF accused of disrupting classes

THE Mamelodi Parents Crisis Committee and the Mamelodi Teachers Union yesterday condemned the "provocative actions" of security forces who allegedly searched pupils and threw teargas canisters at the Vlakfontein Technical High School on Wednesday.

The two organisations, in a statement released yesterday, said police and the South African Defence Force parked their vehicles in the school yard and looked for pupils who wore "UDF or MAYO" T-shirts. A MPCC spokesman said a student wearing a Mayo T-shirt, was arrested. He also said police threw teargas canisters at students.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate yesterday said the SADF used teargas to disperse a group of pupils who were stoning police and SADF vehicles.

He confirmed that the

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THE PAPER FOR A CHANGING SOUTH AFRICA

Nats shaken up by AWB's 'dynamite'

PATRICK LAURENCE reports from the shattered Pietersburg rally

"YOU can hear the dynamite in my nation tonight". These were the words of Eugene Terre'Blanche, leader of the Afrikaaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), as his "storm falcons" took over the National Party meeting in Pietersburg last night.

And this was the reaction of an hysterical woman among the NP faithful· "They're worse than kaffirs They are barbarians. It's terrible that Afrikaners should behave like that."

The NP suffered a major shock when the neo-fascist AWB took over the meeting after storming the platform and bodily throwing party faithful off the stage.

And in Cape Town, the State President, PW Botha, asked whether the breaking up of the meeting would mean a scaling down of the reform programme, replied firmly: "No, it will not." He deplored "uncivilised behaviour from any source" and added, "the country cannot afford it".

The NP meeting was to have been addressed by Foreign Minister Pik Botha, one of the party's star orators. It was billed as a major show of strength between the NP and the ultra-right spearheaded by the AWB after the breakup of an NP meeting in Brits last month.

The swastika-like emblem of the AWB was hoisted over the platform as Terre'Blanche was carried shoulder-high onto the stage Dazed NP members watched incredulously as exultant AWB "storm falcons" shouted and sang.

After losing control of a meeting in Brits last month — where it was taken by surprise — the NP vowed to hold a rally in the Northern Transvaal and chose the ultra-right stronghold of Pietersburg as the place.

But the NP strongmen were no match last night for the AWB troops, seemingly driven by a fanatical devotion to Terre'Blanche and his promise to re-establish the 19th century Boer Republics as a modern *volkstaat* Fists and boots crunched into bones and flesh in a brief fight for possession of the stage.

Police initially failed to intervene, although the NP had rented a hall for a closed meeting at which the right of admission was theoretically reserved Only at the end was teargas fired to disperse the meeting.

SAPA reports that the panic-stricken crowd smashed glass windows to get out of the hall to escape the fumes The canisters were fired 30 seconds after a brigadier had warned the AWB members they had five minutes to leave. A wild stampede followed.

The AWB first had to fight their way into the hall past NP loyalists In the hall, the NP may actually have been in the majority. But, apart from a few young men, most of its members stood mesmerised by the violent power of the AWB.

During the fight for the stage, Terre'Blanche, a bearded former policeman with a messianic belief in himself, stood back coolly, urging his men on. He came immaculately dressed in a three-piece suit. His only concession to the fist-fights was to take his jacket off.

A spellbinding orator, he clearly inspired fanatical devotion from his followers. As the initial AWB surge took place, an anxious AWB devotee said: "Gene, you must be cold," to which Terre'Blanche replied: "No, I won't get cold. I'm first going to hold a meeting."

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Teargas breaks up AWB demo

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His men offered to heave the press off the stage. but he commanded: "No, leave the press." Later, however, journalists were pushed off the stage. But, with old world chivalry, a woman photographer was passed from man to man and lowered to the floor gently.

The stunned NP faithful took revenge when Terre'Blanche addressed the crowd. They chanted: "We want Pik We want Pik."

But the local NP leader, Piet Steytler, had already conceded defeat and decided to abandon the meeting.

The AWB, rather than the ultra-rightist Conservative and Herstigte Nasionale parties, has led rank and file Afrikaners in a crusade against what it believes to be the NP's policy of appeasement.

The SA Defence Force strike against alleged African National Congress targets in three neighbouring states earlier this week made no difference to the AWB perception of Botha as a *volksverraier* (or betrayer of the *volk*). There was no debate. It was simply a question of physical strength and determination. The AWB won hands down.

Terre'Blanche has boasted that there are only two contenders for power in South Africa, the AWB and the ANC. On last night's showing, he may be right.

Pik Botha's NP meeting becomes a battlefield

Star 23/5/86

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By Gary van Staden, Political Reporter

PIETERSBURG — Chaos erupted here last night and the Jack Botes Hall was turned into a battle zone as National Party and Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supporters clashed head-on while the police fired teargas into the packed hall.

AWB supporters made good the promise of their leader, Mr Eugene TerreBlanche, that he, not Mr Pik Botha, would address a meeting in the town last night.

After getting into the hall, AWB supporters fought pitched battles with their NP counterparts for control of the stage. After some bloody encounters, the AWB took over the meeting.

Total confusion

For almost an hour and a half there was total confusion as neither of the rival groups would allow anyone to speak.

Then, just as the AWB appeared to have won and was about to proceed with its own meeting, the police arrived. After a warning to the AWB to leave the hall, teargas was fired.

Later, angry members of the AWB had to be restrained from attacking policemen outside the hall.

People were trampled and windows smashed as about 2 000 men, women and children tried to flee the gas-filled hall.

Most of the emergency exits had been locked and chairs were thrown through windows to enable people to escape.

Some women and children were knocked down in the confusion

But ambulancemen on duty said later no-one had been seriously injured.

Shortly before clouds of the billowing gas forced the mass exodus, a police spokesman went on stage to order the AWB supporters out of the hall.

The spokesman said he was acting on a complaint from the people who hired the hall. When the police were confronted by the angry crowd outside they claimed to have been acting on direct orders from the State President's office.

Small NP meeting

Later in the evening Mr Botha held a small meeting at the NP headquarters in the town while jubilant AWB supporters streamed into the local rugby stadium to celebrate.

NP sources said Mr Botha had wanted to try to address the "hijacked" meeting but had been prevented by his security guards from doing so

At the stadium, where thou-

United we're unstoppable, say jubilant right-wingers

PIETERSBURG — To the cheers of thousands of right-wing supporters, spokesmen for the three major parties involved — AWB, Conservative Party and Herstigte National Party — promised never to be divided again.

Speaking at the rugby stadium after preventing an address by Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pik Botha, the parties vowed to present a united right-wing front against the Government from now on.

"Tonight was the first sign of real right-wing co-operation, and we intend to continue in this direction," said Mr Clive Derby-Lewis, CP regional chairman in Johnnesburg.

Describing himself as the first "English-speaking Boer", Mr Derby-Lewis said it was the signal for an end to right-wing infighting which had dogged conservative attempts to topple the Government in the past

An HNP spokesman said that all the parties should co-operate with each other from now — "Together we are unstopp-

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Pik Prevented from Speaking as AWB and Nats slug it out

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MIKE ROBERTSON and PETER WALLINGTON

POLICE fired tear gas into a hall packed with Afrikaaner supporters in Pietersburg last night after Pik Botha had prevented Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) supporters from addressing a National Party meeting. Steytler said police had intervened because they had "the AWB has taken over the meeting".

Vierkleur flags, AWB flags and banners which read "Pik, Kaap, gaan deel jou pikswart mag in die Kaap" and "Weg met PW" were waved as far afield as Johannesburg. Bitterness between the groups.

A small contingent of policemen stood aside watching the Verkleur relgned Soon after 6pm the Vierkleur relgned 5.30pm, AWB supporters — now numbered to get into the hall. At first they were held back by the NP human barrier, but they managed to force open a side en-

trance and streamed in. Bottles and stones were thrown as the NP and AWB supporters followed as the latter attempted to make their way to the stage. A smoke bomb was set off. Steytler said police shouldn't have acted because violence was planned to announced that "the AWB has taken over the meeting".

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Kagiso bomb victims to be buried

PETROL-bomb victims, Mrs Martha Montoedi, her three children and a grandchild, will be buried at 2 pm tomorrow in Kagiso.

A service will start at 10 am at the Kagiso hall and the cortege will leave for the Kagiso cemetery at 2 pm.

Mrs Montoedi (48) and her children, Elizabeth (28), Motsei (15) and Lucky (9) and the grandchild, Thabo (2), died when their home was petrol-bombed on Sunday night.

The head of the family, Mr Mogan Montoedi (51), suffered burns to his face and arms. He was rushed to Leratong Hospital where he is being treated.

• A Zamdela, Sasolburg family was yesterday seeking legal advice after police allegedly imposed restrictions barring the funeral of a member of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation from taking place tomorrow.

PETRUS Dlamini . . . funeral may not take place.

Mr Petrus Mahlomola Maitse (26), was shot dead during a confrontation between police and residents on Sunday.

An official of Azapo said the family had been ordered to bury Mr Maitse yesterday.

Mrs Rebecca Maitse, sister of the dead man, said the funeral could not be held during the week as many family members would not be able to attend due to work commitments.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations said the family should contact local police officers or a magistrate if they had a problem with burying their son.

• The Tembisa Mass Funeral Committee is to bring an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court today for the lifting of restrictions on the mass funeral of five unrest victims to be held in the township on Sunday.

The service for the mass funeral will be held at Nepo Cinema starting at 9 am.

• The chief magistrate of Boksburg has banned the funeral of Petrus Dlamini (15), a Std 1 pupil at Jongimfundo Primary School in Vosloorus, from taking place this weekend. But the Dlamini family says it will go ahead and bury Petrus tomorrow.

Alex has its own political system

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By Maud Motanyane

On Monday, Alexandra Township residents will appoint a committee to liaise with the growing number of organisations willing to pour help into the battle-scarred township.

Though the Government appointed a Special Administrator yesterday to run Alexandra — in terms of legislation providing an alternative if the town council system breaks down — the man appointed, Mr Jacobus Burger, is unlikely to be asked to join the Residents' Joint Committee.

The committee will emerge from the four organisations which have been running the township since the collapse of the council more than a month ago.

Since violence erupted in the overcrowded slum early this year, several organisations have expressed willingness to offer financial help and various other support programmes to the community, but community organisations have been cautious in their response.

"Whatever programmes are implemented will have to be approved by the people," said the president of the Alexandra Youth Congress (AYCO), Mr Paul Mashatile.

"We don't just want money, we want control."

PRESSURE

AYCO and a civic body headed by Mr Mike Beea, the Alexandra Civic Association (ACA), and the Alexandra Student Congress (ASCO), are all represented within the structures of the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC) headed by trade unionist Mr Moses Mayekiso.

As pressure against councillors and police mounted last year, ACA was formed.

Its task was to set up structures that would replace the Government bodies. The council collapsed last month.

The appointment of the liaison committee on Monday will not spell the end of other organisations.

"Instead, it should be seen as a continuation of our programme of setting up community structures and taking control of our destiny," Mr Mashatile said.

The final step would be the establishment of a democratically-elected organisation which would take over the running of Alexandra, he said.

"Our attitude remains the same, we don't want any Government organisation or people to run our lives."

Problems ranging from family disputes to criminal offences are handled at various levels of the action committee.

"Although we have taken over some law and order functions, our aim is not to mete out punishment, but to educate and restore the right values within the

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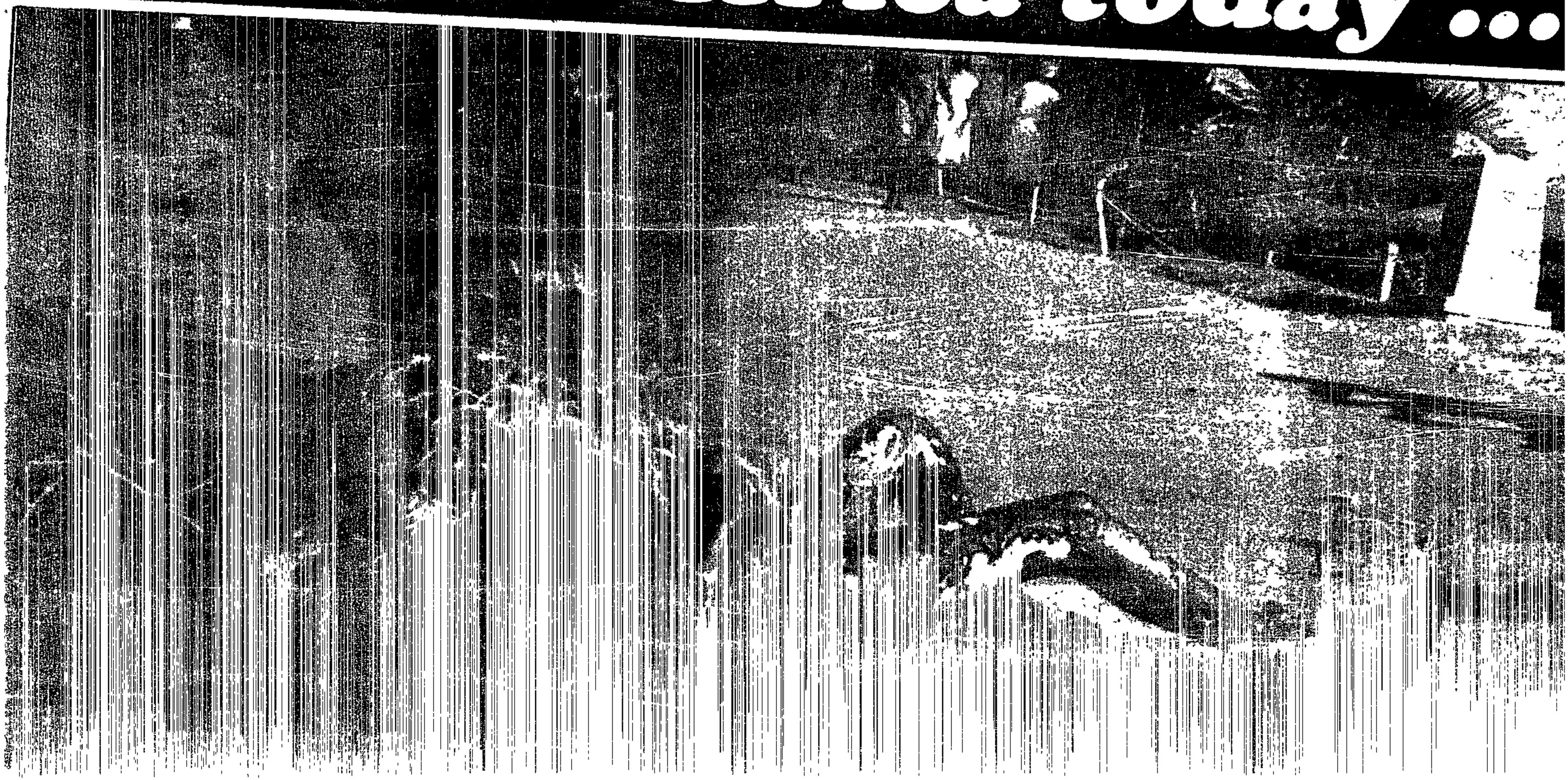

It is time to stop ... while we can

City Press COMMENT
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THIS is a picture of South Africa today.

And it is a picture from a nightmare.

The fact that it is a picture of a vigilante necklaced in KwaMashu means little: It could be a picture taken anywhere in our troubled country – or in the countries of our neighbours, as the killing is spread by helicopter gunships and jet fighters.

The fact that it was taken on Tuesday means little: It could have been taken on any day since the suppressed anger of centuries erupted in September 1984.

The fact that the man in the picture was a rightwing vigilante killed by comrades means little: Enemies of the state are dying, in even greater numbers, everywhere, every day.

Because, in the bloody, vicious civil war which is ripping apart our country – our entire subcontinent – it is a picture of everyday life.

But what is this picture, really?

In truth, it is a picture of a man, a human being – burned to death in the most horrible, agonising way, by other men.

It is a picture of a man, the son of a mother who loved him, the son a father who watched proudly as he grew to manhood, brother to other sons and daughters.

And whatever his politics, he was a compatriot of ours, a South African who loved this land as deeply as any.

But he is dead – with thousands of other South Africans, slain in a fight in which only death is the victor.

It is time to stop.

After so much killing, so much destruction, so much hatred, it is time to stop.

PW Botha, when you talk of peace – now, after your government has done so much to deny us justice – South Africa says: We will make our own justice, then we will talk of peace.

When you talk of reform – now, after your government has done so much to deny us our democratic rights – South Africa says: We will make our own democracy, then we will talk of reform.

Hark at these words, Mr Botha, or the fire in this picture will grow and spread – until even your armed forces cannot put it out.

Seven die in the battle for KwaMashu

By SIBUSISO MNGADI

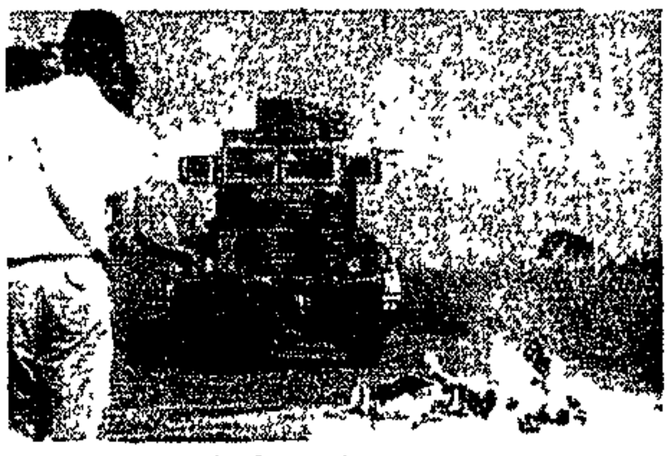
THE long feud between KwaMashu students and the notorious "Amabutho" impis exploded into a bloody street war this week – leaving seven impis dead.

Four were necklaced and three hacked to death by students angered at the harassment, abduction and killing of their colleagues.

The death toll may rise – pitched battles continue.

The war erupted after Vuyisa Mtolo, Kwesethu and Ntlakanipho high schools were twice raided by impis this week.

Large groups of heavily armed men – believed to be from Lindelani squatter camp – attacked teachers and pupils alike in their war to rid KwaMashu of "troublesome" Students' Representative Councils.



Two vigilantes, their bodies covered in foam, lie in the street in KwaMashu Section D.

Earlier the impis had gone on the rampage near the KwaMashu shopping complex – sjambokking everyone wearing school uniforms and assaulting local teacher SP Khulu.

During the second attack on the three schools, students from other local schools reinforced their colleagues and closed in on the attackers.

Impis fled to the Inkatha office behind the KwaMashu shopping complex, where they camped throughout this week

A contingent of security forces arrived too late to save three impis from being necklaced.

They teargassed thousands of students marching through C section, crying for the impis' blood.

Almost all KwaMashu schools were out.

The feud between students and impis has continued since the invasion of the National Education Crisis Conference, where two Lindelani men were necklaced. The impis threatened to take revenge on the SRCs – whom they accused of causing trouble in KwaZulu schools.

The situation was worsened by the "banning" of SRCs at a meeting called by the KwaMashu Town Council and local Inkatha leaders. Several leading SRC members' homes were attacked and some were abducted – including Kwesethu SRC leader Satchmore Ngwenya.

Umzuvele SRC leader Dumisani Ximba was abducted and hacked to death.

● Last week students marched to local circuit inspector FG Mhlambo's office demanding protection from the impis.

Pic: SIBUSISO MNGADI

Bop MP faces grilling

25/5/86 CP PR

CP Correspondent

BOP President Lucas Mangope this week set up a second commission of inquiry – this time to investigate allegations that a Bop MP and opposition leader was behind the unrest in parts of the homeland.

The commission will look into claims that opposition leader Peter Rocky Malebana was behind unrest in the Odi region – comprising GaRankuwa, Mabopane, Winterveld, Mmakau and Klipgat.

The unrest resulted in mass class boycotts, consumer boycotts, burning of private and government property in the area and the deaths of over 20 people.

Mangope set up the commission after the Bop parliament was told of Malebana's alleged involvement in the unrest.

Parliament heard that Malebana instigated Odi youths to rebel against the government by holding a series of illegal gatherings with them.

Mangope recently ordered that a commission investigate incidents and circumstances surrounding the shooting of 11 Winterveld residents by Bop security forces.

This commission, led by Judge EAT Smith, is currently sitting at Mmabatho Supreme Court.

Mangope has ordered that all the findings and recommendations by the two commission be handed to him.

● The switching of the Smith Commission's hearing from the Odi Circuit Court in GaRankuwa to Mmabatho on Monday has angered Odi residents – who say they can't travel that far to testify.

Mmabatho is almost 250km from Winterveld – and residents say they don't have the money for transport.

They say there is no special reason for the commission to sit in Mmabatho, as most people involved are Odi residents.

They claim the government is trying to discourage them from getting involved in the proceedings by changing the venue

Residents say even if the government offered them accomodation around Mmabatho and compensation to attend the commission, it would still be difficult for them to do so as they would be forced to leave their families behind.

Some say their jobs would also be put in danger – as they can't travel to Mmabatho without permission from their employers.

● No-one was available for comment at the Bop Information Department this week.

Commission Secretary HM Boikanyo was also not available for comment.

Two kids gassed in Daveyton raid

By HERMAN LETSIE

TWO small kids – aged four and six – were overcome by teargas when raiders attacked Daveyton resident Moses Nyoka's home for the second time at the weekend.

Teargas cannisters were hurled into the house on Saturday evening – two days before the family was to appear in the Daveyton Magistrate's Court, where a case against local mayor Tom Boya is continuing

Nyoka said he had reported the raid to the police

Last year, Boya allegedly raided Nyoka's home and assaulted Nyoka and his daughter, Alegria, after Boya and other councillors were stoned at a council meeting

The case against Boya was this week postponed to June 24

Political comment in this issue and posters by P Qoboza, headlines and sub-editing by D Niddrie and C Vick, all of 204 Eloff Street Ext, JHB

Ethics versus obligations

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Medical Reporter

MEDICAL ethics cannot be divorced from the obligations of the Criminal Procedures Act, says Dr F P Retief, director-general of the Department of National Health and Population Planning.

Dr Retief was commenting in the South African Medical Journal on the incident in which 300 medical files were removed from the Alexandra clinic during unrest this year.

In a letter to the SAMJ Dr Retief said the medical superintendent of the clinic acted within his rights to refuse co-operation with the police on ethical grounds, but "these actions cannot be divorced from the obligations imposed on the State by the Criminal Procedures Act when a serious crime is suspected."

DET halts classes at high school

By MONK NKOMO

THE Department of Education and Training has suspended classes at the Vlakfontein Technical High School in Mamelodi, Pretoria, from today until June 6.

Mr P G Felstead, director of the Northern Transvaal schools, said the Department had suspended classes because some of the teachers were being terrorised and the SRC was trying to take over control of the school.

The decision to suspend classes was announced a few days after the local Parents Crisis Committee and the local teachers union accused the security forces of disrupting classes at the school.

Discipline

Mr Felstead said it had become impossible for the principal and the teachers to teach effectively because students were defying all discipline and authority.

Students, Mr Felstead said, were:

- Chasing certain students away from school;
- Terrorising teachers;
- Instructing the principal to adhere to stay-away actions;
- Damaging departmental property;
- Leaving and entering classrooms at will;
- Loitering outside classrooms;
- Coming late and leaving after long break;
- Coming to school without books;
- Refusing to do written work and write tests; and
- Having SRC meetings during teaching time without the principal's permission.

Nine slain as political rivals tear into each other

WAR AT THE WEEKEND

26/5/86 Sowetan (278)

AT least nine people were killed when political violence ripped through Soweto and Durban at the weekend.

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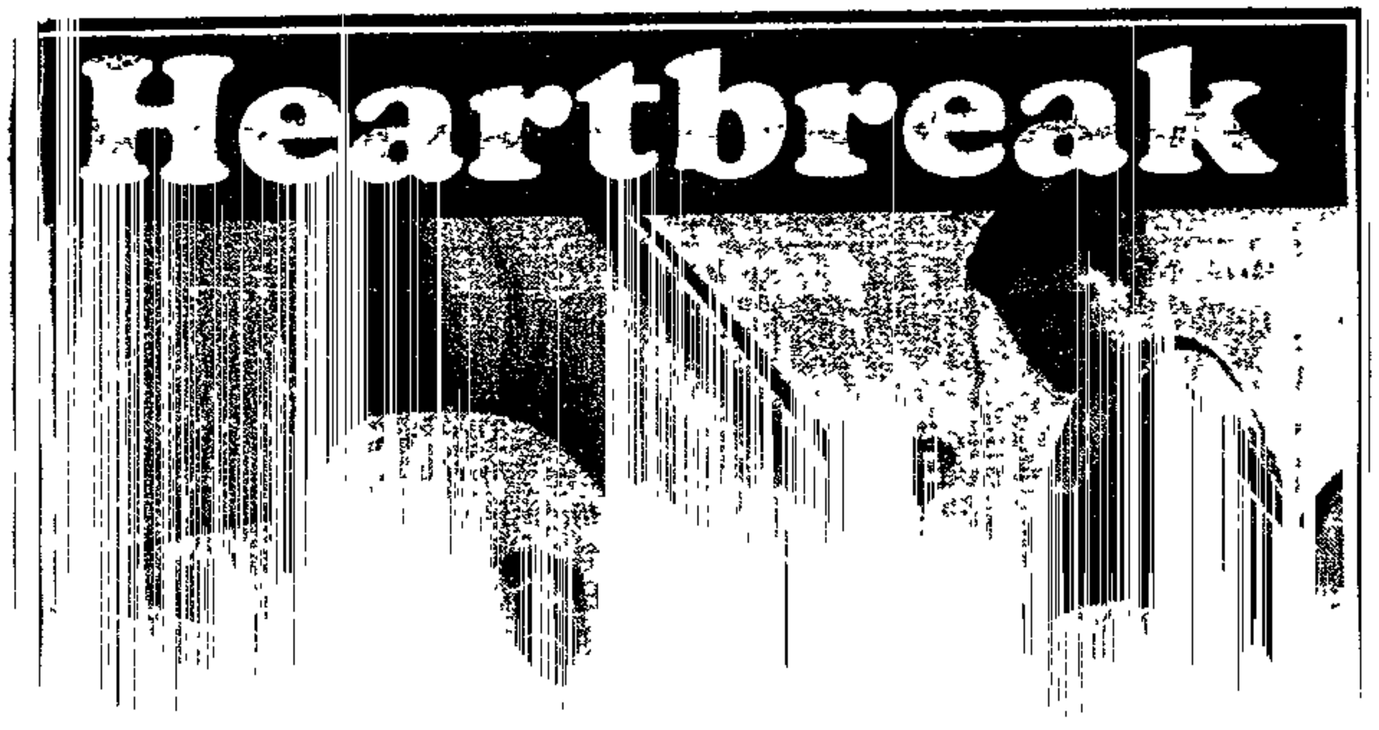

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Grave

The mob returned yesterday and destroyed the home of the activist as he lay in his grave.

The situation in Soweto deteriorated on Thursday when a meeting called by the Orlando Civic Association (OCA) was disrupted by a gang of youths belonging to a rival political organisation.

The leader of the Release Mandela Committee, Mr Aubrey Mokoena, was attacked and had to flee for his life. His car was gutted.

A newspaper reported yesterday that the convener of the meeting, Mr Seth Mazibuko, who is chairman of the OCA was missing.

• The Soweto Civic Association (SCA) has released a dossier detailing serious allegations against a Black Consciousness organisation.

The SCA claims the body was responsible for the knife killings of three youths about three weeks ago.

Heartbreak

GRIEF . . . Mr Morgan Montoedi after the funeral of his wife, three children and grandson in Kagiso on Saturday. In the background are family members. Pic: MOFFAT ZUNGU

Sowetan 26/5/86 (278)

By ALI MPHAKI

A BROKEN-HEARTED and bitter Mr Morgan Montoedi (51) — swathed in bandages — joined thousands of mourners and buried his wife, three children and a grandson in Kagiso on Saturday.

Mr Montoedi was released from the Leratong hospital on Friday to bury his wife, Mrs Martha Montoedi, daughter Elizabeth (28), sons Motsei (15) and Lucky (9), and grandson Thabo (2).

They were killed when their Kagiso home was petrol-bombed while the family slept last Sunday.

The incident-free funeral was attended by, among others, members of the Progressive Federal Party, United Democratic Front and ZCC. There was a heavy police presence and an SAP helicopter monitored the proceedings from the sky. Police also filmed the service.

After the funeral, Mr Montoedi said whoever was responsible for the attack has dealt him a serious blow which will last until he dies.

"I have lost everything and all I am left with is a broken heart and worries," he said.

Policeman 'shot man in scuffle'

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Staff Reporter

A policeman shot and killed a Munsieville resident at point-blank range after being involved in a scuffle with him in December last year, a Rand Supreme Court judge heard yesterday.

The evidence was heard in an application brought to the court in February by the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation to restrain the police and the SADF from committing unlawful acts in Kagiso and Munsieville. The application was supported by 114 affidavits detailing the alleged unlawful acts.

Mrs Francina Molane (42) told the court that on the afternoon of December 9 she was speaking to a resident identified as Mr Roy Mashigo.

A policeman came towards them and Mr Mashigo told him in Afrikaans that he was not talking to him. A scuffle ensued, she said.

A second policeman brought "a long gun" from a police vehicle and handed it to his colleague, Mrs Molane said.

The policeman released Mr Mashigo and fired one shot at him as he backed away, the court heard.

The hearing continues.

(i) Yes. Black and Coloured teachers in the Department of Education and Training enjoy salary parity with White teachers on all salary categories above category B. Full parity has not yet been effected in the lower categories.

(ii) No.

(iii) No.

(iv) Yes. Black, White and Coloured teachers are members of the following medical schemes:
Blacks: Bonitas Medical Scheme
Whites: Public Servants Medical Aid Association
Coloureds: Prosano Medical Scheme.

(v) No.

(vi) No.

(vii) Yes. With regard to compensative allowances, for example travelling and subsistence allowance and remuneration for part-time service, there is parity to the extent that parity in salary scales exists.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him in what respect and why there are not equal conditions of service as far as promotion prospects, pensions and permanence of appointment are concerned?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, my reply was negative. The question was whether conditions of service varied in those respects and my reply was "no".

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Pupils: feeding schemes

*18. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) Whether any schools under the control of his Department had feeding schemes for pupils in 1985; if not, why not; if so, (a) what total number of pupils was fed in terms of these schemes, (b) what total amount was spent on these schemes, (c) what food was provided and (d) with what frequency was the food provided;

(2) whether all pupils at schools with such feeding schemes were provided with food; if not, on what basis were distinctions made between pupils;

(3) whether any such schemes are continuing in 1986; if not, why not;

(4) whether any research has been conducted into the ability of pupils who are (a) malnourished and (b) hungry to (i) concentrate and (ii) benefit fully from instruction at school; if not, why not; if so, (aa) when, (bb) what were the conclusions arrived at and (cc) what action has his Department taken in this regard?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(1), (2) and (3) The Department does not participate in official schemes. Feeding schemes are run by private organisations, local government and the Department of National Health and Population Development. According to the Regional Co-ordinator of Food Distribution, the Johannesburg-Highveld Region and the Eastern Cape were accorded the highest priority in 1985. The 1986 schemes are in operation and surveys of all regions are constantly updated so that provision can be made for regions with the greatest need.

(4) The Department has not been involved in any research that was conducted on this matter. Research into feeding schemes is a function of the Department of National Health and Population Development.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, does he

not think that in view of the thousands of millions of rand being spent on education at present it is worth the while of his department to do research into the effect of malnutrition and hunger on the ability of pupils to benefit from that education?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, that research is being done, and the results of such research done by experts are available to the department. Where any particular need in a specific area in the light of the experience of the department with its pupils is identified, this is immediately brought to the attention of the agencies mentioned, and they then provide the necessary assistance.

MacKenzie Street: flats

*19. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Public Works:

(1) Whether the State owns any blocks of flats in MacKenzie Street, Cape Town; if so, (a) which blocks and (b) who occupies each of these blocks;

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(d) R124 320.

Mnundwa Kleinbooi Mahlangu

HANSARD 27/5/86

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(1) Whether a certain person from Mamelodi, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was killed in February 1986; if so, (a) on what date, (b) where, (c) how was he killed and (d) what is his name;

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(1) Yes, except single workers.

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By Michael Tissong

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Azapo's projects co-ordinator, Mr Zithulele Cindi, said Mr Mahao was pulled out of the car by people derisive of his "People's Cultural Project" T-shirt. Forced to go with the men who claimed to be Freedom Charter supporters, it was the last time he was seen.

Mr Mahao was returning from the funeral of an official of the Azanian Youth Organisation, Mr Sipho Mngomezulu.

The funeral was disrupted by Freedom Charter supporters who burnt Mr Mngomezulu's house. The coffin was also partly burnt.

In fighting after the attack, houses in Soweto were burnt down and two Freedom Charter supporters shot dead.

Cabinet ministers' homes, shops gutted

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From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG. — The homes and shops of several KwaNdebele cabinet ministers and Members of Parliament were destroyed by fire as battles raged between youths and Mbhokodo vigilantes at the weekend.

Shops of the Deputy Chief Minister Mr Peter Maqhawe Ntuli and a tribal court were gutted.

So far seven people have been killed and several people have gone missing in the area in the last two weeks.

The KwaNdebele police chief was not available for comment yesterday.

Unrest in the area has been simmering between Mbhokodo — which is said to have close ties with the Chief Minister, Mr Simon Skosana — since the announcement that KwaNdebele is to be granted independence on December 11 this year.

Mr Skosana was opposed even by some of his cabinet ministers for having opted for independence without a mandate from the tribe.

Prince Klaas Makhosana Mahlangu, brother-in-law of the Zulu king Zwelithini, who first opposed Mr Skosana's right to opt for independence without a mandate was forced to flee from KwaNdebele after several attempts to kill him, his wife Nonhlanhla and his mother-in-law.

Before he fled, Prince Mahlangu was shot under his chin by an unknown gunman who was accompanied to his house by alleged members of Mbhokodo.

Last week residents claimed police cracked down on a Mbhokodo vigilante camp where about 50 people were allegedly held hostage.

Residents said several people, including 12 men believed to have been kidnapped by Mbhokodo during the Moutse unrest, are still missing.

Recently some members of the cabinet moved that Mbhokodo be banned from the area but most suggested that the vigilantes be allowed to operate in the area to help the police maintain "law and order".

Youth shot dead - Soyco

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MEMBERS of the Soweto Youth Congress yesterday claimed that members of a rival organisation allegedly shot dead a youth and set alight a house in Naledi at the weekend.

The house belongs to Mr Sipho Tshabalala, who is also a Soyco supporter.

This comes after a series of allegations against the rival group, who it is said killed a youth in Tladi, Soweto, and burnt down a house in the area.

Soyco also alleges that the car of their member, Mr Siphiwe Thusi, was also set alight by the group on Saturday.

Mr Thusi said he was driving through Naledi when shots were fired at him from another car.

He said the car followed him when he sped away.

"I decided to stop and run. That is when they burnt my car," he said.

Mr Thusi said the attack surprised him as he was also in the struggle.

• Orlando Civic Association chairman, Mr Seth Mazibuko was yesterday still reported missing. Inquiries by the *Sowetan* could not locate him. His colleagues said they were looking for him.

Mr Mazibuko is reported to have disappeared on Thursday after a meeting he had called was disrupted by youths from a rival organisation.

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Winterveld inquiry is told of sjambokking

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GA-RANKUWA — A member of the Bophuthatswana Defence Force, Lieutenant Andrew Monoto, told a commission of inquiry into the Winterveld shootings yesterday that he saw Bophuthatswana police sjambok and baton-charge people at the stadium.

In an internal defence report on the incident by Major C L F Soli to Lieutenant Monoto, it was stated that Major Soli pleaded with a police officer to instruct his men to stop assaulting people.

He saw police hitting people with R4 rifles. After seeing four people lying dead, he pleaded with a warrant-officer to instruct police to stop their action, but nobody listened.

Lieutenant Monoto said he could have sent his defence members armed only with teargas if he had correct information about the type of crowd.

He said his men were armed with live ammunition because of wrong information.

He said one member of his platoon, who was slightly injured, fired three shots because his life was in danger.

The lieutenant told the commission he was asked by the Odi police district commandant, Major Diale Mukubyane, to send soldiers because people were marching at Winterveld.

Eleven people were shot dead that day. — Sapa.

Youths snatch coffin

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MOTHER: Mrs Annah Mthethwa.

THE funeral of a Daveyton youth who died after allegedly being shot in Tembisa two weeks ago had to be postponed after his coffin was hijacked by a group of youths during a burial service at the weekend.

The body of Ethuel "Quibis" Mthethwa (17) was allegedly snatched by youths minutes before the presiding priest could get over with the last prayer.

He was supposed to have been buried at 10am on Saturday but because of the incident, he will now be buried at 2pm today at the local cemetery.

His mother, Mrs Anna Mthethwa, said although she could not remember the exact date her son died, she had been told that he was shot by police after attending a night vigil in Tembisa.

We were surprised when the body suddenly went missing when the priest was just about to lead the cortege to the cemetery. What added to my confusion was the firing of teargas and the house to house searches conducted by police immediately afterwards.

"People's doors were knocked down and I only learnt of the discovery of the body in a neighbouring house when I was called to the local police station about three to four hours later."

STORM CLOUDS IN VENDA

CONFRONTATION is looming between South Africa and residents of the Northern Transvaal township of Vleifontein over the Government's intention to incorporate the township into Venda.

By MATHATA TSEDU

Already, residents have:

- Formed a crisis committee,
- Stopped paying rent,
- Forced the Government-nominated advisory board to resign;
- Banned all Venda registered cars from the township, and
- Threatened a mass stayaway from work until the issue is resolved to their satisfaction

The Vleifontein Crisis committee, dated at a residents meeting, has presented the Government with a memorandum stating their objections to the incorporation

People want to remain South African

The Vleifontein residents were removed from Tshikota township 2 km west of Louis Trichardt with their ultimate incorporation into Venda in mind

The chairman of the Vleifontein Crisis Committee (VCC), Methodist minister, David Rametlape, told the *Sowetan* that he personally went to inquire about the status of the township at the administration offices and was told that the township had already been proclaimed part of Venda

Slogans

Students left school and roamed the streets chanting anti-Mphephu slogans and singing freedom songs Members of the VCC said over 50 teargas canisters were fired by police to disperse the youths but no one was arrested

A residents meeting was called which drafted the memorandum which was presented to the SA government

The committee was elected at this meeting which has already asked Constitutional Development Minister, Mr Chris Heunis, for an interview The committee said Mr Heunis had told them he could only meet them in August

Memo

The memorandum drafted at the meeting states that the residents regard themselves as South Africans and are therefore entitled to South African citizenship Other points in the memorandum are:

- We have had no links with Venda ever since its inception and therefore do not want to carry Venda reference books,
- We should be allowed to take the ID cards of South Africa,
- Schools are to remain under the Department of Education and Training (DET),
- Pupils will boycott classes if they fall under Venda's Department of Education,
- People want to retain their urban rights, and
- We reject the presence of Venda police in our area

There has been no schooling in the township for two weeks and gates leading to the only secondary school have been locked by students. In random interviews with the residents, it became clear that the resentment by residents to the incorporation ran very deep One pupil interviewed said incorporation into Venda would mean "losing out on the free books that the South African Government has promised"

One pensioner, Mr Jacobus Ramaila said Venda was riddled with corruption "and if you apply for pension they want a bribe."

Mrs Musundwa Munoni of 1021, said she stood firmly behind our children. There are no prospects for jobs in Venda"

Teachers complained that salary scales in Venda were lower and that there were no housing subsidies and other fringe benefits. All those interviewed said they were never told about the move to incorporate the township into Venda

If they had been told earlier they would not have gone to Vleifontein, they said.

They also pointed out that the scrapping of the pass laws in July would not affect Venda

No worries for them

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THESE two kids from Vleifontein enjoy a dish of porridge and chicken legs oblivious to the confrontation that is looming between the Venda Government, South African Government and their parents, the Vleifontein community.

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Azapo man's brother killed by Soweto mob

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Steve Mthembu, brother of Khehla, former president of the Azanian People's Organisation, has been killed by youths in Soweto.

Mr Mthembu was bludgeoned to death with stones, pangas and bricks at Emdeni High School where he was to have addressed students yesterday.

Mr Mthembu was confronted by armed students. He barricaded himself in the principal's office but was dragged out and killed as teachers and residents watched.

Troops arrived and saved Mr Mthembu's body from being burnt. — Sapa.

Body of missing SACC worker found

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JOHANNESBURG. — The body of South African Council of Churches worker Mr Diliza Matshoba was found on Monday in a Soweto mortuary — two days after the discovery of his burnt and battered car sparked fears that he had become the latest victim of vicious political rivalry.

His death was confirmed by a spokesman for the SACC.

The apparent cause of death was a motor accident, but his associates have not ruled out the possibility of a political assassination.

The whereabouts of a second SACC worker, Mr Seth Mazibuko, who was allegedly abducted on Thursday after youths disrupted a civic association meeting, are still not known.

Mr Matshoba, 34, and Mr Mazibuko, both supporters of the UDF, had been involved in investigating the clashes between UDF affiliates in Soweto and Black Consciousness groups.

Mr Matshoba had worked for the Justice and Reconciliation Division of the SACC for about three years after he served a sentence on Robben Island. — Sapa

Fifteen people saw fatal shooting, court told

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Staff Reporter

About 15 people saw a policeman shoot dead a Munsieville resident at close range after being involved in a scuffle with him, a Rand Supreme Court judge was told yesterday.

This evidence was given in an application brought by the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation (KRO) to restrain the police and the SADF from committing unlawful acts in the townships of Kagiso and Munsieville.

Aubrey Mpopote (27), who is serving a 12-month prison sentence for theft, said he and about 15 others saw the shooting of his friend, Mr Roy Mashigo, on December 9 last year.

He said that he and Mr Mashigo were walking in Munsieville when Mr Mashigo saw a friend, Mrs Francina Molane. Mpopote said that he waited while Mr Mashigo spoke to the woman.

As Mr Mashigo was talking to Mrs Molane, a policeman approached from a vehicle parked nearby and grabbed Mr Mashigo from behind.

There was a scuffle and Mr Mashigo broke loose.

The policeman was handed a "long gun" by a colleague who had been standing at their vehicle. Inside the vehicle were several young children who had just been arrested.

The policeman shot Mr Mashigo at a range of about five paces, Mpopote said.

About 15 people were in the vicinity and saw the shooting, he said.

At no time did he see any stone-throwing.

The hearing continues.

No incidents at funeral

Sowetan 24/5/86 (278)

THE funeral of a Daveyton youth who was killed in Tembisa two weeks ago went ahead without any incident yesterday.

Police and members of the South African Defence Force kept watch and enforced restrictions imposed earlier in the morning.

Ethuel "Quibis" Mthetwa (17) was to have been buried last Saturday but the funeral had to be postponed to yesterday after a group of youths hijacked the coffin and hid it in a neighbouring house.

Only a limited number of people were able to attend the funeral which took place at 2pm and was over 30 minutes late.

Hearse

Only a hearse, a kombi and a bus were permitted to carry the mourners to the cemetery.

A contingent of army and police force members accompanied the procession to and from the cemetery. No incidents were reported and the township was tense but calm at the time of going to press.

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Four die in SA violence

FOUR people died violently in South Africa's townships on Tuesday, one after being doused with petrol and set alight and two after being shot by police, according to yesterday's police report.

In KwaNobuhle, near Uitenhage, two men were shot dead after a police foot patrol was attacked by crowds.

A man died in Soweto after being doused with petrol and set alight, while in Katlehong on the East Rand a woman was burnt to death in a blazing house.

In Bethal, two pupils were admitted with bone fractures to the Bethal Hospital on Monday after they jumped from the upper floor of their school building to escape pursuing police, a hospital spokesman said yesterday.

Police arrested 80 youths on Tuesday during an incident in Bethal's Umzinoni township after an "illegal" gathering had been dispersed with teargas, a police spokesman said in Pretoria. — Sapa.

Many ignore stayaway

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Many Tembisa residents ignored a call to stay away from work to mark today's funeral of five unrest victims.

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Residents were at first hesitant to leave their homes to go to work, but when they realised that taxis were operating they boarded them to go to the various stations in the township.

Police and members of the SADF patrolled the township and also manned a roadblock. They stopped and searched cars entering the township but allowed those going out to proceed.

The funeral is that of Mr Vincent Xaba (22), Mr Samuel Hlahla (32), Mr Moses Mashisa (23), Mr Mzwakhe Vilakazi (19) and Mtutuzeli Mahlaba (14).

● There was a partial stayaway in the Parys township of Tumahole today. Security forces patrolled the area.

The stayaway was provoked by the destruction of a park built by the community as part of a clean-up and township improvement campaign launched by the Tumahole Youth Congress.

Residents take a stand against 'comrades'

Lowveld Bureau

A group of middle-aged people in kaNyamazane are taking a stand against rioting Swazi youths calling themselves "the comrades".

Notices calling on "sensible people" to unite and find a means of ending violence in kaNgwane are being circulated in the townships.

Last week 13 buses valued at more than R1,5 million were burnt. The restricted service to township entrances resulted in hundreds of people having to walk up to 30 km to catch a bus.

To stop "intimidation" at bus stops, men were now sitting in the front of the bus while women and children occupied the seats towards the back.

Their intention is to protect elderly people whose groceries are destroyed by youths objecting to people shopping at white-owned stores.

'I attacked activists' homes'

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SOPHIE TEMA and SIPHO NGCOBO

TWO men who were allegedly involved in petrol-bombings that gutted eight homes and killed one person in East Rand townships were brought by the East Rand People's Organisation (Erapo) yesterday to a Press conference, where one made an alleged "confession".

Abraham Zwane, 19, and William Maguga, 20, both from Katlehong, were seized at their homes by members of Erapo yesterday shortly after attacks on the homes of activists.

They were brought to Khotso House where Zwane said he had been recruited by a man known as "Axa", a student also known as Aaron Zwane, to join a group which, he said, included security policemen.

The homes they attacked belonged to United Democratic Front-linked activists.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said yesterday: "We are aware of the allegations often made against the police. The police deny these allegations. The police do not go about killing people."

A shabily-dressed Zwane, told the Press conference he had joined a group which attacked a house on the East Rand about two months ago, killing a one month-old baby. For that attack he was paid R120.

Maguga denied any involvement in the attacks on the houses of the activists, although Erapo officials claimed he had confessed to the attacks earlier.

Zwane said the group he was involved with consisted of five security policemen — two whites and three blacks — and 13 vigilantes.

He described in detail events on Tuesday evening when the group attacked two homes in Thokoza and a house in Katlehong with petrol bombs. They also attacked a couple, shooting one of them dead.

Alleged vigilantes Maguga (left) and Zwane at yesterday's Press conference.

Picture. DAN SIMON

The smiling beauties of QwaQwa

THESE three QwaQwa beauties are all soccer fans. They were at Phuthaditjhaba Stadium to root for Fairways Computer Stars. They are, from left, Miss Rekeledi Machedi, Miss Sophie Phahle and Miss Ouma Hlaneng.

UNION MAN'S WIFE KILLED

A BRITS trade union organiser was injured and his wife killed in a grenade attack on his home early yesterday morning, a Metal and Allied Workers' Union spokesman said yesterday.

Two of their children were also injured in the blast.

A "powerful explosion" destroyed the Brits Old Location house of Mr David Modimong at about 2 am yesterday, the spokesman said, seriously injuring him and killing his wife Nkele, (29). Mr Modimong, Miriam (8), and Joyce, 8 months, are being treated at Ga-Rankuwa hospital.

Children

"It was not a petrol bomb, but most likely a grenade. The roof was blown off, and the house completely destroyed," the spokesman said.

A police spokesman in Pretoria confirmed that a blast "probably from a hand-made explosive device" occurred at the Old Location house, killing Mrs Modimong and injuring Mr Modimong and their two children.

He said a fire broke out in the one-room house, extensively damaging it. Police are in-

3 hurt in blast at Brits home

vestigating, he said.

Mr Modimong was employed full-time with Mawu in Brits and had been involved with community activities in Brits. According to the spokesman, Mawu has spearheaded resistance to the removal of the Old Location to Letlhabile.

Attacked

He said Brits activists had been "severely harassed" in the last two months, but this was the first time an activist had been attacked.

"The system is directly responsible," the spokesman told Sapa. "We will not tolerate the murder of our trade unionists and will appeal to Cosato (the Congress of South African Trade unions)."

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STRIKING workers at Pioneer Ready Mixed Concrete chant outside the company's Johannesburg plant yesterday. Six Pioneer plants in the Transvaal have been hit by strikes, and workers are protesting — among other things — "unfair dismissals."

Tembisa 5 burial today

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THE funerals of five Tembisa unrest victims, which were to have been held on May 14, but were postponed, will be today at the Nepo Cinema in Tembisa, Cosatu's Tembisa branch said in a statement yesterday.

The service will start at 9.30 am and the procession will leave for the cemetery at midday.

The deceased are: Mr Vincent Xaba (22), Mphitizeli Mahlangu (14), Mr Samuel Ntlantla (32), Mr Moses Mafaisa (23) and Mr Mzwake Vikalazi (19).

The situation was still very tense in Tembisa, Cosatu said, and there was no option but to cancel the funeral two weeks ago, because it "could not afford to take the risk of burying at gunpoint."

In the past, funerals had been held during the week, in accordance with a court order which said funerals of unrest victims may not be held on weekends or on public holidays, but only during the week.

"We appealed against this court order, but the Supreme Court dismissed our appeal with costs on Friday, May 23. We therefore have no alternative, but to hold the funeral today," the statement said.

"We appeal to the SADF and police to keep away from the funerals, as their presence always ignites unrest and causes more deaths and injuries," it said — Sapa.

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Arrested in the AWB punch-up: 2 Jo'burg cops

By WILMAR UTTING

TWO Johannesburg traffic officers were arrested and charged with disturbing the peace in Pietersburg last week when they travelled in a contingent organised by their traffic and security chief John Pearce to attend the Pik Botha meeting which was disrupted by the AWB.

Pearce, who is known to have political ambitions and to be on a friendly footing with Botha, also attended the meeting. So did his deputy, Ollie Olivier.

A number of officers came back "smashed up" with bruises and other injuries, said a senior member of the traffic department who is furious about the incident.

Officers MC de Swardt and JLC Niemand, both of Johannesburg's north-east section, were among five men arrested in connection with a scuffle with Pietersburg's CID chief, Captain Ivor Human, last Thursday, May 22. They each paid R20 admission of guilt.

A Pietersburg police spokesman confirmed the incident but said neither of the men had given his occupation as "traffic officer".

Niemand had described himself as a "builder" of 84 Dolomite Street, Johannesburg. De Swardt had described himself as an "instructor" of Plot 100, Helderfield, Vereeniging. (Weekly Mail was unable to trace this address.)

These details were confirmed in Pietersburg Magistrate's Court records. The other three men arrested with them were private individuals from Nelspruit, Pietersburg and Letaba respectively.

Neither De Swardt nor Niemand could be reached yesterday. Niemand was said by a colleague at the traffic department to be "off sick". De Swardt was also not in his office.

The detachment of the 38 traffic officers — 10 percent of the Johannesburg force — to attend the Nat rally was the subject of stormy debate at this week's city council meeting, when the officers concerned were referred to as "bully boys" by the Progressive Federal Party.

Answering a series of questions by PFP councillor Les Dishey, management committee chairman Francois Oberholzer disclosed that Pietersburg had not asked for Johannesburg's assistance. Nor had his committee been asked for permission for the policemen to go to Pietersburg.

Pearce, he said, had gone in his official capacity as director of security for the council "to evaluate security measures taken in anticipation of similar meetings in Johannesburg".

The officers had been asked to go along by their superiors and had been granted leave to travel 340km to the meeting in a private bus.

Although they had gone in their private capacities and not as council employees, they had been warned before they left that they should behave themselves and refrain from drinking, Oberholzer said.

However, he said no disciplinary action would be taken against the men, adding that if they wanted to take on the AWB he, for one, was more than happy.

A call by PFP leader Sam Moss for a commission of inquiry into the incident was defeated 21-19 by the Nationalist/Independent coalition.

Dishey said yesterday he had been told the officers had applied for leave retrospectively, only when the dispute came into the open.

He was deeply concerned, he said, that the incident had damaged the image of Johannesburg's traffic officers.

"If the records are correct, and they have given wrong information to the police, this will not only damage that image further, but the public will lose all respect for the traff

Soweto leaders disturbed at UDF vs Azapo clashes

By SEFAKO NYAKA

Political violence between UDF-affiliated organisations and groups adhering to black consciousness is causing growing concern in the black community.

In the past two weeks, more than nine people have died in the violence. Scores were left homeless when about a dozen homes — mainly in Soweto and Mohlakeng on the West Rand — were destroyed.

The fighting is mainly between youths who claim loyalty to one or the other of these two streams of political thought.

Although there have been claims from both sides that top officials from the other side are involved, this could not be substantiated. Leaders from both groups have condemned any suggestion that they are involved in the conflict.

"We dismiss these allegations with the contempt they deserve. It is allegations such as these that come from political slogan shouters which go towards fanning the flames of disquiet in our community," said Muntu Myeza, publicity secretary of Azapo.

Murphy Morobe, the UDF acting publicity secretary, has said that his organisation "has come to the realisation that quiet diplomacy has now failed in dealing with these organisations, especially Azasm."

As a result, the UDF and its affiliates decided "that no progressive organisation is now going to have any working relationship with them.

However, there are ongoing attempts by respected members in the black community to mediate between the two organisations.

There is confusion as to what lies at the root of the conflict, but it could be described as a battle of territorial control.

Tension has been simmering between the organisations since 1981, but the situation turned ugly only a few months ago.

There are claims that the tension heated up after the banning of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) in August 1985

After the banning, Soweto students formed the Soweto Student Congress (Sosco), an adherent of the Freedom Charter.

Sosco soon grew in popularity and "entrenched itself in most high schools in Soweto", according to a Sosco representative.

A gang known as the Kabasa was operating in Orlando East. The gang allegedly molested students and wanted to have its pick of girls from among the student ranks.

Orlando East was also reportedly the stronghold of the BC-oriented Azanian Student Movement (Azasm), which was operating on parallel lines with Cosas.

In 1984 a fight ensued and several people were injured. The Kabasa gang had access to guns, it is alleged, and some community members initiated talks between the gangsters and students from both groups.

Kabasa apparently agreed to a truce and things returned to "normal".

What exactly sparked the recent fighting is not clear.

The first attack allegedly took place about two months ago when a group of Azasm students attacked homes belonging to Sosco students in Orlando East. They apparently felt that Sosco students were threatening their "territory".

Sosco members fled their homes and settled in other townships in Soweto.

Sosco alleges that the Azasm students were being aided by the Kabasa gang.

These claims — the attacks on the Sosco members and Kabasa involvement in them — were refuted by Azasm.

At a press conference last month, Azasm said it had succeded in concientising members of Kabasa into abandoning their gang and joining the political struggle "and for this we owe nobody an apology".

However, there was evidence that the Kabasa gang was in operation — not attacking students' homes, but still involved in criminal activity.

This invariably led some people to read more into Azasm's statement than Azasm apparently intended.

It was at this point that Sosco members "decided to protect themselves against attacks by the Kabasa and Azasm".

According to Azasm, about a month ago Sosco began attacking members throughout Soweto, and they had to flee their homes.

Thugs with no leaning towards either of the warring groups took advantage of the situation and the homes of several student activists were attacked and destroyed. Both sides have alleged that these attacks were attempts by "system" groups to play on the conflict.

The attacks plunged relations into bitter acrimony. Efforts by Soweto clergy to mediate failed because while they were talking the attacks were going on. Leaders of both parties came together but could find no solution. All the while things were getting worse.

The fighting spread to Bekkersdal in the West Rand, another Azasm stronghold.

Last weekend a coffin and the tent housing mourners at a funeral of a BC activist in Soweto were set alight, allegedly by Sosco members. This action unleashed a chain of events that left a number of people dead, several homes flattened and businesses burnt out.

