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SEBOKENG: JUDGE BLAMES POLICE

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Out-of-control cops caused shootings

CP Reporter

A JUDGE has slated policemen involved in the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 this year and recommended that the Attorney-General investigate prosecutions against several of them.

Judge RJ Goldstone found in his commission report no order was given to police to shoot in an incident at the Sebokeng police station where five people were killed and 161 injured after a UDF march to present a memorandum to the police.

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Peace pact in Natal's killing fields

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A PEACE pact signed yesterday has ended the carnage in the killing fields of the Natal north coast.

The Lower Umfolozi Regional Peace Accord was the brainchild of the Zululand Chamber of Industries and was signed by Inkatha, the ANC, Cosatu, the mayors of Esikhaweni, Ngwelazane and Enseleni plus security forces in the area of Empangeni and Richards Bay, reports Sapa.

The ANC said: "Local leaders of the people feel strongly that this commitment to peace principles will lead to real peace in the area and they believe this peace process will not be disrupted by political activity.

■ Problems experienced by refugees must be urgently addressed with a view to their rehabilitation and return home.

■ Organisations must not abuse the youth for violent purposes.

■ Dangerous weapons should not be carried in public and the possession of illegal weapons is condemned.

■ Residents should be guided by local leadership and rumours by outside forces which incite people to violence must be stamped out.

A joint peace rally will be held soon, the ANC

Funeral of violence victims

CP Reporters

TWENTY-SIX people killed in the Reef violence will be buried at a mass funeral in Kagiso today.

The Kagiso Crisis Committee has appealed to residents to identify bodies still at the mortuary.

At least 45 people were killed in Kagiso during the violence which erupted on the Reef about three weeks ago.

Meanwhile, police have been criticised after rotting bodies were found "dumped" in the backyards of two mortuaries on the East Rand. Police said the large number of dead had led to an abnormal situation and undertakers had refused to take away bodies not in body

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"The taking of human life and causing of injuries by policemen, where it is without justification, is a matter of utmost gravity," the judge said.

The ANC said in a Press statement yesterday the commission findings demonstrated "indiscipline, callousness and readiness to shoot on the part of the police" If the ANC had not postponed the Groote Schuur talks an internal police inquiry would have resulted in a whitewash, the statement said.

Goldstone said the way in which special constables loaded their guns without receiving orders was "a matter of grave concern", and he suggested that the use of special constables during unrest be reconsidered by the authorities.

In a Press release yesterday Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in future special constables would as far as possible not be used for riots and crowd control

He said the actions of certain policemen would referred to the Attorney-General and steps had already been taken to adapt the training of riot police.

Goldstone also criticised the organisers of the march, saying they had informed the authorities about it at short notice and the march had been organised in a haphazard way.

Although no order was given to shoot, a policeman fired a shot. "That was followed by a chain reaction in which a large number of policemen fired in the direction of the crowd "

The judge found that Const S van Rhyn fired the first shot intentionally.

Of the 161 people known to have been shot at this incident, 84 were shot from behind.

Of a total of 11 incidents in which people died or were injured, the report devotes most attention to the Sebokeng march in which 50 000 people took part.

Du Plooy had set up the 47-member Reaction Unit "police line" near the Sebokeng police station because he thought the people wanted to march to Vereeniging.

The report says Du Plooy had erred because he did not call for reinforcements, there appeared to be a lack of coordination and discipline among his men, and he did not liaise with the Sebokeng police station commander Col OP Mazibuko.

Du Plooy was situated away from his men and was not able to communicate effectively with them

Twenty-two members of the Reaction Unit were special constables.

The judge rejected as false police evidence that members of the crowd were carrying pangas and iron pipes.

At the time of the shooting the crowd was between 30m and 40m from the police line.

Not more than five stones were thrown at the police. The behaviour of the crowd might have warranted the use of teargas but only after a proper warning to disperse.

Goldstone recommended that the conduct of the policemen who shot at the crowd be referred to the Attorney-General. "They shot without an order to do so."

He also recommended that the case of Sgt R Van Huyssteen and Constable JJJPA Geldenhuys in connection with the fatal shooting of five people in other incidents be referred to the Attorney-General.

He recommended that the fatal shooting of Mahlomala David Khaile near the Evaton Service Station be referred to the Attorney-General.



Songbirds in a nest of their own . . . Mara Louw and her dau
the first time in Mothobi Mutloatse's latest musical *Baby C*
Theatre on September 17 with the evergreen Afro-fusion

Sello joins *City Press*



JOURNALIST Sekola Sello has been appointed *City Press* political editor.

Sello, 38, was formerly assistant editor at *Drum* magazine. He started his career as a sports reporter with *The World* and later with *Transvaal Post.*

He is a former sports editor of the *The Voice.* Sello studied African Politics and Development Administration through Unisa.

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Police teargas mourners

JOHANNESBURG. Police on Saturday afternoon fired teargas at mourners during a mass funeral for four victims of the riots which spread through townships near Johannesburg last month.

Witnesses said the funeral procession was on its way out of a stadium in Thokoza township when police in an armoured vehicle and a van fired on the crowd without warning.

A witness said the 5 000-strong crowd broke up and small groups of people made their way to the cemetery.

Police said yesterday the march was illegal and tearsmoke had been used to disperse the crowd.

More than 500 people were killed in the two weeks of fighting between mostly Xhosa ANC sympathisers and Zulu migrants supporting Inkatha. — Sapa-Reuter

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2 die in taxi-rank shooting

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men died and two were injured in a shooting incident at Baragwanath Hospital taxi rank at 6pm yesterday, police said.

Soweto police said that according to eyewitness reports, the attack was carried out by five black men travelling in a combi. They said one of the men was armed with an AK-47 and the others with pistols.

The police did not think the killings were related to the weekend violence in East Rand townships.

'Govt that fails to protect is not fit to govern'

CAPE TIMES 3/9/90

JOHANNESBURG. — A government which failed to protect its citizens was not fit to be in power, the Rev Frank Chikane, South African Council of Churches (SACC) secretary-general said yesterday.

He was speaking in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, at the funeral service of 19 victims of the violence which wracked the township recently.

Mr Chikane called on President F W de Klerk to retrain the police force and urged policemen who had witnessed collusion by colleagues to come forward.

Also speaking at the service, South African Youth Congress (Sayco) leader Mr Peter Mokaba said the suspension of the armed struggle did not mean that people were not allowed to defend themselves.

Thousands of Kagiso residents braved icy wet weather to lay to rest relatives and friends slain in the recent violence.

Police vehicles and helicopters circled the stadium throughout the service.

Tension rose when police initially refused to let mourners enter the stadium on the grounds they did not have permission.

Emotions also ran high when Pan Africanist Congress member Mr Dan Matsobane stood to address the service and ANC supporters tried to storm the stage.

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Sebokeng probe blames cops, UDF

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Both the police and the UDF Vaal Triangle committee who organised a March 26 protest march in Sebokeng were found to be at fault and had created a climate ripe for tragedy, said the Goldstone Commission's report released at the weekend.

The commission investigated the chain of events which led to 18 deaths and more than 200 people being wounded, at least 84 shot from behind as they fled from armed police.

The police were found not to have followed common law and their own standing orders for crowd control, while the protest march organisers were criticised for deficient organisational abilities.

The report recommended that the attorney-general consider the actions of certain policemen who fired on the crowd, standing about 40 metres away from a line of 30 armed policemen.

Shootings at Sebokeng's Sondela Brewery gate were unjustified, as police had not been attacked or even been threatened by attack from the crowd. At the most the crowd's behaviour justified using tear-smoke, but only after a proper warning to disperse, said the report.

Policemen who fired on the crowd had not been ordered to do so and lacked control and discipline, it added.

There was found to be a strong probability that Constable S van Rhyn of the reaction unit had fired first, causing a chain reaction with about 30 other policemen following suit.

Video footage showed the crowd was generally not misbehaving, though the conduct of unruly elements the previous day could have made some of policemen nervous, the report said.

The march organisers were found to be negligent, if not irresponsible, in a number of respects. They gave authorities very short notice of their intention to march to Vereeniging and erred seriously by cancelling the march at the last moment.

Crowd control was compromised by a lack in the number of marshals on hand, said the report.

Although both sides were at fault with regard to the shooting, this did not justify indiscriminate shooting, the report concluded.

Sapa reports that the use of special constables in police reaction units was also criticised by the commission, which recommended a rethink of police policy in this regard.

Of the 30 policemen who opened fire without instruction, 18 were special constables.

Several of those who testified before the commission were found to be "very unimpressive and uneducated".

The commanding officer of the Koeberg training school for special constables, Lieutenant-Colonel G B Smith, told the commission special constables were not expected to have educational requirements, but that since February 20 this year candidates had had to complete a questionnaire to establish whether they were "capable of being trained".

The training given during an eight-week course was very limited and focused on the use of special constables in supporting roles. "Unrest drill" training consisted of a seven-hour course, "in no sense geared towards enabling special constables to participate in a police line".

Captain W J du Plooy, who commanded the Sebokeng police line, said he used special constables as he had insufficient men at his disposal. He could not say why he had not sent for adequate qualified reinforcements.

The shooting had been unjustifiable and did not conform to the terms of section 48 of the Internal Security Act which empowered police to disperse gatherings with gunfire, said Mr Justice Goldstone.

He described police witnesses who appeared before him as callous, with an attitude of unconcern for the lethal nature of their ammunition and the consequences of its use.

Other cases to be referred to the attorney-general include:

- The alleged police shooting of Mr Mahlomola Khaile at the Evaton service station.
- The conduct of Sergant R van Huysteen and Constable J Geldenhuys, who between them shot dead five people during the Lekoa disturbances of March 26.

FW orders urgent probe of police action

23 die in new violence

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JOHANNESBURG. — Fighting flared in strife-torn East Rand townships at the weekend, killing 23 people and shattering a tenuous peace enforced by emergency rule as the conduct of the police came under the spotlight.

In two developments at the weekend:

● President F W de Klerk announced an urgent probe into alleged police complicity in the recent violence. This follows last week's meeting between Mr De Klerk and a deputation of senior churchmen, which included Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the secretary of the SA Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane. A memorandum on the role of the police was handed to Mr De Klerk.

● The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry found that police acted unjustifiably and without discipline during a march in Sebokeng in March, this year when 18 people were killed and 281 injured. Mr Justice R J Goldstone also recommended that an unspecified number of policemen be investigated on possible criminal charges — including a sergeant responsible for four deaths.

Yesterday police said patrols found 21 people shot or hacked to death in Thokoza and Tembisa, east of Johannesburg, after an unidentified group of men armed with rifles and sharp weapons "went on a rampage" late on Saturday night.

A patrol in nearby Vosloorus found two bodies riddled with gunshot wounds near a hostel, which houses mainly Zulu migrant workers.

The deaths came only hours after the signing of a regional peace accord on Saturday between Inkatha and the ANC in the north of hard-hit Natal province, since 1987 the scene of the worst fighting between the groups.

The ANC has insisted police have sided with Inkatha.

Despite police denials, Mr De Klerk said in a statement: "I would like to stress that certain allegations which have been made against the South African Police are regarded in an extremely serious light. I have therefore referred this matter to the Minister of Law and Order (Mr Adriaan Vlok) for an urgent and in-depth investigation."

To attorney-general

Mr De Klerk also announced a probe into the hostel system, which the ANC has said should be abolished and workers absorbed into the communities, where they can live with their families.

"The government believes that it is in the interests of healthy family life that accommodation should ... be provided on a family basis," Mr De Klerk said, noting he had referred the issue to Health Minister Dr Rina Venter and she would examine "the feasibility of converting hostels into suitable family units".

He said Mr Vlok would issue a statement on the question of police complicity "in time".

Responding to the Goldstone Commission's recommendation that the actions of certain police members be referred to the attorney-general, Mr Vlok said in Pretoria that it would be implemented and the necessary dockets submitted.

He said departmental steps were also being considered against certain individual members and that in future special constables, as far as possible, would not be used for riots and crowd control.

Mr Vlok said the government had taken note of the findings and recommendations and had referred the report to him "for further attention and action".

Meanwhile the ANC called for all SAP members involved in the Sebokeng shooting to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The ANC said it was clear from the commission's report that police officers violated standard police procedures, wilfully choosing to disregard the authority of a Colonel Mazibuko, the SAP senior officer in the area.

Shooting was completely unjustified and the police had no need to use live ammunition or any other deadly weapons, they said.

ANC spokesman Ms Gill Marcus said yesterday the organisation had noted Mr Justice Goldstone's criticism aimed at the MDM organisers and would investigate crowd control measures at public marches.

"We are certainly taking this matter very seriously. We are very concerned about loss of life." — Sapa, UPI and Own Correspondent

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Police action: ANC calls for prosecutions

From PATRICK LAURENCE
The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress has called for the prosecution of all policemen involved in the shooting of protest marchers in Sebokeng and its neigbouring townships on March 26.

Its call came in response to the findings of the Goldstone Commission, released at the weekend, that there was complete lack of discipline and control of the police and that the firing of "live" ammunition had not been ordered and was unjustified.

While Mr Justice Richard Goldstone was sharply critical of several policemen on duty at Sebokeng that day, including, and in some ways especially their comanding officer, Captain W J du Plooy, the organisers of the march did not escape censure.

Confusion

In its reaction yesterday the ANC said it "notes the issues raised by the Goldstone report regarding organisation, co-ordination and marshalling of marches and we strive constantly to improve our performance ..."

Mr Justice Goldstone said in his report: "The march at Sebokeng was not properly and effectively organised. Confusion helped create in the police line a nervousness and a feeling of being threatened."

Early in his report the judge criticised the organisers, the ANC-aligned United Democratic Front, for giving the authorities too short notice of their intention to organise the march and themselves "insufficent time to properly cancel the march."

The commission found that the crowd, which was 50 000-strong, was not armed with pangas and iron pipes and that, at the most five stones, had been thrown.

"It is clear from the commission report that all police officers ... acted in violation of standard police procedures.

"The shooting was completely unjustified. There was no need for the police to use live ammunition, let alone ammunition that was so deadly," the ANC said.

The commision concluded that the shooting was unjustified and that the "force used was quite immoderate and disproportionate".

"We fully expect that all police personnel involved in this incident will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law" pending which they should be suspended, the ANC said.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, noted that while individual policemen had been criticised, "the judge voiced no essential criticism against the force as a whole, except, in as much as it concerned the utilisation of special constables".

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Trail of death

Rand townships calm but tense after 23 killed in weekend carnage

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — Police reinforcements have been sent to the troubled townships on the Witwatersrand to quell continued outbreaks of violence after a weekend which left 23 dead and many injured.

The townships were reported today to be calm but very tense. The police were patrolling, mainly in the hostel areas.

On Saturday night a group of men with guns and other weapons left a trail of death in Tembisa and Tokoza. They drove through both townships in a minibus, shooting and hacking to death at least 12 bystanders and injuring others.

Carnage

Police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Captain Eugene Opperman, said that during the carnage the gang had stopped at several places, got out of the vehicle and attacked fleeing pedestrians.

He said the police believe the group may have intended to whip up emotions to disrupt the funeral of 19 people who were buried in Kagiso on the West Rand yesterday.

Clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents flared up in Tokoza yesterday, leaving at least nine dead. Police moved into the area and used teargas to disperse rival groups.

A platoon commander at Tokoza's number three hostel said last night that hostel residents had "kidnapped" Tokoza residents, brought them back to the hostel and killed them.

He would not say how many had been killed in this way.

When asked why this had not been stopped, he shrugged and said: "What can you do? We're always too late."

He said the hostel dwellers left the hostel individually, with "traditional weapons" — the "usual story" — and had formed a group further on.

Shot, hacked

Phola Park Defence Committee spokesman Mr Prince Mhlambi said a squatter resident had been shot and hacked when he fled into a deserted hostel yesterday morning. His body was found in a toilet.

Two more people died at the weekend in renewed fighting at Vosloorus on the East Rand. The bodies, along with two AK-47 rifles and ammunition, were found near a hostel in the township.

The fighting follows last month's worst yet upsurge of violence in Reef townships in which well over 500 people died and thousands were injured. Townships in the East Rand were especially hard-hit: 351 people died in 11 days of fighting in Tokoza, Tembisa, Vosloorus, Kwathema, Daveyton and other areas.

Violence flared in Old Crossroads again at the weekend and 13 homes, including that of mayor Johnson Nxgobongwana, were set alight.

The troubled township was the scene of two shooting incidents at Noxolo Primary School last week after fighting between supporters of Mr Nxgobongwana and Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

Scores homeless

Scores of people have lost their homes and taken refuge at the primary school. Others have left the township.

Shacks were burnt on Saturday night, and last night.

A youth was arrested for allegedly setting a school alight.

During incidents of unrest in Natal, a father and his son were burnt to death after being set alight at a township near Durban. Two men were injured in separate shooting incidents in the province and three arrested for throwing stones.

At Kwamashu, Durban, an unidentified man died when he was set alight. Another was stabbed to death. A third man escaped with burns after a group of people attempted to "necklace" him.

Sporadic stone-throwing took place in Piketberg last night and in Philippi, Bredasdorp and Wellington, where tyres were burnt on a street corner.

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● In Johannesburg, two armed groups clashed at a hostel in Jeppe. Casualty figures are not known.

● In Natal, a father and his son were burnt to death after being set alight at a township near Durban. Two more men were injured in separate shooting incidents in the province.

● In the Free State, police used teargas to disperse a crowd at Kroonstad after barricades were erected in a township.

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Gang murders at rampage township

Gruesome trail of death from bullets and pangas in township

Staff Reporters

Calm returned to the war-torn East Rand townships today following a weekend of carnage which left 23 people dead and many injured.

A group of men armed with guns and other weapons left a trail of death in Tembisa and Tokoza on Saturday night when they drove through both townships in a minibus, shooting and hacking to death at least 12 bystanders and injuring others.

SAP liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Captain Eugene Opperman, said that during the carnage the gang had stopped at several places, got out of the vehicle and attacked fleeing pedestrians.

He said the police were investigating the possibility that the group wanted to whip up residents' emotions to disrupt the funeral of 19 people who were buried in Kagiso on the West Rand yesterday.

By early today, the situation was reported calm but very tense as police patrolled the townships, mainly in the hostel areas. No reports of any further attacks had been received, according to a police spokesman.

