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ANC mob accused of burning PAC student

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A youth has died and several are believed to have been injured after an outbreak of hostilities allegedly between supporters of the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress in Vosloorus on the East Rand.

Members of the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation (Paso), the student wing of the PAC and of the Azanian Youth Unity (Azanyu), said in Johannesburg yesterday they had fled the township after attacks by ANC supporters.

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They said several homes belonging to Paso and Azanyu members had been stoned and telephone wires had been cut.

They said Mr John Rantho, 24, a Paso member, had been hacked and burnt to death after an attack at his home in a section of the township known as Rockville (Extension II), on Wednesday.

Witwatersrand police confirmed the death.

"About 50 youths grabbed John Rantho from his home, hit him with stones, poured petrol over him and burnt him," a police spokesman said.

ANC spokesmen could not be reached for comment.

Sebokeng police ignored standard procedures

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The Goldstone commission into the Sebokeng shootings hears evidence that standard police regulations on the use of live ammunition were ignored. PHILIPPA GARSON reports

SECURITY forces violated "crowd control" procedures before firing on a crowd of 50 000 marchers in Sebokeng on March 26, killing at least five and injuring more than 300.

This evidence emerged this week at the Goldstone commission of inquiry into several incidents of violence in the Lekoa area on March 26.

Colonel Johannes van der Merwe, commanding the SAP Maleeuwskop Training Centre, testified that during "crowd control", police line-ups of Reaction Units were not allowed to load teargas stopper guns or shotguns until ordered to do so by their commanding officers.

But many special constables and SAP members admitted to loading their shotguns at least an hour before joining the police line-up, and when Constable Sean van Rhyn of the Krugersdorp Unit "accidentally" fired a round of teargas, many of the security forces immediately fired their most lethal ammunition at the crowd.

Van der Merwe told the inquiry a megaphone should always be available to the commanding officer in a "crowd control" situation.

He added that live ammunition was to be fired only if preliminary measures to disperse a crowd failed.

These measures included communication with crowd leaders, orders for the crowd to disperse, firing of teargas and finally firing "soft" ammunition (number five birdshot) before shooting with lethal ammunition — AAA and SSG buckshot.

However, no loudhailer warnings were issued to the crowd on May 26 by commanding officer Captain Willem du Plooy, and previous evidence before the commission revealed that 14 out of 48 shells fired had been lethal.

Du Plooy admitted under cross-examination that he had not checked the strength of ammunition carried by the men under his command and whether their teargas stoppers had been loaded, despite having had plenty of time to do so.

Several special constables (who now receive eight weeks' training) showed ignorance about firing procedure under cross-examination this week.

J J du Toit, leading evidence before the commission, asked Special Constable Samuel Lekiso (stationed at Krugersdorp) why he had not put the soft ammunition in front of his shotgun.

Lekiso replied: "That is why I say I made a mistake. I had forgotten that the first bullet is the last to come out when I fire a shot."

Two march organisers, Bavumile Vilakazi and Tankiso Rantsasi also gave evidence this week.

Vilikazi, a member of the Vaal Civic Association and UDF area committee, said despite the banning of the march by the Vereeniging Town Council, organisers had decided to go ahead with the protest unless there was a heavy police presence.

After receiving reports that numerous security forces were present on March 26, a decision was taken that marchers would present their protests at their local police stations.

He said while discussing with Colonel Paddy Mazibuko (station commander of the Sebokeng police station) the handing over of a memorandum to the National Party offices in Vereeniging, he heard the crowd outside and realised the march — confronted by a police blockade some metres ahead — had gone beyond the police station.

He then informed the marchers through a loudhailer that Mazibuko would deliver their grievances and those in front should remain, while others should disperse from the back.

He denied the crowd was armed and saw no stones thrown prior to the shooting. He said he had his back to the police and was telling people not to put pressure on the marshals when, "I heard the first shot and looked back. Suddenly I felt pain on my buttocks and (was pushed) to the ground. I was shouting to people to lie low — then I put my head down on the grass."

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice R Goldstone, is likely to run for a further week.

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Cape Times 2/6/90

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FOUR DIE IN ANC CLASH WITH PAC

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Weekend Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — A new wave of spiralling violence between supporters of the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress has hit the townships.

Four people, including a nine-month-old baby, died and at least three people were injured in the East Rand township Vosloorus this week.

Township violence — which included a clash between supporters of the Azanian People's Organisation and the ANC in Maokeng, Free State — has become so serious that ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela this week held a long meeting, from his hospital bed, with a high-ranking Azapo leader.

Mr Muntu Myeza, Azapo projects co-ordinator and national executive committee member, said he met Mr Mandela for 1½ hours at the Park Lane Clinic in Johannesburg on Wednesday.

"We had a long meeting which centred on the need to avoid acrimony between organisations and ways of avoiding occurences such as those at Maokeng. We agreed that organisations need to get round the table to thrash out the road ahead."

Meeting of leaders mooted

At least seven people were injured in the Maokeng clashes.

At Vosloorus the baby and two other people were shot dead. A fourth person was burnt to death. The ANC and PAC blamed one another for starting the violence.

Those who died were: Mrs Lindiwe Maziya, 32, wife of the Vosloorus Crisis Committee chairman; her nine-month-old daughter Ali Maziya; Mrs Zwelakhe Bella Motsupi, 65, grandmother of Vosloorus Students Congress activist Allison Motsupi; and Azanian Youth Unity member Mr John Rantho, 2.

PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander said: "A possible meeting between the leadership of the ANC and PAC is being mooted."

"The PAC is calling for vigilance on the intervention of third elements, who aimed at escalating the conflict. The situation in the country is not made any easier when leaders of liberation movements issue concealed threats to each other," Mr Alexander said.

ANC internal chairman Walter Sisulu yesterday said the ANC had no way of knowing what the "real situation" was and "we are still investigating the matter".

But he did condemn the violence, saying it was not the ANC's policy to attack its opponents.

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ANC, PAC in urgent talks to stop wave of violence

C/Press 3/6/90 (278)

By CONNIE MOLUSI

AS a wave of violence among black political groups swept the Reef this week, desperate leaders were frantically consulting each other yesterday for a solution

In the wake of the violence that left three people dead and three injured in Vosloosrus, internal ANC leader Walter Sisulu and PAC president Zephania Mothopeng held an urgent meeting in Johannesburg on Friday afternoon.

And Azapo leader Muntu Myeza held top-level discussions with ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela at a Johannesburg clinic on Wednesday.

ANC spokesman Ahmed Kathrada said his organisation had initiated the meetings to do "everything possible to bring about peace"

After meeting Mandela, Myeza said: "We had a long meeting which centred on the need to avoid acrimony between organisations, and we reached an agreement on that.

"We also discussed ways and means of avoiding future occurrences such as those at Maokeng and agreed that organisations should get around the table to thrash out the road ahead."

Kathrada confirmed the ANC would soon be meeting "soon" other anti-apartheid groups in a bid to stop the violence.

Wits academic Prof Alf Stadler said the violence was part of a process of change that would produce a fundamental political shift.

"As political control of the State is weakened, turbulence is endemic as part of readjustment," he said.

As news of the violence spread countrywide, Canon Winston Ndungane of the Anglican Church told a graduation ceremony in Umtata on Friday the church had an important role to play in addressing the intolerance between people in the "liberation movement" who held different views.

Matters came to a head on Thursday when in a spate of AK47 attacks on activists' homes in Vosloorus near Boksburg three people were gunned down, including a woman and her nine-month-old baby

The dead are Lindiwe Maziya, 32, wife of Vosloosrus Crisis Committee (VCC) chairman Ali Maziya; their nine-month-old baby Zwelakhe, and Bella Motsopi, 65, grandmother of Vosloosrus Student Congress member Ali Motsopi

Injured in the attack were Ali Maziya, who was wounded in a foot, and his mother Elizabeth, who is in critical condition at the Natalspruit Hospital

In another incident, in the early hours of Friday morning, 10 armed men burst into the home of VCC co-ordinator Vuyani Mpofu and started shooting. Mpofu and his wife narrowly escaped death but emerged unhurt, while his grandmother was injured.

A police spokesman has confirmed that the weapons used in both attacks were AK47 machineguns and hand-grenades

The source of the attacks is not officially known, but other members of the VCC blamed the PAC because of clashes between PAC youths and ANC members in which a member of the Azanian National Youth Unity (Azanyu) – an affiliate of the PAC – John Rantho, was hacked and burned to death in front of his parents on Wednesday.

PAC general secretary Benny Alexander denied his organisation was involved in the Vosloorus shooting and said most members of the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation (Paso) and Azanyu had left the area after members were chased from school following Rantho's death

Alexander said he suspected a third force was operating with the express purpose of exploiting the situation and increasing conflict between the ANC and PAC.

■ Last week, seven ANC members were injured in a clash with Azapo members over the burial of unrest victims in Maokeng, near Kroonstad.

As a result of the violence in the area a huge rally is to be adressed by both ANC and Azapo leaders at the local stadium at 1pm today.

Sapa reports that the ANC denounced the violence in Maokeng as the work of political opportunists and cliques "who raise our flags and banners and then terrorise supporters of legitimate political organisations".

ANC northern Free State organiser Chris Ravuku said: "We are not at war with Azapo What we have identified is that there is a lot of hooliganism. This is a problem many political parties will experience tsotsi elements often wear a particular organisantion's T-shirt and then conduct a reign of terror."

■ Addressing a Press conference yesterday, Nelson Mandela admitted "We have a certain amount of lack of discipline on the part of the activists but, fortunately, the leadership itself is united in condemning all forms of violence."

Ali Maziya ... wife and child killed. Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

Lindiwe Maziya (left) and nine-month-old Zwelakhe Maziya.

Khaki-clad youths with multi-barrelled wooden guns formed a gaurd of honour at the funeral of the victims of unrest in Thabong.

Welkom victims still to be named

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By DON SEOKANE

ELEVEN people killed in the violence at Thabong, Welkom, still have to be identified at the government mortuary, a United Democratic Front spokesman said at the weekend.

Mr Tisha Vanga, of the Thabong UDF said 19 people were known to have died in the violence which erupted in the township two weeks ago.

Four of the eight residents shot dead by police on May 20 and 21 were buried in Thabong on Saturday.

They are high school pupils Teboho Jase (20), Mothibe Molefi (21), Anna Ncala (18), and Sabata Mosimane (16). Mr George Mokoena (51) was buried in QwaQwa while Mr Zamekile Paul (21), and Mr Ndoda Dyonta (20) were buried in Transkei.

The UDF spokesman said they were also trying to locate families of three people who died after they were admitted to the Sir Oppenheimer Hospital.

Vanga appealed to residents to go to the Thabong Advice Centre where they would get details about the unidentified corpses.

The community is concerned at what it says is a police crackdown on youths in the township. This followed a massive swoop in the past fortnight, the residents said.

Eight youths have already appeared in the Welkom Regional Court charged with the murder of a councillor.

Addressing thousands of mourners at the Thabong stadium, internal chairman of the ANC, Mr Walter Sisulu condemned the killings in Welkom as the work of apartheid forces and as the result of white domination.

He said the ANC, PAC and Azapo would issue a joint statement on inter-organisational violence.

He said he had met PAC president Mr Zephania Mothopeng and Azapo executive member Mr Muntu Myeza over the escalation of the violence.

Cheers as ANC and Azapo join hands

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KROONSTAD. — The African National Congress and Azanian People's Organisation joined forces for a mass meeting in Maokeng township here and denounced recent violence.

The meeting yesterday followed a vicious clash the previous weekend between people claiming support for the Azapo and the ANC that left one Azapo supporter dead and seven on both sides injured.

After initial reluctance to sing and chant slogans together, ANC and Azapo supporters joined in singing freedom songs and roaring their approval at speeches by Azapo general secretary Mr Pandelani Nefolovhodwe and ANC internal head Mr Walter Sisulu.

Mr Nefolovhodwe said: "We stood firmly in 1985 and 1986 in condemning the 'necklace' as a method of struggle — Azapo will never necklace people for contrary beliefs.

"DOUBTFUL CHARACTERS"

Meanwhile, it has been reported from Johannesburg that the ANC is seriously looking into the question of embracing all the homeland leaders — except Inkatha's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — into its broad political structure, according to ANC official, Mr Elias Motsoaledi.

He indicated the ANC could embrace even "doubtful homeland characters" such as Bophuthatswana's Lucas Mangope, who was reported to be recently "turning towards the people due to political pressure".

It is also believed former Inkatha secretary general, Dr Oscar Dhlomo, who resigned his post last week, could also be accepted if he approached the ANC. — Sapa.

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Inkatha claims victimisation in Soweto

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

THE Inkatha Youth Brigade yesterday called on leaders of the ANC and its allies to discipline their supporters "to prevent inter-organisational violence erupting in Soweto".

Speaking at the Inkatha peace rally in Soweto, Mr Themba Khoza, chairman of the West Rand Youth Brigade, appealed to ANC deputy leader Mr Nelson Mandela to meet Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and to publicly condemn and disassociate himself with statements promoting violence against other political organisations.

In an emotional speech Khoza said: "Our members in Emndeni, Zola, Diepkloof and Meadowlands are being assaulted, forced out of their homes to attend political meetings, had their membership cards burnt and forced to join the ANC. This has been happening for the past two months.

Blamed

"Victimised Inkatha members have been threatened with death if they reported intimidation incidents to the police. Defenceless people have been left with no option but to report intimidation incidents to kangaroo courts. Should violence erupt, Inkatha must not be blamed," Khoza said.

"We must be realistic and admit that there will be no process of negotiation about the future if blacks can hardly tolerate each other."

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Political groups meet in bid to end violence

Big boost for peace

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JOHNNY RANTHO

NELSON MANDELA

JAMES MNDAWENI

MUNTU MYEZA

By THEMBA MOLEFE and SAPA

In a major boost for peace, the African National Congress and Azapo joined hands in a move to quell a wave of inter-necine violence that has racked townships.

ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu and Azapo's Mr Pandelani Nefolovhodwe addressed a peace rally in Maokeng, Kroonstad, yesterday.

This initiative followed meetings between leaders of the PAC, ANC and Azapo since Friday when desperate attempts were being made to end the violence.

Sisulu and Nefolovhodwe presented to the community resolutions passed at a meeting held last Thursday at which the two groups agreed on a ceasefire.

This followed bitter fighting last Monday between two groups claiming support for Azapo and the ANC. Seven people were injured and one was killed.

The dead youth, Micheal Lekitlane (20), will be buried in Maokeng on Saturday.

After initial reluctance to sing and chant slogans together, ANC and Azapo supporters joined in singing freedom songs and roaring their approval at speeches by Nefolovhodwe and Sisulu.

Sisulu told the few thousand people the ANC's one duty as a liberation movement was to create everlasting unity and build a nation.

Nefolovhodwe said: "Azapo and the Black Con-

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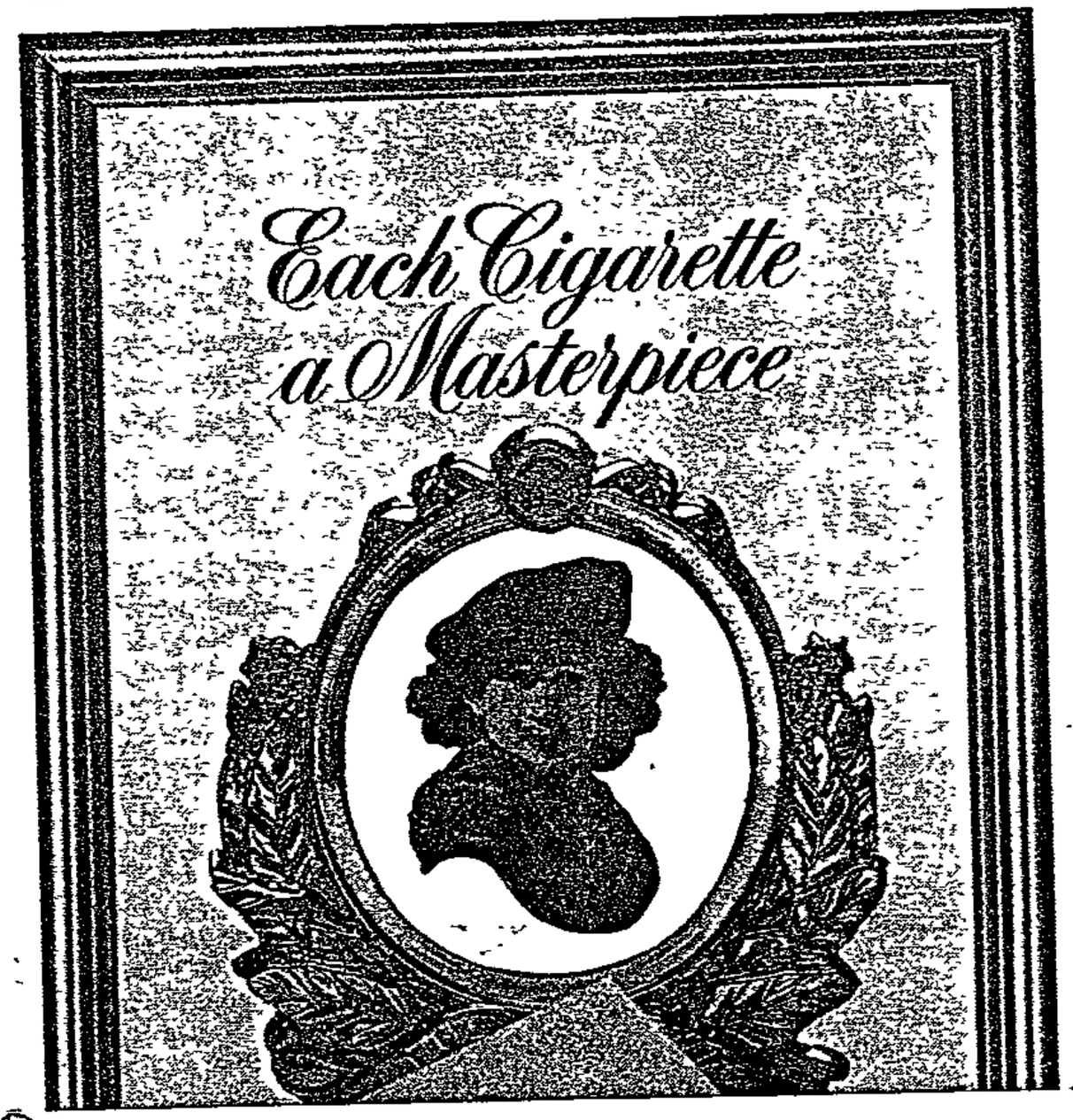

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Move to stop violence

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"We stood firmly in 1985 and 1986 in condemning the 'necklace' as a method of struggle - Azapo will never 'necklace' people for contrary beliefs.

"We believe unity is paramount in our liberation struggle. While liberation forces have their contradictions, they cannot lead to violence."

Sisulu expressed his condolences to the family of the Azapo member killed in the recent clash.

"We dislike and detest such an action," he said.

He said both Pan Africanist Congress President Zeph Mothopeng and Azapo's Muntu Myeza national project co-ordinator, had agreed a public statement condemning inter-organisational violence should be signed along with the ANC.

A municipal policeman guarding Maokeng mayor Mr Caswell Kockoe's house fired one shot from his shotgun when a group dancing the *toyi-toyi* stoned the mayor's house on their way home after the meeting.

Meanwhile, in the East Rand township of Vosloorus, the scene of bloody fighting last week, a member of the PAC-affiliated Azanian National Youth Unity was buried yesterday.

Azanyu member Mr Johnny Rantho was hacked, stabbed and his body set alight in front of his parents.

About 3 000 mourners and PAC supporters attended his funeral yesterday.

At the graveside, Nactu president Mr James Mndaweni called for political tolerance.

Also in Vosloorus, the wife of Mr Ali Maziya, the chairman of the Vosloorus Crisis Committee, and his nine-month-old baby were killed when attackers opened fire with AK-47 rifles and threw a handgrenade at his house.

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela admitted at the weekend that there was a lack of discipline among anti-apartheid activists linked to the spiral of political violence.

new facilities or provision for such schooling has been made during the past year?

Hansard 5/6/90 B1163E

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

Yes

(a) The Department subsidises 139 pre-primary institutions and provides guidance on request. In addition the Department provides, free of charge, manuals and teaching programmes to all institutions and bodies on request.

The establishment of pre-primary institutions are encouraged by collaboration with *inter alia* the following·

The Urban Foundation
The Rural Foundation
The SA Society for Early Childhood Education
Educare Training
Grassroots
ELRU (Early Learning Resource Unit)
Provincial Administrations (Regional Welfare Boards)
The Department of National Health and Population Development
CONTACT for better human relations.

(b) None that was undertaken by the Department.

Mr K M ANDREW. Mr Speaker, arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, if this pre-primary education is considered cost effective in terms of improving Black education as a whole, can he tell us why funds are not made available if they are used for things that are less cost effective?

The DEPUTY MINISTER. Mr Speaker, the reason is simply that there are other matters that have higher priority and therefore require more urgent attention

Programmes/facilities for gifted children

*9 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education: Hansard 5/6/90

Whether his Department makes provision for special attention to be given to gifted children, if not, why not, if so, (a) what special attention and (b) what (i) programmes and (ii) facilities are made available to these children?

B1164E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION:

Yes Hansard 5/6/90

(a) A Task Group has investigated this area of education and has submitted a report. A pilot project in this regard is now being planned. Private initiatives in this regard are supported

(b) (i) Programmes for the enrichment of the child's extraordinary intellectual ability have been drafted by the Department and will be tested by means of a pilot project as soon as funds are available.

(ii) None.

Gazankulu: shooting of elephant

*10 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:

(1) (a) What are the circumstances surrounding the shooting of an elephant which had allegedly strayed into Gazankulu on or about 6 May 1990 from a private game reserve, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, and (b) what is the name of the game reserve;

(2) whether a permit had been issued allowing the animal to be shot; if so, (a) when and (b) (i) by whom and (ii) to whom?

B1165E

†The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS.

(1) (a) The Department of the Chief Minister of Gazankulu has confirmed that an elephant had been shot on their land in the period mentioned but full details are not yet available, and

(b) the animal had apparently strayed from Sabi Sand Nature Reserve.

(2) The Transvaal Provincial Administration has no jurisdiction regarding the issuing of permits in Gazankulu. The details requested can be obtained from the Department of the Chief Minister of Gazankulu

Mr H H SCHWARZ Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, if he does not have the other information, does he know the name of the elephant? [Interjections]

†The MINISTER· Mr Speaker, if I remember correctly, I think his name was "Herrie op die ou Tremspoor!" [Interjections.]

†The SPEAKER· Order! I assume the hon member for Yeoville is satisfied with the reply!

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament

Drunken driving: educational programmes

*11. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Transport:

(1) How much money was spent by his Department on educational programmes on drunken driving in the 1989-90 financial year;

(2) whether his Department has received any response to such programmes; if so, (a) from whom, and (b) what was the purport of the response, in each case;

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

B1166E

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT:

(1) The National Road Safety Council (NRSC) spent R50 000 during the 1989/90 financial year on educational programmes regarding drunken driving

(2) (a) and (b) The NRSC evaluated reaction on its programmes by means of market research which indicated that the consciousness level regarding drunken driving rose considerably during the period concerned

(3) Yes, educational programmes that were aimed at drunken driving included the "Buddy-project" at universities as well as liaisoning with secondary schools *via* education departments, guidance programmes at the 17 alcohol safety schools and mass guidance *via* the massmedia during peak period projects such as Easter weekends and other holiday projects.

The NRSC's continuous campaigns against drunken driving since 1983, caused the drinking rate of motor-vehicle drivers to drop from 6,7% to 4,9% in 1988 and regarding pedestrians from 16,2% to 9,0% over the same period.

Further information with regard to this matter is available in the annual reports of the NRSC which have been Tabled

Hillbrow: necklace murder

*12. Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

(1) Whether a necklace murder was committed in Hillbrow earlier this year; if so, what were the circumstances surrounding this incident;

(2) whether the identity of the victim has been established; if not, why not, if so, who was this person; Hansard 5/6/90

(3) whether any person has been arrested in connection with this crime; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

B1168E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(1) Yes

On 4 April 1990 the burnt out body of a Black female was found in Banker Street, Hillbrow It appears that she was murdered by means of the so-called necklace method.

(2) No Because the body of the person was mutilated beyond recognition, up until now the identity of the person could not be determined. Forensic tests and reconstruction are at present being performed in an attempt to ascertain the identity of the person.

(3) No However, the investigation in the case is continuing unabatedly

Umkhonto we Sizwe: members in SA

*13. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Law and Order·†

Whether the South African Police has information on how many members of Umkhonto we Sizwe there are in South Africa at present; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

Hansard 5/6/90 B1169E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

The South African Police is on a full-time basis investigating the actions of persons who may possibly pose a threat to the safety of the State and its inhabitants In this manner, several suspect persons are being kept under surveillance, but particulars cannot be made known

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it would hold up the commission.'

The hearing continues.

Police 'doused fire at torched fuel station'

B/Day 5/6/90 (278)

A POLICE sergeant told the Goldstone Commission yesterday he and seven other policemen doused a fire at a Shell petrol station after a large crowd torched it on March 26.

Paul le Roux of the Vanderbijlpark Reaction Unit testified he and the men repeatedly tried to chase away the crowd between 4pm and 6pm that day.

The crowd surrounded their patrol cars and sporadically threw stones at police. He fired teargas and arrested one man.

"Suddenly a man from the street near the opposite houses told us to 'come and fetch the man we had shot'. I did not believe him and thought they wanted to lure us away."

He radioed a Casspir for assistance.

They drove to the houses, where they found the body. He refused to believe the man could have been shot by any of the seven men under his command as they had been armed only with No 5 birdshot and teargas, and no-one had fired any shotgun shells in the direction where the dead man was found.

At 10.30am during testimony Mr Justice R J Goldstone left the council chambers after Adv J J du Toit SC pointed out to a policeman that a spectator in camouflaged clothing was carrying what appeared to be an AK-47 firearm.

About four or five spectators were asked to leave and were only allowed to return after they had removed their camouflage jackets and what turned out to be a toy rifle.

Le Roux testified that earlier that day, at 1pm, he had been in Sharpeville where a 10 000-strong crowd had marched past the police station before handing over their memorandum. They reached a police roadblock, but singing drowned out marshals' orders to turn back and the policemen were ordered to fire teargas. The crowd dispersed with no injuries. — Sapa.

Cape Times 5/6/90 (J78)

Fake AK causes scare

VEREENIGING. — Two spectators dressed in camouflage jackets and ANC colours and one carrying a fake AK-47 rifle were removed by a plain-clothes policeman during yesterday morning's Goldstone commission of inquiry here.

Mr Justice R G Goldstone hurriedly left the council chambers after advocate Mr J J du Toit, SC, had seen the man with the AK-47 copy in the upstairs spectator's gallery.

Five spectators were searched by police outside the building and only allowed to return after they had removed their jackets and the toy AK-47.

One of the two young men involved — who wore a T-shirt with a picture of Namibian President Sam Nujoma printed on it beneath the camouflage jacket — was asked to comment.

He said: "These things have just been part of our uniform. Police asked us to remove the jackets. We intended no incident of any kind."

There have been no security measures at the commission hearings: Any spectator may enter the Vereeniging town council building without being searched or questioned. No uniformed police are seen on guard. — Sapa

Evicted squatters go on rampage

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police fired tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse a mob which stoned Alberton municipal workers and passing motorists and set vehicles alight yesterday, police reported.

Up to 20 people were reported injured and 15 arrested, but police could not confirm this. The incident occurred after squatters were given eviction notices and resisted the demolition of shacks at Phola Park near Alberton.

A police spokesman said tearsmoke was first fired and when this failed to stop the crowd, birdshot was used.

An Alberton council spokesman said police fired birdshot and rubber bullets when they were attacked with bricks, sticks and sharp-pointed weapons.

But local youth congress president Mr Blessing Cebisa said the police were stoned after teargas was fired.

The council spokesman said: "We cannot allow people to squat on private land and just demand to stay.

"The land, is on a municipal sportsfield." — Sapa

ANC, PAC meet on Reef violence

Star 6/6/90 (278)

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

Members of the Pan Africanist Congress and African National Congress and their leadership on the East Rand will meet in Johannesburg today to discuss the violence which erupted in Vosloorus last week and claimed at least four lives.

PAC general secretary Benny Alexander and ANC Witwatersrand regional spokesman Barbara Hogan yesterday confirmed that a meeting had been organised between the PAC's East Rand branch and the ANC's Witwatersrand regional branch.

Supporters of the two organisations in the township attacked one another last week, and accusations and counter-accusations were later made about who had started the conflict.

Grassroots members of both organisations and their regional leaders will attend the meeting, which will be held at the offices of the South African Council of Churches in Johannesburg.

Mr Alexander said the situation in Vosloorus was now "under control".

"I am quite optimistic that the meeting will be a success," said Ms Hogan.

ty removing a knife from Mxenge's 400km north of Gaborone, by colleagues from the intelligence course. Cross-examination of Ngqulunga continues this morning.

Venda emergency lifted

THOHOYANDOU — The state of emergency in Venda had been lifted with immediate effect, Council of National Unity chairman Col Gabriel Ramushwana announced yesterday. B/Day 6/6/90

He said political prisoners would be freed unconditionally as soon as formalities were completed. Existing security laws would be upheld by his government.

Mass rallies by "bona fide political organisations" would be allowed only if organisers were granted permits. Strikes by government employees, the burning of alleged witches and destruction of property under any pretext would not be permitted. — Sapa.

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Policemen shot their way out (278) evidence

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AMBULANCE personnel allegedly refused to respond to a police request to fetch a seriously injured man near the Sebokeng Post Office on March 26

Police had to drive the injured man to Sebokeng Hospital themselves. He died of his shotgun wounds the following day.

This was testimony yesterday before the Goldstone commission by Const Jurie Geldenhuys and Sgt Rudgerd van Huyssteen of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit.

The men testified about the rioting in the Lekoa area which followed after police shot at a 50 000-strong crowd in Sebokeng just before noon on March 26, killing five protesters and injuring 76.

The two policemen described two incidents. In the first, they said, a 400-strong crowd of shop looters armed with pangas and sticks stoned, surrounded and attacked them when they tried to arrest looters. They had to shoot their way out and four people were killed.

Van Huyssteen denied that the crowd had not stormed them but instead had run away.

Post-mortem reports said the four dead men had been shot in the back and in their upper bodies.

Van Huysteen denied he had aimed at the upper bodies and said he had aimed at the legs.

Describing the second incident, Geldenhuys said their police vehicle had been forced to stop at a road block made of large boulders and stones, near the post office.

A crowd of about 1 000 people attacked them. He said they fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets and used truncheons to disperse the crowd, but without success.

Van Huyssteen shot the "agitator" who had been urging the crowd to attack the policemen and who had thrown stones.

The "agitator" died later from one SSG-buckshot shotgun shell in the back of the head.

The crowd then dispersed. This was when the policemen called in vain for an ambulance. — Sapa.

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Request for ambulance 'refused'

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At 2.30pm, at the Kgapoloyaka general dealers and the Kwagga Bottle store in Sebokeng, a 400-strong crowd of shop-looters had stoned, surrounded and attacked Constable Geldenhuys and Sergeant Van Huyssteen when they tried to arrest looters.

The two men had to shoot their way out.—Sapa

Kangaroo courts: more people held

Sowetan 6/6/90 (278)

EAST Rand police have made more arrests in connection with kangaroo courts activities in Daveyton.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Spokesman for East Rand police, Lieutenant Ida van Zuueel, yesterday confirmed that a number of suspects had been arrested in the past week on charges of running the courts, also known as the "people's courts".

Van Zuueel declined to state how many people had been arrested "because it will hamper our investigations".

She could not say when the suspects would appear in court.

Sjamboks

Police sources told *Sowetan* that more than 10 people have been arrested since last week when police raided the headquarters of these courts in the township's Xhosa Section.

Van Zuueel said sjamboks and records of the courts proceedings were confiscated.

She said people were sentenced to fines of up to R100 and if they failed to pay, they were lashed.

Youths took turns in flogging the victims on the buttocks.

In most cases, police said, victims and witnesses did not report the courts activities fearing further attacks.

* Last month police arrested 16 of 40 suspects in an "Operation Watchdog" raid aimed at clamping down on "people's courts" in Alexandra township, near Johannesburg.

Two trucks and a bus set alight at squatter camp

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

Sowetan 6/6/90

TWO delivery vehicles and a bus were set alight yesterday at the Phola Park squatter area in Tokoza, on the East Rand.

The incidents followed earlier clashes between residents and police this week which left at least six people injured and hundreds of shacks demolished by Alberton Town Council officials.

The situation at the squatter camp was tense yesterday.

All roads leading to the area were barricaded with tree trunks, stones, trenches and burnt cars, set alight by angry youths the previous night.

A truck driver said he was stopped by men travelling in a car and attacked with stones.

The truck was doused with petrol and set alight.

About a kilometre away from the burning truck, hundreds of angry residents were assessing the damage caused during the demolition.

Sowetan yesterday incorrectly reported that police had demolished the squatter camp when, in fact, it was the Alberton council. (278)

Police were present and they took action firing teargas and birdshot to disperse a mob which pelted their vehicles with stones.

PAC and ANC to hold peace talks

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Sowetan 6/6/90

By THEMBA MOLEFE

THE Pan Africanist Congress and African National Congress are to meet in Johannesburg today following the violence which claimed four lives on the East Rand last week.

The talks, between the ANC Witwatersrand and PAC East Rand regional representatives, are to be held at the offices of South African Council of Churches.

Confirming the meeting PAC internal general secretary Mr Benny Alexander said it was hoped the talks would bring an end to the conflict and peace to Vosloorus, scene of last week's fighting.

Alexander said he also hoped that the meeting would result in PAC members returning to the township, which they left at the height of the violence.

ANC regional spokesman Ms Barbara Hogan confirmed her organisation had arranged the meeting, with a view to restoring peace in Vosloorus.

Four people, including a nine-month-old baby and a 65-year-old woman, were killed when houses were attacked with AK-47 rifles and grenades.

On Sunday ANC internal chairman Mr Walter Sisulu and Azapo executive member Mr Pandelani Nefolovhodwe addressed a mass rally in Maokeng where one person was killed and seven injured in political violence last week.

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Probe told of bullet in spine

SOWETAN Correspondent

AN Evaton youth with a "mystery bullet" lodged in his spine yesterday told the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry how he was paralysed permanently in both legs after he fell when police fired teargas in the township.

This had happened about two hours after the Sebokeng shootings on March 26.

Benjamin Khumalo (17) said he did not hear shots being fired at the time - apart from the teargas - and was not aware there was a bullet lodged in his spine until later in hospital.

He had also not felt pain when he fell after the teargassing.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice RJ Goldstone, is investigating the shootings in Vaal Triangle townships on March 26.

It has been hearing evidence in Vereeniging since May 16 relating to alleged incidents of violence in the townships and is expected to wrap up its inquiry today.

Testifying from his wheelchair yesterday, Khumalo said he and other people were walking down Adams Road towards a garage, which had apparently been looted, to see what was happening when teargas was fired at the group from a police van.

"I tried to run away but the next instant I fell. I thought I was being choked by the teargas and tried to get up but couldn't.

"Some people came along in a kombi, picked me up and placed me in the vehicle."

He said he was admitted to Sebokeng Hospital, later transferred to Baragwanath Hospital and then to Natalspruit Hospital.

He was a Standard 9 pupil at a high school in Residensia but could no longer walk as both legs were permanently paralysed.

June 16 rallies aim for end of violence

By MOKGADI PELA

THE Azanian People's Organisation will hold June 16 rallies and commemoration services nationwide to call for national peace in the townships and an end to inter-organisational violence.

Azapo publicity secretary Strini Moodley said Khotso Seathlolo, one of the leaders of the Soweto uprisings, will address the major June 16 rally which will be held at the Regina Mundi Church in Soweto.

He said that in keeping with the spirit of June 16, the theme will seek to call on black people to stop attacking each other and to concentrate on overthrowing the National Party regime.

"We believe the militancy and solidarity of June 16 serves as a perfect example to the revolutionary forces of our country because the thrust of the attack was directed at the racist regime, rather than at the innocent oppressed and exploited peoples in the townships."

"The regime is the source of oppression and exploitation," he said.

Other commemoration services will be held at Moletji Moshung Anglican Church in Seshego, Mankweng Community Hall, Mahwelereng Community Hall, Lebowakgomo Methodist Church, Mphahlele Hall in Gamphahlele, Nkowankowa Community Hall in Tzaneen, Venda Mphephu High School Hall in Thohoyandou, St Anne's Catholic Church in Attendgeville, Kwaggafontein Stadium in Kwandebele, Regina Mundi Church in Soweto, Rio Cinema Hall in New Brighton as well as other venues in Durban, Sobantu, East London, Queenstown, Cape Town, Maokeng and Galeshewe in Kimberley

PAC, ANC sign for peace

Cape Times 8/6/90

JOHANNESBURG. — Significant strides towards a peace settlement among ANC and PAC supporters in the Vosloorus township, near Boksburg, were made yesterday when both organisations penned an interim agreement to end hostilities.

The ANC and PAC branches also called on their supporters in Vosloorus for restraint.

Meanwhile a third family member has died after being injured in the township last Friday when gunmen attacked their home.

Ms Elizabeth Maziya, 63, died yesterday after being admitted to hospital with multiple injuries. — Sapa.

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Education in Soweto 'almost at standstill'

JOHANNESBURG. — Secondary school education in Soweto has ground to a virtual halt, the Department of Education and Training said yesterday.

In a statement Mr P Struwig, regional chief director in Johannesburg, said education officials had no access to the schools and principals and teachers had been reduced to spectators.

There was a "collapse of authority on an unprecedented scale" and a real danger of anarchy and total disorder.

"Formal educational in Soweto's secondary schools has come to a tragic standstill."

He blamed the degeneration on what he said was the inability of the student and teacher organisations to engage in sustained, constructive dialogue with the DET.

"This is not, and has never been, an attempt to co-opt political bodies or compromise their standpoint," Mr Struwig said. — Sapa

'Staff attacked rail users'

Cape Times 8/6/90

JOHANNESBURG. — A 12-year-old girl, identified as Nokuthula Ntuli, was allegedly stabbed to death and at least three other people were injured last night when Transnet staff are said to have opened fire and stabbed passengers at Kweza station in Mafolo, a Soweto flying squad member reported.

"According to eyewitness accounts, an unidentified white ticket collector at Kweza station opened fire, for no apparent reason, on passengers soon after they got off a train around 8pm," the flying squad member said.

"Three or four of his colleagues stabbed passengers at the same time," he added. "Everything was quiet when we got to the station. There was no sign of rioting. There were no stones. We found spent cartridges on the ground," he said.

Transnet spokesman Mr J Pienaar was unable to confirm the incident.

"I cannot say what exactly happened at Kweza station. I don't know what the ticket collector's motives were," the flying squad member added.

He said the injured passengers were taken by ambulance to Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital. He did not know what condition they were in.

No arrests have been made. — Sapa

'Coms' hound dissident out of township

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By STAN MHLONGO

THE African National Congress dissident Rodney Twala appears to have changed his mind about being reunited with his family in the Vaal this week after comrades started a witch-hunt for him, claiming that he no longer belonged to the black community. W Mail 8/6 - 14/6/90

The witch-hunt began when the rumour leaked that Twala — who had recently accused the ANC of violating human rights and committing genocide in exile — was visiting his family in Evaton.

It was decided at a comrades meeting that Twala should be told that he had forfeited the right to live in the townships. This was a result of the negative remarks Twala had made about the ANC at a press conference in Johannesburg last month, according to a comrade.

The comrades claim that they visited a property where Twala was living in a shack last Saturday afternoon.

"We ordered the family he was visiting to kick him out immediately," they said.

The comrades say Twala has not been seen in the area since last Saturday.

Twala and eight other dissidents were originally reported to be hiding in a three-star Pretoria hotel soon after their release from detention under Section 29 last month.

Twala told the press conference that he and the other dissidents originally left to join the ANC in exile but ended up being held at Dakawa and Mazimba detention camps in Tanzania. He estimated that more than 500 people may still be held in the ANC detention camps.

The ANC's security chief, Jacob Zuma, said those detained by the ANC were hit-squad operatives, some having taken part in the murders of the Natal lawyer, Victoria Mxenge, and an ANC member, Joe Gqabi.

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Villagers in court

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MALAMULELE, Gazankulu. — One hundred and sixty-nine villagers from Mkhomi yesterday appeared at the Malamulele Magistrate's Court on two counts of murder, three of arson and one of public violence.

The people were arrested after a recent unrest incident in Gazankulu. — Sapa

Home of leading unionist ransacked by crowd

11/6/90

JOHANNESBURG — The Vosloorus township house of the president of the National Congress of Trade Unions (NCTU), Mr James Mndaweni, was ransacked by about 100 armed people early on Saturday morning.

Mr Mndaweni was not at home at the time of the attack, but a friend of his was staying at the house.

"He saw the attackers coming. There were about 100 of them and they were armed to the teeth," said Mr Mndaweni.

His friend had managed to escape out the back door.

Vosloorus has been the scene of severe inter-organisational and political violence recently.

Mr Mndaweni, who has been involved in negotiations between the ANC and the PAC in an attempt to bring peace to the East Rand township, said that the ANC had been singing provocative songs about "Mndaweni and his dogs" at a memorial service held in Vosloorus on Saturday night for three ANC members who lost their lives in the recent violence.

"It was clear at the memorial service that I was going to be attacked."

He said that at the ANC-PAC negotiations it had been agreed there would be a cessation of hostilities between the two organisations while the funerals took place.

Mr Mndaweni said the attack had created doubts.

"Whether the peace talks continue or not it would seem the violence and threatening of people's lives will continue," he said. — Sapa

Activists flee political fighting

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Sowetan 11/6/90

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

DOZENS of activists have fled Vosloorus in the wake of new fighting between supporters of the ANC and PAC in the East Rand township.

The peace agreement between the two groups to end internecine clashes suffered a blow and is under threat after the house of National Council of Trade Unions president Mr James Mndaweni was attacked at the weekend.

At least five people - including three family members - have been killed in what is believed to be inter-organisational violence in the area.

Mndaweni, who was not present during the attack, said he received a report that more than 100 youths arrived at his home on Saturday at about 1am and ransacked the house.

No-one was injured.

He said he lost several items, including a TV set, tape recorder, blankets and groceries.

"I still hope and believe that the ongoing

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Mourners carrying the coffin of Mrs Lindiwe Maziya in Vosloorus on Saturday.

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peace talks will bring peace in Vosloorus," Mndaweni said.

UDF patron Mrs Albertina Sisulu, wife of ANC internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, appealed for restraint and political tolerance at the funeral of Mrs Lindiwe Maziya, wife of chairman of the Vosloorus Crisis Committee, Mr Ali Maziya, and his nine-month-old baby Zwelakhe on Saturday.

Maziya's 63-year-old mother, Mrs Elizabeth Maziya, who died last Thursday at Baragwanath Hospital, will be buried in Tembisa on Saturday.

She suffered multiple bullet wounds during the attack on Maziya's house two weeks ago.

Thousands of people, most wearing ANC colours and hoisting ANC, Swapo and the South African Communist Party flags, sang freedom songs and chanted slogans at the Maziya funeral. Sowetan 11/6/90

Meanwhile, **Sapa** reports that the PAC and ANC have expressed "a genuine commitment" to finding a peaceful solution to the conflict between the two organisations.

The two organisations said in a statement on Friday they had agreed to address the root causes of the problems in Vosloorus.

The statement follows two days of peace talks by representatives of the organisations over the feud in Vosloorus.

The talks will continue today.

But the PAC has distanced itself from the killings in Vosloorus.

Cape Times 12/6/90

10 parents stage sit-in

JOHANNESBURG. — Ten Soweto parents began a sit-in at the Department of Education and Training (DET) headquarters here yesterday afternoon after the DET allegedly failed to give a firm undertaking to provide much-needed textbooks for Soweto schools.

A 2½-hour meeting between a delegation from the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) and the DET had earlier failed to reach agreement on the crisis in Soweto's schools.

Mr David Maepa, head of the SECC delegation, broke the news that the DET had not been able to meet their demands for text books. — Sapa

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Thirty shot at rail depot

By ALI MPHAKI

ABOUT 30 South African Transport Services (Sats) employees were injured - some wounded - when the company's security guards allegedly opened fire on them at the Karsene plant in Johannesburg yesterday.

The shooting occurred at the entrance of the plant where security guards were demanding entry permits from the workers.

Some of the workers did not have their permits and in the ensuing argument shots were fired.

Permits

The Sats Southern Transvaal labour manager, Mrs Annecke Burke, confirmed the incident but could not say who was responsible for the shooting.

"I cannot give any official statement at the moment. While the police are busy with their investigation, we at Sats are also doing our own investigation," she said.

Burke added that workers were given two weeks to arrange for their permits, and those who did not have could apply for temporary ones.

A spokesman for the workers union, the South

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African Railways and Harbours Workers Union (Sarhwu), denied that the workers were told to apply for permits.

"Notices written in English were placed on the notice boards and with most of our members not able to read English, they went unnoticed. We have continuously urged management to communicate effectively with the workers and there is just no excuse on their part to shoot our members.

"The situation is totally deplorable," Sello Nthai, regional organiser said.

He said they were due to meet their lawyers last night to discuss their next step of action.

Warring groups sign peace accord

Cape Times 13/6/90

JOHANNESBURG. — Delegates of the PAC and ANC in the Witwatersrand region yesterday announced they had reached an agreement to resolve their conflict in Vosloorus where five people were killed three weeks ago.

A committee of six ANC and six PAC members was formed to monitor the implementation of the peace accord, the press was told.

The two organisations agreed on the principles of freedom of association and expression, political tolerance, and not to vilify each other in public. — Sapa

Sebokeng shootings: call to charge police

Star 13/3/90 (278)

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

The policemen who opened fire on a United Democratic Front gathering in Sebokeng on March 26 should be charged for deliberately shooting into the backs of defenceless people, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

George Bizos SC, representing relatives of the dead and the injured, told the inquiry the commanding officer of the 18 policemen, Captain Willem du Plooy, who headed the Krugersdorp and Vanderbijl Park Reaction Units, should be held responsible for these killings.

Mr Bizos said 12 people were killed and about 280 injured in Sebokeng and other Vaal Triangle Townships on March 26.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, last week wrapped up its inquiry into shootings and other incidents of violence in Vaal Townships, but reconvened yesterday to hear argument from the various councils.

Mr Bizos asked Mr Justice Goldstone yesterday to draw his own inference from the fact that most of the 12 people who died were wounded in the back of the head. "Of the approximately 280 injured people that day, the majority were also wounded in the back," he said.

However, none of the policemen present needed medical attention. Only one policeman testified he was injured by a stone thrown from the crowd, but even contradicted himself as to which limb was struck.

He said the investigation into

The Goldstone Commission

the shootings before the appointment of the commission was not lacking in senior policemen.

However, it appeared they were merely examining pathetic recitations, Mr Bizos said, referring to statements taken from policemen after the shootings.

Only well after the hearing began was a finger pointed at Constable Sean van Rhyn, a member of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit who eventually admitted he could have fired the first shot in Sebokeng.

Referring to other cases of loss of life and injuries in the area on March 26, Mr Bizos asked whether it was a coincidence that of the other seven people killed that day, four had met their death as a result of the personal actions of a Constable Rutgurd van Huysteen, also a member of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit.

"Not to charge these persons (Sergeant van Huysteen and the other policemen) with a criminal offence would indicate they can do what they like and have a license to kill," Mr Bizos said in conclusion.

Johann du Toit, who has led all evidence before the commission, and Etienne du Toit, appearing for the SAP, are expected to present their argument before the commission today.

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Evidence by cops clouded, probe is told

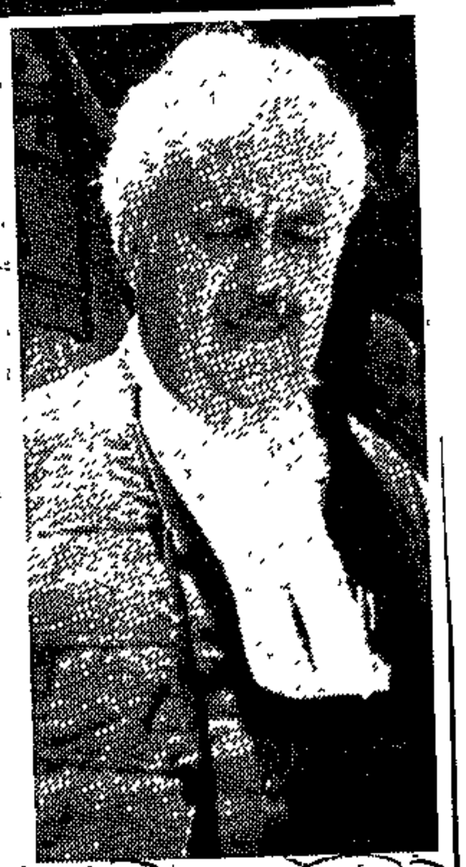
THE Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into shooting incidents in the Vaal Triangle on March 26 began hearing legal argument yesterday.

In his argument, Mr George Bizos, representing relatives of the dead and the injured, referred to the commission of inquiry chaired by Mr Justice Kannemeyer into a shooting incident at Uitenhage in March 1985.

Bizos said the instructions to the Kannemeyer commission were precisely the same as those to the Goldstone commission Sowetan 13/6/90

In cases where someone's death was acknowledged or proved to have been caused by the police, and no evidence was led in justification, the law had to be allowed to take its course.

Bizos also referred to the events leading to the so-called "main incident" at Sondela Beerhall in Sebokeng, in which five people were killed and at least 100 injured.



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He said there was no logical or cohesive police version of events prior or after the incident.

The versions differed in broad detail from the evidence given by Commanding Officer at Sebokeng, Colonel OP Mazibuko.

The hearing continues. - Sapa.

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ANC, PAC peace pact after clashes on E Rand

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress (ANC) and the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) have signed an agreement committing their members on the East Rand to political tolerance and respect for the other organisation's right to exist and canvass members.

At a Press conference at the offices of the South African Council of Churches in Johannesburg yesterday, the PAC and the ANC announced that after talks extending over three days to discuss the violence which recently erupted in Vosloorus outside Boksburg and claimed at least two lives, the two organisations had finally reached an agreement.

The two organisations committed themselves to· Recognition of people's freedom of association and expression; recognition of people's right to belong to either organisation and to organise politically; political tolerance; no public vilification of each other; and recognition of the autonomy of students' representative councils.

The agreement, the PAC's James Mndaweni and the ANC's Kgalema Motlanthe told the Press conference, would be fully implemented at Vosloorus. People found breaking the agreement would be dealt with by their organisation.

NEGOTIATIONS

In a document still to be discussed and adopted by its grassroots members, the PAC has spelled out its position on political negotiations and a structure of the constituent assembly it would like to see introduced.

The document, entitled "Pan Africanist Congress Position Document on a Negotiated Political Settlement," will be unveiled by PAC general secretary Benny Alexander to the Foreign Correspondents Association in Johannesburg today.

"The question of a negotiated political settlement in occupied Azania," the PAC document says, "arises out of the struggle for national self-determination and liberation by the dispossessed, oppressed and exploited African majority against white settler colonialism."

Goldstone plans to give report to FW next month

B/Day 14/6/90 (278)

AN ATMOSPHERE of violence, stone-throwing and militancy towards police, hours before a mass march, and chaos among 50 000 demonstrators caused by the march organisers' last-minute changes, had been "meaningful events" leading up to the police shootings at Sebokeng on March 26.

This was submitted before the Goldstone Commission yesterday by Advocate Etienne du Toit SC, on behalf of the SA Police and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

The commission ended yesterday after it hearing and reviewing evidence for 22 days.

The chairman, Mr Justice R J Goldstone, said he hoped to submit his judicial commission's report to President F W de Klerk during the first week of July

The president had ordered an urgent investigation into the violence in the Lekoa townships near Vereeniging, when 12 people were killed and 280 demonstrators injured in events on March 26.

Du Toit yesterday submitted a 121-page summary.

He singled out 24 incidents which he said had been major factors leading to the shootings at the Sondela brewery.

Confusion

"What went on in the minds of the policemen involved, and what they experienced from 6.45am before the shootings at Sondela is equally important," he said.

He claimed the "single most irresponsible act" that day was when the march organisers "set two huge crowds of demonstrators into motion to march to local police stations, without any advance arrangements having been made with the police, and without telling the crowd where they were going.

"The organisers thus created huge confusion They did not even have loudhailers to inform the crowd that they were no longer marching to Vereeniging.

" The crowd did not know where they were heading and why — and this caused massive confusion at the gates of Sondela brewery just before noon," he said.

Advocate J J du Toit SC, representing the Attorney-General's office, submitted information on the 12 deaths should be sent for further investigation to the Attorney-General's office.

The Goldstone Commission's report could have a major impact on the future rules for mass meetings and demonstrations in SA.

Its findings can be expected to include recommendations from all the advocates, who have stated that the SAP, local authorities and organisers of mass demonstrations urgently require new ground rules "in a newly democratic SA where such peaceful mass marches would be allowed". — Sapa.

UDF slams burning death

CAPE TIMES 14/6/90

JOHANNESBURG — The UDF has strongly condemned the burning to death of an elderly woman, Mrs Anne Mashiane, in the Lynville township, near Witbank, early yesterday.

It said it would do everything in its power to bring the culprits to book.

It warned that "thuggish elements in all areas" will be met with force by anti-apartheid groups. — Sapa

UDF blamed for Vaal death march

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IT was clear from evidence led that certain elements, in the 50 000-strong UDF gathering in Sebokeng on March 26, were aggressive and sought confrontation even before a police line-up opened fire on the crowd, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

SOWETAN Correspondent

Presenting argument before the Commission, Etienne du Toit, SC, appearing for the SAP, said several incidents in which police and their vehicles were stoned in various Vaal Triangle townships earlier before the shootings, had certainly made an impression on the police.

He stated that up until the shootings, near the Sondela Brewery, at about noon, the police had kept a low profile and there was no way in which their conduct could be criticised.

The Commission, chaired by Mr Justice RJ Goldstone, is investigating all incidents of alleged violence - including the Sebokeng shootings - which happened in Vaal townships on March 26.

According to evidence heard earlier, at least 12 people were killed and about 280 injured that day.

Referring to events which led to about seven persons being killed after the main shootings, Du Toit stressed these incidents could not be viewed in isolation.

He said there was no evidence to support claims that there was an indifference to life and callousness displayed by the police, as submitted by defence counsels at the hearing on Tuesday.

Looting

The majority of these seven people were shot dead when they were apparently caught in the act of looting and ransacking stores in the area.

There was also evidence that police resources at this stage were limited and that the available policemen had to act quickly and effectively.

Discussing the prohibited march, which apparently gave rise to the shootings, Du Toit pointed out that the organisers of the event started informing the masses about the march as early as March 21 - one day before an application for permission was actually lodged with local authorities in Vereeniging.

The organisers envisaged accommodating about 50 000 marchers to Vereeniging where they intended presenting a memorandum listing grievances at the local National Party offices.

Du Toit submitted that despite the event being prohibited, the organisers refused to inform the community of the ban, and instead requested the police to do so.

At no stage afterwards, did the organisers decide to call off the banned march, or to inform the community of the ban on the proposed procession. (Proceeding).

Sebokeng crowd was 'aggressive'

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VEREENIGING. — Certain elements in the 50 000-strong UDF gathering in Sebokeng on March 26 this year were aggressive and sought confrontation even before police fired on the crowd, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

Mr Etienne du Toit, SC, for the SAP, said police had been affected by the stonings of their vehicles in several Vaal Triangle townships before the shootings.

Referring to events which led to the deaths of 12 people in Sebokeng on March 26, Mr Du Toit said most were caught in the act of looting.

There was no evidence to support claims that there was an indifference to life and callousness displayed by the police, as defence counsel had said earlier. — Sapa

PAC 'responsible' for lead-up to Soweto shootings

Argus 14/6/90

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Pan Africanist Congress member, Mr Themba Hlatshwayo, has claimed that the organisation was responsible for the events which led to the Soweto shootings of June 16 1976.

At a Press conference held at the PAC's office in Johannesburg yesterday to "put June 16 into perspective", Mr Hlatshwayo said Mr Justice Curlewis's ruling at the end of the Bethal trial, which followed the shootings, was evidence that the PAC had been responsible for what happened on that day.

Mr Justice Curlewis had linked all the activities surrounding June 16, including the planning and implementation, to the PAC, Mr Hlatshwayo said.

In support of his argument, Mr Hlatshwayo said the late PAC president Robert Sobukwe had been charged as "co-conspirator number one" at the Bethal trial, while incumbent PAC president Zephania Mothopeng was held responsible for the subsequent exodus of youths from the country.

Mr Hlatshwayo said he had been asked as an ordinary PAC member to represent Mr Mothopeng while he was away on an African tour He said June 16 was regarded as a day belonging to a particular organisation.

The PAC had thus found it necessary to claim responsibility for the day "to a large extent".

At another Press conference in Johannesburg an hour later, South African Youth Congress (Sayco) general secretary Mr Rapu Molekane reacted to Mr Hlatshwayo's claim.

"We do not want to claim days," said Mr Molekane.

"We believe that June 16 is a day of the South African youth. Maybe it is true to say that at that time there was minimal political activity in the country, and June 16 occurred as a result of students' activities.

"The PAC has the right to make claims. It is important to note, however, that the majority of the youths who fled the country after June 1976 joined the African National Congress in exile."

Sayco, which is to join the ANC's Youth Wing, is an ANC affiliate.

Death threats in Daveyton

Activists warned after boycott call

Sowetan 15/6/90

BY MZIKAYISE EDOM

TWO Daveyton activists claim they have received death threats following a decision by the community that all businesses owned by councillors in the township should be boycotted.

Publicity secretary of both the Daveyton People's Delegation and Daveyton Civic Association, Mr Star Motswege, alleges he was stopped by four men travelling in a car in Johannesburg on Monday morning.

He said: "Three of them confronted me and warned me that if the boycott was not called off by today, I would 'follow' the Vosloorus people who were shot dead two weeks ago."

Motswege also said that the chairman of the DCA, Mr Elijah Jele, received an anonymous phone call the same day at his home and was threatened with death if the boycott was not stopped.

The decision to boycott councillors' businesses was taken at a public meeting held in the township last Sunday.

About the Vosloorus killings, Motswege was referring to the killing of family members of the chairman of the Vosloorus Crisis Committee Mr Ali Maziya: his wife Lindiwe, his mother Elizabeth, and his nine-month-old baby Zwelakhe.

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Mrs Bella Motsupi, grandmother of Vosloorus activist Mr Thusi Ali Motsupi, was also shot dead.

They were killed in their homes on the same day by unknown attackers who opened fire with AK-47 rifles.

Motswege said: "We are taking these threats very seriously. Jele and I did not call for the boycott, the community did."

Meanwhile, Motswege said street committees in the township had been suspended. This follows last week's announcement that East Rand police had arrested a number of suspects in connection with activities of kangaroo courts in the township.

Motswege said both the DPD and DCA had no knowledge of such courts operating in the township.

He said: "There have been some complaints from the community, claiming that they were made to pay fines in some street committee meetings. We are investigating the allegations."

Motswege said the street committees would be revived as soon as the civic association was properly launched in the area.

Brits activist found dead after alleged death threats

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Weekly Mail Reporter

THREE weeks ago, an activist from Oukasie near Brits told colleagues he had confronted Askaris with a hit list that bore his name. Last week his bruised body was found in the veld with two bullet wounds.

Abel "Abzar" Molokwane, former executive member of the Brits Action Committe and an active member of the Brits Education Forum, was last seen by family and friends last Thursday after visiting friends in neighbouring Letlhabile township.

During the past three weeks, Molokwane told colleagues and relatives he feared for his life after his confrontation with Askaris living in Letlhabile, some 20 km from Oukasie.

This week, friends and relatives expressed fears of further attacks on key activists.

A relative who asked not to be identified said Molokwane told her two weeks ago he confronted two known Askaris, "Jeff" and "Johnny", in a Letlhabile shebeen. They left soon afterwards, threatening to deal with him.

"He also told me he had constantly been followed by strange cars between home (Oukasie) and Letlhabile, and recognised two Mitsubishi kombis as those used by the alleged Askaris.

Molokwane was involved in the educational crisis in both townships and since a watch, wedding ring and R180 in cash had not been taken it indicated his death was not the result of a robbery.

"If the motive had been to rob him, these valuable items could have been taken from him," she said.

The vehicle in which Molokwane was travelling was not recovered, although the family maintains it is now a taxi doing the rounds in neighbouring villages.

Molokwane's death has heightened township fears of residents they believe to be Askaris.

According to the relative, Molokwane told her two executive members of the Brits Teachers Union (Britu) are also on the hit list. The two, Britu chairman TP Matlala and public relations officer Tiny Mojahi said Mojahi said they were shocked to discover that they were on the hit list.

Mojahi said both had experienced late-night telephone calls with silence at the other end when they answered but this had not worried them until the rumours of a hit list put the phone calls in a different light

Letlhabile residents told *Weekly Mail* most of the known Askaris, who frequent local sheebens, stay in Zone 5 and usually patrol the township heavily armed during the night.

A mass funeral for Molokwane, which is expected to draw large crowds of anti-apartheid activists in and round Pretoria will be held next Saturday in Oukasie.

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'Major flaws' in police conduct under fire

Repeated submissions regarding the absence of police training, discipline and co-ordination have been made to the Goldstone Commission. A call has been made for certain policemen to be charged, reports PHILIPPA GARSON

THE findings of the Goldstone Commission, which drew to a close this week, are likely to have a major impact on future police conduct and crowd control.

This came to light when advocate JJ du Toit, SC, representing the attorney-general's office, made a recommendation this week that the deaths of the 12 people, killed by police on March 26, should be referred to the AG for further investigation.

Mr Justice R Goldstone will present his report to State President FW de Klerk within the next few weeks The commission, which sat for 22 working days, was appointed to report on violent incidents in the Vaal Triangle townships on March 26.

The legal team representing families of the dead and injured, led by advocate George Bizos, submitted that the evidence exposed major flaws in police conduct, warranting immediate attention and the implementation of far-reaching changes.

The team submitted that some of the policemen responsible for "unlawful killing" and inflicting serious injuries should be charged. This included the senior officer in command of the Reaction Units, Captain Willem du Plooy, who should be charged for dereliction of duties.

The lawyers referred to "a disturbing degree of indifference concerning the infliction of serious injury or even death on the part of some policemen", faulty co-ordination, lack of clarity concerning purpose and method, flaws in training and monitoring of members and grave omissions in command.

The team submitted that it was significant that most of the 12 dead and 280 injured sustained wounds on their backs, and backs of their heads, while those police who sustained minor injuries required no medical attention

Lawyers representing the South African Police, led by advocate Etienne du Toit, SC, argued there was an atmosphere of militancy hours before a crowd of 50 000 people gathered at the Sondela Brewery. Some believed the plan was to march to Vereeniging to present a petition of their grievances to the National Party offices.

This militancy, coupled with prior incidents of violence, determined the perception of the security force members comprising the police line, argued Du Toit.

He said organisers of the march were to blame for the ensuing confusion.

Bizos' team conceded a lack of organisation but argued that the crowd was peaceful and in the process of dispersing when the firing began

Evidence of stone-throwing by the crowd was not supported by three videos and reliable witnesses, including march organisers, news photographers and members of the Red Cross, according to Bizos' team.

Police evidence on stone-throwing and arms wielded by the crowd was contradictory, according to the lawyers.

They argued that the fact that senior police officers were sitting in their vehicles at the time of the shooting proved that the crowd did not pose any real threat.

Bizos conceded, however, that people should be discouraged from following the tradition of carrying sticks on marches, as they could be perceived as a threat.

In summing up argument this week Bizos said: "I would submit that the penalty for attending an unlawful gathering is not death; that the penalty for carrying a bag of mielie meal over a wall is not death; that the penalty for throwing stones — even if jeering at the police — is not death."

The legal team submitted that Sergeant Rudgerd van Huyssteen, responsible for four of the deaths which occurred after the Sebokeng shootings, be charged He killed two people who were running away with stolen groceries.

Repeated submissions were made as to the absence of training, discipline and co-ordination of police members — particulary Special Constables — who fired on the crowd without warning.

Mary Mbele ... can't come to terms with the death of her daughter.

Bereft mother recalls the day her daughter was shot

By PHILIPPA GARSON

WHILE cold facts and hypothetical questions flew back and forth at the Goldstone Commission, a weary woman wept as she scrubbed the floor of a tiny house in the township of Sebokeng

Mary Mbele, mother of 22-year-old Lydia, the only woman who was shot dead during the Sebokeng march, told *The Weekly Mail* she could not stop thinking of her daughter who always had been there to support her and take care of the children

"Since my daughter died my life is upside down," said Mbele, sobbing uncontrollably as she recalled the tragic event of March 26

Mbele, 43, is a single mother and nightshift cleaner who earns R400 a month She lives in one of Sebokeng's endless rows of matchbox houses, and supports six children and three grandchildren — one of whom is Lydia's daughter.

The tiny, bowed woman spoke of her ordeal on the day of the shootings.

Mbele said when she heard the sounds of "many voices and ambulances" she went to investigate, and joined the tail end of the march, kilometres away from the police line.

"Then I heard the firing and I knew it was not teargas."

Mbele said when she heard people saying some had died, her "spirit left her" She knew Lydia was among them. However, it wasn't until the following day that her nightmare was confirmed

Mbele finally found her daugher's body at the police mortuary

Mbele said she didn't know why Lydia was killed — "maybe because she was wearing a Mandela T-shirt".

Witnesses said that Lydia, whose name cropped up frequently during the commission, was wearing a brightly coloured skirt, *toyi-toying* and dancing in the front.

"It seemed to me she was enjoying the sensation of her swirling skirt," Bavumile Vilikazi, of the Vaal Civic Association, told the commission.

Then she was shot dead

3 police, traffic officer killed in June 16 unrest

Star 13/6/90 By Craig Kotze (278)

Three policemen and a traffic officer were murdered in a wave of unrest and attacks on police and their homes in various parts of the country on June 16, the 14th anniversary of the 1976 Soweto riots, police said.

Gunmen on Saturday shot dead a policeman in Nkowakowa, Gazankulu and wounded another. In Katlehong on the East Rand, a mob killed a traffic officer after opening fire on his vehicle.

A municipal policeman was shot dead in Dube, Soweto, and a special constable was shot dead at Inthlanzane station in Jabulani, also in Soweto.

A special constable was shot and wounded in Eldorado Park, near Johannesburg, while guarding a stolen vehicle. The gunmen made off with the vehicle, a shotgun and ammunition.

At Nyanga near Cape Town, a policeman was wounded after a gunman opened fire on an SAP vehicle.

In Stilfontein a youth, attending a Soweto Day gathering, was shot dead when police opened fire on a mob stoning their vehicle. Two policemen, trapped by a crowd of 400 people surrounding their vehicle in Khuma stadium near Stilfontein, shot dead a man and injured another two when they were forced to fire shots

In Huhudi near Vryburg in the northern Cape, the homes of three policemen were petrol-bombed.

Several attacks on policemen in the Free State were also reported.

At Phanameng near Bultfontein and in Berea near Tweespruit another SAP vehicle was stoned. A house in Berea was also stoned. Two men were arrested in Matlakeng near Zastron after a mob threw stones at an SAP vehicle.

Two men and a woman were injured in Bruntville near Mooi River in Natal after an illegally gathered mob hurled stones and burning objects at police, who retaliated with birdshot, shotgun fire and rubber bullets.

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SECC man hospitalised

JOHANNESBURG. — One of the eight members of the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) occupying the Department of Education and Training building in Johannesburg was admitted to Hillbrow hospital on Friday, but discharged on Saturday.

A hospital spokeswoman confirmed Mr Silas Tloubatla had been admitted to Hillbrow, but declined to disclose the reasons for his admission.

The SECC members began occupying the building on Monday last week. — Sapa

Youths damage Tshungu's home

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JUSTUS TSHUNGU

By MONK NKOMO

A GROUP of youths waving ANC flags stoned and partly damaged the house of Atteridgeville's deputy mayor, Mr Justus Tshungu, shortly after commemoration services in the township on Saturday.

A spokesman for the Tshungu family confirmed the incident and said nobody was injured.

"A large group of people, mostly youths swore at the family and hurled stones, some of which damaged a glass door," he said.

Pamphlets

At an ANC rally held at the Saulsville Arena, the South African Youth Congress distributed pamphlets demanding the setting up of a Constituent Assembly and a general amnesty for all exiles.

"Negotiations are an indication that we have come to the threshold of power. The strategic objective remains the transfer of power to the hands of the people," the pamphlet read.

Mr George Mashaba, an executive member of the South African National Students Congress, called on pupils to go back to school. "The government is happy when you are out of classes. You must fight the education system while you are in class," he said.

Mr Johan Steynburg, a member of the ANC and Neusas, also called for the transfer of power to the majority. a Constituent Assembly and a one-person one vote system. He added that Bantu Education was designed to prepare blacks to be on the unemployment market.

Mr Khotso Seatlholo, honorary president of the Azanian Students Movement, addressing an Azapo rally at the Roman Catholic church in Atteridgeville, said there should be no rush to talk to the State President Mr F W De Klerk " when the black community is in tatters".

Seathlolo appealed to the youth to apply political tolerance. He blamed the Government for the turmoil that has resulted in thousands of pupils being out of class. He said the Government had promised blacks a lot of changes since 1976, including free books. These promises have not been fulfilled.

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Charge police officer, urges family lawyer

By Mckeed Kotlolo, Pretoria Bureau

A lawyer has called for the former chief of the Northern Transvaal Riot Unit, Brigadier Hertzog Lerm, to be charged with manslaughter for his "negligence" in ordering teargas to be fired at an estimated 50 000 protesters in Mamelodi.

Maurice Basslian, counsel for the families of 12 Mamelodi residents shot dead in the township on November 21 1985, was presenting argument to the commission of inquiry into the shootings.

The inquiry arose from security forces opening fire on locals protesting against high monthly rentals and police presence in the township.

Mr Basslian told the commission, sitting at the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court:

"None of the deaths was directly linked to Brigadier Lerm. He does not have to pull a trigger to be charged with a criminal offence, but because he was negligent in issuing instructions to fire teargas, clearly he can be held responsible for manslaughter".

He submitted that Brigadier Lerm was not justified in giving orders to use teargas, because there was no act of violence or aggression on the part of the crowd.

"He gave the orders without consulting the people in the helicopter and those on top of the Casspirs, even if they had a better view of what was happening," said Mr Basslian.

He said other police officers and civilians who witnessed the shootings said there was neither violence nor aggression at the time the shooting started.

Mr Basslian further quoted Brigadier Lerm saying there was no act of violence which, according to him (Mr Basslian), was supported by evidence on video-tapes by the police.

Brigadier Lerm, whose face appeared many times on video, had said the crowd was not obeying orders "but according to the video, they did obey. He further said the mood of the people was jubilant but later changed, something which did not show anywhere in the video".

He said Brigadier Lerm, who was on the ground, "acted negligently and I am going to submit that his evidence was a blantant lie".

Mr Basslian said Brigadier Lerm had lied to the commission when he said they did not have any direct contact with the crew in the helicopter filming the incidents, because Sergeant Deon Loots "told the commission they had a direct contact with the helicopter".

Family escape death in grenade blast

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By MONK NKOMO

A WELL-KNOWN Mamelodi educationist, Mrs Elizabeth Mokotong, and her family narrowly escaped death when unknown persons hurled a handgrenade into their car at the weekend.

Mokotong, an executive members of the Mamelodi Education Forum (MEF), her husband, Abner, and their daughter, Mosima (11), had just parked and alighted from the car at their Mamelodi West home when the explosion occurred at about 10,30pm on Friday.

A spokesman for the MEF confirmed the incident yesterday and said the family had just arrived back from a school meeting at Donkerhoek when the incident occurred. No-one was injured.

Their car and other articles outside the house were damaged.

A spokesman for the police public relations division yesterday said she could not confirm the incident.

The MEF, however, said police took statements from the Mokotong family on Saturday.

A spokesman for the MEF suspected that Mrs Mokotong was the target following her participation in the demonstration march by hundreds of teachers in Mamelodi last Thursday.

Scores of people were injured when police used tearsmoke to disperse the teachers who had assembled near the council's offices on Thursday morning.

The MEF, in a statement released yesterday, said they viewed the attack on the Mokotong family in a very serious light.

"These are attempts by agents of the system to eliminate those who seek justice and equality", the statement said.

Scores of teachers were dispersed with tearsmoke while waiting for a report back from a delegation of six which went to present a memorandum to officials of the DET at the council offices.

The officials, however, did not turn up.

The memorandum called for the resignation of Mr Richard Ntuli, a school inspector and a Mr Thokoane, a principal, both of whom are accused of certain irregularities.

Probe into slaying of activist

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A JOHANNESBURG firm of lawyers is to investigate the death of a Stilfontein activist who was shot dead by police at the weekend.

This action follows "fresh evidence" by eyewitnesses refuting police claims that 400 people surrounded and stoned a police vehicle.

Statements made to the lawyers pointed out that a manucipal police fired shots at Hendrick Mkhwanazi (19) of 416 Ndlondlozi Street, Khuma location, and two other residents.

This occurred after an earlier incident in which a police vehicle drove through a crowd leaving the local stadium.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

A police unrest report said a youth was shot dead and two people injured by police after about 400 people surrounded and stoned a police vehicle, causing extensive damage

The acting president of the Khuma Youth Congress, Mr Stephen Nkebe, said he and some of his comrades approached the police in the van to stop intimidating the crowd.

Shotguns

He said the municipal police alighted from the van holding shotguns. Minutes afterwards they started shooting and "I was overcome by teargas fumes".

Nkebe and several of his collegues said Mkhwanazi was first shot in the body after confronting the police in the van.

Sources said Mkhwanazi was shot again in the head by the same municipal police a distance way from the scene of the clash.

One of the injured, Mr Johannes Lebitso (45) was shot twice in the leg while in his yard and Lolo Ngozi was shot in the hand, Nkebe said.

A lawyer, Mr Shilungwa Cydrick Mhinga, said his firm will request the post mortem results before a docket is opened.

Soweto's homeless march on TPA

Cape Times 19/6/90 (28)

JOHANNESBURG. — More than a thousand Soweto people who said they needed homes yesterday marched from the Library Gardens to the Civic Centre to demand better living conditions from the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

About 1 500 men, women and children arrived in buses with banners demanding homes and the scrapping of the Squatters Act.

The colourful singing, ululating crowd was led by a group of clergymen. The march was organised by Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle).

Omhle, an ANC affiliate, handed over a memorandum describing the plight of the homeless to a TPA representative. — Sapa

Tearful parents end sit-in hunger strike at DET office

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JOHANNESBURG. — The sit-in hunger strike at the Department of Education and Training offices ended yesterday with the demand for more books for Soweto schoolchildren still not met.

The seven parents involved in the sit-in, backed by representatives from a number of national anti-apartheid bodies, issued a defiant statement: "The struggle will continue until the authorities comprehend and act on the critical shortage of textbooks in Soweto schools."

The parents, ashen-faced and several of them crying, grouped in a park opposite the DET offices to face the press to declare the sit-in a victory.

"We are not out in disgrace, but with our heads held high," said spokesman Mr D Maepa.

The seven, who were holed up in the DET's Braamfontein offices for seven days, had their last solid meal on Thursday afternoon. The DET, acting within its legal rights as owners of the building, blocked all access to them, cutting off liquid supplies, medical attention and communication with the press or their lawyer. — Sapa

Inkatha official's home is gutted by petrol bombs

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

THE house of an Inkatha official and Diepmeadow councillor was yesterday gutted by fire after being petrol bombed for the third time in two weeks.

The Diepkloof house belonged to Mrs Angelina Dlomo, secretary of Inkatha Women's Brigade in the West Rand, Diepmeadow Ward 2 councillor and businesswoman.

Damage to the house, which left the family with only the clothes they had on, was estimated at R50 000.

Mr Zakhele Dlamini, who survived the attack, said a group of about 200 youths approached the house at 11pm.

"I came out and watched as they lit and tossed petrol bombs on the stoep. I stood there helpless as the bombs fell a few paces from me. When they got closer I ran inside and told other members to get out.

"As we jumped the fence to hide in our neighbours' houses, the youths broke down the gate and entered the house and broke windows. The fire burnt until 1am."

The first attack on Dlomo's house was two weeks ago where only the bedroom was burnt. On Sunday night the house was again attacked.

"I also survived that attack," Dlamini said.

"At first the assailants threw stones and shook the fence and disappeared when we investigated. After a few minutes they tossed two petrol bombs. Only the bedroom curtain was burnt."

Before the first attack Dlomo's son, Khulekani, said he had been questioned about his mother's political affiliation by unknown youths.

A Soweto police spokesman confirmed the incident. No arrests have been made.

A spokesman for Inkatha Regional office Mr Themba Khoza, said the attack on Dlomo's house was politically motivated as Dlomo has been threatened a number of times.

"I do not want to point fingers but I hope these attacks will come to an end," he said.

Vaal coal merchants stoned in townships

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MORE than 70 Vaal Triangle coal merchants claim they have been forced to stop working in the townships after their vehicles were stoned, drivers assaulted and robbed of huge sums of money, apparently because they increased their prices.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

The merchants also allege that the attackers were masquerading as political activists of Sayco, the Vaal Civic Association and the Federation of Transvaal Women.

Fear is growing in the area that unless the situation is resolved soon, hundreds of residents will be inconvenienced during these winter months.

The general secretary of Sayco, Mr Rapu Molekane, who said he was also talking on behalf of the other organisations, yesterday said that they did not have such a programme.

He attributed the acts to thuggery taking place in the area.

He promised that they would consult with their internal structures to investigate the matter, because "we do not engage in such actions against our people."

He encouraged the merchants to consult with these structures and discuss problems. They should contact him at (011) 403-3453.

Molekane condemned the actions in the strongest terms and said that they needed to be attended to immediately.

The chairman of the Evaton-Sebokeng United Coal Merchant Association, Mr Simon Cindi, said they were forced to increase the price per bag coal from R8.50 to R9,50 because of many reasons, including the increase in the price of coal and fuel; the running cost of their vehicles; rising inflation and that their employees needed pay rises.

"To our surprise our trucks have been stopped and drivers assaulted because these people say they want us to sell a bag for R6,50 which is impossible.

"They have not consulted us and because of fear or reprisals, we stopped our trade. This action has left hundreds of people without coal in the area."he said.

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Miss Zama Shabalala sifts through the debris of Diepmeadow city councillor Mrs Angelina Diomo's Diepkloof Zone 2 home which burned down after petrol bombs were thrown inside it. Story on Page 3.

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Inkatha says sorry to press

JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza yesterday apologised for threats directed at two Johannesburg newspapers by alleged members during Inkatha's anti-sanctions march on Saturday.

Mr Khoza said the response to Inkatha's recruitment drive in the PWV area had been "tremendous", with many new non-Zulu members.

He condemned Cosatu's call for a national stayaway on July 2 and said Inkatha members would ignore it. — Sapa

10 people killed in Soweto

Own Correspondent

Ten people were killed in Soweto in separate incidents of violence at the weekend.

A police spokesman said nine cases of attempted murder had been reported, 12 of rape, 19 of armed robbery and 27 of theft.

Police arrested 342 people in Soweto last week.

Of these, seven were arrested for car theft, 15 for arson, 14 for theft and 34 for assault.

Charge me on Stompie — Winnie

Cape Times 26/6/90 (278)

Own Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — She would welcome being charged in the murder of Stompie Moeketsi so that she could appear in court to defend herself, Mrs Winnie Mandela said on national television here yesterday.

Appearing on Phil Donahue's popular morning talk show, Mrs Mandela claimed the police investigation of the "so-called offence" had not been intended to establish the facts but to "destroy the image" of the Mandela family.

"I look forward to being called as a witness".

Donahue asked her whether she might have physically shaken Moeketsi if she had had reason to believe he was a government informer. She replied she did not even "shake my fist at him".

"I am a social worker ... I would have had better methods of dealing with the situation if it had been addressed to me."

Mrs Mandela also said black shools were legitimate "military targets" because they were government facilities and provided inferior education.

She admitted that she harboured considerably more bitterness towards "the Afrikaner ruling class" than her husband.

"I am much angrier than him. I have found it very, very difficult to believe in the sincerity of the ruling class ... He finds it difficult to convince me."

Man shot at ANC rally

By VICTOR KHUPISO

ALEXANDRA community leaders last night called for a full investigation into the fatal shooting of an 18-year-old youth by a policeman at an ANC rally.

A former detainee, Mr Meshack Kunene, of Alexandra, died at the Alexandra clinic where he was taken after being shot.

Police liaison officer Henriette Bester confirmed the incident, claiming the youth was shot when a policeman reacted in self-defence.

She said a policeman saw a man smoking dagga near the stadium and arrested him.

"The man resisted arrest and started shouting," she said. About 1 000 spectators came out of the stadium, climbed over fences and threw bricks and stones at the police.

"A policeman, in self-defence while his life was in danger, fired a shot, killing an attacker."

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The incident took place outside the stadium and had nothing to do with the rally, she said. Several policemen were injured and a police vehicle damaged.

At a press conference after the rally members of community organisations called for an immediate investigation into the shooting. S/Times 11/7/90

They said Mr Kunene had been threatened by a particular policeman and that his family had been told to tell him to stop his activities.

At the rally, ANC secretary-general Alfred Nzo slated the Government for not doing enough to bring right-wing fugitive Piet "Skiet" Rudolph to book.

"They claim to have the best police force in the world, but they can't bring him to justice," he said on his first visit back to his home town of Alexandra.

He urged President De Klerk to disarm the right-wing "for the sake of peace" and warned there was no chance of the ANC halting the armed struggle if the Government failed to do this.

"The State allows whites to have arms and bases — not to defend the country, but to kill innocent blacks. So the ANC has to defend itself," he said.

At a media conference Mr Nzo made it clear that disputes between the Government and the ANC over the term "political prisoner" were in the offing.

According to Mr Nzo, the Government defined political prisoners as members of banned organisations or those convicted of politically motivated acts.

He said: "The ANC definition of political prisoners includes thousands of so-called security prisoners."

'Activists murder dad after acid was fed to child'

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A group of about 10 township activists battered a man to death in Soweto yesterday after he allegedly tried to kill his child by feeding it acid, police reported.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the group beat the man to death in White City.

The child was in a serious condition in Baragwanath Hospital. Captain Ngobeni could not say if it was a boy or a girl.

He identified the murdered man as Bethuel Hlomuku (29). — Crime Reporter.

Outcry on necklace 'effective'

TIM COHEN

THE international outcry against necklace murders has been effective, but other methods of burning are now being utilised, SAP Maj-Gen Pieter Groenewald writes in Rand Afrikaans University's American Review.

In The Development of the Security Situation in SA since January 1990, Groenewald says the most serious change in the security situation was the increase in deaths.

Groenewald says this trend began in December 1989 and continued through January and Febuary 1990 — the last month included in his statistical breakdown.

"The deaths were particularly brutal."

Since the unrest started in 1984, 428 people have been murdered by the necklacing method.

Between October 1989 and February 1990, 29 people were murdered in this way, but a further 476 burnt to death other ways.

Just over 83% of the deaths occurred in "black-upon-black" violence and 17% in security force actions.

Groenewald says another significant change is that the destruction of property has taken on serious proportions. Since October there has been a significant increase in the destruction of buildings.

In February alone 1 058 buildings were seriously damaged or destroyed — compared with 70 last year.

Killing sours Nzo's welcome

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A WELCOME home rally for ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo turned sour after a youth was shot dead by police in Alexandra on Saturday.

By DON SEOKANE

Alexandra Civic Organisation publicity secretary Mr Obed Bapela said the youth, Meshack Kunene, was shot while they were talking to a police captain.

Earlier police tried to arrest a youth outside the stadium.

"This was an unprovoked attack from the police and yet the Government is claiming that we are the perpetrators of violence," said Bapela.

A police spokesman confirmed one person was shot dead by police.

Witwatersrand liaison officer Lieut Henriette Bester said several policemen were injured and a police vehicle extensively damaged in the incident.

She said a policeman tried to arrest a man smoking dagga but the man resisted arrest and started shouting.

During the arrest, about 1 000 spectators came out of the stadium, throwing stones at the police and tried to take the suspect out of police custody.

One policeman, in self-defence, fired one shot, killing a 21-year-old attacker.

Paying tribute to Kunene, Vincent Tshabalala who also died during a shootout with the police and the victims of the "Six Day War" in 1986, Nzo said: "Our people have been turned into moving targets by trigger-happy soldiers and policemen.

"The Government will never succeed in destroying our struggle through brutality because we are committed to win," Nzo said, making his first appearance in Alexandra after leaving the country 27 years ago.

He said the Government must act decisively to control right-wing activities because their aim was to destabilise peace in the country.

"The right-wing's desperate action in this country is an attempt to postpone the inevitable, hence for the sake of progress, I appeal to our people to be united.

"Let us support the stayaway called to pressurise the Government to end the carnage in Natal,"

Nzo formerly worked worked as a health inspector at the Alexandra Health Committee and was the secretary of Alexandra Bus Boycott Committee in 1953.

Mr Alfred Nzo of ANC with former Robben Island prisoners Mr Jacob Seatlholo (left) and Mr Martin Ramokgadi (right) during a tour of Alexandra.

BACKGROUND

Understanding is first step to beating violence

"Violence, our common concern" will be discussed at 7.45 tonight at a Five Freedoms Forum public meeting to be held at the JCE Exams Hall in Johannesburg The speakers are Brigadier Leon Mellet, press secretary to the Minister of Law and Order, Terror Lekota of the ANC and Tian van der Merwe of the Democratic Party. In this article **NICK BINEDELL**, vice-chairman of the FFF, and **MIKE OLIVIER**, the Forum's president, look at the issue of violence in South African society.

FIVE FREEDOMS FORUM

A golf club in the Johannesburg suburb of Kensington is invaded by armed robbers who stab two patrons and steal the cash This criminal invasion of white privilege is symptomatic of the increase in crime and violence in South Africa

When this is discussed at dinner tables in Sandton it is viewed as a relatively novel and disturbing situation But how many of us really understand what is going on or how to cope with the problem?

We have seen cycles of both hope and despair in the white community since February 2, but there is a growing negativism about the situation

There is a tendency to lump things together in a naive analysis of violence, the term "black on black violence" is used frequently

As someone has said, this is as naive as labelling World War 2 "white on white violence".

What is often not realised by many is the fact that violence has been widespread throughout South Africa for decades and that there are many dimensions to the violence

In Soweto, people have suffered an increase in violence for many years

For decades, people in our black communities have had to deal with and live with violence from many quarters, from those very authorities that were supposed to neutrally police the situation.

The ravages of apartheid, the ever-increasing demographic pressures, the growth of gangsterism in the townships, the unemployment and the lack of housing all serve to create an environment where violence is often seen as the only release and the only means of survival

The hopelessness and frustration that is growing among township youths, who suffer from the breakdown of the education system and who know that they will never have the possibility of getting jobs, leaves crime as a viable alternative.

The breakdown of family life in the townships, which is a characteristic consequence of apartheid, has damaged the value system necessary to diminish violence.

The consistent destruction of the Rule of Law and the unfair administration of justice which occurred during the state of emergency has further encouraged the growth of violence

In all of this, the role of ideological power struggles forms only a small part of the picture.

The verbal threats that we now hear from the white Right, and the on-going references to the continuation of the armed struggle from the leadership of the ANC, cultivate the acceptability of violence on all sides as an alternative to democratic process

In this climate, as the culture of violence grows, we see more and more individuals acting out the threats made by the political leaders We see now, for example, the growing number of violent acts attributed to the Right Violence breeds antagonism which can only lead the country into deeper chaos

While it may be argued that this is all characteristic of a state going through transition, many white people wring their hands in anguish, berate Nelson Mandela for not "bringing the violence under control" and think about emigrating

This attitude reflects the lack of understanding that prevails and is unrealistic in the extreme

Problem

Just as calls by Nelson Mandela are ineffective in getting the people of Natal to "throw their weapons into the sea", so too are the calls by F W de Klerk and Adriaan Vlok to the white Right unlikely to be heeded.

So how do we deal with this problem? It must be dealt with at all levels, from the highest political leaders and civil service offices in the land to every citizen in his or her home

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Government leaders must

Plan now for joint cities, say experts

With the scrapping of the Group Areas Act in sight, the unification of Johannesburg and Soweto seems inevitable. **Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS** spoke to community leaders who felt that responsibility for Soweto lay with all Witwatersrand towns, not just Johannesburg, and that one mega-metropolis or super-municipality should be created.

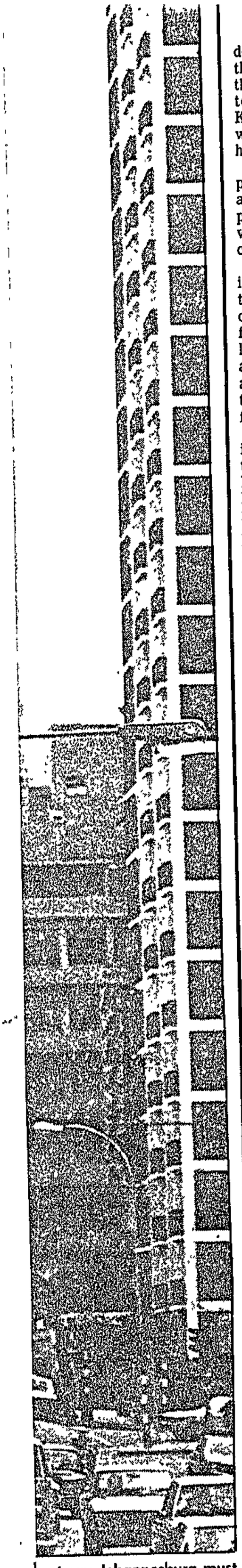
"The reality of apartheid is the fact that we created separate towns — twin cities — the head governing and the heart generating life . " These are the words of Sias Reyneke, Democratic Party city councillor in Johannesburg who believes planning for a new joint city has to begin now

Community leaders in both Johannesburg and Soweto

Mr Davidson said he accepted there were massive problems with Soweto, but emphasised that Johannesburg could not opt for the simple answer of unification because the city was not a "cash cow".

"Soweto is a city close to R1 billion in debt. It is a city in decay and to ask Johannesburg to shoulder that debt is impossible

"It is impudent of the Gov-



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Government leaders must immediately strive for stability and for neutrality in the police and the security forces. Political leaders must all recognise that economic stability and growth are necessary elements in reducing the pressures for violence.

Housing, education and health matters all require vision and a genuine, mutual commitment to the joint solving of problems.

Business (typically white-owned) must begin to seek out ways of contributing to reconstruction, particularly in the field of education.

Antagonistic negotiating postures must be dropped in favour of joint definition of the problems and joint statesmanlike commitments to their resolution.

But what can the individual do?

We need to realise that what finally occurs at a national level is only the outcome of what each of us does in our home, in our neighbourhood and at work.

It is at the individual level that we can build respect for each other.

We need a commitment to move away from the isolation, caused by apartheid, that has made us so comfortable in the past. We must all be willing to become part of the process.

There is no way that the myriad of problems facing our country, violence included, can be solved only by leaders at the negotiating table. All of us have to make the personal commitment to building South Africa into a winning nation.

Where can the individual start? An initial step is to make the effort to understand the different dimensions to the problem of violence in our land

Get to know what is causing it and get to know what role each of us can play in diminishing it.

By developing a basic understanding of the problems it is possible to identify the main areas for individual involvement in local level problem solving.

A first step could be for people to attend tonight's public meeting on "Violence, our common concern" at 7.45 at the JCE Exams Hall in Johannesburg.

Millions stay away

3 bombs on Reef - cops

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AT least three million workers did not turn up for work nationwide, Cosatu reported yesterday.

There were sporadic incidents of violence and three bombs exploded on the Reef, police said

By SY MAKARINGE, JOSHUA RABOROKO and Sapa

In Johannesburg, major retail outlets and chainstores yesterday reported stayaway figures as high as 100 percent in certain areas while the poorest support for the call was in the Western Cape (50 percent), Cosatu's Mr Neil Coleman said last night

On the streets and in the factories, workers suggested that much of the success of the stayaway could be attributed to the lack of transport.

The Ministry of Law and Order, in its report on the stayaway, claimed the nation-wide action was accompanied by large-scale intimidation in spite of calls for non-violence.

In the Vaal, several mini-buses and taxis were set alight when thousands of people heeded the call

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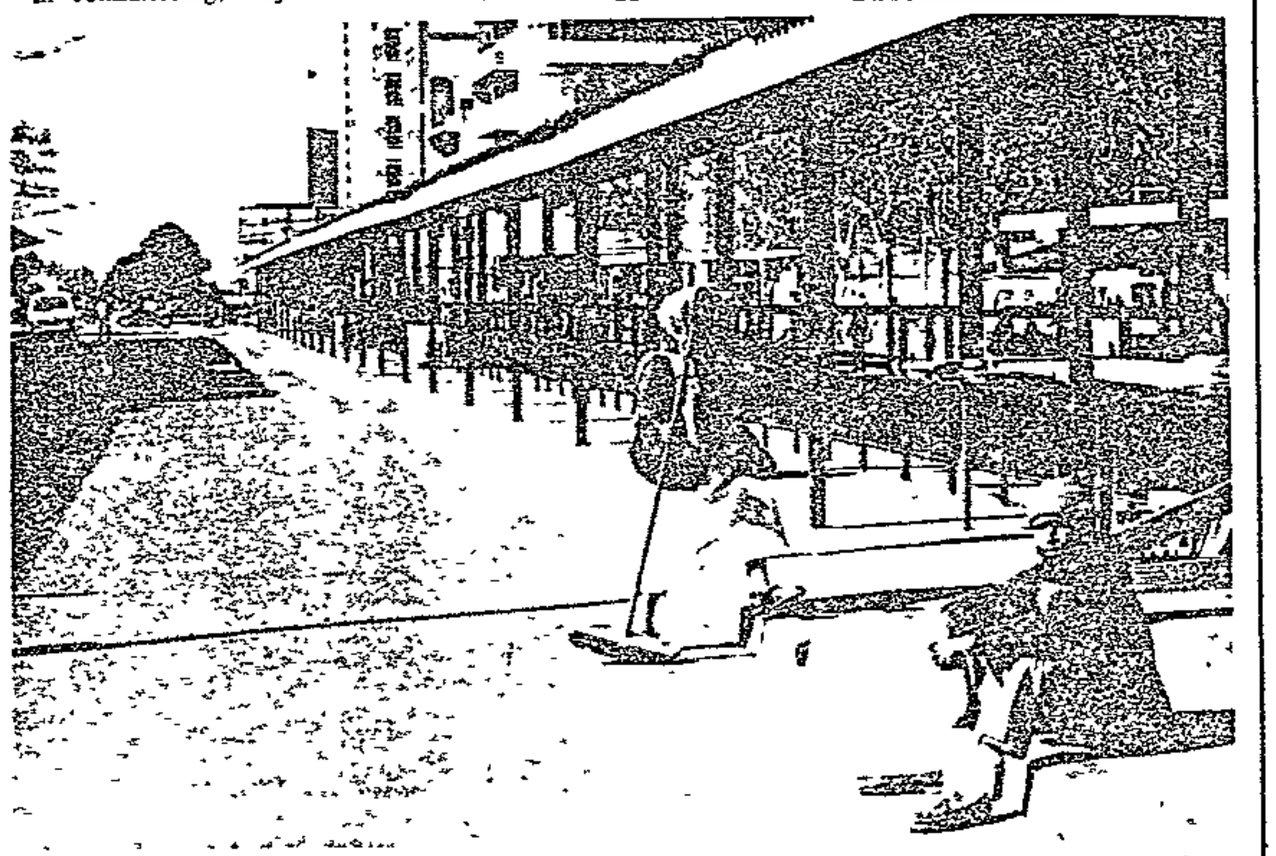

The Noord Street bus terminus in Johannesburg was unusually quiet yesterday as about three million people took part in a national stayaway.

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Three million join stayaway - Cosatu

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Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said that limpet mine explosions at the Dube and Katlehong railway stations were examples of attempts to intimidate workers not to use public transport, **Sapa** reported yesterday.

The third bomb, made with commercial explosives, caused extensive damage to the home of a prominent ANC activist in Kagiso on the West Rand.

No one was hurt in the blast but several houses were damaged.

A major retail chain said its Eastern Cape stores were hit the hardest. Between 95 and 100 percent of workers heeded the call.

The Reef followed closely with between 80 and 90 percent absenteeism.

In its report, Cosatu, one of the organisers of the stayaway - part of a week's action - said the people of Natal had signalled their desire to see an end to violence.

The week of action was called to protest against the violence.

"By staying away from work, our people have shown their unquestionable support for our demands and the campaign to force the State to intervene in the ongoing carnage in Natal and act against the bantustan KwaZulu police and Inkatha warlords," a Cosatu statement said.

In Natal, the Mass Democratic Movement, reported at least 50 percent of industries in Durban had been affected.

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By Guy Jepson

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Cosatu: A massive show of support

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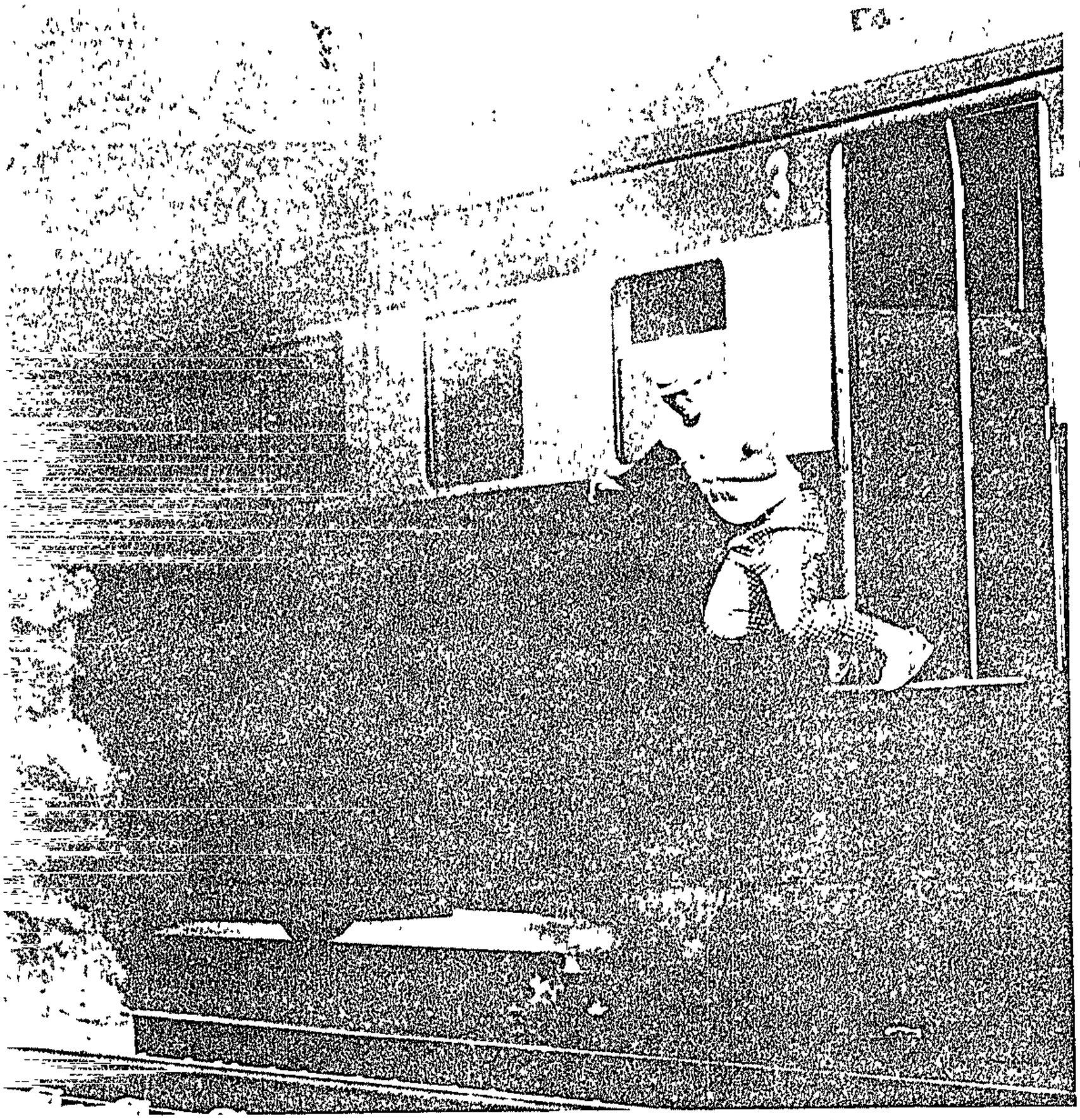

ESCAPING THE DANGER ... A panic-stricken passenger, fearing for his safety, jumps from a moving train as it approaches Nonkqubela railway station, Khayelitsha, shortly after it sliced through a pile of burning tyres placed on the railway line. Witnesses said the screams of terrified passengers could be heard some distance from the train as it entered the pall of black smoke.

Picture OBED ZILWA

MORE THAN R750m in lost productivity could result from yesterday's ANC/UDF/Cosatu stayaway, heeded by hundreds of thousands of workers across the country, the SA Chamber of Business (Sacob) said yesterday

A Sacob spokesman said all participants in the economy would suffer the consequences of the stayaway which varied sharply from region to region

Three bombings, infighting and threats, intimidation and a work stayaway of up to 100% marked yesterday's one day national strike

The stayaway — called by the ANC and Cosatu to spur the government to sharper measures to end the six year long conflict in Natal — drew strong support in Natal, Vaal Triangle Eastern Transvaal and Eastern Cape where businesses were paralysed

The call was less effective in the Western Cape, where absenteeism of 15% to 20% was recorded

The stayaway was opposed by the PAC Azapo Inkatha and the National Council of Trade Unions, rivals to the ANC

Last night the ANC and Cosatu claimed a massive show of support with more than half of businesses in the Durban metropolitan region closed

More than three million people heeded our call, Mr Popo Molefe UDF publicity secretary said

"This is a message to the government that the people want the warlords in KwaZulu stopped"

Cosatu yesterday questioned the grassroots support of rival organisations while political observers claimed that the success of the stayaway showed massive extra parliamentary support for the ANC

In a surprise dissension UDF president Mr Archie Gumede is reported to have withdrawn his support for the action He could not be reached for comment yesterday

The ANC call was also slammed yesterday by KwaZulu Chief Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who said "The stayaway has clearly exacerbated tensions in the region

Two explosive devices ripped through residence of the National Party councillor in Turfontein, Mr Jan Burgers, and the home of the late Lt-Col A C Sibonyani in Kagiso No-one was injured

Police explosives experts were called to a Braam-

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Stayaway

fontein service station shortly before midnight last night after an unexploded limpet mine was found under the handle of one of the petrol pumps.

Limpet mines also exploded at the Dube and Kathlehong railway stations, and a Soweto passenger train was set alight.

Earlier the home of an activist was bombed in Kagiso township near Krugersdorp.

The target of the blast, Mr Serge Mokonyane, secretary of the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation, said the blast "comes, after numerous threats", from rival organisations including PAC over the stayaway.

● **In Cape Town** police supported by troops patrolled Khayelitsha in a day which saw police in a van narrowly miss being petrol-bombed.

Burning tyre barricades blocked roads and a railway line, and police fired teargas at stone-throwers during sporadic clashes.

Youths also stopped mini-bus taxis in Nyanga and ordered drivers to unload passengers.

Langa, Guguletu and Crossroads were calm with minimal police presence.

A large section of Lansdowne Road Extension was littered with rocks and partly burnt tyres.

Shortly after several police vehicles had gathered at a huge burning barricade, a petrol bomb was flung, narrowly missing one of the vans.

Police set off in pursuit of the perpetrators and three shotgun blasts were heard shortly after.

It is not known if anyone was hurt.

Cosatu estimated that between 10% and 15% of all workers in the Western Cape heeded the stayaway call.

Mr Colin McCarthy, executive director of the Cape Chamber of Industries, said he doubted whether many factories were "more than 20% affected".

Dr Stanley Evans, town clerk of Cape Town, reported that the municipality had experienced a 12,5% stayaway.

Spoornet, also a large employer with 14 000 staff, said attendances were down between 40% and 80%.

Mr Bob Krause, PRO for City Tramways, said his firm's buses had carried only 40% of their usual load from the black townships, but in coloured and white areas taken together, "we carried 80%".—Own Staff Reporters, Own Correspondents and Sapa

Boy killed, 4 hurt in unrest shooting

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JOHANNESBURG. — A boy was killed and three children and a man of 50 were injured yesterday afternoon in Ratanda Township near Heidelberg, when municipal police fired at crowd of squatters.

An eyewitness, Mr Paulos Motsweni, 49, said the shooting occurred after a confrontation between squatters and municipal police and SAP members

"About 10am police came and threatened to lock up those squatters who refused to move."

He said TPA trucks were loaded with the belongings of the squatters and the atmosphere became tense.

"About 12.30, when some of the squatters refused to move, the police fired into the crowd, which had swollen to about 500," he said.

An executive member of the Ratanda Township Civic Organisation, Mr Obid Nkosi, said Buti Tsotetsi, 8, was killed in the shooting.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said the incident happened at 2.15pm yesterday. — Sapa

Sebokeng report to go to De Klerk

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Goldstone Commission's report on the Sebokeng march in which several people were killed is to be presented to President De Klerk.

This was disclosed yesterday by the Department of Justice.

A spokesman said it was not yet certain when the report would be placed on the president's desk but that the matter was being treated as urgent.

The judicial commission was established in March to investigate the circumstances leading to the death of at least 12 people and injuries to about 300 in the Lekoa area on March 26.

HARMS COMMISSION

The incident arose following a march. Other incidents had taken place about the same time in Boipatong, Sharpeville and Evaton.

The report is the first of a number which are to be debated by top officials as a result of inquiries.

The Harms and Hiemstra Commissions are also due to prepare reports.

Alexandra group demands action on violence

By JO-ANNE COLLINGE (278)

ALEXANDRA community organisations are demanding the suspension of a security police officer and the removal of all troops and security police from the township in the wake of the killing of activist Meshack Kunene at a rally last weekend.

They are also planning to demand answers from Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok about the mysterious Alexandra Co-ordinating Committee, which includes police and military representatives. W/Mail 6/7/90

This committee recorded in its minutes earlier this year a remark by a police officer that "the councillors want the police to wipe out these troublemakers (who intimidate councillors) without any formal charge being laid."

Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) president Moss Mayekiso said they believed that the killing of Meshack Kunene and the injury of three other activists on Saturday should be seen against this background. "We feel it is an orchestrated thing and we will be demanding answers from Vlok."

The shootings occurred at a rally addressed by ANC secretary-general Alfred Nzo.

Five Alexandra organisations — ACO, the Alexandra Women's Congress; and the local branches of the South African Youth Congress, the Congress of South African Students and the National Education Union of South Africa — will be seeing Vlok early in August to discuss police action in the area.

Captain Peet Bothma of the Ministry of Law and Order confirmed that an application for the meeting had been received and a suitable date was being sought.

The five organisations challenge police allegations the fatal shots in Alexandra were fired in self-defence and that Kunene was among the assailants.

"The police acted negligently and had provoked an ugly situation which could have gone out of control had we not acted swiftly. We reject the version that Meshack was attacking the policeman concerned," a statement released yesterday by the five organisations said.

It demanded the suspension of the policeman who was seen to shoot Kunene — identified only by his first name — and the security police officer in charge, Captain Stephen van Huysteen.

Police have stated that a confrontation occurred after the police arrested a man smoking dagga and that they were compelled to fire on a large crowd which attacked them.

The organisations insist violence broke out on the side of the crowd only after the shooting of marshalls who had approached the police to inquire about the arrest. Kunene was one of these marshalls and he was not armed in any way, they state.

Said Mayekiso, it fitted a pattern of security police "gate crashing" meetings in Alexandra.

"We believe that this is aimed at killing the organisations in Alexandra — organisations which we refer to as organs of people's power," he said.

Other demands by the community groups include guarantees of freedom of political activity and and end to "general harassment and intimidation by security forces on our members and the community".

Hunt for killers

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Help us nab Mabe slayers - police

POLICE yesterday called on the public to help in the hunt for the killers of Sowetan assistant editor Mr Sam Mabe.

Mabe was killed in his car in Jabulani on Wednesday night.

A police spokesman described the killing as the "brutal slaughter of an innocent man".

Sowetan Reporter

A single heavy-calibre bullet fired at point-blank range through Mabe's car window shattered veins in his neck.

He died shortly afterwards, possibly through loss of blood. He was certified dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital, presumably 30 minutes after the attack.

Police yesterday said they had arrested two suspects who were in possession of a Colt 45 pistol, the type of weapon used in the killing.

But after running ballistics tests it was found it was not the gun used in the killing.

Major H Hesling at the police headquarters in Soweto said "The public must help us with any information they have to solve this brutal murder of an innocent man"

Hesling said he believed it was possibly an attempted robbery that was thwarted by a passing car. The villains fled into the night.

During happier times ... Sam Mabe with his wife Latisa and children Bandile, Nkululeko and Nthato.

Respected

Mabe is survived by his wife Latisa and three children. He was a former deputy president of the Media Workers Association of South Africa and was widely respected.

The *Sowetan* switchboard was yesterday inundated with calls from all over the country and parts of the world.

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Protest: Killer driver beaten to death

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PRETORIA. — A man was dragged from his car and beaten to death in KwaNdebele early yesterday morning after he had ploughed his vehicle into a mass of protesters, killing four people and injuring another five.

The Commissioner of the KwaNdebele Police, Brigadier Hannes Prinsloo, said the driver, Mr A C Malan of the farm Vaalfontein in the Groblersdal district, was apparently frightened of being attacked by the 18 000-strong crowd protesting against Putco's annual fare increase and had tried to drive through it.

After killing the driver, angry protesters set fire to his car and a Putco bus. The crowd was dispersed with teargas.

Police said about 10 000 protesters regrouped and marched to the government offices at KwaMhlanga where they spoke to officials about the fare increases.

In other protest action about 300 buses carrying 18 000 passengers were stopped and two vehicles set alight after the passengers were ordered to get off as a protest against the increase in KwaNdebele bus tariffs. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

The mother of the dead youth, Mrs Elizabeth Kunene, at the funeral yesterday.

Call for probe into death of youth

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THE internal leader of the African National Congress, Mr Walter Sisulu, yesterday called on the Government to appoint a commission of inquiry into the fatal shooting of an Alexandra youth in the township a week ago, writes SY MAKARINGE.

The youth, Meshack Kunene, was shot dead by police on his 23rd birthday last Saturday at a rally to welcome home the ANC's general secretary, Mr Alfred Nzo, who lived in the township before going into exile several years ago.

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Police violence

Addressing more than 4 000 mourners at the youth's funeral in Alexandra yesterday, Sisulu said police violence was escalating dramatically throughout the country.

Police kept a low profile.

*Meanwhile, Alexandra residents are planning to march to Kew police station on July 28 where they will present a memorandum protesting against police violence.

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'Violence can be traced to uprising in Soweto'

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By Carina le Grange

Much of the violence expressed today by black youths can be traced to the Soweto uprising in 1976 and the unrest of 1984, Lloyd Vogelman of the University of the Witwatersrand said today.

Mr Vogelman, the director of the Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand, was speaking at a conference with the theme "Modern Madness" organised by the National Council of Mental Health in Johannesburg.

"Sixty percent of the black population is under 20 years old. Apartheid has dehumanised their existence," he said.

Today's 20-years-old blacks were six in 1976 and 14 in 1984. They had little schooling due to school boycotts in the '80s, and have done without an education, have few skills and face a future of repeated rejection, he said.

Deprivation

Mr Vogelman said many young South Africans led lives of deprivation with little chance of economic enhancement. They had no political rights and had never seen political parties representing their interests.

"They have never known formalised institutions which could bring a better life for them and their parents."

Considering these factors, it became understandable why this section of the population were the most likely to take part in violence.

Among the solutions he proposed was better policing by better trained policemen.

"Lessons need to be learned from police in European countries who often are confronted by rowdy and aggressive mobs and yet do not leave numerous dead," he said.

100 are injured in clash with police

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MORE than 100 people were injured in confrontations with police in Mamelodi yesterday, according to Pretoria United Democratic Front leader Mr Moss Chikane.

Police surrounded Mamelodi's HM Pitje Stadium where UDF officials were addressing a report-back meeting on the ongoing rents boycott in the area.

Chikane claimed the meeting had the backing of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

He said police blocked the main gate before firing teargas at a crowd of about 1 000 people in the stadium.

Kalafong Hospital spokeswoman Dr M Kelly said more than 100 people were admitted to the hospital and a clinic in the township.

Police spokesman Major Billy Vlotman denied police had blocked the gates.

He said the commanding officer ordered his men back after giving an order to disperse. The order was ignored.

Police say 12 people were arrested after they tried to burn the stadium and a minibus and a bus were gutted in petrol bomb attacks.

The UDF says it will make a formal complaint to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

MONK NKOMO reports that Atteridgeville town councillors were yesterday warned that should electricity and water be cut because of the four-month-old rent boycott they should vacate their houses and go and live in town.

About 150 residents who attended a rowdy public meeting in the township, convened by the council to resolve the rent crisis, called on councillors to resign immediately.

Councillor E Ntlaba urged residents to pay rents and said arrears would be written off if residents started paying from this month.

Ntlaba and councillor Mr Justice Tshungu and mayor Mr Velaphi Mathebula, said the council no longer had money to pay for essential services and feared that electricity and water may be cut soon.

The councillors were heckled at the meeting, which was called off at about 10.30am when police, led by a Colonel Kellerman, interrupted and stopped civic leader Mr Chippa Chidi from responding to comments made by the councillors.

Before he was stopped, Chidi, an executive member of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation, said councillors were refusing to resign because of the "fat allowances" of up to R2 000 they each received every month.

He said a commission of inquiry had recommended the dissolution of the council because of misuse of public funds and had not submitted financial statements.

Chidi said councillors should stop confusing residents about electricity and water cuts if rents were not paid.

Mamelodi clash: 100 hurt, 12 held

Cape Times 9/7/80

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JOHANNESBURG. — More than 100 people were injured in confrontations with police in Mamelodi township outside Pretoria yesterday, according to Pretoria UDF head Mr Moss Chikane.

Police spokesman Major W Vlotman confirmed that rubber bullets and teargas were used to disperse a crowd at Mamelodi Stadium after about 11 000 people had disobeyed a police order to diperse and had thrown petrol bombs and stones at police.

He added that according to police information no one had been injured. A second police spokesman said 12 people had been arrested.

Mr Chikane said police had surrounded the stadium where UDF officials were addressing a report-back meeting on the ongoing rent boycott in the area.

He claimed the meeting had the backing of the Transvaal Provincial Administration authorities and that black councillors had also been informed it was going ahead.

According to Mr Chikane police blocked the main gate before firing teargas.

A spokeswoman for the Mamelodi and Karafong hospitals said more than 100 people were admitted to both hospitals, but that none was seriously injured.

Mr Chikane said the UDF would make a formal complaint to Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok. — Sapa

Chairman of the ANC in Wattville, Mr Diza Putine (wearing tie) is flanked by residents as he negotiates with a senior policeman for the release of their "comrades".

Police arrest 34 for trespassing

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By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

POLICE arrested 34 people for trespassing in Wattville, near Benoni, at the weekend.

The arrests foiled a plan by the Wattville Concerned Residents' Committee on Sunday morning to build shacks on mine property.

East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Ida van Zweel yesterday confirmed the arrests.

She said 34 people were released yesterday and warned to appear in the Benoni Magistrate's Court. Their case was postponed to August 2.

Residents took to the streets after the arrests and marched on the "private land" in solidarity with the arrested group.

Led by the local chairman of the ANC, Mr Diza Putine, "squatters" vowed to hand themselves over to the police unless "our comrades were released".

However, police made no further arrests in spite of people milling around the area called "Tambo Village".

A senior police officer negotiated with community leaders on the spot and assured them the 34 would be released.

Civic leaders also undertook to suspend the rebuilding of shacks until a community delegation meets the Benoni Town Council today.

Police arrest 10th suspect

Sequel to city blasts

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POLICE have arrested another suspected rightwing bomber in connection with blasts in Johannesburg, bringing to 10 the number of suspects held in swoops since Friday.

Sowetan Correspondent

The arrest was made after an extreme rightwing group, calling itself the Wit Bevrydingsleer (WBL) claimed responsibility for the bomb which exploded at a bus and taxi rank in central Johannesburg on Friday, injuring 27 people.

It threatened that the bomb would not be the last and said Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and Mr Chris Hani, the ANC's military chief-of-staff, would be assassinated if the suspects were not released.

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Bombing suspects held

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The claim and threats were made in a faxed message on Sunday night as the police announced they had smashed two cells of rightwing extremists and detained nine white men in connection with a series of bomb blasts in Johannesburg last week.

The arrests are the most successful to date against burgeoning rightwing terror in South Africa. Sowetan 10/7/90

Security Police have also seized a huge arms cache. It includes plastic explosives, detonators and handgrenades.

The detentions were made on the Reef after police raided the Randburg home of Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder early on Friday morning and seized documents.

More are expected to be held.

Tuesday July 10 1990

We caused blast - rightwingers

AN organisation calling itself the Wit Bevrydingsleer has claimed responsibility for Friday's bomb blast at a Johannesburg black bus terminus, in which 27 people were injured.

The short message, patently racist in choice of adjectives, was sent on Sunday night.

South African Press Association

Accepting responsibility for the blast, the WBL said also - "It will not be the last."

"The hierarchy of the WBL has voiced its discontent at the arrest of fellow comrades in arms," said the statement, obviously in reference to the arrest of nine Rightwingers confirmed on Sunday by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Vlok and the ANC Chief of Staff Chris Hani "had better realise that they are high on the list unless the men are immediately released".

"The Vierkleur high. We will live, we will die... For you South Africa."

Interviewed by telephone from his farm at Sandspruit, in the Transvaal, Boerestaatsparty leader Dr Robert van Tonder said he did not know of the WBL.

"But I do know that while the NP is arresting Rightists and keeping them without formal charges, this will lead to more and more anarchy," he said.

SAP spokesman Col R N Merton said only: "I just think it's sad that this should happen when police are trying to do their duty." - Sapa

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ANC, Cosatu supporters are attacked

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TWO people were seriously injured and 11 houses were razed when a group of vigilantes attacked ANC and Cosatu supporters at Enseleni township outside Empangeni on Sunday.

Cosatu's regional chairman for northern Natal, Mr Jeffrey Vilane, said a large group of vigilantes arrived at Enseleni at about 9am and attacked the houses of known ANC supporters.

People in the area tried to retaliate but eventually fled.

11 shacks razed at Enseleni

Vilane said the SAP arrived shortly afterwards and conducted house to house searches, looking for weapons.

He said while they were still there the group of vigilantes, many believed to be Inkatha supporters, renewed their attacks.

Eleven houses were completely burned down. The police had already left the area.

Vilane said two people were seriously injured, one shot and the other stabbed. Both were taken to hospital at Empangeni.

Yesterday's police unrest report said shots were fired at two private dwellings with AK-47 rifles and shotguns at Enseleni.

One of the houses was petrol-bombed and extensively damaged. - Sowetan Correspondent.

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Fire Vlok, Mamelodi residents tell govt

PRETORIA. — The Mamelodi Civic Association (MCA) yesterday demanded the resignation of Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok after hundreds of people were injured when police teargased a report-back meeting in the township on Sunday.

The MCA's Mr Moss Chikane told a news conference in Mamelodi yesterday that township residents would stay away from work today and suspend rent payments till "disciplinary action had been taken against those responsible".

MCA publicity secretary Mr N Malefa said police had "barricaded" the Pitje stadium in the township while 16 000 people were inside and fired more than 100 teargas canisters at them.

"To escape the teargas the people at the meeting jumped over the stadium walls. As the walls are about two metres high and strung with barbed wire, many of the people were torn by the barbed wire or broke their legs or ankles jumping over the wall."

A police statement said the crowd was ordered to disperse, but stoned police and private vehicles and erected barricades of burning tyres.

Police spokesman General Herman Stadler said the meeting had been illegal.

The MCA showed reporters a document issued by the Mamelodi town council granting them permission to hold an "indoor" meeting at the stadium.

230 injured

"All eyewitness reports are clear that no order was given to disperse," the MCA said.

The medical superintendent of the Kalafong Hospital, Dr J Kunzman, confirmed that 230 people had been treated at the Mamelodi Day Hospital for injuries they sustained when they fled the scene.

The MCA said the government had lost control of the police, which contained AWB and CP members. Mr Vlok should "resign forthwith".

Mr Kgalema Motlhantle of the ANC said the ANC was outraged by the act of "police brutality".

The government's "killing machine" was waging a low-key but tense war against the people, he said.

The police account of the incident was that a large group had gathered at the stadium.

"When they ignored a warning to disperse, teargas was used, but the group gathered again, barricading the road and stoning the police."

Police used rubber bullets to disperse the group, who retaliated by throwing petrol bombs, they said. — Sapa

Many stayaway in Mamelodi protest

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By MONK NKOMO

THOUSANDS of people in Mamelodi stayed away from work yesterday in protest against police action that left 256 people injured after tearsmoke was fired at a rent meeting on Sunday.

There was a total stayaway by pupils and teachers at all schools in the township.

The stayaway action was sparked off by police action at HM Pitje Stadium where 16 000 residents had attended a report-back meeting on the five-year-old rent boycott.

Mr Moss Chikane, executive member of the UDF in Pretoria, condemned the police action and said the matter was going to be taken up at the highest level.

He also lashed out at the police for having blocked entrances into the stadium after tearsmoke was fired into the crowd.

Police have denied blocking exits and setting alight a furniture truck.

Chikane said he had received reports that some vehicles were set alight in the township.

A spokesman for the police public relations division in Pretoria said a bus was destroyed after being set alight in Mamelodi yesterday morning. No arrests were made.

Political and civic organisations in Mamelodi yesterday briefed lawyers with the intention of suing the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and Minister of Defence General Magnus Malan for damages.

A police spokesman said the meeting was illegal because permission granted for indoors.

Chikane said if the police knew the meeting was illegal they should have told the organisers in time.

"Instead, they came two hours after the meeting had started and, without warning, fired tearsmoke," Chikane said.

The police spokesman said the organisers were warned about the illegality of the meeting.

Thousands join Mamelodi stayaway

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PRETORIA. — Thousands of Mamelodi residents yesterday heeded a stayaway call in protest against police action in the township at the weekend, in which an estimated 230 people were injured.

A police spokesman said it was a "complete stayaway".

No buses or taxis operated and no children attended the first day of the new school term.