Mourners gassed as security forces thin funeral crowd

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By Maud Motanyane and Abel Mabelane.

Security forces used teargas and barricaded roads with armoured vehicles to stop hundreds of people from attending the funeral of five unrest victims in Tembisa yesterday.

An order issued by the local magistrate restricted the funeral to 1 300 people.

Security forces are also alleged to have thrown teargas at about 50 men who were digging the graves of the deceased in the morning.

A spokesman for the South African Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said his office had received no report of the incident.

SPORADIC INCIDENTS

He said at about 6.30 am police had used shotguns to disperse a group of 200 youths who were stoning a truck. There were sporadic incidents of stone-throwing in the township throughout the day, he said.

The funeral, held at the Nepo Cinema, followed a two-week wrangle in which the community challenged restrictions placed on the funeral of three of the victims, Mr Vincent Xaba (22), Mr Samuel Hlahla (32), and 14-year-old Mphithizeli Mahlangu.

The other two men, Mr Mzwakhe Vilakazi (19) and Mr Moses Mashisa were shot dead in other unrest-related incidents.

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THE WHITE RIGHT

Displays of power

After months of simmering tension (*Current affairs* February 21), divisions in Afrikanerdom have erupted into fratricidal political strife unprecedented in 38 years of Nationalist rule. Following two weeks of skirmishes, a major battle for the sôul of the *volk* is looming over Pretoria this weekend.

So far, no quarter is being asked or given as the National Party (NP) pits its strength against the militancy of the neo-fascist Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB).

This week, NP Transvaal leader F W de Klerk vowed to return soon to Brits and Pietersburg to avenge the recent Nationalist humiliations in the two towns This weekend the course of events — and a possible showdown — will centre on a decision by the AWB and its now junior partners on the Right, the Conservative Party (CP) and the Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP), to defy a government ban on the use of the Voortrekker Monument on Saturday (the 25th Republic Day) for a *volksfees*.

The AWB claims it can muster as many as 100 000 supporters to march to the monument, Afrikanerdom's main shrine The State has said it will stop them

The rise of the Right is also clearly causing serious tensions in the Cabinet. They surfaced dramatically last week when, in an unprecedented move, Manpower Minister Pietie du Plessis accused the police of being "unable or unwilling" to prevent the AWB's disruption of Foreign Minister Pik Botha's Pietersburg rally.

Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange jumped quickly to the SAP's defence Without mentioning Du Plessis by name, Le Grange said it was "scandalous" that the SAP should be "insulted and antagonised" by "public accusations" that they showed solidarity with the AWB.

It is virtually unknown for a South African Cabinet minister to publicly criticise the department of a colleague. Du Plessis is likely to be severely reprimanded by President P W Botha regardless of the merits of his complaint, which will be revealed by an investigation into the events at Pietersburg ordered by Le Grange.

Although a split is seen as unlikely, the disagreement between the two ministers appears to be the most serious threat to Cabinet unity since the CP breakaway in 1982. The takeover of the Pietersburg meeting by the AWB was a personal humiliation for Du Plessis, who is one of three Transvaal NP chairmen, with a key responsibility for party organisation in the province

The extent of the rightwing threat is still difficult to gauge, but there is no denying that the rise of the AWB in recent months has been phenomenal.

For more than 12 years after its formation in 1973, the organisation was regarded as little more than a joke. Its leaders were seen as neo-fascist fanatics clad in khaki uniforms bearing red, white and black emblems, chillingly reminiscent of Nazi swastikas Although their public meetings in rural towns and blue collar urban areas were relatively well attended, they were seldom of more than curiosity value for the press

AWB's Eugene Terre'Blanche . . . ultra-right stuff

Then suddenly this year, the AWB hit the headlines. An unanticipated campaign to smash NP meetings clicked into gear with resounding success.

Agriculture Minister Greyling Wentzel was prevented from speaking in his home town of Bethal, in Brits, Deputy Information Minister Louis Nel had to abandon a meeting; in Pietersburg last week, AWB hoodlums took over Pik Botha's meeting after a bloody battle with government supporters, the following day "own affairs" Agriculture Minister Sarel Hayward was prevented from speaking at Warden in the OFS; and last weekend a meeting addressed by Louis le Grange at Ellisras was only able to go ahead after five AWB supporters — who tried to break it up — were arrested and another 30 kept out of the hall by a massive police contingent.

The AWB has vowed to keep NP speakers out of vast regions of the country it regards as conservative territory — and appears able to fulfil its pledge.

The latest events have shocked the NP and graphically emphasised the obvious strength of the white rightwing — notwithstanding allegations that government was well aware of what would occur at Pietersburg, but allowed the Right to display its thuggery primarily for international consumption. There is little doubt that support for the Rightists — now firmly centred around the AWB — is two-fold.

It stems both from government's tentative steps towards limited political reforms, which are rejected by many whites, but also — and perhaps more importantly — from a perception that the government does not know where it is going, leading to a desire among white voters to return to what they know, rather than be led blindly into an uncertain future.

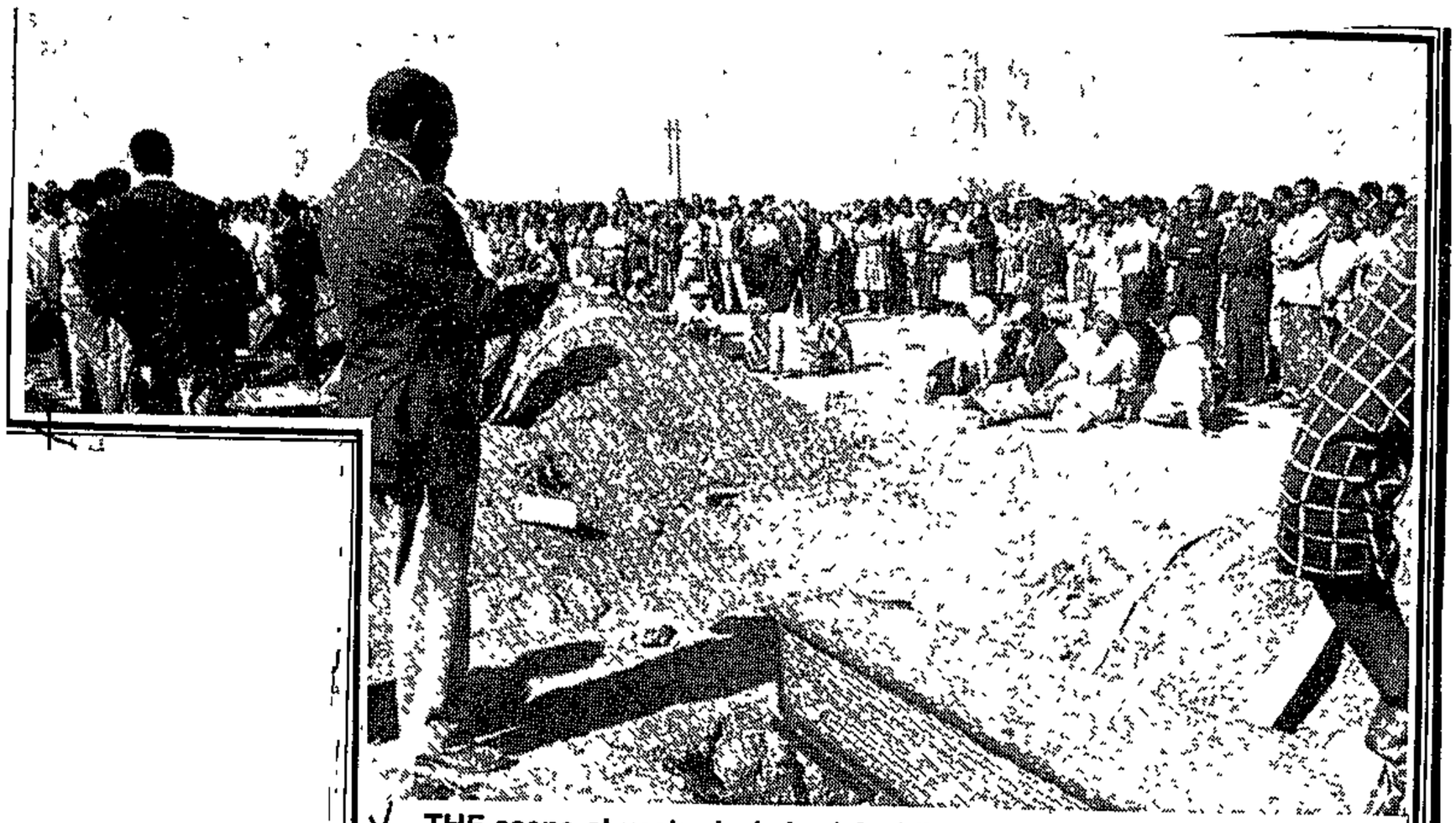
Probably the most frightening aspect of the rightwing is not its opposition to reform per se, but its militancy. The AWB, in particular, is widely perceived as being willing to take up arms to defend its principles — even if it means fighting fellow Afrikaners.

Apart from recent by-elections, which showed a marked swing to conservatism, the strength of the rightwing has not been effectively tested There have been demands that Botha call a general election soon.

Although opinion polls show the NP to have about 50% of white voter support, compared to about 20% for the rightwing, the true picture may be significantly different.

Based on by-election swings, some observers believe the rightwing could have as much as 45% of white voter support.

The effect of the AWB on P W Botha's reform plan remains to be seen. He has vowed not to be deterred, but there seems little doubt that any new moves forward will be preceded by a long, hard look over the right shoulder to see if anyone is following ■



THE scene at yesterday's burial of five unrest victims in Tembisa

Sowetan 30/5/86

Sjamboks at funeral

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

SCORES of youths were sjamboked and teargassed by police when five unrest victims were buried in Tembisa yesterday.

A spokesman for the police yesterday said he had not yet received any reports when asked to confirm the sjambokking and the firing of teargas at the funeral.

Three youths were yesterday injured when they fell from a moving truck as police started sjambokking them.

The youths had been singing freedom songs. The incident took place at Nxiweni Section on the route to the cemetery.

Scores of other youths were sjambokked and teargas canisters fired to disperse crowds of people who thronged the route to the cemetery in a bid to join the procession travelling in vehicles.

Police barred scores of people from the service at Nepo cinema as from 11am. There were about 2 000 people crammed inside the hall.

The UDF, Cosatu, Tembisa Women's Organisation and Tembisa Students Congress speakers at the service called on mourners to be disciplined.

Guns for defence is cry in Soweto

30/5/86 (278) BUS DAY

SOWETO people are talking of arming themselves with guns against hit squads that have destroyed homes and killed several children in the townships.

Residents claim that in the past month numerous homes were attacked by hit squads wearing balaclavas or masks and working closely with gangsters.

This feeling comes after incidents in which patrol units — consisting of residents and schoolchildren — were attacked leaving three youths dead.

A joint statement issued by several organisations said: "Because of the present situation in the townships, people are all looking for guns to defend themselves."

Recently the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) called on all residents to form street defence committees.

The SCA said: "In the last month people have been attacked and children kidnapped and killed by gangs who were never found by the police."

This week several organisations, including the United Democratic Front (UDF) endorsed the call by the SCA at a conference where one of two men, alleged to be captured vigilantes, confessed to having been involved with a group that petrol-bombed several houses in Thokoza and Katlehong.

The man allegedly claimed the group consisted of black and white security police and 13 vigilantes.

A statement by the organisations said: "Heavily armed gangs wearing balaclavas and masks have attacked people at funerals and night vigils, killing many of them. In certain instances schoolchildren have been kidnapped and killed.

"In some parts of Soweto the squads attacked houses of the community's leadership with petrol bombs and shootings. Every family in Soweto, therefore, is living under fear.

"In response to these attacks the Soweto community moved to form street or defence committees and patrol units during the night."

The statement said: "Today, because of the prevailing conditions in the townships people are all out looking for guns to defend themselves."

Riot police chase students on Wits campus. In the foreground lies a gun dropped by one of the policemen.

Riot police enter Wits campus after ECC rally

By Susan Pleming

About 250 riot policemen entered the University of the Witwatersrand campus yesterday — for the second time in nine days.

The police, who were armed with sjamboks and teargas, went on to the campus after an End Conscription Campaign (ECC) rally, minutes after students decided to disperse, following a minor incident with Student Moderate Alliance members.

Students scattered in all directions when they saw the police and many shouted: "System, system — run".

One student was arrested.

National servicemen had about a 75 percent chance of being sent into the townships, an executive member of the ECC, Mr Gavin Evans, told the rally.

Addressing more than 1 500 students at the rally, Mr Evans said 35 000 conscripts had been used in 96 townships last year.

'CANNON FODDER'

He added that the Government used national servicemen as "cannon fodder" to ensure that apartheid remained.

"You are being used to implement apartheid control," he told the students.

A United Democratic Front spokesman, Mr Jacob Mtshali, said there was "nothing to defend in this country except corruption". He added that serving in other forces, such as the police force, were as unacceptable as serving in the SADF.

Human rights campaigner, Mrs Helen Joseph, also spoke at the meeting, but she may not be quoted because she is listed person.

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Police sjambok University of the Witwatersrand students who marched to the Hillbrow police station yesterday to demand the release of fellow student Mr Ronnie Makgosi, who was detained on Thursday.

Police, students in clashes

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday arrested 48 students and staff members of the University of the Witwatersrand and some onlookers following a protest march through Braamfontein demanding the right to "peaceful protest" on the campus.

Two newspaper photographers and one reporter were also arrested and police confiscated film from photographers.

Police drew pistols, wielded sjamboks and fired teargas during the clashes.

The arrests came after students and academics started to march on the Hillbrow police station in protest against the arrest on Thursday of a student, Mr Ronnie Makgosi.

The march, consisting of academics and student leaders, was stopped at the Civic Centre in Braamfontein. Police issued a warning to disperse but the group

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sat down in the street and were all arrested.

Those arrested included SRC president Ms Claire Wright, Black Students' Society president Mr Dali Mpofu, SRC executive member Mr Ettienne Marais, Wits End Conscription Campaign chairwoman Miss Sue Smuts, BSS executive member Miss Thandi Gxubela, Wits Medical Students' Council president Mr Phil Johnson, Wits Women's Movement president Miss Lauren Kaplan, Wits Projects Committee representative Miss Leila McKenna, BSS member Mr Tsietsi Mahlele and sociology lecturer Mr Douglas Hindson.

A Wits spokesman said that on hearing of the arrests, another delegation of 30 students marched again to the Hillbrow police station and were met in Braamfontein by police who gave the group two minutes to disperse.

Sjamboks

The students sat down in the street and after two minutes, police rushed forward and started beating the protesters with sjamboks and batons. Sixteen students were later treated for bruises and injuries at the Wits Health Centre.

The SRC spokesman said three people were arrested at the second march.

A police spokesman said from Pretoria that 48 Wits students had been arrested and face charges for attending an illegal gathering.

After the second march, thousands of students marched into the streets of Braamfontein where they were again met by helmeted riot police armed with sjamboks and teargas canisters.

The students retreated to various points on the campus where sporadic confrontations took place. — Sapa

Most violent day in history of the campus

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48 arrested in clashes at Wits

By Susan Pleming and Lesley Cowling

Police arrested 48 academics and students at the University of the Witwatersrand yesterday — and more than 30 students were injured in one of the most violent days in the campus's history.

Violent clashes between police, students and academic staff on the Wits University campus yesterday led to the arrest of 48 people and injuries to at least 30. Several students and academics were led from the campus by police called in to stop alleged illegal gatherings. Photograph: Kevin Carter.

Police, armed with sjamboks and shotguns, charged students several times. There were repeated clashes between police and students on and off the campus and teargas canisters were fired on the university grounds.

The drama began at noon when more than 35 students and academics were arrested outside the Civic Centre after they had marched through Braamfontein to demand the release of a fellow student, Mr Ronney Makgosi, who was arrested on campus on Thursday and released yesterday

Students and staff — led by Students' Representative Council president Ms Claire Wright and Black Student Society president Mr Dali Mpofu — were sitting outside the Civic Centre when they were arrested.

After the arrests a second group of 30 students attempted to march to Hillbrow police station When they saw the police the students stopped marching and sat down in the middle of Jorissen Street. Police ordered them to move, and after a few minutes sjambokked them. Five were arrested

Shoppers shout

Lunchtime shoppers ran in panic as the police whipped the students Some shouted at the police. "Leave them alone stop hitting them."

About 45 minutes later, 1 000 students marched to Senate House where a delegation was elected to speak to the Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor Karl Tober

After being told that Professor Tober would not speak to them, the students streamed into Jorissen Street. A large police contingent was waiting

The police stormed the students Rocks were thrown at police vehicles

Police threw teargas on to the campus The students then gathered outside the Great Hall

A young man accused of being a police spy was badly beaten by students near the Great Hall He was dragged to safety by staff members

At about 5 pm the police came on to the campus again and told the students to disperse.

Negotiations between the administration, police and student leaders finally led to the police leaving the campus at about 5.30 pm.

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HUNTERS ARE OUT ON THE STREETS AGAIN

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

THREE white Florida men charged with shooting at four black pedestrians in Honeydew made another brief appearence in the Roodepoort Magistrate's Court this week.

Johannes Marthinus Francois Dames, 27, John Stephen Jordan, 30, and Hendrick Johannes Kleingeld, 31, appeared on charges of murder, illegal hunting and posing as policemen.

They were not asked to plead. Magistrate SP Bezuidenhout postponed their case to July 2 for the Attorney General's decision.

Their bail of R1 000 was extended until July 2.

The three are alleged to have shot at four black pedestrians in Honeydew on the evening of February 8.

Jordan told the magistrate he is a father of two and was employed by his father as a surface blaster.

Jordan said he had several guns, but denied that he had cleaned his weapons to cover up the incident. He admitted there were bloodstains in his van – but said this was from guinea-fowls and rabbits he and his co-accused had shot.

He had first heard that police were looking for him on a news broadcast. He went to look for his co-accused and gave himself up to the police, he said.

Jordan admitted that many street signs were damaged during the alleged shooting, as well as vehicles he apparently collided with. Police were also investigating illegal hunting charges.

Kleingeld, a divorced father of three who is also employed by Jordan's father as a surface blaster, said he returned home and found a message that he must contact the Honeydew police.

Before the three were granted bail in February, the investigating officer said he was still investigating charges – including illegal hunting, posing as policemen and malicious damage to property – which came to light during the investigation.

Magistrate BM Taua turned down the State's argument and granted the three bail.

CITY PRESS, June 1

Youths march down city streets

By SELLO SERIPE

DIEPKLOOF's Young Lions came to the centre of Johannesburg this week to attend the murder trial of 15 fellow students.

More than 200 students were teargassed inside the Magistrate's Courts in downtown Johannesburg where they had gathered to sing freedom songs.

Police armed with sjamboks sprayed teargas inside the court building in a bid to disperse the students.

After the 15 accused had appeared and the case was remanded, students brought traffic to a standstill as they ran across streets, chanted and marched to the a nearby taxi rank, where they were transported to the township.

Several shopowners closed their doors and peeped through the windows when they saw the advancing students – but no damage was caused.

● The 15 accused are charged with murdering a Diepkloof cop on April 18.

This was their third appearance in court.

No evidence was led and Magistrate JR Loue postponed the case to June 24 pending further investigation.

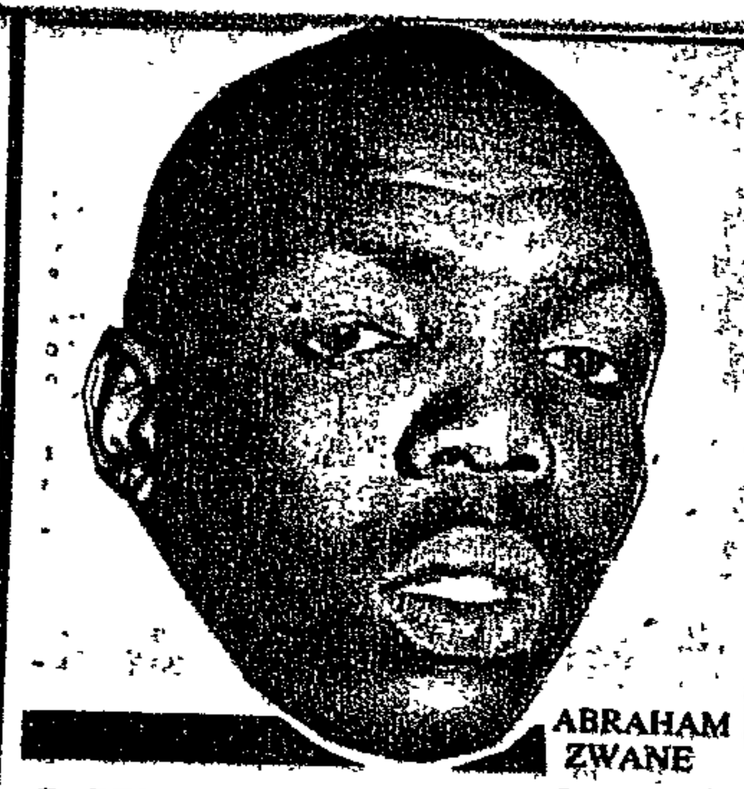
Eight of the accused are out on bail of R200.

The seven others – all under 16 – are in their parents' custody.

The accused are represented by attorneys Priscilla Jana and Krish Naidoo.

The students' parents were the only ones allowed to attend this week's hearing.

Teachers and friends who came to give moral support were ordered out of the courtroom by a police officer.



ABRAHAM ZWANE

VIGILANTE CONFESSES

WILLIAM MAGUGA

Vigilante claims he helped cops burn down the homes of East Rand activists.

By DERRICK LUTHAYI and STAN MHLONGO

SHOUTS of "Judas" and "sell-outs" vibrated through Khotso House in Johannesburg this week when a vigilante claimed he was on the payroll of the police – and told how he went out with them on a mission which left a woman dead, a man seriously injured and eight homes gutted.

Abraham Zwane, 19, claimed at Press conference he lived on the money allegedly paid to him for their mission – which left many homes razed and Thokoza and Katlehong political activists killed and maimed.

Police have denied any involvement, saying the allegations against them.

"They are clear indications that some people are out to discredit the police force," police spokesman Major H Haynes said.

"The police are investigating all cases of houses that have been burnt down."

Zwane claimed he was offered R500 to be part of the death squad. He said he was once paid R120 for petrolbombing a house in which a two-month-old baby died in March.

Zwane – who was brought to the conference by East Rand People's Organisation officials – told how he and the death squad launched early morning attacks at the homes of eight Erapo members.

The homes of Peter Mofokeng, former Robben Island prisoner Satch Tshawe, Sam and Dumisane Ntuli, Mojalefa Thinane, Eddie Sabi, Sochayile Khanyile, Shadrack Mkhwananzi and Dennis Madlala were destroyed. A herbalist from Langa, Cape Town, Margaret Komani, 30 – who was staying at Tshawe's home – was burnt and patient Kenneth Mbaca is recovering in the Natalspruit Hospital from severe burns.

During this wek's conference, William Maguga, 20 – picked up with Zwane – claimed he was innocent and was being framed by Zwane. He said he was invited to join the raiders, but he declined.

Zwane said he was approached by a student, known as Axa

Erapo members described Axa as a renegade and said he had turned State witness in a case in which he and other youths were charged with "necklacing" a man.

"I asked Axa where we were going and he told me that we were on an operation which would make Botha happy. He promised to pay me R500 for the job The Erapo comrades picked me up before I received my money," Zwane claimed

Zwane claimed they first went to a house in Thokoza. "The cops threw in teargas and I was ordered to throw stones We then went to a house in Kumalo Street."

Zwane claimed the attacks on the other houses followed the same pattern. Axa first ordered him to throw stones before they threw petrolbombs.

Chikane's 'guards' beaten up by the balaclava brigades

THREE Soweto activists this week told how 15 men wearing balaclavas captured them at gunpoint and threatened them with the dreaded necklace.

At a Press conference in Johannesburg, Mzwakhe Mbuli, Kenneth Fihla and Dikwe Thipe said they were ambushed by a group of Afrikaans-speaking men while patrolling near the home of UDF president Frank Chikane.

"A group of men in balaclavas blocked the way of our car. Before we knew what was happening, we saw guns pointed at us," Fihla said.

"Death was staring us in the face – I told them we were guarding Chikane's house.

"They said they didn't care a hoot about 'that communist priest'."

Fihla claimed the men assaulted them for about 30 minutes. "I couldn't bear the pain, and screamed for help," he said.

The screams must have made their captors nervous because they suddenly stopped and left – leaving them shaken, he said.

Chikane called on Soweto residents to form committees to protect themselves "against people who wear balaclavas and kill and harass residents – but are never found by cops".

Soweto road-block death

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SIPHO NGCOBO

POLICE say they might call for a judicial inquest on the alleged killing of a mother and her six-year-old daughter by security forces at a Soweto road-block last Thursday.

Bessie Masoko, 29, and her daughter Thea, were allegedly shot dead in their car after "failing to stop at a road-block".

Bessie's husband, Jacob, was also shot in the legs after getting out of the car.

Meanwhile, Const S H Mandlazi was buried alive by a mob after he had buried a friend at Ackerville township cemetery, near Witbank on Saturday, police said.

CS SHELL CS BGA GTEA

By SOL MORATHI

BOP cops fired many rounds of teargas into a crowd of about 15 000 before stones and petrol-bombs were thrown at them, the judicial commission of inquiry into the shooting of 11 Winterveld residents was told this week.

Brigadier MA Molope – the officer in command when the 11 were shot – told the commission led by Judge EAT Smith that the cops and security forces opened fire when the crowd became "more aggressive".

He said they did so because the lives of the members of the force were "in danger".

Molope was divisional police commissioner in the Odi-Moretele region at the time.

He said after "the volley of shots", he gave the ceasefire command.

The crowd fled "on realising that the police guns had ammunition and shot to kill", he said.

"While other people fled, others threw themselves onto the ground to avoid being hit by bullets."

Molope said he then ordered that those who had thrown themselves onto the ground be arrested and taken to GaRankuwa police station.

He said immediately after the shooting, he saw eight bodies lying on the ground.

Some were injured and others were dead, he said.

Molope said he then ordered his men to collect an assortment of weapons that had been left on the field by the fleeing crowd and to call an ambulance and a mortuary vehicle.

Three boxes of stones, 24 bottles – of which 22 contained some liquid and had cloth or wicks in their necks – seven sjamboks, 10 sticks and two lengths of wire were exhibited at the inquiry.

Also brought before the commission was a red banner bearing the words: "Please Mr Botha, set the people free – The cry".

Molope denied that people were assaulted during the incident.

He said he saw no one being assaulted and nobody had come to him to report any assault.

A number of Bop soldiers who had testified earlier said they saw cops assault people – some with R4 rifle butts.

It was done in the presence of Molope and Colonel Mmukobyane, they said.

Riot police stop Wits meeting

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JOHANNESBURG. — A heavy contingent of riot police armed with shotguns, teargas and sjamboks entered the University of the Witwatersrand campus on Saturday for the third day in succession — this time to stop a report-back mass meeting of the Education Charter Campaign Committee.

It was the third straight day in which police have entered the campus, which has been rocked recently by confrontations between police and students.

Meanwhile, an urgent application brought before the Rand Supreme Court earlier in the day by the deputy vice-chancellor of the university, Professor Mervyn Shear, secured the release of 43 students and five lecturers arrested on Friday during a march on Hillbrow police station.

The commanding officer of the police station, Colonel P Olckers, and the CID District Officer, Mr W Blignaut, were ordered by Mr Justice A Vermooten to release the 48 people immediately, pending their court appearance today.

Professor Shear said in his affidavit that the commanding officer of the police station would be petitioned for the release Mr Ronnie Makgosi, a student who was arrested on Thursday.

The administrator of the university's students' representative council, Mr Victor Gordon, said no bail had been set for the release of the 48 people.

On Saturday 2 000 students and township residents gathered at Flower Hall on the university's west campus to hear speakers, including Mrs Winnie Mandela, on progress in the charter campaign, which aims to formulate an alternative education system for the country.

Cannon

An hour after the start of the meeting, three Casspirs, a mobile water cannon and about 20 vehicles of the Johannesburg Riot Squad pulled up outside the hall and a heavily armed force of policemen lined up at the entrance.

Organizers of the meeting, joined by the university's student registrar, Mr K Standenmacher, asked the police to withdraw. They were told by a senior officer that a Johannesburg magistrate had banned the meeting and that police would move in unless the crowd dispersed.

After organizers undertook to end the meeting, police withdrew to the edge of the campus and the crowd dispersed without incident.

Speakers due to address the meeting included UDF patron Mrs Albertina Sisulu, the president of the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa), Mr Curtis Nkondo, and the secretary general of Cosatu, Mr Jay Naidoo.

'Absurd'

At an impromptu press conference after the meeting dispersed, the representative of Nusas on the committee, Mr Etienne Marais, said: "It is clearly absurd to take harsh action at a peaceful meeting called to discuss education."

Organizations represented on the committee — including the Soweto Students Congress, the Azanian Students Organization, Nusas and Neusa — had been collecting opinions from a range of civic, student, youth and trade union bodies on how an alternative education system should operate.

The public relations officer for the Witwatersrand division of the SAP, Lieutenant Pierre Louw, said he would issue a statement later on Saturday's events. — Sapa and UPI.

Cape Times 2/10/86

Constable buried alive at funeral

WITBANK. — A police constable was attacked by a mob armed with spades and was buried alive shortly after he had attended the funeral of a friend in the cemetery at Ackerville near Witbank on Saturday, said police yesterday.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said Constable S H Mandlazi was attacked while he was attending the funeral of a friend, Mr Jimmy Brown. Mr Brown's death was not unrest-related, said the spokesman.

He said Constable Mandlazi had been attacked at 5pm on Saturday by an unknown number of people wielding spades. He was buried alive in a nearby grave.

Civvies

Police arrived at the cemetery at about 6pm and dug up the grave. Constable Mandlazi's body was found in a sitting position. He was wearing civilian clothes and was already dead, said the spokesman.

Constable Mandlazi was a resident of Ackerville and attached to the Witbank police station.

Investigations into Constable Mandlazi's death are continuing.

Meanwhile, overseas media have reported on the incident in yesterday's papers

Our London correspondent reports that a report in last night's main news broadcast quoted a police spokesman as saying that black policemen were having "a terrible time" in the townships — Sapa-AP

COP BURIED ALIVE

Attacked by group of men wielding spades

A POLICEMAN was attacked and buried alive by mourners during a funeral in Witbank at the weekend.

The dead policeman has been identified by the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria as Constable S H Mandlazi

SOWETAN Reporters

Const Mandlazi was attacked at about 5pm on Saturday by a number of people wielding spades He was then dragged into a grave and buried alive.

Police arrived an hour later to dig up the grave, but Const Mandlazi was already dead

According to a situation report, the funeral Const Mandlazi was attending was not unrest related

In another incident in Kwaggafontein, KwaNdebele, police found the body of a man aged about 18 who had been "necklaced

Meanwhile, the family of a Soweto mother and her six-year-old daughter who were shot dead by security forces at a roadblock in Soweto last week were too stunned to speak to reporters yesterday

TREVOR "Kae Kapa Kae" Mthimkhulu on his way to the Bush Bucks' goals where he netted Chiefs' third goal in the quarter-final match of the JPS Knockout at Ellis Park Stadium yesterday Chiefs won 3—0 Pic MBUZENI ZULU

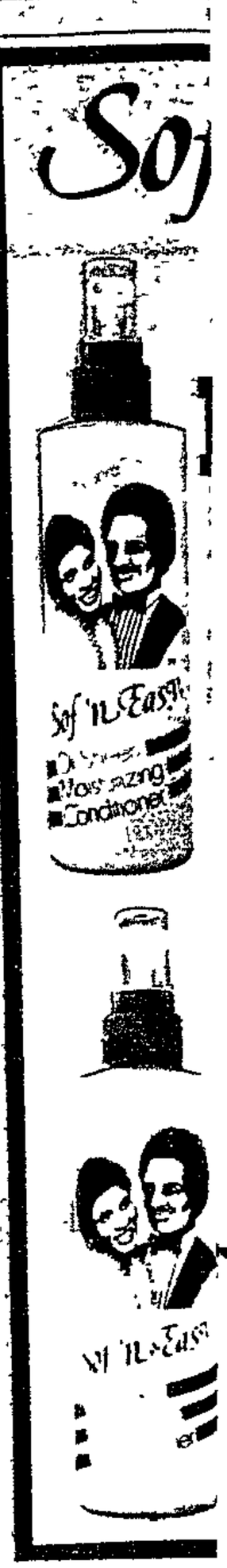
Wounded

Mrs Bessie Masuku (29) and her daughter, Thea, of Meadowlands Zone 10, were shot dead while travelling from Meadowlands Zone Six to Orlando East on Thursday night

Mrs Masuku's husband, Jacob, and another girl were also wounded in the shooting

Mr Masuku was allegedly shot in the legs after he got out of his car and told the soldiers manning the roadblock near Orlando Stadium to kill him too

Mr Masuku was yesterday still in a state of shock in hospital



Wits students and academics in court today

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The 43 students and five academics from the University of the Witwatersrand who were arrested on Friday after they tried to march to Hillbrow police station are due to appear in Hillbrow Magistrate's Court today.

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48 arrested at Wits due in court today

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Education Reporter

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On Saturday a heavy contingent of police broke up an Education Charter Campaign rally on the campus and declared it an illegal gathering.

The meeting had been running for about an hour when the police arrived at 1.30 pm and told about 1 500 students to disperse.

The police — armed with shotguns, sjamboks and teargas — formed a circle round the Flower Hall where the meeting was being held.

A water-cannon and three Casspirs also pulled up outside the hall, and nine South African Defence Force troop carriers were parked near the campus.

After organisers had agreed to end the meeting, the police withdrew to the edge of the campus until the students had dispersed.

The Students' Representative Council, the Black Students Society and the Academic Staff Association have condemned the presence of police at Wits and demanded that they stay off campus.

The Progressive Federal Party has said it plans to set up a committee to monitor the situation at Wits.

The chairman of the PFP in the Transvaal, Mr Douglas Gibson, said he was appalled by the "overreaction" on the part of the authorities.

Pik's friend Pearce again denies Pietersburg rumours

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Staff Reporters

Johannesburg's traffic chief, Mr John Pearce — whose men went to guard Mr Pik Botha at the Pietersburg meeting which was broken up by right-wingers this month — is a personal friend of the Cabinet Minister.

Mr Pearce attended the meeting in his official capacity. But, he said, his men volunteered to go when they were off-duty.

But at least one traffic officer, who contacted *The Star*, claimed they were ordered to attend the meeting and protect the Foreign Minister.

He said that some traffic officers were paged at home the night before and told they would be going to Pietersburg.

"I categorically deny that any such orders were issued," said Mr Pearce.

He doubted that the person who contacted *The Star* — who declined to be identified — was a member of his department.

"How do you know it was not some joker who got a ticket last week?"

The man, who arranged a meeting with *The Star* on a street corner in central Johannesburg, identified himself as a traffic officer.

He said traffic officers were told on the evening before the meeting to go to work "in jeans and tackies" as they would be going to Pietersburg.

"A third of the officers were volunteers. The rest were ordered to go.

"The officers did not attend the meeting in a private capacity," he said.

Mr Pearce said that, when he heard that members of his department were going to Pietersburg, he called a meeting and "explained to them that they would have to take leave and also spelt out how I expected them to behave.

"Every single one of them had decided to go without any prompting from me or anyone else. They formed the group and organised their own transport," Mr Pearce added.

He said that 38 officers were involved and that it was nonsense that any member of the force had been contacted the night before and ordered to go.

PFP councillor Mr Les Dishy said he had no doubt that the trip to Pietersburg was pre-arranged.

"But I don't think it would be accurate to say that members of the force were ordered to go. My impression is that a number of traffic officers were asked to go and that it was difficult for them to say no," hesaid.

Mr Pearce said he had attended the Pietersburg meeting in his official capacity.

"There is a meeting in Johannesburg on Monday and it will involve the same two sides. I went along to see how the situation was handled so that we would know what to do on Monday.

"Even if I went as a private citizen I would still be entitled to use official transport. That is part of my conditions of employment as head of a department."

● Mr Pearce said that he would be attending tonight's meeting at the Glenanda Primary School where Mr Botha is to speak in support of a National Party municipal election candidate.

"I do not know if the men who went to Pietersburg will be at Pik's meeting again tonight. It is their free time and they can do as they please," Mr Pearce said.

Policeman is buried alive at funeral

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Crime Reporter

A spade-wielding mob buried Constable S Mandlazi (44) alive in a grave next to his newly buried friend at Witbank at the weekend.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said Constable Mandlazi was attacked by the mob at about 5 pm on Saturday and buried in a grave at Ackerville township cemetery.

Constable Mandlazi, wearing civilian clothes, was attending the funeral of Mr Jimmy Brown, whose death was not related to unrest, the spokesman said.

An Eastern Transvaal police spokesman, Lieutenant Mary Swart, said Constable Mandlazi was attacked by youths attending another funeral in the same cemetery. That funeral was also not unrest related.

An unidentified man phoned the police, who dug up the grave and found the constable's body.

PROBE ON FATAL SHOOTING

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THE fatal shooting by security forces at a Soweto roadblock on Thursday night of Mrs Blessie Masoko and her daughter Thea are being investigated, police in Pretoria said yesterday.

Mrs Masoko's husband Jacob and a relative, Miss Rosina Masoko (15), were wounded in the incident.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria said the incident is being investigated.

"It was an unnatural death and will lead to legal proceedings," the spokesman said.

The spokesman said he could not elaborate on the incident which was mentioned in the police unrest report on Friday morning.

The report said: "Shots were fired at a number of vehicles which did not stop at a roadblock in Soweto.

"A woman and a girl were fatally wounded while a man and another girl were wounded."

Bullet wounds

The report did not give any further details.

Mr Masoko is in Baragwanath Hospital with bullet wounds in both his legs.

Rosina, who was treated and discharged, still has a bullet lodged in her arm. Another bullet grazed her head. — Sapa.

ne 3, 1986 SOWETAN

Mahwelereng community under the rule of the whip

FOCUS

By MATHATHA TSEDU

MAHWELERENG near Potgietersrus is a township under siege: police and army units prowl the streets day and night, and residents say youths are arrested daily on a seemingly random basis.

This once quiet township about 3 km west of Potgietersrus is stalked by fear that as June 16 approaches more people may be detained

Over the past weekend police accompanied by South African Defence Force members raided the homes of several activists and, according to relatives, had "a long list of wanted people"

Hooded youths accompany the policemen and soldiers to point out houses and youths in the streets, residents told me

Tension has gripped the small community where no-one walks the streets after 9pm, the "undeclared curfew".

Incidents

Since the beginning of the year there have been various incidents

- At least five policemen's houses have been petrol-bombed,
- A house and a bookshop belonging to the Lebowa Minister of Education, Mr S P Kwakwa, were petrol-bombed,
- Superintendent's and education inspector's offices have been gutted by fire,
- Policemen have been barred from buying in any of the shops in the township,
- A police constable has been assaulted at the local hotel,
- Police and army units destroyed three parks youths built in the township,
- One man was shot dead allegedly by police and another died in police cells,
- The home of a lawyer and executive member of the Black Lawyers Association, Mr Richard Ramodipa, was petrol-bombed twice,
- Schooling has been disrupted since February,
- Two raids at the local hotel, during which the hotel was damaged by police firing "at random" and wounding three people,
- Twelve people were arrested during the second raid, and
- Last Friday soldiers went to the hotel and occupied the roof all day without consulting the owner.

Trouble in the township started in February when students boycotted classes demanding students representative councils

The plight of two individuals sums up the situation in Mahwelereng 28-year-old Mr Perry Motsibi Kekana, a teacher and secretary of the local branch of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), was detained for the third time in two months on Friday at the Mahwelereng Magistrate's Court, where he had been appearing on a charge of holding an illegal gathering

Death

His court appearance was a sequel to his arrest on April 5 with six others, including Mr Makompo Kutumela, who died in the cells the same evening after allegedly being assaulted by the police

Mr Kekana was admitted to hospital on March 6 with severe sjambok wounds all over his body The police later "forcibly" took him away from the hospital and charged him with holding an illegal gathering, according to a doctor at the hospital

On May 28 he was again detained, under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act, and released three days later without being charged

Mr Paledi Selolo, president of the Confederation of the Mahwelereng Student Councils, was detained last Thursday night, his fourth detention since March this year

Forty-nine-year-old Mr Jeffrey Molala, owner of the Mahwelereng Hotel, has an office adorned with various awards of achievement

Elected

He opened his hotel in 1978 and has been doing well — till March this year

After the disruption of schools and daily skirmishes between security forces and youths, a parents crisis committee was formed He was elected onto the committee.

Youths called on the local businessmen not to sell goods to policemen All businessmen complied with the call — including Mr Molala Then at midnight on March 27 his hotel was attacked by police who fired more than 30 rounds, smashing windows and wounding three people

"It was hell People from the disco upstairs were trapped Teargas was all over There was no way out and no-one could approach the police as they were firing into the hotel", said Mr Molala, holding 17 bullets and cartridges collected after the raid

After this raid business slumped, but people still came to the hotel to drink. Two Saturdays ago, at about 10pm, the police again surrounded the hotel and ordered all customers out Twelve people were arrested, including Mr Ramodipa.

Then last Friday, soldiers "just came to the reception and cocked their rifles before passing through upstairs"

They spent the whole day there, apparently monitoring the activities of youths in the township.

These actions of the security forces have scared patrons away and have led to a slump in Mr Molala's takings He does not understand why he has been singled out for "persecution" He is a bitter man today as he watches his business go under

Fear

"People don't come to the hotel out of fear Bookings have been heavily affected too as some bedrooms were shot at during the March raid. If this thing does not stop I will have to close down" said Mr Molala

He is also concerned that residents might think he agreed to soldiers using the rooftop.

"They should stay away from the hotel If we need their assistance we will call, but right now what they are doing is killing me

"They don't even bother to tell me," he said

He said he has briefed an attorney and an interdict is likely

The community has a great deal of sympathy for his plight But the question on everyone's lips is for how long will the "reign of terror" continue

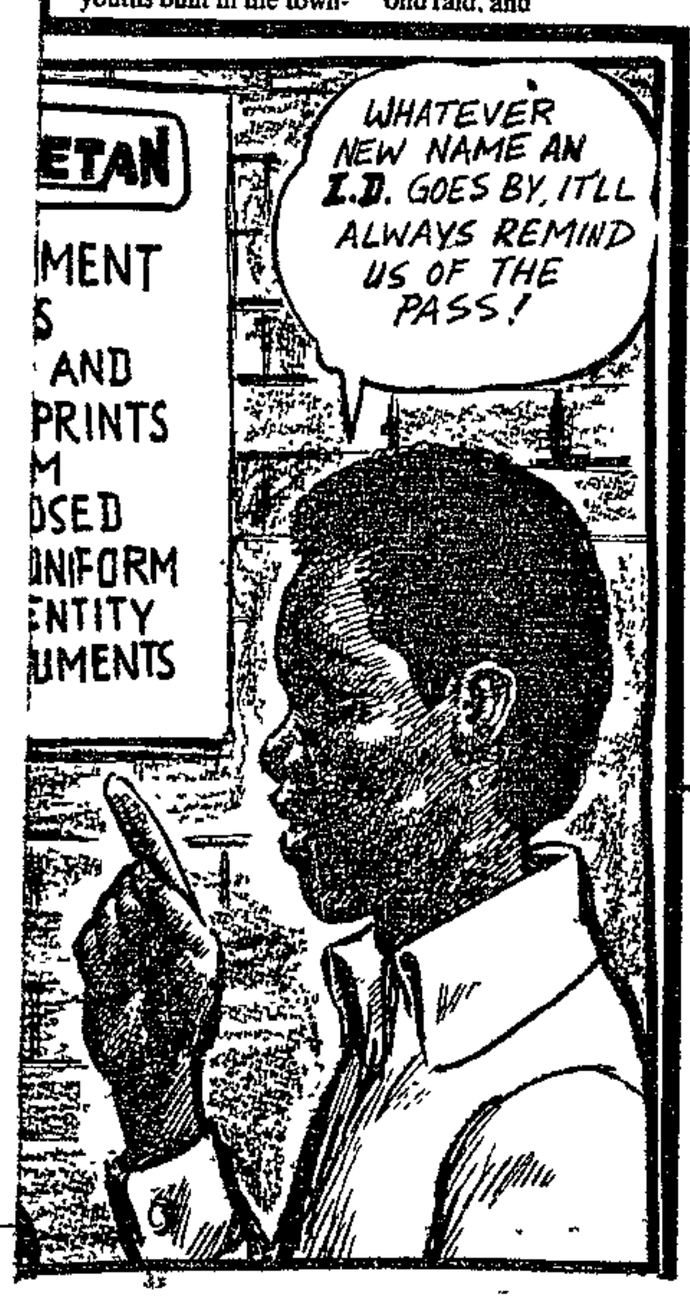
Things are not different in the Lenyenye Township near Tzaneen and Seshego near Pietersburg and people talk of "the rule of the whip"

Over the weekend soldiers went to the Seshego Hotel and opened fire, causing considerable damage to several windows and the ceiling and wounding three people, including a hotel employee

The chairman of the Northern Transvaal region of Azapo, Mr Mutle Phasha, said "the brutal actions of the forces of oppression are aimed at intimidating activists in the Northern Transvaal

"Our members have gone through tough times before and shall not be cowed into submission by this undeclared state of emergency"

Most people also see the present campaign by the security forces as part of a clampdown tied to the coming June 16 commemoration



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and I think the hon member also knows the law on that aspect. I can see no possibility that that part of the system will be changed. That is how it is done classically and it is also fair to do it in that way.

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Chemical daminozide

*4. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 761 on 7 May 1986, a decision has been taken regarding the application to extend the use of the chemical daminozide in the Republic; if not, when is it anticipated that a decision will be taken; if so, what was the decision;

(2) whether any countries have (a) prohibited the use of this chemical and/or (b) found it to be harmful to human beings; if so, (i) which countries and (ii) when in each case;

(3) whether his Department took any steps to collect data on the effects of daminozide on human beings prior to purchasing this chemical for use in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps, (b) when and (c) with what result,

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

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS:

(1) No, the Interdepartmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Man against Poisonous Substances (INDAK) will have further discussions on this matter on 9 June 1986.

(2) No.

(3) The Department does not purchase the chemical. The Registrar of Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies obtained all the relevant information before he granted the original registration of the chemical.

(4) No.

Chemical daminozide

*5. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

(1) Whether this Department received a request from the Interdepartmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Man Against Poisonous Substances for a toxicological evaluation of the chemical daminozide; if so, (a) when and (b) what progress has been made in this evaluation;

(2) whether an evaluation report has been (a) completed and (b) made available to the above committee; if not, when is it anticipated that it will be completed; if so, (i) when in each case and (ii) what were the findings concerning this chemical;

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

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

(1) Yes

(a) 6 December 1985.

(b) The chemical has now been evaluated after additional information was received from the Interdepartmental Committee on 23 April 1986.

(2) (a) Yes

(b) Yes.

(i) 23 April 1986 in each case.

(ii) The report is confidential and has a direct bearing on an application which has been made to the Registrar of Fertilizers Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies, and which is at present being considered by him.

I am not prepared to disclose any information which the Registrar is by law precluded from giving.

(3) No.

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Small claims courts

*6. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) (a) How many persons applied for cases to be heard in the small claims court in the magisterial district of Cape Town in the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (b) from which magisterial districts were these applications received;

(2) whether any applications were turned down; if so, (a) for what reasons and (b) which magisterial districts were involved;

(3) whether he intends establishing a small claims court in the magisterial district of Wynberg; if not, why not; if so, when?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) The information which I furnish is for the period 1 February 1986, the date on which the Small Claims Court was established, to 30 April 1986

(a) 558 persons

(b) The Cape, Wynberg, Goodwood, Bellville, Simonstown, Somerset-West, Malmesbury, Stellenbosch and Kuils River.

(2) Yes.

(a) The applications were turned down as a result of the court not having jurisdiction.

(b) Wynberg, Goodwood, Bellville, Simonstown, Somerset-West, Malmesbury, Stellenbosch and Kuils River.

(3) No. I recently introduced legislation to amend the Small Claims Courts Act, 1984 (Act 61 of 1984) so as to enable me to establish a court for more than one magisterial district. After promulgation of the amendment it will be possible to extend the area of jurisdiction of the court at Cape Town to include amongst others the magisterial district of Wynberg. It would also be possible to establish individual courts.

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Immaculata High School

*7. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether any members of the South African Defence Force took any action at the Immaculata High School in Diepkloof, Soweto, on or about 14 May 1986; if so, (a) what action, (b) why, (c) who authorised this action and (d) what was the rank of the officer in command;

(2) whether any items were (a) damaged and (b) removed from the school during this action; if so, (i) what specified items and (ii) why;

(3) whether any teargas was fired on the school premises; if so, (a) where and (b) why;

(4) whether any persons were detained on this occasion; if so, (a) how many and (b) why;

(5) whether this was a joint operation with the South African Police; if so, (a) why and (b) what was the rank of the officer in command of the operation?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) Yes. On two occasions

On 14 May 1986.

(a) A combined SA Defence Force and SA Police cordon and

search operation was carried out in and around the schoolgrounds at 22h00.

(b) Information was received that pupils gathered in the school after stipulated school hours to plan the disruption of school attendance.

(c) The Soweto Joint Operations Centre.

(d) Commandant.

(2) Yes.

(a) (i) Two gate padlocks were cut.

(ii) To gain entry to the grounds.

(b) (i) Pamphlets, minutes of meetings of the so called Student Representative Council and newspaper clippings.

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(3) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(4) No.

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(b) As in (1)(d). A SA Police Warrant Officer was in charge of the search teams.

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The DEPUTY MINISTER: Unfortunately, I am not in possession of that information. If the hon member will Table that question, I shall reply to it.

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KwaNdebele

*8. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether a date has been set for KwaNdebele to become independent; if so, (a) what is the date and (b) when was the decision taken to proceed with independence for this national state;

(2) whether the citizens of KwaNdebele were consulted prior to this decision being taken; if so, (a) when and (b) in what manner; if not, why not;

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amongst the citizens of KwaNdebele concerning independence; if not, why not; if so, when;

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†The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

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(b) On the 7th May 1986 in Cape Town by a Committee of Ministers of the Governments of the RSA and KwaNdebele.

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No, since the results of ballistic and blood tests, which are expected to take some time, are still outstanding.

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(2) Yes.

(a) 17 persons.

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Port Natal by-election

HANSARD

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Millions see Wits whippings — but not SA

Millions of overseas television viewers have seen films of police whipping students during last Friday's clashes at Wits University — but SABC-TV has screened none of them.

Yesterday *The Star* saw one of the films taken by foreign journalists and broadcast to countries worldwide.

The film showed police whipping students, many of them young women, with sjamboks. At least one student was being bitten by a dog and whipped by a policeman at the same time.

STUDENTS COWERING IN STREET

In the second clash of the day, about 30 students sat down in Jorissen Street, Braamfontein, after being stopped by police. They had tried to march to Hillbrow police station.

Viewers saw police approach them and tell them to disperse. They refused. A few seconds later a group of police were seen sjambokking students who were lying and cowering on the street covering their faces and heads.

Viewers heard the students screaming, one shouting repeatedly: "Help me!"

Another girl, who viewers saw being whipped repeatedly by several policemen, was arrested and pushed into a van. She and others were crying hysterically.

Another part of the film showed a student throwing a stone at a group of policemen on the campus who then chased him and fired teargas.

These particular pictures were accepted by more than 100 countries which together service 400 foreign networks.

The editor of TV1 news, Mr Robert Stevenson, said the reason the SABC showed no pictures of the clash was because their cameraman arrived at the scene late.

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Violent week at Wits mirrors the agony of strife in the townships

By Susan Pleming
Education Reporter

Last week was a dark one in the history of the University of the Witwatersrand — the police invaded the campus on three successive days, 50 students and academics were arrested, and more than 40 people were injured during police action.

The violence at the traditionally white university has shocked parents, academics and students. Student leaders and the administration believe it is a mirror of events in the townships.

"The events of last week must not be seen in isolation. They are a spill-over from what is happening in the townships," said the president of the Black Students' Society (BSS), Mr Dali Mpofu.

VIOLENT DAY

The most violent day was last Friday when repeated clashes occurred between students, academics and the police. More than 40 people were injured and 48 arrested after they had attempted to march to the Hillbrow police station to demand the release of a fellow student who had been arrested the previous day.

The students were released on Saturday after an urgent application to the Rand Supreme Court by the deputy vice-chancellor of student affairs, Professor Mervyn Shear, for their release. The students were charged yesterday under section 57 of the Internal Security Act for being part of an illegal gathering. The case was postponed to July 9.

According to Mr Mpofu, about 2 000 students had voted that a delegation be sent from the campus to deliver the views of the students to the police.

"The march was intended to prevent the police from coming on to the campus. But what we had tried to avoid happened anyway and the police invaded our campus," he added.

Student leaders and academics have deplored police presence on campus. But the police action has served to politicise students.

"After seeing the police beat up fellow students, how can we show any support towards them? Their action has made students more aware of what is happening in our country," said a student.

A member of the Wits SRC, Mr Etienne Marais, commented: "It is very sad that it has taken such brutal police action to bring us together."

DETERMINATION

A past BSS president, Mr Firoz Cachalia, said the police action on campus strongly indicated the Government's determination to "smash the democratic movement.

"This climate of repression is being shown on our campus. There are a large number of police informers on the campus and, as soon as we organise a meeting, the police come in to teach us a lesson and say: 'The powers-that-be will not allow protest on the campus.'"

Apart from confrontation with the police, there have also been repeated clashes between progressive students and the conservative Student Moderate Alliance (SMA) which has 80 signed-up members.

Last year friction between these two groups escalated to such an extent that an independent inquiry recommended that the SMA should not hold meetings on campus close to, or on, days which were sensitive to black students. These included Republic Day and Sharpeville day.

Police presence has widened the rift between the SMA and the progressive student movement. Verbal slanging matches have become commonplace on the campus.

A thorny issue at Wits has been that of spies and police informers posing as students. On Friday, an alleged police spy was badly beaten up by students and, in March, a woman suspected of being a police spy was dragged to safety after several hundred students had chased and interrogated her.

"We cannot tolerate police spies on the campus. We know who you are and the BSS can no longer protect you," said Mr Cachalia at a recent student meeting.

DEPLORED

Several political groups have also deplored recent events on Wits campus. The Progressive Federal Party has said it will set up a committee to monitor the situation at the university.

The leader of the PFP in the Transvaal, Mr Douglas Gibson, said he was appalled at the over-reaction by the authorities to the legitimate expression of opinion by students.

"The PFP is unhappy about the situation at Wits. Whether people like it or not, university students have the right to participate in political life," Mr Gibson said.

Several clashes involving different factions have occurred over past year

By Susan Pleming

Over the past year, the University of the Witwatersrand has experienced several violent incidents.

- **May 31 1985:** Members of the Black Students Society (BSS) hold an anti-Republic Day meeting Student Moderate Alliance (SMA) members have a stand 75 m away from the BSS meeting where they issue free South African flag stickers and pro-Government literature. Security men battle for more than three hours to prevent head-on conflict between the two groups.
- **August 13 1985:** Police storm the campus following a student meeting to discuss the state of emergency and consumer boycotts About 40 students are injured in the clash and eight arrested.
- **March 19 1986:** Black Student Society members break up a Student Moderate Alliance meeting to be addressed by Unita.
- **May 1 1986:** A busload of Wits students returning from a May Day rally are teargassed by soldiers in Diepkloof, Soweto
- **May 20 1986:** About 200 police converge on the campus and break up a meeting organised to discuss the SADF raids into neighbouring countries. The police arrest 13 people and several students suffer from sjambok weals and two are bitten by police dogs. There is also a clash between black students and SMA members who had set up a stand to commemorate the third anniversary of the Pretoria bomb blast.
- **May 29 1986:** SMA and BSS students clash. Police invade the campus and charge students several times. A student, Mr Ronnie Makgosi is arrested.
- **May 30 1986:** Police arrest 48 academics and students who attempt to march to the Hillbrow Police Station.
- **May 31:** A heavy police contingent breaks up an Education Charter Campaign meeting.