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'Usual story'

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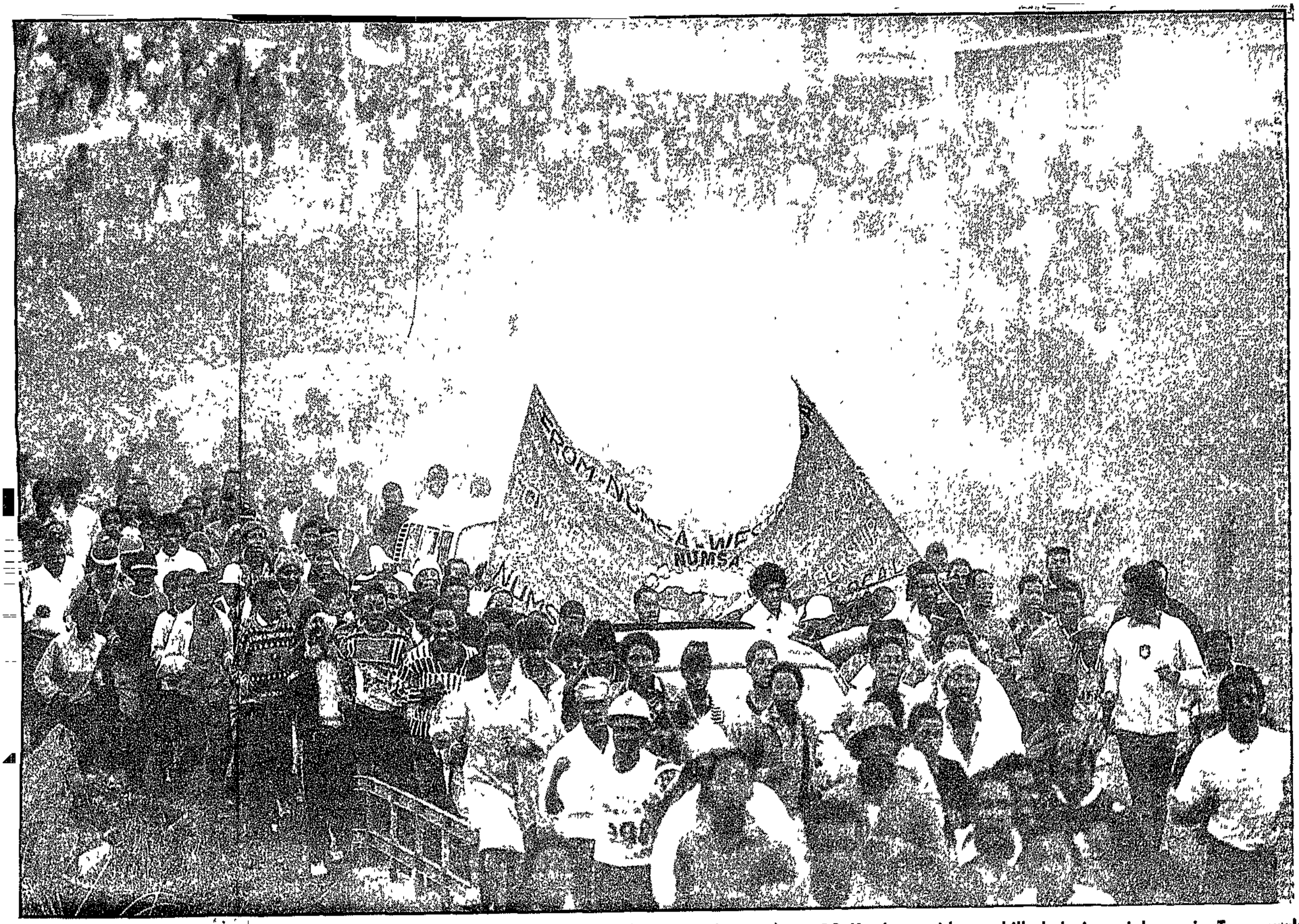
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Captain Opperman said the police had no information about where the bodies were found.

Phola Park defence committee spokesman Prince Mhlambi last night told The Star a squatter resident had been shot and hacked when he fled into a deserted hostel yesterday morning. His body was found in a toilet.



Final farewell . . . a Numsa flag spans a hearse as thousands of people gather yesterday to bury 19 Kagiso residents, killed during violence in Transvaal townships last month. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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Azapo speaker shouted down at Kagiso burial

Thousands of mourners in cold and rainy weather yesterday buried 19 Kagiso residents, killed during the violence which swept through the West Rand township last month.

The funeral service was peaceful, although marshals battled to control the large crowd gathered in the small local stadium.

Tension could have erupted into violence when a police video team walked through the crowd and started filming proceedings. People started throwing stones and hurling verbal abuse, and a policeman pulled out his service revolver.

Further confrontation was avoided when ANC marshals removed the policemen from the area. The only other signs of police surveillance were three police vans driving past and a helicopter which briefly circled above the stadium.

The Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) today accused the ANC of political thuggery after a speaker representing the organisation was shouted down while addressing mourners at the funeral.

Azapo deputy president Nchaupe Mokoape, in a statement released to Sapa, condemned "the unruliness of the ANC and its affiliates during the funeral".

He said Azapo speaker Dan Matsobane was "hounded and harassed" by people wearing ANC colours and SA Communist Party T-shirts when he attempted to address the large crowd from the stage.

He was forced to leave the platform, despite ANC appeals for the crowd to be tolerant.

When a Kagiso councillor tried to speak, people jeered, chanted and sang until he too left the platform.

Also, Azapo banners displayed at the funeral were "torn by knife-wielding thugs", Mr Mokoape said.

"We in Azapo are truly disgusted. Is this a glimpse of the new non-racial, democratic South Africa for which the ANC says it is working?" he asked.

Azapo had always welcomed ANC speakers on its platforms without any difficulty.

"We were shocked that the unruly element of the ANC would not even listen to the impassioned pleas of their leadership," Mr Mokoape said.

"We are worried that there may be an undisciplined element within the ANC who are not only creating problems for other organisations, but who may also become an uncontrollable monster for them," the statement said.

A claim by SA Council of Churches general secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane, that police knew about and planned last month's Inkatha attack on ANC members, was enthusiastically received by the mourners. Mr Chikane said the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry's findings into the Sebokeng shootings showed that police were colluding with the enemy and "murdering our people in cold blood".

"The commission showed police had no need to kill those people in Sebokeng. When we accused the police of doing so, they said we were lying.

"The majority of police are trained to murder us and are given guns to shoot us to protect the white minority.

"Police must be re-trained and re-educated so they can be part of the new South Africa."

SA Youth Congress president Peter Mokaba alleged that police and vigilantes had killed ANC comrades.

He called on youths to swell the ranks of Umkhonto we Sizwe so that the ANC could resort to armed action if the Government refused to negotiate. — Staff Reporter and Sapa.

Seventeen people shot, hacked to death on East Rand despite truce

POLICE have found the bodies of 15 people who were shot or hacked to death in the East Rand townships of Tembisa and Thokoza during the past 24 hours.

And another two bodies were found near the Vosloorus hostel on the East Rand on Saturday. AK-47 rifles were found nearby.

SAP liaison officer for the Witwatersrand Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday that a minibus conveying men armed with guns and various sharp weapons drove around Tembisa and Thokoza firing at pedestrians and getting out and attacking them, Sapa reports.

He said police suspected the same bus and passengers were responsible for the attacks in the two townships since 10pm on Saturday night.

Fifteen bodies had been found there by 10am yesterday morning and four people were reported injured.

Also on Saturday, two groups of armed men clashed at the Wolhuter hostel in Jeppe, Johannesburg. Four men were stabbed and a fifth struck by a bullet.

The fighting broke out despite an agreement to end violence on the Reef and in Natal which was reached between traditional Zulu, Xhosa and Pondo leaders at a Durban meeting of chiefs on Thursday.

THEO RAWANA reports that representatives of the ANC, Inkatha, Cosatu, several Natal township mayors and northern Natal security forces also signed a key regional peace accord at Empangeni at the weekend.

It committed the parties to freedom of political and religious association, the right to legitimate political activities, and to opposing violence and intimidation.

Among other unrest incidents reported from Natal, a man was shot in the stomach by two gunmen in an area outside Durban on Saturday.

He was taken to hospital where his condition was stable.

In Umkomaas, south of Durban, three men fired at private security guards who returned the fire, injuring one of the men.

LINDEN BIRNS reports that an SA Army spokesman said at the weekend Citizen Force members called up last week for two and three-month camps would not necessarily be utilised for the full call-up period and could be sent home much earlier if the situation warranted it.

In response to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's declaration of mini emergency areas more than a week ago, the army issued call-up papers to Citizen Force members.

The troops are being used to bolster police presence in Witwatersrand townships.

SA Chamber of Business spokesman Bill Lacey said the call-up would probably not have a detrimental effect on the Witwatersrand economy or result in a marked loss in productivity.

PETER DELMAR reports that members of the DP and Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) have established a Joint Unrest Monitoring Programme based in Johannesburg.

The organisations said in a statement yesterday they had met ANC and Inkatha representatives and were encouraged by their responses.

Call for charges after Sebokeng report

THE ANC at the weekend called for all SAP members involved in the Sebokeng shooting in March to be prosecuted, following the release of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry's report into the incident.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said he would heed the commission's recommendations and ANC calls for steps to be taken against police who irresponsibly shot protesters in Sebokeng on March 26, killing 18 and injuring more than 200.

Vlok said the recommendation that certain police members' actions be referred to the Attorney-General would be implemented and the necessary dockets would also be submitted.

Departmental steps were also being considered against certain individual members, he said.

The ANC said it was clear from the report that police officers violated standard police procedures, wilfully choosing to disregard the authority of the senior police officer in the area, Col Mazibuko.

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Taxi-rank shooting: Two dead, two injured

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men died and two were injured in a shooting at the Baragwanath Hospital taxi rank.

Police said that according to witnesses the attack, at 6pm yesterday, was carried out by five black men travelling in a Nissan minibus. The registration of the vehicle is unknown but the first three letters are believed to be NRR.

Police said one of the men was armed with an AK-47 and the others with pistols.

The killings were thought to be related to a taxi war, and not to the attacks in East Rand townships at the weekend which claimed 21 lives.

The two injured men were admitted to the hospital where their condition was said to be stable. Their names and those of the two dead men have not been released. — Sapa.

Sebokeng: 'both parties at fault'

LINDEN BIRNS

BOTH the SAP and the UDF Vaal Triangle committee which organised a March 26 protest march in Sebokeng were found to be at fault and had created a climate ripe for tragedy, said the Goldstone Commission's report released at the weekend.

The commission investigated the chain of events which led to 18 deaths and more than 200 people being wounded, at least 84 of them shot from behind as they fled from armed police.

The SAP was found not to have followed common law and its own standing orders for crowd control, while the protest march organisers were criticised for their deficient organisational abilities.

The report recommended that the Attorney-General consider the actions of certain policemen who fired on the crowd, standing about 40 metres away from a line of 30 armed policemen.

Shootings at Sebokeng's Sondela Brewery gate were unjustified as police had not even been threatened by attack from the crowd. At the most the crowd's behaviour justified using tearsmoke, but only after a proper warning to disperse, said the report.

Policemen who fired on the crowd had not been ordered to do so, and lacked control and discipline, it added.

There was found to be a strong probability that Const S van Rhyn of the Reaction Unit had fired first, causing a chain reaction with about 30 other policemen following suit.

Video footage showed the crowd was generally not misbehaving although the conduct of unruly elements the previous day could have made some of policemen nervous, the report said.

The march organisers were found to be negligent, if not irresponsible, in a number of respects. They gave authorities very short notice of their intention to march to Vereeniging and erred seriously by cancelling the march at the last moment.

Although both sides were at fault with regard to the shooting this did not justify indiscriminate shooting the report concluded.

Sapa reports the use of special constables in police reaction units was also criticised by the commission which recommended a rethink of the SAP's policy in this regard.

Of the 30 policemen who opened fire without instruction, 18 were special constables. Several of those who testified before the Commisson, were found to be "very unimpressive and uneducated".

The commanding officer of the Koeberg Training School for special constables, Lt-Col G B Smith, told the Commission special constables were not expected to have educational requirements, but that since February 20 this year, candidates had to complete a questionnaire, to establish whether they were "capable of being trained".

"Callous"

The shooting had been unjustifiable and was not pursuant to the terms of section 48 of the Internal Security Act which empowered the SAP to disperse gatherings with gunfire, said Mr Justice Goldstone.

He described police witnesses who appeared before him as "callous", with an attitude of unconcern for the lethal nature of their ammunition and the consequences of its use.

Other cases to be referred to the Attorney-General include:

- The alleged police shooting of Mahlomola Khalle at the Evaton Service Station; and
- The conduct of Sgt R van Huysteen and a Const Geldenhuys who between them shot dead five people during the Lekoa disturbances of March 26.

Special Frontline message for FW

LUSAKA — Leaders of the African Frontline states ended a one-day summit meeting in the Zambian Capital, Lusaka, on Saturday with a special message to President F W de Klerk to end black-on-black violence, Zimbabwe's national news agency Ziana reports.

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, who chaired the four-and-a-half hour meeting of leaders from Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, said ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela had been asked to personally deliver the message to De Klerk.

After the meeting, Kaunda said: "The summit sent a message to De Klerk to stop the carnage. We have done that, and Mr Mandela will deliver that message to him."

Mandela attended the summit after arriving from a six-day tour of Norway, Algeria, Libya and Uganda.

Mandela was expected to land at Jan Smuts Airport in Johannesburg late yesterday afternoon.

Also invited to the summit was PAC-chairman Johnson Mlambo.

Kaunda said the summit had also asked Mlambo to take a special message to PAC president Zeph Mothopeng.

The Zambian leader would not disclose the contents of the message.

He also urged the PAC to consider De Klerk's invitation to join negotiations.

Kaunda said the summit had agreed to ask Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to stop aggravating violence.

"Buthelezi just now is creating a lot of chaos for all of us. He is leading us on a course of destruction and we are asking him to go back where he was before and stop all this killing," Kaunda said.

Lekoa killings: 'Let A-G decide'

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THE conduct of a police sergeant and constable who shot dead a total of five people between them during the Lekoa disturbances of March 26 this year should be referred to the attorney-general.

Further investigation into the actions of Sergeant R van Huysteen and Constable Geldenhuys may well result in the consideration of criminal charges being preferred against them, Goldstone Commission chairman Judge R J Goldstone said in his report released in Pretoria on Saturday.

In neither of two locations where Sergeant van Huysteen shot dead a total of four people on March 26 "would he appear to have had the right to shoot to kill," the judge said.

There was unlawful action by mobs at both scenes, Mr Justice Goldstone said, and Van Huysteen would have been entitled to use teargas and rubber bullets.

Van Huysteen said he did not intend to kill but only stop three people he shot dead at the Kwagga Bottle Store in Sebokeng.

Stop

But Sergeant van Huysteen told the Commission: "Wanneer ek skiet, meneer, skiet ek om hulle te stop, dan skiet ek vir jou lyf.

"Bene is n kleiner teiken ook om te stop en ek kan jou mis skiet en jy kan ontsnap.

"Ek wil n arrestasie uitvoer."

Van Huysteen shot dead Livingstone Vitshima when he failed to stop, after being instructed to do so, after he had run from the bottle store with, presumably, stolen goods.

He also shot dead Ernest Mkhwanazi and Vuyani Makholwa when he fired seven shotgun rounds at other people who had been ransacking the premises.

The commission said it did not accept Constable Geldenhuys's explanation that shot had left two entry wounds in the front of the chest of Fanie Mkhwanazi, whom he had shot when he threw stolen goods over a fence and failed to stop when called upon to do so at the store.

"His explanation is that those wounds must have been caused by shot ricocheting off the concrete fence."

Referring to evidence by Colonel PR Gouws of the Forensic Science Laboratory in Pretoria that there would have been insufficient kinetic energy for the pellets to bounce off and penetrate the body of a person, the commission rejected this explanation.

Also on that day, at the Sebokeng post office, Sergeant van Huysteen hit Ramonge Motaung - whom he had identified as the leader of a stone-throwing mob - in the back of the left side of the head.

Sergeant van Huysteen's version of the events, supported by Constable Geldenhuys, was not consistent with the injury behind the head, the judge said.

Caused

Asked how the wounds could have been caused, Van Huysteen told the commission: "Hy kon sy kop gedraai het toe ek geskiet het en net hom hier agter gevang het, om my te gooi ... ek weet nie."

Said Judge Goldstone: "Indeed, it is difficult to explain ...

"I have grave doubts as to the veracity of that version."

The difficulty was that no other version was presented to the commission, he said.

Another fatality that merited the attention of the attorney-general was that of Mahlomola Khaile at the Evaton Service Station.

The commission could express no firm conclusion with regard to the policemen responsible for the shooting, but added: "There are factors which suggest that it may have been Constable Horn. But that is nothing more than suspicion."

Eye-witness Mr Andries Mokoena told the commission there had been repeated police action at the service station, which had been set alight and plundered by about 1 000 people on March 26.

His house was situated across the road from the service station.

Mr Khaile approached him and asked for permission to use a toilet. He pointed Mr Khaile to one some way from his house.

As Mr Khaile walked off, Mokoena saw a white man standing at the entrance to the service station. He was standing next to a "Hippo" vehicle.

He was in uniform and wearing a hat. He saw him lift his gun and point it in their direction. He fired a shot.

Head

"The shot hit (Mr Khaile) in the head ... the man fell down on his back."

According to Mokoena no other people were in the vicinity at the time the shot was fired.

He knew of no reason for the police to have fired at that time.

Casspir driver PW Prinsloo testified that he and Constables JJ Horn and Special Sergeant Ramoshabe had stopped at the service station to ask policemen there about a broken-down vehicle.

Prinsloo was adamant that neither he nor the other two men in the Casspir had been armed with shotguns.

But Constable Horn said he had had a loaded shotgun - but he denied he had taken it with him when he made inquiries from the policemen at the service station.

The report noted: "Constable Horn confirmed that at the time in question he was in uniform and wearing a hat."

An "unusual feature" of Prinsloo's evidence was information he had supplied to Advocate JJ du Toit.