Barricades, rocks and burning tyres blocked the streets of the township yesterday, and at least one bus was burnt.

Trains were running to the city, but a Spoornet spokesman said train usage from Mamelodi had dropped by 40%.

The police spokesman said no arrests had been made and no incidents of intimidation had been reported.

Uniformed police and members of the SADF patrolled the township. — Sapa

Residents vow: we won't allow massacre this time

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From MONO BADELA

MAMELODI. — A rent protest has brought turmoil and bloodshed to this township near Pretoria — five years after the Mamelodi massacre in 1985 which claimed the lives of 13 residents.

When police opened fire on marchers this week after a rents protest, injuring 255 people, angry residents lashed out.

Wounds

"We won't stand for another Mamelodi massacre — ever again. It won't happen again," said chairman of the Pretoria branch of the United Democratic Front, Mr Moss Chikane, on Tuesday.

About 60 people were critically injured and were still nursing their wounds at the HF Verwoerd and Kalafong Hospitals at the time of going to press

Civic leaders fear that pressure by the authorities on township residents to break the five-year-old rent boycott in the Transvaal may unleash an unprecedented wave of violence and threaten the peace negotiations

On Tuesday, the residents of Mamelodi, a township east of Pretoria, called for a total rent boycott to protest against police having fired teargas and rubber bullets on a local stadium on Sunday

The next day no buses or taxis operated and no children attended the first day of the new term as residents observed a total stayaway

The smell of burning tyres filled the air of Mamelodi this week as at least two Putco buses smouldered in the strife-torn township.

Uniformed police and dozens of SADF troops patrolled the streets

Nonsense

Youths interviewed told SOUTH they had been warned by members of the security force earlier in the morning that "we shall shoot to kill if any nonsense were to result from the stayaway"

On November 21 1985, 13 people were killed in almost the same circumstances. But this time the police did not used live bullets

Teargas canisters landed in front of the podium on Sunday as residents battled to get away Sunday was to have marked the end of the five-year-old rent boycott

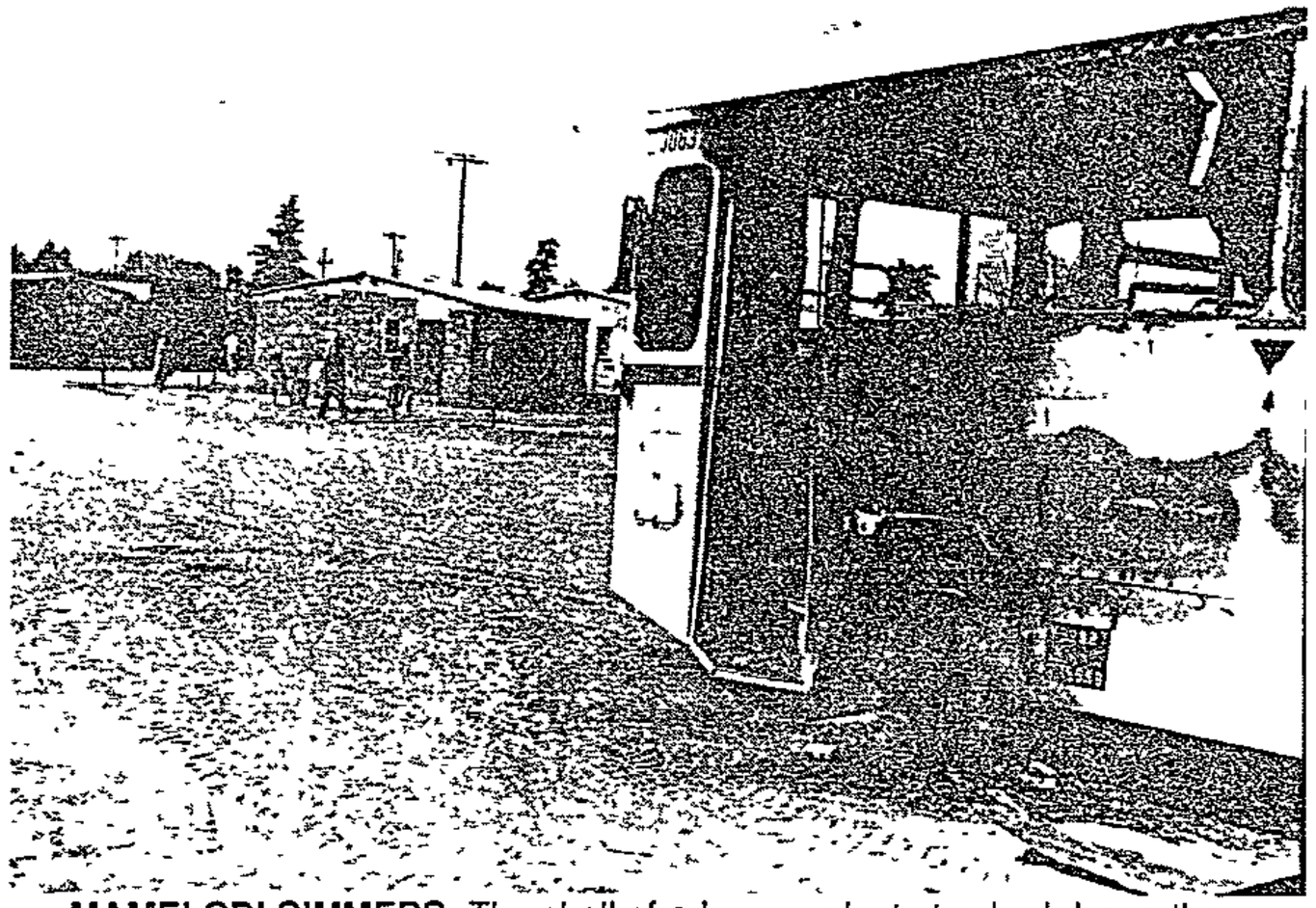
Chikane said residents would embark on the rent boycott "forthwith until the people responsible for Sunday's incident are brought to book".

Celebration

Some 16 000 residents had just been told rent arrears would be frozen and the Mamelodi City Council would stop harassing defaulters, according to Chikane

But the celebration on Sunday was short-lived as police fired teargas canisters at residents applauding the report.

MOSS CHIKANE: It won't happen again



MAMELODI SIMMERS: The shell of a bus residents torched during the stayaway last Sunday PIC ELMOND JIYANE

The history of the rent boycott dates back to September 1984 when Vaal Triangle townships erupted into violence after the Lekoa Town Council imposed rent increases Hundreds of people died in the violence that followed the Vaal riots

In August 1986, at least 27 people were killed and scores injured in violence that erupted after municipal police attempted to evict rent defaulters

There have been sporadic boycotts in the Transvaal, concentrated mainly in the Vaal Triangle, Soweto and Diepmeadow

The situation took a dramatic turn in February and March this year, however, spreading to 47 of the 82 black townships in the Transvaal

Drastic

Now the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has ordered 35 of these black councils to take "definite and drastic steps" against rent defaulters

Mr Olaus van Zyl, the TPA's MEC in charge of local government and regional services councils, said in a statement recently the province had limited funds for helping local black councils with bridging finance

A total of R765 million is owned by residents in various townships Residents in the townships under the Lekoa council owe about R147 million in rent arrears since the boycott started in 1984

The Lekoa Town Council had been dissolved as a result Other expelled Transvaal municipalities include those in Tokoza, Tsakane, Embalenhle, KwaGuqa and Zithombeni

Last Sunday, during the launch of the Protea North Civic Association, Mr Patrick Lephunya, a spokesman for the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) said residents did not object to paying service charges but refused to deal with councils which they regarded as corrupt and non-representative

He said the SCA was also demanding the immediate scrapping of black councils and all other apartheid councils, including the Johannesburg City Council

10 petrol bomb raids on Soweto houses

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AT LEAST 10 petrol bombs were thrown at houses in Soweto early yesterday.

Police liaison officer for Soweto Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said three petrol bombs were thrown at a house in Dobsonville, where damage of more than R500 was caused.

One of the bombs did not explode.

Mariemuthoo said another five petrol bombs were thrown at a flat, also in Dobsonville.

One exploded in the kitchen, two in the bedroom and two in the lounge. Sowetan 12/7/90

An occupant of the flat, Mrs Raisebe Dube, sustained burns on her left upper-arm.

Mariemuthoo said two petrol bombs, which caused damage of more than R700, were thrown at a house in Tshiawelo.

He said police were investigating all the cases, which were reported on SABC radio news, and that they did not want to speculate on the motives for the attacks.

No arrests have been made. - Sapa.

Councillor's family injured as grenade blasts their home

By MONK NKOMO

THE family of a Mamelodi town councillor sustained serious injuries after a handgrenade was thrown into their house on Tuesday night.

Mr Josia Mphokeng, of Section M, Mamelodi West, said he arrived home and was just about to open the door at about 9.20pm when he heard a loud explosion.

His wife Thembi and two children, Theodora (18), a Standard 8 pupil at the Vlakfontein High School, and George (12), a Standard 5 pupil at the Pheladi-Nakeng Primary School, sustained serious injuries.

Rent

Mphokeng, the only councillor who attended a local rent meeting which was disrupted by police using teargas and rubber bullets last Sunday, was still in a state of shock yesterday.

Damage to the house is estimated at thousands of rands.

A resident, who did not want his name published for fear of reprisals, said yesterday he saw a minibus with several white men inside parked near Mphokeng's gate shortly before the attack.

Colonel Steve van Rooyen, liaison officer for the Pretoria police, said unknown blacks threw the handgrenade into Mphokeng's house at about 10.15pm. No arrests have been made.

Mr Moss Chikane, an executive member of the United Democratic Front in Pretoria, yesterday condemned the attack.

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Surprise

He said it was surprising that the attack was aimed at the only councillor who had attended Sunday's rent meeting.

Chikane said he received a telephone threat from an unknown person at about 7.15am yesterday who asked him: "Are you proud of what you are doing?" and hung up.

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The person was apparently referring to the successful stayaway from work that was staged by residents on Tuesday in protest against police action on Sunday, said Chikane.

"I do not take the threat seriously because our organisations are committed to peaceful change in South Africa," he said.

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Squatters, police clash over shack demolitions

JOHANNESBURG. — One man was killed and eight people were injured, including five policemen, in an East Rand squatter camp yesterday morning when municipal bulldozers moved in to flatten 200 shacks, eyewitnesses said.

The squatters clashed with police after shacks were bulldozed by Alberton Town Council at Phola Park squatter camp, on the Vereeniging road between Alberton and Thokoza.

Two policemen were admitted to Johannesburg Hospital, one with gunshot wounds and the other with stab wounds One is reportedly in a serious condition

According to police, the dead man was shot after attacking a policeman

Police, who arrived in eight trucks, had given squatters five minutes to pack before beginning the clearance, witnesses said.

An Alberton Town Council spokesman would only say police had "taken action" against the squatters

He said police were not involved in the demolishing of the shacks, but were there to protect municipal policemen charged with the task.

After the violence about 250 squatters gathered on one side of the road, and police on the other. The situation calmed down after squatter, police and council representatives met, and the squatters were allowed to re-erect their shacks until next Monday.

An eyewitness said that soon after the police left the scene, a group of youths from the squatters ran into the road and began stoning cars A tanker carrying chemicals was hijacked and set alight.

Traffic police closed off the road while police returned to disperse the crowd of youths.

● Meanwhile, potential violence is looming between Soweto's Dobsonville Town Council and Dobsonville Civic Association over the demolition of some 59 shacks, set for today.

Dobsonville Civic Association member Mr Sam Shilowa said the shack dwellers would move only once the council had provided them with alternative land to settle on. — Sapa

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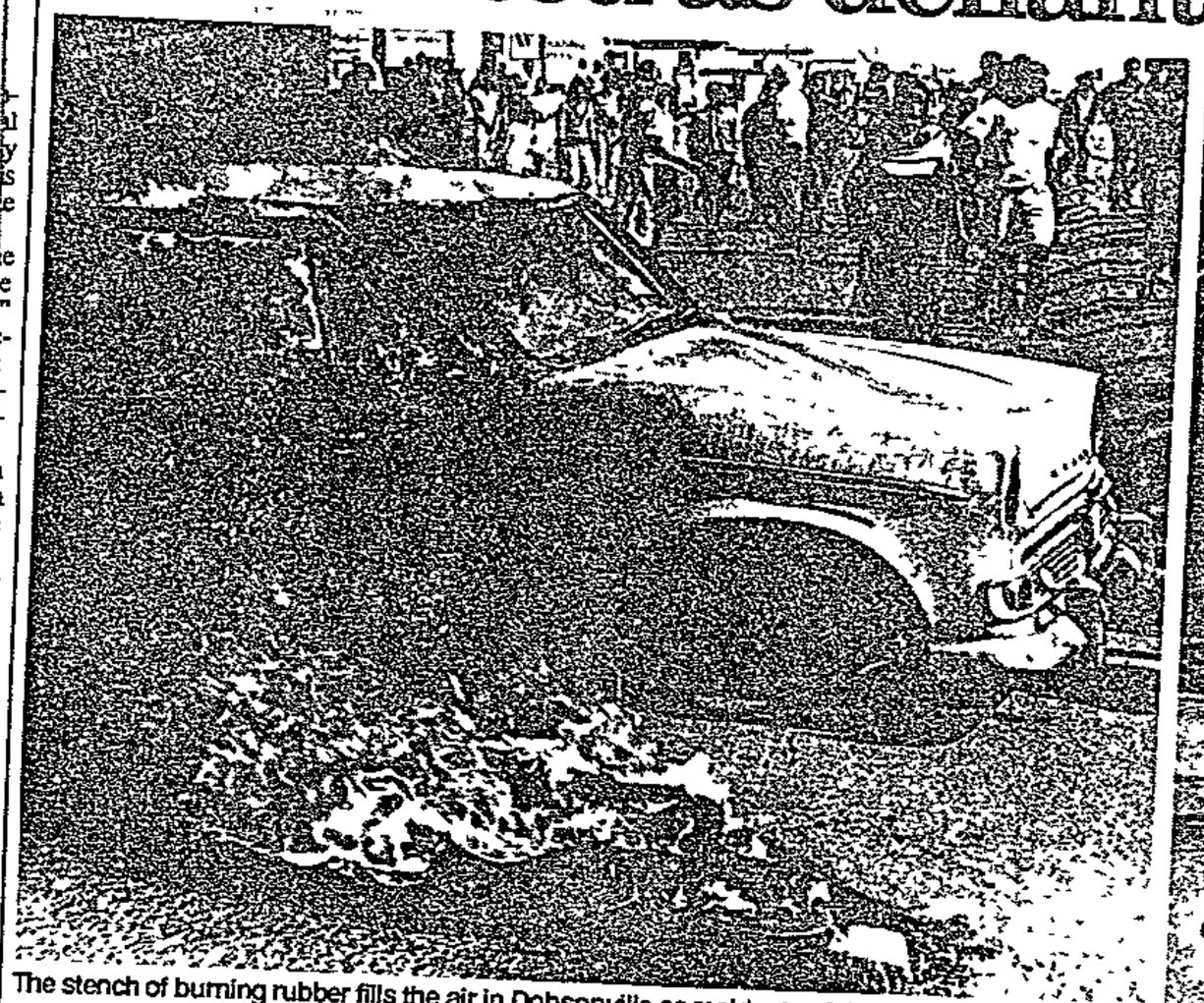
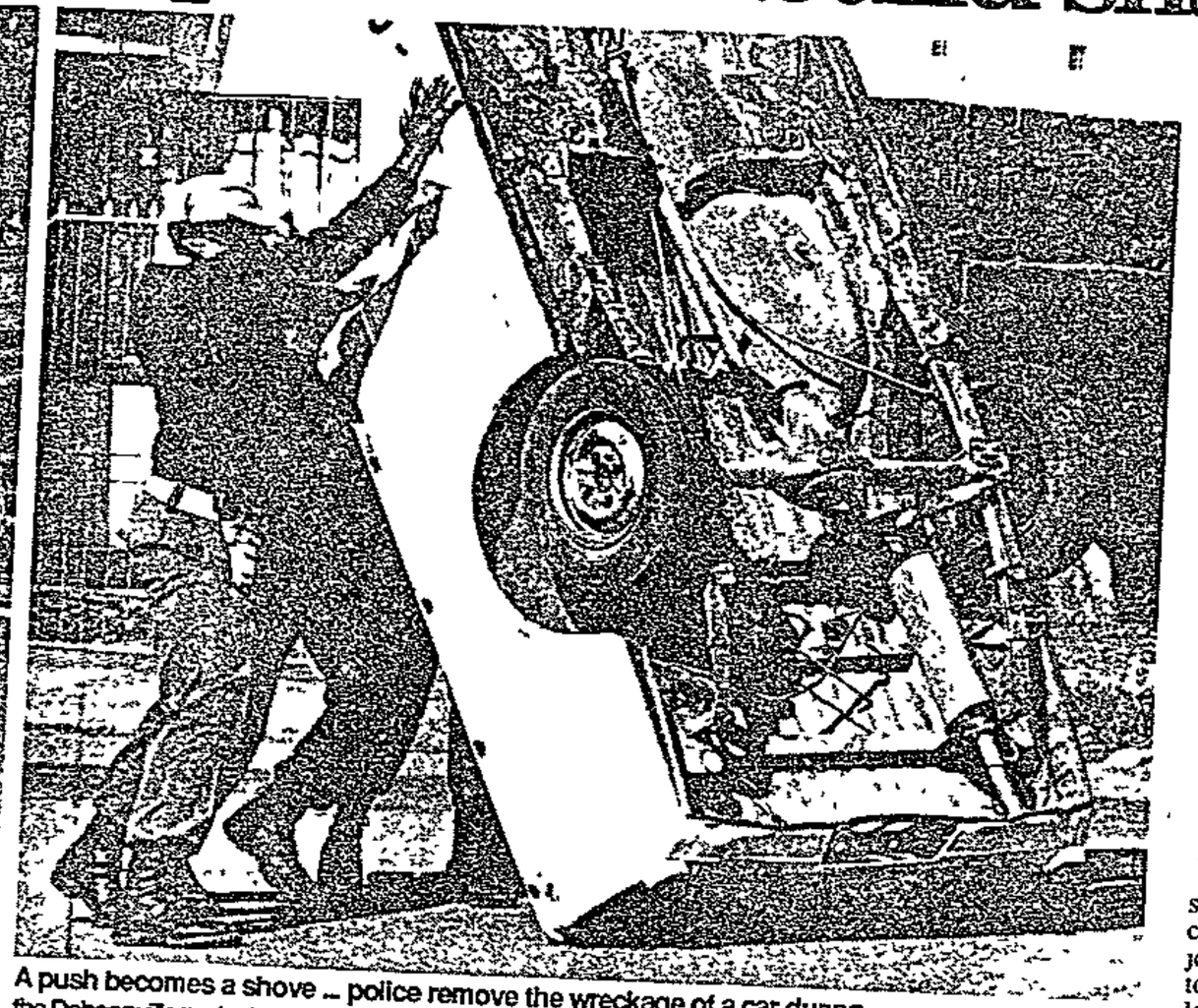
15 arrested as defiant squatters rebuild shacks



The stench of burning rubber fills the air in Dobsonville as residents of the squatter settlement protest against the demolition of shacks there



A push becomes a shove ... police remove the wreckage of a car during the Dobsonville protests

By NORMAN MAKHUTLE

DOBSONVILLE squatter settlement was tense last night as residents tried to rebuild their shacks which, only hours earlier, were bulldozed by the town council

At least 15 people were arrested, according to a representative of the Dobsonville Civic Association Ten people were charged with illegal squatting and trespassing and lawyers were still trying to establish last night why the other five people had been arrested, he said.

Police said two people were arrested but had not been formally charged.

The Dobsonville Town Council on Tuesday warned squatters their shacks would be torn down yesterday morning

Residents ignored the ultimatum and refused to remove their belongings

As the bulldozer moved in toyi-toying women stripped half naked in protest and stood in front of the machine A witness said their actions were "all in vain" "It went straight for them and they had to move aside as they watched it crashing into their property"

South African police and municipal police stood guard as the bulldozer moved in to flatten the 60 dwellings

Passing unmarked police cars were stoned, and police fired teargas into the crowd Angry youths moved to an adjourning suburb of new houses and tried to set fire to houses which apparently belong to local councillors.

After their homes were demolished squatters gathered in the middle of the rubble-filled area to plan the next move and decided to defy the Dobsonville Town Council by rebuilding their unhouses

A group of elderly men hammering corrugated iron to a frame, vowed to stay until the council provided houses "We are not going anywhere"

Dobsonville Civic Association representative Sam Shilowa said the town council was not prepared to reach an interim agreement allowing squatters to stay on the land until land was available

"There is no documentary proof they have secured any land"

The mayor of Dobsonville, Steve Nkatlo, said a site has already been earmarked for a "formal squatter camp".

He said he had been negotiating with the Trasvaal Provincial Administration for land

According to police representative Colonel Tienie Halgryn there had been no incidents at the squatter settlement while the occupants were being moved. The police had acted against other groups in the area which stoned vehicles but there were no injuries, Halgryn said.

Tamboville camp to get power and water

IN a development that has marginalised the town council, Wattville residents have reached an agreement with the Benoni Town Council about the servicing of a squatter camp

The Wattville Town Council was absent from the negotiations

The Wattville Concerned Residents' Committee this week obtained an assurance from the Benoni council that Tamboville squatter camp — which the council tried to demolish last weekend — would be supplied with water immediately and electrification would begin

More than 30 people were arrested last week at Tamboville when squatters resisted the demolition of their shacks

Agreements on rent-related issues have also been reached between civic organisations, township administrators and the Transvaal Provincial Administration in Mamelodi, Pretoria, and Tsakane on the East Rand — excluding the town councils

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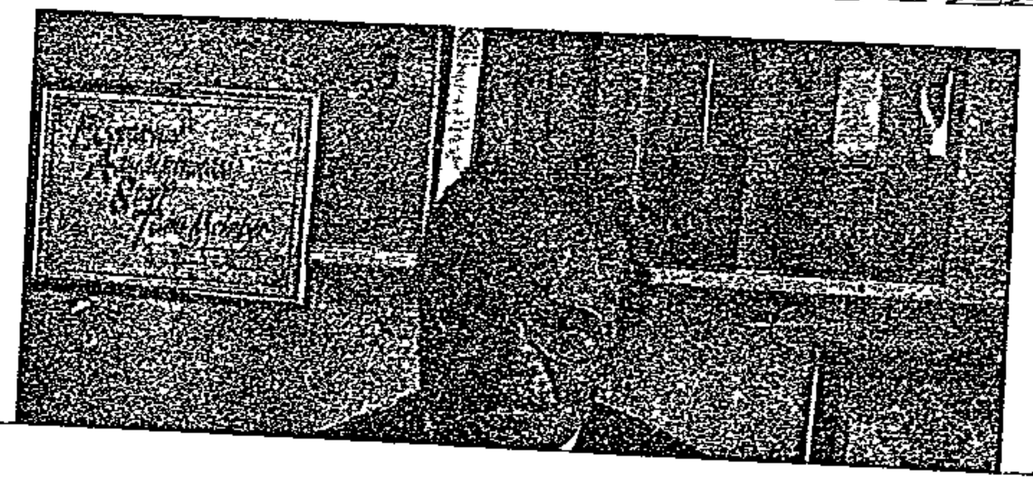


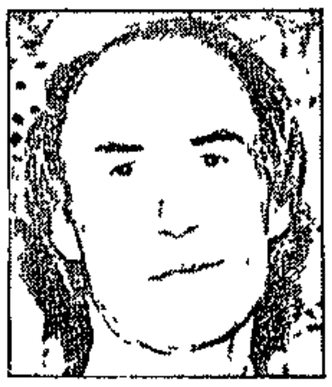
SOVIET-SA LINKS (279)

Breaking the ice barrier

Two top-ranking Foreign Affairs Department officials conducted secret high-level talks recently with Moscow. The possibility of establishing official diplomatic links with the Soviet Union was discussed.

Foreign Affairs Director-General Neil van Heerden and deputy Herbert Beukes have just returned from the Soviet Union after making a stopover in Moscow during a trip to Japan.

The *FM* learns from a reliable Soviet diplomatic source that Van Heerden and Beukes had discussions with their Soviet counterparts on the opening of an SA "interest office" in Moscow. It would operate on the same basis as the American presence in Cuba — not formal diplomatic ties, but ties nonetheless.



Beukes

Van Heerden

In theory it means that Pretoria would be represented by a friendly and neutral country in the Soviet capital. In practice, however, the South Africans would have their own building manned by their own diplomats. The only restriction would be that SA's name would not be seen from the outside of the building and the SA flag not be flown.

The possibility of a Soviet interest office in SA has also been discussed.

According to diplomatic sources, Van Heerden's and Beukes's visit to Moscow was initiated on a previous visit to Havana by Van Heerden during a meeting of the Namibian monitoring commission. It was suggested to Van Heerden that he should visit the USSR.

In December the *FM* reported that Foreign Minister Pik Botha would visit Hungary (*Current Affairs* December 22). Botha's trip — a closely guarded secret at that stage — took place in January. It was followed by a highly successful visit by Trade & Industry Minister Kent Durr to Poland.

The thawing of relations between SA and the Soviet Union has been evident in the number of visiting Soviet journalists to this country. A frequent visitor to SA has been Boris Piliatskine, the southern and eastern African correspondent of *Izvestia*. Diplomats were last year convinced that the Soviets were keen to place a permanent correspondent of *Pravda*, the State-controlled mouthpiece, in SA.

This week it was reported that SA and Czechoslovakia may establish formal diplomatic ties this year.

A Foreign Affairs spokesman confirms that a senior departmental official is due to visit several East Bloc countries this month to assess the possibility of establishing formal diplomatic ties.

Stellenbosch Sovietologist Philip Nel says the Van Heerden-Beukes visit is news to him but it confirms a trend of interaction that has taken place between SA and the Soviet Union. "There has been a constant traffic of Soviet journalists visiting SA and in talks with them all have lauded the policies of F W de Klerk," he says. "However, they claim that internal problems in the Soviet Union restrict diplomatic initiatives coming from Moscow. SA should play the leading role, they say."

In June Nel had talks with the second in charge of *Novosti*, an information distributing magazine, in SA and he was "very keen to open an office in Johannesburg"

Nel adds that the present trend fits the pattern which the Soviet Union has followed with South Korea and Israel. "When people opened their eyes the Soviets had a presence in those countries. Visits by journalists and those like Neil van Heerden's may be the forerunner of diplomatic ties."

Eddie Botha

Naked force to stop the bulldozers

STOP! . . . A Soweto squatter stands in front of one of the bulldozers which demolished shacks in the township yesterday. The protest was in vain.

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Topless women meet bulldozers

JOHANNESBURG. — Shantytown women yesterday stripped to the waist and confronted bulldozers sent to demolish their Dobsonville, Soweto, shacks.

But the mid-winter striptease went unheeded as the demolition crews went in.

The latest in the series of Reef shack demolitions again brought police action as teargas was thrown to disperse stone-throwing youths, but it was the local women who staged their protest in unique fashion against losing their makeshift homes.

As the demolition crews moved in on the 60 shacks in the settlement, women's clothing was flung to the ground. Some stripped off their tops, others ripped off their skirts too.

Half-naked, they danced and shouted before the demolishers.

At Midrand and at Phola Park in Thokoza on the East Rand where squatters and police clashed in a violent battle, the protest was in vain.

The shacks, set up illegally on land zoned for low-cost housing, were demolished after a short pause caused by the striptease and the stonethrowing

After the demolitions, passing cars were stoned and a petrol tanker was stopped and burnt out.

It was the second shack demolition in as many days by local authorities. They ignored appeals by church leaders to consider the plight of the homeless during the winter.

Police on Wednesday shot dead a man and five police officers were wounded during the demolition of 200 shacks at Phola Park squatter camp About 250 squatters wielding guns, axes and stones clashed with police who fired shotguns and teargas to protect workers carrying out the demolitions.

Phola residents said a second person had since died of his wounds

Black community spokesmen have reacted with outrage to the clearances, saying they were timed deliberately with the onset of winter to force the squatters to return home to rural areas.

Squatter camps have grown following an influx of blacks to urban areas which accelerated when the government abolished apartheid laws restricting blacks' movements in the mid-1980s.

The Urban Foundation says a fifth of SA's 37 million population live in shacks or tents — Sapa

Court action may follow Mamelodi teargas raid

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Sowetan Reporter

MAMELODI community leaders have instructed their legal advisers to bring a civil suit against Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok for damages following Sunday's meeting at which 255 people were injured when police allegedly fired teargas.

Mamelodi Civic Association general secretary Mike Seloame said yesterday community organisations met their legal representatives on Wednesday night to discuss steps to be taken.

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Meanwhile, the 12-year-old son of Mamelodi city councillor Mr Josiah Mphokeng is still in hospital following a grenade attack on the family home on Tuesday night.

Mphokeng said his son, George, had an operation on Monday to remove shrapnel from his stomach.

Theodora Mphokeng (18) was discharged on Wednesday after having shrapnel removed from her hip and hand.

Mphokeng yesterday said he had been threatened recently that he would be "run over by a black car with no lights".

Seloame blamed the attack on the "forces of apartheid" intent on disrupting newly established "relations with the council in general and Mphokeng in particular".

Mphokeng was the only councillor at Sunday's mass meeting.

Boycott call on four Vaal Triangle towns

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Star Times 13/7/90

VEREENIGING. — A consumer boycott has been called in four Vaal Triangle towns from Monday to protest against the refusal of Vereeniging and Vanderbijl Park city councils to allow marches.

Cosatu said in a statement that the boycott, supported by Sayco and all UDF affiliates, would continue until certain demands, including the immediate institution of an interim government, were met.

Cosatu said it failed to understand why marches could be allowed in other towns in South Africa but not in Vereeniging.

"Reasons advanced by the Vereeniging town council are not acceptable to us. Our people, like everybody, have a right to protest, including to march in the Vaal."

The boycott would be an act of protest against "this systematic move to undermine our people and their organisations".

People were called upon not to buy any groceries in these towns except medicines and other life-supporting commodities.

The demands to be met are that Vereeniging and Vanderbijl Park town councils recognise the right to march and picket, have single non-racial town councils, halt the demolition of shacks and end police harassment.

The organisations also demand a constituent assembly to elect leaders to negotiate a new South African constitution and "an interim government now". — Sapa

C/Press 15/7/90 (278)

Dobsonville still tense after riots over demolished squatter shacks

By NAT DISEKO

DOBSONVILLE is still tense after the rioting which broke out over the demolition of about 60 squatters' shacks.

The squatters put up the shacks about two weeks ago on a piece of open veld in the middle of a spanking new high-cost residential area.

Feelings are running high with the owners of the new houses frowning on the presence of squatters' shacks in their midst and the squatters resentful of those with houses.

On Thursday morning municipal policemen with bulldozers appeared and started bringing down the squatters' shacks. The council police were accompanied by a SAP contingent.

There was drama when women stripped and stood naked in front of the bulldozers that were about to demolish their shacks but the drivers just kept going.

Squatters have been picketing Dobsonville Town Council offices since last week to bring their plight to the attention of the authorities.

Soweto Civic Association official Dumisani Mvuvu said the squatters had refused alternative accommodation at Orange Farm because it was too far from their work.

After the demolishers had left angry youths gathered in small groups and some started stoning police vehicles. Some older women joined in the stoning. An old car wreck was set alight to barricade a street.

Police reinforcements arrived and speeding police vans and cars chased the youths.

The local rent office was set alight by a petrol bomb and the fire brigade arrived and doused the blaze, but much damage was caused.

Most of the furniture belonging to a council clerk who lived in a room at the rents office was saved by bystanders although some items of furniture were looted.

Several canisters of teargas were fired and, according to reports police could not confirm, at least two people were injured and taken to hospital. The police confirmed two arrests, one for possession of a petrol bomb and another for public violence.

Police denied helping demolish shacks, saying squatters brought them down themselves and made fires to keep warm.

Many of the squatters put the blame for their plight squarely at the council's doorstep and made allegations of bribery against councillors. The general sentiment was that most of those who had been allocated houses had bribed their way through.

Capt Mikachane Ngobeni of the Soweto Police confirmed several police vehicles had been damaged by stones thrown by rioters and that one municipal policeman was injured in the face when a stone hit him.

Ngobeni said the Dobsonville Council had obtained a court order to remove the squatters and that the squatters had tried to get an interdict but had failed. He said the SAP played no role in demolishing squatters' shacks but had only been on the scene to protect lives and property.

Police allegedly arrested squatters on Thursday night after they began rebuilding shacks that had been demolished earlier in the day.

Soweto Civic Association Dobsonville branch chairman Tlhalefang Sekano claimed about 50 armed policemen arrested at least 10 people for squatting and trespassing. He said the figure could be as high as 17.

But Soweto's liaison police officer Lt-Col Tinie Halgryn denied there had been any arrests of squatters in Dobsonville on Thursday night. He said some people had gathered in the area at about 8pm but nobody had been arrested.

Defiant women strip off in front of the bull

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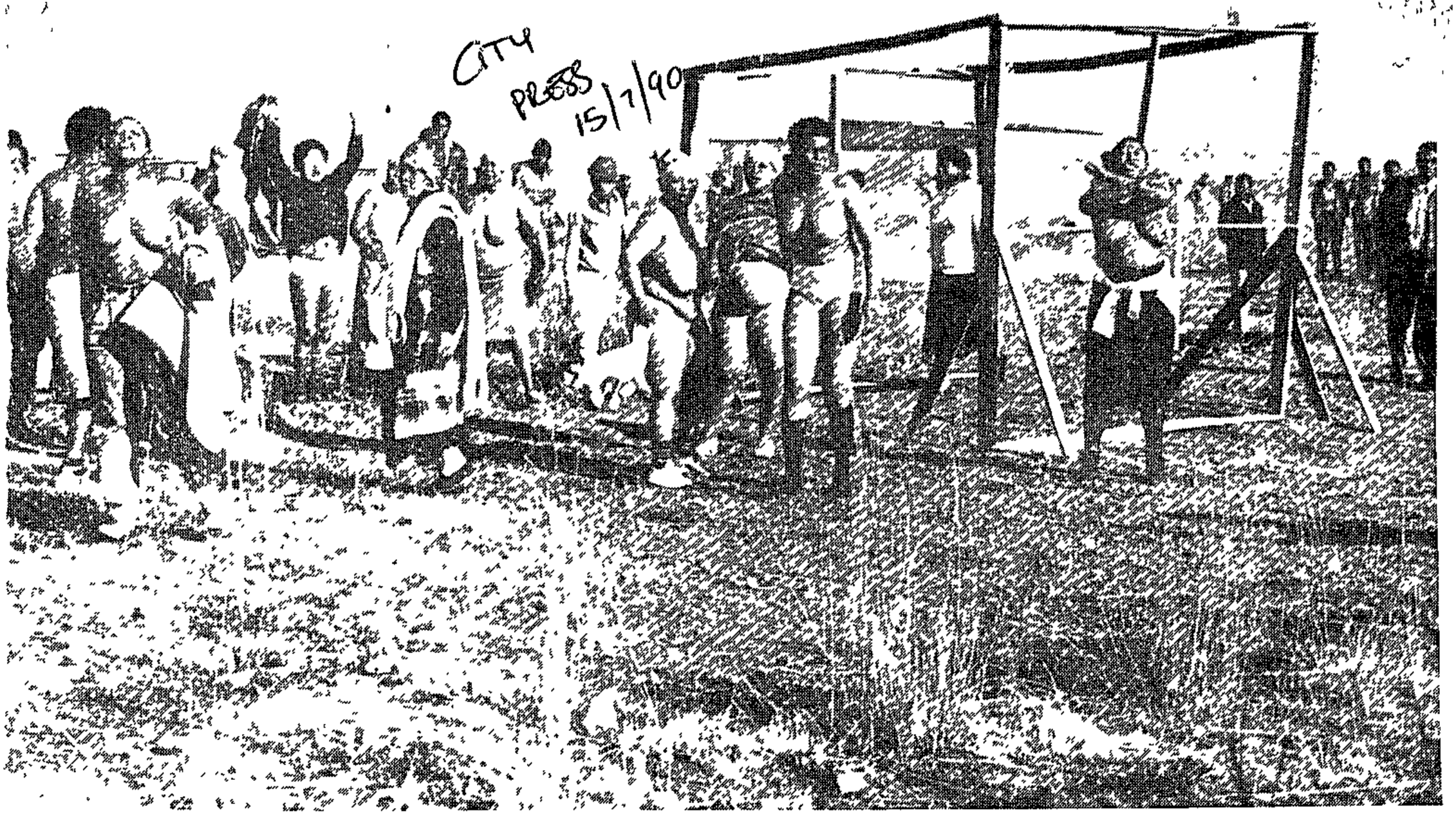

dozers in protest at the demolition of shacks in Dobsonville. The drivers just kept going. ■Pic: VRYE WEEKBLAD

Refugee . . . A woman leaves with a bundle of clothes after her shack at Phola-Park was demolished by municipal bulldozers this week.

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Angry youths loot beerhall, burn truck

By SOPHIE TEMA

ARMED youths carrying petrol bombs this week looted a beerhall in Tokoza and tried to set it alight.

The youths said they were angered by the death of Thembekile Nhomboza, who was shot dead in a clash between squatters and East Rand Police at Phola-Park on Wednesday.

Eye-witnesses said about 12 people were injured.

Constable Danny Botha, 19, who was stabbed in the stomach, was admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital and his condition after surgery was described as serious. A second policeman was admitted to the Milpark Hospital.

After police had moved out of the area youths chanted war songs as they marched to the beerhall which they looted after failing to set it alight.

Another group moved to the Alberton-Vereeniging highway where they stoned vehicles and set alight a truck carrying caustic soda.

The incident occurred soon after municipal bulldozers demolished about 200 shacks, leaving the area devastated.

Police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said trouble started after police were approached by five squatter representatives.

One of the men hit a policeman on the jaw with a blunt object. The policeman tried to retaliate and large groups started shouting, throwing stones and running towards the police.

Capt Opperman said the police had no choice but to try and disperse the crowds with teargas and birdshot.

Elda Zwane, who returned from work to find her shack razed, wept uncontrollably, saying: "Whites have no symphathy. How can they do such a cruel thing to a poor woman like me. They have destroyed all my possessions, and I will never get them back again."

Two killed in blasts

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ing and wood-panelled walls and pillars.

A chef at the hotel, Miss Violet Cheki, said she saw a white man open the bar door from the street and roll an object into the bar.

"I thought they were joking, and moved to pick it up, then the bang..."

Also on Saturday, an unidentified explosive device rocked the Randburg home of Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging member Mr Hans François Binneman.

No one was injured.

A police spokesman said Mr Binneman had recently been arrested under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act but had since been released.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the blasts.

Tributes for Sowetan official

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The Sowetan's editor, Mr Aggrey Klaaste, described Mr Mabe as a giant among black journalists. — Sapa

Phoney bomb at taxi rank

Cape Times 17/7/90 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — A phoney bomb found in a mainly black taxi rank in Vereeniging on Saturday is believed to have been a right-wing attempt to pressurise people not to heed the call for a consumer boycott in the region.

Captain Pieter van Deventer said police had "defused" the phoney bomb and found it consisted of torch batteries connected with wire and wrapped in newspaper.

The boycott, which began yesterday in four towns in the Vaal River complex, is enjoying overwhelming support in Vereeniging and Vanderbijl Park, claimed a spokesman for the Vaal Consumer Boycott Committee, Mr Zwelinzima Vavi.

He did not have details for Meyerton or Sasolburg, the other towns nominated for the boycott in the area known as the Vaal Triangle.

The boycott was called to back demands for the recognition of the right to peaceful protest.

Cosatu, UDF affiliates and the SA Youth Congress called the boycott after the refusal of Vereeniging Town Council to allow a peaceful protest march on July 7.

Other demands are for a non-racial town council with a single tax base and an end to alleged police harassment.

Vereeniging was heavily dependent on black trade and would be hardest hit by the boycott, said Vaal Chamber of Commerce president Mr Myer Weitzmann.

Meyerton, Sasolburg and Vanderbijl Park — with CP-controlled town councils — were not oriented towards black trade, but Vereeniging had "fallen over backwards" to create an environment favourable to black consumers, he said. — Sapa

Many injured in squatter unrest

Argus 17/7/90

The Argus Correspondent

POTCHEFSTROOM. — Fighting between police and squatters continued early today at the Mandela squatter camp after yesterday's demolition of shacks by municipal officials.

Forty-two police, army and municipal vehicles were lined up for several hundred metres on the edge of the camp and heavily armed police entered the camp this morning.

Many people have been injured, some with birdshot wounds, but the number of injured is unknown.

Part of the Klerksdorp road was closed by traffic police in riot gear and traffic was being diverted away from the camp, which is next to the Klerksdorp road.

The situation was very tense and large groups of young squatters, many wearing ANC colours, were moving around the camp. It is the most serious unrest in the area for many years and involves thousands of residents.

Police, who escorted the municipal workers, claimed yesterday that petrol bombs and stones were thrown at them on the Klerksdorp road.

Police fired teargas and birdshot at squatters grouped on the edge of the camp.

Roads in the camp were barricaded in many places by rocks and stones.

A Potchefstroom doctor said he had treated "several" squatters for birdshot wounds.

Police would not comment on the incident yesterday.

Reef boycott continues

Star 7/11/87 (28)

JOHANNESBURG — The consumer boycott in four Reef towns continued yesterday, although spokesmen differed on its effect.

Boycott committee spokesman Mr Zwelinzima Vavi said the action was seriously affecting businesses in the towns of Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark, Sasolburg and Meyerton.

He added the response to the boycott call was up from Monday, when it had been "almost 100%".

However, Vereeniging management committee chairman Dr Mario Milani said there had been hardly any noticeable effect.

He said he was "surprised and disapointed" the boycott should have happened. — Sapa

them than with the AWB," he

Pick 'n Pay Vaal spokesman Ashley van Wyk said the "boycott has not had an effect on sales". But he said its effects could be better assessed today.

18 held, one shot in Vosloorus clash

WILSON ZWANE

EIGHTEEN people were arrested and one shot when a protest march developed into a clash between police and youths in the East Rand township of Vosloorus yesterday.

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Vosloorus Crisis Committee official Keith Montsitsi said the clash took place early yesterday when a crowd of about 25 000, mostly teachers and students, marched to the local police station to demand the release of two teachers arrested recently.

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He said: "The police arrived at Ilinge High School where protest marchers had gathered, and fired teargas despite an assurance from two community leaders that it was a peaceful march."

"The protesters, after being divided by police action, proceeded to the police station where they handed in their petition."

He said 18 people were arrested and one man was shot in the clash.

Police spokesman Capt R Bloomberg said the march was "illegal".

"Police asked the marchers to disperse before firing teargas at them. Teargas was only used after the marchers had started throwing stones at police vehicles," Bloomberg said.

He confirmed the arrests and said a man was shot as he was throwing a petrol bomb.

Sapa reports that police spokesman Lt Ina Barkhuizen said youths petrol-bombed deputy mayor A B Ndambid's house and another belonging to a councillor. Also petrol-bombed were a traffic department vehicle, four trucks and a diesel tanker.

In neighbouring Katlehong a truck belonging to SA Breweries was attacked and beer bottles smashed, she added.

A traffic department van in flames after violence erupted in Vosloorus yesterday when students went on a march to protest against the jailing of two teachers in 1988. ● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

(278) Star 20/7/90

Youth 'with petrol bombs' shot in township

By Abel Mabelane,
East Rand Bureau

A youth, who was believed to be carrying petrol bombs, was shot in the arm and arrested with 17 other people when police clashed with students during a protest march in the East Rand township of Vosloorus yesterday.

Teargas and birdshot were used to disperse the protesters when they began stoning police and private vehicles, SAP spokesman Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen said.

Lieutenant Barkhuizen said two people were injured when youths allegedly attacked private vehicles and two houses and a shop belonging to councillors were set alight.

The home of the township's deputy mayor, Arend Ndambi, was petrol-bombed and extensively damaged.

It was not known if the house was occupied

The march by youths and teachers in the township was in protest against the jailing of two teachers in 1988, but teachers abandoned the protest after police warned that the march was illegal.

Youths, however, defied the warning and were later engaged in running battles with the police.

Lieutenant Barkhuizen said that about 400 people took part in the march to the local town council offices.

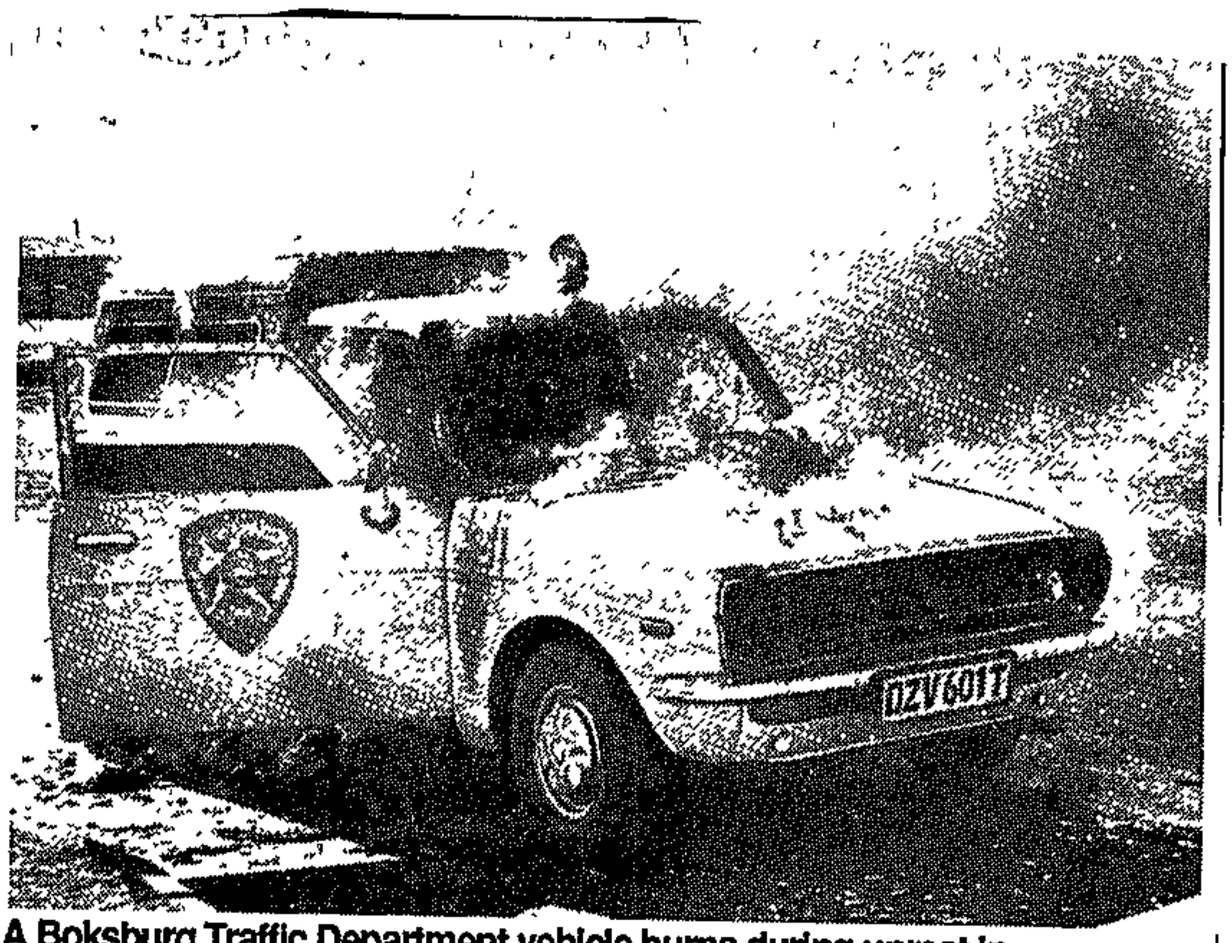
The protesters had planned to deliver a petition for the release of the teachers.

Vosloorus Civic Association spokesman Keith Montsitsi claimed that between 25 000 and 30 000 people had joined the march before it was disrupted.

The Boksburg fire department extinguished the fire at the house and shop of Councillor Zem Mkize.

Mr Mkize said that despite the damage to his house and shop, he had no intention of resigning from his position as councillor.

He denied that the council was responsible for stopping the march



A Boksburg Traffic Department vehicle burns during unrest in Vosloosrus yesterday

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Picture: JABU KHUMALO

Youths run amok in Vosloorus

By NORMAN MAKHUTLE

IN RUNNING battles between Vosloorus police and youths yesterday morning, two councillors' homes and a butchery were razed.

The youths ran amok after a march to protest against the trial of two Vosloorus teachers was dispersed by police using teargas and birdshot.

A police representative, Lieutenant Pieter du Preez, said yesterday two passengers were injured after the vehicle they were travelling in was stoned. He said 18 people were arrested and a man slightly injured after police action.

The march, which started at Ilinge High School, was intercepted by police at the Lesedi shopping complex.

Teachers and students were marching to the Vosloorus Magistrate's Court to hand in a petition to protest against the trial of two teachers, Mandla Vilakazi and Stephen Maubane. The two — due to appear in court on Monday — are accused of placing a bomb at a Witbank shopping complex two years ago.

While a Vosloorus Crisis Committee representative, Keith Montsitsi, was negotiating with police whether to proceed with the march, some protesters went ahead to the court "unaware of negotiations".

After the marchers were dispersed, groups of youths sporadically attacked councillors' houses. The youths claim the councillors were travelling in police kombis and pointing out their homes.

By midday, deputy mayor Aaron Ndambi's house and several cars were razed. Shortly after, a Boksburg Traffic Department's vehicle was set alight and the home of Councillor Zem Mkhize.

While the fire department was extinguishing the blaze at Mkhize's house, his butchery, a street away, was razed.

Mkhize, who arrived at his business a while later said: "I will not be forced to resign".

In neighbouring Katlehong, the houses of the mayor and a councillor were set alight. At 4pm yesterday the house of the councillor, Norman Mkhari, was still burning after youths set it alight at about midday.

Running battles in East Rand township

Cape Times 20/7/90

VOSLOORUS. — Police and youths fought running battles in this township east of Johannesburg on yesterday after a protest march developed into chaos, police and a community leader said.

Police spokeswoman Lt Barkhuizen said youths petrol-bombed a councilor's house, a traffic department vehicle, four trucks and a diesel tanker.

Eighteen people were arrested in the disturbances, including a youth who was shot in the arm when he tried to throw a petrol bomb.

Mr Keith Motsitsi, a spokesman for the Vosloorus Civic Association, said: "Youths are running helter-skelter, running from yard to yard and stoning the police."

He said police arrived at Ilinge high school where protest marchers had gathered, and fired teargas despite an attempt by two community leaders to assure them it was a peaceful march. — Sapa

Police and youths clash at Vosloorus

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By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

A YOUTH was shot in the arm and 18 others were arrested when police clashed with protestors at Vosloorus in the East Rand yesterday.

Police said the youth was about to throw a petrol bomb.

Trouble started in the morning when police allegedly teargassed a gathering of youths and teachers who were about to march on the local police station.

The marchers were to hand in a petition demanding the release of two teachers detained in 1988.

Witnesses said armed riot police fired teargas into the crowd without warning.

Teargas

A police spokesman, Colonel Steve van Rooyen, yesterday confirmed the police action.

He said police had used teargas to disperse a group of people who had stoned police and private vehicles.

Two passengers were injured by stones, he said.

Hundreds of youths went on the rampage, setting targetted houses and vehicles alight.

Three trucks were petrol-bombed, a garage and a cafe were attacked with stones, while two houses - one belonging to a deputy mayor - were set alight, police said.

Police were seen in running battles with youths and time and again teargas fumes filled the air.

The streets were barricaded with burning tyres, rocks and spiral razor fences while the giant Lesedi Shopping Centre was closed.

A policeman battles to put out the flames that engulfed a delivery truck in Vosloorus yesterday. Pic: JOE MOLEFE

Consumer boycott bites Transvaal

Cape Times 20/7/90 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — The six-week-old Bronkhorstspruit consumer boycott covered the whole business disprict and had begun to affect Indian shopkeepers, said Mr Lucas Mashego of Zitobeni Residents' Association.

The Zitobeni and Ekangala Residents' Organisations went to the business district yesterday to monitor the extension of the boycott.

Mr Mashego said it had been reported that Indian shopkeepers were secretly supporting boycotted white shopkeepers by buying from them at night. However, an Indian shopkeeper, who asked not to be named, said this was untrue.

A meeting between the residents' association and the Indian shopkeepers was held on Wednesday, when the boycott was extended.

● The Mass Democratic Movement said yesterday that it would take hard-line measures against "elements" looting business supplies in townships around the Vaal River Complex during a consumer boycott. — Sapa

'Third force' in Khutsong terror

Star 21/7/90

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SHEHNAAZ BULBULIA and SHAREEN SINGH

A REIGN of terror is sweeping Khutsong near Carletonville, with the emergence of a third warring faction.

The death in police custody last week of 15-year-old Eugene Mbulwana, a member of the Gadaffi Squad (G Squad) has prompted a truce between two factions, a spokesman for the Khutsong Civic Association (KCA) said yesterday.

He said the G Squad and the Khutsong Youth Congress (KYC) had made peace following attacks by a powerful armed vigilante group.

A murder docket was opened yesterday in the case of 15-year-old Eugene Mbulwana, who died in police custody after allegedly being tortured at Welverdiend police station outside Carletonville.

Eugene was among a group of 22 youths arrested by police outside Khutsong. The youths, who were part of a delegation of local leaders and members of G Squad and the KYC, were on their way to ANC office in Johannesburg to hold peace talks and discuss the "third force".

The bloody war which swept through Khutsong started in May when members of the G Squad were reported to have brutally mutilated eight youths after accusing them of a killing.

Five youths had pieces of their left ears severed with a razor and were forced to eat bits of their own ears. Three others had pieces of their foreheads cut off.

Saturday Star visited one of the victims, who said the youths did not report the matter to the police as they feared for their lives. A local doctor confirmed treating some of the victims.

Last month four members of the G Squad were shot dead and three civilians, including a six-year-old, were injured in an attack by unknown people.

The KCA spokesman said a third grouping, whom locals referred to as either "hit squads or Zim Zims", had emerged in the township and were responsible for attacks on the G Squad, KYC and anybody who opposed the Government.

He said these "vigilantes" did not work in any of the local structures, yet claimed to be comrades. They were not aligned to the PAC or ANC but were a splinter grouping of the KYC that had "taken the law into their own hands", he said.

The KCA spokesman said the third group consolidated itself in May after the mutilation of the eight youths.

'Vigilantes' kill 3 workers

Star 21/7/90

BRENDAN TEMPLETON

AT least three workers were murdered and seven critically injured by "vigilantes" at Wadeville railway station, Germiston, on Wednesday evening, the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) said yesterday.

The union believes three other workers were killed, but was still trying to confirm this yesterday.

White managers and supervisors from National Spring — which dismissed the workers last month — and two neighbouring companies, Henred Fruehauf and Propan, joined the vigilantes on the platform, Numsa said in a statement.

The attack left a train carriage "full of blood" and another eight injured, Numsa said. The union said the attackers assaulted its members with assegaais, kierries, and knives as their train pulled into Wadeville station.

A police spokesman confirmed the deaths of three workers and identified one as Orbec Mathisa (42).

Two bodies were found the next morning lying in the veld surrounding the station, and further investigations led to Natalspruit Hospital where another man, pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital the previous night, was found.

"Police are investigating the murders and any witnesses can telephone Detective Constable Bailie at 824-1263 (work) or 862-2474," the spokesman said.

Union lawyers were drawing up statements and intended laying murder charges. The possibility of further charges against the police and Spoornet was also being investigated, Numsa said. Numsa said 300 employees at the factory were laid off on June 22 because they went on strike after a worker was dismissed.

The National Spring spokesman confirmed a court interdict was obtained preventing strikers from being within 500 m of the factory.

The union took the matter "very seriously" and had referred it to the union's members in the motor and car assembly industries and to the International Metalworkers Federation.

Inkatha 'planned hostel attack'

CAPE TIMES 21/7/90

JOHANNESBURG. — Cosatu has accused Inkatha of trying to orchestrate an attack on hostel residents in the Vaal Triangle this weekend, in retaliation for the July 2 worker stayaway which Inkatha had opposed.

Cosatu said in a statement yesterday that hostel residents in the Vaal area had reported visits by Inkatha leaders, who allegedly told them to resign from Cosatu and the ANC and join Inkatha.

They were also allegedly told to pay R40 to attend an Inkatha conference at Ulundi, and to attend an Inkatha rally today. The rally was subsequently postponed to tomorrow.

Cosatu said they had approached Inkatha for an assurance that an attack on Vaal residents would not be launched. "Such an assurance has in fact now been given by Inkatha through their lawyers," they added.

Commenting on the Cosatu statement from Ulundi, KwaZulu Chief Minister and Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi accused Cosatu of "yet again embarking on a self-serving propaganda exercise aimed at discrediting Inkatha".

To claim that an "attack" was planned in Ulundi was "simply laughable", he said. — Sapa

3 Numsa workers killed in union fight

JOHANNESBURG. — The bodies of two men were found near Wadeville railway station, Germiston, at 7am on Thursday, police said yesterday.

It was established later that a third man had been certified dead on arrival at Natalspruit Hospital on Wednesday at 5.30pm. One of the three dead has been identified as Mr Orbet Maphisa, 42.

It appeared that all three men died as a result of being stabbed with "sharp objects", police said.

They said the deaths apparently occurred after a fight between members of a union and other workers from National Springs, an automotive suspension company in Wadeville.

A statement issued by the National Union of Metalworkers of SA yesterday said the union's lawyers would lay murder charges.

Special constable killed at taxi rank

Star 23/7/90

A Bekkersdal special constable was shot dead at the weekend while he and two colleagues were investigating a robbery.

A West Rand police spokesman said three policemen were confronted by about 30 "Ma Russian" gang members at the Bekkersdal taxi rank.

Two constables left the scene to get help while Constable Daniel Mpheng remained.

When they returned they found Constable Mpheng lying in a pool of blood. He had been shot four times in the head. — West Rand Bureau.

18 killed as Natal violence spills over into Vaal Triangle township

B/Day 24/7/90 (278)

LINDEN BIRNS and TANIA LEVY

VIOLENCE that has plagued Natal for four years spilled over into the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng on Sunday, leaving 18 people dead.

Police described the incident as the biggest clash outside Natal between Inkatha and ANC/UDF/Cosatu supporters.

SAP liaison officer Lt-Col Frans Malherbe told a media briefing yesterday that police found 17 bodies at a hostel in Sebokeng's Zone 14 after responding to the sound of automatic gunfire and explosions on Sunday night.

No arrests have been made, and none of the bodies has been identified.

Earlier in the afternoon, after an Inkatha rally in the township, SAP warrant-officer Petrus Jooste was killed by a spear at the hostel. He had just ordered his men to use teargas and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd. Police said Jooste was struck by a spear, thrown by an unknown person. The weapon had since "vanished".

Cosatu lawyer Peter Harris said at a news conference yesterday Cosatu would sue the SAP if enough evidence could be gathered to show that the SAP had failed to protect Sebokeng residents.

Cosatu said police had been warned last week of the danger of violence. It had been given assurances by the police that they would respond, including by disarming people.

Last night Malherbe denied such an undertaking, saying traditional tribal weapons like assegais, knobkieries and shields were not regarded as unlawful weapons.

Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo said Cosatu demanded an independent commission of inquiry and said it held Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok and the police responsible for the killings.

A special police team has been set up to investigate the killings.

Police said trouble began when a group of between 100 and 600 people wearing ANC and UDF T-shirts sang and toyi-toyied outside the stadium where about 2 000 Inkatha supporters were holding a rally.

Malherbe said although Inkatha supporters had permission to attend the meeting armed with traditional Zulu weapons, the "illegal gathering" outside the stadium was to blame for the confrontation. Before the police could act, he said, the crowd outside the stadium attacked them.

Teargas was used to disperse the crowd, which apparently split up into smaller groups, attacking police at various places.

Malherbe said trouble continued when the Inkatha crowd, on leaving the stadium, was attacked with stones and petrol bombs thrown from behind garden walls. The Inkatha supporters retaliated.

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SAP Witwatersrand liaison officer Lt-Col Frans Malherbe telling yesterday's news conference that a special investigation by high-ranking police officers had been set up to examine the circumstances surrounding the weekend's violence in the Vaal area in which 18 people died.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

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Police then escorted the Inkatha supporters back to the hostel, where they were met by "opposition from the other side".

Malherbe said the crowd apparently ignored warnings to disperse and were fired on with teargas and rubber bullets. It was at this stage that Jooste was struck by the spear.

Police patrolled the area until about 9pm. Half-an-hour later they heard automatic gunfire and explosions, and returned to the hostel where they found 15 bodies. Two more bodies were found in the morning.

Sapa reports that Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said thousands of Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Evaton residents yesterday embarked on a "spontaneous stayaway" after realising what had happened on Sunday.

Coleman said Inkatha supporters were "armed to the teeth" with a range of weapons, including guns. He claimed the "impis", most of whom came from Natal and Johannesburg, were accompanied by mainly white policemen in about 18 vehicles and two Caspirs.

Malherbe said the SAP would remain "neutral and non-political" and would make a firm ruling, based on circumstances, banning traditional weapons at future political meetings if they were seen to be a problem that could lead to violence.

Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said given the actions and utterances of certain ANC leaders and supporters, it was understandable that Inkatha supporters felt the need to defend themselves and carry arms.

24 dead in Vaal

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By KENOSI MODISANE and MATSHUBE MFOLOE

AT least 24 people have died in political fighting between alleged members of Inkatha and the UDF in Sebokeng.

The violence followed an Inkatha meeting attended by heavily armed impis in the Vaal

The dead have not yet been identified

Residents on a frantic search for their missing relatives were yesterday told to report to the mortuary

More than 45 people have been admitted to the Sebokeng Hospital, according to hospital spokesman Dr Daniel C Douglas

Inquiry

He said it was difficult to work out the number of those admitted as a result of the clash "because they keep streaming in"

He said all those admitted were in a stable condition A few people were in a serious condition

The Congress of South African Trade Unions yesterday called for an independent commission of inquiry into the incident

The Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said "I am very sorry this happened"

He lashed out at the ANC/UDF supporters for "taunting and jeering" at Inkatha supporters on Sunday

The killing of at least 50 people in political clashes in the past five days has led to churchwomen calling on mothers to agitate and

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Hit squad cop gunned down

Sowetan Reporter and Sapa

AN alleged member of a police hit squad, Constable Brian Ngqulunga, was shot dead at the weekend, police said yesterday.

Ngqulunga's bullet-ridden body was found in the veld between Lethlabile and Garankuwa in Bophuthatswana about 3pm on Saturday, the SAP's public relations division said in a statement

AK-47 cartidges were found near the body.

Ngqulunga, who was stationed at police headquarters in Pretoria, was off duty at the time his body was discovered Bophuthatswana police were investigating

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Ngqulunga, who was a member of the Vlakplaas anti-insurgency unit, was one of the policemen who allegedly took part in the killing of Durban human rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge in 1981

He was said to have been the leader of the squad which carried out the assassination

A woman's cry for peace

Praying for the nation . Mrs Masechaba Mabaso of the Interdenominational Women's Prayer League in Soweto

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"Comrades" carry the body of a youth shot in Sebokeng.

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mobilise themselves until the violence stops.

The Interdenominational Prayer Women's League, which made the call, yesterday said in a statement: "We have to devise ways to force our husbands to bring these senseless killings to an end." Sowetan 24/7/90

Mrs Masechaba Mabaso, a spokesman of the IPWL said: "This is not the time to be pointing fingers and scoring points.

"The nation is dying. We need to come together and do something and stop accusing each other.

"We hope the reality of this chaos will reach our husbands if it is raised by mothers in their homes and organisations."

She accused politicians of avoiding "the obvious solution of talking to one another to seek an end to the violence.

"What they are good at is attributing blame while their followers, our very sons, kill one another."

Mabaso said she had the support of other leaders in the community like Mrs Maggie Nkwe and Mrs Leah Tutu.

The call comes after 24 people died in clashes between police, residents and Inkatha members in Sebokeng yesterday.

The other 26 died in Natal last week when a bus was allegedly ambushed before it and a minibus collided in Phoenix.

Mabaso has also called on residents in Soweto to meet at Uncle Tom's Hall, Orlando West, on Sunday at 1pm.

There will be a march to Little Koppie near Beverly Hills for a prayer meeting.

"We will not only be praying for an end to political killings but also an end to the alarming crime rate in Soweto," she added.

The prayer meeting will start an ongoing process by women to bring peace to the land.

Probe into Vaal killings

JOHANNESBURG. — A special investigation by high-ranking police officers was yesterday set up to investigate circumstances surrounding killings at the weekend in the Vaal area, police said.

Cosatu yesterday blamed Inkatha for the clashes which led to the killings and said they were considering suing the SA Police for damages resulting from the pitched battles.

At least 18 people were reported dead by police following clashes on Sunday between people believed to be supporters of Inkatha and the ANC.

The clashes followed a "peace rally" by about 1 000 supporters of Inkatha — said by police to be armed with "traditional" weapons" — at Sebokeng Stadium.

Cosatu spokesman Mr Neil Coleman said Colonel Paddy Mazibuka, who is responsible for Sebokeng, had given Cosatu an undertaking last week that police would not allow armed people to attend the rally

Fifteen of the bodies, with wounds from blunt instruments, stabs and cuts, were found on Sunday night by police near a hostel in Sebokeng. Another three bodies were found yesterday.

An unknown assailant stabbed a police officer to death with an assegai when he tried to separate two battling groups, SAP spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe added, noting that an unknown number of people were hurt.

Police would not say whether the victims were Inkatha supporters or casualties from Inkatha opponents.

According to Mr Coleman, "the heavily armed Inkatha impis were accompanied by mainly white police in about 18 vehicles and two Casspirs".

Asked why Inkatha supporters were allowed to attend a peace meeting with weapons, Col Malherbe asked: "What was the practical way of disarming the people with a small number of police?

"Only a small number of so-called impis were armed with the weapons," he said.

Col Malherbe said, however, that if the weapons "become a problem" police would not allow them.

● As a result of the violence, tens of thousands of residents in the Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Evaton townships had embarked on a "spontaneous stay-away" yesterday, Mr Coleman claimed. — Sapa and UPI

VICTIM: Mrs Anna Tumaeletsi, whose house was burnt down in Sebokeng. Inset: Warrant Officer Petrus Jooste — speared in the heart.

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Riot policeman dies after pulling spear from heart

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A riot policeman who tried to keep warring Inkatha and ANC groups apart in Sebokeng township has died after plucking an assegai from his chest.

Warrant Officer Petrus "Seppi" Jooste, 32, of the Diepkloof Riot Squad died on Sunday after the spear was hurled at police at the Sebokeng single quarters where up to 21 people died in clashes.

The spear hit him in the heart but the policeman plucked it from his chest and threw it away before being taken to hospital. He died an hour later, police said.

GAUNTLET

Warrant Officer Jooste was with a detachment of police escorting Inkatha members through a gauntlet of petrol bombs and stones hurled by suspected ANC supporters.

Having survived the journey, he and his men arrived at the hostels, only to be confronted by other ANC/UDF supporters waiting to ambush the Inkatha members, police said.

According to Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe, the mob approached the Inkatha members but were warned by Warrant Officer Jooste that confrontation would not be tolerated and that they should go home.

They refused to disperse and rubber bullets and teargas were fired at them. During this incident a spear was thrown and hit the policeman in the chest.

"He just pulled it out and threw it away," said a policeman who was at the scene.

Police have not been able to find the assegai.

Colonel Malherbe said it was not known who had thrown it or whether it was a Zulu spear.

"Even if it were a Zulu spear, it could not be ruled out that someone from the other side threw it. They also use spears and these are widely available," said Colonel Malherbe.

MARRIED

Warrant Officer Jooste was married but he and his wife had no children. A shocked Mrs Jooste was yesterday unable to speak to the Press.

Sunday's fighting left at least 19 dead and bitter disputes over who was to blame.

Police are accused of siding with Inkatha against ANC supporters, Inkatha is accused of having planned attacks on ANC/Cosatu supporters for days before the violence and the ANC faction is accused of carrying out planned attacks on Inkatha.

There were fears today that violence would flare again.

Pamphlets are not ours, says PAC

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A MEMBER of the Pan Africanist Congress in Seshego, Mr Mathabathe Seema, yesterday denounced pamphlets distributed in the area calling for the burning of taxis that ferry people to the launch this weekend of the South African Communist Party.

The pamphlets, bearing the PAC logo are titled "burn taxi burn". They warn taxi owners not to transport "members of Sayco\Mayco to the SACP meeting". Sowetan 24/7/90

Seema blamed the "system" for the pamphlets and said those responsible were trying to "make us fight with other organisations".

"We think that a normal organisation cannot issue such a pamphlet. We wish everybody to know that this is not our pamphlet," Seema said.

3 die in rail attack

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THREE members of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa were allegedly stabbed to death by a group of vigilantes who ambushed a train at Wadeville station in Germiston, a Numsa spokesman said yesterday.

By LEN MASEKO

Numsa official Mr Meshack Robertson said three members of the union were still missing after they mysteriously disappeared during the attack last Wednesday.

Five other Numsa members are still recovering at the East Rand's Knights Hospital from injuries sustained in the attack.

The dead are Mr Fakwezwe Maphisa, Mr Daniel Nkwane and Mr Mduduzeli Manyebe, all of whom were apparently dismissed with 300 other workers by the Germiston-based company National Spring.

The company is locked in a dispute with the union over the dismissals.

The train was allegedly ambushed by heavily armed vigilantes who lay in wait for the Numsa members at Wadeville station.

The union's members were returning from a meeting.

The union believes the attack is connected to the month-long dispute between the union and the company.

Mr T O'Reilly, managing director of the firm, yesterday declined to comment. He said he had already issued a statement on the matter and "would not be commenting any further".

Sebokeng tense as death toll rises to 30

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JOHANNESBURG. — Sebokeng township near Vereeniging was tense and nervous early today following fighting that killed up to six people and took the death toll since Sunday to 30.

Police and township residents confirmed three deaths, but an earlier report said six had died.

Residents said the three dead were believed to be Inkatha supporters.

Several hundred Inkatha supporters fled from hostels in the township following fierce fighting around 2pm yesterday.

The ANC regional office was reported to have tipped off Youth Congress and Cosatu-affiliated members that Inkatha had allegedly hired several buses to transport Inkatha-supporting workers and bring "reinforcements" from Natal.

Pangas and axes

Residents then barricaded Sebokeng's central streets with rocks and boulders last night and early today. Scores of youths huddled round fires on street corners, with pangas, axes, clubs and a variety of rudimentary weapons.

Heavily armed police patrolled the township intermittently in armoured vehicles, firing teargas.

Some youths said birdshot was also used.

Journalists were warned by police not to go into Zone 12 or Zone 14 of the township where they were likely to be petrol-bombed.

It appeared unlikely transport would run through the township today as many roads were impassable.

Putco drivers said the feeling among youths was the bus company had hired out buses to Inkatha and therefore sided with them.

A nurse in Sebokeng hospital casualty section, Mr Jacob Matsepe, said five people had been admitted to the hospital.

Three were admitted shortly after midnight with birdshot wounds, one had "blood in the lungs" after being injured in the hostels, and another had a head wound.

The weekend bloodbath was not sparked by provocation of members of rival political organisations but was cold-blooded murder on the side of Inkatha, the South African Youth Congress (Sayco) said at a Press conference yesterday.

Street battles

Although unable to disclose how many of the dead were Inkatha supporters, Sayco members said estimates placed the death toll at 24 following street battles in the township on Sunday.

Publicity secretary for Sayco Southern Transvaal Region, Mr Parks Mankahlana, said the violence had erupted barely two weeks after Inkatha transformed itself into a political party.

"This serves to confirm our earlier assertion that Inkatha is not transforming to break this tribalism, but because it wants to widen its killing fields. The killing of people is the only method Inkatha can still use to bargain for a stake in a political future of this country," he said. — Argus Correspondent and Sapa.

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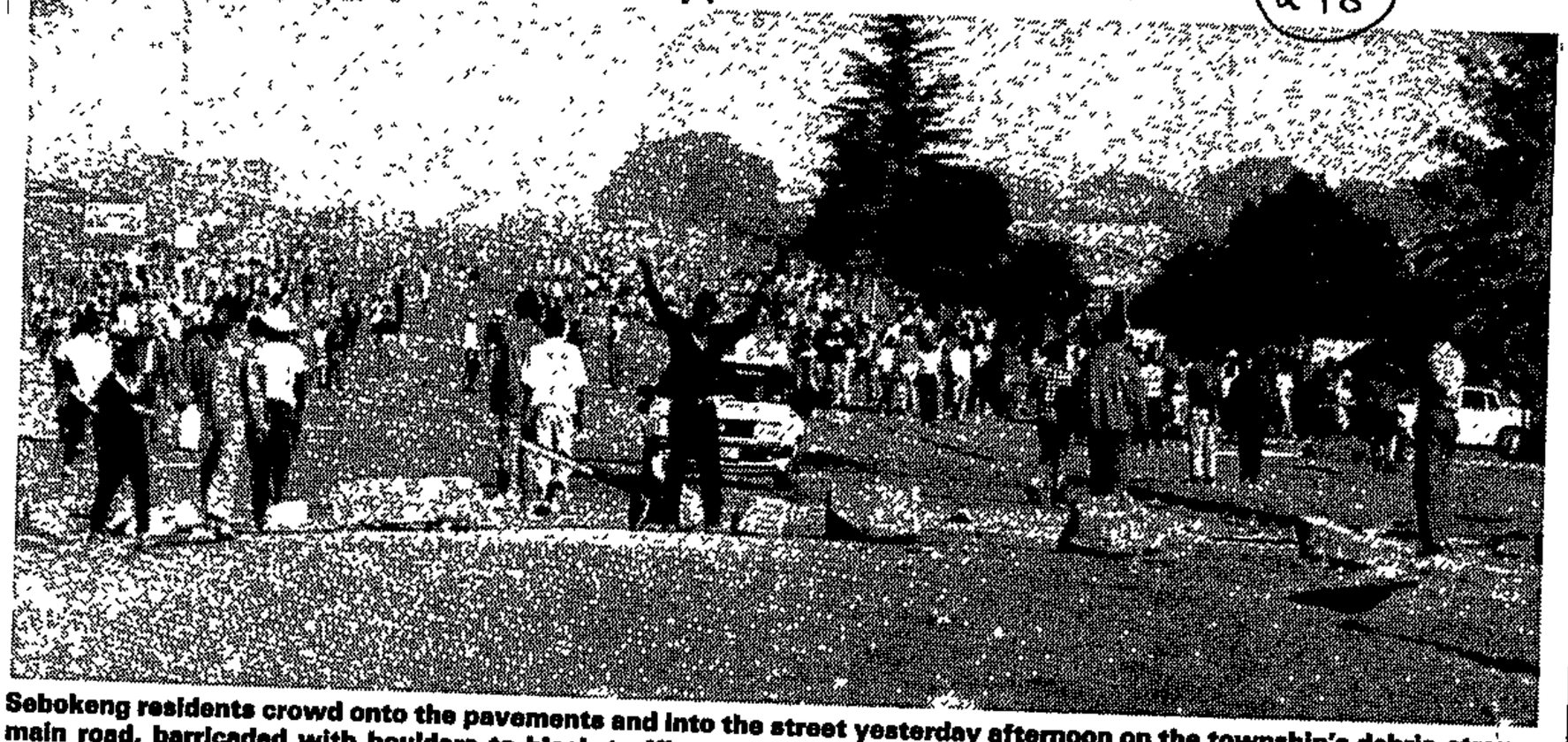

Sebokeng residents crowd onto the pavements and into the street yesterday afternoon on the township's debris-strewn main road, barricaded with boulders to block traffic and hinder the passage of police casspirs. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Ambassadors adopt wait-and-see stance

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Pik calls in foreign envoys for briefing

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FOREIGN Minister Pik Botha called in foreign ambassadors and heads of missions yesterday for a special briefing against a background of burgeoning violence in the Vaal Triangle and a police crackdown on insurgents.

Sources said the session lasted longer than expected and many questions were asked.

● BOTHA

Indications were that there would be no immediate public response to the meeting from foreign missions, and that they would take a wait-and-see attitude to the situation.

On Monday the US State Department, noting "escalating strife", issued a warning to US citizens about the dangers of travelling in SA, and particularly in the independent homelands. It mentioned cases of Americans being harassed by right-wingers.

Botha briefed the foreign envoys on the detention of about 40 people, the uncovering of ANC/SA Communist Party cells and the seizure of arms caches.

The extraordinary meeting was held as Inkatha and UDF/Cosatu supporters clashed in Sebokeng, plunging thetownship into chaos for the third day running.

Business Day Reporter

The SABC reported that six people died in yesterday's fighting in the Sebokeng/-Evaton area. Police would only confirm two deaths. This brought to 20 the official toll in the latest outbreak of violence, they said.

LINDEN BIRNS reports that police patrolled the townships throughout the day, using birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas to disperse crowds. Residents barricaded roads with boulders and debris and said they had done so to keep raiding Inkatha supporters out of the township.

One resident described a scene on Monday where Inkatha groups allegedly beat a nine- or ten-year-old boy called Fani to the ground before shooting him in the head. Police could not confirm the incident.

Residents said creches and schools had been closed for fear Inkatha wanted to "slaughter our young boys".

Cosatu called a stay-at-home in the township yesterday.

At the labour hostels, where there were 15 killings on Sunday night, men prepared to defend themselves and their families against further attacks last night.

SAP liaison officer Capt Piet van Deventer confirmed that sporadic fighting had taken place in the hostels yesterday, and incidents of stone-throwing and petrol-bombing had occurred. He also said eight bodies from the fighting had been identi-

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fied, but could not divulge their names or political allegiances.

A group of hostel dwellers said the dead men were all Inkatha Zulus, but that many ANC/UDF/Cosatu supporters had been injured in the clashes.

One resident described how taxis had their fuel tanks syphoned to make petrol-bombs, and how Inkatha supporters had used sharpened metal rods and homemade guns against township residents.

Van Deventer said the situation in the township was "tense", with most of the violence concentrated in the hostel where Inkatha supporters account for the minority of more than 20 000 inhabitants.

He also confirmed that youths armed with knobkieries and sjamboks prevented people from travelling to work yesterday.

SABC radio news reported KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday as saying it was tragic that there should be senseless black on black violence when negotiations were in the pipeline, reports Sapa.

Buthelezi expressed his condolences and those of the Zulu king to the relatives of those killed at Sebokeng.

He said there could be no negotiations unless the ANC leadership "stopped this type of attack on Inkatha".

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Cosatu: Police caused violence

Cape Times 25/7/90 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — Cosatu yesterday said it found it "totally farcical" that police are to investigate Sunday's violence in Sebokeng, which left at least 18 people dead, when the police, it alleged, themselves were largely responsible for the violence.

Instead, Cosatu called for the immediate suspension of all police members on duty in Sebokeng on Sunday until an indepedent judicial inquiry was completed.

Cosatu is also "extremely concerned Inkatha is engaged in a systematic attempt, backed by the state security forces, to spread the Natal war to the Transvaal and other areas".

According to Cosatu spokesman Mr Neil Coleman, "the police investigation will just become another attempt by the police to investigate themselves".

The SAP announced on Monday the setting up of a special investigation by high-ranking members of the Vaal Triangle Criminal Investigation Department into Sunday's pitched battles between members of Inkatha and ANC/UDF supporters.

They blamed the violence on "a group of people dressed in ANC and UDF T-shirts who came to the stadium to provoke Inkatha supporters" and maintained it was the custom of Zulus to carry traditional weapons to events like Sunday's Inkatha rally.

Mr Coleman gave eyewitness accounts alleging that police intervened on the side of armed Inkatha members at the height of running battles. — Sapa

Tutu peace call

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By ANDREA WEISS, Religion Reporter

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu has made a dramatic plea for tolerance following fresh violence that left 30 Inkatha and UDF supporters dead in Sebokeng.

A "major problem" in South Africa and "something which seems to be endemic on our continent with wonderful exceptions such as Botswana" was a lack of tolerance for different points of view, said Archbishop Tutu

He said the underlying problem was that South Africa did not have a "very great experience" of democratic processes and apartheid was also to blame because it excluded people

"Consensus comes about as a result of having expressed different points of view We are going to need to keep repeating that and really let it be a campaign," he said. "We have to get the message through"

Archbishop Tutu said he was not swayed in his desire for an end to violence

"One is just so deeply distressed."

"One is just so deeply distressed and filled with anguish I actually woke up in the middle of the night and my heart sank when I thought of what has taken place in Sebokeng," he said

"Obviously we can in an almost easy, glib way make an appeal for an end to the violence, but until we are able to deal with what are root causes of the whole thing, I don't think our calls will produce results"

He said social and economic deprivation, high unemployment and "utterly inadequate housing" were part of these causes.

"It has nothing to do with race It has everything to do with people who feel they are left behind, that they really do not have a handle on their lives

"As long as people think their lives are going to end in a cul de sac, the level of frustration must be very, very high," Archbishop Tutu said. "When you have that and when you think that your life has no real purpose, life becomes cheap"

He said political rivalry exacerbated the situation.

"One life is one too many."

"At the present time there is no doubt that it has cost in Natal over 3 000 lives One life is one too many," he said.

Archbishop Tutu blamed the period of transition as a key reason for heightened conflict

"There is a great deal of uncertainty and jockeying for position and people trying to ensure that they are not going to be ignored," he said.

Archbishop Tutu also questioned the role of the security forces, saying: "In Natal and in Sebokeng we have heard the allegations being made that police are less than non-partisan. That doesn't help, especially in the black community where the police have not been everybody's blue-eyed boys"

He said police must be above reproach

Talking about non-alignment within the church, Archbishop Tutu said he supported a decision of the Anglican bishops in February that priests should remain neutral

But he said this did not mean they should be politically neutral in a situation of injustice

"We weep with those who weep."

"Our political involvement is going to remain as it was — one that is based on the gospel imperative But that is totally different from saying we align ourselves with one party against another

"The minister has to be able to minister to all and it is critical for us to keep a distance," he said

"Obviously we weep with all of our people from every political grouping, and we weep with those who weep because they have been bereaved We weep with those who weep because they have been injured But we also want to say that this is not the way to settle differences," he said

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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By JOHN YELD, Staff Reporter

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Okay, so maybe Citrusdal doe ify for the Western Province, bu are supposed to show some a home of the grape, aren't they?

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Sebokeng youths yesterday barricaded roads in the township as they enforced a worker stayaway.

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Fears of new Vaal clashes

YOUTHS yesterday enforced a worker stayaway by residents of the battle-scarred Sebokeng township amid fears of renewed clashes between Inkatha and ANC factions.

At least 19 people, including one policeman, died in running battles on Sunday.

Yesterday Mr Hlangano Shabalala, treasurer of the Sebokeng Civic Association, said tensions were running high in the township.

He said youths were at all major taxi ranks and bus stops to prevent people from going to work.

Police confirmed gangs had stopped workers travelling to work.

Meetings

"We believe that anti-Inkatha elements were the aggressors and deliberately carried out the attacks on Inkatha supporters," Colonel Frans Malherbe said.

Malherbe said a special team of detectives would investigate the killings.

Malherbe said Inkatha and the ANC-backed Vaal Civic Assocation had applied to hold meetings in the same stadium on the same day.

Inkatha was given permission.

Police said they had held several meetings before Sunday with Cosatu legal advisors and informed them that their meeting would be illegal if it went ahead.

On Monday Cosatu said they had informed the Minister of Law and Order last Wednesday of allegations about Inkatha's planned attack on Cosatu and ANC members and supporters.

Armed 'impis' storm trains

Star 26/7/90 278

By Thabo Leshilo

Soweto train commuters were attacked with knobkerries, sjamboks and pangas by men, alleged to be Inkatha members, who stormed the trains yesterday.

Witnesses told The Star the incident happened at the Ikwezi and Inhlanzani stations at about 6 pm. The attackers allegedly told commuters they were looking for "mzabalazo people" — people of "the struggle" who sang slogans in trains.

Jumped out

Several of the injured were treated at Baragwanath Hospital. Most of them were ferried to the hospital by ambulances. It was not known whether anybody had been killed at the time of going to press.

One commuter, Sarah Morake, told The Star: "The large group of Zulu warriors entered the train at Ikwezi station looking for mzabalazo people. They were armed with sjamboks, kerries, knives, pangas and guns."

She said the "impis" started attacking people indiscriminately.

"Many people jumped out of windows while the train was moving, to escape. I simply sat and resigned myself to death. I saw men run like children and leave their parcels behind."

Another passenger, Caroline Mathe, said people had left their parcels behind and lost their shoes in their haste to escape from the impis.

She said her son, who came in another train, brought home a shoe he had picked up during the chaos. Many passengers did not alight at Merafe station out of fear that they might be attacked by Inkatha people from the nearby hostel.

Another passenger said she heard two shots being fired as soon as her train stopped at Inhlanzane station.

"I am lucky I was not in the mzabalazo coach," she said.

Police could not confirm the incident last night.

Victims tell of Vaal rampage

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RESIDENTS injured during political fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters in Sebokeng on Sunday have blamed Inkatha for indiscriminate attacks and criticised the police for "taking sides".

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

More than 45 residents have been admitted to the Sebokeng Hospital with severe head and other injuries following the clash.

While police have so far dismissed allegations that armed riot police were seen escorting a rampant impi, one of the injured claimed police "wanted him slaughtered by Inkatha".

This week, Sandile Mtshali (17), of Zone 12 Sebokeng, said he could have escaped injuries "had police not apprehended him".

From his hospital bed, he explained: "I was overcome by teargas fumes minutes after police dispersed a crowd in Sebokeng.

"I dashed to a nearby house to wash my eyes at a tap when police arrested me.

"They locked me in the van and drove me to the Evaton Stadium where armed Inkatha supporters were assembled.

He said at the stadium police opened the van and told an impi "this is one of them, kill him."

Mtshali said he was assaulted and as he fell he was repeatedly pierced with a sharp metal spear in the stomach.

"It was painful and I prayed."

He said after the assault police took him to hospital. He was "bleeding profusely".

Mr Richard Tobias (43) said he was hacked in his own yard.

"I was with friends when we heard gunfire and singing in the streets.

"My friends went outside the house out of curiousity and I was leaning on the gate when a group of men approached.

"Without a word, one of them hacked me with a panga and I lost consciousness," he said.

He was taken to hospital by ambulance.

Mr Daniel Nhlapo (58) said he narrowly escaped death when hordes of armed Zulu-speaking men attacked a taxi he was travelling in.

"I disembarked and ran for safety. As I approached a corner, I heard gunfire and felt a thud on my shoulder. I felt weak and collapsed a few blocks away," he said.

Nhlapo was shot in the back and a bullet went through his shoulder. He could not recall how he was taken to hospital.

Plea to FW over fighting in Sebokeng

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By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

COSATU has called on President FW de Klerk to help stop the fighting in Sebokeng.

The call followed shortly after Cosatu attacked Inkatha and questioned police actions over the violence, which left 21 people dead on Sunday.

A Cosatu spokesman said: "We feel De Klerk must intervene immediately to stop this carnage from continuing."

A spokesman for the police has denied claims that police were supporting Inkatha.

At a Press conference in Johannesburg spokesmen for Cosatu and its legal representatives said the union had taken steps to avoid acts of violence before Sunday's clashes.

DE KLERK

Cosatu's legal spokesman Mr Peter Harris said his union had informed the Minister of Law and Order and senior police officials about a planned attack by Inkatha.

He said Inkatha was also approached through its lawyers after the "planned attack" leaked at a meeting at Denver Hostel on July 10.

In reply, Inkatha, through its lawyers, assured Cosatu by letter the organisation "had no intention, and never had any, of carrying out any unlawful activities".

Cosatu said police gave an assurance that Inkatha supporters at the Evaton Stadium meeting would not be allowed to carry weapons.

An assurance was also obtained that Inkatha supporters from Johannesburg would be disarmed.

Cosatu has also called for the immediate suspension of all police members on duty in Sebokeng on Sunday until an independent judicial inquiry was completed.

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Vigilantes attacks continue

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From CHIARA CARTER

JOHANNESBURG. — The deathtoll in a vigilante attack on a group of dismissed workers in the East Rand last Wednesday is feared to be as high as five.

The attack comes against a backdrop of increased clashes between Inkatha and supporters of the ANC and allied organisations in the area.

Hacked

Three deaths are confirmed, two men are reported missing and eight other people seriously injured.

The dead men are Mr Fakwezwe Mathisa, Mr Daniel Nkoane and Mr Mthuthuzeli Manyube.

They were stabbed and hacked to death after vigilantes boarded a train carrying a group of dismissed workers from the National Spring factory in Wadeville.

The workers, members of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa), were on their way home from the union offices in Germiston when the attack took place.

Witnesses said the vigilantes boarded the train when it made an unscheduled stop at Wadeville station.

Pangas

They then joined forces with other vigilantes already on the train and attacked the workers with pangas and knives.

A Numsa East Rand spokesperson said the terrified workers had to jump out of train windows and flee for their lives.

The union has provided SOUTH with the names of several white men, reportedly managers and supervisors at the National Spring factory and surrounding factories, who — the workers claim — were present with the vigilantes.

The union spokesperson said most of the workers were now hiding for fear of further attacks.

He said, despite "exhaustive inquiries" the union had been unable to trace two workers who were reported to have been badly injured in the attack and are feared dead.

A police spokesperson said police were investigating murder charges.

They had been unable to find the missing men.

Union lawyers are investigating legal action against the company.

The attack follows an intense industrial conflict at the plant.

Fracas

In a statement issued in response to a Numsa statement on the deaths, National Spring managing director, Mr I O'Reilly, said the company had heard "rumours" about a "fracas" at the station.

The company disputed that any member of management or supervisory staff was involved and strongly denied the allegations made in the Numsa statement.

O'Reilly declined to elaborate on the statement.

There has been several incidents of violence in strikes during the past year.

About 30 workers died in a Sats strike.

Seven hurt in 'attack' on train

Cape Times 26/7/90

JOHANNESBURG. — Attackers jumped into a train in Soweto last night and stormed passengers with knives and spears, a member of the Soweto Civic Association has claimed.

The woman, who asked not to be identified, claimed seven people were injured in the attack, at Inhlazane station about 7pm.

An eyewitness, Mr Johnny Halo of Rockville, Soweto, said he was disembarking from the train when the attack occurred. He said the attackers were armed with pangas, iron bars and sticks. He also heard shots.

Police spokesman Brigadier H V Haynes said he was unable to confirm or deny the incident last night. — Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — A teacher and a pupil died after a clash between residents and police in Breyten, according to a hospital worker in the nearby town of Ermelo.

Asking not to be identified, the worker said the clash broke out after a meeting in Breyten township on Tuesday night.

The teacher and pupil died on arrival at Ermelo hospital, the source said.

Ermelo police spokesman Captain P S van Straaten said he had no information but would check on the report.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the local action committee, Mr Elijah Ngwenya, was allegedly arrested yesterday morning, according to a source in the area.

The source also said three houses belonging to alleged vigilantes had been set on fire yesterday evening. — Sapa

Police beef up forces in Sebokeng

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police have rushed 500 police reinforcements to the troubled Sebokeng township near Vereeniging where fighting between the ANC and Inkatha has left at least 21 people — and up to a reported 30 — dead.

A police spokesman said the reinforcements were backed up by helicopters and extra armoured vehicles. They had been sent on the initiative of the regional commissioner of police, Major-General Gert Erasmus.

The reinforcements are believed to include a company of policemen from Unit 19 in Pretoria — a special unit held in reserve for such emergencies.

"The police will remain in the township until peace and law and order have been restored (and) the situation stabilised," the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the ANC regional office was reported to have tipped off local SA Youth Congress and Cosatu-affiliated members that Inkatha allegedly hired several buses to transport Inkatha-supporting workers and bring "reinforcements" from Natal.

On the basis of these rumours, residents barricaded Sebokeng's central streets with rocks and boulders on Tuesday night and early yesterday morning. Scores of youths huddled round fires on street corners, armed with pangas, axes and clubs.

A concerned Mr Nelson Mandela visited Sebokeng yesterday to assess the reasons for the conflict as well as to generate peace moves.

Supporting Archbishop Desmond Tutu's plea for peace, he urged a charged but contained meeting of more than 5 000 residents to go back to work today, and for students to return to school. — Sapa

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SEBOKENG KIDS ... Children dance on the wreck of a burnt-out car in Sebokeng yesterday after fighting between the ANC and Inkatha in the Transvaal township.

Picture REUTER

Rightwing plans to thwart boycott

Argus 26/7/90

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Businessmen in the predominantly right-wing Eastern Transvaal are planning counter-boycotts aimed at cutting off supplies to black townships in the face of a huge consumer boycott of white stores due to start this week.

The African National Congress confimed today the boycott would start on Friday and be spread across the Eastern Transvaal from Witbank to Komatipoort.

The measure was intended to put pressure on the government to take action against the right-wing and vigilante groups, ANC national executive committee member Steve Tshwete said.

The boycott will then be assessed in some parts on August 29 but in eight towns with a clear leaning towards the right-wing would not be reviewed until September 12.

No intimidation

There would be no intimidation, but the boycott would be monitored by ANC organisers in the region.

Some of the demands include the prosecution of the right-wing, the scrapping of the Arms and Ammunition Act which enabled white vigilantes to arm themselves and the election of a Constituent Assembly.

The right-wing Lowveld Business Club has pledged a whites-only counter-boycott.

Wholesalers would be urged not to sell in black townships, said chairman Louis Badenhorst.

All boycotted businesses would give their black staff unpaid leave and replace those who did not come back to work.

Mr Badenhorst said the club also had "other plans of action".

Picture: JOHAN SCHRÖNEN, The Argus

HOTEL MARCH: Members and supporters of the SA Commercial Caterers' and Allied Workers' Union took part in a peaceful march in Cape Town yesterday. A petition calling for improved pay and working conditions was delivered at the Cape Sun Hotel.

500 more police in Sebokeng to prevent fighting

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Huge police reinforcements with helicopters and extra Casspir armoured vehicles have been sent to Sebokeng township to stamp out fighting which has left 21 people dead since Sunday.

More than 500 policemen from Soweto, Pretoria and the Vaal Triangle have been deployed on orders of the Witwatersrand police chief, Major-General Gert Erasmus, said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

Special unit

The extra policemen would be used to keep warring factions apart and prevent further large-scale violence, he said.

The reinforcements are believed to include a company of policemen from Soweto and more riot police from Unit 19 near Pretoria — a special unit reserved for such emergencies.

Police helicopters will also be deployed.

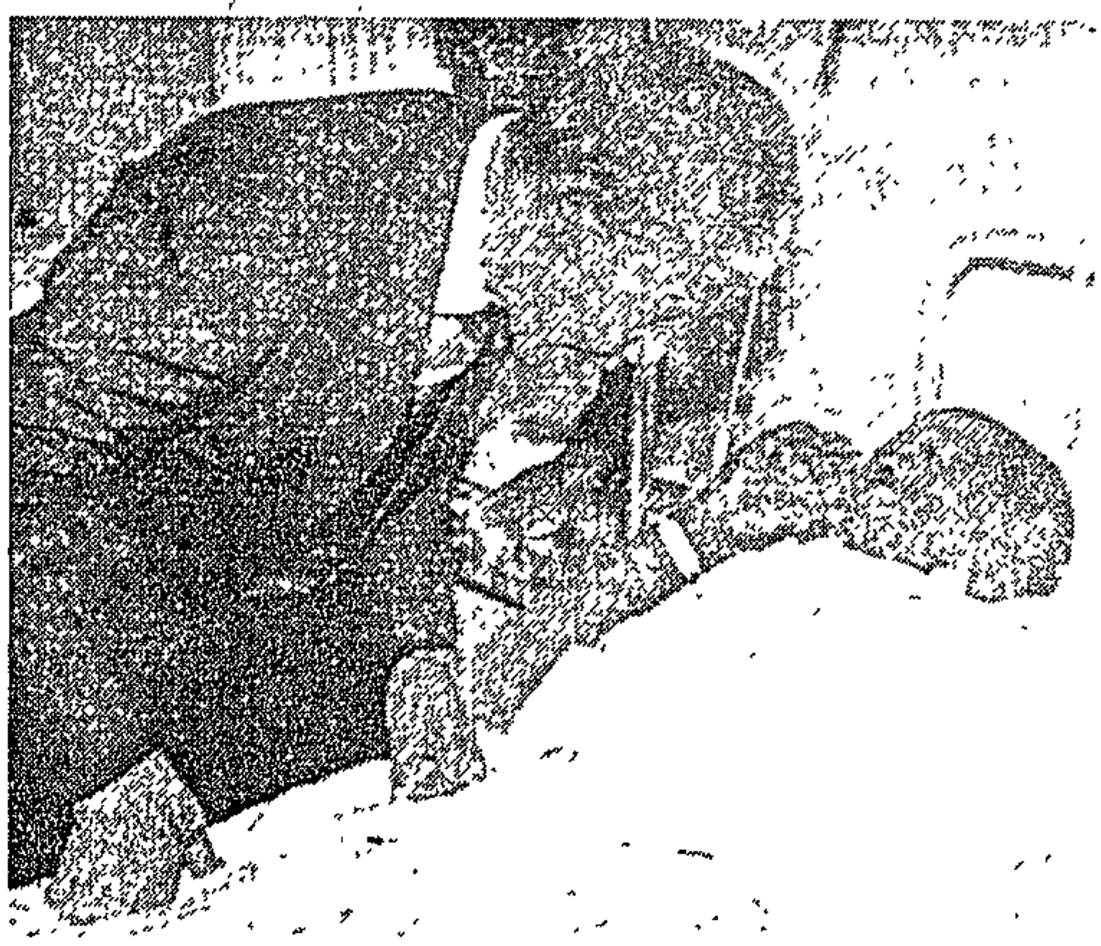
Nineteen people, including a policemen, were killed on Sunday and another two on Tuesday in bitter fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters after an Inkatha peace rally.

Inkatha blamed the ANC, the ANC blamed Inkatha and Cosatu blamed Inkatha and the SAP for the violence. Police have in turn blamed ANC "aggressors" for the violence.

"It must be stated again that the SAP is neutral in the conflict and we only enforce the law. This is a political problem and the warring groups must sort it out themselves," said Colonel Malherbe.

Warrant Officer Petrus Jooste, 32, the policeman speared to death in Sebokeng on Sunday while trying to keep Inkatha and ANC supporters apart will be buried tomorrow with full military honours

The funeral service will be in Rosebank at 10 30am and he will be interred at the SAP's Hero's Acre at Westpark Cemetery.



VISIT: Mr Nelson Mandela chats to a victim of the fighting during a hospital visit.

Aids and the doctor

BOSTON. — Doctors who carry the Aids virus are unlikely to infect their patients, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. — Sapa.

Woman dies in night of terror

Sowetan 27/7/90 (278)

SOWETAN REPORTER and SAPA

PARTS of Soweto were yesterday tense after Wednesday night's violence in which four people - two men and two women - were found with bullet wounds shortly after a mob armed with axes and assegais assaulted residents at Inhlanzane railway station.

Yesterday, the *Sowetan* received calls from men who claimed they were being forcibly armed by white officials at a hostel to go and "fight the comrades".

According to speculation, some people in official circles could now be using this opportunity to intensify the violence in the townships.

In Sebokeng scores of people went to the mortuary to identify the victims of the weekend violence.

Among the victims was 10-week-old Bongani Gambu and 11-month-old Elek Mkoyi, who both died after teargas canisters were thrown into their homes.

The Sebokeng deaths, in which about 21 people died, were a result of fighting between ANC and Inkatha members, which now threatens to spread to Soweto.

In a startling claim, Cosatu yesterday said it had warned police that attacks would be carried out by Inkatha on trains leaving Johannesburg late yesterday afternoon.

Cosatu said it received three telephone calls warning of the attacks and faxed statements to the Minister of Law and Order, the Commissioner of Police and the Divisional Commissioner of Police.

This could not be confirmed by police at the time of going to press.

Meanwhile a woman was killed and nine men were injured when they were forced to jump off a moving train between Johannesburg and Soweto yesterday, police said.

Detectives are

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Sisters shot, one dies after night of terror

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Coronationville Hospital.

The name of the dead woman has not been released.

A police spokesman said the attack took place between New Canada and Crown stations between 6am and 7am.

A group of men boarded the train and attacked commuters and forced them to jump off the train. No arrests have yet been made.

She claimed the mob attacked people singing "freedom songs" and chanting ANC slogans.

The attacks continued yesterday as Soweto train commuters were attacked with knobkieries, sjamboks and pangas by men, alleged to be Inkatha members, who stormed a train.

Police are investigating a link between the train rampage and the murder of a woman at Jabulani Hostel and the wounding of another in Soweto yesterday.

Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant G Mariemuthoo said the incident occurred at about 8.45pm on Wednesday night.

Later Mr Phineas Khoza and Mr Alpheus Ngobeni were found with bullet wounds.

Two women were also found with bullet wounds at Jabulani Hostel, about 300m from the station. They were sisters, Grace and Betty Sithole.

Betty was wounded in the hips, and Grace died later from her wounds.

The lieutenant said police were investigating, but it was not known at this stage who was responsible for wounding the four people.

One commuter, Sarah Morake, told *Sowetan*: "The large group of Zulu warriors entered the train at Ikwezi station looking for Mzabalazo (struggle) people. They were armed with sjamboks, kieries, knives, pangas and guns."

Jumped

She said the "impis" started attacking people indiscriminately.

"Many people jumped out of windows while the train was moving, to escape. I simply sat and resigned myself to death. I saw men run like children and leave their parcels behind."

Another passenger, Caroline Mathe, said people left their parcels behind and lost their shoes in their haste to escape the impis.

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Same old story (278)

Sunday's violent clash between Inkatha and UDF-ANC supporters at Sebokeng comes at a time when the ANC is pushing to include the Natal violence on the agenda for negotiations with government.

Tragic as the weekend's events were — at least 24 people were killed after an Inkatha rally in the township, with police fearing revenge killings through the week — they do remind us that the Natal violence is a national problem.

They also underline the numerous calls, made from a number of quarters including church leaders, the ANC and the DP, for an independent commission of inquiry into the violence, something government has so far not agreed to.

Predictably, Inkatha and the ANC blame each other for instigating the violence. More serious are allegations of police bias, claims which have been made several times in previous incidents around Durban and Maritzburg. Though the SAP has assigned a team of high-ranking officers to investigate Sunday's bloodbath, it seems clear from comments made by police spokesmen that they have already decided UDF-ANC supporters were to blame.

Ultimately, it will be up to the warring factions to put aside their confrontational tactics (like sending heavily armed Inkatha members on a march through a township like Sebokeng, as cynical an exercise as the ill-conceived campaign to "isolate" Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi) and sit down together to sort out the violence.

But, in the meantime, a commission of inquiry would help to clear the air and possibly be regarded as an act of good faith on the part of government. ■

Leaders injured in violence

Star 27/7/90 (278)

By Therese Anders, Highveld Burau

ERMELO — Four of Wesselton's leaders have been seriously injured and their houses and businesses petrol-bombed as violence continues to rage in the Eastern Transvaal township.

At least one man has died, hundreds injured, and many homes damaged or burnt out since fighting began on Sunday. The conflict is between a vigilante group called the "Black Cats" and ANC supporting comrades.

However, two prominent local businessmen, who asked not to be named for fear of reprisals, yesterday accused police of supporting the vigilantes.

They claim the police had, until Wednesday, given the vigilantes protection at the local council offices. One of the men said he had seen a group of vigilantes walk to a police vehicle after an attempt to petrol-bomb his house on Tuesday night.

A delegation of local clergyman met senior policemen this week and pleaded with them not to take sides.

SAP spokesman Captain Ruben Bloomberg denied police were supporting the vigilantes.

Yesterday, the situation in the township was described as explosive. Schools have been closed all week and many township shops are shut.

Four of the township's leading figures, all members of the Wesselton Action Committee, have been attacked by members of the vigilante faction.

The four — school teacher Hezekiel Kubheka, John Mndebele, Themba Cindi and Cizwe Simelane — are being treated in hospital.

Another prominent local businessman, Elijah Ngwenya, arrested by police and charged with arson and intimidation, was released on bail of R1 000.

Lawyer Steve Ngwenya, who represents the Wesselton Action Committee, had two petrol bombs thrown through his office in the middle of Conservative Party run Ermelo on Wednesday.

Mr Ngwenya said "it follows from what has been happening in Wesselton since Sunday".

4 Bekkersdal youths shot

By DON SEOKANE

FOUR youths were shot yesterday when police allegedly opened fire and threw tearsmoke at Kgothalang High School pupils who were marching to the Bekkersdal town council offices to present a memorandum.

The injured are Miriam Msiya (15) Mpho Thabapelo (16) Josia Molefe (17) and Joseph Monenesi (17).

A doctor said their condition was serious but not critical.

The march followed a meeting called by councillors on Wednesday - allegedly to call off a rent boycott.

Mr Jabulani Mogohlo of Silusizo Advice Centre said the meeting got out of control when councillors refused to answer questions after telling residents that they intended cutting electricity and water.

"The councillors informed the residents that backyard squatters and shack-dwellers in Spooktown and Silvertown were supposed to pay R6 to the council.

"There was a lot of dissatisfaction and the meeting was disrupted by a councillor who fired shots to disperse the residents," Mogohlo said.

The memorandum was presented to town clerk Mr FJ Knott.

It called for the immediate resignation of the councillors and the resignation of councillor Mr Sanie Modimoeng as chairman of Kgothalang High School.

The reasons for the call, according to the memorandum, was council's failure to develop the area, maladministration of funds and failure to give students bursaries.

Knott said the grievances would be attended to at a council meeting on July 30.

Police spokesman Captain R Bloomberg said they would issue an unrest report this morning.

Pupils running for cover after police fired birdshot to disperse them following a march to present a petition to the Bekkersdal town council. Pic: LEN KUMALO

The Black Cats vs the comrades: a township waits

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By PHILIPPA GARSON

AN uneasy calm descended in Wesselton, Ermelo, yesterday in the wake of violent clashes earlier this week between activists and a vigilante group known as the Black Cats — allegedly linked to Inkatha. W/Mail 27/7-2/7/90

But the peace may be short-lived. Residents report that the gang who fled the township after attacking civic members and their businesses is back.

Police called a meeting yesterday evening between the rival groups in a bid to diffuse an extremely volatile situation, where armed youths have taken to the streets looking for the culprits who have put 12 of their comrades in hospital.

The youths allege the police, and another gang called the "karatekas", are aiding the vigilantes. Those civic and youth congress members not in hospital are on the run, according to an Ermelo-based lawyer whose office was petrol-bombed late last night.

He said the gang was spotted walking from Ermelo to the township yesterday afternoon, brandishing pangas and distributing Inkatha magazines.

He said they were still "out to get" civic members and had warned people in the location they would kill certain individuals. The vigilantes were allegedly in Wesselton Extension yesterday evening while a band of "comrades" was waiting for them at the local shopping complex in the old part of the location.

"There will be violence tonight," said the wife of an activist who is allegedly on the Black Cat's hit-list.

Ready to defend ... armed youths took to the streets of Ermelo's Wesselton township looking for the gang of vigilantes that launched attacks on residents earlier this week.

Picture: AVIGAIL UZI

APARTHEID BAROMETER

DETENTIONS

W/Mail 27/7 - 29/7/90

THERE are185 people in detention, according to the latest Human Rights Commission report. Of these, 104 are being held under the Internal Security Act. The remaining 81 are being held in Bophuthatswana under Emergency Regulations.

The HRC has recorded 135 detentions under section 29 of the Internal Security Act since January this year. However, only 102 people are now being held under this section. The figure for Bophuthatswana Emergency detainees is "conservative" according to the HRC.

CRACKDOWN ON "COMMUNISTS"

ACCORDING to press reports at least 40 Umkhonto weSizwe and South African Communist Party members have been detained over the past two weeks in connection with an alleged attempt to set up underground structures should talks between the government and the African National Congress break down. Police have only confirmed the detention of eight people, however, including ANC National Executive Committee member "Mac" Maharaj.

There is a warrant of arrest out for Ronnie Kasrils, NEC member and ex-head of military intelligence. W/Mail 27/7 - 29/7/90

HUNGER STRIKES

W/Mail 27/7 - 29/7/90

THE hunger strike which began last week Monday at Pollsmoor Prison was suspended three days later. The HRC is not certain whether the demands of the prisoners — concerning conditions — were met or not.

INTERNECINE VIOLENCE

FIGHTING between Inkatha members and ANC/United Democratic Front/Congress of South African Trade Unions activists in Sebokeng early this week left at least 30 people dead, including a policeman. Unconfirmed reports put the death toll of Inkatha members at six. (278)

Cosatu has accused Inkatha of spreading the war in Natal to other parts of the country, and has accused police of complicity in the fighting which broke out after an Inkatha rally on Sunday. According to the unions police were warned of the possibility of violence but stood back when fighting broke out.

Both police and Inkatha have denied the accusations.

Similar clashes between activists and allegedly Inkatha-linked vigilantes have broken out in Ermelo. Twelve activists are in hospital in the wake of vigilante attacks. Several houses and shops have been gutted and about eight youths have been arrested. W/Mail 27/7 - 29/7/90

Two people were shot dead in the town of Breyton, near Ermelo. The deaths come on the wake of police action, following a disturbance created by rumours that Ermelo vigilantes were hiding in the township.

STATE OF REPRESSION

W/Mail 27/7 - 29/7/90

IN Siyathemba, near Balfour, police this week shot at toyi-toying youths returning from the funeral of a councillor. Three of the victims, all school pupils, are in the Natalspruit hospital in critical condition.

PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE

SATHYANDRANATH "Mac" Maharaj, top ANC executive member, and on the SACP's central committee, was arrested when police swooped on a house in Mayfair on Wednesday night. He is being held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act. He is the most senior ANC member to be detained since the organisation's unbanning and there are fears that his detention could seriously threaten the second round of talks between the government and the ANC.

Maharaj, 56, who came home last month, spent 12 years on Robben Island and 13 years in exile. Maharaj was first detained in 1964 and tortured for several months. The same year he was convicted of sabotage and subversion (in what became known as the mini-Rivonia trial) along with four others, including Umkhonto we Sizwe commander-in-chief Wilton Mkwayi.

He completed a B Admin, an MBA and two years of a BSC degree, while on the Island. He was immediately served with a five-year banning order after his release in December 1976. W/Mail 27/7 - 29/7/90

He left the country seven months later and became a senior official in the ANC's political department. He was elected to the NEC in 1985.

He has kept a low profile for the past three years, due to illness.

1 killed, 29 hurt in trains rampage

By Stan Hlophe

One person died and at least 29 were injured when Soweto train commuters were attacked by men said to be Inkatha members on Wednesday night and yesterday morning.

The passengers, on trains from Johannesburg to Naledi, were attacked with knobkerries, iron bars and pangas.

A Baragwanath Hospital spokesman would not release the name of the dead person until the next of kin had been notified. Eight of the nine people admitted are: Alfred Ngubeni, James Kok, Martha Molegobo, Phineas Khoza, William Madiba, Joyce Maswele, Patrick Nsibande and Maureen Kwena.

Nineteen others were treated and discharged yesterday.

Soweto public relations officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni said only nine people had been injured.

The assailants told commut ers they were looking for "mzabalazo dancers" (people who toyi-toyi).

The Star visited the hospital yesterday and interviewed Elphas Ngubeni (33), of Jabulani hostel, who said: "I was coming from work and when the train was about to stop at Inhlanzane I heard a lot of noise on the platform. When I looked through the window I saw a group of armed people whom I think were Inkatha members.

Police arrived

"They were armed with all sorts of weapons. People ran in different directions and screams followed. I also ran and managed to get outside the station. The attackers were shouting 'where are the mzabalazo dancers? This is their day today'.

"Police arrived and fired tear gas and shots. There was confusion and I tried to run away, but I felt something in my thigh. I forced myself to move away from the commotion but could not. It was then I realised I was shot. I was rushed to hospital in an ambulance waiting at the station."

James Kok (53), of Moletsane, said: "I boarded a Westgate/Naledi train and when the train was to stop at Inhlazane station I heard people screaming, and shots followed. People jumped out of the windows and I also followed.

"When I attempted to run away I was struck by a hard instrument on the forehead. I became dizzy and fell. I remained there for almost 15 minutes.

"I woke up slowly and went through the police and managed to reach home full of blood. My wife telephoned an ambulance which rushed me to hospital."

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA) said it regarded the attack in a very serious light.

In a statement yesterday, SCA publicity secretary Patrick Lephunya appealed to township residents to "foster a spirit of understanding" with hostel dwellers, after what he termed a crime of apartheid.

The SCA called on Sowetans "to be alert and at the same time not allow themselves to be derailed from the fight against the enemy and spend too much effort fighting each other".

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20 000 march in Vosloorus

VOSLOORUS. — Police were out in force in this East Rand township yesterday, when about 20 000 residents marched, with permission, to the local town council to present a petition to a National Party MP and a Transvaal Provincial Administration representative.

Residents are demanding one council for Boksburg, a commission of inquiry into alleged council corruption, and reduction of rent to R50 a month. — Sapa

Four die in vigilante attack

A VIGILANTE group calling itself the "Gadaffi squad" is believed to be responsible for the death of four Khutsong Youth Congress members.

The Human Rights Commission says in its latest repression report the attacks started early on Saturday with the killing of another youth.

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In another incident at Groblersdal in the Northern Transvaal, three workers were admitted to hospital after they were assaulted by unidentified people.

Bombs won't intimidate

BOMB attacks against a Roman Catholic Church in western Transvaal would not intimidate the Church, the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) said in a statement on Wednesday.

The attacks and vandalism were carried out on the property of St Joseph's parish at Phokeng near Rustenburg last Saturday. South 28/6 - 4/7/90

The first bomb was thrown through the church sanctuary and caused damage estimated at about R5 000. The second caused extensive damage to a classroom of the parish school.

St Joseph's is situated on the South African side of the border with Bophuthatswana's Phokeng Village which has been plagued by faction fighting since the failed coup attempt led to exiled Mr Malebana Metsing.

"We hope these misguided attacks are not the work of people attempting to intimidate the Church into siding with them against others," the bishops said.

The actions would not deter the Church from her work. (278)

"In no way do they contribute to the process of negotiations for a peaceful resolution to the problems of our country," the bishops said.

Shot boys: Police tell of attack by stoning

Cape Times 28/7/90

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KROONSTAD. — The police have given a different version of the shooting of two schoolboys in the Maokeng township on Thursday morning.

One of the boys, Taylor Ntsuke, 17, was killed and Zacharia Malakoane, 15, was seriously injured when they were hit by shots fired from a van.

On Thursday the Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee said two white men in a Toyota van had cruised past a school and fired at the children.

Yesterday police spokesman Major Johan Fouche said the boys were shot when about 100 children threw stones at two employees of an electrical company who had gone to Maokeng to fetch a vehicle which had been set alight earlier. — Sapa

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NEW

Sebokeng the ANC's fault — Buthelezi

PATRICK LAURENCE

THE African National Congress is "nurturing a culture of violence and intolerance" avows Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi

He blames the ANC and its allies for the clashes between Inkatha and pro-ANC forces which left at least 30 people dead in Sebokeng and neighbouring Evaton

Speaking in his office in Ulundi, Chief Buthelezi disagrees strongly with the those who interpret the Sebokeng fighting as an ominous sign that the violence in Natal may be spreading into the Transvaal

"The violence started in the Vaal Triangle," he says, recalling the wave of arson, looting and killing which swept through Sebokeng and the neighbouring townships of Sharpeville and Evaton in 1984, leaving four town councillors dead

Burning

"To talk about the violence in Natal spilling over is nonsense. Councillor Jacob Dlamini (the victim in the Sharpeville Six case) was killed in the Vaal Triangle."

Chief Buthelezi lists the necklacing of Maki Skhosana on the East Rand and the murder of Tamsanqu Kinikini, his son and two nephews in Ultenhage in 1985, to support his contention that the violence spread into, and not from, Natal

"If you look at the killing of Kinikini, if you look at violence where the PAC and Azapo have been on the receiving end, in every case the common denominator is the ANC-UDF-Cosatu," he says.

Speaking quietly, he adds: "It is the dancing partner in violence everywhere, whether it is Inkatha, the PAC or Azapo."

He charges the ANC and its allies with adopting a "winner-take-all" approach in the political arena, in which their opponents face the choice of being co-opted into the ANC camp or being crushed by its cohorts or comrades.

"They are not tolerant Unless you queue up behind them you have no right to exist "

He described as "intolerance of the first order" the ANC-approved campaign for the dissolution of the KwaZulu police. The ANC-axis believes disbanding KwaZulu's police is indispensable for peace in Natal

The campaign began with a massive stayaway on July 2 It was followed by protest marches in the main cities and towns on July 7 It culminates next month in a "peace conference" from which Inkatha will be excluded, next month.

CHIEF BUTHELEZI· "Violence started in Vaal Triangle."

The ANC-aligned SA Youth Congress has labelled Chief Buthelezi an "enemy of the people" He comments "They are the minions of those who want to isolate me "

The drive to isolate and destroy him politically derives, Chief Buthelezi avers, from an ANC internal document circulated in 1985 It identifies him not as a puppet but a "counter-revolutionary" who must be deprived of his social base and destroyed

His classification as a "counter-revolutionary" stems, he believes, from a recognition of his strength and independence of mind He reckons the ANC dislikes these qualities even more than than the stupidity or avarice which lead some tribal leaders to accept independence.

To separate Chief Buthelezi from his "social base", the ANC is trying to drive wedges between him and the Inkatha members on the one hand and between him and the Zulu monarch, King Goodwill Zwelithini

He recalls the remark of Inkatha's former general secretary Dr Oscar Dhlomo, on the drive to isolate him from Inkatha "It is like having the Roman Catholic Church without the Pope. That is not my quote. That is Dr Dhlomo's "

On the ANC's bid to woo King Goodwill, Chief Buthelezi notes that it was a strategy tried by the ruling National Party when it, too, tried to break his power

"That campaign is an old one Shortly after the king took over (the throne), the Government tried to do that and it failed There is a sense of irony about it We are going back to the old days of the Inala Party, Shaka's Spear and the Zulu National Party "

Forgiven

The refusal of ANC leaders to come to Ulundi, KwaZulu's administrative capital, and their apparent bid to reduce Chief Buthelezi's status to that of an induna, provokes a quiet vehemence

He notes that the ANC leaders have no difficulty in travelling to Umtata and Bisho, the capitals of the nominally indepedent states of Transkei and Ciskei, or of developing fraternal relations with men whom ANC propaganda once despised as Bantustan puppets

"All the others, even those who took independence, are 'forgiven' But I, who opposed independence, I am the villain of the deepest dye, who must be isolated and treated as the ultimate leper of South African politics "

His comment is not infused with self-pity. It is the appraisal of a man who knows the score, but who has chosen to do battle in the political arena whatever the odds

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By VIVIAN REDDIAR

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med hostel dwellers toyi-toying in Sebokeng last week after violent clashes between Inkatha
d ANC supporters left at least 29 people dead. ■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE

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Inkatha elements. Strategic entrances into the
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We are in a state of war and are left with no choice
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A Youth Congress (Sayco) Southern Transvaal
licity secretary Bheki Nkosi alleged at a Press con-
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This violence is a concerted campaign by Inkatha
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they have to use violence and intimidation to make
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e said the violent outbreak in the Vaal had bad
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We fear that what has happened may only be the
nning of things to come," he said.

kirmishes between supporters of Inkatha and the
C/UDF have already spread to Tembisa and other
s in the eastern Transvaal.

esidents and leaders of the ANC-aligned Vaal Civic Association said the explosion of violence between Inkatha and members of the UDF had always been threatening.

Sayco's Southern Transvaal president, Peter Skhosana, told *City Press* the fear of a fatal confrontation between Inkatha and the Mass Democratic Movement had been expected.

"It has been clear from the beginning of the year that such a thing was to happen. I am not surprised, but only lament the shedding of innocent blood," Skhosana said.

Sources in the MDM said as early as March this year residents feared an impending Inkatha attack. Thus shortly before the commemoration of Sharpeville Day in March, contingency plans were made to win over the hostel inmates into MDM structures.

Consequently, most of the residents in the hostel now belong to UDF youth, civic and other structures.

"The drive to consolidate our position in the hostel was inspired by our fear of the danger of violence," said Skhosana.

This resulted in Inkatha members being marginalised and reduced to a few hundred. However, they were not stopped from organising themselves and from embarking on a recruitment drive, he said.

Mandela speaks, Vaal youth listen

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By SANDILE MEMELA

AS soon as Nelson Mandela had finished speaking in strife-torn Sebokeng this week, youths removed barricades from the streets.

Hostel leader Silas Toli said he hoped the visit would help restore normality.

The ANC deputy president had been visiting the Sebokeng hospital to see the injured. More than 3 000 people packed the hospital complex to hear him plead for peace and calm.

Nurses abandoned their chores, and patients jumped from their beds to catch a glimpse of Mandela.

Mandela praised the Sebokeng community for forming "defence units" and said it was their right to protect themselves.