Police seize bombs, tyres

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POLICE confiscated petrol bombs, tyres and flags at the funeral of three KwaMashu unrest victims at the weekend.

Pamphlets of the United Democratic Front, the South african Communist Party and the KwaMashu Youth League were also confiscated.

Police arrived while thousands of youths, hoisting flags, were performing a "Toi Toi dance" — a military dance done at political funerals.

Youth leaders at the funeral told police they had brought the petrol bombs and tyres to protect themselves from any possible attack.

Mourners then asked police to disarm "impis" who were allegedly carrying guns and spears.

Police at one stage asked mourners to vacate the cemetery because another funeral, believed to be that of a member of an impi killed in a clash with youths, was due to take place.

However, a UDF spokesman told police the mourners were still waiting for another two bodies to arrive from the church.

After consultation between police and leaders, it was agreed that the other two would be buried after the funeral of the impi member.

In Chesterville, three victims of clashes between the so-called "A Team" vigilantes and "Comrades" were buried on Saturday.

The funeral, attended by Black Sash and PFP members, was closely monitored by the police.

Millions saw whippings — but SA kept in dark

Argus 3/6/86

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Millions of overseas television viewers saw police whipping students from Wits University, but the SABC, which filmed the incident, did not screen it.

The Star, sister paper of The Argus, yesterday viewed one of the films taken by foreign journalists and broadcast to every country capable of receiving television — a potential viewership of one billion.

The film showed police whipping students, many of them young women, with sjamboks. At least one student was being bitten by a dog and whipped by a policeman at the same time.

In the second clash of the day about 30 students sat down in Jorissen Street, Braamfontein, after being stopped by police. They had tried to march to Hillbrow police station.

Cowering

Viewers saw police approach the students and tell them to disperse. They refused. A few seconds later a group of police were seen sjambokking students who were cowering on the street covering their faces and heads.

Viewers heard the students screaming, one shouting repeatedly: "Help me". A girl who tried to run away was grabbed around the neck by a policeman and held.

"All the networks showed the piece prominently on Friday night," a foreign Pressman said.

These particular pictures were accepted by more than 100 countries which together service 400 foreign networks.

The editor of TV1 news, Mr Robert Stevenson, said the SABC had not showed pictures of the clash because their cameraman arrived at the scene late.

"He could have got pictures of the students being arrested but it would have been in contravention of the law to broadcast that," Mr Stevenson said.

He said the SABC and foreign news teams had exchanged material "on occasion".

Asked if the SABC had asked to use foreign teams' film, Mr Stevenson replied: "I wasn't aware the foreign crews had the material."

Foreign television companies can satellite their material out of South Africa only from SABC's Auckland Park premises.

Star Times 3/6/86

Concern over police at Wits

JOHANNESBURG. — The vice-principal of the University of the Witwatersrand, Professor M Shear, and the Progressive Federal Party's unrest monitoring committee are to make representations to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, about police on the campus.

This follows events on the campus last week during which police arrested, teargassed and sjambokked protesting students, injuring a number of them.

The PFP's Transvaal chairman, Mr Douglas Gibson, said: "It is quite apparent that the South African Police have been over-zealous in carrying out their duties and in so doing they have created major incidents out of relatively minor matters." — Sapa

Wright, Mpofu among 49 university people in court at Hillbrow

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Wits University students arrested on Friday following clashes with police on campus and in Braamfontein left Hillbrow Magistrate's Court yesterday singing and chanting, with TV cameras much in evidence.

Staff Reporters

Forty-nine University of the Witwatersrand students and staff members appeared in a Hillbrow magistrate's court yesterday in connection with allegations of attending an illegal gathering.

Among them were Wits Students Representative Council (SRC) president Ms Claire Wright and Wits Black Students Society president Mr Daluxolo Mpofu.

Mr Ronnie Makhosi appeared in connection with allegations of organising and addressing an illegal gathering.

Charges against reporter Ms Charlotte Bauer were withdrawn.

The allegations stem from clashes between police and students on university campus and in Braamfontein on Friday.

No charges were put to the accused. All were released on warning, except Mr Makhosi, who was released on R250 bail.

The hearing was postponed to July 9.

The other accused were Mr J Payne, Mr T Moseneke; Mr S Bulbulia, Mr A Paizes, Ms T Gqubule; Mr A Mayet, Ms N Ridgeway; Ms L McKenna; Ms D Low; Mr R Lessem, Mr T April; Mr S Johnson; Mr L Mokhesi, Ms S Smuts; Mr C Merckel; Ms L Bricker, Ms K Heller; Ms E Elk; Mr P Sadie; Ms V Barolsky; Mr E Marais; Mr N Mogorosi, Mr Azaar Bham, Ms K Miller; Ms L Kaplan, Mr M Mashaishi, Mr A Metriken, Mr J Evans, Ms X Mangcu, Mr D Heldsinger; Mr J Maseko; Mr A Bara; Mr A Goetsch, Ms C Ceruti; Mr K Geers; Mr M Mpatso, Mr R Young, Mr J Maleko; Mr M Patterton, Mr J McCormick; Ms C Ramphamane; Mr Mohammed Bham; Mr M Swilling, Mr D Hindson, Ms J Hawarden; Ms T Sacco and Ms F Connell.

Youths set fire to Tembisa home of ex-councillor

By Abel Mabelane

A group of youths in Endulweni Section, Tembisa, yesterday set fire to the house of Mr Phillip Sithole, a former councillor, and to a town council vehicle.

The trouble started when police allegedly stopped the youths from removing refuse and confiscated trucks offered to them by local businessmen.

Mr Sithole told *The Star* about the burning of his house at 270 Endulweni Section.

"I received an anonymous call at work at about 3.45 pm.

"I phoned the police but when they arrived on the scene the house was burning fiercely.

"There were no firemen. They had been dismissed with other striking council employees."

Mr Sithole estimated the damage at R45 000.

He had resigned from the council on Monday because of the "insensitive manner" at which the council had handled the striking workers' grievances.

The 1 000 workers were later fired by the council.

Mourners at Thokoza joint funeral defy restrictions

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By Mudini Maivha

About 4 000 mourners defied magisterial restrictions placed on the joint funeral yesterday of three Thokoza unrest victims when they chanted freedom songs and made political speeches.

The service started 90 minutes before the time stipulated

There was a massive stawaway from work and schools in Thokoza and Katlehong because of the joint funeral of Mziwakhile Mnguni (13), Jimmy Moloi (16) and Joseph Nxumalo (16). The three boys were allegedly shot dead in a taxi last month while hunting down a vigilante.

Security forces in about 100 vehicles were deployed to enforce the magisterial orders. They barricaded all streets leading from the church to the cemetery with armoured cars and barbed wire.

Two activists were arrested at the cemetery by police who had a list of names. They were Mr Dumisa Ntuli, chairman of the East Rand Students' Congress, and Miss Dolly Makhohlisa. Mr Ntuli's brother Mr Sam Ntuli was arrested on his way to the cemetery.

Youth is shot dead in funeral vigil raid

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By Mckeed Kotlolo

A youth was shot dead and others wounded when security force members allegedly opened fire at a night vigil for an unrest victim.

The alleged shooting occurred at Kwaggafontein yesterday morning.

Today thousands of villagers are expected to join a protest march to Ndzundza tribal offices at Weltevrede to protest to Paramount Chief Maboko about the presence of the South African security forces in the homeland. The chief will then present grievances to security forces.

VICTIM

The march is expected after the funeral of another unrest victim, Mr Freddy Mahlangu (16), of Kwaggafontein C.

Police in Siyabuswa confirmed the death of a youth at the vigil of July Shidi (21), of Kwaggafontein A, at about 1 am yesterday and also said a burnt body of a 65-year-old man was found in Kameelrivier.

Mr Petrus Shidi, July's father, claimed security force raided the vigil four times in the early hours of yesterday. During the first three raids they used teargas canisters and rubber bullets to disperse mourners.

ATTACK

He said in the fourth attack, security force members fired live ammunition at fleeing mourners. Shots were also fired inside the house where a girl was allegedly hit in the head.

He said the marquee in which the vigil was held was brought down during the stampede and lights went off. Shooting continued in the darkness.

Security force members had allegedly taken away a number of young women.

Mourners who tried to re-erect the tent found the body of a youth and several people trapped. The youth had a bullet wound in the head.

The Kalafong Hospital superintendent said two of the shot mourners were being treated. Their condition was "fair".

(2) (a)		Black	White	Coloured	Asian	Total
(a)	(i)	20	189	0	4	213
	(ii)	49	212	0	2	263
(b)		1 033	171	2	11	1 217

(3) No.

Note:

1. Statistics in respect of (1) is for the 1985/86-financial year
2. Statistics in respect of (2) is for 1985

Lamontville: incident

HANSARD 5/6/86

865. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the South African Police took any action in connection with an incident which occurred at Lamontville on or about 8 April 1986 between members of the public and of the Police Force; if so, (a) what action, (b) why and (c) what were the circumstances surrounding this incident;

(2) whether any persons were (a) killed and (b) injured in the incident; if so, what are their (i) names and (ii) ages in each case;

(3) whether an inquiry has been instituted into the incident; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) what is the rank of the person in charge of the inquiry and (c) what were the findings;

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) to (c) On 8 April 1986 riotous pupils broke the windows of the Bantuvukani Primary School with stones, threatened the teachers and demanded back their schoolfees Two members of the South African Police who attended the complaint, were attacked with halfbricks and stones and were forced to fire on the pupils in selfdefence with birdshot.

(2) Yes.

(a) One person

(b) Seven persons.

(i) and (ii) I do not deem it in the interest of the people concerned to furnish the particulars.

(3) Yes.

(a) 8 April 1986.

(b) A Lieutenant in the South African Police.

(c) The investigation has not been completed yet.

(4) No.

Diamonds/gold: illicit dealing

888. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

(1) (a) How many persons were convicted of illicit dealing in (i) diamonds and (ii) gold in each of the latest specified five years for which information is available, (b) in how many of these cases were traps used and (c) what was the value of the (i) diamonds and (ii) gold involved in cases in which traps were not used;

(2) In respect of each of the latest specified three years for which information is available, (a) how many (i) officers, (ii) non-commissioned officers and (iii) other members of the South African Police were employed in the diamond and gold branches, respectively, and (b) what was the total cost in respect of each of these branches?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) (i) 1981—618
1982—648
1983—658
1984—730
1985—615

(ii) 1981—91
1982—143
1983—261
1984—276
1985—328

(b) 1981—617
1982—515
1983—612
1984—655
1985—627

(c) (i) 1981—R595 833,00
1982—R390 325,39
1983—R1 195 220,44
1984—R1 042 066,00
1985—R1 211 782,00

(ii) 1981—R94 032,62
1982—R240 790,63
1983—R299 451,11
1984—R172 576,02
1985—R857 831,17

(2) (a) (i) 1983—49
1984—49
1985—36

(ii) 1983—167
1984—114
1985—96

(iii) 1983—92
1984—87
1985—82

(b) 1983—R5 392 072,32
1984—R6 469 267,98
1985—R6 015 495,59

Note. Both branches work as a unit and the total cost is therefore not separable.

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Munsieville/Krugersdorp

HANSARD

895. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Law and Order:

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Whether the South African Police recently took steps to bring about peace and quiet between the residents of Munsieville and Krugersdorp; if so, (a) what steps, (b) what is the (i) total and (ii) monthly expenditure involved in this, (c) how many (i) officers and (ii) other members of the South African Police are involved in guarding the boundary between Munsieville and Krugersdorp and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Except for continuous patrols no special steps were taken recently to bring about peace and quiet between the residents of Munsieville and Krugersdorp. The South African Police is not involved in the guarding of the boundary between Munsieville and Krugersdorp.

(a) to (d) Fall away.

RSA/Ciskei: joint operations

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

(1) Whether the police forces of South Africa and Ciskei have undertaken any joint operations since the independence of Ciskei; if so, (a) on what dates, (b) where and (c) what (i) was

BUS DAY 5/6/86

Troops must stay — Council

SIPHO NGCOBO

THE Soweto Town Council has called for SA Defence Force (SADF) troops to remain in Soweto "as long as people are being maimed and necklaced".

The call, which came in the wake of a Soweto Civic Association (SCA) demand that the SADF be withdrawn, was made by the council's management committee chairman Letsatsi Radebe yesterday.

"The civic association can forget about troops leaving Soweto. People are being maimed and killed in most barbaric ways which include necklacing. We cannot be dictated to by the SCA," he said.

Responding to another SCA demand that all councillors resign, Radebe said such a demand was "just another pipedream by an organisation which did not have the interests of Soweto's people at heart".

Political comment and newsbills in this issue by Ken Owen Headlines and sub-editing by Michael Allwright Both of 171 Main Street, Johannesburg

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Policeman dared me to fight — owner

Staff Reporter

A Munsieville shop owner was assaulted and challenged to a fight by a policeman after police vehicles blocked his path, it was alleged in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Marcus Matsafu was giving evidence in the urgent application brought by the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation (KRO) against the Minister of Law and Order, the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the West Rand and the Minister of Defence.

The KRO is seeking an order to restrain the police and the SADF from committing unlawful acts in the townships of Kagiso and Munsieville. The application is opposed.

HOOTED

Mr Matsafu said that on January 3 this year he was driving his car when two police vehicles blocked the road.

Three policemen were talking to one another.

When he hooted at the policemen to let him pass, they approached him.

"They said: 'What do you think you are?' I said I was a person," Mr Matsafu said. He said he took it in a light vein.

The three then began swearing at him. "I reprimanded them about their language," he said. "I think that was a mistake — I could see by their faces."

He was then asked for his driver's licence, which was in his passbook. He could not find it in the car, he said.

ASSAULTED

When one of the policemen said he was under arrest, Mr Matsafu asked to return to his store so he could look for his licence, he told the court.

"I refused to let them put me in the van. I couldn't understand why they were arresting me."

He was assaulted by one of the policemen, hit on the head with a sjambok and punched in the face, Mr Matsafu alleged.

"The man who was assaulting me then threw his firearm on the bonnet of the car and said: 'Let's fight it out'."

Mr Matsafu told the court he refused.

The policeman then told him to "make himself scarce".

Mr Matsafu said his attitude to the police had changed. Previously he had considered the police to be peace officers.

The hearing continues.

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'Troops must stay'

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Soweto Town Council has called for the South African Defence soldiers to remain in Soweto "as long as people were being maimed and necklaced".

The call was made yesterday by the council's management committee chairman, Mr Letsatsi Radebe.

It comes after a massive rent boycott call by the Soweto Civic Association and a demand that the SADF withdraw from the township.

"The civic association can forget about troops leaving Soweto. People are being maimed and killed in most barbaric ways which include necklacing."

Responding to another SCA demand that all councillors resign, Mr Radebe said such a demand was "just another pipe-dream by an organization which did not have the interests of the people of Soweto at heart".

June 16: Police speak to principals

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Security Police have told principals from scores of English-speaking Transvaal schools to ignore a call by the Black Sash to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the June 16 Soweto uprisings.

Last month 199 Transvaal schools received a letter from the Black Sash urging them to commemorate June 16 in an appropriate way.

Several principals confirmed they had been approached by the Security Police about the letter.

A spokesman for the police directorate in Pretoria refused to comment on the issue and said it was an "interdepartmental matter".

The Black Sash has condemned the "interference" of the police and reiterated the organisation's "horror at the enormous powers" of the Security Police.

A Black Sash spokesman said: "We are astounded at the length to which they (the Security Police) will go to silence any kind of support for those who have suffered under this Government.

"We would like to know who instructed the Special Branch to visit the schools. We also question the kind of future we are building if we continue to hide the real facts from our protected white children."

Cops shot in Soweto

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A SOWETO policeman was shot dead and another wounded during a confrontation with youths who were looting a bottle store in Molapo, Soweto, on Wednesday afternoon.

By SY MAKARINGE

Constable M D Sibisi (24), who was attached to the riot squad in Protea police headquarters, was killed after he was shot in the left forearm and on the left side of his body. His colleague, Constable E M Mshengu (24), is recuperating at Baragwanath Hospital after he was shot in the face.

Brigadier James Beeslaar, head of the Soweto Criminal Investigation Department, said yesterday that the two were among other members of the riot squad who were investigating a looting incident at the bottle store.

Brig Beeslaar said the two policemen were shot at from inside the bottle store while peeping through a hole through which the youths apparently gained entrance.

"Constable Sibisi was taken to hospital, but was certified dead on arrival. Constable Mshengu is not in a serious condition," he said.

No arrests have been made in this case.

Meanwhile Soweto violence has claimed at least 35 lives since the beginning of the week — the highest figure in a single week since the beginning of the year.

Two bodies of unknown men, one burnt beyond recognition with a tyre and the other found with multiple stab wounds, were picked up by police on the banks of Kliprivier in Kliptown earlier this week.

Brig Beeslaar said it appeared that the two men, who were in their early 20s, were killed in another part of the township and dumped near the river.

A 27-year-old man was fatally wounded when shots were fired from a vehicle during a confrontation between rival youth organisations in Dlamini earlier in the week.

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Two Vaal murder accused set free

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By PATRICK LAURENCE

A YOUNG man reached forward and kissed his lawyer's hand in gratitude at the end of a long and largely unnoticed trial last week.

Thami Zwane, 25, and seven co-accused, one a woman, had just been acquitted of murdering a Lekoa councillor, Caeser Motjeane, and his manager, Phineas Matibidi, in Sobokeng on September 3, 1984.

The murder of the two men was part of the wider revolt in the Vaal Triangle, which in turn marked the start of the rebellion in most black townships in South Africa.

The Vaal Triangle disturbances have had several legal sequels, one of which is the trial for treason of 22 men in the farming town of Delmas before Justice J van Dijkhorst.

Apart from treason, the 22 are charged with organising, mobilising and inciting the masses who marched through the Vaal Triangle on September 3 to murder five men, four of whom were town councillors.

While the 22 treason trialists are charged with inciting the crowds to attack and kill Motjeane and Matibidi, Zwane and his seven co-accused were charged with actually killing them.

One of Zwane's co-accused in the trial in Pretoria before Justice Piet van der Walt was 64-year-old Ratsolilane Mashela. He admitted that he had dropped a rock on Motjeane's prostrate body but told the court he had only done so because five men had threatened to kill him if he did not.

Under cross examination by defence counsel David Soggot, a senior district surgeon admitted that he could not determine the precise cause of Motjeane's death — whether it was due to a blow from a rock or stone (several of which were thrown) or a stab wound to the heart.

It was common cause in testimony from both state and defence witnesses that Motjeane came under attack when scores of people broke away from a protest march through Sobokeng against rent increases to lay siege to his home. They were angered when they heard Motjeane had shot dead one of a gang of children who were stoning his home, the court heard.

After Motjeane, owner of a supermarket and a taxi business, was killed the enraged crowd entered his house, dragged his manager out into the street and killed him.

In acquitting the accused, Justice Van der Walt found that the evidence of the state witnesses was unsatisfactory, that there was a possibility of collusion between them and that, as their view of the murderous attack had been through a lace-curtained window from a neighbouring house, there was a risk of mistaken identification.

The evidence of the state witnesses was, as a whole, "tainted by untruth", the judge said.

While it would have been desirable to bring the culprits to book, the defence had presented very serious objections and it was impossible to conclude that the state had proved that the accused were guilty beyond reasonable doubt, he found.

● In another legal sequel to the Vaal Triangle upheaval, six people — five men and a women — have been granted leave to appeal against the death sentence. The Sharpeville Six, as they have come to be known, were convicted of murdering Councillor Khuzwayo Jacob Dlamini in Sharpeville on September 3.

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From Alex to Winterveld, a chilling diary of death

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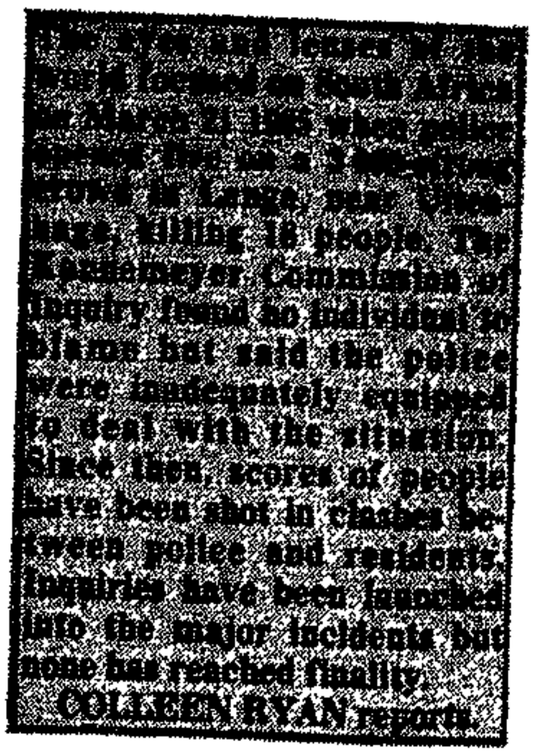
At least 18 people have been killed in three major clashes between township residents and the South African Police since November last year. Another 11 people died when the Bophuthatswana police opened fire on a crowd in Winterveld

The Progressive Federal Party has made repeated calls for judicial inquiries into the incidents, but the Government has gone no further than agreeing to internal investigations by the SAP. Here are the details about the shooting incidents which shook South Africa



[illegible] Africa [illegible] 21 [illegible] when police [illegible] in Langa near [illegible] Kimberley, killing 16 people. The Kimberley Commission of Inquiry found no individual to blame but said the police were inadequately equipped to deal with the situation. Since then, scores of people have been shot in clashes between police and residents. Inquiries have been launched into the major incidents but none has reached finality. COLLEEN RYAN reports.

Shotguns

MAMELODI, NOVEMBER 21 1985: Horror came to the Pretoria township of Mamelodi on November 21 last year when at least 13 people died in clashes with the police after a crowd of about 50 000 people marched on the council offices.

At the time, a police spokesman said the SAP had been confronted by aggressive groups and that shotguns and teargas were used several times.

The Progressive Federal Party demanded a judicial commission of inquiry into the Mamelodi confrontation, claiming the police did not have the necessary equipment to defuse the confrontation peacefully. The police have rejected this claim

Relatives of the victims are planning to sue the Minister of Law and Order for almost R2 million, according to an attorney acting for the families.

An inquiry was conducted by the Pretoria Council of Churches, but the findings have not been made public

Asked to comment on the state of police investigations, the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said: "Inquest documents are investigated by members of the Criminal Investigation Department of the SA Police. The cases are still being investigated and are likely to be completed within a month"

The police statement added that the "appropriate judicial authority will eventually decide on all the deaths".

Children

WHITE RIVER, MARCH 11 1986: On March 11, police opened fire on a group of school pupils at the kaBokweni Magistrate's Court near White River and at least one was killed.

Police said one person was killed when they fired birdshot on an uncontrollable crowd, but witnesses said at least three died About 80 pupils were injured in the incident

A police report said about 2 000 people gathered outside the court and were ordered to disperse as the court could only accommodate 30. Tear gas was fired at the crowd, and when this did not have the desired effect, birdshot was used.

Mr Enos Mabuza, Chief Minister of kaNgwane, said the only violent action of the pupils was to open the entrance gate to the local magistrate's building. They had come to attend the trial of 26 classmates who had been charged with public violence where they were waiting for a trial to start.

An inquiry, headed by General Bert Wandrag, was set up by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange

A spokesman for the Minister said the report had been handed to Mr le Grange.

"The Minister will, in due course, make a statement, but there is still an inquest pending into the death of a youth," he said

Teargas

WINTERVELD, MARCH 26 1986: At least 11 people were killed and 200 injured in Winterveld, Bophuthatswana when homeland police fired on a crowd which had gathered at a football stadium.

The incident was at the end of a three-day stayaway. The crowd had gathered at the stadium to confront the police about the detention of a number of local youths.

Police arrived at the meeting and ordered the crowd to disperse. They used teargas and then fired on the people.

Colonel M A Molope, district police commandant, has denied a claim made by the Winterveld Action Committee that he set the date for the stadium meeting and that he had agreed to address residents to answer allegations of police harassment

The Smith Commission is hearing evidence on the shootings

Petrol bombs

ALEXANDRA, APRIL 23, 1986: Allegations were being investigated that SAP members helped burn houses and assault residents in Alexandra on April 23, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, said in Parliament in reply to a question from the Progressive Federal Party

Mr le Grange said police reinforcements had been sent to the township early on April 22 after various incidents of stone-throwing, arson, fire damage, petrol bomb attacks, the use of a firearm and the erection of road blocks Mr le Grange said four people were killed, two of them by gunshot wonds, one as a result of burns and one due to assault.

One policeman received a gunshot wound in the stomach. He said no one had been detained in connection with the incidents

About 800 academics signed a petition urging the Government to investigate allegations of police involvement in attacks on Alexandra activists last month

The petition, drawn up by staff and students at Wits University's of the Medical School, was circulated in most South African university medical faculties

The petition called on the Government to state publicly that allegations of police involvement in the recent violence would be investigated with the greatest vigour It called on the State President, Mr PW Botha to respond to reports of attacks on the homes of community leaders in Alexandra townships by gangs of black and white masked men wearing "police-type" uniforms.

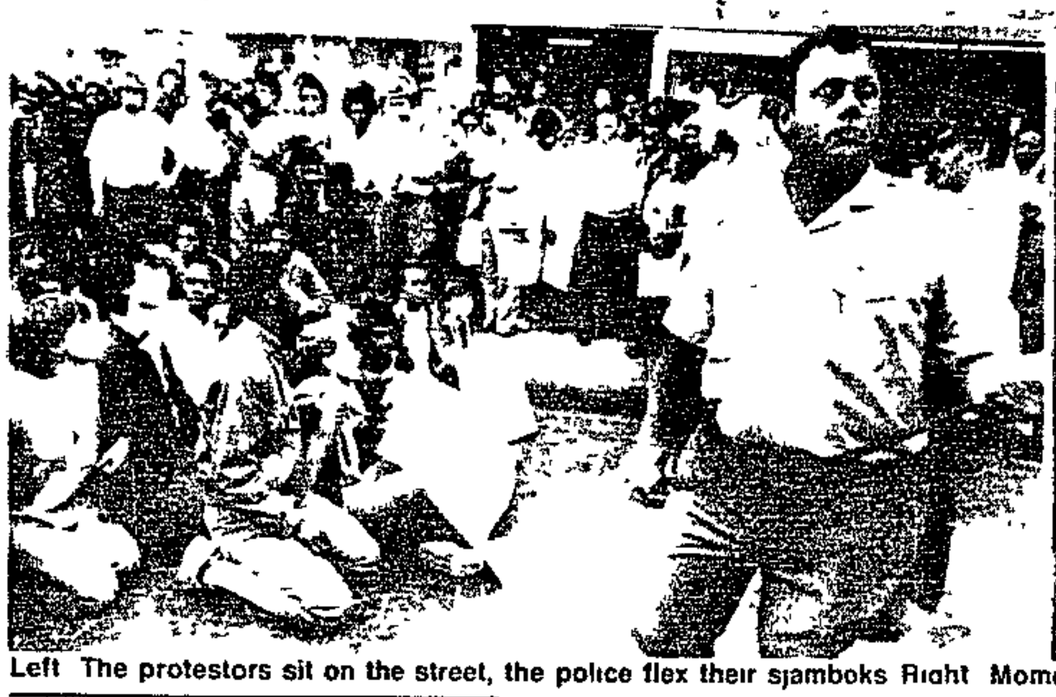
Asked to comment, the police public relations directorate said. "The Alexandra incidents of alleged lawless behaviour are still being investigated"

Inquest dockets were still being investigated and the appropriate judicial authority would eventually decide on all the death, said the police statement

'Those who witnessed the assault of our students with sjamboks and quirts were shocked and appalled, as were people throughout the world'

WITS UNIVERSITY VICE-CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR KARL TOBER

The spark: police cart off a black student



Left The protestors sit on the street, the police flex their sjamboks Right Moments later, police were unleashed to disperse the students with sjamboks

By GAVIN EVANS

ONE message stood out after three successive days of violence at the University of the Witwatersrand if calm does not return, death and serious injury might not be far off

This chilling prospect was raised by Academic Staff Association representative Derrick Young in an address to a student meeting on Tuesday "The possibility of loss of life cannot be discounted if police are not kept off campus," he said

The intensity of the riot police action and the level of unity shown in the student response left no doubt that the conflicts in broader society had more than trickled into the "white" university — perhaps bringing it more into line with the black campuses

The days of academic surroundings being a sanctuary for peaceful protest seem to be rapidly coming to a close

"What occurs on our campus can only be a reflection of something much larger," SRC president Claire Wright told more than 1500 students who packed the Wits Great Hall for a National Union of South African Students and Azanian Students Organisation report back meeting

"But at the same time," she continued, "we certainly don't experience a civil war on this campus Rather we experience some of its manifestations"

And this time round the manifestations were severe. Forty-four students and five academics were arrested and more than 50 injured — 40 of them having to be treated at the campus health clinic for sjambok lacerations, dog bites and baton bruises One student was taken to hospital with a slipped disc.

Explaining the disproportionate police response to a peaceful student protest, former Azaso president Tiego Moseneke said "The invasion of cops on campus is part of the broader state strategy to close up the legal space in which organisations opposed to apartheid can operate — it is seen in much harsher forms in various townships throughout South Africa

"As long as the central question of political power is not resolved you are probably going to see more and more police on this campus, and like all other communities who face this brutality, we must be prepared at some point to defend ourselves," he said.

That in fact was what several students did as more than 200 police poured onto Wits with their sjamboks, shotguns, dogs and teargas One plainclothes policeman was sprayed with teargas as he attacked a student, another was severely beaten after being recognised in a crowd, and according to police a further five of their number were hurt after being stoned by students

A woman student, cornered by policemen, is beaten with a baton She had taken part in a march protesting the earlier arrest of a fellow student Pictures M Levy, Sandy Smit (Afrapix) and Reuter

The action started after a End Conscription Campaign rally on Thursday The 1 600 students filing out of the meeting were met by a small group of Students Moderate Alliance members, who had set up a table nearby and flown the South African flag to commemorate Republic Day

After 30 minutes of singing and chanting the students began to disperse, at which point the police raided, arresting Azaso member Ronnie Makgosi Students then resolved to hold further protest meetings unless he was released.

On Friday morning a mass meeting in the Senate House Concourse sent 35 delegates led by Claire Wright and Black Students Society president Dali Mpofu to negotiate Makgosi's release Accompanying them was the deputy vice chancellor, Prof Mervyn Shear, Dr Jackie Cock, Dr Doug Hindson and four other academics

The delegates and several bystanders were arrested outside the Civic Centre. A second delegation sat down and gave themselves up for arrest after being stopped by police in Jorissen street. Police then beat the seated students with batons and sjamboks

Among those arrested was Charlotte Bauer, a Weekly Mail journalist. She was charged with attending an illegal gathering and released on bail late on Friday Charges against her were dropped on Monday

The next group of students — about 1 500 strong — was also met by charging riot police and the conflict continued until the early evening

On Saturday morning the police moved onto campus again to break up an Education Charter Campaign meeting addressed by Curtis Nkondo The indoor meeting had been declared illegal

Wits vice chancellor, Prof Karl Tober, was strongly criticised by students and staff for not reacting strongly to the police presence on campus But at Tuesday's meeting Tober condemned the raids "in the strongest terms", called for the reconstruction of the "entire education system" and announced his "unequivocal support" for the initiative of the National Education Crisis Committee

Announcing an investigation into the events of the previous week he said "Those who witnessed the assault of our students with sjamboks and quirts ... were shocked and appalled, as were people throughout the world who witnessed these scenes on television on Friday night."

The PFP also condemned the police action and said it would set up a committee to monitor the situation at Wits University

The 49 students and academics who were arrested were released the following day and the hearings were postponed to July 9

In the last nine months police have "invaded" Wits six times, arresting more than 70 students and injuring more than 100

A COURT HEARS OF THE DAY ELEVEN PEOPLE WERE SHOT AT WINTERVELD

The Brigadier who gave the order to fire at Winterveld poses with his bullet-proof limousine

Large crowds descended on a fortress-like court house in Ga-Rankuwa where the officer who gave the order to fire on a crowd gave evidence to a commission of inquiry JO-ANN BEKKER reports

Brigadier Makanye Molope ... 'I realised that the lives of the police were in danger' Picture JO-ANN BEKKER

Police use batons to disperse mourners at the Winterveld funerals Picture TREVOR SAMSON, AFP

"I AM certain there is not a single person who considers me a threat I really work very well with people," said the police brigadier who gave the order to Bophuthatswana Police to open fire on a crowd at the Winterveld Stadium

Brigadier Makanye Molope was giving evidence to a Commission of Inquiry into the March 26 shootings which left 11 people dead

The brigadier's appearance, in his bullet-proof black BMW, drew large crowds to the hearing in the red-brick fortress which houses the Ga-Rankuwa Magistrate's Court outside Pretoria

Towering head and shoulders above everyone in the courtroom the brigadier turned his back to the public gallery during three days of gruelling cross-examination this week He held his head high but never lifted his eyes to look at his questioner, Advocate Wim Trengove, who is representing community organisations and the families of the victims of the shootings

Molope's evidence gave a sensational turn to the five-week-old commission which was appointed by Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope to examine the background and circumstances of the shootings, ascertain the nature and extent of the involvement of the homeland's police and defence force, and recommend any changes to existing laws it may see fit. The commission is headed by Justice Edgar Smith, a former attorney general in what was then Rhodesia.

Not the least dramatic was the evidence that little more than a month after the "Winterveld massacre" Molope was promoted from colonel to brigadier and is now stationed at the head office of the Bophuthatswana police in Mbatho When he gave the order to open fire he was divisional commissioner of the police for the Odi-Moretele area which includes the Bophuthatswana villages of Winterveld and Mabopane, outside Pretoria

Molope, 41 — who joined the South African police when he was 17, and, shortly after being made an officer, was transferred to the Bophuthatswana police in 1977 — told the inquiry he believed Mangope, who is also the Minister of Law and Order, had publicly expressed his confidence in his decision at Winterveld by promoting him

In earlier evidence before the commission, a number of soldiers from the Bophuthatswana Defence Force testified they had seen police under Molope's command assaulting members of the crowd immediately after the shooting

Said Major Fred Sole, commander of the BDF's Ipeleng base in Mabopane "I saw one policeman hit people on the head with an R4 I said to him he should stop molesting the people but he said he felt nothing

"I then went to a warrant officer in the police and asked him to talk to this particular policeman, but he answered that that man was a sergeant and was used to acting in such a manner"

Molope told the hearing that the chairman of the Winterveld Community Council, Lawrence Lebese, had approached him on March 25 and said he had been mandated by the community to petition for the release of a group of detained children Molope said he had promised to help if the families of these children approached him

The first he knew about the stadium meeting the following day was when a police major phoned him and said he was "needed" there as the situation was confused and dangerous, he said The major had not asked for reinforcements

Molope estimated that between 10 000 and 15 000 people were gathered at the soccer field He asked a woman, a leader in the community, why the crowd had gathered and she had said they wanted their children released from detention He had established that they had not obtained a permit to hold the meeting

Molope said he had told the crowd they were gathering illegally, and had invited them to approach him individually about the detained children Then he turned to go

But the crowd had jeered at him. They had called him "Botha", which he took to be an uncomplimentary reference to South Africa's State President P W Botha, and had called out that they also wanted jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela released

As he turned back he saw youths carrying five petrol bombs, but as he ordered police to arrest them they disappeared into the crowd

"I said to the people 'I notice you don't want to disperse' And I instructed the police to use teargas There were about five paces between the police and the crowd."

Molope said the people had used water in containers around the field to wash the teargas from their faces and had then thrown petrol bombs (which had not ignited), stones and other articles at the police

"I realised that the lives of the police were in danger, that my life was too, and I gave instructions that the police should use their fire arms," Molope said He himself had been unarmed, he said

He said after a volley of shots were fired the crowd retreated. Many fell to the ground to avoid being shot He ordered a cease-fire and the shooting stopped

At this point people in the gallery sighed and shook their heads as they recalled the scene that day

Molope said he had instructed police to arrest all those lying on the ground "As the police moved in some got up and fled," he said He had counted eight corpses

"I gave instructions for an ambulance and mortuary van to be called I ordered that the seriously injured be taken to hospital immediately by police van and I tried to assist the injured," he said He denied he had seen any of his men assault those on the ground

He said he had been trained in crowd control in unrest situations in the South African police and had followed these guidelines at Winterveld

Molope said his men had collected a variety of weapons which the crowd had left behind on the field and these were handed in as exhibits

Justice Smith's bench was turned into a geological display as he examined a variety of rocks from three crates which had been earlier hauled into the court by convicts

"I doubt whether this one could be thrown," he said, struggling to lift a stone the size of a child's head.

Then the bench was transformed into a bottle store as the judge sniffed gingerly at a row of 24 liquor bottles, all containing unlit wicks The police also handed in seven rubber sjamboks, one iron sjambok, 10 wooden kieries, five iron bars and two lengths of rubber which they said had been collected after the shooting

Trengove cross-examined Molope on three court applications prior to the shootings which were based on allegations that the police were "perpetrating atrocities against the local population"

In the first, the Metal and Allied Workers Union (Mawu), the Pretoria Council of Churches and several individuals obtained a temporary interdict to stop the police brutalising the community and assaulting detainees The application was based on 42 affidavits from former detainees who claimed they had been brutally assaulted while in detention Thirty-nine of the number were minors and 40 had been held for less than 48 hours

This case led to a second successful Supreme Court application to have three detainees released The third case, which is pending, involved an application for the imprisonment of Mangope, Molope and other policemen for contempt of court for allegedly ignoring the Supreme Court order to release the three

Molope said he knew only of the first application, although Trengove said the brigadier had filed a replying affidavit in the second case

He said the police had not investigated the charges of police assault contained in the applications, because no complaints had been formally laid with the police

Trengove then quoted from an affidavit filed by Mangope in the first application in which he said "I have already called for a thorough investigation to be made of alleged assaults and other complaints"

"You can tell us that statement is a lie," Trengove said

Molope replied "I am not going to commit myself because I do not know when he conducted these inquiries"

Outlining his interpretation of the reason for the crowd's anger at the stadium, Molope said the unrest previously experienced at Ga-Rankuwa had spread to Winterveld on March 26 and was part of a revolutionary conspiracy organised by the banned Congress of South African Students (Cosas) and Mawu

He said Cosas had stopped people from going to work before and it was quite possible that they could force 15 000 people into the stadium.

Trengove asked how the crowd could be more terrified of instigators than of armed police Molope replied that he did not know what the people had been told by Cosas, perhaps they had been told the police had no ammunition, he suggested

"As far as I'm concerned, the grievances of the Winterveld community had no part to play in what happened that day," he said

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Tober assures Wits parents: Do not worry

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By Susan Pleming,
Education Reporter

The parents of students at the University of the Witwatersrand should not fear for their children's safety because of events on the campus last week, says Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor Karl Tober.

He said in an interview that Wits had its own internal security force, which was dedicated to protecting students and staff.

"They are a wonderful team who are doing very well under extremely trying conditions."

Last week police stormed the campus on three successive days and more than 40 students were reported injured after charges.

They also arrested 48 students who had attempted to march to Hillbrow Police Station to demand the release of a colleague held the day before.

Professor Tober said there had been no need for the police to enter the campus. He emphasised force would not solve any problems at the university.

He plans to meet the Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of Police for assurances that the police stay off Wits.

"It is wrong to use force to solve problems, especially when it comes to a community like a university. It saddens me that there is little understanding of the real, special existence of an academic community.

"You cannot govern a university at the point of a gun.

"Although the police must keep law and order, their intrusion on my campus is unacceptable. Their presence can only aggravate the situation."

Professor Tober said he believed the events last week had been distorted to the extent that some people believed the campus was in a permanent state of revolution.

"What has happened on campus must be placed in the context of our successes. This university is not standing still, and we are achieving a great deal."

Though the university was dedicated to high learning standards, Professor Tober said Wits was not divorced from the community. It was impossible for a "thinking person" to separate his educational aspirations from hopes for a just society.

CREATIVE ROLE

"At Wits we accept a responsibility which goes beyond the boundaries of the university. We want to play a creative role in building a just South Africa."

All political quarters on the campus were entitled to freedom of speech, assembly and expression. But, Professor Tober said, various organisations' opinions should be seen in the context of the policies of the institution and the views of the democratic majority.

He has been criticised by some student leaders and staff for not being at the scene of police action last week.

"I want to dispel the idea that I wish to distance myself from what is happening on campus and in this country. That is not true."

He described his years as vice-chancellor as the most challenging he had experienced. But, he added, the opportunities for the future were greater than ever before.

"I think what matters most is that we find a solution which will serve all the people in this country in the best possible way. I hope this university will play a creative role.

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Resident tells court of assault

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Kagiso businessman told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he was assaulted by a young white policeman in January after being challenged to a fight for hooting at a stationary police vehicle.

Mr Michael Matsafo said he was repeatedly punched by one policeman and sworn at by two others after hooting at the vehicle which was obstructing the route along which he was travelling to his Munsieville store.

He alleged that he was eventually allowed to "make himself scarce" after resisting efforts by the policemen to arrest him — following the assault — for not having his drivers' licence on him.

Shot at

The court heard that Mr Matsafo's nephew, who was living at Mr Matsafo's home nearby, was shot at twice by one of the policeman as he approached the vehicles after the assault.

Mr Matsafo is one of 114 Kagiso and Munsieville residents scheduled to testify in support of a court application brought by the Krugersdorp Residents' Organization seeking to restrain the SAP and SADF in the townships

The allegations of harassment and intimidation are denied by the three respondents, the Minister of Law and Order, the Minister of Defence and the West Rand Divisional Commissioner of Police.

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'Stop the killing,' Tutu pleads

JOHANNESBURG. — Tears streaming down his face, Bishop Desmond Tutu appealed to blacks to stop killing each other during the struggle for freedom in South Africa.

"The world is with us . . why are we killing one another in this way?" Bishop Tutu, his voice breaking, said at a packed funeral in Soweto at the weekend for Mr Diliza Matshoba, a popular field worker for the South African Council of Churches.

Mr Matshoba's body was found in a government mortuary in Soweto last month, and his family suspect he was slain by conservative vigilantes.

Two thousand mourners stood silently as Bishop Tutu raised his hands in an emotional plea for unity

"We have such a wonderful, noble cause . Please let us not use methods of which we will be ashamed," the Nobel Peace Prize-winner said.

The mourners, including anti-apartheid activist Mrs Winnie Mandela, rose and gave black power salutes as Bishop Tutu said "The fact that we are going to be free is no longer a question."

Armed police watched silently as mourners streamed from the church to follow the coffin to the cemetery

● About 300 people attended the burial of former Robben Island prisoner Mr Martin Mohau at another funeral near Johannesburg at the weekend

Mr Mohau, 23, who was buried at the Doornkop cemetery near Soweto, was killed after being abducted on the way home from the funeral of an Azanian Youth Organization official on May 24. — Sapa

Threatened Brits residents pray for peace

By Jo-Anne Collinge

More than 300 people from Oukasie, the Brits township under threat of removal, packed a mission hall yesterday to pray for the future of their community and for peace in an area where the bombing of activists' homes has caused deaths and injuries.

The inter-denominational service, organised by the Brits Council of Churches, was attended by at least 19 local ministers of religion and representatives of church organisations based in Johannesburg including the South African Council of Churches.

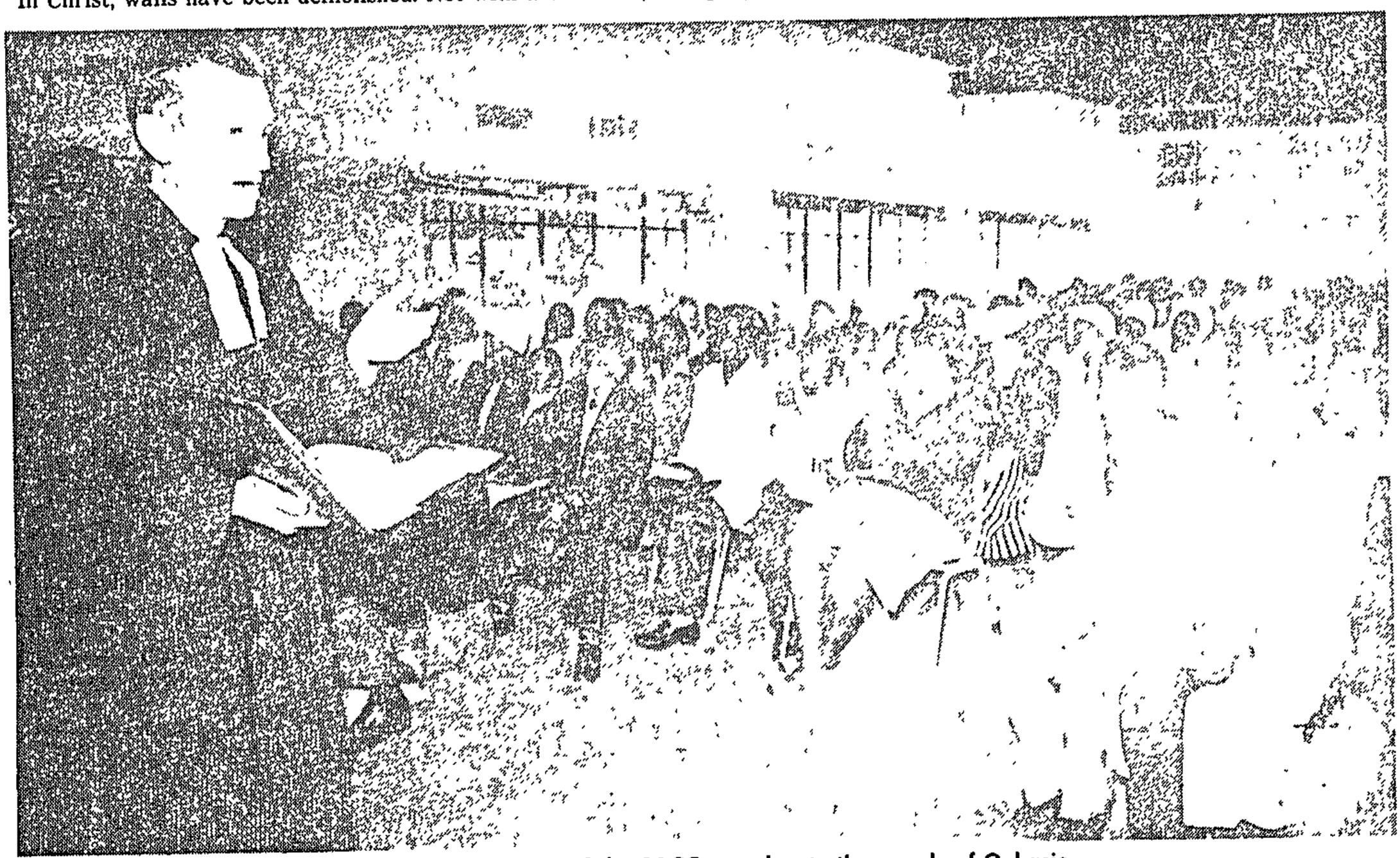
"Christ is here in Oukasie, where you are together, where people are suffering, where there is no work, where people are told they must demolish their houses, where the army moves around in Casspirs and where bombs are thrown," said Dr Wolfram Kistner, director of the Justice and Reconciliation Division of the SACC

"In Christ, walls have been demolished. Not with a bulldozer, as they have been demolished here, but the walls that divide people so they cannot live in peace together."

Dr Kistner said the authorities had told Brits people they had to move to Letlhabile because they would have better housing, water and improved transport facilities there But all these improvements could be carried out at Oukasie, suggesting that the more fundamental reason for removing Oukasie was that whites did not want black people living too close to them because they were afraid

He said the people of Oukasie could play a twofold role in their community· "You have the power to resist evil by not co-operating. You also have the power of love," he said.

"We have to struggle for justice and we have to insist that people who are living stones in God's temple cannot be treated as nobodies. But we have to do this in a way which expresses that God wants all people to become stones in his temple — even our enemies "



Dr Wolfram Kistner of the SACC preaches to the people of Oukasie.

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Soccer fans kill policeman

WITBANK. — A policeman burnt to death when he was necklaced outside the Lynneville Stadium here last night after Witbank Black Aces had beaten Hellenic 5-0.

The head of the the Witbank police, Major M J le Grange, confirmed the incident.

He said the policeman was Constable Makola of the Witbank police.

A witness said he saw a mob armed with iron pipes and knobkieries chanting at Constable Makola who was overpowered and hit on the head with a pipe.

The policeman escaped by scaling the fence surrounding the playing area. He then ran towards the dressingroom where he locked himself in.

The witness said that soon after everyone had left the stadium the mob broke into the dressingroom, dragged Constable Makola from the stadium and necklaced him

Police arrived later, but the killers had escaped.

Constable Makola was the second policeman to be killed in Witbank by angry mobs. The first was buried alive at the Witbank cemetery on May 31 while attending the funeral of a friend. — Sapa

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The burnt-out remains of a Kempton Park clothing shop petrol-bombed on Saturday morning by two armed youths who also fired shots at shoppers.

Shoppers flee armed youths

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Damage estimated at nearly R1-million was caused on Saturday morning when two armed youths petrol-bombed businesses in the central business district of Kempton Park.

There was pandemonium as hundreds of shoppers fled when youths launched their attack.

"The area was quickly cordoned off after the attack, but the assailants managed to get away," a police spokesman said yesterday.

He was unable to comment on whether the incident was politically motivated

The first attack took place about 11am when the youths stormed into MacGregor's Clothing Store and hurled what was believed to be a petrol bomb into the back of the shop.

As they fled from the burning shop they fired shots at the people inside and also tried to stab a young white boy

People walking in Pretoria Road fled in terror as one of the youths fired shots at random

A policeman who happened to be in the area gave chase and the fleeing youths also fired at him. He returned the fire.

As the youths ran from the scene of the blazing shop they hurled petrol bombs at several other shops The bombs failed to ignite but broke windows.

The owner of the clothing shop, Mr Alan Michael, said: "There were about 30 people in the store

"This one man came in and knocked one of my staff over and threw a canister towards the back of the store.

"There was a bit of panic — smoke came out of it and then it burst into flames

"People tried to get out of the store and there were a couple of other gunmen there

"One man with two pistols started firing all over the store," Mr Michael said.

Within ten minutes the whole shop was ablaze.

Relief centre blazes as rival groups clash

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Staff Reporters

THE Zolani clinic and relief centre in Nyanga East was severely damaged by fire today as battles broke out between Crossroads groups.

Police said the confrontation involved up to 11 000 men.

Latest reports said the centre operated by St John Ambulance and housing 2 200 people — mainly women and children — was burning fiercely and there was little hope of saving it.

Tents in the centre's grounds were burnt earlier.

All the refugees escaped and five St John nursing sisters trapped in the building broke out as police prepared to rescue them.

Police said at least one person died in the fighting.

Shacks burning

Shawco warden Mr Derek Livesey said he was in radio contact with workers in the mobile units who said hundreds of shacks in KTC were burning.

There were also reports of fighting in Khayelitsha.

Police said they had, not yet established how many people were injured but ambulances were standing by at Guguletu police station.

At 11.15am police reported that witdoeke had broken through police lines, and were engaging the comrades.

Police mounted an operation against the occupants of a house near KTC from which repeated gunfire was heard.

The violence appeared to have started at 10.30am after about 3 000 witdoeke and 8 000 comrades confronted one another in open veld at the bottom of Mahobe Drive between Crossroads and Nyanga, near the site of the Nyanga Bush and Portland Cement camps destroyed in previous conflicts.

A police spokesman said security forces were moved into the area in an attempt to separate the groups and teargas was used. But these measures were fruitless.

Truckloads

Residents said truckloads of men came from Khayelitsha today after overnight fighting was reported. The men from Khayelitsha were reported to be reinforcing "old" Crossroads residents. They were confronted by about 8 000 residents of other squatter camps who were said to be hijacking vehicles to fetch reinforcements.

In relief centres refugees from the earlier fighting said they feared the Crossroads men intended to attack camps.

An Nyanga resident said the refugees heard last night that "the witdoeke were out to get them". She said she was prevented from going to work today by witdoeke who were urging workers to join them to force Crossroads refugees out of Nyanga, KTC and Guguletu.

A Guguletu resident who telephoned The Argus said witdoeke in Khayelitsha were "pulling men out of buses and taxis and telling them to go and fight with them". The men were armed with pangas, kerries, piping and guns.

She had been told they were planning to attack comrades and Crossroads refugees in Nyanga, KTC, Guguletu and Khayelitsha.

Mr Livesey said he hoped to be able to set up an alternative relief centre on the pre-school creche site near Guguletu po-

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Lukhele shot dead at home

JOHANNESBURG. — A former Kangwane opposition leader, Mr David Lukhele, a prime mover in the plan to have the tiny homeland incorporated into Swaziland, was gunned down on Friday night by two men armed with AK-47 assault rifles.

Mr Lukhele, who had just visited Swaziland to try to revive his incorporation plans, died instantly, as did a Soweto resident, Mrs Elizabeth Dludlu, who accompanied him on his trip.

Mr Lukhele's wife Elizabeth was wounded in the attack, which took place while the family was watching television.

Their daughter Lindi yesterday said there was a knock on the door about 7pm and her father had shown the two men inside.

'Sent'

"They said they had been 'sent' and opened fire.

"My father apparently fell on his face in front of where Mrs Dludlu was sitting, and she was hit, too. My mother was sitting nearby, but managed to crawl to safety after being shot in the leg."

Mr Lukhele, president of the Inyathi ya Mswathi National Movement, was recently linked to pamphlets campaigning against Kangwane's leader, Mr Enos Mabuza, and criticizing him for holding talks with the African National Congress.

Mr Lukhele insisted he had nothing to do with the pamphlets, saying he suspected they were issued by the ruling party to besmirch his name.

Mr Lukhele, a former deputy to Mr Mabuza and a Swazi national, formed his opposition party two years ago after a dispute.

Campaign

It was then that he started his campaign to have Kangwane incorporated into Swaziland — a plan backed by the South African Government, but strongly opposed by progressive organizations and Mr Mabuza's government.

Mr Lukhele was also in favour of the homeland opting for independence.

Mr Mabuza issued a statement on Saturday expressing sympathy for the Lukhele family. — Sapa

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Alex to act on slaying

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THE Alexandra Action Committee at the weekend condemned the killing of a member of the Zion Christian Church by a group of youths in the township last week.

Mr Shadrack Lebusa, a self-employed motor mechanic, was beaten up before a tyre was placed around his neck and set alight on Thursday. He died on the spot.

During a meeting at the weekend the AAC executive condemned the killing and promised to take corrective action against the youths.

After a report from relatives that thugs were harassing the family and that others were stealing Mr Lebusa's property, the AAC appealed to those involved to stop such actions. It appointed a committee to look after the family's security. It also pledged to be involved in the funeral arrangements.

Meanwhile AAC was unanimously elected the sole representative of the Alexandra community during a mass meeting of all organisations in the township.

It was agreed that the Alexandra Civic Association (ACA) be dissolved and its executive members be asked to serve in the structures established by the AAC.

The Alexandra Youth Congress (Ayco), which was formally an ACA affiliate, will continue organising the youth while the Alexandra Students Congress (Asco) will continue organising the students.

The AAC, which was mandated to take full control of community life in Alexandra, suspended the consumer boycott launched two months ago in order to formalise its structures.

The rent boycott continues.

A spokesman for the AAC said plans were being discussed for the commemoration service on June 16. Details will be given later this week.

Colonel describes shootings

BOPHUTHATSWANA police and soldiers were equally responsible for the March 26 Winterveldt shootings, the Smith Commission of Inquiry into that day's killings heard yesterday.

Andrew Molope, a senior police official, told the commission in Ga-Rankuwa: "We were standing together and trying to save lives with members of the army. We were all involved and I see no way in which the soldiers could have been exempted from the danger we were facing."