Inquired

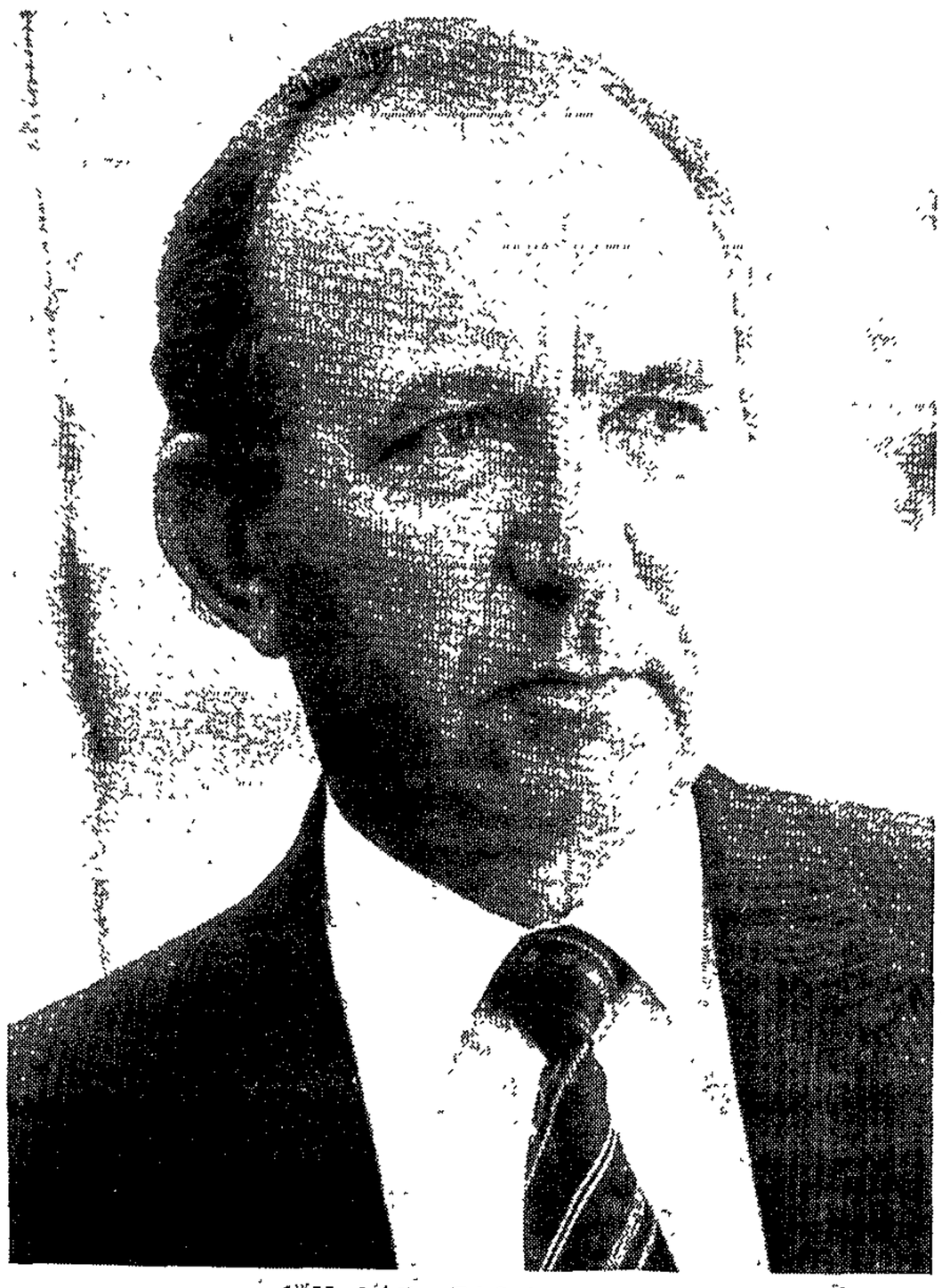
"When he had completed his testimony, Advocate du Toit, acting on behalf of the commission, inquired from Prinsloo as to the whereabouts of Horn," said the report.

"Prinsloo informed Advocate du Toit that Horn had left the police force and was now working for a firm in Kriel.

"He supplied Adv du Toit with the name of his employer in Kriel viz Hume Pipes and also furnished a telephone number.

"Constable Horn informed the commission that there was never any question of his having left the Reaction Unit in Krugersdorp or that he had any connection with Kriel.

"He is the only Horn in the unit." - Sapa



Mr Justice RJ Goldstone

Special constables 'unstable in riots'

THE use of special constables in police reaction units should be reconsidered, the Goldstone Commission said.

Eighteen of the 30 policemen, who opened fire without instruction in the Sebokeng shooting, in which five people died and 281 were injured, were special constables.

Mr Justice Goldstone said a number of the special constables, who testified before the commisson, were "very unimpressive and uneducated".

He recounted in his report remarks by Cape Judge J Conradie about a standing trial special constable who had previously been a labourer: "I can't understand how it can be expected of someone, who had been struggling to push a wheelbarrow, to handle a firearm sensibly."

The Officer of the Koeberg Training School for special constables, Lt-Col G B Smith, told the Commission there were "no educational requirements...expected of special constables".

Candidates

However, from February 20 this year candidates were required to be able to complete a questionnaire, the purpose of which was to establish whether they were "capable of being trained".

The training given, during a course lasting eight weeks, was of a "very limited nature and aimed at the use of special constables only in supporting roles".

"They are not trained for use in unrest or for crowd control."

They were taught, however, how to handle and shoot with shotguns.

The SAP "Onlusdril" training for special constables consisted of a seven-hour course.

"It is in no sense geared towards enabling special constables to participate in a police line," said the report.

"Should special constables by force of circumstance be used in a police line, it is necessary for the control of the commanding officer to be immediate." - Sapa.

US aids victims of violence

Pretoria Correspondent

The opportunity to achieve a non-racial South Africa through peaceful means is too precious to be endangered by the effects of violence, US ambassador to South Africa William Swing said last week.

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Handing over a grant of $175 000 (about R446 000) to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to aid victims of violence, Mr Swing said.

The US government has contributed 1 338 750 to the ICRC since 1988, and R2 225 000 to the South African Red Cross and the Natal Red Cross, for victims of violence and their families.

Nerves on edge during tense night in Tokoza

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By Julienne du Toit

"I nearly shot you," the parabat laughed with relief when we climbed from the car outside Tokoza hostel number three.

Everyone in Tokoza was nervous last night.

At Phola Park a crowd of blanketed men armed with knobkerries and sharpened poles surrounded The Star car when it stopped. The peering men relaxed when they saw white faces, but only for a moment.

"Here come the guns," they said fearfully when machinegun fire sounded in the distance and tracer bullets flew skywards.

"Why don't you bring guns and leave them with us? Just one," begged one of them, a member of the Phola Park Defence Committee.

Vice-president of the committee, Prince Mhlambi, complained that the soldiers had disarmed them, but not the hostel dwellers.

"How can we defend ourselves? Why don't they take their weapons?" he asked angrily.

Josephine Nyandeni, with a baby on her back, ran back to her crippled son when she heard the machineguns.

Her three other children, along with all their belongings, had been waiting for her on the pavement near the hostels.

She was looking for someone who would take them in after they fled from Phola Park.

Mrs Nyandeni said they were scared after hostel dwellers had chased and killed a Phola Park resident. Vusi (23) in a wheelchair would be a "sitting duck" if they came again, she said.

Renewed fighting claimsmore lives

23 die in ER clashes

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FRESH fighting claimed at least 23 lives in East Rand townships at the weekend.

Police found 12 bodies in Tokoza and nine in Tembisa yesterday. All had bullet or stab wounds. Two more bodies – both with gunshot wounds – were found near the Vosloorus hostel on Saturday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday a minibus carrying men armed with guns and various sharp weapons drove around the townships firing at pedestrians and attacking them.

Sowetan Reporter and Sapa

Police suspect the same vehicle and passengers were responsible for the attacks in Tembisa and Tokoza since Saturday night.

Opperman said the gang was probably trying to "sweep up" people and cause disruption of the mass funeral for victims of violence on the East Rand.

Police found two AK-47 rifles and ammunition, one inside the Vosloorus hostel and one hidden in grass nearby on Saturday.

At Jeppe in Johannesburg two groups of men armed with an assortment of weapons clashed at the Wolhuter Hostel on Saturday. Four sustained hack and stab wounds while a fifth was struck by a bullet.

A man was shot in the stomach by two gunmen in an area outside Durban. He was taken to hospital where his condition is stable.

At Umkomaas south of Durban, three men fired at private security guards who returned the fire, injuring one of the men.

Meanwhile, police fired teargas at mourners in Tokoza on Saturday at a funeral for victims of the violence.

A police spokesman said a group of people who attended the funeral had started an illegal march and police used tearsmoke to disperse them.



Four held after illegal march

JOHANNESBURG. — Police used teargas to break up an illegal march by more than 100 people in Kroonstad yesterday morning, arresting four people. Cape Times 4/9/90 278

Those arrested, including House of Representatives member for the Western Free State, Mr Glen Rooskrans, were being kept in custody until they appear in court today, police liaison officer Major J Fouché said.

They will be charged — under Article 46 of Act No 74 of 1982 — with organising or participating in an illegal protest march.

According to Maj Fouché, the situation in Kroonstad and the neighbouring coloured township of Brent Park was quiet yesterday afternoon. — Sapa

'Kits constables' training found to be 'inadequate'

The Goldstone Commission report into the shootings in Sebokeng was critical of both the presence of "special constables" and also the control over a march excercised by ANC marshals. DAWN BARKHUIZEN looks at the training given to these people.

EIGHTEEN of the 30 policemen who opened fire on a group of protest marchers in Sebokeng earlier this year killing 11 people were special constables.

These men — referred to in the townships as "the dogs of the SAP", "the blou pakke", "the blue lines", or "kits (instant) constabels" — were singled out for special attention in the 74-page report by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone.

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He recommended that the continued use of special constables in unrest and other related situations be re-evaluated. He found their seven-hour "onrusdril" training course was in no sense geared towards enabling special constables to participate in a police line.

The special constables who testified before the commission were, he said, "very uneducated and unimpressive".

Evidence

His findings followed evidence before the commission that:

- Special constables had been included in the police line at Sondela Gate although they were not supposed to be used in police lines and despite the fact that the commanding officer was not certain of the training they had received in crowd control. They had in fact, received none.
- Special constables had been among virtually all the policeman in the line who loaded their shotguns — without orders.

Training given, during an eight week course, was limited and aimed at the use of special constables only in supporting roles, the commission heard. They were not trained for use in unrest or crowd control. They were however, taught to shoot and handle guns.

Judge Goldstone said the organisers of the march at Sebokeng had failed to get the necessary permission from the authorities and said it was not properly or effectively organised.

Riot control

He strongly urged the organisers of marches to formalise their strategies and planning

"If this type of demonstration is to become a regular feature of political expression in SA, the sooner it is subjected to rules the better."

In response to the commission's findings the Minister of Law and Order, Adrian Vlok, said special constables would, as far as possible, not be used for riot and crowd control in future.

No special constables would be armed unless it had been established that they were thoroughly familiar with all the legal requirements as well as the workings of such a firearm.

SAP spokesman, General Herman Stadler, said that, based on a decision made earlier this year, the period of training for special constables had been increased from eight to 10 weeks.

It was possible to learn "quite a bit about guns" in this period, but one only truly learned through pracitical experience, he said.

Training involved drill work (running and excercise), the use of weapons and making arrests. The focus was on conducting street patrols in a similar manner to bobbies on the beat.

Part of their function was to protect town councillors, their families and their property.

Fulltime policemen trained for six months. In addition to basic training, they learned some law and how to handle investigations and accidents, he said.

While the same rules and regulations applied to both groups, the difference was that special constables were supervised by a senior officer and were not required to make on-the-spot decisions.

The average educational level of the former was Std 8 or 9 compared to the matric required for regular policemen, he said.

In July it was announced that the special constables would come under the direct control of the SAP.

According to the Catholic Institute for International Relations publication, "Now everyone is afraid — the changing face of policing in South Africa", special constables are paid weekly wages amounting to about R400 a month, had no benefits and needed no educational qualifications.

Training was usually oral as many were illiterate. The publication said special constables were trained to use all normal police weapons and once they started work were issued with shotguns. They were allowed to use other weapons if necessary.

A Democratic Party spokesman on Law and Order, Jan van Eck, said last night the concept of "third class police for third class citizens" should be ended immediatedly.

"The State is making a poor standard permanent. It is absurb merely to extend the training period by a couple of weeks. It is impossible that anyone trained for such a short period can perform the varied duties required of a policeman in our conflict ridden society."

Special constables had become one of the main sources of conflict in the black communites, where they were regarded as an insult and were the targets of activists.

"It is the height of irresponsibility to send these, the most poorly trained men in the force, into the most politically volatile areas of our country where great tact, diplomacy and intensive training is necessary," he said.

Mr van Eck, who has submitted numerous reports on special constables to the Minister of Law and Order and has repeatedly raised the issue in parliament, said he had personnally seen them on numerous occasions "running rampant in the townships".

The Catholic Institute for International Relations publication stated: "From evidence presented in many court cases it appears special constables have replaced the security forces in most communities and have introduced a new reign of terror unmatched by previous police atrocities.

"The new policemen have little knowledge of the law and appear to think they can do what they like and get away with it They are often accused of detaining, torturing and punishing people in their own living quarters.

"They have killed many people who had nothing to do with unrest or crime. In a few cases they have even shot each other or members of their own families. One of the most common complaints against them is that they are drunk on duty. They are allowed to carry their weapons off duty. Many people complain that they use these to settle personal disputes and use their firearms recklessly when they are drunk."

Walkie-talkies

The ANC said it did not recognise the right of the government to prescribe the right of people to "peacefully assemble and demonstrate".

While the ANC could not be reached for comment yesterday South African Communist Party spokesman, Jeremy Cronin, said it was absolutely crucial for marshals to be well trained. Specific attention was given to this matter, he said.

Prior to the July launch of the SACP at Soccer City, Johannesburg, 2000 marshals (all workers) were trained for one month.

The SACP had drawn on the experience of the ANC. Much attention was paid to controlling admission, communication between marshals on the ground and their co-ordinators, responsibility for certain areas and response in the case of emergency, and communication with health workers.

Each group of 10 to 20 marshals had walkie-talkies placing them in direct contact with their co-ordinators.

He said that while the SACP regarded the SAP as biased and prejudiced, a working understanding was necessary in such events.

Eight die as Rand townships flare again

JOHANNESBURG. — At least eight people were killed overnight in an upsurge of violence in Witwatersrand townships, police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said today.

Four people died in Sebokeng, three of whom were stabbed and the fourth was burnt inside a house. Three bodies with stab wounds were found in Vosloorus and another, also with stab wounds, was found in Katlehong.

The eight died in faction fighting involving Zulus and Xhosas, he said. "It is the usual story."

He could not immediately confirm whether any people were injured or any property was damaged in the violence in the trouble-spots, although there were unconfirmed reports that several houses were burned in fighting between residents and hostel-dwellers in Vosloorus last night.

Colonel Malherbe described the situation in Sebokeng and Vosloorus today as tense.

More than 500 people have been killed in the fighting which started in the Witwatersrand on August 12. Hundreds have been injured or maimed in the violence. — Sapa.

FW visits Soweto

Political Staff

PRESIDENT De Klerk is visiting Soweto today for the first time as State President to get direct information about the township violence and show sympathy for the victims.

He is accompanied by members of his cabinet.

It is his first visit to a black township since his inauguration as State President a year ago this month.

The government will be anxious to see how well Mr De Klerk is received in the heart of black South Africa.

The visit could be an important test of his standing in the black community since his decisive reforms of February 2.

The government has kept details of the visit secret for security reasons.



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Barend feels Right's wrath

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Police and rightwingers were last night involved in several scuffles when about 300 khaki-clad demonstrators attempted to disrupt a meeting addressed by Finance Minister Barend du Plessis in Wolmaranstad's town hall.

Police armed with batons charged the crowd outside the hall. Several policemen, one a colonel, were assaulted.

Mr du Plessis was several times forced to stop speaking.

His address was delayed for more than an hour as police tried to clear the hall of the rightwingers. Sneeze powder was thrown during the confontation.



e Agassi takes off his sweat-soaked he defeated Jay Berger in the fourth h Flushing Meadow yesterday.
● Picture by Reuter.

on the menu

anything like that had been planned. But they could have stopped it immediately," she said.

Manager Eugene Spies said the restaurant owners were sorry about the incident and had apologised to parents for the embarrassment caused.

"As a family restaurant, striptease are not acceptable to us.

"Unfortunately we did not know they had planned to strip. We definitely wouldn't have allowed it."

Reporter's brother shot dead

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Staff Reporters

Renewed fighting broke out on the East Rand and in the Vaal Triangle early today following the killing of at least 10 people in townships last night.

Zulu bands have been accused of attacking residents of several townships, including Vosloorus and Katlehong on the East Rand and Sebokeng in the Vaal area.

The Star's boxing writer, Arthur Molisiwa, described today how his brother Jerry was killed in cold blood at 9.30 last night as he sat with his wife Lala and a friend watching TV in their Vosloorus home opposite a hostel:

"The mob started stoning the house and when they broke the windows, Jerry phoned the police who arrived in an armoured vehicle. The attackers dispersed but returned, smashed the burglar bars and attempted to set the house alight.

"While attempting to douse the flames with water, Jerry was shot in the chest and stomach and his terrified wife ran for her life, still under fire as she made her escape in the dark. Panic-stricken, she dislocated her knee as she scaled fences in her frantic efforts to escape the mob. She was treated in the Natalspruit Hospital.

"About R10 000 damage has been done to their house which is covered inside with blood. The whole Sotho section of the town is in shambles," said Mr Molisiwa.

Civic Association spokesman Keith Montsitsi said a crowd of about 700 drove the hostel inmates back to their compound.

"More than 20 houses were damaged, others burnt to the ground," he said.

Fighting was stopped by soldiers who fired shots in the air.

A Vaal Triangle police spokesman said today that renewed fighting had broken out in Sebokeng today. The fighting, mainly between Zulus and Xhosas, began at about 3 am.

Police and Defence Force reinforcements have been moved into the area.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, confirmed eight of last night's 10 deaths.

Mystery over killings on the East Rand

By DON SEOKANE

THE mystery behind the East Rand violence that claimed at least 23 lives deepened yesterday when survivors told of two vans, black gunmen and a white driver of one of the vans and the attackers wearing blue uniforms. Sowetan 4/9/90

Mr Nyameko Mtsha yesterday said he had been shot at by a group travelling in a van driven by a white man.

Mtsha of Tokoza said he was on his way home when armed black men travelling in a blue *Ford* van driven by a white man shot at him, severely injuring him in the chest and on the thighs. 278

Another person lying injured at the Natalspruit Hos-

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pital said the people who attacked him were driving a white van.

Mr Mlandeli Masokha, who lives at Khwesini Hostel in Natalspruit, said that on Sunday afternoon men travelling in a private car announced at the hostel that residents should arm themselves and fight, because "they have started again" in the township. Sowetan 4/9/90

Masokha said after leaving the hostel on Sunday evening, he saw a white van and as he got near the vehicle, men fired three shots at him.

One shot went through his legs and another brushed his private parts.

Mtsha said he could not remember how many bullets were used but estimated that more than three had been fired at him.

He said the men were wearing blue uniforms. The van left at high speed and he was unable to get its registration number.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Oppermann yesterday said a minibus carrying men armed with guns and various sharp weapons drove around the township firing at pedestrians and attacking them.

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Mr Mzwakhele Mbeka of Tokoza said he was shot on Sunday morning when he went to find out what was scratching the roof of his house. He confronted a man who shot him, injuring him in the legs.