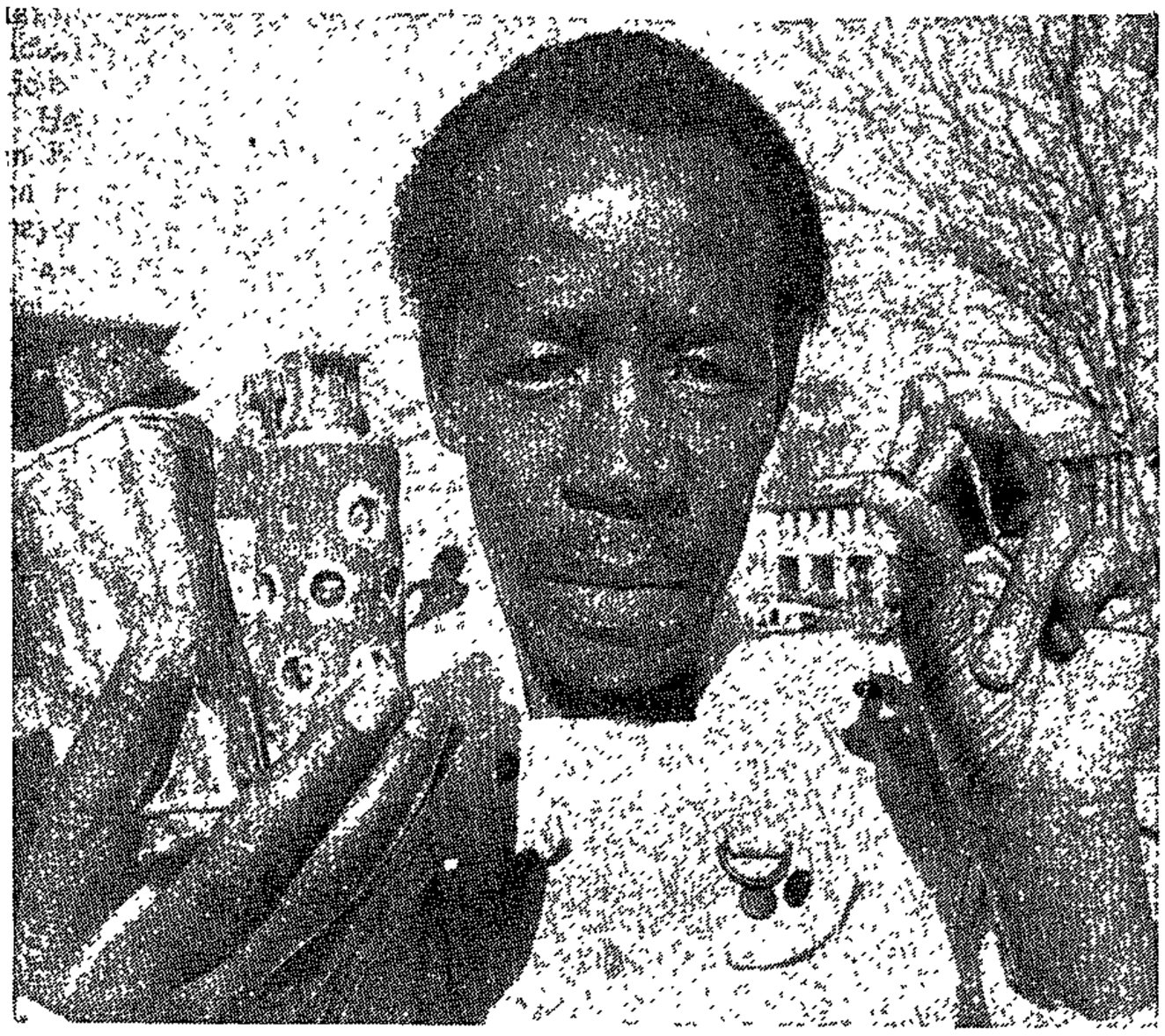
He repeated the community's resolution to ban Inkatha members from the Vaal Triangle.

"Those black people who think they can come to power on the corpses of the black people are making a serious mistake."

Inkatha PRO Suzan Vos has condemned the remarks as "inflammatory".

Speaking to crowds perched on rooftops, Mandela pledged that the ANC would raise the issue of violence in its next round of talks with government.

"The government cannot continue to talk peace and negotiations while conducting war against the people."



Hostel resident Sello Morake holds ammunition he claims was used by Inkatha supporters in the Sebokeng clashes.

Behind the violence

By SANDILE MEMELA (278) C/Press 29/7/90

THE explosion of violence between Inkatha and UDF members in the Vaal Triangle has been simmering for the past four weeks.

The origin of the violence – which left at least 29 people dead this week – can be traced to July 2 when the house of an Inkatha member, identified only as Nhlapo, was burnt to the ground.

This followed Nhlapo's alleged harassment of UDF members who were canvassing for support in Evaton.

Inkatha's public relations officer in Johannesburg, Suzanne Vos, said at least nine houses of Inkatha members had been razed in the Vaal Triangle in the past two weeks.

Residents also said the allocation of Sebokeng Stadium to Inkatha to hold its meeting when the Vaal Civic Association (VCA) had planned to hold a report-back meeting there first sparked the violnce.

Members of Inkatha and VCA turned up at the stadium on Sunday.

VCA senior officials went to the stadium to monitor the situation and turn away their supporters.

But Vos has questioned their presence, saying UDF and ANC supporters had waited in the area to ambush Inkatha supporters.

South African Youth Congress Southern Tranvaal president Peter Skhosana said Inkatha supporters attacked houses near the stadium shortly before the meeting.

"When we asked the police to intervene they told us they had brought us our equals who would deal with us," said Skhosana, adding he had spoken to a senior officer driving a van with the registration BFW802B.

After the meeting, a large crowd of Inkatha members were seen armed with guns and other weapons, marching towards a Sebokeng hostel.

Vos maintains the ANC had planned to ambush Inkatha members returning to the hostel after the rally.

Skhosana told *City Press* that when the situation became desperate, attempts were made to contact the ANC leadership in Johannesburg.

"But we could not get hold of them and the situation got worse," he said.

Violence broke out inside the hostel grounds, leaving 24 people dead.

On Tuesday there was renewed violence when five members of Inkatha were attacked and killed when they returned to the hostel to look for food and their possessions.

Minority protection, equal rights are 'vital'

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EDYTH BULBRING

PRETORIA — Comprehensive protection for minorities was vitally important, but it could not be such as to diminish the equal dignity and rights of every citizen.

DP co-leader Zach de Beer said this at the annual convention of the National Forum in Broederstroom yesterday.

One of the biggest issues facing a new SA was the need for a full democracy with equal rights for all, and with full protection for the rights of individuals and minorities, he said.

By the word minorities, De Beer said he meant citizens who shared common interests and who organised themselves through free associations into groups or parties.

In relation to the matter of protection, De Beer said he feared the NP might ask too much, so that they indirectly sought to preserve privilege for whites.

He feared the ANC would refuse to grant enough protection.

SA was one of the most conflict-ridden and divided societies on earth and human rights needed protection.

A second issue of vital importance for a new SA on which there was as yet no agreement, De Beer said, was the economy.

The ANC appeared to be sticking to its belief in a socialist system moderated a little by talking about a mixed economy.

This was a meaningless phrase as every economy in the world was mixed, De Beer said.

Nationalisation of industries was a policy which had been tried in many parts of the world.

It had always failed because it gave the final authority over the running of business to government officials.

Redistribution

While it was absolutely vital that the problem of poverty be effectively tackled, it could not be achieved by simply taking money from the rich and handing it to the poor, De Beer said.

To achieve the redistribution of opportunity, income and wealth in SA there had to be rapid, sustained economic growth.

The countries which had achieved this all had free market systems, not communist or socialist systems, he said.

14 killed, 200 held in unrest

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PRETORIA — Fourteen people were killed and 200 arrested in weekend unrest, police said in their official unrest reports.

At Inanda, near Durban, a police constable who was attacked and stabbed by several people fired at his assailants killing a man, police spokesman Capt R Maree said yesterday.

At Simale, near Sabi in the eastern Transvaal, two men were wounded when police fired shots at a group stopping private vehicles.

Police opened fire after the group hurled stones at them, Capt Maree said.

A mob stoned a private truck at Khayelitsha, near Cape Town, causing the driver to lose control and career into the crowd, killing a man and two women. The vehicle then crashed into a squatter's hut, killing a woman.

Police also announced the discovery on Saturday of a car bomb in central Pretoria. The bomb could have proved devastating to Saturday morning shoppers had it not been defused in time by police.

Police said the bomb, found in a car in the parking garage of the Hallmark building in Proes Street, was made of a large number of SZ3 demolition charges of Communist origin.

A police spokesman said it could not be unequivocally stated yet whether the bombers were rightists or leftists.

The Wilson parking garage is situated beneath the Hallmark building, which houses SADF offices, including offices of its personnel section.

Officials at the garage said the car had been parked on the second floor, and an explosion would have blasted out through grills into the busy Proes Street.

Police said a member of the public noticed the car bomb.

The unidentified person notified the police shortly after 9am, and the bomb, already activated by a timing device, was deactivated by police experts.

The spokesman said he was unable to describe the size of the bomb, but said it would have killed many people had it exploded.

On Saturday night a limpet mine explosion extensively damaged municipal police offices in Langa, near Cape Town, but no one was injured, police said yesterday. — Sapa.

Date is set for funeral of Vaal 22

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THE mass funeral for the 22 victims of clashes between Inkatha and ANC supporters in Sebokeng will take place on Saturday, Vaal Civic Association publicity secretary Simon Vilakazi said.

He told a 1500-strong crowd at the Sebokeng Stadium on Saturday that a 10-member committee representing local organisations and the Vaal Council of Churches had been appointed to co-ordinate the funeral.

Of the 22 victims at a Government mortuary, seven have still not been identified, Vilakazi said.

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Vilakazi revealed the VCA had organised a march on August 6 to the Sebokeng police station and Evaton Town Council to press their demand for Inkatha supporters to leave the area.

The presence of Inkatha supporters in the Vaal Triangle was causing violence, he said.

Vaal Civic Association chairman Mr Sthembiso Radebe called on residents to forcefully put up dwellings on all available land in the area, urging the residents to defend themselves against any evictions.

Meanwhile police on Saturday dispersed youths who attended an ANC rally in Sebokeng.

Patrol

Journalists saw police arrest at least one youth when a toyi-toyiing group of young ANC supporters was confronted by a police patrol.

Police in four Casspir combat vehicles chased the fleeing youths through the township streets.

The youths had earlier in the day attended an ANC rally at the Sebokeng stadium.

The rally was billed as an ANC report-back meeting on last weekend's clashes in the township. - Sapa.

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Train violence now serious, says Transnet

By Helen Grange

Political violence on trains, an alarming new trend in the wake of deepening divisions between Inkatha and the ANC, is being investigated by Transnet as a "serious problem".

Last week one person died and at least 29 Soweto train commuters were injured after being attacked with knobkerries, iron bars and pangas by a group of men said to be Inkatha members who went on the rampage in trains from Johannesburg to Naledi.

The men told commuters they were looking for "mzabalazo dancers" (toyi-toyers).

In one incident, people jumped from windows of a moving train in an effort to escape.

Transnet spokesman Gawie Visser said the violence in black residential areas had spread to the trains. "People board the train and start singing and rocking the coaches, inciting clashes. We are trying to identify the latest elements. They are not usually the city workers."

Mr Visser said it was impossible to provide sufficient security staff to man the 1 400 trains which passed through Johannesburg daily.

"There is one security official a train — and a security team that moves around doing surveillance — but in the face of a group, there is little one security official can do," he said.

Stepped-up safety measures to protect passengers were being looked at as a matter of urgency.

"People prevent the hydraulic doors from closing by wedging their feet or bodies between them as they close. The doors can be easily opened with force because, in an emergency, passengers must be able to get away," said Mr Visser.

Some passengers had devised a home-made key that activated the safety valve that opened the doors. Some criminals kept the doors open with their feet in order to escape after snatching another passenger's bag as the train moved out of the station.

"We are very perturbed about the ongoing crime on trains and we are trying to eliminate it," Mr Visser said.

Attack rumours sweep Soweto

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SOWETAN Correspondent

THE Soweto Civic Association and some hostel inmates moved swiftly to defuse a potentially explosive situation as rumours of an imminent Inkatha attack on residents swept the township at the weekend

Rumours of the attack came in the wake of reports of an Inkatha meeting at the Nancefield Hostel yesterday.

Concerned hostel inmates and SCA are believed to be planning a series of meetings to address the attacks.

At least 30 people have died and more than 50 injured as the violence that has plagued Natal for four years spilled over into the Transvaal this week.

The highest toll was recorded in the Vaal where clashes between Inkatha and pro-ANC forces left more than 20 people dead in Sebokeng and neighbouring Evaton.

Earlier three members of the NUM of South Africa died and seven were critically injured when a group of armed vigilantes attacked them at the Wadeville Station near Germiston.

Five people died in Ermelo and Breyetn when armed vigilantes known as the "Black Cats" went on the rampage last week forcing residents to flee their homes.

Two separate attacks on train commuters in Soweto left two people dead and scores injured fuelling speculations of an all-out war.

Hostel inmates reported seeing strange men being dropped off at railway stations and next to townships to launch attacks and then retreat into hostels. They claim the men are not residents of the hostels they fled to after the attack.

This has created problems for hostel inmates because township residents believe the men are from the hostels whereas they are bussed in before the attack.

This is borne out by the fact that the Sebokeng attack was launched by men from the Denver Hostel in Johannesburg.

Attack by mob: Man dies

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The Argus Correspondent ARGUS 30/7/90

JOHANNESBURG. — A 26-year-old Vanderbijlpark man died in hospital after he, his father and elder brother were attacked by a mob.

Mr Jurgen Kuhne, a fitter and turner, apparently had multiple stab wounds and severe head injuries.

His father Mr Hans Kuhne, 53, and elder brother Ralf, 29, sustained minor injuries.

A shocked Mr Kuhne said the tragedy happened in the early hours of Saturday morning when he and his two sons were woken by a group of workers and asked to investigate fighting on a smallholding about 3km away. He said they went to the smallholding in two cars.

While talking to two men they were surrounded by a large mob, which started throwing stones at them.

His sons' car meanwhile got stuck on a sand bank. When Jurgen got out to push he was apparently attacked and stabbed several times. The mob also allegedly threw stones at the car and attempted to attack Ralf.

Mr Kuhne returned to the scene with a gun and picked up his sons. He rushed Jurgen to hospital where he died.

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Stone-throwing mob kills man on plot

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By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

A 26-year-old Vanderbijlpark man died at Johannesburg Hospital after he, his father and elder brother were attacked by a stone-throwing mob when they went to investigate "fighting" on a plot near their Mooiwater smallholding at the weekend.

Jurgen Kuhne, a fitter and turner by trade, apparently suffered multiple stab wounds and head injuries.

His father Hans Kuhne (53) and elder brother Ralf (29) suffered minor injuries.

Fighting

A shocked Mr Kuhne said last night the tragedy occurred early on Saturday, when he and his two sons were awakened by a group of workers and asked to investigate fighting on a small holding about 3 km away.

While talking to two men on the plot they were suddenly surrounded by a large mob, which started throwing stones at them.

According to Mr Kuhne, he jumped into his car while his sons got into their vehicle in an attempt to flee from the scene.

The second car got stuck on a sand bank and when Jurgen got out to push the vehicle he was apparently attacked by the mob and stabbed several times.

Mr Kuhne said when he returned to the scene with police they found the stranded car burnt out.

A police spokesman last night confirmed that two men had been arrested.

Man killed as Tvl rioters attack family

PRETORIA. — A man was killed and his brother and father were wounded yesterday when they were attacked by a group of rioters in the Barrage area, near Vanderbijl Park.

A police spokesman said Mr Jurgens Khune, 27, his father Hans, 61, and his brother Roelf, 29, all of a smallholding at Mooiwater, went to investigate a disturbance at a neighbouring plot.

The three realised on arrival that it was too dangerous, but were attacked when they tried to leave. — Sapa

Violent action at protests causes concern

By MATHATHA TSEDU

THE violent break-up of demonstrations of workers by police in Pietersburg on Friday, which left at least 10 people hospitalised, has come under heavy criticism from trade unions and political organisations in the area.

The South African Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union (Saccawu), whose members were involved in a nationwide one-hour demonstration to demand the right to strike and to picket without police interference, said the unprovoked police action had angered workers.

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"As we were protesting against police interference in legitimate trade union activity, they just moved into our members and beat them up with sjamboks while others were kicked. This is unacceptable and we are still to discuss what further action to take," Saccawu organiser Mr Elias Nong said.

The National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu) in Pietersburg said in a statement that police had to be stopped from "acting as if they were freelance industrial consultants who can intervene in labour disputes. The right to strike and to picket is inherent in the basic rights of workers they should be allowed to do so without disturbance from the police.

Sjambok wounds

A police spokeswoman in Pietersburg, a Sergeant Dreier, told *Sowetan* that demonstrations had taken place but denied that police had assaulted workers. A hospital spokesman, however, said at least 10 workers were admitted on Friday with sjambok wounds while many others were treated and discharged.

The regional chairman of Azapo, Mr Don Nkadimeng, said his orgnaisation was concerned that cases involving the assault on workers and other people in the area by whites never went to court.

Assassination bid on ANC man Maduna

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(278) By SY MAKARINGE 31/7/90

A SENIOR member of the African National Congress narrowly escaped death when a gunman, suspected to be a hired assassin, fired six shots at him at a filling station in Soweto at the weekend.

Mr Penuel Maduna, a member of the ANC's legal team and joint working group, who still has a bullet lodged in his arm, said at a Press conference yesterday that the attempt on his life was a "vigilante operation aimed at scuppering the negotiation process".

Maduna said he was travelling with relatives in Rockville to Lesedi Clinic when he noticed that they were being followed by a yellow Mazda 323.

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ANC lawyer wounded in assassination bid

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He said they were preparing to move out of the garage when the car, which had five occupants, appeared from the lefthand side.

The driver of the Mazda reversed and deliberately bumped into theirs. He said when they asked what was going on, the driver of the Mazda drove into their car for the second time

Beer

"We got out of the car and asked what was happening. Four chaps got out and came towards us. One of them doused me with beer. I was hit with a brick above my left eye and started bleeding profusely," Maduna said.

The men then started smashing all the windows of his brother's car. He said one of the men hit him with a panga in the head. He then lost consciousness.

After the shooting, a powder blue Sierra with two young whites, suspected to be policemen, was seen pulling away from the scene.

Police

He said he later learnt that the man who was firing the shots was called Cox and was well-known by police.

He identified the man who doused him with beer as Jabulani Zwane.

"Soon afterwards some policemen came and asked me if I had been shot by the police. They said I should not politicise the whole thing," he said.

Charge

Maduna said he did not intend laying a charge.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni, public relations officer for the Soweto police, said Maduna should lay a formal complaint so that the matter could be investigated.

He said it would be very difficult for the police to investigate the case if Maduna did not come forward.

Peace returns to Sebokeng

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Staff Reporters

Order appears to have been restored to Sebokeng.

Children yesterday returned to school and residents prepared to bury their dead after at least 22 people were killed in fierce fighting between Inkatha members and supporters of ANC-allied organisations.

Swayi Mokoena, a member of a committee handling the funeral arrangements of the victims, told The Star five people would be buried at the Evaton cemetry on Saturday.

Four of the victims will be buried in Transkei and seven others have not yet been identified.

"We have identified all our dead and we suspect that the un identified bodies were Inkatha supporters," Mr Mokoena said.

Mr Mokoena said there could still be more unidentified bodies at the Sebokeng Hospital mortuary.

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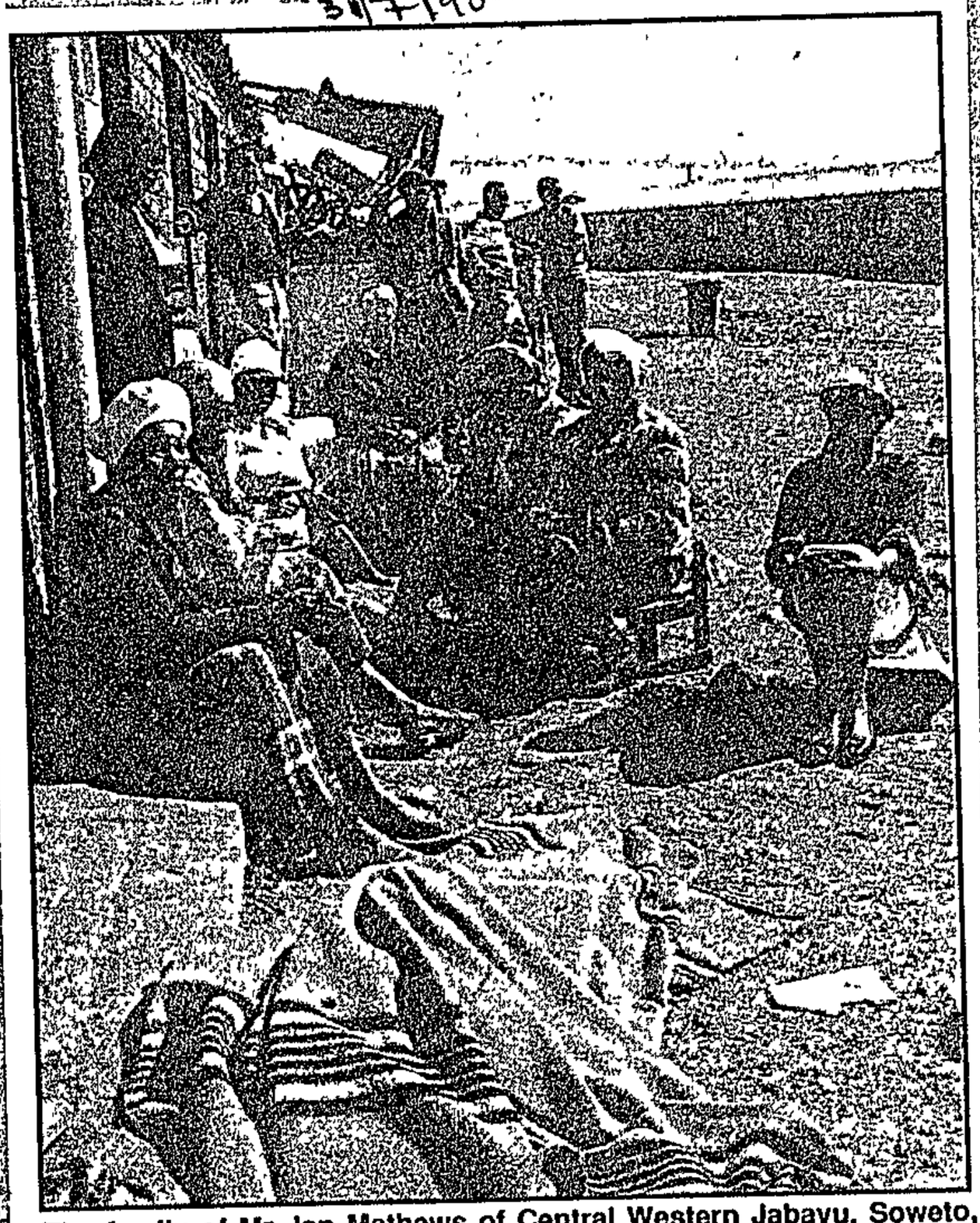

The family of Mr Jan Mathews of Central Western Jabavu, Soweto, watch over his body at Jabulani Hostel yesterday. Three people were killed at the hostel at the weekend. (Report on page 2) Pic SELLO MOTSEPE

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Bus protest turns to bloodshed

At Seana Marena school, Standard Nine pupils write their geography exams ... in the middle of their holidays

Picture JUSTIN SHOLK

By SAMANTHA WEINBERG

A MASS protest by 18 000 people against Putco bus tariff increases in kwaMahlangu, north of Pretoria, turned into bloody carnage yesterday when a car ploughed into the crowd, killing four demonstrators

The driver was dragged out of his car and beaten to death by members of the crowd His car and two Putco buses were set alight.

Late yesterday afternoon, Putco suspended the fare increases indefinitely

Protesters gathered at the kwaMahlangu crossroads, 10km north of Maloto on the main Marble Hall/Pretoria highway, at 4am yesterday morning and forced to a halt 330 buses carrying workers from the northern rural areas into Pretoria.

At about 5am a white motorist drove into the huge crowd, killing four protesters — Elijah Motau, Samuel Matukane Manishin, BJ Maphosa and a man identified only as "Sakhi" — and injuring five others kwaNdebele police said

The injured people were taken to Philadelphia Hospital in Dennilton Four were discharged and the condition of the fifth is said to be stable

Police yesterday were unable to offer a reason why the motorist drove through the crowd. "Maybe he just panicked He was alone and confronted with a mass of people. Perhaps he was scared of being attacked," a policeman said.

Members of the South African Police riot unit and the kwaNdebele police dispersed the crowd with tear gas, said an SAP representative

A number of protesters regrouped, however, and went to the chief minister's offices in kwaMahlangu

A delegation met with the minister of transport, Prince Cornelius Mahlangu

After an urgent meeting arranged by the chief minister, Prince James Mahlangu, yesterday afternoon, Putco representatives agreed to suspend the fare increases in the area indefinitely

Fare increases of an average of 18 percent on Putco services across the Pretoria/Witwatersrand/Vaal triangle area took effect from July 1

Prince Cornelius Mahlangu told *The Daily Mail* he was pleased with the result of the meeting "There was no need to introduce the increases in the first place — Putco promised they would talk to us before they were instituted, but they didn't."

He said further talks with Putco were planned for next week, in which he hoped the issue of the government's subsidy of Putco would be addressed.

Later in the morning around 10 000 people reassembled, but by mid-afternoon they had dispersed and the situation was "calm", according to police.

Police last night refused to release the name of the motorist, as his family had not yet been notified of his death.

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At high schools in Soweto, an exam is as good as a holiday

By TSHOKOLO MOLAKENG and VUSI GUNENE

WHILE black students countrywide are enjoying their winter holidays, Soweto high school pupils have volunteered to write "unofficial" mid-year exams.

The Department of Education and Training has described the exams as unofficial because they are not being monitored by school inspectors — who have not visited black schools for several months.

The schools defied the official June 15 DET closing date and continued with lessons to make up for teaching time lost after teachers went on strike in May.

The exams began on Tuesday and are scheduled to end next Friday.

A Seana Marena school teacher, Laurel Masinga, told *The Daily Mail* yesterday it did not bother teachers that the DET considered the exams unofficial.

"Tests are internal school matters," she said. "Even examinations, except for standard 10, are controlled by the schools" She said the pupils took the exams seriously.

The school did not intend to close for the holidays, she said, but "it is not final; we do one thing at a time".

Meanwhile, Pretoria teachers have decided to break for the winter vacation today, despite a DET warning that they could face dismissal. All DET schools in the area were supposed to have closed on June 15 and are due to reopen on July 10.

The DET's Northern Transvaal regional chief director, Job Schoeman, said teachers absent during the 14 day-period would face dismissal.

Both teachers and students, after holding several meetings to discuss the educational crisis, decided to defy the warning and will return to class on July 30 — three weeks later.

Schools in Letlhabile and Oukasie near Brits closed last week, after a six-week solidarity boycott against the suspension of 13 teachers.

DET management council officials threatened teachers in the two townships with dismissal a week before the official closure of schools, which led to 80 percent of the teaching staff reapplying for their posts.

The Brits Teachers' Union is consulting with lawyers to take action against the DET to re-instate all teachers unconditionally.

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Pupils urged to return

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE community of Daggaskraal in the eastern Transvaal has appealed to all pupils who fled the area when violence broke out about two weeks ago to return.

A spokesman for the Daggaskraal Youth Organisation said the community held a mass meeting last Saturday where it was resolved that pupils should resume classes this week.

He said since July 11, a day after schools reopened for the third term, there had been no schooling in the area.

Trouble in the area started on July 10 after taxi operators attacked youths when they heard that there was to be a boycott of taxis on July 12.

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Children burnt to death in Jo'burg flat

5 die in gang war

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THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD rebel fighter Junior Zoezee, his AK-47 assault rifle around his neck, rides a bicycle in the Monrovia auburb of Paynesville yesterday. Zoezee, one of many boy soldiers in the rag-tag rebel army, was waiting to go into battle against Liberian government troops So far more than 600 people, mostly women and babies, have been massacred.

By KENOSI MODISANE and SAPA

VIOLENCE in the townships claimed yet another five lives with the shooting of three people in Mamelodi on Monday night and two youths in Soweto yesterday morning.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the Mamelodi shooting occurred when gunmen opened fire at guests at a party after a fight had broken out "Three people died instantly and the fourth was taken to hospital with a wound on the jaw"

The dead were identified as Mr Surprise Gebisa (19), Mr Neville Suzuki (25) and Miss Esther Madisela (28), all of Mamelodi East The injured man is Mr Harry Sibandi of Mamelodi East

Meanwhile, two youths were shot dead in cold blood in a suspected gang war in Diepkloof, Soweto, yesterday morning

The youths, Philip Tshabalala (17) and Wiseman Tenza (18), both of Diepkloof, were ambushed by a group of armed men in full view of residents.

Homes raided

A resident said "The youths ran past me and were closely followed by about four men who started firing at them They were both lying on the ground before I knew what was happening"

Both the youths' homes had allegedly been raided by a mob since Tenza's brother, Enoch, was shot dead on Saturday morning.

Miss Mpumi Tenza, their sister, said men arrived at their house yesterday and demanded they produce Wiseman

"This was after they had raided our home several times looking for Wiseman whom they also threatened to kill"

Phillip's mother, Mrs Nana Tshabalala, said the men arrived at her house on Saturday and shot at the roof while looking for Phillip.

"They came back on Sunday and

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ransacked the house."

Police spokesman, Colonel Tienie Halgryn said "gang warfare cannot be ruled out". He said no arrests had been made and and police were investigating.

Five children died and a central Johannesburg flat was badly gutted in a fire on Sunday night, police confirmed yesterday.

A spokesman for the SAP's Reef division said the fire occurred on Sunday night at a flat in the HB Centre on the corner of Kerk and Nugget streets in Johannesburg's central business district.

Police said more details would be provided later.

Exile slams Mandela

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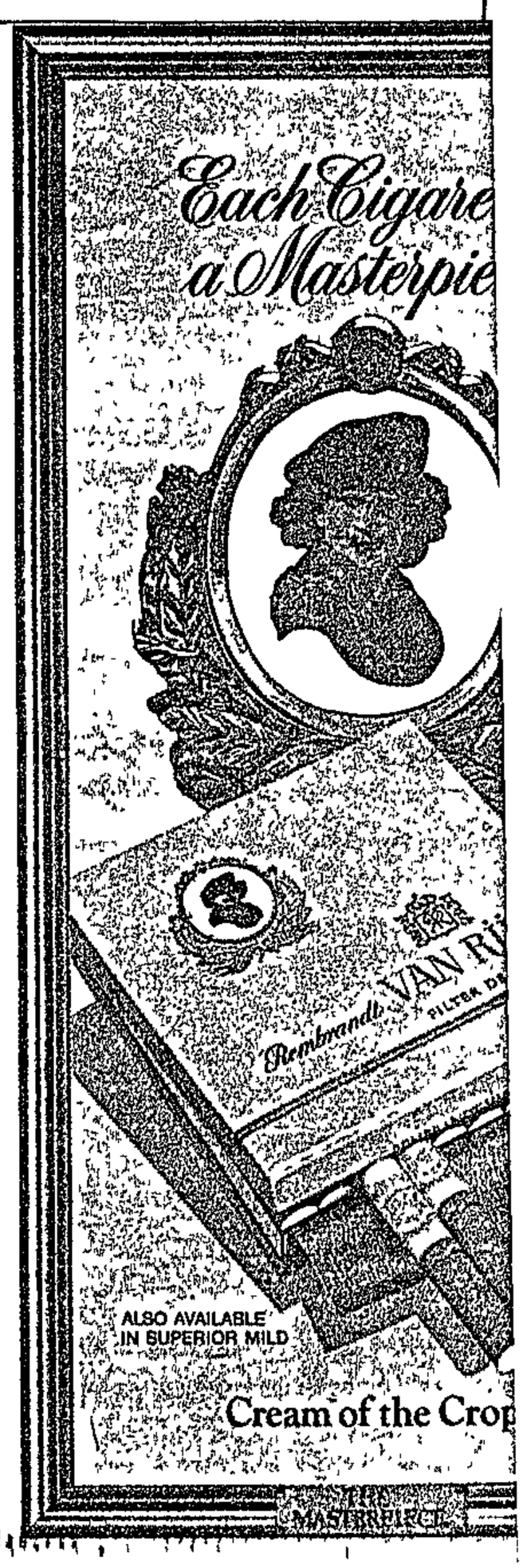

Lay charge, cops tell ANC official

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POLICE will investigate an alleged attempt to assassinate a senior official of the African National Congress when an official complaint is laid, police spokesman Colonel Tinnie Halgryn said yesterday.

Mr Penuell Maduna (38), a member of the ANC's joint working committee, escaped death after assailants allegedly fired shots at him in Soweto on Sunday night.

Maduna has charged that he suspected the attack was orchestrated by the police and therefore saw no point in reporting the matter.

ANC spokeswoman Gill Marcus said yesterday "the use of police methods to eliminate opponents was unacceptable".

She said the ANC would discuss the issue with Maduna.

Panga

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Maduna was struck with a panga on the head before six shots were fired at him. He told reporters on Monday that he had seen two white policemen in a car near the scene.

The alleged policemen and the attackers drove off after a neighbour apparently shouted to a "Mr Cox" to stop killing the ANC official. - Sapa.

Dhlomo praises peace call by Lekota

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DURBAN. — Mr Patrick Lekota, the ANC's southern Natal convener, "broke new ground" in attempts to end the Natal KwaZulu political violence with his reconciliatory address to a memorial service for victims of the Inanda bus disaster last week.

Former Inkatha secretary-general Dr Oscar Dhlomo said Mr Lekota had extended a gesture of peace to the people of Mshayazafe, an Inkatha stronghold in Inanda, by telling ANC followers to make peace and not to seek revenge.

Mr Lekota had told parents who had lost their children not to retaliate, said Dr Dhlomo.

The former KwaZulu cabinet minister said he was extremely impressed with Mr Lekota's statesmanike remarks.

"If Mr Lekota and his colleagues in the ANC, the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, as well as Inkatha on the other side, could more regularly address the issue in such conciliatory and reconciling tones, then we would not be too far from finding a solution."

By calling on people not to retaliate "Mr Lekota strikes the nail on the head. There is violence from pre-emptive strikes of course, but mostly violence comes from self-defence or retaliation, so he is breaking new ground when he warns his people not to retaliate".

● Inkatha yesterday slated the ANC for proposing a March on August 11 to the SAP headquarters in Sebokeng, Transvaal, to protest against the presence of Inkatha members in the Vaal Triangle.

"It is absurd to think that there shall be residents of any area who should be forcefully moved out of their legitimate homes because they do not align themselves with the ANC, said the chairman of the Inkatha Youth Brigade on the West Rand, Mr Themba Khoza, described the action as the worst sort of political decision. — Sapa

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Numsa steward dies as assassins open fire

A NATIONAL Union of Metalworkers' shop steward from National Plumbers and Builders Limited in Bertrams was shot dead by two men in Doornfontein on Wednesday.

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Clement Msomi (37), from Soweto, was walking towards the station in the evening when the men jumped out of a blue Toyota Cressida and fired at him. Msomi was fatally wounded in the head while two passersby — Susan Masuku and Meta Mvubelo — were wounded.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer, Captain Eugene Opperman, said it was probably an assassination.

Numsa was not available for comment at the time of going to press.

A protester falls to the ground after being struck with a baton while other residents flee from charging policemen. Pic by MBUZENI ZULU

Ennerdale youths storm council offices in demo

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BY MATSHUBE MFOLOE

AN unconfirmed number of people were detained when police used dogs, batons and teargas to disperse more than 800 protestors in Ennerdale, south-west of Johannesburg yesterday.

A community lawyer said eight people were detained at a local police station.

A police spokesman, Captain Peter van Deventer, to whom the *Sowetan* was referred to for comment, could not be reached because he was visiting Ennerdale at the time of going to Press.

Residents stayed away from work and marched on the local town council offices in protest against high rents.

Chaos broke out when youths carrying placards stormed into the council offices to "demand an answer" from the authorities.

Armed riot police tried in vain to erect a human barricade to keep the singing crowd at bay.

A warning to disperse was issued and chaos flared when police baton-charged and teargassed protesters. They arrested two people on the spot.

Running battles began as angry youths threw missiles at police who gave chase while firing teargas.

A spokesman for the Ennerdale Civic Organisation (ECO), Mr Aubrey September said "the struggle to get rid of corrupt councils" would continue despite police action.

Hostels 'defenceless' after SAP weapons raid

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By JO-ANNE COLLINGE and STAN MHLONGO

OPERATION Panga — in which 5 000 policemen and soldiers combed Sebokeng hostels for weapons on Wednesday night — has deprived residents of their means of defence and left them vulnerable to attack by Inkatha supporters, an African National Congress representative charges.

Police have described Operation Panga as "a success, especially in the light of thousands of dangerous weapons which have been confiscated during a house-to-house search".

ANC Vaal representative Bavumile Vilakazi points out that the hostels are known to be occupied by staunch supporters of the ANC, and aligned community organisations, and that residents have been disarmed at a time when rumours of an Inkatha attack are rife on the Vaal.

On July 22, 27 people lost their lives in conflict between Inkatha and ANC supporters. Residents are living in fear of a renewed onslaught by Inkatha supporters as they bury victims of the earlier conflict tomorrow.

The rumours of a fresh attack had been fuelled by the fatal shooting of hostel resident Simon Mphathi as he headed home from Houtheuwel Station in Sebokeng on Wednesday night, a spokesman for the Vaal Council of Churches said. Several others were injured in the attack by unidentified gunmen.

Vilakazi observed that Operation Panga "took place at the hostels only — and this was precisely where the Inkatha attack was driven off" on July 22. The fact that 11 of the 27 killed that day were migrants testified to this.

Vilakazi said it was well known that the hostel dwellers were "very strongly supportive" of the ANC and the United Democratic Front-affiliated Vaal Civic Association, which has sub-committees in the hostel. A large number of hostel residents were also members of unions within the Congress of South African Trade Unions, he added.

"The hostel residents treat Operation Panga as a situation in which their weapons of defence — which they have kept privately to protect themselves — have been removed from them."

No equivalent attempt had been made by the police to locate and disarm the Inkatha supporters, he said. It was well known that these people were bussed in from outside, "that they moved into our township carrying arms," said Vilakazi.

A police statement, released by Witwatersrand liaison officer Colonel FG Malherbe, also linked Operation Panga to the events of July 22. "The aim was to assure the law-abiding residents of Sebokeng that the police are there to render a service and protection, but on the other hand to show them that they would not hesitate to act against those who seem to disrespect law and order."

Operation Panga resulted in 25 arrests, six for alleged possession of unlawful firearms and the rest on charges including illegal dealing in liquor, possession of dagga and possession of gold dust, Malherbe said.

The four July 22 victims who will be buried at a mass funeral in Sebokeng tomorrow are: John Dube (37), Rubin Maduna (19), Daniel Rapuleng (27) and Lucky Khamdule.

The funeral will start at 12.30pm and the procession will leave for the Evaton cemetary at 3pm.

Another 11 victims are to be transported to the Transkei on Wednesday where they will be buried on August 11.

Weapons seized in township swoop

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LINDEN BIRNS

THOUSANDS of dangerous weapons, including a number of illegal firearms, were found on Tuesday night during an extensive search of houses and Sebokeng's hostel by police.

Coined by the SAP "Operation Panga", more than 5 000 men were involved and it was described as one of the biggest operations of its kind. The SADF played a supporting role.

More than 20 arrests were made during the raid.

Death toll

Police said the raid was in reaction to the violence which had gripped the Vaal Triangle township for most of last week when 27 people lost their lives during clashes between Inkatha and ANC/Cosatu supporters.

Witwatersrand SAP liaison officer Col Frans Malherbe said the official death toll had been 18, but more deaths had come to light bringing the total to 27.

During the raid four people were arrested for possession of dagga, four for possession of suspected stolen property, six for having unlawful firearms, two for possession of ammunition, six for allegedly being illegal immigrants, two for illegal liquor trading and one for possession of gold dust.

During a house-to-house search police seized "thousands of dangerous weapons", although no-one was arrested in this regard.

Malherbe said arrests presented a practical problem in that the law regarding dangerous weapons required that ownership be proved beyond doubt before an arrest could be made.

"There was no way we could prove ownership in houses and rooms that are overpopulated. The other problem is that they throw the weapons out of the windows as soon as they hear the police knocking on their doors," he said.

"It would have led to a prolonged investigation and the obtaining of statements from people who in any case would not be willing to supply statements," Malherbe said.

Police said yesterday the purpose of the operation was crime prevention and also to make Sebokeng's law-abiding residents aware that they could rely on the SAP for protection and service.

Policeman dies in mob attack

Cape Times 13/8/90

JOHANNESBURG. — A Kroonstad policeman has been killed and another seriously injured in an attack by a group of youths at Maokeng, near Kroonstad.

Constable J Mohapi, 39, was killed, and Constable B J Ndweni, 32, was badly hurt when they were apparently pulled from a bus in which they had been travelling and which the mob of about 1 000 had stoned. — Sapa

Huge security force moves into Sebokeng

Star Times 3/8/90 Own Correspondent (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — About 5 000 members of the police and the SA Defence Force early yesterday descended on the strife-torn township of Sebokeng in the largest security-force operation in the history of the Witwatersrand.

Police said more than 20 people were arrested and "thousands of dangerous weapons" seized during an extensive house-to-house search in the township.

A police statement said the operation, code-named "Operation Panga", was in response to the July 22 clash between Inkatha and ANC supporters in the township which left 27 people dead.

Violence between the organisations has continued in the township and hours before security forces entered the area one person was stabbed to death and three others were admitted to Sebokeng Hospital with "cuts and stabs".

Winnie 'gave death order'

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela had told her "football club" to kill two young men she regarded as "problematic" and this was why the house of their mother, ANC member Mrs Dudu Chidi, was set alight, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mrs Chidi gave evidence during the trial of Mr Charles Zwane, 22, who has pleaded not guilty to 38 charges including 11 murders, 22 attempted murders, arson and two counts each of unlawful possession of an AK-47 machinegun with ammunition.

Mrs Chidi said she had not allowed her sons to join the football club.

She said Mrs Mandela had told her her sons would be regarded as "sell-outs" if they did not join the club and had sent people to fetch them.

Mrs Chidi said the club members were Mrs Mandela's bodyguards, as she had never seen them play against another football club.

"The things they did — burning people's houses and killing people — are not what football clubs do," she said. — Sapa

Sebokeng 'force' to stop violence

S/Times 5/8/90 (278)

By MANDLA TYALA

RESIDENTS of strife-torn Sebokeng are to ask the ANC to consider setting up a violence monitoring force in the Vaal Triangle's black townships. The call was made yesterday at a joint funeral for three of the 16 victims of last month's clashes between Inkatha members and hostel-dwelling supporters of the ANC-Cosatu alliance.

A nine-year-old boy was among those buried. The other victims, all migrant workers, are to be buried at their homes in the Transkei and Lesotho.

This was the second mass funeral in less than five months in violence-plagued Sebokeng, and residents say they have had enough of the killings.

Speeches at the Sebokeng Stadium were marked by allegations of security force partiality — with ANC supporters claiming the police favour Inkatha.

The 5 000-odd mourners were also told of advertised plans by conservative whites in Vereeniging to form a "Boere kommando". Speakers said blacks viewed this as provocation at a time when their leaders were talking peace with the Government.

● The Congress of South African Trade Unions has expressed fears of a fresh outbreak of violence when Inkatha holds a rally in Soweto today.

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Four are found dead after fight at hostel

Staff Reporter and Sapa

Four people were killed in fighting at a hostel in Kagiso township in Krugersdorp last night.

Kagiso police received a call that a fight had broken out between hostel dwellers, said police spokesman Lieutenant Peter Brandt.

"When they arrived on the scene, the police were stoned and shots were fired at them. They used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse the crowd. Then they discovered the bodies of four men."

Late last night, it had not been established how the men had died. Police were still on the scene, attempting to defuse a tense situation, Lieutenant Brandt said. He denied the clash occurred between Inkatha members and township residents.

Sapa reported that a Kagiso police spokesman, who asked not to be named, said police were investigating reports that "Inkatha supporters were harassing people in the township".

Congress of South African Trade Unions spokesman Neil Coleman said he had received unconfirmed reports that the fighting broke out after Inkatha supporters returning from a rally in Soweto refused entry into a hostel to Inkatha opponents in Kagiso.

Earlier in the day, a large contingent of Inkatha members armed with knobkerries, pangas and assegais marched through Orlando to the Mzimhlophe women's hostel in full view of policemen, according to Star photographer Herbert Mabuza. He said the heavily armed men were excited and were singing derogatory songs about Nelson Mandela.

Soweto police public relations officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn denied allegations that Inkatha members were heavily armed in full view of the police. He was at the legal march and it was "quiet and peaceful, and no incidents were reported".

Three killed in unrest incidents

THREE people died, nine were injured and 62 arrested in unrest-related incidents around the country over the weekend, police reported in the past three days' unrest reports.

On Friday, police reported two hand grenade attacks, one on a councillor's home in Midlands, Soweto, and the other in Umlazi, Natal.

A 24-year-old man was abducted and later stabbed to death by a group of men at Wesselton near Ermelo.

In Sebokeng, Vereeniging, police found three shot and wounded men and the body of a fourth man who had also apparently been shot.

A group of men who allegedly set a home alight at Ngolotini near Empangeni, later allegedly stabbed a man to death.

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Saturday's unrest report said that at Old Crossroads, near Cape Town, six black men tried to petrol-bomb a house but were thwarted by police.

At Soweto township near Port Elizabeth, a group stoned and petrol-bombed a private house. The fire spread and five houses were burnt down. Damage was extensive but no one was injured. A man was arrested.

At Table Mountain near Maritzburg, a group of youths fired a number of shots at a private dwelling before petrol-bombing it. The owner was also shot at when he ran away but he escaped without injury. Damage was extensive.

Five youths were arrested and police seized two firearms and a petrol bomb. B/Day 6/8/90

Yesterday's unrest report said that at Khayelitsha in Cape Town, police vehicles were stoned by a group of blacks in two separate incidents.

At Mashising, near Lydenburg, a group stopped and searched private vehicles, apparently looking for items bought in Lydenburg where a consumer boycott is in force. Police are investigating intimidation.

At Ashton near Cape Town a group of people petrol-bombed a teacher's home causing extensive damage.

At Khatlehong near Germiston a taxi driver's home was badly damaged by a petrol-bomb. — Sapa.

Vehicle gutted, constable hurt

Star 6/8/90

By Melody Mcdougall
Vereeniging Bureau

A police vehicle was set alight at Houtheuwel station on Saturday night after a special constable was wounded in the shoulder when he was attacked by residents of Sebokeng hostel.

The policeman, identified only as Constable Makoena, was not seriously injured and is recovering in Sebokeng Hospital.

A police spokesman said the incident occurred after the constable and a colleague were ordered by the local unrest unit to guard a police vehicle. They were apparently attacked by a group of about 30 residents of the hostel.

Constable Makoena was wounded in the shoulder before he and his colleague fled. The vehicle was set alight by the group and gutted.

● A police spokesman confirmed last night that a 14-year-old youth, Petrus Molapisite, was wounded in the foot after he was shot while walking to Houtheuwel station on Saturday night.

The same evening, another victim, identified only as Quinti (34), was found by police, also in the Houtheuwel station vicinity, with a bullet wound in the forehead. He is in a serious condition at Sebokeng Hospital.

● Two men were shot and wounded by unknown gunmen at a hostel in Sebokeng at 10 on Saturday night, police said.

The shots were fired through a window. One man was hit in the arm and the other in the chest. Both are in a satisfactory condition in hospital.

No arrests have been made and the motive behind the attempted murders has not emerged, said the spokesman.

Ashton homes hit by petrol bombs

CAPE TIMES 6/8/90

Staff Reporter

THE Ashton homes of a schoolteacher and a transport planner were petrol-bombed in two separate incidents on Saturday and yesterday morning, police said.

Damage estimated at R30 000 was caused at the Rosa Crescent home of Mr Andrew van der Merwe — a schoolteacher — when a petrol bomb was hurled through his lounge window about 1am yesterday morning.

Mr Van der Merwe could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Police haved opened an arson docket.

The first home to be petrol-bombed was that of transport planner Mr Boeta le Roux, 57, of Wium Street.

He and his wife, Mrs Maria le Roux, 55, were asleep in their bedroom about 2.15am on Saturday when they woke to the sound of their lounge window breaking.

The couple's daughter, Mrs Corine Smith, said yesterday that her parents heard the explosion and ran to the lounge where the curtains, carpet and a couch had caught fire.

"Neither of my parents was seriously injured but my father burnt his hands quite badly trying to put out some flames."

Mrs Smith said damage had been estimated at about R3 000, and she believed the bombers were malicious pranksters.

No arrests have been made.

UNREST: POLICE REPORT

THE following unrest-related incidents were reported by police over the past 48 hours:

(A) At Old Crossroads a house was petrol-bombed. In a separate incident a man was found with a gunshot wound in his leg. He alleged that a group of people had shot him. He was not seriously injured and a case of attempted murder is being investigated.

(B) At Khayelitsha two police vans were stoned in separate incidents. Police dispersed a crowd with teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot. There were arrests and no injuries were reported. In three other incidents police dispersed a gathering with teargas and rubber bullets. There were no arrests and no injuries were reported.

(C) At Nyanga police fired teargas and rubber bullets to disperse a gathering. There were no arrests and no injuries reported.

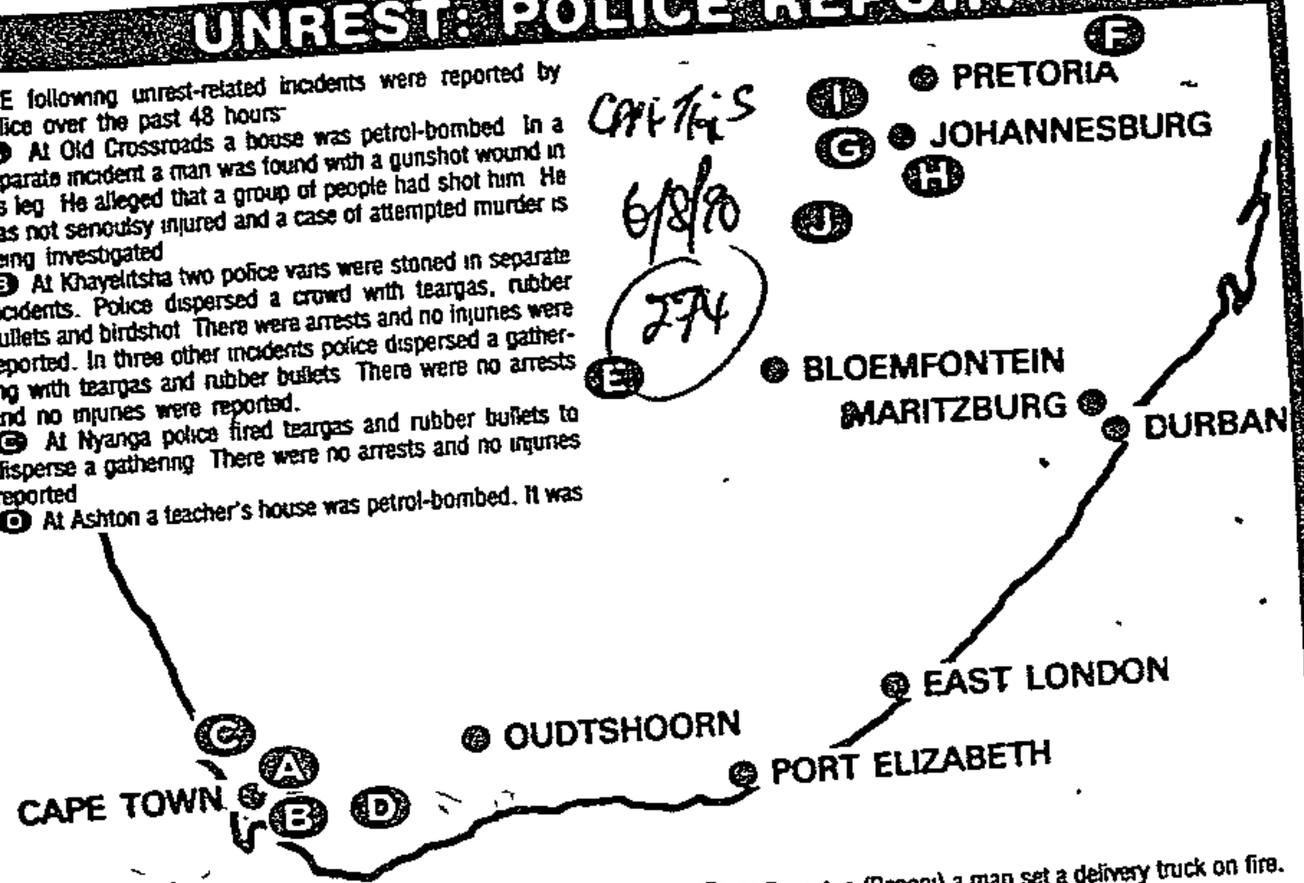
(D) At Ashton a teacher's house was petrol-bombed. It was extensively damaged. There were no arrests and no injuries reported. Another house was petrol-bombed, but damaged was slight.

(E) At Motswedumosa (Modder River in the Northern Cape) a police van was damaged during a stoning incident. Police used birdshot to diserse the crowd. No injuries reported and [illegible] arrests [illegible] nd searched

(G) At Daveyton (Benoni) a man set a delivery truck on fire. No arrests were made.

(H) At Katlehong (Germiston) people petrol-bombed the home of a taxi driver. Damage was extensive. There were no reports of injuries and no arrests were made.

(I) At Shawele (Soweto) people barricaded a road and police used teargas to disperse them. No arrests were made and there were no injuries [illegible] two black men were shot



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Mine causes little damage

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Staff Reporter

A SUSPECTED mini-limpet mine which rocked the Bishop Lavis Police College's single quarters late on Friday night caused minimal damage to property, and no one was injured, police said yesterday.

Major Gys Boonzaaier said nobody had claimed responsibility for the blast.

MDM meets to discuss violence

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DURBAN. — National leaders and Natal delegates of the Mass Democratic Movement met at length on Saturday to thrash out a policy on the Natal violence, including the question of Inkatha's participation in a peace conference.

Mr Nelson Mandela's keynote speech addressed many contentious issues facing the hawks and the doves in the movement. — Sapa

Natal farmer escapes shooting

CAPE TIMES 6/8/90

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A Natal Midlands farmer had a lucky escape when he was shot at while driving on his farm road early yesterday.

Mr Walter Hillermann said a log had been placed across the farm road. Two shots were fired at him, one hitting the side mirror of his vehicle. The second shot missed the vehicle.

ANC meets govt with peace offer

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PORT ELIZABETH. — The ANC will be going into today's round of talks with the government with a definite offer to suspend the armed struggle, national executive committee member Mr James Stewart said in Grahamstown yesterday.

Mr Stewart said the formerly banned organisation would table proposals aimed at expediting negotiations with the government, including a cessation of the activities of its military wing.

"We are hopeful that as a result of our initiative great strides will be made in the entire process of negotiations."

Speaking at the launch of the organisation's Grahamstown branch, Mr Stewart said many people had "rejected our armed struggle as amateurish and of no significance".

He said, however, the armed struggle was the key factor "in the regime deciding to open up discussions with the ANC".

He said the ANC represented a democratic alternative to "white racist domination".

Cops laud calm at ANC funeral

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JOHANNESBURG. — The police on Saturday thanked community organisations in Sebokeng, on the East Rand, for maintaining calm at the funeral of three ANC supporters, who were killed during fierce clashes last month with Inkatha members.

The three were buried earlier in the day.

"That it was not necessary for the police to take any action is testimony to the fact that the police will not interfere unnecessarily with the public in its everyday walk of life," said a police statement.

About 4 000 people attended the burial.

At least 19 people died on July 22 when about 2 000 Inkatha supporters leaving the stadium allegedly attacked ANC-aligned Vaal Civic Association (VCA) supporters, who had wanted to hold a rally there the same day.

Meanwhile, two men were shot while they were sleeping in a Sebokeng hostel room at the weekend, police said. A group of unknown people fired at them through the window of their room.

One of the men was shot in the chest and the other in the arm. Both are in a satisfactory condition. — Sapa

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Consumers to end boycott?

Cape Times 7/8/90

BRONKHORSTSPRUIT. — The nine-week-old consumer boycott here was likely to be lifted by the end of the week, Mr Alfred Nkabinde, a spokesman for the organisers, said yesterday.

Ekangala Civic Association was expected to meet the Bronkhorstspruit Town Council tomorrow, and the boycott would be high on the agenda. — Sapa

Churchman says Kagiso fighting toll could be 15

B/Day 7/8/90 THEO RAWANA (278)

THE toll resulting from the fighting in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, could be as high as 15, Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) spokesman the Rev Themi Dingiswayo said last night.

But police say the toll was 10, while 57 others were arrested on charges of public violence.

Sapa reports fighting broke out on Sunday between alleged supporters of Inkatha, and an alliance of various other groupings believed to be sympathetic to the ANC.

Dingiswayo said a WCC team which monitored the situation yesterday arranged for some non-Inkatha hostel inmates to be housed in churches in the township.

Police said six people died in Kagiso yesterday.

They said the bodies of four shot men were discovered in the township about 9am.

Police also said another man was shot dead and another slightly injured when police fired shotguns after tearsmoke and rubber bullets failed to disperse a mob gathered illegally at the Kagiso Hostel which had "rushed" police.

The sixth body was found in the vicinity of the hostel with stab wounds, a police statement said.

Soccer

Six other people died and eight — including three policemen — were injured in unrest-related incidents during the past 24 hours.

Yesterday's SA Police unrest report said three men were fatally wounded and two policemen slightly injured when two groups threw stones at each other during a school soccer match at Huhudi, near Vryburg.

A man was shot and fatally wounded by a gunman during an illegal gathering at Ngwelezane, Hobhouse, and another shot and fatally wounded when a mob attacked a policeman's house in Soweto with stones.

A man died when a gunman fired a number of shots at him at Crossroads in the Cape, and a second man was wounded by unidentified gunmen in the township.

Two men were wounded when a gunman fired shots at them in their hostel in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging. In another incident a policeman on guard duty was wounded in the chest by someone armed with a shotgun.

Police used shotgun and pistol fire to ward off a stoning attack by a mob at Thembalaziswe, Aberdeen. It was later established a man had reported to Aberdeen Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound.

A man was wounded when he was shot by an unidentified gunman at Bopelong, near Vanderbijlpark.

OWEN MAUBANE reports no motive had yet been established for the murder of a suspect in Pretoria's Hallmark Building bomb case, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Police said David Shongwe's body was found the day the unexploded bomb was discovered in the Pretoria parking garage on July 28. Shongwe's identity was only established last Friday through his fingerprints.

A post mortem showed that a bullet wound in his head was the cause of death, he said.

Shongwe was allegedly the driver of the mini-bus in which the car bomb was found.

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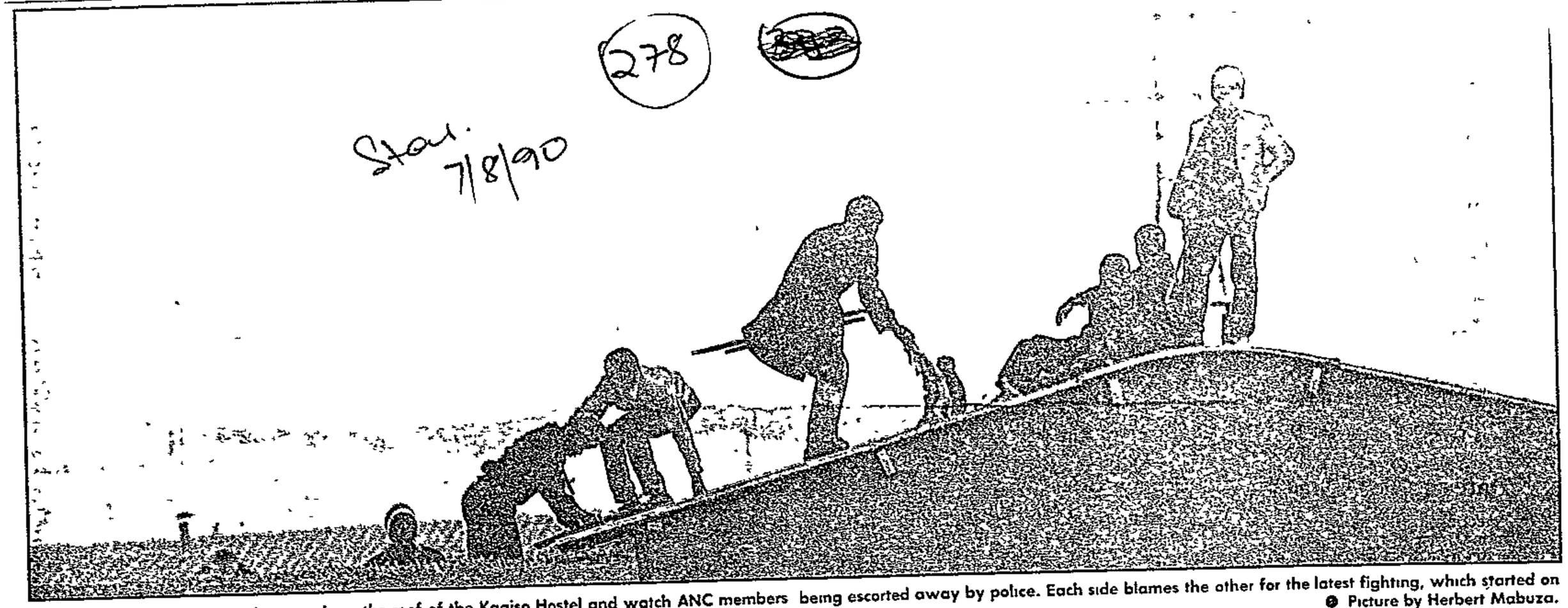

Heavily armed Inkatha members perch on the roof of the Kagiso Hostel and watch ANC members being escorted away by police. Each side blames the other for the latest fighting, which started on Sunday night. ● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

Death toll rising in war-torn Kagiso

By Stan Hlophe and Craig Kotze

At least 12 people have been killed, 16 injured and 57 arrested in Inkatha/ANC clashes which threaten to engulf the West Rand township of Kagiso in a bloody Natal-style conflict.

Informal sources put the death toll in the fighting as high as 30, although police could not confirm this.

The official death toll in the violence rose to 12 today after police announced another body had been found The man had been shot.

Late yesterday the situation was still very tense, with heavily armed police separating the two feuding factions.

This morning, police reported widespread intimidation in the township, with one group preventing others from boarding taxis to go to work.

"It's still very tense and we are patrolling intensively," a spokesman said.

Police said a man was shot dead and one wounded in Kagiso when a mob with pangas and knobkerries attacked a police vehicle at 4.45 am yesterday.

Tear gas and rubber bullets failed to disperse the mob and shotgun fire was used. Fifty-seven men were arrested when police reinforcements arrived.

Sporadic outbreaks of stone-throwing and illegal gatherings were reported.

At 8 50 am, police came across the bodies of four men shot and hacked to death At 12 30 pm, the body of a man stabbed to death was found.

A police spokesman said 15 men with stab wounds and one with panga wounds had been admitted to hospital

Both sides in the war-torn township have now adopted seemingly uncompromising attitudes.

Both sides blame each another for the latest fighting, which started on Sunday night and continued until yesterday morning Both sides have refused to disarm and have declared war on each other.

There are fears the violence will spill over into other areas in the Reef, the Vaal Triangle and Pretoria.

A temporary truce was signed yesterday after intervention by the leaders of the two warring factions. This led to ANC supporters reluctantly agreeing to move out of their hostel under police escort.

The Kagiso clash is the latest round in an escalating Inkatha/ANC war in the Transvaal Last month 22 people died in clashes between the two in Sebokeng near Vereeniging.

The Star spoke to both heavily armed sides in the conflict.

ANC supporters say

"We were attacked by a group of Zulus, who are all Inkatha members, for no apparent reason

"They have told us in no uncertain terms that we are Xhosas and they will not be ruled by the Xhosas. We were told by the Zulus as early as last week that we are going to die.

"On our arrival at the hostel on Sunday night we were met with a strong impi and a war cry of 'Usuthu! Usuthu!' and they were all over us.

"We ran helter skelter to the nearest bushes for safety There we spent the night Now we have been forced out of the hostel by Inkatha members, but we shall return."

Inkatha supporters say:

"We have done nothing wrong ANC supporters have been arming themselves and told us we must join the ANC They said our chief (Mangosuthu Buthelezi) and king (Goodwill Zwelithini) are puppets.

"They bluntly told us to go back to Natal We were told we would be forced to leave the township like our colleagues from Sebokeng

"The ANC says there is only one king and that is Mandela They said Inkatha had no right to exist."

The Inkatha West Rand Regional secretary says.

"This is a propaganda war by the ANC who are attempting to isolate Inkatha and its people.

"Inkatha is a peaceful organisation and is on record as having called for peaceful negotiations The ANC is telling the whole world that it is a democratic nonracial organisation while it is practising the opposite."

Issac Genu, convener of the ANC West Rand Region, says.

"We are a disciplined organisation prepared to negotiate for peace, but Inkatha is gearing itself for war.

"Its members would not agree to be disarmed and so we will not allow our people to be disarmed

"The police have failed to maintain law and order. Both police and Inkatha should leave the area and leave us in peace."

ANC members leave the Kagiso Hostel under police protection. ● Picture by Peter Magaki.

... secured) is ANC general secretary Mr Alfred Nzo.

... Adriaan Vlok. Next to

Many flee from death hostel

Sowetan 7/8/90

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

HUNDREDS of Kagiso hostel dwellers yesterday trekked from Lewisham Hostel in the West Rand following Sunday's bloody clashes with Inkatha supporters.

At least 10 people are believed dead and an unconfirmed number were admitted to Leratong Hospital.

The exodus follows the alleged reluctance of West Rand Inkatha leader Mr Humphrey Ndlovu to disarm his members.

Ndlovu said disarming his supporters would be "provocative" and made a verbal undertaking that no further violence would occur.

A warlike situation gripped the township throughout yesterday as armed youths turned out in large numbers to support the "non-Zulu speaking" hostel dwellers driven out of the hostel during the fight.

There was a partial stayaway and all schools in the township were empty. (278)

A planned retaliation on Inkatha was defused by the timely intervention of the Krugersdorp Residents Organisation, Inkatha and Security Police who were locked in negotiations at the scene for hours.

According to one of the inmates, who refused to be named, Inkatha members launched an attack on non-Zulu speak-

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Tambo's wife back - P2

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Hostel residents, who have fled the trouble-torn Lewisham hostel on the West Rand, take a last look at one of the unidentified bodies before leaving following Sunday's bloody clashes.

The hostel of death

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ing inmates after a meeting at the hostel.

He said shots were fired at them (Xhosas) and other innocent people were attacked in their rooms. Sowetan 7/8/90

"We were chased out and later they (Inkatha) locked the gates and said we must go home," he said

The chairman of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, Mr Themba Khoza, dismissed the claim and alleged that the Xhosas had planned an attack on Inkatha members.

A man shot in the stomach early yesterday stood unattended in his room for hours and was found by roommates.

West Rand police spokesman Lieutenant GH Bester said reports of sporadic incidents of stone-throwing were received and transport had come to a standstill.

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'Turned' witness shot to pieces, Harms told

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Dramatic evidence about how Harms Commission witness and "turned" former African National Congress cadre Brian Ngqulunga was murdered two weeks ago has been given to the commission.

He was literally shot to pieces, according to an affidavit handed to Mr Justice Louis Harms yesterday.

Security police Sergeant Daniel Wolmarans, who said he had known Constable Ngqulunga for many years, said 42 AK-47 assault rifle cartridges were found around and under the body. The murder took place on the night of July 20.

THROUGH BODIES

"He had been shot high in the back, and most of the bullets had gone clean through the body. Many had left the body via his face, which was unrecognisable," Sergeant Wolmarans said.

None of Constable Ngqulunga's personal effects had been removed from the body. These included his wristwatch, police accreditation card, two credit cards and two shop credit cards.

The affidavit said that people in the Madidi area, near Pretoria, had heard shots during the previous night and at daybreak had searched the area. They found the body in a ditch.

It was also disclosed that, eight years ago, a pamphlet containing Constable Ngqulunga's photograph had been distributed in townships.

He was one of a number of former ANC terrorists who returned to South Africa to work for the police and who gave evidence before the Harms Commission in early June after initially refusing to do so if they were identified by photographs and their addresses divulged.

Police confirmed yesterday that Constable Ngqulunga was buried secretly after Soshanguve youths prevented a public burial.

A police spokesman declined to give further details, saying: "We have previously experienced such violations at funerals. We cannot reveal when and where he was buried."

Stompie murderer would die for Winnie Mandela, court told

The Argus Correspondent Argus 7/8/90

JOHANNESBURG. — Jerry Vusi Muzi Richardson, former coach of the Mandela Football Club, "fears and admires Winnie Mandela so much that he feels the need to protect her, even to the point of dying for his struggle," clinical psychologist Mrs Midge Doeple said.

Richardson, 41, was convicted in May of having murdered Stompie Seipei, 14. He was found guilty on 10 other counts, including kidnapping, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and attempted murder.

Yesterday the trial resumed after a postponement requested by the defence. This stage of the trial is to establish whether there were any extenuating circumstances in the murder.

In his judgment, handed down on May 25, Mr B O'Donovan made two special findings. First, that Mrs Mandela must have been present at her Diepkloof house on the night of December 29, 1988, for at least part of the time that Stompie and three other youths were assaulted.

The Attorney General has said he would make no decision on whether Mrs Mandela should be prosecuted until after he has studied the outcome of this trial.

The second special finding was that there was no truth in the allegation that the four youths had participated in sexual misconduct with Methodist minister, the Rev Paul Verryn, the alleged reason for their kidnapping from the manse. It was also alleged Stompie was a police informer.

Mrs Doepel told the court Richardson was mildly retarted with a practical IQ of 63. But under cross-examination by Mr C van Vuren for the State, Mrs Doepel conceded that Richardson was not so retarded that he was unfit to stand trial.

Richardson was not keen to co-operate with testing, Mrs Doepel said.

His remark that he was "not going to do school work" showed an underlying sense of inadequacy, she said.

Under cross-examination she conceded that his remark "I can't do it, my mind is running away with me" could have meant he was anxious about the trial.

LACK OF REMORSE

Mrs Doepel said soccer was the only area where Richardson had a positive identity and a lack of identity left him open to easy influence by others.

"That he lived in Mrs Mandela's house and that she accepted him were status symbols to him. He appears to idolise Mrs Mandela," Mrs Doepel said.

The only guilt he expressed was about how Stompie's mother must feel. Otherwise his lack of remorse was tied in with a personality disorder which included elements of psychopathy, although Richardson was not a certifiable psychopath.

Richardson's childhood was deprived, emotionally and physically, Mrs Doepel said, and he was exposed to a sub-culture which accepted violence as the norm.

Richardson hated informers and believed the rumour that Stompie was an informer.

Under cross-examination she conceded hatred of informers was a norm and not limited to Richardson.

(Proceeding.)

4 thrown from train: Man dies

The Argus Correspondent ARGUS 7/8/90 (278)

PRETORIA. — A man was killed and three were injured when they were thrown off a moving train near Pretoria.

A police spokesman said the incident happened about 6pm yesterday near Kloofsig station after an argument among Verwoerdburg Town Council workers.

The names of the victims have not been given and no arrests have been made.

The injured were taken to Kalafong Hospital. Two of them are in a serious condition.

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Stompie killer called Winnie 'mommy'

JOHANNESBURG. — Mandela Football Club coach Jerry Richardson, guilty of murdering 14-year-old activist Stompie Seipei, was a violent and aggressive man of below average intelligence who depended on Mrs Winnie Mandela to the extent that he called her "mommmy".

This was said by clinical psychologist Ms Midge Doepel, whose report on Richardson was submitted to the Rand Supreme Court yesterday in extenuation of sentence.

Richardson was found guilty in May this year of kidnapping and assaulting three youths, attempting to murder one of them and murdering Stompie, the child anti-apartheid activist.

During his three-week trial in May it was disclosed that Stompie and three other youths were assaulted with sjamboks in Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof house during a brutal and bloody torture session which left the walls of a room in the house splattered with blood.

Ms Doepel said Richardson's judgment was clouded, that he lacked insight, displayed aggressive tendencies, accepted violence as a norm and was apparently prompted in his actions by a need for Mrs Mandela's approval. — Sapa

Cop stabbed 9 times in Rand train assault

Cape Times 7/8/90 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — A 53-year-old police sergeant was stabbed nine times while travelling on the train from Johannesburg to Randfontein at midnight on Sunday.

A West Rand police spokesman said Sgt Mofasi Matabatha was attacked by seven men, some of whom attacked the policeman while others apparently blocked the passage, preventing anyone else from entering.

In the ensuing scuffle, Sgt Matabatha was stabbed once in the chest and eight times in the back. When he tried to retaliate with his pistol, his assailants grabbed the gun from him.

Sgt Matabatha managed to get out of the train at Randfontein and was found by two special constables. He is in a satisfactory condition in Leratong Hospital. — Sapa

ZULU WARRIORS . . . Armed Inkatha members at a rally in Soweto at the weekend.

Picture REUTER

Kagiso: 10 die in fighting

CAPE TIMES 7/8/90 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — The death toll from faction fighting in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, had reached 10 by late yesterday, while 57 others were arrested on charges of public violence.

Police said the bodies of four men were discovered in the township at about 9am, and that all these victims appeared to have been shot by unknown gunmen

Four other people died when fighting broke out on Sunday between alleged members of Inkatha and of the ANC.

Police also said a man was shot dead yesterday, and another slightly injured, when police fired shotguns after tearsmoke and rubber bullets failed to "have the desired effect" on a mob gathered illegally at the Kagiso Hostel

Another body was found in the vicinity of the hostel with stab wounds, a police statement said.

The feuding in Kagiso, which started at the local hostel where Inkatha members are believed to have clashed with opponents on Sunday, left many people injured, although police said they did not have immediate figures.

The streets of Kagiso teemed with heavily armed members of the two factions yesterday, and police cordoned off the area and turned away vehicles wishing to enter the township

The violence is the latest and bloodiest round in clashes between Inkatha and ANC organisations since 22 people died in faction fighting in Sebokeng near Vereeniging last month. — Sapa

Inkatha, ANC violence centres on Kagiso

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AT least 16 people have been killed in unrest-related incidents throughout the country since Sunday.

SA Police liaison in Pretoria, in the latest unrest report yesterday, said the body of another man was found at Kagiso near Krugersdorp, on the West Rand, bringing to 11 the total number of deaths reported there since the weekend.

Kagiso since the weekend has been the scene of fighting between factions supporting Inkatha and the ANC.

Four people were shot and fatally wounded, three at townships near Empangeni and one at Taylor's Halt in Natal, while the body of a fifth person who was also shot was found at Wesselton in the Eastern Transvaal, during the past 24 hours.

In the Wesselton incident a group threw stones at a policeman and then tried to run him down by car. The policeman fired a warning shot with his pistol and then fired at the group, fatally wounding one man and wounding another who was arrested afterwards.

Man shot

In another incident in the township a man was shot and wounded by a group. Two men were arrested.

Five policemen were injured in separate incidents, two at Arcadia near Port Elizabeth during stone-throwing incidents, one at Umlazi, Natal, when a gunman fired a shot injuring a policeman in an arm, and two at Ashton in the Cape where a police vehicle was damaged by stone-throwers.

Also at Arcadia, the driver of a vehicle was stabbed by a group by stone-throwers who set a vehicle alight and prevented the local fire brigade from extinguishing the blaze. - *Sapa*

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Hostel residents, supported by residents, leave the St Peters Catholic Church in Kagiso in Krugersdorp after being told by civic leaders to remain calm. Pic: ROBERT NORTON

Two more bodies found in Sebokeng

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Sapa and Staff Reporter

Police found the bodies of two men in the troubled Sebokeng township in the Vaal Triangle early yesterday.

In an interim unrest report released yesterday afteroon, the SAP's public relations division in Pretoria said both bodies were found at separate hostels in the early hours of the morning.

One body, found at Hostel 4 shortly after midnight on Monday, had "numerous gunshot wounds in the chest".

The other body, found at Hostel 2, had a gunshot wound in the right eye. A number of spent AK-47 cartridges were found near the body, the report said, without giving any further details.

Sebokeng has been the scene of violent clashes between supporters of Inkatha and the ANC. On July 22 19 people were killed in clashes at a hostel in the Vaal Triangle township after Inkatha members had attended a rally.

Judgment today on Stompie murderer

ARGUS 8/8/90

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Judgment begins today in the trial of Jerry Vusi Muzi Richardson, former coach of the Mandela Football club who was convicted in May of having murdered Stompie Seipei, 14.

Richardson, 41, was found guilty on 10 other counts, including kidnapping, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and attempted murder.

Mr Justice B O'Donovan is expected to give judgment in the Rand Supreme Court today on whether or not there are extenuating or aggravating circumstances present in five crimes which could result in death penalties.

Discretion

The application of the amendment to the Criminal Procedure Act, which means the death penalty is no longer mandatory, was mentioned several times during argument yesterday.

The judge has a discretion to impose the death penalty for four kidnappings and the murder of Stompie.

Yesterday Mr H Joubert, appearing for Richardson, argued that Richardson could not have walked away from Mrs Winnie Mandela, in whose house he lived.

She had taken two trained terrorists to Richardson's house for safety but they were killed in a shoot-out with police and Richardson's house was damaged. Richardson then went to live at Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof home, Mr Joubert said.

Richardson's role as coach and as part of the struggle as well as being close to Mrs Mandela, were all regarded as status symbols, Mr Joubert said.

When Mrs Mandela told the four youths they were not fit to be alive and began to assault them, Richardson could not have refused to take part or have gone to the police, Mr Joubert said. He argued that violence was the norm in Soweto.

Mr C van Vuren, for the State, disputed that violence was a norm in townships. Many people grew up with violence around them but did not regard it as normal, he said.

He disagreed that Richardson moved to Mrs Mandela's house because he had no where else to go. His wife and two daughters lived elsewhere.

Mr Van Vuren said the psychological profile of Richardson, presented by a clinical psychologist called by the defence, was based on invalid tests and conflicted with the facts.

Kagiso peace talks on today

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THE Mass Demoratic Movement, Inkatha and senior Security Police in the West Rand meet today to resolve the feud which has claimed more than 10 lives in Kagiso.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

The meeting takes place at the Krugersdorp police station and follows a partial collapse of yesterday's talks between Inkatha, police and MDM officials. It was postponed to today after the Inkatha delegation arrived late.

The three parties agreed to resume talks "as a matter of urgency for the sake of peace" in the West Rand township.

The MDM delegation would include representatives from Cosatu, the UDF, ANC, Krugersdorp Residents Organisation, South African Youth Congress and local churches.

Inkatha's delegation would be headed by the organisation's West Rand secretary Mr Humphrey Ndlovu. Youth Brigade chairman Mr Themba Khoza and two members of the Inkatha committee at the local hostel.

The MDM delegation said the agenda for the talks would include discussions on how the situation could return to normal at the hostel and in the township.

KRO spokesmen said proposals would be made to the police about "the need for a mechanism to facilitate peace processes" in the area.

Hundreds of dwellers have since fled the hostel.

The delegation said it would challenge the police to "come out with a clear policy" on the question of weapons.

Meanwhile, the area was tense yesterday with rumours of an imminent attack sweeping the township.

Police patrolled the area and kept a high profile at the hostel.

Goldstone report with FW

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THE Goldstone Commission's report on the Sebokeng incident in which at least 12 people died was receiving the urgent attention of State President FW de Klerk, a spokesman for the State President's office said yesterday.

He was not able to say when the findings of the report will be made public. Sowetan 9/8/90

The judicial commission was established in March to investigate the circumstances leading to the clash between Sebokeng residents and police on March 26, which left 12 dead and 300 injured.

The Sebokeng shootings took place after a 50 000-strong UDF gathering, intent on marching to Vereeniging, was halted by police near the Sondela Brewery.

The marchers were to present a petition to the National Party offices.

At least five people died in the shootings. Another seven died in other incidents of unrest in the area.

The report, compiled by Mr Justice Goldstone, is the first of several on commissions that will be debated by top officials. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Bomb rocks hostel

Vaal feud claims two more lives

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

TWO Vaal Triangle hostel dwellers were shot dead and a bomb rocked buildings, causing damage estimated at thousands of rands as fresh violence erupted in the trouble-torn Sebokeng township this week.

A police public relations spokesman confirmed in Pretoria yesterday that two unidentified men were shot dead in their rooms at Sebokeng Hostel on Monday night.

Dwellers said the two were known only as Mjebele and Temane. Both were from Transkei.

Police also confirmed that a bomb exploded at the hostel and several shots were fired at the hostel on Tuesday night.

Explosion

No injuries or other deaths were reported.

Police said it appeared the blast was caused by a home-made explosive device and they were investigating.

The explosion occurred at Number 4 hostel. Damage was caused to the roof and windows and to windows of an adjacent building.

Meanwhile, a delegation from the Vaal Council of Churches and members of congregations will march from their offices at Trevor Building in Vereeniging to the local police station at 9am tomorrow to protest against the killings and the bombing of the hostel.

Violence

The incidents have been linked to the continuing violence between Inkatha and the ANC that has claimed the lives of about 24 people over the past two weeks ago.

Several hostel dwellers said yesterday they were living in fear of their lives. They claimed they hear shots daily as the feuding at the hostel continues.

The situation at the hostel yesterday was calm but tense and the Xhosa group whose rooms were damaged in the blast said they would defend themselves against further attacks.

Vigilante terror spreads

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Vigilante attacks — for which Natal has become infamous — are prevalent also in other parts of South Africa, as CHIARA CARTER reports:

THE spectre of Natal's bloody civil war is haunting towns as far apart as the remote Eastern Cape hamlet of Aberdeen and the right-wing stronghold of Ermelo in the Eastern Transvaal.

More than 50 people have died and scores have been injured in violent clashes in a range of townships in the Transvaal and Cape over the past fortnight

Terrorising

In De Aar in the Northern Cape, civic association president and South African Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu) member, Mr Embrose Hlehiqinga Mpephetho, was killed — allegedly by the husband of a leading member of the community.

Community leaders claim he and his wife are linked to a vigilante group which has this year been terrorising the township with arson attacks and violence.

In the conflict-riddled Cape Town townships of Crossroads and Khayelitsha, intermeeme fighting has reached such proportions that children from rival factions are said to be attacking one another in schools

In the Transvaal, the clashes are occuring between supporters of Inkatha and "comrades" who support the ANC and Cosatu

The tensions between the two parties seem linked to attempts by Inkatha, which has recently become a political party, to broaden its base and move away from being a regional force

The organisation has embarked on an active recruitment drive in the Transvaal

Hostels, where there are a high percentage of Zulus, are a focus for this recruitment and seem to be the epicentre of the tensions

Hostel dwellers

In the most recent outbreak of warfare between the two sides, at least 11 people died this week in clashes at a hostel in Kagiso in Krugersdorp

The clashes come less than two weeks after violence devastated the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng

Hostel dwellers there had reported that they were visited by Inkatha and told they must resign from the ANC and Cosatu and join Inkatha and its United Workers Union of South Africa, Uwusa

Two days after peace returned to Sebokeng, the township still resembled a war zone with debris strewn and barricades littering the side of the road

For anyone who has covered the Natal war, the scenario was familiar an endless spiral of accusation and counteraccusation

What is undisputed is that running battles which took the lives of about 30 people occured between Inkatha and ANC/Cosatu supporters after an Inkatha rally in the area

Cosatu claims the battle was planned in advance and that the police acted in cahoots with Inkatha

The police version is that "anti-Inkatha elements" provoked the fighting by confronting Inkatha members after the rally

Inkatha's Wit-watersrand organiser, Mr Themba Khoza, claims ANC supporters tried to stop the rally

Although Inkatha had given an assurance that it would not attack residents, people did not believe this and fear caused widespread panic in the township

The violence seems to have been triggered by a stabbing outside the stadium, after which houses were set alight, armed impis chased people through the streets, a bus which brought Inkatha supporters from outside the area to the rally was set alight and barricades were erected

Springboard

The ANC has claimed that police have armed Inkatha members in the Jeppe hostel for attacks on Sebokeng

Police have dismissed this as "nonsense"

It was a hostel in Soweto which was the springboard for an attack on commuters in the area shortly after the Sebokeng war

According to police, about 300 armed men attacked commuters at Inhlazane station

One person was killed and 29 injured before the men fled to a nearby hostel

Commuters said the assailants had said they were looking for the "mzabalazo dancers" (people who toyi-toyi)

Earlier last month, vigilantes killed five Numsa members in a similar attack at Wadeville station in Germiston

Following the train attack, the Soweto Civic Association moved swiftly to appeal to people to reach an understanding with one other and to foster understanding with the hostel dwellers

Inkatha has been linked to the emergence of vigilantes in the Eastern Transvaal town of Ermelo, halfway beween Johannesburg and Swaziland

Ermelo is one of a handful of towns singled out by the United Democratic Front for an indefinite consumer boycott because of its rightwing character

Ermelo's townships of Wesselton and Breyton have recently been the scene of bitter fighting between vigilante groups and comrades

At least two peole died and 12 people were injured following clashes between vigilantes and comrades in the townships at the end of last month

The spokesperson claimed that police and another gang called the Karratakas, were assisting a gang called Black Cats

After the gang attacks, armed comrades took to the streets to revenge themselves on the gang which went into hiding, some say at the local police station

Meanwhile, the houses and shops of residents viewed as sympathetic to the Cats were set alight and the office of a MDM lawyer in the town was firebombed

The Cats are allegedly linked to Inkatha which recently had a rally in the area, following which the Cats distributed Inkatha literature in the townships

Residents suspect their weapons come from a crime prevention operation in which the group took part earlier this year

Inkatha has denied that it is linked to the group

Youth

As is the case in Ermelo, it is often the youth of the community who are the centre of clashes

A soccer team linked by researchers to vigilante attacks, recruits its members from the youth

The Eagles Youth Club, originally reported to be involved in vigilante attacks in the Free State, is now recruiting youths in small Karoo towns

The club is also recruiting in Cape Town

A daily newspaper recently had a photograph of club members cleaning litter in Crossroads, Cape Town

In Khutsong near Carltonville where rival youth groups clashed ferociously earlier this year, the civic association says a "third force" has emerged

Earlier this year, warfare between two rival factions, the Gadaffi Squad and the Khutsong Youth Congress, resulted in eight KYC members being mutilated with razor blades, while at least four G Squad members were shot dead

Now there is a truce between the two groups as they muster their forces against a new vigilante grouping

According to the KCA spokesperson, the vigilante group is a splinter from the KYC, supports Inkatha and acts against anyone who opposes the government

Vigilantes are usually drawn from the more marginal and traditional elements in the townships Either they are recruited in terms of traditional tribal links or their very marginality makes them vulnerable to recruitment

Vigilantes came to the fore following the outbreak of widespread revolt in 1984

They have proved remarkably resilient

In Natal, groups using vigilante tactics have reduced the province to a "mini-Beirut"

In an essay entitled "Sub-contracting the Dirty Work" in a recently-published book, "Policing and the Law", attorney Clive Plasket examined the phenomenon

Links

Plasket argues that there are clear links between the state and the vigilantes

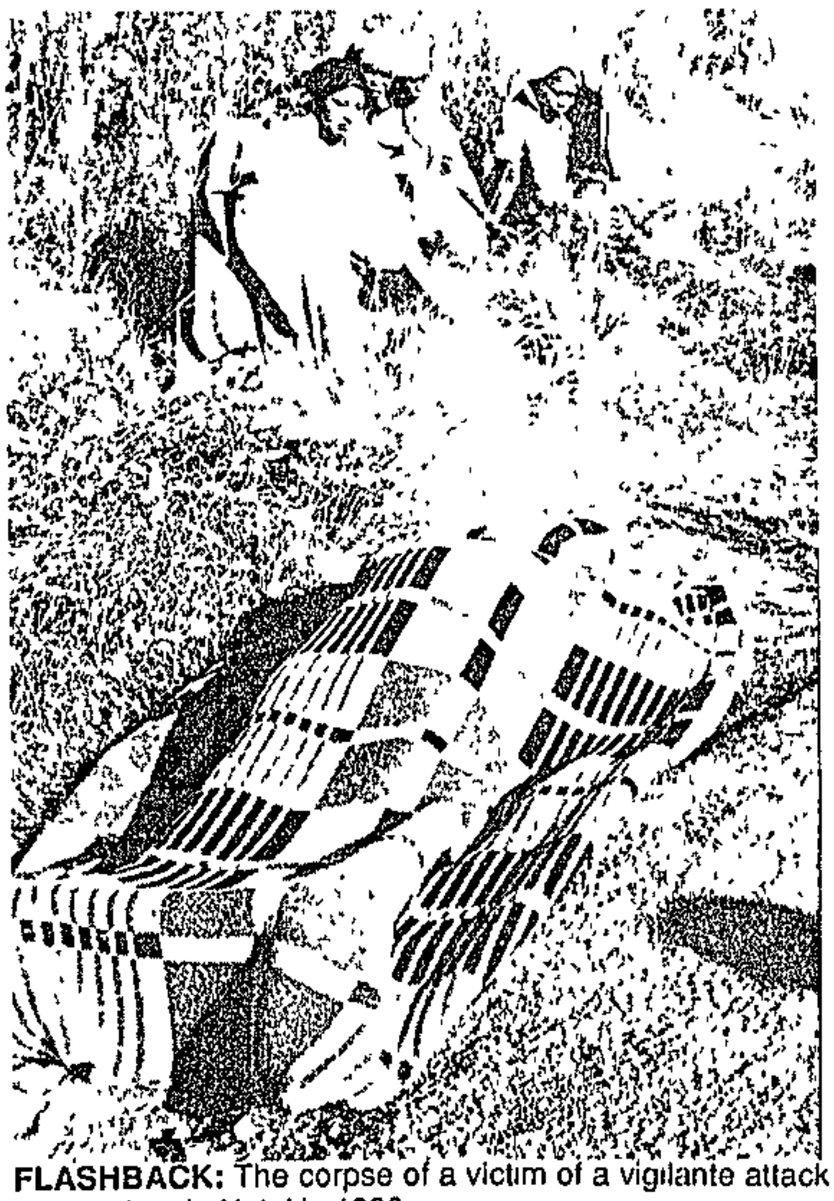
He found that vigilante activity has been "institutionalised" with the state deriving benefits from vigilante activity

These benefits include destabilising communities, the use of a level of violence the state cannot use and the reinforcement of the "black on black violence" stereotype

Plasket argues the vigilante violence in Natal could not be sustained without some form of state intervention

It is still unclear whether the new outbreak of vigilantism thoughout the country has the tacit approval of those at the top or whether it is linked to the rise of the right — particularly within the security forces

Should this be the case, South Africa faces the chilling prospect of a link-up between the rightwing, Inkatha and a virulent vigilantism which has gained a life of its own



FLASHBACK: The corpse of a victim of a vigilante attack upon a bus in Natal in 1989 PIC CLINT ZASMAN

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Charge decision on Winnie 'soon'

JOHANNESBURG. — A decision on whether or not to charge Mrs Winnie Mandela, who has been implicated by State witnesses in the murder trial of Jerry Richardson, will be made within the next week or two, Transvaal Attorney-General Mr Klaus von Lieres has said.

Mr Von Lieres said last night he had been waiting for the outcome of the Richardson trial before making a decision.

"I've not taken a decision yet. The matter is being studied and a decision will be taken in a week or two," he said.

"DESIRE TO PLEASE"

Richardson, the Mandela Football Club coach who murdered child anti-apartheid activist Stompie Seipei, was sentenced to death yesterday by a Rand Supreme Court judge.

Mr Justice B O'Donovan said the court rejected evidence submitted in extenuation that Richardson was mentally retarded. Richardson's view that Stompie was a traitor and a police informer was also not a mitigating factor.

He said Richardson's perceived need to seek Mrs Winnie Mandela's approval had not been considered for purposes of sentencing.

"It is difficult to see how kidnap and murder can be mitigated by the desire to please anybody," Mr Justice O'Donovan said. — Sapa.

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Inkatha warning by Stompie killer

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — "Watch out for Inkatha," a smiling Jerry Richardson warned members of the public gallery on his way to the cells minutes after being sentenced in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to death for the murder of teenage activist Stompie Seipei.

The 42-year-old former coach of Mrs Winnie Mandela's soccer team was also sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment for kidnapping, assault and attempted murder.

Mr Justice B O'Donovan said the murder of Stompie on January 1 last year was a particularly brutal one carried out on a victim who was hardly more than a child.

Richardson was found guilty of kidnapping Stompie and three other youths from the Soweto manse of Methodist minister Mr Paul Verryn on December 28, 1988.

The four were taken to the home of Mrs Mandela where they were assaulted while being questioned about alleged sexual misconduct with Mr Verryn.

Stompie was accused of being a police informer.

Mr Justice O'Donovan said the psychologist's report submitted to the court by the defence created the impression that Richardson was a sick man subject to a number of mental disabilities, including mental retardation, and signs of psychopathy.

The report, the judge said, placed Richardson's intellectual functioning at a low level.

"In cross-examination however a rather different picture emerged," said the judge.

The psychologist, Ms Midge Doepel, had considerably modified the conclusions in her report under cross-examination.

"She was compelled to concede that any retardation of the accused's faculties was of a mild nature just below normal, and that the accused was responsible for his actions and was fit to stand trial."

Referring to a submission by defence counsel Mr H Joubert that Richardson was motivated by a desire to win Mrs Mandela's approval, the judge said it was difficult to see how the commission of offences like kidnapping and murder could be mitigated by a desire to please anybody.

TOWNSHIP VIOLENCE (278)

Natal fever spreads

The Witwatersrand is sliding dangerously close to erupting like the killing fields of Natal. At least 41 people have died and dozens more have been injured in clashes between groups supporting Inkatha and the ANC over the past two weeks. F/M 10/8/90

Transvaal police are also being criticised for allegedly siding with Inkatha. (Police actions appear to have been the most contentious point in Monday's discussions between government and the ANC.)

Nomvula Mokonyane is a civic leader at the Krugersdorp township of Kagiso, where at least 16 people died on Monday. He says "people are bitter because they see the police taking sides." Police reject the allegations.

Hostels around the Witwatersrand are on the alert, with both Inkatha and the ANC claiming that the other side plans to attack.

Inkatha West Rand Youth Brigade chairman and Inkatha Transvaal convener Themba Khoza says that if the ANC leadership publicly supported "the right of Inkatha to live and organise, it would defuse the anger among Inkatha people and stop violence from radical people in their ranks " He says Zulu people support the right of the ANC to live and organise in peace.

However, last week the ANC and Cosatu did say that they support the right of Inkatha to organise non-violently. (278)

In the Kagiso violence at least 16 people died after heavily armed men stormed a hostel. The ANC and Inkatha each claim the other was responsible.

A few days before, two men were shot at a hostel in Jeppe, allegedly after refusing to join Inkatha. Following that attack, and rumours of pending violence after the Inkatha rally in Soweto on Sunday, Cosatu printed more than 40 000 pamphlets in English, Sotho and Zulu for distribution in the PWV area. F/M 10/8/90

The leaflet says: "There are people who come to the hostels to recruit us to fight other oppressed people. They say that Zulu people are being attacked and that Zulu people must prepare for war. They say that ANC and Cosatu and UDF want to kill you. This is a lie ... Do not listen to those who want to spread the Natal war throughout SA."

Khoza claims the July 2 stayaway in protest at the continuing violence in Natal was a hostile act directed against Inkatha and that there has since been plotting against Inkatha.

Whether the rumours are based on fact isn't the point. There is such deep suspicion that rumour is usually enough to spark fighting. And the leaders of the organisations seem no closer to meeting for peace talks.

Over 4 000 people have died in four years of violence in Natal. Inkatha claims 400 000 members in the PWV area; the ANC and Cosatu claim far more than that.

Charlene Smith

Randburg, Sandton top the list

Army units to protect Reef suburbs

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PETER DELMAR

URBAN areas on the Reef are to be blanketed by security networks consisting of part-time military units.

An SADF spokesman confirmed yesterday that commando and citizen force members would be formed into neighbourhood protection units in Randburg and Sandton from next month. The system was already in operation in Pretoria East, he said.

Members of the units will be issued with automatic weapons, ammunition and radios to store at home. Neighbours who have undergone commando or citizen force training could also be recruited and armed if they meet certain criteria.

Chief of Army Staff Operations Maj-Gen Jan Klopper said the system was primarily concerned with protecting a person's own home, property and family. He said many commando members, particularly farmers, had already received "home and hearth" training.

He said members would also be responsible for protecting their immediate surroundings, particularly road access and transport facilities.

It is also envisaged that the area protection groups could be deployed in disaster situations, in co-operation with Civil Protection units.

No details were available on how many men were likely to be involved.

The first area protection units on the Rand are expected to be set up in Randburg and Sandton next month. It is believed the next group in the region could be in Yeoville.

Approved commando — and some citizen force — members will be issued with R-4 rifles and approximately 100 rounds of ammunition each.

The new, as yet unnamed, neighbourhood groups will fall under the direct control of the local commando's commanding officer.

Klopper said the system should not be confused with neighbourhood watches and was designed to supplement other security arrangements in a particular area.

Area protection, he said, had been used with success, particularly in the rural areas of Namibia and in the far northern Transvaal's Soutpansberg military area, where farmers and their families received military training. Farmers were also equipped with R-4 rifles and leaders received radios.

Urban commando commanding officers will place approved people into local groups, each covering at least one suburb. The groups will meet regularly for training, instruction and tactical discussion. The SADF envisages that the groups will liaise regularly with other law enforcement and municipal organisations.

The groups, which might be called platoons, will have normal military command structures.

Group leaders, and any other members approved by the commanding officer, could be given military radios.

On the Witwatersrand, the implementation of the system is being spearheaded by Col Geoff Holland-Muter, commanding officer of Group 18, which includes Randburg, Sandton, Modderfontein and Johannesburg.

The first groups are likely to be deployed after the third week of September.

Although the SADF has always exer-

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cised strict control over the issue of R-4 rifles — valued at between R3 000 and R4 000 each — allowing members to keep them at home did not represent a fundamental departure from policy, Klopper said, adding that farmers had for some time been allowed to do so.

He said people in the programme would require a satisfactory safe or other means of looking after their weapons. They would also be required to display their rifles for inspection several times a year.

Neighbours recruited into the programme could be given rifles if they met the same criteria.

Klopper said that the area protection concept had operated in SA rural areas since 1982, and the SADF was now looking at its implementation in metropolitan areas.

"In certain areas it has been going on for years. Other areas we have considered 'police' areas because of the specific relationship between us (the SADF) and the SAP. For various reasons, we now consider it necessary to introduce area protection to some of these areas."

Vlok sends backup forces to troubled PE

PRETORIA — Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said last night that police reinforcements, additional SADF members and air support would be deployed in the troubled areas of Port Elizabeth where 33 people had been killed since Monday.

Thirty people had been killed in the past two days alone and the reinforcements were needed to try to curb the violence in which many people, including policemen, had been injured. B/Day 10/8/90

The destruction of property, shops, factories, schools and vehicles was costing millions of rands, "money which SA (could) ill-afford to squander", Vlok said.

The violence began on Monday when mobs engaged police in running battles during anti-Labour Party protests, which were accompanied by looting of businesses in the northern areas. By last night, 90 people had been arrested, all on charges of arson, public violence, plundering and looting, police said. (275)

Vlok called on the warring parties to end the violence which he felt should and could be resolved by negotiations.

He said police would "strictly enforce law and order".

"They will seek out criminals and act relentlessly against them and all perpetrators of violence. I have informed (ANC internal leader) Walter Sisulu as such."

He said Police Deputy Commissioner Lt-Gen Mulder van Eyk had arrived in Port Elizabeth yesterday to assess the situation and talk to parties involved, after which he would report back to Vlok. — Sapa.

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Police seal township for swoops after unrest

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THE police and army sealed off Wesselton township, near Ermelo, on Wednesday night during a major swoop following three weeks of unrest in the area.

At least four people have been killed, scores injured and many homes and businesses damaged during continued fighting between ANC supporters and alleged Inkatha sympathisers.

Police said yesterday that five people were arrested during the swoop and a large amount of dangerous weapons, including firearms, was confiscated.

Residents reported that house-to-house searches were conducted during the operation, however police have denied this.

Eastern Transvaal police liaison officer Captain Ogies van Straaten said the police were searching only for identified criminals and suspects for whom warrants of arrest had been issued.

Sowetan Correspondent.

Upsurge of violence across SA tears apart the fragile peace

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Police shootings, arson, looting and anarchy this week show that the birth of peace will require more than signing pacts.
WEEKLY MAIL STAFF *report from across the country.*

THE week in which a ceasefire was signed between the two main adversaries in the country has seen an upsurge of political violence that has sent shock waves around anti-apartheid organisations and within government circles.

While the African National Congress and the government were talking of peace, there was war on the streets, particularly in Port Elizabeth where a reported 33 people have lost their lives.

Analysts and monitoring groups interviewed yesterday told *The Weekly Mail* it was too early to assess the sporadic violence that has gripped the country in the last few days.

However, most of the violence appears to have occured because of police action against demonstrators, while on the other end violence between ANC supporters and Inkatha members has also claimed lives in the Transvaal.

Welkom: On Wednesday night three miners were killed at President Steyn mine in Welkom after mine security officials opened fire on about 400 chanting miners.

A fourth miner was found dead underground but it is unclear whether the death was linked to Wednesday's violence, in which 18 miners were injured and 34 arrested, but police were investigating.

Police said mine security had fired birdshot and rubber bullets and police had been summoned after 400 miners set fire to the hostel administration building, change houses and liquor outlets and attacked company personnel

But according to the National Union of Mineworkers, the torching of mine buildings took place in the confusion following the shootings.

Port Elizabeth: The death toll in the clashes between police and residents in coloured townships rose to 33 last night — with more casualties expected.

Rioting and looting continued, despite calls for peace, but police reinforcements and additional air support were being deployed.

ANC marshalls were also being employed to talk to the people, and National Executive member Govan Mbeki said, "we hope that with the co-operation of the police the situation will be under control."

By early yesterday, 32 shops, six houses, two factories, a church and three schools had been looted and gutted.

Police had retaliated with live ammunition, and the casualty department in Livingston Hospital reportedly resembled a war zone.

Boland: An uneasy calm has settled over violence-riven Bonnievale and Ashton as smoke from gutted buildings and blazing barricades drifted away.

Tiny rural towns such as these could well prove the acid test for the implementation of the peace agreement because it is here that master and servant relationships still predominate and poor socio-economic conditions have been neglected for years and progress towards a new order is most threatened with derailment.

In one dorp after another, Boland residents have begun mobilising, launching civic associations and collecting community grievances to be conveyed to white local authorities months ago.

But it was the harsh police action against peaceful marches and protests and ensuing injuries that fanned the fires of bitterness, prompting retaliation by way of stonings and arson attacks.

Apparent right-wing attacks, such as this week's petrol-bombing of an Ashton African National Congress member's home and telephoned death-threats to other activists, provide another twist in the threatened spiral of violence.

At the same time, community sources readily concede that the ANC, having mobilised its forces, must now follow through and properly organise them, especially the youth.

"There are people on our side who aren't into discipline," is the frank admission by Father Michael Weeder, an Anglican priest who serves Ashton's coloured community.

"Organisation is of the essence. The ANC needs to launch branches and a regional structure as soon as possible.

"There is a great deal of confusion about the armed struggle and what it means. A lot of young people interpret it as a licence for lawlessness and anarchy, while masquerading as children of Mandela.

"There is a need for the ANC to firmly establish itself and exert discipline.

"In the same way, we need a change of attitude on the part of the police.

"We need policemen with diplomatic abilities who appreciate the root causes of acts such as stonings and arson attacks, not Rambo types who go in with guns blazing.

"They need to realise they are dealing with a brutalised community. There must be some recognition of state wrongs, some show of repentance.

"At the moment they are acting as though they never did anything wrong and that people must simply co-operate as if nothing ever happened."

In nearby Bonnievale, defence force reinforcements rumbled into the town this week in the wake of arson attacks on two local shops and a house and stonings.

"There is a great deal of tension between various groups within the community and between the community and the police," said the Reverend Piet Steyn, a white clergyman who ministers a NG Sendingkerk congregation in the coloured township of Happy Valley.

While a relative calm had descended, three farmers' barns were burned down on Tuesday night and stones were lobbed at vehicles travelling on roads leading to the farms, Steyn said.

"It looks as if the conflict is beginning to spread to the farms," Steyn said.

On Tuesday night the local civic association held a meeting at which repeated calls for calm and an end to the stonings, arson and looting were made.

Steyn said yesterday it seemed as if the calls were being heeded.

Oudtshoorn: The Bongoletu branch of the SA Youth Congress has claimed that police and councillors in the Oudtshoorn township were behind a fire which extensively damaged a local high school early yesterday.

In a statement issued to Sapa, the youth congress claimed the fire was aimed at "sabotaging" Sayco meetings and was tantamount to "a declaration of war against the people"

Police confirmed they were investigating arson after a blaze gutted seven classrooms of the Fezekile Senior Secondary School.

Worcester: On Tuesday police fired rubber bullets on about 2 000 demonstrators attempting to march to the local council offices.

Despite the wave of violence, there has been a fragile peace in a few areas torn apart by conflict in the last few weeks.

Kagiso: A joint working committee of ANC, United Democratic Front and Inkatha signed a peace agreement after 13 people lost their lives. The joint committee will seek ways of resolving the conflict which has left the community with fears of further harassment.

Sebokeng: A fragile peace is holding after attacks earlier in the week at the hostel and a three-week-old Vaal consumer boycott is being lifted from today because Vereeniging, Sasolburg and Meyerton municipalities have agreed to allow peaceful marches to take place.

ANC Vaal co-ordinator Bavumile Vilakazi, has appealed to Vaal residents who will participate in tomorrow's march to the Evaton Town Council to hand over a memorandum containing their grievances, "not to vent their anger on property and persons".

Vilakazi emphasised that: "Both the police and residents' behaviour should be in keeping with the Pretoria Minute ANC/government talks."

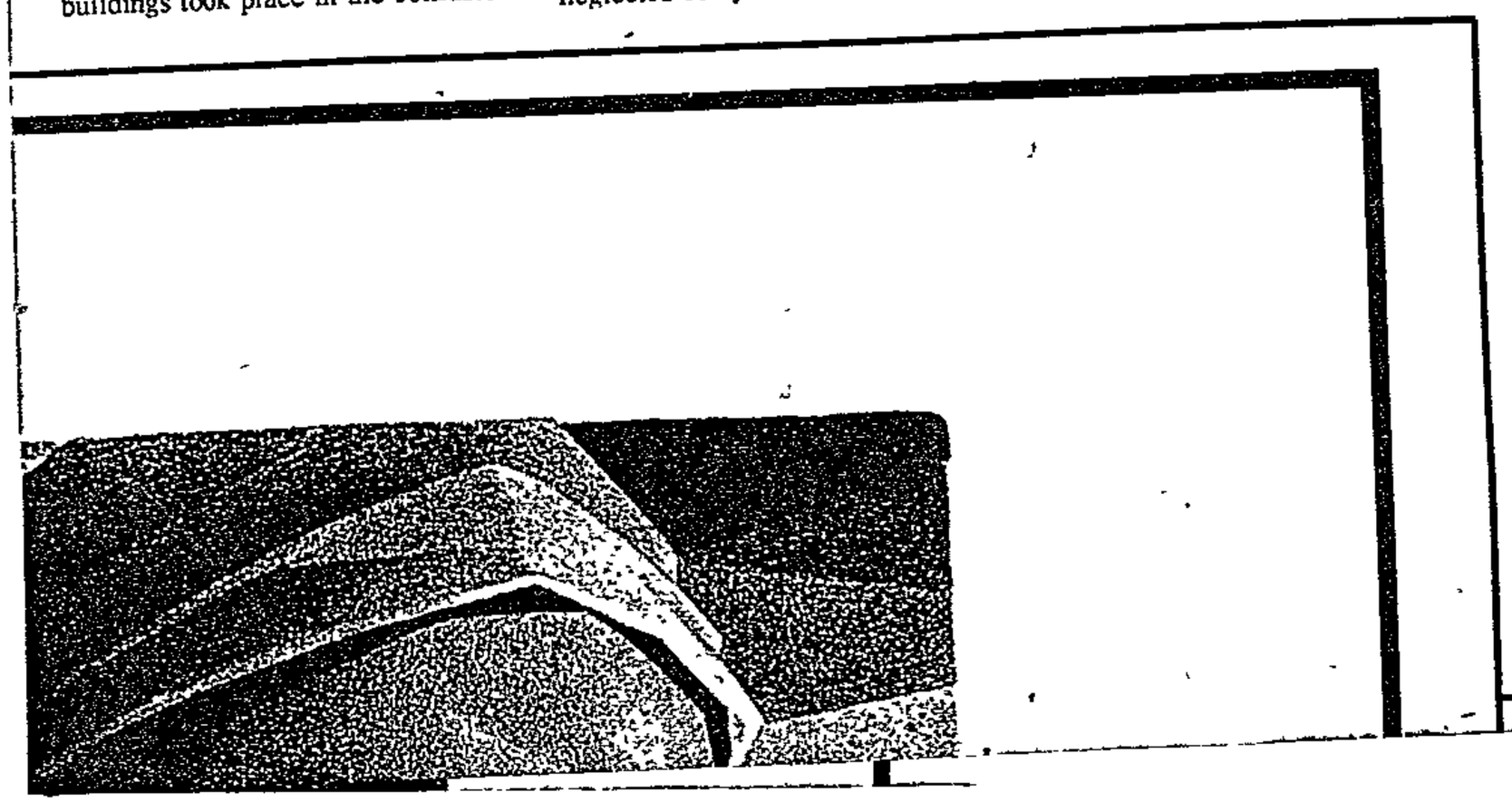
Although comprehensive statistics were not available, the Human Rights Commission reports that 652 people in all regions were injured during July, 346 arrested and 20 people killed.

The incidents took place in different parts of the country when police allegedly broke up community actions such as marches and protest meetings.

A further 158 people had been injured during that period while 111 had been killed as a result of vigilante attacks.

The HRC has also reported that there had been 59 people who had been injured as result of rightwing action, while nine people were killed during the same period.

Hit squad action has also claimed four lives and left two people injured.



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Near-riot as gunman assaults taxi driver

JOHANNESBURG. — There were ugly scenes in Commissioner Street in central Johannesburg late yesterday afternoon as an angry crowd surrounded a pistol-wielding man moments after he allegedly assaulted a minibus taxi driver.

According to eyewitness Mr Wilson Ndlazi, an unidentified man climbed out of his car and smashed the taxi's front window with a baseball bat after the bus had blocked one lane of the road.

The man then drove away in his car.

Police said later the taxi driver had been arrested. They said a Mr David Pauline had allegedly had an altercation with the minibus driver and the driver and some of his passengers had allegedly stolen Mr Pauline's wallet, jacket and some tapes from his car.

It was then that Mr Pauline had smashed the minibus window with the baseball bat, the spokesman said.

Another man, armed with a pistol, then allegedly struck taxi driver Mr Richard Mnguni, 24, with his weapon and pulled him out of the minibus.

He then climbed into the minibus as scores of men and women surrounded the vehicle, rocking it violently. The man then got out of the vehicle.

Mr Mnguni then stood in the road and challenged the man to shoot him.

The angry, shouting crowd initially scattered but then surged backwards and forwards as the man waved his gun around in the ensuing confusion.

Traffic police arrived first and attempted to disperse the crowd and direct traffic. Riot police then arrived and told the crowd to disperse.

Baton-wielding police then moved in to clear the area. — Sapa

Rainy Arbor Day no damp squib

Staff Reporter

HEAVY downpours could not dampen the spirit of thousands of people who turned out on Arbor Day yesterday, to plant trees for future generations.

All over city, Cape Flats, Boland and Karoo towns schoolchildren, businesses and community organisations planted trees of varied species and shades of green.

In Old Crossroads, a tree was planted as a symbol of peace between warring factions.

Mayor Mr Gordon Oliver attended five tree-planting ceremonies.

During this year, the year of the oak, more than a million trees will be planted all over the country as part of the "Trees of Africa" campaign.

FLASHPOINT

Comrades and impis turn Reef hostels into bloody battlefields

S/Times 12/8/90

● MANDLA TYALA reports on his overnight stay in a hostel riven by bloody fighting between political factions

THE incident is minor, but it has the makings of disaster.

It is Thursday afternoon. A man, on his way to the shop at Kagiso Hostel near Krugersdorp, is stopped by a group of Inkatha supporters.

They demand that he take off his T-shirt, which has the ANC's emblem and Nelson Mandela's name on it. The man, known only as Jeff, refuses.

"All right," comes the ominous retort from the Inkatha men. "We'll see about you tonight."

Jeff goes back to his cubicle, fetches a pickaxe handle and gathers a few friends, expecting the worst.

The atmosphere is unbearably tense, made worse by the fact that earlier that day there had been a stand-off between a menacing group of Inkatha members and massed ANC supporters, with the ubiquitous police Casspirs keeping the groups apart.

In the Jeff incident, mercifully, there is no bloodshed. The night passes with a draining tenseness.

The scuffle is only one among many which dog the lives of the tens of thousands of men who live cheerless lives in the country's single-sex hostels — hostels which are quickly becoming flashpoints for violence between Inkatha members and supporters of the ANC-Cosatu-UDF alliance.

More than 50 people have died and hundreds have been injured in the past few weeks in clashes at Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, and Kagiso.

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There were also rumblings in a Randfontein hostel as fears mounted that the Reef would be plunged into Inkatha-ANC violence on the same scale as in Natal.

Inkatha-phobia is increasing in Transvaal townships as the Zulu cultural group's adversaries portray it as a terror force, impis who run amok attacking ANC sympathisers and township residents at random.

From Parys to Krugersdorp there have been reports of children staying away from school for fear of Inkatha "invasions". Inkatha is accused of bussing in heavily armed warriors wherever it holds a gathering, after which they march through the townships displaying their hardware.

There have been allegations that the security forces, in violent encounters, are partial towards Inkatha — a claim rejected by the police.

This week, in the wake of the worst violence the Kagiso hostel has ever seen, I spent a night in their den, trying to get Inkatha supporters' perspective on the violence.

Basic evidence is that Inkatha supporters held a meeting at the hostel last weekend. They say it was a report-back by representatives who had attended a conference in Natal.

Somehow, rumours spread that the Inkatha members gathered at the hostel were planning to disrupt a meeting called by township residents to discuss the rent boycott.

A violent encounter between hostel dwellers ensued. A number of people were killed. ANC supporters had to be evacuated and housed in church buildings. Others decided to stay overnight at the factories where they worked.

Pro-ANC community groups formed defence units and patrolled the streets as reports were received that Inkatha was planning to bus in reinforcements. A battle atmosphere engulfed the township.

A 10-man committee has been formed, with five members from each side. Their function is to monitor the situation and try to end the violence.

The crux of the matter is that Inkatha supporters are ready to behead anyone who calls Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi a puppet, or worse, and ANC members are ready to hack to death anyone who makes a derogatory reference to Nelson Mandela.

Inkatha leader Rich Zulu, sitting in a dingy room for 10 men that doubles as a shebeen, explains his group's viewpoint with two metaphors — one about dogs and the other about the two leading soccer teams in Soweto, Orlando Pirates and Kaizer Chiefs.

A migrant worker from Natal, Mr Zulu has lived in the pigsty of a hostel for 14 years.

A chest-thumping supporter of Inkatha, he makes this analogy: "Just because you support Orlando Pirates, do not think you have the right to tell me I can't support Kaizer Chiefs.

"There will be no peace in the hostels, or anywhere else in the country where there are Zulus, until ANC supporters learn to live with Inkatha."

Mr Zulu's second metaphor is directed at the "comrades": "Small dogs bark a lot, but when the real trouble starts they stand back and it's the bulldogs that end up fighting."

He says youths have been taunting Inkatha members but when violence breaks out they stand back and it's the adults who kill each other.

"Where I come from we discipline our children," he says. "I am not going to come here and be told by small boys young enough to be my children which political party I should belong to."

Church gutted, but PE calm

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PORT ELIZABETH. — The church in Uitenhage where Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse is minister was gutted on Friday night — and sporadic incidents of violence continued in the area on Saturday.

Meanwhile a tired calm returned to Port Elizabeth's riot-torn northern areas where 47 people died last week.

The Uitenhage Congregational Church where Mr Hendrickse is minister was completely gutted on Friday night.

A police liaison offer said on Saturday there were sporadic incidents of burning and looting in Uitenhage on Friday and Saturday but by 4pm the situation was quiet and police had started removing barricades with the help of residents.

It was quiet in Port Elizabeth, he said. A total of 274 people had been arrested in connection with 136 cases of looting and arson. The rioting left 78 shops and a post office burnt and looted and seven schools damaged.

PE municipal workers started the big clean-up on Saturday accompanied by police and army patrols.

About 30 000 copies of a pamphlet from the Northern Areas Co-Ordinating Committee (NECC) and the ANC, calling on residents to return to work, and pupils and teachers to return to schools today, were distributed. The pamphlet also called on people to help clean up the area.

Meanwhile, the SA Rugby Union (Saru) cancelled all SA Cup rugby matches involving PE and Uitenhage on Saturday.

Saru president, Mr Ebrahim Patel, said this was done as a mark of respect following the many deaths.

Saturday's calm came at the end of the week which one Hillside resident likened to "living in Beirut".

Millions of rands worth of damaged was done to Port Elizabeth municipal buildings and property.

The Alabama Hotel in Korsten, a landmark in Port Elizabeth's northern areas, was so severely vandalised it is feared it will not be rebuilt.

The hotel's manager, Mr Joe Nagdee, said the hotel had been looted of everything — including lightbulbs.

Scores of people fled their homes at the peak of the violence on Wednesday night in fear of their lives, seeking refuge in church halls or with relatives elsewhere.

Northern areas residents blamed the rioting, which escalated after police broke up a march on Monday afternoon, on "skollie" or gangster elements, but others blamed the ANC or predicted that the ANC's support had suffered a setback.

A Hillside resident said Labour Party supporters had not been the main targets.

A West End resident said opportunists had used civic frustrations as an excuse to take what they could get.

Mr Lionel Baartman, publicity secretary of the Korsten and Schauderville Action Committee, said on Saturday the NACC pamphlet stated that ANC and NACC were not to blame for the violence and the blame lay with the police action.

The pamphlet stated the original demands made at the protest march still stood, and had not fallen away. These would be taken to the highest level by the leadership of the NACC and ANC.

Gunmen attack hostel

9 die in raid

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NINE people were shot dead and scores of others injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at inmates at Sebokeng hostel at the weekend.

By KENOSI MODISANE

Five men and two women died on the spot. Two more died later at Sebokeng hospital.

The shooting took place about 8.15pm on Saturday when the attackers fired through the windows at room 22, Block C.

Captain Eugene Opperman of the Witwatersrand police confirmed the incident.

He said police found spent AK47 and 9mm cartridges at the scene.

Mr Frans Thupa, an inmate who escaped uninjured in the attack, said more than 20 people were taken to hospital with bullet wounds.

"I still cannot believe that I escaped from the carnage. I don't think many of the injured will survive."

Thupa said he helped take the injured to hospital: "Four panel vans were used to transport the injured after the shooting stopped."

Piled up

Another inmate, Mr Nelson Qibinyaka said: "Bodies were piled on top of each other. It was difficult to tell who was dead and who was not."

One of the bodies was found in the cabinet under the sink.

"The man was trying to seek shelter from the hail of bullets," said Qibinyaka.

Both men said the attackers shot through the kitchen windows from the back of the room. There were bullet holes in the door and walls and pools of blood throughout the rooms.

Mr Vumi Vilakazi, a member of the local civic association who was at the scene yesterday said: "We strongly condemn such action. We shall not be led into believing that it is another black-on-black violence. The perpetrators are known to the people."

Addressing the inmates who gathered at the scene, Vilakazi appealed for calm and said: "No one should think of fighting at the moment". However, he said, inmates should be vigilant in case of further attacks.

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Nine killed in attack on Sebokeng hostel

THEO RAWANA

GUNMEN killed nine people in Sebokeng 1 Hostel, near Vereeniging, on Saturday night, police said yesterday.

Police spokesman Eugene Opperman said unknown gunmen fired through the windows of Rooms 20 and 21 in Block C of the hostel at 9.30, killing six men and three women.

"Four men and three women died at the hostel and another two men died in Sebokeng Hospital. Ten more people — one a woman — were injured" he said.

"It seemed the majority of the victims were Xhosas."

Police found evidence that AK-47 rifles and 9mm firearms were used in the attack.

Violence at Sebokeng hostels last month claimed 27 lives when fighting broke out between Inkatha and UDF/ANC supporters. B/Day 13/8/90 (278)

Sapa reports that Port Elizabeth's northern areas and Rosedale at Uitenhage had a quiet night on Saturday for the first time since uncontrolled rioting and looting erupted last Monday, claiming 47 lives.

More than 250 people had been arrested and more arrests were expected as the police continued with clean-up operations in both areas.

Security force members and residents have been removing barricades and rubble from the streets.

The latest police unrest report said two men died and two were injured in Wesselton township, near Ermelo, when a group opened fire on people apparently on their way to a funeral.

In KwaMashu, near Durban, attackers opened fire on a passing vehicle on Friday, killing one passenger.

Another man was shot dead in Umlazi, near Durban, on Friday.

9 murdered in AK-47 attack on Sebokeng hostel

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Staff Reporters

Killers armed with AK-47 rifles murdered nine people and wounded 10 at the weekend in an attack on a hostel in Evaton's Sebokeng township.

Police said the killings took place on Saturday at 9.30 pm when men armed with AK-47s sneaked up to rooms in Hostel 1 and opened fire through the windows without warning.

The injured are in a stable condition at the Sebokeng Hospital.

A matron at the hospital said 12 patients with gunshot wounds were admitted on Saturday night.

Frans Thupa, a hostel dweller who escaped uninjured, said more than 20 people were taken to hospital with bullet wounds.

"I still cannot believe I escaped the carnage," he said.

Four panel vans were used to ferry the injured.

Another hostel dweller, Nelson Qibinyaka, said: "Bodies were piled on top of each other. It was difficult to tell who was dead and who was not."

One of the bodies was found in a cabinet under the sink.

Both men said the attackers shot through the kitchen windows from the back of the room. There were pools of blood everywhere.

In a strongly worded statement last night, Cosatu called on President de Klerk to intervene and end the recent spate of shootings against hostel dwellers.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said "De Klerk must intervene to end this reign of terror and bring those responsible to book.

"This should include elements of the police who may have collaborated or who have failed to act to end it."

Cosatu said all that was known about the attack was that one or more whites were allegedly spotted by residents at the time of the shooting.

"Pamphlets were found at the scene issued in the name of the AWB insulting blacks," Coleman said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the killers had apparently fled on foot. Intensive investigations have not yet resulted in any arrests.

whether the killings were linked to last month's bloody ANC-Inkatha feuding which left 24 dead.

● Another four people died and 18 were arrested in unrest incidents in other parts of the country at the weekend, police said.

Two men were shot dead and another two injured in Wesselton near Ermelo after gunmen fired on mourners on their way to a funeral.

In KwaMashu, near Durban, gunmen shot dead a passenger in a passing vehicle, and in Umlazi a man was shot dead when gunmen opened fire on a group.

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Gunmen kill nine, injure 10 in hostel massacre

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen with AK-47 rifles massacred nine men and wounded another 10 in a surprise attack on a hostel in Vereeniging's Sebokeng township, where 24 people have already been killed in Inkatha/ANC rivalry.

Police said the latest killings took place on Saturday at 9.30 pm when an unidentified group of attackers sneaked in to Hostel 1 and opened fire through the windows without warning.

The injured people were still being treated yesterday at the the Sebokeng hospital.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the killers apparently fled on foot.