Asked by the State lawyer, Mr Hennie de Vos, if army members did not act as a back up for the police, the witness said he was convinced that any reasonable person carrying a firearm would have fired shots at the rampaging crowd that day.

"And I also believe every commander would have ordered his men to shoot at the crowd as we were faced with danger," he said.

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Violence claims 13 lives

THIRTEEN people including a 33-year-old woman, were killed in separate incidents of violence in Soweto at the weekend according to a police spokesman.

Four cases of rape were reported.

Brigadier James Beeslaar, Divisional Criminal Investigation Officer of the Soweto Police, said yesterday that the 33-year-old Zola Three woman was kicked to death by a man on Sunday night.

A 27-year-old hostel inmate was shot and killed while he was sleeping in his hostel bungalow in the early hours of Sunday morning.

In another incident a 23-year-old man was shot dead while driving his car in the township.

Police suspect faction fighting in both cases.

In one of the three cases of armed robbery reported to the police at the weekend, two Soweto Council policemen were overpowered by armed men while guarding a rent office at Nancefield hostel at 2am yesterday.

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Young man is 'necklaced'

A YOUNG man was pelted with stones before he was grabbed by a group of youths and "necklaced" in Mamelodi, Pretoria, at the weekend.

Police in Pretoria confirmed the incident yesterday but gave no further details except that the man was about 18 years old and that no arrests had been made.

A police spokesman also confirmed the arrest of 15 people at a meeting at the Woane Lower Primary School in Mamelodi at about 5pm on Sunday.

Teargas was used to disperse those who attended the meeting. A spokesman for the police said 15 people were arrested as they were receiving instructions on how to make petrol bombs at the meeting. "Petrol, linen material and documents were confiscated by the police," he added.

• A 40-year-old Saulsville hostel inmate was stabbed to death in Atteridgeville on Sunday. Mr Simon Letsoba staggered into his room with a stab wound in the chest at about 8pm, police said yesterday.

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Post and Telecommunications

1085. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Communications:

(a) How many annual reports were produced by the Department of Posts and Telecommunications during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available, (b) in respect of what bodies were these reports produced, (c) what was the cost of producing each such report and (d) who did the printing of each report?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

(a) One, during the 12 months that ended on 31 May 1986.

(b) The Annual Report of the Department of Posts and Telecommunications.

(c) R21 705

(d) The Department's own printing works.

Annual reports

1087 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(a) How many annual reports were produced by the Department of Education and Training during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available, (b) in respect of what bodies were these reports produced, (c) what was the cost of producing each such report and (d) who did the printing of each report?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(a) One.

(b) The Department of Education and Training.

(c) A final statement has not yet been received from the Government Printer.

(d) Cape and Transvaal Printers for the Government Printer, Pretoria.

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†Indicates translated version.

For oral reply:

General Affairs:

†Mr SPEAKER: It has come to my notice that Questions Nos 7, 21 and 22 for oral reply today, deal with Crossroads and the KTC squatter camp.

As the matter became *sub judice* after the Supreme Court had granted an interdict in respect of the KTC squatter camp, these three questions cannot be put.

Mr G B D McINTOSH: Mr Speaker, in view of the fact that the interdict has clearly been ignored, both yesterday and today, do you not believe that as a matter of urgent public importance these questions should be answered, particularly taking into account the non-observance of that interdict yesterday, and evidently this morning as well?

Mr SPEAKER: Order! I want to tell the hon member for Pietermaritzburg-North that two wrongs do not make a right. We have to abide by the interdict granted by the Supreme Court.

Kabokweni magistrate's court

*1. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) With reference to his reply to Question No 13 on 6 May 1986, (a) who (i) was the head and (ii) were the other members of the panel investigating the incident at the Kabokweni magistrate's court near White River in the Eastern Transvaal on or about 11 March 1986 and (b) what was the nature of the investigation;

(2) whether this investigation has been completed; if not, when is it anticipated that it will be completed; if so, when;

(3) whether the investigating panel has reported its findings; if not, when is it anticipated that a report will be available; if so, (a) when and (b) what were the (i) findings and (ii) recommendations;

(4) whether any action has been taken as a result of this investigation; if so, what action;

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

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) (i) and (ii) Major General A J Wandrag, the Divisional Commissioner, other commissioned officers and members of the Force.

(b) To investigate the events on 11 March 1986 at the Kabokweni magistrate's court and the circumstances leading thereto, with specific reference to the actions of the South African Police.

(2) Yes, on 21 April 1986, after which a comprehensive report was prepared, which was submitted to me on 15 May 1986

(3) Yes.

(a) 15 May 1986.

(b) (i) and (ii) Since the inquest has not been completed yet, I do not deem it in the interest of the administration of justice to make known the findings and recommendations of the investigation.

(4) I refer the hon member to my answer in paragraph (3)(b)(i) and (ii).

(5) No.

Petrol prices

*2. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:†

Whether the revenue earned by the Republiek from exports of minerals, fuel, lubricants and related products to member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development was set off at the latest fixing of petrol prices; if so, (a) in what manner and (b) on what date were these petrol prices announced; if not, (i) what total amount did these exports come to over the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (ii) in what manner did his Department set off this amount?

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS:

No. The rest of the question falls away.

Exports

*3. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:†

(1) Whether the Republic exported minerals, fuel lubricants and related products to the amount of approximately two milliard dollars to member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development over the past two years; if so,

(2) Whether he will furnish particulars of these exports; if not, why not; if so,

with "necklaces" if they

DOCTOR ASSAULTED - EVIDENCE

A FRENCH doctor and member of the World Health Organisation yesterday told the Smith Commission of Inquiry into the Winterveldt shootings how she was assaulted by the Bophuthatswana Police. SOWETAN 11/6/86 (278)

Dr Benedicte Chanut (29), a member of WHO, told the commission in Ga-Rankuwa that she and a colleague had gone to a scene of shooting when they were arrested on March 26.

"My colleague and I went there to check if people were not injured so that we could help with first aid We saw men and women running in different directions as police hit them with flexible canes," Dr Chanut said.

Her colleague Dr Vincent Faucherre approached the police in a bid to explain they were doctors. "But he was grabbed and taken away. I jumped out of the car hoping I would be able to convince the police that there was no reason for us to be treated that way as we were doctors," she said.

One policeman stopped her and hit her with a fist, grabbed her wrist and pulled her towards where police vans were parked. "Others hit me with large flexible canes which gave me a burning feeling," she added.

"Police laughed mockingly at the crowd as they assaulted them. It was a hurtful sight", she said. She was treated for injuries by a Johannesburg doctor on the third day after the shootings.

The commission heard that Dr Chanut and other women and her colleague were pushed into a van and driven to the GaRankuwa police station where large numbers of people were being brought in police vans.

groups in Alexandra tow

Youth leader shot

FIGHTING between rival youth groups in Alexandra township near Johannesburg erupted yesterday afternoon after the president of the Alexandra Student Congress was shot dead by unknown gunmen on Monday night.

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Mr Mahlomola Mabizela, president of Asco and member of the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC), was killed when shots were fired at a meeting of the local youth group in the "Cuba" section of the township, a spokesman for the AAC said.

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Members of Asco and the Alexandra Youth Congress (Ayco) — both AAC affiliates — blamed a rival organisation in the township for the shootings.

The township was tense yesterday afternoon as violent clashes between the two groups broke out, he said.

The spokesman said tension began mounting on Monday after Ayco and Asco members stopped youths in an allegedly stolen car, and told them not to bring stolen cars into the township as this brought an unnecessary police presence to the township.

The youths then sped off and returned with guns. They opened fire on the Ayco and Asco members without injuring anyone.

Later that evening shots were fired through the window of the hall in which a meeting of a local Ayco branch was taking place and Mr Mabizela was killed instantly.

Two children — a six-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy — were injured in the shooting and taken to the Hillbrow Hospital, he said.

Another 70 people were hurt in the pandemonium as people tried to get out of the hall.

The spokesman said Mr Mabizela had just been elected chairman of the branch when he was shot. — Sapa.

Official denies supplying petrol

Cape Times 12/6/86

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A former deputy mayor of Kagiso denied an allegation in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he had supplied petrol from his filling station to youths free of charge.

He also denied that his resignation during December last year, as Kagiso deputy mayor after nine years as a councillor, was "merely an attempt to save his filling station and shop from destruction by youths".

He testified earlier that he had announced his resignation as a councillor at a Kagiso public meeting called by the Krugersdorp Residents' Organization (KRO).

Mr Mike Mabaso is one of 114 Kagiso and Munsieville residents scheduled to testify in support of the application by the KRO against the Law and Order Minister, the Defence Minister and the West Rand Divisional Commissioner of Police.

The KRO application seeks to restrain SAP and SADF members in the townships.

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STAR

Police stall on alleged hijack

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Staff Reporter

kwaNdebele police have refused to tell *The Star* if they are to charge people who last month allegedly hijacked buses and used them to transport villagers to an illegal gathering.

On May 14 reporter Rich Mkhondo wrote that he had seen kwaNdabele police and SADF soldiers laugh and joke as they hurled teargas canisters, without warning, into the moving buses.

He attempted to get police comment before publishing but was told by a police officer in the area that the kwaNdabele Commissioner of Police, Brigadier N C van Niekerk, "is not going to speak to the Press, radio or television. You should contact the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria".

NO JURISDICTION

The Police Directorate of Public Relations said they had no jurisdiction in kwaNdabele and could not comment.

However, on television and in the next morning's newspapers Brigadier van Niekerk was quoted as saying the police had acted because the buses had been hijacked and taken to an illegal homeland gathering.

Residents said the buses had been hired by the different villages to transport people to and from the meeting, which took place in the wake of violent clashes between security forces and youths at a funeral of an unrest victim the day before.

The Star then sent a telexed message on May 16 to Brigadier van Niekerk pointing out the disparities and requesting an urgent reponse to the allegations.

He was asked how many people were arrested, whether or not they were charged with hijacking the buses and when and where they were expected to appear in court

The Star has been trying for almost a month to get an official response.

Brigadier van Niekerk said on Monday that he did not have time to send a telexed reply. He said *The Star's* coverage of the alleged attacks was "exaggerated".

He alleged that *The Star* had not bothered to give his versions of unrest events in the past.

Grenades injure 4 cops

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FOUR council police were attacked with hand grenades while guarding the Moroka North house of councillor Z H Madikane, said Major J H S Meintjies, head of the Soweto City Council police yesterday.

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They are constables Brian Mtshali, Isaac Rampai, Isaiah Nhlapo and Clement Khanyile, who are all recruits from outside Johannesburg, according to Maj Meintjies.

They were rushed to Baragwanath Hospital where Constable Mtshali was treated for sharpnel wounds and Constable Rampai for injuries to his arms, ribs, eyes and nose.

Constable Nhlapo was treated for back and lower leg injuries while Constable Khanyile was treated for shock and later discharged.

Maj Meintjies said the constables were attacked by people who hurled four hand grenades in the backyard and cut the telephone line.

- Two Standard 8 pupils were each sentenced to seven strokes with a light cane in the Pietersburg Regional Court yesterday after being found guilty of public violence.

They cannot be named because of their ages. They appeared with Mr Elias Molepo (19), Mr Solly Masinya (19) and a 16-year-old youth who were all discharged.

Their appearance arises from disturbances at Manoshi High School at Ga-Molepo on October 2 last year.

Mass funeral for 7 pupils

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THE seven pupils from Daveyton, Benoni, who were killed in a bus accident last weekend in QwaQwa, will be buried at a mass funeral on Saturday.

The seven died when the bus in which they were travelling careered off the road at a sharp curve and plunged down a steep hill on Saturday about 8am, a few kilometres outside QwaQwa.

The bus driver also died in the accident. The pupils were from Ulwazi High School in Daveyton.

The dead are Dubi Bamuda, Kennedy Mbalula and his brother Ferdinand, Glorious Ngcobo, Chairmaine Zozi, Cannon Sibhaca and Petronella Mahlanyana.

A teacher at the school yesterday said the funeral service to be held at the Sinaba Stadium in the township will start at 10 am. The burial will be at the local cemetery at 1 pm.

Meanwhile the Daveyton and Wattville Chamber of Commerce and Industries has donated R1 500 towards the burial costs of the seven pupils. They have also established a body called the Ulwazi Bus Disaster Fund and the community has been asked to present donations to the following people: Mr J P Masango of the Lucky Seven Supermarket; Mr Brian Jayiya of the Bee/Jay Dealers and Mr M O Matsi of the Civic Centre Restaurant — all are members of the Chamber of Commerce in Daveyton.

SOWETAN reporter gets a subpoena

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THE *Sowetan's* Pretoria staff reporter, Monk Nkomo, has been subpoenaed to reveal before a Pretoria magistrate the identities of people who gave him information about the alleged involvement of members of the South African Police in petrol bomb attacks on the homes of Atteridgeville activists.

The subpoena follows a report in the *Sowetan* on April 14, in which youths in Atteridgeville alleged they had recognised a black policeman as being among a group which attacked a home in Atteridgeville.

The report said that a gang of men sped off after the home was attacked. In one car, they said, they recognised a black policeman they knew and a number of whites and blacks.

Two people in the car wore balaclavas, they said.

Mr Stanley Baloyi, whose home was also petrol-bombed, had told the *Sowetan* that their street committee was on patrol when they were allerted about two cars parked near his home.

"A man alighted and went into the yard and threw petrol bombs into my parents' bedroom. We all rushed out and approached the two cars which we recognised as police vehicles. The occupants then started shooting at us as they drove off at high speed . . ." he said.

Last month Major N J C Olivier of the Pretoria police informed the Editor of the *Sowetan*, Mr Joe Latakgomo, that they were investigating the allegations and wanted to "bring the culprits to book" if the allegations were proved correct.

The youths who made the allegations to Monk Nkomo pointed out that they were afraid to identify themselves as the only person whose name appeared in the article, Mr Baloyi, had been detained. The *Sowetan* then advised Major Olivier that he could get whatever information he required from Baloyi as he should be able to trace him in detention.

Should Nkomo refuse to reveal any further information to the police, he could face a six month jail sentence, which is renewable if he still refuses to do so after the expiry of six months.

Reacting to the action against Mr Nkomo, Mr Latakgomo said that he condemned "in the strongest possible terms" efforts by police to turn reporters into police informers. "This kind of harassment of journalists must stop. The police have all the resources at their disposal to investigate cases, but the tendency to take the easy way out has become all too prevalent," Mr Latakgomo said.

"Mr Baloyi was named in the article because it was his home that had been attacked. If it is true that he has been detained, is it any wonder that the other witnesses are afraid to come forward?" he said.

Mr Latakgomo said that they referred the matter to the newspaper's legal representatives. "We will fight this matter to the highest level," he said.

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Officers' promotion prompts lawyers to quit Bop inquiry

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

The promotion of two Bophuthatswana officers — who were in command of police who opened fire on a public meeting in Winterveld on March 26, when 11 people were killed — has prompted lawyers for the community to withdraw from the judicial inquiry into events

Winterveld residents leave the gaRankuwa Supreme Court in high spirits after hearing their lawyers tell the Smith Commission· "We're quitting."
Picture by Herbert Mabuza

Mr Chini Molondo, chairman of the Mabopane/Winterveld Crisis Committee.

GRIEVANCES

Commission chairman, Mr E A T Smith, heard that Winterveld community groups and victims' families viewed the promotion of Brigadier M A Molope (who was a colonel at the time of the shootings) and Colonel D J Mokobyane (who was a major), as "a slap in the face, both to them and their grievances and, indeed, to this commission".

Counsel Mr Bob Nugent elaborated "Notwithstanding the most serious allegations which have been made against the men under the command of these officers, the executive has made what is seen by our clients as a public display of its confidence in them by promoting them."

Mr Nugent said his clients "no longer have confidence that the executive will act impartially in relation to any findings which this commission may make" They had concluded that further participation in the inquiry was useless as the commission could go no further than making recommendations.

Mr Nugent emphasised the community aimed not merely to justify its contentions that police had acted unjustifiably and unlawfully, but to see that the "conduct of which they complain is brought to an end and that those responsible for it should be brought to account

"Our contention before this commission has been that the incidents which occurred on March 26 were preceded by a campaign of intimidation and violence by a section of the Bophuthatswana Police Force which had its inevitable consequence in the tragedy which occurred on that day."

Mr Nugent added that several attempts had been made before March 26 to curb the allegedly unlawful activities of the police

Mr Justice Smith expressed regret at the withdrawal, saying it would make the task of the commission more difficult. He added that the promotion of the two police officers would in any event have been examined by the commission

SNAR

"YOU SEE, IT PAYS TO BE A REBEL!"

Five killed, more hurt in Kwandebele fighting

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — At least five people, including three security guards, have reportedly been killed and many others seriously wounded in Kwandebele.

Sources in the homeland said trouble started on Wednesday afternoon when three security guards at a business complex belonging to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr P M Ntuli, clashed with "comrades" who wanted to set the complex alight for the second time.

They said a youth was seriously wounded when the guards fired to disperse the group.

Later, about 4pm, more youths attacked the three guards with stones and other missiles. The guards were overpowered and killed and their bodies allegedly doused with diesel and set alight.

The youths burnt down the complex which consisted of the Zwelitsha Supermarket, the Zenzelem Bar Lounge and Bottle Store.

Mr Ntuli confirmed the attack on his property and said it was possible that the guards were also killed He said the guards belonged to a private security company

The fighting between the vigilante group and the youths continued yesterday leaving many people wounded

The trouble started a few hours before the burials of three unrest victims were due to take place.

Frightened villagers, mostly women and children, said members of Mbokotho had wounded many people and had also burnt some properties and homes of the "comrades".

Later the "comrades" had mobilised and attacked the retreating vigilantes

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Family escapes bomb ordeal

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A Kagiso township mother of six yesterday said her house was petrol-bombed because one of her daughters was in love with a policeman.

Mrs Joyce Mokoma (49) said she and her children were woken up by loud bangs that were followed by smoke and flames.

Her two sons, Abisah (32) and Ernest (27) sustained burns and were taken to Leratong Hospital where they are being treated.

Baby

Mrs Mokoma said: "I strongly suspect that my house was petrol-bombed because my daughter, Constance (21) is in love with a policeman and they have a baby girl, Caroline (2)".

Mrs Mokoma estimated the damage to her property at R2 000 and said "thank God the incident did not cause death in my family".

Winterveld lawyers walk-out in protest

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By JO-ANN BEKKER

LAWYERS representing community organisations and the families of 11 people shot dead on March 26 by Bophuthatswana police at Winterveld have walked out of the official commission of inquiry into the incident.

Advocate Bob Nugent, who spoke for the legal team, said this week they were withdrawing because their clients had lost confidence in the Bophuthatswana government's willingness to act on the commission's findings, after hearing that the two police officers in charge at the Winterveld shootings had since been promoted.

Nugent said the promotions — which came at a time when the conduct of the police at Winterveld was one of the main areas under scrutiny at the enquiry — were "a slap in the face" to his clients, their grievances, and to the commission.

The commission, headed by Judge Edgar Smith, a former Attorney-General of white-ruled Rhodesia, was set up by Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope shortly after the killings at the Winterveld sports stadium.

But, it emerged during the inquiry last week, less than a month after the incident Mangope, who is also Minister of Law and Order, promoted the man who gave the order to fire, Colonel Makanye Molope, to Brigadier. His second-in-command, Major Mobobyane, was made colonel.

Brigadier Molope told the Commission he believed that President Mangope had publicly expressed his confidence in his (Molope's) actions on March 26 by promoting him. Molope also said there had been three other colonels in line for promotion — two were at the same level of seniority as himself, but one was his senior.

Nugent said his clients believed the events of March 26 were preceded "by a campaign of intimidation and violence by a section of the Bophuthatswana Police Force".

He said civic leaders had taken steps to curb this campaign by approaching the community council and bringing three urgent applications before the Supreme Court of Bophuthatswana.

Without pre-empting the findings of the commission, Nugent said, it was possible Justice Smith would find that the conduct of the police on March 26 was unjustified, and that the incident itself was attributable to a course of unlawful conduct by the police.

However, Nugent said, the people of Winterveld no longer had any confidence that the Bophuthatswana government would act on the commission's findings should they reflect badly on police actions and on the two men in command.

Nugent said he was not criticising the way the commission had been conducted, nor its impartiality.

Justice Smith said he regretted the decision to withdraw the lawyers as it would make the commission's task more difficult.

The decision was partly speculative, he added. "One of the matters I had intended to investigate in more detail was the promotion of Molope and the other policeman. The commission will still do this," he said.

The withdrawal of Nugent and his attorneys means the commission will now hear evidence led by lawyers representing the Bophuthatswana Defence Force and Police, as well as a lawyer, HJ Fabricius, representing four Winterveld residents who face criminal charges arising from the shootings, including possible charges of treason. Fabricius said he understood Nugent's argument, but felt compelled to place his clients' version of the events before the commission as they had already been named by other witnesses.

At a press conference after the walk-out the head of the Winterveld Crisis Committee, Chini Molondo, said the shootings at Winterveld should not be blamed merely on Mangope and his policemen, "but on his bosses who created Winterveld for us".

He added: "What happened at Winterveld happens each and every day on South Africa's soil. We know even if Molope was thrown out of the police force it would not stop the whole problem in South Africa."

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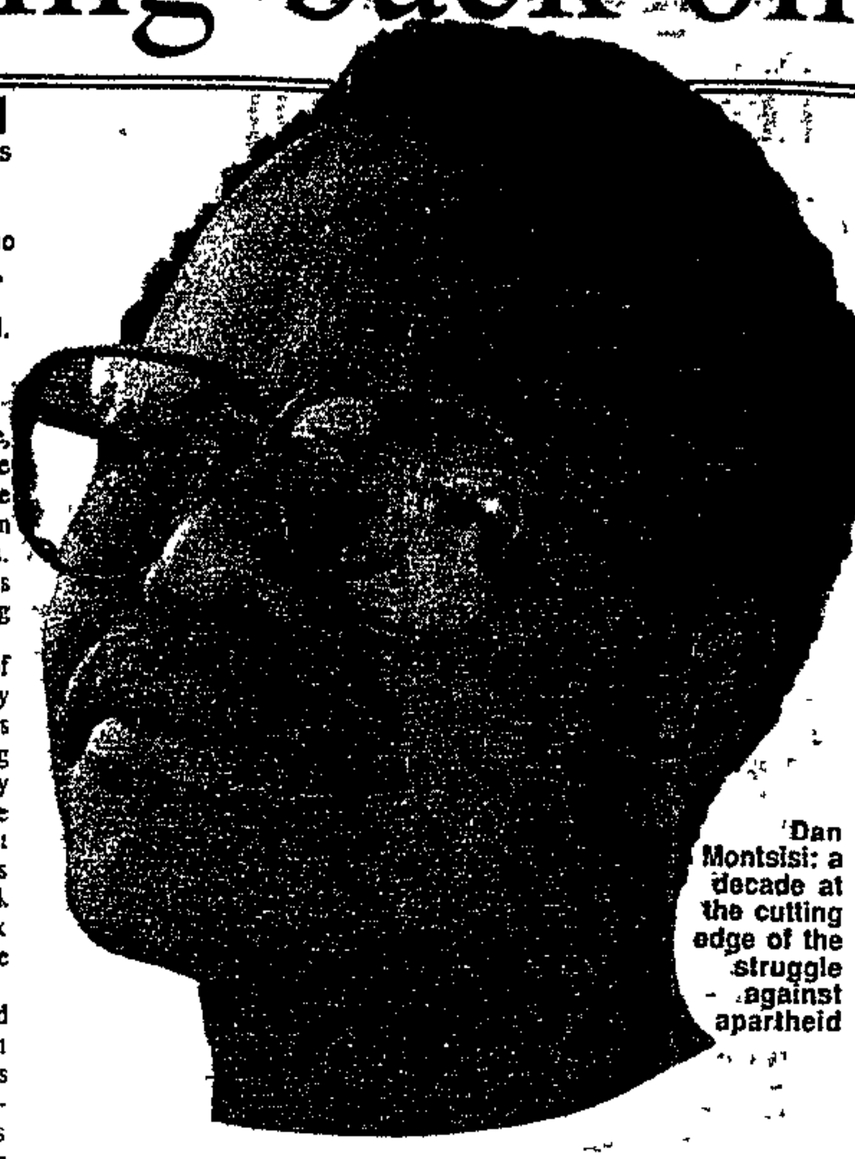
OUTSIDE ORLANDO WEST HIGH SCHOOL, A CROWD OF PROTESTORS HALF

Looking back on

THE STUDENT LEADER

No one expected the harshness of the government response to what was meant as a peaceful protest, says Dan Montsisi, who in June 1976, at the age of 17, helped organise the fateful march that ended in bloodshed. Here he talks to SHAUN JOHNSON



Dan Montsisi: a decade at the cutting edge of the struggle against apartheid

TO look at Dan Montsisi, an affable, youthful-looking 28-year-old, one could not begin to guess at the experiences this young South African has lived through in the past 10 years. He is a child of Soweto '76, and his involvement in that famous uprising has shaped his adult life.

Montsisi's first recollection of political awareness is of the brutality with which police enforced the pass laws in the early 1970s The young were "revolted and bewildered" by police raids on township homes, he says, and began to talk amongst themselves to try to explain it. He was also influenced by literature on black theology, and early black consciousness publications such as the SASO Bulletin and Black Review

In 1972, at the age of 13, he joined the South African Students Movement (SASM), and within two years was elected president of the Sekano-Ntoane school branch In this capacity, he took part in a meeting in May, 1976 which called for action against the proposed introduction of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in Soweto schools A further meeting was held in the township on June 12 It was here that the march was planned for June 16, and an action committee set up to co-ordinate student activity, with Tsietsi Mashinini as its head

Although the SASM leaders were more politicised than their constituents, according to Montsisi, "there was very strong anti-apartheid sentiment at grassroots level conditions were ripe for mobilisation and the response was tremendous".

The march of June 16 was a demonstration by students to express their abhorrence of the education system to South Africa and the world, he says But no-one expected the harshness of the government's response to what was planned as a peaceful protest. Montsisi says the fury of police action during the uprising "created conditions of terror which we got used to Like carrying seriously wounded people, even corpses It left an impression on us that will never go away"

'The security police thought we had been working with the ANC. They couldn't conceive of students planning and executing a demonstration'

The Soweto Students Representative Council (SSRC) was formed in August, 1976, with Mashinini as founding president. By the end of the month he had fled the country, and in January, 1977 Montsisi was installed as the third president of the SSRC. He faced difficult times unity was under threat, with students divided over whether to sit for examinations or not. But the ceremonial burnings of bantu education setbooks and the successful march on the offices of the Urban Bantu Council, which resulted in the resignation of its members and the reduction of rents, brought the community together once more and forged the first real links between parents and students

In June, 1977 the leaders of the SSRC were arrested Montsisi had often had to go into hiding in his early days of involvement in SASM, but had never before been detained.

"It was the first time I had been exposed to torture, and the first time I really understood the real nature of the South African regime. I would sit in my cell after very harsh treatment and ask myself what type of people these were, who could subject me to this. Did they have no conscience?

"The security police thought we had been working with the ANC They couldn't conceive of students planning and executing a demonstration To them it had to be orchestrated by communists from outside"

Montsisi and his colleagues went on trial for sedition in September 1978 after more than a year in solitary confinement Sentence was passed eight months later, with Montsisi receiving eight years' jail, four of them suspended It was the heaviest sentence of all the trialists.

He served his four years on Robben Island and regards the experience as one of the most important of his life.

"There was an administration block on the island", he recalls, "and there one could meet Mandela, Sisulu, Mbeki, Kathrada and others. For us young people who had heard so much about them it was a wonderful experience, and we made sure we discussed as much as we could with them.

"It was amazing to us that in spite of so many years on the island, they were still so courageous, mentally alert and determined to fight on We developed a deep comradeship with them through discussions and understanding of the problems we face in South Africa We also felt great respect They were like fathers to us It was the type of relationship that cannot be broken by the system, and the experience of the island is one that no other individual can take away from you"

Montsisi says the period of incarceration honed his own political perceptions "For example my understanding of the Freedom Charter had not been that thorough before It was on the island that we could look back and learn from our history One was able to put into correct perspective those pieces of the jigsaw puzzle which had been missing all along

"We began to understand that we young people were not the first to take this kind of action — we found out about the old ANC Youth League, for example, and the African Student Organisation We drew from the rich history of the struggle, and were able to recognise the authentic leadership and people's movement."

Montsisi regards it as "unfortunate" that some activists who emerged in the 1976 era came to regard the ideology of black consciousness "as the exclusive possession of a particular political faction, and independent of the heritage of the progressive movement, when in essence it was refracting the conditions in the country at a particular time."

He was released on May 11 1983 Along with others on Robben Island he had heard reports of the imminent launch of a national organisation within South Africa, and on his return to Soweto he was soon drawn into the ranks of the Soweto Youth Congress, Soyco. It was as a delegate from Soyco that he attended the formal launch of the United Democratic Front in August. A year later he was elected to the UDF executive as a youth officer

Montsisi is now once again at the cutting edge of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa — in the townships. He looks back over the past decade of resistance with the eyes of one who has seen it in all its aspects, joyous and horrific, at first hand He regards the emergence of national co-ordinating bodies inside the country — like the UDF, Cosatu and the NECC — as the single most important difference between the current period and that of 1976, and as the hope for moving towards a new South Africa.

'No real demands have been met, even in the educational system. There have just been adjustments here and there.'

He dismisses the government's attempts to implement a process of reform. "I do not talk of it seriously, because ultimately what the people are yearning for is to be able to govern their country No real demands have been met, not even in the educational system There have just been adjustments here and there"

He looks with trepidation at the approach of the 10th anniversary of the Soweto uprising in which he was so deeply involved. "The government is treading on very sensitive ground by trying to stop people from commemorating this day It is a very important anniversary for the people, and they wanted it to make a long-lasting impression on all South Africans

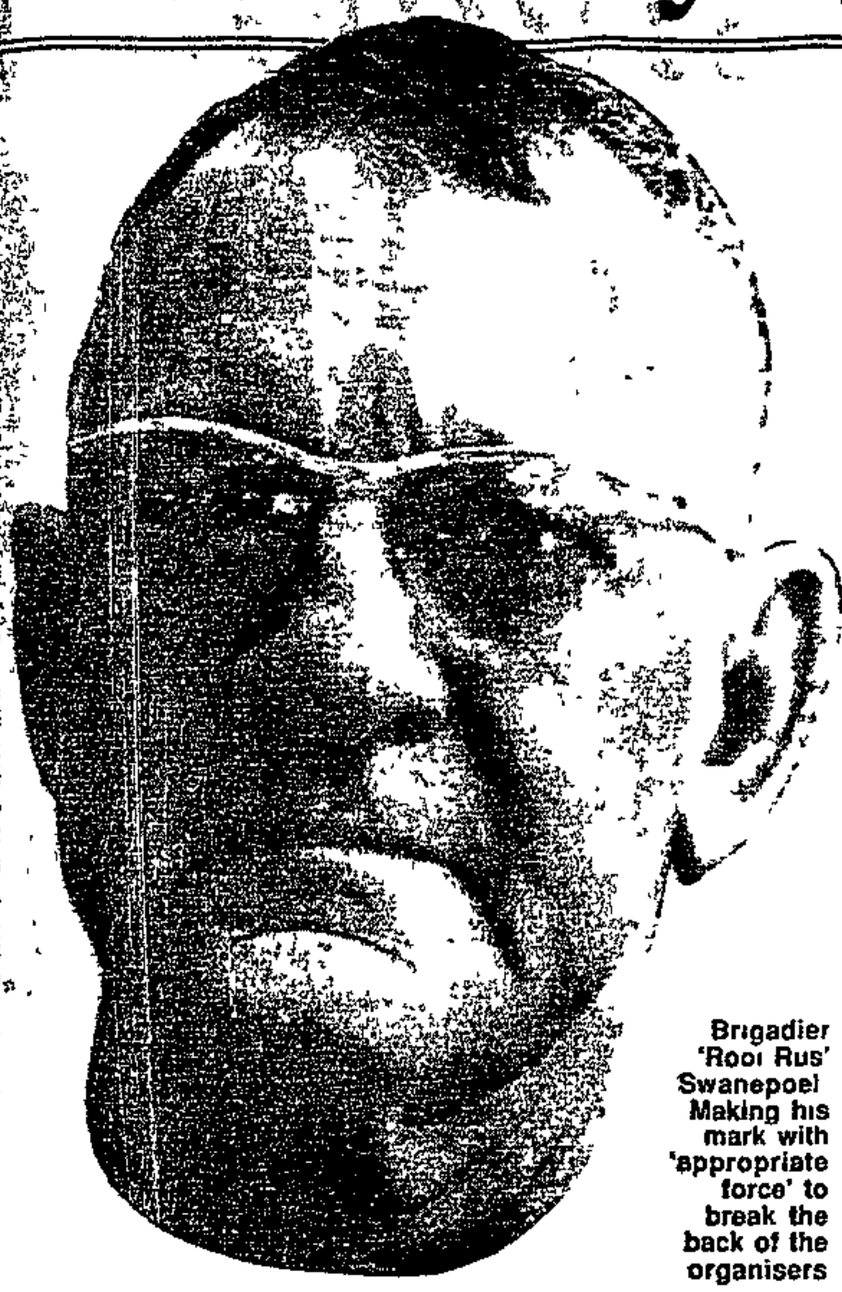
"If the government really is going to intervene on Monday, the anger which could have been voiced through songs and slogans at mass rallies is going to have to find an outlet somehow Knowing the extent of the militancy amongst young people and students, I fear we are heading for a really bloody June 16 I wonder where and how the youth are going to express their feelings. I am only certain that they will."

A KILOMETRE DEEP, CONFRONTS A POLICE BLOCKADE; A SHOT RINGS OUT, FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER. THE DATE: JUNE 16, 1976

that fateful day in June

THE POLICE CHIEF

There are no half measures when you are dealing with riots, says the man who takes credit for crushing the Soweto revolt a decade ago. Here Brigadier "Rooi Rus" Swanepoel talks to PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK



Brigadier 'Rooi Rus' Swanepoel Making his mark with 'appropriate force' to break the back of the organisers

BRIGADIER "T J" "Rooi Rus" Swanepoel, in retirement on a farm outside Hammanskraal with a Beretta 9mm revolver strapped to his waist (I am on the list of those who must be "liquidated"), takes credit for crushing the Soweto revolt a decade ago and would come out of retirement if called on to do it again.

"I enjoy war," he says as he sips coffee on the verandah

The chief interrogator of the Rivonia trialists and many more, the founder of the anti-terrorist unit which became Koevoet, who led the first-ever armed battle against Swapo on August 26, 1966 for which he got the police star for bravery, spent a decade fighting wars in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola and "some places I cannot name", and a lifetime fighting communism. Known throughout the world as The Beast.

Whoever gave such a man the nickname "Red Russian"?

Says Swanepoel "Where the name started I wouldn't know The name of Rooi Rus has become famous for what it is — and that's attached to dangerous situations Especially the younger men, if they know the Rooi Rus is in charge, things will come right."

He has a simple maxim for dealing with unrest "If you have to shoot one person, or wound one person in the leg, you stop him But if it's necessary to shoot a hundred to get the situation under complete control, do so There are no half measures when you are dealing with riots"

Swanepoel is critical of "certain unnamed police officers" who did not use all necessary force on June 16 to stop the uprising

"If the police had enough men available on the 16th and used sufficient force — irrespective of the number being killed — we could have stopped them. I'm not going to go into

'It's not so easy to psyche yourself up to give the command to fire and say: "Right, pick off the leaders and shoot them' '

if we had killed a thousand or ten thousand that day — I'm saying if we used enough force that day we could have stopped the riots in Soweto and they wouldn't have spread throughout the country

"It's not a question that the police could not deal with the situation. It is my honest opinion some of our officers were dragging their feet They were not scared but they were reluctant

"It's always difficult. It is not easy if you are in command and things get out of hand. You are trying everything to pacify the rioters and you see things are already completely out of control and it's not so easy to psyche yourself up to give the command to fire and say "Right, pick off the leaders and shoot them.

"Talk was out of the question. You must realise that we were dealing with black people, we are dealing with a very emotional person. Whereas other racial groups would give you an opportunity to talk, with the blacks when they are out of control, they are completely out of control.

"The only way you can get them under control is to use force — more force than they can take."

Swanepoel was a colonel on June 16, stationed at Johannesburg North, and was drafted to Soweto because "Soweto at that time was completely underpoliced. They could not control

send in task forces."

He grabbed the first 60 men he could get "By the time we got to Soweto everything was in flames It was chaos. It was a tragic scene to look at — cars being burnt, people being killed

"Everything was chaotic and completely out of control We had far too few men available for the situation

"I was injured during that night I stopped a bottle and had to go to hospital for two days Eventually I landed up, after a couple of days, in charge of riots all over Johannesburg — Soweto and Alexandra

"I made my mark I let it be known to the rioters I would not tolerate what was happening I used appropriate force In Soweto and Alexandra where I operated, that broke the back of the organisers"

What of the hundreds of dead in Soweto and Alexandra alone?

"A lot were killed by police," he agrees "You regret it when you have to kill one person, but you are a professional man You can't allow personal feelings to rule your judgment Force must be used

"You are compelled by law to maintain law and order in South Africa. It is not something you just decide today I am going to shoot hell out of people all over It's not a question that you can roam around the streets like a wild dog"

Swanepoel does not deny the demonstrators had legitimate grievances — "every community in South Africa has legitimate grievances I'm not happy because I've got to pay a lot of taxes," — but says the riots were cleverly organised by the South African Communist Party

Swanepoel quotes from Mao Zedong and says that, though he can't claim to be an expert on communism, he knows communism. He spent the early sixties working for General Hendrik van den Bergh — "one of the best officers I was fortunate to serve under" — and, he says, they broke the Communist Party

"If we talk about the Communist Party of South Africa," says Swanepoel, "we talk about the ANC and when we talk about the ANC we talk about the Communist Party All the other organisations today in South

front for the Communist Party"

He rejects as "bloody nonsense" the widespread allegations that he tortured people in detention

"Interrogation is never an easy task Not for the person being interrogated or for the person interrogating All the detainees cracked in the damn end because they couldn't take it — not because they were being tortured They couldn't stand the interrogation

"It's like being a witness in the box in the Supreme Court under cross-examination by a clever advocate In the end you find the lawyer wiping the floor with him'

Admitting that some "communists" were "just as nice as you or I",

'The police must be left alone with their Minister to take such action as necessary to restore law and order in South Africa'

Swanepoel says some of them had written to him afterwards thanking him for the "good treatment" they got.

"It's not a question that we're enemies It's a question of I'm a professional person and it's my duty to apply the law It's just bad luck that I stand on one side and they stand on the other side So we play rugby against one another"

Swanepoel distrusts all politicians ("They are like the wind They change every 24 hours They just get in the way of the police doing their duty") He says the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leaves him cold and he is highly critical of the methods being used to quell the current unrest

"The police must be left alone with their Minister to take such action as necessary to restore law and order in South Africa Law and order must be restored at all costs in South Africa

"Not in two or three years time Now If it goes on for another year the economy of South Africa — to use a harsh word — will be gone to hell

"We must use as much force as necessary We must stop making concessions to the rioters That's why the thing is getting worse and worse"

Rooi Rus Swanepoel, retired commie-basher, SAP hero, puts down his coffee cup, stares at a peacock on his lawn, sums up "If it's necessary to use catapults, use catapults. If it's

THE PERSPECTIVE

There has been a June 16 almost every month in the last year. Langa, KwaMashu, Umlazi, Queenstown, Mamelodi, Winterveld, Crossroads ... tragedy follows tragedy in an ever-accelerating spiral. PATRICK LAURENCE reports

THE once seemingly slow flow of history has become a raging torrent, crushing relentlessly against the dykes of white rule

Looking back 10 years to the start of the black student rebellion in Soweto in 1976, the dominant impression is one of acceleration, almost of a video gone berserk as it races through frames, super-imposing them on one another

Sixteen years separated the gunning down of 69 blacks by police at Sharpeville on March 21, 1960 from the start of the 1976 black student revolt in Soweto on June 16, 1976

Barely more than eight years lapsed before the next major upheaval began in the Vaal Triangle in September 3, 1984, triggering the most sustained rebellion against the white hegemony in South Africa's history

Today events rush at the would-be chronicler with kaleidoscopic speed Instead of grappling to understand one Sharpeville or one Soweto, he has to comprehend a succession of tragedies

Last year there was large-scale slaughter at Langa, KwaMashu, Umlazi, Queenstown and Mamelodi

The litany of violence leads to the Winterveld killings and the apocalyptic spectacle of death and destruction at Crossroads and its neigbouring squatter camps on the outskirts of Cape Town

But events since the start of the present rebellion in September 1984 are not merely a rapid replay of the 1976 revolt in a wider variety of localities.

There are similarities and differences between the 1976-77 revolt and the present, seemingly endless rebellion

Threads of continuity lace through points of contrasts

In essence, of course, both the 1976 77 disturbances and the present turmoil are part of the deeply-rooted rebellion against white rule, stretching back through the 30 occasions on which police fired on black crowds between the formation of the Union in 1910 and 1976 to the pre-Union Bambata rebellion of 1906, the last revolt by tribesmen before the final imposition of white control

Both the Soweto and the current rebellion occurred at a time of economic recession, when it was harder for South Africa's white governors to buy off black anger with relative prosperity

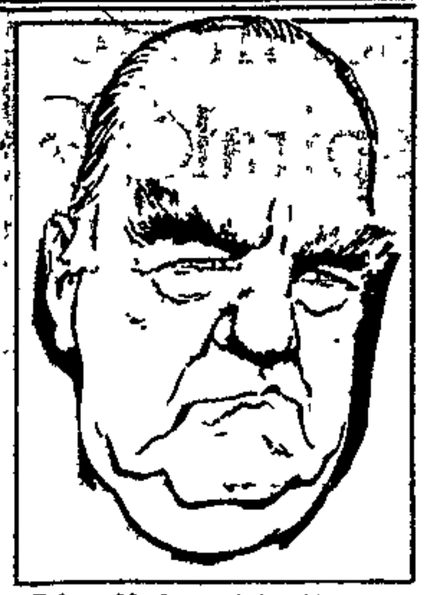
There was a negative growth rate in 1976 and rising unemployment. From 1984 it was apparent that the boom years, which helped blunt black anger after the 1976-77 revolt to peter out, were over as overspending and a fall in the gold price precipitated another recession.

Last year, of course, saw the impact of political factors on the ailing economy as foreign bankers refused to renew loans and the rand-dollar exchange rate fell to the lowest level ever.

Another common theme was hostility by black rebels toward those serving in government-approved institutions Condemnation of members of Soweto's Urban Bantu Council as members of the "Useless Boys Club" finds an echo today in calls for the resignation of black councillors as collaborators.

The attempted use by the authorities of sectors within the black community to smash the rebels — the hostel dwellers in Soweto and Langa and Nyanga in 1976 and the vigilantes today — is yet another interlocking theme.

External events were a link in the



Prime Minister John Vorster

rebellions

The Soweto revolt was preceded by the fall of Portugal's colonial regime in Mozambique and Angola and the retreat of South African soldiers from Angola The final end in 1980 of the Smith regime in Rhodesia served as a curtain-raiser to the rising tempo of black rebellion in South Africa by creating an image in the minds of black South Africans of the ineluctable southward march on black nationalism on to the final citadel of white power

The course of both rebellions is traced in blood

The Cillie Commission found that 575 people were killed between June, 1976 and February, 1977, of whom 494 — or more than 85 per cent — were killed by police.

More than 1 600 people have been killed since the start of the present rebellion (figures collated by the Institute of Race Relations put the total number of the deaths at the end of April at just under 1 560) Judging from official figures released in Parliament by President P W Botha, security forces directly account for about 60 percent of the deaths.

Botha attributed the bulk of the blame for deaths resulting from intra-black violence to the murder of "moderates" by radicals. He made no mention of the killing of activists or suspected activists by vigilantes.

Ideology is, of course, a distinguishing feature of the rebellions

Black consciousness was the ideological motor force behind the 1976-77 revolt, with the now-outlawed South African Students Movement, or Sasm, and Soweto Students Representative Council providing the cutting edge. It was only

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Mayor set up vigilante gang, say students

By SEFAKO NYAKA

TWO high school pupils of Tembisa, East Rand, this week claimed they were part of a gang of vigilantes set up by the township mayor, Lucas Mothiba.

At a press conference a pupil of Jiyane High School, Frans Monyebodi, 18, claimed he was offered money and trained in the use of a firearm in preparation for the elimination of activists this weekend.

"I was trained in the use of an R1 rifle by policemen from the East Rand Administration Board and given R110 by Mothiba," Monyebodi said.

His partner, Solomon Maseko, a pupil at Thutho-ke-Matla, said Mothiba showed him 30 handgrenades and several firearms in his office. Although he had been given R300 he had not yet been trained in the use of any of the arms.

"We were told to report back on the 14th (Saturday) to finalise details of who we were supposed to eliminate and how," Maseko said.

Monyebodi says he was shown a picture of the SRC president of a school in Tembisa and told that if this student (Jacki Mncube) could be eliminated there would be no trouble in Tembisa.

Maseko had then pointed out to the vigilantes two houses where Mncube would likely be found.

Both men claimed their involvement in the vigilantes was prompted by need. Maseko, an amateur boxer, needed sports equipment for his gym, and Monyebodi needed money to further his studies.

"I went to see the mayor about a sponsorship for our gymnasium and he promised to give us all the equipment we were short of, but he asked me to do something in return for him," Maseko said.

When the equipment arrived the track suits had "L L Mothiba" written on the back and a badge of his nightclub on the front.

Although his boxing manager refused to accept the tracksuits, which were delivered three weeks later, Maseko had in the meantime been drawn deeper into the vigilante gang.

His first task was to report back to the mayor on student meetings. When other students questioned his close association with the mayor, he became worried and reported this to the mayor.

It was at this point that Mothiba assured him of protection by his gang from Katlehong township

"Mothiba opened a double door safe in his office and in the safe were grenades and guns. At that point one of Mothiba's vigilantes walked in and was told to select a gun from the safe."

Monyebodi claimed he was recruited by Maseko after Mothiba had asked him who was the most influential student at Jiyane — a school opposite Mothiba's shops which were being boycotted.

"Mothiba asked me to spy for him and told me that if I could cause the boycott to be called off, he would give me money," said Monyebodi, who claimed he was struggling to find money to stay at school.

The mayor gave him the names of two students at the University of the North whom he claimed had spied for him while at high school. This enticed him and he offered his services.

He also told how a bus taking students to a court hearing of Tembisa pupils at the Mahwelereng Magistrate's Court in Potgietersrus was shot at and a tyre deflated.

He also claimed that a few days ago a grenade was thrown into the house of a Tembisa councillor who had resigned. The councillor was not home at the time.

Monyebodi said he was not directly involved in either incident, but had heard his fellow vigilantes boasting about it.

Mothiba could not be reached for comment in Tembisa yesterday.

I'd do it all again, says retired brigadier

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By Mike Cadman

When Brigadier Theuns "Rooi Rus" Swanepoel arrived in Soweto on June 16 1976, he said, "the place was completely out of control".

"I arrived at about three in the afternoon and the place was in flames, people were being killed, buildings were burning, and cars being overturned," the retired brigadier, one of South Africa's most controversial policemen, said this week.

Brigadier Swanepoel (58), formerly chief interrogator for the security police and an experienced fighter in Namibia's bush war, said he had taken "immediate action" to stop the rioting. Teargas, shotguns, rifles and sub-machineguns had been used on what was to become one of the most tragic days in South Africa's history.

No easy task

"It is never an easy task to make the order to shoot a person, but you can't sit down and cry because you have given the order," the brigadier said at his farm in the Cullinan district. "I would follow exactly the same procedures today.

"Wherever we went there was chaos." he said. "At times we were fighting for our lives.

"There was nobody you could talk to (as representitives of the crowds). By nightfall things were even worse. People coming home from work were attacked and would then launch a counter-attack."

The rioting had gone on into the early hours of the morning but erupted again the next morning.

Brigadier Swanepoel, once referred to as "The Beast" in United Nations papers, is adamant that riots would have happened that day even if schoolchildren had not begun marching.

He believes that "agitators — call them what you will" had decided June 16 was to be a day of riots.

Schoolchildren marching from the Morris Isaacson High School had been the first to be fired upon.

"Even if they had not marched something would have happened," he said. "To say that Afrikaans was the reason for the discontentment was just an excuse. It was merely used as a cover.

"It was clear that the crowds were being controlled by agitators — there is no doubt that it was very well organised. With time the leaders lost control of the crowds and all hell broke loose.

"We used what weapons we had. A policeman's job is to stand between the law and lawlessness."

Bodies of people shot with .22 bullets had been found in Diepkloof and Orlando. The police had not been issued with .22 weapons, he said.

If he were in charge in dealing with "unrest" today: "I would use much more force to restore law and order" than the security forces are using.

Turn back clock

"It is essential that law and order be restored now — not in a year's time. Unless we sort things out now you can turn back the clock three centuries."

Of powers needed by the security forces he said: "The Riotous Assemblies Act was very effective — we never needed new laws to quell unrest. I don't know why they (the Government) tamper with the law — all it does is attract world attention. Our economy suffers because of all this rigmarole.

"The maintenance of law and order should be left to the security forces regardless of world opinion. South Africa has leaned back so far to these people that her head is almost touching the ground and we should now say that we have had enough."

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WITS UNIVERSITY (278)

Campus clashes

In recent weeks, there has been heightened conflict between left and rightwing students at Wits. This attracted a heavy and belligerent police presence on campus for three successive days; and a march by students and academics on the Hillbrow police station culminating in 48 arrests. But why all the fuss, asks Wits University SRC president Claire Wright? (see *People*). These events, she argues, are merely a pale reflection of what is going on in SA's black townships.

The events are certainly not altogether new. The first half of the Seventies was notable for numerous clashes between police and demonstrating students at English-speaking campuses. Student demands were often seen as outrageous. Twelve years ago, for example, the National Union of SA Students (Nusas) campaigned for the release of political prisoners on the grounds that this was a necessary component of a political settlement in SA, an unfashionable view at the time.

Mpofu

Yuill

But while some aspects of life at Wits have remained the same, others have changed. Primarily there is the increased number of black students — nearly 2 000 now attend Wits, compared with only a handful a decade ago. Most are members of the Black Students' Society (BSS), the Wits affiliate of the UDF-aligned Azanian Students Organisation.

Another new factor is the presence of a sizeable, established grouping of conservative students — the 300-strong Student Moderate Alliance (SMA), which is one of the two main actors in the campus conflict.

Apart from police action, the conflict has been largely between the BSS and the SMA. (From time to time, Islamic and Zionist groups are at each other's throats). Most notable were: the disruption of an SMA meeting where a Unita spokesman was prevented from talking; the coincidence of BSS protests against the SADF raids into neighbouring states and an SMA commemoration of the May 1983 Pretoria car bomb deaths; and the SMA's Republic Day celebrations — all highly provocative in BSS eyes.

The 300-strong SMA has protested vigorously against these infringements of its rights to freedom of speech and assembly. But BSS chairman Dali Mpofu is unsympathetic. "Black students are not prepared to tolerate forces on campus representing the National Party (NP)," he says. Not the sort of viewpoint one would expect to come from a reputedly liberal institution. Then again, Mpofu and his fellow black students grew up under decidedly illiberal conditions.

Wright questions the wisdom of these incidents. She believes they have given the SMA undeserved prominence. But, she explains, "Black students don't have freedom of speech and are not inclined to respect that of others." Acting SMA chairman Martin Yuill replies that while he understands the frustrations of black students, he condemns their bringing township violence to the universities.

Yuill denies persistent allegations that the SMA is a "front" for the NP. He explains that the SMA, and the 2 000-member National Student Federation (NSF) to which it is affiliated, stand for policies encompassing minimal government, an abolition of racial laws and an unfettered free enterprise economy In this context, he has no quarrel with a system of one-man, one-vote.

NSF president Russel Crystal says the two organisations support government's reformist measures, although they believe the pace of change is too slow. "Libertar-

ian" is the most appropriate label for their views, he says. To him, the conflict is ideological — between advocates of capitalism and radical socialists. But, Crystal complains, white radicals "use" members of the BSS — by pushing them to the forefront — to make the conflict appear a racial one.

"Absurd," says Mpofu, "blacks are the most dispossessed and have the most to gain. It is inevitable that they should lead the struggle." Adds Wright: "It is typical government logic to argue that blacks are unable to decide for themselves and are instigated by white Communists. Blacks set the political pace here."

The two also take a cynical view of the SMA's "libertarian" ideology. It is, they believe, merely a smokescreen concealing rightwing and racist views. Mpofu argues that, despite the talk of freedom, most SMA activities are pro-government and hostile to anti-apartheid organisations. Wright says that until some of their meetings were disrupted, "the SMA had not uttered a word about deficiencies in fundamental freedoms in SA."

Neither Wright nor Mpofu sees the conflict over economic ideology as prominent. Mpofu says the BSS broadly supports the Freedom Charter, but details should eventually be decided through the democratic process.

Wright says the SRC has not formulated views on the subject. Personally, she argues that the free market cannot be a reality, given "the existence of large monopolistic corporations." She describes herself as a social democrat.

Spirited, open political debate — as well as the entire spectrum of weird and wonderful ideologies — are, after all, expected on campuses, and rightly so. The disturbing aspects at Wits recently, however, have been violent intolerance and insensitive provocation, which tended to get out of hand. Ultimately, though, it probably only reflects the trials and tribulation of a wider society in transition. ■

Comrades charge is denied by accused

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Northern Transvaal Bureau

TZANEEN — Two of the four accused in a double murder trial yesterday denied allegations by state witnesses in the Circuit Court here that they were members of a "comrade" group, bent on killing "informers".

Mr Solomon Maowasha and Mr Michael Masineamele also denied that a gathering of youths on a mountain near Tzaneen had sinister motives.

All four men have pleaded not guilty to murder.

A schoolmaster, Mr William Seoka, told the court earlier he was threatened by three of the accused.

He said a mob of youths later forcibly took him and two other alleged informers to the graveyard, sprinkled petrol on them and threatened to burn them.

Mr Seoka said Mr Maowasha was the leader of the group of youths, whom he addressed as "comrades".

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He said the next day the youths singled out Mr Solomon Maake, Mr Robert Maake, and Mr Jack Rampjedi.

Mr Rampjedi was instructed by Mr Maowasha to sprinkle petrol on the other two and to set them alight.

They had been knocked unconscious by the stonethrowing youths and burnt to death, he said.

Mr Maowasha told the court the youths were on the mountain as they had run from police, who had attacked their parents.

He said Mr Rampjedi ordered the youths to stone the two men and then voluntarily set them alight himself.

Mr Moawasha denied all involvement in the murders.

A third accused, Mr Alex Matsepane, told the judge he was not in the area during the incident.

The fourth accused, Mr Philip Maake, has not yet been called to testify.

The case continues.

THE FIRST REPORT

Harry Mashabela, now on the staff of the *FM*, was the first reporter on the scene in Soweto covering the June 16 1976 march against the use of Afrikaans in "Bantu Education." He recalls what happened.

On that Wednesday, at about 9.30 am or soon after, a youthful, singing and placard-waving throng crammed Vilakazi Street, alongside both Phefeni Junior and Orlando West High schools.

The pupils cavorted in the middle of the street, facing three armed police officers some distance away. More police reinforcements, some with dogs, arrived and went towards the three officers, who then edged towards the excited throng

Suddenly, one officer stooped down to pick up what seemed to be a stone. He hurled it into the crowd. The kids in front scattered, also picking up stones. Then they resumed their positions and, shouting "Amandla Awethu — power is ours," advanced (hesitantly) towards the police

A shot rang out; then another and yet another in rapid succession. The children scattered, fleeing to the top of the hill behind the two schools, into backyards and side streets, leaving the wounded.

The police moved away from the scene and gathered on open ground near the Huddleston Swimming Pool. For minutes the entire area was hushed, sullen, bewildered. Then the pupils returned to Vilakazi Street, regrouping. Assisted by some adults who had been watching from the side, they collected the wounded, taking them to hospital and to the nearby Phefeni Clinic. Hector Petersen was carried, with his sister Tiny (see *People*) at his side, by Mbusiya Makhubu to the clinic. He was certified dead.