Another highlight was the finding *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Police probe bias claims

Sowetan Correspondent

POLICE yesterday pledged to vigorously investigate allegations of brutality and pro-Inkatha bias against their members in the recent spate of township violence.

A top-ranking police officer has been appointed to head the probes, it was learnt yesterday.

President FW de Klerk said at the weekend he regarded charges against the police in an "extremely serious light".

He had asked Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok for an urgent and in-depth investigation into them.

"All of these allegations are being investigated," a police spokesman said yesterday. "People making the allegations must know we are going to approach them for substantive evidence so that we can investigate thoroughly."

Police apparently intend to interview all those who have claimed police misbehaviour.

Sources said police had already contacted Mrs Winnie Mandela over her recent allegations and were in the process of seeking further particulars from Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa about his.

Also under investigation will be a pile of affadavits by eyewitnesses contained in a dossier handed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and a South African Council of Churches delegation to De Klerk at the Union Buildings last week.

Claims over Vaal protest shootings likely to top R3-m

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CIVIL claims of between R2 million and R3 million may be brought against the Government following the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry's finding that police action in the Sebokeng shooting on March 26 was unjustifiable, a lawyer said yesterday.

Mr James Sutherland of the Johannesburg-based legal firm of Bell, Dewar and Hall said this figure was relatively low because many of the 85 injured people had suffered minor injuries and four of the 12 dead had no family or dependants.

Sutherland, who is acting for some of the families, said the most importart finding of the commission, released at the weekend, was the criticism of the police inquest into the incident.

Guidelines

"The highlight of the finding was that it is unrealistic to expect people to investigate themselves. There needs to be an independent neutral investigation.

"Another highlight was the finding that a number of policemen have no regard for their strict and adequate departmental guidelines on crowd control and protest marches.

"For too long these guidelines have been breached with impunity. The clear message to the police is that they have to stick to the principle of using the minimum amount of force.

Criticism

"The implied criticism is that they do not always strive to avoid loss of life," he said.

Sutherland said the findings could play a significant role in sharpening people's awareness of police misconduct.

"It definitely may highlight public awareness in cases where police use excessive force.

"Police may find that they are liable in cases where they breach the departmental guidelines, for example, when they use heavy ammunition instead of first using birdshot as prescribed." - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Military inquiry convened

Eleven die as soldiers open fire at hostel

ELEVEN people died in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng in a shooting incident when members of the SADF tried to disperse about 5 000 people blocking the entrance to the hostel compound yesterday morning.

This brought the toll in renewed township violence since Monday night to 36.

Defence Force spokesman Cmdt Riaan Louw said a military board of inquiry into the hostel incident had been convened. He did not say who would head it.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said a group of policemen led by Vereeniging district commissioner Col Piet Fourie had been conducting interviews and investigations yesterday morning among Inkatha supporters at the hostel compound where violence had occured on Monday night.

When a crowd gathered and blocked the entrance to the compound SADF reinforcements were called in, and after soldiers had opened fire on the crowd 11 bodies were found.

He said: "We don't know whether people were stabbed or shot. All we know is that when the crowd scattered after the shooting 11 bodies were found at the scene."

He saidthe number of people injured during the clash had still to be ascertained.

Meanwhile ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok were due to meet last night to discuss the renewed violence.

Addressing a Press conference at the Sebokeng police station after a tour of unrest-hit townships yesterday, Mandela said he did not know how many people were killed by security forces or Inkatha supporters.

WILSON ZWANE, LINDEN BIRNS and PETER DELMAR

However, witnesses to the hostel incident told reporters the conduct of the army and the SAP "left much to be desired".

Mandela said a pattern had emerged of police patrols outside hostels being removed immediately before outbreaks of violence. "The police on patrol outside the hostels were removed on Monday night prior to an attack on the hostel."

Malherbe said police had arrested "a well-known Inkatha leader" allegedly in connection with the possession of weapons, including four AK-47 assault rifles, another unspecified weapon and several pistols.

An Inkatha spokesman said later the leader was Inkatha Transvaal Youth Brigade chairman Themba Khoza.

At least 150 other Inkatha supporters were arrested, allegedly in connection with Monday night's attack on the hostel compound.

Mandela later appealed to the thousands of people who had gathered at the hostel compound not to be "carried away by emotions and resort to armed confrontation".

"What is happening is not accidental. It is planned by people who want to see bloodshed. Give us a chance and we'll find a peaceful solution," he said.

In a statement, the Law and Order Ministry said it was investigating accounts by witnesses, as well as those of security forces at the scene of the hostel shooting.

The ministry said claims by some witnesses, specifically Sowetan photographer Len Khumalo, directly contradicted statements made by SAP and SADF members

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Eleven die

and other witnesses.

Sapa journalist Lew Elias, in Sebokeng to cover Mandela's visit, was stoned with bricks, pebbles and other missiles, before his truck was overturned and set alight.

Elias, bleeding from the mouth, was allowed to leave the scene, reports Sapa.

Sapa reports that Vosloorus civic leader Keith Montsitsi said residents stayed away from work yesterday to protest against violence that claimed three lives on Monday.

Montsitsi said it was unclear how many people had been injured in the latest fighting between residents and hostel inmates.

"More than 20 houses were broken, others were burnt to the ground," he said.

He said that after the initial outbreak of fighting on Monday night, a crowd of about 700 chased hostel inmates back to their compound and destroyed a wall.

Montsitsi said the fighting was eventually stopped by soldiers who fired shots in the air.

Malherbe confirmed a number of shooting incidents on the East Rand between Vosloorus residents and hostel dwellers yesterday and said police had used teargas on a number of occasions.

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AFTERMATH ... Hostel-dwellers in Sebokeng inspect the bodies of five men who were killed in their rooms overnight in renewed fighting.



HEART OF THE CONFLICT ... President F W de Klerk listens yesterday to a resident of Nancefield Hostel — the scene of fierce fighting last month in Soweto — during his first visit to the huge Johannesburg township since becoming State President last year.

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Hostel wars

36 die as new fighting breaks out in Vaal

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence left at least 36 people dead and nearly 100 wounded in Sebokeng yesterday, including 11 found dead, after army troops moved in to assist police facing a 5 000-strong mob.

Witwatersrand Police liaison officer Colonel Francois Malherbe said in a statement that the number injured when troops moved in was difficult to determine at this stage.

He said police had called for reinforcements yesterday morning when the mob surrounded a hostel where police were investigating earlier deaths.

Colonel Malherbe said the death toll in violence was 36, including 24 killed in clashes between Zulus and supporters of the African National Congress. The others, he said, were found over a wider area outside the hostel after the "shooting incident" involving troops.

"I cannot comment on this shooting incident any further. The SADF has appointed a board of inquiry to investigate," he said.

He said 150 people had been arrested. Last night the situation was "calm and quiet".

Yesterday a Sowetan photographer who said he saw the shootings, claimed troops had fired without warning as residents approached.

In the midst of the new wave of killings, President F W de Klerk and ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela visited trouble spots separately and appealed for peace.

Mr De Klerk, accompanied by his wife Marieke and two cabinet ministers, made the surprise visit to Soweto where he mixed easily with cheering residents.

It was only the fourth visit in 12 years by a South African head of government to a black township and the first by Mr De Klerk since he became president.

Making an urgent plea for an end to township violence, Mr De Klerk said: "If we allow strife to continue the end will be a crisis for everybody. It must end."

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HOSTEL TOUR . . . President F W de Klerk and his wife Marieke make a surprise visit to a Soweto hostel — the fourth visit in 12 years by a South African head of government to a township.

Newsman's gauntlet ride ends in flames

SEBOKENG. — The stock police phrase "quiet but tense" acquired dramatic meaning for Sapa journalist Mr Lew Elias here yesterday.

After driving into the violence-racked township near Vereeniging to cover a visit by ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela he had his truck stoned, overturned and then set alight.

There was a large security presence at the entrance to Sebokeng with police and SADF in armoured vehicles.

Beyond the vehicles, barricades of steel-mesh enclosed in steel frames torn from highway barriers littered the road.

The single-hostel area, where violence erupted at 3am yesterday, was also littered with barricades of boulders and electricity pylons ripped from the ground.

Along the main road groups of people stood in open lots, some armed with sharpened metal bars and sticks. The main road was littered with stones and boulders and lined with people seemingly waiting for something to happen.

As Mr Elias approached a large group of people outside a church, a single stone was thrown — and then many more followed.

He turned and sped away as the side windows of his almost new truck were shattered. As he ran the gauntlet along the main road more bricks and stones shattered the windscreen and rear window.

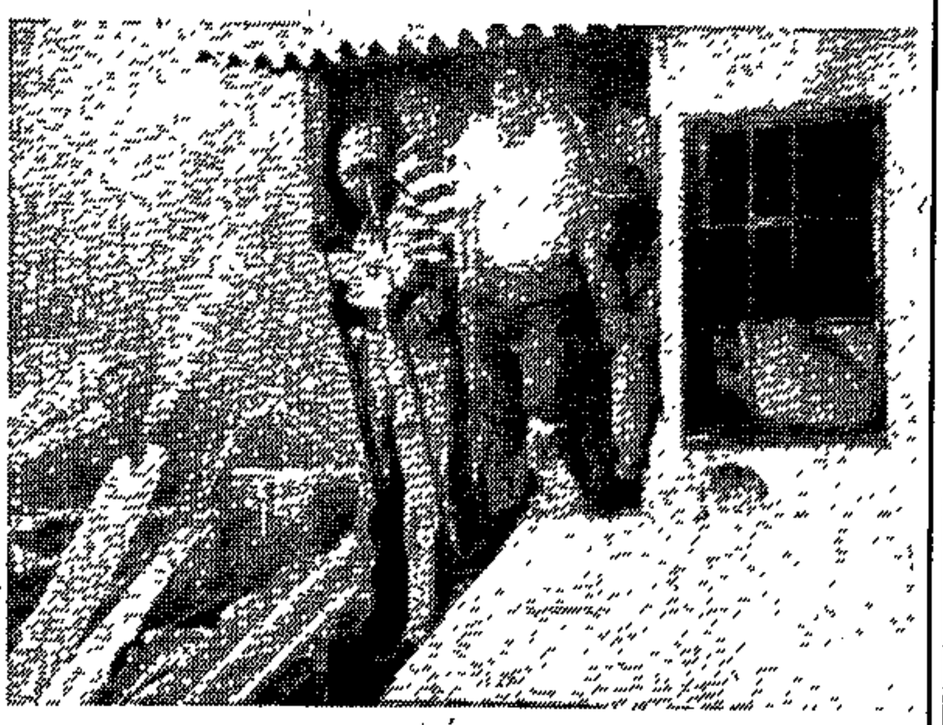
The truck then became snagged on a boulder and was forced to stop. Mr Elias, bleeding from the mouth, got out.

The mob then removed everything from the cab before turning the truck on its side and setting it alight.

When the truck stopped and Mr Elias got out he asked some of the people who had surrounded the vehicle to direct him to a telephone. Sympathetic bystanders led him away and tried to find a telephone in one of the neighbouring shacks.

Freelance photo-journalist Mr Johann Kuss was brought to the scene and identified Mr Elias as a member of the press. The bleeding reporter was handed over to a news team from ABC, who allowed him to use their car telephone and accompany them through the township.

By late afternoon the burnt-out wreck of his truck formed part of a barricade across Sebokeng's main road. — Sapa



BURN OUT ... Supporters of Inkatha inspect damage done to a Vosloorus hostel yesterday.

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Mr De Klerk spent the morning in the township touring a hospital, school, shopping centre, police station and a workers' hostel torn by factional violence over the past two weeks.

Mr Mandela spent more than an hour in discussions with the commander of the Sebokeng police station. Last night he and a high-level ANC delegation met Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok to discuss the new round of violence.

No statement was issued after the meeting.

● At 4am, Sebokeng hostel-dwellers and local residents fought a pitched battle, leaving at least 20 bodies strewn around a hostel.

Police arrested several men and took possession of a number of AK-47s.

Later, while police were questioning a group of inmates about the killings, a crowd gathered outside the entrance to the hostel.

According to Colonel Malherbe, the mob swelled to an estimated 5 000 eventually.

"They appeared very aggressive and were armed with dangerous weapons and petrol bombs," he said.

Colonel Piet Fourie, District Commissioner of Police for the Vereeniging district, who was one of the police officers inside the hostel at the time, called for reinforcements.

Colonel Malherbe said that about 9.20am shooting occurred when SADF troops moved in to assist the police. The bodies of 11 people were found after the mob dispersed.

Sowetan photographer Mr Len Kumalo said: "The soldiers got off their trucks, took up positions and cocked their guns — I thought maybe they wanted to scare the people.

"The people came towards them waving their hands, saying 'peace, we are not fighting'.

"All of a sudden there was shooting. Many of the people ran. Some of the people fell."

Mr Kumalo said that when it was all over, there were 11 bodies, some outside and some inside the buildings in the hostel compound.

● Fighting broke out in Vosloorus yesterday morning as police reported three people were killed in clashes on Monday night.

● In Katlehong a man was burnt to death during clashes. — UPI, Sapa

Tvl Inkatha Youth head arrested on arms charge

SEBOKENG. — The Transvaal chairman of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, Mr Themba Khoza, was arrested yesterday in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, for allegedly possessing arms during the violence that swept the township earlier in the day.

This was said by ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela, who said police had confirmed Mr Khoza's arrest along with 112 other Inkatha members.

Police confirmed that a man was arrested when found in possession of an AK-47, pistols and ammunition inside the boot of his car. They did not name him.

Mr Mandela also launched a scathing attack on alleged police collusion with Inkatha.

'Viva comrade President FW'

From DAWN BARKHUIZEN
Argus Correspondent
in Johannesburg

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk was given a positive welcome from suprised Soweto residents when he made a two-hour whistle-stop tour of the township yesterday.

"Viva Comrade FW de Klerk, Viva" shouted youths with clenched fists.

"He is our comrade. We want this man for our leader," an excited shopper at the Chiawelo Business Centre said.

"I think he's just great. I'd choose him any day," said one woman joining the throng to shake the State President's hand.

"He has a big job, but he is a big man," said another.

"Mr De Klerk can come to Soweto anytime and he will never be hurt here," Moses Mngenela and his friend Joseph Maswanganay agreed

'Wise guy'

"He is wonderful," giggled a group of schoolgirls.

From 10-year-old Jabulani Mngomezulu at the Winnie Ngwekazi Primary School, Pimville, came the solid pronouncement "He is a wise guy. My father says so."

And at Baragwanath Hospital staff began ululating when Mr De Klerk stopped briefly at the kitchen and did not stop until he left the hospital 15 minutes later.

There were sombre moments, however, when a grim-faced State President made his way over fetid puddles and through tiny, crammed living quarters at the Nancefield Hostel, a trouble-spot during the recent wave of township violence

The tour comes four days after the President called for membership of the National Party to be opened to all races It is his first visit to Soweto in his capacity as State President.

Security was tight. Details of the route were released only once the tour got underway

Addressing a press conference at the Protea police station Mr De Klerk said· "The experience was spontaneous ... almost nobody was told before hand. This was not a press relations excercise. I wanted to appraise conditions in Soweto myself and to experience first hand the problems of the community."

The President made an urgent plea for an end to township violence in South Africa.

"It must come to an end. If we allow strife to continue the end will be a crisis for everybody. I call on all leaders to stand up and take co-responsibility in making all our people safe and creating a normal society that can develop and evolve.

"I am sad about the time and money wasted when it could have been used to address the problems that the community faces. So much needs to be done What a pity destructive forces ... destroyed what was already here."

He said. "Let us give the process of negotiations a chance Let us give the leaders time and room to work out a solution. What's necessary while we negotiate is for calmness to return to ordinary daily life"

The greatest challenge lay in development, the struggle against poverty and the need to provide housing There there was a problem with elements of the youth who had run wild, he said

Addressing the problem of education Mr De Klerk announced that R750-million of the R3-billion special fund would be used for building 500 new schools within the next 18 months above the normal budgetary allocation

He was returning to the Union Buildings in good spirits on the one hand because of the goodwill extended to him, but with a renewed committment to working towards an understanding between all leaders to ensure peace.

The President was accompanied by his wife, Marika, the Minister of National Health and Population Development, Dr Rina Venter, the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Stoffel van der Merwe and at least eight minibus loads and two helicopters of security personnel

At the Protea Police Station, the last leg of the tour, Mr De Klerk was joined by the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok





President De Klerk watches (left) as his wife Marike comforts an unhappy hospital patient in Soweto yesterday. Above, Mr De Klerk is shown the inside of the Nancefield Hostel in Soweto. Mrs De Klerk (below) visits a hair salon in Soweto.



Big row brewing over SADF shootings

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Defence Force has appointed a board of inquiry into the killing of 11 people by SADF troops in Sebokeng yesterday amid calls for a judicial commission of inquiry.

The 11 township residents were shot dead during a confrontation between a 5 000-strong crowd and a contingent of troops called in by the police.

Today both the African National Congress and the Democratic Party said a judicial inquiry must be held. A military probe would not satisfy them.

While saying today that a military board of inquiry had been appointed, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said no further statement would be issued at this stage.

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said Mr Nelson Mandela had called for a judicial inquiry.

The SADF could not investigate itself, said Mr Macozoma.

DP co-leader Dr Zac de Beer said of the military probe: "In the light of the recent Goldstone inquiry (which sternly criticised police for the shooting of protesters in the township earlier this year) this is simply not good enough. That inquiry showed beyond any doubt that at least in certain instances the security forces have acted improperly in suppressing unrest.

"The public will expect a similar objective and authoritative inquiry into the latest episode."

Mr Mandela said the ANC was outraged at the "carnage".



Mr Nelson Mandela ... outraged at "carnage".

Meeting with Vlok

He was speaking after he and other ANC executive members had seen some of the bodies of the people who were

slain — just hours before Mr Mandela met Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok to discuss the shootings. Sapa reported late last night that no statement was released after the meeting at an undisclosed venue.

Addressing journalists after meeting a police station commander and other senior police officers, Mr Mandela placed the blame for the deaths and scores of injuries squarely on Inkatha and the SADF, whose actions he described as reckless.

Mr Mandela, who was accompanied by ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu and secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo, said: "We examined some of the bodies and were outraged at what we saw.

"Shot in back"

"One of the people was obviously shot in the back and his head was crushed. These people had been shot, hit with pangas and stabbed with spears. This was a very cruel and vicious attack.

"This comes after the findings of the Goldstone commission of inquiry and it only confirms that the conduct of the police leaves much to be desired.

"We see no reason why live bullets were used because the lives of members of the army were not threatened."

Today the township was quiet following 48 hours of faction fighting and the SADF-crowd clash which left at least 36 people dead.