NO ARRESTS

He said police had launched an intensive investigation. There have been no arrests.

Captain Opperman would not say if police had any suspects.

But he said police would investigate any possible link between feuding in the area last month between Inkatha and the ANC, which left 24 people dead.

Most of the victims of Saturday's shooting were Xhohas.

Police went to the area on Saturday night and stayed over in a bid to prevent further outbreaks of violence.

Another four people died and 18 were arrested in separate incidents around the country during the weekend.

Two men were shot to death and another two were injured in Wesselton near Ermelo after gunmen fired on mourners going to a funeral.

In Kwamashu near Durban gunmen shot dead a passenger in a vehicle, while in Umlazi a man was slain when gunmen opened fire on a group.

Police shot and slightly wounded four people in Ashton, Western Cape, after police acted against stonethrowers.

Other unrest-related incidents were reported in the Free State, Soweto, and Cape.

● **Uneasy calm in Port Elizabeth, page 11.**

Fatal taxi battle in Soweto

Star 13/8/90 (278)

Staff Reporter

One person was killed and three were wounded in a shootout between members of rival taxi groupings at Soweto's Baragwanath taxi rank last night, a police spokesman said.

The taxi service from the rank to many parts of Soweto was disrupted by the gunfight as taxi owners fled their vehicles in terror, leaving their passengers stranded.

Three minibuses were damaged.

A taxi owner who was involved in the clash told The Star Bara City taxi owners had fired on the minibuses owned by members of the Baragwanath Pretoria Taxi Association at about 7 pm.

"We were just parked here when they started shooting. Some drivers ran away, others started shooting back.

"I was in my taxi, I couldn't run away, so I started shooting back at them through my windscreen," he said.

He did not know what had sparked the shooting.

"To own a taxi is to own a death," he said.

A Dobsonville resident on her way to the taxi rank from work at Nasrec said she had witnessed the attack.

"I saw a lot of people carrying guns. There were many shots and many people lying there," said the woman, who did not want to be named.

"Taxi drivers were running away, leaving their taxis behind. I had to walk to Diepkloof Zone 1 to get a taxi, because there were no more taxis at Baragwanath."

Last night police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said automatic weapons had been used in the attack.

He said the injured had been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

A hospital spokesman refused to disclose their condition last night.

Sebokeng: Gunmen kill 9 in hostel

Cape Times 13/8/90

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen killed nine people in Sebokeng 1 Hostel, near Vereeniging, on Saturday night, police said yesterday.

Police spokesman Mr Eugene Opperman said unknown gunmen fired through the windows of Rooms 20 and 21 in Block C of the hostel at 9.30pm, killing six men and three women.

"Four men and three women died at the hostel and a further two men died at Sebokeng Hospital. There were 10 other people injured — nine men and a woman," he said.

Police found evidence that AK47 rifles and 9mm firearms had been used in the attack. No arrests had been made and police could not speculate as to who the attackers were, he said.

Sapa reports Port Elizabeth's northern areas and Rosedale at Uitenhage had a quiet night for the first time on Saturday since uncontrolled rioting and looting erupted last Monday, claiming 47 lives.

Eastern Cape police liaison officer Mr Bill Dennis said the area was calm and that there had been no reports of incidents during the night.

The latest police unrest report said two men died and two were injured in Wesselton township near Ermelo when an unidentified group opened fire on people apparently on their way to a funeral.

In KwaMashu near Durban, unidentified attackers opened fire on a passing vehicle on Friday, killing one passenger. Another man died on Friday in a similar incident in Umlazi near Durban.

No show for peace rally

KRUGERSDORP — A joint ANC-Inkatha peace rally scheduled for Saturday in Kagiso township failed to materialize. CAPE TIMES 13/8/90

The rally was arranged to seal Wednesday's tentative peace agreement after fierce fighting left at least 13 people dead.

An Inkatha spokesman said the ANC had "not turned up", but an ANC spokesman blamed the Kagiso Residents' Association, which was meant to organise the meeting. Inkatha said they remained "committed to the peace agreement". — Sapa

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Miner, 18, badly hurt by gunman

JOHANNESBURG. — An 18-year-old Westonaria miner had been seriously wounded by an unknown number of men, after they had fired at him from a car on the main road between Elsburg and Westonaria early on Saturday morning, police reported yesterday.

Mr Herman van Zyl had been shot in the chest and was at present in a critical condition in the Johannesburg General Hospital, police said.

He had been walking on the Elsburg/Westonaria main road after coming off duty from the Elsburg gold mine, when a yellow Datsun Laurel stopped next to him and one of the men in the vehicle fired a shot at him, police said. — Sapa

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Assaulted family awarded R18 648

Sowetan 14/8/90 (278)

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok has paid an out-of-court settlement of R18 648 to a Sebokeng family following their claim of assault and unlawful arrest by the South African Police.

By DON SEOKANE

Mr Abram Mzizi (63) said the incidents occurred after his son, Jabulani Mzizi, was shot and killed by police in Sebokeng.

They claimed he was involved in burning houses of special constables during November 1986.

During one of the raids at the Mzizi home, a police officer known as Satch Ngubeni assaulted Mzizi with the butt of a rifle.

Police also took cash and property belonging to the family.

Abusive

Mzizi's wife, Nellie, successfully sued the police for abusive language and a member of the police's suggestion that she should have sexual intercourse with members of the police.

Mr Trevor Bailey, of Legal Resources Centre, said Mrs Mzizi's physical integrity was damaged when her breasts were exposed after her night dress was torn before being arrested.

"The family was under emotional stress after their son was killed but it became worse when the police arrested the father and accused Nellie of arson.

"Their other son, Ben (21) was assaulted and unlawfully detained the same day that his mother was insulted by police," Bailey said.

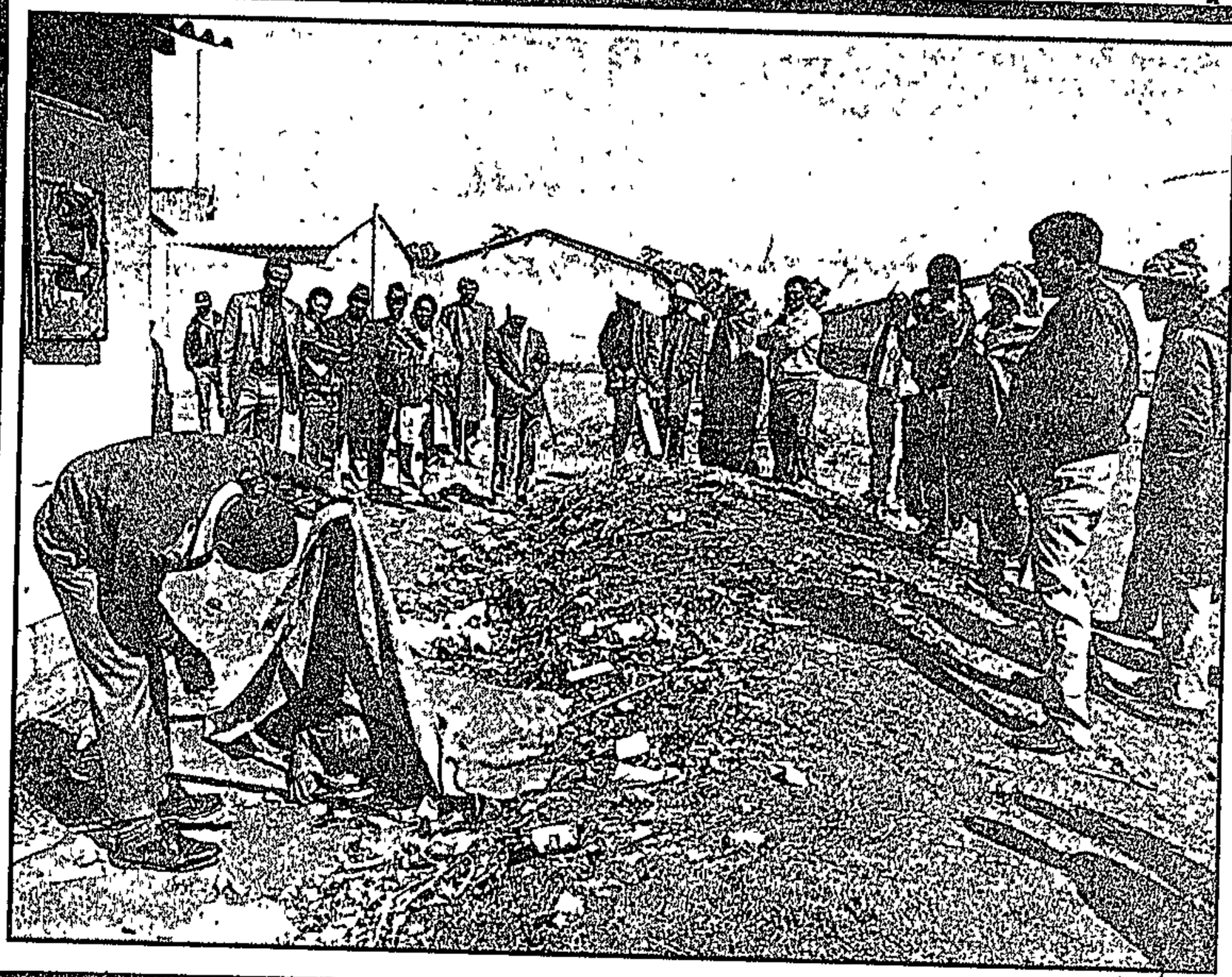
Mrs Mzizi said during the raid police fired bullets at their home, causing damage to the kitchen wall before forcing their way in by breaking the kitchen door.

The Mzizi family who were awared R18 648 after successfully suing the Minister of Law and Order and the South African Police.

Thabong mayor's family is attacked

By MONK NKOMO

THE family of the mayor of Thabong, Welkom, es-



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Killing at hostel

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A police officer examines the body of a victim of violence between hostel residents. The fighting erupted on Sunday night at Khalanyoni Hostel No 5 in Tokoza on the East Rand. The man was stabbed several times and shot dead. Two other people were injured. Report on page 2.

Violence at village

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VIOLENCE erupted at Relela village near Duiwelskloof on Sunday morning.

Residents said a shop, houses, two vans and a car were set on fire by villagers following an attack on a teacher, Mr Victor Mashale.

Victims of the violence were two businessmen, Mr Reuben Mogale and Mr Marakutje Molapisane, whose sons were accused of attacking Mashale. Mashale is at Garankuwa Hospital.

Both families were involved in an incident in May when Mr Enoch Makwala was killed and his head severed.

Man is shot dead in Tokoza hostel fight

HOSTEL violence spread to Tokoza when a hostel dweller was shot dead and stabbed several times on the head and in the back. (278)

Two other people were injured during an outbreak of violence near Alberton on Sunday night.

Mr Bongwani Mbaxo said Mr Gxekegxe Tomsana died after a group of people attacked them following a meeting held at the hostel where it was resolved that the Xhosas should be killed.

Hostel residents said the group burnt the dead man's clothes and set the room on fire.

"We lost clothes, money and our blankets were destroyed during the fire that followed the fight.

"We don't know what is happening here except that we are being attacked because we are Xhosas," Mbaxo said. Sowetan 14/8/90

The injured are Mr Politi Joyi, who was shot in the leg and is at Natalspruit Hospital, and Mr Mbexwelesele Tiya of Phola Park.

Police are investigating.

R10 000 for info on massacre

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Sowetan 14/8/90

POLICE yesterday announced a R10 000 reward in connection with the Sebokeng massacre at the weekend and said they had already taken steps to bring rival groups to the negotiating table to end Reef township violence.

Warnings of possible "drastic steps" to end the violence were also issued by police yesterday.

Witwatersrand police chief Major-General Gert Erasmus went to Sebokeng to visit the hostel massacre scene in which nine men died and at least another 10 were wounded, a spokesman said.

The killings bring to 33 the number now murdered in the ANC/Inkatha feuding in the township recently.

Erasmus would also initiate steps to try to bring feuding Inkatha and ANC supporters to the negotiating table, said Captain Eugene Opperman.

He added that police believed the Saturday night Sebokeng killings were linked to the escalating power struggle between the two organisations.

Detectives found 31 empty AK-47 cartridges and five empty 5mm cartridges on the scene, he added.

Opperman also said police had already initiated plans to counter outbreaks of violence in other Reef townships, specifically mentioning Kagiso on the West Rand and Katlehong on the East Rand.

Pamphlets

Cosatu, which said residents had seen whites and discovered AWB pamphlets at the scene, has called on President FW de Klerk to intervene to end the hostel killings.

Police said they had taken note of allegations of white involvement, but said it would be "premature" to speculate on this.

* Police have not excluded the possibility that ANC fighters were selling arms to criminal elements in the townships, a Reef spokesman said yesterday. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

SAP offers reward to solve shootings

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LINDEN BIRNB

POLICE yesterday offered a R10 000 reward and stepped up township patrols in an effort to curb township violence following Saturday night's Sebokeng hostel shooting that left nine dead and 10 wounded.

The reward is offered to anyone with information that could lead to the arrest and prosecution of whoever perpetrated the shooting, SAP Witwatersrand liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said.

Everything possible within the law would be done to stop the violence, he said, adding that "drastic steps" would be taken if and when necessary. Opperman did not specify what these steps would entail.

Regional SAP commissioner Maj-Gen Gerrit Erasmus had visited Sebokeng yesterday to assess the situation following the shooting.

Steps to initiate talks between ANC and Inkatha township groups were being taken by Erasmus, but they could occur only if all parties were serious about their desire for peace and allow one another political and other rights in the areas, Opperman said.

He said the SAP saw the current wave of violence as part of the political allegiance struggle in the townships, but stressed the SAP's apolitical and neutral stance in the situation.

"We won't tolerate attacks on any person, whatever their affiliations, denominations or political aspirations might be," Opperman said.

The SAP were duty-bound to protect the citizens of SA and would leave no stone unturned in their investigation into the hostel shooting, he added.

He said investigating officers had taken note of claims that whites were responsible, but would not say whether sworn affidavits had been taken from witnesses making the allegations.

"At this moment in time the SAP hasn't got a clue and to say it's whites, blacks or Indians would be premature and we're not prepared to speculate on the issue."

Police found 37 AK-47 and five 9mm cartridges at the scene of the shooting, but could not blame any particular group. Opperman said these types of firearms were freely available on the black market in the townships and he could not rule out the possibility that guerrillas could be selling their weapons to raise money.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said a "highly racist" AWB pamphlet was found at the hostel during the clean-up after the shooting.

Anyone with information about Saturday's shooting can telephone Lt Andries Coetzer at (016) 881551 (w) or Col F van Niekerk at (016) 551653 (w).

SAP Witwatersrand liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman at yesterday's Press conference to announce the R10 000 reward offered in connection with information on Saturday's fatal shootings in Sebokeng. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

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Police reinforcements go in as East Rand violence erupts

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From CRAIG KOTZE
The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have sent reinforcements into Tokoza township on the East Rand after a mass outbreak of violence between African National Congress and Inkatha supporters today, police said.

The fighting was apparently sparked by the killing of a man at the Khalanyoni hostel on Sunday night during clashes between Zulus and Xhosas.

No information was available on casualties.

Police said today that a gunman was shooting at the Pola Park squatter camp next to Tokoza, but again no information on casualties was given.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman described the Tokoza situation as "quite serious". Police across the Reef had been placed on the alert to prevent the violence from spreading to other townships.

Tokoza has become the latest flashpoint in the rising ANC/Inkatha power struggle in the Transvaal.

So far, at least 33 people have died in clashes between the rival organisations in Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle and Kagiso on the West Rand.

The Tokoza flare-up comes after nine men were shot dead and at least 10 wounded in an AK-47 attack on a Sebokeng hostel on Saturday night.

Captain Opperman said police had kept the feuding groups apart during the night, but they had "jumped at each other's throats" at dawn.

"It seems to be quite serious. The Regional Commissioner, Major-General Gert Erasmus, has sent reinforcements to Tokoza.

"There seems to be fighting all over the township," said Captain Opperman.

CALL TO NEGOTIATE

Police had been expecting renewed clashes between the organisations after the Sebokeng massacre and had made contingency plans to deal with the situation.

Captain Opperman today repeated a call that the warring parties should abandon violence as a means to settling differences and that they should negotiate.

"The SAP is prepared to act as a mediator," Captain Opperman said.

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Sebokeng massacre: reward offered

By Craig Kotze
and Montshiwa Moroke

Police yesterday offered a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the Sebokeng massacre.

Police also warned of possible "drastic steps" to end the violence in Reef townships.

The situation at the Sebokeng hostel, where nine people were shot dead and more than 10 wounded at the weekend, was still tense yesterday and residents said they were living in fear of their lives.

Unknown gunmen opened fire at revellers on Saturday night with AK-47 assault rifles and 9 mm pistols, killing seven on the spot.

This has brought to 33 the number of people who have died since last month's Inkatha-ANC feuding which centred on the hostels.

Police spokesman Eugene Opperman yesterday said police believed the killings were linked to an escalating power struggle between supporters of Inkatha and the ANC.

He said Witwatersrand police chief Major-General Gert Erasmus, who visited the scene yesterday, would try to bring the feuding parties to the negotiating table.

Some of those who died were: David Dikane (20), who arrived last month from the Transkei, Tutso Goniwe (38) and Matata Qubinkomo (20), both from the Transkei.

Wounded

Nolita Mshiywa (19), from Mdantshane, East London and Johannes Senosho, who had recently arrived from Pietersburg died in the attack.

Mr Senosho's unidentified girlfriend was wounded in the attack.

Also killed was Bembekulu Fishane (35) from the Transkei, who had gone to visit friends at Durban Deep near Roodepoort.

Two of the injured are Nthati Dikane and Bongani Goniwe, both from the Transkei.

One resident said: "We live in fear of our lives because we are not safe here. Some of us stay here with our families".

Cosatu, which said residents had seen whites and discovered AWB pamphlets at the scene, has called on President de Klerk to intervene to end the hostel killings.

Anyone with information about the attack is asked to contact Lieutenant Andries Coetzer at (016) 88-1551 or Colonel F van Niekerk after hours at (016) 55-1653.

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16 die in Thokoza

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Own Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — Faction violence in Thokoza on the East Rand had left 16 dead and 61 injured by yesterday evening.

Fighting flared up again late yesterday afternoon when Zulu residents of the Thokoza hostels swooped on the nearby Xhosa-inhabited Phola Park squatter camp.

Police said clashes began on Monday afternoon after a Zulu had apparently been killed and others attacked in retaliation. The fighting left 17 people injured.

Phola Park Residents' Committee chairman Mr Prince Mhlambi claimed that during the night a Zulu raiding party attacked squatters, hacking some victims with pangas and tomahawks.

Yesterday afternoon Zulu hostel residents, identified by their yellow armbands, openly patrolled hostel entrances armed with assegais, knobkerries and sjamboks.

According to Mr Mhlambi, a meeting between the two parties in the presence of SAP regional commissioner General Gerrit Erasmus ended with a police undertaking that Zulus would be kept away from Phola Park while law and order was restored.

Gen Erasmus addressed representatives from all groups and told them to sort out their own political problems, said SAP Witwatersrand liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe.

Colonel Malherbe said politics could not be ruled out and that the SAP would not get involved in a political fight. A meeting between the factions had been set up for next Monday.

Mr Mhlambi stressed that it was a faction fight but did not dispute the possibility that some of the Zulus were Inkatha supporters. An Inkatha spokesman blamed the ANC for initiating the violence by allegedly attacking Inkatha's supporters holding a meeting in a hostel last week.

Women who escaped through the Zulu siege on Monday night spent the night in the open, leaving their possessions in the surrounded squatter camp.

Cruelty to horses — man fined

Staff Reporter

A KUILS RIVER m was fined R1 200 on Mo day for maltreating a neglecting 13 thorou bred horses, one which was found buri in a shallow ditch on smallholding.

Nudther Abrahan 46, of 124 Nooiensfonte Road, was also orden in the Kuils River Mag trate's Court to p R3 019 costs to the SP for the care given to animals afterwards.

Half of the fine h been suspended for fi years.

Evidence heard court last week was th the underfed and del drated horses we found on the smallho ing on December 28 l year. One was dead a two had to be put do because of their we condition.

During the proce ings, Abrahams said had left the smallho ing in October last ye and did not own t horses, but had asked friend to look after the

Mr J G Van Zyl was the magistrate. M Williams prosecuted. Mr A P Bresslei peared for Abrahams.

Cosatu to protest over growing 'reign of terror'

Star 15/8/90 (278)

By Shareen Singh

Cosatu will present a memorandum to President de Klerk later this week listing attacks on its members country-wide and calling on the President to intervene in accordance with the Pretoria Minute in stopping the "reign of terror".

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said the situation was critical, with at least 13 people killed and more than 40 injured in Sebokeng alone in the past two weeks. The clash between Inkatha and the ANC/Cosatu brought to 40 the number recently killed in the township.

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The Pretoria Minute declared a commitment from both parties to undertake measures to promote peace and normalise the situation.

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ers to meet with the Con- Government to give ious input on a future peace- and ful South Africa.

Mr de Klerk has since also withdrawn from this P. conference which is about being organised under reli- the chairmanship of I Jay State-appointed Dr acted Louw Alberts. ence.

No evidence of whites at killings, according to cops

POLICE yesterday dismissed reports that whites were seen at the time of the shooting in Sebokeng on Saturday night, calling on those with such information to report to the police. Sowetan 15/8/90

Nine people were reportedly shot dead and about 17 others injured when gunmen shot at residents socialising in a Sebokeng hostel room on Saturday night.

In reaction to the shooting, the Congress of South African Trade Unions said late on Sunday night one or more whites were allegedly spotted by residents at the scene at the time of the shooting. (278)

"No evidence has been furnished indicating that whites were seen at the scene," police said in a statement.

"Despite the fact that all known witnesses were questioned and their statements obtained, there is no indication as to who the attackers may be."

If, as was claimed, the "people" know who the perpetrators are, the police urge the people who have this knowledge to make it available, the statement said. - *Sapa.*

◀ Running for safety ... Two Tokoza children flee from an advancing band of armed men. The latest outbreak of violence between Zulus and Xhosas has left at least 39 dead and 65 injured in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus.

● Pictures by Ken Oosterbroek.

Zulus and Xhosas in East Rand battles

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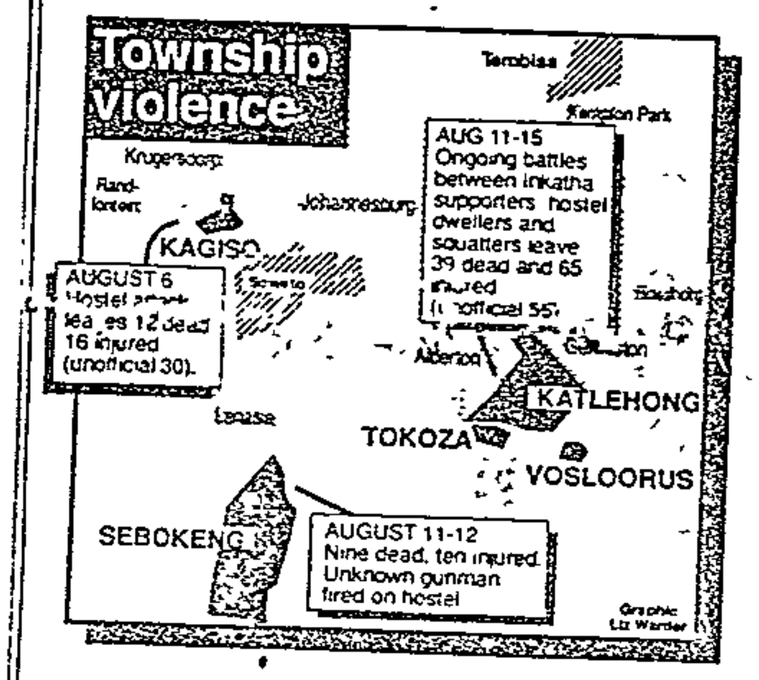
Troops move in to stop the slaughter



Reports by Craig Kotze, Abel Mabelane, Musa Mapisa and Guy Jepson.

Troops were rushed to violence-racked East Rand townships today after continuing running battles between Zulus and Xhosas left at least 39 dead and 65 injured in Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus.

Unofficial estimates are that up to 55 people may have been killed in the spreading violence, but police could not confirm this.

Much of the fighting has been characterised by clashes between Zulus and Xhosas.

Fighting erupted early today at Vosloorus hostels when Inkatha members allegedly attacked residents.

The East Rand violence started in Tokoza on Sunday when a hostel dweller was killed. The incident escalated into full-blown clashes between hostel dwellers and squatters in nearby Phola Park.

Last night, violence spread to nearby Katlehong and Vosloorus, leaving a Tokoza peace pact in tatters as Zulus from various townships joined forces to attack Xhosas, putting them to flight.

The fighting has primarily been centred at hostels and squatter camps and is a continuation of the "hostel trend" in Transvaal township fighting recently. Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle and Kagiso on the West Rand experienced the same pattern.

Vosloorus hostel dwellers said a large impi of Zulus attacked their hostel early today. "There were too many. They came with sticks and assegais," hostel dweller Themba Mahlangu (22) told The Star this morning.

He said hostel inmates were asleep when the group attacked. "We heard them singing and the next thing they were in the

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- August 3 — Unknown gunmen fired on a taxi from Sebokeng hostel. Four passengers were seriously wounded.
- August 4 — Vigilantes accompanied by municipal police fired through hostel windows, leaving 20 injured
- August 5 — Commuters from a train were shot at next to a station in Zone 10. Several were injured Two police vans and a private car were seen nearby.
- August 6 — One person was killed and two injured in an attack on hostel dwellers by unknown people Another person was shot dead outside the hostel. The following day, a blast outside the hostel injured one person.
- August 9 — Two hostel dwellers were abducted by six whites in police uniforms in a raid on the hostel

Sunbathing ... These impala were caught enjoying the wi Lower Sabie in the Kruger National Park on Monday.

Bafokeng tribe worth millions

By Julienne du Toit

The Bafokeng tribe, who bitterly fought their inclusion into Bophuthatswana last year, have become shareholders in Impala Platinum Holdings in the homeland, and can subscribe to shares worth over R300 million

According to the company's annual report, 72 Bafokeng councillors and headmen unanimously accepted

Impala's lease of a rich ore body in the Bafokeng's tribal land, called "The Deeps", on January 10 this year.

Under the agreement, the tribe will be entitled to subscribe for up to 7 percent of the country's shares. The

Pollution in Buffa

By Jacqueline Myburgh

The Buffalo River in Natal, which for the past 100 years has been polluted by coal mines in the north of the province, may now be threatened by other industries operating on its banks

Despite a campaign launched by the Department of Water Affairs in Dundee to clean up the river, the local water board has been discharging chemicals into the stream of water, a water affairs spokesman confirmed

The owner of a farm about 50 km south of the waterworks, David Rattray, reported the pollution to the Department of Water Affairs when he noticed piles of brown and white foam drifting down the river last week.

A spokesman for the Department said the foam was "backwash" from the waterworks' pump station, but the chemicals contained in it were non-toxic.

The foam — and the long-term pollution of the Buffalo River — had not affected the ecology of the river, the spokesman said.

Keith Cooper, conservation director of the Wildlife Society, said he was very distressed by news of the pollution since the Buffalo River had exceptional qualities in terms of the environment.

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ANC slates recent unrest

PRETORIA. — The recent killings at Sebokeng hostels and the Pretoria bomb on Saturday were the work of an organised killing machine of apartheid, said Dr G Mukhari from the PWV region of the African National Congress.

"We condemn therefore this killing of our people and challenge the government to leash its forces before it's too late to contain a backlash," he said in a statement issued in Pretoria. — Sapa

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Residents 'intimidated over boycott'

JOHANNESBURG. — There are claims of widespread intimidation of black residents by some whites from Marble Hall and Grobblersdal in the Eastern Transvaal — in a bid to bust an ongoing consumer boycott in the area.

An action committee formed by the white business community is forcing black residents to buy at white businesses, according to the chairman of the boycott committee, Mr Nkobeng Maepa.

He said yesterday that the boycott was imposed on July 21 following the failure by the conservative town councils to meet demands made by the black communities.

Blacks were beaten up if they refused to buy at white businesses, Mr Maepa claimed. — Sapa

The streets empty as impi moves through township ...

TWO CHILDREN flee across the road ahead of a mass of Inkatha members moving through Tokoza. Inkatha has been involved in continuing violent clashes with other groups in East Rand townships. Troops have been rushed to the area, where at least 38 people are reported killed.

Picture. KEN OOSTERBROEK, Argus Group Picture Service

Tension grips L♥ving addicts

By IRVING STEYN, Deputy News Editor

TAKE a closer look at the faces of your colleagues and fellow commuters today. Notice the glazed eyes, anxiety etched in the lines across the forehead, the drawn mouth?

Jitters over a looming Middle East conflagration? Naah, worse — catastrophe in Corinth.

Fact is, things in Corinth are coming to a head and fans of Loving, the super soapy on M-Net Open Time, said to be the most popular show on TV, although many addicts would never admit to watching it, are tense.

Central ingredient to the cauldron now threatening to boil over is Nick Dinados, the handsome, suave, cold and evil Mafia boss of Corinth's Palace Casino. Just about everybody who is anybody — with a couple of nobodies thrown in — is aching to do him in.

And, as Nick struts around his gaming tables in his impeccable tux, with Trisha, the lovely

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Army goes in

Death toll in E Rand townships at least 38

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Peace in tatters

LATEST

Necklace murder of city woman

ARGUS 15/8/90

By DALE KNEEN
Crime Reporter

A WOMAN was burnt to death in Khayelitsha today in a horrifying "necklace murder".

Shots were also fired at a guard outside the home of Crossroads Mayor Mr Johnson Nxgobowana

A special constable came

Iraqis to pull out of Iranian territory

NICOSIA. — President Saddam Hussein announced today he was pulling Iraqi troops out of Iranian territory, freeing Iranian prisoners-of-war and accepting the division of the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway

His statement on Baghdad Radio said he was offering a comprehensive agreement to Teheran so that Iraq would be free to confront "others" — apparently referring to the growing Western military build-up.

Iraqi troops would start withdrawing on Friday, leaving only police and border guards on the frontier

EIGHT-YEAR WAR

Iran and Iraq fought an eight-year war which ended in a ceasefire in August 1988

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Death toll in E Rand townships at least 38

JOHANNESBURG. — Troops were rushed to violence-racked East Rand townships today after running battles between Zulus and Xhosas in Tokoza, Kathlehong, Vosloorus left at least 38 dead and up to 65 injured.

Unofficial accounts estimate that up to 55 people may have been killed in the spreading violence, but police could not confirm this.

Much of the fighting has been characterised by clashes between Zulus and Xhosas.

Fighting erupted early today at Vosloorus hostels when Inkatha members allegedly attacked residents.

The East Rand violence started in Tokoza on Sunday when a hostel dweller was killed. The incident escalated into full-blown clashes between hostel dwellers and squatters in nearby Phola Park.

Peace in tatters

Last night violence spread to nearby Katlehong and Vosloorus, leaving a Tokoza peace pact in tatters as Zulus from various townships joined forces to attack Xhosas, putting them to flight.

Vosloorus hostel dwellers said today a large impi of Zulus attacked their hostel early today.

"There were too many. They came with sticks and assegaais," hostel dweller Themba Mahlangu, 22, told reporters this morning.

He said hostel inmates were asleep when the group attacked.

"We heard them singing and the next thing they were in the hostel attacking residents.

"I don't want to live there anymore," said Mr Mahlangu, who recently moved from Natal to work for Gencor.

He said he had no idea why the "Zulus" had attacked.

A Katlehong resident, who did not want to be named for fear of reprisal, said a group of Zulus attacked the "Crossroads" squatter camp in the township this morning.

He said the group numbering "more than 2 000" carried guns, assegaais, butcher's knives, pangas and hatchets.

Writing in pain

"I saw mothers with babies on their backs running past my house early this morning, into the veld across the road. I didn't know what was happening and then I saw the Zulus chasing them.

Captain Eugene Opperman, police liaison officer, said: "We just keep on finding bodies."

When reporters arrived on the scene in Tokoza yesterday afternoon an injured squatter, Mr S'dumo Mtolo, was lying on the ground writhing with pain. He had been shot by three men.

A few metres away a youth with a toy plastic gun on his waist lay dead after being shot.

"We are trying to set up another meeting for Monday when we will carry out a further round of talks", said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

CONFRONTATION: Police face a crowd of Inkatha members in Tokoza.

LATEST

Necklace murder of city woman

AKGW 15/8/90

By DALE KNEEN
Crime Reporter

A WOMAN was burnt to death in Khayelitsha today in a horrifying "necklace murder".

Shots were also fired at a guard outside the home of Crossroads Mayor Mr Johnson Nxgobowana.

A special constable came across a group of people who had "necklaced" a woman in the road at W412 site C at 6 am.

The group of men and women had placed at least three tyres around the women's neck before throwing a flammable substance over her and lighting it.

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Constable T S Mgoduka who arrived on the scene said the woman was consumed by flames. One of the people standing around the fire told him: "We will also burn you out."

They attacked the constable, throwing bottles and stones at him. He fired a shot into the air and the group dispersed.

Constable Mgoduka then discovered the charred remains of the woman.

Hours earlier, a special constable attached to the unrest unit narrowly escaped death when he was shot at from outside the home of Mr Nxgobowana.

Apparently two men walked pass the house in Nyanga at 1.20am and fired one shot at the guard.

The special constable returned fire and the men ran away.

An investigation showed a bullet had penetrated the guard room in Mr Nxgobowana's garden.

● In other unrest, a policewoman at Ipegeng was abducted from her house, stabbed, doused with petrol and set alight. She was admitted to a local hospital with serious stab wounds and burns.

Sapa also said a private house was petrol-bombed in Cross Roads overnight and that a vehicle parked there was damaged. — Sapa.

'Faction fight' in Thokoza leaves 16 dead

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THEO RAWANA and LINDEN BIRNS

INTER-FACTION violence in Thokoza claimed 16 lives and left 61 people injured by yesterday evening. B/Day 15/8/90

Renewed fighting flared up late yesterday when Zulu residents of the Thokoza hostels swooped on the nearby Xhosa-inhabited Phola Park squatter camp.

Police said clashes began on Monday, when 17 people were injured in an alleged attack by Zulus on Xhosa hostel residents, some of whom escaped by fleeing to the neighbouring squatter camp.

All 16 deaths were the result of fighting which began early yesterday.

Phola Park Residents' Committee chairman Prince Mhlambi said that during the night a Zulu raiding party attacked squatters with hand-made and conventional guns, pangas and axes.

He said a meeting between the parties in the presence of SAP Regional Commissioner Gen Gerrit Erasmus ended with the SAP undertaking to keep Zulus away from Phola Park while order was restored.

Erasmus addressed representatives of all groups and told them to sort out their own political problems, SAP Witwatersrand liaison officer Col Frans Malherbe said.

He said politics could not be ruled out and the SAP would not get involved in a political fight. A meeting between the factions had been set for next Monday.

Mhlambi said the clash had been a faction fight, but he did not dispute the possibility that some of the Zulus were Inkatha supporters.

An Inkatha spokesman blamed the ANC for initiating the violence by allegedly attacking Inkatha supporters holding a meeting in a hostel last week.

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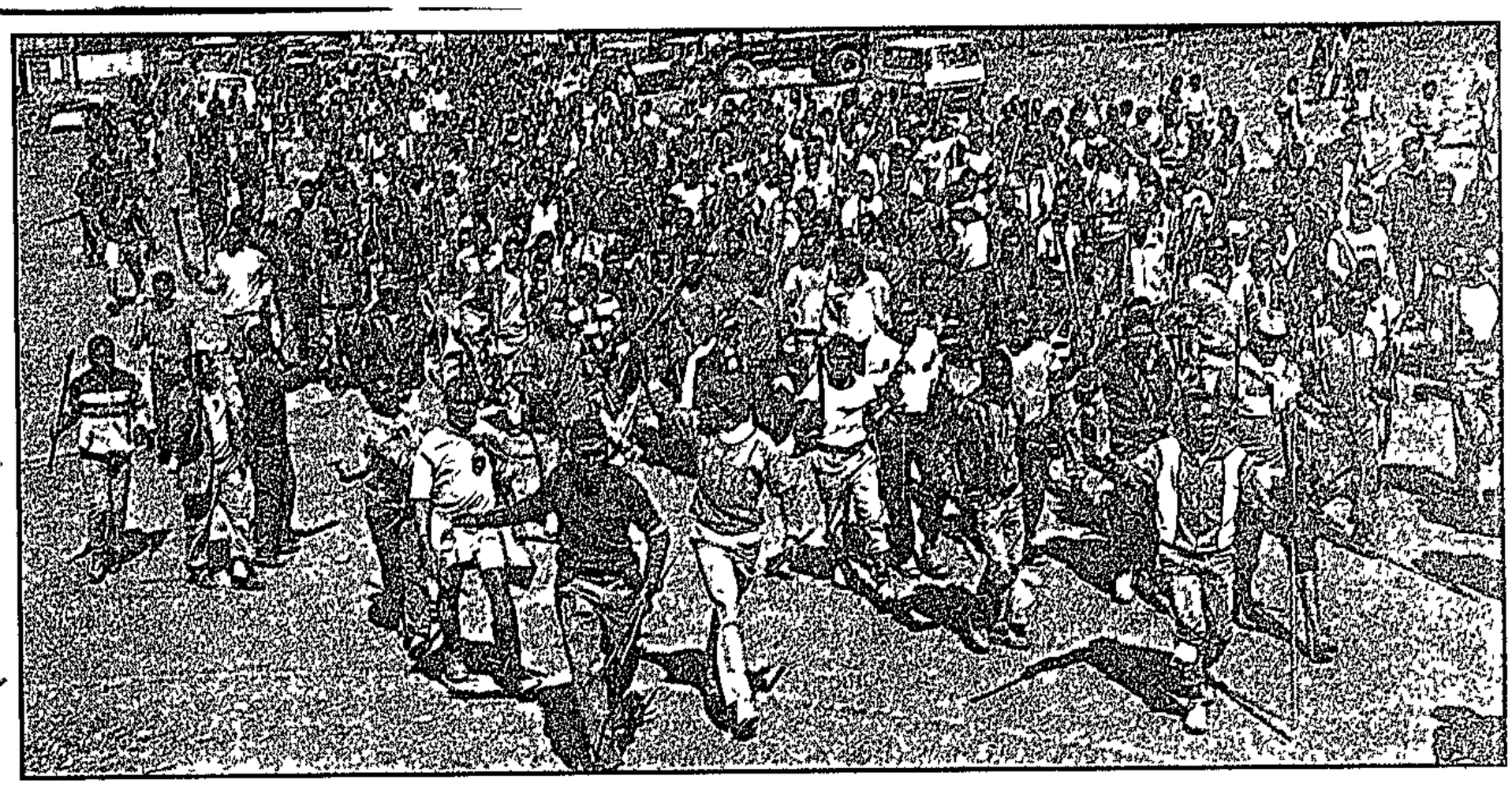

Inkatha supporters march in Tokoza hours after they had clashed with Phola Park residents. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

13 die in hostel carnage

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AT least 13 people were killed and more than 35 others injured in bitter fighting between Inkatha supporters, non-Zulu hostel dwellers and Phola Park residents in Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday.

By noon yesterday, Phola Park residents were leaving the war-torn squatter area in their hundreds in fear of renewed attacks.

According to sources, the fighting started on Sunday night after the killing of a Xhosa hostel dweller by alleged Inkatha supporters at Khalanyoni Hostel.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

The incident occurred after an Inkatha meeting when hostels rented by non-Zulu dwellers were burnt, sources said.

However, a police spokesman in Pretoria said the fighting was between a group of Zulus and Xhosas at the hostel. He said police used teargas and birdshot to disperse the groups and described the situation as tense.

Besieged

A spokesman for the Phola Park Youth Congress, Mr Samuel Mungani, said the squatter camp was besieged by gun-wielding men at dawn yesterday.

He said shots were fired and machinegun fire was also heard.

"Residents fled and many were shot at," he said.

Mungani said the attack was carried out by men wearing white rags on their heads.

He said more than six bodies scattered in the veld were collected by police vans and it appeared Phola Park menfolk were targets of the attack.

No women or children were attacked.

The injured were admitted to Natalspruit Hospital with gunshot and stab wounds.

Mr Sydney Mojamisi (39), who was stabbed in the arm with a spear, said Inkatha members attacked him in his room at the hostel because he

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Hostel carnage

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was a "Xhosa".

Mr Mncedisi Ngombane (24) was shot through the thigh in the street at dawn while running away from the battle.

At noon yesterday, more than 1 000 armed Zulus assembled at the hostel and marched through the streets of Tokoza escorted by police.

The situation remained tense as residents hastily vacated the streets.

The East Rand attack is the third involving Inkatha supporters in less than a month.

Similar clashes have taken place in Sebokeng and Kagiso.

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Scenes of war in gruesome killing fields

VICTIM . . Police carry the body of a Xhosa squatter shot by police in Thokoza township on the East Rand to a waiting vehicle

RESPITE . . . A policeman halts the fighting between Xhosa squatters and Zulu hostel dwellers in Thokoza yesterday Clashes at East Rand hostels have caused about 150 deaths this week.

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150 die on Rand

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 150 people have died in two days of violence as Zulus and Xhosas clashed on the East Rand.

Police have put the death toll at 143, but believe they will find more bodies in the areas where there has been fighting Thokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong

Late last night there were fears that the violence could spread to Soweto

Journalists reported seeing thousands of armed people marching, but it appeared that they were returning to a Soweto hostel after a meeting Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the township had been quiet

On the East Rand an uneasy calm shrouded the killing fields last night

Representatives of the warring parties held two meetings at the Vosloorus police station yesterday and agreed to appeal to their men to stop fighting

It was also agreed that people who had fled from the township hostels — scenes of the worst carnage yesterday — should not return [illegible] control the area around the hostels Police would enter the hostels only if asked to do so by hostel committees, which were set up at the second meeting

A third "peace" meeting is scheduled for this morning

The violence yesterday spread rapidly from Thokoza to neighbouring Katlehong and Vosloorus Hostels and squatter camps were raided by roving bands of armed men.

Police followed the gruesome trail picking up hacked and shot bodies of victims.

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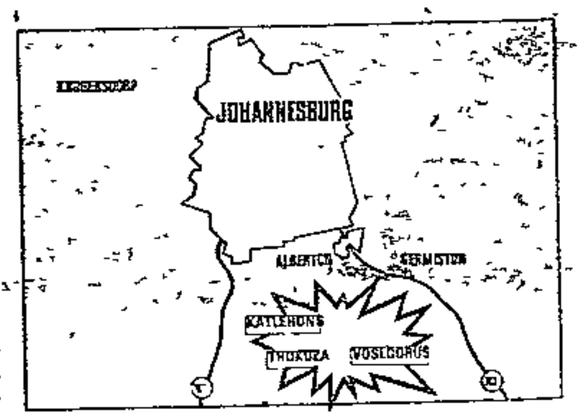

Sebokeng', where 24 people died in Inkatha ANC hostel violence last month

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He could not say if evicted residents would be able to retrieve their belongings from the hostel

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Zulus showed journalists the body of a man they claimed to have battered to death while the talks were going on

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Youths set man alight

JOHANNESBURG — A man was set alight by a group of youths in front of journalists late yesterday afternoon in Thokoza township on the East Rand

Journalists saw a group of youths in Khumalo Road chasing a man When they caught up to him they stoned him, doused him with petrol and set him alight before running away

Two journalists then rushed to the man and extinguished the fire.

The man lay wriggling on the ground, his clothes burnt off his body He was bleeding badly from the face

Police arrived at the scene soon afterwards to help the victim.

Meanwhile, the police operation to disarm warring factions is to continue because some people are apparently still armed, the head of the security branch in the area, Brigadier P L du Toit, said — Sapa

Terror in the eyes as they flee killings

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HAUNTING images of war hit Alberton's white suburbs yesterday as hundreds of refugee women and children with "terror in their eyes" fled burning Crossroads squatter camp.

They were seeking refuge from a township war of flashing pangas and assegais.

Women and children were on Tuesday and yesterday nights fleeing the war-ravaged areas of Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus as rampaging Zulu impis attacked Xhosas.

Squatter women and children, burdened with what they could salvage from their wrecked shacks, have been fleeing Tokoza's Phola Park, evoking scenes which, for white South Africans, were previously confined to TV coverage of the West Bank, Vietnam and other trouble-spots in a far-off world.

Yesterday morning, women carrying children on their backs ran out of their fiercely-burning shacks, grabbing whatever belongings they could.

Moira Smith of

SOWETAN Correspondent

Raceview, Alberton, broke down and cried on the telephone. She was describing how she came across traumatised little children fleeing in terror from Crossroads on Tuesday night.

"There was blood on their clothes. They were fleeing Crossroads.

"I will never forget the absolutely haunting look of terror in their eyes. They were not aggressive, only desperately looking for safety. It was the most dreadful thing I have ever seen, that look of terror in their eyes.

"They had no shoes, so I took some of my children's shoes and gave it to them.

"Is there nothing that can be done for these people?

"They have nowhere to go. They were on their way to Meyer's Farm but were turned back. Some slept at the Alberton stables."

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130 die in ER war

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THE South African Defence Force and more policemen were dispatched to the violence-plagued East Rand townships as clashes between rival groups continued yesterday, leaving about 130 dead in

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus.

The Crossroads squatter area which housed more than 800 Xhosa-speaking families was a pre-dawn target of armed Zulu warriors yesterday.

At least 24 people were killed in the attack, which left a swathe of destruction resembling a movie scene.

Natalspruit Hospital confirmed that more than 68 people were admitted yesterday. All had either stab or gunshot wounds.

Flames leapt into the sky as thick clouds of black smoke billowed from the torched shacks while riot

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Frantic bid to halt the bloodletting

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Township battles leave 150 dead

LINDEN BIRNS and WILSON ZWANE

AT LEAST 150 people have died in two days of violence on the East Rand as groups of Zulus and Xhosas clashed with firearms, assegais and pangas in the townships of Thokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong.

Police believe they will find more bodies. Hundreds have been injured, and Natalspruit Hospital in Katlehong has been inundated with emergency cases.

An uneasy calm shrouded the battlegrounds last night.

Representatives of the warring parties held two meetings at the Vosloorus police station yesterday in a bid to end the bloodletting. They agreed to appeal to their constituencies to stop the fighting.

It was also agreed that people who had fled from the township hostels, scenes of the worst carnage yesterday, should not return last night and police would patrol the area around the hostels. Police would only enter the hostels if requested by hostel committees, set up at the second meeting.

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Last night police liaison officer Col Frans Malherbe said if this incident was reported, police would investigate the matter thoroughly. "We will not stand for anything of this sort."

While the Inkatha delegation leader reported back to his people, SAP members searched nearby hostel rooms for bodies, which they loaded into trucks.

Zulu warriors proudly showed journalists the body of a man they had battered to death while the "ceasefire" talks were going on.

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Father Kevin Bugler said about 80 women and 120 children had sought refuge in his Alberton Catholic Church.

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South Africa Catholic Bishops' Conference secretary-general Brother Jude said a non-denominational meeting of church leaders would be held in Johannesburg today to discuss the crisis.

Chanting Inkatha supporters at the Vosloorus hostel brandish spears, knobkerries and an assortment of home-made weapons.

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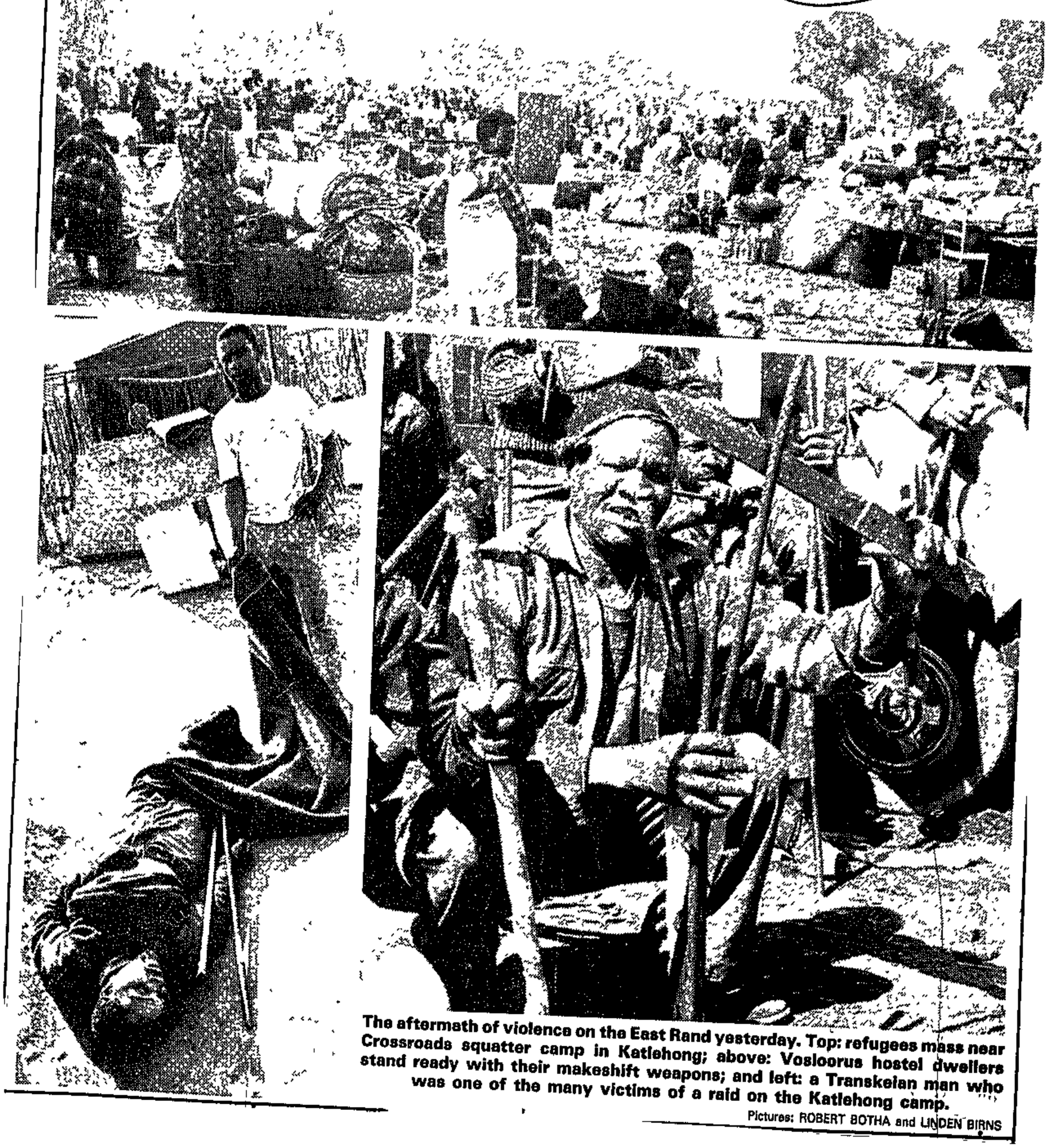

The aftermath of violence on the East Rand yesterday. Top: refugees mass near Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong; above: Vosloorus hostel dwellers stand ready with their makeshift weapons; and left: a Transkeian man who was one of the many victims of a raid on the Katlehong camp.

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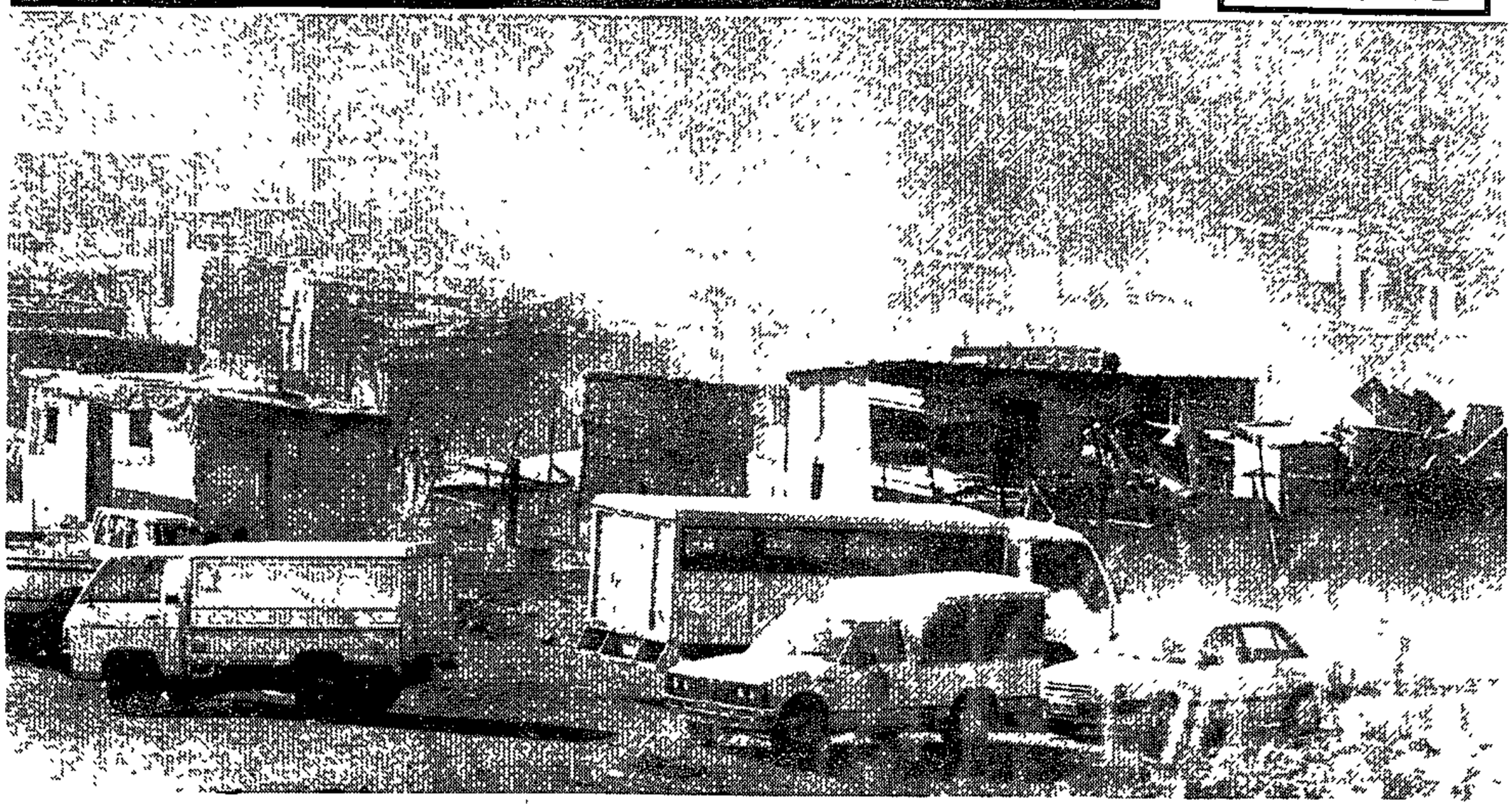
Shame of Tokoza

Pictures by MBUZENI ZULU and JOE MOLEFE



The Crossroads squatter camp near Tokoza is covered by a blanket of smoke after shacks were set alight yesterday by "Zulu warriors".

Vosloorus police attempt to assist a hostel dweller who was stabbed with a spear while trying to flee the hostel yesterday. He died minutes later.

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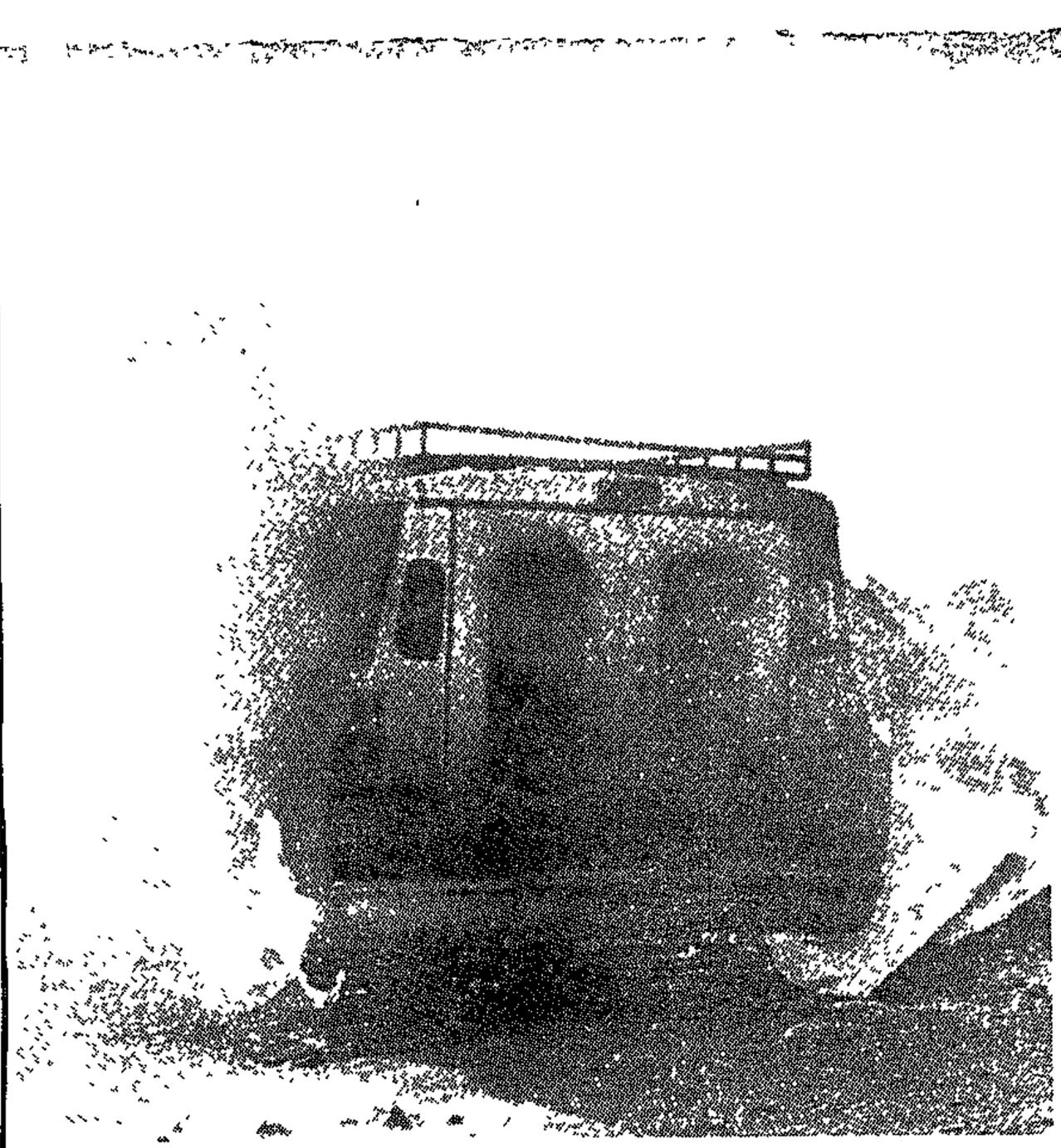

A commercial vehicle set alight during yesterday's Tokoza carnage.

Police load a corpse into a truck after more than 100 people were killed in the trouble-torn squatter area.

More die as mob attacks Soweto train

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'Some of us are going to die today ...' — page 17

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — A mob of 300 to 400 wielding pangas, assegais, knobkerries and some with firearms attacked passengers at Nhlazane station in Soweto today, killing at least two and injuring scores.

A resident who lives near the station but declined to be named said she awakened at 5.45am and saw the mob attacking passengers and pulling them from the train. Some passengers jumped off.

She said she saw at least two bodies under the station bridge and counted eight ambulances ferrying the injured to hospital.

Police liaison in Pretoria said teargas was used to disperse the mob which gathered at the station and the nearby Jabulani hostel.

144 dead

They confirmed that two bodies were found but there was a possibility of two more.

The vicious East Rand township war, which has left 144 dead and at least 31 injured, was quieter today following yesterday's carnage

Thousands of people have been left homeless and many have fled the townships and squatter camps to neighbouring white residential areas.

Mothers with babies on their backs were seen yesterday leaving their possessions and running from flaming squatter shacks in a desperate attempt to escape the Zulu-Xhosa war.

Reporters in the township witnessed "unbelievable" scenes yesterday Zulus were attacking hostel inmates at random, killing them in their rooms where they sought shelter.

Pictures. KEN OOSTEBROEK, Argus Group Picture Service

ON THE WARPATH: Armed with sticks and spears, an impi on the move in unrest-torn Tokoza. The fighting has turned the East Rand townships into battlefields and left nearly 150 dead.

Hacked with pangas

Others were hacked with pangas and set alight. At least one baby was burnt to death in a shack and several people drowned when they ran into a swamp to escape the wrath of the Zulu impis.

Mortuaries in the East Rand areas are full and attendants are battling to cope with the flow of bodies. Hospitals are overflowing. Ambulances could not cope with the workload and stopped entering the township during the day yesterday.

Today, reports of violence came from Soweto

Police said they dispersed factions with teargas and talks were in progress to defuse the situation

Nine of those injured are in a serious condition in hospital

Schools empty

Hundreds of youths and residents gathered on a bridge outside the Jabulani hostel

The building was virtually under siege as angry residents, including youths in school uniforms, faced the hostel armed with an assortment of weapons

Many residents stayed at home today and schools were empty.

"Talks are being held to defuse the situation after this morning's clash," Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said.

A police helicopter was being used to monitor the situation and Soweto police were "geared" to deal with any outbreak of violence, he said.

Illegal gatherings would be dispersed.

Soldiers and police yesterday disarmed as many groups as possible.

Four suspects were arrested after incidents in which a hand-grenade was hurled at police in Tokoza and after a gunman opened fired on police with an AK47.

In a further development, Soweto "comrades" were reported to have been taken by bus into the Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus areas on the East Rand to support Xhosas against Zulu impis.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the situation on the East Rand was "calm" this morning.

Thousands of township commuters had to walk today after comrades allegedly prevented minibus taxis from operating.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok has appealed to the warring factions to halt bloodshed and destruction. He urged their leaders to use their influence to stop the killings.

● Efforts are being made to arrange a meeting between internal African National Congress leader Mr Walter Sisulu and Mr Vlok to discuss the violence on the East Rand.

"Walter Sisulu is trying to set up an urgent meeting with Minister Vlok to discuss the violence and the role of the police," said an ANC source.

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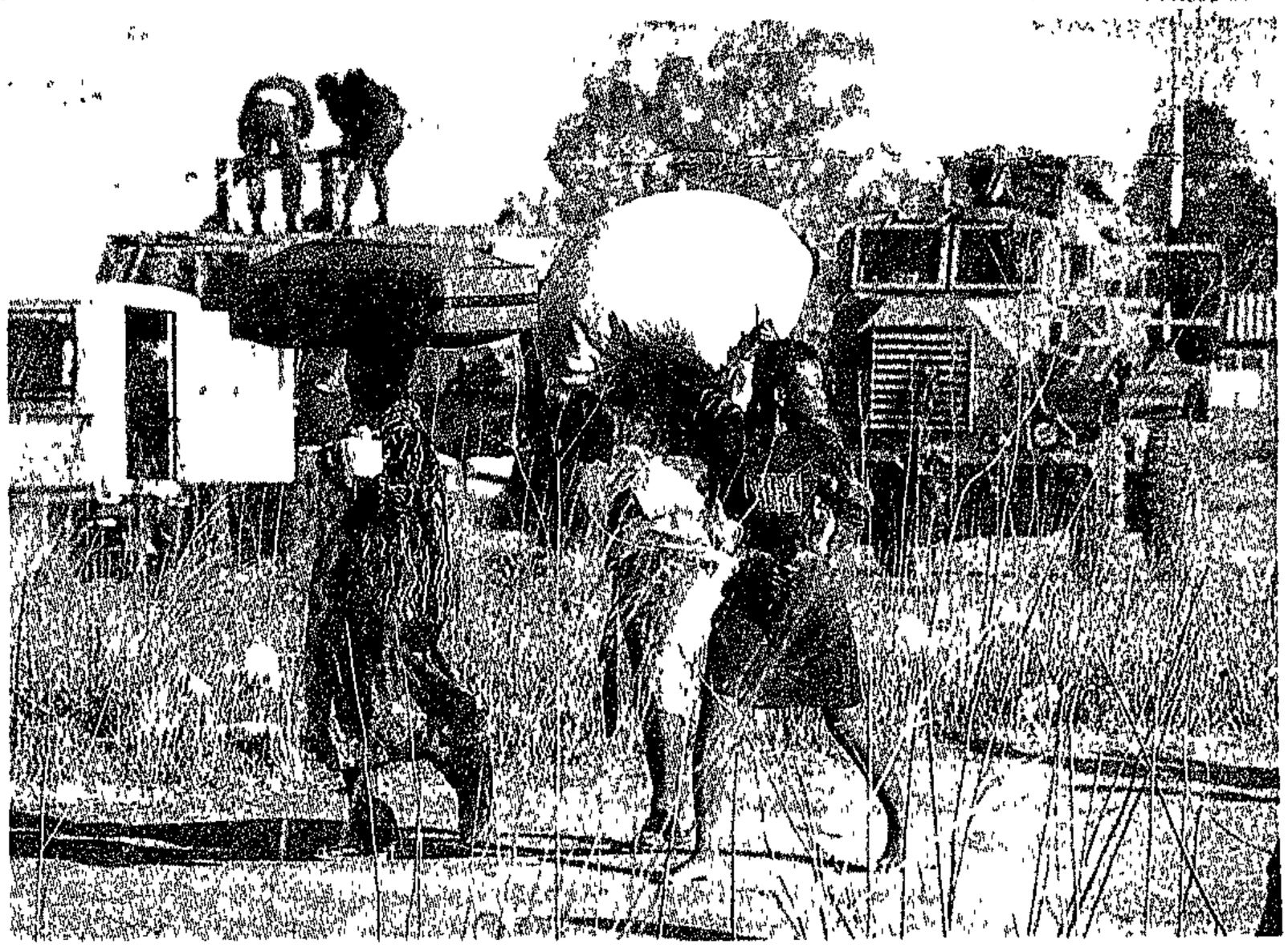

FLEEING: Carrying possessions, a family flees from the faction fights which have pitted Zulus against Xhosas. Hundreds of refugees are seeking shelter outside the East Rand townships.

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Paying the price in blood

From HELEN GRANGE, CRAIG KOTZE and ABEL MAZELANE
Argus Correspondents on the East Rand

IT was total war yesterday in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Kathlehong and Vosloorus — and the residents paid the price in blood, fear and grief.

Zulu impis swooped in the dead of night. Spears and pangas flashed and the dead, mostly Xhosas, piled up amid the cry of wounded and dying men.

Terrified women and children fled from razed squatter shacks and burning homes as police reported the finding of bodies with almost monotonous frequency.

"Tokoza, 7.45 am — six blacks found with stab-wounds, taken to Tokoza Hospital Kathlehong, 7.59 am the bodies of two men found with hack-wounds" And so it went on all day.

Shacks torched

Huge groups of armed men gathered to launch attacks and counter-attacks, leaving behind bodies. Soldiers and police moved to intervene, forming barriers between warring groups Children caught in the middle ran.

Squatter shacks were torched in Crossroads, near Kathlehong, burning many residents to death.

24 HOURS NEWS WATCH

A man was set alight by youths in front of journalists in Thokoza. He had been hunted down, stoned, doused with petrol and set alight.He lay bleeding and writhing on the ground before police arrived to help him

"If there is no peace between us and the Zulus, they will kill us," a young blanket-clad Xhosa man told his friend as they walked with sharpened sticks towards open land on the verge of Phola Park squatter camp.

Moments later, they and hundreds of other squatters, were being body searched and disarmed by police as part of an attempt by the army and police forces to diffuse continuing faction fighting in the area.

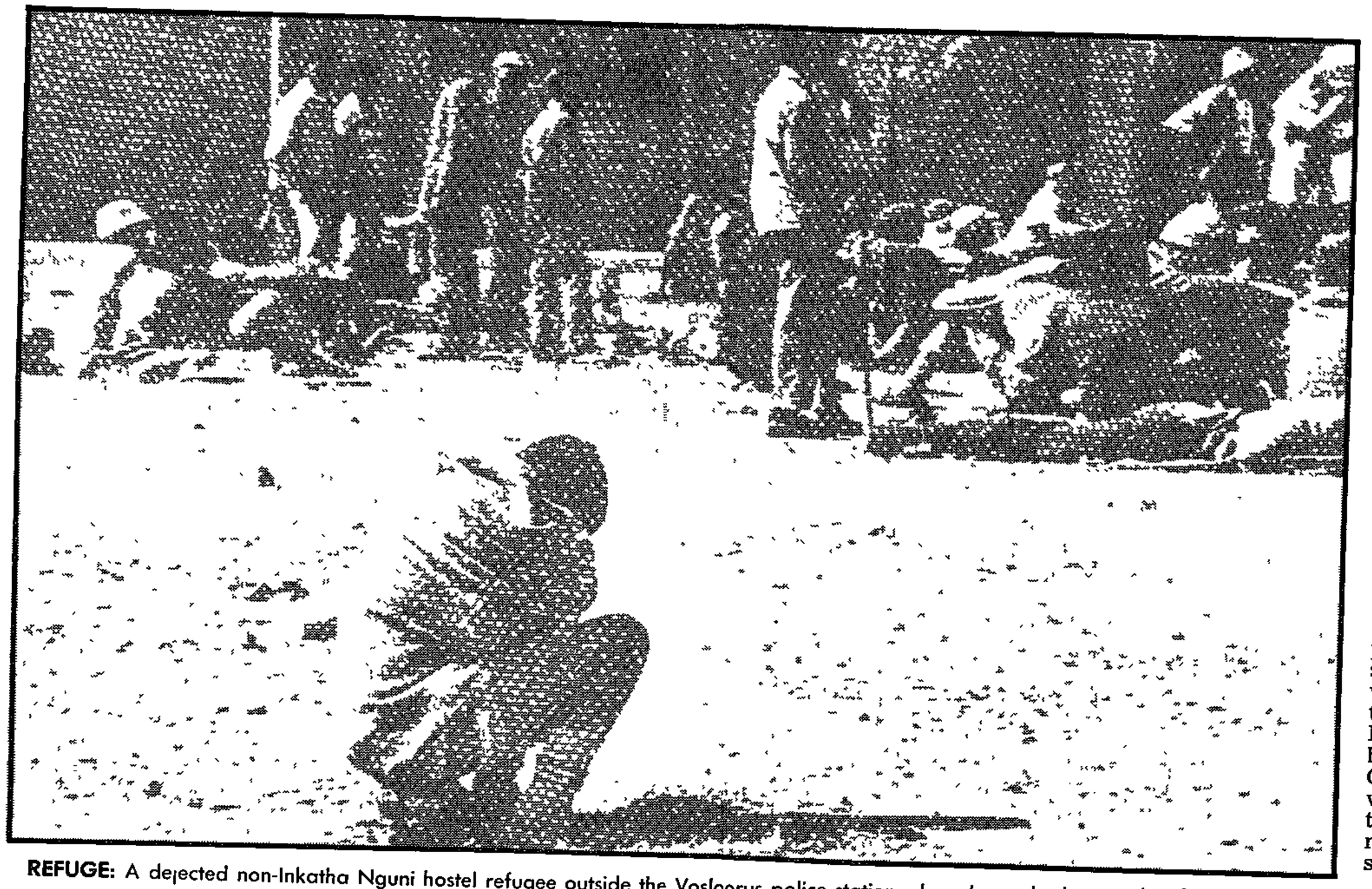
Surrounded by at least 20 police and army vehicles, the group sat a while in the dust before they moved, one by one, towards the policemen. Dropping their sticks, they raised their hands to be searched.

Resentment surfaced as the Casspirs moved off towards the Zulu-dominated Tokoza hostels. Left without a means of defence, the men shouted from the roadside towards the yellow vehicles: "Inkatha, you are with Inkatha".

A deadly silence at the hostels met the police contingent as they arrived to disarm the dwellers. Doors were locked and no-one appeared.

About 300 women and children, mostly Xhosas, who escaped from Crossroads camped next to N3 highway with their belongings late yesterday afternoon. They had nowhere to go

They said wherever they went, Zulus had vowed to track them down and "de-



REFUGE: A dejected non-Inkatha Nguni hostel refugee outside the Vosloorus police station where he and others took refuge. A dozen residents in the hostel were murdered yesterday.

Argus Foreign Service in London

THE South African conflict returned to British living rooms yesterday as television news focused on the latest outbreak of violence

As scenes of the violence flashed across millions of television screens, viewers heard Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi repeat his call for talks with ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela to end the violence.

"I have called for a meeting repeatedly for a long time and I hope that now that this stage has been reached Dr Mandela will feel that it's actually urgent that the two of us meet so that we can address this violence and its aftermath," said Chief Buthelezi on Channel Four news.

Interviewed on the same programme, Mr Mandela said. "I've said the problem will never be solved without the involvement of Chief Buthelezi and Inkatha and have expressed the hope that Chief Buthelezi and myself would address (peace) rallies together. But there have been many complicating factors since then," Mr Mandela said.

And General Gerrit Erasmus, charged with restoring peace between the warring factions, denied allegations that police were siding with Inkatha. Police, he added, were doing an "almost impossible job" trying to keep the

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'Some of us are going to die today'

From PATRICK LAURENCE, Argus Correspondent in Johannesburg who went in to Tokoza Township

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Purpose explained

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It was like, I thought in retrospect, meeting an anxious Viking. But the Zulu men surrounding us were unquestionably scared. They had been disarmed by the police only minutes before. They felt vulnerable.

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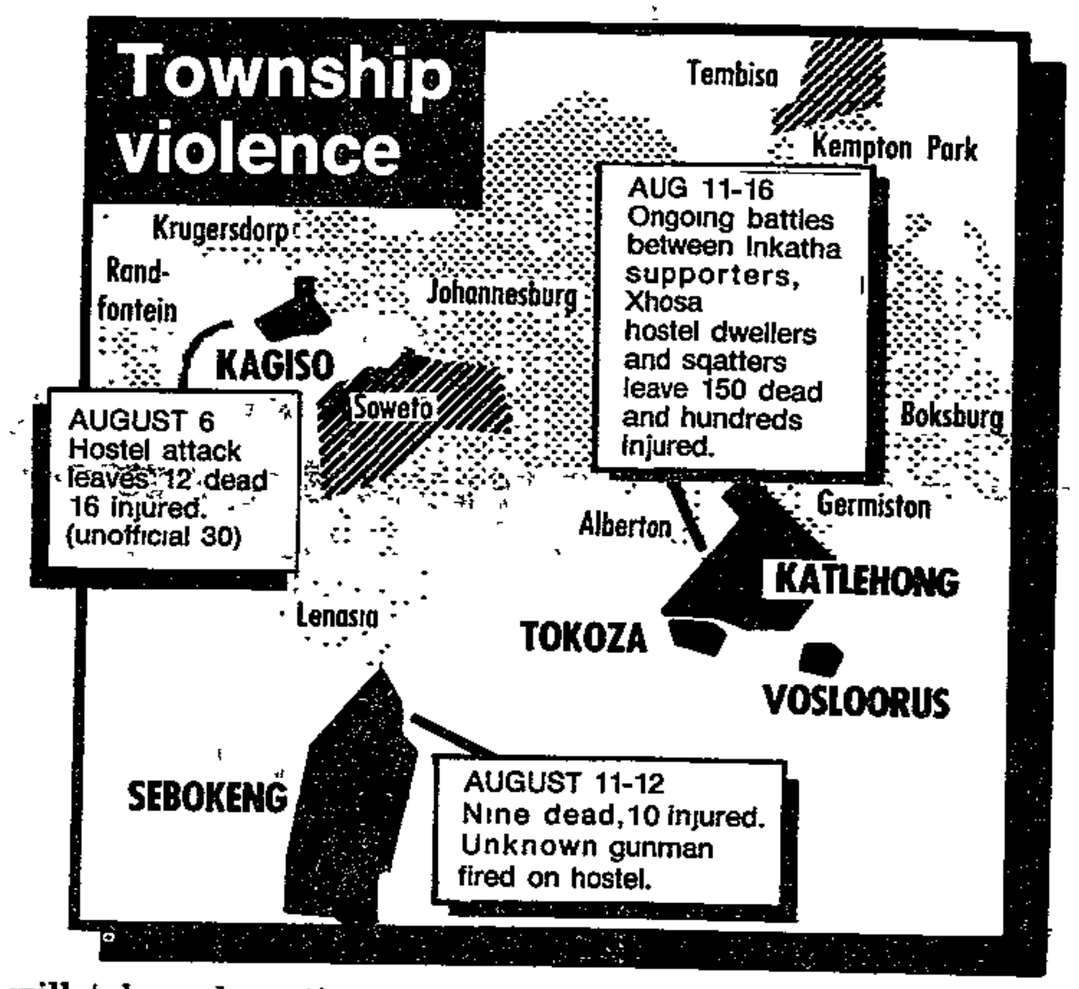
"They will come back tonight and kill us," a tall man said. "They" were the Xhosas outside.

Gradually, haltingly, he explained their fear. They were locked inside the hostel compound and had no where to hide their weapons. But the Xhosas outside had ample space in which to disperse and hide their weapons.

A young man, hardly more than a boy, said: "The war will take a long time. Many people will die.

The tall man spoke again: "We need transport, so that we can get out to safety. That is the only favour we ask you. Please do your best." His companions nodded. I said goodbye in Zulu.



The young man smiled warmly.

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Earlier, before going to the hostel, we had spoken to a group of Xhosa men in the squatter camp. They had just been disarmed by the police. They, too, had been fearful.

Reflecting the distrust of the police which permeated the squatter settlement, another young man had said: "They (the police) took away our weapons. They are going to take our weapons to the hostels and give them to Zulus."

Disarming

Fighting to keep control of his fear, he had added: "Some of us are going to die today."

Some of his comrades had armed themselves with puny saplings to replace the stout sticks, mental pipes and home-made spears confiscated by the police.

Some of the men that had encircled me on our first trip through the squatter camp were Xhosa migrant workers who had been driven out of the hostel by the Zulus after the start of the trouble. One of the migrant workers had said: "The Zulus say they won't be ruled by a Xhosa. They say they won't be ruled by a dog."

They had been certain the police would not disarm the Zulus. I had replied that we were about to check for ourselves if the disarming process was even-handed. I then promised to return and tell them what we saw, feeling that it would not harm my professional integrity to warn them if the Zulu migrant workers had not been disarmed and to reassure them if they had been,

Now we were back at the same spot on the edge of the squatter camp where we first met the Xhosas. They had been reinforced by fresh arrivals of men. Their mood was tougher.

I told them the Zulu at the hostel we had visited had been disarmed and that the Zulus, fearful for their lives, wanted to leave. A well spoken man replied: "They must be driven back to Natal. We want peace and harmony. They must go."

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Bodies were strewn around in the veld

From
MONTSHIWA MOROKE
Argus Correspondent

THE situation at Vosloorus was volatile last night with about 14 bodies strewn around the Nguni hostel.

Other bodies had already been removed by the police before noon from the hostel and the open veld next to the police station.

Police were carrying the dead and the seriously wounded to the police station.

Residents said yesterday three more youths had been shot dead by hostel inmates who alleged the youths had tried to set the hostel alight.

The picture was grim last night as civic leaders, including Vosloorus mayor Morrison Senokela, police and elected leaders from Zulu and Xhosa speaking factions met twice yesterday in a desperate effort to bring about peace in the area.

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Oostebroek said he saw hostel inmates breaking down a door, enter the hostel where they started assaulting a man who had apparently been hiding there. He heard the man screaming until he became silent. He had also saw the men smashing lockers with axes and other weapons in the room and looting.

Meanwhile scores of non-Zulu speaking hostel inmates, who had fled from their rooms, were still stranded outside the local police station terrified to go back to their sleeping places. Some had not eaten all day. They had either spent the night inside the police station or had slept in the open veld.

There were reports that hostel dwellers, who occupied the hostels and who were believed to be Inkatha supporters, were breaking locks from lockers belonging to those who had left, and were looting.

Those who fled had left the hostels with only the clothes on their backs.

Worried inmates were begging police to escourt them back to their rooms so they could retrieve their belongings, including their money, which they had left behind.

Reporters saw some of those who were occupying the hostel, wearing plastic headbands, carrying refrigerators, portable radios and large plastic carriers from the hostel

No one other than Zulu inmates were allowed back into the hostel. Buses were still not entering the township last night and commuters had to alight on the outskirts of the township and walk the rest of the journey home.

Earlier commercial vehicles and delivery vehicles were not enetering the township and shopkeepers had to get their food supplies from outside the police station.

The bodies which were removed before noon were apparently victims of an attack after heavily-armed Zulu impis, in their hundreds, had moved into the Nguni hostel singing war songs.

At one stage a policeman said the situation was too dangerous to attempt to remove their weapons.

They were armed with an assortment of weapons including sticks, axes, iron bars, pangas and matchets.

DISARMING: Police load the confiscated arms from Inkatha fighters at the hostel in Tokoza Below. A man is loaded into a police van after being bludgeoned and then set alight by a rival gang in Tokoza township.

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Where violent conflict has become way of life

As the men gathered their weapons for further conflict in East Rand's Tokoza and Phola Park yesterday, the women and children watched from their hiding places. In a situation riddled with death and uncertainty, they could only wait. **HELEN GRANGE** reports.

In the hot, dusty East Rand township of Tokoza yesterday — where thousands of armed men lined the streets waiting for the next bloody battle, there was hardly a woman or child to be seen.

In the nearby squatter camp of Phola Park, an ominous quiet prevailed Shacks were secured as well as possible Everyone had hurriedly deserted the camp on Monday after a sudden early morning attack by a group of men said to have come from the Zulu-dominated hostels in Tokoza.

The Xhosa-speaking squatter men, with sticks, knives and pangas, sat in a large group a little distance from their largely deserted camp to "watch over" their homes.

Out of sight, in private garages and churches, the squatter women and children milled around — hoping their possessions had not been looted and waiting to hear whether it was safe enough to return.

Speaking from the security of a local Methodist church, Nomsa Mceteni, with her two children on her lap, told The Star "I just ran into the veld when the Zulus attacked early on Monday, before the dawn."

"There were many of them, with assegais, guns and sticks. We all left our things, took our children, and ran. I am not sure whether all the children got away I didn't look back," she said

On the verge of Pholo Park, where a major brick company runs a factory, hundreds of women and children were packed into garages behind a maze of freshly-made bricks.

"Up to a thousand squatters have been here since Monday when the trouble started," said Peter Egan, factory manager. Some had managed to bring bedding and food was being brought to them by the Catholic church.

Said one mother: "Every time we have tried to go back for our possessions, the trouble starts again. Our children are frightened and have not been attending school."

If the army was able to control the fighting, she said, they would return.

"We thought there would be peace after a meeting with the police, but the killing has not ended," she said

Outside the garages, the bedraggled children gathered in clumps, grinning to the camera and holding their fists high. The squatter women said they were not sure where the other refugees had gone.

Walking amid the mostly empty shacks, a member of the squatters committee, Michael Mayekiso said. "The camp has to be protected by the men. We have tried to evacuate all the children, because when the fighting starts, they are hurt easily We can't protect them when we are running"

Asked whether the youngsters knew what was happening around them, Mr Mayekiso said. "They know from an early age about the fighting They grow up strong You have to build a house from the bottom up"

By yesterday afternoon, the squatter men, after being disarmed by police, moved slowly back into the camp. The women remained pensive and waiting, and began dribbling back only in the late afternoon.

For them and the next generation, conflict and violence have become a way of life.

Escaping the fumes . . . Residents flee teargas fired by the police yesterday during faction fighting between ANC supporters and Inkatha members.

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Vosloorus grim, volatile

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Montshiwa Morone

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Refugees forced to camp next to road

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By Abel Mabelane

About 300 women and children, who escaped from the Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong after their shacks had been gutted during yesterday's fighting, camped next to the main road with their belongings because they had nowhere to go.

The women and children, most of whom are Xhosa-speaking said wherever they went, the Zulus had vowed to track them down and "destroy them".

A committee member of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches Lettitia Pekani, said people in the area of Katlehong were afraid to give them accommodation for fear of being attacked by the Zulus.

Squatters disarmed

By Helen Grange

"If there is no peace between us and the Zulus, they will kill us," a young blanket-clad Xhosa man told his friend as they walked with sharpened sticks towards open land on the verge of Phola Park squatter camp.

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But resentment remained as the Casspirs moved from the area with their confiscations — towards the Zulu-dominated Tokoza hostels.

Police 'confiscated weapons'

By Abel Mabelane

Police allegedly surrounded a group of armed men from the Phola Park squatter camp near Eden Park yesterday and ordered them to hand over their weapons.

The men were yesterday morning engaged in a fierce battle with Zulus inside the Khalanyoni hostel.

Police are also reported to have confiscated weapons at the hostel, which by late yesterday had been abandoned by the Zulus.

Phola Park residents also alleged that 10 men were injured, two seriously, when they were shot by police near the hostel.

Pangas flash amid the cries of dying men

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It was total war yesterday in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus — and the residents paid the price in blood, fear and grief.

Zulu impis swooped. Spears and pangas flashed and the dead, mostly Xhosas, piled up amid the cries of wounded and dying men.

Terrified women and children fled from razed squatter shacks and burning homes as police reported the finding of bodies with almost monotonous frequency:

"Tokoza, 7.45 am — six blacks found with stab wounds, taken to Tokaza Hospital. Katlehong, 7.59 am — the bodies of two men found with hackwounds." And so it went on all day.

Huge groups of armed men gathered to launch attacks and counter-attacks, leaving behind bodies. Soldiers and police moved to intervene, forming barriers between warring groups. Children, caught in the middle, ran.

Squatter shacks were torched in Crossroads, near Katlehong, burning many residents to death.

A man was set alight by youths in front of journalists in Tokaza. He had been hunted down, stoned, doused with petrol and set alight. He lay bleeding and writhing on the ground before the journalists, and later police, arrived to help him.

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Resentment surfaced as the Caspirs moved off towards the Zulu-dominated Tokoza hostels. Left without a means of defence, the men shouted from the roadside towards the yellow vehicles: "Inkatha, you are with Inkatha".

A deadly silence at the hostels met the police contingent as they arrived to disarm the hostel dwellers. Doors were locked and no-one appeared.

Haunting images of war hit Alberton's white suburbs yesterday as hundreds of refugee women and children with terror in their eyes fled the nearby Crossroads squatter town.

Women and children were fleeing with what they could salvage from their wrecked shacks, evoking scenes previously confined to television coverage of the West Bank, Vietnam and other far-off trouble-spots.

Yesterday morning, women carried children on their backs and ran out of their burning shacks, grabbing whatever belongings they could.

Moira Smith of Raceview, Alberton, broke down and cried as she described how she came across traumatised little children fleeing in terror from Crossroads.

"There was blood on their clothes. I will never forget the absolutely haunting look of terror in their eyes. It was the most dreadful thing I have ever seen.

"They had no shoes so I took some of my children's shoes and gave it to them," said Mrs Smith.

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Plea to lay down arms

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By Kaizer Nyatsumba, Political Staff

The Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) and the ANC have condemned the violence which has claimed at least 140 lives in townships on the East Rand.

IFP central committee chairman Frank Mdlalose yesterday told The Star the loss of life by so many people aggrieved him deeply, regardless of their political affiliation.

Dr Mdlalose, who described the latest round of violence as most unfortunate, said he was concerned that the conflict had assumed tribal connotations, with Zulus and Xhosas reportedly clashing against each other.

"I want to urge all the people concerned to lay down arms, tolerate each other and resolve the problems by talking My appeal to the local leadership is that they identify themselves and seek out venues where they can talk to each other," Dr Mdlalose said.

IFP president and KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi was reported to be away until next week.

Internal ANC spokesman Ahmed Kathrada said everything possible was being done to end the violence on the East Rand townships of Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tokoza.

However, he referred questions to the ANC's Witwatersrand regional office, where spokesman Barbara Hogan said attempts were made yesterday to defuse the situation.

Ms Hogan said an ANC delegation on the East Rand had met the police at Vosloorus Police Station yesterday afternoon, and a meeting between IFP and ANC leaders in the area was scheduled for today.

She added: "The people in the township are strongly convinced that the police are assisting Inkatha Our regional office has compiled data and asked (ANC internal leader) Walter Sisulu to take the matter up with (Law and Order Minister) Adriaan Vlok."

Although the situation was "still in flames", everything possible was being done to get "effective intervention" in the area, Ms Hogan said.

Inkatha supporters chase an injured man whom they cornered and attacked at Nguni Hostel in Vosloorus yesterday The unidentified, badly bleeding man was saved from almost certain death when the occupants of a passing car fired on his attackers. © Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Fighting spreads to Soweto

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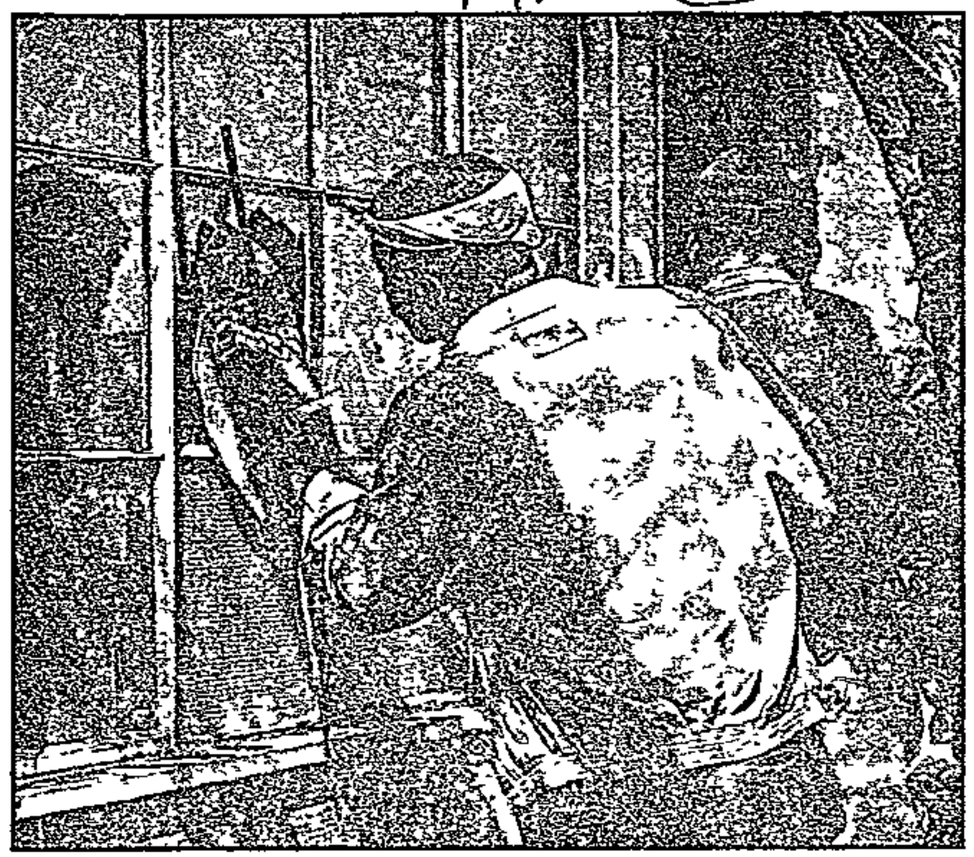

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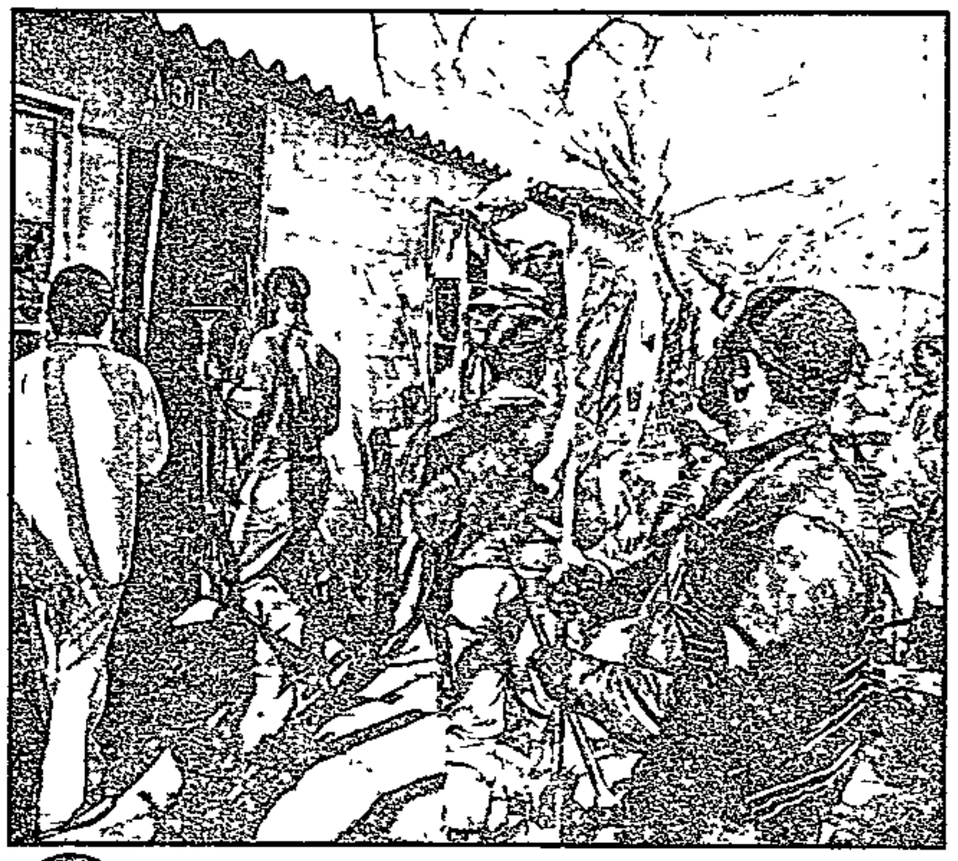

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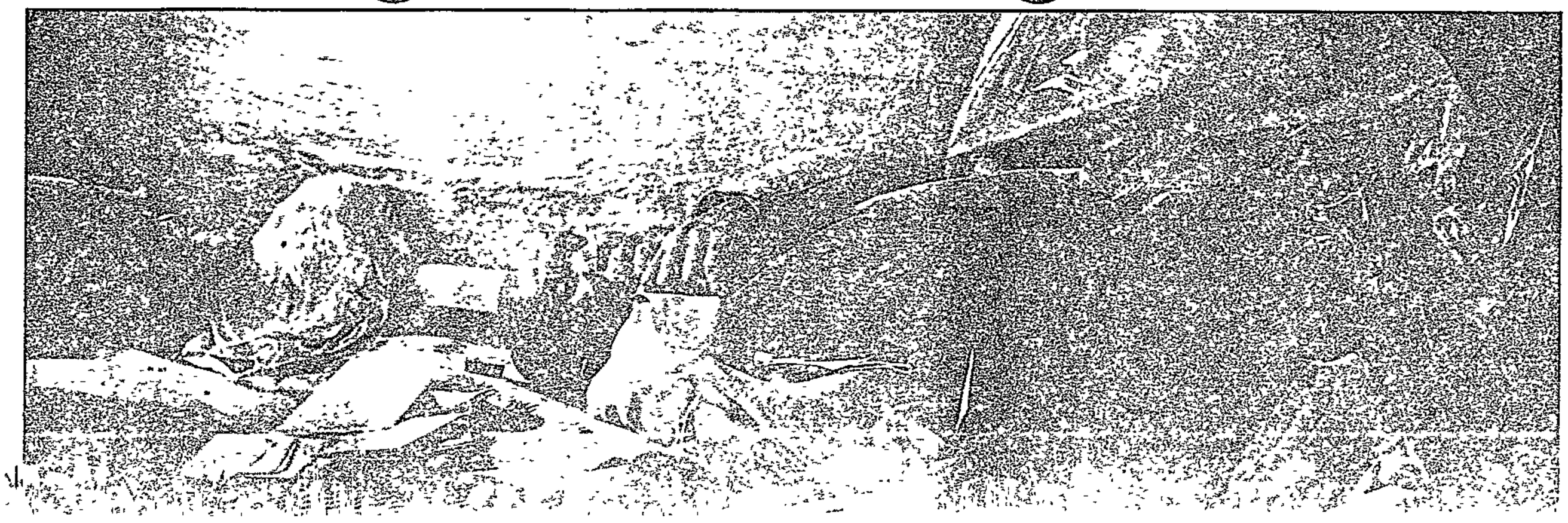
Horrific tales of E Rand carnage



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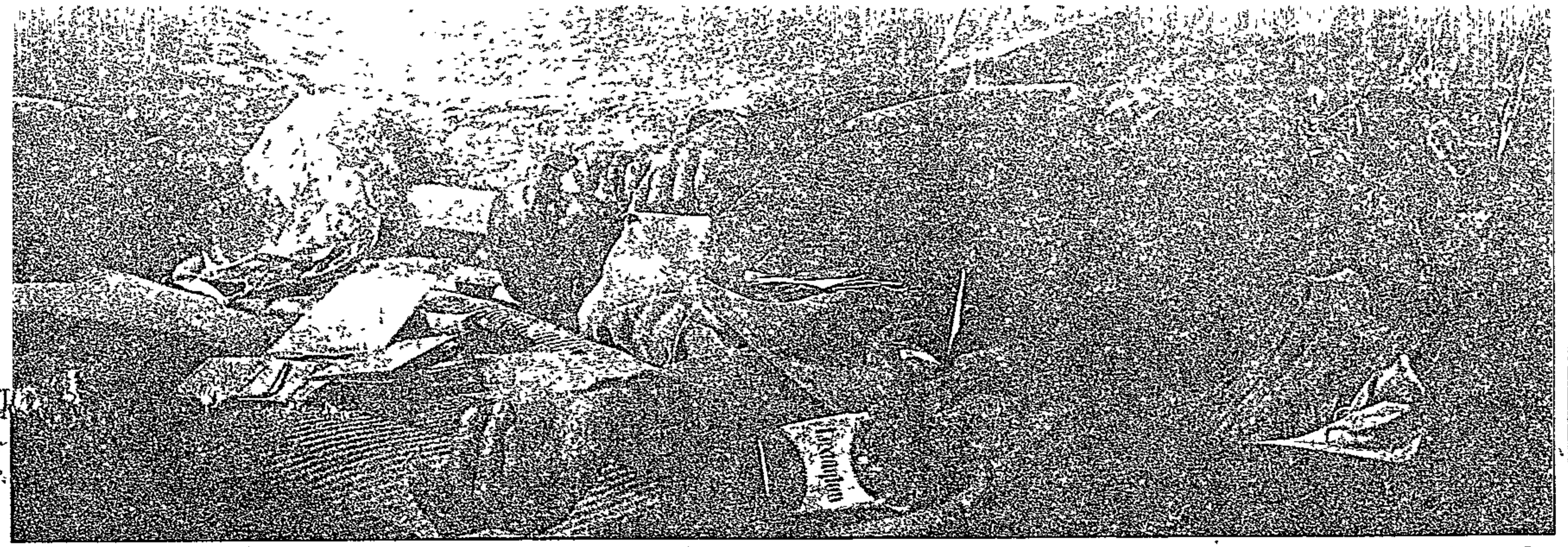

4 The body of their unidentified victim lies desolate on the bed after the attack — adding to the toll of the violent East Rand township conflict which has left 144 people dead.

Photographer: Ken Oosterbroek. **Reporters:** Helen Grange, Musa Mapisa, Abel Mabelane, Montshiwa Moroke, Craig Kotze.

The vicious East Rand township conflict — which has left 144 dead — spread to Soweto today when warring factions attacked each other, leaving at least 31 injured.

The East Rand was quieter after yesterday's carnage. Thousands have been left homeless, many of them fleeing the townships of Tokaza, Katlehong and Vosloorus and nearby squatter camps to neighbouring white residential areas.

Mothers with babies on their backs were yesterday seen leaving their possessions and running from flaming squatter shacks in a desperate attempt to escape what seems to have become a Zulu-Xhosa war.

Reporters in the township yesterday witnessed "unbelievable" scenes. They said Zulus were attacking hostel inmates randomly, killing them in their rooms where they sought shelter.

Others were hacked with pangas and set on fire. At least one baby was burnt to death in a shack and several people drowned when they ran into a swamp to escape the Zulus.

Mortuaries in the East Rand areas are full and attendants battled to cope. Hospitals are overflowing with injured people. Ambulances could not cope with the workload and stopped entering the township during the day yesterday.

Today, reports of violence came from Soweto

Police said they dispersed the factions with teargas and urgent talks were in progress to defuse the situation

Nine of those injured are in a serious condition in hospital

Four bodies were also found near Soweto's Inhlazane station this morning, but police said the deaths could not be linked to the fighting.

Two of the bodies had been removed by the time police arrived at the station.

Shots were fired when mobs clashed at Soweto's Jabulani amphitheatre, but Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said no casualties had been reported at the time of going to press

Near Jabulani Hostel, hundreds of youths and residents gathered on a nearby bridge outside the men's dwelling

The hostel was virtually under siege as angry residents, including some youths in school uniforms, faced the hostel armed with an assortment of weapons.

At 8 am a large police group took up position between the township residents and the hostel and a helicopter hovered above.

Residents said commuters were prevented from boarding trains at Inhlanzane Station before 6 am today. They said fled from the station, allegedly chased by Inkatha supporters.

Many residents in the area stayed home today and schools were empty.

Colonel Halgryn said Soweto police were geared to deal with any outbreak of violence. Illegal gatherings would be dispersed.

In another development which could aggravate the situation in Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus on the East Rand, Soweto "comrades" were this morning reportedly being bussed in to the area to support Xhosas against Zulu impis

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the situation on the East Rand was calm this morning.

Thousands of township commuters had to walk to work today after comrades allegedly prevented minibus taxis from operating

As the violence yesterday reached uncontrollable proportions, police and troops rushed in to stop the slaughter A vicious array of weapons was seized.

The fighting is the bloodiest outbreak of mass violence in South Africa in decades.

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Police and military action dampened the conflict sufficiently for police to say the situation was "calmer".

Control by the security forces was reasserted only after massive police and troop reinforcements.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok appealed to the warring factions to halt bloodshed and destruction. He urged their leaders to use their influence to stop the killings.

Soldiers and police yesterday disarmed as many groups as possible. They surrounded large groups with armoured vehicles and forced them to hand over sophisticated weaponry, explosives and thousands of pangas, spears and other weapons.

Police seized five AK47 rifles and 20 magazines; two F1 Soviet-made grenades; five pistols; two revolvers; and a mini-limpet and an SPM limpet mine.

Four men were arrested after a hand grenade was hurled at police in Tokoza, wounding a policeman, and after a gunman opened fire on police with an AK 47.

Hundreds of refugees fled from the area in the chaos.

Crossroads squatter camp near Katlehong was yesterday almost burnt to the ground.

Refugees also fled into white areas in Alberton, including Brackendowns and Raceview.

The South African Council of Churches and the Red Cross said they would provide help for the refugees from today.

Much of the fighting was characterised by Zulu-Xhosa clashes which have been concentrated at hostels and squatter camps — a recent trend in the Transvaal.

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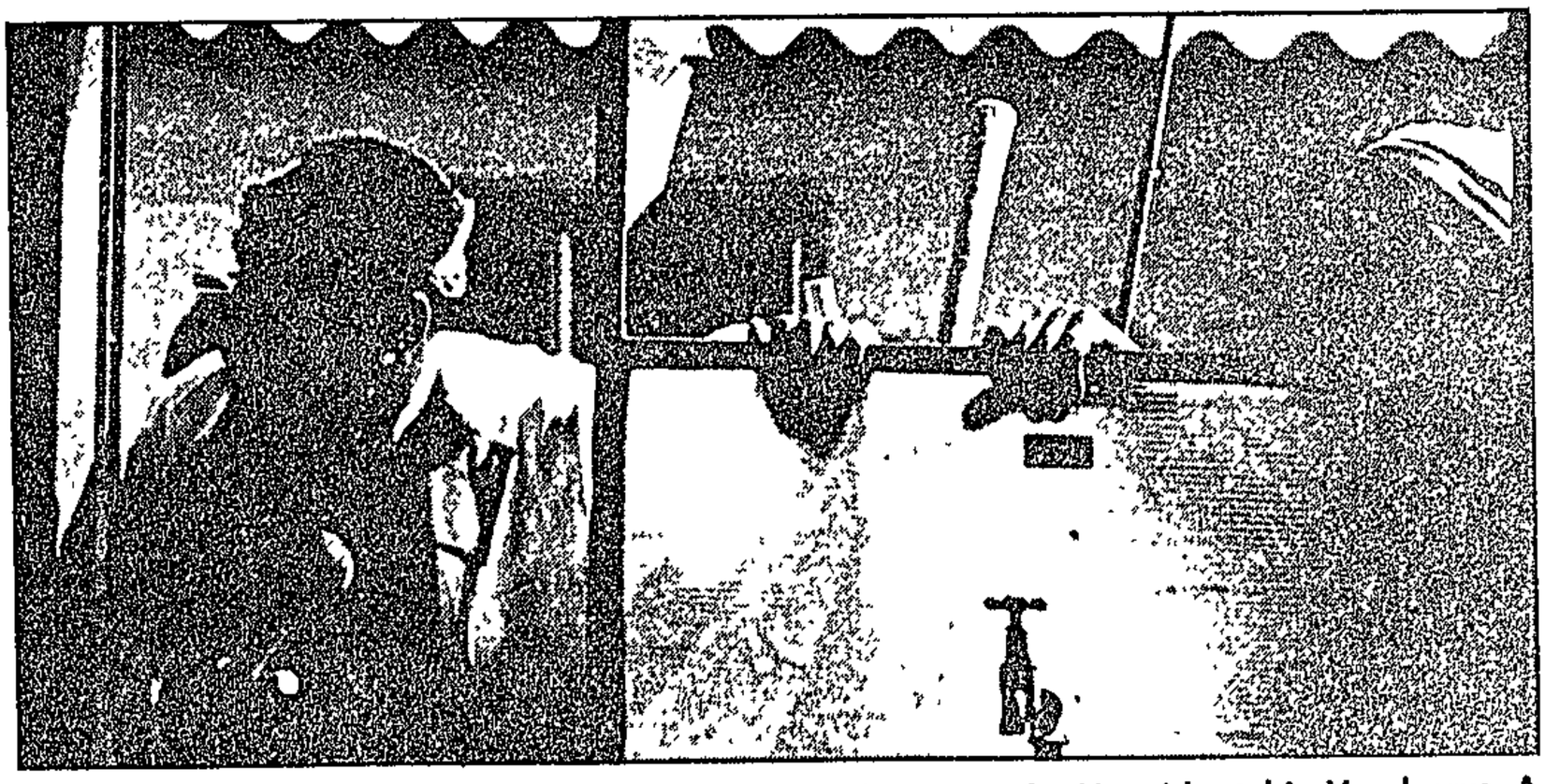

Window assault . . . Inkatha supporters attack a hostel room at the Nguni hostel in Voosloorus. A man who had locked himself in the room was killed. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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The tall man said: "We need transport, so that we can get out to safety. That is the only favour we ask you. Please do your best." His companions nodded. I said goodbye in Zulu.

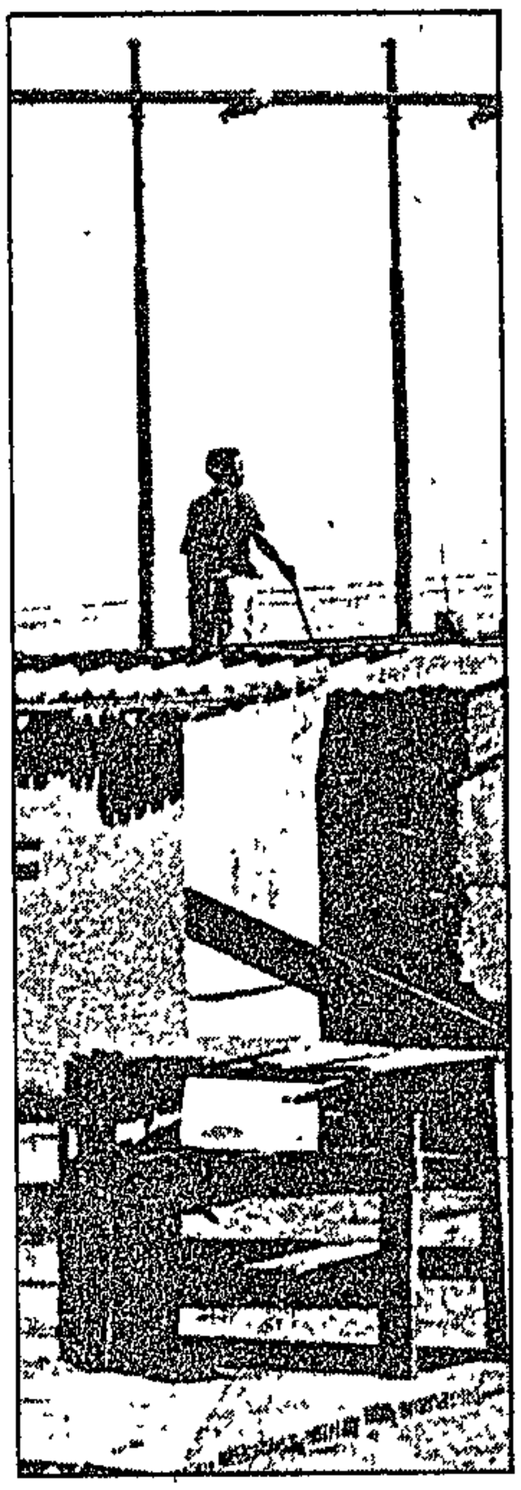
We drove out to the squatter camp hardly more than a kilometre away. The sordid barracks were separated from the shanty town by a wasteland filled with the litter of the poor: plastic containers, paper packets and polythene bags.

Earlier, before going to the hostel, we spoke to a group of Xhosa men in the squatter camp. They had just been disarmed by the police. They, too, were fearful.

Distrust

Reflecting the distrust of the police which permeated the squatter settlement, another young man had said: "They (the police) took away our weapons. They are going to take our weapons to the hostels and give them to Zulus."

Fighting to keep control of his fear, he had added: "Many of us are going to die today." Some of his comrades had armed themselves with puny saplings to replace the stout sticks, metal pipes and home-made spears which had been confiscated.



Lone sentry . . . Alertness is the key to survival.

Death in the street . . . Police exam

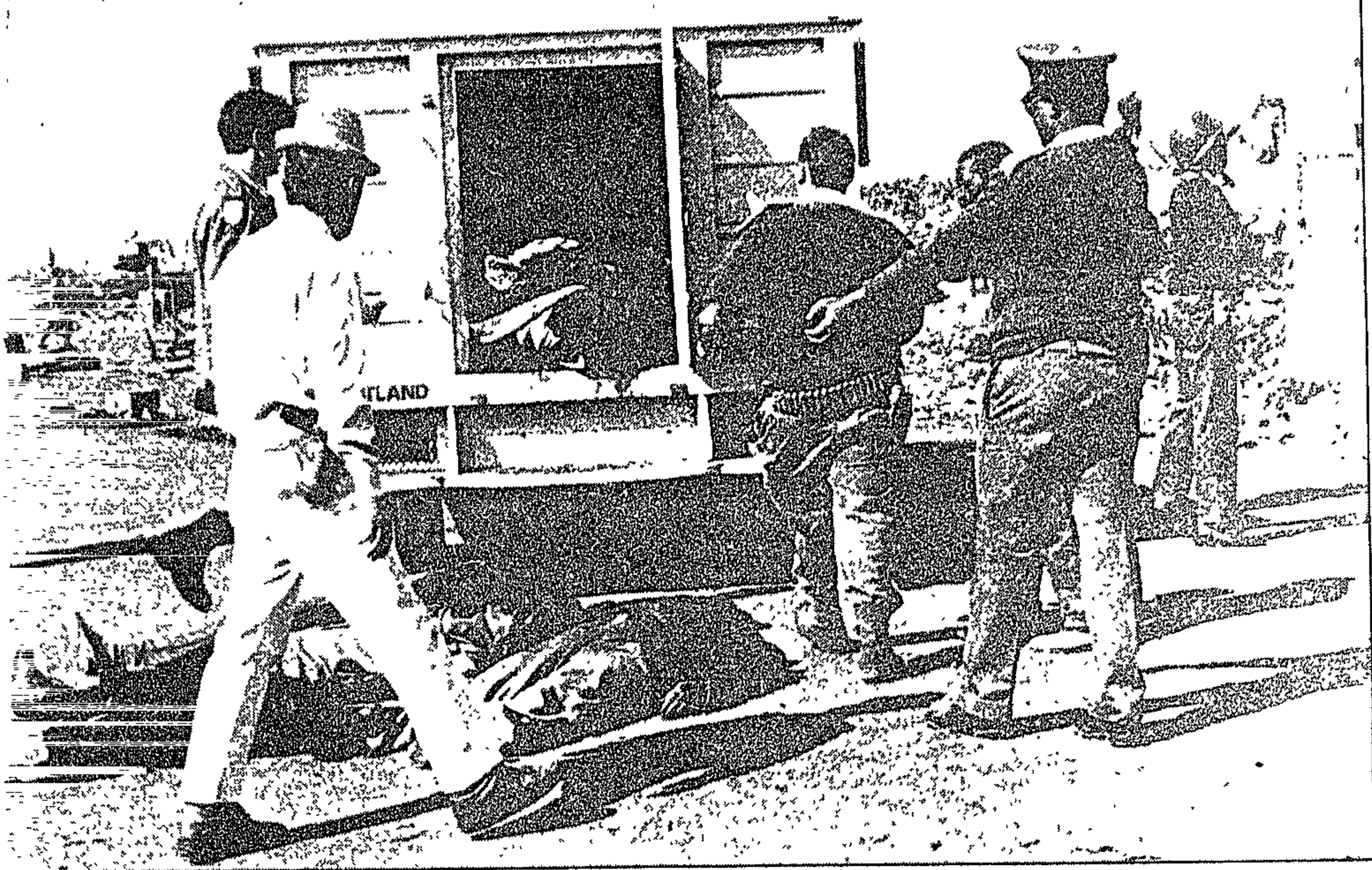
Some of the men that had encircled me on our first trip through the squatter camp were Xhosa migrant workers who had been driven out of the hostel by the Zulus after the start of the trouble. One of the migrant workers had said: "The Zulus say they won't be ruled by a Xhosa."

They had been certain the police would not disarm the Zulus. I had replied that we were about to check for ourselves if the disarming process was even-handed. I then pro-

nowhere to hide

In the eyes of the 'dreaded and pitiless' Zulus and the pro-ANC squatters in Phola Park was a similar and unmistakable look of terror, as both the warring factions fell prey to a sense of vulnerability following the even-handed disarming process which the police carried out yesterday. **PATRICK LAURENCE** caught both sides of the story.

Seeking conflict . . . Inkatha impis beseige another room in the Vosloorus hostel. The occupant was murdered. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.



examine the bodies of three victims who died in the Crossroads inter-tribal violence, before loading them into a truck. Picture by Mbuzeni Zulu.

mised to return and tell them what we saw, feeling that it would not harm my professional integrity to warn them if the Zulu-migrant workers had not been disarmed and to reassure them if they had been.

Now we were back at the same spot on the edge of the squatter camp where we first met the Xhosas. They had been reinforced by fresh arrivals of men. Their mood was tougher.

I told them the Zulus at the hostel we had visited had been disarmed and that the Zulus, fearful for their lives, wanted to leave. A well spoken man replied: "They must be driven back to Natal. We want peace and harmony. They must go."

A police armoured vehicle parked on the nearby road.

We drove out through the heart of the largely deserted squatter camp. The tiny shacks were boarded up. Dogs lazed in the sun, oblivious, it seemed, of the fear of men. A Christian entrepreneur left his message. "Jesus is the Lord Shoe shine. Same day service."

Teargas, hecklers disrupt FW meeting

VRYHEID — Pandemonium broke out at a meeting being addressed by President F W de Klerk last night when a teargas cannister was thrown into the hall as right-wing hecklers were being forced out by police.

The group of people, believed to be AWB supporters, began chanting and jeering as De Klerk began his address.

He appealed to meeting chairman, local NP MP Jurie Mentz, to have the rowdy section of the crowd expelled. (278)

A police colonel made several requests for the hecklers to leave but they linked arms and continued singing and chanting slogans such as "Boerestaat", "Noord Natal", and "Huis toe".

De Klerk asked all members who wished the meeting to continue to leave so they would be spared any unpleasantness.

A police cordon then closed around the 100 people remaining in the hall.

Police using dogs and batons pushed the crowd towards the door using minimum force. B/Day 17/8/90

As the last few left the hall a teargas cannister was fired into the hall and everyone fled.

About 3 000 people left the hall and milled around outside, with handkerchiefs and tissues pressed to their faces, waiting for the all clear to be given and for the meeting to recommence.

NP information officer Renier Schoeman said the "trouble makers" were an AWB squad specially bussed into the area for the event. — Sapa.

Violence hits production in Alrode hard

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EDWIN UNDERWOOD

THE business community in Alberton's industrial suburb Alrode was severely disrupted by the violence in the area yesterday as nearly half the work force was absent from work and a significant number of companies reported a plunge in production of up to 50%.

Alberton Industries Association chairman, Noel Kent said most factories in the East Rand area had experienced a high degree of absenteeism yesterday and workers from the areas affected by the violence had requested that management allow them to take refuge on company property overnight.

Alrode Components Manufacturers (ACM), supplying refrigeration systems and components to the appliance industry, was hard hit and GM Kevin Kane said ACM expected severe losses. (278)

"We have to be proactive in reaching a peaceful situation in the area as soon as possible," Kane said.

Alrode Steel & Pipe MD Rene de Villiers, whose business relies on the custom of the Phola Park area, said he had experienced a sharp drop in counter sales and walk-in custom had plummeted by at least 40%.

"It is becoming increasingly necessary for the business community to help formulate a peaceful solution in the area," he said.

Kent said he did not believe the business association should become involved in such a conflict.

Violence spreads to Soweto as township war death toll c

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LINDEN BIRNS and THEO RAWANA

THE bloody township war which has gripped the Witwatersrand swept into Soweto yesterday.

Police said a further nine lives were lost and 113 people injured in clashes between Inkatha-supporting Zulus and ANC supporters.

At least 150 people have been killed in East Rand townships this week.

Yesterday police found two bodies on the railway track near Inhlanzane Station next to the Jabulani hostel. Another three were found at Zonde, while one person died in hospital.

Trouble started in Soweto early yesterday when alleged Inkatha supporters attacked early morning commuters boarding trains to Johannesburg at Inhlanzane, township residents said. ANC supporters retaliated chasing the Zulu group back to a nearby hostel.

Police intervened. forced the ANC supporters to withdraw to the opposite railway embankment. Throughout the morning insults and stones were traded across the cutting while empty trains hurtled past.

Inkatha supporters armed with assegais, sticks and steel pipes could be seen casually mingling with police, who took up positions facing the ANC supporters.

The ANC crowd was made up mostly of adolescents armed with knives, sticks, stones, pangas and petrol-bombs. "We plan to starve them out and raid the hostels tonight," said one of the youths.

Attempts by MDM representatives for ceasefire talks with Inkatha supporters and police failed. Police later fired teargas and rubber bullets on the crowd before setting dogs on them.

Fear spread to Johannesburg yesterday where thousands of anxious Soweto residents left work early to queue for taxis. Many refused to go home by train fearing Inkatha attacks on the carriages and at the stations near township hostels.

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A traffic policeman verified an unofficial fatality figure claiming to have taken part in or overheard radio calls for the recovery of at least 15 bodies.

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vehicles parked about 20m from the Inkatha group.

Three blocks away ANC supporting residents tried to hijack three ambulances, but were dispersed by police.

Late in the afternoon police moved en masse into the Nancefield hostel complex on the Old Potchefstroom Road. Despite the strong SAP presence, armed Inkatha supporters walked around nearby streets and guarded entrances to the hostel.

Meanwhile, police reported that Zulu and Xhosa groups clashed at 6 15am yesterday on Johannesburg Station's platform nine. One person was killed and six injured in the violence which police quelled.

According to a Transnet spokesman all trains serving Soweto were on schedule last night while police stepped up their presence at railway stations.

SAP spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn said sporadic fighting throughout Soweto was reported last night.

TIM COHEN and WILSON ZWANE report that an uneasy truce emerged in East Rand townships yesterday where 150 people have died since Monday.

At a rally at the Thokoza Stadium, ANC supporters called for peace but reserved the right to defend themselves, while in Vosloorus opposing factions of hostel dwellers held a series of meetings with police and councillors

The East Rand death toll had risen to 150 following police reports that five people had died in hospital on Wednesday night and yesterday and the discovery of two more bodies in the Vosloorus hostel.

Sapa reports that earlier police prevented several hundred Phola Park squatter camp residents from going to the rally until they had laid down their weapons — an assortment of sticks, clubs, pikes and other homemade instruments Police had also seized weapons from squatter huts.

Reading from a statement prepared by the local branches of Sayco, Cosatu, UDF and ANC, Sayco's Mbongeni Radebe called for the resignation of Witwatersrand Regional Commissioner Gen Gerrit Erasmus for "telling our representatives that there was no way he could disarm Inkatha vigilantes".

Catholic priest Father Peter Hortop said he saw a band of armed Inkatha supporters marching down the street under police protection. He said there was a Casspir travelling on either side of a group of Inkatha supporters.

Vosloorus council spokesman Sidwell Mofokena said meetings between representatives from the Zulu and Xhosa hostel factions with police and councillors took place yesterday and last night.

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Business Day photographer Robert Botha narrowly missed being shot when he took this sequence of photographs. From left to right, the men spotted a township resident trying to slip by unnoticed. The man with the unbuttoned shirt unwrapped a revolver while running towards the camera. He aimed and fired — a second after the third picture was taken — but missed his victim, who fled in terror.

Aid for refugees a problem

WILSON ZWANE and TIM COHEN

CHURCH workers were being stretched to the limit by the influx of thousands of refugees from East Rand squatter camps, one of which resembled a ghost town yesterday. B Day 17/8/90

Several churches, a community centre and a building site were being used to house the refugees, but providing for the thousands of women and children was becoming a problem, community worker Sally Peterson said.

Many refugees left their homes on Monday, but there was another refugee influx yesterday after Wednesday's attack on the Crossroads squatter camp, which was almost deserted yesterday

Many residents had packed their meagre belongings but were waiting at the side of the road, unsure of where to go. Residents said many had filtered into the nearby Thokoza township but others were stranded, unwilling to risk staying in the camp.

About 300 refugees from the Phola Park squatter camp moved to the J D Thomas community hall, where they were being helped by social workers and residents.