A milk delivery truck approached the scene of the shooting from a side street. Pupils hijacked it and drank its cargo, before using it to convey groups to strategic points in other parts of the townships. In Pela Street in Phefeni another commercial vehicle was set on fire. A helicopter, hovering above, showered people with teargas. Rioting had erupted, but I did not realise then that the event would change the political face of SA.

Thousands of pupils from various Soweto high schools were marching to Phefeni Junior when the explosion occurred. All had agreed to assemble at Phefeni Junior, where children had been boycotting classes for several weeks, in protest against the use of Afrikaans (previously always English) as a medium of instruction. From Phefeni they intended to march to Orlando Stadium. This was never to be.

In the ensuing confusion, a policeman was cornered by a group as he walked out of a toilet. The youngsters handcuffed him with his own cuffs and beat him as he ran away. More and more commercial vehicles were being attacked and set alight. By noon a pall of thick, black smoke floated in the air. Later, police moved up Pela Street to the clinic, where a West Rand Administration Board vehicle was burning and its driver, an official, lay dead under a pile of stones in a side street. A white welfare officer and liberal, Melville Edelstein, had earlier been murdered by rampaging pupils.

The cries of "Power" and "Amandla Awethu," plus a raised clenched fist, had suddenly become the passport to safety. It was clear that the children were directing their venom not only against whites, but also at all symbols of white authority.

Soweto parents returned home from work to find their village aflame. I felt, and still do, that if the police had not opened fire it would have been just another peaceful demonstration, just another day.

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spiral of the cost of apartheid. Economic attrition will inevitably follow.

What is the real meaning of the crisis? Essentially it has arisen out of the collapse of Hendrik Verwoerd's inhuman and wasteful system of apartheid — followed by the use of the police and army both to force black dissidents into submission, and increasingly to maintain order. Next came the world's reaction — the calling in of debt by Chase Manhattan, disinvestment, and now the virtual inevitability of fresh sanctions.

Leaked information from the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group (EPG) suggests that it believes Pretoria has no wish to negotiate peace, and that without such negotiation there could come a civil war lasting 15 years. While its report, to be discussed by the Commonwealth in August, may not actually recommend sanctions, it will not oppose them. In effect, the EPG has thrown up its hands in despair at SA. Last month's raids into three countries (which had no effect whatsoever on the ANC) sabotaged the group's mission and much of the reserve of goodwill abroad. Could they perhaps have been meant to do so? The timing was perfect.

As events, in whatever form, unfold, the pressure on Margaret Thatcher to concede at least some hurtful, though not crippling, measures; and on Ronald Reagan to sign the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 (the passage of which through Congress seems assured), will mount.

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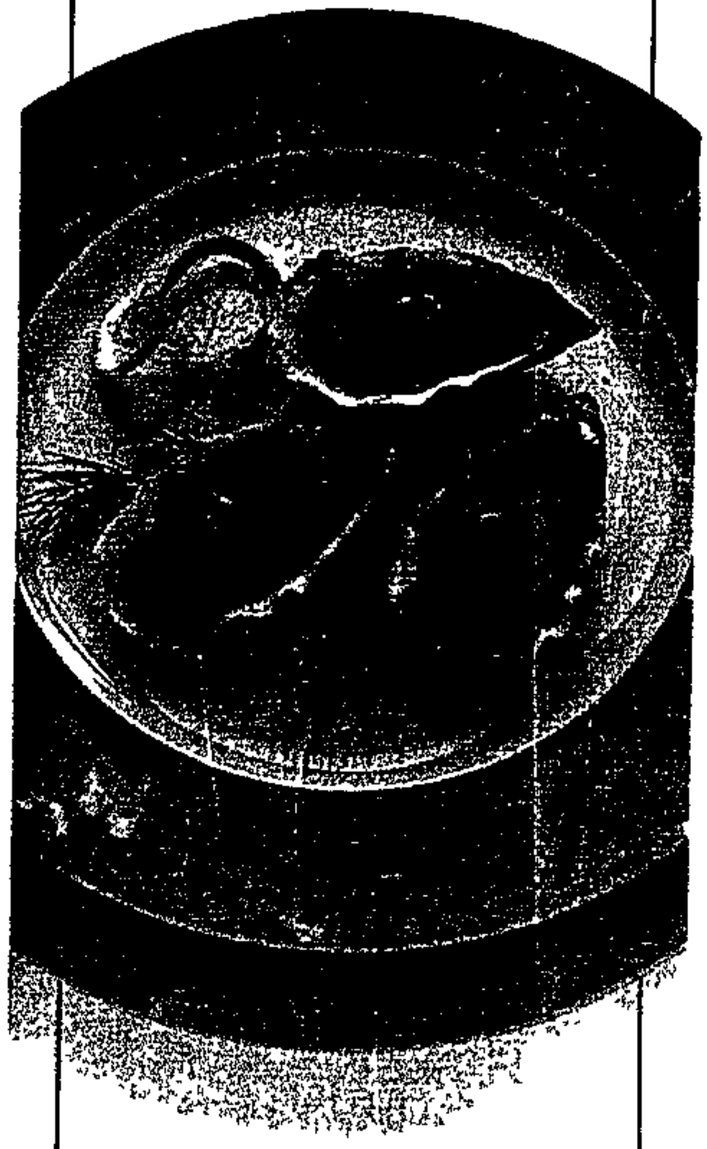

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'Police beat my children aged 4, 6'

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — Two children, aged 4 and 6, were hit in April this year by four men dressed in police uniforms in Alexandra, Johannesburg, their mother, Mrs Rebecca Beea, said in an affidavit which was read out in Parliament yesterday by Mr David Dalling (PFP Sandton)

Mrs Beea, whose husband is chairman of a residents' association, said she was also hit by the four men, who lit her curtains with burning newspapers and broke a radio

Mr Dalling said Mrs Beea had been in his home and he had helped her to find a place of refuge

She said she was washing supper dishes on April 22 when she heard loud banging and kicking on the door.

"At the same time stones and bricks were thrown through the windows breaking them Voices ordered me to open the door because it was the police

"As soon as I opened the door they began to hit me They asked me where my husband, Mike, was They also said I must go with them to show them where he was

"The people talking to me and hitting me wore blue policemen's uniforms There were four of them, they were all black.

"There were also a lot of other men with them wearing plain clothes and carrying many different weapons like kieries, pangas, big sticks etc

"Many of them came into the house and continued to hit me They broke windows all around the house They then lit newspaper and began to burn the curtains and the sofa They also broke the radio

"They called me to come out but before I did so they took my son, Bertie (Ronald) who is 4 years old, and who was standing on the stoep with them, and began to hit him

"They also hit my daughter, Portion, who is 6 years old

"My son fell when they hit him and rolled down some steep steps

"My children were very frightened and were crying loudly when they told me to go with them to find my husband, Mike They said that Mike was the one motivating the children to kill the police

"One of them wanted to take my son with them until they found Mike, but another man intervened," Mrs Beea said in the affidavit

Detainee 'ordered to pray'

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — A detained man was forced to eat sand by a group of policemen who put a tyre around his neck, the man said in an affidavit which was read out in Parliament yesterday by Mr David Dalling, MP.

The man, who was not named, said West Rand Development Board police had kicked him in the face after they had grabbed him when he was returning home on June 2 this year

They had then taken him to their barracks, put him in a shower and poured cold water on his head

"At this time two white policemen and I do not know how many blacks were present.

"One of the black policemen put a tyre around my neck. One of the white policemen told me I should pray before I die

"They put sand in my mouth and made me eat it.

"The white policeman began praying in Afrikaans and made me follow him as he prayed

"He then went to the office and came back with a long gun He then removed the bullets or buckshot and he fired into the air. He told me I was lucky he didn't shoot me

"I was then taken to a kombi and driven to the Vocational Training Centre in Dube They put handcuffs on me and made me lie down

"Some black policemen began sjambokking and assaulting me again

"They shaved half my head My hair had been permed They took photographs of me and were laughing all the time

"There were white and black policeman in the room They were drinking liquor They made me drink the liquor with them

"They made me take off my clothes," the man said in the affidavit.

Cape Times 11/6/86

Alexandra youth leader shot dead

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Fighting between rival youth groups in Alexandra township erupted yesterday after the chairman of the Alexandra Student Congress (Asco) was shot dead on Monday night.

Mr Mahlomola Mabizela, 20, chairman of Asco and a member of the Alexandra Action Committee (AAC), was shot dead when three gunmen fired through windows of a church hall in 9th Avenue where the Alexandra Youth Congress (Ayco) was holding a meeting.

But a police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Lieutenant Pierre Louw, told Sapa last night that police knew of no shooting or any trouble in Alexandra since last Thursday.

The township was tense yesterday afternoon after violent clashes broke out.

A journalist sent into the township to check on the reports of unrest yesterday evening said it was quiet.

Earlier members of Asco and Ayco, both AAC affiliates, blamed a rival organization for the shooting.

An AAC spokesman said that on Monday Asco and Ayco members stopped youths driving a stolen car and told them not to bring stolen cars into the township as this brought police to the area.

About 8pm the youths returned, killing Mr Mabizela and injuring two children in the shooting.

Two to die for petrol executions

STAR 14/6/86

By Dirk Nel,
Northern Transvaal Bureau

TZANEEN — Two young men, found guilty of burning two "police informers" alive at Ga-Maupa near Tzaneen in Septemeber last year, were sentenced to death in the Circuit Court here yesterday.

Solomon Mankopane Maowasha (20) and Alex Matshapa Matsepane (23) pleaded for mercy after Mr Justice F H Grosskopf found there were no extenuating circumstances.

Two others were found guilty of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. Michael Mosutene Masinamela (16) was jailed for two years, one year suspended for five years, and Philip Lesetja Maake (23) for three years, 18 months suspended.

The court found Maowasha was the leader of a group of youths who took the two victims, Mr Solomon Maake and his son, Robert, to a graveyard. They were accused of being police informers and stoned.

Maowasha then ordered an elderly man, Mr Jack Rampjapedi, to pour petrol over the two victims and to set them alight. Fearing for his life, Mr Rampjapedi had complied, and the two men had burnt to death.

Radebe forced to free youths

By MONO BADELA

MORE than 1 000 angry Naledi residents confronted Soweto Management Committee chairman Letsatsi Radebe on Sunday and accused him of personally leading a raid by his men, arresting and assaulting 17 youths in the area.

During the confrontation at Radebe's home, angry residents asked him to resign from the council, saying his participation was against the expressed views of Naledi residents.

Radebe, who dismissed the residents' demands, said: "Rubbish, they must wait until 1988 so that they can elect another man."

He accused the Soweto Civic Association Naledi branch of trying to "destroy me". He blamed committee member Molefe Moyo and accused him of having instructed youths in the area to attack his home.

Parents accused Radebe of taking part in an early morning raid with armed men during which they kicked open a door as they forced entry into a house.

SCA supporters organised a march by parents on Radebe's house and demanded the unconditional release of the youths.

Radebe asked for 30 minutes during which he promised to deliver the youths. By 11.30 a huge crowd had gathered outside his house and the boys, most of whom claimed they had been beaten up, were delivered.

'Townships quiet'

STAR 17/6/86. (278)

Emergency aid posts established by the Red Cross in potential troublespots yesterday had treated no unrest victims, a Red Cross spokesman said.

The posts were set up in Soweto (five), Alexandra, Daveyton, the Vaal Triangle (two) and KwaThema in anticipation of unrest on the 10th anniversary of the Soweto unrest.

"Reports from operatives in the field indicate that the situation is very quiet," said Mr Neil Ross, the regional director of the Red Cross.

A decision would be made later on how long the aid posts would remain.

Residents 'were beaten by cops'

18/6/86 SOWETAN

MEMBERS of the Bophuthatswana police assaulted residents shortly after the March 26 shootings in Winterveldt, the Smith Commission of Inquiry into that day's killings heard in Ga-Rankuwa yesterday.

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This was said by Corporal George Sobadula of the Bophuthatswana Defence Force. He said police could not "easily carry out arrests" and had to sjambok the people.

"The people were fighting and did not run away after shots were fired at them. Police had to attack in an attempt to disarm the crowd."

with a brand new Afrikaans, he said.

Reporter subpoenaed over alleged SAP attacks

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A reporter from the Sowetan newspaper, Mr Monk Nkomo, has appeared in court here after being subpoenaed to give information relating to alleged petrol-bombings by the police.

No evidence was led yesterday because Mr Nkomo's attorney, Mr Paul Jenkins, was not in court.

NAMES SOUGHT

The prosecutor, Mr A F du Toit, asked the magistrate, Mr M Boon, to postpone the hearing because Mr Jenkins had told him he would not be available.

Mr Nkomo, who was subpoenaed in accordance with section 205 of Act 51 of 1977, is required to divulge names and addresses of people whose houses were allegedly attacked by the police.

The subpoena follows a report written by Mr Nkomo about the alleged attacks on Atteridgeville homes by police. The report appeared on April 1.

Mr Nkomo is expected to testify and state everything he knows about the alleged arson offence, failing which he may serve six months' imprisonment and a further jail sentence at the end of the first sentence.

The hearing was postponed to June 27.

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THREE MORE DIE IN INCIDENTS

SOWETAN 19/6/86

'Lowest number of unrest deaths'

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ANOTHER three people have died in unrest, the Bureau for Information announced at its daily Press conference in Pretoria yesterday.

At Soshanguve in the Northern Transvaal a number of blacks attacked a passenger bus with petrol bombs. Police dispersed the group, fatally wounding one man. Another man was arrested and would appear in court soon, Bureau spokesman Mr Leon Mellet said.

At Nelspruit a black man was killed when a group attacked an SAP vehicle. Twelve people were arrested.

At Allemansdrift in KwaNdebele the burnt body of a black man was found. It was not yet known how he died.

This was the lowest number of unrest-related deaths in months, Mr Mellet said.

The unrest death toll, since the announcement of a state of emergency on Thursday last week, now stands at 45.

Security forces prevented several necklacings on Tuesday, Mr Mellet said.

Police arrested several blacks attempting to set a black alight in Tembisa.

In similar, separate incidents in Balfour, four men were saved by security forces from being necklaced. Five arrests were made.

A black man, Elili Webushe, had been sentenced to death for necklacing someone in Jansenville, Mr Mellet added.

No arrests had been made in connection with the Durban bomb blast last Saturday night. Police were following all possible clues.

The Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, Brigadier Chris Swart, has announced a series of restrictions on any funerals in Khayelitsha, Crossroads, Nyanga, Guguletu and Langa.

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PETER MAGUBANE

In the firing line

In January, *Time* magazine photographer, Peter Magubane, was in Leandra covering the funeral of Chief Ampie Mayise who had been brutally and publicly murdered by vigilantes. Pent-up tensions exploded at the funeral when a 16-year-old suspect was identified. The suspect fled, but was caught outside his house and hacked to death. The youth's terrified family were barricaded inside and as the mob turned its anger on them, Magubane stopped taking pictures

"I stood at the door and just kept pushing people away," he says. "One person was already dead What was the point of another two?" It's a decision every news photographer faces at some time in his career· is the role of the photographer that of the neutral observer, merely recording history, or is he morally bound to intervene to prevent some atrocity?

In his book "Pictures on a Page," Harold Evans, former editor of *The Sunday Times*, London, explored the issue with this example. "At the conclusion of the Bangladesh war, photographers in Dacca were invited to a 'photo opportunity' in a polo field. It turned out to be the bayonetting of Biharis who were alleged to have collaborated with the Pakistan army. People were to be murdered for the camera; and some photographers and a television camera crew departed without taking a picture in the hope that in the absence of cameramen the acts might not be committed. Others felt that the mob was beyond the appeal to mercy. They stayed and won Pulitzer prizes. Were they right?"

Robert Tshabalala

Magubane ... to shoot, or not to shoot?

The ethics involved are not simple. The accusation that the camera fuels violence is easily countered by the argument that the camera also inhibits excesses.

However, the decision to stop photographing is one that Magubane (54) — originally from Sophiatown — has frequently had to make during his long, highly successful career. At a funeral in Duduza last year, a suspected spy about to be attacked by a mob threw himself at the feet of Bishop Tutu in an attempt to be spared. Magubane took one shot, then stopped.

"Perhaps if I'd been younger, I'd have been thinking of an award wir. ing picture," he says. "Now I'm older, I thought that perhaps by not taking photos he'd be left alone. In this instance, the victim escaped death and other photographers captured the shot of the man hanging onto Tutu "

A question Magubane has recently been asking is: "Would we keep the camera rolling if a colleague or crew is attacked?" With the killing in KTC last week of TV cameraman George De'Ath by the "witdoeke", the question is no longer abstract

As the "witdoeke" accused De'Ath and his soundman, Andile Fosi, of portraying them as the villains responsible for the plight of the 60 000-odd homeless Crossroads residents, a press card could no longer be regarded as the passport of a neutral observer.

It has always been dangerous to cover unrest. "But recently," says Magubane "it has become scary. People in the townships are now suspicious of the camera." The revenge killing at Mayise's funeral was captured on film and shown worldwide and the killers were easily identifiable. But a stunning news photograph of a riot, rampaging crowd or violence can also be used as police evidence.

"While the kids accept that you're only doing your job, they also now feel photogra-

phers are counter-productive," says Magubane. Over the last few months, he has intervened and come to the assistance of colleagues when the feelings of the crowd turned against them.

"You can no longer concern yourself only with your work," adds Magubane. "Apart from the dynamics of the crowd, you also have to watch out for the so-called stray bullet." After a funeral in Katlehong last July, the now New York-based Magubane had to be hospitalised with birdshot wounds in his legs and feet.

Magubane has faced danger frequently throughout his career, as well as attempts to silence him, and he has well earned the reputation of being fearless. His coverage of the Soweto unrest won him the Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery Award for enterprising journalism in 1976. This year, he has won two international awards — the Robert Capa Award for his township coverage last year and the Elrich Salomon Award.

Between June 1969 and March 1975, Magubane was detained on three separate occasions under the Terrorism Act, charged and acquitted under both the Suppression of Communism Act and the Terrorism Act, banned for five years and imprisoned for six months for breaking his banning order. He was held for 23 months, 17 of them in solitary confinement and at the time is said to have held the record for solitary confinement.

In 1977, while employed by the *Rand Daily Mail*, the former *Drum* photographer who started off as a driver, landed a US Exchange Grant which enabled him to travel around the US for two months. In 1980, he enrolled for an intensive course in documentary film at New York's New School and has never looked back.

Now married to an American woman, Lenora Taitt, who was active in the civil rights movement in the Sixties, the couple live on New York's Upper West Side near Lincoln Centre.

About his immediate future, he says the current news blackout is "not the end. We'll just change our emphasis to features and documentaries meanwhile." ■

Wits parents are urged to disregard unsigned letter

Star 21/6/86 278

By Susan Pleming

An unsigned letter, which attacks "radical" students, academics and the Students' Representative Council at the University of the Witwatersrand, has been sent to parents of Wits students.

The letter, which claims to be from "concerned academics", has been sharply criticised by the Wits administration which says the sender fraudulently gained access to a private list of students' names and adresses.

The director of information and public affairs at Wits, Mr Chris Skinner, said the university doubted the authenticity of the letter and urged parents to disregard it.

"It is not an offical letter and the university regrets that a private mailing list has been used for this purpose without its permission.

"The university has always encouraged both the discussion and dissemination of ideas through legitimate channels. There is therefore no reason for any member of staff to adopt this policy of sending out unsigned letters," said Mr Skinner.

POLITICISATION REJECTED

The letter, which was dated June 9, told parents that "concerned academics" rejected the politicisation of the university. It added that "no one had given radical students and academics the mandate to lay down the law for South African society".

The Wits SRC had been "hijacked by the radical element", the letter said, and the National Union of South African Students was trying to make students "an arm" of the African National Congress

Cape Times 21/6/86

Retailer's meeting 'very positive'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A meeting yesterday between the executive chairman of Kirsh Trading, Mr Mervyn King, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, was described as "very positive" by Mr King.

He said the minister "was trying to be very co-operative" and he had further meetings with Mr Le Grange scheduled for the weekend.

Earlier, Mr King discussed with major retailers the issues to be raised with Mr Le Grange.

It is believed the primary aim of the meeting was to discuss the wave of protest stoppages at major retail chains against the detention of union leaders.

Mr King said it was no secret that his top priority was to get his workers freed.

The retailers he met and contacted by telephone were Mr Clive Weil, Checkers MD, Mr Renee de Wet of Pick 'n Pay, Mr J A Macness, chief executive of CNA, Mr S Hofmeyer, personnel director of Frasers, Mr Piet Strydom of Metro Cash 'n Carry, Mr Tony Williamson of Woolworths, Truworths and Topics, Mr Gordon Hood of OK Bazaars and several of their personnel directors.

Brigadier is one of the victims

SOWETAN

By MONK NKOMO

23/6/86

A SENIOR Bophuthatswana police officer, Brigadier Andrew Makane Molope, was gunned down by unknown people carrying AK-47 assault rifles outside a house in Winterveldt on Saturday night.

Brigadier Molope, former Divisional Commissioner for the Odi and Moretele district, was certified dead on arrival at the Ga-Rankuwa hospital after assailants pumped five bullets into his body at about 8 pm on Saturday.

A second Bophuthatswana policeman, Sergeant T J Petlele was stabbed to death when he tried to stop two people fighting in Phokeng this weekend.

Colonel David George, liaison officer of the Bophuthatswana police confirmed both deaths. He said Brig Molope was killed after being involved in a shooting incident.

"Foul play is suspected. Investigations have been launched," Col George said. He could not confirm or deny that the senior police officer was shot dead with AK-47 assault rifles.

The *Sowetan* has established that Brig Molope was visiting a house in Winterveldt on Saturday night. He was attacked a few metres from the house when he left at about 8 pm.

The dead policeman was promoted from colonel to brigadier last month and was stationed at Mmabatho about two months after eleven Winterveldt residents were killed at an alleged illegal meeting by police under his command.

Lawyers representing the families of the 11 victims recently withdrew from the Smith inquiry into their deaths after submitting that Brig Molope's promotion, together with that of Col D J Mokubyane was seen as a "public display of the Bophuthatswana government's confidence in the two".

Unrest

Brig Molope told the commission that his promotion followed the role he played during the unrest in the area. Advocate Bob Nugent told the commission's chairman, Mr Justice E A T Smith that they withdrew because their clients had lost confidence in the powers the com-

Stories in this issue

THE information in this issue of the *Sowetan* that relates to unrest and conditions in black townships is supplied by the Government's Bureau of Information. In terms of emergency regulations, the *Sowetan* and other media are not allowed to publish any information on unrest except what is given by the Bureau.

Farewell to Kenny

HUNDREDS of people came to bid farewell to top South African athlete, Kenny Jacobs, who was buried at Eldorado Park yesterday. His fellow runners, Mark Plaatjies (right), Steven Morake and Gibeon Moshaba (behind Morake on left row), were among those who carried the coffin.

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Police officer shot dead

MAFIKENG. — A former divisional commissioner of the Bophuthatswana police in the Odi/Moretele region, Brigadier Andrew Molope, was shot and killed in Winterveldt last night.

This was confirmed yesterday by the police chief in the area, Colonel Diale Mokubyane.

An eyewitness said several gunshots were fired about 8pm.

The brigadier was believed to be visiting a friend in Winterveldt.

He was certified dead on arrival at Garankuwa Hospital.

No arrests have been made and police are investigating. — Sapa

Search for killers of policeman

Star Times 24/6/86

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police in Bophuthatswana have lauched a country-wide search for the killers of senior police officer Brigadier Andrew Makane Molope, who was gunned down at the weekend.

Brigadier Molope, the former Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Odi and Moretele districts, was killed on Saturday night outside a friend's house in Winterveld, by people believed to have been carrying AK-47 assault rifles. He was certified dead on arrival at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital.

A second Bophuthatswana policeman, Mr T J Petlele, was stabbed to death in Phokeng, near Rustenburg, when he intervenend in a fight between people in the village.

Colonel David George, liaison officer of the Bophuthatswana Police, confirmed both deaths and said police were investigating.

About a year ago a similar attempt was made on the brigadier's life when his car was attacked. He escaped uninjured.

Brigadier Molope, at the time a colonel, headed the contingent of police during the shooting of 11 people on March 26 when Bophuthatswana security forces opened fire on a crowd of about 30 000 people at a gathering.

Soon after the massacre, President Lucas Mangope ordered that a judicial commission of inquiry be set up into the killings.

The then-colonel and his second-in-command, Mr Diale J Mokobyane, were promoted to higher ranks.

Brigadier Molope was then trasferred to Mmabatho.

Lawyers representing the families of the dead victims withdrew from the inquiry after the two men's promotions, claiming the promotions were a public display of the Bophuthatswana Government's confidence in the two officers.

One said they also withdrew because their "clients had lost confidence in the powers the commission had".

During the inquiry it had been disclosed that Brigadier Molope had been cited as respondent in three Supreme Court applications arising from alleged police brutality against residents of Winterveld and Ga-Rankuwa.

Yesterday morning the Bophathatswana flag was flying at half-mast at the Ga-Rankuwa police station where the brigadier had formerly been stationed.

Police 'beat Winterveldt residents'

24/6/86 SOWETAN (278)

MRS JOSLYN Motsuenyane, wife of the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce president Dr Sam Motsuenyane, was one of the people who organised the March 26 residents' meeting in Winterveldt, the Smith Commission of Inquiry into that day's killings heard yesterday.

Lieutenant Eric Seme, an information officer for the Bophuthatswana Defence Force, said Mrs Joslyn Motsuenyane's name was included in a police document listing a number of people who called the meeting, at which 11 people were shot dead.

Other organisers, Lt Seme added, were Winterveldt community leaders Mr Albert Motsoane, Mrs Martha Lebopo and Mr Jacob Situ.

Complaints

Under cross examination by advocate H Hugo, for the police, Lt Seme said the impression of the crowd at the meeting "appeared to have been just citizens who had complaints. They had complaints because they demanded that the police and soldiers leave the scene. Their action showed that they were dissatisfied with the two groups."

Corporal Joel Ramasimong told the commission that he saw the police severely assaulting the residents at the stadium. "People were running as police repeatedly hit them and loaded them into vans. The soldiers were providing protection in case police were attacked by the mob," he said.

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MAGISTRATE TELLS OF BOP INJURIES

'I was concerned about number of people allegedly beaten by cops'

THE dismissal of 600 Metal Box employees and Putco bus fare increases were some of the causes of unrest in GaRankuwa, the Smith Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

A chief magistrate, Mr Abraham Carel Greyling, told the commission that most unrest related cases were brought before the courts after workers were dismissed from a Rosslyn can manufacturing factory and bus fares increased on the Pretoria/GaRankuwa route.

He said most of the accused were severely wounded and claimed to have been assaulted by the Bophuthatswana police.

"The victims were so seriously hurt that I had to report the matter to senior government officials. I informed both the Attorney-General, a Mr Smith, and the secretary of justice, a Mr Mothibe, that I was concerned about the number of people alleging to have been beaten up by the police in the region," said the magistrate.

The witness said most of the victims were children aged from 12 years. The majority resided in the GaRankuwa, Mabopane and Winterveldt areas.

Although he had instructed that some of the injured be referred for medical attention, he said others made second appearances without having received treatment.

Mr Greyling told the commission that he and his colleagues had earlier warned that raids on shebeens and squatters could spark off unrest, particularly in Winterveldt. He said he often read in a newspaper that hawkers were unhappy about police behaviour.

Violence

According to him, 2 000 people were arrested after the Winterveldt shootings on March 26. Scores of people were charged with public violence and others released after paying an admission of guilt.

Among all the areas under his control, he said, Winterveldt had the highest crime rate. Although there had been incidents of police assaults after the killings took place, he said the situation had gone back to normal.

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Youths were badly wounded

SENIOR officials of the Bophuthatswana police instructed Brigadier Andrew Molope, former Divisional Commissioner of the Odi/Moretele district, to "speedily and thoroughly" investigate the arrest and detention of juveniles, including allegations that police assaulted people.

Top Bop cops tell inquiry

By ALINAH DUBE

This was disclosed by Lieutenant Colonel Herbert Stanley Blight, an advisor to the Mafikeng CID chief, Colonel M T Molale. He was giving evidence before the Smith Commission of Inquiry into the March 26 Winterveldt shootings in which 11 people died

Col Blight said he and Colonel Molale were sent to GaRankuwa on January 20 to investigate allegations that local policemen assaulted prisoners. The move, he said, followed a complaint from a local chief magistrate, Mr A C Greyling.

In GaRankuwa, he said, they met Mr Greyling and Mr B D Groen, a senior prosecutor. He said the magistrate expressed concern over the ill-treatment of detainees in the area.

"We drafted a report to the Commissioner of Police, Major General P J Seleke. We also saw 15 youths in cells who claimed they were assaulted after having been stripped naked by members of the police. They were badly wounded," he said.

The report contained allegations that.

- A substantial number of accused appeared in court with visible wounds,
- Assaults took place at police stations;
- Most detainees were of tender age ranging from 12 years;
- Police were unable to produce evidence against the accused,
- Police defied court rulings that detainees be sent for medical attention;
- Mr Greyling became more concerned after some of the accused had to be carried into courts because of the wounds they suffered and others were later hospitalised,
- Although members of the police were then faced with the difficult unrest situation, the actions would not be legally justified by the courts,
- Police attitudes could result in loss of support and respect from the community;
- Police assaults were likely to spark off a series of civil claims resulting from malicious prosecution, illegal arrest and illegal assaults,

Proceeding.

FLASHBACK: Brigadier Andrew Molope (in glasses), the top Bophuthatswana policeman who was killed on Saturday night, talks to Winterveldt residents after a mass funeral for 11 unrest victims had been cancelled. He was a colonel at the time.

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DEATH TOLL RISES BY 6

Bureau's unrest report

By MONK NKOMO

SIX people died violently — three of them during a fight between "Comrades" and members of Inkatha in Soweto on Wednesday night, the Bureau for Information announced in Pretoria yesterday.

Police investigations have revealed that Mr Stanley Rapoe (19), was stabbed to death about midnight on Wednesday allegedly during a fight between an Inkatha member staying at the Meadowlands hostel and the "Comrades".

A spokesman for the Bureau said police searched the open veld near where Mr Rapoe was killed, and discovered two bodies. They were identified as Mr Samson Ntsema (17), and Mr Abel Motsenyane (19). It is not yet known to which faction they belong.

The Bureau said a man was shot dead when about 20 people stoned a Railways Police vehicle in Daveyton, Benoni. No arrests have been made. Another man was shot dead when a group of people attacked a police patrol with petrol bombs in Soweto, Port Elizabeth.

A 40-year-old man, Mr Mzwelanga Sawula of Grabouw, was killed after being shot inside a moving car in Landsdowne Road, Crossroads at about 4,15 am yesterday. Mr Sawula was a passenger in a car driven by Mr Wellington Magadla (33), when a shot was fired through the back window of the vehicle.

The Bureau also reported that:

- Police confiscated pangas, knives, a pistol, ammunition and tyres at an alleged "people's court" in Guguletu, Western Cape. Fourteen people were arrested and will appear in court soon.
- Eight men were arrested in Daveyton on Wednesday when a group of people allegedly forced a woman to give money to "Comrades".
- Sapa reports that a curfew has been imposed on 11 Northern Free State townships.

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Top cop killed in girl's room

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Brigadier Andrew Molope, one of the strongmen of the Bophuthatswana police force, was in a room with a woman friend when he was cut down by a hail of AK-47 bullets in Winterveld.

Although Bophuthatswana police refused to reveal the identity of the woman, Weekend Argus established that she is Miss Rose Tsotetsi of the Beirut section.

Miss Tsotetsi was taken to Garankuwa Hospital, where she was treated for shock and discharged.

The hospital superintendent, Dr A R van Niekerk, confirmed that Miss Tsotetsi was given sedatives the night the brigadier was shot dead.

Miss Tsotetsi would not comment but Weekend Argus talked to her family.

A teenage relative said he was in his bedroom at 7.30pm when there was a knock on the door. He refused to open it and turned off the lights. He then heard a knock at the door of a back room. Miss Tsotsetsi was with the brigadier in this room.

The teenager said he heard gunfire and Miss Tsotsetsi screamed.

As Brigadier Molope was shot, two bullets tore Miss Tsotetsi's dress. She collapsed.

34 Inkatha members hurt in bus attack, crash in Soweto

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — More than 30 people were injured when three buses carrying Inkatha members were attacked by youths in Orlando West, Soweto, and two buses behind it crashed.

A spokesman for the Bureau for Information, Mr Leon Mellet, said three buses from Kwazulu were involved. One was petrol-bombed and two others rammed it, injuring 34 people.

A kombi was sandwiched between two buses returning from a rally held by Kwazulu Chief Minister Chief Gatsha Buthelezi at the Jabulani Amphitheatre yesterday.

A Baragwanath Hospital spokesman said 11 of the injured were still in hospital.

At least 183 trade union leaders and 740 workers are being held under emergency regulations, according to calculations of the Labour Monitoring Group (LMG).

Thirteen more people died at the weekend and the emergency death toll was 85 by 6am yesterday, the Bureau for Information announced.

This includes four suspected ANC men killed by police in a shootout near Nietverdient in the Western Transvaal on Friday night about 30km from the Botswana border. One suspected ANC member escaped.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

The Bureau for Information reported nine unrest-related deaths between 6am on Friday and 6am yesterday:

- In Soweto two men were stoned to death by an unknown group on Friday/Saturday.
- A man injured when a group attacked a police escort with petrol bombs in Worcester on June 26, died in hospital on Friday.
- The bodies of two men who had been stoned and burnt were found in Kwandebele.
- Three-Way House in Hillbrow, in which the Release Mandela campaign has its offices, was set alight A plastic container with turpentine was found.
- Two men aged 18 and 22 were found dead in Lansdowne Road, Old Crossroads, on Saturday with their throats slit.
- In Kwandebele the burnt body of a 25-year-old man was found on Saturday afternoon.
- In Zwide, Eastern Cape, police fired on a group attacking their patrol with petrol bombs at 4.45pm on Saturday. One person died and eight were arrested. — Sapa.

According to an order in today's Government Gazette all Alexandra schools are out of bounds from tomorrow until July 13, Argus Correspondent reports from Pretoria.

180 witnesses have given evidence

TREASON TRIAL TAKES BREAK

By ALI MPHAKI

ABOUT 180 State witnesses gave evidence in the marathon Delmas treason trial which went on recess last Friday.

The witnesses included councillors, policemen, priests and a journalist

On trial are 22 men who are charged with high treason, alternatively subversion, murder and terrorism They are appearing before Mr Justice Kees van Dijkhorst sitting with two assessors, Professor W A Joubert of the University of South Africa and Mr W F Krussel

The 22 men have all pleaded not guilty

The charges arise from the unrest which broke out in the Vaal Triangle in September 1984.

Relatives and friends have been cramming the courtroom where the 22 are appearing since the trial began

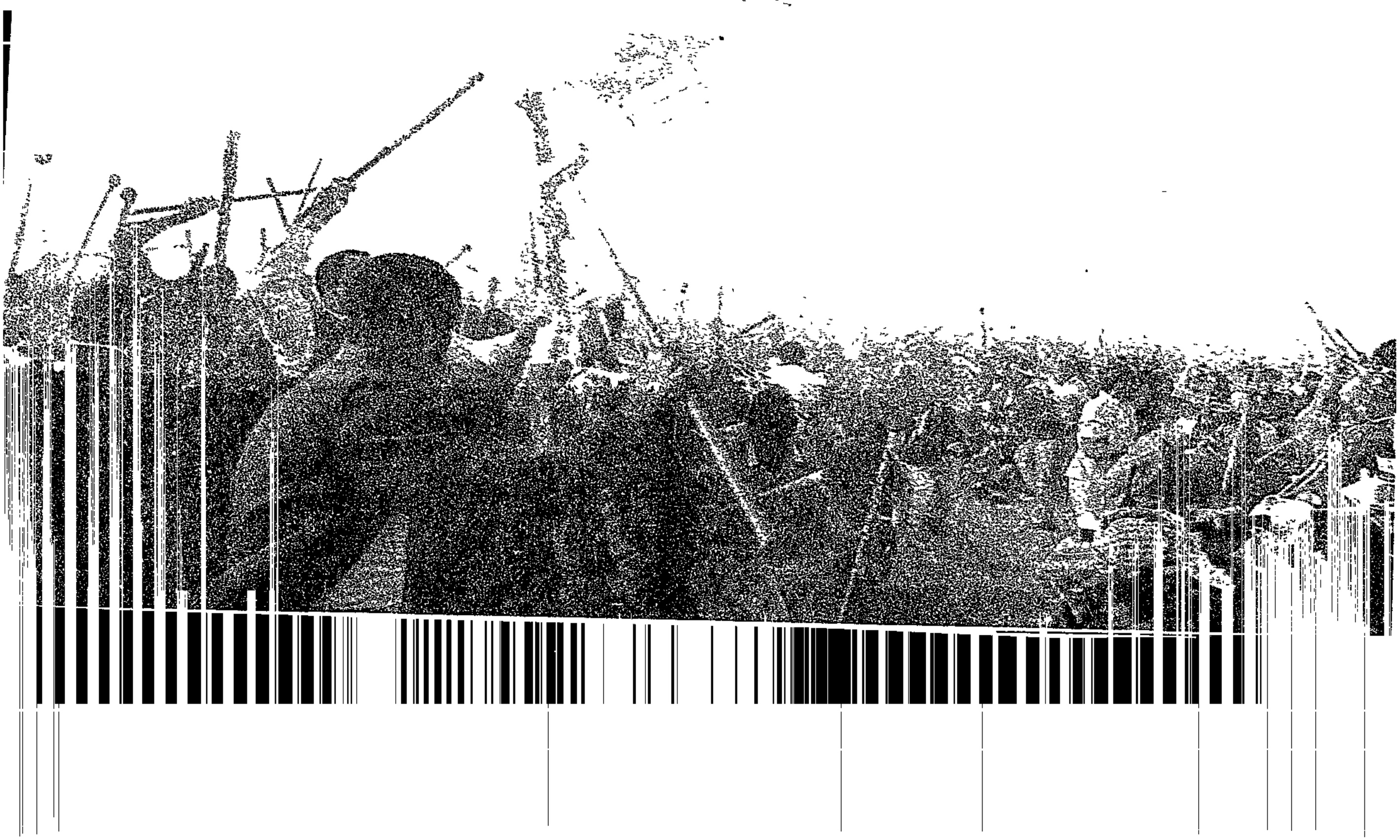
Defence

History was made on June 19 when one of the accused, Mr Lazarus More, married his long-time sweetheart, Magauta Maphisa in court

More than 200 well wishers including the Archbishop-elect of Cape Town, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, Mr Terry Waite, attended the wedding

The trial will resume on July 30 The 22 men will remain in custody at the Modderbee prison

The defence team is led by Mr George Bizos, SC, assisted by Mr Karel Tip, while the prosecution is led by Transvaal Deputy Attorney-General, Mr P B Jacobs, assisted by Mr P H A Fick and Mr W J J Hanekom



Followers of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi cheered, waved their sticks in the air and ululated when the Inkatha leader left the Jabulani Amphitheatre in Soweto by helicopter after addressing a prayer meeting yesterday. The meeting was attended by thousands of his supporters. • Picture by Alf Kumalo.

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30 injured in attack on Inkatha

By Montshiwa Moroke

More than 30 people were injured when three buses carrying Inkatha members crashed after being attacked by youths in Orlando West, Soweto, yesterday.

Mr Leon Mellet, a spokesman for the Bureau for Information, said the smash involved three buses from kwaZulu.

One bus was petrol-bombed and two others rammed it from behind, leaving 34 people injured, he said.

Also involved in the crash was a kombi which was sandwiched between two buses.

The buses were carrying hundreds of Inkatha members returning from a rally called by kwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi, at the Jabulani Amphitheatre, Soweto.

A Baragwanath hospital spokesman said eleven of the injured were still in hospital

As the buses were travelling along Kumalo Street, youths (who had apparently been lying in wait) hurled petrol bombs and stones.

Some passengers panicked and jumped out of the moving buses.

Ambulances arrived within minutes to carry the injured to hospital.

Other buses travelling along the Valley Road from the same meeting stopped, and men wielding sticks chased after youths near the scene of the accident

Police and members of the security forces later arrived and cordoned off the area. They diverted traffic along the busy taxi and bus route.

There were fears last night that Inkatha members, most of whom are hostel inmates, would attack residents in revenge for yesterday's accident.

At the rally, Chief Buthelezi welcomed the proposed National Council, condemned "necklace" killings, slated disinvestment and said he and Nelson Mandela would work together in politics when the ANC leader was released, reports Sapa.

He hailed the proposed statutory national council, but said he needed the black mandate.

Chief Buthelezi said the proposed statutory national council was the "beginning of the final victory."

But he warned that the political progress which South Africa should now be making would remain halted until the state of emergency was lifted.

He made it clear that he could have nothing to do with the national council unless a "freed Mandela could choose whether or not to take part."

Horror bus smash adds to number of dead

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By Kym Hamilton, Pretoria Bureau

The Bureau for Information yesterday reported eight more deaths — including three in the horror bus smash in Orlando West — bringing the total number of people killed since the declaration of the state of emergency to 93.

Two pedestrians had been killed after a petrol bomb had been thrown at a bus transporting Inkatha supporters from a rally at Jabulani stadium in Soweto on Sunday, causing the driver to abandon the vehicle.

A youth had allegedly been knifed by bus passengers in the aftermath of the crash, said Mrs Ronelle Henning, deputy director of Foreign Media Liason at the bureau.

Four buses and a minibus had been involved in the collision at about 4.30 pm in Orlando West shortly after Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi had addressed a crowd at the nearby stadium.

A petrol bomb had been hurled at the first bus, the driver, Mr Edward Makanhya's clothes had caught alight and he had jumped off the bus.

The bus had hit two pedestrians and then crashed into the wall of the Orlando West garage.

Mr Makanhya is in Baragwanath Hospital and has been treated for burns.

A youth had been stabbed by the bus passengers, but no further details were available, Mrs Henning said at yesterday's Press briefing.

The driver of the second bus said shots had been fired at him and he had stopped. This had caused a chain reaction, a minibus ploughed into the back of the bus. Two other buses involved in the pile-up, sandwiched the minibus.

Five other deaths were reported by the bureau:

- In Tembisa, a railway policeman, Constable J E Rampete, has died in hospital from burns having been "necklaced" by gangs on Saturday.
- Also in Tembisa a man had fired shots from his house at a passing police patrol. In retaliation, police had fired buckshot and teargas. The house caught had alight and was extensively damaged. The man had then shot himself.

Police had seized a 9 mm pistol.

- Two 19-year-olds, Abraham Maleki and Martin Maseko, both from Soweto, had been shot by the guard at a councillor's house on Saturday.

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The youths were allegedly armed with knives and threatened the guard and he fired several shots in self-defence. Both youths were killed.

- In a second incident in Soweto, a group of about 20 youths had attacked a man, Mr Muzwandile Baaitjies outside his home. They stoned and stabbed him to death.
- In Durban two water pipes were blown up with limpet mines shortly after 3 am yesterday. The first explosion was at 3.15 am and the second mini-limpet mine went off as police were investigating the first explosion at about 3.30 am.

The mines had been placed near a pedestrian bridge in Dunkeld Road, Westville.

No one was injured. Police are investigating.

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Firearm at rally: Man, 24, in court

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Durban man who was allegedly found with a firearm near the Jabulani Amphitheatre in Soweto where Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi addressed a rally, has appeared in the Soweto Magistrate's Court.

Mr Gordon Zungu, 24, of N635 Umlazi, Durban, yesterday pleaded not guilty to possessing the firearm and three rounds of ammunition.

The case was postponed to July 15 and he was remanded in custody pending his payment of R200 bail.

Soweto death toll now 36

By SY MAKARINGE

THE death toll in Soweto soared to 36 yesterday after six more people were reported to have been killed in separate acts of violence in the township.

In a week-long reign of terror in Pimville and Tshiawelo, a number of people died after gangsters went on the rampage, destroying houses and smashing vehicles.

Two brothers were abducted and assaulted with sharp instruments by members of a gang in Pimville Zone 5 earlier this week, according to residents.

Major Fanyana Zwane, public relations officer of the Soweto Police, yesterday said that police found the bodies of a 34-year-old woman and a 20-year-old man at the clubhouse of a Central Western Jabavu tennis court.

He said the woman, identified as Ms Cynthia Dipha, was stabbed and burnt to death after she was raped by about six men.

The body of Mr Cap Mncube was also found with several stab wounds.

A 32-year-old Tladi man, who was assaulted with a kierie in April this year, died at Baragwanath Hospital this week. No arrests have been made.

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Constable's fatal shot an offence — inquest

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East Rand Bureau

A Nigel inquest court found yesterday that the death of Mr Petrus Makhanya (19), who was shot during unrest in Duduza on the East Rand last year, was caused by an act involving an offence by a policeman, Constable Johan du Bruin.

The inquest report has been forwarded to the Attorney-General who will decide whether Constable du Bruin will be prosecuted.

The deceased's mother, Mrs Johanna Makhanya, wept uncontrollably as the magistrate made his finding.

Constable du Bruin, who was stationed in Duduza on July 5, 1985, testified that he and another policeman, Sergeant Martin le Roux, had chased Mr Makhanya after identifying him as the leader of a mob which had confronted the policemen. He said the mob had wielded knobkerries and shouted: "Kill them".

He had realised he would not be able to catch the man because it was clear he knew the area well. Constable du Bruin fired a fatal shot after Mr Makhanya had not stopped when ordered to do so.

He said it had not been his intention to kill him but admitted he realised the shot could have killed him.

Mr C C C van Eeden, who appeared for the Minister of Law and Order, argued that Constable du Bruin was entitled to shoot the man in terms of the law of criminal procedure. He had done everything he could to arrest him.

Mr A E Franklin, who appeared for Mr Makhanya's family, said Constable du Bruin had made no attempt to shoot the deceased in the legs and, although he had given an oral warning, he had not fired a warning shot.

Mr Franklin said Constable du Bruin's evidence that the deceased had held stones in both hands, given black power salutes and urged the crowd on was exaggerated.

The magistrate, Mr O G J Olivier, found that the fact that Constable du Bruin foresaw the possibility that the deceased might be killed was a form of intent.

5 ERAB officials shot dead

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CAPE TIMES 7/7/86

PRETORIA. — Five East Rand Development Board officials were killed and 12 injured when three men in a stolen car fired shots at them in two separate incidents in the early hours of Saturday.

The Bureau for Information reported that soon after midnight six employees of the ERAB in Vosloosrus were patrolling the township when a white Cressida drove past them and stopped.

Shots were fired at the ERAB vehicle, killing two passengers and wounding three. The car then sped off. Thirty-six spent AK-47 shells were found at the scene.

About an hour-and-a-half later, other ERAB officials patrolling in Katlehong in two cars "stopped at the side of the road and climbed out of the vehicles".

Wrong side of the road

The bureau said the Cressida "appeared from the opposite direction driving on the wrong side of the road".

When it reached the ERAB vehicles its headlights were switched on and the occupants fired shots at the vehicles, killing three local officials and wounding nine before driving off.

The 12 injured were taken to Natalspruit Hospital in Thokoza.

About 3am, the police were patrolling Katlehong when they spotted the Cressida in Lesotho Street and gave chase.

"During the ensuing chase, shots were fired by both parties. The driver of the Cressida lost control and rolled the car," the bureau report said.

Three of its occupants emerged from the car and tried to escape. Police shot dead two of them and a third escaped. Their identities are not known.

Police found an empty AK-47 magazine in the car and later established the car had been stolen in Cleveland, Johannesburg.

Those killed were Mr Julani Mzumela, 19; Mr Daniel Mogeriti, 27; Mr Colly Kondlo, 25; Mr Deryk Malaleko, 23; and Mr Alfred Ramabino, 42.

The injured were: Mr Christiaan Kini, 27; Mr Fanios Gomani, 25; Mr Andries Mthijane, 22; Mr Elias Mokona, 35; Mr Abel Molelaka, 25; Mr Richard Xhoza, Mr Golden Malunlane, ages unknown; a Mr November, age unknown; Mr Sydney Nhlehle; Mr Michael Mofokeng, Mr Eric Maholeka, Mr Michael Mphila, ages unknown. — Sapa

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Necklace killing: 23 charged

East Rand Bureau

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Twenty-three people, including a 13-year-old boy, pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder in the Benoni Magistrate's Court yesterday

They are charged with the "necklace" murder of policeman Mr Edward Nkulu during unrest in Wattville on the East Rand on May 1.

The proceedings were held in camera as two of the accused are minors and the case was postponed to August 11.

The bail of one of the accused, Mrs Josephine Moloi, was estreated.

The 13-year-old is in his parents' custody.

The other accused, who are out on bail, are:

Mr Moses Movage (20), Mr Alfred Mohoko (40) Mr Johannes Lekgoa Mpele Mr Christopher Qwele (43) Mr Stanley Dladla (30), Mr Eric Mpethe (21) Mr Simon Moketsi (26) Mr Peter Thabo Mpeo Mpele (19) Mr William Sangwene (23), Mr Thane Rifios Thebeza (23) Mr Luckey Mkhebela (21), Mr Laurence Boy Matji (29) Mr Cicel Klaas (30), Mr Sidney Mawela Sello (18) Mr Aubrey Tanyanaa (20) Mr Phillip Mashiane Festo (23), Mr Lucas Zwane (32), Mr Funky Tom Ntaka (25) Mr Moses Boshielo (24) and Mr Joseph Ntsalong (27)

The two minors may not be identified

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Pupil on bomb

Man is shot dead in Soweto - Bureau

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By MONK NKOMO

AN unidentified man was shot dead when a group of about 20 people attacked a municipal policeman in Orlando East, Soweto, on Monday night, according to the Bureau for Information.

Miss Ronelle Henning, a deputy director of the Bureau, also announced at the daily Press briefing in Pretoria yesterday that a 20-year-old man, Mr Wuyisile Landu, is in a serious condition after a group of people tried to kill him by the "necklace" method in hamstown on M

night.

No arrests have been made.

Miss Henning said someone in the group of about 20 people fired a shot at a patrolling municipal policeman in Orlando East at 8.15 pm on Monday.

The policeman was not injured.

Wounding

He then fired a round from his firearm, fatally wounding a man in the chest. The dead man has not yet been identified.

A 9 mm Star pistol was found near his body, the Bureau reported.

They were Mr Leonard Gcali (39), his wife Ntombomzi (38), and their 15-year-old daughter, Pumeza.

The other two, believed to be relatives, have not yet been identified.

Miss Henning said police investigations have revealed that Mr Gcali was earlier stopped by a group of people while travelling in his car.

He was forced out. His vehicle was damaged before he was shot dead.

The attackers carried his body to his 1682 KwaZakhele house where the four other family members were allegedly murdered and the house set alight. Attempts to extinguish the fire failed.

The Bureau yesterday confirmed that a Soviet-made limpet mine caused the explosion at Silverton, Pretoria, last Friday. About 20 people were injured in the explosion.

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2 escape fiery death

THE Bureau for Information yesterday reported that the South African Police saved the lives of two black men who were set alight in separate incidents in Soweto and Tembisa at the weekend.

The Bureau reported that a 28-year-old man suffered minor injuries after being set alight by a group of people about 10.30pm in Section B, Phiri in Soweto on Sunday.

Police later arrived on the scene and saved him.

Another man, who has not yet been identified, was seriously injured after being set alight in Tembisa. Police, acting on information, found him still alive at Umfanyane Street at about 7am. No arrests have been made in both incidents.

The Bureau said few unrest-related incidents were reported between 6am on Sunday and the same time yesterday. No deaths occurred.

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Another 6 die in unrest

SIX people — including a 66-year-old woman — were burnt to death in separate incidents throughut the country on Monday, bringing to 131 the number of people killed in unrest since the declaration of the state of emergency, according to the Bureau for Information.

Miss Ronelle Henning, a Bureau for Information spokesman, said yesterday that Mr Blanket Matha (39), was shot dead and then set alight by "Comrades" at Kwanyamazana, Nelspruit. He was lured from his home before he was killed.

Miss Henning said:

- Mrs Sarah Kubheka (66), was attacked and burnt to death in Boekenhouthoek in KwaNdebele at about 6 am. Police also found the body of Mr Khaka Mahlangu in an open field in the same area.
- The body of Mr Mono Skepho — who was employed as a casual labourer by the SAP — was found in Soweto, Port Elizabeth at 9 am. He was assaulted before being burnt to death.
- A group of about 40 "Comrades" attacked and killed Mr Alex Mashaba (20), in Tembisa at about 7.30am on Monday.

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Rent defaults spark off Soweto fights

Cape Times 17/7/86

From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG. — Fierce fighting broke out between residents, youths and Soweto council police in Naledi Extension 2 yesterday following early-morning raids on rent defaulters.

Residents said trouble was provoked by a house-to-house raid by council police in the area early yesterday morning.

Soon thereafter a group marched to the Soweto city council chambers to protest against the raids and eviction orders served on several residents.

Raids

The group moved away after a council official addressed them.

The residents claimed council police had conducted house-to-house raids in the area on Tuesday night and demanded house permits and receipts of rent payments last made.

Unconfirmed reports also claimed that the clashes broke out after an unknown number of residents were evicted.

The Bureau for Information said: "According to a SA Police spokesman, in Soweto council police visited residents who are in arrears with their rents and warned them that they risked eviction if they failed to pay their rent.

"No reports of evictions were received."

Yesterday the council issued notices extending the deadline for evictions over the rent boycott by seven days.

The Soweto Council's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, could not be reached for comment.

Three other town councils — Tembisa, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow — have also taken a firm stand on rent defaulters in their areas, warning that they will lose their houses.

● Sapa reports that transit camp families in Mzimhlophe, near Soweto, who had been temporarily accommodated at a nearby hall because of fierce fighting in the area, were taken back to their homes yesterday by the Diepmeadow police.

Protection

A spokesman for the families said on Tuesday they were unhappy to be returning because of continuing battles between youths at the transit camp and inmates of the Mzimhlophe Hostel.

Yesterday a spokesman for the Diepmeadow Council said the families would be given 24-hour protection.

The spokesman for the families said he and other residents were willing to go back to Kliptown if the corrugated-iron front from their shacks was still available.

"Only this morning trouble flared up again and more houses were set alight. What kind of life is this?" he asked.

White man faces 'necklace' charge

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Detectives here have arrested a 33-year-old white man in connection with the alleged "necklacing" of a black police sergeant south-west of the city last month.

The body of Sergeant D Ndimande, 25, of the South African Police College in Pretoria West, was found by passers-by on the Erasmia/Hennops River gravel road in the early hours of June 7.

He had been doused with petrol, and a tyre placed around his neck and set alight. The body was still burning when found.

Sergeant Ndimande was last seen alive shortly before the killing when he was dropped off at a nursery near the spot where his burning body was found.

A man is expected to appear in court on a murder charge on Monday.

Three die in unrest

PRETORIA — A youth died and another was seriously injured when a security force patrol fired into a Soweto crowd of 150 people attacking it with stones and pangas, according to the Bureau for Information.

In its latest unrest report the bureau also reported two more necklace deaths — one in Port Elizabeth and the other in Kwandebele.

In PE the burnt body of Mr Mlungisi Mdaka, 26, was found in Soweto on July 16. He was allegedly forced out of his house, shot and then burnt to death with two tyres

Five youths and eight adults are being held in connection with the Kwandebele death while five arrests were made after the fatal shooting in Johannesburg. The youth has been identified as Mkhisi Dume, 16. — Sapa

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'Necklaced' sergeant: White man arrested

PRETORIA. — Pretoria Murder and Robbery Squad detectives have arrested a 33-year-old white man in connection with the alleged "necklacing" of a black police sergeant near the city last month.

The body of Sergeant D Ndimande, 25, of the South African Police College in Pretoria West, was found by passers-by on the Erasmia/Hennops River gravel road in the early hours of June 7.

He had been doused with petrol, a tyre put around his neck and set alight.