124 injured

A Sebokeng Hospital spokesman said 124 injured people had been treated during the last two days, 70 admitted and 54 discharged since the outbreak of violence in Sebokeng on Monday night.

An Inkatha leader was among 150 arrested following yesterday's shootings.

Police alleged he was found in possession of four AK-47 rifles, pistols and ammunition.

He will appear in a Vereeniging court within 48 hours, with the 150 hostel inmates arrested in connection with the murder of four residents.

The four murders are said to have sparked the confrontation which led to the shooting.

After two days of bloody clashes in Sebokeng, police said the area was quiet today and last night, except for Evaton where youths petrol-bombed shops.

On the East Rand, peace returned last night with only a few reported incidents of gunshots and arson after faction fighting which left three dead on Monday. A strong police contingent patrolled the township last night.



Dr Zac de Beer ... simply not good enough.



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Witness describes how troops fired

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Len Kumalo, senior photographer of Sowetan newspaper, yesterday described how 11 Sebokeng hostel dwellers were shot dead when an SADF patrol opened fire shortly after 9 am.

He had just fetched his young daughter from school in Vereeniging as he feared there would be trouble with transport later in the day.

"As I was driving back from the school with my daughter, the SADF patrol overtook me near the hostel and stopped. The soldiers got off their trucks, took up positions and cocked their guns. I thought maybe they wanted to scare the people.

"The people came towards them waving their hands, saying 'Peace, we are not fighting'. Some of them even sat down.

"All of a sudden there was shooting. Many of the people ran. Some of the people fell," he said.

Kumalo said when it was all over, there were 11 bodies, some outside and some inside the building in the hostel compound.

He said he heard reports of an SADF Hippo driving over one of the people who had been shot. A registration number of the vehicle was passed on to him.

But the Ministry of Law and Order, in a statement, has questioned the timing of the incident.

The statement read: "A number of people were killed during a shooting incident in Sebokeng on Tuesday.

Visited

"The office of the Regional Commissioner of Police for the Witwatersrand has already issued a detailed statement regarding the incident.

"The Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of the SA Police visited the scene shortly after the incident.

"This office is aware of a Sapa report in which a Sowetan photographer, Mr N Kumalo, described how he allegedly witnessed the shooting of 11 people outside a Sebokeng hostel 'shortly before 4 am'.

"This allegation is in direct contrast to the statements made by the SADF and SAP members who were present, as well as numerous other eyewitnesses who allegedly saw the small SADF patrol come under attack at 9.20 am, more than five hours after the 'incident' witnessed by Mr Kumalo.

"The SA Police will therefore immediately arrange for Kumalo to be interviewed by a senior officer and an affidavit taken to substantiate his allegations, since he claims to be an eyewitness to the incident."

Mr Kumalo's original statement, issued by Sapa, mentioned the time as being 4 am. This story was retracted and the time corrected to read 9 am. This would be consistent with the time mentioned in the original police report. — Staff Reporter-Sapa.

SADF, Inkatha are blamed for deaths

AT LEAST eight people have been killed in renewed fighting which erupted on Monday night and yesterday in the Vaal township of Sebokeng. (278)

And yesterday, ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela said Inkatha and the South African Defence Force should take full responsibility for the new violence.

Mandela was speaking after visiting the Government Mortuary in Sebokeng, where he inspected bodies of victims of the violence which erupted in the area on Monday night and yesterday.

Describing the attacks on hostel dwellers as vicious and cruel, Mandela disclosed that 113 Inkatha supporters, including Transvaal chairman of the Inkatha Youth Brigade Mr Themba Khoza, were arrested yesterday morning in connection with the violence.

By DON SEOKANE and Sapa

"The conduct of the police and the army confirm criticism by Judge Goldstone that SADF and police behaviour leaves much to be desired.

"We see no reason why they should use live ammunition. Their training must be radically altered," Mandela said.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok also paid a visit to the area and said he was "extremely concerned" about the situation. Sowetan 5/9/90

He said he had been informed of the "whole incident" and said the "whole issue would be investigated".

The Rev Lord McCamel said while he was trying to defuse the situation with senior police officers, SADF troops

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started shooting at residents and left at least nine people dead.

McCamel said residents were apparently shot at to make way for the police to escort armed groups of men who had earlier attacked the hostel dwellers.

Mr Jonas Maphakisa, who lives near the hostel, said they were awakened by sounds of gunfire at 2.30am. Sowetan 5/9/90

"When we went to see what was happening after mobilising nearby residents, we saw a man driving a private car without a registration number giving guns to groups of men," Maphakisa said.

Meanwhile, police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said yesterday that at least eight people were killed overnight in upsurge of violence in Witwatersrand townships.

Four people died in Sebokeng, three of whom were stabbed and the fourth was burnt inside a house. (278)

Three bodies with stab wounds were found in Katlehong and another, also with stab wounds, was found in Vosloorus on the East Rand, Malherbe said.

The eight died in faction fighting involving Zulus and Xhosas, he said. "It is the usual story."

He could not immediately confirm whether any people were injured or any property damaged in the violence.

SACC calls for judicial deaths probe

JOHANNESBURG. — The SA Council of Churches (SACC) has called for a judicial commission of inquiry into the latest killings in Sebokeng which have left more than 40 dead.

"We call on De Klerk to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry now, not only for Sebokeng alone, but to cover the alleged collaboration between the security forces and Inkatha in the Transvaal townships in the last few months."

Meanwhile, Cosatu has claimed that "Inkatha vigilantes and balaclava-clad whites" were responsible for 19 deaths at a Sebokeng hostel on Tuesday.

The SACC said it was convinced that an investigation by the police or a military board of inquiry was not appropriate because the police and the army could not investigate themselves.

The police inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings was also attacked at Cosatu's news conference yesterday.

It said it viewed President F W de Klerk's announcement of an inquiry as an admission for the first time that such misconduct by members of the security forces may have occurred, said Cosatu.

Cosatu further alleged that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and police spokesmen had rejected the accounts "of residents and witnesses", but accepted the versions by the security forces.

According to Cosatu, residents trapped the alleged Inkatha men and their white supporters inside the hostel and police then summoned SADF troops to rescue them.

Vaal Civic Association member Mr Ernest Sotsu stated that within minutes of their arrival the troops "shot at the unarmed people". Mr Sotsu said he was one of those people.

The authorities have confirmed that SADF troops shot and killed 11 people in Sebokeng on Tuesday in a confrontation with a 5 000-strong crowd.

Asked again about the incident yesterday, a police spokesman referred to video footage of crowds armed with stones and petrol bombs. — Sapa

SADF: Magnus dares Mandela

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PRETORIA. — Defence Minister General Magnus Malan last night challenged ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela to substantiate information he had regarding the SADF shooting incident at Sebokeng on Tuesday by "making it available to the official inquiries".

General Malan said the SADF had convened a board of inquiry and that a police investigation was under way.

The inquiry will be closed to the public.

General Malan said it appeared from reports that Mr Mandela had condemned the SADF prematurely and had even found it guilty on the grounds of untested information.

He blamed "left-wing radicals" for the violence in Reef townships in the past few weeks, saying it was an attempt to create a negative atmosphere in the country.

"A man of Mr Mandela's standing who readily accuses the SADF of recklessness will surely be able to substantiate his claim," he said, adding that he found Mr Mandela's remarks regarding the nature of Defence Force training out of place in any event.

"It is tantamount to interference in affairs in which he has no business," said General Malan.

"The Defence Force acts in all situations according to a specific doctrine, as was the case during the incident."

The function of the SADF in black residential areas was to act in support of the police, to be impartial and to keep factions from each other's throats.

The SADF's "enemies" in this situation were violence, anarchy and intimidation, not the residents or population who desired protection.

General Malan condemned the past few weeks' "senseless violence" in the strongest terms.

A situation had arisen in the townships in which much was said but very little done.

"I have taken note and am increasingly concerned over the tendency and relative ease with which the security forces are blamed for the violence.

"A realistic glance at the Sebokeng incident would reveal that it took place while one group was marching on another.

"The Defence Force and the SAP are repeatedly called upon to intervene in such situations and, while endangering their own lives and under provocation, prevent human slaughter.

"At the same time black leaders, who don't seem to be able to manage the conflict, conveniently transfer the blame to the Security Forces."

The black leadership corps in South Africa should realise their presence in these conflict areas was essential to bring about calm, he said. — Sapa

SADF probe on Sebokeng 'in camera'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The SADF board of inquiry into the circumstances of this week's shooting incident in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng will conduct its investigations behind closed doors.

The board of inquiry was convened after 11 people were found shot dead after members of the SADF tried to disperse about 5 000 people blocking the entrance to the hostel compound in the township.

● Alleged troop involvement in Monday's killings in Sebokeng and the Goldstone Commission's finding implicating police in another massacre there earlier this year, will boost Mr Nelson Mandela in his demand that the government take radical action to contain the security forces.

Uneasy peace follows the Sebokeng violence

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JOHANNESBURG. — An uneasy peace has settled over Witwatersrand townships after two days of violence — but a strong police contingent continued to monitor frequent incidents of arson and stone-throwing.

Captain Frans Malherbe said the death toll in Sebokeng in the Vaal area rose to 40 yesterday when three men died in the Sebokeng hospital.

The war-ravaged township was quiet, except for youths petrol-bombing shops in Evaton and residential houses.

There were incidents of arson and stone-throwing in the East Rand townships yesterday. But no further deaths reported by police.

A body was found burning in a Vosloorus rubbish container but police did not tie it to the unrest.

A strong police contingent patrolled the streets into the night to avert further clashes.

Police attacked

In Vosloorus, police were threatened by an angry mob who fired shots at a Casspir. Nobody was injured.

Police are investigating arson attacks on homes in Kagiso.

Township life returned to normal yesterday. But Putco buses were still stopping on the outskirts of unsettled townships.

The Inkatha leader is expected to appear in the Vereeniging court tomorrow after police found four AK-47 rifles, pistols and ammunition in the boot of his car.

● Mr Nelson Mandela warned the government yesterday that if it wanted a war against the African National Congress, it would get one.

Addressing more than 15 000 people on a tour of the East Rand townships of Tokoza and Vosloorus, Mr Mandela accused the government of using Inkatha in an attempt to undermine the authority of black people.

He said Inkatha members were killing ANC activists and working with the whites because they had reached a political cul-de-sac.

Mr Mandela told crowds not to fight unless they were defending themselves.

"Organise patrols to protect women and children, but don't be provocative. Be disciplined," he said.

Police and Mr Mandela met for nearly two hours in Vosloorus to discuss the unrest situation.

In a brief press conference afterwards, Mr Mandela said that although he accepted that there were policemen doing their job efficiently, he believed there are many elements in the force blatantly siding with Inkatha.

● The Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, disputed remarks by Mr Mandela on the Sebokeng clash that left 11 dead.

He said Mr Mandela had spoken on the strength of hasty impressions, condemning the SA Defence Force prematurely and even convicting them — all on the grounds of untested information.

Mr Mandela sharply criticised troops who opened fire on a crowd outside a hostel in which police were questioning suspects. He said the soldiers acted cruelly and viciously.

'Armed whites in pre-dawn raid on hostel'



Picture: WILLIE de KLERK, The Argus.

THUMBS UP! Mr Desmond Jonkers . . . one of the top lorry drivers in South Africa.

Desmond's on course for an international driving title

Staff Reporter

LORRY driving was always a passion for Desmond Jonkers of Belhar — so it's not surprising he's so good at it.

He leaves for Italy later this month to take part in an international heavy-duty driving competition.

Mr Jonkers, 35, a driver trainer at the Southern Africa Energy Company (formerly Mobil) finished second in the National Road Safety Council's National Driver of the Year Competition in Pretoria in July.

The Belhar father of one said he had wanted to drive heavy trucks from the age of 16.

He described driving a fully-laden fuel tanker (usually weighing about 45 tons with a full load of 36 000 litres of fuel) as "a real pleasure" but warned that the dangers were great and that defensive driving was essential.

"One is always aware of the dangers on the road and one has to constantly think for other road users and anticipate what they are going to do."

Mr Jonkers will be one of 10 drivers from around the country taking part in the international competition in Turin in September.

Selected from 57 finalists, the drivers will also attend driver training courses in West Germany and England.

Mr Jonkers thanks his employers for his defensive driving know-how.

"I was always a good driver but I only became a professional driver after I joined Mobil."

Transport manager Mr Liam Hickey said the emphasis was always on making heavy duty drivers as professional as possible.

Eskom sues Benoni for R3,4m

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A R3,4-million lawsuit has been launched against Benoni Town Council by Eskom for outstanding electricity accounts owed by the Daveyton and Wattville town councils.

Responding to Eskom's action, Benoni Town Clerk Mr Deneys Conradie said the council intended to ask the Supreme Court to order the East Rand Regional Services Council to "honour its obligations" in terms of electricity supply arrears.

Benoni was also to negotiate with all parties concerned before cutting off electricity to the two townships.

Although electricity to Daveyton and Wattville has been supplied through the Benoni's network, the council says that in terms of the RSC Act the East Rand RSC appears to be the responsible bulk distributor.

Mr Conradie said many township residents had been paying their accounts, but it appeared that Daveyton and Wattville had not used this money to pay their arrear accounts.

Urgent discussions have been arranged with the two local authorities.

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boot of his car.

● Mr Nelson Mandela warned the government yesterday that if it wanted a war against the African National Congress, it would get one.

Addressing more than 15 000 people on a tour of the East Rand townships of Tokoza and Vosloorus, Mr Mandela accused the government of using Inkatha in an attempt to undermine the authority of black people.

He said Inkatha members were killing ANC activists and working with the whites because they had reached a political cul-de-sac.

Mr Mandela told crowds not to fight unless they were defending themselves.

"Organise patrols to protect women and children, but don't be provocative. Be disciplined," he said.

Police and Mr Mandela met for nearly two hours in Vosloorus to discuss the unrest situation.

In a brief press conference afterwards, Mr Mandela said that although he accepted that there were policemen doing their job efficiently, he believed there are many elements in the force blatantly siding with Inkatha.

● The Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, disputed remarks by Mr Mandela on the Sebokeng clash that left 11 dead.

He said Mr Mandela had spoken on the strength of hasty impressions, condemning the SA Defence Force prematurely and even convicting them — all on the grounds of untested information.

Mr Mandela sharply criticised troops who opened fire on a crowd outside a hostel in which police were questioning suspects. He said the soldiers acted cruelly and viciously.

'Armed whites in pre-dawn raid on hostel'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Sebokeng residents claim armed whites took part in a pre-dawn attack on a Sebokeng hostel where the SADF later shot dead 11 people.

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The first began about 2.30am when men moved from block to block. It was among this group that the white men were seen.

FLEEING RESIDENTS

Fighting continued for several hours until police are said to have stepped in to prevent fleeing hostel residents from regrouping and launching a counter-attack.

The second incident took place at about 9am when an SADF back-up unit formed a line across the road outside the hostel and fired teargas, residents said.

Hostel residents claim they saw:

● Armed whites on a roof in Block 4, sniping at fleeing men.

● A white man standing on the shoulders of another to climb on to a dormitory roof.

● Balaclava-clad men with white hands clasping rifles crouching among a group of blacks who launched an attack on Blocks H and G. The white men opened fire when the blacks rushed at the buildings shouting a war cry.

● White men driving three vans that dropped a large group of black men at the hostel entrance several hours before trouble erupted. The black men then moved into the hostel grounds.

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Shooting probe to be in camera

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THE SADF board of inquiry into the circumstances of this week's shooting incident in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng will take place behind closed doors.

The board was convened with immediate effect on Tuesday, when 11 people died after members of the SADF had tried to disperse about 5 000 people blocking the entrance to a hostel compound.

The inquiry would be closed to the public, Cmdt Riaan Louw said yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman confirmed the police

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would conduct separate investigations.

SAP Capt Piet van Deventer said the Sebokeng toll rose to 40 after four people died in hospital yesterday. Renewed fighting broke out in the township on Monday.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela yesterday visited Thokoza, Tembisa and Vosloorus and accused police of instigating black-on-black fighting, reports Sapa-AP.

He urged residents to remain calm, then

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met local police to discuss the violence.

The Sebokeng shooting came three days after the release of the Goldstone report, which criticised police for shooting protesters in the township on March 26.

GERALD REILLY reports from Pretoria that Defence Minister Magnus Malan last night called on Mandela to substantiate his "untested" allegations about the SADF's role in Tuesday's shootings.

He said Mandela should make information available to the inquiry.

Malan said that from reports it appeared Mandela had prematurely condemned the SADF on the strength of hasty impressions.

LINDEN BIRNS reports that a group of 24 Anglican bishops, led by Cape Town's Archbishop Desmond Tutu, has decided to suspend its synod meeting in Lesotho in order to visit Sebokeng.

In a statement last night they said the Goldstone report indicated the "woeful" inadequacy of internal departmental inquiries. They called for a judicial commission of inquiry, with lawyers reflecting a wide spectrum of public opinion, to investigate the incident and the SAP and SADF roles in Transvaal township violence.