The Red Cross assisted by providing medicine while the refugees were promised food by a representative of a nearby shopping centre, Peterson said.

17 die in Soweto tribal clashes

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Staff Reporters

Tribal violence in Soweto claimed 17 lives yesterday and last night, leaving up to 150 people injured as security forces geared up to prevent further outbreaks today.

The violence erupted as the death toll in war-ravaged East Rand townships rose to 152, police said.

It was quiet in a tense Soweto this morning and residents reported a massive stayaway from work for fear of Zulu attacks.

Potential conflict in Alexandra township near Johannesburg was averted last night as police moved to swiftly intercept a large group, apparently made up of Xhosas, armed with pangas, spears, knobkerries and other weapons. The group was allegedly on its way to attack Zulus.

The group was surrounded by police and disarmed, said a police spokesman.

Guarding

Security forces in Soweto today again launched a massive operation to protect train commuters, with soldiers guarding train drivers and police guarding stations and manning passenger coaches.

A similar operation late yesterday afternoon was described as "highly successful" by Soweto spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni, who added that such operations would be conducted for as long as was necessary.

Sporadic fighting broke out in the township last night and the number of deaths mounted steadily from six yesterday afternoon to the 17 reported at the time of going to press.

Four bodies were found in Dobsonville last night.

The violence follows two days of all-out warfare between Zulus and Xhosas in Vosloorus, Tokoza and Katlehong this week, leaving 152 dead and more than 1 000 injured.

As on the East Rand, hostels were the main conflict point, with attacks being launched from mainly Zulu-occupied hostels.

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'Strong pressure' on Mandela to meet Buthelezi

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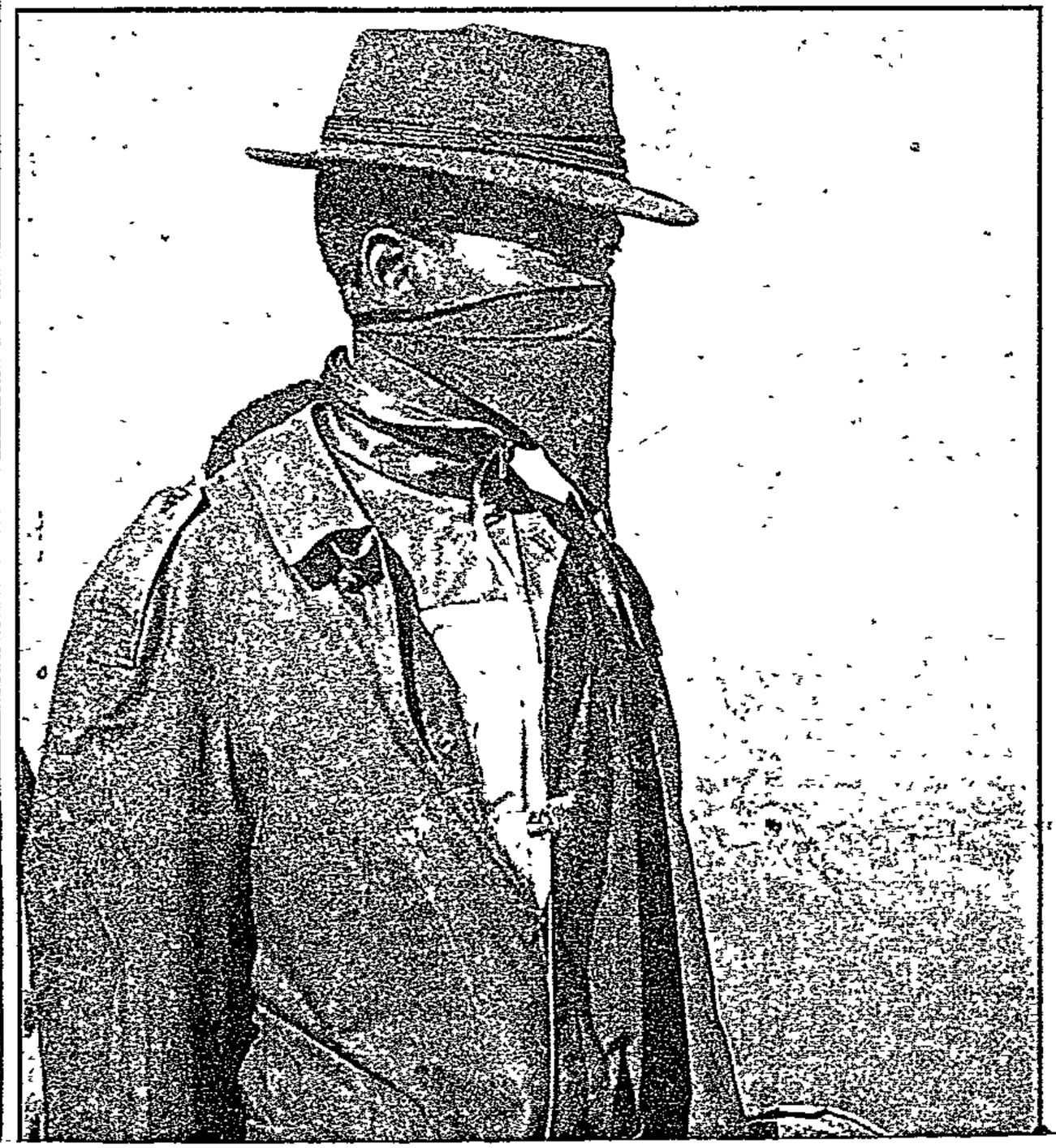
Peace talks: FW cracks whip



By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent

A major effort is underway to involve Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha party in the peace initiative started by President de Klerk yesterday in an attempt to end the vicious fighting in Reef townships.

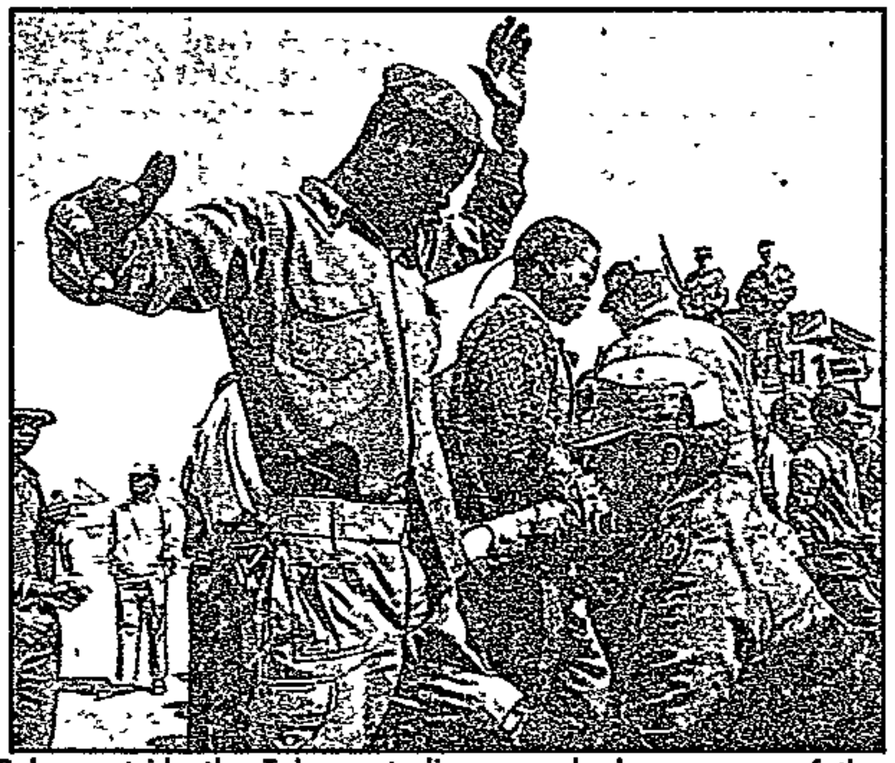
ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, and Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok agreed last night to set up an all-parties peace forum to try to halt the spiralling violence.

Police said today that feelers had been put out to Chief Buthulezi and other Inkatha representatives to try to include them in the peace initiative. Inkatha is believed to be closely involved in the bloody faction fighting.

The decision to establish the peace forum was reached late last night at a meeting of Mr Mandela, Mr Vlok, senior police officers and ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu at the Soweto police station.

It followed an urgent meeting yesterday morning at the Union Buildings between President de Klerk and Mr Mandela, called to find solutions for the wave of killing nationwide.

Government sources said Mr de Klerk had forcefully urged Mr Mandela to meet Chief Buthelezi to try to reach a truce in the bloody Inkatha/ANC power struggle.



Police outside the Tokoza stadium searched every one of the estimated 15 000 crowd. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Colonel Steve van Rooyen, Mr Vlok's ANC contact man, said today that the peace forum would be set up as soon as possible. He was not sure it would be today, as reports suggested.

The police representative would be Soweto regional commissioner General Johan "Blackie" Swart. Mr Mandela had also provided the name of the ANC representative.

Colonel van Rooyen said that Mr Vlok had told Mr Mandela that "in all fairness" an Inkatha representative would also have to be appointed and Mr Mandela had no objection to this.

The police had already provided 96 names of police officers to form communication channels, but the ANC had not yet responded with a full list. Inkatha had also been approached for representatives.

Colonel van Rooyen added that the ANC was not convinced that it was just an ANC/Inkatha power struggle. They believed some of the grievances between hostel dwellers and permanent residents were neither political nor ethnic.

More than 150 people have been killed, more than 1 000 injured and hundreds have been left homeless because of the violence this week alone.

Police are at present harder pressed to control the upsurge of violence on the Reef — where the state of emergency has been lifted for some months — than in Natal, where the emergency is still in force because of the ongoing warfare.

Government sources said there had been "tough talk" from Mr de Klerk to Mr Mandela about his evident refusal to meet Chief Buthelezi.

In a statement released by his office, Mr de Klerk indicated his intention of holding further discussions in the wider context and of taking action.

ANC sources indicated last night that Inkatha, which the ANC believes is instigating the faction fighting, could not carry out such widespread and co-ordinated attacks on its own.

The Government is said to have accused the ANC of fuelling tension by the repeated utterances by militarists on the continuation of the armed struggle, and negatively affecting the morale of the police by continuous statements that the police could resolve the crisis if they wanted to.

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phasise and publicise business initiatives concerning economic, political and social reform.

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The nightmare of bitter township war

As the death toll in the East Rand's feuding townships continue to rise, so too does the price to be paid by those who survive. When the war is over, the long struggle to resume normality begins. **HELEN GRANGE** reports.

A homeless woman weeps bitterly over her husband, who has been axed to death in the bloody war raging in the townships of the East Rand. Other women around her don't know where their husbands are, or whether they are still alive. They will count the costs of the battle later.

For now, survival is the only priority.

A little distance away, the men prepare for bloodshed — knowing they may die in the next few hours. For them, defeating the enemy is the only priority.

If they should live through this nightmare, what will the future bring? And what are the prospects for their children?

For those who will survive the violence that has wracked the country's townships, the price will be high.

"In the short term, people's lives will be terribly disrupted. They will suffer constant anxiety, sleeplessness and depression. The strain on familial relationships will lead to a general irritability, which will result in violence and neglect," says Lloyd Vogelman, director of Wits University's Project for the Study of Violence.

The absence people killed will create a wave of resentment and anger in survivors once the fighting has stopped.

"The families and friends of those killed feel a huge loss. There is a desire for retribution, with a result that the potential for violence increases," says Mr Vogelman.

In East Rand townships, many breadwinners have been killed. "The stress on the surviving family is enormous. This situation inevitably affects the quality of life," Mr Vogelman says.

As The Star spoke to refugees in hiding near the desolate squatter camp of Phola Park this week, an ironic scene prevailed. The ragged children gathered in groups to smile and raise their fists for the camera.

For these children, the effects of the war has made an indelible impression on their minds.

"Children become sensitised to violence, and for them it means that this is the way to resolve problems. They have seen adults behave like this and it is assimilated. The potential for violence among this generation of children is increased," Mr Vogelman says.

For the war-torn society, anxiety and depression are factors which — like a Catch 22 situation — spill over into other aspects of life.

Effectiveness at school and in the workplace decreases — and people withdraw socially, says Mr Vogelman.

Apart from the consequences of protracted violence on the individual, the costs in terms of lost productivity and property damage are immense.

Millions of rands are lost every day that workers stay in the township to engage in the conflict and to protect their families. Buildings and vehicles are gutted or damaged, and deserted homes are a perfect opportunity for theft and looting.

But while the war rages and the death count increases with almost monotonous frequency, only the present matters.

"Consequences, no matter how serious, are not a factor among people involved in violence. There is no concern about ending up in prison for instance. The only concern is slaying the perceived enemy and defending your life.

"The long-term emotional and psychological manifestations only set in later."

Thokoza sets new standards for political killings

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ALAN FINE

MORE lives were lost in Thokoza and surrounding areas on Wednesday than on any other day of political violence in SA, and the rising toll will make this the most horrific week in the country's history.

The scale of the violence becomes apparent when the number of fatalities is measured against other periods of violent conflict in recent SA history.

The death toll of 143 on Wednesday was by far the highest on a single day resulting from political violence in SA. It substantially exceeded the death tolls during even the sharpest periods of political conflict in the modern era, and is unmatched even in strife-torn Natal.

In March 1960, the death toll at Sharpeville — an event still burned on SA's political psyche — was variously reported as from 67 to 69.

The next largescale political fatalities occurred from June 1976 — starting in Soweto and spreading within days to other parts of the Transvaal and within weeks to other provinces around SA.

During the first three days — June 16 to 18 — when the uprising was at its fiercest, 103 fatalities were reported. Of these 54 were in Soweto, 31 in Alexandra, 15 on the East Rand and three on the West Rand.

By August 12, eight weeks after the outbreak of political resistance, the death toll for the entire country in that period was, at 184, not a great deal higher than Wednesday's toll. By the end of that month — 10 weeks after the outbreak of conflict — 285 people were dead.

More than 30 of the deaths in the second half of August 1976 occurred in three days of conflict between hostel dwellers and other residents. It involved mostly inmates of the Mzimhlope hostel, although disturbances were reported also at the Dube and Mapetla hostels.

In a reversal of the accusations being levelled at Inkatha now, Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, denying in 1976 that Inkatha had mobilised the hostel dwellers, accused police of having instigated the violence by aiding and abetting the migrant workers.

In the bloody period from September 1984 to the end of 1988, the monthly death toll rarely exceeded 150. The Natal University-based Indicator Project identified the main fatal incidents of the period in a publication released last year.

Twenty-six people died in two days, September 3 and 4 1984, during rent protests in the Vaal townships. These protests were to snowball into the countrywide rent boycott which continues to this day.

In 1985, 20 died in police shootings at Langa near Uitenhage on Sharpeville Day. In a 10-day period starting August 5 that year, 70 died in clashes involving police and so-called amabutho and young activists. Within that period, from August 12 to 14, 19 people died in police action at Duncan Village in the Eastern Cape. On the last four days of that month 31 people died in riots in Cape Town.

On November 18 and 21, 14 and 17 people died in police shootings at Queenstown and Mamelodi respectively.

On Christmas and Boxing Day 1985, at least 63 people died in fighting described as clashes between Pondos and Zulus in the Umbumbulu district of southern Natal.

There were 20 deaths in 1986 in two days of anti-independence protests in KwaNdebele. On February 18, 13 Alexandra residents died in clashes with police. April 14 saw 36 unrest deaths in Sekukhuneland, Lebowa.

The vicious war at Crossroads from May 17 to 26 involving police, "witdoeke" and comrades cost 44 lives, and similar clashes in the same place the following month, from June 9 to 11, killed another 21. Around the country 16 people died during a work stayaway on the 10th anniversary of the Soweto uprisings just a few days after the state of emergency was declared.

In the largest resurgence of political violence in Soweto since 1976, 21 people died at White City on August 26 and 27 as police attempted to end the rent boycott.

After a period of relative calm, the second half of 1987 saw the Natal violence reach new heights, and it continued through 1988. According to the SA Institute of Race Relations, 79% of the 1 149 politically related deaths that year occurred in Natal.

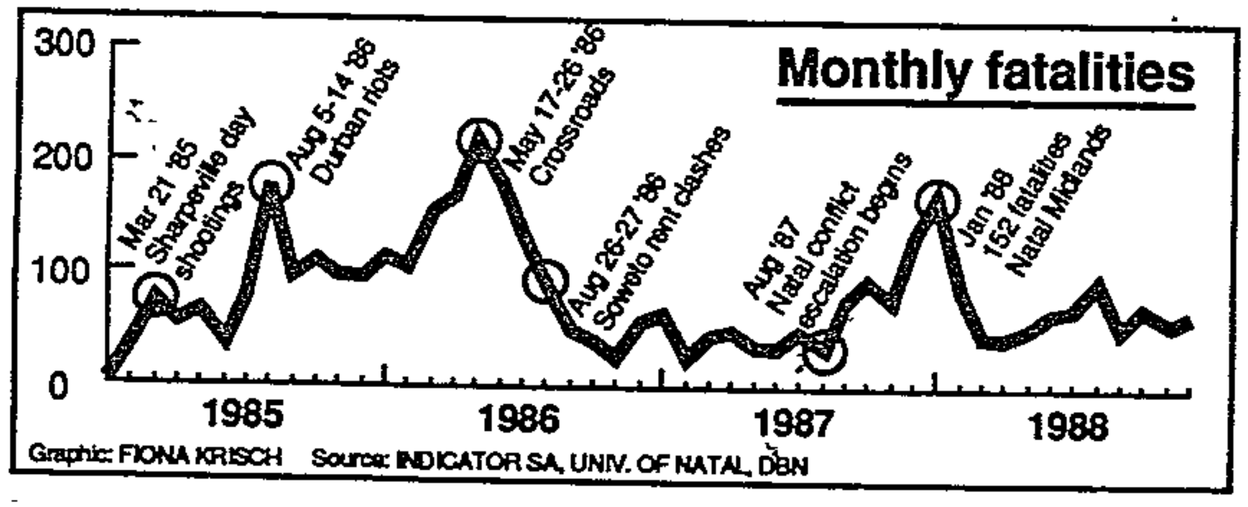
According to Indicator, the total death toll from September 1984 to December 1988 was 3 574.

Last year again saw hundreds of political deaths.

Outbreaks of conflict followed President F W de Klerk's February 2 speech, and within five weeks 200 had died in areas as diverse as Bophuthatswana, the Ciskei, Gazankulu, Katlehong, Crossroads and various parts of Natal.

A judicial assessment of the shooting of 11 marchers by police in Sebokeng on March 26 this year is awaited in the report of the Goldstone Commission.

South African political history is a history of death and destruction. But events in Thokoza have set a new standard.



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Spectrum

'Fighting over the political pie'

By JOHN VILJOEN
Staff Reporter

THE fearsome sight of Zulu impis moving through the streets of East Rand townships as this week's scenes of horrifying violence unfolded has provoked comparisons with the tribal conflict leading to the *Mfecane* — forced migration of the 1800's.

In the early years of last century the military machine of the Zulu king Shaka sowed death and destruction, crushing tribes far and wide. The forced migration — *mfecane* — resulting from these attacks led to the refugees, in their turn, going on the rampage against others.

Simplistic

But academics say it is simplistic to describe this week's bloodbath as "Zulu on Xhosa".

Since Tuesday, more than 150 people have died in the townships of Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tokoza, in what has been described as "the bloodiest outbreak of mass violence in the country for years".

Although the background to the carnage has been depicted in tribal terms, academics have cited a number of contributory causes

Dr Patrick Harries of the Department of History at the University of Cape Town said the conflict had a lot to do with competition for resources and the need for "community security"

The ethnic nature of the conflict was a manifestation of these factors, he said.

Previous outbreaks of township violence have shown that areas of squalor and poverty are the most volatile. This has been demonstrated again this week in confrontations between East Rand hostel dwellers and squatters, both living in meagre circumstances

"The primary cause of conflict is the heightened nature of the political struggle in

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South Africa among contending ideological positions," said a Cape Town academic.

"It is simplistic to label it Zulu on Xhosa, but I don't think we can rule out the ethnic element in the conflict."

"At the heart of the matter is the struggle for political power Inkatha fear that they are being marginalised because President De Klerk is talking to the ANC which is gaining a much higher profile.

"Inkatha are feeling vulnerable — a group in that situation will try to project themselves into power.

"So they are mobilising whatever resources are available to them, and the migrant labourers are a source of loyal support," he said.

Rural Zulus, who make up a large number of the migrant workers on the East Rand have a strong traditional loyalty to the Zulu royal house stemming from the days of Shaka and the great Zulu kings.

Ideological

Against them stand the "ANC adherents", who are not exclusively Xhosas "They have a more modernist perception of what is going on in South Africa," he said

These two groups were fighting over the political pie — an ideological conflict manifesting itself in ethnic confrontation.

The division of people on the basis of ethnic groupings under apartheid increased the likelihood of conflict, he said.

Although it was a factor, this was not purely a fight over resources, he said.

Wits University historian, Dr Phil Bonner, agreed that the Zulu on Xhosa analysis was simplistic

READY FOR WAR Armed Inkatha supporters chant and wave the weapons as tension rose in Soweto after a mob had attacked train passengers yesterday

"The conflict between Zulu and Xhosa is not a traditional one — the Zulu-Sotho conflict is more traditional in this area The violence may be the result of efforts to mobilize political constituencies in the hostels

"Inkhata may be attempting to develop organisation on a national level — this may be a factor But I don't believe that Inkhata central structures would advocate violence for this end. It must come from somewhere else — perhaps lower down," he said

Refuge from war

From Jonathon Rees
in Johannesburg

A puppy picks enthusiastically at the rotting carcass of a dog on the outskirts of Phola Park squatter camp

A burned out truck and 10 temporary toilets stand like sentinels amid the litter

A foul smell from sewage, the toilets and heaps of festering rubbish fills the air around the camp

This home to 35 000 people was this week the scene of some of the fiercest fighting yet seen in South African townships.

Squatters live in fear of another attack from agressors they identify as "Zulus" or "Inkatha" from the adjoining large hostel complex.

A group of men sit on a rocky outcrop at the base of electricity pylons that stretch overpoweringly across the length of the squalid camp

Weapons taken

Jumpy and nervous, they said they had stayed back at the camp while others went to an ANC rally nearby, in order to protect the area from further attacks

One young man said the Zulus had attacked them. He said he was a Xhosa and the police had taken all their weapons away

"We're not sure if they took the Zulu's weapons ..."

Old, brightly coloured Kung Fu movie posters — "Fist of Fury" and "Secret Rivals" — adorn the makeshift wooden exterior of one shack.

An ambulance comes racing along a dirt road next to the camp.

They had come for an old Sotho man in overalls who was attacked and stabbed while walking past Phola Park with some possessions late Thursday afternoon.

Bleeding heavily from stab wounds in his head and back he resignedly said his attackers probably went for him because he had come from the hostels

Shacks in the camp are made up of wooden pannelling, corrugated iron, plastic and assorted improvised materials — all covered with a fine layer of dust stirred up every now and then by armoured police patrols.

Mangy dogs move freely around the filthy settlement and scores of people slowly leave the camp, many carrying their scant possessions on their heads.

But one group of women said they would stay — whatever happens "We've been here since 1987 — we're staying"

One man's worldly goods, wrapped in old grain bags, were passed to him out of the nearby hostel window

He was on his way into Tokoza, for fear of renewed fighting.

A lone elderly woman paused from pushing an old shopping trolley full of her possessions along a dusty track to echo his sentiments. She was moving away from the fighting.

Two men hitch-hiked into Johannesburg, where they planned to sleep at work instead of home in Phola Park.

Their wives were sleeping at employers' homes and they didn't know when they would see them again.

About two kilometres away, 1 200 women and several hundred children are huddled around a community hall, having fled the violence on Tuesday and Wednesday

At night they sleep sitting up on the floor, and rely on social workers and volunteers for food.

Police and the army have established a temporary base between the hostels and squatter camp, and as the sun sets, the puppy finishes his carrion meal and wanders contentedly off into the long grass and rubble around the settlement.— Sapa

Walk-out ends Tokoza peace rally

Star 17/8/90 (278)

By Musa Mapisa and Abel Mabelane

A Tokoza Civic Association (TCA) rally aimed at ending the five-day-old violence in Tokoza ended abruptly yesterday afternoon, when about half of an estimated 15 000 strong crowd walked out in protest while the chairman of the TCA, Sam Ntuli, was speaking.

The dissatisfaction was caused by Mr Ntuli's suggestion that police help be sought to retrieve belongings of hostel dwellers who left during the fighting.

Previous speakers had called on police to remove Inkatha supporters so that other inmates could take their belongings in peace or at least be allowed to arm themselves for their safety when entering the hostel.

Sacrificial lambs

The idea of being accompanied by police was rejected by most at the rally.

"We cannot be led like sacrificial lambs, by the police, into the hands of armed men in the hostels," a hostel dweller said.

As some of the people left the stadium, TCA members and ANC regional leaders appealed for restraint and discipline.

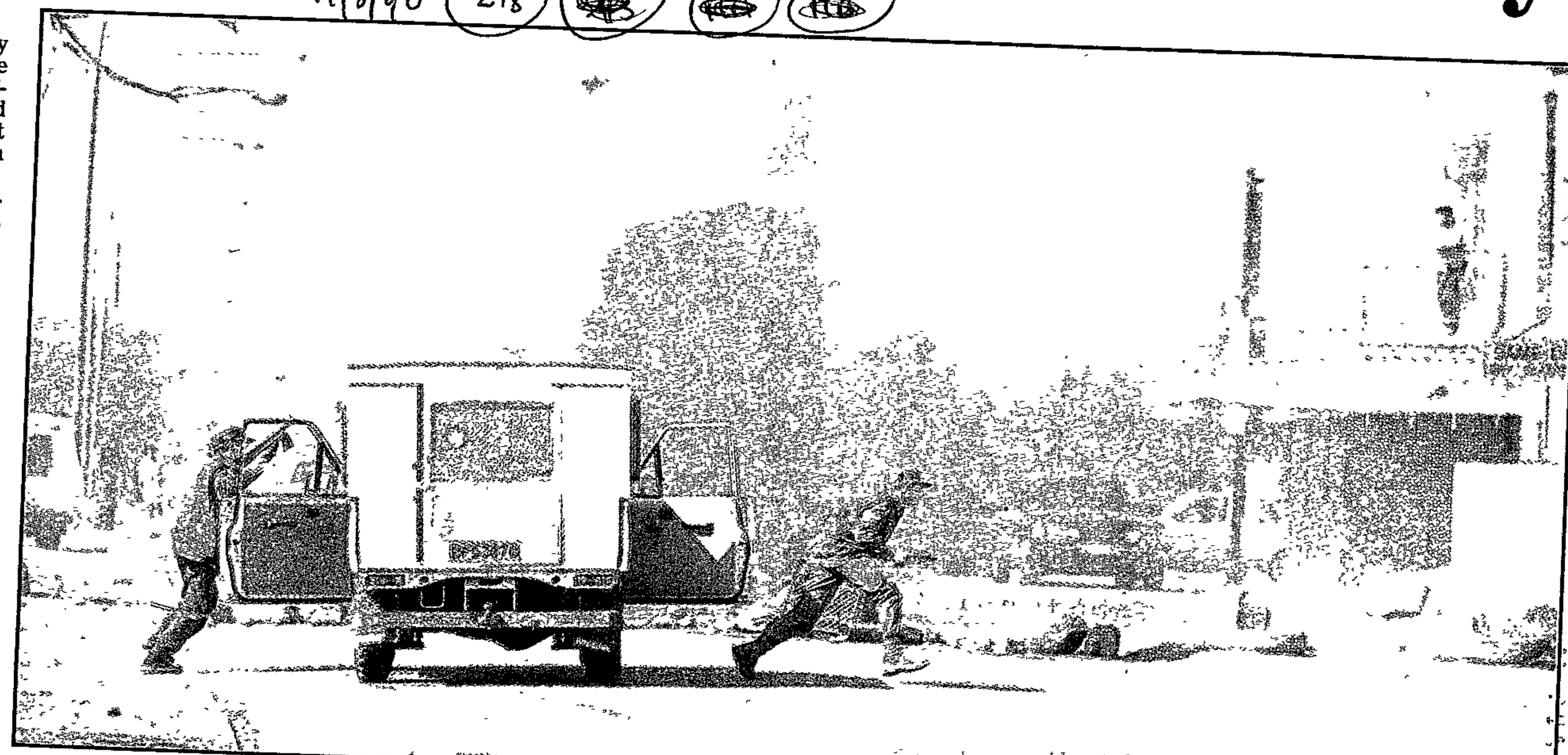
The rally had earlier started with people streaming into the stadium carrying ANC and South African Communist Party flags.

Police cordoned off all entrances and searched all people entering the stadium.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said a policeman was attacked by a panga wielding man during the exercise.

He said a petrol bomb and a pistol were confisticated by police.

When police confronted the man carrying the pistol, he dropped it and ran away. The panga-wielding man was arrested.



Police action . . . leaping from a van (above), police fire teargas and rubber bullets at residents who placed tyres in the road and lit them at Soweto's Jabulani hostel yesterday. In the activity, (right) police accidentally teargassed themselves, to the amusement of onlookers. ● Pictures by Sean Woods.

Homeless and hungry refugees flee into veld

Star 17/8/90 (278)

By Abel Mabelane,
East Rand Bureau

The situation in Katlehong and Tokoza, where fighting between Zulus and Xhosas has left more than 100 people dead, was quiet yesterday.

Police kept a high profile near Tokoza Stadium and near the Phola Park squatter camp.

In Katlehong, a group of women and children who fled the Crossroads squatter camp after it was set ablaze, spent the night with their belongings in the open.

At the scene, reporter Helen Grange reports that thousands of refugees spent last night in the veld.

Women and children have taken refuge under bridges, behind factories, in garages and in churches.

Media personality Tony Sanderson, who owns a factory in Alrode South, said he and his staff had been taking hot soup into the veld for the refugees.

"They have absolutely nothing. One baby was just wearing a nappy. They just emerge from nowhere when we arrive with the truck," Mr Sanderson said.

One woman had wept over the death of her husband, who had had an axe driven through his head.

Mr Sanderson added that police were continually finding bodies around factories and in the veld.

"We desparately need food donations in this area," he said.

Mr Sanderson can be reached at (011) 868-1217.

Stop butchering each other like beasts, urges the ANC

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The African National Congress last night made an strong plea for violence across the country to end, saying people were butchering each other "like beasts".

A statement by the organisation blamed "misguided individuals" who had infiltrated the communities and hostels for urging people to fight.

"They spread rumours that one section of the community is planning to attack another. They have taken it upon themselves to divide us along ethnic lines. They urge one language group to fight another. Within the hostels, hatred is being sown everywhere," the ANC said.

● The president of the South African Institute of Race Relations and presiding bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, the Rev Stanley Mogoba, has strongly deplored the current violence.

Dr Mogoba called on all political organisations to "stop wasting time blaming each other for the atrocities" and to redouble their efforts to bring about reconciliation. — Sapa.

Street war: Nine killed, 113 injured in Soweto

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From STAN HLOPHE, GUY JEPSON, MONTSHIWA MOROKE and CRAIG KOTZE
Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — Nine people have died and 113 injured in clashes between Inkatha supporters and Soweto residents.

Yesterday's violence followed two days of all-out war between Inkatha-Zulu and ANC-Xhosa factions at Tokoza on the East Rand this week.

At least 144 people have died and more than 1 000 injured.

Three more bodies were found by police in Zondi yesterday afternoon and another man died in in hospital, bringing the Soweto death toll to nine.

Last night police patrols fired teargas and rubber bullets in many parts of Soweto to disperse crowds attacking police vehicles, said police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn

Last night police fired teargas into several houses in central Western Jabavu and Molapo near Inhlazane station — the scene of earlier vicious clashes which claimed four lives

BURNING TYRES

Streets were barricaded by burning tyres and residents, intent on preventing an attack by Inkatha supporters from the nearby Jabulani Hostel, threw boulders into the streets

Some residents left their homes to avoid the expected attack, while young "comrades" formed street patrols to protect the neighbourhoods

Mrs Catherine Mofolo, a central Western Jabavu resident, said police threw teargas inside her yard about 7.30pm while she and her family were watching television.

"We had to leave. Two windows were broken and we found a tearas canister in the kitchen," said Mrs Mofolo

Her neighbour, Mr Johannes Mohlabi, 60, said "We know nothing about Inkatha or the ANC. Why are the police harassing us?"

Yesterday soldiers guarded train drivers and police manned stations and trains, said Colonel Halgryn

Four men were killed when a crowd attacked them at Inhlazane station and a man was axed to death in Mapetla

A man was killed and six injured in fighting at Johannesburg station at 6.15am, police said.

Widespread fighting started after the four Inhlazane killings Clashes between opposing groups left at least 31 people injured near Jabulani hostel.

Sporadic outbreaks of violence were later reported in most parts of the township

Colonel Halgryn said two boys — aged 11 and 14 — were found with birdshot wounds after police fired on a mob which shot at them.

"The crowd looked as if it was only adults, which is why the police opened fire in self-defence But it seems as if some of these groups are using children," said Colonel Halgryn.

Several rooms were set alight in Merafhe hostel.

Residents returning from work found a barricade on the main road near the Jabulani hostel.

Late yesterday angry residents vowed to drive out the hostel-dwellers.

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Picture: ALF KHUMALO, Argus Group Picture Service

WARRIOR: One of the thousands of men who took part in bloody clashes in the East Rand townships stands masked to hide his identity and as protection against teargas. He carries a home-made sword and a dustbin lid as a shield.

CONFRONTATION: Youths with sticks, knives and axes face police as violence in East Rand townships spread to Soweto.

R190 000 Weekend Argus Jackpot has been won!

Staff Reporter

SINCE January, just under a million people have tried it and finally someone has done it — won the grand prize in the Weekend Argus Charity Jackpot competition

Jackpot No 383, launched two weeks ago, carried a main prize of R190 000, which will soon be safe in the lucky reader's bank account.

About 980 000 have entered the competition since the last grand prize of R275 000, won in January.

The latest winner will be announced in Weekend Argus tomorrow.

Police take aim while residents look on during the violence in Soweto yesterday. W/Mail 17/8 - 19/8/90 · (278) Picture: KEVIN CARTER

Tensions high at 'peace rally' in Thokoza

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By CASSANDRA MOODLEY and WALLY MBHELE

EMOTIONS reached fever-pitch, yesterday at a "peace rally" in Thokoza when a Mass Democratic Movement speaker said State President FW de Klerk had failed to control his police force while deliberately leaving township residents vulnerable to attacks.

Thousands of Thokoza residents crowded the stadium in the East Rand township as a tense calm descended on the township which was the scene of violent conflict this week — the death toll for the Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus townships rose to 148 when five people died in Natalspruit Hospital yesterday. W/M Mail 17/8-19/8/90

The rally was called by the local civic association but there was a strong African National Congress presence, with ANC and SA Communist Party banners flying high.

Residents of Phola Park, the shack area where violence first erupted, stormed the stadium chanting: "*Ayabulala Amaphoyisa*" (Police are killing). The residents were disarmed by police before leaving Phola Park.

A civic representative suggested to the meeting that Mandela and Buthelezi should meet. The crowd responded that "Buthelezi would kill Mandela".

Community worker in Phola Park, Blessing Cebisa said it was a pity that the people who should talk about peace (Inkatha) were not there.

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Police disarmed hundreds of Phola Park men yesterday minutes before they attended the rally.

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THE Tokoza peace indaba held at the local stadium yesterday ended abruptly when groups of militant youths lead a massive walk out.

The strong crowd of more than 15 000 people was pruned to a mere 1 000 minutes after a brief address by the president of the Tokoza Civic Association (TCA), Mr Sam Ntuli.

Ntuli called for peace and calm and a row from the main grandstand followed his utterances that "there were rumours that some people here at the meeting will attack the hostels after this rally".

There was discontent in the emotion-charged crowd as people left the stadium.

Talks between the warring parties have been scheduled for Monday. (278)

Armed riot police frisked all people entering the stadium while truck-loads of police patrolled the surroundings.

A police spokesman at the scene, Witwatersrand police public relation officer, Captain Frans Malherbe, said police confiscated a pistol and arrested one man who was in possession of a petrol bomb.

He said in a separate operation at the hostel, a further three AK 47 rifles and truck-loads of weapons were confiscated.

Bid for peace in Vaal begins

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BLOCK committees are to be re-established at the Sebokeng hostel in a bid to resolve the ongoing violence and killings in and around the complex in the strife-torn township.

This was announced by Witwatersrand police liaison officer, Colonel Frans Malherbe, at a Press conference following peace talks at the Tranavaal Provincial Administration offices in Sebokeng on Wednesday between the SAP, Inkatha and ANC representatives.

SOWETAN Correspondent

According to Malherbe the meeting - which lasted close on three hours under the chairmanship of Major-General Gerrit Erasmus - was conducted in a spirit of friendliness and was "very constructive."

He said all the parties felt it was essential to find a solution to the senseless killings which have been taking place in the township.

"It emerged at the meeting that everyone is sick and tired of the killings, and that it was everybody's responsibility to stop these killings."

Spirit

Referring to Sebokeng Hospital, where the majority of incidents resulting in loss of life occured, Malherbe stated it was resolved to re-establish the so-called block committees.

Somehow certain mechanisms would be applied in an effort to bring about a new spirit of reconciliation amongst hostel dwellers.

HOSTEL BATTLES: *Why there's more to the eruption of anger than 'ethnic rivalry'*

Behind the violence

Blowing the horn as the men go into battle: Inkatha supporters wearing red headbands with slogans prepare for a clash in Soweto yesterday Picture: ELMOND JIYANE, Dynamic Images

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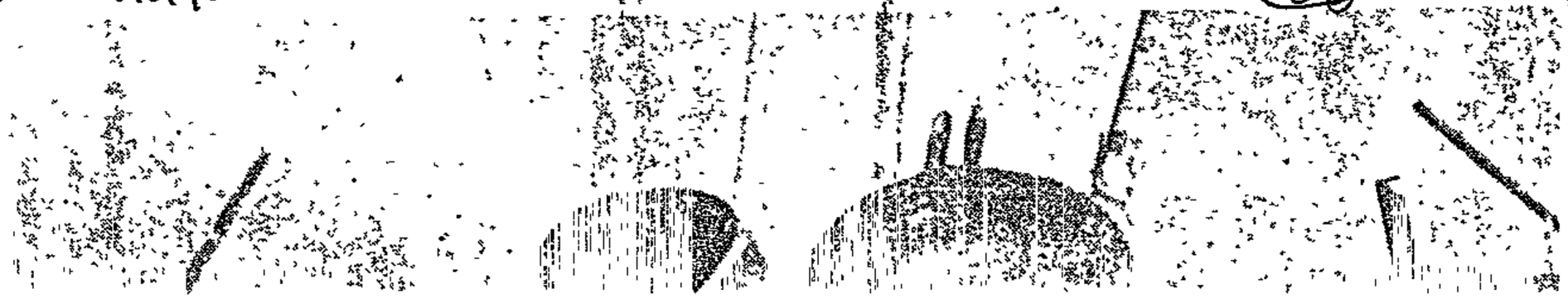

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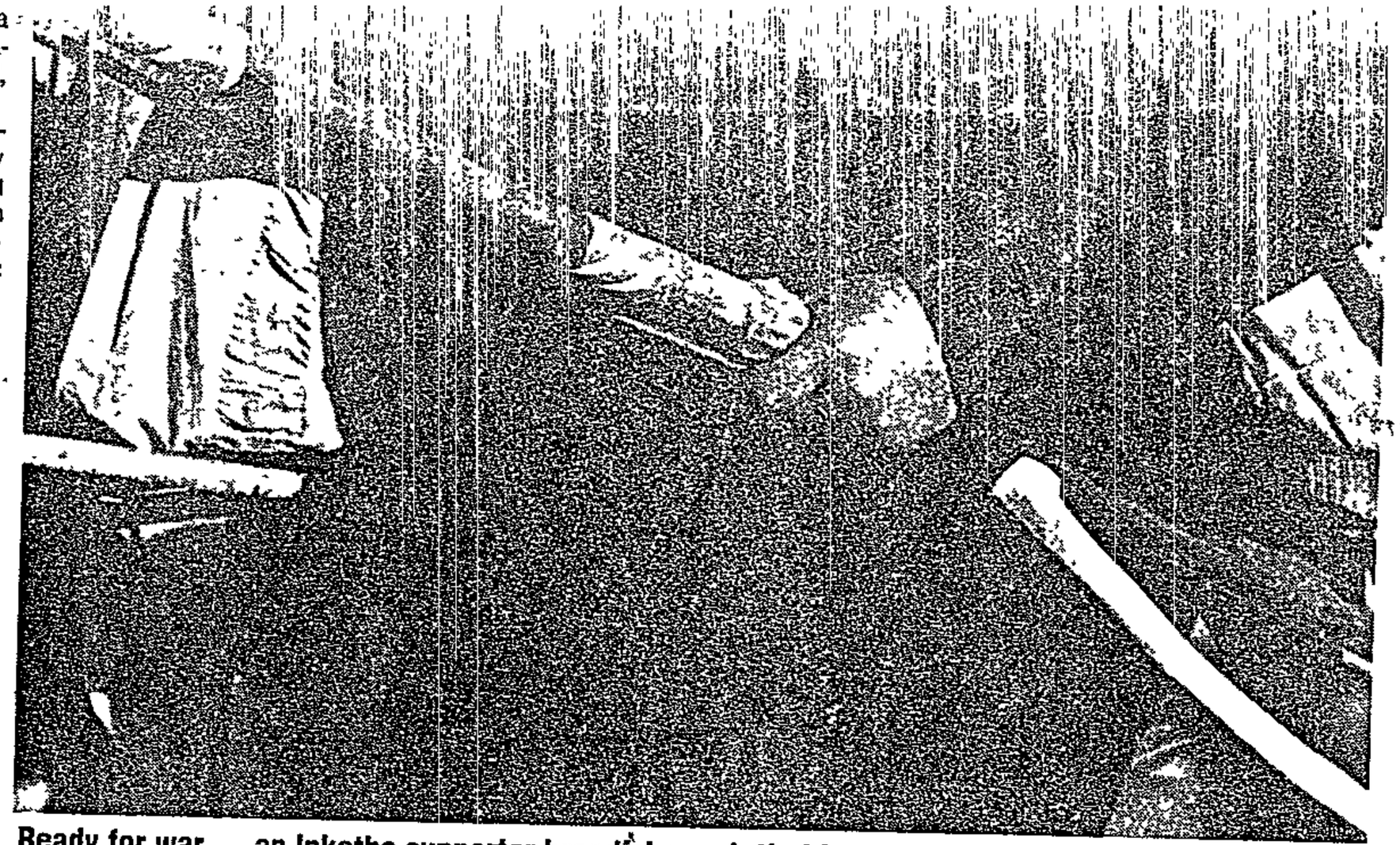
In many ways Natal contrasts with other provinces, where extreme poverty and social fragmentation is causing migrancy to break down: male workers tend to bring their families with them and rely less on links with their ethnic heritage to survive. Hence the Thokoza clashes this week took the form of clashes between migrant "Zulus" and urbanised "Xhosas".

Since Inkatha was the ruling party in kwaZulu it was not strange that there could be "a total overlap of Inkatha and ethnicity in people's minds," argued Mare. To be Zulu, was to be Inkatha.

He pointed out that members of the kwaZulu Legislative Assembly frequently equated Xhosa people with the ANC or suggested that the ANC was a non-Zulu organisation.

Inkatha's president Mangosuthu Buthelezi had also invoked the notion of Zulu ethnicity quite pointedly, Mare said. One example was Buthelezi's response to an ANC advertisement which called for the dismantling of the kwaZulu homeland. The chief minister branded the campaign as an act of contempt for the Zulu king, the Zulu nation and the kingdom of kwaZulu.

Buthelezi added: "I hope that the Zulu people, whatever their political affiliations, will realise that the ANC campaign of vilification is no longer just against me and Inkatha, but also against the Zulu people, as Zulu people are be-



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Vogelman's observations apply equally to fighting within the hostels — between Inkatha supporters and other residents — as they do to conflict between Inkatha migrants and the surrounding community.

Attacks by conservative hostel dwellers on the broader community have occurred fairly regularly during peaks of militant mobilisation in the townships, starting with Soweto in 1976. The violent divisions within hostels, which formed part of the recent pattern in Thokoza, Kagiso and Soweto, are rather newer and observers are hesitant to supply a meaning.

One thesis is that the political culture of the township — that is, for the most part, support for the ANC — is filtering through the hostels.

In Sebokeng, for instance, the hostels are known to be strongholds of progressive union and community organisation. They were allegedly attacked by Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers from other areas and subsequently disarmed when 5 000 police and soldiers swooped in the dead of night in a "crime preven-

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In an interview this week he singled out Inkatha leaders as particularly guilty of converting an ideological debate into a much more "highly charged" ethnic war.

Inkatha leaders in the Transvaal as well as the ANC believe the conflict in Sebokeng, Kagiso, the East Rand and Soweto is a replica of the strife that has claimed 4 000 lives in Natal.

But the language used by residents indicates that many of those affected perceive the conflict in ethnic terms: "We are the Zulus and we are fighting the Xhosas" — or vice versa — were refrains frequently heard this week.

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Why the hostels of the PWV have figured so consistently in the recent bloodshed is not hard to figure.

If Inkatha is to engage — either politically or physically — with its opponents in the PWV it cannot do without its hostel constituency. A recent study by Market Research Africa showed that a mere two percent of black people outside of Natal supported Inkatha.

With this shrinking support, the hostels — which have traditionally been Inkatha strongholds and which Zulu workers appear to rely on more extensively than others — represent an increasingly significant factor.

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In some areas, relaxation of the pass laws has meant that families of hostel dwellers are able to live in nearby shanty-towns. Through their families, hostel residents attain a link to organisations fighting for schooling, land, health services and housing. They are not longer outsiders and the civic associations become their business.

In addition many are employed in work places organised by Cosatu unions and they sign up.

Such developments inevitably produce tensions in the hostels — especially where there is an established Inkatha interest.

The shock of the week's bloodshed lay largely in its sheer bloodiness. Not even the destruction of Crossroads in 1986 claimed so many victims so fast.

It lay also in the timing. It was almost incomprehensible that this should happen a week after the signing of the Pretoria Minute, with its promise that real negotiations about the constiutional future of South Africa could start soon.

There have been various questions in this regard.

● Is it a coincidence that Inkatha supporters began their attacks on commuters at Soweto's Inhlanzane station days after the Cosatu/UDF/Sayco week of mass action against the war in Natal?

● Is it a coincidence that Inkatha begins to reassert its presence in the Transvaal only weeks after its decision to constitute as a national political party and as the deadline for the launch of ANC branches — August 26 — draws near?

● Is it a coincidence that pro-ANC groups are being drawn into violent conflict at a time when the organisation seeks to minimise violence and prove the power of disciplined non-violent mass action?

Buthelezi has emphatically denied that Inkatha is the aggressor in this contest and that he is exporting violence from Natal to the Transvaal.

Perhaps the last word should be that of Buthelezi's former right-hand man, Dhlomo, who warned that the situation had to be faced that Buthelezi still had some support — but more than that "he has the potential to destabilise the region of Natal right into the era of a new South Africa".

Soweto erupts

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Armed residents march towards a bridge near Inhlanzane hostel

By KENOSI MODISANE and DON SEOKANE

THE death toll in fighting between alleged Inkatha members and non-Zulu residents in the Reef rose to 150 yesterday when six people died after the clashes spread to Soweto.

On the East Rand alone 144 people have been killed during skirmishes between the two factions.

Fighting in Soweto started about 4.30am yesterday at Inhlazane Station when commuters were attacked by people alleged to be from nearby Jabulani Hostel.

Five people died at the station and a fifth was killed at the Johannesburg station.

Captain MJ Ngobeni

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Women who wait for the worst

MOST of the women caught in bitter inter-tribal fighting in Tokoza wake up every morning expecting to hear the worst - that their husbands or relatives have been killed in the raging war.

By SY MAKARINGE

To them the statistics that keep on rising almost every hour as the fighting continues are just statistics - meaningless and cold.

They and their children have been scuttled to various places of safety in the township while the well-armed menfolk go to the battlefield, not knowing whether they will come back alive.

They wander around and wait for the news from the war zone about their beloved ones and for the statistics to be translated into something meaningful, something about human beings.

They wait, hoping against hope that the fighting will finally stop. Children play innocently in the yards, not knowing whether they will see their fathers again.

Miss Tunkie Jonas will not forget the day the body of her cousin, Mr Jackson Tokwe, was found in a pool of blood after one of the fiercest fights between Xhosa-speaking people on one side and Zulus on the other.

He was just another statistic but he had a family who loved him.

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Corpses

"His body was lying next to three or four corpses. He had been stabbed with what could have been a spear. I just had one look at him and started crying," Jonas said as she battled to control tears.

She said Tokwe was a very supportive young man whose life was brutally terminated at the age of 32 before he could live it to the fullest.

"It looks like this thing will never come to an end unless Mandela and Gatsha Buthelezi sit down and talk. Unless they sit down and talk, more people are going to get killed," she said.

There are other women who have not seen their husbands since the fighting between Phola Park squatter camp residents and the Khalanyoni hostel dwellers broke out on Sunday.

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Says Mr Mbuyiselo Jantjies: "My wife last saw me on Sunday. She did not know I was still alive until this morning when I went to see her at the place she is hiding with the children.

"In fact, when I left this morning she was praying that I come back alive. In situations like these there's no guarantee that a man will come back home in one piece."

He said while he was on the battlefield his wife phoned relatives to tell them she did not know what could have happened to him.

Jantjies said the last time he had a decent meal was on Sunday evening.

A Zulu-speaking man who lives in Phola Park, a predominantly Xhosa area, was caught on the wrong foot when the fighting broke out.

"I did not know which side I should be on I could not leave my children and my wife and join the hostel dwellers, who are mostly Zulu-speaking, to fight my neighbours.

"At the same time, I felt it would be wrong for me to side with the Xhosas here in Phola Park because I would be fighting against my Zulu brothers," the man said.

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Six killed in Soweto fighting

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of the Soweto police confirmed the incident at Inhlanzane.

He said one of the victims was burnt to death and the fifth died in a separate incident at Merafe Station.

"Ninety-seven people were left injured and 15 of them are in a serious condition at Baragwanath Hospital," said Ngobeni.

Fighting broke out between Merafe Hostel dwellers and Mapetla township residents about 7am.

A witness at the scene said police opened fire at residents "who were defending themselves against the hostel inmates".

Mr Lehapisa Maleho of Mapetla said "I saw police arrest a resident after throwing teargas at us. These people are siding with the inmates."

A police spokesman, however, said: "Teargas was only used to disperse the crowd, which had assembled near the bridge separating the hostel and Jabavu township."

Children

Schooling came to a standstill in the township when parents fetched their children from schools as rumours of a "Zulu onslaught" spread through the township in the morning.

Groups of children and adults formed human borders at Jabulani, Merafe and Nancefield hostels in anticipation of the attack.

Teargas was fired at residents in Central Western Jabavu after a joint call by Inkatha, the ANC and mayor of Soweto Mr Sam Mkhwanazi for the crowds to disperse was not heeded.

Mkhwanazi was booed by the crowd as he tried to address them.

Police put up barbed wires to prevent the hostel dwellers from attacking residents at Merafe.

A group of about 200 hostel dwellers armed with an assortment of weapons assembled outside the hostel after burning tyres were used to barricade roads leaving the hostel.

Armed men wearing red headbands had begun to gather at a bridge outside Nancefield Hostel about 1pm.

A municipal policeman ordered journalists from the scene.

Police took up position between the hostel dwellers and residents at all hostels while a helicopter hovered above the affected hostels.

Residents from Klipspruit, who had also gathered at the other side of the bridge, accused police of "giving the men room to advance".

"Why don't they stop these men from leaving the hostel if they are here to maintain peace," said an eyewitness at the scene.

Witnesses near Jabulani Hostel said the fighting broke out yesterday morning when hostel dwellers attacked and stopped residents from going to work.

Angry residents barricaded the roads and demanded that Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers be moved out of the area.

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Women who wait for the worst

By SY MAKARINGE

MOST of the women caught in bitter inter-tribal fighting in Tokoza wake up every morning expecting to hear the worst - that their husbands or relatives have been killed in the raging war.

To them the statistics that keep on rising almost every hour as the fighting continues are just statistics - meaningless and cold.

They and their children have been scuttled to various places of safety in the township while the well-armed menfolk go to the battlefield, not knowing whether they will come back alive.

They wander around and wait for the news from the war zone about their beloved ones and for the statistics to be translated into something meaningful, something about human beings.

They wait, hoping against hope that the fighting will finally stop. Children play innocently in the yards, not knowing whether they will see their fathers again.

Miss Tunkie Jonas will not forget the day the body of her cousin, Mr Jackson Tokwe, was found in a pool of blood after one of the fiercest fights between Xhosa-speaking people on one side and Zulus on the other.

He was just another statistic but he had a family who loved him.

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Corpses

"His body was lying next to three or four corpses He had been stabbed with what could have been a spear I just had one look at him and started crying," Jonas said as she battled to control tears.

She said Tokwe was a very supportive young man whose life was brutally terminated at the age of 32 before he could live it to the fullest.

"It looks like this thing will never come to an end unless Mandela and Gatsha Buthelezi sit down and talk. Unless they sit down and talk, more people are going to get killed." she said.

There are other women who have not seen their husbands since the fighting between Phola Park squatter camp residents and the Khalanyoni hostel dwellers broke out on Sunday. (278)

Says Mr Mbuyiselo Jantjies: "My wife last saw me on Sunday. She did not know I was still alive until this morning when I went to see her at the place she is hiding with the children.

"In fact, when I left this morning she was praying that I come back alive. In situations like these there's no guarantee that a man will come back home in one piece."

He said while he was on the battlefield his wife phoned relatives to tell them she did not know what could have happened to him.

Jantjies said the last time he had a decent meal was on Sunday evening.

A Zulu-speaking man who lives in Phola Park, a predominantly Xhosa area, was caught on the wrong foot when the fighting broke out.

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other if we're going to see an end to this senseless carnage.

"I'm a Zulu-speaking person but I'm not a member of Inkatha or the ANC. I'm a Christian," he said.

There was a lot of uneasiness and tension yesterday as the strife-torn East Rand township began to lick its wounds.

Crowbars

After evacuating women and children to safe places, the shack dwellers at Phola Park armed themselves with crowbars and other lethal weapons and gathered in small groups, preparing for revenge.

Inkatha members were nowhere to be seen, but were also believed to be preparing themselves inside Khalanyoni Hostel, which is only a stone's throw from the squatter camp.

As tension grew, police arrived and pleaded with the men to lay down their weapons. It was only after the police had been told that they were taking sides that the men agreed to lay down their arms.

Calm

Although the situation was calm in Tokoza yesterday, it was described by the residents as a lull before a storm.

More hostel dwellers, who were apparently not linked to the fighting, were seen leaving the hostel with their belongings in their arms, with nowhere to go.

This is a war - a war which no one will win, but one that everybody will lose.

THE HORROR OF VIOLENCE: The burning body of a young victim of fighting between hostel dwellers and other township residents at Inhlanzane Station after violence spread to Soweto yesterday. Pic: ROBERT MAGWAZA

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Let's stop the violence

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By The Editor Aggrey Klaaste

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The situation is so desperate that surgical means of halting the killing must be used. The violence and killing must be stopped. We do not care who does that.

When the unrest started in Natal many people tended to shrug their shoulders because this was happening outside of their experience and it was considered tough luck for those victims.

The time for such cynicism and, more importantly, for point-scoring must stop.

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We just have to drum it into the minds of all people that the violence serves nobody's interests. We must get together to stop the killing.

Innocent lives are being destroyed. Families are losing breadwinners. Even children are dying.

The time to look into the deeper causes of the instability - and these are many - will come.

Our immediate focus is an emergency one, to put out the fires. To stop the killing.

It needs to be said though that most people lose their control when conditions assume such chaotic proportions.

After the mayhem was started in Soweto yesterday teargas was fired into homes. This could have been caused by people who lost or are losing control of the dangerous situation.

With sinister cunning another soft target, our schools, were involved in the mess. The worst thing that could happen now is for the children to get under the grip of the dangerous excitement caused by the violence.

The time for apportioning blame will come when we count the cost.

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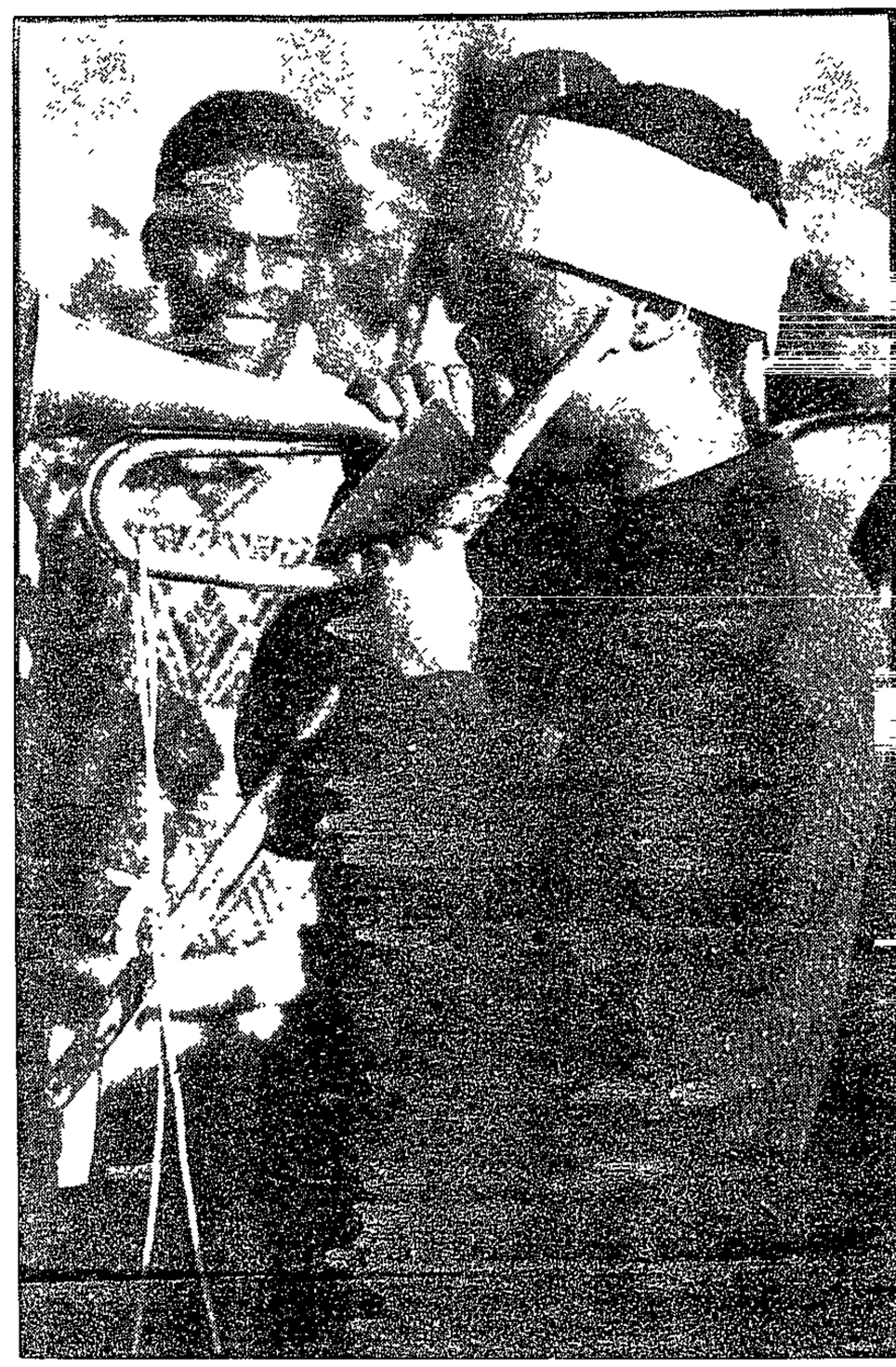

A hostel dweller armed with an axe and iron-pipe blows a trumpet to call his colleagues to join him and others as they prepare to go into battle.

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Hostel dwellers brandishing weapons and ready to go on an offensive move after fighting spread to Jabulani, Soweto, yesterday.

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Waiting for death in a dusty township

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Sowetan Correspondent

IN the hot, dusty East Rand township of Tokoza yesterday - where thousands of armed men lined the streets waiting for the next bloody battle, there was hardly a woman or child to be seen.

In the nearby squatter camp of Pholo Park, an ominous quiet presided. Shacks were secured as best as possible. Everyone had hurriedly deserted the camp on Monday after a sudden early morning attack by a group of men said to have come from the Zulu dominated hostels in Tokoza.

The Xhosa-speaking squatter men, with sticks, knives and pangas, sat in a large group a little distance from their largely deserted camp to "watch over" their homes.

Out of sight, in private garages and churches, the squatter women and children milled around - hoping their possessions had not been looted and waiting for word on whether it was safe enough to return.

Speaking from the security of a local Methodist church, Ms Nomsa Mceteni, with her two children on her lap said. "I just ran into the veld when the Zulus attacked early on Monday, before the dawn".

"There were many of them, with assegais, guns and sticks. We all left our things, took our children, and ran. I am not sure whether all the children were got away. I didn't look back," she said.

On the verge of Pholo Park, where a major brick company runs a factory, hundreds of women and children were found packed into garages behind a maze of freshly made bricks.

"Up to a thousand squatters have been here since Monday when the trouble started," said Peter Egan, factory manager. Some had managed to bring bedding and food was being brought to them by the Catholic church.

Said one mother: "Every time we have tried to go back for our possessions, the trouble starts again. Our children are frightened and have not been attending school."

By Wednesday afternoon, the squatter men, after being disarmed by police, moved slowly back into the camp. The women remained pensive and waiting, and began dribbling back only in the late afternoon.

FW Mandela meet

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — President F W de Klerk and ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela held an urgent, unscheduled meeting in Pretoria yesterday to discuss ways to end the East Rand violence which had so far claimed more than 150 lives.

And last night Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and the regional divisional commander of police, Maj-Gen Johan Swart, met Mr Mandela and a delegation of Sowetans in the tense township.

It is understood the De Klerk-Mandela meeting, which lasted for almost two hours, was called by the ANC primarily to register their alarm at the violence and the police's handling of the situation.

Both sides apparently agreed that joint structures such as those operating in Kagiso township on the West Rand should be implemented in as many areas as soon as possible.

In Kagiso the ANC and Inkatha last week agreed to establish a joint committee to co-operate with the SAP on implementing a ceasefire.

Mr De Klerk's office confirmed in a brief statement that he, Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee and Mr Vlok had met Mr Mandela and senior ANC members Mr Pallo Jordan and Mr Aziz Pahad and that steps to curb the violence were discussed.

A police source said yesterday that although the SAP had already nominated 96 senior officers to liaise with the ANC in various parts of the country, the response from the other side had been disappointing and the nominated SAP officers were often unable to contact their ANC counterparts.

Further developments last night:

- More policemen are to be sent to Soweto.
- In Durban, Inkatha said the fighting between Thokoza hostel inmates and Phola Park squatters in the Transvaal was not between its followers and those of the ANC, but that it was ethnic-based.
- Azapo has initiated a multi-party meeting of extra-parliamentary organisations in a bid to end the continuing fighting.

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Violence hits Soweto

Commuters stay away from home in fear of attacks

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence gripped Soweto yesterday as the bloody township war which started in the East Rand on Tuesday spread.

While Mrs Winnie Mandela addressed a crowd of ANC supporters at the Jabulani Stadium in Soweto in a bid to stop the violence in the township, at least nine lives were claimed and 85 people were injured in clashes between Inkatha-supporting Zulus and ANC supporters.

Soweto police liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the death toll rose when the bodies of three men who had been hacked to death were found in the veld in Zola shortly before dark. The number of people injured had been pegged at 100.

A Baragwanath Hospital spokesman said 101 people had been treated at that hospital and 12 more at Hillbrow.

Meanwhile, an uneasy truce emerged on the battleground of the East Rand townships where 150 people have died since fighting began.

At a rally at the Thokoza Stadium, ANC supporters called for peace but reserved the right to defend themselves. In Vosloorus, opposing factions of hostel dwellers held a series of meetings with police and councillors.

Fear also spread to Johannesburg where anxious Soweto residents in their thousands left work early to queue for taxis. Many refused to go home by train fearing Inkatha reprisals on the carriages and at the stations close to township hostels, the strongholds of the mainly Inkatha-supporting migrant Zulu workers.

A traffic policeman verified an unofficial fatality figure of "at least 15 bodies around the area".

Four bodies were seen by police on the railway track near Inhlanzane station next to the Jabulani hostel.

Township residents said trouble started when Inkatha supporters attacked early-morning commuters boarding trains to Johannesburg. Fighting broke out and ANC supporters retaliated, chasing the Zulu group back into the hostel.

Police apparently forced the ANC supporters to withdraw across the railway cutting to the opposite embankment. Throughout the morning insults and stones were traded across the cutting while empty trains hurtled through.

Rent arrears reprieve for Soweto residents

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Transvaal Provincial Administration, Soweto People's Delegation and the Greater Soweto Councils have agreed in principle to write off R516-million in rent and services arrears and to introduce a flat rate of R23 a household for rent only.

This follows a 15-hour meeting yesterday — the sixth since July — between the five bodies at the administration's Johannesburg regional offices.

The parties agreed to introduce a flate rate of R55 a household for rent for September only.

From October 1 an interim service charge of R23, plus electricity on metered consumption of 12c a unit, subject to discounts, will be applicable. This will apply until new affordable tariffs have been established in consultation with a joint technical committee appointed by the principal bodies.

The tentative agreement would be referred to various parties' constituencies for ratification and another meeting has been scheduled for September 24 for the formal agreement.

In another development the Conservative Party-controlled town council of Carolina in the Eastern Transvaal has restored power and water supplies to Sibolela after the TPA decided to pay the black township's outstanding bill of R25 000.

Sibolela had been without water and electricity since Tuesday after the town council cut the services, declaring the move a financial decision that had nothing to do with politics.

Today is D-Day for up to 50 rent boycotting townships throughout the Transvaal where millions of residents now risk having their electricity and in some cases water and sewerage systems disconnected.

In July the government announced it would stop bridging finance to boycotting townships from today.

The rent boycott crisis spotlight moves to Witbank where the white town council's bulk services account with Kwaguqa township (population 115 000) falls due today.

Yesterday a spokesman for the Witbank town council said no action would be taken against Kwaguqa before Monday. He said the council was not considering cutting the township's water supply at this stage. Kwaguqa residents have been boycotting rents and services since March.

Earlier this year the Witbank town council switched off the power supply to Schoongezicht coloured township for three months after ratepayers stopped payments. The Argus Correspondent and Sapa.

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Gifts stream in for embattled Guguletu creche

By VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

GIFTS are streaming in for the embattled Guguletu creche whose 102 children were forced to sleep on the cement floor after thieves broke in and stole their blankets and food.

Thieves broke into the creche through a newly sealed window and took educational toys and carpets and damaged the stove while trying to remove it.

A report in The Argus on the burglary and the plight of the children at St Mary Magdalene Church in NY3 brought an immediate response.

Mrs Ivy Arendse of Wynberg gave groceries and blankets worth R1 000.

"When I saw the story I decided to act immediately. There was an obvious need. It's important to look after the children," Mrs Arendse said.

She also promised to get an electrician to

TIENT . . . Heart girl Xenthia Desai and her mother Veronica.

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Death toll in Soweto reaches 33

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SOWETO. — This embattled township, where 33 people have died and 217 have been injured in two days of vicious fighting, was tense last night with sporadic attacks by small groups continuing into the night, police said.

Clashes erupted near hostels throughout the township during the day while police were hard pressed to contain the bloody violence that has been rampant in the Greater Reef area since the beginning of the week.

Colonel Tienie Halgryn said most of those killed, mainly men, had been hacked to death.

One Jabulani resident was attacked and burnt on his way from work yesterday and by evening hundreds of men with axes, knobkerries, sharpened sticks and metal bars had gathered in anticipation of further attacks.

AFP journalist Dominique Gilbert said a bullet whistled past her ear and AFP photographer Walter Dladla was hit in the neck by a teargas canister near the hostel. He was not seriously injured.

The Soweto violence is seen to be a direct spillover of the clashes between Inkatha-based Zulus and ANC-supporting Xhosas and other tribal groupings which occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday in the East Rand squatter camps and townships of Thokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong.

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DEATH BY FIRE

Bodies: 'Write the truth'

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JOHANNESBURG. — The man lay curled up as if sleeping, his freshly bludgeoned corpse guarded by a group of surly teenagers carrying sticks and knives.

A breeze fluttered through pages of newsprint stuck to the man's bloodied head, hiding his face from Soweto residents queuing to view the corpse atop a railway embankment.

At the foot of the embankment lay a second battered body.

Neither the youths nor the queue of silent, grim-faced men and women would describe what had happened.

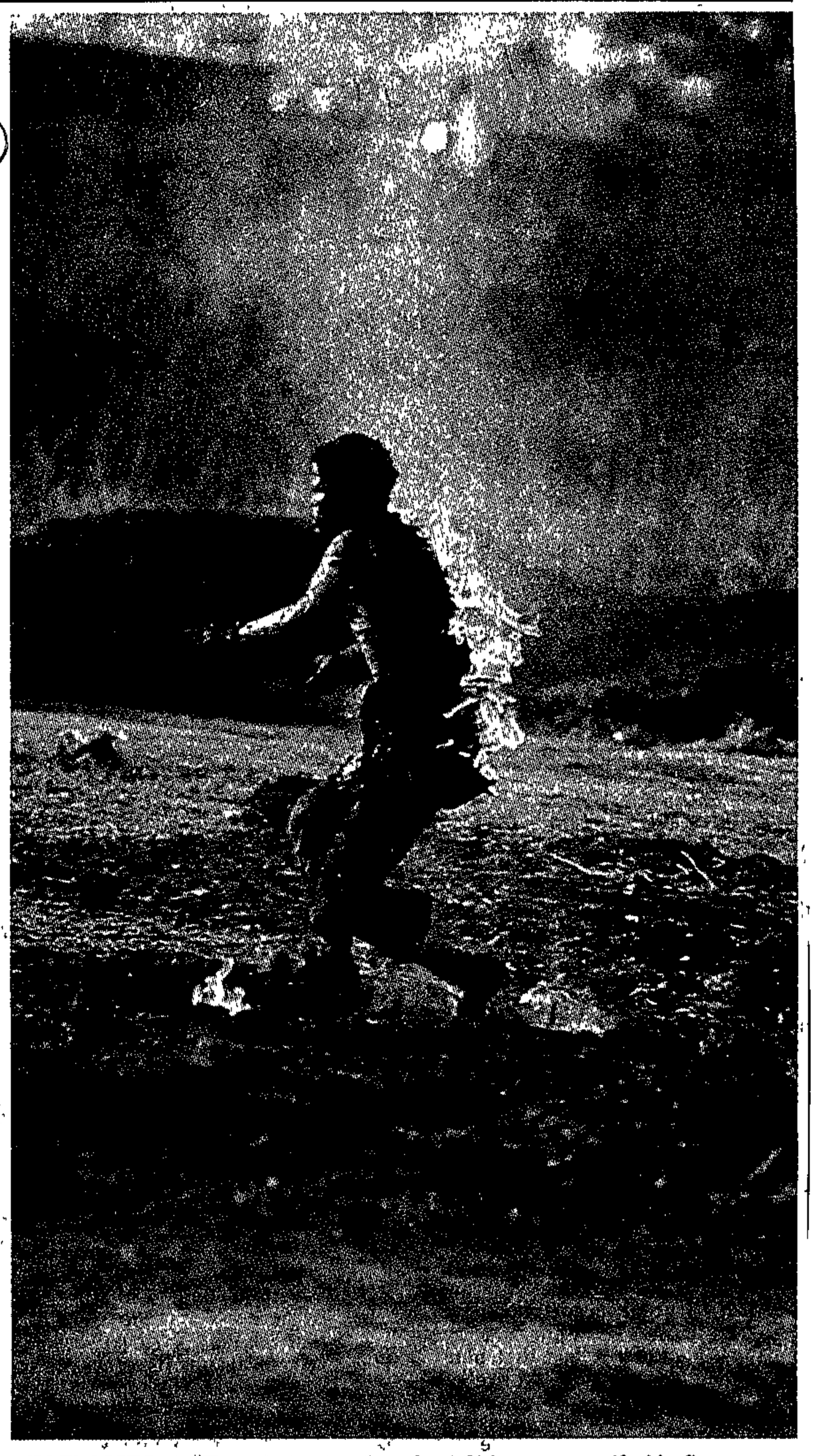
"Write the truth," a club-wielding youth hissed at a Reuter correspondent. The police and the press were the same, he muttered.

The scene typified the mix of anger, fear and confusion gripping Soweto after political and tribal violence spread there from other black townships around Johannesburg, killing more than 160 people.

A tour of the township yesterday showed that the violence is localised in areas around hostels used by Zulu migrant workers.

The grim, single-sex barracks hostels are dotted all over the smog-filled township of spartan bungalow houses and usually adjoin train stations, where there is often tension between residents travelling to work and Zulus.

Buses are also set alight and used as barricades. — Sapa-Reuter



IN FLAMES... Transkeian Mr Stanford Chiya — engulfed in flames — stumbles and then falls to the ground. Mr Chiya was attacked by marauding youths who later set fire to him. He died of his wounds in Natalspruit Hospital in Thokoza. This picture was taken as the burning man stumbled among a group of journalists who were covering the violence on the East Rand this week. As they tried to douse the engulfing flames with handfuls of soil, blank-expressioned Thokoza residents stood watching without lifting a finger. Pictures: BEELD

2 Xhosas shot dead in Thokoza

JOHANNESBURG. — Two Xhosa men were reportedly shot dead at close range while trying to retrieve their belongings from a Thokoza hostel yesterday afternoon.

Bystanders reluctantly said the two had emerged from the Zulu-controlled Mshaya Aze Afe hostel carrying their possessions when they were shot by "unknown gunmen".

The witnesses refused to discuss the matter further.

Another Xhosa man was reportedly seriously wounded by gunfire in another shooting incident at Thokoza. An ambulance was called but township residents on the scene said it was doubtful the man would survive.

Neighbouring Vosloorus was tense but quiet yesterday. Road barricades set up in the heat of serious fighting earlier this week were still in place and Xhosa residents of the Nguni hostel — evicted and afraid to return for their belongings — slept in the Nguni Hall on Thursday night.

ANC claims SAP planned violence

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THE ANC yesterday accused "elements of the state's security services" of using destabilisation techniques on the Witwatersrand to instil fear in the people of the area.

The ANC/UDF/Cosatu alliance later blamed the carnage on the Reef on an alleged conpiracy between the SAP and Inkatha.

The allegations were put to the police, who had not responded by the time of going to press.

Cosatu spokesman Mr Neil Colman said: "The solution lies with De Klerk to control the police and Inkatha vigilantes to see to it that acts of war are not committed in hostels."

Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he wished to reiterate that his organisation had always been committed to peace. He maintained that the cause of the conflict was that ANC supporters "insulted, denigrated and attacked" Inkatha members.

The Pan Africanist Congress said yesterday that the fighting served only to retard the liberation struggle and undermine the unity of the oppressed black masses and called on "the community" to engage in urgent talks to bring about an immediate cessation of hostilities.

In its statement, the ANC said there was "mounting evidence that the violence ... is the result of a well co-ordinated and orchestrated campaign to bring terror and internecine warfare into the PWV region".

Forged pamphlets, purporting to come from Coastu and the ANC, had been distributed and organisers, who claimed to represent Inkatha, were holding meetings in hostels and making promises to their audiences regarding arms, ammunition and money that would be made available if they attacked non-Inkatha members. "Forceful recruitment of reluctant hostel dwellers into Inkatha was also widely reported. Any who resisted such pressure were either attacked or driven out of the hostels by force."

All these tactics bore the hallmarks of a destabilisation campaign, deliberately planned and orchestrated by sinister forces who wished to give the impression that Inkatha commanded support among the hostels' migrant workers.

"It is a matter of record that the SA government has developed a well-known capacity for destabilisation," the ANC said.

NIGHT OF BLOOD IN SOWETO — DEATH TOLL NEARS 50

Troops rush in

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Weekend Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — Police reinforcements backed by the Defence Force units were rushed into Soweto today as the death toll from clashes between rival political groups in the country's largest black community approached 50.

Tension continued to mount following a night of bloodshed in which a further 800 people were injured, 22 of them critically, and a Soweto city councillor, Mr T A Nkina, was killed by an angry mob outside his home.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu announced that he was cutting short a visit to Canada and Sweden and rushing home in to call for peace.

"My place is home"

He told a news conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia: "My place is at home. I am going back because I am a pastor and I can't be away from our people at a time such as this.

"I just want to be side-by-side with them and, if it is necessary to do so, to be side-by-side with other church leaders. They are already taking initiatives and my concern is just that I should be at home."

He is due to leave Canada tomorrow.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, announced that he had ordered a strong contingent of police with Defence Force back-up to be sent into Soweto immediately.

The ANC-UDF-Cosatu alliance claimed it had information that the violence of recent days was well-planned, preconceived and co-ordinated.

An alliance spokesman, Mr Niel Coleman, said they had information that a meeting was held at the George Goch men's hostel in Johannesburg on August 12 at which all hostels on the Reef were represented.

He alleged that a Kwazulu MP urged hostel-dwellers to get ready for a massive attack on Xhosas which was supposed to start simultaneously in townships.

Mr Coleman alleged that the slaughter was inspired by a recruitment drive by Inkatha members who forced hostel-dwellers and residents on the Reef to relinquish their ANC membership and join Inkatha.

Information about the meeting was given to the alliance by hostel-dwellers who were members of Cosatu, he said.

Mr Coleman also alleged that the police had consistently collaborated with Inkatha against their opponents during the fighting.

■ Eleven shacks in Crossroads, including one on the property of the Mayor, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, have been razed by fire.

Stone-throwing on the Main Road at Ashton was also reported.

Teargas was fired at a group who pelted police and private vehicles between 10 and 11.30pm.

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Rightists deployed for demo

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WELKOM. — Hundreds of armed rightwingers are being deployed in gardens and houses along the route that a protest march is due to take place through Welkom today.

The khaki-clad men with AWB insigina are carrying rifles, pistols, batons and whips — and a crossbow was seen — but AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanch told the Press they were not seeking confrontation.

He said more than 600 men from the Western Transvaal and Ermelo were being used [illegible] to protect residents. Of the houses along the way, 80 occupants had given written requests for protection.

SA Police spokesman, Major Johann Fouche, said police were taking every precaution and had sealed off every side road along the route. — Sapa.

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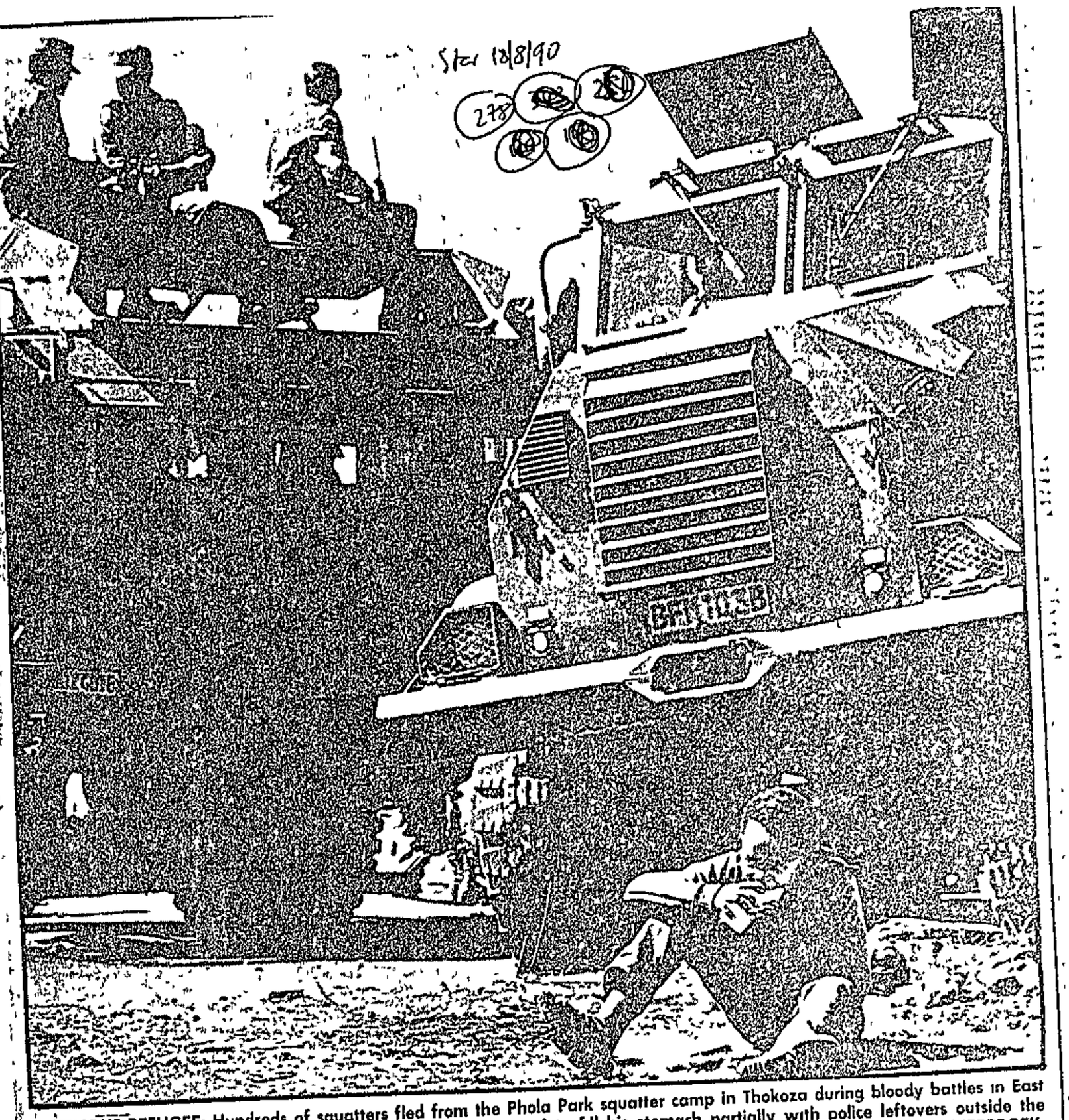

RAVENOUS REFUGEE: Hundreds of squatters fled from the Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza during bloody battles in East Rand townships this week One hungry little refugee managed to fill his stomach partially with police leftovers outside the Thokoza police station. ● Picture: KEN OOSTERBROEK.

Township youths 'kill with impunity'

SUE OLSWANG

THE foundations for politicisation and militancy among South Africa's urban black youth have been laid by the realities they face during their growing years — poverty, unemployment, high-levels of violence, a breakdown of family structures and a discredited education system

This was revealed during the screening of "The Lost Generation" on Thursday night, an investigation by SABC's "Network" programme of what South Africa's problems have done to the country's urban black youth

Toddlers

Researched and compiled by SABC TV journalist Barbara Folsher, the programme revealed that the present violence and killing are accepted as a part of everyday township life — even by toddlers.

Paul Zulu, of Natal University's Centre for Social and Development Studies, said shooting and killing have become norms in a society moulded by violence. "Today youths carry coffins on their shoulders," he said. "They kill with impunity"

Folsher told viewers that research by the Inkatha Institute has shown the majority of township youths feel a strong degree of alienation, hopelessness and boredom She added that the majority of urban black children feel worthless and uncared for

The usual daily activities of the "lost generation" of about 3 million urban black youth consist of doing nothing, playing soccer, organising political meetings, smoking dagga, fighting and visiting shebeens, she said

Absent from the list, however, was education Folsher told viewers black pupils attend school only when they want to, and then do whatever they like when they do report to school

"Education is listed by youths as the most important reason for their anger and frustration," Folsher said

Manuel Ntuli, of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) in Alexandra, said the present education system has "taught hostilities" between the races "Education should be in the hands of the people There should be one system for all"

Existing anger and frustration, fuelled by a discredited education system, have long provided the ideal circumstances for political organisations, Folsher said

Eugene Motati, of the Pan Africanist Student Organisation (Paso), said "The negotiation process is aimed at establishing a peace settlement but the youth want total revolution These two don't go hand in glove"

Mbulelo Ketye, of the Azanian Youth Organisation (Azayo), said they believe the country belongs to blacks "Whites settled here through the barrel of the gun," he said

Regain

"They killed blacks, took our land and now they run our country We believe blacks cannot regain the country at the negotiation table We can only regain our country at the battlefield"

In her conclusion, Folsher said black youth are impatient for change They were confident that changes would come, but blindly believed their problems would end when that moment arrived

Bitter fighting pushes up township death toll

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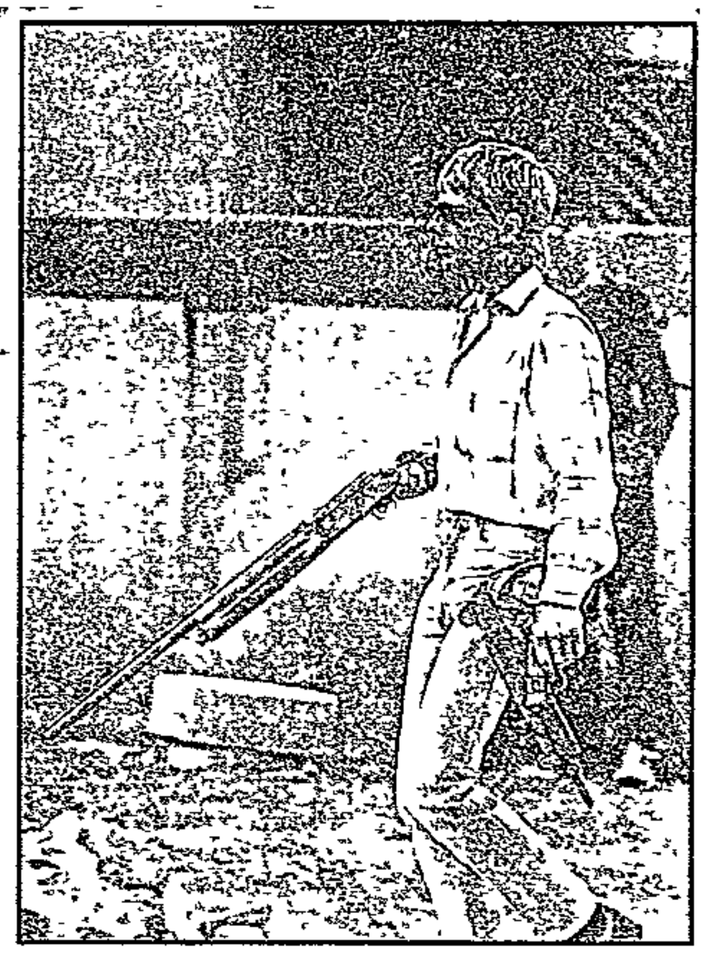

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Colonel Halgryn, however, said no shootings occured in CWJ yesterday.

"I can assure you nobody has been shot with an AK-47 rifle in CWJ," he said.

The situation was very tense late last night. Soweto's Mapetla suburb and nearby Merafe Hostel became the latest flashpoints with hundreds of hostel dwellers and youths in a tense stand-off.

A resident, who asked not to be named, reported that a youth had been shot, and all teenagers summoned from nearby homes to fight the hostel dwellers.

Hundreds of hostel dwellers had earlier been driven back by Mapetla youths, and were presently camped between their hostel and the Soweto suburb, according to the resident.

Shopping centre

Another trouble spot was around the Maponya Shopping Centre in Dube, where police were reported to have closed off access to the centre and the nearby Dube hostel.

During another incident earlier in the day, a 16-year-old Std 8 pupil, Siboneni Masina, was killed when a policeman allegedly fired shots to disperse residents.

Soweto resident Mr Peter Tau was allegedly shot and hacked by Inkatha hostel dwellers near the Inhlanzane railway station, and another resident was killed when Inkatha supporters allegedly attacked a taxi in Zone 1 Meadowlands.

Colonel Halgryn said one man was shot dead by

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DEFIANT. As township comrades flee under attack from pro-Inkatha Jabulani Hostel dwellers, one man turns back to vent his anger TOP. A heavily armed special unit policeman at the scene of a grenade and machine-gun fight ● Photographs: Ken Oosterbroek

Whites warn of violence at today's Welkom march

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SUE OLSWANG

THE potential for conflict during today's march through the centre of Welkom has been addressed by the South African Police in a stern warning issued soon after the Conservative Party threatened to resort to violence if one white person dies at the march.

Major Johan Beukes of the Welkom police has said the SAP will not tolerate any interference and are determined to ensure the maintenance of law and order during the march by about 5 000 black residents of Bronville township

Permission for the march has been granted by the Welkom Town Council, but it will take place in a delicate climate of racial conflict which has the potential of turning bloody if the right-wing tries to intervene.

Koos van der Merwe, CP MP for Overvaal, has warned that today's march is an invitation to bloodshed.

"If one white person dies it will be on the Government's conscience We will mobilise our people and stop them with violence," Mr van der Merwe said during a stormy CP meeting held in the Free State mining town on Monday night.

At its annual Free State congress held in Bloemfontein earlier this week, the CP passed a unanimous resolution to demand an immediate end to protest marches through white areas The party also stated the Government would be directly responsible for loss of lives or damage to property caused during black political protest

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Townships want F W to stay a leader — research

Star 18/8/90

CHRIS MOERDYK

RESEARCH data just released shows that President F W de Klerk has not only gained considerable support in black townships, but an increasing number of blacks now want him as one of their leaders in the new South Africa.

But, while the independent research project indicates that Mr de Klerk's star is rapidly rising in the townships, it also shows that blacks remain suspicious of the National Party, still regarded as the "creator of apartheid", which it is relinquishing as slowly as possible and only because of international pressure.

The Rubicon 2 project was undertaken by the Johannesburg advertising agency McCann in May this year as a sequel to Rubicon 1, conducted shortly after Mr de Klerk's watershed speech on February 2

At the time, research showed that blacks generally welcomed the State President's reforms and the release of Nelson Mandela, but that two widely divergent points of view still existed in the townships — a feeling of continuing black resentment and a new spirit of reconciliation.

Latest research shows black middle and upper-income residents of Transvaal townships believe the National Party is not to be trusted, that it still maintains double standards and that it is only President de Klerk who is committed to change, and not his party

The majority view Inkatha "with loathing" and see it as a narrow tribal party that is not as much representative of Zulu interests as it is of its leader's political ambitions

The planning director of the McCann Group, Sue Lerena, who co-ordinated both Rubicon research projects, said it was "impossible" to conduct research in Natal because of intimidation.

"While it was expected that a

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Clashes

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police at lunchtime yesterday, after he allegedly threw a petrol-bomb at them.

Colonel Halgryn claimed police were attacked with stones and petrol-bombs throughout the day, and he alleged they had been shot at by clashing parties.

A potential spread of the conflict which has claimed at least 191 lives in Witwatersrand townships this week was averted on Thursday night when police quickly intercepted a large group of suspected Xhosas — armed with pangas, spears, knobkerries and other weapons — allegedly on their way to attack Zulus.

A police spokesman said the group was surrounded by police and disarmed.

The East Rand, flashpoint of this week's Reef conflict, was reportedly relatively quiet yesterday even though two Xhosa men were reportedly shot dead at close range while attempting to retrieve their belongings from a Thokoza hostel.

OPINION 2

LET'S LIVE AND LET LIVE

THIS is the horrific sequence of a man's death at the hands of a blood-crazed mob in Soweto this week — a nightmare I shall never forget.

The victim was Sandile Gugudu, a tall man in his late 30s to early 40s, accused of being a Pondo spy.

The killers were red-bandanna'd Inkatha supporters, who claimed he had shot at them.

Gugudu tried desperately to shelter in the dormitory next to his own in the Nancefield hostel, but the mob was not to be thwarted. They rushed the hostel and kicked and hacked at the door to the room where Gugudu was hiding.

Eventually the door gave way and one Zulu fighter slipped in. The door was slammed shut, but sounds of fighting reached the restless mob outside. Another Zulu pushed his way in and again the door was shut in a vain attempt to keep out the rest of the crowd.

But when the third Inkatha warrior forced his way in, the door was flung open and Gugudu's gauntlet of death began. S/Times 19/8/90

He ran out, blood already staining his shirt. Traditional sharpened sticks and steel poles and pangas hacked and slashed at him as he fled.

He managed to run 50m before he fell — and then the vanguard of the mob was on him.

Spears and sticks were flung into his body as he writhed in soundless agony, twisting into a helpless foetal position. And then came the killing blow from the axe that opened his skull.

But bloodlust was still running high. Mindless men continued to stab and hack at him before kicking the body on to its back and searching the pockets for the pistol Gugudu was supposed to be carrying.

When nothing was found, the killers struck again at the helpless corpse as if in frustration at its innocence.

During all this, an Inkatha member — who was carrying a small Zulu cowhide shield — had been sounding the call to battle through a bent piece of pipe.

Only then did the mob begin to disperse, although a few remained to hack away at the motionless body.

Suddenly they saw me. Someone shouted "Umhlungu shoota" (the white man is shooting pictures) and the remnants of the mob scattered, aware that they had been caught on film in the act of murder.

Gugudu was dead, his eyes staring glassily.

And then the ghastly truth emerged from his blood-spattered ID book. Gugudu was a Xhosa.

One of the Inkatha Zulus slowly walked around the body in its bright pool of blood, sharpening the tip of his steel rod as he stared at the battered remains of a former hostel neighbour. (278)

When he left, there was only the body in the deserted street.

Some 300m away, a yellow police truck appeared in the road. It came no nearer, probably unaware of the death drama that had just been acted out. But it evoked no panic among the hostel dwellers.

I walked the longest few hundred metres of my life out of Nancefield, slowly realising that I had just watched a man die a brutal death ... in total silence.

As bloody township death toll reaches 234 — how one policeman acted as peacemaker

SERGEANT COURAGE!

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S/Times 19/8/90

By MARION DUNCAN, HERMAN JANSEN and LESTER VENTER

A GUTSY police sergeant, Johan Raubenheimer, yesterday stood alone in the dusty no man's land between two armed and angry factions on a Soweto soccer field — and stopped a mini-war breaking out.

Unimaginable carnage seemed inevitable as hostel-dwelling Inkatha supporters, armed to the teeth, and toyi-toyiing residents from nearby neighbourhoods, also armed, squared up. It looked like yet another day of township mayhem when in stepped Sgt Raubenheimer, of the Protea police station, in Soweto.

While an SAP show of force was maintained at a distance, he engaged in short-distance shuttle diplomacy — and the tension was broken Both armies agreed to a temporary truce.

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OPINION

A look down into the awful abyss

of the Protea police station, in Soweto

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By late yesterday, a measure of calm had returned to the Reef townships where blood flowed throughout the week as mainly Zulu hostel dwellers and local residents clashed from Thokoza in the east to Jabavu in the west.

The toll after a week of faction mayhem: 231 dead, more than 1 500 injured and hundreds left homeless.

In Soweto alone the death toll rose to 64, with 352 injured.

Sacking

In other developments yesterday:

● About 700 khaki-clad, armed AWB men confronted 3 000 chanting ANC/SACP marchers in Welkom. But the peace held. Only one person was injured — a black youth shot in the arm by a bolt from a crossbow (see Page 2).

● Conservative Vereeniging resembled a town under siege when a much dreaded black protest march went off without incident.

Hundreds of policemen, three circling helicopters and soldiers on horseback and in troop-carriers monitored a march by about 15 000 ANC-aligned demonstrators through a white middle-class suburb near the centre of town.

Threats of retaliation by rightwingers did not materialise and a list of demands was handed by Cosatu's regional secretary, Mr Zwelinzima Vavi, to Vereeniging district commandant, Colonel Piet Coetzee.

Demands included the right to freedom of assembly, a united municipality and the sacking of Colonel Candy Mazibuko, chief of police in Evaton and Sebokeng.

● Soweto councillor Mr T A Nkina's throat was slit when a crowd gathered outside his home in Pimville, Soweto.

● Two people were killed in renewed fighting in Thokoza.

● Police reinforcements were deployed in Soweto, the Commissioner of the SAP, General Johann van der Merwe, announced. They were strengthened by the SADF.

● Soweto streets, particularly in areas surrounding hostel sites, were barricaded with boulders, metal slips and other sizeable obstacles. A number of houses bordering the hostels — particularly Merafe — were completely burnt out on Saturday.

Flashpoint

Meanwhile, the Government was working behind the scenes to persuade the ANC and Inkatha leaders, Mr Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, to meet face to face.

It believes followers of the two organisations will not bury their hatchets until they see their leaders actively seeking peace.

A source said that while security forces could contain the violence, only a political solution could restore peace.

As a start, the Government hopes to initiate contact at a lower leadership level.

The Government is also trying to speed up the formation of communication committees between the SAP and ANC that were agreed on at the signing of the Pretoria Minute.

Yesterday, Soweto was the flashpoint. On a soccer field outside the Merafe hostel, tension between hostel dwellers and local residents of Mapetla erupted into open hostility.

On one side were several hundred Zulus wearing red bandannas carrying horrifying home-made weapons. They accused residents of burning two hostel blocks and of attacking them.

On the other side an almost equal number of crudely-armed residents toyi-toyed and sang. They accused Inkatha members of burning houses

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PEACEMAKER .. Sergeant Johan Raubenheimer listens to opposing factions in Soweto yesterday Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

Next stop America for happy Cleggs!

Johnny Clegg and wife Jenny Picture: TOM EDLEY

By STEPHANIE HULL

JOHNNY CLEGG and Savuka have hit the big time — their album Cruel Crazy Beautiful World has been voted number one on Billboard magazine's world album charts for the past nine weeks.

The band recently returned home after a successful six-month section of their world tour.

"We are here for five weeks of rest before we return for the last three months of the tour," said Johnny.

Then it will be on to a two-and-a-half month safari across the United States, in which the band will have star billing.

"We have now got a sufficient fan base in the United States to go as a headline — we've done our two years of supporting," said Johnny.

So far, Savuka have toured Europe, England, Japan and America and Johnny says he feels things are looking good for South African musicians overseas.

"We have been number one on the Billboard world album charts for nine weeks and at the moment Ladysmith Black Mambazo are number two," he said.

Savuka has also been invited to play in Eastern bloc countries with musicians like Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, among others.

Johnny's wife Jenny and their two-year-old son Jesse have been travelling with the band.

Said Johnny: "Jesse has become a real road junkie — he loves being on the tour bus and he's speaking well."

Berg hikers hear death plane crash

By RYAN CRESSWELL and GEORGE MAHABEER

A GROUP of mountain climbers on top of a Drakensberg peak found the bodies of a businessman and his son in the wreckage of a plane that crashed nearby.

The mountaineers spent nine hours climbing down Monk's Cowl peak, partly in the dark, to report the accident to the Natal Parks Board early yesterday morning.

The plane crashed at 11.30am on Friday when it hit the top of Monk's Cowl above Grey's Pass in the Champagne Castle area of the Drakensberg.

The victims are South Coast businessman Keith Jandrell, 64, and his 30-year-old-son, Terry. They left Rand Airport in Johannesburg at about 10am on Friday, but never arrived at Margate Airport and a general alert was put out.

A flight plan was apparently not filed. The twin-engined Piper Seneca was last seen at Harrismith.

A Drakensberg resident, Ronnie Tungay, a former journalist and director of the famous Drakensberg Boys' Choir, said the hikers heard the plane crash and saw the explosion about 500m from where they were camping on top of Monk's Cowl.

Covered

"The hikers reached the scene of the crash and found the bodies of two men," Mr Tungay said.

"They put out the fire and covered the bodies before they started a nine-hour walk down the mountain to a Natal Parks Board camp where they arrived yesterday morning."

The hikers reported that the top of Monk's Cowl was shrouded in heavy mist when the plane crashed.

Mr Jandrell leaves his wife, Margaret, and two children. Another son, Martin, was killed in a car crash in 1982.

PICK 6

GOSFORTH PARK
There were 539 winners with each collecting a dividend of R2 327,00. Combinations: 9, 3, 3, 1, 3, 7, 8, 2

CLAIRWOOD
A dividend of R188,40 each was paid to 2 205 punters. Numbers: 6, 2, 9, 1, 3, 3, 5, 9, 5

KENILWORTH
Only 10 punters managed to pick the winning combination with each collecting R17 009,80. Selection: 10, 9, 1, 8, 2, 10, 5

Iraqi threat on baby food

IRAQ said foreign babies would be denied food if Iraqi babies suffered because of food shortages resulting from a blockade.

● See World Watch

Cop killed

SAP Lance-Sergeant Karel Barnard, 25, father of a nine-months-old baby, was stabbed to death in an Oudtshoorn shop by a man he'd stopped to search.

Natal tops

NATAL beat Free State 21-9, Eastern Province beat Transvaal 21-12 and Western Province beat Northern OFS 27-21 in Currie Cup games.

Gold slips

GOLD in Hong Kong dropped $1,08 an ounce yesterday to close at $409,88 compared with Friday's $410,96.

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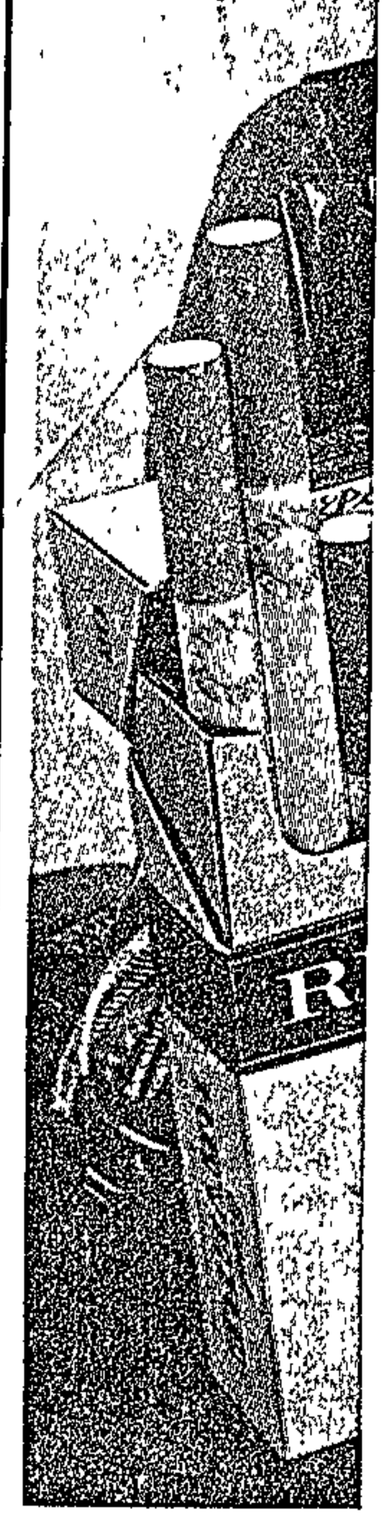

Policeman plays the peacemaker

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bordering the hostel and butchering several people.

As two Buffels, a Casspir and other vehicles crammed with armed men stood by, police arranged for delegations from each side to meet.

As the seven-man Inkatha group approached across the soccer field, the Zulu army silently positioned itself just outside the fenced perimeter.

Their delegation argued with the SAP over a request from the residents' delegation that they lay down their arms before talking.

Said one: "It is our tradition to carry arms. It does not mean we will attack."

Only when the SAP agreed to assign a man to guard the weapons, could discussion begin with a five-man residents' delegation.

Accusations came from both sides, and only when Sgt Raubenheimer acted as go-between was any progress made.

The sides agreed not to attack without provocation — but demanded police protection.

Sgt Raubenheimer defused the situation by promising to consult the commander of the Soweto SAP, Colonel Tienie Halgryn.

As the Zulu delegation picked up its arms and returned to the hostel, Inkatha members clashed weapons and chanted: "Mangosuthu Buthelezi".

The residents' army refused to disperse and shouted defiance at the Zulus.

SOWETO DEATH TOLL GOES UP

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Staff Reporters

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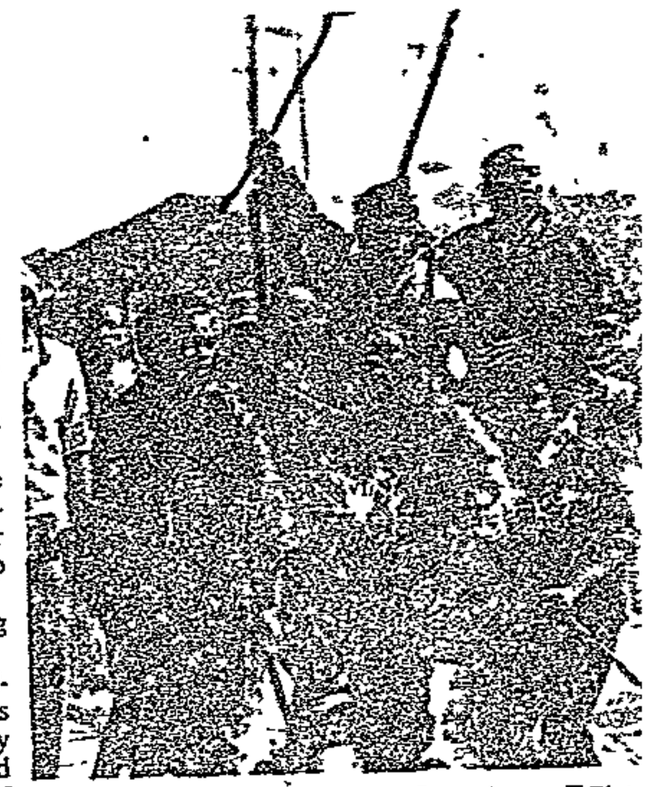

Impis go on the rampage in Soweto. ■ Pic:

COMMENT

Stop the senseless killings

Dear Dr Mandela and Dr Buthelezi

I AM taking the unusual step of writing you an open letter following the senseless and unnecessary carnage that has gripped our country.

Firstly, may I bring to your attention that by the time I sat down to write this letter a total of 191 people had been reported killed on the East Rand and Soweto and more than 1 000 injured.

While still writing, a report came through that several houses had been burnt down in Soweto, a councillor killed in Pimville and a truckload of people armed to the teeth were being deployed at one of the hostels.

Until late last night our phones did [illegible] as angry callers ac-

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In another development yesterday, a Soweto councillor was killed by a mob outside his home in Pimville Councillor TA Nkiria's throat was slit and he was robbed of his firearm

The SAP, reinforced by the SADF yesterday, was sharply criticised for alleged partiality.

Residents claimed police often ignored heavily armed Inkatha impis – sometimes escorting them – while systematically disarming residents.

Police have dispelled the criticism, saying they were doing their best to end the violence. "Police cannot be everywhere every time," a police spokesman said.

Most of the "Zulu" attacks take place after dark, when houses close to the hostels are burnt, damaged and looted – mainly for food. In the daytime, the heavily-armed men gather in the hostel premises, apparently planning the next move.

Although details of most of the deaths in Soweto have been sketchy, police liaison officer for the area, Col Tienie Halgryn, said most of those killed, mainly men, had been "hacked to death".

Groups of youths stopped and searched taxis for Inkatha members trying to flee the township. Those found with red headbands were dragged out, assaulted and set alight.

Various organisations called for peace, saying there could be no winners in the violence.

South African Council of Churches president Khoza Mgojo called on leaders of the warring parties to meet and end the "horrendous" violence and killings, Sapa reports. It was regrettable, he said, that some people saw the violence as ethnic rather than political.

The Ministers United for Christian Co-Responsibility submitted a petition to police, complaining about police partiality and harshness. They called for calm and the prevention of further deaths.

The ANC issued a statement describing the violence as "beastly" and called for calm.

Azapo condemned the "meaningless loss of black lives".

Impis go on the rampage in Soweto. ■ Pic: AP

one of seven ANC cadres suffering from Aids or carrying the virus, has been admitted to Cape Town's Somerset Hospital after starting to bleed.

The man is former Robben Island prisoner Zamuxolo Nojoko, reliable sources said.

A hospital spokesman confirmed this week that he had been admitted to Somerset, adding his condition was stable. The hospital declined to confirm he was suffering from Aids.

The SA Prisons Service, however, confirmed seven security prisoners "who have been identified as HIV positive" had been transferred to Pollsmoor from Robben Island.

Asked about Nojoko's condition, the department said it was not its policy to give details about individual prisoners "as the medical treatment of prisoners is regarded as a private matter between the prisoner, his family, and his doctor".

A relief worker who visited the group of seven at Pollsmoor last week, said they looked healthy

The group, who are said to be held in the hospital section of the prison, received visits in May from ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and

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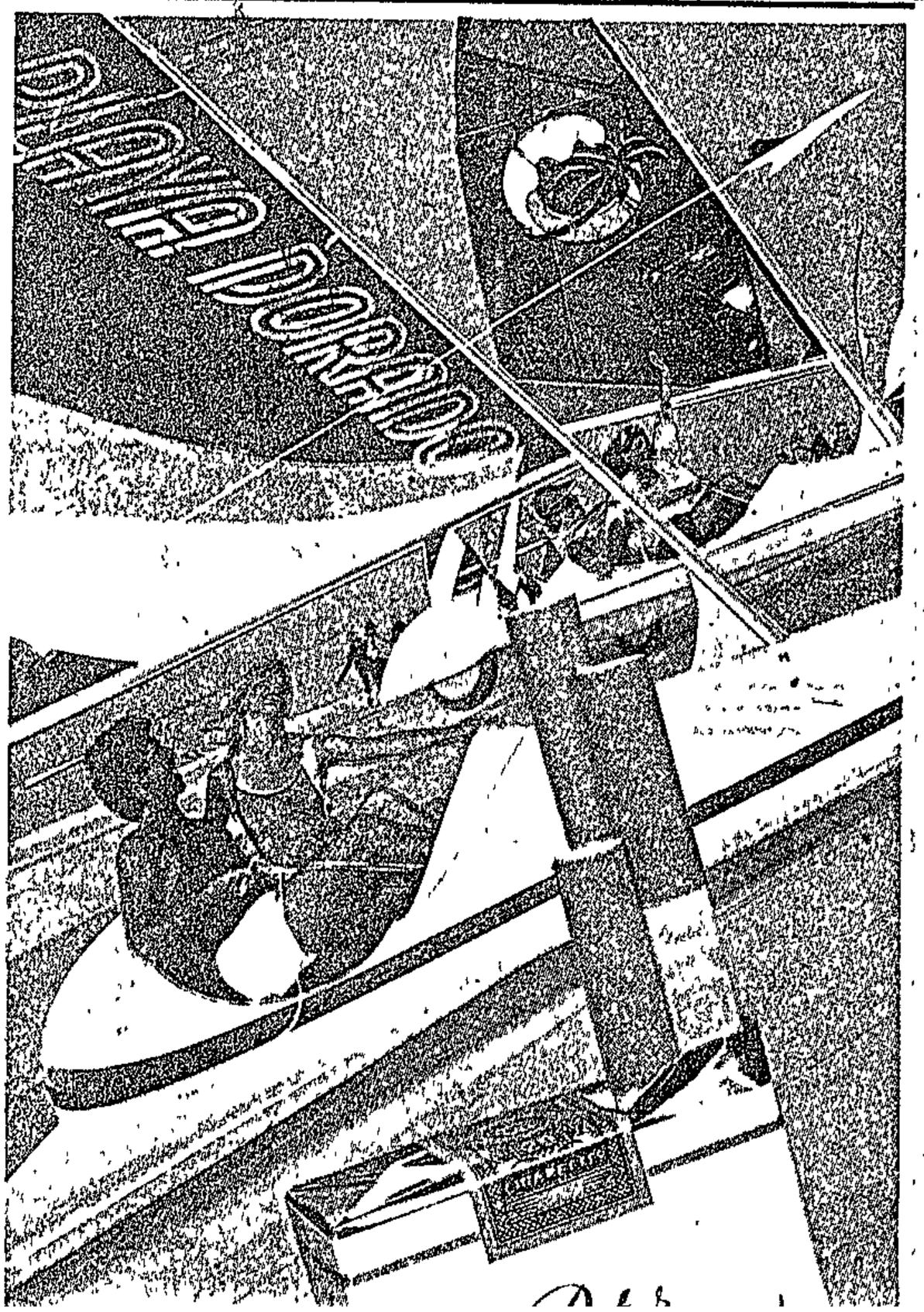

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Says Mavis Peter, who wants to go back to the Transkei soon and start a business of her own: "I have twins to

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Do not blame Inkatha

By MUSA ZONDI of Inkatha Youth Brigade.

In the shocking violence which began in the East Rand this week and spread to Soweto, at least 191 people died and more than 1 000 were injured. On this page a variety of organisations and individuals probe the reasons for the carnage.

THE violence in the Transvaal is no doubt a tragedy. It can only be costly and threatens to derail the negotiation process.

However, most commentators on the violence have so far tended not to be constructive. They have tended to blame Inkatha. The fact is that once people are preoccupied with who is right and who is wrong they are unlikely to generate creative ideas as to how the tragedy could be resolved.

The Rev Sizwe Mbabane's observations are no different from a babble of commentaries we have had so far. Quite rightly he calls for an end to speaking in tongues as regards the violence, but I would have expected him as a man of the cloth to have gone further.

The Inkatha rally in Sebokeng did not precede the violence as he claims. The fact is that supporters of the ANC and the UDF violently assaulted members of Inkatha before the rally in an effort to stop them from attending.

I would say the conflict in the Transvaal is much more complicated than it is made out to be. It is well known that throughout the country Inkatha is being attacked by ANC/UDF and Cosatu supporters. Yet people try to look for other reasons as to why there is violence.

Inkatha does not condone violence. What is important now is for us all to stop the violence from spreading.

One other fact which has not been addressed by the leaders of various organisations is the issue of ethnicity in the Transvaal conflict.

There is ample evidence that a lot of the violence emanates from the Xhosa/Zulu feud. Anti-Zulu pamphlets have been distributed and anti-Zulu statements made by the ANC, calling for the dismantling of the so-called KwaZulu bantustan. The implications of this sort of statement are ominous.

In my view there is nothing wrong with ethnicity as long as people do not abuse it. Throughout the world Germans are proud to be Germans, the British are proud to be British. Nobody has accused these people of "tribalism" even though the South African government has abused ethnicity in its efforts to divide and rule blacks.

At the same time it is wrong to pretend ethnicity does not exist. It is understandable to me how Zulus feel when ANC leaders call KwaZulu a "bantustan" as though KwaZulu was a construct of the homelands policy. KwaZulu was established as a sovereign kingdom long before the advent of what is now called the Republic of South Africa.

Secondly, it must anger Zulus to see the hypocrisy of ANC leadership calling for the dismantling of KwaZulu on the one hand when on the other they are served with tea and afforded the best of Xhosa hospitality from within the Chambers of the "Bunga" in the Transkei and the Ciskei.

It is inaccurate to refer to the Zulu people as Inkatha because Inkatha is a political party which people join on a voluntary basis.

However people must understand that Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi is not suddenly going to cease to be senior traditional adviser to the Zulu King.

When will people learn that to insult symbols of Zulu unity and Zulu pride, which both the Zulu King and Buthelezi are, amounts to insulting the Zulu people?

Stop insulting Zulus and Zulus will not fight anybody. On the other hand, unless Inkatha and the ANC are reconciled, violence will always be ominously present. That is why it is so important for Mandela to meet Buthelezi because these are the only people who can bring sanity back.

Butchering must stop

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The ANC says:

THE ANC this week made an plea for violence across the country to halt, saying people were butchering each other "like beasts".

A formal statement by the organisation blamed "misguided individuals" who had infiltrated the communities and hostels for urging people to fight.

"They spread rumours that one section of the community is planning to attack another. They have taken it upon themselves to divide us along ethnic lines. They urge one language group to fight another."

The ANC statement came hours after State President FW de Klerk met ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela in Pretoria to discuss the violence which claimed more than 191 lives this week.

The ANC statement said people had political differences "but this should be the basis for our unity, not for violent conflict among the people".

Buthelezi says:

I AM concerned at the violence taking place in the Transvaal.

The investigations authorised by me have revealed the following:

- Most of the squatters at Phola Park are members or supporters of the ANC. Most hostel dwellers are members or supporters of Inkatha.
- Approximately two months ago Cosatu called for a consumer boycott at Alberton. Inkatha was not involved in the boycott. This resulted in members or supporters of Cosatu accusing Inkatha members of delaying the struggle and tension began to develop.
- On Sunday August 12, 1990, an Inkatha meeting was held at the George Goch Stadium in Johannesburg. At midday, some of the squatters at Phola Park insulted and attacked members of Inkatha at Thokoza hostel who were not at the meeting.
- The attacks were repulsed by Inkatha members, but squatters again attacked the hostel on August 13, 14 and 15, despite a peace meeting on the afternoon of August 14 at which it was decided the violence would stop.

I wish to reiterate that Inkatha has always been committed to peaceful and democratic principles. We have always opposed the use of violence.

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During a war one does not sleep

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By SANDILE MEMELA

EAST Rand residents dare not sleep in order to stay alive.

Such is the intensity of the war on the East Rand where, in just three days, South Africa counted the dead bodies of over 140 people in the fiercest black on black conflict to date.

Hundreds of people were left homeless as their houses went up in flames in the past week.

Hostel inmates and squatters in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus were awakened to the sound of gunfire and screams as Zulu and Xhosa factions battled it out in the early hours of the morning.

The areas resembled battle zones as thousands of residents fought to save their possessions from burning shacks and houses.

A hostel inmate remarked that those who still had blankets and beds were very fortunate.

Residents told *City Press* they had hardly slept since last Sunday when squabbles over political allegiances flared up into tribal war.

Ntombekhaya Makhaya, 28, of Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong, said as she was preparing to go to work on Monday she had heard the sound of gunfire.

"I instantly knew there was trouble as the area had been tense since Sunday. Throughout the week I have had very little sleep and this is taking its toll."

Makhaya said she could not go to work as she had to protect her possessions.

Bigman Ndlazi, 40, of Block 6 in Thokoza hostel, said since the violence erupted he dozed off with his clothes on because he had to guard his spaza shop in the hostel complex.

"There is war and one cannot even close one's eyes for a moment. The sound of gunfire and screams has become a way of life," said Ndlazi.

Wilson Ndawonde, 27, of Natal said people were not sure what had caused the violence.

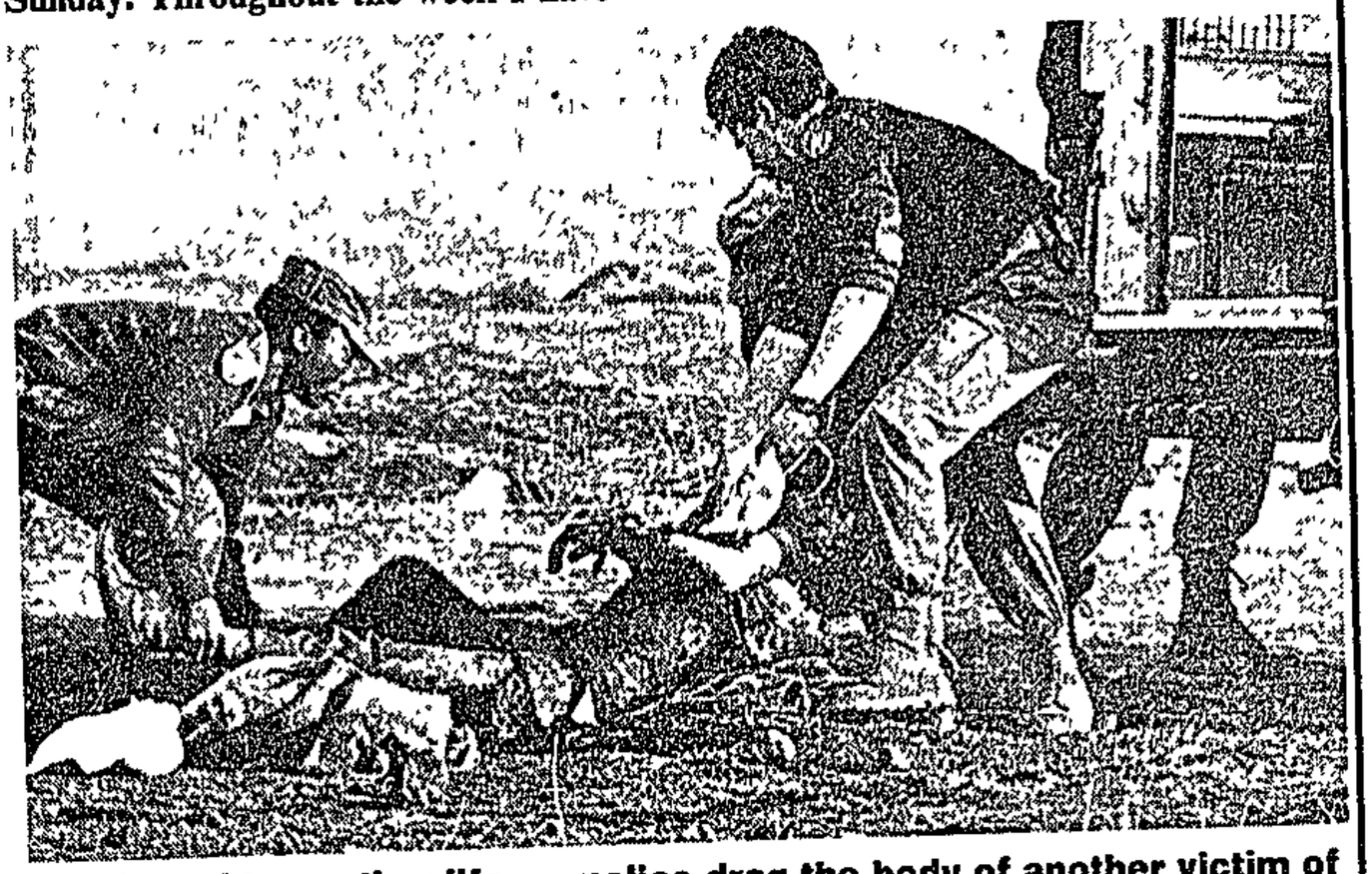
"We have formed ourselves into units who guard throughout the night," said Ndawonde.

Not so lucky were his room-mates Sipho Nzuza, 22, and Mphumuzo Tshabalala, 20, both from Mahlabathini. They were attacked shortly after 6am when an alleged Xhosa faction attacked the hostel.

"We were woken from our sleep by gunfire. As we dashed for safety a heavily armed group of Xhosa men attacked us," said Nzuza.

Nzuza suffered a gash on his head from a knobkierie and his friend Tshabalala was stabbed in a shoulder.

"This experience has taught us not to spend too many hours sleeping while this war is going on," said Tshabalala.



Tragic end to another life ... police drag the body of another victim of the East Rand conflict towards their waiting van.