Police yesterday said the investigation indicated that the "necklacing" method was used to create the impression that the murder was unrest-related.

It had, however, nothing to do with the unrest, a senior police spokesman said.

The murdered policeman was last seen alive just before the killing when he was dropped near the spot where his body was found.

A man is expected to appear in court on a murder charge on Monday. — Sapa

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Benoni man shot dead

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PRETORIA. — The Bureau for Information reported one death in its unrest report for the period 6am on Wednesday to 6am yesterday.

"At 20h00 (on Wednesday) in Mtambo Street in Daveyton, Benoni, a group of people attacked three private homes with stones and petrol bombs.

"In an attempt to disperse the group, a member of the South African Police at the third house that was attacked fired a 9mm round at the group. A black man, Johannes Ndlovu, 19, was fatally wounded." — Sapa

Sowetan 21/7/86

Seven die in unrest

By MONK NKOMO

SEVEN people were killed — five of them by security forces — during separate incidents of violence throughout the country at the weekend, the Bureau for Information reported in Pretoria yesterday.

The burnt body of Mr Mlungisi Mdaka (26), was found by police in Soweto, Port Elizabeth. He was allegedly forced out of his house, shot and then burnt to death with two tyres. Police are investigating.

Four people were killed by security forces and a community councillor in the Eastern Cape on Saturday.

A 19-year-old youth was shot dead when a group of people threw 15 petrol bombs at security forces' vehicles in Zwide, Port Elizabeth.

An unidentified man was killed when security forces on foot patrol fired a round at a stone-throwing mob in Walmer, Eastern Cape.

A coloured man, Mr Saul Langeveld (19), was shot dead when a group of coloureds threw stones at the house of a security force member in Dysseldorp at 12.30 pm on Saturday.

Another man, who has not yet been identified, was killed when a community councillor opened fire on a group of people attacking him at his house in Fingo, near Grahamstown.

A group of about 150 people attacked a five-man security force patrol with stones, pangas and other home-made weapons in Soweto, Johannesburg.

In an attempt to disperse the attackers, the patrol fired teargas at the crowd. This, however, had no effect and the patrol was forced to fire at the crowd and a youth, later identified as Mkhisi Dume (16), was killed. Another man was seriously wounded. Five men have been arrested.

Police found the burnt body of an unknown black man in Vlaklaagte, KwaNdebele. Five youths and eight adults have been arrested in connection with the incident.

The death of the seven people brings to 151 the number of people killed in unrest since the declaration of the state of emergency five weeks ago.

2 stoned to death after triple killing

TWO Sebokeng men were stoned to death after they were accused of killing three people and a three-year-old baby by setting fire to a shack in Zone 14, Sebokeng.

Mr Dingaan Tshabangu and Mr Leonard Rabula, both of Zone Seven, Sebokeng, who were on bail following the killings were slain in what is believed to be a revenge attack.

They had appeared in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court in connection with the death of Miss Kletyiwe Ndlovu, Miss Tenjiwe Ndlovu, Mr Nicolous Mawathi and three-year-old Thulani Ndlovu.

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Principal 'lashed out with scythe'

By SEFAKO NYAKA

A PUPIL from a Sebokeng primary school in the Vaal was allegedly stabbed in the chest by a scythe-wielding headmaster this week.

The Deputy Assistant Director of Education in the Vaal Triangle, G Steyn, confirmed that "there was an incident at the school, but I do not know the full details of what transpired".

According to relatives of the youth, trouble started when another pupil at the school was involved in an incident with Security Forces on Tuesday.

Afterwards, he confronted the headmaster and accused him of having summoned Security Forces to the school.

The headmaster denied the allegations, but was attacked by enraged pupils, forcing him to lock himself in an office.

The pupils broke down the door and the headmaster lashed out with the scythe before being rescued by Security Forces.

The incident resulted in a number of pupils at schools in the Vaal staying away from classes yesterday.

In Tembisa, on the East Rand, pupils made a bonfire of their registration forms.

In a statement yesterday the Tembisa Student Organisation said it rejected the "newly imposed DET and SADF (South African Defence Force) regulations and the so-called registration forms and ID cards.

"We demand a refund of our school funds and and exam fees, the upliftment of the State of Emergency, the release of all detainees, troops out of our schools and the townships and the unbanning of Cosas (the Congress of SA Students)," the TSO said.

In Soweto and Alexandra, several schools broke up early in protest against the ID's and registration forms.

Huge numbers have been painted on the roofs of Soweto schools.

Gunther Merboldt, DET's regional director for Johannesburg, said the numbers will help pupils who did not know the names of their schools.

"There are 350 schools in the area and we have had cases in the past where pupils could not identify their schools," he said.

In Kwandebele, the total school boycott entered its second week.

According to Kwandebele teachers who have left the area, they had been instructed by "comrades" to leave the area and only return after the cabinet had resigned and independence plans had been scrapped.

Yesterday, the public relations spokesman for the DET in Pretoria, Peter Mundell, said his department would only be in a position to issue a statement on the schools situation this afternoon.

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Flattened: The shacks on white doorsteps

By JO-ANN BEKKER and DUNCAN McROBBIE in Uitenhage

WHILE Eugene Terre'Blanche, leader of the far-rightwing Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, was cheered by a capacity crowd in the Uitenhage town hall last week, bulldozers were demolishing the shanty town of Kabah which borders on the white suburb of Levyvale.

By this week an estimated 400 shacks had been demolished by the Kwanobuhle Town Council or dismantled by residents.

The demolition is a victory for conservative Levyvale and Vanes Estate whites who, fearing a backlash after police shot dead 20 funeral-goers in the Langa-Kabah area in March last year, petitioned Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange to move the people of Kabah to the township of Kwanobuhle, several kilometres away.

The forced removal flies in the face of the Kwanobuhle Town Council's undertaking not to demolish the shacks pending the outcome of an urgent application brought by 426 Kabah families contesting removal. Judgment is expected only next Tuesday.

It is all the more unexpected because shortly before the State of Emergency was declared on June 12, business leaders met the committee co-ordinating resistance to Kabah's removal and assured them the government had agreed not to go ahead with the removal, first threatened several decades ago.

According to Barry Erasmus, a former town clerk of Uitenhage's white municipality who was appointed administrator of Kwanobuhle following the resignation and murder of the black councillors, the residents are being moved voluntarily. "My men have strict instructions not to destroy occupied shacks," he said.

Residents, however, say their shacks are being demolished if they refuse to dismantle them themselves. "If all the people were moving voluntarily there would be no need for the bulldozers," one resident remarked.

Families are being housed in tents in Kwanobuhle, but officials have told residents the tents will be withdrawn after the weekend, leaving people little option but to erect make-shift shelters.

Much of Kabah's razing occurs at night, under powerful spotlights, according to residents. Many are staying away from work to guard their homes, some sleep outside so they can see officials approaching.

Just over the hill, whites in the Vanes Estate-Levyvale area are also on the alert. They have formed armed street guards because, residents complain, burglaries have increased dramatically, making houses on the street facing Kabah uninsurable.

A Uitenhage civic leader who asked not to be named said the Ratepayers' Association had formed the guards, but P W Kapp, who represents the affected wards, refused to comment.

Terre'blanche was not shy to give the armed commandos his blessing, albeit obliquely. He congratulated the people of Uitenhage for organising themselves into groups to help each other in times of trouble.

Halt KwaNdebele bloodshed, say white farmers

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK and PAT SIDLEY

THE government has been approached by white South African farmers alarmed at the crisis in KwaNdebele — the latest indication of growing disquiet at the bloodshed around the plans of the "homeland" to take "independence" in December

In addition, a delegation of bishops including Bishop Simeon Nkoane, the Anglican Bishop Suffragan of Johannesburg East, met the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Chris Heunis, on Monday

And the Progressive Federal Party has called for a judicial Commission of Enquiry into the KwaNdebele crisis and the South African government's "apparent unwillingness to acknowledge any opposition to independence".

Administration has broken down entirely in the homeland, with a total stayaway of civil servants well into its second week Pensioners are not being paid and as the judiciary is not functioning, attempts to pay bail or apply for the release of the hundreds of people detained in KwaNdebele have been stalled

The striking civil servants are demanding the resignation of the cabinet, an end to plans for "independence", the disbanding of the notorious "Mbokhoto" vigilantes and the release of all detainees

According to a local priest, who has kept a diary of deaths in KwaNdebele, about 160 people have died since May 12 when the insurrection erupted against Chief Minister Simon Skhosana's regime and its plans to take "independence" in December

In one week — last week — his diary lists the violent deaths of 19 people in his district alone

The priest said about one-third had been killed by Security Forces, about one-third by armed Mbokhoto and the remainder by "comrades" hitting back at the Mbokhoto, chiefly through "necklacing"

Minister Chris Heunis

According to the Bureau for Information, 32 people have been killed and eight injured in KwaNdebele in "black-on-black violence" in the five weeks ended last Friday No one had been killed by Security Force action but seven people had been injured.

Meanwhile, Professor Abraham Viljoen, the chairman of the Elands River Farmers' Union, said those whose farms bordered on KwaNdebele had for some time been forming ties with the Ndebele people

Approached for comment by the Weekly Mail, Professor Viljoen said the farmers, who are still negotiating with the government, were "perturbed at events and the rapidly deteriorating situation

"We have gathered information and spoken to the real leaders of the Ndebele and subsequently taken the matter up with government authorities"

Popular opposition to Skhosana's rule, to independence on December 11 and to the Mbokhoto has become so widespread it has reached into the KwaNdebele cabinet

And the leader of the opposition to "independence", Prince James Mahlangu, chairman of the Ndzundza tribal authority, is taking action in the Pretoria Supreme Court to have the Minister of the Interior and leader of the Mbokhoto, Piet Ntuli, stripped of his seat in the Legislative Assembly

Ntuli is presently facing charges of large scale theft of motor cars and of hoarding an arms cache at his home His involvement is also cited in affadavits concerning many alleged atrocities by the Mbokhoto

Meanwhile, the Commissioner General of KwaNdebele, Gerrie van der Merwe, told the Weekly Mail independence was still on schedule for December and the trouble in the district was caused by "purely domestic power struggles"

Nkoane said, however, that when he met Heunis he was "shattered that the government knows that things are very bad in KwaNdebele There is almost a total breakdown of government there"

The delegation was comprised of the Anglican Bishop of Pretoria, the Right Reverend Richard Kraft, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Pretoria, the Most Reverend George Daniel, and the Lutheran Bishop of the Northern Transvaal Diocese, the Right Reverend Solomon Serote

Nkoane said Heunis told the delegation he was to meet KwaNdebele government leaders that day.

"Heunis said he was going to do something about it He listened and he heard, but said that we should realise that they had difficulties" Nkoane said he was not optimistic about the government's action

The Bureau for Information said yesterday KwaNdebele is an "exceptional area at this stage" There is "considerable tension between the government of the region and royalty" which translates into "considerable unrest". The chiefs and headmen, said the Bureau, are dissatisfied with the proposed constitution, and tension surrounding independence was being exploited by radical elements. "Large groups of 'comrades' from the Witwatersrand have been operating in the area."

In a show of international solidarity with detainees, top British trade unionists Norman Willis, left, and Ron Todd, centre, were in South Africa this week. With them is Piroshaw Camay, of the Council of Unions of SA. Picture. Reuter

Flattened: The shacks on white doorsteps

By JO-ANN BEKKER and DUNCAN McROBBIE in Uitenhage

WHILE Eugene Terre'Blanche, leader of the far-rightwing Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, was cheered by a capacity crowd in the Uitenhage town hall last week, bulldozers were demolishing the shanty town of Kabah which borders on the white suburb of Levyvale

By this week an estimated 400 shacks had been demolished by the Kwanobuhle Town Council or dismantled by residents.

The demolition is a victory for conservative Levyvale and Vanes Estate whites who, fearing a backlash after police shot dead 20 funeral-

of the black councillors, the residents are being moved voluntarily "My men have strict instructions not to destroy occupied shacks," he said.

Residents, however, say their shacks are being demolished if they refuse to dismantle them themselves "If all the people were moving voluntarily there would be no need for the bulldozers," one resident remarked

Families are being housed in tents in Kwanobuhle, but officials have told

Waking up behind wires

By MANDLA TYALA Port Elizabeth

RESIDENTS of Port Elizabeth's New Brighton township woke last Saturday morning to find they were fenced in. Coils of barbed wire, nearly two metres high and extending for several kilometres, had been strung along the perimeters of the township, leaving only two exit points

The fence sealed off New Brighton from other townships such as Kwazakhele and Zwide.

Traffic police and Ibhayi town council law enforcement units were among those who manned roadblocks at the two exit points

Later in the day two additional exit points were opened at Maqanda Road At Njoli Road roadblocks, all vehicles were stopped and searched, and some

roadblock, where they were handed pamphlets

The pamphlets read that the Security Forces "will restore law and order, control the movement to and from the township, maintain a permanent presence in the township, identify the troublemakers and remove them from the area, protect all law-abiding citizens, protect you against any practice of Amabuto (Comrades) and young ANC, and stop intimidation"

The pamphlet said at the bottom. "This will lead to" .. and shows a picture of graders working on a road

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Sanctions reprieve for Southern Africa

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

US President Ronald Reagan's firm denunciation of sanctions as a weapon to force Pretoria into swifter political change has probably saved several Southern African countries from swift, and possibly fatal, consequences.

Backing British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's stiff-upper-lip stand against sanctions, Reagan this week reiterated what President P W Botha and other South Africans have said before — that blacks, in and out of SA, will be the primary victims.

He has been told to go to hell by Bishop Desmond Tutu, but countries like Lesotho and Swaziland will be quietly thanking him because sanctions would ruin them.

So will several others whose economies are inextricably linked to and dependent on SA. According to recent figures published by the Africa Institute, the double-edged sword of sanctions would cut through these as much, and more, than it would SA.

The parlous economies of several countries in the region would be even worse off if all-out sanctions were introduced and SA were forced to end or even seriously curtail co-operation in several fields.

About 70% of Zambia's imports and 40% of its exports go through SA. In the case of Zambia the figures are 68% and 65% and in Malawi's case they are 60% and 50%.

Countries as far away as Zaire are dependent on SA ports.

Alternative

If there was an efficient alternative transport system in the region, the situation for six landlocked members of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference — Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe — would not be all that serious.

But there is not.

The best alternative would be the Tazara line between Kapiri Mposhi in Zambia and Dar es Salaam, which has an annual capacity of 2-million tons, but carried just 452 000 tons from Zambia in 1979.

In contrast, SA Transport Services handled 6-million tons of traffic to and from the seven SADCC countries in 1984/85. In September 1985 there was a daily average of 6 195 South African goods trucks on foreign lines, compared with 944 foreign trucks in SA.

And SA also provides other vital supplies and services such as food, medical supplies, veterinary medicines and petroleum products to its neighbours.

Four neighbouring countries — Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Namibia — receive all their petroleum products from SA while Zambia and Zimbabwe are heavily dependent on supplies that come through SA.

The pipeline from Beira to Zimbabwe has reduced dependence on SA, but it is a regular target of the Mozambican Resistance Movement and cannot be relied on for regular supplies.

SA would be highly unlikely to keep supplying these countries from its own reserves in the event of all-out sanctions.

According to *The Economist*, all SADCC members except Tanzania trade with SA. Each has more trade with the Republic than with all its SADCC partners combined, and combined SADCC-SA trade is seven times higher than all trade between conference members.

Trade

Accurate trade figures with Africa are not published, but in 1984 SA exports were taken by 47 African countries. Exports to SADCC countries were estimated at $2bn and imports from them at $300m.

Apart from transport and trade, neighbouring countries rely heavily on SA for jobs — and government has already said these would no longer be available should sanctions be introduced.

Last year there were 414 586 foreign workers — largely from neighbouring countries — in registered employment in SA. It is estimated they send about half their earnings home. These repatriated remittances were estimated at R667,8m by the Employment Bureau of Africa in 1983.

The estimated R280m sent home then by 146 000 Basotho workers constituted nearly half of Lesotho's gross national product. Some 2-million people would have to find alternative sources of income in already depressed economies or face starvation if these jobs were taken away.

Posts and telecommunications, water and power supplies and tourism would be other fields which could be seriously affected.

Lesotho, Swaziland and parts of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Botswana receive electricity from Escom and tourism to the BLS countries, as well as Zimbabwe and Malawi, is dominated by South Africans.

Two killed in unrest incidents

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A MAN and a woman were shot by security forces early yesterday morning while parked alongside the road to Katlehong.

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said security forces spotted two people in a white Mazda alongside the road at 12.30am yesterday.

The two people in the car opened fire with AK-47 rifles when they noticed the security forces, the spokesman said.

The security force personnel ran back to their office and returned to the scene with another policeman. When they got within 200m of the car the two people started shooting again. The security forces returned fire and both people were killed, the spokesman said.

The man has been identified as Zondi Roland Molapa. — Sapa.

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Govt as Court invalidates unrest orders

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Mercury Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—The Rand Supreme Court yesterday declared it unlawful for police divisional commissioners to issue orders in terms of the emergency regulations.

The immediate effect of this ruling was to declare lawful, a planned United Democratic Front meeting in Soweto last Saturday which had been banned by the Soweto Divisional Commissioner in terms of the emergency.

But numerous other rulings by divisional commissioners (DC) which now will be invalidated by the Court's rulings include:

Gagging orders on 119 organisations including the UDF and the Congress of S A Trade Unions in six Cape magisterial districts issued on June 21 by Brig Chris Swart, the Western Province DC;

Orders prohibiting students from entering schoolgrounds in five areas for a limited period, on July 4 the Western Province DC, Brig Chris Swart, and Witwatersrand DC, Johannes Renier Petrus Bekker, on June 26;

Curfew orders issued by Northern Free State and Northern Transvaal DCs affecting 11 areas; and

Orders prohibiting funerals during weekends and public holidays in numerous areas.

This is the second setback for the Government's emergency regulations following a recent ruling in the Natal Supreme Court which among other things allowed lawyers access to detainees.

In yesterday's judgment Mr Justice G Coetzee ruled against emergency regulations which empowered the Commissioner of the South African Police to allow divisional commissioners to issue orders in terms of the regulations.

The Court accepted that only the State President had the authority in terms of the Public Safety Act to delegate this power and not the Commissioner of Police.

Mr J Browde argued successfully that the effect of the Divisional Commissioner's order was 'tantamount to banning the UDF as a lawful organisation'.

Clarity

An attempt to have a section of the emergency regulations which deals with the powers of the designated authorities to confiscate 'subversive' literature found invalid was successful in part only.

Mr Justice Coetzee ruled that Section 1 of Regulation 7 and 11, which deals with this, be rephrased for clarity of understanding But he rejected the UDF's attempt to invalidate Section 11.

Mr Browde said also that no attempt was made in the order to specify exactly what constituted a 'gather-

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Slain Minister was 'afraid of the comrades'

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The murdered Kwandebele Minister of Interior, Mr Piet Maqawe Ntuli, had ordered businesses in the same complex as his own to close on Sunday and Monday, saying they harboured "comrades" who wanted to kill him.

Businessmen in the area said he also ordered the closure of a filling station near his shops in the homeland's captal, Siyabuswa, because he alleged it was supplying "comrades" with petrol to burn him.

Mr Ntuli was killed at 8.35pm on Tuesday when his car exploded in Siyabuswa. He was the only occupant.

It is reported that his businesses were being boycotted.

August 1986

The day 11 were shot dead in Bophuthatswana

SLAIN COP'S THREAT

He said he would 'leave them lying all over like ants'

SOWETAN (278)

THE assassinated Bophuthatswana policeman, Brigadier Andrew Molope, warned Winterveldt residents who were gathered at a soccer field that he would "leave them lying all over like ants".

By ALINAH DUBE

He said he would bulldoze their houses the next day, an inquiry into the fatal shooting of 11 people was told yesterday.

Mrs Joslyn Motsuenyane, wife of Nafcoc president, Dr Sam Motsuenyane, gave this evidence before the Smith Commission of Inquiry into the March 26 shootings.

She said Brig Molope accused people of causing confusion in Bophuthatswana.

"He told the crowd that he was going to fight for the land of Bophuthatswana. The police official said he was aware that the crowd had come to the soccer field to fight but stressed that he would deal with everyone accordingly before leaving the area," Mrs Motsuenyane said

People in the crowd said they were not there to fight, she said

"But the brigadier ignored us and continued with his threat that he was even prepared to die for his country," she said

The commission was told that shortly after some parents had shouted "Our children are in police vehicles", Colonel D J Mokobyane answered: "Yes, we have arrested them and they will not be released."

Col Mokobyane, she stated, also told her that some people in the crowd were carrying petrol bombs — a thing she said she did not witness

Mrs JOSLYN Motsuenyane . . . evidence.

Mrs Motsuenyane said she fell and was trampled after shots were fired at the crowd. She said she lay there for about five minutes and managed to get up with her hands raised above her head.

Mr Justice E A T Smith also heard that the witness choked after Brig Molope threw a teargas canister at a group of people lying on the soccer field after the shooting.

She said she was fetched from the area by Dr Motsuenyane at 4pm. Police picked her up from her home shortly after 8pm and she was taken to the Garankuwa Police Station wher she was charged with public violence.

(Proceeding)

Bloemfontein murder trial argument — Page 2

Murder puts homeland's independence in question

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kwaNdebele's independence hangs in the balance after the murder this week of Minister of Internal Affairs and prime mover for independence, Mr Piet Ntuli, amid continuing violence in the homeland.

The issue seems likely to precipitate another constitutional crisis as the Government presses ahead to meet the December 11 independence deadline.

More than 100 people have died this year alone as violence has erupted since a decision by Chief Minister S S Skoshana's Government to take independence.

However, Mr Skoshana said yesterday that the independence issue was "in the air" after recent unrest. "If possible, we will go for independence on December 11, but we are now trying to get a second mandate from the people."

In Cape Town this week the majority parties in both the Houses of Representatives and Delegates have resolved to block enabling legislation — in spite of indications from Government sources that "all systems are go" for independence.

If the Government presses ahead with legislation and the two other Houses oppose it, the same sort of controversy which blew up in June over two tough security laws, could ensue.

Mr Desmond Lockey, nominated MP and constitutional spokesman for the majority Labour Party in the House of Representatives, said he didn't think the Government would pursue the December 11 deadline. "Ntuli was one of the main people behind the independence moves. There is a revolution happening there."

In Siyabuswa, kwaNdebele's capital, two people have been reported killed and about 16 injured in a shooting incident following Mr Ntuli's death. Sources said a group of youths was approaching one of the assassinated Minister's businesses — a shop — when they were fired at from inside.

Necklacing: Bail refused

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Cape Times 2/8/86

PRETORIA. — A magistrate yesterday refused bail to a man who allegedly "necklaced" a black policeman.

Mr Henry Burt, 33, of Plot 47, Laezonia, near Pretoria, denied the policeman's blood had been found in his car and suggested it had been "planted".

The magistrate said that in view of the seriousness of the murder charge, which carried a possible death sentence, and because Mr Burt's co-accused, Mr Roger North, had already fled the country, it was not in the interest of justice to grant him bail.

Mr Burt is being charged for the death of Sergeant Johannes Boetie Ndimande.

He allegedly hit the policeman over the head and "necklaced" him on the evening of June 6.

Mr North said in a statement to the police Mr Burt came to his house late one evening and told him he had picked up a "drunken policeman".

He said the policeman was dead and that he did not know what to do. When Mr North suggested Mr Burt telephone the police, he said he could not as he had killed the policeman.

'Black'

Mr Burt suggested they burn the body and make it look like a "black killing", said Mr North. There was a tyre nearby and Mr Burt suggested they burn the body and get rid of the evidence.

Mr North fled the country the day after he made the statement.

Mr North said he gave Mr Burt petrol and they put the tyre in the boot and drove off. He said he helped pull the body out of the car. They then set the body alight.

Mr Burt said he was at a civil defence meeting that evening. He had later given a policeman a lift and dropped him off. — Sapa

Cape Times 5/8/86

Winterveld deaths inquiry

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PRETORIA. — The Smith Commission of Inquiry into the Winterveld shooting of March 26 resumed yesterday in the Ga-Rankuwa Supreme Court.

The commission, investigating the deaths of 11 Winterveld residents who were shot by Bophuthatswana police at a large gathering, went into recess on June 27 after more than 20 witnesses had testified.

Shortly before going into recess the commission suffered two major setbacks.

The first was when lawyers representing the Winterveld community withdrew their participation in the proceedings because the "commission has no power to enforce its findings on the government of Bophuthatswana".

The second blow was when a key man, an officer commanding the police on the day of the shooting, Brigadier Andrew Molope, was gunned down in Winterveld on June 21. But he had already given evidence before Mr Justice Edgar Smith, chairman of the one-man commission.

The commission is expected to last for another four weeks or so. — Sapa

BLAZE KILLS SEVEN

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FORMER National servicemen Mr Deon Smit (24) (left) and Mr Glen Willy Pretorius (19), two of the accused appearing in the Pretoria Supreme Court on a charge of murdering a black man. See Page 2.

PIC: LEN KUMALO

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

SEVEN PEOPLE, including five children, were burnt to death when their shack was set alight in Bekkersdal, near Westonaria, early yesterday.

Six other people in an adjacent shack escaped death when their dwelling also caught fire. Two people have been arrested in connection with the incident.

The dead are: Mr Edward Sikwela (70), Ms Pinkie Motaung (30) and her five children, Sisane (12), Zolilwe (9), Tshidi (5), Zimba (5) and Xolisa (3).

Screaming

Those who escaped are Mrs Mirriam Booi (43), her husband Jacob, and their children Lindi (22), Sindiswa (16), Sipho (4) and 18-month-old Nosisi.

Major M J Halgryn, Police Public Relations Officer for the West Rand, confirmed the incidents. He said the motive of the attack was not political.

5 kids among victims

Mrs Booi told the *Sowetan* that her family was asleep at about 3am when they heard an explosion.

"We saw huge flames covering the shack next to ours. People were screaming inside. When we rushed to help we noticed that the door was tied with a wire," she said.

After the fire was put out the charred remains of seven people were found in the rubble.

A local councillor, Mr David Modimoeng, has condemned the act and expressed his sympathy with the bereaved family.

Turf students must leave hostels — Page 3

Leaders 'fled mob violence'

WINTERVELDT community leaders, Mrs Martha Lebopo and Mrs Joslyn Motsuenyane, wife of Nafcoc president Mr Sam Motsuenyane, fled when a mob threw stones at Bophuthatswana police on March 26.

Saying this under cross-examination by Advocate E van Graan in Ga-Rankuwa yesterday was Lieutenant-Colonel Diale Jerry Mokubyane, Divisional Commissioner in the Odi-Moretele District.

He was testifying before the Smith Commission of Inquiry into the fatal shooting of 11 Winterveldt residents by members of his police force.

Col Mokubyane told the commission that although his colleague, Brigadier Andrew Molope, had told Mrs Lebopo at the soccer field that day that he was "responsible for the safety and lives of people," he was unsuccessful in his attempt to disperse the crowd peacefully.

Ordered

"Brig Molope subsequently ordered the police and soldiers to leave the scene. But as we tried to obey his instructions, part of the crowd forcefully followed us and some tried to surround us," Col Mokubyane said.

"Tension grew when policemen attempted to arrest someone who was carrying a petrol bomb in his hand. As we realised that the act could have sparked off trouble, we decided to leave the person," he added.

Col Mokubyane said trouble started when the mob hurled bottles and stones at policemen. He said then both Mrs Lebopo and Mrs Motsuenyane ran away.

Youths

Youths held over schoolboys' murder

Cape Times 6/8/86

JOHANNESBURG. — Six youths aged 17 to 20 have been arrested in connection with an incident in Soweto on Friday night in which three schoolboys were killed and three badly injured, Brigadier J J Beeslaar, divisional CID officer for Soweto, said yesterday.

The victims, inseparable friends, were all pupils at Emadwaleni High School in Orlando West.

They were Vuyani Edwin Nkomo, 17, of Orlando East, Msilane Ronwell Sishanga, 16, and Mbulelo Mabena, 15, of Orlando West.

Those in Baragwanath Hospital are Oscar Mlangeni, 19, Sekano Avonley Kgasi, 17, and Simon Morris, 18, both from Orlando West.

Mrs Byiswa Mabena, Mbulelo's mother, said the youths were walking in Orlando East when two cars stopped alongside them. The doors were flung open and several men with firearms got out and started assaulting the six.

They then forced them into the boots of the cars and sped off.

"We were told by one of the survivors that they were taken to a house in Orlando West where they were severely assaulted and tortured. The men drove round the township before taking them to open veld in Chiawelo at nightfall, where they were shot." — Sapa

Bureau reports no deaths

Cape Times 6/8/86

PRETORIA. — No deaths or serious injuries were reported by the Bureau for Information in its situation report for the period 6am on Monday to 6am yesterday.

"For the second day running the country experienced virtually no unrest. No deaths or serious injuries were reported. More than two-thirds of the few incidents that did occur consisted of stonethrowing. The damage resulting from these incidents was minimal," it said.

Significantly

The bureau said the number of people involved in unrest incidents had dropped significantly.

"In the only incident in the Western Province, three people threw stones at a vehicle, causing R300 damage. (Monday) was also the first day since the start of the state of emergency that no incidents were reported in KwaNdebele.

"The security forces appreciate the support of the public in their aim to restore calm and order in all areas . . ." — Sapa

9 more Soweto killings reported

Nine murders were reported by Soweto police today — two of them involving firearms — which brings the number of killings in the township to 26 since the weekend.

In Zone 6, Pimville a 52-year-old man was shot dead after answering a knock at his door at 6am yesterday.

A 20-year-old man was shot dead while washing a car in the back yard of a Moroka house at 6pm on Tuesday.

Three cases of rape were also reported to the police. They involved girls aged seven and eight.

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Aspects of Winterveld shooting puzzle commission

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Pretoria Correspondent

The chairman of the commission of inquiry into the Winterveld shooting, Mr Justice Edgar Smith, said yesterday he could not understand why no warning shots were fired and why police equipped with shotguns were not put in front of those who had heavy calibre weapons.

Mr Justice Smith said this could have minimised the number of those who were fatally wounded. He said 28 people had shotgun wounds and were treated at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital and all survived — while 11 who had R-4 rifle wounds died.

Mr Justice Smith put it to Lieutenant-Colonel Jerry Mokubyane, who was the second-in-command of the police on March 26, that the distance between the police and the crowd before the shooting had allowed for warning shots to be fired.

This was denied by Colonel Mokubyane who said: "The lives of police were in danger and the shooting was justified."

MISSILES THROWN

But he told the judge that he did not think the people would attack the police until the crowd started throwing missiles.

Mr Justice Smith: You did not anticipate the attack?

Colonel Mokubyane. Yes.

Mr Justice Smith: And yet the crowd had various weapons — what did you think they were going to do with them?

Colonel Mokubyane: They might have used them on us, though I did not expect that.

The colonel said that the police used teargas first but it was ineffective. Then the order to shoot was given by Brigadier Andrew Molope who was in charge of the police. He said there were about 80 policemen on the scene and the crowd numbered about 10 000.

Colonel Mokubyane also told the commission that some people were followed into the township by him and two members of the Defence Force. He said this group went towards Soshanguve and he gained the impression they were from the township.

Only 6 cops fired shots, inquiry told

By ALINAH DUBE

THERE was drama yesterday at the Smith Commission of Inquiry into the fatal shooting of 11 Winterveldt residents on March 26 when a senior Bophuthatswana police officer said only six policemen fired shots that day.

This claim was made by Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Mokubyane, a divisional commissioner in the Odi/Moretele district, on his second day of cross examination by Mr Hennie de Vos, a State prosecutor.

Colonel Mokubyane told the commission that his records showed 22 rounds of ammunition were fired by members of his force.

Rifles

He said of the total figure, 10 were fired from R4 rifles, two from shotguns and another 10 from pistols.

He said only six policemen fired at the crowd at the soccer field.

Mr Justice E A T Smith told the witness that earlier evidence by medical practitioners was that 28 people were treated for gunshot wounds at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital that day.

He said it was impossible for those people to have had shotgun pellets when only 22 rounds had been used. That, he said, also did not make sense when added to the 11 who died of R4 rifle shots.

Postponed

"It is further surprising that of the 80 policemen said to have been at the soccer field, only six obeyed the commander's order to shoot," the judge said.

He then suspended discussion on the subject until later.

He said the witness should be able to tell the commission how many of his men were armed during the shooting.

Asked why it was possible for the army to launch an internal inquiry shortly after the killings took place yet the police had not done so, Colonel Mokubyane said: "It was because of pressure."

It was not possible, he said, to take such steps because they had a lot of work.

The inquiry was postponed until Wednesday.

Teargas used at Soweto burial

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THOUSANDS of people were turned away from a funeral on Saturday for three youths killed in Soweto.

Five hundred mourners were allowed into the Emadwaleni High School, where the funeral was restricted to two hours. Students from nearly all of Soweto's high schools arrived in buses, trucks and cars, in groups from 20 to 100, said a reporter who was also not allowed inside.

Some people had arrived as early as 7am for the 11am service.

Those turned away, estimated at up to 15 000, were milling in the streets in front of the school that the three dead youths had attended. Some were commandeering cars to take them to the Avalon cemetery, where the three teenagers were to be buried.

Funeral processions are not permitted under emergency regulations, and services are usually limited in length and number of mourners.

A spokesman for the Bureau for Information, Mr Carel du Toit, said police used teargas at the cemetery where the burial took place when a section of the crowd became "unruly".

"At the cemetery a portion of the crowd became unruly and the police then opened up with teargas," said Mr du Toit.

"The crowd then dispersed and there was no damage, no injuries and no arrests."

He said the three teenagers were killed last weekend "in a faction fight between gangs".

Mr Jefferson Lengane (29), appeared in the Soweto District Court on Thursday and was charged with murder and attempted murder in the case. Five others were charged with him, including three 17-year-old youths.

Violence in homeland and Soweto

SIPHO NGCOBO
and Sapa

THE Bureau for Information reports that at least two people died in unrest since Tuesday morning.

A Soweto woman was burnt to death when attacked by a mob. A KwaNdebele security guard shot dead a youth who was allegedly part of a crowd attacking a man.

The guard fired five shots at attackers, killing Jan Mahlangu, 18. The unidentified victim of the attack suffered serious injuries, the bureau said.

The bureau's unrest report for the 24 hours to 6am yesterday identified the Soweto woman as Flora Makwe, 54, of Tladi, who was "burnt to death with tyres in Zola 3, Soweto", when attacked "by a group of about 50 blacks".

In Vlakfontein, KwaNdebele, about 10 people poured petrol over a man and set him alight. The bureau did not say if the man died.

The bureau expressed its regret at "undue distress caused to Maria Hlatshwayo and her family by the situation report issued on Tuesday". The bureau had reported that Hlatswayo had died.

"It has now been ascertained that the person who died in hospital on August 11 as a result of injuries sustained on July 16, when an attempt was made to burn her alive, was Gladis Motloung, 17, of 14 071 Ndlovu Street, Daveyton," it said.

Youths yesterday went on the rampage in Soweto and attacked delivery vehicles.

Business Day reporters saw a brick delivery truck being stoned and gutted by youths in Orlando West. The driver and his helpers had to abandon the truck.

According to residents, the youths had just attended the funeral of a pupil who was stabbed to death last week.

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Son of actor found dead

JOHANNESBURG. — The body of Mr Sondlo Papi Sabela, 18, son of Soweto actor Mr Simon "Makbhunu" Sabela, has been found in the government mortuary. Sondlo, a Std 9 pupil at Orlando High, went missing eight days ago.

His father said Sondlo was apparently found lying unconscious near Mzimhlope. He had a deep cut across the skull, apparently caused by a hard blow from a panga. — Sapa

Homeland rejects govt plan

Cape Times 13/8/86

SIYABUSWA. — The KwaNdebele Legislative Assembly yesterday decided to refuse independence it was to have received on December 11.

The Assembly also declared the vigilante group known as the Mbokhoto illegal and will introduce legislation making it an offence to describe anybody as a member of that organization.

After a lengthy debate in the Assembly, which was packed with residents and into which the press and film crews were allowed, the Speaker, Mr Solomon Mahlangu, ruled against independence.

His ruling was made without voting as the Assembly was unanimous in its rejection of independence.

The decision overturns a previous decision by the Assembly to accept independence.

Chief Minister Mr Simon Skosana, who spoke only at the end of the debate, did not dissent from the majority feeling but he said the day's proceedings made the earlier decision look as though it had been done "in stealth".

He said members of the Assembly had gone out after the 1884 decision and informed the whole nation of independence.

"Today I am damned to be a criminal," he said, but added: "I am not going to force people to do what they do not want to do."

The debate was led by the opposition leader, Prince James Mahlangu, who signalled the debate during a formal motion on unrest in KwaNdebele.

Speaker after speaker referred to the high death toll in KwaNdebele, said to number well over a hundred since the current outbreak of violence started on May 12.

On that day violence broke out after an announcement that the date for independence was set for December 11 this year.

Earlier this week it was made known that several members of the Mbokhoto group — co-accused of KwaNdebele's now dead Minister of Interior, Mr Piet Ntuli — may have to face charges of murder and assault.

Charges against Mr Ntuli, who died in a car blast, were withdrawn.

● Mr Neville Krige, liaison officer for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, yesterday said: "I cannot comment on the matter. I only heard from newsmen today that KwaNdebele had taken such a decision."

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Court told of grenade 'accidents'

A former Springs district surgeon described how he had to perform a post mortem on a man blown apart by "either a few hand grenades or a larger device", during terrorist attacks on various targets in the Tsakane, Duduza area last year.

Dr D Bowden was giving evidence in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday in the trial of Mr Joseph Titus Mazibuko (18), Mr John Mlangeni (21), Mr Samuel Lekatsa (19), Mr Humphrey Tshabalala (19), Mr Johannes Veli Mazibuko (18), all of Duduza, Nigel, and Mr Hosea Lengosane (20) and Mr Cedric Dladla (19) of Tsakane, Brakpan, who were all allegedly members of the Congress of South African Students.

TERROR GROUP

The seven men were allegedly part of a terror group that attacked various targets on June 25 and 26 last year.

During the attacks eight of the group died, and most of the seven survivors were mutilated.

Members of the terror group were allegedly given hand grenades which were not equipped with time-delay mechanisms, and which exploded immediately on the release of the safety pin.

Today Dr Bowden, who had performed a post mortem on Mr Congress Mtsweni, gave evidence.

The doctor said the man's head and both his legs had been blown off. The body was too mutilated to enable the doctor to make any findings.

He also carried out a post mortem examination on Mr Petrus Modisane (18) who died from head injuries and the amputation of his right hand.

Dr Bowden said it was probable Mr Modisane had been holding a grenade when it exploded.

The court also heard today Mr Joseph Mazibuko, Mr John Mlangeni, Mr Lekatsa, Mr Tshabalala, and Mr Johannes Mazibuko, who were all injured in the attacks, had all given statements to the police between 11 and 55 hours after being operated on.

Mr Tshabalala gave a statement 17 hours after being operated on.

Dr L I van der Berg, who treated Mr Tshabalala, said under cross examination that if the police had asked him if they could speak to the patient, he would have told them to return later.

The hearing continues. — Sapa.

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THE late Brig Molope.

'Molope fired first shot'

BRIGADIER Andrew Molope, assassinated Divisional Commissioner of Police in Bophuthatswana, fired the first shot at the Winterveldt unrest scene early this year.

By ALINAH DUBE

This was said yesterday by Elizabeth Mosetlhane of Winterveldt at the Smith Commission of Inquiry into the March 26 shootings.

She gave evidence shortly before Judge E A T Smith, lawyers and journalists drove to a soccer field, where she pointed out where she stood during the shootings.

Mrs Mosetlhane told the Commission that she heard of the meeting a day before 11 people were shot dead by the police in the area.

A number of boys, aged from eight years old had informed residents that "Mr Mokubyane wanted to address us at a soccer field the next day," she said.

Although she did not know what the purpose of the meeting was, she told the commission that she attended because the convener was a government representative.

"I expected Mr Mokubyane (a police officer) to say something which would possibly benefit the Winterveldt community.

"I also thought he would talk on local living conditions and life in general," she said.

She said a delegation which was to meet Bophuthatswana's Minister of Law and Order was elected at the meeting.

"Shortly after Mrs Martha Lebopo, a community leader, had asked us to disperse, Brig Molope stopped us.

"He accused us (parents) of sending our children to cause trouble.

"He spoke of children who were burning buses, attacking houses of policemen and killing people by burning them with tyres," Mrs Mosetlhane said.

She told the commission that Brig Molope said people had been causing trouble in the past and that March 26 was the day when policemen would do likewise.

The land on which they stood belonged to the Bophuthatswana Government and not Mandela, he said.

"He lifted his hand, fired a shot in the air and shouted 'fire on'. The act was followed by the firing of shots and teargas," she said.

Tembisa is owed R2,9-m

Tembisa residents owe the town council R2,9 million, the town clerk, Mr P L Harmse said today.

He said the arrears were for site rents, service charges and electricity and water services.

Residents stopped paying rent in June and July to show solidarity with council employees who were dismissed for striking for salary increases and a demand for the recognition of a trade union of their choice.

Mr Harmse said the arrears affected the council so much so that capital projects might have to be postponed.

He denied rumours that residents who went to pay their rent had been turned back because they did not have the whole amount.

"People with problems have come forward and we help them.

"There is no truth that we demand the whole amount from residents.

"Arrangements would be made for residents to pay their arrears in instalments, but they must stick to the conditions of paying off these arrears," Mr Harmse said.

A *Star* reporter who visited the Tembisa administration offices saw a few people queueing to pay their rents.

Passports of airline's top staff seized

The Star's Africa News Service

MBABANE — Swazi police were holding the passports of five senior management staff of the the country's airline, Royal Swazi Airways, it was confirmed today.

Police said the passports of chief executive officer Mr Dan Langeler, commercial manager Mr Mick McDonagh, senior engineer Mr Godfrey Paris, accountant Mr Wycliffe Oponyo and chief air hostess Miss Gwyneth Lomahoza were being held.

They said Mr McDonagh's passport would be returned temporarily to enable him to attend a seminar in Zimbabwe.

Police and the Ministry of Works, Power and Communications refused comment.

3 children accidentally inhale gas

Three 11-year-old pupils were taken to hospital for observation after they were exposed to chlorine gas at Johannesburg's Theo Wassenaar Primary School.

They were discharged immediately after a check-up and suffered no after effects.

According to the principal, Mr D Botha, a little chlorine leaked when a worker changed gas bottles attached to a chlorinator at the Robertsham school's swimming pool on Wednesday.

The three children happened to walk past at the time. Their eyes started watering and they felt nauseous, he said.

"We rushed them to hospital immediately for a check-up and they were back at school yesterday.

Petrol victim loses his fight for life

A Soweto man who was attacked by alleged hired assailants and doused with petrol before being set alight, died at Baragwanath Hospital last week after fighting for his life for seven weeks.

Mr Joseph Nzama died on August 4. He was attacked in Naledi Extension on June 14 in front of his children.

His wife, Mrs Gertrude Nzama, blamed a Soweto councillor who had allegedly demanded a bribe of R500 from them over a house allocation.

According to Mrs Nzama, the councillor, who cannot be named at this stage, had promised to officially enter them as new tenants.

She said four men came to the house, attacked Mr Nzama and set him alight.

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Reporter to appear in court

Staff Reporter

A CAPE TIMES reporter, Chris Steyn, has been ordered to appear before a Johannesburg magistrate to give evidence in connection with an alleged contravention of Section 27 (b) of the Police Act by three men, one of whom she interviewed in June last year.

A warrant for Miss Steyn's arrest was issued when she failed to appear on August 6, but was held over pending a second appearance on August 21.

The order relates to a series of hand-grenade blasts in Duduza, Tsakane and KwaThema on the East Rand on June 25 and 26 last year, and an interview Miss Steyn conducted in connection with the blasts.

At the time, she was crime reporter for The Star.

No provocation before shooting, says witness

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Pretoria Correspondent

A Winterveld resident, Mrs Elizabeth Mosetlhane, yesterday told the Smith Commission of Inquiry that the late Brigadier Andrew Molope did fire a shot on March 26, and then ordered the police to shoot.

She said there was no justification for the shooting, which claimed 11 lives.

During his evidence in July, Brigadier Molope said he did not fire any shots and was not even armed.

Mrs Mosetlhane said that on March 25 youths moved from house to house in the township, informing residents that "Mr Mokubyane wanted to see us the following day at a soccer field." This was an apparent reference to Lieutenant-Colonel Jerry Mokubyane, Divisional Commisioner of Bophuthatswana Police in the Odi and Moritele districts.

THOUSANDS GATHERED

Mrs Mosetlhane said when she arrived at the soccer field the following day there were "many thousands of people gathered."

Mrs Martha Lebopo, a community leader, asked the crowd to elect a delegation to meet the police to discuss the detention of some residents. "After the elections Mrs Lebopo told us to disperse."

Brigadier Molope "told us we had sent our children on a destruction course. He said he wanted to make us aware that we were in Bophuthatswana and not in Mandela's land," Mrs Mosetlhane said.

After these words the brigadier raised his gun and fired a shot in the air — after which he commanded the police to shoot. There was no provocation from the crowd, Mrs Mosetlhane told the commission.

The proceedings were adjourned by the chairman, Mr Justice Edgar Smith, and it was decided that an inspection would be held at the soccer pitch to establish exactly where Mrs Mosetlhane had stood in relation to the police.

Four killed at border

Police seize big cache of Soviet arms

By Mike Cohen

Four insurgents were shot dead and a fifth wounded in the Eastern Transvaal after they crossed the border from Swaziland and were involved in a skirmish with a police patrol.

A shoot-out between the five insurgents and police happened at 9:30 pm on Thursday close to the fence on the border of South Africa and Swaziland.

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria gave further details of the shoot-out which was announced yesterday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, when he opened a new police station in Margate, Natal.

The spokesman said the four men were shot dead after running into the patrol. A fifth was wounded and managed to escape into the thick bush. After extensive follow-up operations involving members of the security police, the Criminal Investigation Department and uniformed members of the force, the man was arrested yesterday morning

"Two of the men shot dead have already been positively identified as terrorists, although we cannot at this stage say to which organisation they belonged.

"The police also seized a large quantity of arms — all of Soviet origin," the spokesman said last night.

The arms cache seized by the police included:

- RPG 7 rocket launchers and missiles.
- A quantity of limpet mines.
- Plastic explosives.
- AK 47 assault rifles.
- A large number of handgrenades.

The police spokesman said, because of a court case in the near future and investigations into the causes of death of the four men resulting in inquest hearings, further details could not be released.

At the opening of the police station yesterday, Mr le Grange said this was one of many "successes" by the Security Police in recent months.

In Swaziland on Thursday a group of hooded armed men raided a local police station freeing three people including a member of the banned African National Congress.

Swazi police reported that the Mankayane police staion was raided early on Thursday by about 12 men who overpowered three police officers, grabbed keys to the cells and freed the three prisoners.

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10 murdered in Soweto over weekend

At least 10 people were murdered in Soweto over the weekend, a police spokesman said today.

Five of the 10 killed were shot. There were no arrests in connection with the shooting deaths.

Two of the shootings occured at Dube Hostel.

On Saturday morning a 36-year-old man was shot dead when he went outside after he heard shots being fired.

Six men confronted him and a shot was fired, fatally wounding him.

The body of another man was found at the Dube hostel with a bullet in the chest.

There were five attempted murders and two arrests were made in two of the cases.

There were six armed robberies, 11 ordinary robberies and nine rape cases. About 34 stolen cars were recovered.

'Youth revolution runs townships'

There is a civil war going on in the townships with "soldiers patrolling the streets while young people control the community", Ned Geref Kerk in Afrika minister Dr Nico Smith told a Houghton audience last night.

Addressing a meeting at the Temple Emanuel which took as its theme an excerpt from the Bible — "come let us reason together sayeth the Lord", Dr Smith said he was "frightened by the ignorance of whites about what is going on".

Dr Smith, who lives and works in Mamelodi near Pretoria, said if whites "really knew what was going on they would be scared to death".

"There is a youth revolution. What the young people decide, happens.

"I can't see how the soldiers can keep the people at gunpoint for an unlimited time.

"The army moved in to Mamelodi and fenced in all the schools — but it is absurd to think you can ever force children to learn at gunpoint."

Commenting on the inadequate information reaching whites about the South African situation, Dr Smith said their reaction when they "eventually discover what is going on will be one of absolute fury".

"The elderly people may be confused, but the young people know what they want: liberation has entered their minds and they are obsessed to be liberated.

"They will die for it if they must."

"But liberation is not the same thing as freedom or democracy," columnist Mr Harald Pakendorf, former editor of the Afrikaans daily *Die Vaderland* told the meeting.

"Will our new society have more freedoms? Will you be allowed to say about the new government what you said tonight? I certainly intend to."

In his address as part of the panel discussion he said there was not enough thinking done about a "post-apartheid South Africa".

He said South Africans should look to the future and their future interests.

"Unfortunately the Government in Pretoria, and the African National Congress, and the Volkswag and Azapo (Azanian Peoples' Organisation) do not look to their future interests, but to their present position."

South Africa would weather sanctions, he said. It should not look to foreigners to find a solution to its problems.

RISKY

He said that although it was "risky to release political prisoners and unban the ANC", not doing so now was to run the risk of increased violence and the imposition of economic sanctions.

"There is no doubt — whether it is done now or in ten years — the only way to achieve a lasting political solution for South Africa is to talk to all the main actors."

Drama at Winterveldt hearing

By ALINAH DUBE

THE Smith Commission of Inquiry into the March 26 Winterveldt shootings took a dramatic turn on Friday when a witness refused to be cross-examined by a counsel for the Bophuthatswana Police.

Mrs Elizabeth Mosetlhane told advocate H Hugo that the evidence she led earlier before the commission was sufficient and that she would not answer questions from him. She said the counsel was confusing her when she related the events which led to the death of 11 people.

Memory

Judge E A T Smith explained to Mrs Mosetlhane that Mr Hugo's questions were not a personal attack on her. He said the counsel had to ask witnesses in order to test their memory and knowledge of that day's events.

After consulting with Mr Hennie de Vos, a state prosecutor, the witness agreed to give further evidence.

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'I SAW FRIEND SHOT'

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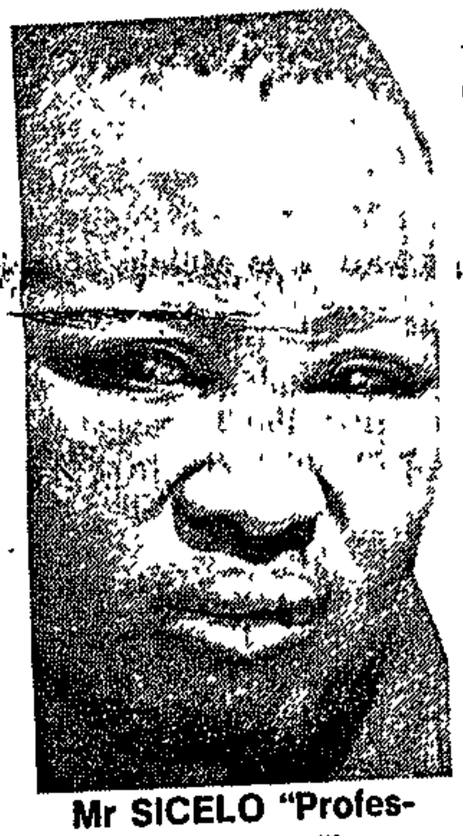
By MANDLA NDLAZI



Mr SICELO "Professor" Mtolo . . . "I was punched in the face."

A ZOLA man alleged yesterday that Soweto City Council blackjacks terrorised him and fatally shot his friend outside a councillor's house.

The dead man was Mr Maxwell Mbele (29), who died at Baragwanath Hospital later.

Mr Sicelo Professor Mtolo (26) of Zola North said the incident happened last Sunday night.

Captain J Pieterse of the Soweto City Council Law enforcement unit said they were not aware of the incident. He promised to investigate.

When told about the incident, Brigadier James Beeslaar, head of the Soweto CID said his men would find out whether the alleged incident had been reported to the police.

Mr Mtolo said he reported the matter to the Jabulani police who promised to start investigations after he had made a statement. He told the *Sowetan* that he has now given a statement to the police.

He said he was walking home with Mr Mbele, when they passed a councillor's house.

Council officers guarding the house stopped the two in the street and asked why they were shooting at them. Before they could answer, they were dragged into the yard.

Mr Mtolo said they were made to stand against a wall and a shot was fired, wounding Mr Mbele in the head.

Mr Mtolo was punched several times and ordered to chop wood for the officer's fire.

Mr Mtolo said an ambulance later took Mr Mbele and himself to Baragwanath Hospital.

"I was X-rayed, treated for my swollen and cut face and later allowed to go home," said Mr Mtolo.

No-one to be blamed for deaths of youths

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No-one could be blamed for the deaths of three Soweto youths who were shot when West Rand Development Board officials opened fire on a crowd of youths, a Johannesburg inquest magistrate found yesterday.

During a formal inquest into the deaths of Eugene Mtshali (19), Jabulani David Kosa (20) and Joshua Nzizwa Maseko (16), it was found they had all died of bullet wounds from 9 mm pistols on May 11 this year.

The inquest court heard that on May 11 three development board officials, Mr A P Biyela, Mr D Cordier and Mr G Nel, were patrolling the Diepkloof area after a report of unrest.

Constable Biyela testified that on arriving at the scene of unrest they had seen 50 to 60 youths, who threw stones and petrol bombs at them.

"I could see our lives were in danger so I fired on them," he said.

Identical statements were made before the inquest magistrate by Mr Cordier and Mr Nel.

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A-G decides not to charge

LINDA ENSOR

TRANSVAAL Attorney-General Don Brunette has decided not to prosecute anyone for the deaths of 13 people alleged to have been shot by police in Mamelodi, outside Pretoria, last November.

Brunette said all the cases had been referred to the magistrate's court for the holding of inquests.

The deaths occurred on November 21 when, it is alleged, police opened fire on a crowd of between 20 000 and 50 000 people gathered at the Mamelodi town council offices to protest against police presence in the township, high rentals and the banning of weekend funerals.

Replying to a question from the Progressive Federal Party's Peter Soal in Parliament yesterday, Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange said he did not know when the inquest date would be set.

One of the attorneys representing about 10 families of the dead and injured told *Business Day* the State was defending their civil claim for damages of more than R500 000.

Nano Matlala said the families were claiming damages for loss of earnings, loss of support and funeral expenses.

In the case of a paraplegic person, and another who was shot in the head and might suffer loss of memory in the future, damages for personal injury were also being claimed.

The families allege the police shot their relatives without cause.

Matlala said he expected pleadings to be completed by the end of the year but, because of congested court rolls, it could take another year before the case was heard.

Home destroyed, two people injured

Ten men in Swazi raid

THELMA TUCH

TEN men entered Swaziland illegally from SA at the weekend, raided two homes, shot a man and a woman in the legs and set their home alight, Swazi police spokesman Solly Mkhonza said yesterday.

The group included blacks and whites.

It was possible they were connected with Monday's raid on Ephesus House, Manzini — the offices of a Scandinavian-backed organisation which grants scholarships to Swazis and SA refugees.

Police were investigating whether the attacks were aimed at people connected with ANC, Mkhonza said.

An SADF spokesman said later the report by Mkhonza was interesting in the light of the Swazis blaming the ANC for attacking a police station last week.

Mkhonza said files containing information on students were stolen from the offices.

The men entered Swaziland on Saturday evening by cutting open the fence near the Oshoek border and driving through in three cars.

Attacks were launched on two homes near the border. Jabulile Masuku and Maneda Twala, who were shot in the legs, were now in hospital, Mkhonza said.

The attackers set fire to their house, destroying it.

In another incident on Saturday evening, four men raided the Mbabane home of Thabsile Mngadi who was away at the time.

Called to the scene by neighbours, police discovered spent cartridges of a 9mm pistol.

A television set and videos had been stolen, their investigation showed.

"We are worried about the raids," Mkhonza said.

He refused to comment on a Swazi television report that "informed sources" were speculating on whether the raid on Ephesus House had been carried out by South African agents.