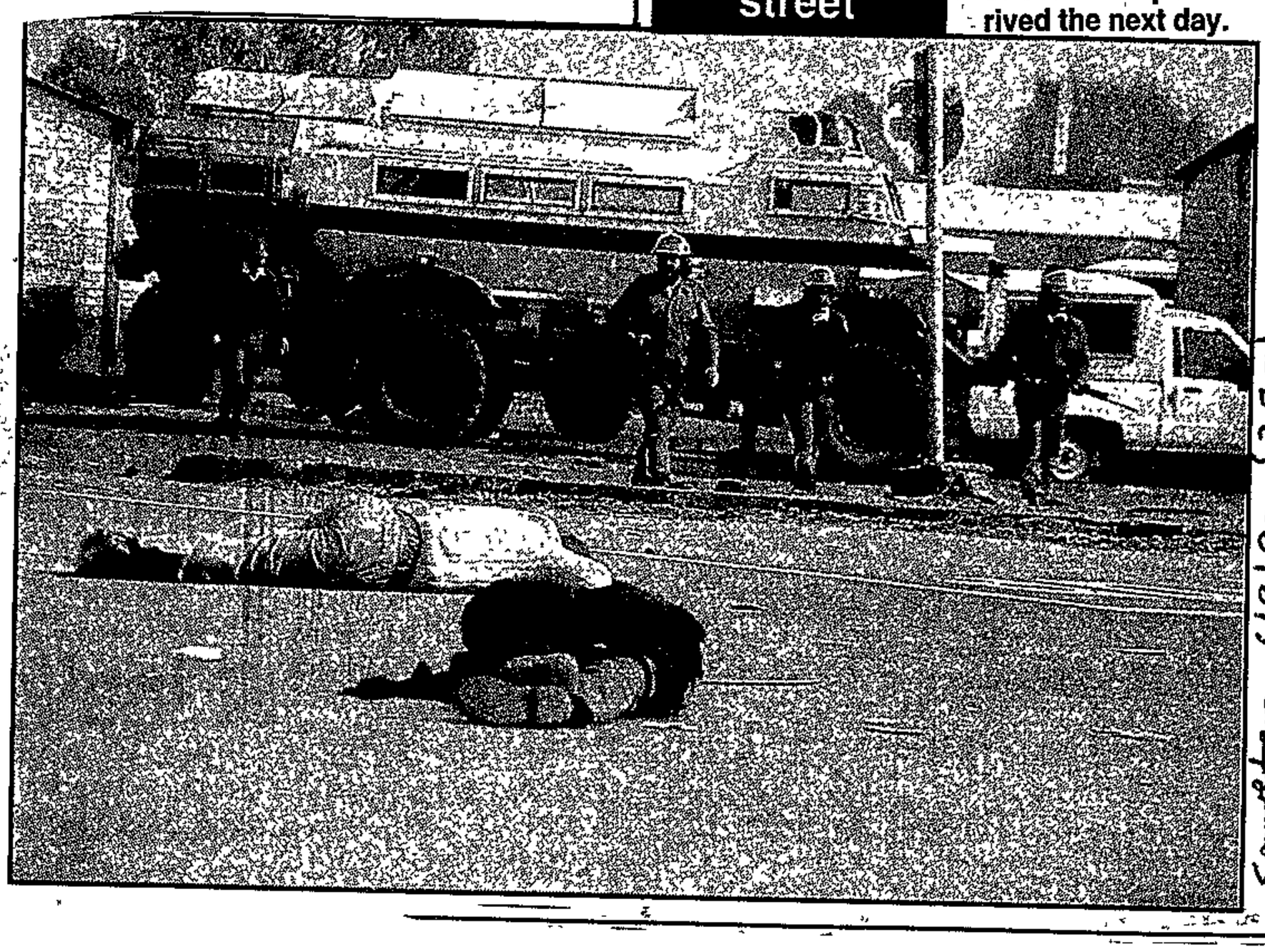
Meanwhile, police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe denied the police were barring the media from certain unrest areas.

However, Sapa reports that Opperman said the police were empowered in terms of new emergency regulations promulgated last month to order the media away from unrest areas.

Only sporadic stone-throwing incidents were reported in Reef townships yesterday.

Death on a dusty Sebokeng street

The corpses of two of the 36 people who died at Sebokeng Hostel on Monday were still lying in the street when police arrived the next day.



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Witnesses describe snipers in balaclavas

Whites seen amid township killers

Star 6/9/90

By Dawn Barkhuizen and Musa Mapisa

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This information was given to The Star by several individuals questioned randomly at the hostel entrance as they returned home from work yesterday.

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From his bed in the Sebokeng Hospital, Lesotho national Setchaba Sebokoi (59) described fleeing naked after waking up to the sound of shooting at about 2.30 am. He broke his feet when jumping a wall but crawled through the veld to escape. He said there were "many many people" who started shooting in Block 1, moving on to Blocks 2, 3 and 4.

Ms Lizzie Qubane (22) of the Transkei said her right leg was blown off when an object was tossed through the window and exploded in her room shortly after shooting started at about 2.30 am.

Another resident told The Star that on looking through his window he saw black men crouching with armed and balaclava-clad men with white hands. The black men started a war cry and attacked blocks H and G The whites fired on the building.

One witness said he had seen white men with dark clothes running on a dormitory roof shooting at hostel dwellers.

Describing the 9 am incident, Johannes Tsotetsi said: "I was on my way home when I saw people outside the hostel at about 9 am and the bodies of people shot earlier.

Burning body

"Inside the hostel, police were guarding about 35 people wearing red head bands The army grouped across the road and we sat down, trying to show peace. They fired teargas at us and when I stood up to run I was shot in the buttocks."

Sebokeng remained tense yesterday with sporadic incidents of stone-throwing Security forces fired teargas.

A police spokesman said the death toll in the Sebokeng area is 36 to 40 yesterday after three men died in the Sebokeng Hospital.

A body was found burning in a Vosloorus rubbish container yesterday morning Police said they did not think the death was unrest-related.

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Worrall 'may rejoin DP leadership race'

Star 6/9/90

Political Correspondent

Democratic Party sources said today that co-leader Dr Denis Worrall might re-enter the race for the party leadership after today's meeting of the DP national council in preparation for tomorrow's crucial national congress in Johannesburg

Dr Worrall said today the story was "a nonsense" but would not specifically deny it. He pulled out of the leadership race a few weeks ago

There is some unhappiness that the policy positions of the two main candidates, co-leader Zach de Beer and national chairman Tian van der Merwe, are not clear enough.

A proposal is expected that the election of the leader take place after the debate on several crucial policy resolutions which will clarify the standpoints of the candidates The real concern seems to come from conservatives who are not clear about Mr van der Merwe's view on the DP's future relationship with the ANC.

The sources say the dissatisfaction about the two present candidates might prompt Dr Worrall to re-enter the field.

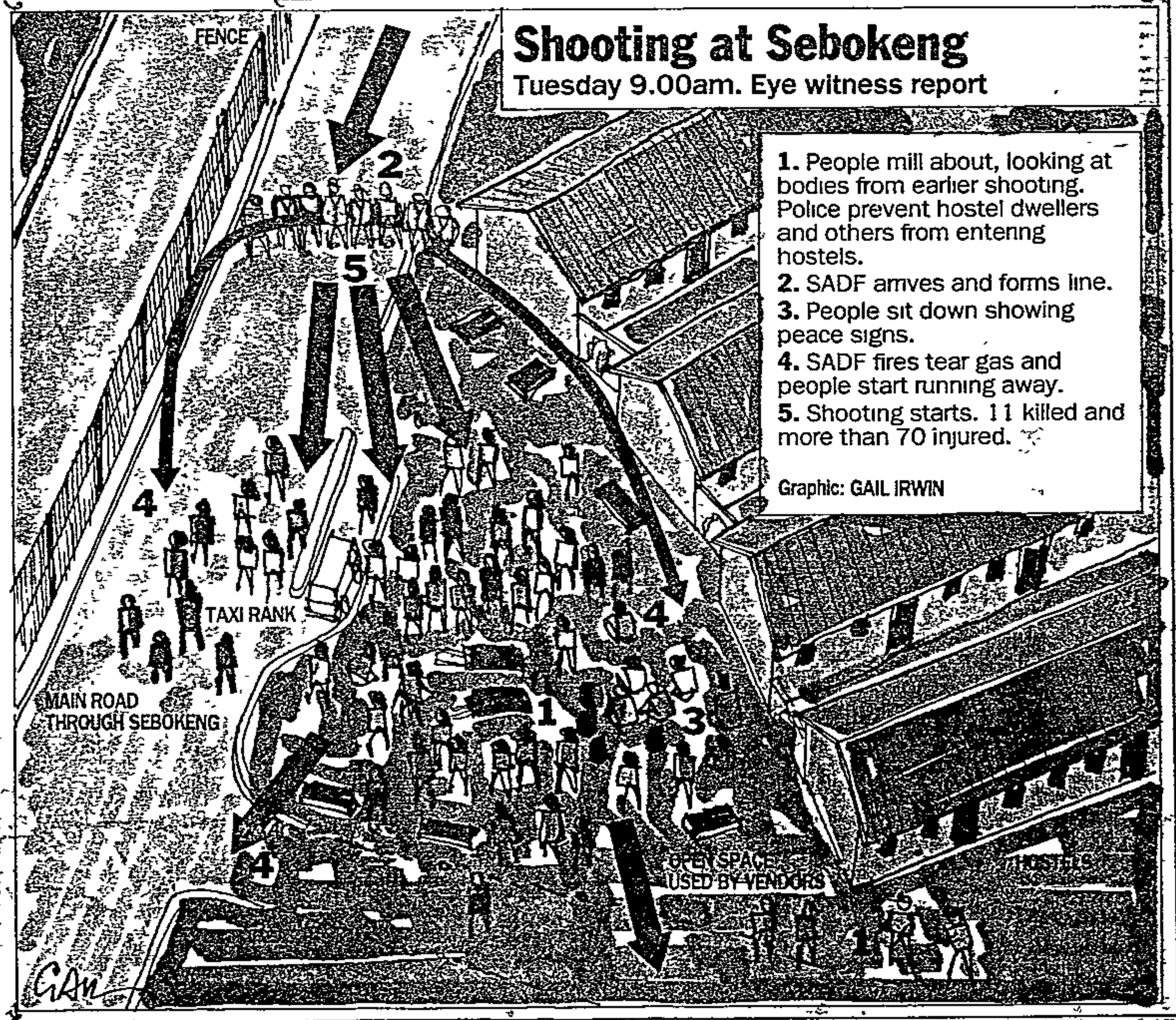
The Democratic Party stands at the cross-roads, facing critical decisions about its future direction — and perhaps its survival

Decisions made will determine whether the party retains its independence or moves closer to the ANC or the National Party — and who leads it there.

Senior party sources believe that the choice of a leader will be decisive in determining the party's direction.

They believe Dr de Beer will be more in favour of keeping the party independent while Mr van der Merwe will be more likely to lead the DP towards some sort of pact with the ANC

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Vaal attack recalled

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By DON SEOKANE

A SEBOKENG hostel dweller yesterday recalled Monday's night of horror in which he, his wife and child were almost killed.

Mr Thembankosi Bhala (26) said: "I woke up at 2.30am to the sound of gunshots. As I was getting out of the bed a window in the room was shattered.

"My wife grabbed the child and attempted to run for the door but she never reached it.

"The door burst open and two armed men burst into the room. At the same time I heard a shot from the direction of the shattered window.

"My wife and the child started crying. I saw blood on their clothes.

"I shouted for help but was silenced with a sharp weapon piercing my back. I felt a burning feeling go through my chest and I passed out," said Bhala.

He said the bullet that struck his child also went through his wife's left breast before embedding itself in her left upper-arm.

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ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and the Divisional Commissioner of police on the East Rand, Brigadier S Schutte, at the Vosloorus police station where they discussed alleged police bias in favour of Inkatha during recent violence in the region.

Pic: ROBERT NORTON

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Sebokeng probe 'not acceptable'

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THE South African Defence Force has appointed a board of inquiry into the killing of 11 people by troops in Sebokeng on Tuesday amid calls for a judicial commission of inquiry.

The 11 were shot dead during a confrontation between a 5 000-strong crowd and SADF troops called in by police. Sowetan 6/9/90

Yesterday both the ANC and the Democratic Party said a judicial inquiry must be held. A military probe would not satisfy them.

Military board

While saying yesterday a military board of inquiry had been appointed, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said no further statement would be issued at this stage.

Yesterday ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said Mr Nelson Mandela had called for a judicial inquiry.

Dr Zach de Beer of the DP said: "In the light of the recent Goldstone inquiry (which criticised police for shooting protesters in the township earlier this year), this is simply not good enough."

Slaughter at Jeppe junction

'Total panic ... people running in all directions'

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The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — Two gunmen opened fire on a crowd of commuters at Jeppe station in Johannesburg last night, killing five people and wounding at least 14 in what has been described as a motiveless and senseless attack. Four of the dead were women.

A further six people were killed in Soweto violence last night, with an additional four unconfirmed dead, as groups of men went on the rampage.

"This is unreal, a terrible tragedy," said Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, Witwatersrand police liaison officer, last night after the Jeppe station killings.

"The attack came out of the blue. We haven't established any motive yet — the injured and dead were Zulus, Xhosas, Tswanas, you name it. We are investigating all possibilities, including factional violence."

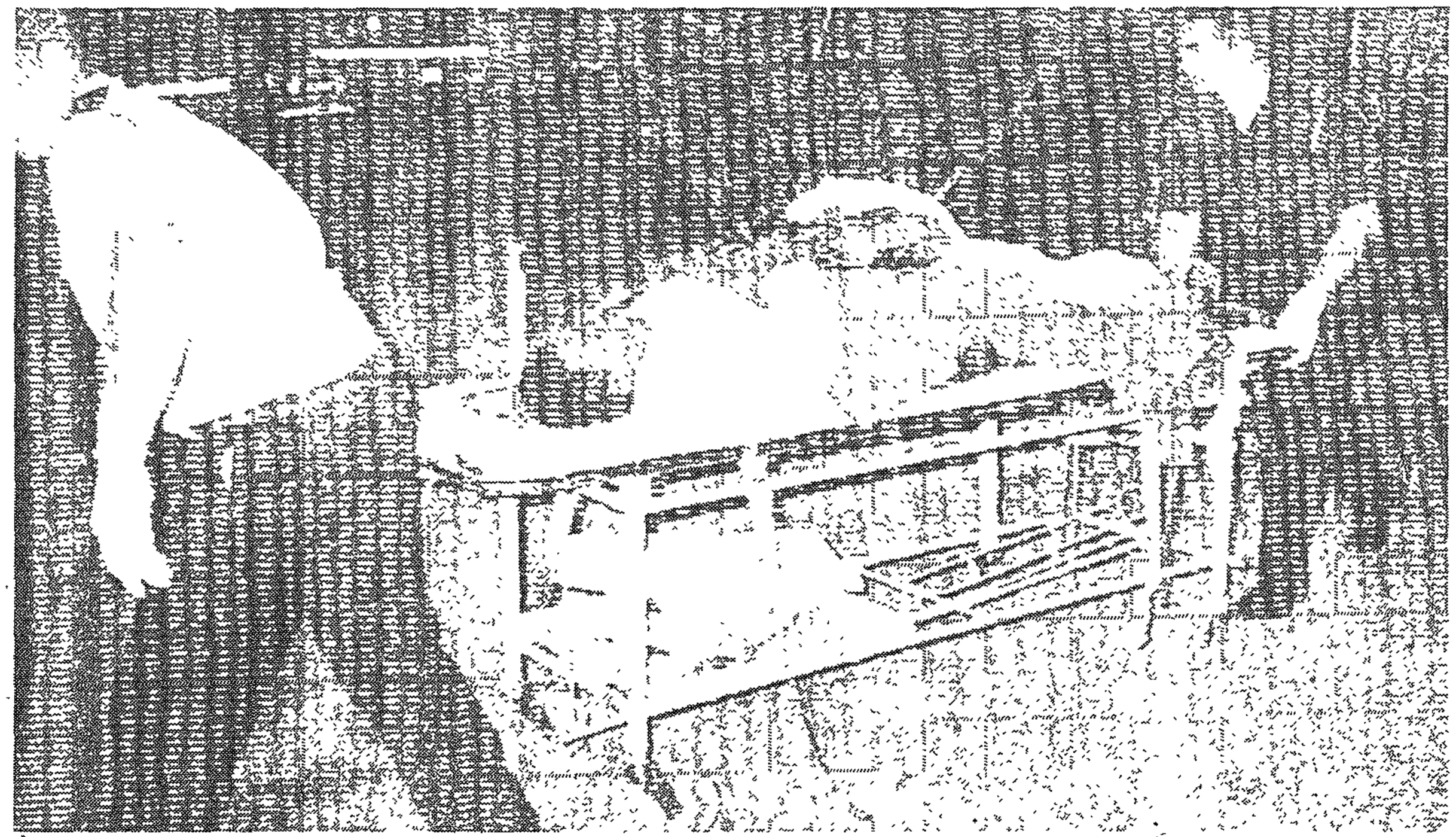
The attack, which happened about 7.10pm when the unknown black gunmen shot wildly into a crowd waiting on the platform, sent shockwaves through Jeppestown as scores of pedestrians fled the area and shopkeepers and a hotelier barred their doors.

A spokesman for the Johannesburg ambulance department said six ambulances and a disaster bus arrived within minutes and the wounded were taken to Johannesburg Hospital.

Colonel Malherbe said two men had approached the crowd and opened fire with two handguns. It was later established that the weapons used were 9mm and 7,65mm pistols. The men evaded police cordons set up minutes after the attack.

Police had no leads on the killers today. They had vague descriptions of the two men.

The bodies of two women lay sprawled in a pas-



Pictures: STEPHEN DAVIES, Argus [illegible] Picture Service.

VICTIM OF VIOLENCE: An injured woman is wheeled away by ambulancemen after being wounded when gunmen opened fire on Jeppe station commuters.

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sageway inside the station building, near the entrance in John Page Drive. Empty shells littered the floor.

Another body, believed to be that of a woman, lay on a flight of steps leading to the station's ticket office.

About 50m down John Page Drive, police were examining two more bodies.

Mr Aubrey Soal, the bartender of the Grand Station Hotel in Main Street, said he was in the bar when he heard between 15 and 20 shots in quick succession.

"I ran downstairs into the street to find out what was happening. There was total panic. People were running in all directions."

Mr Mike Scotten, who was also in the bar when the shooting started, said two black men drove off in a white bakkie soon after the attack. It had been parked in Macintyre Street about 100m from the station entrance.

Johannesburg Hospital spokesman Dr Clive Wills said last night 14 people had been admitted after the shooting.

Serious condition

"Eight of them are critical and five will have surgery," said Dr Wills. He said all the victims were black, but was unable to say how many were men and how many women.

At the casualty section last night, bodies with drips, oxygen masks and bandages lay on stretchers as emergency personnel hurried around them.

Today, three of the 14 admitted last night were still in a serious condition, said a spokesman for the hospital. One, a woman who was wounded in the stomach, was more seriously ill than the others.

Meanwhile, the official death toll in Soweto has risen to six with four additional unconfirmed killings reported since violence flared yesterday morning. Thirty people were injured, four critically.