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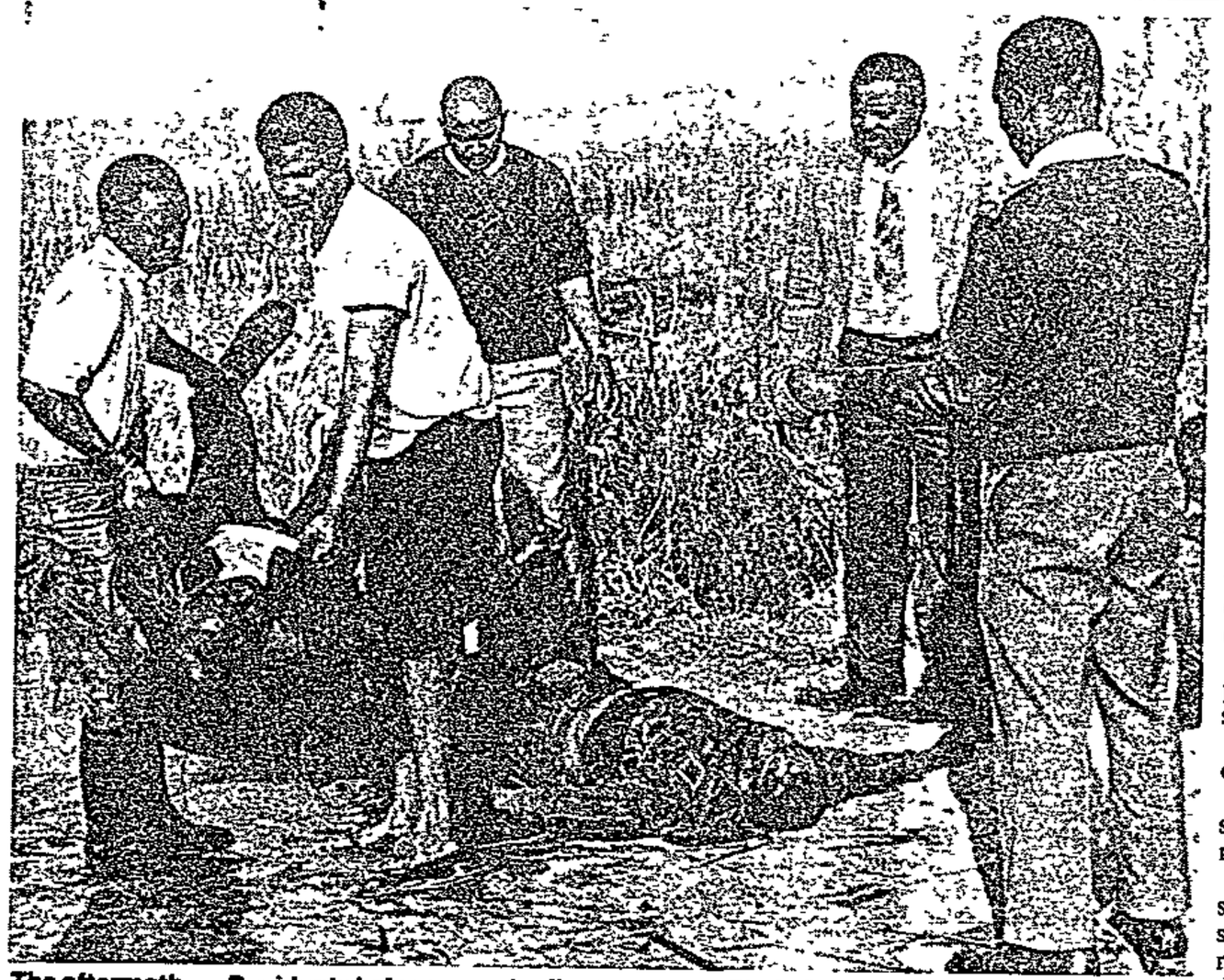
THOKOZA: ANARCHY AND CARNAGE



The aftermath . . . Residents help remove bodies found near Phola Park. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

East Rand fighting cools

Cops confiscate arms, but residents have little hope the matter is settled

By SANDILE MEMELA

FIGHTING on the East Rand has abated after leaving more than 140 dead – but the fear remains

A large contingent of police and military personnel poured into the strife-torn area late this week to disarm members of Zulu and Xhosa factions after heavy battles in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus

But hundreds of residents still fear for their lives and have little hope peace and normality will return to the area

This is despite the fact police and army patrols have been intensified. A large contingent could be seen monitoring the situation from a distance.

A truck-load of assegais, knives, pangas, sharpened pipes, pistols, AK-47 assault rifles and explosives was confiscated during the raid

Police PRO Capt Eugene Opperman said police would be in the area as long as was necessary.

Residents, some bearing fresh wounds and scars after bloody battles, told *City Press* they had no future after their arms were confiscated

Sipho Nzuza from Mahlabathini, in Natal, insists he is not an Inkatha member, although he speaks Zulu. He has head injuries inflicted during skirmishes in the Thokoza hostel on Wednesday morning.

"There is no future for me here. I have becomevulnerable to attack by Xhosas after I was disarmed We now live in fear and suspect Xhosas can do as they please with us because our weapons have all been confiscated," Nzuza said.

Scores of hosteldwellers in the Zulu-dominated Thokoza hostel suffered from insufficient sleep They have not been to work since the fighting started and children have not been to school

Groups of youths could be seen milling around in the streets while others helped their parents move their belongings to safety in nearby townships.

Many hosteldwellers said staying in Thokoza hostel would be like signing their death certificates.

Mphumuzo Tshabalala, 20, from Natal, bitterly complained about the confiscation of his weapons

"I now consider myself a dead man What am I expected to do if I get attacked?" he asked

Opperman told reporters the police had embarked on a campaign to disarm all warring forces.

"It is not true that we only disarm members of a particular faction. This accusation has always been levelled against the police.

"We have embarked on a campaign to disarm all warring factions in the area," he said.

In the veld outside Phola Park more than 300 armed Xhosa-speaking men were surrounded by police and soldiers who confiscated their weapons.

The men had gathered to discuss how they could get into Thokoza hostel to retrieve their belongings.

Themba Mpumlwana, from Cala in the Transkei, told *City Press* it would be hard for him to get back his belongings.

"This area is a war zone. How are we expected to retrieve our possessions when we have been disarmed? The police should have left us alone to settle the matter in our own way," said Mpumlwana

'A game of dice sparked violence'

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THIS week's war on the East Rand had its roots in a game of dice in the Crossroads squatter camp of Katlehong on the East Rand two weeks ago.

During a gambling argument a Zulu-speaking man was stabbed to death by a Xhosa, *City Press* was told by residents this week.

This led to retaliations, which eventually exploded into widespread violence on the East Rand in which more than 140 people died.

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Zulus holed up in hostels virtually under their control, this week refused to discuss the gambling incident.

They said: "Tell the Xhosas to ask Mandela for help because we are going to drive them back to the Cape."

Residents in an overcrowded refugee camp near Katlehong railway station told *City Press* the background to the violence.

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By Friday last week, there were skirmishes between Zulus and Xhosas in Crossroads over the two killings and tension was rising as rumours spread that Zulus were planning to attack the Xhosas in the camp.

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Patterns in the latest violence point to a solution

Rev Sizwe Mbabane ... life is more precious than politics and organisations.

By the Rev SIZWE MBABANE
vice-bishop of the Methodist Church of South Africa

THE current violence taking the lives of many people in the PWV area follows certain patterns These patterns are the clue to the possible solution.

As long as people hedge around and speak in tongues about the conflict, there will be no way of ending the violence.

There is violence after every Inkatha rally. This was the case in Sebokeng and also at Kagiso.

For some strange reason, the police not only allow members of Inkatha to carry dangerous weapons, they actually escort their armed impis. This is another pattern in the conflict.

Now the question is, who is organising members of Inkatha in the hostels?

It would help if our Press found out what is really happening in the hostels.

We are aware most people who stay in the hostels understand the ethnic language, and that is being exploited by organisers of the impis. This raises suspicions that some police may be involved in the organisation of impis.

If this is true, it is no small wonder that police allow Inkatha impis to roam the streets with their dangerous weapons.

Another pattern that has emerged is that whenever Inkatha members are in conflict with any group, that group is teargassed, under the guise of maintaining peace and order.

It is likely in this case that teargas is not used to maintain peace and order, but is used to render the other party powerless and therefore an easy target.

The third pattern is that after conflict and murder, there are no significant arrests. The question is, what has happened to the long arm of the law? Has it suddenly become short or amputated in the case of this organisation's violence?

We agree with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok that there may be criminal elements involved in the current violence. But why allow criminal elements to be armed, and go further to justify this murderous behaviour as Zulu culture?

It is not true the culture of Nguni groups is to carry axes, bushknives, pangas and guns when they attend peaceful meetings. It is insulting

The pattern of violence and the attitude of the police could point to the root cause of violence in the PWV area. The present violence directed at residents in the townships should be as baffling to Inkatha leaders as it is to everybody.

Ironically, the criminal element may include those who are supposed to maintain peace and order.

There has been a way of talking in tongues and clouding the issues. Reports from witnesses in Thokoza make it clear the conflict was not actually between Zulus and Xhosas. Yet this perception was deliberately portrayed by the reporting of the police who are promoting ethnic conflict which may serve their interest.

Not all Zulus are members of Inkatha, nor are all Xhosas members of the ANC. In fact thousands of Zulus are members of the ANC. It is a distortion to identify all Zulus with Inkatha. These distortions should stop as they don't help resolve the violence.

I appeal to blacks who reside in hostels not to allow themselves to be used to kill fellow black people. Life is more precious than politics and organisations.

The scene is Jabulani hostel this week. Heavily armed police stand in front of the Zulu residents ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

Death toll soars to 331 as battles spread on East Rand

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Township war erupts again

By Craig Kotze
and Gien Elsas

Township war again erupted on the East Rand last night and this morning, leaving at least another 36 people dead as the conflict spread to even more townships.

Renewed fighting has also been reported in Kagiso on the West Rand, where three people were killed and another four injured last night in a rampage by men armed with assegais and guns.

The latest East Rand fighting brings the weekend death toll in the area to at least 79 and pushes up known deaths in a week of fighting to 243, police said.

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As the death toll in the East Rand townships continues to rise, thousands of refugees are seeking shelter in churches and church halls. This child is one of many who, with their mothers, escaped the violence at Phola Park squatter camp at the weekend © Picture by John Hogg

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"There is renewed fighting all over these areas. It is carrying on as we speak," said East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Ida van Zweel at the time of going to press.

Fighting, apparently between Xhosas and Zulus, was still raging in KwaThema, where police said 21 people died last night and today.

In Tokhoza, where the bloody conflict began a week ago, feuding Zulus and Xhosas left 28 men dead in a major clash on Saturday night.

A West Rand police spokesman said a group of men, armed with guns and spears, attacked people in Kagiso 1 at 8.00 last night. The bodies of three men were found in Munsie and Dlomo streets.

Four people sustained gunshot and stab wounds in the attack.

In sharp contrast, it was relatively quiet in Soweto today, although police were still picking up bodies, said police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni.

No incidents had been reported since about 10.00 last night.

Frantic attempts to arrange peace talks, initiated by police, have so far not borne fruit in Soweto. "Soweto is like a powder keg at the moment," said police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn.

A "necklacing" was reported at Phiri in Soweto.

After a meeting with Soweto church people, the general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane, said an urgent meeting would be requested with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and possibly with President de Klerk.

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'Disarm all township people'

From JONATHON REES in Soweto

SOWETO church leaders last night said it was not impossible for government to stop recent Witwatersrand township violence and called on police to disarm all people involved in the conflict which has left at least 291 people dead

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He called on communities to lay down their arms and stop displaying symbols identifying themselves with a particular group

The SA Police should ensure symbols were not publicly displayed

Simplistic view

Mr Chikane said the violence was political, and not tribal war, and the tribal impression was being created to confuse the issue.

"It is clear people are using the tribal ticket for their own political ends.

"It is of vital importance to articulate this is not a Zulu-Xhosa war — people dying are not necessarily Zulu or Xhosa"

The theory the fighting was between ANC and Inkatha was a simplistic view of a complex issue.

Mr Chikane said the church would recommend that single sex hostels be converted to family units.

Describing hostels as a "crude apartheid system", Mr Chikane said hostels created an inhuman climate with political and socio-economic problems.

The church would also ensure a mechanism was established to take care of misplaced families and those who had lost family members in the fighting

Mr Chikane said the security forces had to intervene when two groups were coming together to fight, adding that churches could facilitate discussion, but if fighting was not stopped by the security forces "We face serious problems"

He said if Mr De Klerk took responsibility for security forces acting as peacemakers and stopping the war, there was a better chance of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi meeting to discuss the violence.

"It is clear the Mandela-Buthelezi meeting won't happen if government does not act on the security forces."

The violence was caused by the hostel system, the use of symbols by opposing groups and political intolerance, he said.

Political intolerance was part of South African history, he said, where people were not allowed to express themselves, and if they did they were the enemy

He said it was impossible for church leaders to address the issue if the security forces did not stop rival armies fighting each other.

"In which country in the world would you have hundreds of armed people advancing with police following them and not disarming them?" Mr Chikane asked.

When conflict had directly involved the government, everyone else was disarmed, he said

"Why can't government disarm both sides — if that happens a peace forum might be successful."

People who had control of their supporters should use all their powers to ensure their people did not involve themselves in further conflict.

One church leader said he met an arrogant response from a police officer when a delegation suggested Nancefield hostels be sealed, with people using only one exit where they could be searched and disarmed

Police often described weapons as "Traditional", he said

"If these are traditional weapons, then God forbid."

The Regional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, Gen Johan Swart, has appealed to all Soweto residents to return to work on Monday

In a statement released by the Soweto police liaison officer, Lt G Mariemuthoo, on Sunday evening, Gen Swart said he was satisfied with the additional police and SADF reinforcements in the area

He said people returning to work on Monday would be well protected

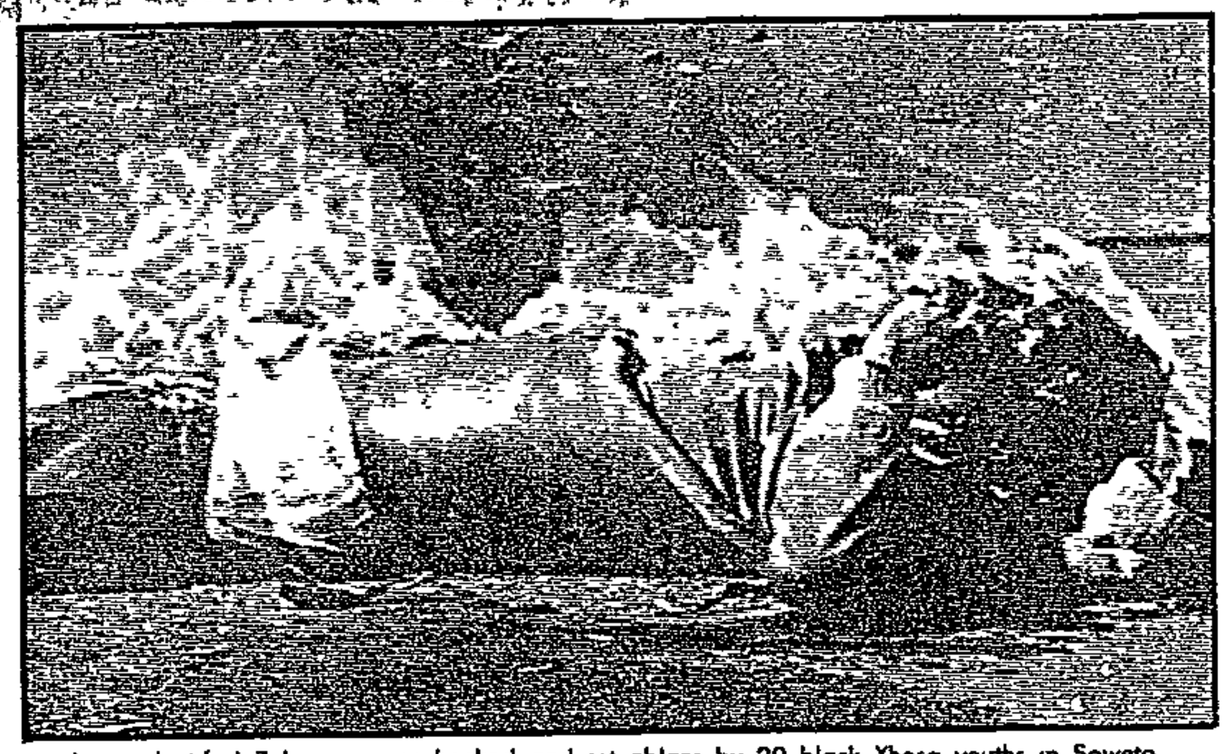
He had toured most of the areas in Soweto and visited most of his men, he said Their morale was "Extremely high"

He expressed his appreciation for the "Effort and tolerance his men were showing"

He said he had held numerous meetings with the ANC, Inkatha and other representatives of involved groups

Gen Swart added that the reinforcements would remain in Soweto until he was personally satisfied that the situation was "Back to normal".

Meanwhile the death toll in the area has risen to 78, and about 433 people have been injured in the violence — Sapa



An unidentifed Zulu man was hacked and set ablaze by 20 black Xhosa youths in Soweto yestereday. The man's crime was ostensibly having a pistol, but the youths believed he was one of the migrant Zulu workers who have fought brutal battles with the residents in the past week

Pitched battles shown in Britain

Argus Foreign Service in London

VIOLENCE in South Africa's townships has been given media coverage here second only to the Middle East crisis Throughout the weekend, television news reports carried developments in South Africa as the second item on their bulletin.

Most time was given to the decision by President De Klerk to move troops into the townships in an effort to bring Inkatha-ANC clashes under control.

Unlike previous moves to use the Army, this was reported here as an effort to ensure that progress towards peace remains on course

In several televised reports, viewers saw pitched battle between the two sides, and, in one incident, a man hurling a stone into an ambulance even as his gravely injured opponent was being taken away

But Mr Walter Sisulu's refusal to agree to talks with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi "in the present climate of violence" was also given wide play

South Africa was also high on independent radio broadcasts throughout most of the weekend.

Sunday's newspapers, too, prominently featured the violence Some, like the Sunday Telegraph, gave it front-page treatment, while others gave it substantial space inside All saw it as a grave threat to South Africa's hard-won commitment to peace

Armed struggle 'may end' — Winnie

THE ANC may be forced to "look into" the supension of the armed struggle, Mrs Winnie Mandela said yesterday in Soweto

Speaking at the launch of the Orlando West branch of the ANC, Mrs Mandela said this could come about if the carnage in the township did not end and if the hostel system were not abolished.

Mrs Mandela also accused police of kiling township residents and then asking Inkatha members to stab the dead bodies to make the killings look politically motivated and part of the overall pattern of townships violence.

Reacting to her claim, Soweto police liaison officer Capt M J Ngobeni said such allegations must be supported by evidence and if such evidence were forthcoming, police would investigate.

Mrs Mandela also said at the meeting "Inkatha does not have the financial ability nor the manpower to mount a violence campaign and sustain it like it has been alleged they are doing. The government is working hand in hand with Inkatha."

She said it was not Inkatha leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's sole initiative to stop the fighting, but the government had to become involved Between them they could call a halt to the violence — Sapa

28 bodies found

From ANDREW LEFOKA in Johannesburg

A man was stabbed and killed with a spear in Tembisa near Kempton Park yesterday afternoon as the hostel fighting that has lashed the Reef for the past several days threatened to shift to this East Rand township.

East Rand police liaison officer Lt I van Zweel said the man was killed in the "Zulus and Xhosas" type of fighting

She said 28 bodies were found since Saturday in Tokoza, and six bodies were found in Kwa-Thema, on the East Rand, since Saturday night. A man was injured in the fighting in Kwa-Thema.

Two people were killed and three others injured on Saturday in Daveyton, on the East Rand, Lt van Zweel said.

A body of a man was also found in Vosloorus on the East Rand on Saturday

Meanwhile, police massed at the Sethokga hostel in Tembisa as the simmering tension threatened to erupt into fighting between hostel-dwellers on Sunday afternoon.

"You know the situation .. you are not allowed to be here," a policeman told the journalist.

Groups of hostel-dwellers — dressed in blankets and heavily armed with crude weapons — roamed the hotel premises, while police in Casspir combat vehicles took positions nearby

A man was later attacked and killed by men armed with spears at the hostel, they said.

Tembisa Residents' Association secretary Timothy Mabena said the association was monitoring the situation which he described as tense

Meanwhile, a member of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, Mr Gordon Nqweshi, alleged police arrived at the embattled Phola Park squatter settlement at Tokoza near Alberton late on Sunday afternoon and burnt down shacks.

Lt van Zweel denied that police set fire to the shacks

Mr Nqweshi said: "They (police) do not talk to anybody . they do not want anybody to be there .. they just came in and burnt the shacks" He said squatters panicked and ran around the settlement while police burnt the shacks — Sapa

Soweto women to appeal to Vlok for police protection

Star 20/8/90 (278)

Staff Reporter

Soweto women were trying to organise a delegation to meet Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to petition for police protection after five days of bloody clashes which took place between hostel dwellers and residents.

"We are under siege. Inkatha people are attacking residents in their homes," said a Diepkloof woman who did not wish to be identified.

The woman said she had contacted the women's organisations of the Anglican and Methodist churches in order to mobilise support for a meeting with Mr Vlok.

"The women of Soweto want to invite Mr Vlok to a meeting to give him our side of the story. I feel in a normal community people should not be allowed to carry weapons.

"Here in Soweto the police have been disarming our youths but they are not disarming Inkatha, despite the killings. We hope when Mr Vlok reads the newspaper he will agree to meet with us."

A Klipspruit Zone 1 resident echoed these sentiments.

"We don't know who the police are standing for. They're teargassing the residents but on Friday afternoon they stood by while a large group of armed Zulus from the Nancefield Hostel gathered on a bridge to attack the residents.

"We don't know what is going to happen — we are shivering. That is why we wish to set up a meeting with Mr Vlok."

Two killed in taxi battle involving grenade and AK-47

Star 24/8/90 (278)

Crime Reporter

Two people were killed and two wounded in Soweto last night when shots were fired with an AK-47 rifle and a grenade was thrown in a taxi battle, police said.

The mini-war erupted at the Baragwanath taxi rank at 5.40 pm. It represented a dangerous trend in criminal activity — the increased availability to criminal elements of sophisticated weaponry, said Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn.

He said a woman and a man were injured and admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

The names of the victims were not available last night and no arrests have been made.

The violence was apparently linked to a dispute over route rights. It appears that a taxi driver had used a route he should not have.

The incident was not linked to the township conflict.

New slaughter — 36 more die

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INTO ACTION: Security forces move into action in Soweto, where bands of armed men roamed the township in continued faction fighting.

GRENADE ATTACK: A Xhosa squatter from Tokoza township shows a handgrenade which he said he intended using in battles against Zulu hostel dwellers.

ON THE MARCH: Armed to the teeth, young men in Soweto go on the march to do battle with rival groups.

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Fighting erupted with renewed intensity on the East Rand last night and today, leaving at least a further 36 people dead as the tribal conflict spread to even more townships.

Renewed fighting has also been reported in Kagiso on the West Rand where three people were killed and four were injured last night in a rampage by men armed with assegais and guns.

The latest East Rand fighting brings the weekend death toll in the area to at least 79 and pushes up known deaths in a week of fighting to 243, police said.

At least 331 people have died in a week of war in townships on the Reef including Soweto and Kagiso The toll in all the areas involved is expected to rise today

Death toll at 84

Fighting also continued in Soweto over the weekend, with the toll today rising to 84 for the weekend — 63 killed since Friday afternoon

The East Rand violence expanded dramatically in scope since Friday. New townships mentioned in police reports since Friday are Kwathema, Duduza, Wattville, Daveyton and Tembisa.

Last night police reported six killings in Tembisa, three in Vosloorus and four in Katlehong

Fighting also spread to Duduza, near Nigel, claiming one life, and to Wattville where one person died.

"There is renewed fighting all over these areas It is carrying on as we speak," said East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Ida van Zweel

Fighting between Xhosas and Zulus was still raging today in Kwathema, where police said 21 people died last night and today Fighting on Saturday and yesterday claimed a further six lives in the township.

Bloody conflict

Tokoza, where the bloody conflict began a week ago, also saw vicious blood-letting at the weekend and feuding Zulus and Xhosas left 28 men dead in a major clash on Saturday night

Police intervened and drove the two groups apart

The homes of two women were petrol-bombed by youths in separate incidents in the East Rand township of Evaton at the weekend. Both houses were gutted.

A police spokesman today said the first incident was at noon on Saturday when a youths threw a petrol bomb at the home of Susan Ndlovu, 55, at Evaton Small farms, causing damage estimated at R60 000 Several hours later youths also hurled a petrol bomb at the home of Martha Radebe, 45, causing damage amounting to R18 000

Nobody was injured in the incidents

In sharp contrast, it was relatively quiet in Soweto today although police were still picking up bodies, said police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni

No incidents have been reported since 10pm yesterday.

Frantic attempts to arrange peace talks, initiated by police, have so far not borne fruit in Soweto "Soweto is like a powder keg at the moment," said police liaison officer in Soweto Lieutenant Colonel Tienie Halgryn

Back to work

⊙ Sapa reports from Johannesburg that Colonel Halgryn said there was a steady flow of Soweto workers to railway stations today.

Earlier, police gave an assurance that police and SADF reinforcements would guarantee the safety of commuters

⊙ The Argus Correspondent reports from Durban that the body of Constable B M Sibiya, who was stationed at Inanda was found at Dalmeny Farm near Kwamashu yesterday

Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said the body had multiple stab wounds It appears that the policeman was killed on Saturday night

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GOVERNMENT 'ASTONISHED' AT ANC'S DISSATISFACTION

Vlok — Mandela clash

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Weekend Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, clashed sharply with ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela today amidst mounting reaction to the government's new security crackdown.

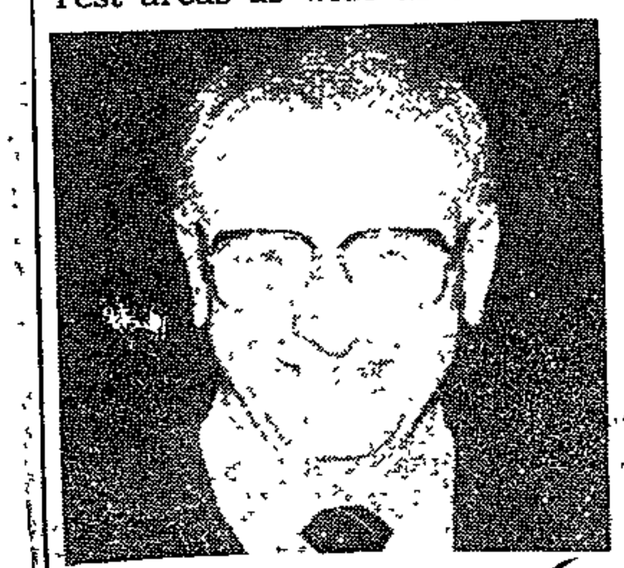
With the official death toll in the bloody Witwatersrand violence now 514, Mr Vlok has expressed astonishment the ANC's dissatisfaction with the declaration of 19 magisterial districts covering 27 black townships as unrest areas.

He noted Mr Mandela had, on several occasions, accused the government of not using the powers it had to put an end to the unrest

He said there was an essential difference between the declaration of areas of unrest and the declaration of a state of emergency. The absence of media regulations was one of the main features distinguishing the new measures from the old state of emergency

Meanwhile, it was announced today that crack units of the SADF would be sent into the troubled townships

The unrest area declarations, according to a Johannesburg lawyer, give the minister "powers in promulgating regulations in unrest areas as wide as those of the State President in a general state of emergency".



A five-hour operation by over 1 000 police and SADF members in the strife-torn Kagiso township last night led to several arrests and the confiscation of dangerous weapons

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the operation in the West Rand township followed the recent violence which had claimed 32 lives in the past four days.

"Certain identified hostel and residential areas in the township were cordoned off and thoroughly searched."

He said seized weapons included homemade guns and Tokarev pistols of Russian origin.

The operation began at 10pm and ended at 3.30am today.

Captain Opperman said police would remain in the area in large numbers" in an attempt to restore law and order.

Asked if widespread detentions could be expected under the new measures, Mr Vlok said "We really want to stop the violence. We intend to look carefully at the perpetrators of violence and do our level best to remove them from the community."

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, also assured the media that they would not be removed from unrest areas if they merely observed events.

Mr Vlok's legal adviser, Brigadier Gert Joubert, said other essential differences were that unrest areas were proclaimed for three months, while a state of emergency was imposed for a year and to larger regions or the whole country. People detained under the new proclamations had the same rights as normal awaiting-trial prisoners, including visits by a lawyer, doctor and family members.

Mr Nelson Mandela

Attempts to cool the rising climate of violence and destruction also include the introduction of wide-ranging unrest regulations in terms of the Public Safety Act and the implementation of Section 2 of the Dangerous Weapons Act which outlaws the necklacing method of killing people.

Mr Vlok said in a Government Gazette published in Pretoria that he was of the opinion that "public disturbance, disorder, riot and public violence are occurring and threatening to continue in certain areas . . . and that measures additional to the ordinary law of the land are necessary to enable the government to ensure the safety of the public and the maintenance of public order".

The gazette listed wide-ranging unrest regulations which come into force immediately.

The weapons ban covers the carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons such as knives (excluding pocket knives), axes, pangas, knouts, spears, assegais, knobkerries, daggers, swords, petrol bombs, sticks shod with iron, sharp pointed sticks or metal objects, metal rods and pipes and clubs at gatherings.

People who carry firearms to a meeting with the purpose of killing and assaulting others or of causing damage to property will face prosecution.

Anyone found wielding a garden fork or spade as a dangerous weapon would also be liable to prosecution while sickles, scythes, hoes, gaffs, hammers, spanners, screwdrivers, chains and pitchforks are also classified.

The unrest regulations include search and arrest procedures for the maintenance of order, the prohibition on anyone who tries to threaten another person or his relatives and the right to ask for the names and addresses of anyone

Violence-wracked Reef townships quiet but ..

Toll goes up to 280

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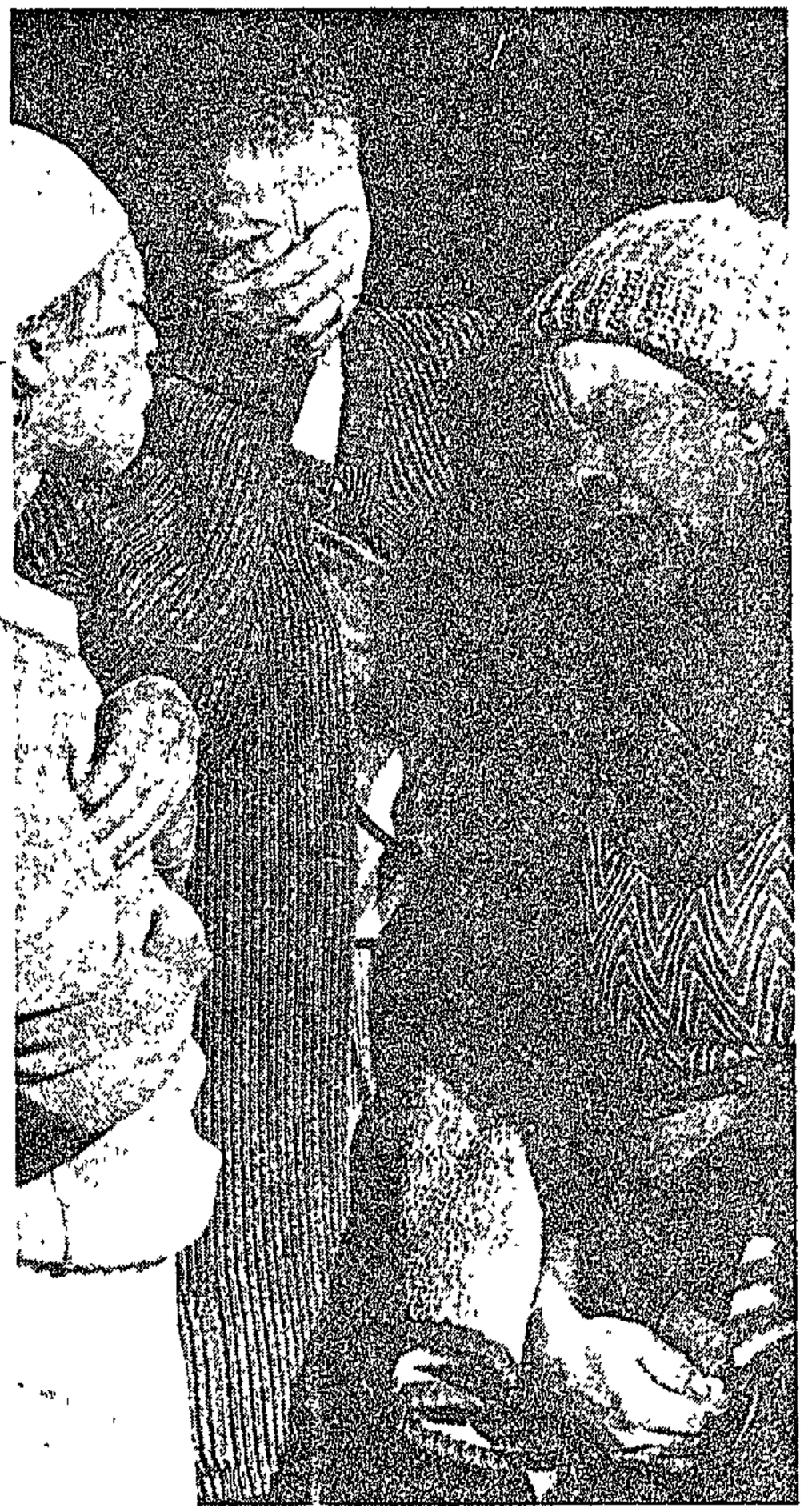

A weeping Mrs Sarah Tau is comforted by relatives at the spot where the body of her son Peter was found near Merafe Hostel after a clash between hostel dwellers and township residents at the weekend. Picture: MBUZENI ZULU

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE and Sapa

REEF townships wracked by violence were reported by police to be quiet yesterday while the death toll from the past week's clashes rose to 280.

In Soweto, the situation in remained calm but tense, with the death toll having risen to 78 by noon yesterday. Police found a necklaced corpse in Tladi

At least 417 other people have been injured since the outbreak of clashes between Inkatha-aligned hostel dwellers and residents.

Those injured had either been stabbed or shot.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the situation in the area was quiet

He said the calm could be attributed to police reinforcements and defence force personnel on Saturday.

Ngobeni said the last serious incident occurred on Saturday night when the Meadowlands Hostel was petrol-bombed.

Shot

Damage was estimated at R40 000.

Mr Tony Guinness, public relations officer for City Funeral Directors, said yesterday they would bury all Soweto residents who died in the violence free.

An elderly man was shot dead near Merafe Hostel early yesterday

SAPA reports that a hostel controlled by ANC-supporting "comrades" at Meadowlands, Soweto, was set alight late on Saturday night

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Ida van Zweel said 27 bodies had been found in Tokoza after renewed fighting on Saturday.

"Tokoza is quiet at the moment, with police still patrolling the township," said Van Zweel. "We will see what happens."

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Toll rises

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All townships in the Vaal Triangle were reported quiet yesterday, she said.

Van Zweel was unable to provide detailed figures for people injured in the townships since Saturday. "I will as soon as possible."

In KwaThema, near Springs, police found six bodies yesterday, she said.

Police also found two bodies in Daveyton, near Benoni.

Van Zweel said a petrol bomb was thrown into a Casspir about 7pm on Saturday night, seriously injuring three policemen.

"Three white policemen were seriously injured - they suffered burns to their faces - while a black policeman suffered leg burns," she said.

In Vereeniging, three bodies, burnt beyond recognition, were found yesterday morning at Riverside High School.

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Township tragedy

Captured on film by Mbuzeni Zulu

Left: Soweto resembled a battle zone this weekend as youths armed themselves and took to the streets to fight against attackers This was the scene at Central Western Jabavu.

Above: Excited residents in Pimville gather on Saturday morning to march to the Nancefield hostel after reported attacks at their homes on Friday night.

Above. A plain-clothes policeman arrests a youth found with a petrol bomb in Jabavu on Saturday.

Left· A young boy, knife in hand and a friend with a petrol bomb try to defuse a teargas canister fired to disperse residents in Moletsane who were trying to march to the nearby Merafe hostel.

Mabe grave tampered

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By SONTI MASEKO

THE grave of former *Sowetan* assistant editor Sam Mabe was interfered with by people unknown to his family, his distraught widow Latisa said last night

The family went to the cemetery yesterday and were amazed to find the fencing around the grave was covered neatly with plastic

Mrs Mabe ruled out the possibility that relatives could have been responsible and said the family were disturbed about this

"I would like to appeal to the people responsible to leave Sam's grave alone. It is my property and I fail to understand why anybody would interfere. This whole thing has been heavy on me and I need to rest," she said

She said she could not find the grave on Saturday because of the plastic cover around it and only found it when she returned for the second time yesterday

The incident was the second experienced by Mabe's family since he was gunned down in Soweto on July 4

His house in Diepkloof was burgled on August 10 and several items taken while Mrs Mabe was attending the International Tree Planting Day held in honour of her husband at Immaculata School in Diepkloof.

A neighbour had reported seeing three man walking out of the house carrying suitcases Mrs Mabe said the burglars had made off mostly with her husband's clothing

She said she failed to reach the police officer investigating Mabe's murder to report the incident.

2 killed in taximen rank clash

TWO people were killed and two injured in fighting between two rival taxi groups at the Baragwanath taxi rank in Soweto last night

Police said a hand-grenade and an AK-47 rifle were used in the attack, which apparently came after a "foreign taxi" had used an "unauthorised route".

The police said two men were killed and one was injured when shots were fired with the AK-47 rifle A woman was injured when the hand-grenade was thrown

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant G Mariemuthoo said the attack was not related to the "current unrest" in the area

The injured were taken to Baragwanath Hospital

No arrests have been made and police are investigating - *Sapa*

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Vaal march peaceful

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ABOUT 20 000 black protesters marched peacefully into conservative white Vereeniging on Saturday under the watchful gaze of a large police contingent.

Rightwing threats to bomb and shoot protesters if the march went ahead, did not materialise

While a few Conservative Party supporters objected to the march, most whites expressed the view that peaceful protest was the right of South African blacks

Sowetan Reporter

The leader of the march, Mr Zwelinzima Vavi, Cosatu's Western Transvaal regional secretary, read a list of demands to Vereeniging's Commissioner of Police, Col Piet Fourie.

Police provided a pubic address system to the march marshals so that they could address the crowd.

The marchers returned along a different route to the Vaal Showgrounds where they dispersed from there

The march was organised by Cosatu, the Vaal Civic Association and the Mass Democratic Movement to demand an explanation as to why police allegedly ignored Cosatu's warning that there would be violence at an Inkatha rally at Sebokeng on August 22

At least 24 people died when supporters of the ANC clashed with Inkatha supporters after the rally.

The memorandum also demanded to know why Inkatha members were allowed to carry spears, knobkerries and guns at the so-called peace rally

Another demand was for police to bring about an immediate end to the killing of Sebokeng hostel residents - Sapa

End fighting, says BCMA

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By SONTI MASEKO

THE Black Consciousness Movement of Azania has called for high-level meetings of all political and community organisations in the country to end the "ferocious bloodletting" in the townships.

A statement issued by BCMA chairman Mr Mosibudi Mangena from Zimbabwe at the weekend said the solution to the violence in black townships lay with the black community and not with the State or the police.

"The BCMA urges the black community to work together towards ending the senseless violence and establish permanent peace in our townships," he said.

The BCMA had approached the Azanian People's Organisation to seek a solution to the fighting jointly with other national and community organisations, including Inkatha.

The peace initiative should include the opening of communication between hostel dwellers and township residents.

The BCMA leader said: "To date, more than 200 people have been killed in a week of fighting in Tokoza, Vosloorus, Katlehong and Soweto. What is the violence between the two groups in aid of?

Violence

"There are those with reservations about meeting the leader of Inkatha, Chief Mangosuthu Gatsha Buthelezi. If the inclusion of the Inkatha leader in broad meetings will contribute towards the saving of the black lives, let us meet him and place a higher priority on saving lives rather than nursing our reputations.

"We can stop the violence. If we do not move now with speed and determination it will become more and more uncontrollable," he said.

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Tokoza peace marred

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... as squatter youths go on a rampage

TOKOZA's Khalanyoni Hostel - the scene of the past week's bloody conflict between inmates and squatters - was deserted yesterday after many inmates packed their belongings and fled the place on Saturday, writes NKOPANE MAKOBANE.

Many inmates, including women and children, were seen yesterday fleeing with loads of clothing and furniture.

In the meantime, youths from the nearby Phola Park squatter camp went on the rampage and set alight many sections of the hostel. There were also reports that looting was taking place

A Tokoza resident told *Sowetan* yesterday that four people, believed to be Phola Park residents, were shot and killed on Saturday when renewed fighting broke out between Inkatha supporters and camp residents.

This figure brings to nine the number of people killed in the area this weekend Five bodies were found next to hostel Nos 1 and 3 on Friday afternoon. Unconfirmed reports say those dead were hostel inmates.

A resident said a two-hour fighting between the two camps raged on Saturday when the camp residents attacked the hostel at about 2pm. Police had to use tearsmoke to disperse the two groups.

So far, 188 people have been killed since violence flared up in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong No funeral arrangements have been announced yet.

A meeting is scheduled to take place today between the hostel dwellers, Phola Park residents and the police. The Tokoza Civic Association is also expected to sent a delegation to this meeting.

Inmates of Khalanyoni Hostel in Tokoza leaving the premises yesterday. Many left hurriedly taking only items they could carry after youths from the nearby Phola Park started setting sections of the hostel alight.

Councillor's throat slit

A SOWETO city councillor was killed by a mob outside his house Saturday morning, police spokesman Lieutenant G. Mariemuthoo said.

The man, identified as Mr TA Nkina, had his throat slit when he confronted the crowd with a firearm, the police spokesman said. - Sapa

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ANC plea to police:

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'Promote the democratic process, not frustrate it'

ESMARE VAN DER MERWE, Political Reporter

IT WAS critically important that the security forces begin to promote the democratic process rather than to frustrate it, the ANC's director of foreign affairs, Thabo Mbeki, said last night.

Mr Mbeki and former Inkatha secretary-general Oscar Dhlomo delivered keynote addresses at a Five Freedoms Forum weekend conference in Johannesburg. It was their first public encounter in South Africa.

About 400 delegates, representing the broadest range of political interests brought together in the country, attended.

Mr Mbeki said the Government should take very seriously the observations of the ANC and other organisations that the security forces were guilty of misconduct in situations of conflict.

However, the ANC had no intention of carrying out acts of vengeance against anybody.

"There is therefore no reason for anybody within the present security forces to oppose change in the belief that such change will create a situation in which their lives and livelihood will be threatened.

"Rather, they should look forward to the situation when, perhaps for the first time, they would be accepted by all our people as part of a truly national security force, voluntarily supported and accepted by the people as real defenders of law and order and the security of a democratic and independent South Africa."

Mr Mbeki also had some praise for Afrikaner Volkswag leader Carel Boshoff for being willing to put his proposal of an Afrikaner volkstaat on the negotiating table.

No organised formation should be left out of the process of developing the national consensus necessary to reach a lasting, just and peaceful solution.

In this context, the ANC appreciated Professor Boshoff's stand on participating in negotiations.

"Though we may not agree with their views about a boerestaat, we are convinced that they, like all other formations, have a right and a duty to present their views in any such negotiating forum as will be agreed."

However, Conservative Party leader Andries Treurnicht's attitude was "at best unhelpful and at worst destructive", for "nothing but the whirlwind can be gained from a policy which continues to pretend that the future of our country can be decided by a coterie of white politicians who believe they should appropriate to themselves the exclusive right to determine the future of our country".

Speaking on negotiations between the Government and the ANC, Mr Mbeki said the process of the implementation of the agreements reached thus far should not be used as an excuse to delay the beginning of negotiations on a new constitution

"There should not arise any new obstacles to this process Rather, if there are problems, they should be solved simultaneously as progress is being made on the constitutional front."

Dr Dhlomo stressed the need for national reconciliation and mutual trust, and the need to involve all people in the constitution-making process.

Asked to give his analysis on the current township carnage, he said many factors complicated the issue. Among them were political parties vying for power, appalling socio-economic conditions and apartheid, a lack of political tolerance and freedom of speech, and a criminal element "cashing in" on the confusion.

I'm ashamed, says Tom Boya

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Daveyton mayor Mr Tom Boya pleads for an end to the violence in black townships.

THE president of the United Municipalities of South Africa and mayor of Daveyton, Mr Tom Boya, yesterday appealed for an end to the violence sweeping parts of the country.

"Today I feel very ashamed of the black-on-black violence which has gripped the East Rand and parts of Soweto. It is uncalled for; it is unnecessary and needs to be eradicated quickly," Boya said.

He said past policies of the Government had contributed to the violence.

"Our people are still divided into ethnic groups wherever they are being accommodated. Such policies should be done away with immediately.

"The hostel units should immediately be changed into family units so as to address the problem of housing and the millions of squatters who are homeless.

"The Church should be for justice, compassion and even-handedness. Much tolerance is needed to allow for differences.

"We should not allow ourselves to be used against each other," Boya said.

He said violence was immoral because it thrived on hatred rather than love. It destroyed communities and made brotherhood impossible. - *Sapa.*

Disarm - Churches say

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SOWETO church leaders said it was not impossible for the Government to stop the recent township violence and called on police to disarm all people involved in the conflict.

The General Secretary of the SACC, the Rev Frank Chikane, said an urgent meeting would be requested with Mr Adriaan Vlok.

The church would recommend that hostels be converted to family units. - Sapa

'Disarm Soweto'

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Church leaders tell police it's only way to stop violence

SOWETO. — Church leaders last night said police had the power to stop the violence on the Reef: Disarm all those involved.

The peace call came as the death toll rose to 281 in the Witwatersrand In Soweto alone 78 people have been killed in the past few days' fighting.

The call was made by the SA Council of Churches. The SACC's general secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane, said no peace forum would be able to resolve the violence in Reef townships unless the security forces clamped down on the perpetrators.

He said. "People carrying dangerous weapons should be disarmed. The government has sophisticated security networks to do this Until the government stops this violence it will be difficult for the church to facilitate a peace settlement."

He added that he would seek an urgent meeting with the government on resolving the violence.

"The church leaders will also meet all the political leaders for we believe that this violence is not just Inkatha against the ANC, or Zulus against Xhosas This violence claims people's lives even if they are neither Inkatha, ANC, Xhosa nor Zulu"

The theory that the fighting was between ANC and Inkatha was a simplistic view of a complex issue, he said

The violence was caused by the hostel system, the use of symbols by opposing groups and political intolerance

Mr Chikane said the security forces had to intervene when two groups were coming together to fight, adding that churches could facilitate discussion. If fighting was not stopped by the security forces, "we face serious problems".

"In which country in the world would you have hundreds of armed people advancing with police following them and not disarming them?" Mr Chikane asked

He said that if President F W de Klerk took responsibility for security forces acting as peacemakers and stopping the war, there was a better chance of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi meeting

"It is clear the Mandela-Buthelezi meeting won't happen if the government does not act on the security forces."

The church would take care of the people who had been displaced by the violence, Mr Chikane said.

He also called for the conversion of single-sex hostels into family units, saying such hostels had created political, social and economic problems.

The situation at the Thokoza, Tembisa, Vosloosrus, KwaThema and Daveyton townships on the East Rand was quiet last night, East Rand police said

The Regional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, General Johan Swart, appealed to all Soweto residents to return to work today, saying they would be well protected

● In Harare the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania deplored the current clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents, describing them "as a shame on all black people"

Spokesman Mr Mosibudi Mangena said it was only the black community and not the government that could end the violence.

● Allegations by the internal leader of the ANC, Mr Walter Sisulu, that Inkatha was orchestrating violence in South Africa, were heatedly denied by Chief Buthelezi last night.

This "war talk" by Mr Sisulu was irresponsible, he said.

● DP national chairman Mr Tian van der Merwe said last night that it was "clear the government can no longer restore order on its own, and certainly not through security action alone".

"It will require political action in addition to security action to have any degree of success."

The DP had an important role to play in this action to restore stability, he said. — Sapa and Political Staff

● Uneasy calm — Page 2

Soweto taxi war

JOHANNESBURG. — Two people died and two were injured in a violent confrontation between two competing taxis at the Baragwanath taxi rank in Soweto last night.

Police reported that a handgrenade and an AK47 were used in the attack, which apparently came after a "foreign taxi" had used an "unauthorised route".

A Soweto police spokesman said the attack was not related to "current unrest" in the area. — Sapa

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Uneasy calm after weekend battles

SOWETO. — Factional battles flared across the Witwatersrand yesterday, pushing the week's death toll up to 281 and at least 1 100 injured.

Police and army units have swamped the strife-torn areas, but could not stop sporadic and savage fighting overnight between dozens of combatants wielding clubs, spears and machetes.

Although police reported a tense calm on Saturday night, witnesses saw two groups clashing in a 15-minute pre-dawn battle on one of Soweto's dirt highways, leaving a number of wounded writhing and screaming for aid before the sides separated exhausted and camp followers moved in to take away the injured.

Other residents said they saw a roving mob grab a man suspected of belonging to a rival faction, club him senseless and burn him to death by placing a fiery, petrol-soaked tyre around his neck.

Police and detachments of troops, which moved into Soweto in force on Saturday, have been unable to stop the widespread conflict despite firing on warring groups with teargas, birdshot and rubber bullets.

The fighting spilled over into Soweto from a cluster of three townships east of Johannesburg on Thursday, and the sprawling township of two million has since seen the worst violence.

Police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn put the death toll in Soweto by yesterday at 78, with 417 hurt. He added that violence in Thokoza township overnight claimed at least another two dead and 10 injured.

The 281 dead "also numbers bodies we have found from battles which could have taken place some days ago", Col Halgryn said. The injury estimate did not take into account those who let their wounds go untreated. — Sapa and UPI

CAPE Times 21/8/90

Push for peace

Buthelezi and Holomisa meet in crisis talks

PRETORIA. — KwaZulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Transkei's General Bantu Holomisa meet here today to discuss the savage conflict on the East Rand and Soweto.

This push for peace is being convened by the Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha

After this meeting Chief Buthelezi is to meet President F W de Klerk as the government steps up pressure to bring about a meeting between the KwaZulu leader and Mr Nelson Mandela.

It is understood that General Holomisa was invited because of the involvement of Xhosa-speaking people in the East Rand and Soweto violence

The meetings were announced as tribal-style fighting spilled into previously unaffected black townships yesterday

The total death toll from a week's fighting in Soweto and East Rand townships stood at 381 last night — 270 on the East Rand and 111 in Soweto, police said

East Rand police said the latest flashpoint in the violence — previously unaffected — is KwaThema Zulu migrant workers living in the hostel claimed they were attacked on Sunday night by Xhosas, while Xhosas in the township accused Zulus of murdering anyone who did not share their support for Inkatha.

Police deployed in the troubled township spent the day helping "non-Zulus" remove their belongings from the hostels and trying to arrange peace talks between leaders of the warring factions

Throughout the day there were running battles between police and non-hostel dwellers

Unidentified attackers shot dead three people and wounded four in Kagiso, to the west, and opposing factions grouped for battle in Shoshanguve, near Pretoria, wielding axes and traditional fighting sticks

Police said mobs clashed in Tembisa.

Townships nearer Johannesburg were relatively quiet yesterday, though the situation was tense as residents honoured an "undeclared" stayaway

Bophuthatswana police said they had investigated rumours that Inkatha was about to march on Winterveldt and Mabopane and found this to be false Residents in Soshanguve had claimed that "hundreds" of armed youths had been seen chanting and toyi-toying towards the local men's hostel.

In Thokoza, where violence first broke out eight days ago, 120 people had died. In Katlehong, 40 people were killed since last Tuesday

Fighting in Vosloorus left 14 dead and the discovery of seven bodies by police in Tembisa yesterday brought the total for to 23 for that township

In Daveyton, near Benoni, 14 people had died,

Two people were killed in Duduza and one in Wattville in the past week, East Rand police said.

Today's meetings come amid growing pressure on Mr Mandela to meet Chief Buthelezi to discuss ways of ending violence

Last Thursday, during crisis talks after the outbreak of the East Rand violence, Mr De Klerk urged Mr Mandela to meet Chief Buthelezi He is expected to make the same call to the KwaZulu leader today

The ANC is discussing a possible meeting with Chief Buthelezi. But at this stage it appears to believe the time is not right as a meeting would be seen as sanctioning Inkatha violence

Indications of the kind of pressure militating against the ANC agreeing to a meeting came in a statement issued yesterday by South African Youth Congress (Sayco) publicity secretary Mr Parks Mnkahlana.

He said that none of those calling for a meeting between Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi had demonstrated that it would bring an end to Inkatha-led violence.

"By their own admission Inkatha and Gatsha Buthelezi are using violence to secure a meeting that would elevate Gatsha Buthelezi's personal stature and that of Inkatha as a political movement," Mr Mnkahlana said.

"It is our view that if the people of this country were to allow an individual or an organisation to use terror and intimidation to secure a meeting that was intended to advance the opportunistic interests of a particular organisation, they would be setting a dangerous precedent not only for the immediate resolution of the problems of the country but for the future of our people."

He added "While we are not opposed to a meeting with Gatsha Buthelezi in principle we are saying that it would be wrong to meet Buthelezi in the current circumstances"

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SABC-radio news reported yesterday that Mr Mandela, senior ANC members and Natal refugees would meet Mr De Klerk next week in a bid to restore peace in the strife-torn province.

Mr De Klerk agreed to receive the delegation at the recent Pretoria talks at which the ANC announced it would suspend armed actions.

ANC southern Natal convener Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota said the Natal violence was one of the major obstacles to the negotiation process.

Meanwhile, law and order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said police were making "a tremendous effort" to disarm opposing factions.

He was responding to the call by the SA Council of Churches for police to disarm those involved in the violence.

"We have already taken away truckloads of various types of arms out of these trouble spots.

"They include pangas, assegais, AK-47s, hand-grenades, limpet mines, sharpened pipes, knobkerries — you name it."

Police yesterday offered rewards for information leading to the recovery of arms.

They said in a statement that an "alarming number of unlicensed firearms" were circulating in unrest areas.

A maximum reward of R300 is offered for a pistol, R1 000 for a machinegun, R600 for a rifle, R300 for a hand-grenade, R1 per bullet and R200 per kilogram of explosives.

● The Organisation of African Unity yesterday appealed for a halt to the violence between the rival black factions, calling it "senseless carnage". It called for an end to "fraticidal violence among the victims of apartheid". — Political Staff, Sapa and UPI

Peace summit stakes high

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Mr Mandela

Chief Buthelezi

By BARRY STREEK

PRESSURE is mounting on the ANC deputy president, Mr Nelson Mandela, to agree to a meeting with the Inkatha leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, in an attempt to resolve the violence on the Reef and in Natal.

But Mr Mandela, who has so far rejected such a meeting, risks dividing the ANC if he does see Chief Buthelezi at this stage.

The extent of opposition within ANC ranks to a peace summit was underlined yesterday by a hard-hitting statement by the South African Youth Congress (Sayco) rejecting a meeting between the two leaders.

Sayco, which has agreed to merge with the ANC Youth League, said there had been calls from the media, some political organisations and the government for a meeting between the two to discuss the violence that was haunting the townships.

However, Sayco added: "By their own admission, Inkatha and Gatsha Buthelezi are using violence to secure a meeting that would elevate Gatsha Buthelezi's personal stature and that of Inkatha as a political movement.

"None of these voices has convincingly argued that such a meeting would bring an end to the Inkatha-led violence.

"While we are not opposed to a meeting with Gatsha Buthelezi in principle, we are saying that it would be wrong to meet Buthelezi in the current circumstances."

Chief Buthelezi had to "first demonstrate his commitment to peace by going to the different hostels and stopping his impis from attacking innocent people", Sayco said.

Informed observers point out that despite the often bitter verbal attacks this year by Inkatha and the ANC, Chief Buthelezi has managed to gain some initiative by supporting a meeting between himself and Mr Mandela.

Mr Mandela's problem is the strong forces within the ANC, particularly in Natal, who are opposed to such a suggestion.

While some "old guard" members — among them the UDF president Mr Archie Gumede — believe a meeting is necessary, others, such as ANC co-ordinator in the Natal Midlands and former Robben Island prisoner Mr Harry Gwala, are opposed to it.

Peaceful

Mr Gwala, who has strong grassroots support throughout Natal, particularly among the more militant youth, spearheaded the opposition which led to the cancellation of a proposed meeting between Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi in February.

Since then, the ANC line has been, as its internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, put it in April, that the levels of violence would have to decrease before a meeting could take place.

Mr Mandela, observers believe, will act on the advice of the ANC in Natal, where Mr Gwala's approach, based on the belief that Chief Buthelezi can be isolated and sidelined, holds sway.

They point out that the situation in the large townships of Umlazi and KwaMashu, where there had been conflict earlier, was now generally peaceful because it was largely accepted that the majority of people supported the charterist camp, but conflict had now spread to the south and north coasts where some people within the ANC believed a similar process would occur.

This has resulted in a situation where, as Maritzburg civil-rights lawyer Mr Pat Stilwell said recently, many people caught up in the Natal-KwaZulu violence did not want peace until they had conquered their rivals.

The culture of violence would be extremely difficult to break and had generated enormous feeling of hostility and hatred among participants, with the result that many people did not want peace, he said.

"They want victory. They want the situation to be brought to an end when they are victors," Mr Stilwell said.

He even likened this to the "victory at all costs" approach of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Many ANC supporters and allies say there has been too much violence and terror at grassroots level for them to be able to explain any concession of a meeting between Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi.

Because of this and because of the strategy of isolating and marginalising the Inkatha leader, there remains strong, and potentially divisive opposition within the ANC to any leadership meeting.

Others, however, believe this will leave the ANC in a no-win situation and that it cannot win over the region this way.

Moreover, the former Inkatha secretary-general, Dr Oscar Dhlomo, warned earlier this month that Chief Buthelezi had the potential to destabilise Natal right into the era of a new South Africa and for this reason strategies to sideline and isolate him should be abandoned.

Despite this, a significant element of the ANC, particularly in its Natal and youth wings, is emphatically opposed to peace moves with Chief Buthelezi — and Mr Mandela could pay a heavy political price if he defies them.

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392 dead:

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From CRAIG KOTZE
The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence in East Rand townships showed no signs of ending last night as another eight bodies were found in Tembisa, pushing the toll in eight days of vicious tribal fighting in the area to 280, police said.

The bodies were found during the night and this morning.

Another body was found in Soweto today, bringing the death toll there to 112.

The total of those killed in Reef township wars since last Monday is now at least 392.

The flashpoint on the East Rand today seemed to be Tembisa, with "stirrings" in Kwathema. Both Xhosas and Zulus were stopping traffic and searching vehicles, police said.

Groups were forming in Tembisa but no violence had been reported, said police spokeswoman Lieutenant Ida van Zweel.

Seven people died in Tembisa yesterday and the township's death toll for eight days of fighting between Xhosas and Zulus stood at 31, said Lieutenant Van Zweel.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has warned the East Rand violence could spread.

REWARDS

General Van der Merwe was offering substantial rewards for the recovery of illegal firearms as renewed violence swept through Soweto and the East Rand on Sunday night and yesterday.

"Our country is being racked by a spate of violence in various black residential areas. Besides the situation in Natal, these incidents of unrest on the Witwatersrand and in the Eastern Cape have already claimed hundreds of lives and indications are that they might spread," said General Van der Merwe.

Yesterday the centre of the East Rand violence was Kwathema and Tembisa and at least 32 people died on the East Rand.

RUSHED TO HOSTEL

In Soshanguve near Pretoria police yesterday rushed to a hostel after a report of an attack, but no casualties were reported.

The Reef conflagration is the most intensive yet seen in South Africa, exceeding even the number killed in the 1976 Soweto riots and their aftermath.

Peace talks in Tembisa between Zulus and Xhosas, arbitrated by police, broke down yesterday evening and a major clash ensued, but police twice drove the groups apart.

ON THE MOVE: Hostel residents leaving their hostel after it was burnt down during the clashes between them and other residents of KwaThema, Springs, yesterday. Pic: MOFFAT ZUNGU

Hostels burnt down

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Death toll 363 as unrest goes on

FIFTY-SIX more people were killed and blocks of hostels burned down by militant youths as the spiral of violence spilled over to the East Rand township of KwaThema, near Springs, yesterday.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE AND DON SEOKANE

Yesterday's deaths brought to 363 the number of people killed since the outbreak of clashes between hostel and township residents on the Reef last Sunday.

More than 1 000 have been injured

Police said two AK-47 assault rifles with full magazines were confiscated at the KwaThema hostel.

Although the motive of the KwaThema clashes was not clear, residents allege that hostel dwellers attacked and drove others out of the buildings.

They said trouble started on Sunday night when gunfire was heard at the hostel

Police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said Soweto police continued to "pick up" bodies, but he described the situation there as quiet.

More than 1 000 militant youths toyi-toyied and milled around the burning KwaThema hostel, trapping hundreds of hostel dwellers inside for a long period

Hammers

The youths said they had come to suppport dwellers, not to become involved in the fight They "also wanted to see the hostel down".

Groups of people armed with hammers attacked the walls of the burning buildings before police stopped them.

Riot police formed a human barrier to stop residents from moving into the hostel.

Hundreds of dwellers left the besieged hostel as police escorted others in to collect their possessions.

The situation in the township remained tense late last night and police kept a high profile in the area.

Police confirmed that three people were killed in Kagiso on Sunday,

West Rand Press officer Lieutenant Henrietta Bester said yesterday the situation was calm in the township.

The victims were found in various parts of the township with bullet wounds in the chest The dead have been identified as James Zulu, Thomas Ramatswe and Simon Gibson.

Three other people, Nicodemus Merapule, Anatus Mthembu and Simon Radebe, were rushed to Leratong Hospital after being shot.

In Tembisa, residents fled their homes when rumours of an imminent attack spread in the township.

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Stompie's assault

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Thandanani Jabulani "Guyboi" Khubeka, alleged to have severely assaulted teenaged activist Stompie Seipei, appeared briefly in Protea Magistrate's Court yesterday. He was not asked to plead to a charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The case was postponed to November 20 pending further investigation.

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FW peace shuttle

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TOS WENTZEL on the Presidency

PRESIDENT De Klerk continued peace-making moves today with efforts to get Zulu and Xhosa leaders to negotiate an end to the bloody clashes on the East Rand and in Soweto.

And Inkatha and Kwazulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Transkei leader General Bantu Holomisa met in Pretoria today to discuss the township violence, which has led to the deaths of nearly 400.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok and Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha, were at the talks.

Chief Buthelezi afterwards had a meeting with Mr De Klerk.

The governmment is trying to get ANC deputy leader Mr Nelson Mandela and Chief Buthelezi to meet to talk about ways to end the violence.

Before his meeting with Chief Buthelezi, General Holomisa said he had asked for it in order to discuss allegations that Xhosas were not being protected by the police against Inkatha supporters. It is believed the Transkei move had the ANC's approval.

Mediation offer

Top government sources said it was hoped black leaders would be prepared to commit themselves to lessening the tensions.

Mr De KLerk has also agreed to meet a delegation of ANC leaders from Natal, headed by Mr Mandela, later this month.

The chairman of the Pan Africanist Congress, Mr Johnson Mlambo, has deplored the fighting and has offered his organisation's services as mediator, The Argus Africa News Service reports.

He said in Dar es Salaam: "The conflict is a senseless quest for hegemony among the oppressed."

It threatened to deteriorate into ethnic conflict that would undo generations of effort to build a nation. It also favoured the divide-and-rule tactics of the government, whose own forces were left unscathed while the "forces of African liberation" were depleted.

The ANC yesterday angrily condemned the government's refusal to renew the temporary indemnity from arrest of three top militants, warning that this could jeopardise the fragile peace process, The Argus Correspondent reports from Johannesburg.

An ANC spokesman said the organisation had discussed, at high level, the withdrawal of the indemnity for national executive committee members Mr Mac Maharaj, Mr Ronnie Kasrils and Mr Chris Hani.

"Came as surprise"

"It came as a surprise. We don't know what it all means. We understood that all our people would soon be granted indemnity in terms of the Pretoria Minute.

"The refusal could further complicate the peace process".

The ANC would take up the matter with the government.

Government sources said yesterday the immunity from arrest of the three militants — all are members of the SA Communist Party's interim leadership — had been withdrawn because their conduct had not been conducive to peace.

Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Hani said he was surprised the government had failed to renew his indemnity, The Argus Correspondent reports from East London.

"This caught all of us by surprise. The ANC was not consulted. The move is against the spirit of the Pretoria agreement."

The issue was being dealt with by Mr Mandela, who had not yet had any explanation from the government.

Democratic Party justice spokesman Mr Dave Dalling has attacked the withhdrawal of the three men's indemnity.

"Mr De Klerk should know he cannot negotiate with only that section of the ANC of which he approves."

Wanted for questioning

Government law and order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet warned yesterday that ANC member Mr Hein Grosskopf would be arrested if he arrived in South Africa, Sapa reports from Johannesburg.

Mr Grosskopf, who is in self-imposed exile in Lusaka, was still wanted for questioning by police in connection with bomb blasts in Johannesburg and Krugersdorp.

Sapa-Reuter reports from Washington that the United States yesterday urged all parties "to end violence that hurts the chances of negotiations succeeding in South Africa".

And in Addis Ababa a spokesman for the Organisation of African Unity appealed for a halt to violence, calling it "senseless carnage".

Report on 'armed struggle' threat

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Political Staff

The continued carnage in the townships and the Government's failure to abolish the hostel system might force the ANC to seriously reconsider the suspension of the armed struggle, according to a newspaper report quoting Winnie Mandela.

Mrs Mandela was yesterday reported as having accused the police of collusion with Inkatha in the violence which has left more than 350 people dead in Soweto and the East Rand in a week.

She was speaking at the launch of the ANC's Orlando West branch.

The ANC, Mrs Mandela is reported to have said, had evidence that the township hostels were full of Inkatha members bussed in to reinforce Inkatha.

Contacted by The Star at her home yesterday, Mrs Mandela refused to comment, referring questions to the ANC office in Johannesburg.

ANC spokesman Joel Netshitendzi said the ANC hoped that a situation forcing it to revert to the armed struggle would not arise.

the "continuous propaganda allegations" that the strife was to apportion blame but rather to help in ending the violence.

Allegations are lies – Vlok

Star 22/8/90 (278)

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has denied allegations that the police were involved in the ongoing carnage in the townships or that they were siding with any of the warring groups.

He issued a strongly worded statement in Pretoria yesterday in response to allegations of police involvement by Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa after the Pretoria talks.

Major-General Holomisa released a statement to this effect — after the meeting between top South African Government Ministers, himself and KwaZulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — without consulting the other parties.

Mr Vlok said General Holomisa's allegations were "second-hand" and contained no concrete evidence.

"The time has now arrived to insist that such serious allegations are backed by evidence. Unless this is done, one must accept that they are lies and that the sole aim in making such statements is to alienate the police."

Mr Vlok urged all political leaders to use their influence to induce their followers not to become involved in violence but rather to give their full co-operation to the police in their efforts to end the violence.

David Ndlovu of Soweto . . . attacked by a group of men after argument over a woman.

John Mazibuko (30) . . . believed to have been attacked because of his Zulu accent, although he was born in Johannesburg.

Jabulani Mdlalose (22) of Orlando East was attacked and robbed by thugs who pretended to be Inkatha supporters. Patrick Manaki (left) was pushed out of a moving train by armed men. ● Pictures by Ken Oosterbroek.

Victims of violence: We are innocent

Star 22/8/90

By Musa Mapisa

Victims of the war between Inkatha and ANC supporters, which has claimed hundreds of lives since Reef townships erupted last week, say they are innocent people who have been mistakenly identified with political organisations to which they do not belong.

Others say common thugs are taking advantage of the chaos and attacking and robbing people.

The Star spoke to township-violence victims at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday.

Dumisani Shabalala of Mapetla said he was walking in Naledi when he was approached by a group of people armed with pangas, picks, garden forks and iron rods. They accused him of being an Inkatha supporter.

"I think they mistook me for an Inkatha supporter because of the tribal marks on my face," said Mr Shabalala.

The group attacked him. He tried to run away but fell.

"When an ambulance arrived to pick me up, a group of youths approached the ambulancemen demanding that the men release me so that they could necklace me, but the men refused," Mr Shabalala said.

Another victim, Jabulani Mdlalose (22) of Orlando East, said he was going to visit his girlfriend on Monday when three men intercepted him.

The men accused him of speaking ill of Zulu people.

"I told them that I was Zulu myself — so how could I speak ill of Zulus? I could see that they were neither Inkatha supporters nor Comrades.

Mr Mdlalose said the men then demanded money.

"Before I could respond, one of them stabbed me twice in the back. They took R4 from from my pocket and fled," Mr Mdlalose told The Star.

Another victim, an old man in the trauma unit, told The Star he was still confused about what had happened to him.

A nurse in the ward said he had not spoken to anybody since he arrived at the hospital.

"I was relaxing and having a drink at a shebeen in Zola when a man entered and asked to talk to me outside," John Mazibuko told The Star.

Outside was a group of armed men who attacked him with pangas.

"I cannot think of any reason for the attack besides that I speak with a heavy Zulu accent which I learnt at home," said Mr Mazibuko, who was born and grew up in Soweto.

More 'killing, shooting'

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

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JOHANNESBURG. — Fresh violence erupted today in Vosloorus township on the strife-torn East Rand, with bursts of gunfire coming from the hostels.

The publicity secretary of the Vosloorus Civic Association, Mr Keith Montsitsi, said he had heard sounds of "terrible shooting" from the hostel area about 3am.

"I tried to investigate but as I neared the hostels I realised I wouldn't make it. There were so many hostel inmates in the streets. I realised I would sign my own death warrant if I went any closer."

The hostel inmates were shooting at Xhosas and other Vosloorus residents.

"A Casspir was patrolling the area but it was not doing anything."

By 3.30am there were still no police reinforcements and the shooting was continuing.

A police spokesman confirmed renewed fighting had broken out in the townshhip. Two groups had been dispersed with teargas. No deaths had been reported.

A member of one group had thrown a petrol bomb into a Casspir, but no one had been injured.

The death toll in East Rand townships was 290 by late yesterday afternoon.

West Rand violence

Violence erupted in townships on the West Rand last night, leaving at least six people dead and scores injured.

Residents of Kagisa Extention 2, about a kilometre from the Lewisham hostel, placed burning barricades in the road from the hostel in a bid to prevent an attack by inmates.

The West Rand violence brings the death total in eight days of fighting in Reef townships to 413.

In Chamdor, an industrial area close to the Lewisham hostel, security guards were on the alert after taxi-loads of armed Zulus were bused in.

Mr Maxwell Mulovhedzithe of Shield Security was standing guard outside Memix Carbonless in Dobson Street, about 100m from the hostel.

He said: "The fighting started soon after 4.15pm.

"Three Inkatha supporters stood on the road outside the hostel, pretending they were waiting for taxis.

Taxi set alight

"They suddenly attacked an old man with an axe, killing him. Minuttes later they hacked another two people to death.

"Then they made a roadblock. When taxis approached the township from the station they were attacked. Four were damaged, one being set alight."

The hostel-dwellers had then invaded the township, but the residents were inside and had locked their doors. Police fired teargas.

Two shots were fired near the hostel at about 9pm while hostel dwellers were chanting war songs.

Shacks on an open stretch of ground across the road from Chamdor were set alight.

Police said six bodies had been found on the West Rand — four at Kagiso and two at nearby Bessemerstal — between 6 and 7pm last night.

There had been clashes when residents threw stones and petrol bombs and shot at police. The police shot back at the crowd but no-one was reported injured.

In Kwathema two houses were petrol-bombed and a 13-month-old baby and an adult were burnt to death.

A 53-year-old white security guard was shot dead in Soweto at about noon yesterday and then robbed of his shotgun.

Soweto police identified him as Mr Dawie de Waal, who was employed by Interceptor Security.

Grenade thrown

Mr De Waal was on guard duty at a street in Zone Five, Meadowlands, when he was approached by two men.

One drew a firearm and fired a shot at Mr De Waal, killing him instantly. The attackers then robbed him of his 410 shotgun and fled on foot.

A policeman was killed, another was injured when a Russian-made handgrenade was thrown into a police van in Soweto just after midnight.

Police said two men had approached the van at the Mansfield hostel.

The driver had opened his window when the men indicated that they wanted to speak to the policemen inside.

An RGD5 Russian-made handgrenade was thrown into the cab, where it exploded.

Constable S Mthunu was killed. Sergeant R Ntsila was seriously injured by shrapnel.

Four men armed with AK47 rifles held up two plainclothed policemen and robbed them of their vehicle at Isipingo, Natal, yesterday.

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Government, Buthelezi and Holomisa plead:

BLOODSHED MUST STOP

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TRANSKEI leader General Bantu Holomisa, KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the South African Government issued a joint statement yesterday calling for an "immediate end to the bloodshed" in the townships.

By Sowetan Correspondent and MONK NKOMO

"This is not the time to conduct a debate on the causes of the clashes or apportion blame.

"The need, whatever the causes, is to put an end to the bloodshed," they said after a two-hour meeting at the Union Buildings in Pretoria attended by the two homeland leaders, South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha, and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Holomisa and Buthelezi then met President FW de Klerk, apparently separately.

The joint statement said various

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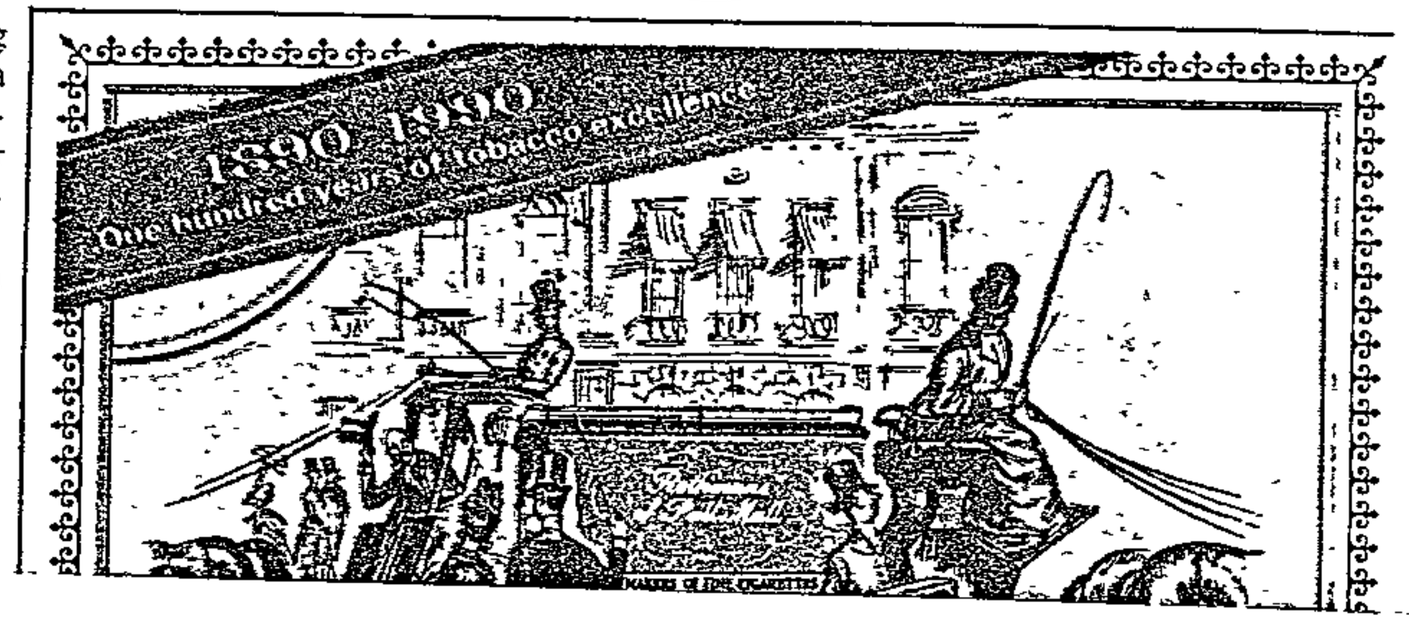

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...yesterday, is escorted by a policeman. Picture by George

Vlok denies cops involved in carnage

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LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has emphatically denied allegations that the police were involved in the continuous carnage in the townships or that they were siding with any of the warring groups.

He issued a strongly worded statement in Pretoria yesterday in response to allegations of police involvement by Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa after the Pretoria talks.

Major-general Holomisa released a statement to this effect after the meeting between top South African Government ministers, himself and KwaZulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi without consulting the other parties before doing so.

Serious

Vlok said he had no choice but to react to the allegations. Holomisa's allegations were "second-hand" and contained no concrete evidence.

"The time has now arrived to insist that such serious allegations are backed by evidence. Unless this is done, one must accept that they are lies and that the sole aim in making such statements is to alienate the police.

"Such allegations are irresponsible and will definitely not facilitate discussions which the police are at present conducting with all the warring groups."

He also dismissed as unfounded repeated allegations that the police disarmed and teargassed "certain sectors of the community in order to facilitate Inkatha attacks", on them.

Will the necklacing ever be stopped?

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THE grim pictures of the mob dancing at the scene of the killing of Maki Skosana in Duduza on July 20 1985 sent shock-waves throughuout the country and the world.

By MATHATHA TSEDU

FOCUS

The necklace, which had had its debut in Kwanobuhle when the Kinikini family and their worldly possessions went up in flames, had arrived.

It was to prompt Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu to castigate its use and threaten to leave the country and settle overseas if black people were to continue to burn each other.

SABC-TV had a field day showing the ghastly scenes again and again. When Mrs Winnie Mandela said the necklace would liberate us all, the confusion over this matter increased.

Retaliate

Maki Skosana, the daughter of a Lutheran priest, became the stigma on black consciences. Her funeral was to be attended by about 500 people, mainly relatives, with Bishop Manas Buthelezi presiding.

Eleven youths, including four girls, were charged with the killing. The Appelate Division in Bloemfontein last week reduced sentences imposed for the killings.

How did it all start?

Duduza township in the East Rand took part in the nationwide anti-Government demonstrations steered by the United Democratic Front.

Violence was sweeping the area and police were accused of allegedly assaulting people involved in democratic and peaceful protests.

The alleged police violence led to many people deciding to arm themselves to retaliate.

In this context, a group of youths in the township were given dud grenades by a man later thought to have been a policeman.

The youths believed at the time that the man was a cadre of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

While the youths were handling the grenades tragedy struck, with numerous explosions hitting the youths and killing four.

Several were maimed and they made a sorry sight in court where they were tried for possession of weapons.

Maki was said to have been in love with the man who brought the grenades and alleged to have sold out on the youths.

On the day of the funeral of the four grenade victims, a mob attacked Maki and killed her.

All this happened in full view of television cameras and the image of the young girl being stabbed, stoned and set alight, with the writhing body clearly shown.

Cameras

At the trial, one of the girls said she had joined the dancing crowd in front of the cameras in order to appear on TV.

Jacob Tshabalala, Lydia Mokoena, Sanna Twala, Solomon Motsoagae, Lorraine Zanele Sobuzi, Linda Hlophe, David Mbokwane, Matlakala Motaung, Phineas Maseko and two youths aged 15 and 17 at the time, appeared before Mr Justice Hartzenberg and two assessors in the Pretoria Supreme Court for the murder.

At the close of the State case, Tshabalala and Mokoena were discharged while the others were found guilty of murder.

Twala, Mbokwane and Hlophe were sentenced to life imprisonment while Motaung was sentenced to 10 years

Motsoagae received 15 years, Sobuzi 10 years and Maseko 10 years The two youths received two-and-half years and 12 years respectively.

In reducing sentences last week, Mr Justice Hoexter, concurring with Mr Justice Smalberger, Mr Justice Milne and Acting Judges of Appeal Mr Justice Friedman and Mr Justice Nienaber, set aside the conviction and sentence of 15 years imposed on Motsoagae

The judges altered Maseko's conviction to one of common assault and reduced his sentence of 10 years to one of three months, wholly but conditionally suspended

Convictions

The murder convictions of Matlakala Motaung, Sanna Twala, Linda Hlophe, Lorraine Zanele Sobuzi, Daniel Mbokwane and a teenage boy and girl were changed to convictions for attempted murder. The sentences were reduced.

Twala, Hlophe and Mbokwane's sentences were reduced to 10 years, while Motaung got six years with two years suspended. The youths got three years with half the sentence suspended and eight years respectively.

Hoexter said in his judgment of 139 pages that Motsoagae had admitted he applied force to the person of the deceased but denied he had assaulted her.

On a careful viewing of the relevant portion of the video film, he considered that Motsoagae's version, that his foot landed inadvertently on her, might reasonably possibly be true.

Viewed as a whole the evidence did not, in Hoexter's judgment, provide proof beyond reasonable doubt that Motsoagae had in fact assaulted the woman.

He had not been shown to have committed any crime whatsoever, and he should have been acquitted.

In regard to Maseko, on a close scrutiny of the relevant part of the video, the judge was not satisfied that he had trampled on the woman. He admitted that he deliberately placed his foot on her buttocks and said that his motive was to pose for the cameraman.

The film did not show that he placed his foot in a violent fashion and Maseko's evidence might also reasonably possibly be true

The judge said the evidence as a whole did not establish beyond reasonable doubt that Maseko harboured any intention either to injure or to kill the woman That did not mean he was entitled to an acquittal.

On his own evidence he intentionally and unlawfully applied some degree of force to her body. He should, therefore, have been found guilty of common assault.

The judge said no credence whatsoever could be given to the testimony of Hlophe. The rock he used was a large and heavy object.

Weapon

It represented a formidable and deadly weapon. It was thoroughly improbable that the rock-dropping incident was intended by Hlophe simply as a empty charade, in which a lifeless body was used as a stage prop.

Hoexter said the evidence, taken as a whole, established beyond reasonable doubt that Hlophe dropped the rock on the woman because he thought she was still alive and he wanted to finish her off

The rock-dropping incident afforded the clearest overt act of association by Hlophe with the mob's intention to kill the woman. It followed that he should have been found guilty of attempted murder

Two days after Hoexter delivered this sentence, which has been widely seen as conciliatory, six people were killed through the necklace in Soweto while four died in the East Rand.

Overall, since Maki's death five years ago, 801 people have been necklaced while 178 survived, with severe injuries.

And so, as the Maki Skosana case finally comes to rest, the necklace itself continues unabated

Will it ever stop?

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Holomisa gives Minister names

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THE Transkei Government has given the South African Ministry of Law and Order the names of four people who have alleged police complicity in the recent violence on the Reef which has claimed 405 lives.

Speaking to Sapa from his office in Umtata last night, Gen Holomisa said he wished to respond to Mr Adriaan Vlok's call for proof of his allegations and the names of his informants.

"I submitted to Mr Vlok's (Minister of Law and Order) offices the names of four people previously employed by Gentric Steel Structure (GSS) in Wattville and their sworn testimony concerning engineered violence on the Reef.

"The following four men Dixon Mgqumo, Jansen Makayonke, G Zangqa, and Danile Madyosi, have given sworn statements sketching the violence from 14 August 1990 at Crossroads, Katlehong and Germiston."

He added the men had all fled the violence in the Transvaal recently to seek safety in the Transkei.

Shooting

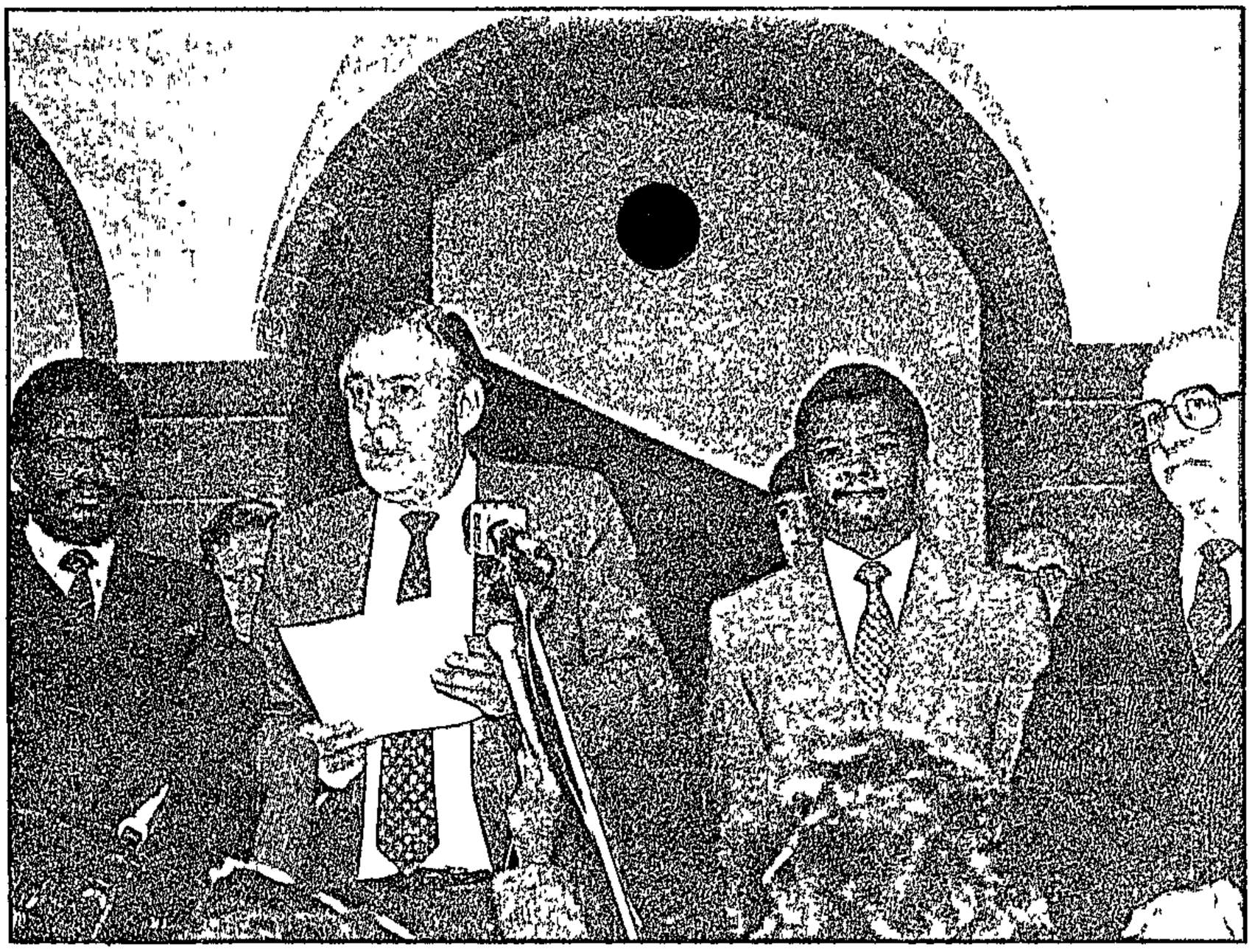
Holomisa claimed he had also been personally informed by his officials in South Africa that they had witnessed the random shooting of people in the townships by the South African Police.

He pointed out that at Tuesday's meeting in Pretoria he had suggested the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry into the recent violence on the Reef and told Mr Vlok that even his own policemen would provide further information on the violence.

"I therefore expect that the Minister of Police in South Africa will investigate the allegations contained in the affidavit submitted and after that make a public statement."

Holomisa added he was prepared to furnish Mr Vlok with further details concerning the Sebokeng shooting, from which the present wave of began, as soon as his recommendations had been implemented.

"Our information leaves no doubt about the involvement of the police in the symptoms of violence on the Reef," Gen Holomisa said.



KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa and Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok listen as Minister of Foreign Affairs Pik Botha reads out a joint statement calling for an end to violence. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

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presence in Tembisa but there were no reports of fighting between hostel dwellers and township residents.

"Two vehicles and one house were burnt," she said.

There have also been incidents of intimidation and Tembisa residents were prevented from going to work, Van Zweel said.

Police reported the situation calm in other townships on the East and West Rand and in Soweto. No new fighting has been reported since the weekend.

Meeting

In Tembisa, a meeting held by predominantly Xhosa-speaking hostel dwellers at Tafeni Hostel was disrupted when police fired teargas and birdshot to disperse the crowd after giving an order that it was illegal.

Hostel dwellers were demanding a guarantee that police would disarm the people at Vusumuzi Hostel.

Later police accompanied dwellers, who had fled the hostel, to collect their belongings at Vusumuzi Hostel.

The mayor of Midrand, Mr Alan Dawson, who is part of the monitoring group, said plans were underway to house those who felt "uncomfortable at Vusumuzi Hostel" in the township.

"These people here should be allowed to bring their families because the system of single sex residences splits families," Dawson said.

Violence

KwaThema civic leaders have slammed the violence which erupted in the township on Monday as the work of vigilantes aimed at distabilising the community.

The ANC's East-Rand co-ordinator, Mr Cyril Jantjies, and Cosatu's executive member Mr Chris Dlamini told a Press conference at the local Roman Catholic Church that "forces against talks between the Government and the ANC" were responsible for the carnage.

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Leaders call for end to violence

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KWAZULU Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday appealed to his Inkatha followers to stop the violence in Natal and Reef townships.

He was speaking after he, Transkei leader General Bantu Holomisa and the South African Government issued a joint plea for an end to the slaughter.

"It is very difficult for me to sleep because of the proportions of the violence," he said, rejecting suggestions that he was allowing it to go on to force African National Congress deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela to meet him.

On allegations from Holomisa that the South African Police were siding with Inkatha's impis, he said he had told the Transkei leader he

BUTHELEZI

HOLOMISA

SOWETAN Correspondent

was talking nonsense.

"We are sick and tired of these accusations and counter-accusations without evidence."

The two homeland leaders, Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in a joint communique:

"Not only must the bloodshed cease, the war of words must cease. This has often been interpreted at grassroots level as licence for violence.

"While our people are dying around us, we cannot afford to waste time in further public debate.

"We need action and renewed commitments on the part of all political leaders in the country that they will exert themselves for peace, that they will ensure their followers comply with this commitment and that it passes down to grassroots level."

The leaders said they needed the support of churches, requesting church leaders to show people that violence was unacceptable.

"This is the time for all of us to reach out to one another, to unite in our prayers to the Almighty to bring to our hearts and minds the capacity to forgive."

Asked whether he could control fighters in his Inkatha movement, Buthelezi said it was like asking British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher whether she could control violence in Northern Ireland.

It was a situation which had escalated and gained its own momentum.

He was not afraid to visit the strife-torn areas. The warrior blood was coursing through his veins in spite of his commitment to peace

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Summit soon?

JOHANNESBURG. — As the township death toll soared yesterday, the ANC indicated the possibility of a direct meeting between Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

ANC executive member Mr Pallo Jordan announced at a press briefing the formation of a special four-person commission to look into the possibility of such a meeting.

It coincided with a statement by President F W de Klerk late yesterday that high-level delegations from the ANC and Inkatha are to meet soon in an attempt to overcome difficulties preventing a meeting between their leaders.

Policeman killed

He also said "additional measures" to curb the violence would be implemented

Meanwhile, police struggled again yesterday to keep warring factions apart in Vosloorus and other townships surrounding Johannesburg and came under increasing attacks themselves.

In Soweto a policeman, Constable S Ntunduna, was killed and Constable R Ntsile critically wounded when a handgrenade was flung at their vehicle

At Tembisa, people who gathered in the streets were ordered by police to hand over their weapons. When they refused police fired teargas to disperse them and collected 15 petrol bombs and other homemade weapons.

At Daveyton petrol bombs were thrown at the police who replied by firing rubber bullets.

Three more bodies discovered in Vosloorus last night brought the death toll after 10 days of violence in East Rand townships to 361

Police earlier reported thadt a total of 122 people had died in Soweto with 27 deaths in Kagiso on the West Rand More than 446 people had been injured in Soweto.

This brings the total death toll after the 10 days of fighting on the Witwatersrand to 510.

The ANC commission announced yesterday consists of executive members Mr John Nkadimeng, Mr Thabo Mbeki, Ms Getrude Shope and Mr Jacob Zuma, head of intelligence and one of the few significant Zulu leaders in the ANC.

"We want to announce that the specialised commis sion is investigating discussions with Inkatha with a view to having a meeting at a very high level with Chie Buthelezi to address the question of violence," Mr Jordan said

"I want it understood that the high-level meeting doe not necessarily imply a meeting between Gatsha Buthe lezi and ... Nelson Mandela," Mr Jordan said.

"But at the same time understand also that it does no exclude that."

In his statement, Mr De Klerk said that after holdin discussions with Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi h believed both leaders shared his concern about th violence that started in Natal and has since swep through the Witwatersrand

Decisive role

The ANC and Inkatha accused each other of playing decisive role in this violence, he said.

He had urged the two leaders "to overcome imped ments in the way of dialogue between the releva movements at leadership level

"I have now been informed that high-level deleg tions from both sides will meet shortly in an effort make progress towards this end."

Mr De Klerk said it was of decisive importance th such a meeting took place as soon as possible.

"It should result in definite steps and a plan of acti to bring to an end the unnecessary conflict at a tir

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Tutu calls for peacekeeping force in townships

Archbishop Tutu

JOHANNESBURG — Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday called for an international peacekeeping force to be deployed to end the township war.

"What we require at the present time is a kind of Untag," he said.

Speaking in Soweto, he said such a force would be needed for as long as white-led police were seen by blacks to be biased.

Archbishop said revenge was fuelling the 10-day-old conflict.

"If you allow the law of an eye for an eye very soon the only people around are going to be blind," he said.

"We are calling for tolerance, tolerance, tolerance and yet more tolerance. People must not seek to take revenge. We are making an appeal to our people, please, yes, defend yourselves, but don't pay back."

He said the Anglican Church was setting aside next Monday for prayer and fasting for an end to the fighting.

Tacitly aligning himself with the ANC position, Archbishop Tutu said a meeting between Mr Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi should be seen as a last resort. He warned that if such a meeting failed it could be disastrous.

● In a hardline statement last night the ANC said their people in the Transvaal townships had lost confidence in the police. They accused sections of the government and police of "destabilisation" and called on branches throughout the country "to build formidable organisations with a view to defending themselves". — Sapa-Reuter

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Security failure the obstacle, says SACC

THE failure of the security forces to protect residents of Reef townships in factional fighting was a serious obstacle to a possible meeting between ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, according to the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane.

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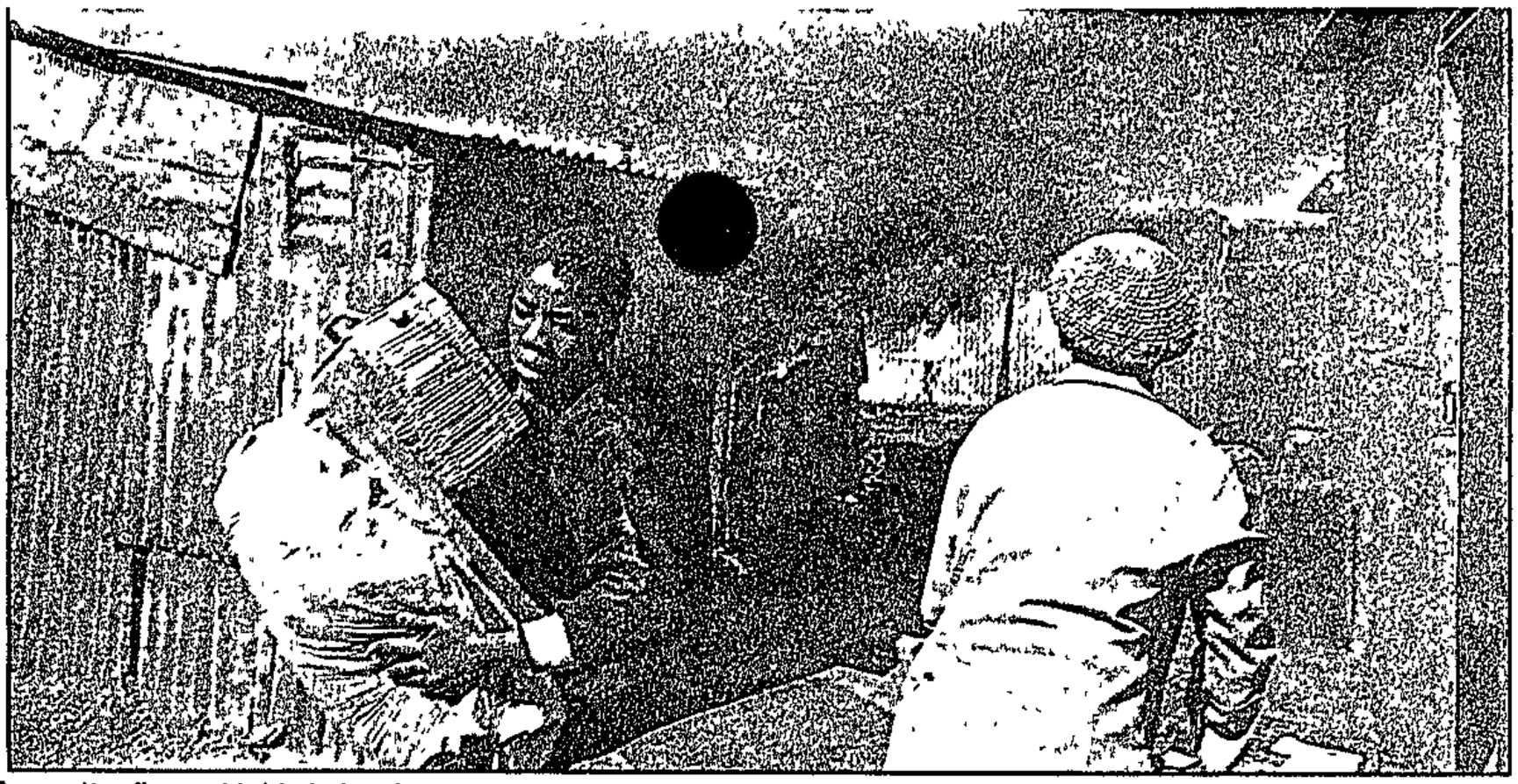
In a statement on Tuesday night, Chikane said church leaders were convinced that if any group of people planned to attack any white area or whites, the Government would have used all the power within its disposal to stop them.

He was convinced that if State President Mr FW de Klerk could get his security forces to act impartially to disarm the perpetrators of the war and end it, it could be possible in a climate of peace to get leaders like Mandela and Buthelezi to meet. - *Sapa*.



A squatter flees with his belongings after his shack was petrol-bombed in Kagiso, Krugersdorp, yesterday. Pic: KEN OOSTERBROEK

Bloody 500 mark

Baby dies as Reef death toll soars

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By Sowetan Reporters and Sapa

THE death toll in faction fighting sweeping the Witwatersrand's black townships topped the 500 mark yesterday with almost 100 new deaths, including a 13-month-old baby, reported.

The toll from 10 days of fighting jumped by 97 from 405 on Tuesday to 502 by 6pm yesterday following fresh outbreaks of violence in the morning at Vosloorus on the East Rand and on Tuesday night at Kagiso on the West Rand.

The baby, Nthokozisi Motha, was burnt to death when her home was attacked by a mob on Tuesday night

A family member, Miss Elizabeth Motha, said two petrol bombs thrown into the house set fire to the room in which Nthokozisi and a cousin, Siphamandla, were sleeping.

The badly burnt Siphamandla was saved from the inferno by a stranger who was hacked and injured by a

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mob as he tried to re-enter the house to save Nthokozisi.

Kagiso's overnight death toll stood at 25 with 20 injured, while police yesterday waited for reinforcements and struggled to keep warring factions apart at a male hostel for migrant workers - a common flashpoint in every township where the violence has erupted.

Marauding mobs barricaded streets with burning debris and set fire to the Kagiso town council offices as well as municipal, police and private vehicles.

At Vosloorus the situation was even more grim, with the discovery of 37 bodies after a spell of bloody clashes in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Police at Vosloorus were also targeted for attacks during the fighting.

A petrol bomb was hurled into a police Casspir and two Soviet-made AK-47 rifles were left behind when a mob fled teargas after attacking a Vosloorus police operations station with petrol bombs.

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Patrols

Vosloorus roads were rendered impassable with burning barricades, hostel entrances were boarded closed and police patrols were repeatedly attacked with petrol bombs and automatic rifle fire.

Police members living in the township vacated their homes and are being accommodated at police stations.

In Soweto a policeman was killed and another seriously injured when a grenade was hurled at a patrol car near Nancefield Hostel yesterday morning.

A Soweto police spokesman said a third policeman escaped unhurt. He said a man, believed to be a trained ANC member, was arrested later in the township.

The dead policeman was Constable S Mchunu and the injured Sergeant R Ntsila. The third policeman is Sergeant K Dire.

Man dies after rents meeting

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By MONK NKOMO

A MAN has died after being allegedly shot by members of the South African Defence Force who disrupted a rents meeting at Belabela, Warmbaths, on Monday night.

Mr Eddie Mokwena, chairman of the Belabela Action Committee, which organised the meeting, said Mr Charles Kgwele (27) died at Garankuwa Hospital on Tuesday night.

Mokwena said two other people were shot by members of the SADF, who he accused of opening fire at residents who had attended a meeting to discuss the rent boycott in the township.

A police spokesman in Warmbaths yesterday confirmed the shooting incident and said they were investigating.

He said police were also investigating allegations that members of the SADF were struck with bricks and their vehicle damaged with stones by a group near the township's hall on Monday night.

The police spokesman said one person was shot and rushed to Garankuwa Hospital in a critical condition.

Mokwena said about 400 residents had assembled in the hall at 6pm to discuss the rent boycott.

The meeting was delayed because members of the SADF, "who were bent on disrupting the meeting, drove their vehicle near the hall, hooting and revving their cars".

Residents were urged to stay calm and not to retaliate.

The SADF members then opened fire. Scores of people were injured while trying to escape from the hall, Mokwena said.

He denied allegations that SADF members or their vehicles were attacked by residents at the meeting.

A spokesman for the SADF in Pretoria confirmed the shooting incident and said the allegations were being investigated with the help of the police.

Hospitals treat 1 200 a day

From HELEN GRANGE
Argus Correspondent
in Johannesburg

HOSPITALS near strife-torn townships on the Reef are bedding people on the floors as more and more bloodied victims of the Inkatha/ANC violence pour in.

Casualty wards at Tembisa, Natalspruit and Far East hospitals have been packed to capacity in the last week and doctors have been working overtime to cope with the influx of patients.

Tembisa Hospital, which was disrupted by a work stoppage by white staffers on Tuesday, has also had to deal with scores of patients transferred from Natalspruit Hospital.

"We have put the orthrepedic (bone injuries) patients on the floor to accommodate the other casualties," said Dr Izak Joubert, superintendant of Tembisa hospital.

Bullet wounds

A group of representatives of the Transvaal Provincial Administration visited the hospital yesterday to discuss problems.

Tembisa hospital has admitted over 20 dead-on-arrival victims since Sunday, most of whom died of bullet wounds.

"Bullet wounds are very common injuries," said Dr Joubert.

A doctor at Natalspruit hospital said the hospital could only deal with 1 000 patients a day.

"What do we do with 200 more? We are putting them on the floors."

The doctor said injuries were mostly the result of bullets.

"We had one patient with an axe through his head. And there have been patients attacked with pangas. These injuries look the worst," he said.

All the theatres in Natalspruit were occupied and patients needing operations had to be transferred to Tembisa.

"A lot of these patients don't know who attacked them They are very vague and don't know whether it's Zulus or Xhosas," the doctor said.

At the Far East hospital near Springs, the casualty section has quieted down. A hospital spokesman said there were a number of emergency cases of bullet wounds on Monday. And yesterday, some hospital staffers were prevented from coming to work.

"But we have coped well," said the spokesman.

The senior surgeon at Baragwanath hospital in Soweto, Dr Bernard Rabinowitz, said Friday last week had seen between 90 and 100 patients as a result of the bloodshed.

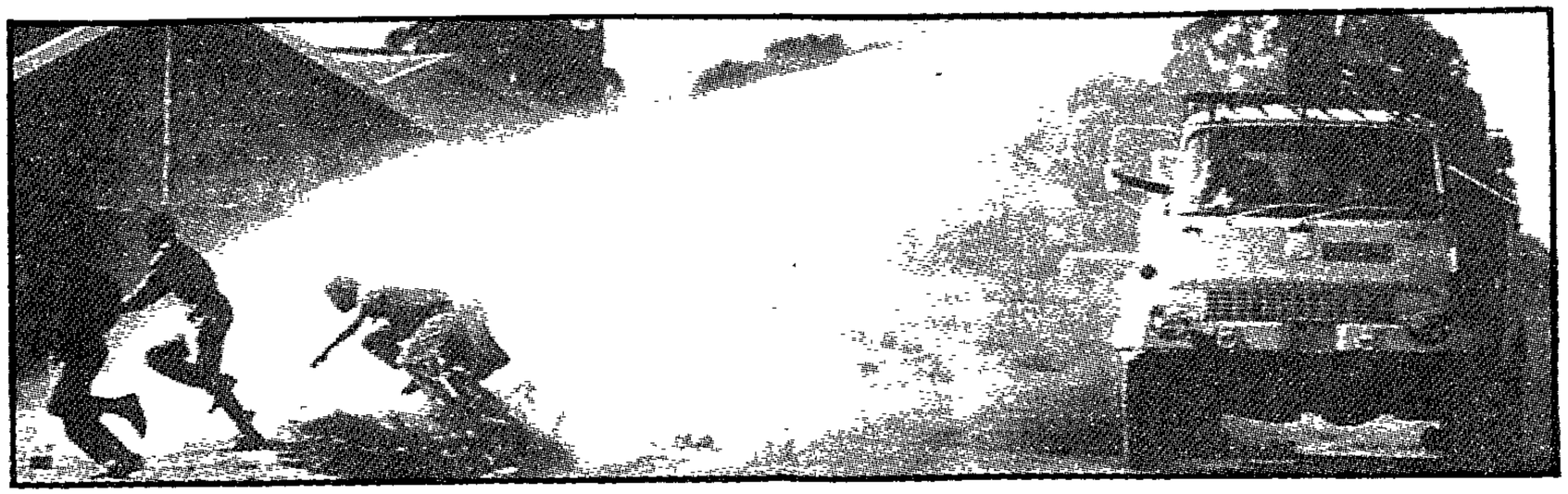
"There is a lot of buckshot and birdshot wounds as well as wounds from handguns. Injuries to the skull from pangas and other objects are also common," he said.

Dr Rabinowitz said Baragwanath Hospital was coping well with the situation.

A 13-year-old girl and 10 other people were injured in skirmishes and were being treated in Leratong Hospital after police fired birdshot at a crowd of people. Pllice said the girl threw a petrol bomb at police at about 6pm.

The group were being treated for shot and stab wounds.

CHARRED BODY: Zulu migrant workers eye the charred body of a fellow hostel-dweller yesterday who was killed and burned in clashes in Vosloorus. Below: A police fire-fighting vehicle turns its attention on a group of "Comrades" in the main street of Kagiso.



From CLAIRE ROBERTSON
Argus Correspondent
in Pretoria

THE controversial hostel housing system blamed for much of the ongoing Reef violence exists in all but three of the 25 townships that make up the East and West Rand.

The 56 hostels in those and four Pretoria townships house just over 200 000 people, in vast complexes such as Diepmeadow's two which together sleep 29 000; or in a single 80-bed dormitory such as that at Impumelelo near Devon on the East Rand.

Of the 29 townships canvassed in an attempt to guage the extent of the hostel system, only the municipalities of Botleng near Delmas, Tsakane near Brakpan and Evaton near Vanderbijlpark do not run hostels, although a spokesman for the latter said "we use Sebokeng's".

Place to stay

The hostel violence which has claimed more than 400 lives recently has renewed calls for an end to the "single-sex" housing system, a legacy of the migrant labour system but one which still exists four years after the relevant influx control legislation was scrapped.

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council this week approved a plan to convert the huge Meadowlands complex from a dwelling for 23 000 single men into family flats housing 20 000 people.

But Reef township officials asked about similar plans stressed that hostels "fulfilled a real need".

"We are giving to a lot of homelands people a place to stay," said one East Rand Town Engineer.

Holomisa in row over 'invasion'

Star 23/8/90

ULUNDI — KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday claimed he had reliable information that members of the Transkei Defence Force had made incursions into Natal and KwaZulu townships to assist Comrades in their war against Inkatha.

The allegation was immediately denied by Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa, who challenged Chief Buthelezi to produce his evidence.

"If he has any proof of such an invasion, then he is duty bound to officially inform not only his own government but also the South African Government, who can then contact the Transkei government."

Collusion

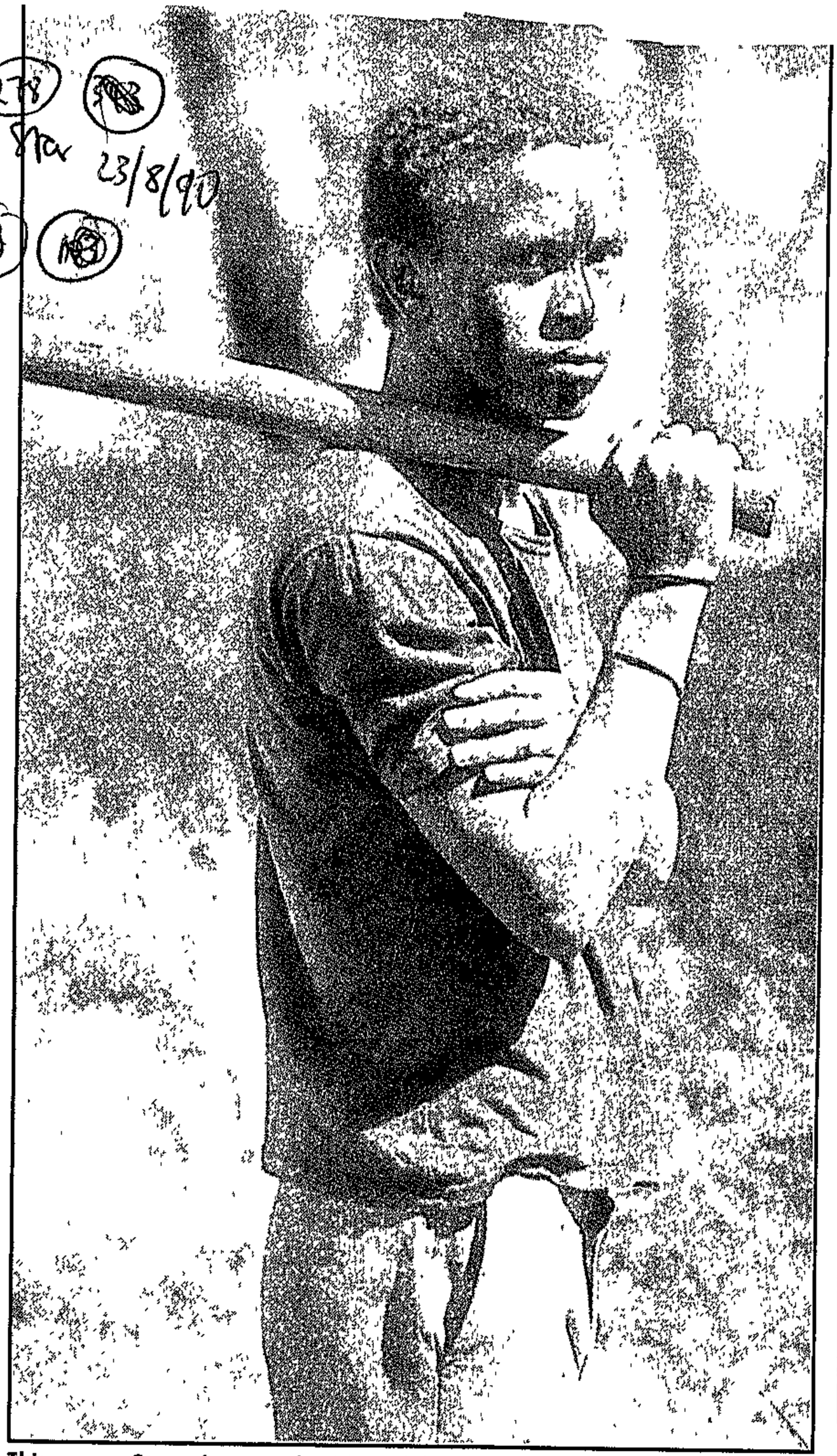
Chief Buthelezi is reported to have said at Ulundi that he was obliged to divulge information on the invasion in the light of the allegations made public by General Holomisa on Tuesday of collusion between the SAP and Inkatha impis in the strife-torn East Rand townships.

Chief Buthelezi said he had confronted General Holomisa about the role of Transkei Defence Force members during their Pretoria meeting on Tuesday and that he had not denied the allegations.

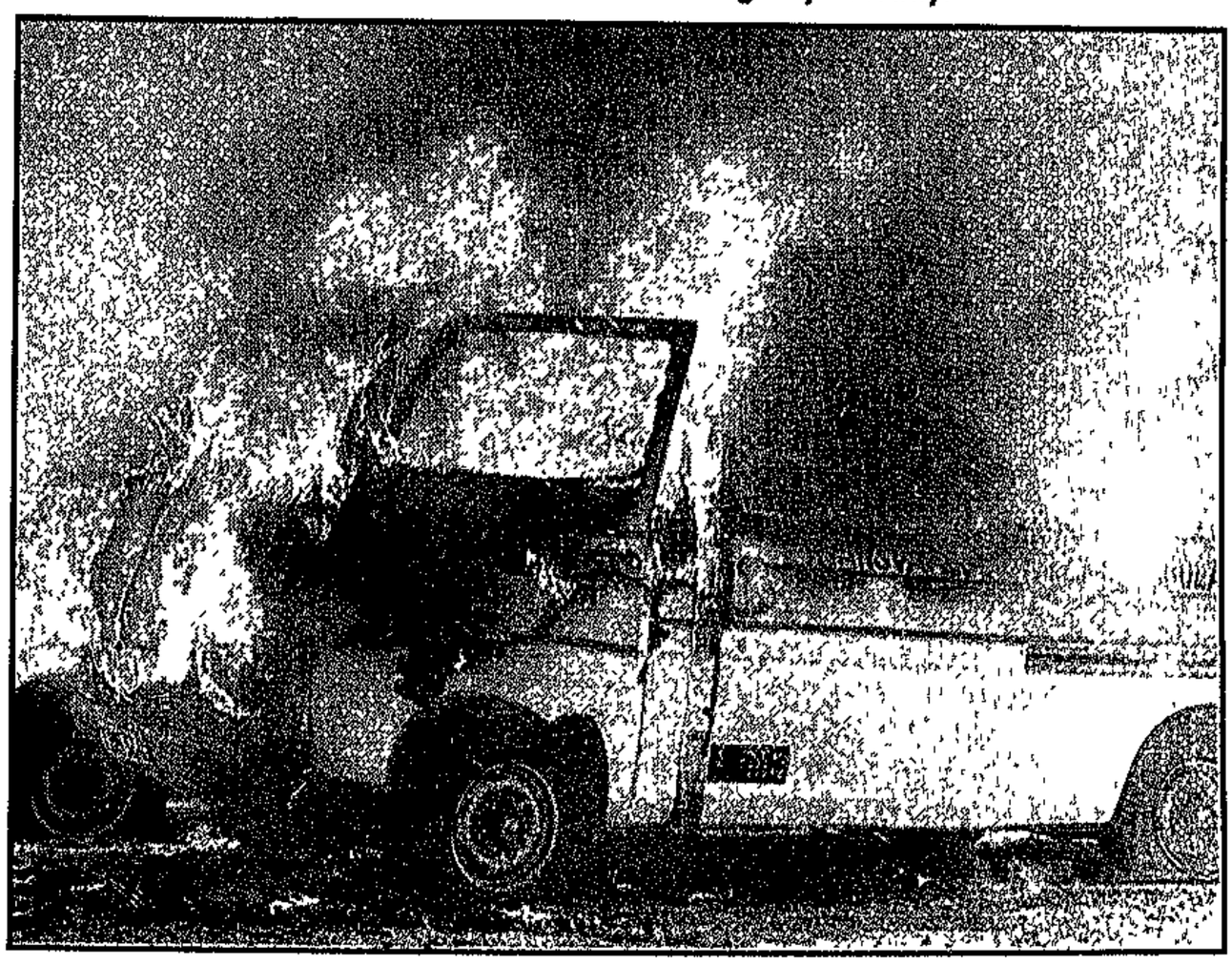
General Holomisa last night denied Chief Buthelezi's claim that during the Pretoria meeting on Tuesday he had not denied allegations concerning the role of the Transkei Defence Force.

"When I wished to challenge Buthelezi's allegations, Mr Pik Botha intervened and I was told I need only note the document."

General Holomisa reiterated that his objections, recommendations and suggestions had been ignored and that a statement prepared before the meeting had been issued instead as a joint statement to the press.



This young Comrade, armed with a club and adorned with home-made war paint, took to the streets in Kagiso yesterday.



One of two ambulances set alight at the Kagiso municipal workshop yesterday.

Police plead with Inkatha supporters in Kagiso as Comrades wait to fight. ● Pictures by Ken Oosterbroek.

Buthelezi.

Mob attacks police station

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The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — Kagiso police station on the West Rand near Krugersdorp was attacked by a large crowd today.

Police spokesman Lieutenant G H Bester said gunshots were heard near the police station and the security forces had "acted" but she refused to give details.

Lieutenant Bester admitted she did not know if the attack was still under way.

At least 510 people have died in 10 days of vicious township fighting on the Witwatersrand.

Renewed fighting in Kagiso and Chamdor on the West Rand left at least 27 dead by last night.

Spate of bloodletting

And in the worst spate of bloodletting yesterday, 42 bodies were found in Vosloorus, bringing the total death toll on the East Rand to 361, said police liaison officer Lieutenant Ida van Zweel.

Soweto police confirmed that 122 people had died by last night.

Kagiso was in flames yesterday. Houses, police vehicles and tyres in the road were burning.

Hundreds of residents had fled their homes by 7pm, fearing further attacks by Inkatha supporters living in a hostel.

Houses were vacated and there were no lights in the section of the township near the hostel. Four houses were alight.

The handful of residents still in the area said Inkatha warriors were responsible.

Colonel J Jonker negotiated with leaders of Inkatha who agreed to go back inside the hostel, although many complained bitterly, begging police to give them an hour "to show the ANC we are strong".

Colonel Jonker appealed to Inkatha to down their sharp weapons and carry only traditional fighting sticks and knobkerries.

ANC supporters ran riot through the township yesterday, burning down council property and houses where Inkatha people stayed.

"I have to fight"

Youths petrol-bombed the Kagiso Technical Department, gutting the buildings and burning out

Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus

FAITH: Mr John Afrika of Kraaifontein, who will climb Kalk Bay mountain tomorrow to pray for an end to unrest

Grenade blast: 'insurgent' arrested

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The Argus Correspondent

A 30-year-old trained guerrilla was arrested by the police hours after a Soviet-made hand-grenade attack in Soweto.

One policeman was killed and another seriously injured yesterday when two men approached a patrolling police vehicle and indicated they wanted to speak to the policemen inside the vehicle.

When the driver opened his window, a grenade was tossed inside.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the man had been arrested near the attack on the vehicle, which took place shortly after midnight.

After questioning the suspect, police determined he had been trained in terrorism overseas.

● Several AK-47 rifle bullets were fired into a patrolling police van in Soweto last night. No one was injured in the attack which took place about midnight. The police van was patrolling when shots were fired from a moving vehicle. Several AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

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Three policemen save man from death by impi

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From MONTSHIWA MOROKE
The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The life of a man from Kagiso 1, Krugersdorp, hung precariously between about 100 men chanting a battle cry and three young policemen.

After what he went through, Mr Andries Lebeko, 57, will no doubt slaughter a beast to thank his ancestors when he is discharged from hospital.

Mr Lebeko's wife, Louisa, cried with relief as a Red Cross ambulance arrived and her husband was given first aid and taken away to safety.

Mrs Lebeko said her husband, a pensioner, was on his way to the home of a relative when he was attacked for the first time, possibly by one man or more.

I was among a group of reporters who arrived on the scene. We noticed a man lying under a wheelbarrow, near the fence of a yard, and took no more notice of him as a large Inkatha impi came up the road.

Minutes later the chanting group, moving in rythmic fashion, drew nearer and stood face-to-face with three policemen with shotguns and handguns on their hips. The men were all wearing red headbands and singing what was undoubtedly a war cry.

They were carrying sticks, steel pipes, homemade axes, spears, assegais and possibly firearms. They looked menacing.

One of the policemen came over to us and said: "Can you please move because these men want to attack that man lying there."

He was referring to the man in overalls who was lying forlornly on the grass next to his wheelbarrow, which contained pieces of wood. He fearfully lifted his head from time to time. He was waiting to die.

I helplessly looked at the man and felt a chill run through my body.

The men drew so close that I thought they were going to overrun the three policemen and bludgeon the man to death. The policemen gestured to them to get back and they did.

Mr Lebeko already had a head wound and had been stabbed in the chest and back.

The men had come to finish him off. Had it not been for the policemen he would have been as good as dead.

Last night a Leratong Hospital spokesman said the man had been admitted and was not on the danger list.

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Summit soon?

JOHANNESBURG. — As the township death toll soared yesterday, the ANC indicated the possibility of a direct meeting between Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

ANC executive member Mr Pallo Jordan announced at a press briefing the formation of a special four-person commission to look into the possibility of such a meeting.

It coincided with a statement by President F W de Klerk late yesterday that high-level delegations from the ANC and Inkatha are to meet soon in an attempt to overcome difficulties preventing a meeting between their leaders.

Policeman killed

He also said "additional measures" to curb the violence would be implemented.

Meanwhile, police struggled again yesterday to keep warring factions apart in Vosloorus and other townships surrounding Johannesburg and came under increasing attacks themselves.

In Soweto a policeman, Constable S Ntunduna was killed and Constable R Ntsile critically wounded when a handgrenade was flung at their vehicle

At Tembisa, people who gathered in the streets were ordered by police to hand over their weapons When they refused police fired teargas to disperse them and collected 15 petrol bombs and other homemade weapons.

At Daveyton petrol bombs were thrown at the police who replied by firing rubber bullets.

Three more bodies discovered in Vosloorus last night brought the death toll after 10 days of violence in East Rand townships to 361

Police earlier reported thadt a total of 122 people had died in Soweto with 27 deaths in Kagiso on the West Rand More than 446 people had been injured in Soweto.