Wheat imports expected to soar

GERALD REILLY

SOUTH AFRICA might have to import about a million tons of wheat a year in five or six years' time if consumption continued to increase, Wheat Boad GM Denis van Aarde said in Pretoria yesterday.

He said he knew nothing of a reported tentative SA offer to buy 500 000 tons of wheat a year from the US.

US reports said the offer could be used as a powerful anti-sanctions weapon by the SA government.

Van Aarde said the board had imported 314 000 tons of wheat — 156 000 tons from the US — from Canada, Australia and the US this year.

He said the next SA crop was likely to be about 1,9-million tons, making it necessary to import between 200 000 and 300 000 tons next season.

IN BRIEF

Court applications turned down

AN APPLICATION by Colgate-Palmolive to have a pending court battle with Elida-Gibbs allocated to another judical division was rejected in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

A counter application to have the costs of litigation heard to date awarded to Elida-Gibbs was also turned down at the hearing

SA can build own submarines

IT was "feasible and technically possible" for SA to build its own submarines, a military strategist, Professor Deon Fourie of Unisa, said yesterday. He was reacting to speculation in the Press on the issue.

An SA Navy spokesman said it was: "Not the custom to comment on speculative Press reports."

Japan's 500:6 export-import ratio

LONDON — Japan is exporting more than 500 000 vehicles a month, but importing less than 6 000 a month, according to a survey by the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association.

Klomp estate is sequestrated

THE estate of Willem Klomp — missing director of Klomp and De Wet — was finally sequestrated in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

The application was brought before Mr Justice R Goldstone by fellow director Yvonne Greta Larkins.

She said in papers before the court that she had brought the application for Klomp's sequestration because he had alienated R100 000 belonging to the firm.

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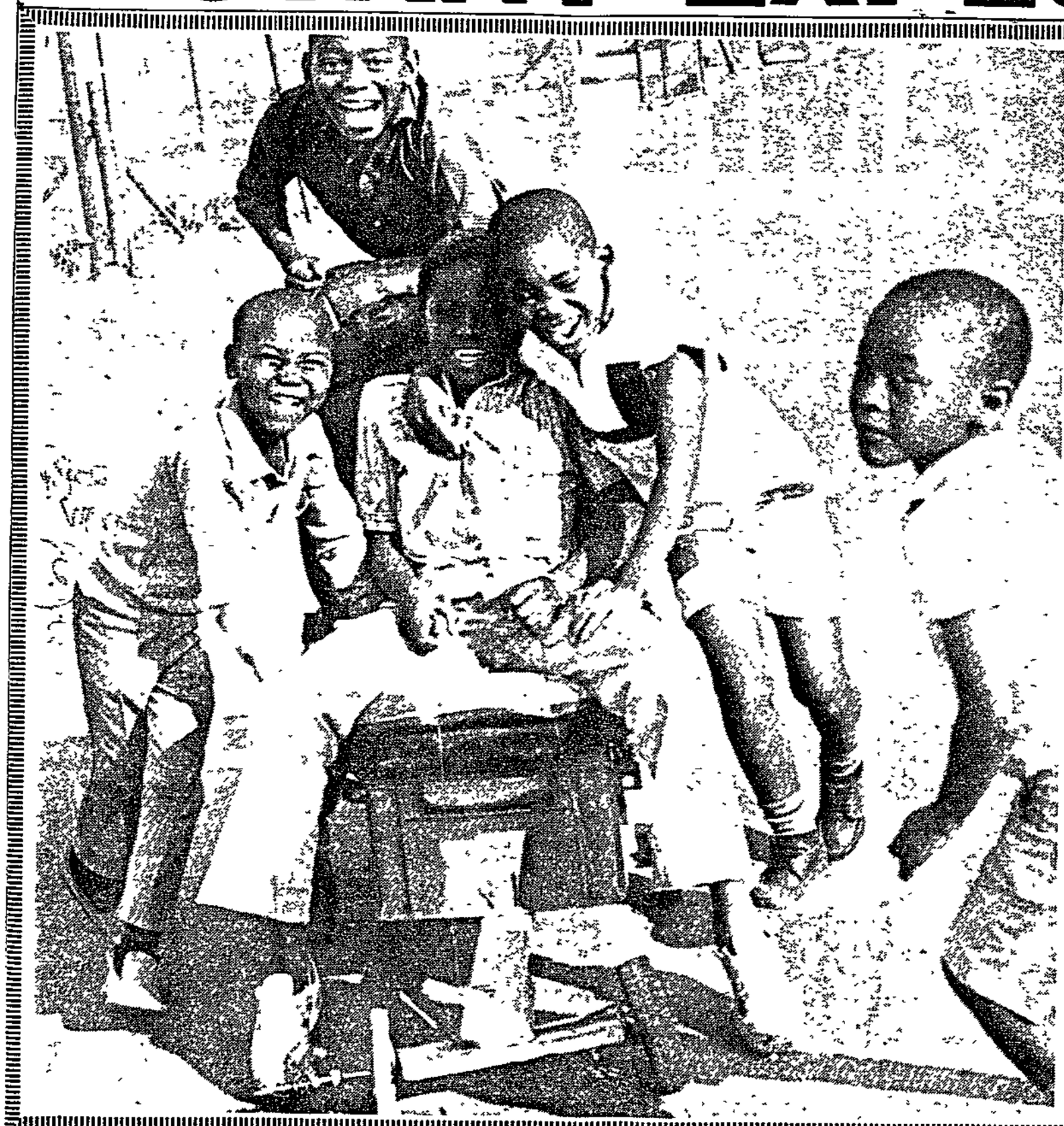

VROOM! VROOM!!

THE self-made car may not be the genuine thing but it brings about the happiness that shines through the faces of these boys in Senaoane.

Grenades had no delay mechanism

By MONK NKOMO

THE hand grenades used during alleged attacks on the homes of councillors and policemen in Duduza last year, were designed to explode immediately upon release of a safety lever, the Pretoria Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Captain Francois Steenkamp, the investigating officer, told Mr Justice Stafford and two assessors that the hand grenades used during the attacks at midnight on June 25 or 26 last year were of Russian origin.

Eight alleged attackers died when the grenades exploded unexpectedly, the State alleges.

Captain Steenkamp was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Joseph Titus Mazibuko (18), Mr John Mlangeni (21), Mr Samuel Lekatsa (19), Mr Humphrey Tshabalala (19), Mr Johannes Veli Mazibuko (18), all of Duduza and Mr Hosia Lengusane (20) and Mr Cedric Dladla (19), both of Tsakane, Brakpan.

Not guilty

They have all pleaded not guilty to two charges of terrorism, five counts of attempted murder, a charge of illegal possession of hand grenades and a bomb, and two charges of malicious damage to property.

The State alleges that they attacked the homes of former Duduza councillor Mr Steven Namane and his brother David, Warrant Officer Ben Baloyi and Sergeant Themba Ndaba in Tsakane and Springs.

Capt Steenkamp yesterday told the court that the hand grenades that were allegedly used by the accused were not equipped with time-delay mechanisms.

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Mamelodi deaths: No prosecutions

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Transvaal Attorney-General, Mr Don Brunette, has decided not to prosecute anyone for the deaths of 13 people shot by police in Mamelodi last November.

Mr Brunette said that all the cases had been referred to the Magistrate's Court for inquests.

The deaths occurred on November 21 when police opened fire on a crowd of between 20 000 and 50 000 people gathered at the town council offices in Mamelodi.

They were protesting against the police presence in the township, high rentals and the banning of weekend funerals.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, said in Parliament yesterday that he did not know when a date would be set for the inquests.

One of the attorneys representing about 10 families of the dead and injured said the state is defending their civil claim for damages of over R500 000.

Attorney Mr Nano Matlala said the families were claiming damages for loss of earnings, loss of support and funeral expenses.

They allege the police acted without good cause in shooting their relatives.

Mr Matlala expected pleadings to be completed by the year-end, but due to congested court rolls, it could take another year before the case was heard.

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Police called meeting — evidence

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THE meeting at which 11 people were shot dead in Winterveldt early this year was organised by the Bophuthatswana police, the commission of inquiry into the deaths of 11 people heard for the second time yesterday.

This was said by a resident, Mr Sonnyboy Motshepi (67), who was being cross-examined by Mr Hugo, appearing for the police.

He said residents were told that the organisers of the March 26 meeting were senior Bophuthatswana officials. He added that although he did not have any intention of going to the soccer field that day, he was keen to know what the officers — in their capacity as government representatives — had in store for the local community.

Sickly

"As a sickly person, I would not have gone to the meeting had it not been for a group of people who told me that all residents had to attend. One stressed that every person in the area had gone to the soccer field and as a result I had no reason to stay behind," the witness said.

Cop chased crowd — witness

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COLONEL Diale Jerry Mokobyane, a Divisional Commissioner for the Bophuthatswana police in the Odi/Moretele district, was among a group of policemen who chased a fleeing crowd shortly after shots were fired at a Winterveldt soccer field early this year, a Garankuwa police photographer said yesterday.

By ALINAH DUBE

Giving evidence before the Smith Commission of Inquiry into the March 26 killings, Warrant Officer Moses Mahuma said he arrived at the scene about 11am, shortly after the police had fired at the crowd. Teargas had just been fired, he added.

Warrant Officer Mahuma said both Colonel Mokobyane and Brigadier Andrew Molope, who has since been assassinated, instructed him to photograph people as they were running away.

"Some of the pictures I took that morning may have been bad as a result of the tearsmoke which was disturbing me," he said.

The photographer said only three pictures were well developed.

Mr Justice Smith said it was surprising that although Warrant Officer Mahuma claimed to have photographed a fleeing mob that day, his pictures before the commission showed "a group of people picking up things".

He added that he would have expected the photographer to have taken a lot of pictures at the scene of unrest. But the witness said he only managed to take a few.

The commission also heard that Colonel Mokobyane and other policemen chased the crowd from the field into the village.

Teargas prevented photos

Pretoria Correspondent

A Bophuthatswana police photographer who was present on March 26 when 11 people were shot dead in Winterveld, told the Smith Commission of Inquiry yesterday that he did not take many pictures because he was blinded by teargas.

Warrant-Officer Moses Mahuma said he arrived at the scene between 10 am and 11 am after being summoned by the late Brigadier Andrew Molope, who was commanding the police there.

"As I parked my car next to the soccer field I heard shots being fired and saw people running in different directions. Some were chased by police."

Three pictures were handed in as exhibits. Warrant-Officer Mahuma said he was told the others were underdeveloped.

"I was not surprised by this. I knew I had taken bad pictures because I was blinded by teargas."

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Arrested 4 turn State witness

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people arrested in connection with the "necklacing" of Mr Pieter Willem Grobler, 33, in Zuurbekom, near Soweto, on June 15 will not be charged for murder but will instead be used as State witnesses.

A police spokesman at the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad said the two women and two men could not be named "for fear of their safety".

The spokesman said the four would "help the police trace the culprits who are still at large".

The four people were "involved before and after the murder". They were arrested on August 18 and then pointed out a spot where the remains of Mr Grobler's charred body were found.

Some of Mr Grobler's possessions were found with the four people who were arrested.

ACCUSED FLEE ANGRY YOUTHS

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SOWETO activist Mr Jefferson Lengane and five other youths accused of killing three Soweto pupils had to escape a group of angry youths in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

SOWETAN Reporter

The 29-year-old Mr Lengane, of Orlando West, was appearing before a Johannesburg magistrate together with Mr Joseph Pitso (19), Mr Atasios Mphoreng (20) and three 17-year-old youths, all of Orlando East, on three counts of murder and three of attempted murder.

They were not asked to plead and the case was postponed to September 18.

Later, Mr Mphoreng and two of the 17-year-old youths appeared separately on a charge of murder in a sequel to the killing of a white security guard in Orlando East on July 10.

They were not asked to plead and their case was also postponed to September 18.

Mr Mphoreng was granted R500 bail while the youths were released in the custody of their parents.

Drama began when the magistrate, Mr R F Laue, ordered that the court be cleared of spectators as the two cases were to be heard in camera.

Some of the youths who had jam-packed the gallery started exchanging sharp words among themselves.

After a little struggle with a court orderly, the youths and some older people streamed out of the courtroom and waited outside.

The six accused used a side door after their cases were postponed.

Friends and parents of the accused escorted them to the main exit, but they quickly retreated after they had apparently bumped into some of the youths.

Safety

Mr P Desai, their representative, told them to use another exit for their own safety.

Threatening remarks were also made to a photographer from a Sunday newspaper.

The appearance of the six is a sequel to the death of Edward Vuyani Nkomo (17), Ronel Mselane Sishange (16) and Mbulelo Esau Mabena, all pupils at Emadwaleni High School in Orlando West.

Mr Mphoreng and two other youths also appeared in connection with the death of Mr C H Human (49). Mr Human was shot and killed outside an Orlando East shopping centre about five weeks ago.

Man crippled after unrest

A 58-YEAR-OLD Winterveldt man was left a cripple after a bullet ripped through his hip at the scene of unrest early this year, a commission of inquiry heard in Garankuwa yesterday.

Mr Thomas Shwamba told the Smith Commission of Inquiry into the death of 11 people on March 26 that he was hospitalised for about two months after the incident.

He has since been unable to walk with ease and has lost his job, he said.

Judge E A T Smith also heard that Mr Shwamba went to the soccer field after two policemen, including Colonel D J Mokubyane, had called local residents to a meeting.

"Although the two did not say what the purpose of the meeting was, they said all members of the community had to attend".

At the field, Mr Shwamba said two women he had seen addressing the crowd announced that it was time to disperse.

A short while thereafter, he added, Col Mokubyane intervened and stopped people from leaving the ground.

"I saw a red flag being hoisted among a group of policemen. Then a shot went off and I started running. But I was hit by a bullet and lost consciousness before getting away," he said.

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Councillor quits after attack on butchery

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI

DIEPMEADOW councillor Eliakim Hadebe didn't like what a group of youths did to his butchery, but it made him realise how unpopular he is – and hours later he resigned.

About 200 youths attacked his Diepkloof Zone Six butchery last Wednesday They smashed the windows, counters and fridges and took meat worth R250 and R800 cash

Hadebe, 68, was this week still counting his losses.

He said he decided to resign because of pressure from his family, the public and the frustration in his eight years as a councillor.

"I have submitted a letter of resignation to mayor JC Mahuhushi and there is no turning back. For many months my family had been nagging me to call it a day – but I turned a deaf ear.

"There have been calls and letters from the public urging me to step down and I still ignored them. It only dawned on me to resign when youths attacked my butchery," said Hadebe

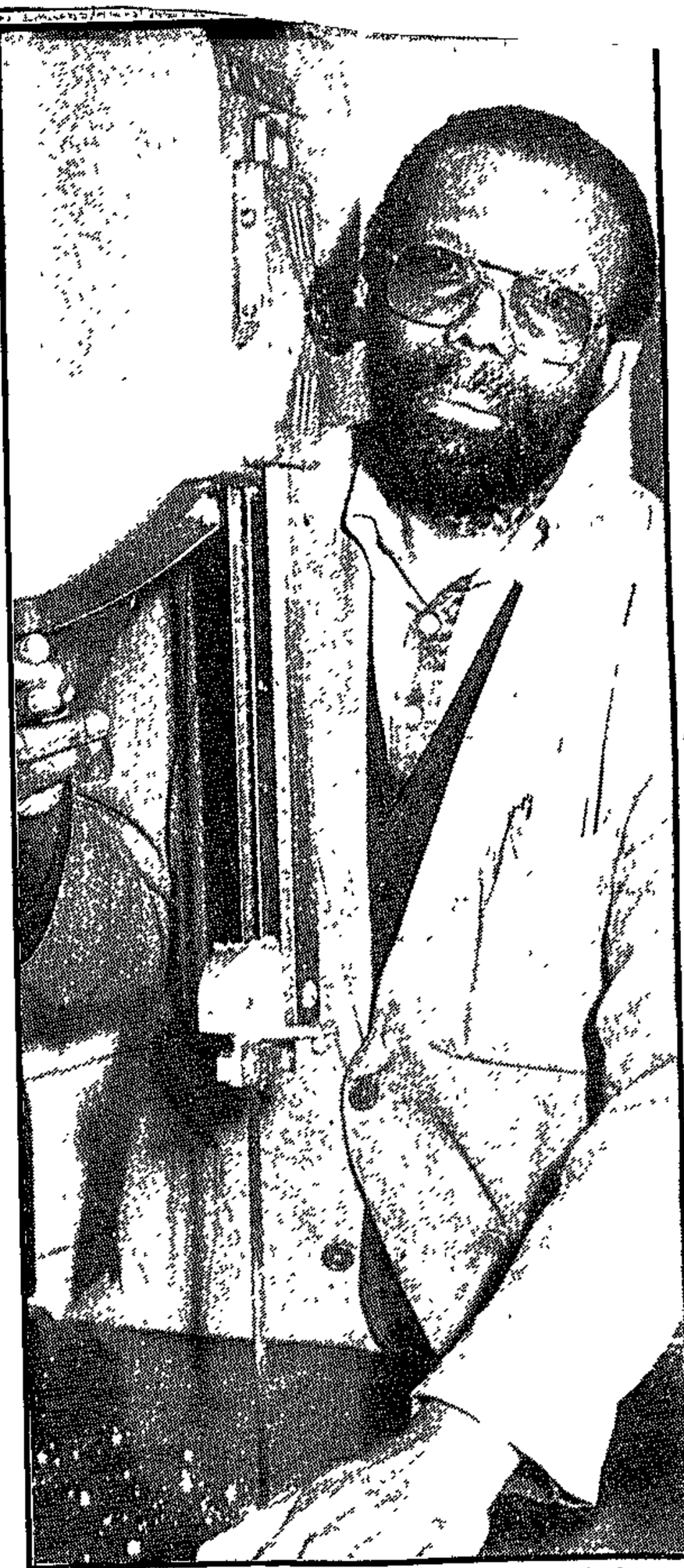
Hadebe is the second Diepmeadow councillor to quit – J M Kumalo resigned in March. M Phatshwane died in his sleep, and the number of councillors is down to 12 from the original 15

It is not yet known if by-elections will be held to fill the three vacant "hot" seats

Hadebe said that while he served as a councillor he encountered a lot of problems.

"Since we started we have made no foreseeable progress.

"No provisions were made to build houses for the lower income group. This frustrated me to no end because my manifesto was a promise to build homes for that group.



Councillor Eliakim Hadebe in his butchery, which was attacked by youths. *Pic: PETER SETUKE*

"There are many other things which made me resign – besides the attack on my business

"But I do not want to say more because it would seem that I am discrediting the remaining councillors, whose jobs I do not envy any longer," said Hadebe

Recounting the attack on his butchery, Hadebe said a boy, about 10 years old, entered the shop and stood at the door. The boy shouted to a group outside that his butchery was a "target".

"More than 200 youths stormed into the butchery and smashed everything inside. They took meat, threw it on the floor and took R880 from the cash register We all ran out," he said.

Agreement on Reagan

25/8/86

LUSAKA — The leaders of Africa's Frontline states have agreed to invite US President Reagan to a summit in Southern Africa to discuss how to end apartheid in South Africa, Zambian presidential sources said yesterday.

President Kenneth Kaunda, the chairman of the Frontline states group leading Africa's opposition to South Africa, disclosed this for the first time when he met black American civil rights leader the Rev Jesse Jackson last night, the sources said.

INVITATION

If Mr Reagan turned down the invitation the Frontline leaders — from Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe — would be prepared to go to Washington.

The decision to invite Mr Reagan to Southern Africa was made at a one-day meeting for the Frontline leaders held during a summit conference of the South Africa Development Co-ordination Conference in Angola last week, the sources said.

President Kaunda told Mr Jackson at the weekend Mr Reagan was one man who could play a leading role in helping to change the course of history in the region, they said.

The invitation was being drafted for approval during the triennial summit conference of the Non-Aligned Movement in Harare next week, they added.

President Kaunda was among hundreds of people who attended a special church service at St Paul's Church in Lusaka yesterday during which Mr Jackson preached.

Mr Jackson told the congregation to protect their souls from the scourge of apartheid through God's word.

"Apartheid is ungodly and an enemy of all souls," he said.

Mr Jackson later left for Tanzania. — Sapa-Reuter.

SGT, COPS MADE FIREBOMB RAIDS

BISHOP NKOANE

A DETECTIVE sergeant and three other members of the South African Police were responsible for the petrol bomb attacks on several houses, including that of the Anglican Bishop Simeon Nkoane in KwaThema, Springs, last year, a court heard yesterday.

This evidence emerged in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday during the trial of Mr Joseph Titus Mazibuko, Mr John Mlangeni, Mr Samuel Lekatsa, Mr Humphrey Tshabalala, Mr Johannes Veli Mazibuko, all of Duduza, and Mr Hosea Lengoane and Mr Cedric Dladla both of Tsakane, Brakpan.

They have pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice Stafford and two assessors to charges of terrorism, attempted murder, possession of hand grenades and a bomb and of malicious damage to property.

Defence counsel Mr Nick de Vos yesterday presented a letter in court from lawyers engaged by the Anglican diocese in Johannesburg — Bell, Dewar and Hall — stating that a Mr Patrick Mahlangu had made a statement to them early this year indicating that Sergeant Sithole of the KwaThema police and three other policemen were responsible for the firebomb attacks on the houses of Bishop Nkoane, Mrs Daphne Malinga and Mrs Debra Makabela in Springs last year.

Mr Mahlangu, the lawyer said, was no longer staying in Springs "out of fear for his life, having been told that Sergeant Sithole has hired a number of men to kill him".

The letter, dated April 23 this year, was addressed to the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand, Mr K C von Lieres, SC, informing him that they had been instructed to assist Bishop Nkoane in pressing for a full police investigation into two firebomb attacks on his house.

Urgent

The letter added: "Please will you give these statements your urgent attention and consider whether taken together, they provide sufficient prima facie evidence that Sergeant Sithole and other members of the SAP may have been engaged in criminal activities. We respectfully submit that they do."

Captain Alfred Dyke, chief of the Security Branch (Terrorism Unit) in Springs, said under cross-examination by Mr de Vos that he did not know why the attacks on Bishop Nkoane's house were not reported in the occurrence book register despite the fact that they were reported to the police.

(Proceeding)

Kliptown: person shot

*5. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was shot by a member of the South African Police in Kliptown on or about 16 June 1986; if so, (a) why, (b) what was the age of this person and (c) what were the circumstances surrounding this incident;

(2) whether an investigation has been held into this incident; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) what is the rank of the person who was in charge of this investigation and (c) what were the findings;

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

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No

(a) to (c) Fall away.

(2) Yes.

(a) 17 June 1986.

(b) A Detective Sergeant in the South African Police.

(c) The investigation has not yet been completed.

(3) No.

Std 10 examinations

*6. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) Whether any Black pupils wrote Std 10 examinations during the second quarter of 1986; if not, why not; if so, how many pupils (a) passed and (b) failed the examinations;

(2) whether any such pupils obtained matriculation exemption?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(1) 6 858 standard 10 pupils wrote examinations during the second quarter of 1986.

Due to the investigation of alleged irregularities in respect of a number of candidates no final statistics can be published at this moment.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(2) Falls away.

Crossroads/KTC

*7. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether any food, blankets, clothing, medicines and/or other items have been provided by the State to persons from the Crossroads and KTC areas who moved to the tents in Khayelitsha; if not, why not; if so, (a) what specified items, (b) when, (c) what was the total cost to the State of providing these items and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

Yes.

(a) Tents, mealiemeal, samp, sugarbeans, sugar, powdered milk, soup powder, blankets, pots, salt and plastic bags for food.

(b) As from 4 June 1986 up to 21 August 1986. Action still proceeding

(c) R843 942,72 (eight hundred and forty three thousand nine hundred and forty two rand and seventy two cents).

(d) For the period 4 June 1986 up to 21 August 1986.

Arms/ammunition

*8. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether any persons who illegally possessed arms or ammunition surrendered such arms or ammunition as a result of the indemnity from prosecution offered in terms of Government Notice No 2787 dated 10 December 1985; if so, how many (a) arms and (b) rounds of ammunition had been so surrendered as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Yes.

(a) 30 817 arms.

(b) 22 195 rounds of ammunition.

SA Embassy in France

*9. The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, was attached to the South African Embassy in France; if so, (a) when, (b) in what capacity and (c) what is the name of this person;

(2) whether this person was asked by the French Government to leave France in or about January 1986; if so, (a) why and (b) what action was taken by the Embassy as a result;

(3) whether this person subsequently returned to France in an official capacity; if so, (a) when, (b) why, (c) in what capacity and (d) who took the decision in this regard;

(4) whether any action was taken against this person by the French Government following his return to France; if so, (a) what action, (b) when, (c) why and (d) what was the response of the Embassy to this action;

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

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Foreign Affairs):

The Minister of Foreign Affairs indicated that he will discuss this matter personally with the hon Leader of the Official Opposition.

Pietermaritzburg/Edendale railway line

*10. Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether a commuter railway line has been planned between Pietermaritzburg and the Edenvale area; if so, (a) what route will it follow, (b)(i) how many stations will there be on this line and (ii) where will these stations be situated and (c) when will construction commence;

(2) whether any new commuter rail services are being planned for the Greater Durban area; if so, (a) where and (b) when will construction commence, in each case?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) No. (a), (b)(i), (b)(ii) and (c) Fall away.

(2) Yes.

(a) Between Umgeni station and Inanda settlement area.

(b) No decision has as yet been taken.

Sanctions

*11. The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

(1) Whether, following decisions on sanctions reached by the Commonwealth mini-summit early in August 1986, the South African Government has had any direct communications with the (a) President or Government of Zambia and (b) Prime Minister or

Man dies in school shooting

Cape Times 26/8/86

JOHANNESBURG. — One person was killed and eight were injured yesterday morning when police opened fire at a Soweto school, the Bureau for Information acknowleged last night.

Earlier reports issued by the bureau said a group of about 500 pupils threw stones at a security force patrol passing the Nghunghunianyi Secondary School in Chiawelo, Soweto.

Eyewitnesses reportedly saw policemen in plainclothes shoot at the pupils.

Bureau spokesman Mr Leon Mellet said last night that he was "definitely not prepared to go on eyewitness accounts" and said the bureau would "stick with the information" released by it earlier yesterday.

Birdshot

The bureau said the man was killed and eight others were injured when police fired 10 rounds of birdshot at a crowd of 500 who stoned them in Soweto yesterday.

Police were driving past the school when their car was stoned. The policemen fired 10 rounds of birdshot and teargas at the crowd in self-defence, the bureau said.

The man killed has been identified as Mr Maxin Gaga, 28.

Those injured are: Mr Christopher Motlakala, 20, Tham Sawga Nogaga, 16, Mr James Maloleke, 20, Mr James Chaluke, 20, Mr Joe Motha, 18, Mebekezelu Ndlovu, 14, Mr Louis Makukula, 24, and Mr Ernest Thandulabona, 25.

'Helter-skelter'

A source at the school said he was attracted by gunfire while in another section of the building. On going to investigate, he saw a number of "policemen" in plain clothes firing at the pupils who were running "helter-skelter" in all directions.

He said he was not sure whether police fired light ammunition, birdshot or rubber bullets.

Teargas was also fired, he said.

A number of teargas canisters were still on the ground at the school at midday yesterday.

The source said he believed one pupil died on the school premises, while the injured were taken to hospital.

Soweto schools were widely boycotted last week. No official report on the situation yesterday could be obtained. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

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SOWETO PUPIL DIES AS POLICE OPEN FIRE

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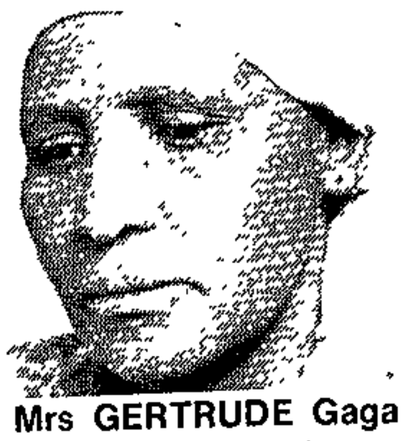
A 22-YEAR-OLD pupil was shot dead and eight injured near a Soweto school yesterday morning.

The incident happened when plain-clothes policemen opened fire on a group next to the school who had allegedly stoned their vehicle

The dead youth was Maxwell Mbulelo Gaga of Senaoane, a Form 5 pupil at Nghunghunyani Secondary School, Chiawelo.

The Bureau for Information yesterday confirmed the shooting.

They listed the injured as: Mr Christopher Motlakala (20), Thamsanqanqa Nogaga (16), Mr James Maloleke (20), Mr James Chaluke (20), Mr Joe Motha (18), Mabekezelu Ndlovu (14), Mr Louis Makukula (24),



Mrs GERTRUDE Gaga . . . son killed.

and Mr Ernest Thandulabona (25).

According to the Bureau, a security force patrol was driving past the school when about 500 pupils threw stones at their vehicle.

Police then opened fire with birdshot to disperse the crowd.

Information reaching the *Sowetan* is that after more police had arrived on the scene, three pupils were arrested and made to lie on the ground.

Stones were thrown at the police, who fired at pupils in the schoolyard

Everybody dashed for cover and tearsmoke was fired.

A distraught Mrs Gertrude Gaga yesterday said her son had left home in the morning in a jolly mood.

Meanwhile, the Department of Education and Training yesterday said stability must be reached before troops could be withdrawn from black schools.

Mr Job Schoeman was commenting on reports that schooling was in almost total collapse.

"The moment the situation stabilises, then troops will be removed. By stabilise, I mean no further interruption of schools by outsiders.

"If a situation exists where effective education can take place, then there will be no need for the troops at schools," he said.

Repeated calls by the Soweto Parents Crisis Committee to the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr Sam de Beer, to have the troops withdrawn have failed.

MAXWELL Gaga . . . shot and killed yesterday morning.

Man shot in Soweto clash

ONE person was killed and eight injured yesterday morning when police opened fire on a Soweto school, the Bureau for Information said last night.

Earlier bureau reports said about 500 pupils had thrown stones at a security force patrol passing the Nghunghunianyi Secondary School, Chiawelo. However, eyewitnesses reportedly saw plain-clothes policemen shooting at the pupils.

Bureau spokesman Leon Mellet said last night he was not prepared to go on eyewitness accounts and said he would stick with the information released.

The Bureau said the dead man was Maxim Gaga, 28. The injured, apparently in satisfactory condition at Baragwanath Hospital are: Christopher Motlaka, 20, Thomsawga Nogaga, 16, James Maluleke, 20, James Chaluke, 20, Joe Motha, 18, Mbekezelu Ndlovu, 14, Louis Makukula, 24 and Erneste Thandulubona, 25.

Pupil killed, 8 hurt in police action

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A Soweto matric pupil was shot dead and several others wounded when plainclothes police fired several shots and teargas at Nghunghunyani Secondary School, in Chiawelo, Soweto, yesterday.

The dead pupil was Mr Mackson Gaga (22) of Senaoane, who was a std 10-pupil.

The Bureau for Information said the police acted "in self defence" when a crowd of about 500 people stoned them near the school.

Mr Gaga had died and eight people had been injured. They were: Christopher Motlaka (20), Thomsawga Nogaga (16), James Maluleke (20), James Chaluke (20), Joe Motha (18), Mbekezelu Ndlovu (14), Louis Makukula (24) and Ernest Thandulubona (25).

● From Parliament David Braun reports that the Progressive Federal Party today slammed the presence of armed police and soldiers on black school premises as an incitement to student violence.

Mrs Helen Suzman, the party's spokesman on Law and Order, said the PFP would be making closer investigations into the incident.

● In its first statement yesterday the bureau said no deaths or injuries had been reported.

● This is the first incident of its kind that *The Star* has been able to report since the state of emergency was declared. It may be reported because lawyers for the State have admitted, in an application brought by English-language newspaper groups before the Natal Supreme Court in Maritzburg, that emergency regulations prohibiting publication are invalid.

Police kill 11 in Soweto riot

Council rent evictions spark bloody street fighting

At least 11 people have been shot dead by police in street fighting in Soweto.

Sixty-two others were wounded and four policemen injured.

Witnesses said the shooting continued this morning as police patrolled the tense township.

This morning, Soweto Council Police used teargas to disperse about 500 residents who marched on the council offices to protest against evictions.

A five-man residents' delegation was turned away by the police at the gate. Then the council police clashed with youths who had accompanied their parents, and the teargas was fired.

The first violence erupted last night when police and mobs clashed at barricades put up in streets.

The fighting started near White City Jabavu at about 10 pm, witnesses said.

Residents told *The Star* that hundreds of youths in White City Jabavu had barricaded the streets to stop council police getting into the area to evict families owing rent.

Different versions

They stoned cars which [illegible] over past the barricades.

Today residents and the Bureau for Information had differing stories on how the violence started.

Residents said violence broke out after residents had pleaded with with the council police not to evict people from their homes.

The bureau's report is.

- The first incident happened at 10 pm when about 300 people put up a barricade between the Swazi Royal Hotel and Tshabalala Bottle Store in Jabavu.
- A hand-grenade was thrown by someone in the crowd and the police retaliated, killing seven people and wounding 61.
- Four policemen received shrapnel wounds.
- The second incident occurred about 1.30 am when police "took action" against a group of about 80 people they believed were trying to rob a truck. Four men were killed and one person injured.

Residents said:

"Without warning, the council police opened fire on residents People fled in all directions with police pursuing them into their homes.

"We hardly slept last night as police moved from yard to yard shooting."

The bureau could not confirm this morning what type of firearms or ammunition police used, and had no details of the identities of those killed.

There was also no information about the condition of the injured.

These latest deaths bring to more than 260 the number of people killed in political violence since the state of emergency was declared on June 12.

Residents named three of the dead as Abednigo Skhuthali Sibisi (13), of Modise White City, Jabavu; Bongani Mxopwa (19), of Njikelani Street, Jabavu; and Themba Goodwill Mazibuko (19), of Ramaite Street, White City.

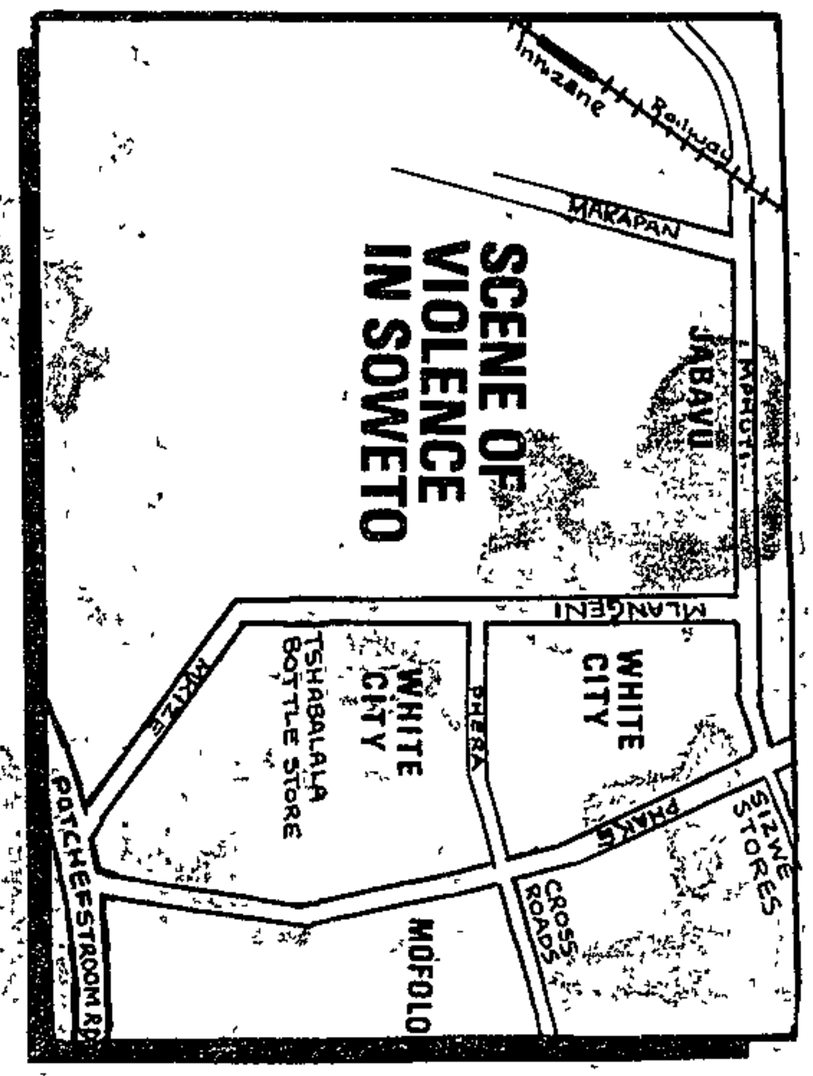
Putco said today that it was trying to operate a normal service.

Operations executive Mr F Vorster said buses were using side streets when normal routes were barricaded.

"Some streets, particularly in Jabavu and at Crossroads, have been blocked off with rocks and scrap cars, but we are trying to operate a service that is as normal as possible, covering almost the whole of Soweto.

"There are some trips where we cannot go to the end, but we are trying.

"The service is a bit disrupted and a bit late, but it is there," he



1 dead, 9 hurt in Soweto

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A gunbattle raging into the early hours of this morning in "White City", Soweto, left at least one person dead and nine injured.

By late last night extra ambulances had been called out to the area as Soweto youths went from door to door in their flight from security forces telling residents to stay awake and keep their lights off.

The Bureau for Information said four security force members were hurt last night in White City when a hand-grenade was thrown at a police unit from a crowd of 250 people.

Witnesses reported that violence flared as residents fought against officials attempting to evict those taking part in a rent boycott.

Describing the scene in Soweto as "a riot", residents last night said the entire township was covered in a blanket of teargas.

Some residents claim the shooting began at 7pm. Residents in areas adjoining White City said the shooting had not let up from about 9pm.

A spokesman for the Bureau for Information, Mr Karel du Toit, said late last night he could not confirm this report.

The Soweto Town Clerk, Mr Nico Malan, dismissed claims from several sources that the trouble resulted from evictions being carried out in the area after 7pm.

However, residents who were visited by the youths said they were told not to go to sleep to show authorities they were not prepared to accept the evictions.

Mr Malan said it was possible that council offices at Central Western Jabavu had been attacked by youths earlier last night.

"There is a lot of activity there," he said. "Arsonists and stone-throwers are livening things up a bit. I don't know what the reason is but it is definitely not as a result of evictions. No one was evicted today."

By mid-evening a spokesman for Baragwanath Hospital confirmed that nine injured people, one serious, had been admitted to the hospital. One person brought in was dead on arrival, he said.

'Outsiders not responsible for unrest'

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OUTSIDERS were not responsible for unrest in Winderveldt, an inquiry into the fatal shooting of 11 people heard yesterday.

Mrs Joslyn Motsuenyane, wife of Nafcoc president Dr Sam Motsuenyane, said this under cross-examination by Mr H Hugo, for the Bophuthatswana Police, before the Smith Commission of Inquiry into the March 26 shootings.

She said most Winterveldt residents were Ndebeles, Pedis, Shangaans, Venda and Zulus. Of the 45 families living on herplot, she added, hers was the only Tswana-speaking one.

"This is why I feel these people should not be referred to as outsiders because they were in the area long before Bophuthatswana became independent," she said.

Asked if she agreed with the call made earlier this year that troops and policemen be withdrawn from the area, Mrs Motsuenyane said she would not "disagree with the presence of the two groups if it was legal".

What was important, she pointed out, was their co-operation with the community.

The commission also heard that she believed that those responsible for unrest should have been tried by a court of law.

Parents were also concerned about their children who were being detained and not brought before a court, she said.

(Proceeding)

2 shot dead in Vaal Triangle

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SOWETAN Reporter

THE Lekoa Town Council law enforcement unit shot dead two men and wounded 14 others in Vaal Triangle townships.

This was revealed during the council's monthly meeting in Sebokeng yesterday.

A Sebokeng hostel inmate, Mr W Hifa, and a Zamdela resident, Mr Nicholaas Thabedi, were shot dead according to a report by the town secretary, Mr Ben Scott.

Those wounded are Mr J Mofokeng, Mr E S Dlangamandla, Mr Abraham Sothwane, Mr B Mphalane, Mr H B Thale, Mr Pitso Dlamini, Mr J Choechoe, Mr Albert Hlalele, Mr Lazarus Mofokeng, Mr Abe Mofokeng and four unidentified people.

Police are investigating.

Grenade injures police

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JOHANNESBURG — Four policemen were hurt last night when a crowd hurled a handgrenade at them in White City, Soweto.

A spokesman for the Bureau of Information said a barricade had been put up at a bottle store in White City.

"Police came to look into the matter."

Approximately 250 people attacked the police unit, the spokesman said.

"A handgrenade was hurled at the police. Four policemen were injured.

"The police returned fire.

"The four policemen are in hospital."

A spokesman for Baragwanath Hospital said last night that nine injured people, one serious, had been admitted to the hospital. One person brought in was dead on arrival, he said. — DDC-Sapa.

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Detention delays results of probe on shootings

PRETORIA — The publication of the results of an independent inquiry into the November 21 shootings in Mamelodi, which left 13 people dead, has been delayed because one of three commissioners has been detained under the emergency regulations.

This was announced by the chairman of the Pretoria Council of Churches, Dr Nico Smith, whose organisation held the inquiry.

The Attorney-General of the Transvaal, Mr Don Brunette, said last week magistrates' courts would hold inquests into the deaths.

Dr Smith welcomed the decision and said he hoped the findings of the PCC would be published before the start of the formal inquest.

However, one of the three commissioners detained in terms of the emergency was still in detention so the commission's findings had been delayed, he said.

The commission sat in Mamelodi earlier this year and heard evidence from a number of witnesses to the shootings.

An invitation to the police to testify before the commission was turned down.

The deaths occurred when security forces opened fire on almost 50 000 Mamelodi residents — including women, children and pensioners — who marched on the local council offices in protest against the high monthly rentals and police presence in the township. — Sapa

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DOMINIQUE GILBERT

THE Bureau for Information yesterday offered its third version of what transpired during a shooting incident at a Soweto school on Monday, after reports of discrepancies in versions offered by bystanders and the bureau.

In a statement issued by the bureau, it said it had "established further details" about the incident at Soweto's Nghugnghunyani school which left one person dead and eight others injured.

The bureau's new version reads: "At 9h30 a crowd of about 500 youths attacked and stoned four detectives in civilian dress who were driving past the school in a car. In an attempt to ward off the attackers, the policemen fired teargas and birdshot at the crowd."

Earlier the bureau said "security forces" had patrolled past the school when the incident occurred. It was not prepared to say whether soldiers or police were involved. Bystanders blamed "plainclothes policemen".

The bureau also confirmed that three of those injured in the incident were released from hospital on Monday afternoon and described the condition of the other five as "fair".

GUNS BLAZ IN WHITE CITY

Hell breaks loose as council moves in

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SOWETAN Reporter

SHOTS were fired last night and several people wounded as Soweto Council blackjacks evicted rent defaulters in White City Jabavu and Mofolo.

The *Sowetan* was told by people living in the area that many shots were fired. They alleged a number of people were lying in the streets wounded, and asked that ambulances be summoned.

The eviction move had apparently been anticipated by residents, who blew whistles as the council policemen and officials moved in.

Streets were then barricaded with rocks and dustbins, and residents gathered in a bid to resist the evictions.

The area was plunged into darkness as residents and council law enforcement officers battled it out.

The sound of gunfire continued into the night, residents alleged.

One resident said: "The council police are shooting left and right. They just shot an old man. They are shooting at everyone, everything."

Another resident said: "People are fighting back. They are throwing everything they can find at the council police."

The *Sowetan* was also told that two youths who had been shot in the legs tried to get assistance from a doctor in Dube, but the doctor was not at home.

According to Sapa at least three people were injured.

• At the time of going to press, the *Sowetan* was unable to verify facts other than those contained in this report.

Tough stand on rent boycott — Page 4

GREY-PHILLIPS BUNT

11 killed, 62 hurt in Soweto violence

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 11 people have been shot dead by police in street-fighting in Soweto.

Another 62 people, including four policemen, have been wounded.

Shooting continued this morning as police patrolled the tense township on foot and in vehicles.

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Violence erupted last night as police and mobs clashed at makeshift street barricades.

The fighting started near White City, Jabavu, about 10pm.

Residents said hundreds of youths in White City barricaded streets to stop town council police from entering the area to evict families owing rent.

The youths set up burning barricades of horse-carts, scrap cars, dustbins, rocks, and tree stumps.

Chanting

Angry and chanting crowds stoned passing vehicles.

The Bureau for Information said today police retaliated when someone in a crowd of 300 threw a hand-grenade at police.

Seven people were shot dead and 61 were wounded. Four policemen were wounded by shrapnel.

In another incident police "took action" against a crowd of about 80 people looting a lorry. Four men were killed and one person was injured.

Residents said: "Soweto council police opened fire on residents. People fled in all directions with police pursuing them into their homes.

"We hardly slept last night as police moved from yard to yard."

The bureau could not confirm today what type of firearms or ammunition police used and could not identify those killed.

Negotiations

Soweto Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan said the unrest had nothing to do with eviction of residents who refused to pay rent.

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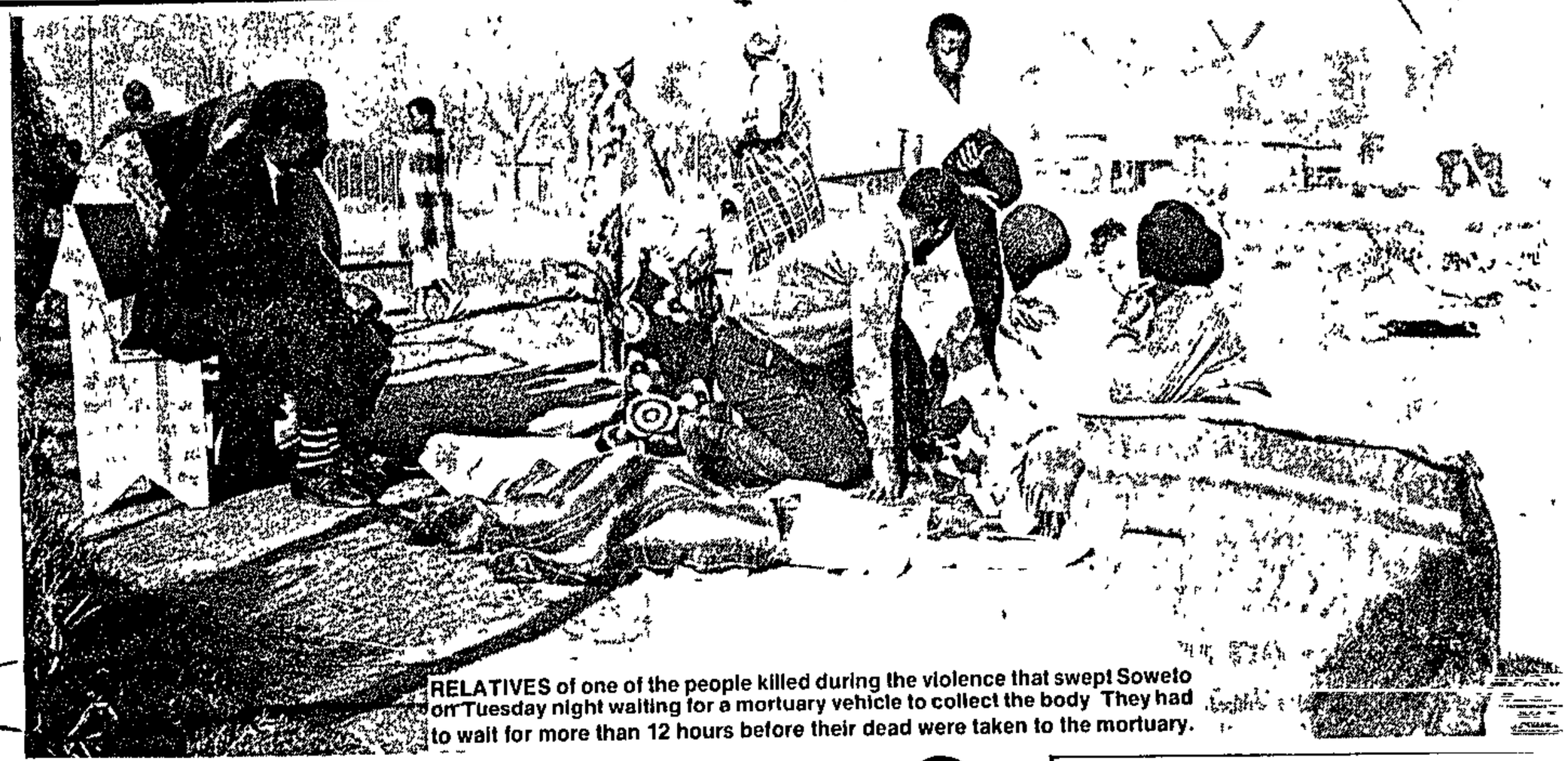
There had been no eviction of residents in the areas where unrest flared last night. Only four people were evicted by municipal police yesterday — in Jabulani.

The Progressive Federal Party called on the Government today to release detained leaders to begin negotiations in Soweto.

Mrs Helen Suzman, the party's spokesman on law and order, said: "The only way some peace might be restored is to release detained leaders and sit round a table with them to discuss the ungovernable situation into which Soweto is drifting."

● The Bureau said today: "The situation in Soweto is not abnormal."



RELATIVES of one of the people killed during the violence that swept Soweto on Tuesday night waiting for a mortuary vehicle to collect the body They had to wait for more than 12 hours before their dead were taken to the mortuary.

Night of violence in Soweto

UNREST CLAIMS 20 LIVES

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AT least 20 people — among them a member of the Soweto Council — died in unrest that swept through Soweto from Tuesday night to yesterday morning.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE and MANDLA NDLAZI

According to reports, more than 60 others were wounded, among them another Soweto councillor and four policemen. In another incident, a councillor's house was gutted when a mob set it alight.

The Bureau for Information yesterday said 11 people were shot dead by police in street fighting in the township.

Scores of people were injured in the incident. The *Sowetan* yesterday established the names of eight people who were killed.

They were Bongani Mxotwa (19), of 733A White City Jabavu (WCJ), Themba Goodwill Mazibuko (19), of 121A WCJ, Abednigo Skhuthali Sibisi (13), of 189A WCJ, Robert Bhekumzi Nuku (34), of 777 WCJ, Josephine Kgotse (21), of 842 WCJ, Patrick Pheko (25), of Mokgele Street in Phiri, Godfrey Toto Mokoena (22), of 2427 Rockville and Mosha Shuping (16), of 1380 Rockville

The dead councillor was Mr N S Mkhwanazi of Emdeni who is said to have been attacked after alighting from a taxi on Tuesday afternoon, which was stoned, and later set alight The injured councillor, who has been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital, is Mr S Tshabalala He was allegedly shot by mistake by one of the council policemen guarding his house

Mr Siegfried Manthata, another councillor, had his Naledi home razed by fire after it was sprayed with petrol by a mob on Tuesday midnight.

Trouble started on Tuesday evening at White City Jabavu and Mofolo Village when word went around that council police were to evict rent defaulters

Residents, who had anticipated the action, blew whistles to alert others and barricades were made.

At about 7pm on Tuesday gunshots were heard in White City Jabavu, next to Swazi

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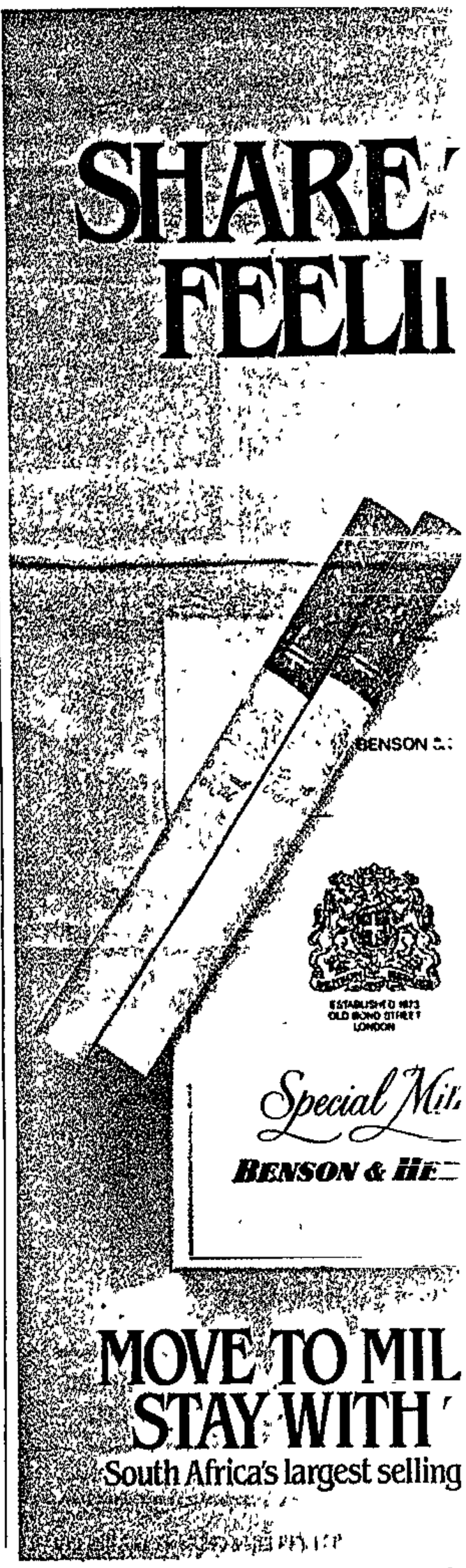

Unrest claims 20 lives

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Royal, Cross Roads and the robots near Sizwe Stores.

Groups of youths ordered residents to switch off their front lights and the area was plunged into darkness. At that stage there was more gunfire and teargas.

Yesterday the situation was tense in the townships of Jabavu, Mofolo, Phiri, Naledi, Emdeni and Central Western Jabavu. Barricades had been set up in most of these townships, and in some streets trenches had been dug. Police were also patrolling the streets.

Many schools in the area yesterday sent pupils home early.

The following is an unrest update from the Bureau for Information:

"Further investigations into the incidents on Tuesday in Soweto have revealed that rioting had started early when groups of youths threw stones and petrol bombs at various targets.

"Several makeshift roadblocks were set up in different places by the rioters, who were throwing stones and petrol bombs at private vehicles.

"A police patrol arrived at a crossing which was blockaded on various sides by makeshift roadblocks, including a burning tyre. An officer got out of his vehicle to remove the blockades. When he moved away from the vehicle, a handgrenade exploded between his vehicle and another police landrover, injuring the officer and three policemen. The police returned fire.

"Up to now no evidence to support media reports that the incidents were as a result of evictions, could be found." ● See Page 10.

SACC claims Soweto death toll higher than official count

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The SA Council of Churches said last night it had information indicating the number of deaths and injuries in the Soweto unrest were higher than the official figures.

In a statement issued in Johannesburg, the general secretary of the SACC, Dr C F Beyers Naude expressed shock at the Soweto council evicting people in arrears with their rent and said the rents issue had become a political time-bomb.

He appealed to the Soweto council to meet elected community leaders to resolve the problem.

"How many more people will first have to die before this madness ends ?" Dr Naudé asked.

The statement said: "We are appalled at the events in Soweto on Tuesday night where 11 people were stated to be killed and 63 people believed to be wounded.

"Our information indicates that both the number of dead and wounded is higher than these figures but even if this were not the case, we are deeply shocked at the action of the Soweto council in evicting families who are in arrears with the payment of their rents.

"It should be realised that the issue of rents is no longer an economic one as far as the inhabitants of Soweto and other townships are concerned.

"It has become a political time-bomb which could soon explode in Soweto and other townships throughout South Africa if not wisely handled.

Set an example

"It seems pointless to appeal to the Government to stop the evictions and start talking to the credible community leaders but surely the Soweto council could set the example of meeting with the leaders elected by the community to resolve this problem. How many more people will first have to die before this madness ends ?"

The Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) said yesterday it was naive of the Government to think that black people did not know that the loans raised for the construction of the low-cost houses had been paid for decades ago through the system of rentals.