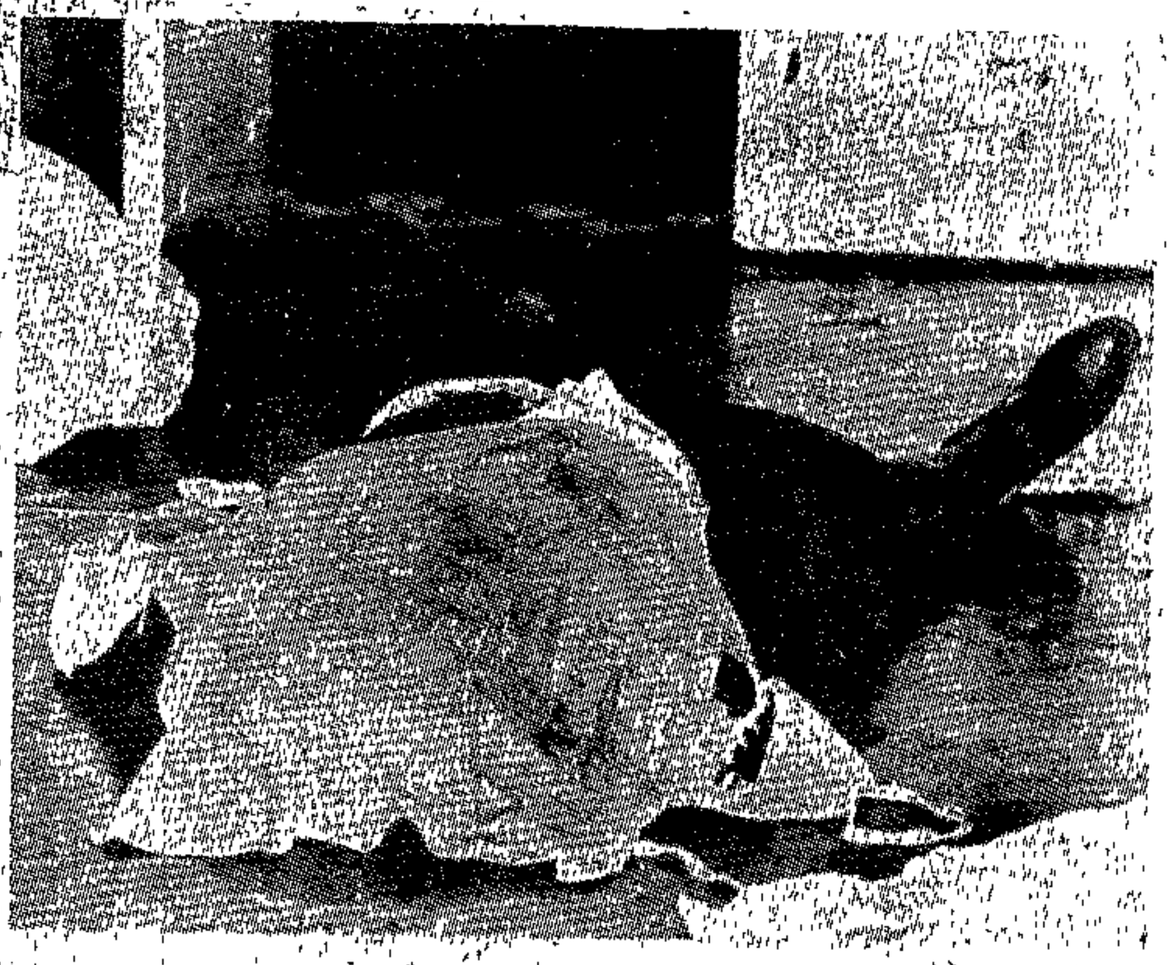
Early today the situation in the township was quiet but tense with police and the SADF maintaining a high profile, said a Soweto police spokesman, Captain Joseph Ngubeni.

Five people were killed last night when bands of men — one group in a minibus and others on foot — went on the rampage, randomly killing residents in the street and in their houses, said Captain Ngubeni.

The weather

Cloudy and cold

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STATION SHOOTING: Two of the five victims who were killed in the horror shooting of commuters by two unknown gunmen at Jeppe station.

The Goldstone way

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The SAP has regulations governing police actions during riots. This extract from the Goldstone Commission report on the Vaal Triangle violence tells how it should be done. Sebokeng showed how it was *not* done

THE commanding officer of Maleoskop training centre, Colonel W A van der Merwe, gave evidence to the commission on crowd control methods taught at the centre.

In the case of officers, the training courses last for two weeks and three weeks for lower ranks.

One of the topics taught during both courses is the correct manner of forming a police line. That method, and there is only one, said Colonel Van der Merwe, has been developed by the SAP as being suitable for local conditions. It has been in use since 1975. It results in:

- The commanding officer being aware of where, precisely, in the line the different kinds of ammunition are situated; ie. which policemen are in possession of which ammunition;
- The commanding officer, his second-in-command, a radio operator and a record-taker are in the centre of the line and in a position to exercise close control over the men;
- Vehicles being placed behind the line.

TARGET

The commanding officer should be in possession of a megaphone and should use it to communicate with his own men and with the crowd.

Colonel Van der Merwe expressed the view that this standard form of police line would have been appropriate for use at Sebokeng. He also described the manner in which the men in the line would be given orders where the commanding officer decided to use force.

The first command is directed at which men should load which type of ammunition. The order may be directed at one or more men. If more than one type of ammunition has been loaded, the second command would relate to the type of ammunition to be used.

There would be a command as to the quantity of ammunition to be used. Finally, the target would be identified.

With regard to crowd control, the principle is to use minimum force. The first step is to speak to the crowd. When that does not have the desired effect, there is a warning that within a specified time force will be used.

Then there is the use of teargas starting with one or two shots and then increasing the intensity.

Only if there is still no desired result is there a resort to the use of rubber bullets or even No 5 ammunition fired from shotguns. Only as a last resort would Triple A or SSG ammunition be used.

Colonel Van der Merwe was asked about an order for "all out fire". He replied:

"... there is an order concerning full fire power where all the weapons at the disposal of the formation are used, but only in the most extreme case where the formation is on the point of being overwhelmed."

He added that he had never heard of such an order having been given to members of the South African Police

Colonel Van der Merwe referred to the fact that peaceful mass demonstrations are a comparatively new experience in South Africa, having only been permitted since September 6 1989. With regard to their control, the SAP was still in a process of learning

There would be very little room for a policeman in a line to use his own discretion to fire. This could only occur when he was satisfied that his own life or that of his companions was in immediate danger.

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Five die in shooting at Jeppe station

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FIVE people were killed and at least nine injured when two men opened fire on a crowd at Jeppe railway station in Johannesburg last night.

Police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said the men had walked up to the crowd waiting on the platform shortly after 7pm and opened fire with two handguns "for no rhyme or reason".

The injured were taken to the Hillbrow Hospital. Malherbe said no arrests had been made.

Earlier yesterday, fighting between Soweto hostel dwellers and township residents broke out again with Cosatu reporting four deaths in the clashes.

Police could confirm only one death, that of a hostel dweller killed in the early hours of the morning near Merafe station.

At a Cosatu news conference in Johannesburg yesterday, witnesses said at least three people were killed when a train they were travelling in was attacked by Inkatha supporters. Bloom 7/9/90

Sapa reports that Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo said police had failed to investigate information provided by Cosatu on "potential violence".

"We will now have to take whatever action is necessary to defend ourselves, as it is clear the police and the SADF are unable to cope with the growing violence against our membership. This might even mean using what weapons we already have," Naidoo said.

Actor sees man murdered

A Soweto actor and freelance photographer witnessed a gruesome killing of a hostel dweller near Merafe Hostel in Soweto at about 5 pm yesterday.

The victim was walking from Merafe station when he was attacked by a group of youths.

"The man ran into a nearby Mapetla township house, but was kicked out of the house. He then ran into the hostel," the witness, who did not want to be named, told The Star last night.

The victim was seen being dragged out of the hostel, the witness said.

The group of youths, who had made a circle around the hostel dweller, hacked at him with knives and axes, then set him alight. — Staff Reporter.

Taking corrective action

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NATION BUILDING The power is in your hands

THE continued violence in the townships leaves one with a feeling that the black nation has turned itself into a creature of fate.

It seems we have rendered ourselves prisoners of circumstances. It seems we have allowed our diabolical nature to surge, to ascend to unprecedented heights.

It seems that we have forgotten or are unaware that the Bible tells us that man was created to work, to subdue the creation. If man can master the world and use it properly, he will fulfil his true role, he will find himself. God has placed each one of us to minister.

That is why the Bible defines justice as positive help and action for the disadvanged. This definition will help not to replace white injustice with black injustice.

Positive help goes beyond establishment of charitable structures. Positive help challenges charitable organisations to be skills-development centres. Centres that would enable even the lame to fend for themselves.

Charities need maximum support from the communities and the private sector to deal with the underlying causes of poverty, to abandon the tendency of attending to the worst victims among those pushed over the poverty line.

With this course of action, the disparity between haves and have-nots would be narrowed. We should not fool ourselves that this disparity would be totally eradicated, but everybody would be assured of his next meal and shelter.

With this approach to community services one hopes to see a decline in violence because violence is more entrenched among the have-nots, more than those who live in relative comfort.

Politicians should commit themselves to their followers. Quality leadership is determined by quality service. How can you lead a pack of hungry and unclothed followers?

Those who call themselves leaders and yet are cocooned in their luxuries are guilty of rewarding themselves for the job unfinished or even undone. Leadership that is in grips with events at grassroots level, treats volatile situations with a greater sense of urgency and sincere solutions are provided.

Finally, our nation has been involved in some suicidal acts of blaming one another for the violence tormenting it.

As it has been mentioned before by other people, we need to set up structures that will foster unity among all liberation movements. Declaring a group like Inkatha "enemy number 1" and relegating them to the periphery of the struggle for liberation would be as suicidal as seeking the recognition of AWB.

Tolerance and understanding is the key to heretogeneous unity.

Time demands action. Our situation denies us the luxury to engage ourselves in political rhetoric and coining of political slogans and acronyms.

Launch date set for Nation Building Fest

THE *Sowetan* Nation Building Festival, which touches almost every part of this country's community life, will be launched on September 29. Sowetan 7/9/90

Whereas last year the event was confined to just one week in October, this year it has expanded into a festival that takes in Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, Pietersburg and the East Rand and extends throughout October and into November.

The Nation Building concept - an almost mystical idea that grew in the mind of Aggrey Klaaste, the Editor of *Sowetan* - has captured the minds and hearts of thousands upon thousands of people.

Said Klaaste: "The concept was born, and holds fast, in troublesome times. It says to the people - all the people - do not look back in anger, look ahead where there is hope and where there must be peace.

"The disparate - and often warring - parts of this country must be brought together in one nation. And that is the nation the *Sowetan* is building.

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Rich

"The feeling among those who are working hard on the Nation Building project is that this country is too rich in human and natural resources, with the emphasis on the human, to be lost to its people.

"The danger which the Nation Building campaign is fighting is that the imperatives of sectional interest will keep apart those who should be standing together in what is the most vital moment of South Africa's long history."

Ever since Aggrey Klaaste's first speech on Nation Building stirred the minds of those hungry for peace and reconciliation the task has been going on daily.

This year's festival, like last year's, is designed to provide a focal point for the on-going Nation Building concept, and it covers a wide range of information, education and entertainment.

Perhaps the most moving of all will be the massed choirs in the Standard Bank Arena on October 21, when 1 000 singers will simultaneously raise their voices in joyous song.

Murder at random on Soweto's streets

Staff Reporters

The official death toll in Soweto has risen to six with additional unconfirmed killings reported since violence flared yesterday morning. Thirty people were injured, four critically.

Early today the situation in the township was quiet but tense, with police and the SADF maintaining a high profile, Soweto police spokesman, Captain Joseph Ngubeni said.

Five people were killed last night when bands of men — one group allegedly in a minibus and others on foot — went on the rampage randomly killing residents in the street and in their houses.

One was shot dead in Naledi. Three were assaulted in the same area and ferried to the Jabulani Police Station in a private car. They were dead on arrival. A sixth man was attacked in Maphetla.

Earlier in the day a Zulu migrant worker was murdered, two men critically injured and 14 seriously injured when renewed vilence erupted between Merafe hostel dwellers and township residents.

And according to Father Emmanuel Lafont of the Catholic Church in Moletsane at least four people were killed in Moletsane, and the attackers destroyed a number of homes.

"Black people in blue clothing had gone on the rampage. The four I know of who died lived in the same street. An old woman was stabbed with an assegai. In other places people were shot. Then the attackers vanished in a kombi."

Fasting

He has embarked on "an indefinite" fast to protest against the on-going violence and "after appealing in vain to the police.

"It is the third time now that my own people are threatened by the hostel dwellers and police are unable to help."

Reacting to allegations by several residents, Capt Ngobeni said he could not confirm incidents of looting, neither could he say the attackers came from Merafe Hostel.

Yesterday morning police uncovered 25 petrol bombs in a toilet near Merafe station.

Earlier, police fired teargas to disperse a mob who threw stones and petrol bombs at a police car.

The media were asked to leave the area until the unrest had died down, because police believed the crowds were "showing off" for TV cameras.

The violence erupted early in the morning, when, following the killing of the migrant worker, hundreds of enraged hostel dwellers gathered at the station at about 7.30 am armed with knobkerries, axes, pitchforks, pangas and other weapons to avenge his killing.

They attacked terrified commuters on their way to work.

The mob was dispersed by an SAP patrol firing teargas.

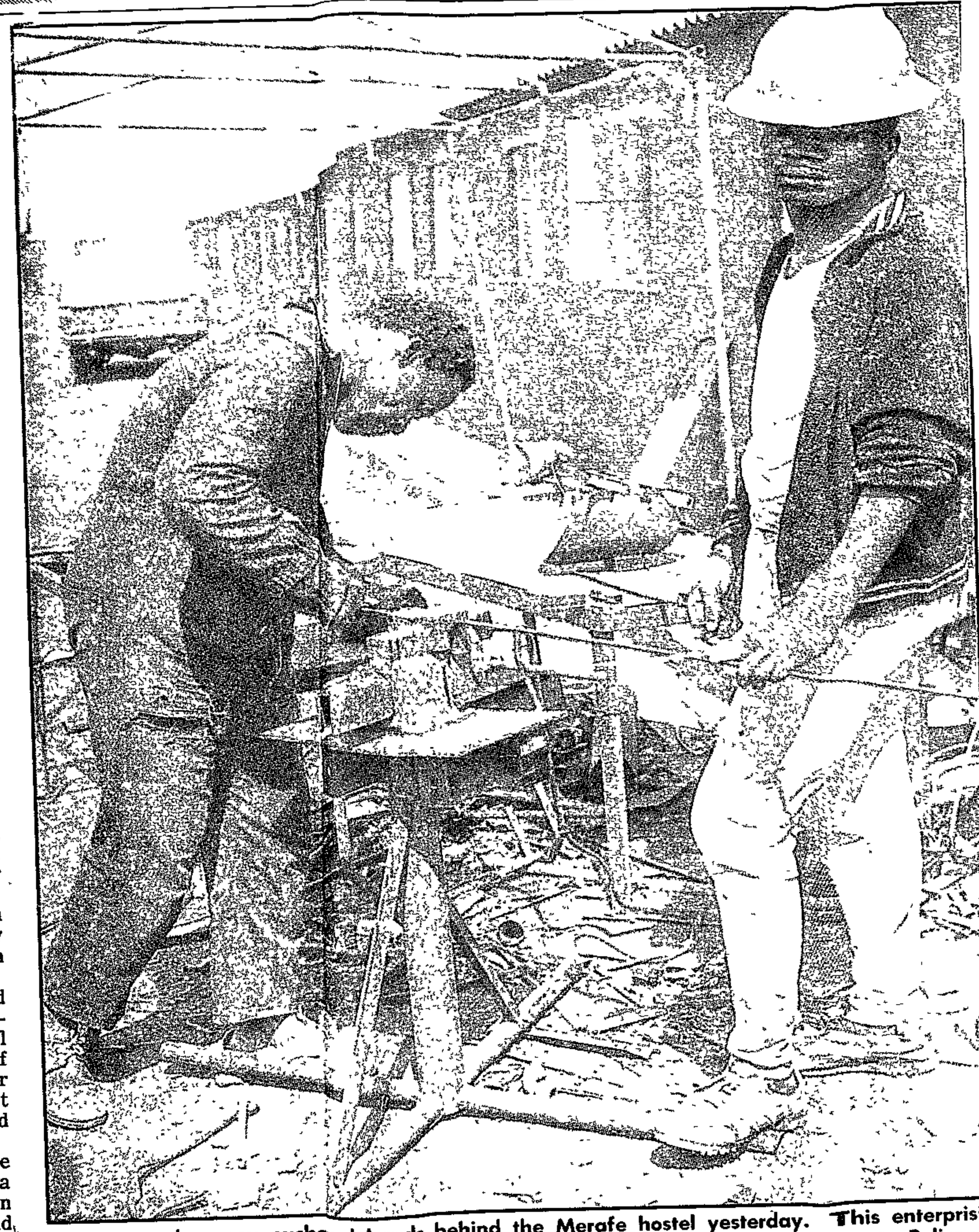
Sharpened

While the police and members of the SADF watched, some hostel dwellers with red headbands sharpened their homemade weapons on stones.

Youths erected barricades in neighbouring towns, apparently to hinder police vehicles from entering.

Residents in the area blamed Inkatha hostel dwellers for yesterday's fighting and hostel dwellers alleged that some of them were attacked after alighting from the trains at Merafe on their way to and from work.

● A photographer from The Star and a photographer from a French agency were locked in the back of a police van and driven away yesterday, but were later released after being threatened with arrest.



Weapons and money exchanged hands behind the Merafe hostel yesterday. This enterprising hostel dweller did a roaring trade manufacturing weapons and sharpening instruments. Police and troops were standing outside the hostel gates at the time. ● Picture By Herbert Mabuza

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Steps next week to control violence — FW

Staff Reporter

Steps to bring the present violence under control would be announced next week, President de Klerk said in a midnight statement following last night's Johannesburg train carnage.

Mr de Klerk said the steps would supplement comprehensive measures already taken.

He said the "violent events of the past week, in which many people lost their lives, have brought our country to an unfortunate turning point".

The latest wave of violence, unrest, arson and damage to property could not be tolerated in any civilised country.

"The offenders, whoever they may be, will be firmly dealt with.

"At the same time the Government will not allow the country to degenerate into anarchy, whatever the cost."

Mr de Klerk said he again appealed to all leaders and the public to give the Government and the security forces their full support to counter crime.

"Accusations will achieve nothing. There are forces which do not wish peaceful negotiations to succeed.

"All those desiring peace must stand together to identify and counter these forces."

He said those responsible (for the violence) were greatly mistaken if they believed the Government's search for a peaceful solution was a password to lawlessness, unrest and murder.

"The new South Africa, which is the goal of all sincere South Africans, is being threatened by present events. The Government is determined to ensure stability and to carry out the process of renewal which has been initiated, within a safe and secure South Africa," he said.

● Minister of Justice Kobie Coetsee said in Cape Town that some measures to bring the situation under control had been initiated earlier this week but details had not yet been announced. More details were expected to be announced today.

He said the Government would announce further comprehensive steps soon.

He declined to indicate what these would be, but it appeared they would include measures to expedite judicial processes, including court appearances as well as additional measures involving the police and the Defence Force.

Mr Coetsee and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok were today conferring with top officials in Pretoria.

Violence drains Red Cross funds

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By Shirley Woodgate

Ongoing violence in Vaal Triangle townships has depleted the resources of the already cash-strapped South African Red Cross Society (Southern Transvaal), which is appealing urgently for public support.

The latest emergency had forced Red Cross to reassess its entire operation, said director Pam Barnes, who has outlined plans to upgrade branches.