This brings the total death toll after the 10 days of fighting on the Witwatersrand to 510

The ANC commission announced yesterday consists of executive members Mr John Nkadimeng, Mr Thabo Mbeki, Ms Getrude Shope and Mr Jacob Zuma, head of intelligence and one of the few significant Zulu leaders in the ANC.

"We want to announce that the specialised comm sion is investigating discussions with Inkatha wit view to having a meeting at a very high level with Ch Buthelezi to address the question of violence," Jordan said.

"I want it understood that the high-level meeting d not necessarily imply a meeting between Gatsha But lezi and .. Nelson Mandela," Mr Jordan said.

"But at the same time understand also that it does exclude that."

In his statement, Mr De Klerk said that after hold discussions with Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi believed both leaders shared his concern about violence that started in Natal and has since sw through the Witwatersrand

Decisive role

The ANC and Inkatha accused each other of playi decisive role in this violence, he said.

He had urged the two leaders "to overcome imp ments in the way of dialogue between the rele movements at leadership level

"I have now been informed that high-level del tions from both sides will meet shortly in an effo make progress towards this end"

Mr De Klerk said it was of decisive importance such a meeting took place as soon as possible.

"It should result in definite steps and a plan of ac to bring to an end the unnecessary conflict at a t

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Tutu calls for peacekeeping force in townships

Archbishop Tutu

JOHANNESBURG. — Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday called for an international peacekeeping force to be deployed to end the township war.

"What we require at the present time is a kind of Untag," he said.

Speaking in Soweto, he said such a force would be needed for as long as white-led police were seen by blacks to be biased.

Archbishop said revenge was fuelling the 10-day-old conflict.

"If you allow the law of an eye for an eye very soon the only people around are going to be blind," he said.

"We are calling for tolerance, tolerance, tolerance and yet more tolerance People must not seek to take revenge We are making an appeal to our people, please, yes, defend yourselves, but don't pay back."

He said the Anglican Church was setting aside next Monday for prayer and fasting for an end to the fighting.

Tacitly aligning himself with the ANC position, Archbishop Tutu said a meeting between Mr Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi should be seen as a last resort. He warned that if such a meeting failed it could be disastrous.

● In a hardline statement last night the ANC said their people in the Transvaal townships had lost confidence in the police They accused sections of the government and police of "destabilisation" and called on branches throughout the country "to build formidable organisations with a view to defending themselves". — Sapa-Reuter

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when all responsible leaders have declared their commitment to peaceful solutions."

He rejected suggestions that the SAP was to blame for the violence.

● Chief Buthelezi and Transkei leader General Bantu Holomisa yesterday pursued their war of words.

Chief Buthelezi claimed that members of the Transkei Defence Force made incursions into Natal and KwaZulu townships to assist "comrades" in their war against Inkatha.

Chief Buthelezi said at Ulundi that he was obliged to divulge this information in the light of the allegations made public by General Holomisa on Tuesday of collusion between the police and Inkatha impis in the strife-torn East Rand townships.

General Holomisa in turn denied allegations that his troops had invaded Natal and said it was a figment of Chief Buthelezi's imagination.

● The government also yesterday dismissed as "not true" General Holomisa's contention that he was not allowed to propose amendments to a joint government-Inkatha-Transkei peace statement read out by Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha on Tuesday.

General Holomisa said in a statement yesterday that the reason he had decided to unilaterally release his own working document which criticised the role of the police in the Reef conflict "can solely be ascribed to a ready prepared press statement by the South African government even before we had started deliberations, let alone reaching agreement on any issue".

He added that he would not allow the government to treat him, as it did other homeland leaders, "like a piccanin".

However, a spokesman for Mr Botha dismissed suggestions that General Homolisa had been forced to rubber-stamp a pre-prepared peace statement without making an input.

The draft statement Mr Botha took to the meeting was amended in the light of the talks with General Holomisa and Chief Buthelezi and all three agreed that the amended version should be read to the press afterwards, the spokesman said.

Mr Botha said yesterday that if the three parties could agree to the peace statement, more could do so.

"The document is based on principles that I believe every South African could endorse."

● Mr Mandela is due to visit Norway from August 25 to 31 and is then expected to go on a week's holiday.

● Dr Beyers Naude said yesterday that Mr Mandela should not be pressured into meeting Chief Buthelezi until certain preconditions had been met. He declined to elaborate on these preconditions. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Reef war: hospital crisis

Star 23/8/90 (278)

By Helen Grange

Hospitals near strife-torn townships on the Reef are bedding people on the floors as more and more bloodied victims of the Inkatha-ANC violence pour in.

Casualty wards at Tembisa, Natalspruit and the Far East hospitals have been packed to capacity in the last week and doctors have been working overtime to cope with the influx of patients.

Tembisa Hospital, which was disrupted by a work stoppage by white staffers on Tuesday, has also had to deal with scores of patients transferred from Natalspruit Hospital.

"We have put the orthopaedic (bone injuries) patients on the floor to accommodate the other casualties," said Dr Izak Joubert, superintendent of Tembisa Hospital.

A group of representatives of the TPA visited the hospital yesterday to discuss problems.

Tembisa Hospital has admitted more than 20 dead-on-arrival victims since Sunday, most of whom died of bullet wounds.

"Bullet wounds are very common," said Dr Joubert.

A doctor at Natalspruit said the hospital could deal with only 1 000 patients a day.

"What do we do with 200 more? We are putting them on the floors."

The doctor said injuries were mostly the result of bullets.

"We had one patient with an axe through his head. And there have been patients attacked with pangas. These injuries look the worst," he said.

At the Far East Rand Hospital near Springs, the casualty section has quietened down.

The senior surgeon at Baragwanath Hospital, Dr Bernard Rabinowitz, said that last Friday he had seen between 90 and 100 patients as a result of the bloodshed.

Lebanon warning

South 23/8 - 29/8/90

By CHIARA CARTER

IS South Africa about to become another Lebanon?

As the bitter violence which has engulfed the Witwatersrand continues to spread, this question is uppermost in many people's minds.

Already the fierce fighting has cost more lives than were lost at the height of the state of emergency and observers say there is a strong possibility that the battles will spread to other places in the Transvaal.

While the ANC and Cosatu blame Inkatha and the police for fanning the flames — a charge which both Inkatha and the police vehemently deny — armed groupings are attacking each other.

Some observers see the seeds for the formation of rival militias and a total breakdown of law and order.

Mass support

Mr Lloyd Vogelman, director of the Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand, says the lessons of other conflicts throughout the world cannot be ignored.

"Both the Contras in Nicaragua and the MNR in Mozambique used violence as a primary tactic and in both cases built up support through the use of violence. You do not need mass support to embark on mass violence," Vogelman warned.

"In Lebanon, one saw a situation where there was a breakdown in law and order. People resorted to informal retribution, which spiralled into civil war.

"If South Africa does not solve the violence in the next two weeks, we are in deep trouble".

Vogelman said it was imperative for a political settlement to be reached quickly so that programmes of national reconstruction could begin.

To stop the violence like that which has cost thousands of lives in Natal becoming endemic, it was important that informal retribution stop.

Nothing to lose

Vogelman said this would occur only if there was "fair and unbiased policing" and if the courts were "beefed up" so that people had faith in the system of justice and were encouraged to report cases.

He said the unequal distribution of resources and resultant competition was a key factor which encouraged the intensification of violence. It was therefore vital that apartheid be removed.

"Many of those involved in the fighting feel they have nothing to lose. If they had faith in the future and a stake in society, this would lessen the violence," Vogelman said.

Meanwhile, the ANC and Cosatu have formed a "joint task force" to look at ways of calming the situation.

Mission

The ANC NEC's special committee on Natal has extended its scope to include the Transvaal.

The committee includes Thabo Mbeki, Gertrude Shope, Jacob Zuma and John Nkadimeng.

The MDM-aligned traditional leaders' organisation, Contralesa, intends visiting the hostels on the Witwatersrand this weekend on a peacekeeping mission

A meeting earlier this week between General Bantu Holomisa of the Transkei, Kwazulu chief minister Gatsha Buthelezi and the South African government issued a joint statement calling on all leaders to work together to end the bloodshed.

There are strong signs that Holomisa, who delivered a strongly-worded memorandum attacking Inkatha, the police and the SABC, represented an ANC viewpoint.

Peace forum

The meeting's recommendations included a joint monitoring commission which would include representatives of all parties.

Another possible avenue for peace is the joint forum between Cosatu, the UDF and Inkatha which is scheduled to meet next week.

Buthelezi says Inkatha officials are talking to the ANC at a local level and Inkatha officials have been to the townships to try to restore peace.

Meanwhile, there is increasing pressure on ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela to meet with Buthelezi.

The ANC has up to now rejected such a meeting on the grounds that Buthelezi is orchestrating the violence — a view strongly supported by the ANC militants.

The churches have also called for peace.

This week, Archbishop Desmond Tutu jetted back to South Africa on a peace-keeping mission.

South African Council of Churches (SACC) general secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane, has announced that the church is looking at ways to restore peace.

The Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference (SACBC) has strongly condemned the violence and in the Eastern Cape, the East Cape Council of Churches is focusing on peace for this month of compassion. Special church services will take place in Kwazakehele and Mitchells Plain this weekend.

Both the ANC and the government have good reason to want peace restored quickly. The violence can destroy the negotiation process.

Abandon

The Witwatersrand — as the centre of South Africa's industry and commerce — is a key region and the continued fighting is undermining international confidence while strengthening the rightwing.

The ANC's local structures are being undermined, the organisation is losing Zulu support and faces pressure from its militants to abandon the ceasefire.

SOUTH 23-29/8/90

'Launching pads' for attacks

THE hostels which house thousands of migrant workers in the Witwatersrand have been the flashpoint for the internecine fighting in townships in the area.

Why are the hostels so pivotal to the violence?

A Cosatu information department discussion paper issued earlier this month says the hostels provide a "natural launching pad" for what the paper terms a "deliberate and coordinated strategy of spreading the Natal violence to the Transvaal".

The paper says there is an organised base for Inkatha within the hostels, where tribal hierarchies and loyalties allow Inkatha to exert authority over people not necessarily their members.

The paper points out that the closed nature of the hostels, where there are large concentrations of single men, creates a "perfect terrain for coercion and forced recruitment". South 23/8-29/8/90

The paper says this terrain allows for rapid mobilisation, instant meetings and the preparation and launching of armed attacks. (278)

Mr Lloyd Vogelman, director of the Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand, agrees that the hostels lend themselves to organisation.

Vogelman says there is an enclosed space in the hostels where people who share a similar experience gather daily. This is different from organising in the broad community.

"The hostels serve as a military barracks from where attacks are planned and orchestrated and as fortresses where dwellers can retreat under attack," he said.

The Cosatu paper argues that the separation of hostels from the townships and tensions between township residents and hostel dwellers creates the potential for an Inkatha offensive to take on the appearance of a conflict between hostel dwellers and residents.

Vogelman says there is no doubt that people involved in the conflict see themselves in terms of an ethnic identity — a factor which he says is partly a legacy of apartheid which has fostered ethnic identities and groups.

In political terms, this has translated into clashes between supporters of the ANC and Inkatha.

Migrant Zulu workers have carried the experience of the Natal civil war with them to the Transvaal.

Vogelman emphasised that — unlike in previous conflict — the fighting did not begin "spontaneously".

He agreed there was a general trend of competition between hostel dwellers and township residents.

Resent

The hostel dwellers live in poor and overcrowded living conditions without privacy or family life — all tension-inducing factors.

While they are the lowest rung of workers, they have jobs — unlike many in the broader community where there is mass unemployment.

Vogelman said many unemployed resented the migrants for taking jobs they could otherwise have had.

Shack dwellers, many of whom are Xhosa, also live in appalling conditions and are often unemployed.

They have what Vogelman terms a "defensive attitude" as they are a community constantly under threat of displacement.

These factors provide a foundation for violence which — once begun — is difficult to stop.

FATAL SHOT: A victim of the violence in Transvaal townships lies sprawled next to his handgun while policemen stand guard nearby

Death toll tops 50

South 23/8-29/8/90

THE death toll in the Witwatersrand violence has passed the 500 mark. (278)

Almost 100 deaths were reported by the police on Wednesday after a Tuesday night figure of 405.

Fresh outbreaks of violence at Vosloorus on the East Rand on Wednesday morning, claimed the lives of more than 70 people.

Prayers to end violence

AN ecumenical church service to pray for a stop to the current wave of violence will be held at Christ the Redeemer Church, Park Avenue, Westridge, Mitchells Plain on Sunday.

The service will be preceded by a project exhibition at 2pm. The actual service will take place from 3pm to 5pm.

Mandela and Buthelezi 'could be included'

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ANC-Inkatha talks soon

By Peter Fabricius and Esmaré van der Merwe

High-level African National Congress and Inkatha delegations — possibly including ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — will meet soon in a bid to end the spiralling Transvaal and Natal township violence.

President de Klerk said in a statement yesterday he had been informed that the delegations would try to establish dialogue between the two movements at leadership level in a bid to end the violence.

And the ANC yesterday confirmed that it was starting discussions with a view to high-level talks with Inkatha.

The talks would not necessarily involve Mr Mandela, but this had not been excluded, executive member Pallo Jordan told a press briefing in Johannesburg.

Chief Buthelezi could also be included, he said.

Mr de Klerk said he had received the news of the meeting after his in-depth discussions with Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi about the violence in Natal and on the Witwatersrand — "in which the ANC and Inkatha accuse each other of playing the leading role".

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Mr de Klerk said it was of decisive importance that the meeting took place as soon as possible.

"It should result in definite steps and a plan of action to bring to an end the unnecessary conflict at a time when all responsible leaders have declared their commitment to peaceful solutions.

Outcome awaited

"I am awaiting the outcome of this meeting."

Mr de Klerk said that in his meetings with Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi he had repeated his "deep concern about the violence and I insisted that the violence be brought to an end through strong leadership from all sides.

"I believe both leaders share my concern and agree on the need for peace to be fully restored."

Mr de Klerk said that in the meantime the Government was giving attention to additional measures to curb the violence and to restore law and order.

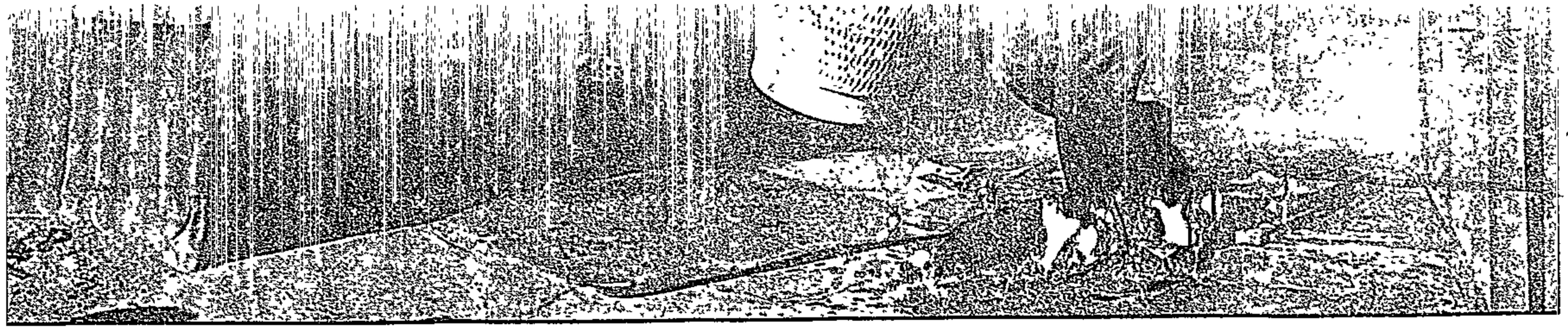
He added: "I also strongly reject the persistent efforts from some quarters to blame the present spate of violence on the police.

"Similarly unfounded allegations of partisanship on the part of the police should come to an end."

In later comment, Mr de Klerk said the meeting of the Inkatha-ANC high-level delegations was not taking place at his initiative.

The ANC said yesterday its initiative to establish the high-level talks with Inkatha would be undertaken by a high-powered four-person ANC commission on violence set up last month.

This is one of several initiatives launched recently by the ANC and its allies to restore peace in the townships.



Kagiso flashpoint . . . with the township in flames in a day of bloodletting that pushed up the death toll on the East Rand to 361, a Kagiso resident, near Lewisham Hostel, removes his belongings and joins hundreds of other fleeing residents. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Mob attacks police station

Staff Reporters

The focal point today in the Reef township conflict — in which at least 510 people have died — is Kagiso on the West Rand as a mob attacked the police station and police reinforcements were sent to the township.

No immediate reports of casualties had been received at the time of going to press.

A police spokesman said shots were fired during the attack, which started at about 7.30 am.

"It is not known at this stage which group is attacking the police," the spokesman said.

The attack comes after 27 people died and at least 20 were injured in violence in Kagiso and Chamdor, near Krugersdorp, yesterday.

Today's attack in Kagiso is the second against a police installation. Yesterday, the SAP Operations Room in Vosloorus on the East Rand was attacked twice.

For the first time since the fighting erupted last Monday, East Rand and Soweto police reported a quiet night and said at the time of going to press today that the death toll had not risen.

There was heavy fighting in Chamdor and Kagiso yesterday and last night.

And in Vosloorus, 42 bodies were found, bringing the total death toll on the East Rand to 361, said police spokesman Lieutenant Ida van Zweel.

Soweto police confirmed that 122 people had died there by last night.

Parts of Kagiso were in flames yesterday with houses and police vehicles burning.

Hundreds of Kagiso 1 residents had fled their homes by 7 pm, fearing further attacks by Inkatha supporters from Lewisham hostel.

Police fired birdshot at a crowd after a 13-year-old girl threw a petrol bomb at policemen at about 6 pm. She and 10 other people were injured in the skirmishes.

Police said that yesterday afternoon they persuaded hundreds of armed Inkatha warriors intent on attacking a group of young "comrades" down the road to return to the Lewisham hostel.

Comrades ran riot through the township yesterday, burning down council property and houses where Inkatha people stayed.

At Vosloorus, 37 bodies were discovered after bloody clashes. A further five were found last night.

A petrol bomb was hurled at a police Casspir, and two AK-47 rifles were left behind by the mob that attacked the Vosloorus police station.

Two people were found dead in Tembisa last night.

A policeman was killed and another injured in Soweto when a grenade was thrown into a police van. A man was arrested.

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Zambia refinery shut down

LUSAKA — Zambia's main state-owned refinery was shut down as oil supplies from the Gulf dried up, officials said yesterday.

Workers were sent home when the plant at Ndola closed on Tuesday, refinery spokesman Salvatore Miele said.

He said Zambia might begin rationing fuel soon.

Panic buying has worsened the domestic fuel shortage.

Last Sunday, the government increased petrol prices by about 50 percent.

● Uganda's Energy Minister, Richard Kaijuka, told parliament on Tuesday that prices of all petroleum products would rise by up to 17 percent immediately.

● US crude soared above $30 a barrel yesterday to its highest levels in nearly five years. — Sapa-AP.

● Gulf crisis — Pages 4, 5 and 20.

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Crackdown on people carrying weapons

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'Mini emergency areas' plan

Political Correspondent and Staff Reporters

The Government is considering imposing "mini states of emergency" in the worst-hit black townships, in an effort to curb the spiralling violence.

Informed sources believe the troubled townships may be declared "unrest areas" under Section 5(a) of the Public Safety Act, giving authorities extremely wide powers to clamp down on unrest.

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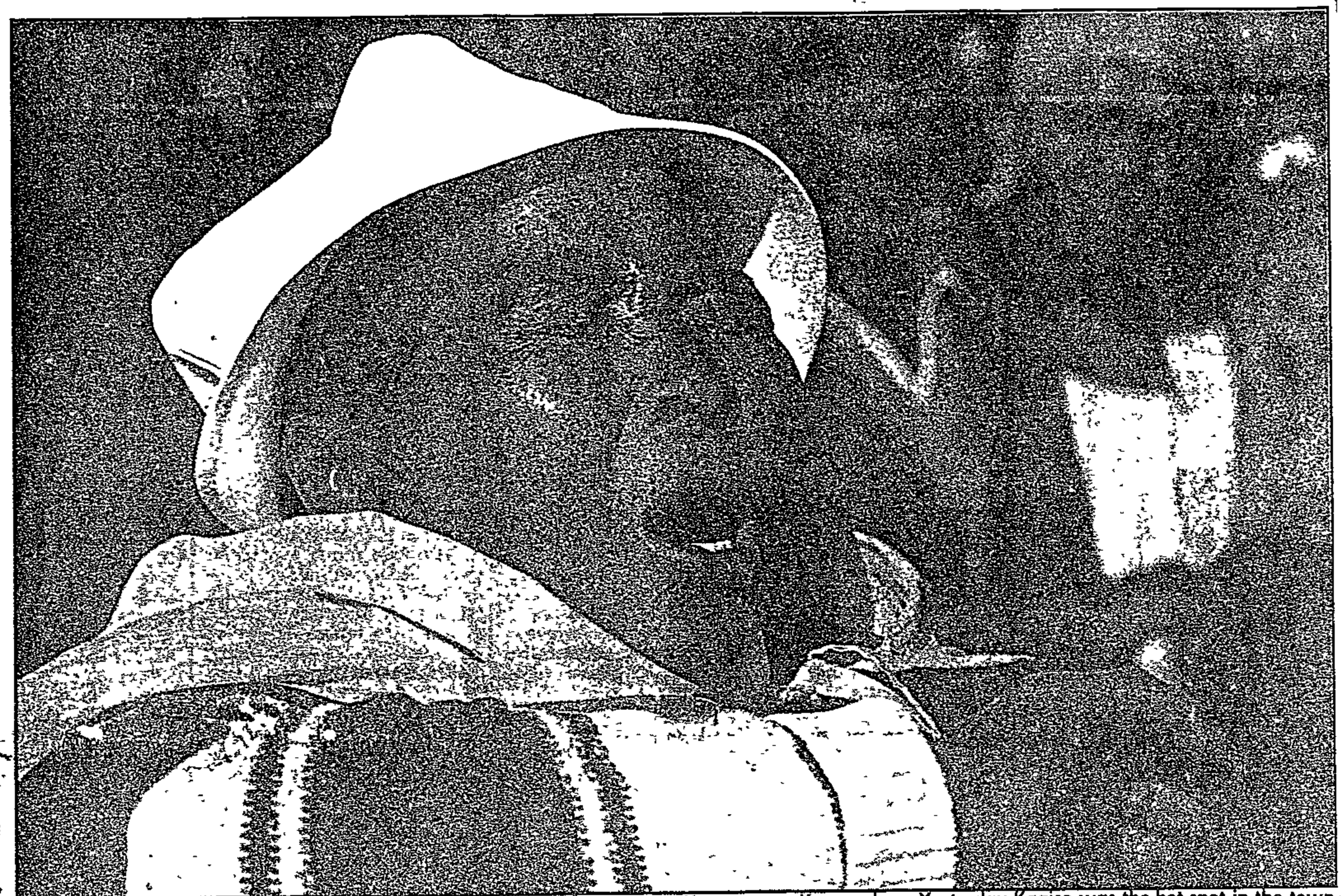

A tearful prayer . . . a woman sobs as she and others pray for peace in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp. Yesterday Kagiso was the hot spot in the townships war, with police engaged in running battles with mobs. ● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

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Amid signs that the violence is starting to abate, more Citizen Force troops have been called up in support of police to quell the Reef township fighting which has so far claimed more than 500 lives.

Today, the situation was described by police spokesman as quiet but tense on the West Rand, calm on the East Rand and quiet in Soweto.

The charred remains of a person were found on a mine dump near the Kagiso police station during the night.

This brings the total number of dead in the township to 32, with 33 injured.

Groups were gathering in the township's streets this morning but were being kept apart by a large contingent of police, who have thrown a ring of barbed wire around Kagiso Drive hostel to prevent more fighting.

Isolated

On the East Rand, 11 people died yesterday, through the night and this morning, bringing the total death toll in 11 days of fighting in the area to 351, police said.

"These seem to have been isolated incidents," said an East Rand police spokesman today.

"It is calm this morning and it really seems the violence is starting to decrease," the police spokesman added.

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'End violence with peace demos'

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By Kaizer Nyatsumba, Political Staff

The president of the South African Institute of Race Relations, the Rev Stanley Mogoba, yesterday called for a national peace summit involving all the major organisations involved in the ongoing violence in the country, and offered to act in the role of a facilitator in order to bring conflicting parties together.

Delivering his annual presidential address in Johannesburg last night, Dr Mogoba said a common vision of a newly reconstructed South Africa which would be "a powerful force in bringing about unity and harmony" was needed.

A peace summit, to be attended by all organisations implicated in the endemic violence which had claimed hundreds of lives since it started in Natal more than four years ago, would have to be followed up by demonstrations of peace by these organisations' leaders.

They would have to address mass meetings jointly in the country's major metropolitan centres.

Dr Mogoba said there were those who did not want to see blacks talking to each other, arguing that "unpardonable sins have been committed by the parties in the dispute".

This, he said, was not the way to make peace.

Negotiations were necessary to terminate a dispute for the very reason that the parties in the dispute did not agree, were not friends and had been locked in mutual combat.

"I suggest that what we need are thousands of ANC, Inkatha, PAC and Azapo marshals to be seen acting together in a disciplined fashion in the streets," said Dr Mogoba.

The SAIRR president also warned that the violence in the country could become unstoppable if nothing were done soon. This could cause political reform to grind to a halt.

Dr Mogoba said it appeared there was a small minority of people stirring up ideological or tribal animosities.

They then stood back to watch the results of their machinations with glee.

It was difficult to see how anybody could derive satisfaction from "such demonic exer cises".

Dr Mogoba also praised President de Klerk for his courage. He said Mr de Klerk had risked losing his temporal power in the knowledge that he would never cease to be a spiritual leader, "which is stronger than any force of arms".

The Rev Stanley Mogoba.

Killings 'incredibly difficult to stop'

By Helen Grange (278) Star 24/8/90

The cycle of violence that has started in the Transvaal townships may take months to subside, Lloyd Vogelman, director of the University of the Witwatersrand's Project for the Study of Violence, has said.

Speculating on the future pattern of the most concentrated violence in South Africa since World War 2, Mr Vogelman yesterday said the killings would now be "incredibly difficult" to stop.

"With the death toll at over 500, there are literally thousands of people who have been affected. The repercussions of such an outburst are enormous.

"There is enormous resentment and a desire for retribution. A lull in the conflict only means that people are reorganising strategies for further battle," he said.

Mr Vogelman warned that should the violence subside soon, it would mean only that the next phase of conflict would happen sooner.

"The tragedy of Natal is that police were not seen to be exercising law and order. In situations like this it is essential for police to act fairly," said Mr Vogelman.

He added that the conflict raging in Witwatersrand townships therefore needed urgent resolution through the judicial system.

Fearful residents show they are unarmed as they walk towards a police patrol outside Kagiso hostel yesterday afternoon. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Britain urges peace talks

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The Star Bureau

LONDON — The British government has urged African National Congress leaders and Inkatha to hold talks on township violence.

However, an ANC spokesman yesterday dismissed suggestions that a meeting between ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi could end the conflict.

D B Naidoo, a London representative of the ANC, was speaking in a BBC-TV debate with Inkatha's Ben Skosana.

Interviewer Nicholas Witchell suggested that Mr Mandela should meet Chief Buthelezi. "I don't think so," replied Mr Naidoo. "I think we must address the causes and those responsible."

Asked who that was, he said: "I think the conditions that have created the violence must be laid at the doors of both Inkatha and the security forces."

ANC sets out conditions for ending bloodshed

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JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa could only be saved from more bloodshed and suffering if all parties strictly adhered to the provisions of the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes.

This was the message of a strongly-worded letter from the ANC and allied organisations addressed to the State President and the Ministers of Law and Order, Defence and Justice.

The letter called for:

- The immediate release of Mr Mac Maharaj, Mr Issack Ditshego, Mr Cassel Mathale, Mr Ephraim Mogale and all other political detainees held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.
- The immediate scrapping of the Internal Security Act, Public Safety Act and all other "repressive laws".
- The immediate withdrawal of troops from villages and townships.
- An end to all harassment and torture by police, SADF and State-sponsored vigilantes.
- An end to detentions without trial.
- An immediate dismantling of all vigilante groups and the prosecution of "war lords".
- An end to police assistance of groups which promote violence.
- The right to free political activity.

Meanwhile the death toll in Soweto has risen to 123 following the discovery by police of another body at a hostel.

This brings the death toll, after 10 days of fighting in townships on the Witwatersrand, to 501.

Police figures Wednesday indicated the toll was 510, but a revision of the East Rand death count showed an error, according to East Rand police liaison officer Lieutenant Ida van Zweel.

The revised total of deaths for the East Rand stood at 346, she said yesterday following the discovery of six bodies in Tokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tembisa.

On Wednesday night she said the East Rand total was 361.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday visited Tokoza, the scene of some of the fiercest fighting.

One of the purposes of the visit to Tokoza was for Archbishop Tutu and his clerical companions from the SA Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane and Dr Xhoza Mgojo, to gain first-hand knowledge of the situation in preparation for planned talks with President De Klerk.

Addressing journalists Dr Mgojo, who comes from Natal, said: "There seems to be the same pattern of police involvement." Judging from what "the people" had said, the police were encouraging the violence, he remarked.

Mr Chikane said: "The people say the problem is not Inkatha. The people are saying the problem is the police." — The Argus Correspondent and Sapa.

Frightened women flee to ANC offices

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By Monica Nicolson

A group of frightened women fled from the West Rand township of Kagiso to the ANC headquarters in central Johannesburg yesterday to seek refuge from alleged Inkatha attacks.

But after a two-hour wait on the pavement outside the office they were told to go home because ANC chairman Walter Sisulu had gone to the township "to talk peace".

The women said they were bewildered and that their leaders had failed them.

Woman shot dead while sitting on sofa

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Among the tragedies that occurred in Kagiso township yesterday was the shooting of a woman and a youth.

Mrs Iris Nzimani was shot dead while sitting on a sofa in her house when police fired birdshot at a group of youths in the street.

News photographer Alf Kumalo said he saw a policeman firing at a fleeing youth, after which he shouted: "Ek het hom gekry" ("I've got him").

"The policeman started kicking the wounded boy and chased away a woman who tried to give him water," Mr Kumalo said.

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While waiting for an ambulance — it took an hour to arrive — another policeman gave the youth, Alfred Xegwana, first aid.

The policeman's nametag and the registration number of his vehicle were noted.

A Pretoria police spokesman said: "It appears to be the norm these days for people to make affidavits to lawyers, journalists etcetera, but not to the police who finally investigate the allegations.

"It is absolutely essential that such affidavits are made to the police as soon as possible after the alleged incident in order that a speedy and thorough investigation be launched.

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VITAL WITNESS

"The complainant is advised to furnish his information in affidavit form to his nearest police station immediately as he appearst to be a vital witness in this case.

"The SAP will not condone any unlawful actions by its members and we wish to thoroughly investigate these allegations."

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Buthelezi's rift with prince widens

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DURBAN. — The rift between Kwazulu Chief Minister Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi and rebel Prince Israel Mcwayizeni Zulu is widening, with the prince this week distancing himself from the affairs of the Kwazulu "Bantustan".

The statement comes in the wake of Press statements by the renegade prince that he was barring Dr Buthelezi from interfering or involving himself in the affairs of the Zulu royal family.

And yesterday the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa announced that it was sending 30 senior chiefs from Natal, Ciskei and the Transkei to hostels on the Witwatersrand to stop fighting degenerating into Zulu/Xhosa war.

Contralesa has been criticised by the Kwazulu leader, Dr Buthelezi, as "a spear in the heart of Zulu unity" and as an organisation aimed at sowing discord between KwaZulu and Inkatha officials.

Prince Zulu said today that by virtue of his relationship to the king of the Zulus, King Zwelithini Goodwill Zulu, it was his duty to attend to the affairs of the Zulu royal family.

Chamber warns of 'wasteland' if violence continues

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By Michael Chester

The entire southern African subcontinent would be reduced to the status of an "economic wasteland" unless the current wave of violence was halted, the SA Chamber of Business warned yesterday.

Sacob deputy director-general Ron Haywood said an end to political unrest was crucial to the faster economic tempo needed to generate the millions of new jobs required to counter the threat of still worse unemployment and ensure better living standards for everyone.

Mr Haywood delivered the keynote address at a conference held by the Security Association to review trends.

He said the rate of economic growth in South Africa, down to zero at the moment, needed to be boosted to at least 5 per cent a year even to keep abreast of current demands, let alone clear the backlog in education and social services.

The ultimate success of the reform process depended on progress on the economic front as well as political solutions.

"The sooner the various parties settle down and decide on their leaders and their strategy, and move forward in an orderly fashion towards political debate, the better."

South Africa, he said, had to set an example to the continent in showing how economic growth was an essential ingredient in any formula for stability.

Innocent victim of police birdshot

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By Musa Mapisa

Among the tragedies that occurred in Kagiso township yesterday was the shooting of a middle-aged woman and a youth.

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While waiting for an ambulance, another policeman gave the injured youth, Alfred Xegwana, first-aid treatment.

The name tag on the policeman's jacket was Merrick. The vehicle in which he travelled had the registration number BFS327T.

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Soweto's killing fields

Hundreds have died in the township war raging on the Reef and many have been left homeless.
MONDLI MAKHANYA spent a night in Soweto during the height of the war — and reports on the conflicts between the warring parties

A NIGHT in Soweto at the height of the Reef township war: youths man burning barricades in the streets, migrant workers holed up in their hostels stay awake discussing ways of fending off an expected imminent attack by township youths and panic-stricken families flee their homes as rumours that "the Zulus are coming" sweep the township.

Soweto that night was relatively quiet, a sharp contrast to the chaos that had reigned in the township earlier that day when full-scale battle raged between Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers and township "comrades", leaving scores dead.

The township streets resembled a war zone, with barricades erected by youths earlier in the day still in evidence. They were varied — a double bed frame on its side with branches stuck in the centre; rubbish bins loaded with stones; filled-up coal wagons parked across intersections near the Jabulani coalyards.

Police were very visible, battling to manoeuvre their Casspirs, "mellow yellow" vans and Ford Sierras around the boulders, car wrecks and burning tyres stretched across the roads.

There was the occasional gunshot from somewhere in the dark but nobody seemed to take any notice.

The "comrades" standing around the burning tyres on a road in Naledi, scene of some of the fiercest clashes in the war, appeared excited by the prospect of "engaging the enemy". A young man said he would readily kill an Inkatha member because "they attack our people on the trains and they've stoned and stolen from our houses".

Brandishing weaponry which ranged from bush knives and glinting swords to petrol bombs (and perhaps an unseen variety of a more lethal nature), they insisted the hostel would no longer be standing if it were not for police intervention.

"We know Inkatha has guns but we also have our own 'material'. But when we try to attack the hostel the police always jump to Inkatha's aid and shoot teargas and bullets in our direction. They never do this to the Inkatha people when they stone and burn our houses," said a "comrade".

Another interjected: "If the police find us here now they will fire teargas at us but they won't do the same thing at the hostel where the Zulus are also camping, just like us."

A few hundred metres away at Merafe Hostel, men kept guard at doorways and holes in the hostel wall. The hole provided great cover. From outside, one could just barely make out figures lurking in the darkness. The men in the dark dared not venture out of their haven for fear of sniper fire from the direction of the hostel.

"The boys from the township have AK47s and they shoot as soon as we step out of the hostel," a voice said.

Another voice from the dark related how people from the township had repeatedly shot at the hole in the wall as soon as anyone stepped out. Township youths had launched two attacks on the hostel earlier in the day.

As the conversation warmed, one man risked venturing out of the shadows. His fellow warriors followed. They carried long spears, measuring several metres, and other home-made sharpened metal objects. One man carried a massive knobkierrie with a knob the size of a child's head.

The hostel dwellers said they did not want to attack anyone but if attacked they would fight — and easily defeat — "the enemy".

Merafe hostel, which has recently gained a reputation in the area for volatility, was fenced in at the front with razor wire and policemen were guarding it.

Non-Inkatha hostel dwellers — particularly those of Xhosa stock — had fled the hostel earlier in the war and those who had stayed behind were recruited into the regiment. (At first break of dawn on Monday morning, they would pack their belongings and escape with the morning rush to work.)

At Jabulani hostel, where the Soweto war had started with an attack on Inhlazane station by hostel dwellers looking for "people singing *Umzabalazo* (struggle) songs", inmates leaned against the walls anticipating an attack.

In Jabulani township most roads were blocked and some tyres were still smouldering, but there were no "comrades" in sight. Police Casspirs and riot unit vans patrolled the hostels and the railway station.

Attendants at petrol stations in the stricken areas operated through the night. They said they were not perturbed by the violence as there was just simply "no reason to be afraid". They were satisfied that "comrades" were guarding the township.

"I've been hearing gunshots for a long time but they are all happening in the vicinity of the hostel," said one attendant, alone at a petrol station.

Dube hostel dwellers were adamant they would not be defeated by township residents. They said two of them had just been taken to hospital with AK47 gunshot wounds, but they would continue fighting if they had to.

Msapho Gwala, of Nongoma, in northern Zululand, said the township residents were disappointed by the "comrades' fighting abilities".

"I'm sick and tired of these youths attacking and then running away from us when we retaliate," Gwala said. "We haven't slept for days and now I'm tired of staying awake and waiting for people who don't even fight you. The police should leave us to fight this out and get it over with."

He added that peace seemed a distant prospect. Residents were unlikely to stop harassing them and hostel dwellers would not tolerate being "attacked because they are Zulus".

"We will fight them and the first bull to break a horn will be the one to plead for peace," he said.

Red-headbanded warriors patrolled Pimville's Nancefield hostel but few incidents had yet taken place there. Nevertheless youths manned roadblocks in the area as news filtered in of clashes which had left a township councillor dead. In contrast with the deaths of many councillors in the past, this one had died as a hero to the youths — shot in battle with invading hostel dwellers.

The cradle of hostel vigilantism, Mzimhlophe hostel near Orlando East — which was the scene of the first attack on township residents by hostel dwellers in June 1976 — was surprisingly unaffected by the latest conflict.

In Moroka, which does not have a hostel and had not suffered any attacks, "comrades" nevertheless erected barricades in the streets. A family from Diepkloof was fleeing to relatives in the area. They claimed "Zulus" from Diepkloof hostel had just attacked houses bordering the hostel. The man seemed more shaken than his wife and three children.

"We heard this singing and whistling. When I tried to take a look outside stones began flying through the windows. We all fell flat on our stomachs and waited for anything to happen.

"People then started shouting that the Zulus had arrived. Police arrived soon after and drove them back to the hostel."

His wife added that other people in the vicinity of the hostel were fleeing in fear of a second attack.

The family was travelling in a small car; they had abandoned most of their valuables in the house.

"We don't know if our house will still be there by tomorow morning," he said, "but at least we'll be alive."

Policemen bearing shotguns protruded through sunroofs of Ford Sierras and those in the Casspirs constantly fired teargas, apparently at random. "Comrades" vanished into neighbouring yards as soon as they spotted police vehicles and returned to their guard posts as the patrols passed.

Sometime that night, somewhere in Soweto, 10 people were killed, some by the dreaded necklace method.

The next day open war resumed.

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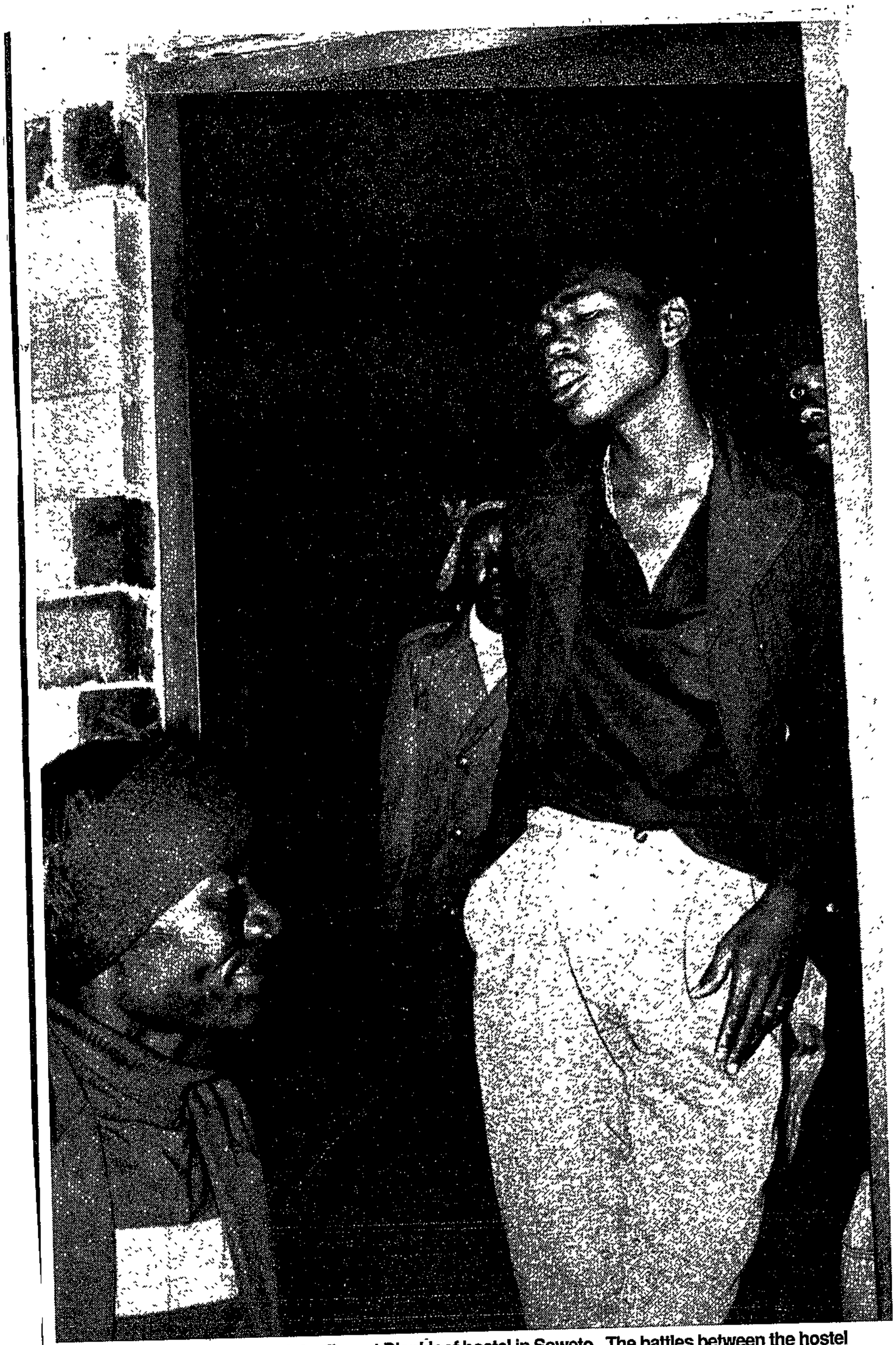
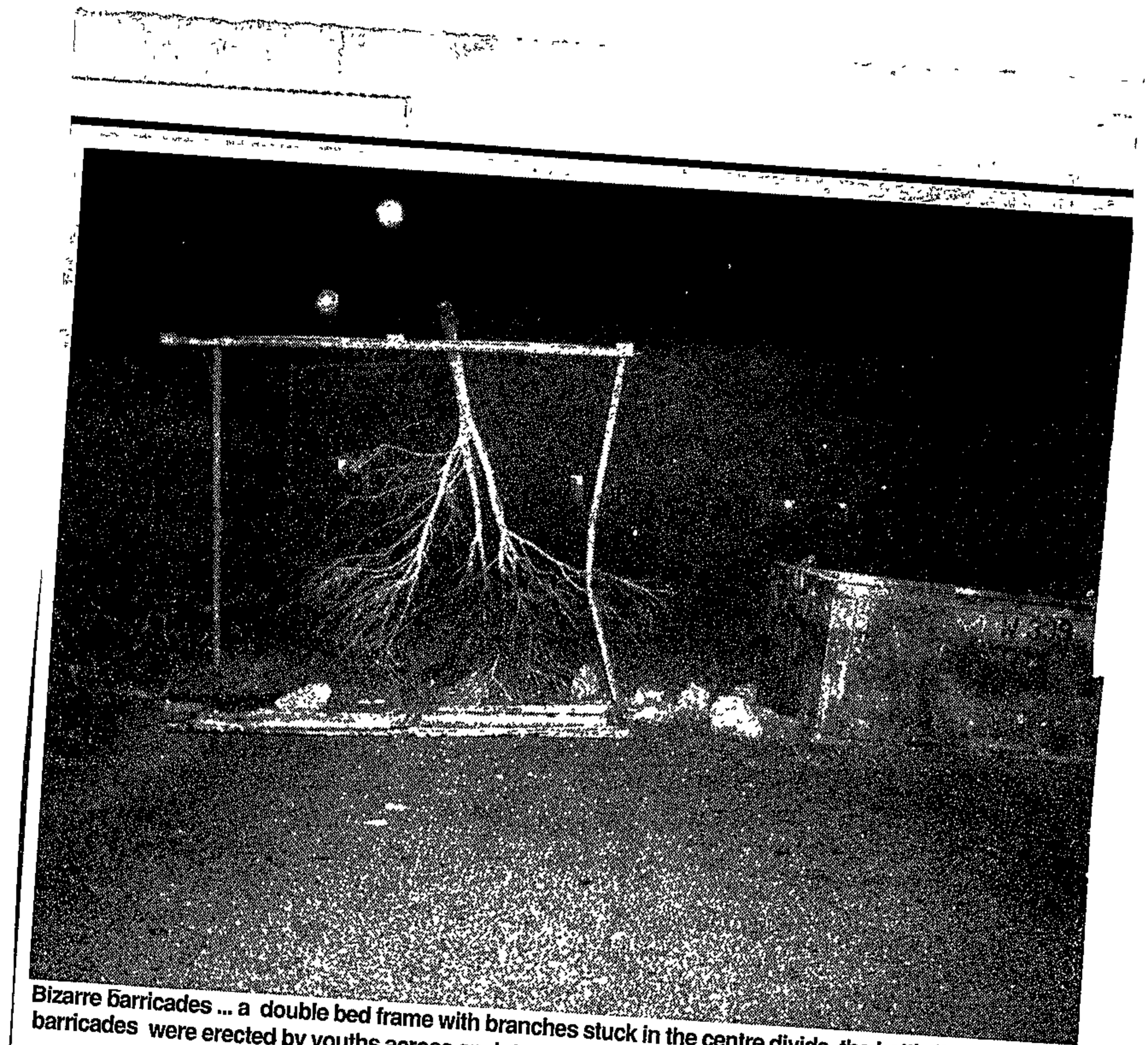
Under fire ... Weekly Mail photographer Justin Sholk captures the aftermath of the war in a Jabulani, Soweto, street. Rocks, strewn in the road, were earlier used as ammunition by the warring groups



Living in fear ... Inkatha hostel dwellers at Diepkloof hostel in Soweto. The battles between the hostel dwellers and the comrades have left many dead



Bizarre barricades ... a double bed frame with branches stuck in the centre divide the battle lines. The barricades were erected by youths across an intersection near the Jabulani coalyards

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Running battle - then peace comes to Kagiso

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By MONDLI MAKHANYA (278)

A PEACE accord — the second in less than a month — was reached yesterday between residents and Inkatha hostel dwellers in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, where five days of fierce fighting have left at least 32 people dead.

Other Reef townships wracked by violent clashes in the past fortnight were reportedly quiet yesterday.

The death toll on the East Rand over the last 11 days was revised by police last night to 346, bringing the Witwatersrand total to 500 115 people have died in Soweto.

Yesterday afternoon a group of about 500 youths marched on the Diepkloof police station in Soweto and threw stones and petrol bombs Nine people were arrested.

In terms of the agreement reached late yesterday in Kagiso, the warring parties are to disarm immediately and a monitoring committee of representatives from Inkatha, the civic organisation and the police will oversee this process

Inkatha has also agreed to evacuate the Lewisham Hostel — the source of most of the attacks - within five days In the interim, police will cordon off the hostel with barbed wire

This is the second peace accord to be signed in Kagiso An agreement signed after clashes earlier this month, broke down on Sunday.

Early yesterday, before the accord, residents tried several times to attack Lewisham Hostel, but were repelled by police and hostel dwellers.

African National Congress internal chairman Walter Sisulu, secretary general Alfred Nzo, and executive member Steve Tshwete yesterday visited the township two hours after Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok had done a tour.

Sisulu appealed to the thousand-strong crowd of township residents, who were standing in the street waiting to launch the next attack on the hostel, to "tackle the problem from its roots and not its branches".

"Inkatha is not the only problem," Sisulu said, "it goes much deeper.

"You are entitled to be angry but you don't win a war by just being angry. If you're going into battle you must plan. Don't just throw yourself at the enemy.

However, as soon as the ANC entourage left, the crowd announced its intention to destroy the hostel.

Community leaders, who had their hands full the whole morning trying to restrain the angry crowd, stopped the attempted attack, explaining to the crowd that peace talks were under way.

Residents yesterday claimed black soldiers and policemen living in the township were "actively participating in the defence of Kagiso". Some yesterday confronted their white superiors about why only township residents were being teargassed.

"At community meetings they said they would avail themselves and their weapons to the defence commitees," a resident said yesterday.

Residents alleged that police had done nothing to stop an Inkatha attack on the township yesterday morning.

"At six this morning the Inkatha people advanced on the township and as soon as they were close to people's houses the police left the scene. When we drove them back, we were teargassed and shot at with rubber bullets," said a resident.

Following several unsuccessful assaults on the hostel, local women marched on the police contingent, appealing to them to restore peace. As they came within 50m of the police, teargas canisters flew, but they proceeded with the march undeterred. It took three rounds of teargas to disperse the march.

Residents responded with stones and other missiles. One man ducked behind a bus shelter and fired a pistol before joining the stampeding crowd.

A number of women, their eyes streaming with tears, knelt down and began chanting "Peace, Peace!".

Barricades burned in the streets and residents went on the rampage, burning backyard shacks belonging to suspected Inkatha members.

Other residents, determined to reach the hostel without the police noticing, crept through the forest which borders one side of it. After exchanges of gunfire between the two groups, who were advancing towards each other, police dispersed the factions with teargas.

On the way back to the township residents came across a corpse of an Inkatha member who had been killed the previous night and burned it.

By late yesterday residents of Kagiso One which, because of its proximity to the hostel has borne the brunt of the fighting, were removing belongings.

Give us peace ... Courageous Kagiso women yesterday marched into the teargas fired by a police contingent, appealing to them to restore peace in the township. It took three canisters to disperse the women's march

Picture: AVIGAIL UZI

'If you want to go and fight the police we'll bury you tomorrow' (278)

By MARK GEVISSER W/Mail 24/8 - 26/8/90

OUTSIDE the Kagiso Police Station, angry township residents were hearing about the peace accord. At the same time, on the other side of the small East Rand township yesterday, residents who had not yet heard of the accord were dispersed with teargas and rubber bullets while attempting a march on the Kagiso Green Hostel. The police had also not yet heard of the accord.

A tense standoff followed with a line of armed police blocking entrance to the hostel. An angry group of residents gathered, behind a barricade, a 100m away.

Andrew Maphetha, ANC organising secretary, attempted to mediate: "If you want to go and fight the police we'll bury you tomorrow," he shouted. "Look at them, they've got guns, they'll kill you!"

He told the residents their representatives were reporting back at the police station, and he suggested, rather than attacking the hostel, they go and participate. But if they wanted to be killed, he wouldn't stop them.

Some agreed and moved back, but most stood their ground. Maphetha moved over to the police. "They'll disperse," he said, "just give them some time."

The police were not giving any time and advanced rapidly. The crowd shouted "White Inkatha!"

Maphetha told the crowd, "I've been on the Island, I've been a fighter, I know people often say things they don't mean. Do you mean to fight ... and die?"

But the organiser's logic was no match for Kagiso's anger and police intransigence. The crowd stayed. Two minutes. Teargas. Dispersal.

But if Maphetha hadn't have been there there would probably have been more casualties.

Earlier, Maphetha brought Walter Sisulu and Alfred Nzo to meet residents. Sisulu gave an impromptu speech outside the police station calling for restraint. "You can't win a war by being angry. Our responsibility is to take it to the roots, not just cut off a twig."

Sisulu left. A man armed with a panga said, "We understand what he is saying but he doesn't ... see that we need to defend ourselves."

While Kagiso's residents seem to have organised a strong network for defence, many comrades said they had no contact with ANC officials. "We haven't met with anybody, and we've only got this (a knobkerrie) to fight with," a young man said.

A frightened voice from the centre of the violence

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One man's personal experience of the terror that grips the hostels

A FRIGHTENED hostel-dweller, forced to join Inkatha to avoid being killed, has given the first insiders' account of how the hostel violence is being orchestrated

In a lengthy interview, he tells how "true" Inkatha leaders organise attacks, describe secret codes and covert links with passing police patrols.

John — not his real name — joined Inkatha because it is his only way to avoid death or a life on the run. Since clashes on the Reef broke out, he has worn a red headband while in the hostel

John is unemployed and has been living in various Soweto hostels for the last 10 years He speaks in broken English. He is frightened and told his story to *The Weekly Mail* on condition he would not have to reveal his name

John has been involved in some of the clashes between hostel dwellers and ANC-supporting residents He hates the violence but he is trapped in the midst of it If he refuses to fight with Inkatha he will be kicked out of the hostel or be killed, and he has nowhere else to go

"Even if I go back home, they (Inkatha) will hunt me down and kill me some of them come from my place . . I am a Zulu so I have joined," he says

He comes across as a gentle man, caught in the middle of something that threatens to destroy his already desolate life. His wife and children live in a village in Natal but he seldom sees them

He came here 10 years ago in search of work and has had little success. John seems as ill at ease in the city as if he arrived yesterday. He is still more uncomfortable in the horrific war with no place for neutrality, certainly for a Zulu

The pressure in the hostels to join Inkatha is immense, he says. "Either you join or you leave". There are Pedis, Shangaans, Tswanas, even Xhosas from his hostel who have become Inkatha members overnight "All these people are wearing red headbands in the hostel", he grins wryly "They make them from anything they can find Clothes, even orange bags."

The others who have refused to join — especially Pedis — have fled Inkatha is now in control of the hostels and many Inkatha supporters from the township have come with their families to seek refuge.

Why did the fighting start and who is perpetuating it? John has no straight answer to the first question, but he is clear on the second: the police are helping Inkatha and for this reason the violence will not stop, he says.

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The only way to end the violence is for Inkatha and the ANC to negotiate and for the hostels to be destroyed, says John

"There are so many people living in the hostels, and about half are unemployed. It is easy for violence to happen there. Also the police must be driven out of this thing, they are taking sides"

● Police spokesmen in Pretoria and Soweto declined to comment immediately

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According to the NP, at least 88 "viewing points" have been set up in the Transvaal, where NP supporters will gather to hear De Klerk address the subjects of violence and reform. Viewers will be able to phone in and put questions to the president.

The gatherings will take place at venues, ranging from a stall at the Pretoria Show Grounds — equipped with a giant

A fear of darkness haunts Soweto

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By GAVIN EVANS

IN the middle of the worst violence Soweto has seen in over a decade, the country's largest township is in danger of being plunged into darkness after negotiations to end the rent boycott broke down yesterday.

The issue which caused the collapse of the talks between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Soweto People's Delegation, was a TPA advertisement placed in newspapers around the country which blamed the five-year boycott on "intimidators" and asked: "How long is the silent majority going to allow a small minority to ram the rent and services boycott down their throats?"

The advertisement, entitled "If everyone agreed with the boycott, what do they need those sticks and stones for?", is accompanied by a photograph of armed men carry bricks and clubs

SPD and Soweto Civic Association representative Pat Lephunya said, at a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, that the SPD demanded that the advertisement be withdrawn and that the TPA issue a public apology to Soweto residents.

Unless agreement can be reached when the parties meet again next Tuesday, the TPA has stated that it will cease its subsidies of services in all 50 townships currently on boycott. In Soweto this could mean that unless Escom provides electricity free of charge after Thursday, the violence-torn township will be in darkness. The same situation applies with water and sewerage, where the buck will stop at the doors of the Johannesburg City Council and the Rand Water Board.

Prior to yesterday's talks both sides had confidently predicted a settlement would be reached and were close to reaching agreement on ending the boycott. Instead, yesterday talks broke down after the TPA refused to withdraw the advertisement.

"We found the response of the TPA delegation, led by Olaus van Zyl, completely insensitive to our objection, and of such an intransigent nature that a potentially successful meeting had to be adjourned," the SPD said in a statement.

Negotiations are set to reconvene next week, but before then the SPD will seek an urgent meeting with the Administrator of the Transvaal, Danie Hough, and the minister in charge of local government, Hernus Kriel.

In response to the SPD's claim that the advertisement was aimed at them, Van Zyl said in a statement that it had no bearing on the Soweto situation.

"The SPD's leaders criticise the TPA's series of advertisements on the boycott, and in particular objected that the terms of the advertisement dealing with intimidation could be construed as referring to them," said SPD leader Cyril Ramaphosa.

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Edge of the abyss

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Statesmanship? Forget it.

While hundreds of people were dying in Natal and Transvaal townships this week, not one black leader seemed capable of rising above petty political differences to stop the bloodshed.

A peace summit held on Tuesday by Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, with General Bantu Holomisa of Transkei and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of KwaZulu, backfired when both emerged issuing thinly veiled war statements. Buthelezi accused the NP and ANC of "profiteering" out of death; Holomisa threatened Transkei might intervene directly in the conflict (how, exactly, he did not make clear).

And Nelson Mandela continues to refuse to meet Buthelezi and won't reveal his reasons.

What will be the use of, say, an end to sanctions (and increased job opportunities and economic growth) if investors shy away from a nation with endemic violence?

Chris Hani, chief of staff for Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's military wing, tells the *FM* that "egos have to be buried" if the violence is to stop. Buthelezi says "the time has come to stop pointing fingers, political leaders must work together." But no one seems capable of matching actions to words; all seem to think compromise happens on the other side.

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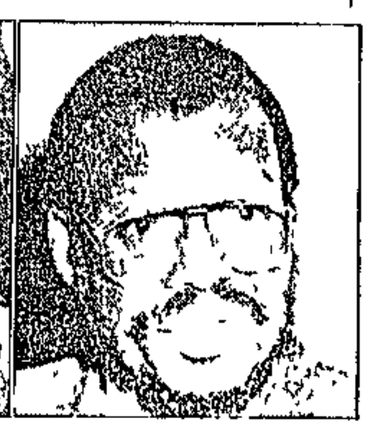

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The toll is high — 4 000 people dead in Natal in four years of conflict, more than 470 people dead in three weeks in Reef townships and more than 40 dead in eastern Cape violence.

The *FM* saw violence in Soweto this week that seemingly contradicts those who say the conflict is tribal. It is more a case of hostel-dwellers against township residents (though most of those in attacking impis tend to be Inkatha and some hostel-dwellers have warned residents of planned attacks). No one asks political affiliations or tribal origins before they shoot or hack. In Alexandra, where some hostels have been upgraded and families live with the men, there has been no violence.

Inkatha impis were not stopped, dispersed or disarmed by police, even in instances where impis clearly killed people. And it is ridiculous for the police to say, as they did last week, that they will not disarm impis because carrying weapons is part of Zulu culture.

Such statements do nothing to dampen allegations against the police of complicity — direct or indirect — in Inkatha attacks against township residents.

ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu called for hostel-dwellers to be locked into their hostels. At a residents' meeting in Central Western Jabavu on Saturday — scene of attacks on Thursday and Friday by men toting grenades, AK-47s, spears and pangas — there were calls for hostel-dwellers to be sent back to rural areas.

The most positive development yet is the delegation to be sent by the Congress of Traditional Leaders of SA (Contralesa) from KwaZulu, Ciskei and Transkei to ask hostel-dwellers to lay down arms. The delegation will be led by the prince of the Zulu royal family, Mcwayizeni Zulu — a fierce opponent of Buthelezi.

Certainly, Buthelezi has to beware that the conflict in the Transvaal does not erode only his organisation, but his continued leadership as well. Says André du Pisani of the Institute for International Affairs: "Buthelezi, with all due respect, is seeking some form of national credibility and wants to be restored to a national political level. One way is by meeting with someone like Mandela. That apparent motivation may be why the ANC is refusing to meet Buthelezi." Du Pisani believes, in common with many observers, that even if the two men do meet it will do little to stop the violence.

There is another possible way out of the crisis: President F W de Klerk should convene a national peace forum, where not only Buthelezi and Mandela meet, but also leaders of other political and cultural groupings as well as civic and hostel representative groups. This would make no group more important than others and do what needs to be done — get them around the table.

Another goal should be to achieve peace through restoring balance. Not only should hostel-dwellers be integrated into communities near their hostels, policemen must be encouraged to play a consultative role in communities.

The police, Du Pisani says, are widely discredited after years of enforcing unjust laws and suspected of holding extreme right-wing sympathies Black policemen were ousted from their communities in the mid-Eighties and made pariahs. What has changed is that policemen may listen a little longer to residents' arguments — but many still look at residents with open contempt and are anything but trusted protectors.

But it is also too easy to endlessly blame an overworked, understaffed police force In the end, politicians will be held accountable for the violence.

Charlene Smith

SABC F/M 24/8/90

Corridors of power

At the end of his term at Auckland Park, former SABC Director General Riaan Eksteen's relationship with board chairman Brand Fourie had deteriorated to such an extend that he found no support from Fourie during P W Botha's vendetta against him. Eksteen and Fourie have both gone and a new team has taken office — but there are already hints of disunity

Christo Viljoen, a Stellenbosch professor and Botha's appointee as chairman, soon stamped his authority on the corridors of the Piet Meyer building, while the introverted and quiet-spoken Wynand Harmse, as director general, remained in the background. Or so it seemed

Viljoen still manages to attract the limelight: his latest outburst against M-Net chairman and Naspers MD Ton Vosloo in a *Leadership* interview is a good example. Last Friday, in the same week that the article caused Home Affairs Minister Gene Louw to call for a truce between the two broadcasting giants, Viljoen launched another scathing attack on M-Net in a letter to *Die Burger*.

Meanwhile, it seems that Harmse has been consolidating his position on the 27th floor. Inside sources tell the *FM* that an instruction from the director general's office some time ago prohibited any senior staff member from discussing day-to-day SABC affairs with the chairman — to stop them bypassing Harmse. It is also said that Harmse had requested Viljoen, in an internal memo, not to involve himself with the normal run-

The missing families

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Chris Hani, chief of staff of Umkhonto we Sizwe, discusses township violence. He spoke to the *FM*'s Charlene Smith — the day before the announcement that his indemnity would not be renewed.

***FM:* The ANC has criticised the role of the police in Natal and the Transvaal townships. Isn't the problem mistrust — that even if the police do something positive, people will ignore or dismiss it?**

Hani: There is a point I want to make before I respond to that question. Inkatha has formed a political party, and for government to allow a political party to have a police force (the KwaZulu Police) is, I think, dangerous. What we see in Natal today is the deployment of the KwaZulu police with Inkatha warlords and their armies in violent actions against the people.

The ANC believes the KwaZulu police should be disbanded and those police absorbed into the SA Police. This is urgent. Buthelezi should work in the same way as the ANC and Azapo. He should have organisers and activists who take his ideas to the people without the support of police. Furthermore, we are concerned that Inkatha are armed with standard weapons of the SAP and the SADF. We feel there is some connivance between the SAP and Inkatha.

As to the question you raise, it is true that the black community lack confidence in the SAP. That trust cannot be restored overnight. But I was impressed to see, last night, in a certain ugly situation in Soweto, police working with leaders of the community, working out the best possible methods of neutralising that violent situation. The police force must work continuously to restore the confidence of the community.

Equally, we should be seen to be helping the police during this painful process of reorientation. There's a need for a change. It has to be demonstrated to Mister Average that this is a police force which is interested in helping you, in assisting you with problems of crime — and problems of violence.

This morning I saw an Inkatha fellow looking very wild and wielding a panga No policeman went forward and arrested that man. Why are the police not disarming these people? In a situation like this, where there is fighting and violence, nobody should be allowed to carry a dangerous weapon.

We want also to expose this falsity that this violence is between Xhosa and Zulu. That is nonsense. When they (Inkatha) move against commuters or workers, those workers do not carry any label. You can't tell the difference between Xhosa and Zulu, they just attack ordinary people. This is not a tribal fight or a tribal feud. This is an attempt by Inkatha to establish a presence in the urban areas and strengthen its bargaining position. What Buthelezi is saying is that this problem will be solved when Nelson Mandela meets him.

Will this happen?

It is blackmail — as if Mandela is responsible for the violence. The deputy president of the ANC has made a statement that people must throw their weapons into the sea and work out a peaceful solution. Why can't (Buthelezi) come out and tell Inkatha to do the same?

The solution to these problems will come about as a result of grassroots discussions between residents in the different places.

Government has allowed a dangerous situation and one which has been brewing for a long time, by maintaining these hostels. Poverty-stricken men leading abnormal lives cut away from their families, cut away from normal society.

Isn't that one of the problems?

There's an alienation. These people stay in hostels, they are illiterate or semi-literate, they do not mix with the rest of the people in the townships. They have no feelings for people in the townships.

There must be an immediate project to upgrade those hostels and make them habitable, so that each hostel man can live a normal family life with his wife and children. You won't get a responsible adult with a wife and child suddenly running out into the streets brandishing a spear to kill other people.

The ANC, Cosatu and MDM must begin politicising the hostel dwellers so these people feel accepted. We have to bring them into the fold of our people.

We should also ask the SABC to open up and have programmes where we can make use of radio and television to tell our people how tribal hostility is bad and archaic; how this country could be rent apart as a result of tribal division and tribal feuds.

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Hopes and fears

Less than two weeks ago, the chances of a meeting between Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi looked better than ever. Now they are quickly receding, as factional violence on the Reef continues and the ANC's Walter Sisulu and Winnie Mandela seem to be trying their best to stop such a meeting from taking place.

Recent developments have come as a disappointment to Oscar Dhlomo, the former KwaZulu politician, who has been working, in his personal capacity, to get the two leaders together. F/M 24/8/90

Regarding a Mandela-Buthelezi indaba as an essential first step towards defusing the conflict between Inkatha and the ANC, Dhlomo now fears it could be more than a month before the two will consider meeting "One hopes the violence on the Reef will reinforce the need for an urgent meeting," says Dhlomo, "and not make both sides despair to the point where a meeting between

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their leaders becomes impossible."

Since resigning from his official position with the KwaZulu government and Inkatha (*Current Affairs* August 17), Dhlomo has been setting up the Institute for a Multi-Party Democracy. ■

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To err is easy

"Judicial vanity cannot have greater weight than eliminating mortal error" — the words of a top legal academic, criticising the judges president of the Transvaal, Cape and Natal for opposing suggested reforms to the death penalty.

Prof Etienne Mureinik, acting Dean of the Law Faculty at Wits University, says he believes judges will no longer be able to "take shelter behind the notion of mandatoriness or absence of proof of extenuating circumstances. Now they have to take responsibility for their decisions."

Mureinik believes the incidence of the

ANC pleads for peace

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FEW can remain untouched by the violence which has swept through the PWV region.

Peace among the people has been the rallying call of the African National Congress.

We see the attainment of peace among the people as striking a major blow against the oppressive forces.

No measure of skirting the issues through joint meetings and Press statements can replace the immensely more valuable approach of getting people within communities to work at bringing about peace.

Any meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi must be seen as part of a process to bring about peace at ground level.

Cry

The shrill cry emanating in particular from the Press for Mandela and Buthelezi to meet is simply not echoed on the ground.

Feedback we have received, as well as the results of opinion polls, indicate that Inkatha is not capable of effecting the present campaign of destabilising communities.

At the same time there is a clear orchestration of the acts of violence and incitement.

It is no coincidence that the violence broke out on the eve of the launch of some 17 ANC branches in the PWV region. Nor is it a coincidence that the violence intensified immediately after the suspension of the armed struggle by the ANC.

Those who are responsible for the violence clearly do not wish to see the ANC involved in its present process of bringing about peaceful change

Those who are responsible have the means to arm and fund large groups of people.

Those who are responsible want to create the very situation which prevails in Natal: internecine violence which develops into a continuous spiral.

The Government is renowned for having a well-developed capacity for destabilisation.

Throughout the southern African region, the Government has deployed its special forces to carry out its murderous tasks.

We believe that the measures used in those countries are now being implemented in our own.

We believe that elements of the security forces are using the tactics polished in the southern African countries on South Africans to instil insecurity, fear and submissiveness.

The question of self-defence is being raised even more acutely as communities are destroyed by the actions of such elements.

There is no point in trying to make the violence appear to have ethnic origins. There is little historical precedence in the PWV region to make that argument stand.

The experience of Cosatu contradicts arguments which claim that the violence is ethnically rooted. Cosatu has succeeded in uniting the huge cosmopolitan workforce of this region. Workers, whatever their cultural practices, have stood together in struggle.

The ANC's policy on the issue of the unity of the people of South Africa is well known. A united South Africa has been one of the principled planks of our programme.

The reality is that ethnicity has been facetiously used to spur on people against imagined enemies to achieve the specific goals of destroying the democratic movement.

Carnage

We are thus contemptuous of any suggestion that the carnage is the result of factional wars between Zulus and Xhosas.

In Natal, where the African community has been drawn from one ethnic group, the violence has reached nightmarish proportions.

In the PWV region members of all ethnic groups have been victims of this brutal vendetta.

Organisations which have been based on ethnic grounds can simply play the role of calling upon their members to refrain from violence and pursue peace.

These organisations must not waste time hedging for meetings to discuss peace. Instead they could contribute actively by urging their membership to hand in their weapons and to work for peace.

We repeat our appeal to all the oppressed people of South Africa not to allow themselves to be misused by persons and groups whose sole purpose is to divert us from the burning issue that confronts all of us: the dismantling of apartheid.

Kagiso, the West Rand township, was in turmoil this week when residents barricaded streets with burning tyres and tree trunks during battles between hostel residents and other township residents. This woman, giving the clenched-fist salute, was captured by Len Kumalo while putting up a barricade.

WR women flee to ANC

A GROUP of frightened women fled from the West Rand township of Kagiso to ANC headquarters in Johannesburg yesterday seeking refuge. (278)

But after a two-hour wait outside the ANC office, they were told to go home as internal ANC leader Mr Walter Sisulu and other officials had already gone to the township "to talk peace".

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The array of banners and placards they carried bore testimony to their desperate plight.

"Police and Inkatha are killing the masses. MK fight back"; "ANC - why let us die? Why sign peace treaties while Inkatha and police are murdering us?" the placards read.

The women said they tried to go to the local police station for protection yesterday morning but police teargassed them.

Police confirmed yesterday that a group of people had rushed into the Kagiso police station at 7.30am. Police believed they were under attack and called for reinforcements.

But the group was seeking protection from another group after vicious fighting in the township.

Inkatha exporting violence to the shopfloor - unions

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BY CASSANDRA MOODLEY

A WORKER has been killed in alleged Inkatha-led clashes at three East Rand factories, lending support to union warnings of "terrible conflict" on the shopfloor.

National Union of Metalworkers' general secretary Moses Mayekiso said clashes had erupted at the Scaw Metals, Walro Panelbeaters and Cut Steel plants on the East Rand. Scores of workers had been injured and one had died in the violence, which was provoked by Inkatha members brandishing assegais, pangas and sticks, he said.

Numsa has warned that, by appealing to ethnic loyalties, Inkatha recruiters are setting the scene for "terrible conflict" in the factories.

And the Congress of South African Trade Union's press officer Neil Coleman this week alleged that Inkatha is planning to "export the violence to the factory floor".

On Monday Inkatha members held meetings at hostels in Denver, Goch and Jeppe where it was decided that attacks in the townships were ineffective and would need to be transferred to the shopfloor, said Coleman.

Union representatives dismissed speculation raised by some employers that workers were beginning to resign from Cosatu to join the Inkatha-linked United Workers Union of South Africa.

Kubheka said: "Workers want the goods to be delivered and they know that Uwusa is not strong on the ground, stifles worker militancy and openly supports private enterprise."

Employer sources in the retail trade say there have been many defections from Cosatu's SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union to Uwusa.

Hostel system endemic on Reef

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THE controversial hostel housing system blamed for much of the ongoing Reef violence exists in all but three of the 25 townships that make up the East and West Rand.

The 56 hostels in those and four Pretoria townships house just over 200 000 people, in vast complexes such as Diepmeadow's two which together sleep 29 000; or in a single 80-bed dormitory such as that at Impumelelo near Devon on the East Rand.

Of the 29 townships canvassed in an attempt to guage the extent of the hostel system, only the municipalities of Botleng near Delmas, Tsakane near Brakpan and Evaton near Vanderbijlpark do not run hostels, although a spokesman for the latter said "we use Sebokeng's".

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Hostel

The hostel violence which has claimed more than 500 lives recently has renewed calls for an end to the "single-sex" housing system, a legacy of the migrant labour system but one which still exists four years after the relevant influx control legislation was scrapped.

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council this week approved a plan to convert the huge Meadowlands complex from a dwelling for 23 000 single men into family flats housing 20 000 people.

But Reef township officials asked about similar plans stressed that hostels "fulfilled a real need".

"We are giving to a lot of homelands people a place to stay," said one East Rand Town Engineer.

Mamelodi victims to sue ministers

THE Mamelodi Civic Association (MCA) yesterday announced that lawyers acting for victims of the bloody confrontation between residents and police last month would serve papers against the ministers of police and defence next week.

On July 8, more than 200 people were injured when police fired teargas and assaulted residents at a mass meeting held at the local stadium.

A few days later, the community of Mamelodi staged a successful stayaway to protest against police conduct.

MCA publicity secretary Pasty Malefo told *The Weekly Mail* that the statements would bear testimony of the actions of the police. W Mail 24/8-26/8/90

"The statements to be submitted to both Ministers will prove that the meeting was peaceful and that the people had gathered at the stadium to discuss community related problems," he said.

He said that negotiations were continuing between the Mamelodi People's Delegation, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and local town councillors. At a meeting before the bloody confrontation last month, both parties had agreed that rent arrears would be frozen if the residents agreed to pay rent.

However, Malefo said the council had instead attached resident's properties, threatened legal action and discontinued services such as electricity. He said the delegation would only re-enter negotiations with the council once the recommendation had been made, a date set for the freeze and victimisation stopped.

Govt to step in today on violence

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JOHANNESBURG. — The government will today announce measures to help end the bloodbath on the Witwatersrand in which 500 people have died in the past 11 days.

The measures, to be announced by Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok, are expected to include controls on weapons

The pending measures were announced by President F W de Klerk who condemned the violence in an address at Potchefstroom University.

He told thousands of students the violence was not aimed at state authority, but was between blacks. Action by security forces was therefore objective and neutral, he said.

In another develpment yesterday, ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela said peace talks with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi were possible but he blamed police for failing to halt the fighting.

Mr Mandela said it was unclear why a "strong, efficient, and well-equipped army and police force" were unable to halt the fighting.

"We are very critical of the way the government is handling the matter because there are immediate remedies which they could take. This trouble comes from the hostels and all that is necessary is that the government should guard the hostels," he said

The prospect of Mr Mandela meeting Chief Buthelezi has angered many township residents, who allege Inkatha has been protected and armed by police The ANC says such a meeting must be well prepared if it is to avoid alienating its supporters

Mr Mandela also briefed the ambassadors of Italy and Ireland on the violence

The fighting between Xhosas and Zulus appeared to ease yesterday, but sporadic clashes were reported, especially in the hard-hit township of Kagiso, west of Johannesburg.

In a clash between police and residents, police opened fire with buckshot after two stones were thrown at them.

In another incident, shouting "Now! Now!" and singing "Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika", 2 000 Kagiso residents armed with clubs and metal-tipped wooden spears marched on a hostel for Zulu migrant labourers Forty police carrying shotguns held them at bay.

Kagiso Police and Zulu hostel-dweller leaders yesterday assured civic leaders at a peace meeting that the township hostel would be cordoned off and Inkatha-aligned residents kept on the premises in a bid to keep the warring factions apart.

In Diepkloof, Soweto, about 500 youths stoned the police station. Police dispersed them.

SA Police East Rand liaison officer Lt Ida van Zweel said the total death toll, after 10 days of fighting in townships on the Witwatersrand, was 500 at 10pm yesterday.

The revised total of deaths for the East Rand stood at 346, she said last night, following the discovery of six bodies in Thokoza, Kathlehong, Vosloorus and Tembisa.

Police were earlier stoned and petrol-bombed in Vosloorus, and used birdshot to disperse small groups. No one was injured, Lt Van Zweel said

She said the whole East Rand was calm by 10pm.

● The US government, meanwhile, expressed support for the government's efforts to bring peace to the strife-torn townships and called on all parties, leaders and individuals to end the violence.

● In Windhoek, the National Patriotic Front appealed to the Namibian government to invite leaders of the ANC and Inkatha to meet in Namibia to seek ways of ending the violence.

● Special buses are being organised by the Transkei military government to take Transkeians to the Transvaal free to help identify relatives killed in the violence, said the military ruler, Major-General Bantu Holomisa. — Own Correspondent, Sapa and UPI

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COMRADES ... Young comrades in Kagiso yesterday where the worst violence took place on the Reef.

DP man for Randburg

JOHANNESBURG. — The mayor of Midrand, Mr Allan Dawson, has been chosen by the Democratic Party as its candidate for the coming Randburg by-election

The by-election results from the resignation of former DP co-leader Mr Wynand Malan — Sapa

Flaunting all for erotic aim

MADISON. — Scores of scantily dressed women marched through Madison on Wednesday in support of their demand for this Wisconsin state capital to be declared an "Erotic Play Zone".

The demonstrators belong to the "Lingerie Liberators", a group fighting for the abolition of "repressive" laws forcing people to wear clothes — Sapa

Courtroom crime

PIGGS PEAK. — A Swazi magistrate here ordered more than 50 members of the public attending a court case to be locked up in the courtroom for half-an-hour as "punishment" for showing disrespect to the court. — Sapa

Baby check

MANZINI. — Female student teachers at the William Pitcher Teacher Training College here are to undergo periodic compulsary pregnancy tests. — Sapa

New watering hole

LONDON. — An underground lavatory at Spitalfields, London, is to be converted into a yuppie wine bar — called Crappers

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Tutu visits 'filthy' Reef squatter camp

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JOHANNESBURG. — Archbishop Desmond Tutu and a high-powered church delegation visited filthy Phola Park squatter camp and nearby ravaged hostels in Thokoza yesterday to express solidarity with some victims of the recent wave of violence.

Accompanied by South African Council of Churches secretary-general the Rev Frank Chikane and SACC president Mr Khoza Mgojo, Archbiship Tutu said the church would like to see an end to the violence: "Not just the fighting, but the violence of living in this kind of squalor."

As the 20-vehicle motorcade moved through the poverty of Phola Park, residents and groups of "comrades" with sticks, axes, pipes and other improvised weapons flocked to greet the archbishop.

"Hostels must go", "Away", "They're killing us", were some of the cries that met him in the dusty camp.

He prayed with people several times along the route.

The visit enabled the churchmen to see first-hand what they already knew, said the Nobel Peace Prize-winning archbishop.

"Our people are subject to the violence of squalor, the violence of the migrant labour system, the violence of the single sex hostel system.

"We have come to express solidarity with them. Their pain is our pain."

Archbishop Tutu said that when the church met President F W de Klerk and Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok they would express these views.

Burnt-out or still smouldering hostel rooms with smashed windows and walls, and the ever-present police Casspirs, bore testimony to the viciousness of recent fighting.

At the bottom end of Phola Park, several hundred armed men with raised fists awaited the archbishop, singing "Senzeni na"? (What have we done?). — Sapa

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Crackdown starts

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PRETORIA. — A major crackdown by security forces got under way this morning following the government's declaration of most of the Witwatersrand black townships as "unrest" areas.

The emergency laws, announced yesterday, give the police virtually unlimited powers to arrest, detain without trial and disarm warring factions.

The laws, under the Public Safety Act of 1953, apply to 19 magisterial districts encompassing 27 black townships, including Soweto It will be in force for three months but may be extended.

Security forces may also search anywhere in the "unrest areas" without warrant, seal off the area, shut down businesses and take over essential services, impose curfews and place restrictions on any funerals or other gatherings

In a statement the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, also announced that carrying firearms and other dangerous weapons at certain meetings within prescribed areas was now forbidden.

This includes pangas, axes, spears, knobkerries, assegais, battle-axes, crossbows, screwdrivers, metal rods, daggers, petrol bombs and garden forks

The measures effectively forbid rival groups from congregating and carrying traditional township weapons if police believe they are massing to "kill, assault, attack or injure another person or persons or cause damage to any property"

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"We want to stop the violence and intend looking very carefully at the perpetrators of violence and at removing them from the community," Mr Vlok told a press conference at police headquarters

He added that SAP and SADF forces would be drastically increased in those areas where the bitter faction fighting of the past 12 days has killed at least 512 people and left 1 500 injured

Mr Vlok said that news reporting of unrest would not be curbed

African National Congress deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela immediately attacked the measures as "totally useless" and taken without consultation with the rival groups. He claimed that the broad powers given police could lead to human-rights abuses and were tantamount to declaring a state of emergency

Mr Mandela, whose supporters have been locked in battle with migrant Zulus aligned with the rival Zulu movement Inkatha, met President F W de Klerk for an hour yesterday as a follow-up to their earlier talks.

Despite the government's action, he said, peace talks between the ANC and the minority white government remained on track.

Mr Mandela said the ANC had suggested "a simple solution" to the government on how to resolve the violence.

"The pattern has been very clear that the trouble comes from the (Zulu) hostels," he said. "What is necessary is that the police should monitor the hostels to prevent armed men from leaving the hostels and also to prevent residents from harassing hostel dwellers."

- The Democratic Party spokesman on Law and Order, Mr Tian van der Merwe, slammed the government for "effectively reimposing a state of emergency".

This made it possible for errant members of the security forces to operate with as little discretion and regard for the law as the violent protagonists themselves, he said

Mandela off despite critics

Cape Times 25/8/90

Staff Reporter

ANC vice-president Mr Nelson Mandela leaves for Norway today amid growing controversy over the advisability of maintaining a hectic international schedule with tension simmering in the Transvaal townships.

An ANC spokesman in Johannesburg rejected critisism yesterday, saying Mr Mandela would never have considered leaving the country if he thought his presence would have a direct influence in ending the violence.

He said the ANC leader would address a conference in Oslo on the theme The Anatomy of Hate, before visiting Algeria and Libya to follow up matters discussed during his previous visits.

Mr Mandela is expected to start a tour of the Western Cape on his return early next month, before a week's holiday that was postponed last week because of the Inkatha/ANC fighting.

Mr Mandela had met several ambassadors for foreign countries this week.

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Tutu tours Kagiso in a bid for peace

JOHANNESBURG. — Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu appealed to black South Africans yesterday not to destroy the process that had put them on the road to freedom.

"We are right next to freedom. We must not allow people to destroy this process," he told residents in battle-scarred Kagiso township near Johannesburg.

Archbishop Tutu earlier toured the township, his car weaving around barricades guarded by residents armed with iron rods and long panga knives.

Their enemies, some of the Zulu migrant workers who have clashed with residents in townships throughout South Africa's industrial heartland, were holed up in a nearby hostel that police had surrounded with barbed wire.

Police stood guard and, at one stage, fired teargas to disperse a crowd of residents who approached the building, apparently intending to attack it.

Armoured police vehicles patrolled the streets and police reported that thousands of rands' worth of damage was caused at a factory when youths set fire to five buildings. A burning municipal building sent clouds of black smoke into the sky, but there were no signs of a fresh outbreak of the violence in which 32 people have died in Kagiso this week alone.

In all, more than 500 charred, stabbed or bullet-ridden bodies have been found during political fighting in the townships in the past 12 days.

Archbishop Tutu was greeted enthusiastically by many residents, but some brushed off his calls for calm.

"Why can't you think about a better strategy — us defending ourselves — because we've lost everything," said one resident.

● The Soweto Civic Association has called for a mass stay-away on Monday, August 27, to coincide with a mass funeral of 11 residents killed in strife-torn Soweto during the past week. — Sapa-Reuter

Breathing space

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CEASEFIRE: Brief peace came unexpectedly to war-torn Kagiso this week when rival factions downed weapons and met for talks on the middle of a dusty soccer field. Police mediated. The talks came within an hour of a fierce attack on Inkatha inmates in Hostel Two by about 1 000 crudely armed Kagiso residents. Police fired teargas and rubber bullets to disperse the fighting factions. Angry residents retaliated, hurling stones and petrol bombs. The violence ebbed after Kagiso resident Mfanya Dyasi undertook to disperse residents if police could arrange a meeting with Inkatha representatives. In the hours that followed two six-man delegations agreed that although they wanted peace this would be impossible until top level talks took place between the ANC and Inkatha. In the meantime, police needed to control the area between the hostel and the surrounding houses.

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10 killed in sporadic clashes

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STAFF REPORTER

TEN people were killed in sporadic outbreaks of faction fighting on the East and West Rand yesterday — but the tide of violence that has claimed well over 500 lives in 12 days is ebbing slightly, police say.

Most of yesterday's deaths occurred in sporadic incidents on the East Rand.

There were outbreaks of fighting in Kagiso on the West Rand, but by last night no deaths had been reported in the area. Several houses were petrol bombed and a factory was torched.

Heavily armed police reinforcements, regular troops and Citizen Force units continued moving into Witwatersrand townships last night.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said residents would be disarmed "where humanly possible" in accordance with the new mini-emergency regulations banning the carrying of a wide range of weapons. House-to-house searches were also on the cards.

In Kagiso, the body of a person burnt to death was found at a mine dump in the early hours of Friday, bringing the death toll in the township to 32 since Tuesday.

Appeals for peace by visiting Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Rev Frank Chikane, general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, fell on deaf ears.

Sapa reports the mob marched on the hostel and hurled stones moments after the clergymen returned from a prayer meeting for residents. Police fired teargas to disperse the mob. No injuries were reported.

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Laborious solution is a multi-faceted approach to many divergent problems

GARY VAN STADEN

THE thick blankets of smoke which hang over most Reef townships in the early evening, particularly when it's cold, create the impression that the townships are on fire This week they were

As the death toll from 11 days of bitter fighting in the streets of apartheid's satellite cities rose above 500, the search for answers grew more desperate. Behind the news commentaries and various analyses a single overriding question dominated all discussion Why?

The answers were almost as numerous as the death toll yet none seemed entirely satisfactory Perhaps it is time to try a different approach and examine the events of the past two or so weeks in a wider context, free of the constraints brought about by the widely held belief that South Africa is somehow different from anywhere else

In order to achieve that end it is necessary to retreat into the abstract and view South Africa not as something unique but as just another society in transition This does not imply that South Africa has no unique features, it clearly has, but it shares much with societies which have been transformed in the past and with those which will undergo fundamental change in the future

Nor is this approach necessarily cold, calculating and detached When more than 500 people die in the space of just 10 days, often under gruesome circumstances, it is simply not possible for the average human mind to fully absorb the implications of those deaths on an individual basis For the average human mind the death of one person is a tragedy, the death of 500 is no more than a statistic.

The literature produced by dozens of social scientists, based on their studies of societies in transition and data going back over 30 or 40 years, highlights two important features

- First, that societies in transition are characterised by instability and a greater or lesser degree of violence;
- Second, that the focus of unrest and violence is multifaceted, in other words there is no single cause of this instability.

This is not the time or place to go into the specifics of this literature but its message is clear What is happening in South Africa today has happened in dozens of other transitional societies and it will happen again almost as certainly as mixing hydrogen and oxygen in the correct proportions will produce water

This theory of transitional societies has identified several elements which contribute to political instability and social unrest Among the more important of these elements are rapid social change, high levels of expectation which cannot be met in the short term and thus produce frustration, socio-economic conditions, the competition for political power, the competition for other resources, class conflict, tribal/ethnic/religious cleavages, rapid urbanisation and societal alienation or a lack of a sense of belonging

Many of these fundamental elements of instability are interlinked and obviously some would be more important than others depending on the precise nature of the society itself and the mode of transition

In order to make the propositions of the theory more clear it is necessary at this point to find a concrete example Consider an actual society in which the ruling elite decided that the political system had to be reformed or face violent overthrow The leaders thus instituted political and socio-economic reforms which created the conditions for a society in transition Previously restricted political activity was tolerated and popular leaders allowed to mobilise support.

Popular resistance increased and rival groups began competing for political power and for other resources such as employment, housing and other social benefits The sudden and dramatic lifting of decades of repression produced a Jack-in-the-Box effect as people moved to prevent the reimposition of previous conditions

Ethnic rivalries began to emerge which led to a series of violent clashes High expectations of rapid social transformation were not met and two weeks of pitched battles in the streets of major cities left hundreds of people dead

South Africa? No, Romania, December 1989

If the theory of societies in transition is applied to South Africa there is a near perfect match Tribal and ethnic cleavages run deep, sustained by years of a divide-and-rule policy, racial divisions run even deeper, general socio-economic conditions are poor and class differences are sharp

Ideological belief systems have little common ground and competition for resources is fierce Competition for political power is cut-throat, often literally The stakes are high and there is no second place the winner takes all

Under such conditions the violence of the past two weeks in South Africa can be explained and understood There is no one answer, be it Nelson Mandela meeting Chief Buthelezi, socio-economic upliftment, mediation, or force The bottom line is that the solution lies in a multi-faceted approach to divergent problems

The best that it may be possible to achieve in the short term would be to contain the violence by a series of crisis management mechanisms The worst would be to slow down the process of transition because that would simply fuel the expectation-frustration cycle and sharpen the competition for political power

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"Whenever I go home, a beast is killed and we drink lots of beer and vodka All the people around come to my place because the "madoda" comes home And most of the people who come to my 'gumba' are Xhosas We have a really good time Now, who knows, they might not come this year in December."

The simple fears expressed by Ncwane are echoed in many places around Hillbrow

Gibson Tshabalala runs the "Little Soweto" shebeen in the teeming multiracial high-rise suburb and is well aware of the explosive climate in his illicit drinking house

"Things have been pretty hairy here over the past two weeks People come here and when they are drunk, they become vulgar and might say some tribalistic things

"So, I have decided to put into action my plan of 'first tribal word, first out'

"I have kicked out about six people in the last two weeks I don't want any stuff here that is going to cause major problems People in Hillbrow are not even affected by the violence It is all in their minds," says Tshabalala

Like Ncwane, he is aware of his tribal affiliation, which is Zulu

"In a situation where people are fighting because of their tribe, I cannot forget my culture But only God knows when we will get rid of this thing"

Fears

"I just want my business to continue without interference If a Zulu comes here and messes around with my customers, he is out The same goes for anyone else I don't want Kagiso in my shebeen," avows Tshabalala

Ncwane and Tshabalala are both Zulu by tribe, but by location have managed to escape the vortex of violence But the fears remain — regardless of where one lives — Sapa

Winning unwanted awards

Greenpiece

JAMES CLARKE

ENVIRONMENTAL activists in the United States are turning their attention to manufacturers who produce throw-away articles and excessive packaging

They have hit Kodak — the corporation which coined the slogan "Leave nothing but footprints" — for producing throw-away cameras (South Africa is spared this sort of rubbish — Kodak boycotts us)

Kodak's throw-away camera has won the US environmentalists Wastemaker Award

And Coca Cola has won a similar award for Minute Maid packed in non recyclable boxes swathed in indestructable plastic

The corporations have been asked by a coalition of green groups to take the product off the market

A Sapa AP report earlier this year quoted an environmentalist saying "Madison Avenue advertising agencies have taught us that when we see these products, we should think 'convenience' Our mission is to teach consumers that when they see these products they should think 'waste and destruction of the environment'"

Colgate Palmolive which has also been awarded a Wastemaker Award for excessive packaging around its Fab "one-shot detergent", is now redesigning the packaging and eliminating two components It will also use recycled board

Shelf space

And the end product will take up only half the shelf space

The thought occurs to me it will also take up only half the space in transport terms thereby achieving a saving in fuel and cutting pollution

● A "Consumers Against Pollution" has formed in Grahamstown (Box 498, Grahamstown 6140). One of their objectives is to cut down on excessive packaging and some members, while still in the supermarket, strip away what they consider to be excessive packaging

I am frequently getting letters from readers complaining that supermarkets will not take back their plastic bags for re-use Supermarkets say it is unhygienic Fine, but surely they can accept them back for recycling?

I believe that, in time, public opinion will cause supermarkets to do what is done in Britain — make shoppers bring their own shopping bags

Incidentally, an American who has been staying with me, said on his return from Zimbabwe "My gosh that country is clean compared with yours!"

It's partly because Zimbabwe does not allow drink cans or throw-away bottles

DEATH ROW BREAK FOR MOM

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By HENRY LUDSKI

IN a dramatic breakthrough, a 63-year-old grandmother ha been moved from Pretoria's death row to a prison near he home for "compassionate" reasons.

Mrs Evelena de Bruin, a mother of 10, was transferred from Preto ria Central to Upington prison on Sunday after 15 months of loneli ness and despair as South Africa's only woman death row prisone

The landmark decision by Minister of Justice Kobie Coetsee will allow her to see her family more frequently

"We are very excited about the decision, but we will only be truly happy the day my parents and the rest of the 'Upington 14' are released from death row," said her eldest son, Cedric de Bruin.

His mother and 63 year-old father, Mr Gideon Mandlongowane, are among 14 residents of Upington's Paballelo township sentenced to death last year for the murder in 1985 of municipal policeman Lucas "Jetta" Sethwala

Psychological

In October last year De Bruin made an unsuccessful application for bail on the grounds that she was under severe psychological strain.

The "Upington 14" are still waiting for a date for their appeal hearing.

The government's response to her request to be moved is an unexpected development which could have major implications for other death row prisoners

The "Upington 14" were convicted in May last year in terms of the controversial "common purpose doctrine"

Their trial drew international interest.

WARPATH: Zulu "impis" wait to launch a fresh attack on the East Rand this week (278)

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Struggle for peace formula

AS the death toll in the violence which has engulfed townships on the Witwatersrand passed the 500 mark, political leaders are struggling to find a formula to restore peace — without losing face with their supporters.

Churchleaders and traditional leaders are also involved in peacekeeping missions but the Transvaal is bracing itself for the violence to spread to other townships.

Meanwhile analysts have warned that the conflict has the potential of becoming endemic if it is not stopped soon.

Should that be the case, South Africa could face the prospect of becoming another Lebanon with a complete breakdown of law and order.

The conflict poses a major threat to the delicate negotiation process.

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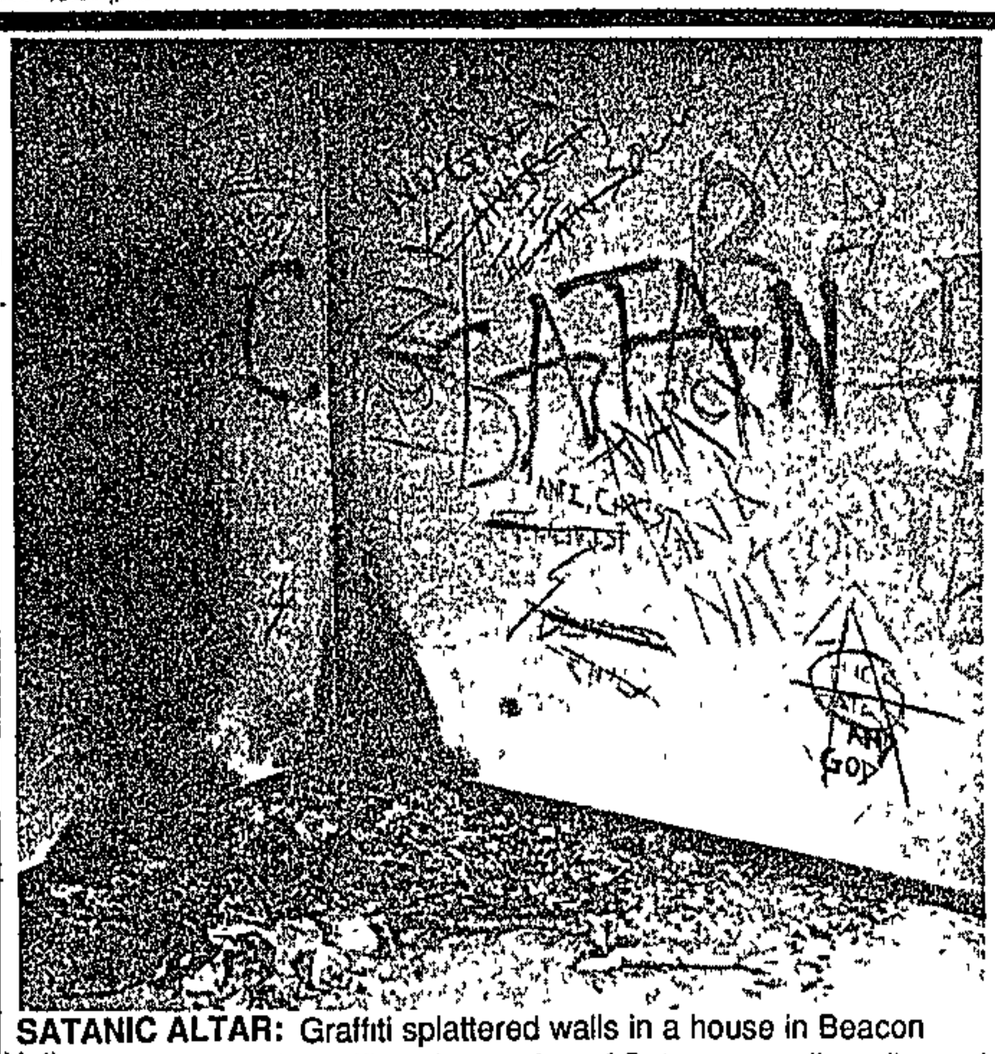

SATANIC ALTAR: Graffiti splattered walls in a house in Beacon Valley where animal sacrifices in worship of Satan were allegedly made

Satanism at Plain schools

SATANISM is taking root in Cape Town's Mitchells Plain with reports of students showing an interest in the "religion" in at least three high schools.

A pupil who admitted he was a Satanist, was asked to leave the previous school he attended.

Now the staff at his present school are afraid he may influence pupils there.

The 14-year-old boy told SOUTH of bizarre sacrifices of animals in the worship of Satan.

He escorted SOUTH staffers to a vacant house in Beacon Valley which was scrawled with Satanist graffiti.

He claimed he and a friend had killed about 30 cats and dogs during rituals.

Principals at the schools say they are aware of the problem but are not sure what action can be taken.

They say if pupils need counselling they will assist them.

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CITIES AND WP IN SA CUP CLIFFHANGER – See page 32

PNINA FENSTER

spends the day with an SAP riot squad

The real nightmare is that peace isn't coming. Peace can't get past the burning tyre barricades. Peace doesn't want to be photographed for the nine o'clock news in Atlanta, Georgia. Peace has been hacked to death in the polluted veld . . .

Pictures by PIERRE OOSTHUYSEN

THE stabbing must have happened just after noon when people in Jo'burg were going to the bank or the gym or the takeout joint around the corner. Radio bulletins were announcing the death toll in Witwatersrand townships — 400 or 475 or 500 . . . and now for this afternoon's weather report.

It was one of those matchbox houses — cotton curtains at the window and an old watercolour print of a lakeside scene in the bedroom And if it wasn't for the eyes and knowing that she must be dead, you'd have thought the victim's face had only been painted Fresh blood is very bright and clean

And you'd think you'd cry or vomit But death has become commonplace in Kagiso township The passers-by barely glance across. And even the victim's son sits quietly behind the kitchen door, quiet and frozen as stone

"Last night was really bad," said one of the policemen in the yard. "I saw someone whose brains had been blown right out his skull"

But that was last night And who knows there's still tonight, tomorrow, next week .. You don't think about it too much when you're a policeman in the townships these days You just get into the casspir or the bus and drive on to the next godawful scene.

Kagiso looks like hell on a TV screen. But the picture changes soon enough. Inside the casspir, though, there aren't any buttons to switch the thing off You can't change the station.

"I'd go mad if I thought about everything I saw," says a sergeant. "How would I carry on working then?"

Contrary to popular opinion, the SAP are doing a big job in the townships The day starts with that queasy, waiting feeling — moving barricades, driving between hostile crowds Then it warms up to the blazing houses, seething hostels, stabbings, shootings, stones, pangas, petrol bombs. It goes on like that for up to 16 hours And it starts again the next morning

Brains coming out of skulls, women being shot in the head the job just seems to get bigger, more uncontrollable, more daunting, less manageable all the time

BUT, in the tradition of the most horrible cliches, small things are the most affecting. . .

The babies who've already been supplied with warrior's headbands The "Keep our township neat" graffiti. The smoke from burning rubber rising above the prettily painted tyres of the creche The inevitable advertising billboard inviting all and sundry to "Live in peace. Live in Kagiso". (And the puny attempts to live up to advertising billboards — daisies and starched curtains and ceramic dogs on the window ledges of houses which keep burning down.)

It's small things like seedy cafes and bars with grand names — the International, the Sedibeng Bar and Lounge The small things like crooked, hand-painted signs promoting home enterprises — perms, car repairs and cakes for 20 cents It's the thought that thousands of dicarded bottles in the veld and gutters are waiting to be stuffed with sand, petrol and rag and set alight.

Those small things turn one's blood cold.

Mid-afternoon: 200 women march in the smoky, oppressive streets. They carry blue cardboard placards with crayon messages "Hillsview asks for peace", "Hillsview is not ignorant", "Hillsview is concerned."

The women march past waiting crowds to the police station, where guards fold their arms — hot and tired — and look stoically on. Some of the marchers start crying — great hysterical sobs, encouraged perhaps by the cameras of the American and British TV crews who are recording yet another of Africa's grotesque outbursts But the grief is real.

And because singing protesters are another of Africa's shuddering cliches, the marchers sing beautifully — *sesi enzeni*? Then they say what they want

"Stop this", "Help us", "We can't stand it", "Bring us peace", "They're fighting at the Joshua Doore hostel" they shout across the wire mesh.

The gods would weep at the sheer bloody futility of their pleas. But not the human beings here today.

THIS is just another daily mirage. The police head for the ironically-christened Joshua Doore hostel and the expanding anger of the afternoon

But if they're going to help the women of Hillsview, they'd better watch out for the bombs and bullets. They'd better check the roads for trenches which are filled with petrol and then suddenly set alight.

What kind of peace will come in a casspir or a fiery ditch? What kind of peace is accompanied by the song of the Kagiso marchers — *Se sesi enzeni, sesi enzeni*? What have we done?

What *have* we done? Well if such a thing as collective guilt exists, we've created a war — and it *is* war — 45 minutes' drive from Johannesburg's gleaming CBD But we've done even worse than that We've created a generation of children — 11, 12, 13-year-olds — whose education has been forged in petrol-bomb flames. Time after time, it's children who create roadblocks and carry pitchforks, axes, choppers

"Now what must I do," asks one of the policeman as a group of kids runs down the road "Must I shoot at them?"

Of course, there aren't easy answers And yes, there's been abhorrent police violence — against children too But accusations that the police are biased and responsible for the war simply won't wash any more.

As far as I saw in Kagiso, the police must be mighty quick and mighty subtle if they're capable of dividing warring factions, mediating at peace discussions, moving embattled families, staying alive — and inciting riots on the side

Admittedly, working in a madhouse doesn't encourage sanity in the workers And there's no denying the SAP's brutal record Each day, each situation throws up different variables But what I saw was an astonishing level of restraint

And if you think restraint is easily acquired, try it yourself after two weeks of 16-hour days Try it when you're 18 years old and earning R800 a month. Try it when you have to account for every teargas canister used Try it when you don't dare arrest the asylum's armed inmates in case you cause a riot.

TO announce that it's all the SAP's fault is glib, blind, perilously naive And if it's possible to improve on — make worse??? — hell, take the police out of Kagiso and see what happens. I'd be willing to bet that peace — that beautiful word on everyone's lips won't descend like some white bird to wrap its generous wings around the bleeding township

The real nightmare is that peace isn't coming Peace can't get past the burning tyre barricades. Peace doesn't want to be photographed for the nine o'clock news in Atlanta Georgia. Peace has been hacked to death in the polluted veld

So why are the police doing what they do for a couple of hundred rands worth of danger pay, two meals and a uniform thrown in for good measure?

Some are army call-ups. Some swig from the Coke can, light another Texan Plain and talk Clint Eastwood style about "it's a dirty job but someone's got to do it" Some don't like routine (although, goodness, there are equally unpredictable, and safer, careers.) Some probably *are* trigger-happy or power-mad or incapapable of doing any other job But a surprising number are still genuinely patriotic They believe they're doing this for their country. They consider transfers to safer positions and think. "But who's going to take my place?"

And if the white policemen have it tough, the black ones are in no man's land, where every imaginable goal — from a safe home to social respect — are imperilled.

In KwaThema, for example, black cops are being housed in the very hostels where violence ferments Their houses are burnt, their wives and children attacked They're everyone's enemies.

We're on the township's outskirts when there's a warning that someone's just seen a black man run into one of the houses with a gun in his hand. And the boys get out of the casspir, jump the wire fence, dash past barking dogs and exhausted bystanders and emerge with the criminal. The criminal limps across the street, his foot in a plaster cast He smells of beer and heat. His heart is beating so fast you can feel it in his chest He's too shocked and frightened to talk And he turns out to be . . . a policeman

And as the day goes on, mirages loom closer No sooner have the police dismantled a blockade than someone puts it up again Crowds seem to be increasingly immune to teargas.

THOSE not participating in the battle bring tea onto their front stoeps and wait casually for the next skirmish And sometimes all the SAP's lumbering, iron-clad technology is no match for home-made guerrilla weapons — dustbin-lid shields, ditches, petrol and matches

The hours of boredom, the minutes of sheer terror collide as night approaches That's when things really get rough

"Woa, woa", "Pass us a smoke", "Viva SAP", "The meat wagon's gonna come for that necklaced body" .. the boys ride around, talking and drinking Coke and joking

And yes, some of them *do* talk about kaffirs Some don't know who Robert Sobukwe was Some yell "Viva SAP". And some may have shot adolescents.

But the enemy isn't the SAP. The ememy isn't Inkatha or ANC supporters or children who read and write in blood The enemy isn't the woman who's been stabbed in the head Or the assassin whose birdshot-peppered body may make the nine o'clock news in Atlanta, Georgia The enemy isn't the system or the struggle

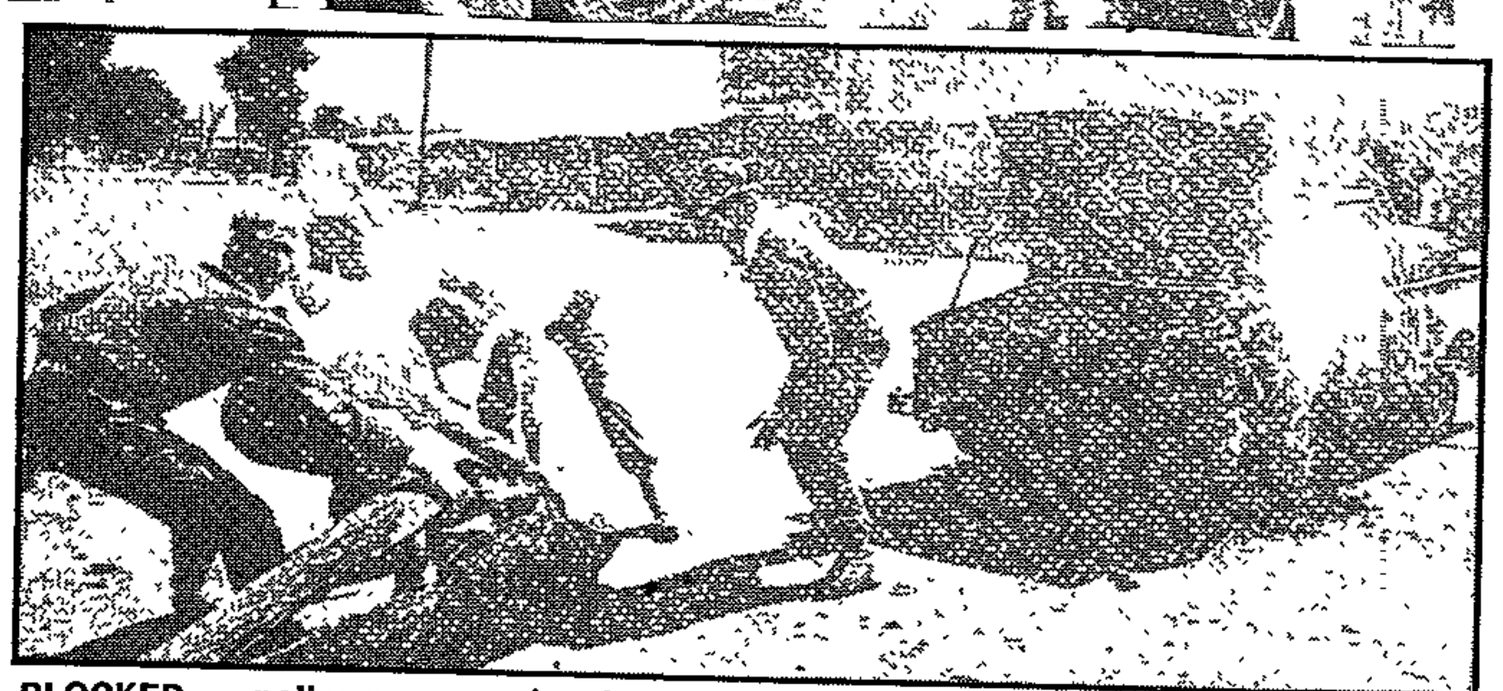
The enemy doesn't have a name. It's buried deep in the earth, in the dark, violent heart of Africa. Its stench pervades townships, highways, suburbs.

I went home and tried to forget that it was also nighttime in Kagiso and hours and hours of blackness were still to come. But I think I dreamed of the enemy I was pushing a spade in some soil, about to plant a rose bush. And the enemy came screaming out of the trench like the ghost in a Stephen King novel Even in my dream, I wanted to phone the police

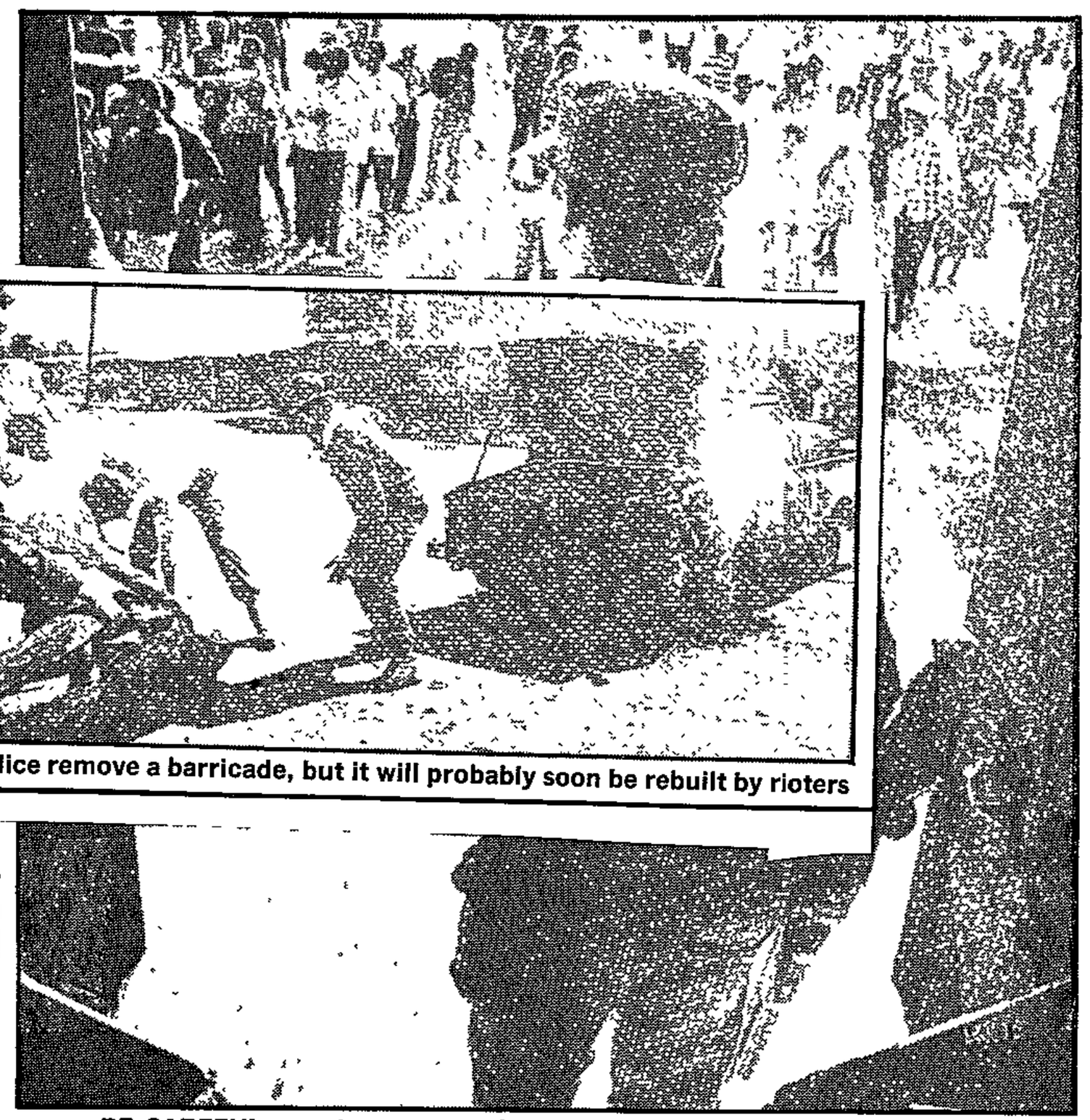
THE KAGISO PATROL

INSIDE STORY . . . tense policemen, man / of them teena ers travel the endless patrol through burning township streets

PEACEMAKER . . . a policeman calms a rowdy crowd



BLOCKED . . . police remove a barricade, but it will probably soon be rebuilt by rioters



BE CAREFUL out there . . . getting ready for another day on the beat

Now it's a 'war of words'

Sunday Times Reporter (78)

TOWNSHIP battles have given rise to a bizarre password language used by warring factions to identify the enemy.

Zulus identify their foes by swearing or asking them to name certain objects.

At first, rival factions of Zulu hostel inmates and Xhosa township residents recognised one another by red or white head and armbands.

But confusion arose because some Xhosas in hostels also wear red headbands.

This led to Inkatha groups asking any passer-by to name the beans which Zulu warriors carry in their hands, They are called "amabhontshisi" in Zulu, but "imbotyi" in Xhosa.

The same formula applies to an empty milk carton. In Zulu it is called "ubisi" and in Xhosa it's called "intusi".

But as township dwellers are fast learning if you are asked by a stranger to identify anything, never answer. Just take to your heels.

Others identify the enemy by swearing at passing strangers. If they swear back in Xhosa, they have put their name on the hit list.

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To play it safe, other township residents, who are either Xhosa or Sotho-speaking, have developed code words to avoid having their heads bashed in with a knobkierie or stabbed with a spear.

Sickening stench of death

By MARK STANSFIELD

S/Times 26/8/90

AT Germiston mortuary they have been forced to pile the corpses outside in the hot sun.

There is no more room inside and it is only when one sees dozens of sickeningly mutilated bodies lying in rows that one gets an idea of the slaughter happening in Reef townships.

Stony-faced attendants, like robots, escort crying relatives down the rows, past piles of abandoned, bloody clothing, stacked coffins and bored hearse drivers waiting for yet another load.

About 90 percent of the bodies will remain unclaimed, forcing tired policemen to take at least four photographs of each body, assist at the post mortem, take fingerprints and then stack the bodies back in their rows to await a pauper's burial.

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Even the hearse drivers are now tired. Johnny Maharaj was leaning on his "wagon", a body partially hidden under a filthy, cheap, frayed blanket inside.

"Hell," he yawned, "I'm so tired I can't tell you how many I've loaded and taken away since last week. We are so busy I don't even take a lunch break these days.

"There were a lot more last week. Hundreds of them have been purposely mutilated — many have had their genitals hacked off for some unknown reason," he whispers in passing.

The sweet-sick smell of death and blood wafts into Joubert Street on a slight breeze. Curious residents stand and stare at a sight they have never seen before.

"It's like something out of a movie," says a young, nattily-dressed woman.

But for grieving relatives the pain and the anger are reality and will take a long time to subside.

Police chief's vow on unrest killings

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By HERMAN JANSEN

COMMISSIONER of Police General Johan van der Merwe yesterday vowed to bring to book the murderers of the more than 500 victims of township unrest.

He said all possible evidence — including media videos and photos — would be used as evidence.

Nobody would escape prosecution because of the emotional political situation.

"In many cases people were so worked up that they committed murder in almost a daze," he said.

"But as far as the SAP is concerned, murder is murder — no matter what the circumstances."

General Van der Merwe did not rule out murder trials where groups of people could be charged.

Arrests

He told the Sunday Times: "We have special teams investigating the murders. Wherever there is a lead, we try to make an arrest."

General Van der Merwe said "more than 100 people" had so far been arrested for murder and other unrest-related incidents on the Reef.

Commenting on the small number of arrests made so far, he said. "We arrest people who are caught in the act, but it's almost impossible to catch the perpetrators red-handed."

He also revealed that the "Pay for Weapons" campaign by the SAP to help curb the killings had been a total failure.

"We did that as an encouragement, but our experience has been that very little such information is forthcoming in black townships," he said.

"Weapons are much-treasured possessions and people are also afraid of intimidation should they give such information."

lodging in a backyard tin hut with her husband and children.

She was also the front runner when

"This just goes to show how much this senseless war has divided our families, friends and relatives," she added.

Impis ambush Daveyton priest

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By SANDILE MEMELA

A DAVEYTON priest narrowly escaped death this week when he was ambushed by a group of armed impis on his way to work at dawn one morning.

Rev Phillip Mathebula, of Christ the King Church, told City Press that at 5.20am he was suddenly attacked by a group of blanket-clad men who were wielding an assortment of weapons – including assegais, knobkieries and pangas.

Mathebula said the group of more than 50 men were apparently lying in wait for residents who were on their way to work, to assault them.

This followed a wave of violence across the Reef which has left more than 500 people dead in the past two weeks.

Daveyton has experienced violent skirmishes between residents and hostel dwellers since last weekend.

The windows of Mathebula's yellow VW station wagon were shattered, and he had deep cuts on his lower lips. He needed 10 stitches inside his lips and five outside.

"I believe my religious collar saved me and somehow forced the men to restrain themselves," said Mathebula, who called on the leaders of the ANC and Inkatha to get together and urgently address the issue.

He said he regretted the outbreak of uncontrollable violence at a time when South Africa was on the threshold of a new dawn.

"All along residents and hostel dwellers have lived together as brothers and sisters. One cannot understand why such a tragedy has to befall us just when we are on the brink of entering a new age," said Mathebula.

Rev Phillip Mathebula points to his smashed windscreen. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

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Churches aid victims of KwaThema clashes

By SANDILE MEMELA

ALL seven churches in KwaThema have become refuges and are receiving help from the Witwatersrand Council of Churches after violent clashes in the local hostel left at least 56 dead

Hundreds of KwaThema hostel inmates sought food and shelter at the churches

Father Dominic Baldwin, of the Roman Catholic Church, and Pastor Mandla Maphalala, of the Victory Fellowship independent church in KwaThema, Springs, said their churches had been turned into makeshift homes

For the two churchmen, caring for the throngs of Xhosa-speaking migrant labourers who turned to their churches for help and guidance was part of their responsibilities.

Hundreds of men queued for food while others rested on church pews, trying to forget the bloodshed they had seen.

Baldwin told *City Press* that normally about 200 people attended the two services held in his church.

"But with these upheavals a service has become a day-long exercise that sometimes stretches to the early hours of the morning.

"The response from individuals and companies has been fantastic. If people can continue to express this sympathy and care, the tragedy that is our South African situation will be changed soon," he said

Maphalala told *City Press* his church was accommodating about 450 men.

"We welcome the straining of our facilities. Through our compassion we hope to encourage others to help the needy and show concern."

Relief workers at a local church feed homeless hostel inmates at KwaThema. Many say they have not eaten so well for years. ■ Pics: ANDRIES MCINEKA

Many of the hostel inmates sheltering at the churches this week said they had enjoyed their first decent meal in many years

The migrant labour system has resulted in thousands of hostel inmates preparing their own meals in primitive conditions and most of them have been living on tinned food

Hostel inmates who had gathered at the seven churches in KwaThema told *City Press* they welcomed the relief from eating half-cooked meals they had prepared themselves.

Hundreds formed queues anxious to devour meals prepared by women parishioners recruited by Baldwin

The food was donated by local residents and concerned companies approached for help by the KwaThema Civic Association

Baldwin said many residents had donated food.

Despite their harrowing experiences, the Xhosa-speaking inmates admitted that eating clean bread, nourishing soup, pap and large chunks of meat was a far cry from meals prepared over paraffin stoves in the hostels

Vuyani Ngxokweni, 46, from Mzimkhulu in the Transkei, told *City Press* that in the eight years he has been on the Reef, he had been eating canned food

"I have tried to learn to cook pap and prepare meat, but this has proved a fruitless exercise. As a man I have enjoyed food prepared by women," said Ngxokweni.

Thembinkosi Busakwe, 31, from Ciskei, said he had been doing his own cooking for the past six years as the law forbade the presence of his wife in the hostel.