The organisation issued a statement attacking the rental system in the townships and the role played by black councillors in running them.

"It is thus a rip-off and therefore an insult to demand of black people to continue paying ever-increasing rentals.

"Despite present government policy of re-arrangement, the locations and townships black people live in are still intended to service white cities and towns. In fact they are labour resevoirs," the spokesman said.

"It is therefore not unreasonable to demand that the Government channels substantial subsidies in the direction of these townships and locations, rather than use them as generators of revenue," Azapo said.

Inhospitable areas

It was the legacy of the infamous Group Areas Act that black people had to live, not only in completely inhospitable areas with the attendant health hazards, but also far away from their work places.

The insurmountable finacial problems these situations imposed, were obvious. Yet black people were expected to submit without question to the "rental fraud".

"This situation is further exacerbated by the fact that by comparing white and black rates or tariffs in the areas of electricity, refuse and other related services it is revealed that blacks pay infinitely more than whites."

SA members of the executive committee of the International Federation of Journalists have released a statement in Johannesburg condemning the latest incident in Soweto.

"This is further aggravated by the fact that the media in the country is presently (under) the most severe restrictions," the organisation said in a statement released in Johannesburg by a member of its executive committee based in the country.

Thami Mazwai, a Johannesburg-based journalist, who is also vice-president for Africa of the IFJ, released the statement yesterday in conjunction with the general secretary, Hans Larsen.

"At least six journalists are still in detention, foreign correspondents have been expelled and newspapers can report very little on the situation in the country.

"Those journalists not in detention are also hamstrung by legislation that prevents them from doing their work properly.

"The IFJ calls upon the South African Government to remove all restrictions on the Press, to release detained journalists and other political activists and community workers, to release those sentenced for their opposition to Government, unban the African National Congress, Pan African Congress and other banned organisations and start negotiations with leaders accepted by the majority of black South Africans.

"These are only the initial steps to bring normality to the country," the statement said.

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Soweto schools may close soon

Political Staff

MOST secondary schools in Soweto might be closed soon by the Department of Education and Training.

School attendance in the township has been erratic for weeks, with most secondary schools functioning fully only on Mondays and Tuesdays.

After the killings of 12 people in Soweto on Tuesday, school attendance is expected to drop even further.

Deputy DET Minister Mr Sam de Beer would not spell out his department's strategy yesterday. But he said: "My department's approach is that every child's education is important, but if there is a schools boycott, we have to look at effective ways to apply available resources. We owe it to the taxpayer, black and white."

Mr De Beer said: "One of the most important demands my department gets, is that the standard of black education must be upgraded.

"We cannot achieve the same standards for black pupils as for white pupils if black pupils only spend a limited time at school.

"It must be remembered that we have fixed syllabuses, and you come to a point where it becomes impossible to get through it with the available tuition time. Then it makes little sense to go on.

"It is for all these reasons that we will have to re-evaluate the whole position in, for instance, Soweto, in the days ahead."

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On those days, students at each school then decide on a range of activities for the rest of the week.

The main aim of the students is to hold "People's Education" classes in the latter part of the week — an education programme drawn up by students, parents and various anti-apartheid organizations as an alternative to the syllabuses of the DET.

SOWETAN, Thursday, August 28, 1986

ONE OF the barricaded streets in the strife-torn White City Jabavu, Soweto, township yesterday.

EVICTIONS HALTED

By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE Soweto City Council yesterday said it would suspend evictions of rent defaulters to avoid further trouble.

This was said by Mrs Del Kevan, the council's housing director.

"I think it will be provocative to carry out evictions when there is such trouble in the townships," she said.

She admitted that Tuesday night's confrontation in White City Jabavu, Mofolo and Emdeni townships was related to the evictions of rent defaulters.

Mrs Kevan said some families in White City Jabavu had been warned early in the day that they would be evicted.

She said these families were not evicted but acted in fear when they clashed with the council police.

Trouble

She also agreed that further evictions would cause more trouble between the residents and the council police.

"I am only an official and the council is in a position to decide on whether the evictions should be completely stopped," said Mrs Kevan.

DEL Kevan . . . "It will be provocative to carry out evictions."

VIOLENCE DEPLORED

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A WIDE range of organisations yesterday deplored the violence that broke out in Soweto and called on the Government to withdraw the security forces from the townships.

The president of the United Democratic Front, Mrs Albertinah Sisulu, said the presence of the security forces was uncalled for and highly provocative.

She said that the Government should withdraw the forces in all black residential areas and allow residents and the so-called leaders to sort out their problems.

"The action of the forces should be condemned in the strongest terms."

The co-ordinator of the Azanian Confederation of Trade Unions, Mr Pandelani Nofolovhodwe, said the federation would resist through its members all attempts by councillors to evict people in the townships.

The co-ordinator of the Council of Unions of South Africa, Mr Mahlomola Skhosana, said the councils should stop the evictions in the townships and negotiate with all the groups concerned.

SOWETAN Reporter

"Calling of police in issues which involve the residents will only swell confrontation as happened in Soweto. We deplore this action by the authorities," Mr Skhosana said.

A Soweto funeral undertaker, Mr David Kupane, has expressed concern at the killings.

He said that his organisation, the African Funeral Undertakers Association, was prepared to bury the victims free of charge.

A spokesman for the Wits University Community Research unit said the recent evictions indicated that confrontations between the people and the State would escalate.

Mrs WINNIE Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela, with White City Jabavu, Soweto, residents during her tour of the trouble-torn area yesterday.

Soweto tense as death toll rises

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AT least 21 Sowetans died and 70 were injured in police gunfire when violence erupted in the township on Tuesday night.

It was the worst 24-hour casualty toll under the emergency laws. Official reports put the death toll at 13 but government mortuary sources said yesterday that 21 bodies were brought in.

Councillor Sydney Ndeshe Mkwanazi, of Zola, was hacked to death with a "variety" of weapons, Councillor Sigfried Manthata fled with his family from their Naledi home as it was set alight by youths and adults and Councillor S M Tshabalala underwent an operation yesterday after he was accidentally shot by council police.

Four policemen and a municipal policeman are known to have been injured.

Repeated denials by authorities that Tuesday night's violence was related to the rent boycott and evictions have been rejected by residents and met with widespread criticism.

Last night a "shocked" Progressive Federal Party (PFP) called for an urgent special debate in Parliament on the Soweto shootings and said it would ask for a judicial inquiry into the matter.

Conveying his deep concern, PFP leader Colin Eglin said a "tinder-box situation" had developed.

Outraged statements were yesterday issued by the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu), the SA Council of Churches (SACC) and the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ).

The SACC appealed to government to prevent "this madness" by stopping evictions and to "start talking to the credible community leaders".

SACC's Beyers Naude warned that the

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SCHOOLS FACE CLOSURE

MOST Soweto secondary schools might be closed after holidays starting on Friday. Attendance has been erratic for weeks.

After the killing of 12 people in Soweto on Tuesday attendance is expected to drop even further.

A DET spokesman said it was for several reasons that "we will have to re-evaluate the whole position".

PFP calls for riot probe

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rent issue had become a "political time-bomb" which could soon explode in Soweto and other SA townships if it was not wisely handled.

From reports received yesterday, it emerges that the following happened: Early in the evening, Mkwanazi was hacked to death by a group of youths angered by a colleague's death. The dead youth was said to have been shot by guards at his home.

Later about 300 people gathered behind a barricade at a liquor store in the White City Jabavu area.

The Bureau for Information [illegible] a hand-grenade was hurled at security forces who arrived in the area at about 10pm, which injured four policemen.

Thereafter fierce fighting broke out

PFP calls for special debate on Soweto violence

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THE Progressive Federal Party has called for a special parliamentary debate on unrest in Soweto.

The party wants the Government to appoint a judicial inquiry into the events of Tuesday night which resulted in the deaths of between 13 and 30 people, according to various reports.

The Speaker of Parliament, Mr Johann Greeff, is to decide today whether to allow the debate. If he does, the debate is expected to be held tomorrow.

PFP spokesman on law and order Mrs Helen Suzman said today that the party wanted to bring aspects of the situation in Soweto to the attention of Parliament.

She said: "The first is the question of the impasse over rents and the clumsy manner in which this issue has been handled.

"Secondly is the presence of armed men (police and soldiers) at schools which has added to the escalation of violence.

"The third point is the disgraceful conduct of the South African Broadcasting Corporation in failing to report adequately on the incidents in Soweto."

Mrs Suzman said the SABC's 7am radio news bulletin today failed to report the deaths in Soweto.

She said: "It is absolutely disgraceful that the public of South Africa is not informed through the medium of radio of the tragic incidents in Soweto."

● Sapa reports from Pretoria that the Bureau for Information is to revise the official death toll figure of 13 for Tuesday night's riots.

Reports this morning said police shot dead at least 20 people and wounded 70.

● The Argus Correspondent in Johannesburg reports that police were today patrolling a tense Soweto.

Confrontation between security forces and residents continued last night. There was sporadic gunfire.

CONFUSION

Youths were last night and today digging trenches in the roads to prevent security forces entering.

There was confusion over whether eviction of rent defaulters would continue.

The Soweto Council will go ahead with evictions, according to Town Clerk, Mr Nico Malan.

But the Sowetan newspaper quoted the council's housing director, Mrs Del Kevan, as saying she thought it would "be provocative" to carry out evictions when there was such trouble in the township. The newspaper said evictions had been suspended.

Mrs Kevan said violence in Soweto was related to the evictions.

The bureau has said it could "find nothing to link the unrest to such matters".

Worst toll of emergency

21 die in Soweto violence

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 21 Sowetans died and 70 were wounded during unrest on Tuesday night.

A Soweto mortuary official confirmed that 21 bodies — including those of three women — were brought in by 5am yesterday after the shootings.

Bureau for Information Deputy Director of Internal Media Liaison Carel du Toit said the official figure of 13 represented those cases reported and handled by the police, but added that official figures could differ from actual fatalities because of the investigation involved.

It was the worst 24-hour casualty toll since the state of emergency was imposed on June 12th.

Hacked

A Soweto councillor, Sydney Ndeshe Mkwanazi, of Zola, was hacked to death with a "variety" of weapons; Councillor Sigfried Manthata and his family fled their Naledi home when it was attacked and set alight, and Councillor S M Tshabalala underwent an operation yesterday after he was accidentally shot by council police.

Four policemen and a Soweto municipal policeman are known to have been injured.

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Seven people were killed and more than 50 others injured. Most of the bodies were picked up yesterday morning.

Police also used teargas to disperse a group of about 500 residents who had marched to the council offices to protest against evictions yesterday morning.

Patrolled

Yesterday morning the area was heavily patrolled by soldiers and police, who removed several barricades from the streets.

Transport company officials said makeshift barricades in many township streets had forced them to reroute several bus services.

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said it would call for the whole affair to be investigated by a judicial commission of inquiry, **Anthony Johnson** reports.

By last night the Speaker, Mr Johan Greeff, had not yet ruled on whether a debate would be allowed this Friday.

The leader of the PFP, Mr Colin Eglin, said in a statement yesterday that his party was "shocked" by the death and violence in Soweto.

He added that the PFP was "deeply disturbed at the tinder-box situation that has developed".

'Inadequate'

As the information supplied by the Bureau of Information was "clearly inadequate" Mrs Helen Suzman and other PFP members were collecting additional information from witnesses and residents in the area, he said.

● **Margaret Smith** reports from London that the Foreign Office yesterday described the most recent events in Soweto as "tragic".

Reports on the shootings dominated the media yesterday, and London's only evening newspaper, The Standard, carried a front page report under banner headlines: "Soweto: Police kill 11".

With confrontation reupting again on this scale less than 10 days before the foreign ministers of the European Economic Community meet in Britain, South Africa and the height-

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'Madness'

The SACC again appealed to the government to stop "this madness" by stopping evictions and "talking to the credible community leaders".

The Secretary-General of the SACC, Dr Beyers Naude, warned that the rent issue had become a "political time-bomb".

● Sapa-Reuter reports from Washington that the White House yesterday condemned the Soweto deaths, and said such violence helped neither the white minority government nor its mainly black opposition.

"It appears the authorities employed excessive force in restoring order," presidential spokesman Mr Larry Speakes said.

"Violence begets violence ... it is a useless and self-perpetuating cycle that helps neither black nor white in South Africa," he said.

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Political Staff

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Youth tells of cop assault

By ALINAH DUBE

A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Winterveldt youth was severely assaulted by Bophuthatswana police shortly after he was arrested on his way to a local shop, the Smith Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

The youth told an inquiry into the deaths of 11 people in the area early this year that he was arrested on January 3.

He and a group of other people were kept in police cells for more than a week and released without being charged.

Mr Justice E A T Smith heard that the youth and a friend were walking along the street when two policemen offered them a lift. They were locked inside the police vehicle.

"The policemen would not let us go at the time when we arrived at the shop we told them we were going to. They stopped briefly and drove past," he said.

He also told the commission that boys playing at the local soccer field were assaulted with sjamboks and canes and loaded into the police vans.

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Four pupils were killed in Tuesday's police shootings

At least four of the known victims of Tuesday night's shootings by police in Soweto were pupils.

They were Josephine Kgotse (21) of 842A Ntoko Street, White City, Jabavu, who was in Std 10 at Thabo High School, Naledi; Moses Moshe Shuping (16) of 1380 Ntshabele Street, Rockville, a Std 8 pupil at Mafori Mphahlele Secondary School, Molapo; Themba Goodwill Mazibuko (19) of 121A Ramaite Street, White City, a pupil at Hlengiwe Higher Primary School; and Abednigo Skhuthali (13) of 189A Modise Street, White City, a Std 3 pupil at Donaldson Higher

Others killed included Mr Godfrey Toto Mokoena (22) of 2427 Langa Street, Rockville; Mr Patrick Pheko (25) of 113 Mokhele Street, Phiri; Mr Robert Bekumzi Nuku (34) of 777 White City; and Mr Bongani Mxotwa (19) of 733A Njikelani Street, White City.

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Soweto pulls attention of UK, Europe back to SA

MARGARET SMITH

LONDON — Recent events in Soweto were described as "tragic" by the British Foreign Office in London yesterday.

The events have swung the searchlight of attention in London and Western Europe back on SA.

There had been a lull in media attention on SA in recent weeks. But now, while the British Parliament is in recess, Soweto has once again captured the headlines.

London's only evening newspaper, *The Standard*, yesterday carried a front-page report under the banner headline: "Soweto: Police kill 11".

Events in Soweto were also reported as the main item in most of the BBC and other news bulletins of the day.

The World at One BBC radio news bulletin quoted Winnie Mandela as saying the events of Tuesday night were an ominous sign of the times ahead.

"It is what we have always feared," she said.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office said in a statement: "The tragic events of last (Tuesday) night only underline the neccessity for general dialogue between the racial groups in South Africa, in order that the problems of that country can be solved by peaceful discussion rather than by violent means."

With confrontation breaking out again on this scale less than 10 days before the European Community foreign ministers get together in Britain, SA is even more likely to dominate their informal discussions.

And in discussing SA, the question of sanctions is likely to figure prominently.

The informal meeting of foreign ministers is a traditional one for the country which represents the presidency of the EC. This year, of course, the EC head is Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe. The meeting is to have no set agenda.

Shortly after this, the Foreign Affairs Council is to meet in Brussels. This will be a formal meeting of EC foreign ministers. Here again, SA and the question of sanctions are likely to feature prominently.

The SA government could have wished for a quiet spell in SA in this run-up to the meetings.

Instead, the emotive name of Soweto has once again captured the world's interest, with its connotation of shootings, death and injury caused by SA security forces.

Rocky road. . . . Soweto in the aftermath of the riots.

Opposition asks for judicial inquiry as death toll rises

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PFP call for debate on Soweto violence

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The Progressive Federal Party has asked for an urgent debate in Parliament on the shootings and violence in Soweto in which at least 14 people have been killed and 66 injured since Tuesday night.

The PFP plans to call on the Government for a judicial inquiry.

The Speaker, Mr Johann Greeff, was due to make a decision early today on whether to grant the debate.

Confrontation between security forces and residents continued last night.

A man was shot dead in Zola North last evening as members of street committees moved from house to house waking up the tenants and instructed them to switch off their lights and be prepared [illegible] the [illegible] case [illegible] back.

This morning troops set up a road block between Baragwanath Hospital and the Soweto College of Education.

But traffic seemed to be flowing normally and residents were going to work.

Last night and today youths were digging trenches in roads to prevent access by security forces.

If Mr Greeff agrees to the PFP request for a parliamentary debate on the violence, is expected to be held tomorrow afternoon.

The Soweto Council intends going ahead with the ejection of rent defaulters, even though it is these evictions which have led to the latest bloodshead.

Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan was heard by thousands of residents last night saying the council would go on with the evictions.

He said there were essential services such as sewage disposal, electricity, refuse removal and water to be paid for by the council at the end of each month. If those services were not provided, the first people to complain were those who did not want to pay their dues.

Soweto residents put the unofficial death toll at 20. The Bureau for Information said this morning that it would update its figure of 13 dead later today.

Last night the bureau said the bodies of three of the dead had been identified. They were those of Sidney Simosemola, Josephone Gotse and Moses Suping.

A Soweto municipal policeman was among the 66 people injured. He was wounded when a gunman fired a shot at police.

The bureau discounted residents' claims that the violence was sparked by evictions and rental disputes, saying it could "find nothing to link the unrest to such matters".

At Tshiawelo Flats last night security forces stopped two meetings by youths and parents discussing rent evictions and the deaths they have caused.

One unnamed youth was injured during two hours of wild firing.

Call to arms

Youths at the meetings called on residents to arm themsleves against the Soweto Council police and security forces.

The PFP spokesman on law and order, Mrs Helen Suzman, said today the party wanted tp bring aspects of the Soweto situation to the attentiom of Parliament.

"The first is the question of the impasse over the rents and the clumsy manner in which this issue has been handled.

"Another point is the disgraceful conduct of the SABC in failing to report adequately on the incidents in Soweto.'

"It is absolutely disgraceful that the public of South Africa is not informed through the medium of radio of the tragic incidents in Soweto, while, according to the Press, at least 21 people have lost their lives."

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I saw Soweto's gun battle

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ABOVE: The Soweto war zone this week: barricades of rocks and branches block the road and youths mill around, one with his arm raised to throw something RIGHT. A child collects the bullets that have claimed so many lives

But what I saw, the Bureau hasn't mentioned

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SEFAKO NYAKA reports from White City

I SAW the battle of Soweto on Tuesday this week, including police firing without warning on crowds chanting "We are not fighting" and council police retreating under fire from a group of masked youths.

None of these details have appeared in official Bureau for Information accounts of what happened

I was in nearby Rockville when a youth suddenly burst into the house to say that there was trouble in White City

Outside the house I could hear the distant sound of gunfire. We immediately raced to White City

As we approached the Mavis Isaacson Hall opposite ex-mayor Ephraim Tshabalala's Royal Swazi nightclub, I saw a large crowd gathered outside, with more people running from the opposite direction to join the crowd.

The sound of gunfire was interspersed with the shrill sounds of whistles, a method used by residents to alert others of trouble in the area

A youth told me that residents had been attending committee meetings on every street to discuss what action to take in the face of rent evictions.

In a bid to keep out Security Forces from the township, barricades had been set up — boulders, tree trunks, tyres — at all streets leading into White City.

People had been leaving a house meeting in Ramaite Street when a Soweto council police van arrived on the scene The occupants of the van fired at the fleeing crowd, disrupting meetings that were still in process in other streets The crowd had then fled towards the Mavis Isaacson Hall

The youth and I were still talking when two Soweto council police vans drove up to the crowd Shots were fired into the air, sending parts of the crowd fleeing in the direction of Rockville.

Suddenly some people in the crowd turned and faced the police, who were about 100m away This response was apparently unexpected; the police ran towards their vehicles and drove off at high speed in the direction of the "Number One" offices (rent offices in Jabavu)

The crowd reassembled and a hasty decision was taken to march to the rent offices to enquire why police were shooting at them.

I saw about five people, bleeding profusely from bullet wounds, being dragged into a nearby yard before being driven away in a panel van

By this time the crowd had almost doubled in size There was no singing or chanting of slogans as the crowd marched

Police vans appeared from the opposite direction A few people in front of the crowd started chanting "We are not fighting!" and at the same time making the peace sign

Suddenly all the front lights in the street went out and police started firing on the crowd without warning

By this time the crowd was composed mainly of youths I could hear groans and screams from people who had been hit by birdshot fired apparently at random by council police

We ran down Ramaite Street, retreating from the firing line, into the path of two other police vans

The vans stopped Suddenly there was a loud explosion nearby, followed by the crackling sound of automatic rifle fire This was probably the hand grenade attack that has been reported

At one stage a group of chanting youths, the lower parts of their faces covered in cloth, moved in a horn-shaped formation towards the council police vans All the while some youths on the fringes of the crowd were urging people not to run away

The lights were off, but in the moonlit darkness I could see the people in the middle of the horn-formation suddenly moving forward at rapid speed A volley of what sounded like automatic fire came from the middle of the group before it retreated into the crowd This was repeated and the council police retreated

Later I realised the youths were protecting an armed person in their midst — a trained guerrilla, I suspect, probably using an AK-47 They stood around him, so he could not be seen or shot, before suddenly rushing forward together Shots would be fired and then they would crowd around him again

Someone in the crowd shouted that there were Casspirs coming Shots were fired and the crowd fled I saw a youth running into a nearby yard

Figures appeared from the back yard and opened fire The youth tried to run back into the street The youth was later found dead in the yard

I ran into a nearby house The shooting continued as people were dragging injured people into their houses and into cars, as the cars were filled, they were driven to a private clinic in Diepkloof

Then we heard whistles, like the ones used earlier by "comrades" to summon people in case of trouble

But when we looked through the half-drawn curtain, all we saw in the street were Casspirs and police vehicles

After it appeared that the shooting had died down, one man risked leaving our hiding place and walked towards his home which was about three houses away

Shots were heard and when I saw the man he had birdshot wounds in his left thigh

A former student who took part in the '76 Soweto uprisings described Tuesday night's shootings as the "most terrifying moment" of

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Eyewitnesses tell of guns blazing

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his life.

At the street committee meeting he attended, agreement was reached that a letter be written to a township manager complaining about the high rents

"Suddenly we heard gunfire and as we ran into the street we saw more than 20 police cars parked in the street opposite the hall

"I saw several people being shot and for nearly the whole night we were ferrying people to hospital

"What really terrified me was that we were picking up bodies in the street while bullets were whizzing past us.

"For a moment our lives hung on a thread and there was a stage where I had completely lost all regard for my own life," the activist, who refused to be named, said

Until last week, the only version of Security Force activities that could be published legally was that of the Bureau for Information

The Bureau's version of Tuesday night's events was as follows: "The trouble started at about 10 15pm when police in three landrovers went to investigate a roadblock of burning tyres.

"When the police arrived at the scene, they were confronted by a large group of blacks A grenade was thrown at the police, exploding between two of the landrovers and injuring one white and three black members

"The police then fired at the group Seven black men died on the scene and one black man later died in hospital

"Preliminary investigations also indicate that 64 people were injured," the Bureau said.

The Bureau said in a separate incident, police had gone to investigate a second road block at about 1.30am. "A group of blacks were attempting to rob a private vehicle on the scene. The police fired at the group and four black men died."

Later, the Bureau repeated the story of the hand grenade explosion, but left out the reference to seven black men having "died at the scene", saying instead: "The police dispersed groups of rioters in different places with tearsmoke, but the rioters disappeared between the houses and re-grouped on several occasions. They also threw stones at the police. The police fired at the groups of rioters on different occasions In total, eight bodies were found."

The Bureau also amended its account of the second incident, saying. " . the police found a group of youths hacking a private vehicle with pangas and jumping on the car . . police fired at the group and four people died."

The Bureau yesterday revised its death figures, saying 21 people had died and 91 had been injured.

The UDF said yesterday it believed as many as 30 people had died and over 200 had been injured.

A Soweto Civic Association representative said at a press conference yesterday that it was not true that police only started firing because of the hand grenade attack

The attack occurred at 11pm, three hours after witnesses allege police started firing, the SCA said

"The Security Forces adopted a high-handed attitude According to our witnesses, they switched on searchlights and shot at anyone who moved in the street," the SCA said

PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK reports that the story of 21-year-old Josephine Kgotse, shot dead on Tuesday night while seeking refuge from the council police at a neighbour's house, is one of the many not told in the Bureau for Information's unrest statistics.

Josephine's grief-stricken mother, Sophie Kgotse, related the story at her two-bedroomed Jabavu home on Wednesday

Josephine left the house at 9pm on Tuesday night in order to accompany a schoolfriend who had been visiting her several blocks down the road, halfway to the schoolfriend's house.

On her way back, according to her mother, she got "caught in the crossfire" of the fierce fighting which had moved close to her house and ran terrified into the yard of their immediate neighbour, Elizabeth Hlongwane

According to neighbours on the other side of the house, Hlongwane stepped outside to see what the commotion was about and to let Josephine into the house

Just then, the neighbours said, two "blackjacks" (council police) who had been hiding behind an outside toilet in an adjoining yard stood up and fired repeatedly at both Josephine and Hlongwane

Josephine died immediately — neighbours pointed to the spot on the doorstep where her body lay — while 34-year-old Hlongwane sustained bullet wounds in her stomach, chest and shoulder.

They were both carted off in private cars to hospital where Hlongwane is still believed to be in a critical condition

Kgotse — whose husband, a labourer, died of cancer in January — described Josephine as a friendly, church-going matric pupil who was the star of the local netball team and who was not politically involved

"They should have killed me rather than my daughter," she said.

The United Democratic Front is planning a mass funeral for the victims of what they have dubbed "the Soweto massacre".

The UDF, the SCA, the Congress of SA Trade Unions and the SA Council of Churches yesterday appealed at a press conference for the government to allow the victims to be buried peacefully.

A tearful Fikile Radebe, 12, holds up a cartridge case found near her mother's body.

White City: Home of the poor, the aged

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BY SEFAKO NYAKA

WHITE CITY, scene of violent conflict between residents and Security Forces this week, is the most densely populated and lowest income suburb in the cluster of townships known as Soweto.

Householders consist mainly of pensioners and the disabled, with more than four families sharing almost every single yard.

It is because of its status as a township of senior citizens that most Soweto Council party members prefer to stand here for election onto the "local government".

It was in this ward that David Thebehali took his first step towards becoming the first mayor of Soweto.

Depending on their bi-monthly pension payouts of about R80, the pensioners can seldom afford the rent of at least R48. Add to that excessive — often R300 — monthly electricity bills, plus water bills and it becomes clear why residents here have been in arrears long before the rent boycott started.

The standard of living of the people in White City is in direct contrast to that of the councillors who claim to represent them.

In his heyday, Thebehali lived in a R100 000 mansion in Pimville, far from the concrete-roofed "elephant houses".

It is because of overcrowding and squalid living conditions that White City became the most feared township in Soweto, with high crime statistics to back that up.

Until a few months ago daylight muggings, in full view of passersby, were a frequent occurrence in White City.

But lately the energies of the people of White City have been chanelled towards "identifying — and trying to eradicate — the cause of their squalid living conditions," an activist said.

The activist, who surfaced briefly this week after learning of the shootings in White City, said the rent boycott in White City is not a "political issue.

"It is not that our parents refuse to pay rent. All they are asking from the authorities is to lower the rent and for the councillors to resign," he said.

It is also significant that before police action on Tuesday evening, people in most street committee meetings decided to write a letter to the superintendant requesting him to lower rent. Had the gatherings been "political", and the issue a political one, negotiations with the authorities would have been ruled out.

PATRICK LAURENCE writes that the on-going rent boycott — conservatively estimated to involve between a third and a half of all households — is of critical importance to the evolving struggle for supremacy in Soweto.

As a campaign of civil disobedience, the rent boycott has two prime objectives: to provoke the authorities into over-reacting and to focus attention on the underlying cause of the campaign.

The eviction of rent defaulters, and the bloodshed now indelibly associated with it, constitutes a clear case of over-reaction — one, moreover, calculated to fulfil the textbook aim of further alienating the authorities from the people

A Soweto pamphlet calling on people to sustain their rent boycott defiantly proclaimed: "An eviction of one is an eviction of all" That sentiment is now part of the social reality of Soweto

The boycott was launched in June in support of demands for the dissolution of the Soweto Council, which is dependent on rent payments to fill its coffers

As a Soweto pamphleteer put it: "We are no longer prepared to finance our own oppression. We won't pay rent. We won't pay the salaries of our enemies, the puppet councillors, and their police."

The role of council police in evicting defaulters has led them, and their nominal masters, the Soweto councillors, to be seen as "enemies of the people".

The Soweto Council is trapped in a crisis of credibility: it has little or no popular legitimacy and is forced to rely on force to assert its will, which only accentuates its illegitimacy in the eyes of most Sowetans.

The central government, with the consent of the Soweto Council, tried to compensate for the council's lack of legitimacy by providing it with its own police force.

In about a year 6 000 council police were recruited and trained, the biggest contingent of whom were allocated to the Soweto Council as the local authority with the largest fiefdom. Another R17,3-million has been set aside to train a further 10 000 black municipal police.

But these police are likely to compound rather than solve the crisis. They seem set to help the council over-react to the popular challenge to its authority.

Already they have acquired a reputation for firing at the slightest provocation. In the wake of Tuesday's shooting, some council police were reported to have grabbed anyone wearing short pants as a suspected young radical.

Heavy-handed action by council police, on their own or in concert with the SAP, is calculated to cause the rent boycott by adults to converge with the school boycott by their sons and daughters.

Police agree not to assault bishop

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THE Minister of Law and Order yesterday submitted an undertaking to the Pretoria Supreme Court that no further police assaults would be carried out on the secretary general of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa.

Mkhatshwa, who is being detained at Hercules Police Station, said in an affidavit he had been tortured on August 20 and 21. He said he was blindfolded and handcuffed, taken to an unknown site and forced to stand while five men interrogated him for 30 hours. He was stripped naked, he said, and subjected to hostile rhetorical questions. — Sapa

Unrest at Wits

UNIVERSITY of the Witwatersrand students yesterday marched off campus after a meeting to mourn those who died in Tuesday's violence in Soweto.

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Students stoned cars on Jan Smuts Avenue after a police light van had roared through the crowd, narrowly missing students, according to Students' Representative Council president, Etienne Marais.

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Later, students withdrew to campus where about 50 police and 400 students confronted each other.

A student apparently panicked while trying to move his car from the midst of the crowd and fired a shot in the air. — Sapa

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Defiant students on the campus of the University of the Witwatersrand watch the police action during which three people were detained.

Journalists, student detained as violence flares at Wits

By Claire Robertson

At least one student and three journalists — including two *Star* photographers — were detained as violence flared on the campus of Witwatersrand University yesterday.

Student sources said student Yusef Moola had been arrested and late yesterday they were still trying to trace several other students.

The sporadic confrontations continued for three hours as about 50 police — including a plainclothes policewoman — and 400 students confronted each other on the city campus.

A Bureau for Information spokesman said yesterday that no teargas was used by the police. When it was pointed out to a spokesman today that teargas had been used, and that *The Star*'s reporter at the scene had felt its effects, the spokesman said there "must have been some confusion about the reports," and she would investigate further.

The bureau also reportedly denied that rubber bullets were fired, yet Students Representative Council administrator Victor Gordon carried a rubber bullet in his pocket yesterday after it had narrowly missed him and deputy vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton, one of a group of administrative staff on hand during the violence.

Head of the National Student Federation, Durban student Philip Powell (21), has lodged complaints with the police and the university administration after he was beaten and kicked by a large group of students on campus.

Earlier, dental student Kevin Todes fired a shot from his car which was surrounded by the crowd. He was apparently trying to move the car from between the police and student groups.

As he skidded away from the crowd, narrowly missing several students, they beat on the windows and roof with their fists. He stopped the car, shot into the air, and sped off, stones raining down on his car.

The violence erupted after a campus meeting to mourn those who died in Soweto recently.

The students marched from the student centre on campus into Jorrissen Street. As the chanting group turned into Jan Smuts Avenue, a police van roared through the crowd, bumping a few students, according to SRC president Mr Ettienne Marais.

Students stoned the vehicle and then withdrew on to campus as a yellow riot van carrying about 20 police in riot gear and armed with sjamboks pulled up in the street opposite the Dental School.

Teargas was fired immediately after Mr Todes fired the shot, and police moved on to campus. They told the Press to leave the area and *Star* photographers Ruvan Boshoff and Herbert Mabuza, and Business Day photographer Dan Simon, were arrested and taken to Hillbrow police station, where they were photographed and released after about three hours. Mr Simon was also fingerprinted and had his cameras and film confiscated.

By mid-afternoon police had moved on to central campus, into the Great Hall and went through the Physics and Life Sciences buildings, searching laboratories. They charged the students several times and the crowd scattered.

A university spokesman confirmed yesterday that when the deputy registrar in charge of student affairs, Mr Jonathon Stead, approached police about the detained students, he was told to leave or he too would be detained.

Students, SAP clash at Wits

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JOHANNESBURG. — The University of the Witwatersrand was a battleground yesterday as riot police with quirts and sjamboks charged hundreds of students after a meeting to mourn the victims of the recent Soweto unrest.

During the confrontation the president of the National Student Federation (NSF), Mr Philip Powell, was punched and stoned by about 50 students. He escaped with cuts and bruises.

In another incident a dentistry student, Mr Kevin Todes, fired a shot from his car after students rocked the vehicle and stoned it.

A spokesman for the university said one student was arrested and several others might also be under arrest.

The unrest started after about 1 000 students packed the Student Arcade building during the lunch break and were addressed by representatives of the United Democratic Front, the Black Students Society (BSS), the National Union of South African Students (Nusas) and others.

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After the meeting students marched along Jorissen Street and up Jan Smuts Avenue back to the campus.

They clashed with a large contingent of police and security forces who had surrounded the campus.

Students hurled large stones and bricks at police who retaliated with teargas, rubber bullets and baton charges on to the campus. Students later dispersed.

The Bureau for Information confirmed the arrest of one student.

However, a spokesman denied that security forces had fired teargas or rubber bullets.

Two members of the security forces were slightly injured when students stoned them, she said.

Three press photographers were arrested and later released.

The death toll in Tuesday's violence had risen to 21 with 98 people injured, the bureau said

● Soweto City Council said yesterday it would suspend evictions of rent defaulters to avoid further trouble, the Sowetan newspaper reported.

The report quoted the council's housing director, Mrs Del Kevan, as saying that she thought it would "be provocative" to carry out evictions when there is such trouble in the township.

Mrs Kevan conceded that Tuesday night's confrontations in White City Jabavu, Molofo and Emdeni were related to evictions of rent defaulters.

On Wednesday Soweto's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, told Sapa that the unrest had nothing to do with evictions.

'More dead'

● Thirty people may have died in the clashes between residents and security forces, a news conference called by anti-apartheid organizations was told yesterday.

Leaders of the organizations — among them the UDF, the SACC and Cosatu — told the conference reports from Soweto hospitals and doctors showed about 30 people had died and 200 had been injured in the clashes on Tuesday night.

● The foreign ministers of West Germany and Austria strongly condemned the latest violence in Soweto, an Austrian Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday. — Own Correspondent and Sapa-Reuter

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Nel: Riots due to ambush

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — This week's Soweto riots were triggered off by an ambush on police who acted to protect themselves, the Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel, said yesterday.

He told a press conference 21 people had been killed and 96 injured.

Since June 12, he claimed, South Africa had experienced a greater degree of law and order than at any time in the past 18 months.

So it was realistic to expect desperate attempts by subversive elements to create chaos, he said.

Mr Nel said inquests on those killed in Soweto would be held in public.

Evictions

"I appeal to you not to start a trial by newspapers and television." The issue was now "sub judice" and it would be improper for him to go into any detail of the Soweto trouble.

Mr Nel declined to say whether the cause of the riots was rooted in protests against high rentals and evictions. The causes, he said, would be determined at the inquests.

Unrest, he said, flared up on August 13, and it coincided with the distribution of pamphlets by the SA Students Congress. On that day about 60 percent of all unrest incidents took place in Soweto.

Mr Nel said the handgrenade thrown during the Soweto unrest was of Russian origin.

'One-sided'

Overseas reports of the incidents failed to indicate that normality had returned to the greater part of the country, Mr Nel said. A one-sided picture of South Africa was still being presented to the world.

Questioned on the Mkhatshwa hearing in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday, Mr Nel said he did not agree that the fact that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, had failed to refute the allegations of torture was tantamount to an admission they were true.

Nor did he concede that the minister's offer to pay the cost of the action so far was a tacit admission the allegations were accurate.

Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, secretary-general of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, is asking the court for an order restraining the police from assaulting him.

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By SELLO RABOTHATA

THE United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions yesterday expressed anger and outrage at the killing of Soweto residents by security forces on Tuesday evening.

The UDF, Cosatu, Soweto Civic Association and South African Council of Churches held a Press conference in Johannesburg which was also attended by two White City residents who were involved in the incident.

Names of 16 victims killed by security forces were made available to the Press. The UDF alleged more than 30 people have been killed and members of street committees were still busy trying to establish more names.

Mr SYDNEY Mafumadi, Mr Murphy Morobe and the Rev Frank Chikane at yesterday's Press conference.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, the Azanian People's Organisation said it was the legacy of the Group Areas Act that black people had to live, not only in completely inhospitable areas with the attendant health hazards, but also far away from their work places.

"The insurmountable financial problems these situations impose are obvious, yet black people are expected to submit without question to the 'rental fraud'," the statement said.

The organisation said it was a rip-off and

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Political organisations condemn rent killings

By SY MAKARINGE

THE action of the Soweto Council police, which resulted in the death of at least 12 people during raids on rent defaulters in White City Jabavu on Tuesday night, was strongly condemned by black political organisations yesterday.

In a statement released to *the Sowetan*, the Azanian Peoples Organisation said it was greatly concerned about the activities of the Soweto Council, the intrasigence of councillors and high-handedness of municipal police in trying to deal with the rent crisis.

The organisation said it abhorred any activities which led to loss of black life when it was clear that their demands had not been met.

"To this day our people have not been given a full breakdown of the rents they pay. As far as we are concerned, the rental system imposed on black people is repugnant. Legalised fraud," the statement said.

Political

The statement also said the rent crisis in black townships was a reflection in miniature form of the socio-economic and political crisis the government had plunged the country.

The organisation said that despite present "policy re-arrangement", the townships where black people lived were still intended to service white cities.

"It is therefore in this vein that we demand of the Government to channel substantial subsidies in the direction of the maintenance of these townships and locations rather that use them as generators of revenues", the statement said.

The banned Pan Africanist Congress said it condemned in the strongest terms the "killing of Soweto residents".

Apartheid

"The authorities in Pretoria have been telling the international community they would prefer to have stability and non-violence in the black community so as to be able to address the people's aspirations This stability had, to a large measure, been achieved. Rent strikes and other actions are relatively non-violent and peaceful, but nonetheless still register the people's anger", the organisation said.

The organisation said the Government had not undertaken any serious action to dismantle apartheid, let alone meet some minimum demands by the black community.

The South African Council of Churches appealed to the Soweto Council to set an example by meeting with leaders elected by the community to resolve the problem

"It should be realised that this issue of rents is no longer an economic one as far as the inhabitants of Soweto and other townships are concerned, but a political time-bomb which could explode if not wisely handled," the SACC said.

It also said that it had information indicating that the number of deaths were higher than the official figures

THE scene in White City Jabavu, Soweto, on Wednesday morning. Relatives keeping vigil over the body of a victim.

Inquest to be held into Soweto killings

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THE Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel, said last night that an official inquest would be held to determine what took place in Soweto over the past few days.

He told an international news conference at the Bureau for Information's offices in Pretoria the inquest would be held in public and lawyers would be able to examine witnesses, including police witnesses.

He appealed to newspapers not to hold a "trial by newspaper" as the matter was sub judice.

He announced that unrest had been flaring up in Soweto since August 13.

He said it was instigated by the Soweto Students Congress and the Soweto Youth Congress.

He said a big percentage of all unrest-related incidents in South Africa occurred in Soweto.

For instance on Tuesday when the shooting occurred in Soweto, 46 percent of the incidents occurred in the township.

Yesterday 48 percent of the incidents occurred in Soweto.

He said that on Tuesday 12 policemen, one white and 11 black, were in the vehicles which stopped at the ambush from where a Russian-made handgrenade was thrown.

The white policeman was injured in both legs and three black policemen were also injured.

The crowd started throwing stones and it was clear they wanted to kill the policemen and they (the policemen) had to react, he said.

"Whether they reacted correctly will be decided at the inquest".

The official death toll for the incident now totalled 21 people, while 98 were injured.

No-one was evicted that night in the areas where the unrest occurred, Mr Nel said.

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Parliament and Politics

Eglin calls for Soweto inquiry

By ORMANDE POLLOK
Political Staff

OPPOSITION Leader Mr Colin Eglin has called for a judicial commission of inquiry into the Soweto unrest — where on-the-spot party observers believe the death toll is higher than the official figures.

His call came yesterday after the Speaker turned down a Progressive Federal Party request for a special debate on the deaths in Soweto as a matter of public importance.

Mr Eglin said he would make another request for a debate next week.

Mr Eglin said that while the debate did not take place he stood by the need for a commission of inquiry.

"Because the PFP believes that the situation in Soweto is a matter of urgent public importance and as we were aware there was plenty of time within the parliamentary timetable for a 2½ hour debate, the whips approached the Speaker whose prior approval is required for such a special debate," said Mr Eglin.

He had however turned down the request.

"Mr Speaker does not have to give reasons for his ruling amd while we accept his authority, we are disappointed," said Mr Eglin

Parliament had been recalled for an extended session because the indications were that important constitutional and other legislation was to be introduced.

This had not materialised and now the government was reducing debating hours and artificially prolonging the session but not creating any opportunity to discuss vital issues

"We suspect that something has gone seriously wrong with the government's reform plans," said Mr Eglin.

He pointed out that the State President had indicated that he wanted legislation to establish the new National Council before the end of the year but there was no indication that it was on the way yet.

He emphasised that the Speaker's turning down the special debate on Soweto was not responsible for the party taking the drastic decision to withdraw the co-operation of the whips from the government.

"That issue revolves around the government's whole handling of the session," he said.

● Sapa reports from Johannesburg that Mrs Helen Suzman (PFP Houghton) was in Soweto yesterday morning gathering eyewitness accounts of the incident in which 21 people died and 98 were injured.

"There are lots of conflicting reports but it seems to have been caused by threatened evictions," she said.

"The official version says four households were to be evicted while people in Soweto believed the evictions were to be widespread, at night and their belongings were to be carted off and auctioned.

"When one of the council vans arrived it was believed it was the beginning of the evictions.

"I also heard there was 2½ hours of police activity, fire and shooting before any hand-grenade, if any, was thrown."

PFP calls for judicial inquiry into shootings

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The Government should appoint an independent judicial inquiry, not an inquest, into the killing of at least 21 people in Soweto, the PFP spokesman for Law and Order, Mrs Helen Suzman, said today.

Isolated incidents of rioting and sporadic gunfire continued in various parts of Soweto last night with shots fired in Mofolo and at least one vehicle burned and streets strewn with rocks in Chiawelo.

More shooting was heard in Zondi.

But residents and the Bureau for Information had no reports of deaths or injuries resulting from the firing. Residents had also not ventured out to investigate for fear of being the victims.

Also affected last night was Mofolo Village and Mofolo North, where residents said shooting lasted for several hours.

Streets were still barricaded this morning, making it difficult to drive through. Some streets were completely impassable.

Mrs Suzman was reacting to an undertaking given last night by the Deputy Minister for Information, Mr Louis Nel, that a public inquest would be held without delay.

The frames of reference in which the two inquiries would operate were totally different, pointed out Mrs Suzman.

An inquest was always held to determine the cause and events directly related to any unnatural death.

A commission of inquiry would be in a position to take evidence from a far broader spectrum and would get to the underlying causes of the riot and deaths.

A legal expert at the University of South Africa, Mr T Geldenhuys, said an inquest was limited to facts relevant to the cause of death.

Unrest counts against youths are dropped

Pretoria Correspondent

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Charges of public violence and possession of petrol bombs against four Soshanguve youths were withdrawn in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The charges still stand against nine other youths. They have pleaded not guilty.

A witness, who may not be named, testified that a group of people approached a house he was in. One was carrying a bottle. The witness ran to the back of the house and heard stones being thrown on to the roof. When the stone-throwing stopped he went inside and found the bedroom alight.

He identified five of the accused.

The witness denied testifying against two of the youths because they were SRC members and he did not not agree with the SRC system in schools.

The hearing continues.

Sun Times · By SAMKELO KUMALO 31/8/86

TOP Soweto council officials were making contingency plans to flee their homes yesterday in the face of reprisal threats from radical groups determined to press ahead with the ongoing rents boycott.

The new twist in the spiral of week-long violence, which has claimed 21 lives, with scores more injured, came as Soweto's riot-scarred residents were facing a grim choice — pay up on rent arrears and face further retribution from the boycotters, or refuse to pay and be evicted.

Clashes with the security forces over forced evictions for non-payment of rents have been aggravated by violence perpetrated by the so-called "comrades"

And yesterday, a senior township executive, who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals, said he knew of some councillors who had already fled the township taking their family and belongings with them

He had personally seen one councillor packing his bags and loading them into a truck before leaving

One councillor, Mr Sydney Mkhwanazi, was stabbed and stoned to death on Tuesday afternoon while returning from a council meeting

Revenge

According to Soweto residents, this was a revenge killing for the earlier death of a Soweto man who was allegedly shot by council community police guarding Mr Mkhwanazi's home

The PFP's spokesman for law and order, Mrs Helen Suzman, who visited the trouble-torn area on Friday, yesterday described the residents dilemma over rents as a "Catch-22" situation.

She said "If they do not pay their rents they face eviction, and if they do pay, they face having their houses burnt because of the ongoing rents boycott

"This must prove to the officials that even those who are willing to pay rent do not do so for valid reasons"

Mrs Suzman repeated her call for an independent judicial inquiry into the violence, headed by a judge, to be appointed immediately

But Mr Nico Malan, Soweto town clerk, said only seven families were evicted in Soweto on Tuesday

CONFLICT COUNTDOWN

THE countdown to conflict began on June 4 when the Soweto Civic Association called for an indefinite rent boycott.

After that, events moved swiftly.

● June 8: The Soweto City Council threatened to unleash its police force on anyone threatening residents wanting to pay rents.

● On July 7: The council warned that failure to pay rent could have drastic repercussions. Mr Nico Malan announced that the R500 000 paid monthly by tenants had dropped to about R200 000 in June, the first month of the boycott.

● July 8: Soweto residents served with notices to pay rent or face evictions. Several homeowners in Orlando East reported that their electricity was cut off by the council.

● July 9: Residents told by the council that if they did not pay rent by July 15 they would be evicted from their houses. The council stated it was losing about R300 000 a month on rent payments.

● July 16: About 20 000 residents were given seven days to pay their rents and advised to use facilities available in Johannesburg to pay if they feared victimisation.

● July 20: Mr Steve Kgame, Dobsonville councillor, said councils would get tough with rent defaulters. The first wave of evictions began.

● July 25. Mr Justice G Gordon issued an order restraining the Soweto Council from evicting Mrs Pauline Mathibela from her Orlando East home A day later a group of men attacked and ransacked her Orlando East shop.

● August 15: Soweto Council's housing director, Mrs Del Kelvan, said 155 families were to be evicted

● August 17. The council announced it would serve eviction notices on 300 families, but would give them seven days to pay.

● August 26: Running battles erupted in White City and other parts of Soweto claiming an official 21 dead (unofficial figures are as high as 30), when rumours swept the township that evictions were about to begin.

Plea

He said they were not in White City, the focus of the violence Three were in Chiawelo and four in Jabulani

Mr Malan said there had been no evictions in White City "We did not even threaten to evict there"

He added "The council has stopped evictions temporarily until we see the reaction of people to our plea for them to pay up.

"If they do not pay we'll take action, but with great circumspection"

Mrs Suzman said after her fact-finding mission to Soweto's White City Jabavu township "People feel threatened The actions of the council officials were very high-handed

"I gathered that the people of White City and other townships had asked to have a meeting with the council in April to discuss the rents issue but there was no response from the council

Silenced

"The people with whom the council or the Government would negotiate are all in detention or have been silenced," she said

She also called on the Government to subsidise black townships "if a worse catastrophy is to be avoided"

Mr Malan said there were people who had not paid rent since the beginning of the year

Meanwhile, many streets are still barricaded with large rocks Burnt-out cars litter Soweto Access in some places is impossible, even by car in areas where there has been no violence

A hand granade was thrown at the police in White City on Tuesday night, exploding between two police Landrovers One white and three black policemen were injured

● The Bureau for Information reports only one fatality from political violence in the 24-hour period up to 6 am yesterday. A black man was killed by the South African Transport Services police during an alleged robbery in Daveytown.

Soweto officials set to flee

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Inquest into Soweto deaths

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PRETORIA — The Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel, said last night an official inquest would be held to determine what took place in Soweto over the past few days.

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Mr Nel said a municipal policeman was in a critical condition in hospital after a shotgun was fired at him.

The bureau's unrest report yesterday said: "The official death toll as a result of the unrest of August 26 has risen to 20 in security force action undertaken to protect life and property, and one as a result of violence between blacks. The latter case, the death of Councillor Mkwanazi, was confirmed yesterday (Wednesday).

"The official figure for the injured stands at 98 which includes four SAP members injured in the handgrenade attack as well as a municipal policeman."

The report added the situation in Soweto had "stabilised" and reported only minor incidents of unrest — "mainly stonethrowing".

A Johannesburg newspaper reports that a news conference addressed by members of anti-apartheid organisations was told that thirty people may have died in the clashes.

Leaders of the organisations — among them the United Democratic Front, the South African Council of Churches, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions — told the conference that reports from Soweto hospitals and doctors showed about 30 people had died and 200 had been injured.

In Cape Town, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Colin Eglin, called for a judicial commission of inquiry into the unrest.

His call came after the Speaker of Parliament and MP for Aliwal North, Mr Johan Greeff, turned down a request for a special debate as a matter of public importance.

The Daily Dispatch Bureau in London reports that Mr Nel told Britons in a BBC radio interview that the security forces had been justified in their actions in Soweto.

"The law in South Africa and the law in Britain is the same. If you are attacked, if anyone tries to murder you, you are entitled to fight back, to defend yourself, and to use whatever means are necessary to defend your life."

Giving his version of what happened in Soweto — which is at variance with what has been widely reported here — Mr Nel said: "This was an unlawful, murderous attack on the police, 11 black policemen and one white policeman. The intent was quite clear, to kill them. That is why they were ambushed."

Reports here have quoted Soweto residents as saying youths had reacted to attempts by the authorities to evict families, from the poorest areas of Soweto, who had not paid their rent.

Mr Nel said. "It is a tragic matter when any man or woman or child dies in a violent manner, and we all feel deeply about it.

"But I also want to say that revolutionaries are trying their best to organise the youth to participate in this kind of murderous attack."

● The University of the Witwatersrand was a battle ground yesterday as riot police charged hundreds of students with quirts and sjamboks following a meeting on the campus to mourn those who had died.

During the confrontation the president of the National Student Front (NSF), Mr Philip Powell, was punched and stoned by about 50 students. He escaped with cuts and bruises.

In another incident a dental student, Mr Kevin Todes, fired a shot after a group of students rocked his car and stoned it.

A spokesman for the university said one student had been arrested and several others might also be under arrest. — DDC-Sapa.

A speedy inquest into 21 White City deaths

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Pretoria Bureau

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An official inquest will be held to determine what really happened in Soweto this week when 21 people died and 98 were injured in clashes between police and residents of White City, Jabavu.

The Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel, last night gave an undertaking that the public inquest will be held without delay.

An in-depth police investigation is already under way, Mr Nel told an international Press conference in Pretoria.

"I would like to appeal to you, let's not start a trial by newspaper or television," he added.

Outlining the situation in Soweto, Mr Nel said police had opened fire to protect life and property.

He said unrest had flared in the township on August 13, coinciding with the distribution of pamphlets by the Soweto Youth Congress and the Soweto Students Congress.

HACKED TO DEATH

On the same day a black councillor was hacked to death in White City, Jabavu. At about 10 pm that evening a police patrol encountered a barricade of drums, stones and tyres.

The police disembarked from their vehicles and a grenade was thrown at them, exploding between two vehicles and injuring four policeman.

When the crowd started throwing stones, the police opened fire, he said.

During follow-up actions later, the police came across a group attacking a car in Mapetha Avenue. The driver was trapped inside. The police opened fire and a number of people were killed. The driver of the car escaped.

Asked whether the riots were sparked by the rent boycott and subsequent evictions, Mr Nel said this would be decided by the inquest court.

"But the real issues are not rents, the presence of the security forces in the townships, remembrance days or school programmes ... the violent overthrow of the State is the real issue," he said.

Suzman says rumours likely cause of violence

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By DAVID BRAUN, Political Staff

THE violence in Soweto on Tuesday night which left 21 dead may have been sparked by rumours, Mrs Helen Suzman, law and order spokesman of the Progressive Federal Party, said today.

The PFP has meanwhile rejected a Government statement that an official inquiry is to be held in the form of inquests. The party is pressing for an independent judicial inquiry as well as a special parliamentary debate on the unrest in Soweto.

Party leader Mr Colin Eglin said yesterday the PFP would approach the Speaker, Mr Johann Greeff, again next week for permission to have a special 2½-hour debate on Soweto. If the request was granted, he said, the PFP would review its strategy of reducing its participation in Parliament.

Mr Greeff refused a request for such a debate yesterday.

TOWNSHIP TOUR

Mrs Suzman toured the township yesterday to try to establish what had caused the unrest on Tuesday night.

"It seems to me that the whole thing could well have been sparked by a rumour on Tuesday that there were going to be evictions that night. There were also stories that people's possessions were going to be seized and auctioned to pay their outstanding rents.

"The council on the other hand denied that evictions were planned for that night. Only three or four families had been evicted and none of them was in the area where the trouble was."

Mrs Suzman said it was quite clear there had to be a judicial inquiry apart from the inquests which in in any case had to be held by law.

"The important thing is to establish the cause of the trouble to try to prevent a further occurrence by handling the rent crisis differently."

Mrs Suzman said the residents of Soweto were caught in a terrible dilemma in which if they paid their rents their homes were burnt by radicals while if they did not pay they were evicted.

What was desperately needed was to start negotiations with the recognised civic leaders of Soweto, many of whom were doubtless in detention.

Mr Peter Soal, PFP spokesman on information, slammed the Deputy Minister for Information, Mr Louis Nel, and the SABC for creating the impression that an official inquiry had been appointed.

CONSPIRACY

"The SABC has joined Mr Nel in this conspiracy of misinformation by giving prominence to his fatuous statement. Mr Nel was referring to inquests which have to be held anyway. The PFP wants an independent judicial inquiry."

Mr Soal said it appeared that in any case Mr Nel had prejudged the events in Soweto and closed the case.

"Mr Nel is getting out of hand,' he said.

(Report by D Braun, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town).

● Govt to hold inquest, Page 13.

Mrs Helen Suzman speaks to Billy Ntsibanyoni (left), who was shot in both legs on Tuesday night. ● Photograph: Alf Khumalo.

'Police shot without good cause'

By Glenda Spiro

Mrs Helen Suzman, PFP spokesman for Law and Order, after visiting Soweto yesterday described police action in trouble-torn White City as apparently "totally unprovoked".

The official death toll released by the Bureau for Information remains at 21.

"The residents are adamant no stones or petrol bombs were thrown at police."

She called for an independent judicial inquiry to investigate the killings. The inquest suggested by the Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel, was not adequate, Mrs Suzman said.

After speaking to several eye-witnesses and relatives of the dead and injured Mrs Suzman said: "It appears to have been a night of chaos and confusion: Casspirs all over the streets and random shooting."

One of the main issues behind the three-month-old rent boycott was the quality of services in the area "which are bad and charges too high".

"The people have got no satisfaction from their complaints and this is keeping the atmosphere hostile."