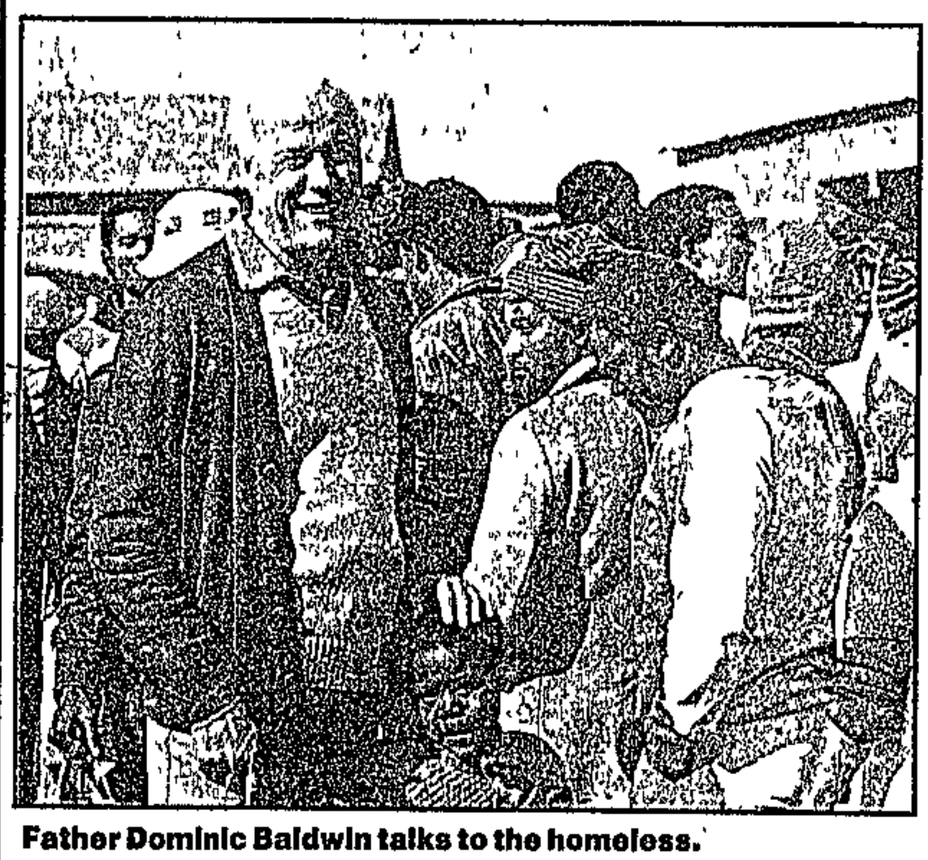
"In my loneliness I have painfully remembered my wife's cooking. These decent meals have provided a welcome relief from the food I have been forced to prepare for myself," said Busakwe.

The refugees said in most cases electrical facilities in the hostels were out of order and no one had bothered to fix them

"This has forced us to buy gas stoves and paraffin stoves from our meagre wages," said Busakwe

Loyiso Mbekweni expressed anger at the hostel system and criticised it for forcing migrant workers to do their own house chores when they could easily have been allowed to live with their families

"We hope that after all this fighting hostels will be turned into family flats We are eager to be reunited with our wives in places of our choice and to enjoy decent meals like other people in the country," said Mbekweni



Father Dominic Baldwin talks to the homeless.

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Mandela must stay

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu cut his overseas visit short in order to help stop the bloody conflict in the townships.

Shortly after his arrival from Canada this week, Tutu visited Thokoza, scene of fierce fighting.

He also visited Soweto and other trouble-torn areas where more than 514 people have so far been reported killed.

At the same time, the ANC announced that its deputy president Nelson Mandela – undoubtedly the leader of the majority of black people in this country – is to pay a follow-up visit this week to Norway, Libya and Algeria.

The ANC said on his return Mandela will travel to the Western Cape to meet a cross-section of rural communities and then take a brief holiday before resuming duties.

Surely, something is not right here. Why did the ANC not advise Mandela to postpone his trip until the situation here at home has normalised?

We know Mandela alone cannot wave a magic wand and normalise things in the townships. We also know that his meeting with Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi – important as it may be – will not bring instant results.

However, it is foolhardy for a leader of Mandela's stature to leave his country when it is on fire.

One would have thought the ANC had a better understanding of what it means to look towards leadership in times of crisis.

Recently, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda had to cut his holiday short when unrest erupted in Lusaka after demonstrations against food price increases.

Mandela may not be president, but to many of us, he is president-in-waiting. Besides that, Mandela's followers are dying in their hundreds.

The situation in the country is far from normal, and the ANC is aware of this. At a Press briefing this week, ANC information head Pallo Jordan painted a grim picture of the unrest and attributed the escalation of violence to a third force.

Since unrest started, we have been receiving disturbing reports of police complicity in the conflict. It is increasingly difficult for victims to come out with concrete evidence about these allegations, hence the outright denials of the police.

Reports of a hard-core vigilante group which uses sophisticated machinery gives rise to speculation that the civil war is no longer a simple one between Xhosas and Zulus or between hostel dwellers and townships' residents.

It is common knowledge in the townships that not all policemen are capable of handling a volatile situation without being seen to be taking sides.

A white woman called Pamela who spends most of her leisure time in Soweto with friends told me her experience in Orlando East on Thursday night left her with no doubt that certain people linked with the police were bent on destabilising the situation.

"Orlando was as quiet as a grave and all of a sudden, there was this white Skyline moving from one street to another making an announcement in three languages that people should arm themselves because the Zulus were about to attack," she said.

She is convinced the people inside the car were linked to the police. These reports come in daily to newspapers. Inquiries to the police are always met with: "We will investigate if the person comes to us", or "we are now used to such unfounded allegations".

The ANC has received many such allegations and is conducting its own investigation. Given this scenario, why still allow Mandela to travel abroad and leave Rome burning?

Another disturbing point is the joint monitoring group which is comprised of the ANC and Cosatu.

It would have been much better to have a cross-section of political groups monitor the situation. Past experience shows that in times like this, vigilantes become more vicious.

There are still many unsolved murder cases dating back to the period 1984 to 1986. Take for example the mystery which still surrounds the death of Dr and Mrs Fabian Ribiero who were gunned down during unrest at their home in Pretoria.

One can only hope that after operating outside the country for 30 years, the ANC is now aware that certain elements can reverse whatever political gains have been made.

Terror of tribal murder – in the heart of Hillbrow

Urban blacks are haunted by fears of city violence

FOR the first time in 25 years, Anthony Ncwane is living in fear of tribal murder.

Ncawne, 41, does not live close to the violence that has torn through black townships on the Witwatersrand in the past two weeks, but mentally, the carnage is on his doorstep.

Since arriving in Johannesburg in 1965 he has never had to peer over his shoulder. Now he does.

Ncwane and his wife live in a single room in domestic quarters on top of a block of Hillbrow flats. He has stoked the boiler beneath the block for the past 17 years.

He says: "Every night I make sure my door is locked. I am sure there is no need to because all my friends drink with me as normal. But I am the only Zulu among the Xhosas, Tswanas and Sothos and anything can happen. Only when the fighting stops will I feel safe."

The comment illustrates the legacy of tribal chauvinism which has left more than 514 dead and about 1 000 injured on the Reef.

This legacy is seeping into the consciousness of many urban black people who are isolated among others whose tribal affiliations are different.

Ncwane says: "I am not a member of Inkatha. Nobody has been around to ask me to join the organisation. In any event, I will not join Inkatha. The Zulus and Xhosas are all South Africans and we need unity."

Ncwane owns a smallholding about six kilometres from Umzinto on the Natal coast. He waxes lyrical about the parties he throws once a year on his return home.

"Whenever I go home, a beast is killed and we drink lots of beer and vodka. All the people around come to my place because the 'madoda' has come home. And most of the people who come to my 'gumba' are Xhosas. We have a really good time.

"Now, who knows, they might not come in December this year."

The simple fears expressed by Ncwane are echoed by many people in Hillbrow.

Gibson Tshabalala runs the Little Soweto shebeen in the teeming multi-racial suburb and is well aware of the explosive climate in his illegal drinking house.

"Things have been pretty hairy here over the past two weeks. People come here and when they are drunk, they become vulgar and might say some tribalistic things.

"So, I have decided to put into action my plan of 'first tribal word, first out'. I have kicked out about six people in the past two weeks.

"I don't want any stuff that is going to cause major problems. People in Hillbrow are not even affected by the violence. It is all in their minds," says Tshabalala.

Like Ncwane, he is aware of his tribal affiliation, which is Zulu.

He says: "In a situation where people are fighting because of their tribe, I cannot forget my culture. But only God knows when we will get rid of this thing."

He has not armed himself and does not think he will ever need a weapon.

"I just want my business to continue without interference. If a Zulu comes here and messes around with my customers, he is out. The same goes for anyone else. I don't want Kagiso in my shebeen."

However, the fear remains, regardless of where one lives.

Ncwane says: "I will carry on locking my door. I am still drinking and having a good time with my friends. But I am sometimes scared, especially at night. Other Zulus here have also spoken about their fears. I am not the only one." – Sapa

Tutu peace mission to meet government

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu is to lead a high-powered delegation of church ministers to meet State President FW de Klerk and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in his ongoing "peace mission" to end the carnage in black townships on the Reef.

Tutu this week led a church delegation that collected affidavits and statements from residents concerning the violence. Serious allegations have been made against the police who are accused of siding with Inkatha supporters and of "shooting residents".

The church delegation is to talk to De Klerk and Vlok about these issues when they meet and will try to find "more acceptable means" to end the violence.

On Friday Tutu met the deputy district commissioner of police in Krugersdorp to discuss the allegations and ask for police impartiality.

Tutu said the deputy commissioner gave an undertaking that police would disarm all people on both sides.

No date has yet been arranged for the meeting with the government, but Tutu hopes it will be held this week.

Tutu's spirited mission to end the violence – which started a fortnight ago as a Zulu-Xhosa war before it turned into widespread fighting between township residents and Zulus in hostels – began on Thurday.

Accompanying Tutu were South African Council of Churches president Bishop Khoza Mgojo, SACC general secretary Rev Frank Chikane, Bishop David Beegte, Bishop Peter Storey and Bishop Duncan Buchanan.

Some residents welcomed the delegation warmly and sang praises to Tutu, while others turned the "peace mission" into a rowdy affair as they vented their anger and frustration.

At one stage Tutu and Chikane were shouted down by a rowdy crowd in Kagiso which chanted: "No more peace, we want arms!"

The delegation started at the flashpoint of violence in the East Rand's Phola Park squatter camp, a filthy, overcrowded piece of ground in Thokoza township. From there they went to Katlehong, Soweto and Kagiso in Krugersdorp.

In all the affected areas, residents said there would not be a solution until all Zulus in their area were forced out of hostels and the police restrained.

"Police are helping Inkatha by disarming and shooting us and not taking action against the Zulu impis," said residents.

The violence, which has claimed more than 514 lives, was concentrated in Kagiso and Vosloorus this week.

In spite of being surrounded by crowds of angry people who brandished pangas, knives and other self-made weapons, Tutu did not flinch in his call for peace and urged residents to stop the "black-on-black" violence for the sake of their liberation.

"By fighting and engaging in violent acts we give others the excuse to say we are not yet ready to govern ourselves," Tutu said.

He said the church was not in a position to condone violence of any nature.

"We have engaged the government and forced them to the negotiating table through peaceful means. Our liberation is near, but these violent acts make other people laugh at us and we cannot continue this way.

"Let us negotiate a new non-racial South Africa and not destroy the prospect of peace with violence," said Tutu.

Tutu said he has personally been trying to get ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi around a table since April without success.

"It is a matter of urgency that the two leaders meet, but it will be disastrous to hold a meeting under the present circumstances."

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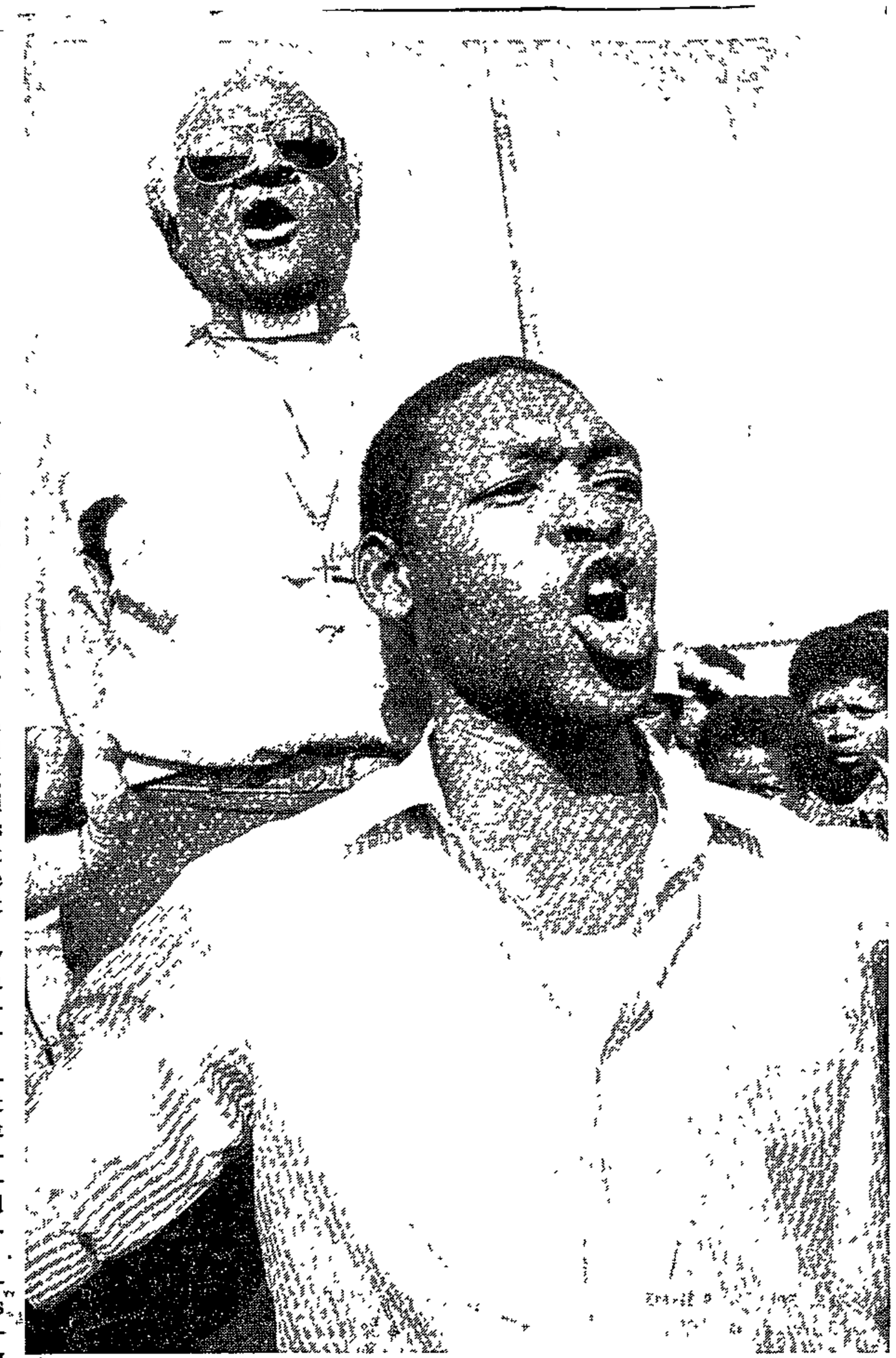
the police, Mgojo, who is from the embattled Maritzburg area in Natal, said after seeing for himself and hearing the personal accounts of people affected by the violence, he was convinced police were aiding Inkatha supporters in the violence.

"It is what they are doing in Natal and their (police) involvement is deep. We want to tell the government they should be promoting law and order but that its agents are promoting violence," said Mgojo.

The government has refuted allegations that the police are aiding Zulus, and Vlok has demanded "concrete evidence on these allegations".



Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other church leaders this week toured Reef townships in a bid to end the violence. ■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE

Archbishop Desmond Tutu . . . 'I haven't slept either'.

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Fighting leaves many destitute

By ELIAS MALULEKE

BLACK townships hit by the two-week-old violence between Zulus and residents in the East and West Rand resemble the embattled Natal townships where refugee camps are a way of life.

Squatters, hostel inmates and township residents made homeless by the violence in Katlehong, Thokoza, Vosloorus, Soweto and Kagiso are now refugees being housed in church halls, community halls, police stations and with relatives. Hardest hit are some who spend cold nights in the veld.

In addition, many of them have been absent from work since the fights started in their areas and some have lost their jobs.

According to church leaders, many of them have been left destitute after having their homes looted and burnt down.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said it was vital that violence should be stopped to enable people to lead normal lives in their homes with their families and to return to work.

"Although some of us still have our houses, we cannot sleep or eat because we share your suffering. We know you cannot sleep, eat and go to work because you are not in your homes," he said in Kagiso this week.

Most of the refugee camps have communal facilities, particularly the church halls and the makeshift camps, but for the refugees it is better than being in the violence-stricken areas.

"I want to return and rebuild my house in Crossroads but I am afraid because the Zulus can attack us again,"- said grief-striken Dolly Mavaso in a church hall in Katlehong.

The refugees live on handouts and depend on soup kitchens for their survival. They sleep on the floor and have a cardboard box or two where they keep their only possessions, mostly old clothes and sometimes food parcels.

Social worker Sally Petersen said the life of refugees was nothing compared to the anguish of not knowing whether a loved one was still alive or dead.

"Many people are missing and many people requests help daily to find children, parents, husbands, wives and relatives."

Presently, Petersen is looking after more than 950 refugees at the JD Thomas Hall in Eden Park – a coloured township near the strife-torn Phola Park in Thokoza.

She said the way refugees were living was not conducive to a healthy, normal life where children could be brought up decently.

"This type of life break up families and induces a lack of self-respect to those who lead it," Petersen said.

To ensure that nothing happens to the refugees at the hall, and to be a witness should something happen to them at night, Petersen has left her family and the comfort of her house to live among them.

"Most of them wander around like dazed people, not believing this has happened to them and the others leave the hall in the morning and come back at night,"she said.

Petersen said the refugees were being well cared for by local residents and a retired nursing sister. They receive food and clothing donations from companies and individuals.

When the church delegation led by Tutu visited the refugee camp this week, Petersen told them that staying at the hall was not a problem to the local community as it had given its wholehearted support to the refugees, the question was how lon the fi htin would last.

Soweto stayaway call for mass burial of victims

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By SOPHIE TEMA and CHARLES MOGALE

A STAYAWAY has been called for tomorrow to observe the mass burials of Soweto victims who died in the recent violence.

The Reef death toll stood at 514 yesterday.

Two more bodies were found on the East Rand yesterday morning. A badly burnt body was found in Vosloorus and the body of a person who had been shot was found in Daveyton.

A four-year-old Kagiso child was hospitalised in a serious condition on Friday after being hit on the head with an axe when rival groups clashed, police said.

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA) in conjunction with other organisations has called on residents to stay away from work to mark the untimely deaths of those killed in the strife-torn townships.

Eight of the victims will be buried tomorrow and five today, while five were buried yesterday.

The SA Council of Churches (SACC) has called for a national week of prayer for peace. It said the week would begin with a day of prayer and fasting tomorrow and end on Friday.

Organisers of the stayaway told *City Press* it had been called in the name of residents' demands that:

- Police should stop collaborating with Inkatha.
- All those who carry and were in possession of dangerous weapons be disarmed.
- The dismantling of hostels for conversion into family units.
- The rejection of the notion of "traditional weapons" which have caused the misery.
- The unreserved condemnation of those who were the aggressors must be made known.

Tomorrow's burial service for the victims will be held at the Jabulani amphitheatre from 10am until 12, when the procession will proceed to the Avalon cemetery.

The SCA said Soweto undertakers had offered the bereaved families free coffins, hearses, family coaches and graves.

Families who had already bought coffins and paid for burial expenses would be refunded.

- Orlando East residents were rudely interrupted from their sleep this week by men shouting through a loudhailer driving from street to street advising them to arm themselves.

Black-on-black warfare had not reached Orlando and residents believed the men, driving a white Nissan Skyline, were "agents of apartheid" trying to spread the conflict.

They ignored the war call.

ANC's reaction shocks Vlok

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has expressed astonishment at the ANC's dissatisfaction with the declaration of 27 magisterial districts as unrest areas.

Vlok noted that ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela had, on several occasions, accused the Government of not using the powers it had to put an end to the unrest.

Media

He said there was an essential difference between the declaration of areas of unrest and the declaration of a State of Emergency.

When he announced at a Friday news conference the measures to stop violence in black residential areas, Vlok said the news-gathering activities of the media would not be curbed. He called on the media not to increase violence through their actions in unrest areas, however.

The Commissioner of Police, Gen Johan van der Merwe, also assured the media that they would not be removed from unrest areas if they merely observed events.

Vlok at the weekend invoked security legislation effectively creating mini states of emergency in 27 black townships and banning the carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons in certain circumstances.

He also pledged to "drastically increase" the number of SA Police and Defence Force members in the areas affected.

The effect of declaring 27 unrest areas under Section 5 (a) of the Public Safety Act is to allow authorities there wide powers to suppress unrest through, for example, detentions, curfews and confiscations.

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The order, which affects all east and west rand townships, is valid for three months unless renewed or rescinded.

The townships affected are: Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Dobsonville, Wattville, Daveyton, Katlehong, Tokoza, Tembisa, KwaThema, Duduza, Balfour's black residential area, Greylingstad's black residential area, Botleng, Ratanda, Vosloorus, Tsakane, Alexandra, Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Evaton, Bophelong, Boipatong, Mohlakeng, Bekkersdal, Kagiso and Munsieville.

The weapons legislation banned the carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons such as knives, axes, pangas, knouts, spears, petrol bombs and forks at gatherings - *Sapa*

East Rand schools protest police action

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SCHOOLING has come to a standstill in three East Rand townships following last week's police action in Vosloorus which culminated in the detention of several students and the destruction of valuable property.

Clashes between police and youths broke out when police teargassed thousands of students who were marching to the local police station to demand the release of two teachers, Mandla Vilakazi and Stephen Maboa, who were detained two years ago for allegedly bombing the Witbank police station.

The march, which was planned to take place from 8am to 9 am, was dispersed by police because no permission had been granted. A member of the Vosloorus Teachers' Organisation told PUPILS FORUM that they found out later that the magistrate and the police refused to grant permission for the march after the local council objected to it.

This sparked off violence against the town council and councillors' property.

Since then, secondary schools students in Vosloorus, Thokoza and Katlehong have boycotted classes demanding that the charges of public violence laid against 18 students be withdrawn. The students appeared in court on Monday and were released on bail of R500 each.

In the meantime, the Katlehong branch of Congress of SA Students (Cosas) has organised a march for next Tuesday to protest against "police involvement" in education.

A Cosas spokesperson, Dineo Motaung, said parents' structures would be asked to intervene.

Reef townships quiet as task force moves in

TANIA LEVY

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REEF townships were quiet at the weekend, although three bodies were found by police at hostels on Saturday, Witwatersrand liaison officer Capt Pieter van Deventer said. B/Day 27/8/90

The shot, stabbed and burnt bodies found at Daveyton, Katlehong and Vosloorus, brought the official unrest death toll to 515.

A combined police and army task force raided several townships over the weekend, including some of the areas worst hit by the fighting of the last two weeks.

Task force operations in Kagiso, Vosloorus, KwaThema and Delmas saw truck loads of weapons confiscated and several arrests made.

Sapa reports there were minor attacks on police vehicles, and stone-throwing and petrol-bombing of vehicles and property in Kagiso on Saturday.

Three trucks were burnt out and buildings belonging to DBE Construction, as well as some temporary buildings, were gutted and a generator and lighting machinery destroyed. Police estimated damage at about R1m.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok visited Soweto on Saturday as security forces implemented measures to restore peace to strife-torn townships.

Sapa reports that on Friday Vlok invoked the Public Safety Act to declare most major Reef and Vaal Triangle townships unrest areas.

Vlok also announced new prohibitions on the carrying of weapons in terms of the Dangerous Weapons Amendment Act. He said carrying firearms and other danger-

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ous weapons at certain meetings within prescribed areas was now forbidden.

"The aim of this prohibition is to prevent armed people from gathering or forming groups in order to commit violence. Processions and marches are included in this prohibition," Vlok said. SAP and SADF forces would be drastically increased in areas where violence had broken out.

Meanwhile the Soweto Civic Association has called for a mass stayaway today to coincide with the funeral of 11 residents killed in Soweto last week.

Association spokesman Pat LePhunya said the stayaway was a protest against the continuing carnage and the accompanying silence of the business community.

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African National Congress supporters at the launch of the movement's branch in Mamelodi, Pretoria, toyi-toyi at the local hall yesterday. Branches were also launched at Garankuwa, Atteridgeville and Mabopane. Pic: LEN KUMALO

Mass burial protest

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By DON SEOKANE

THE Mass Democratic Movement has called for a stayaway today to mark the mass burial in Soweto of some of the people killed in the current violence.

Also today, the South African Council of Churches has called for a day of prayer and fasting.

At least 122 people are believed to have died in Soweto alone during the wave of violence that spread from the East Rand to the West Rand last week.

Ms Gill Marcus of the ANC's information department said at the weekend the stayaway had been called only for Soweto because of the mass burial

Mr Murphy Morobe of the United Democratic Front said the service for the burials will be held at Jabulani Amphitheatre from 10am and the procession will leave for Avalon Cemetery at noon.

The secretary-general of the SACC, the Rev Frank Chikane, said a call for prayers stemmed from the deep concern by church leaders and the SACC over the escalating violence.

The Soweto Civic Association, in conjuction with other civic groups in the area, has called for a stayaway to demand that:

* Police stop collaborating with Inkatha;
* All those in possession of arms be disarmed,
* Hostels be dis-

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mantled and converted to family units;

* The notion of traditional weapons, which have caused misery and death, be rejected; and that

* The aggressors be unreservedly condemned.

The SCA said undertakers in Soweto had offered to provide free burial for the victims of the violence.

On the East Rand, the Daveyton Civic Association yesterday called for a stayaway today in solidarity with victims of the unrest.

DCA spokesman Mr Star Motswege said the association called for all shops to close from the morning to 2pm.

Health workers will not be affected but teachers and pupils should report to schools only on Tuesday. However, the DCA appealed to residents not to prevent people from going to work.

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Grenade

Meanwhile, *Sapa* reported that a man was killed and two women injured when a handgrenade exploded at the Roodepoort railway station at the weekend.

Police spokesman Captain R Bloomberg said attackers hurled the grenade over a wall on to the station.

Police found a body on the East Rand yesterday, bringing the latest unrest death toll on the Witwatersrand to 515, according to an SAP spokesman.

The dead man, found in Katlehong, had been stabbed with a sharp instrument, the spokesman said.

In Kagiso there were minor attacks on police vehicles and stone-throwing and petrol-bombing of vehicles and property.

Police estimated the damage at about R1-m.

Tutu blames violence on hostel conditions

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SEPARATE thousands of men from their families, pack them into dormitories with nothing to do in the evenings but drink, then see what happens when someone starts a fight.

In the past two weeks South Africa has seen a full-scale war explode around the men-only hostels where thousands of migrant workers live.

The violence pits township residents against hostel dwellers, but Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said the underlying causes were neither political nor tribal.

"It is making people live in those dehumanising hostel conditions, isolating them from the community, that has exacerbated the kind of problems that we have," Tutu said.

The hostels, huge barracks of single or double-storey blocks, were built in the black townships around Johannesburg decades ago to house extra workers for the white city.

"They were a part of this idea that black people did not belong here, except as temporary workers," said Harry Mashabela of the South African Institute of Race Relations.

Often separated from the rest of the townships by a wire fence, the hostels were designed to prevent blacks penned by apartheid in

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10 tribally-defined rural homelands from settling near their jobs in Johanesburg.

A man could live in a hostel as long as he was working, but his family were prevented by law from joining him.

He was a "guest worker" in his own country.

Pretoria scrapped the law restricting freedom of movement for blacks in 1986, but a critical housing shortage in the blacks-only townships means the hostels remain, a grim testament to the inhumanity of apartheid

Sharing

Ernest Moloisi, assistant personnel officer in a Johannesburg industrial company, is one of more than 100 000 men who live in hostels around the country's industrial and financial capital.

At work he has his own office, but back in Tembisa township he shares a bedroom with 24 other men.

Unlike many of the hostel dwellers, who are Zulus, he comes from the northern Sotho tribe.

His wife and five children live in Pietersburg, 200km away. But the politically conservative rural town had no work for a black manager.

He is fortunate to be able to visit his family most weekends. Many of his fellow residents do not have enough time or money to visit their far-off homelands more than once a year.

"It's not a good life to stay in the hostel," he said. "In our room there is only one stove, one toilet and a bath. There is no privacy.

" Our room is like a hall, which has just been divided to accommodate two beds in one. In each section there are two beds and two lockers, that is all."

Loud music

Moloisi (42) has lived in the hostel for 10 years. He is used to being kept awake with shouting and loud music, but recently his sleep has been disturbed by gunshots.

"Last Sunday one man was shot dead next to the hostel office and on Monday morning someone found a corpse on the road outside," he said.

So far Tembisa has escaped the worst of the violence which has swept through Johannesburg's townships.

About 500 people have been shot, stabbed or burnt to death.

Moloisi says the spark for the violence may be political but that its roots lie firmly in apartheid.

"Originally people worked together and they didn't have these problems, but since the Government started its 'Separate Development' policy people just feel that its better to live with your own people," he said.

Migrant labour was a cornerstone of Separate Development - the policy of forcing black ethnic groups into their own tribal territories and making blacks think along tribal lines.

"The hostel manager just brings someone you don't know, and you have to persuade them to go along with what the majority of the room wants," said Moloisi.

Female visitors are not allowed and there are no recreation facilities.

In the evenings the men, many of them illiterate labourers, have nothing to do but drink the alcohol sold by the hostel's unofficial entrepreneurs.

Moloisi said tribal differences were by no means the only source of conflict. Tempers could flare over something as basic as people throwing paper on the floor.

He believes the current violence will gradually die down, but that the underlying problem will not be solved until the hostels are destroyed, or adapted to accommodate families.

In recognition of this, the Government last week approved a budget for the conversion of a hostel in Johannesburg's Soweto township into family units. - *Sapa-Reuter*

Police, troops use powers to curb violence

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Relative peace returned to strife-torn Reef townships after police and SADF troop reinforcements moved in — wielding wide powers given to them under the Public Safety Act.

Meanwhile, black leaders yesterday called on residents and hostel dwellers on the East Rand, where violent conflict has left hundreds dead and many injured, to unite and stop the killing.

The calls for peace, and the declaration of 27 townships as unrest areas, as well as the implementation of wide powers to confiscate dangerous weapons, seem to have restored calm without jeopardising negotiations.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, though sharply criticising the clampdown, said on Friday that he did not think it would jeopardise the ANC's peace talks with the government.

But yesterday in Oslo Mr Mandela accused the South African police of fuelling violence in the townships to weaken the ANC and other anti-apartheid forces seen as a threat to white rule.

"If it were just a clash between the Inkatha and ANC, it would have been over. It is the South African Police who are fuelling it."

Calls for peace at the weekend by tribal chiefs and ANC leaders also appear to have contributed to the large drop in violence.

Government sources close to the peace negotiations said they did not believe the imposition of the new security measures would delay the talks. It was continuing violence that was causing delay.

President De Klerk said the new security measures would be short and over a limited area.

But he also warned that if they did not succeed, the government would consider further measures "to ensure that the negotiation process continues in peaceful circumstances".

This seemed to refer to the possible reimposition of a full state of emergency — something senior government sources say they have not ruled out.

Four people were killed on the Reef at the weekend:

- One was burnt to death in Vosloorus.
- One was stoned to death in Tembisa.
- One was shot in Daveyton.
- One was stabbed to death in Katlehong.

Sporadic violence erupted in Kagiso but no deaths were reported.

Also in Kagiso, two houses were petrol-bombed and destroyed.

Throughout Saturday the roads were barricaded and sporadic petrol-bomb attacks and stonings took place against police.

Tense but quiet

The atmosphere in Kagiso was described as tense but quiet last night.

Yesterday at a Press conference organised by the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) Chief Noganyana Mwelo explained that the weekend visit by chiefs from Natal and Transkei was an attempt to speak to people jointly in a bid to restore peace and calm in the Transvaal.

"The killing must stop. It serves only the interests of the enemy, not the cause of freedom in our country."

- The Soweto Civic Association (SCA) predicted that most Sowetans would heed its call for a stayaway today to mark a mass burial of over 30 people killed in the township in the conflict.

Press cries: Where's Mandela?

By Esmaré van der Merwe and Star Bureau

Nelson Mandela was the subject of severe media criticism yesterday, both locally and abroad, for leaving the country at a time of bitter township conflict.

The ANC deputy president left the country on Saturday for Norway, where he will today address a conference on "The Anatomy of Hate", and follow up with visits to Libya and Algeria.

While most British commentators have concentrated their fire on Inkatha's role in the conflict, there have been increased doubts raised about Mr Mandela's own response.

The (London) Sunday Times yesterday said that by boarding a plane for Norway, "Mr Mandela was virtually admitting his inability to halt the killing".

The newspaper's South African correspondent, Ross Dunn, wrote that Mr Mandela's dream of bringing peace to the country "lay in tatters".

In Johannesburg, City Press editor Khulu Sibiya said the ANC should have advised Mr Mandela to postpone his trip until the situation at home had been normalised.

Magic wand

Under the headline "Mandela must stay", he wrote: "We know Mandela alone cannot wave a magic wand and normalise things in the townships.

"However, it is foolhardy for a leader of Mandela's stature to leave his country when it is on fire. One would have thought the ANC had a better understanding of what it means to look towards leadership in times of crisis."

He compared Mr Mandela to Archbishop Desmond Tutu who recently cut short an overseas trip to help stop the bloody conflict in the townships and personally visited trouble spots in an effort to bring calm.

Durban's Sunday Tribune described Mr Mandela's decision to go overseas again — only weeks after returning from a six-week international tour — as "mystifying".

It commented: "Mr Mandela should be standing right here, shoulder to shoulder with Mr F W de Klerk and Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, putting an end to the hate that is convulsing the townships of the Transvaal and Natal."

In London's Sunday Telegraph, columnist Christopher Booker said the violence was destroying the "fairytale version" about South Africa's recovery.

"More than ever, South Africa has been shown up as what it has always been: a loose confederation of warring tribes, some black, some white, some neither."

Fairytale

He suggested that the only solution would be co-operation between all groups, but said that "if there is one group which now seems more determined than any other to disqualify itself from helping to bring about such a solution, it is the ANC — behind its decent but weak front-man, Nelson Mandela. The fairytale is being stood on its head."

In an editorial examining the township violence and efforts to curb it, the Sunday Star made a passing remark about Mr Mandela's latest overseas trip.

Criticising the ANC leader for refusing to meet Chief Buthelezi to resolve the mini-war between the rival groups, it said Mr Mandela had left at a time when his "backyard is burning".

On departure from Jan Smuts on Saturday, Mr Mandela told journalists that he was not concerned about leaving the country at such a critical moment.

He said pressing matters such as the violence were being addressed by the ANC as an organisation and not individuals.

He had important engagements to fulfil overseas and had cancelled his holiday last week to personally deal with the violence.

ANC spokesmen could not be reached last night to comment on the criticism.

Unite and stop East Rand killings, say black leaders

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By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

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He stressed that Contralesa was not affiliated to any political party

He said ANC and Inkatha supporters as well as other concerned parties should initiate peace talks at grassroots level because "high-level talks will not solve the crisis."

Chief Mwelo stressed, however, that the recent violence was not a Zulu-Xhosa conflict, but had its roots in the system of apartheid and the policy of destabilisation perpetrated by the Government.

He added that Contralesa took strong exception to the refusal of the Government to allow the chiefs access to certain hostels.

The role of the police was to serve the community and not to fan the flames of conflict, he said.

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Apartheid the cause of Reef violence – chiefs

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Traditional chiefs, the ANC and its allies yesterday blamed the recent bloodshed in Reef townships, which has claimed more than 500 lives, on apartheid and the enforcement of the bantustan system.

The chiefs, under the banner of the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) and led by Prince Mcwayizeni Zulu of KwaZulu, initiated the weekend tour of the troubled areas in a bid to bring an end to the violence.

ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu represented the organisation at various peace rallies on the East Rand.

The traditional chiefs from Natal and Transkei held separate meetings with hostel dwellers on the East Rand.

Chief D Magudlwa of Transkei told a crowd of about 3 000 hostel dwellers in Sebokeng that the bantustan system had created the killing fields by denying people their full South African citizenship.

Chief Magudlwa, who led the delegation in Sebokeng, accused the police of being partial in the violence.

Mr Sisulu, in a separate peace rally held in Katlehong, told a crowd of more than 5 000 that the violence was a direct result of apartheid policies which divided people along tribal basis.

Mr Sisulu also addressed a crowd of stick-carrying squatters at Phola Park, Tokoza.

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Put away your knives, plead tribal chiefs

JOHANNESBURG. — Collaboration between elements of the SA Police and Inkatha is the root cause of the violence in Witwatersrand townships over the past two weeks, the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) alleged on Sunday.

Contralesa leaders — mainly from Natal and Transkei — made the accusation at a press conference here after touring the townships.

Contralesa however ruled out the withdrawal of police from the townships. Spokesman Chief Mwelo Nonkonyana denied the organisation's affiliation to any political party, and said it wanted peace to return to the troubled townships.

ANC and tribal leaders pleaded yesterday for an end to fighting between black factions as troops swept through Johannesburg's townships in a bid to quell the violence.

"As chiefs of this sub-continent, we strongly make our stand against such things as have been happening here," Xhosa Chief Mtirara told about 700 people at the rally.

Chief Mcwayizeni, an associate of Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, urged those who instigated the fighting to stop.

"No one must go armed. There must be no knives, no pangas (cane-cutting knives), no spears and no sticks," he said.

ANC leader Mr Walter Sisulu, who shared the platform with the chiefs, echoed the calls for peace.

But a member of the militant ANC-aligned South African Youth Congress (Sayco) said people should be ready to defend themselves.

"There is no way that we are going to allow our comrades, the cadres of Umkhonto we Sizwe, to just be overrun and killed," Sayco vice-president Mr Mnyamezeli Boy said to cheers. — Sapa-Reuter

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Cape Times 27/8/90

Own Correspondent

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Reef townships 'quiet', say police, SADF

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JOHANNESBURG. — As security forces yesterday continued to use the sweeping "mini-state of emergency" powers to raid Reef townships, police said there had been a "substantial" reduction in township violence.

Police, assisted by members of elite SADF units, have raided at least four townships on the East and West Rand since Friday night, confiscating huge quantities of dangerous weapons and arresting at least 10 people.

The raids follow the government's Friday declaration of 19 magisterial districts in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle as areas of unrest.

The declaration comes as a desperate attempt by security forces to stop the bloody violence which has left at least 516 people dead and thousands more injured since fighting broke out in Sebokeng on July 22.

Major-General Wessel Kritzinger of the SADF's Witwatersrand Command is reported as saying that men of the crack 32 Parachute Battalion, No 1 Special Service Battalion and two infantry battalions have been sent into the townships to assist police units.

In Kagiso there were minor attacks on police vehicles and stone-throwing and petrol-bombing of vehicles and property.

Three trucks were burnt out and in one incident buildings belonging to DBE construction, as well as some temporary buildings, were gutted and a generator and lighting machinery destroyed. Police estimated the damage at about R1 million.

However, by yesterday the situation on the Witwatersrand was quiet. The spokesman said residents of the various townships had welcomed the presence of the police and other security forces.

● A man man staggered 25m and then died after a grenade was tossed into a waiting room at the Roodepoort railway station at the weekend.

Two women — Ms Jane Kobelo and Ms Margaret Leevo — were also injured and treated at the Leratong Hospital in Krugersdorp for shrapnel wounds.

Police said the grenade was a South African-made M26. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

FW statement on Goldstone report

EDYTH BULBRING

PRETORIA — President F W de Klerk will make an announcement regarding the report of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry's findings on the March 26 Sebokeng shootings before the end of the week, a spokesman from the President's office said yesterday. B Day 28/8/90

The Sebokeng shootings took place after a 5 000-strong UDF gathering, intent on marching to Vereeniging, was stopped by police near the Sondela brewery.

At least five people died in the shooting while seven others were shot dead in incidents in the area. More than 280 people were injured. (278)

The President's spokesman could not elaborate on the nature of the announcement or whether the report would be publicised this week.

An announcement on the report had not been made earlier because of the violence on the Reef during the past fortnight.

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Boycott for 515 dead

Peace restored by emergency measures, say police

SOWETO. — Tens of thousands of workers and pupils in Soweto and other townships near Johannesburg staged a boycott yesterday to honour victims of two weeks of internecine violence on the Reef that left at least 515 dead.

As several thousand Soweto people prepared to bury the bodies of eight victims killed in the street-fighting, the police declared that special emergency measures imposed on Friday "have had the desired effect — peace has returned to these strife-torn areas".

The unrest death toll in Soweto itself stood at 126 yesterday afternoon, after three people had died of unrest-related injuries in Baragwanath Hospital on Saturday, according to SAP Soweto liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni.

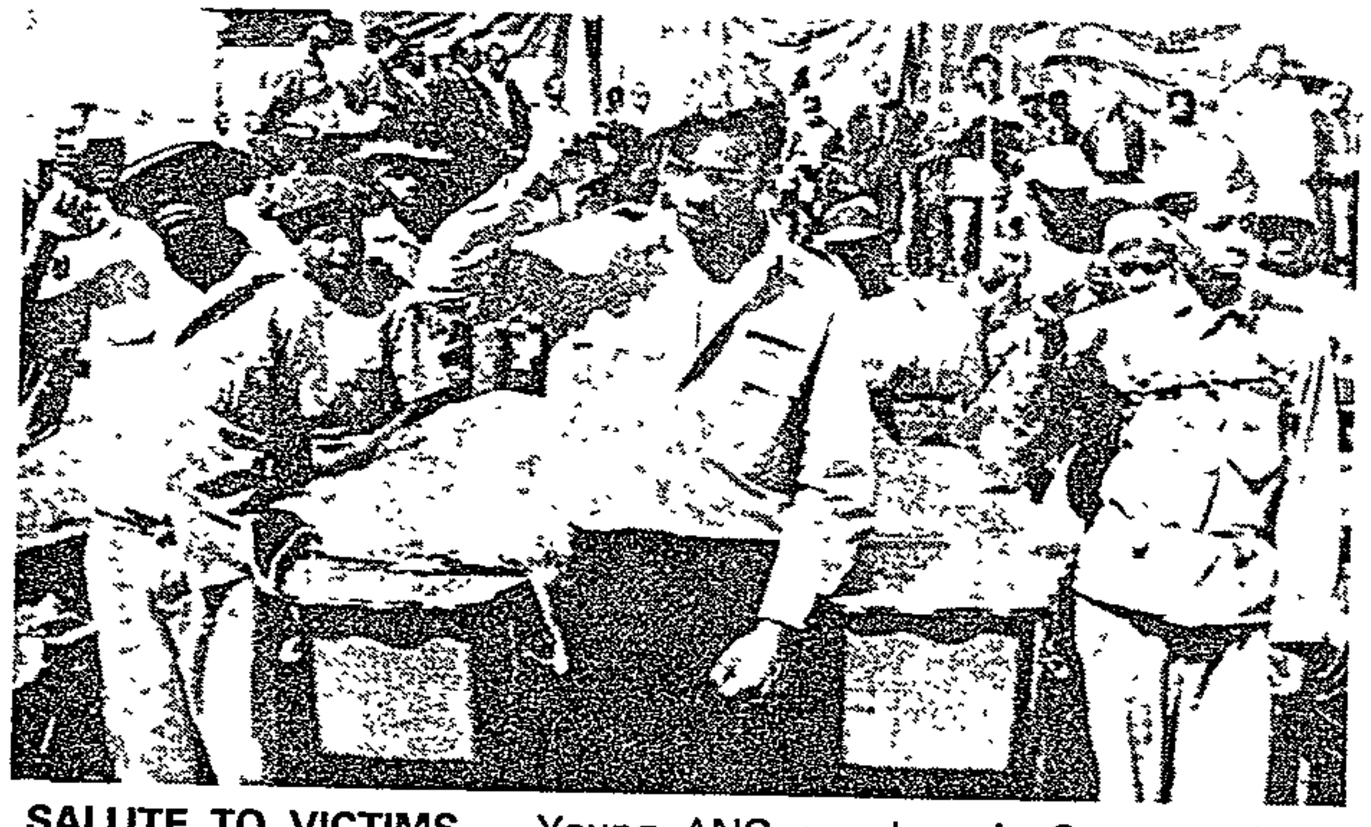
The total death toll for the Witwatersrand, including Soweto, had remained at 515 since Sunday morning, he said.

Eight arms caches were reported in Soweto at the weekend, he said.

A call by the African National Congress and its allies for a "stayaway" yesterday coinciding with the funerals drew widespread support.

Soweto businesses were closed and tens of thousands of workers did not report for work in Johannesburg and other industrial satellite cities, according to transport surveys.

Department of Education Regional Director Mr Peet Struwig said most schools in black townships east of Johannesburg were empty and that there was a "complete stayaway" from schools in Soweto.



SALUTE TO VICTIMS ...Young ANC members in Soweto salute victims of the recent Reef clashes at a funeral yesterday.

Picture: REUTER

Thousands of people, including ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu, attended the service before the colourful crowd jogged and toyi-toyied several kilometres to the cemetery.

Mrs Winnie Mandela — recently appointed ANC head of welfare — made a popular entrance to the amphitheatre clad in camouflage jacket and cap with military webbing belt and military-style boots.

At the service, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu rejected claims that the recent fighting was caused by tribalism. "I say that is a lie," he said.

Wearing a bright purple robe, he said that when he met President F W de Klerk he would tell him it was clear police had not been impartial.

"Our freedom is at hand, but there are those who don't want us to have our freedom, so they have made us fight one another."

He said SA needed a new police force — "one that is acceptable to the people".

The amphitheatre was ringed by soldiers and a police helicopter hovered overhead for much of the day's proceedings

SA Youth Congress president Mr Peter Mokaba told the roaring crowd that the violence had been instigated by forces wanting to disrupt the ANC on the ground.

He said this would not turn into black on black violence, but an "insurrection against the apartheid regime".

Congress of SA Trade Unions general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo told the crowd the government must disarm "vigilantes" and control the police if they were serious about negotiations.

Mr Sisulu described the recent violence as "purposeless — orchestrated by evil forces, black and white".

Relative calm appeared to have returned to the townships at the weekend as troops carried out weapons seizures and patrolled the hardest-hit areas. In their statement yesterday, police again denied the allegations of partiality.

"As the police have said right from the start, the allegations are malicious, propagandistic lies," the statement said. "It would be to the benefit of all concerned if those who falsely accuse the SA police rather directed their efforts to finding solutions for ending the conflict."

Yesterday some 300 Xhosa people in seven buses arrived in Johannesburg from Transkei to help identify bodies still lying unclaimed in township mortuaries. — UPI and Sapa

the contracts of casual labourers at affected plants. — Sapa

Zulu king urges unity

Cape Times 28/8/90 (278)

ULUNDI. — King Goodwill Zwelithini of the Zulus yesterday called on his subjects in violence-torn Transvaal townships to abandon their weapons and unite in a commitment to a multi-party democracy.

King Zwelithini was speaking at Ceza Hospital in Mahlabathini at the unveiling of a plaque in honour of the birthplace of Chief Buthelezi.— Sapa

Calls for dismantling of township hostels

Soweto buries violence dead

Sowetan 25/8/90 (278)

THOUSANDS of Soweto residents yesterday attended the mass funeral of seven people killed in the past fortnight's violence between residents and hostel dwellers.

The funeral, held at Avalon Cemetery, was one of the biggest in Soweto. The seven were buried side-by-side.

At least 10 other violence victims were buried at the weekend.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Those buried yesterday were: Moshoeshoe Tejane (33) and Petrus Tau (25), both of Naledi, Mpho Mcosana, of White City Jabavu, B Seleke, of Naledi Extension, Josia Dose, of Zone 4, Pimville, Richard Lebona Mosia (29), of Central Western Jabavu, and Andries Bonginkosi Zuma (17), of Orlando West.

They were among 126 people killed during fighting in Soweto in the past two weeks.

Speakers at a three-hour service at Jabulani Amphitheatre included Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and South African Council of Churches general-secretary the Rev Frank Chikane.

Most of the speakers lashed out at the Government and big business for creating the "hostel system". They demanded the dismantling of hostels and that they should be converted into family units.

There were also calls for peace

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The "Young Lions" stand next to the coffins of the seven victims of violence in Soweto. Thousands of residents attended the joint funeral service at the Jabulani Amphitheatre yesterday.

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Pretoria	8 September	

Soweto residents formed a guard of honour along the route while ANC marshalls led the procession of the seven unrest victims who were buried in a mass funeral in Soweto yesterday. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

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Violence victims buried

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and residents were urged not to seek revenge. However, this did not mean residents should not form structures to defend themselves.

Tutu said it was a lie to say the ongoing fighting in the townships was a "tribal war". He and many people in the townships lived harmoniously, despite belonging to different ethnic groups.

He said in many places

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that they had visited the residents blamed the police for the killings and they wanted to tell State President Mr FW de Klerk about this.

"Police must not only be seen to be impartial but must be impartial. We want a new police force that will be acceptable to the people," Tutu said.

Call for stayaway in N Tvl township

Sowetan 28/8/90

THE Bela-Bela Action Committee at Warmbaths has called for a work stayaway on Friday and Saturday, the day of the funeral of a local resident, Mr Charles Khoele, who died following security force action last Monday.

Committee chairman Mr Eddie Mokoena said Khoele's funeral would start at his home in Sisulu Section of Bela-Bela township and proceed to the local Roman Catholic Church.

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Warning shots

Police public relations officer for the Far Northern Transvaal, Colonel JC Jones, said police were investigating a case of murder following the fatal shooting of Khoele, who died a day later at Garankuwa Hospital after being admitted there with a gunshot wound.

Jones said Khoele was injured when a member of the South African Defence Force fired warning shots when they were stoned at a meeting in the township.

He said police were investigating two other cases of assault and one of malicious damage to property. *Sapa.*

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Buthelezi surprised by banning of arms

KWAZULU Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, expressed surprise during an Inkatha Youth Brigade conference at the weekend at a new Government ban on assegais and other simple weapons in some areas, blamed the ANC for violence in the Transvaal and proclaimed his desire for peace.

Buthelezi, who is also the leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, said in Ulundi: "It is criminal and it is totally unacceptable. Anybody who wants to make any kind of political statement or do anything that is political must join the political party of his choice and do it there."

Buthelezi said the image of the ANC as the nation's leading liberation group was propaganda.

The enthusiastic, predominantly young crowd of about 7 000 was surprisingly free of arms such as spears and clubs that Zulus, who dominate Inkatha, have embraced as "cultural weapons."

In his wide-ranging address of about 90 minutes, Buthelezi cited Inkatha as the force that had pressured the National Party Government into freeing ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and legalising black political organisations.

Buthelezi labelled as "poppycock" suggestions in the Press that Inkatha was jealous that State President Mr FW de Klerk was negotiating with the ANC, but not with Inkatha. Inkatha had negotiated and talked with the Government long before the ANC did, he said.

The focus of his speech was the ongoing violence between blacks and what he called the ANC/UDF/Cosatu alliance's role as the instigator.

ANC "surrogates and ANC co-travellers" had incited violence in Natal between 1983 and 1986, he said.

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ANC peace probe begins tomorrow

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GERTRUDE SHOPE

Soweto mourns its victims

Star 28/8/90

Staff Reporters

At least 15 000 Soweto residents attended the funeral yesterday of eight Soweto "comrades" killed in the recent violence that struck the township.

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Thousands of township residents stayed away from work to mark the day of mourning.

A Putco spokesman said only 422 out of 974 buses operated on the Reef yesterday, and the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) reported a severe decline in taxi operations. Transnet trains from black townships carried few passengers.

At Jabulani stadium in the morning, ANC officials and church leaders said the police and the "apartheid regime" were to blame for the violence.

"It is a very strange thing that black people almost everywhere in the world suffer. Just when you have this complexion you attract suffering. Why should we be the victims of such vicious violence?" an impassioned Archbishop Desmond Tutu asked.

He said: "We want to say to Mr de Klerk that the evidence against the police is overwhelming. The police have not been impartial ... We need a new police force that is acceptable to the people."

ANC leader Walter Sisulu said the last mile of the struggle depended on black unity:

"The struggle can only be won by determination, discipline and loyalty. Who dares to say the ANC is fighting the Zulus? We are fighting the apartheid regime."

● The Azanian People's Organisation has accused student organisations of "planned theatrics" for organising a week of protests against the violence.

Gomolemo Mokae, Transvaal vice-president, said invaluable study time had already been lost.

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Weapons of war: Anything will do

ARGUS 28/8/90 (278)

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Blades, scythes, gearboxes, branches, drain pipes, corrugated roofing and rubbish bin lids. These objects have made up a considerable bulk of the weaponry used in the raging Witwatersrand township battles.

Although weapons such as these are ineffective when compared to modern fighting tools, blacks have for generations opted for traditional weapons like sticks, pangas, axes, knobkerries and spears.

In urban townships the range of weapons has been extended to include objects one would never imagine would be used for bloodletting.

"Anything and everything is used — parts from cars, steel piping, branches of trees and corrugated roofing cut into strips," Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman, said.

Allegiances

And as the war continues, fighters from both sides are developing ways of identifying their allegiance. Zulu/Inkatha hostel-dwellers are recogniseable for their red or yellow headbands and the use of traditional weapons in both hands. Township residents/ANC supporters are less formal, with some applying black war paint to their faces.

Although police have attempted on occassion to disarm fighters in an effort to stop the killing, the makeshift weapons are easy to replace.

"The problem is that as soon as they are disarmed, they simply walk around the corner and pick up another piece of steel and sharpen it or get another knife somewhere. Every car, house and tree is a source of weapons," said Captain Opperman.

The introduction of firearms to the fighting means the fatality rate will be higher and the police will find it more difficult to control the situation, according to Lloyd Vogelman, director of Wits University's Project for the Study of Violence.

What was interesting to note was that stones did not feature.

"The weapons are far more aggressive. We have knobkerries with blades attached and maces with nails sticking out in all directions," said Mr Vogelman.

Battle-weary township dwellers pick up pieces

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By Dawn Barkhuizen

Eight death certificates were piled on the desk of the Kagiso funeral parlour yesterday — at least three times as many as there are most days.

The eight dead are all victims of the last two weeks of hell that has seen at least 515 people die when townships throughout the Witwatersrand flared up into war.

But the war seems to have died down as suddenly as it came.

Apart from the death certificates, the odd burnt-out car, the gutted houses and the fact that nearly every window in Kagiso 1 has been smashed, life in Kagiso — on the surface at least — seems pretty much back to normal.

And police report that the East Rand, the scene of several bloody clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents, is quiet.

Late yesterday afternoon small children were playing with carts, eating oranges and skipping over the piles of rocks that once formed roadblocks throughout Kagiso.

Residents were shouting to one another across garden fences and strolling in the streets, apparently oblivous of the lone SADF patrol.

The only area unusally quiet was the street bordering the Kagiso hostel.

Opposite the hostel, under the watchful eyes of self-styled hostel sentries, Paulos Mochine was packing the remains of his furniture on to a van and moving them out.

His house has been petrol-bombed twice. The glass melted, the paint blistered on the walls, the contents were destroyed and his children barely got out with their lives.

"I am afraid, but I do not know what to do. I have been here for 30 years. There has never been trouble like this before. People keep talking about Xhosas and Zulus and ANC and Inkatha, but I am a Tswana. I am not a political man. I have lost everything. I do not understand why."

Children living near the Inkatha stronghold of Jabulani hostel, in Jabavu, Soweto, are taken to safer houses at night as violence continues.

Teargas

In central western Soweto, where the unrest death toll stood at 126 yesterday afternoon, the only evidence of the shooting, the teargas, the stones and the bodies of last week were broken, boarded-up windows.

At Jabulani hostel, police were posted at the entrance. About 20 hostel dwellers sat at the gate. Others paced along the fence, watchful and reluctant to talk.

A young blond policeman said: "Last week was bad, but it's quieter now."

Township residents with homes bordering on the hostel were yesterday still planning to move out for the night.

One resident, David Sitabela (42), said that by the time Taeolo Street exploded into violence a week ago, he had already sent his wife and children away.

He had been alone in the house when the stones started raining on to the roof. He tried to squeeze behind a small cupboard and claw his way up the wall to hide.

Now he still stays at home alone every night. There are holes in the roof, and the windows are smashed. His television is gone and so is his peace of mind.

"At night you shut your mouth, take your weapons and look after your house. I would run, but where do I go? I was born here. This was my parents' house."

Paulina Seoma says: "The trouble is not as bad as it was a few days ago, but when it gets dark the men from the hostel still shout across the railway line: 'Seyeza! Seyeza! Ningalale! Seyeza!' (We are coming! We are coming! Do not sleep! We are coming!)"

Her daughter Disebo says: "No we do not want those men. We must burn the hostels. We must burn them."

Disebo is just 10

Township violence: Inkatha states view

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By Patrick Laurence

An attempt by the African National Congress and its allies to turn Sebokeng into a "no-go" area for Inkatha triggered the 10-day township war which left more than 500 people dead, Themba Khosa of Inkatha said yesterday.

Inkatha supporters on their way to a rally in Sebokeng had been abused and stoned by ANC loyalists outside the stadium at Sebokeng on July 22, the date which marked the start of the "Transvaal war" betweeen Inkatha and the ANC, Mr Khosa told journalists.

Later, after the rally and after a bus carrying Inkatha supporters was forced to retreat by stone-throwing youths, Inkatha's followers were escorted away from the stadium by police but were ambushed outside the hostels, he added.

A major battle ensued and, before the fighting died down, at least 22 people had been killed.

From that day onwards, violence flared in townships around Johannesburg, coming to a terrifying climax in 10 days on August 13 and abating only after a massive police clampdown.

Mr Khosa was one of three Inkatha officials who gave journalists Inkatha's perspective on the violence in the hope of correcting what they believe has been an unfair portrayal of Inkatha as the primary aggressor.

He cited the appearance of pamphlets under an ANC logo, denigrating Zulus as pro-Government stooges, as another factor which had fuelled the violence.

Told that the ANC had disowned the pamphlets as bogus, Mr Khoza replied that the ANC disavowal had come too late and too discreetly.

The fact that most of the major battles had been fought near the entrances to Inkatha strongholds in the townships proved that their role had been defensive, Mr Khosa reckoned.

While offering the Inkatha perspective, the main purpose of the envoys was to convey a call for peace and tolerance to people of the strife-torn Transvaal townships from Chief Buthelezi.

The message was taken directly into the townships and hostels at the weekend by a strong delegation of high-ranking Zulu chiefs.

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The horrors of single-sex hostels

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From PHILIPPA FLETCHER in Johannesburg

SEPARATE thousands of men from their families, pack them into dormitories with nothing to do in the evenings but drink, then see what happens when someone starts a fight.

TOWNSHIP

In the past two weeks South Africa has seen a full-scale war explode around the men-only hostels where thousands of migrant workers live.

The violence pits township residents loyal to the African National Congress (ANC) against Zulu hostel dwellers, but Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said the underlying causes were neither political nor tribal.

"It is making people live in those dehumanising (hostel) conditions, isolating them from the community, that has exacerbated the kind of problems that we have," Archbishop Tutu said.

The hostels, huge barracks of single or double-storey blocks, were built in the black townships around Johannesburg decades ago to house extra workers for the white city.

"They were a part of this idea that black people did not belong here, except as temporary workers," said Harry Mashabela of the South African Institute of Race Relations.

Often separated from the rest of the townships by a wire fence, the hostels were designed to prevent blacks penned by apartheid in 10 tribally-defined rural homelands from settling near their jobs in Johanesburg.

Grim testament

A man could live in a hostel as long as he was working, but his family were prevented by law from joining him.

He was a "guest worker" in his own country.

Pretoria scrapped the law restricting freedom of movement for blacks in 1986, but a critical housing shortage in the blacks-only townships means the hostels remain, a grim testament to the inhumanity of apartheid.

Ernest Moloisi, assistant personnel officer in a Johannesburg industrial company, is one of more than 100 000 men who live in hostels around the country's industrial and financial capital.

At work he has his own office, but back in Tembisa township he shares a bedroom with 24 other men. Unlike many of the hostel dwellers who are Zulus, he comes from the northern Sotho tribe.

His wife and five children live in Pietersburg, 200 km away. But the politically conservative rural visit his family most weekends. Many of his fellow residents do not have enough time or money to visit their far-off homelands more than once a year.

"It's not a good life to stay in the hostel," he said. "In our room there is only one stove, one toilet and one bath. There's no privacy."

"Our room is like a hall, which has just been divided to accommodate two beds in one. In each section there are two beds and two lockers, that is all."

Moloisi, 42, has lived in the hostel for 10 years. He is used to being kept awake with shouting and loud music, but recently his sleep has been disturbed by gunshots.

"Last Sunday one man was shot dead next to the hostel office and on Monday morning someone found a corpse on the road outside," he said.

So far Tembisa has escaped the worst of the violence which has swept through Johannesburg's townships.

More than 500 people have been shot, stabbed or burnt to death.

Family units

Moloisi says the spark for the violence may be political — a power-struggle between the ANC and the Zulu Inkatha movement — but that its roots lie firmly in apartheid.

"Originally people worked together and they didn't have these problems, but since the government started its 'Separate Development' policy people just feel that its better to live with your own people," he said.

Migrant labour was a cornerstone of Separate Development — the policy of forcing black ethnic groups into their own tribal territories and making blacks think along tribal lines.

"The hostel manager just brings someone you don't know, and you have to persuade them to go along with what the majority of the room wants," said Moloisi.

Female visitors are not allowed and there are no recreation facilities. In the evenings the men, many of them illiterate labourers, have nothing to do but drink the alcohol sold by the hostel's unofficial entrepreneurs.

Moloisi said tribal differences were by no means the only source of conflict. Tempers could flare over something as basic as people throwing paper on the floor.

He believes the current violence will gradually die down, but that the underlying problem will not be solved until the hostels are destroyed, or adapted to accommodate families.

In recognition of this, the government last week approved a

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MILITARY-STYLE WINNIE: The ANC's Mrs Winnie Mandela, in camouflage uniform and peaked cap, and Mr Walter Sisulu, left, pay their respects at a Soweto funeral of eight "comrades" killed in two weeks of violence. More than 500 people have died in East Rand township faction battles.

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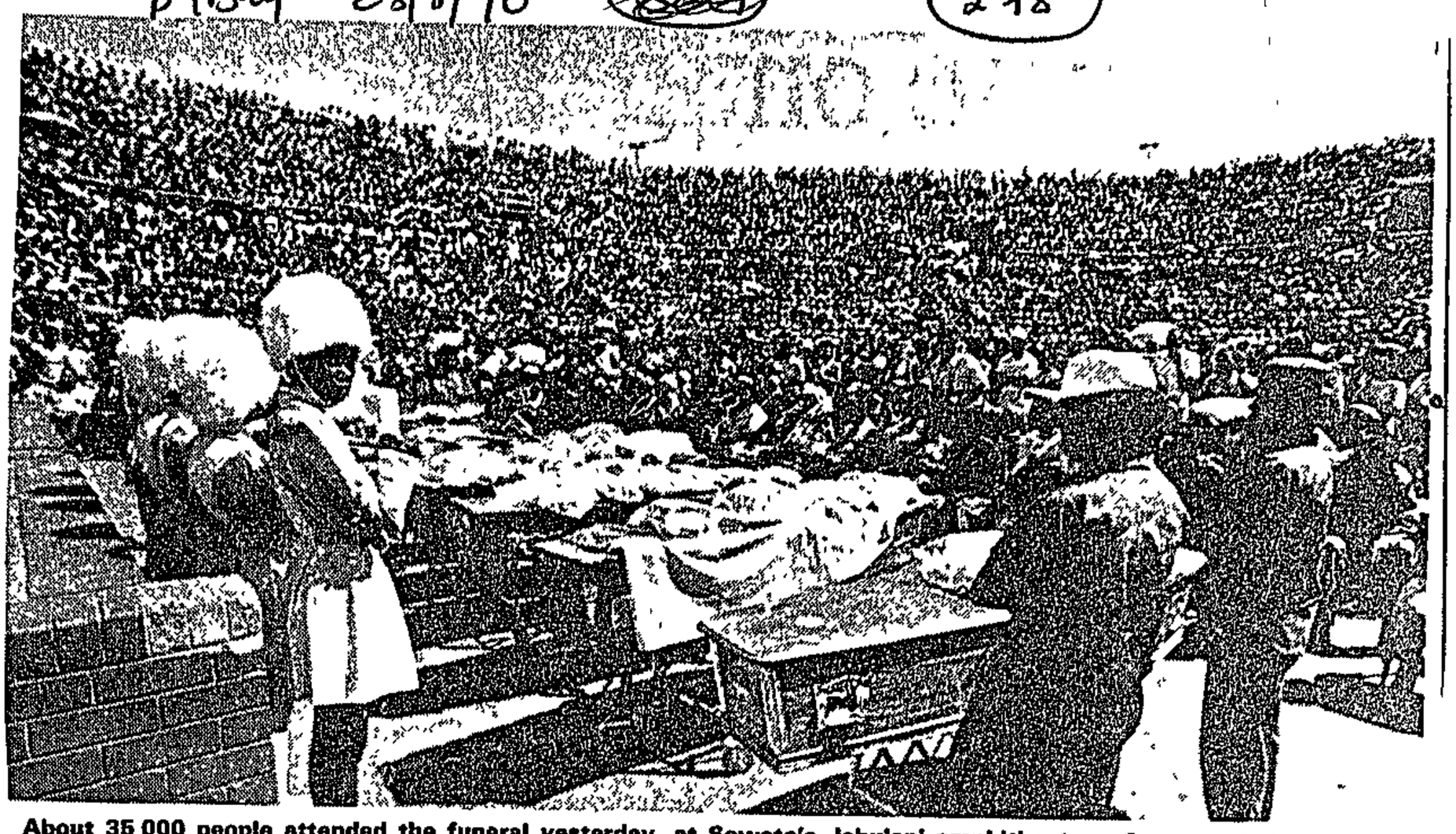

About 35 000 people attended the funeral yesterday, at Soweto's Jabulani amphitheatre, of seven victims of Reef township violence which has claimed more than 500 lives in the past two weeks. Winnie Mandela, head of the ANC's social welfare department, was one of the leaders present.

Pictures. ROBERT BOTHA

Tutu sees FW over 'police bias'

CAPE TIMES 28/8/90

JOHANNESBURG. — Alleged police bias in the factional violence that swept black townships on the Reef will be top of the agenda today when church leaders hold talks with President F W de Klerk in Pretoria.

The delegation, headed by SA Council of Churches president Dr Khoza Mgojo, includes Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist and independent African church clerics.

The meeting will seek to "communicate our concerns and bring evidence that will convince them (the authorities) that we are not speaking irresponsibly" of police bias in the violence.

A statement issued yesterday added that the violence had taken on a sinister shade.

Archbishop Tutu said yesterday that he believed that after preliminary talks at lower levels, ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela should agree to sit down with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.—Sapa

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Cops not partisan, says Vlok

PRETORIA. — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday rejected charges that the police had taken sides in the conflict that has racked black townships on the Witwatersrand in the past fortnight.

Several community organisations, including the ANC, have alleged that police openly sided with one or another warring party during the violence.

But Mr Vlok said that although isolated incidents may have occurred, the SAP as a whole was doing its utmost to maintain law and order.

"The unrest measures announced on Friday and the deployment of a large contingent of SAP and SADF members resulted in an immediate cessation of violence in the troubled areas during the weekend," Mr Vlok said.

The minister also appealed to the affected communities to continue their co-operation with the security forces. — Sapa

Townships quiet but toll climbs to 516

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Crime Reporter

A 20-year-old man was shot dead at a Vosloorus hostel this morning in the only unrest-incident reported earlier today in war-ravaged Reef townships, bringing the death toll in almost two weeks of fighting to 516.

The latest victim's body was found at 2.20 am outside the East Rand township hostel.

He had been shot dead with an AK-47 rifle, police said.

"The action taken by the security forces, both police and army, to restore peace to the townships has been very successful. The affected areas are quiet today," said Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe.

He said security forces continued intensive patrols after 27 Reef and Vaal Triangle townships were declared unrest areas.

One more shooting on war-ravaged Reef

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JOHANNESBURG. — Only one further incident of unrest, in which a man was shot, has been reported in the war-ravaged Reef townships, police said yesterday.

The incident occurred in Vosloorus on the East Rand, where a 20-year-old man was shot dead at a hostel yesterday morning.

This brings the death toll in almost two weeks of fighting to 516.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said the action taken by the security forces to restore peace to the townships had been "very successful".

In Natal unrest a man was stabbed to death near Umgababa on Monday, police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said.

And in another incident three people received burns when a car was petrol-bombed in Clermont. — Sapa

Squatters resettle in wake of hostel battles

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JOHANNESBURG. — Squatters at Phola Park on the East Rand were picking up the pieces of their disrupted lives after savage battles with Zulu hostel dwellers over the past two weeks, Father Peter Hortop of the Thokoza Roman Catholic Church said yesterday.

He said more than 500 families who had fled the bitter fighting had returned to the squatter camp and "life was returning to normal".

"People are going about their daily tasks," he added.

The returning refugees had been given shelter at the church and seven camps that dotted Thokoza.

Meanwhile, squatters were still hunting for relatives lost during days of the savage war that led to offshoots in Katlehong, Vosloorus, Soweto, Kwa-Thema and Tembisa.

More than 500 people lost their lives. — Sapa

Hostel system must be ended — Tutu

WASHINGTON — Anglican Church leader Archbishop Desmond Tutu told a US television interviewer this week he hoped talks to end violence in South Africa would culminate with a meeting between Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC Mr Nelson Mandela. 278

Bishop Tutu, who cut short his visit to Canada to return to South Africa because of last week's bloodshed in the townships, said he was hoping the virtual state of emergency in various areas that had been declared unrest areas would reduce the violence to nil. Sowetan 29/8/90

Fighting

Then something had to be done about the single-sex hostels which had housed so many of the people responsible for the fighting, he said.

The hostels system had to be ended and the buildings turned into family units, he told NBC in an interview from Johannesburg.

The police also had to be seen to be impartial, they must not just be impartial, he added.

Tutu said it would then be the time for talks, especially between Inkatha and the ANC, culminating in a meeting between Buthelezi and Mandela.-

Sowetan Correspondent

The tragic face of acceptance ... Skuhana Kitiyana smokes his pipe on the lawn of the Transkei Consulate in Johannesburg minutes before going back home. He was among many disappointed people who came in vain to identify their next of kin at Reef mortuaries Pic. ROBERT NORTON

Bodies left to rot

Disappointed Transkeians fail to find their relatives

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TRANSKEI citizens were horrified when they failed to identify their relatives from a pile of rotting bodies in the backyard of a Boksburg mortuary.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

Government officials, church groups and citizens have lashed out at the South African Government for the way the bodies of victims of the Reef violence between hostel dwellers and township residents have been handled.

The allegations followed "horrifying and disgusting" scenes of bodies left to rot in the backyards of the Boksburg and Germiston Government mortuaries.

Sowetan was told that the bodies were left unattended for more than a week at the Germiston mortuary. *Sowetan* reporters saw the decaying bodies last Thursday but were told by policemen to leave the area.

More than 500 Transkei citizens, accompanied by government officials and church leaders, arrived in Johannesburg in seven buses on Monday to tour. Government

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PRESIDENT FW de Klerk met a top-level international Methodist Church delegation in Pretoria yesterday and told them he was ready to come to the negotiating table immediately, the delegation said.

World Methodist Council (WMC) chairman Bishop Lawi Imathiu told a news conference afterwards the delegation had received positive answers to several important points raised in the meeting.

"The meeting was so good and encouraging."

De Klerk argued his case for a new constitution and firmly stated his intention to remove the Population Registration and Group Areas Acts, Bishop Imathiu said.

The delegation is due to meet representatives of the ANC, PAC and Azapo today.

A second group of church leaders met De Klerk last night to discuss the role of the police in the conflict-ridden townships on the East Rand which have left scores dead and many homeless.

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Rotten corpses shock families

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mortuaries in the Witwatersrand.

The tour was arranged by the Transkei government to enable its citizens to identify relatives who had died in clashes on the Reef two weeks ago.

Only six people were reported to have been identified. The tour, which was to have included Diepkloof and Roodepoort mortuaries, was called off because "our people had seen enough of decomposed bodies infested with worms and flies", a Transkei official said.

The homeland's Minister of Information, Mr Ben Buqwana, said he was "depressed and horrified".

"Hundreds of bodies were rotten and others had private parts missing. The bodies are kept in the backyard exposed to the sun and all sorts of things," he said angrily.

Buqwana said there was a stench around the mortuary.

"Identification was impossible," he said.

Transkei Consul General Chief Victor Mditshwa described as "horrifying and sad" the situation at the mortuaries.

"It was so depressing that we had to call the tour off. I have never seen such cruelty," he said.

He said a report would be made to Transkei leader General Bantu Holomisa and requests for a judicial commission of inquiry could not be ruled out.

A shocked member of the Methodist Church mother's union, Mrs Lexie Ceza from Umtata, said the rotting bodies were the work of the "dirty hands of the police".

A police spokesman, Captain Pieter van Deventer, confirmed that there had been an increase of bodies in Government mortuaries since the conflict started.

He said Government mortuaries, which were not well equipped to handle a large number of bodies, were crowded, but steps were immediately taken to dispatch bodies to other police and private mortuaries.

Van Deventer denied allegations that bodies were left unattended and said many had been identified and taken by relatives.

Meanwhile, the Daveyton Peace Monitoring Committee has organised a prayer meeting to be held at the Anglican Church in Phuti Street, Daveyton, tomorrow at 1pm.

Spokesman Mr Star Motswege said of the 20 people who died during the violence, only seven have been positively identified.

They are Vela Mduzulwana, Sipho Xhawukashe, Ceba Mnyombolo, Loiso Tyhilana, David Simelane, David Mlindazwe and Velile Dayimane.

One of the cops who moved in to try to keep opposing factions apart during violence in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, on the West Rand last week. Unrest in this township and others around the country has cost the country billions of rands.

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Winnie's gear sparks police probe

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police are investigating the alleged wearing of a camouflage uniform by Mrs Winnie Mandela during a funeral rally in Soweto.

Wearing camouflage dress is illegal.

Mrs Mandela was seen wearing what appeared to be a black and green camouflage jacket or shirt during the rally in Jabulani on Monday.

"NO CHOICE"

A police spokesman confirmed today that they would investigate.

Detectives would look at video and photographic material taken during the rally.

"If the law has been broken we have no choice but to investigate and take the necessary steps," the spokesman said.

Blunders lead to violence

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OSCAR DHLOMO, the former Inkatha secretary-general and now an independent conciliator, looks at violence in South Africa and discusses how it should be dealt with.

The last few weeks have seen an escalation of violence and its spread to the black areas of the Transvaal.

Various theories have been advanced in attempts to explain why this violence, which had more or less become a permanent feature of life in the townships of Natal, has suddenly surfaced, with increased ferocity in the Transvaal.

A debate has also arisen as to whether the violence is ethnic (Zulu vs Xhosas) or ideological (ANC vs Inkatha). This debate is to my mind completely futile.

The grim fact is that people are dying and it does not restore them to life to pontificate about whether they are Zulus, Xhosas, Inkatha or ANC members.

Sacrificed

These are people whose lives have been sacrificed at the altar of political expediency and one-upmanship. The questions that linger in everybody's mind are why the violence has spread to the Transvaal and why the ethnic factor has suddenly surfaced in this conflict?

Possible answers to these questions could be found in the strategies of the two warring factions, namely the ANC and Inkatha.

The ANC-UDF-Cosatu alliance committed a serious strategic blunder when it took a decision to make the violence in Natal a national issue by calling for protest marches and stayaways throughout the nation.

As if this blunder was not enough, these organisations called on the international community to isolate Dr Buthelezi and demanded that the KwaZulu police be disbanded and that the KwaZulu government be dismantled.

Dr Buthelezi complained bitterly against this "nationalisation" of the Natal violence and warned of its escalation

We should, therefore, not pretend to be surprised that the violence did in fact become "nationalised" and "internationalised" in line with the ANC's original strategy.

Neither should we be surprised that Inkatha countered with its own national strategy.

The combination of these two strategies led to the outbreak of violence throughout the nation.

If attempts to "nationalise" the violence using Buthelezi and Inkatha as niggers in the woodpile continue, we can expect that the Free State and the Cape Province might also experience the present violence sooner rather than later.

The second strategic blunder of the ANC was to demand the dismantling of what it calls the "KwaZulu Bantustan" No call was made for the dismantling of the other five homeland governments — Kangwane, Gazankulu, KwaNdebele, QwaQwa and Lebowa.

Humiliation

It is inexplicable why the ANC did not instead call for the abolition of the two Acts that established all self-governing states in South Africa, namely, the Bantu Authorities Act of 1951 and the Black States Constitution Act of 1971.

This blunder has again prompted Dr Buthelezi to allege that the ANC is singling out KwaZulu — and therefore the Zulu people — for vilification and humiliation.

Given the facts as outlined above, it is extremely difficult, to say the least, to fault Dr Buthelezi's case when he asks: "Why single out KwaZulu if your struggle is genuinely against the homelands policy?"

To complicate the issue further, ANC leaders have found no difficulty in visiting capitals of homelands that have gone further and become "independent" thereby "selling out and opting out" of the black liberation struggle in South Africa.

These two homelands happen to be inhabitated by fellow countrymen of Xhosa extraction

The third blunder of the ANC is its constant refusal to meet Inkatha and the way it justifies the refusal.

The solution therefore appears to be that hundreds of people must die, scores of children must be orphaned and scores of families must be deprived of breadwinners — all in the name of denying Dr Buthelezi the "credibility" he should allegedly get by meeting Mr Mandela to talk about the violence.

It is also argued that Dr Buthelezi and Inkatha must first stop the violence before a meeting can be considered. Yet the proposed meeting is precisely for the purpose of talking about ending the violence.

The fourth blunder of the ANC was to attempt to go over Dr Buthelezi's head and talk to President de Klerk about ending the violence.

I have never been able to grasp the logic of this if it is Dr Buthelezi who is fomenting violence.

Warning

It is again not surprising that Dr Buthelezi should feel slightly humiliated by the strategy, and that his followers should sound a few warning signals that they are a force to reckon with

Mozambique, Angola, Ethiopia and Liberia are living examples of what happens to a country when one faction denies the other recognition and refuses to talk to it about ending the violence.

The final blunder that the ANC has made is to underestimate Inkatha's capability to defend its image and re-enforce its influence beyond the borders of Natal.

Up to the time of writing, ANC leaders still protest that Inkatha does not have the manpower resources to mount the kind of struggle it has mounted in the Transvaal

A French philosopher once remarked. "There is nothing as fatal as a poorly observed fact"

Let me turn to possible benefits if Inkatha-ANC dialogue should take place

In the first place, both organisations would benefit in that they would inherit more political space to recruit new members all over the country in accordance with the democratic principle of freedom of association

Then we would witness a genuinely free, fair, democratic and civilised political contest as both parties sell their policies to us in the true traditions of multi-party democracy and political tolerance

Sleepless

At the present time potential recruits dare not come forward to identify with any of the two organisations because they fear for their lives.

A pro-ANC person living in an Inkatha-controlled area cannot come forward and openly identify with the ANC. The same is true for a pro-Inkatha person in an ANC-controlled area.

The worst-case scenario is, of course, that if the violence escalates and the ethnic factor continues to be highlighted, both organisations could end up losing members.

I have spent sleepless nights attempting to think of a strategy for ending the violence without Dr Buthelezi and Mr Mandela meeting. I am afraid there is no strategy.

We can call in the entire South African Defence Force, but the fact is this force can only end the killings and give us peace imposed from the outside — what I call armed peace.

What we need at this time is peace with reconciliation. Only Mr Mandela and Dr Buthelezi can deliver that

Praise for troops, not for Mandela

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Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Praise for the troops, criticism for Mr Nelson Mandela.

That was the unusual content of many British newspaper reports yesterday, following the ANC deputy president's decision to head for Oslo, while army troops restored peace to the troubled Transvaal townships.

The Independent's correspondent quoted a member of the Pan-Africanist Congress who lives near to one of the Soweto hostels as saying that the troops "were rough but they were effective".

The report added that "army troops, a welcome presence since Friday after the perceived iniquities of the police, consolidated their control in the streets after a successful house-to-house, hostel-to-hostel sweep over the weekend had yielded a rich harvest of spears, axes, knives, guns and other weapons".

The Independent also carried a police denial of partisanship.

On Mr Mandela, the report said: "Not a few South Africans have been scandalised ... by what they perceive to be Mr Mandela's ill-timed expedition abroad.

"If the army and police are busy attacking the symptoms of the last two weeks' violence, Mr Mandela's task, the press here has argued, should be to address the causes, to meet with the Inkatha chief, Mangosuthu Buthelezi to find a lasting solution to the conflict."

But, says the report, a meeting so soon after the violence would "outrage the ANC's grassroots supporters".

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent said Mr Mandela had criticised the declaration of mini-states of emergency in 27 townships. "Yet the massive security operation that followed, with troops and police moving in force into the townships and confiscating weapons, has, so far, been successful in curbing violence which at one stage was clearly getting out of hand."

While Mr Mandela had accused the police of encouraging violence, said the Telegraph report, "none of his staff has taken up repeated requests by police to provide evidence of biased police behaviour during the township battles."

Progress in boycott talks

Cape Times 29/8/90 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — Substantial progress was reported at talks yesterday between the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) on ending the five-year rent and service charges boycott in Soweto, according to the TPA.

Discussions, which include the city councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, will resume tomorrow — a day before the TPA has said it will cut off Soweto's water and electricity supply if agreement is not reached.

Mr Fanie Ferreira, Transvaal MEC, indicated the TPA was cautiously optimistic an agreement would be reached tomorrow. Yesterday's talks were held "in a cordial and constructive atmosphere", he said.

Discussions broke down on Thursday last week after the SPD had protested about an advertising campaign by the TPA in which it was alleged Soweto residents were not paying their rent because of intimidation. — Sapa

'Soccer club' accused not freed

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JOHANNESBURG. — A Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday overruled an application to discharge Mr Charles Bongani Zwane who is alleged to have killed 11 people, including a person whom he believed killed a member of the Mandela Soccer Club.

At the close of the state's case, Mr D Jacobs, for the defence, made the application, asserting that the evidence led by the state did not demonstrate that the crimes had been committed by his client.

Mr Justice Vermooten overruled the application.

Apart from the alleged murders, Mr Zwane is charged with 22 counts of attempted murder, one of arson and four of illegal possession of firearms arising out of shooting incidents in Soweto from December 1988 to April 1 last year.

The case continues.

Vaal blackout

Cape Times 30/8/90

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — One Conservative Party-controlled Transvaal town has cut off power supplies to the local township and another two towns are to follow.

On Tuesday the Carolina town council cut electricity, water and water-borne sewage to Selobela township and a Belfast town council spokesman said his municipality would cut off supplies on September 4.

There were also reports that the Alberton town council might do the same Reports that the Bronkhorstspruit town council will also cut supplies were denied by that council.

The independent president of the CP-dominated Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA), Mr Johan van der Merwe, blamed the actions on a white ratepayer backlash.

He said many Transvaal town councils were facing a ratepayers' boycott of rates and service charges if township residents did not pay theirs.

Mr Van de Merwe said many municipalities not controlled by the CP would have to consider similar steps to those taken by Carolina and Belfast.

Cabinet decision

United Municipalities of SA (UMSA) president Mr Tom Boya said he was confident President F W de Klerk would be sympathetic towards an UMSA appeal that black local authorities be given an extra three months' grace in which to meet their outstanding rent and service bills.

Urban Councils Association of SA (Ucasa) president Mr Phillip Nhlapo said: "Mr De Klerk said in July the cabinet would meet and make a decision during August. Now the white councils are cutting off electricity even before the cabinet decision is known."

However, TPA spokesman Mr Piet Wilkens said Mr De Klerk had, in fact, said bridging finance would be terminated at the end of August.

He said the R313 million the administration had set aside for bridging finance had dried up in four months and only R99m was left.

Eskom spokesman Ms Laetitia van Staden said Eskom had not cut off electricity supplies to any council.

Representatives of the Mass Democratic Movement in the Eastern Transvaal will meet today to develop a strategy in response to the switch-off of services by the Carolina council

"We have no choice but to meet their action with some sort of action," said ANC regional chairman Mr Jackson Mthembu

He described the situation in Selobela (Carolina) as tense, saying residents were being refused permission to draw water from a nearby dam by authorities.

Meanwhile, Carolina mayor Dr Sarel Bloem said the decision to switch off the services had been a question of economics, not politics. — Sapa

Unrest corpses moved to mortuary fridges

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have reacted to the furore over storing unrest victims' bodies in outdoor yards at their mortuaries in Boksburg and Germiston by transferring them to Roodepoort and Diepkloof mortuaries, where they are now stored in refrigerators.

SAP Soweto liaison officer Captain Joe Ngobeni yesterday confirmed that 93 decomposed bodies had been moved to Diepkloof mortuary from Germiston, and a Sergeant Koekemoer at the Boksburg mortuary, where "piles of bodies" had been seen by relatives and journalists, said all the bodies stored in their yard had been transferred to Roodepoort.

SAP spokesman Captain Ruben Bloomberg said yesterday that the storage of bodies on the Witwatersrand had caused a serious problem but now private undertakers were being used to transfer the bodies to private mortuaries.

He said the undertakers had asked for the corpses to be put into body-bags before they were prepared to transfer them.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said he could not comment on the issue as the minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, was in a cabinet meeting and was not fully informed of the situation.

According to the official SAP statement the Transkei consul-general asked that the bodies should not be moved from the Germiston and Boksburg mortuaries to private mortuaries so that next of kin would be able to identify the bodies.

Transkei's consul-general Mr Victor Mditshwa said: "That's utter rubbish. Why should we tell the cops not to move the bodies? Anyway, Transkeians made up a small figure of those affected in the carnage."

MK commander puts responsibility on FW

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3 hacked to death in unrest

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JOHANNESBURG. — At least three people were killed in overnight unrest-related incidents on the East Rand and police dispersed two student marches, police said yesterday.

Police said two people were hacked to death in Tembisa and set on fire. Another was also hacked to death at Katlehong.

The bodies were discovered outside hostels.

Police halted a march yesterday by students of the Medical University of Southern Africa en route to Rosslyn police station outside Pretoria. They were to present a memorandum protesting against violence in the Witwatersrand.

Police said they had stopped the march about 11am.

Police used batons and teargas to disperse an illegal university student protest in central Johannesburg yesterday morning, arresting at least 46 people.

Yesterday afternoon, hundreds of students lined streets in the city centre to protest against the police action. — Sapa

Role of police in clashes comes under the spotlight

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

THERE is a strong argument in support of the notion that right wing elements in the South African Police may have tacitly supported Inkatha members during last week's violence in townships on the Reef when more than 500 people were killed. (278)

According to a memorandum on the violence compiled by the Independent Board of Inquiry Into Informal Repression, the reason for the support of the so-called impis was perhaps to shift the white electorate into a neo-laager mentality

Statements taken from residents substantiate the claims and allegations that security forces accompanied (and failed to intervene) when Inkatha supporters, from a rally at Sebokeng Stadium on Sunday, August 22 attacked local hostels

The IBIIR believes the ANC and Cosatu, who are deemed the victims or opposition in the fight, had very little to gain from the conflict.

Quoting Mr Lloyd Vogelman, director of The Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand, the IBIIR suggests that the conflict in fact undermines some of the ANC's grassroots support. Sowetan 30/8/90

Inkatha, on the other hand, has been involved in what the IBIIR calls "a brutal and aggressive" recruitment campaign which compelled certain hostel dwellers to leave the hostel and join the community whith whom the hostel already had strained relations.

Thereafter, the conflict escalated along political and ethnic lines and eventually into a battle between Zulu and Xhosa," the IBIIR believes

Flashpoints

The hostels themselves had become flashpoints of bloody confrontations. The intense isolation and prison-like conditions "are breeding grounds for an aggressive and machismo culture" which is exacerbated by the absence and stability of family life

"Living in a hostel helps foster a group identity, firstly because historically been run along ethnic lines Secondly for the hostel residents there is a shared daily experience/ all of which makes it extremely amenable to being organised," according Vogelman

Vogelman thus believes that the recent violence was not spontaneous It was organised, orchestrated and planned, he said

Quoting a newspaper report of August 19, the IBIIR's memo said, "Ultimately, what we are witnessing is the importation of political conflicts from the Natal hinterland to the Transvaal townships. If we are to see the hand that lies behind the violence, we need to understand which organised political interests are being served by it"

The IBIIR drives the point home with statements of residents that the violence on the Reef started soon after the relaunch of Inkatha as a nation-wide political party on July 14.

There is too, a precedent that backs up the idea that the violence was precipitated by a forced recruitment campaign by Inkatha.

Recruiting

Professor John Aicheson of the University of Natal, who has been monitoring the Natal violence for the past three years, says a massive recruitment campaign in the Maritzburg area in September 1987 was a major factor in escalating the violence in Natal.

On the Reef too, there were claims that non-Inkatha Zulu members "would face the consequences" if they did not join the movement, according to residents

Ms Judy Chalmers, a member of the IBIIR, reported from the eastern Cape that a similar pattern could be developing there. The IBIIR memo tells of two municipal policemen who were seen recruiting a hostel dweller for Inkatha in Port Elizabeth

Which brings one to the role of the police, and the countless reports that they were "supporting" Inkatha or standing by while its members were amassing weapons that were declared unlawful only after more than 500 people had died

"It is not immediately clear why the South African Police would align themselves with Inkatha, if indeed these allegations are true.

"One possibility that has been mooted is that it is in the interest of right wing elements in the police force that black on black violence should continue, thus driving whites further to the right," the IBIIR explains

Statements taken by the IBIIR suggest strongly the participation of right wing elements in the conflict

Modise says FW must act

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The Star's Africa News Service

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"The declaration, we believe, serves to hide the complicity of the police in the carnage." The ANC had evidence of this complicity, he said, without further elaboration.

Asked whether, in the light of the recent eruption of violence on the Reef, the ANC might now consider that it had suspended the armed struggle too soon, Mr Modise said the resolution of the apartheid problem was of paramount importance and the decision had been taken to facilitate that process.

Mr Modise did not rule out a meeting between Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela but said the ANC resented being forced into talks by violence.

Mortuary horror: inquiry

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Crime Reporter

An internal investigation has now been launched by Witwatersrand police into the situation where rotting corpses were discovered in the open air at the Boksburg mortuary by Transkeian relatives.

Police said bodies were at all times handled with the "greatest respect possible" under difficult circumstances.

"The situation has now to a large extent been normalised at the relevant mortuary," said Captain Eugene Opperman, Witwatersrand police spokesman.

Yesterday 93 bodies were moved to the Diepkloof mortuary.

Captain Opperman said an abnormal situation developed at the Boksburg mortuary after the recent unrest, in which about 516 people were killed.

Bodies were found by police in an already-decomposing state and were placed in the open, but out of the public gaze, to facilitate identification by relatives.

"Police arranged with private funeral parlours to take 100 bodies. Parlours did not want to take bodies that were not in body bags. Only a small number of body bags were obtained.

"On August 27, a number of bodies were waiting to be tranported to private parlours when mortuary staff received a telephone call from someone claiming to be from the Transkei consulate.

"He requested that the bodies not be removed because he was bringing people in an attempt to identify the bodies. To assist these people, the bodies were laid out in the courtyard of the mortuary," said Captain Opperman.

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Attack victim in serious condition

BACKGROUND

Fierce debate over the role of hostels

In the wake of the recent ethnic violence between hostel dwellers and township residents, calls have been made to do away with the hostel system. But the likelihood of single men's hostels becoming a dinosaur in labour history is remote. **HELEN GRANGE** reports.

Although many fingers have been pointed at the hostel system as a major contributing factor to the recent township carnage, mining houses have insisted that they stay

In the wake of recent violence which has claimed more than 500 lives, calls have been made by ANC and church leaders for the hostel network to be destroyed and for hostel dwellers to be given property in the townships so that they can become integrated members of the community.

But according to the country's mining houses, the need for the hostel system remains, although the original intention of hostel dwellings — to entrench the National Party's former influx control policy — is no longer valid

"Hostels will remain a feature of mining life as long as there are single labourers seeking temporary work," says Adrian du Plessis, spokesman for Anglo American

And as long as there is legislation stipulating that migrant workers and their families may not be housed within South Africa, the hostel system will serve a purpose, according Genmin chief executive, management resources, At du Plessis.

For local mineworkers seeking a way out of the hostels, however, the mining houses have offered an alternative.

All have embarked on a subsidised home ownership scheme in an effort to give workers the choice of being reunited with their families and living close to work

Subsidised housing bonds are on offer and, according to Mr du Plessis, a number of black miners are exercising this choice.

"We have committed ourselves to promoting home ownership among the miners, and part of the fruits will be the depopulation of the hostels We are hoping that through this programme, conditions in hostel life will improve," Mr du Plessis said

However, according to National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) spokesman Jerry Majatladi, the housing scheme is only within reach of black middle management and does not benefit lower-income miners

"The plan is elitist because they are building houses that most miners can't afford Why can't the mining houses establish mining villages for blacks as they did for white miners — on mine property?

"These villages could be racially integrated They could also build flats where people who choose to bring their families could do so," Mr Majatladi said

He added that as far as the NUM was concerned, hostels or compounds — 'institutions deliberately created by capital in collusion with the State to control and cheapen black labour" — should be destroyed completely

"The compounds are a social disaster — not only in terms of separating breadwinners from families, but in terms of the psychological strains placed on workers in them."

Mr Majatladi claimed the hostel system also denied the dwellers the right to expression and also entrenched tribalism

"In some hostels even today, mine management has tribal leaders called 'indunas' elected to administrate Hostel violence, in the majority of cases, is instigated by management's insistence on these methods"

The system also made it impossible for the union to organise workers because union leaders had to ask permission from mine management to enter hostel premises

"Hostel dwellers are controlled by management to the extent that they become aliens in their own country They cannot enjoy the same privileges that the community around them does," Mr Majatladi said

But despite the concession by mining houses that the hostel system imposes hardships on workers, they believe the answer is not to destroy the system but rather to improve the conditions

"As far as ethnicity is concerned, we do not encourage it in the hostels We have taken a deliberate decision to integrate them," Mr du Plessis said.

"And we believe that, by depopulating the hostels of miners who will become homeowners, the conditions for those workers who wish not to settle will improve."

The hostel system is now a subject of fierce debate between the NUM and mining houses

Residents dash away from policemen charging with batons from behind, in front of the council offices in Ennerdale. Pics: Mbuzeni Zulu.

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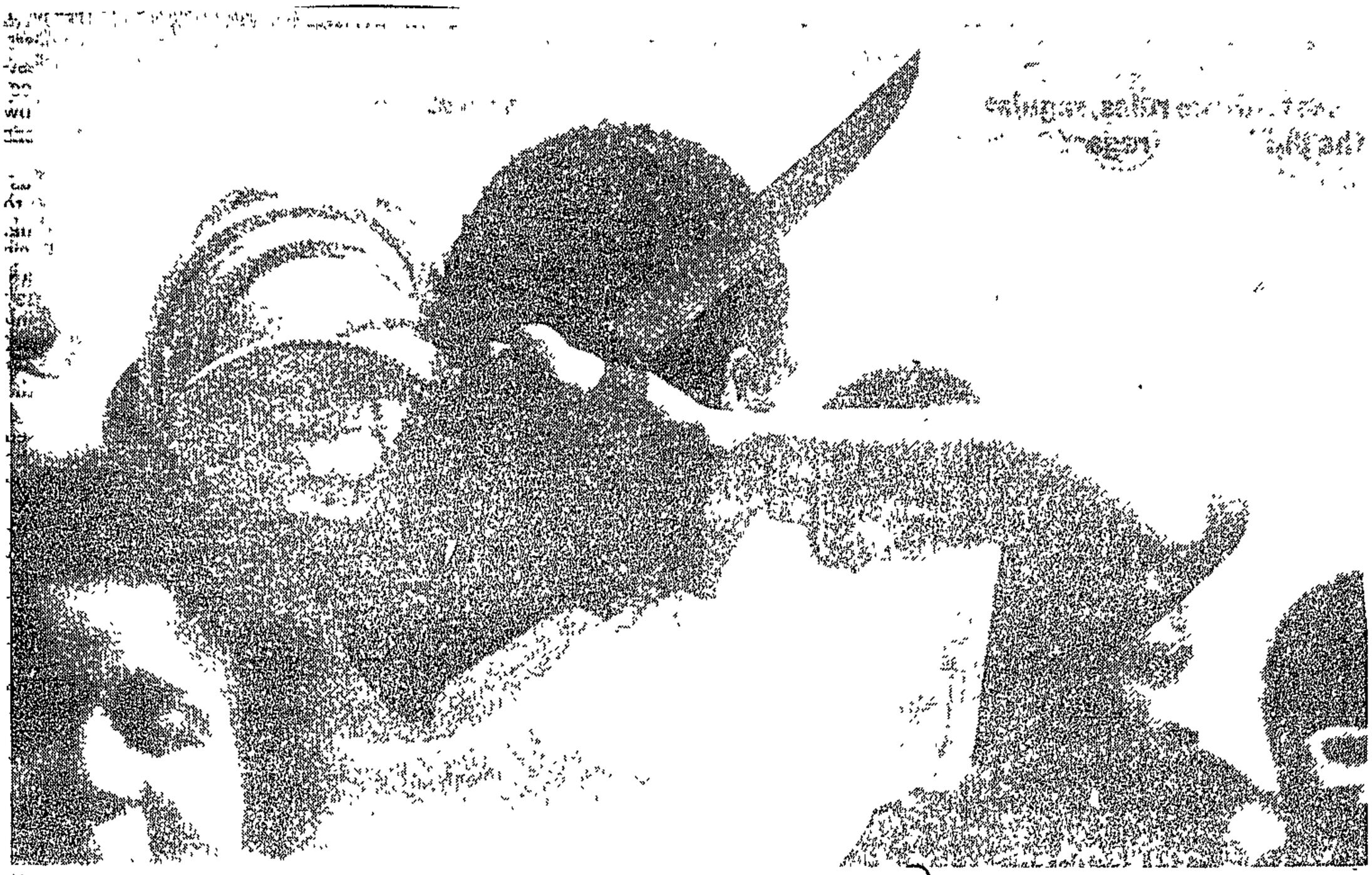
A policeman arrests a protester minutes after teargas was fired to disperse residents near the Ennerdale council offices yesterday.



A Kagiso youth armed and ready during the recent Reef township violence

Picture ROBERT BOTHA

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The legacy of black violence

Born into violence, exposed to a life that has known no stability, township children have been scarred by what has come to be known in black society as the culture of violence. WILSON ZWANE reports.

THE concept of a "culture of violence" emerged from random interviews conducted among Reef black children aged between 12 and 16 years.

Abel Ngidi (not his real name) said stone-throwing and destruction of life and property was a way of life to him

"I have taken part in it all — petrol-bombing and stone-throwing — to show solidarity with an unruly lot calling themselves comrades Make no mistake, survival used to depend on co-operation with the comrades. There were times when we were physically forced to take to the streets and commit acts of violence," Abel said.

Said his friend Thabo. "Only recently, I was wielding this big knife when we were fighting the hostel dwellers. I cannot say that what I did was right. But the politics of the township violence — has turned me into a dangerous machine that moves into action at the slightest provocation.

"I am sick of all this violence. People are scared of youths. They say we are unruly and destructive. Why can't this violence stop? Many of us can be saved from being social misfits if (it) does. Why, our education will run smoothly and the lost values instilled by our parents will be restored," Abel said

A 15-year-old boy who was left stranded and homeless in Thokoza following the recent clash between the squatters and the hostel dwellers said "the face of violence is ugly".

He said his mother and brothers disappeared in the violence and friends had given him food and shelter.

"But some day I will have to fend for myself. How can I earn a decent living without education? I don't want to resort to crime to earn a living but, I hate to say this, an empty stomach needs to be filled," he said.

Sylvia Cele (not her real name) said violence which had been raging in the townships "for as long as I can remember" did not only make black people a laughing stock but it also stagnated their development

"I was born in 1975 and ever since I have been bombarded from all sides with violence. People around me were talking about violence, all around me houses, cars, trucks and the like were going up in flames

"I recall vividly that when I was younger I used to derive fun from these incidents of violence. But when I lost my brother during one of these incidents the fun wore off Then the realisation that what I used to enjoy was destruction hit me," Sylvia said.

Another youngster said if violence was not put to an end, countless black children faced the gloomy prospect of entering the post-apartheid era as social misfits.

"I want to become a doctor. That requires money and application to studies. Class boycotts are called often these days and out of fear of what might be done to you if you show dissent with those who call these things, you boycott classes as well Now tell me, how can I realise my goal in a situation like that?" the youngster asked

He added that the risk that parents faced when they commuted to work was not insignificant.

"Only recently thugs attacked commuters at the Soweto station. Many died. Many of those killed had children who, like me, had ambitions of becoming something. Those hopes and ambitions were dashed in a matter of minutes," he said.

Boy Caluza (not his real name) said "You see, it is a sad situation for us. We need food, clothes, education and many other things. How can we get all those things if our parents cannot work for them because of stayaways or harrassment in the trains?"

Asked how they rationalised the township violence, one 12-year-old girl said she understood why black people had resorted to violence as a means of "getting things done".

"However, violence is against all the values our parents instilled in us," she said

Another youngster said boycotts and stayaways were non-violent avenues which could be exploited.

FEATURE

Women become warriors in township conflict

In the forefront . . . women, armed with a variety of weapons, prepare to fight. A university expert says the breakdown in family structures means women have taken on the male 'duties' of protecting and defending.

● Pictures by Ken Oosterbroek.

By Monica Nicolson

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"We are taking up spears and guns and moving into the front line against the enemy," said Black Housewives' League vice-chairman Andronicah August, who has close contact with the conflict.

"It's our children who are being killed, our homes that are being burnt down, so even if we don't want to, we have to take sides and fight out of necessity. Giving emotional support to our husbands and sons is not enough any more," she said.

War dancing . . . singing militant songs, women whip up their emotions while the men sit beside a burning barricade.

Forced

A Soweto shebeen queen who identified herself only as Irene said that many women in the township did not have husbands and were sole supporters and protectors of their children.

She said women had been forced to take the role of the fighter, to stand up and defend themselves, as men would no longer do it for them

"If someone tries to rob or hurt me, I will fight like hell and with everything I've got until they kill me," she said

A Black Sash worker, who wanted to be known only as Mita, lives across the road from a Soweto hostel where many of the township's bloodiest battles took place.

After witnessing death literally on her doorstep, Mita called on women to stand up and fight for their children's safety against what she perceived as attacks by police and Inkatha

She claimed that last month Inkatha supporters told her they were out to kill her children

"As a mother, I will stand up and fight to the very end. We need to help our men because they are slow and women are quick and more alert," she said

Along with many women The Star spoke to, she was willing to sacrifice her life for peace and believed the only way was to burn down the hostels and send all Inkatha workers back to KwaZulu.

Women became engaged in violence only as a desperate last solution, according to the director of the University of the Witwatersrand's Research Project on Violence, Lloyd Vogelman.

"Many feel that unless they destroy the enemy, their lives and those of their family would be seriously jeopardised," he said.

Mr Vogelman said with the breakdown of family structures, women were elevated to the head of the household and their duties included protecting and defending — not a normal traditional role for black women.

However, he pointed out that women did not instigate the violence and it was not common for women to get involved in active combat fighting

"It shows how widespread the fighting has become that women have joined in Women have taken the law into their own hands because they believe there is no judicial retribution," he said.

Earlier this month, Winnie Mandela urged supporters at the ANC's Women's League in Sebokeng not to fight against Zulus as that would be playing into the hands of the Government, who she said were conniving with Inkatha to attack blacks.

However, she added that if the need arose, ANC women would fight Inkatha to defend their children

Truce declared in 'ethnic war'

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DURBAN. — Zulu and Xhosa leaders yesterday declared a truce in an attempt to end the ethnic war in Transvaal and Natal.

They also called on political parties and leaders to stop making ethnic groups the target of political propaganda and attack.

At the historic meeting in Durban, delegations of members of the Zulu Royal Family and KwaZulu cabinet and the traditional leaders of the Transkei and Ciskei resolved to hold a mass rally in Transvaal on September 16 and 17 at which Zulu King Zwelithini Goodwill and Transkei State President Paramount Chief T N Ndamase, will address the warring factions.

A working group has been set up to organise the rally.

The four-hour meeting was organised by the Transkei traditional leaders following the violent clashes in the Transvaal which so far have claimed more than 500 lives.

The leaders called on every Zulu and Xhosa to "purge their minds and their hearts of all ethnic animosities".

Delegates resolved that yesterday's meeting be remembered on August 30 every year as a great national day of unity and should be celebrated by a "huge mass unity rally of the masses". — Sapa

Handling of Reef unrest corpses a disgrace, says DP

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By Esmaré van der Merwe

The Democratic Party has criticised the Government for the way in which corpses of Reef unrest victims are being handled.

"The inhuman attitude of the authorities is a scandalous disgrace," DP southern Transvaal chairman Peter Soal said last night.

He said he would telephone Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok this morning to demand that urgent steps be taken to put the bodies in mortuaries.

A storm of protest has followed media reports of partly decomposed bodies which had been left in the backyard of the Germiston government mortuary for more than a week.

Police spokesmen last night refused to comment on accusations that police were "simply too lazy" to transport the bodies of unrest victims to mortuaries where storage room was available.

A police spokesman reiterated an earlier statement that the storage of bodies on the Reef had caused serious problems.

"Police are doing everything possible to trace the next of kin so that bodies can be identified.

Delegates slate FFF reference to 'warlord'

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By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

A Five Freedoms Forum weekend conference ended on a sour note in Johannesburg yesterday when Inkatha delegates lashed out at the organisers for publicly referring to the presence of an Inkatha "warlord".

The term was used in reference to the participation of delegates across the political spectrum, from far-right trade unionists to "warlords".

Small delegations of the FFF and Inkatha met for more than 30 minutes after the conference to defuse tension.

FFF spokesmen said the Inkatha members had expressed grave concern about their safety in view of the public reference to the presence of a "warlord". They feared for their lives at the hands of ANC supporters following recent clashes between the two organisations in the townships.

Inkatha members refused to comment on the furore, but said they were "delighted" to have been invited to attend the conference.

FFF spokesman Gael Neke said last night the term had been used in "an illustrative and not judgmental" sense.

The "warlord" participated in a three-hour discussion on violence on Saturday.

FFF spokesmen described the incident as an "unfortunate mistake".

The conference — which brought together the most diverse group of political organisations ever in South Africa — was marked by opposition groups amicably discussing their differences.

Referring to the three-hour commission of violence in his concluding remarks at the conference, FFF chairman Mike Olivier said it was an emotional session at which much pain and hurt had been openly expressed.

Rent crisis grows

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JOHANNESBURG. — As troops went into the blacked-out township of Silobela yesterday, the government warned that more Transvaal townships could face power and water cuts.

The township's power and water was cut off this week by the Conservative Party-controlled Carolina Town Council, and two other Transvaal town councils warned they would do the same

And a police spokesman said riot squads and army units moved into Silobela after "people gathered in groups" to demonstrate against authorities.

In the latest developments in the growing rent-boycott crisis in Transvaal townships yesterday·

● The Minister of Provincial Planning, Mr Hernus Kriel, warned that other townships could also suffer blackouts because the government had run out of money to provide them with the bridging finance which pays for water, power and other supplies.

But Mr Kriel said the government would not follow Carolina's example

● In Soweto, residents and authorities were last night working on a plan to end the rent boycott.

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers and a member of the Soweto residents' negotiation team, said "We're working on a draft agreement."

● Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) authorities yesterday undertook to pay the outstanding R22 298 for Silobela's water and electricity supplies, Carolina's mayor, Mr Sarel Bloem, said last night, adding he had ordered that the supplies be reconnected

Meanwhile community structures in Silobela have instructed Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) to intervene in the action taken by the town council

LHR national director Mr Brian Currin said in his opinion the council had acted unlawfully

At a press conference yesterday, Mr Kriel said "The fact is that the government simply does not have funds to continue to provide bridging finance and that the onus to pay for these services rests with the consumers themselves."

He said the decision not to continue bridging finance was taken after lengthy consultations with the leaders and communities involved, and after repeated reminders of the consequences of non-payment.

He added he hoped this move would not add to the violence in reef towns.

The cutting of services would not be implemented in "one shot" but would be done in phases, depending on the situaution in the townships

The government would ensure that essential services would not be affected, he said

According to Section 20 of the Health Act, all local authorities must take reasonable steps to render services that prevent communicable diseases and promote health.

He said the government had made R632 million available in bridging finance for all the black local authorities in the country to balance their books

Reacting to Mr Kriel's statement, United Municipalities of SA (Umsa) president Mr Tom Boya predicted widespread township choas if the TPA went through with its decision to restrict township electricity and water supplies

He said Mr Kriel's announcement was likely to jeopardise negotiations on future local government structures

In Soweto, negotiators were yesterday putting together a draft agreement that will precede a formal accord ending a devastating five-year-old rent boycott in Soweto

"We're working on a draft agreement, putting final elements together," said Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, a member of the residents' negotiating team.

The talks, that began in the morning had been tough, he conceded.

During a tea break yesterday afternoon, members of the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) which also includes Mrs Albertina Sisulu, met in a separate room for what appeared to be final consultations

Participants in the talks remained evasive, although spokesmen gave solid indications there had been a breakthrough.

The meeting brought together officials of the Soweto City Council, Dobsonville Town Council, Diepmeadow, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the SPD. — Sapa

King urges Zulus to throw down weapons

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THE king of the Zulus, King Goodwill Zwelithini, has called on all Zulus in violence-torn Transvaal townships to throw down their weapons and to unite in a commitment to a multi-party democracy.

King Goodwill was speaking this week at Ceza Hospital in Mahlabathini, at the unveiling of a plaque in honour of the birthplace of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Chief Minister of KwaZulu and Inkatha president.

Urging the crowd that the "hideous bloodshed" be brought to an end, he said that fear and uncertainty had caused the volatile situation.

"I call on all Zulus in Johannesburg, the East Rand, the West Rand and in the Vaal area to abandon weapons - and instead of being drawn into the fighting, be drawn rather into the powerful base that Zulu unity can produce for democracy."

"Zulu national strength must now be employed to underpin the hallowed virtues of the black struggle for liberation which our own Zulu people were responsible for as much as anybody else and for which our own Zulu martyrs died."

King GOODWILL ZWELITHINI

In his speech of thanks to the king, Buthelezi referred to the burning down of the male and female wards at the Charles Johnson Memorial Hospital in Nqutu last Thursday and said this was part of political activities aimed at undermining the KwaZulu government.

He said incidents such as the burning down of hospital wards were surprising and amounted to "cutting off our own noses to spite our faces."

"This comes from the mistaken view that because we finance these institutions as a government, they are our own property. They are destroyed in the belief that those who do so are having their own back on us.

"Government funds belong to the nation and we merely dispense these funds in providing facilities for the community that we serve."

Mass funeral for 26 Kagiso victims

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A MASS funeral of 26 people killed during the violent clashes between Kagiso residents and hostel inmates last week will be held on Sunday.

The violence is believed to have claimed the lives of at least 45 people in Kagiso alone.

A spokesman for the Kagiso Crisis Committee has appealed to residents to identify bodies at the mortuary.

By DON SEOKANE

The spokesman, Mr Edwin Molatlhegi, said arrangements had been made with the Transkei Consulate to send the bodies of Transkeian nationals to the homeland.

Molatlhegi said there also seriously injured people in Leratong Hospital who remained unidentified

The South African Council of Churches had declared this week a national week of prayer and fasting after the violence that hit Transvaal townships claimed more than 500 lives.

The Kagiso funeral service will begin at 9am at the local stadium and will proceed to the cemetery at 2pm.

Molatlhegi said local undertakers had pledged to provide free burial services.

He said contributions should be made to priests of the various denominations in the township to avoid criminal elements from collecting money.

The victims to be buried are Ms Giddy Babeseng Katane (37), Mr Ben Mbiwane (57), Mr Madala Zulu (33), Mr Sam Moeketsi (40), Mr Paul Sehularo (37), Mr Thomas Ramajoe (37), Mr Bethuel Ramabala (30), Mr Jabulani Mtshali (27), Mothusi of Sebenzisa, Mr Michael Mashaba (60), Mr Mzwamadoda Mbelu (age unknown), Mr Wonderful Dlamini (age unknown), Mr Dlamini Gongota, Steve Banda, Lubisi Sithole, Mthunzi Matiwane, Ms Iris Ndzimande (25), Mr Samuel Adams (33), Tshabangu, Gxekwa, Mthembu and Mr Jacob Netswa.

Another three people will be buried at the Avalon Cemetery on Saturday, a spokesman for the Broad Forum said yesterday.

He said the service would start at Phiri Hall at 10am before proceeding to the cemetery.

Those who will be buried are Sandy Matladi, Pascaline Ndlela both from Mapetla and Abraham Modise of Phiri.

Police arrest 46 Wits students

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

POLICE yesterday arrested 46 Wits University students who tried to march to John Vorster Square in Johannesburg as part of the "week of action" to protest against violence in the townships.

A police spokesman confirmed the arrests and said the students are to face charges of illegal gathering when they appear in court today.

Those arrested were part of a group of 50 who had earlier gathered at the Johannesburg Public Library intending to march to John Vorster Square police headquarters to present a list of demands on the ongoing violence.

They were, however, dispersed with teargas and batons by the police.

Injured

A police spokesman said that at one stage, when police tried to disperse the group, two members of the force were slightly injured. One of them was knocked over by the crowd and one was hit by a stone on the leg.

At that point, a white woman and five black men were arrested outside the library. He said at noon, about 60 people grouped in front of John Vorster Square.

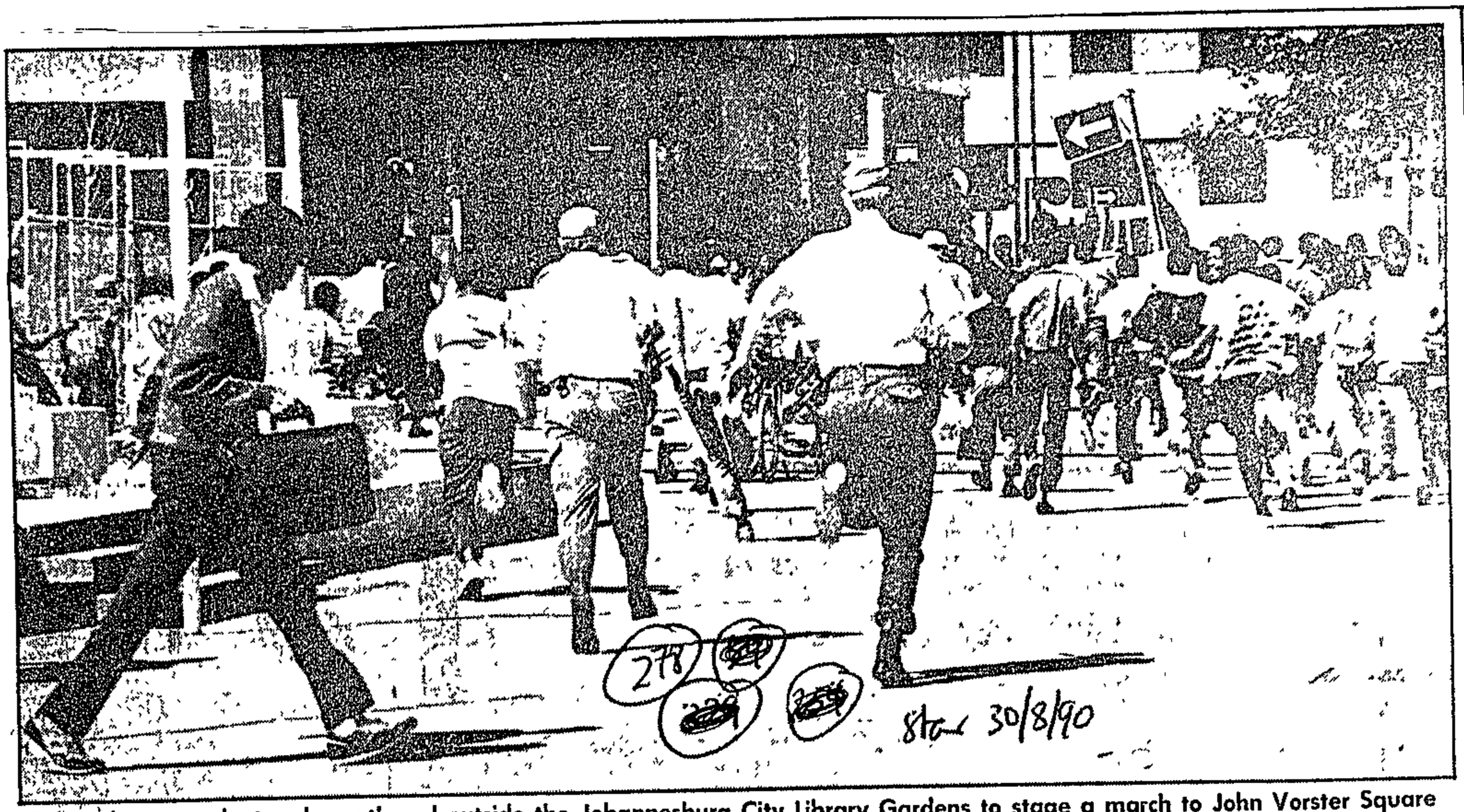
They were warned to disperse within five minutes. However, before this time had elapsed, 40 people handed themselves over to the police to be arrested. They were charged with Article 46 which prohibits illegal gatherings.

The march was one of two planned on police stations in Johannesburg and Pretoria yesterday to highlight the "week of action".

It was organised by the South African National Students' Congress, the National Union of South African Students and the Congress of South African Students.

The purpose of the march was to hand a list of demands to the police to forward to the Government.

The demands included that the SAP stop assisting Inkatha; Inkatha vigilantes be disarmed; Inkatha be prevented from using vigilantes for political gains; the homelands and hostel systems be disbanded; Esikhaweni College be immediately be reopened; and that KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi resign as chancellor of the University of Zululand.



Police charge students who gathered outside the Johannesburg City Library Gardens to stage a march to John Vorster Square police station to protest against violence in black townships. ● Picture by Karen Fletcher

Students arrested after John Vorster Square sit-in

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia and Musa Mapisa

About 45 students who staged a sit-in at John Vorster Square in Johannesburg yesterday were detained by policemen armed with shotguns after defying an order to disperse.

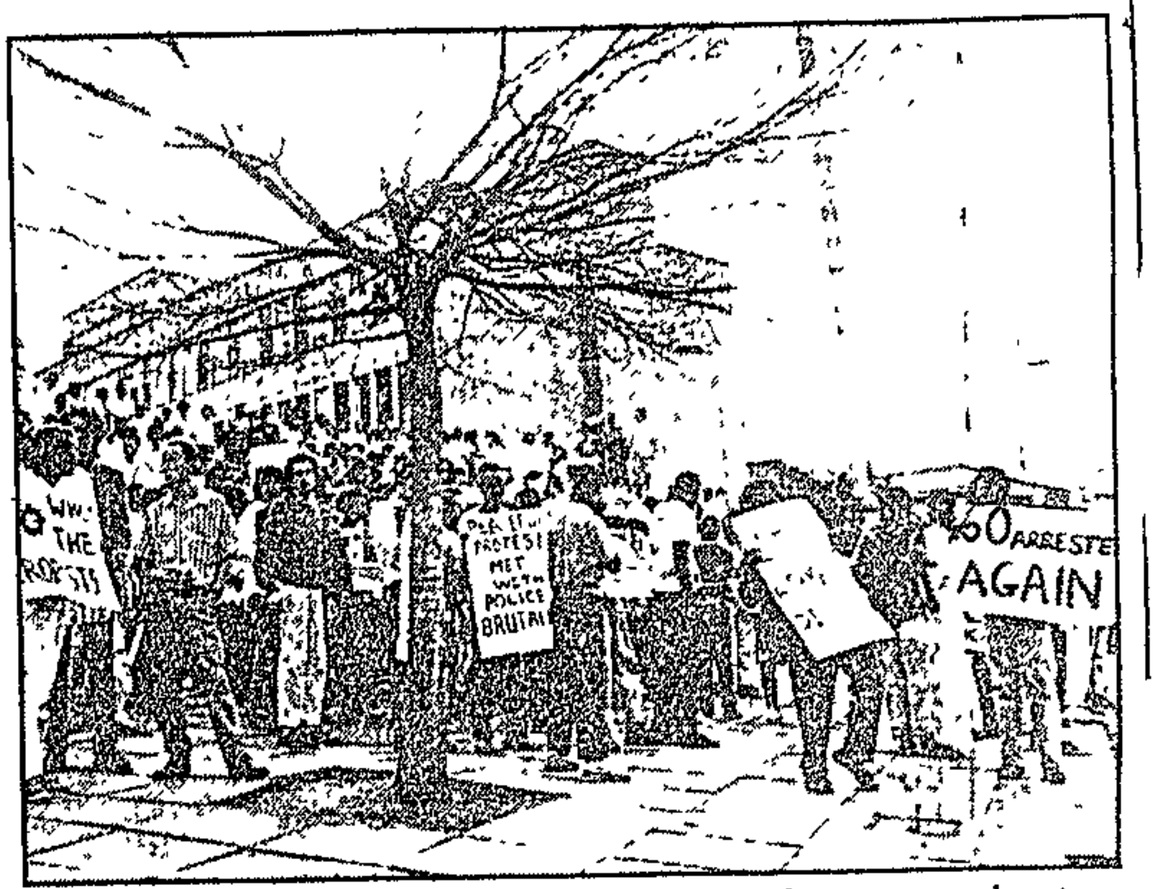
The students were demonstrating outside the police station after the detention of SA National Students Congress (Sansco) leader James Maseko and five others during an abortive peace march at the Johannesburg City Library gardens a few hours earlier.

The group also handed a memorandum to Major B A Smith of the SAP to highlight the role of Inkatha and alleged police partiality in the Reef violence.

Late yesterday afternoon Major Smith confirmed 51 arrests.

The police declared the gardens an "unrest area" — the first area to be affected in central Johannesburg since new legislation was promulgated.

The march was to be part of a "national week of action" called by the National Union of SA Students, Sansco and the Congress of SA Students.



Students of the University of the Witwatersrand protest on the steps along Jan Smuts Avenue yesterday ● Picture by John Hogg.

Pupil saves threatened teacher

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By Mckeed Kotlolo, Pretoria Bureau

A Soshanguve high school pupil saved a seriously injured teacher from a mob of pupils at the Hlanganani High School yesterday morning.

The incident followed an attack on about 14 teachers from the troubled high school. The teachers were assaulted by pupils for the second time in less than a fortnight.

A spokesman for the DET's northern Transvaal region confirmed the assault on the teachers and said one of them, who was seriously injured, had been saved by a pupil brandishing a firearm.

He said the same group of teachers had been driven away by pupils last week and they returned to school on Tuesday.

The spokesman, who described yesterday's situation at Hlanganani as tense, said all the assaulted teachers had reported to the DET's local office yesterday morning.

News in Brief

Pupils expel teachers

8/8/90

PRETORIA. — The situation at black schools in the Northern Transvaal worsened yesterday when more than 20 teachers from Soshanguve were said to have reported at the Department of Education and Training's area offices after allegedly being expelled from schools by pupils.