One of these plans involves the launching of Special Skills Units consisting of 65 highly trained medical assistants (volunteers and paid staff) who stabilise and transport patients to hospital.

Running costs for the 16 branches in July exceeded R300 000. Income is almost entirely from membership, legacies and donations.

PROFILE: *Themba Khoza, 'leader of the red bands'*

Lord of the rooidoeke

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Weekly Mail Reporters

THIS is Themba Khoza, leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade on the Reef and "Lord of the Rooidoeke" — the man accused of leading this week's pre-dawn assault on Sebokeng hostels.

Thirty-six people died in the violence that followed the attack on Tuesday. Khoza was detained with 132 other Inkatha supporters three hours after the attack and is now in police custody in terms of a mini-Emergency declared two weeks ago.

According to seven eyewitnesses, Khoza led the pre-dawn assault on Sebokeng's hostels, armed with a large gun and accompanied by four white men wearing balaclavas and long khaki coats and carrying firearms. There were over 100 black men in the group wearing overalls and the red headbands that characterise Inkatha supporters.

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And Zwelinzima Vavi, Vaal regional chairman of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, claimed at a press conference on Wednesday that "the attack on the Sebokeng hostel was led by Themba Khoza".

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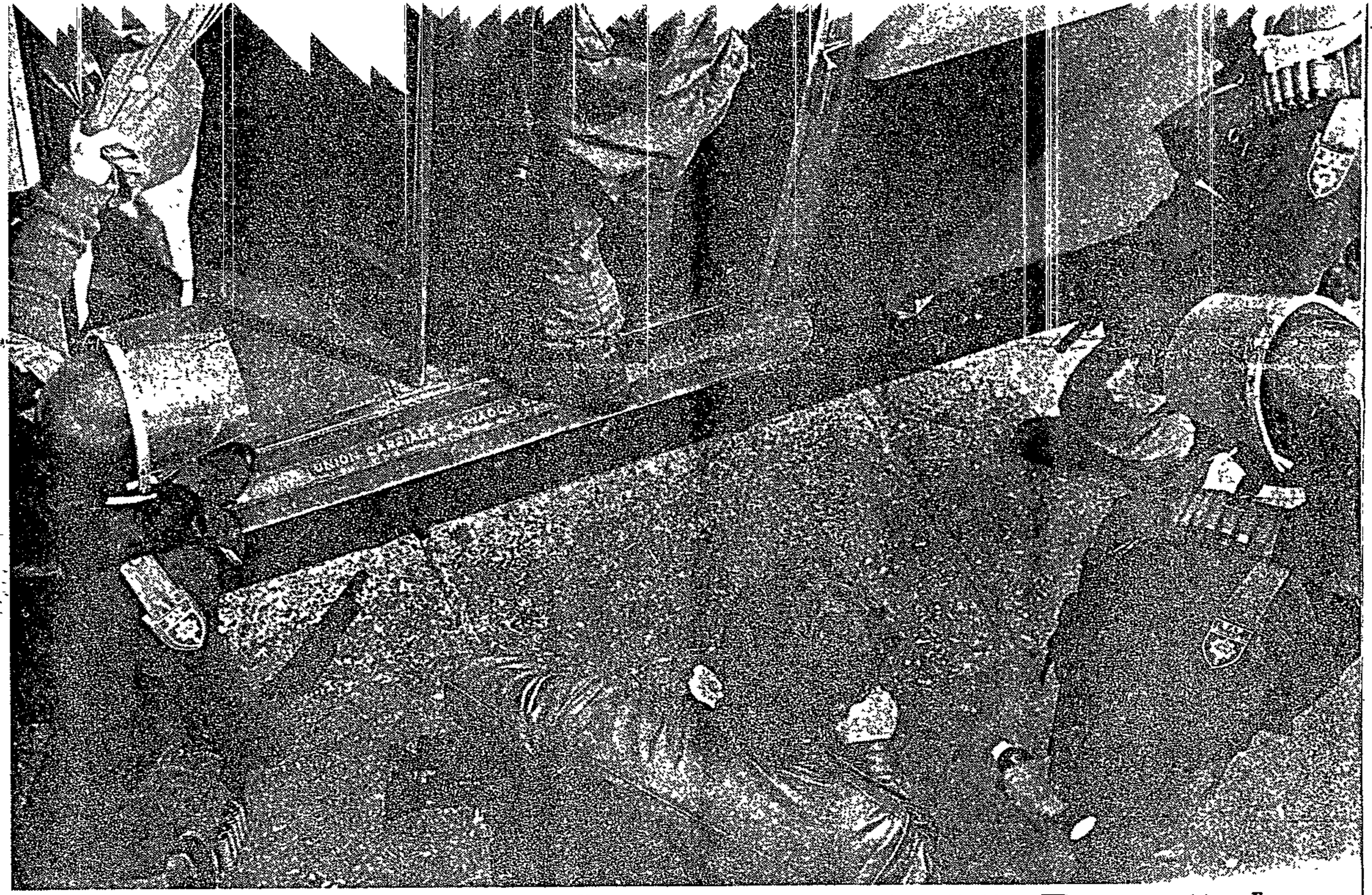
After killing a resident in the yard, the gunmen jumped into a white car. As it sped off, Mesatjwa and others saw the gunmen pull off the balaclavas: the men were white.

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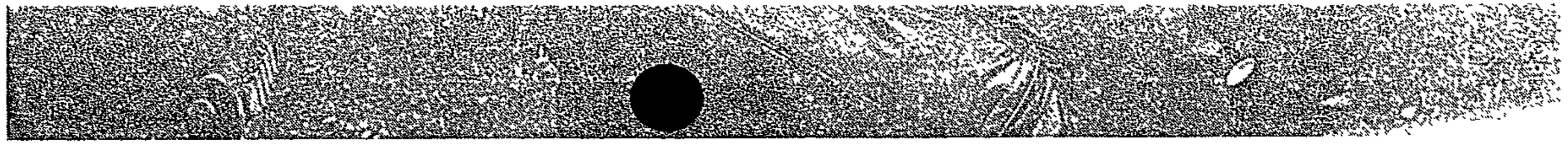
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"He did not believe in negotiating," said an observer. "He insisted that negotiations should only take place on a national level between leaders. He had to be persuaded otherwise by the police."

Reluctantly, he signed the treaty. And four weeks later he was arrested for his part in a major attack.

Describing the attack, Kuphisi said "men in red headbands were shooting and breaking windows. They threw a grenade through the window, then they rushed in. They shot me in my private parts and I crawled under the bed pretending I was dead. Then they left".

Another resident, Florence Ntame, said she crouched under her bed as her roommate Phosiza Fuleni was hacked to death with a panga. Attackers broke into their room, she said, just after they heard voices shouting in Zulu "Go back to Transkei".



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"The police said wait, the ANC leaders are coming. We listened to them and sat down, crying 'Peace'. Then the soldiers came, no speeches, no warning — they just shot. Bullets flew. People were running, some escaped. I saw people just falling to the ground," he added.

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The sequence of events in Sebokeng on Tuesday corroborates the anlaysis of the current violence offered by African National Congress organiser Andrew Maphetho in a report to the ANC regional consultative conference last week. "Generally," he said, "what seems to happen is that special squads of killers or provacateurs move into a hostel or a township, cause friction and then move away."

Once the squad has done its job, Maphetho continued, "the bulk of the hostel dwellers are duty bound to be on battle footing as they see their lives being in danger. The same applies to township residents."

●Defence Minister Magnus Malan has reacted angrily to suggestions of SADF misconduct during the Sebokeng violence. In a tough statement, he blamed the violence on "left-wing radicals" and challenged ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela to substantiate allegations against the SADF. He said the SADF had been trying to prevent "human slaughter between two groups".

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On the other side of the railway line police laid siege to the Tladi squatter settlement near the Merafe municipal offices.

By mid-morning police and municipal police converged on open ground between Tladi and the municipal offices.

Several volleys of teargas and rubber bullets were fired at the agitated youths who by then had armed themselves with stones and petrol bombs.

At 11.30am members of the security forces, including members of the SAP and the municipal police, raided the ablution block, where about 30 half-litre petrol bombs were apparently being made. Police arrested three youths from the crowd who had gathered outside.

Merafe store owner John Monyai saw the early morning attack at the station. At 5.30am groups of armed Inkatha supporters, wearing red arm, leg and head bands, rushed to the platform and attacked commuters waiting to board the trains, he said.

The attackers approached the station from two directions.

"The people that were waiting for the train were attacked. People started crying and ran away. Then these Inkatha people from the hostel moved onto the platform. People were running away in all directions as the Inkathas attacked the

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First Harms report goes to De Klerk

THE first report of the Harms Commission of Inquiry was yesterday handed to the state president, six months after Mr Justice L. Harms was appointed to look into political murders and violence.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said last night the report had been handed to President FW de Klerk for his consideration. It is believed to be an interim report.

"The report of the commission of inquiry into certain alleged murders was handed to the state president today. The report is being studied and a further announcement will be made in due course," he said in a terse statement. – Sapa

Jordan relief 'biggest in years'

By CLAUDE REGIN: Geneva

JORDAN'S refugee crisis has triggered the biggest joint emergency operation by relief agencies since the Ethiopia famine tragedy six years ago, a United Nations official said yesterday.

But Fabrizio Gentiloni, a senior official of the United Nations Disaster Relief Organisation (UNDRO), said the response by the international community to the Jordan crisis had been slow.

"There is no risk of duplicating efforts, since international help is not as forthcoming as we would have hoped," Gentiloni said.

UN and other agencies are pouring staff, food, tents and water into Jordan, where the Amman government has been attempting to cope with thousands of penniless Asian refugees who have poured into desert camps since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2.

"We haven't done anything on such a massive scale since Ethiopia," said Gentiloni, whose organisation is coordinating the Jordan operation.

UN and non-governmental relief agencies undertook a similar operation in 1984-85 in Ethiopia when the combined effects of drought and civil war killed at least one million people.

"The situation in Jordan is very serious and all UN agencies are mobilised," Gentiloni told Reuters.

The top UN priority is to get refugees out of Jordan and UNDRO has chartered a giant Soviet Antonov airliner to evacuate 17 000 Bangladeshis and Sri Lankans from Amman.

Gentiloni said a total of 10 return trips were planned over the next 10 days.

— Sapa-Reuter

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people boarding the train," Monyai said.

Monyai's account coincides with that of two other witnesses, who gave their account of the attack at a Cosatu press conference yesterday afternoon.

Tladi resident Cecilia Nkosi said workers and students fled back to their homes when Inkatha members launched an attack on people at the station. According to Nkosi, the men "with red *doeke* around their heads" shot a women named Esther from Naledi.

One of the witnesses at the press conference, who identified himself as Siphiwe, said he was on a train that passed through Merafe station at 6am.

At first commuters in a "toyi-toying coach" were attacked by "vigilantes armed with pangas and knives". These people ran to a "church coach" for safety only to find that people were "being chopped", he said. People started jumping out of the train. Five women were injured and one man was found dead.

Later that afternoon police intercepted a group of toyi-toyiing youths from Tladi. Two boys were removed from a nearby house and forced into a van.

At the camp youths started destroying a precast cement wall around the municipal offices. They were also stopping vehicles to tap petrol.

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viour of the crowd may have justified the use of teargas, and then only after a proper warning to disperse."

This is not to say that the commission condoned the decisions of the organisers of the Sebokeng march. He said they had been irresponsible — or possibly negligent — in the manner they had allowed the march to proceed.

Nonetheless the question persists: Why so many echoes of Langa? Was nothing done to prevent a recurrence of certain major features?

Police representative Major Reg Crewe says definite steps were taken after Langa. Firstly, all officers trained before 1985 were sent off to Maleoskop for a

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What, one is tempted to ask, has been gained from the bitter experience at Langa? Central features of the Kannemeyer inquiry — such as false police claims of a riotous mob and immediate resort to lethal weapons — surface again in Goldstone, although in a different guise.

In both situations, the use of deadly SSG shot as a major method of "crowd control" emerges.

Colonel PR Gouws, of the police forensic laboratory, told the Goldstone Commission that No 5 birdshot, Triple A buckshot and SSG shot "can cause fatal wounds at a distance of 40 metres". Of the three, SSG was most deadly and "would penetrate a human skull at a distance of 50 metres", Gouws testified.

The report summarised: "Any policeman would know that a shot fired from a shotgun at a distance of 10 metres would cause fatal injuries if the pellets were to strike in the vicinity of a vital organ.

"A shotgun is not a firearm which can be used for accurate target-shooting. Frequently one finds that some pellets spread more than others. At 20 or 30 metres a shot aimed at a person's legs might well result in a wound to the upper body."

Immediately after the Sebokeng shootings, 21 policemen admitted to firing nine teargas canisters, 36 rounds of No 5, two rounds of Triple A and 13 rounds of SSG. During the inquiry a further nine policemen admitted opening fire. The shooting was done at about 30m to 40m from the crowd — well within lethal distance.

The commission concluded: "There is every probability that the wide use of SSG resulted in more deaths and injuries than there would have been had only No been used."

Of the 161 people shot at the Sondela Gate in Sebokeng that day, 84 were shot from behind.

At Langa, 19 out of the 20 who were fatally injured were shot from behind or the side. Many of these fatalities were caused by a single SSG pellet penetrating the cranium or spine.

The reasons for the use of lethal ammunition — as they emerged at the two inquiries — were quite different.

The Kannemeyer Commission revealed that police on patrol in the Eastern Cape at the time were denied access to non-lethal methods of crowd control. They went out on that fateful day in Langa without a loudhailer to address the crowd, without teargas, rubber bullets — even without birdshot.

Mr Justice Kannemeyer concluded: "One was left with the unhappy feeling that in some police circles the prevailing view was that teargas and in particular birdshot were not effective enough ... Surely when one has to deal with a large mob of rioters, the aim should be to cause the crowd to disperse and not to render the members there incapable by shooting with ammunition such as SSG."

At Sebokeng, the reasons were more complex. Judge Goldstone referred to the shooting as "indiscriminate".

It is also clear that the shooting was unauthorised. The officer in command, Captain WJ du Plooy, testified that he gave no order to fire and that he was sitting in his vehicle "watching the crowd ... and reading the petition (delivered by the marchers) and making radio reports". Observed Goldstone: "The two officers in command of the Reaction Unit were obviously not very concerned that safety of their own men was being threatened."

The volley of shots was set off by the firing of three teargas canisters by Constable S van Rhyn. The commission rejected Van Rhyn's evidence that he shot in error. "On his own admission, he fired a second and a third teargas canister. That conduct I find to be inconsistent with the first shot having been fired in error. The pressure required to pull the trigger of a stopper also makes his version improbable."

The simultaneous use of buckshot and teargas — certainly inconsistent with the legal stipulation of employing no more than "necessary force" — is explained in the Goldstone report in terms of the irregular composition of the "police line".

Colonel WA van der Merwe, of the Maleoskop Training Centre, set up to train policemen in counter-insurgency and crowd control techniques, told the commission there was only one way of setting up a police line.

The commanding officer would know precisely where in the line particular ammunition was situated. If he decided to use force, he would issue a first command for particular men in the line to load certain ammunition and the quantity would be specified. Finally, the target would be identified.

At Sebokeng, Du Plooy did not even know who was in his line let along what ammunition they had. "Volunteers" kept on joining the initial reaction unit line of 47 men — without authorisation. They included:

- A contingent of 35 Sebokeng municipal police, whose commander "did not report his presence or seek instructions from Captain du Plooy".
- Five policemen from De Deur — two from the cattle theft unit — who had shotguns loaded with SSG.
- A Mr Duvenhage, armed with a pistol and there on "private business". The commission noted: "No one asked him what he was doing there or requested him to leave the scene."

Furthermore, in contravention of policy, the line contained special constables who had had no more than seven hours' instruction in "unrest drill".

In addition: "Virtually every policeman in the line had loaded his shotgun or stopper. In doing so he acted without an order either as to loading at all or as to type of ammunition." Some had loaded way back at base — in Krugersdorp or Vanderbijlpark.

This was the collection of armed men from whom a "chain reaction" of shots was let loose after Van Rhyn took the first move. Du Plooy left his vehicle to issue an order to ceasefire.

Commissioners Goldstone and Kannemeyer found that policemen had exaggerated the degree of hostility of the crowd and the degree to which members were armed.

Stone-throwing at Sebokeng amounted — at very most — to five stones, Goldstone said, drawing on the evidence of a videotape. The crowd was "to an extent, unfriendly..... (but) neither menacing nor aggressive", he said: "The allegations of being overrun, of being threatened with pangas and iron bars and being subjected to a rain of stones was an untruthful attempt by some of the policemen to justify the shooting."

Commissioner Kannemeyer found that police had fabricated information as to the extent to which the Langa crowd was threatening and armed. He nonetheless found that the commanding officer's order to fire was justified when a member of the crowd produced a petrol bomb. Witnesses from the community disputed the existence of this petrol bomb.

The Langa shootings came just three days after a telex had been sent out by the senior deputy commissioner of police stating that "when acid or petrol bombs are thrown at police or private vehicles and/or buildings an attempt must be made under all circumstancaes to eliminate the suspects".

The Goldstone inquiry certainly did not see police action in this light. The commission found that the shooting was unjustifiable in terms of both the Internal Security Act and the Criminal Procedure Act. Since there was no actual or imminent attack on the police line, the common law also conferred no right to shoot, the judge concluded. "At most the behaviour of the crowd may have justified the use of teargas, and then only after a proper warning to disperse."

This is not to say that the commission condoned the decisions of the organisers of the Sebokeng march. He said they had been irresponsible — or possibly negligent — in the manner they had allowed the march to proceed.

Nonetheless the question persists: Why so many echoes of Langa? Was nothing done to prevent a recurrence of certain major features?

Police representative Major Reg Crewe says definite steps were taken after Langa. Firstly, all officers trained before 1985 were sent off to Maleoskop for a special course in crowd control and it became a component of training for all new officers from that time.

Furthermore, orders were given that a full range of crowd control equipment should be carried by Reaction Units at all times.

Clearly, this combination of retraining and equipment was not enough to ensure that procedure would be followed in the case of Sebokeng. Whether it serves in other circumstances is equally open to question. According to the Human Rights Commission about 200 people have died as a result of police actions in the seven months after February 2 and many more were injured. Few of these deaths have been subjected to the scrutiny applied in the Sebokeng case.

In the wake of Langa, lawyer Nicholas Haysom argued in an article in the South African Journal on Human Rights that such events could not be ascribed to a handful of rogue policemen. They were due "to a widespread and systematic use of lethal weapons principally on South Africa's black citizens".

He argued: "Township law enforcers frequently evince an us/them attitude beneath which must lie a century of racial prejudices. Most of all, the victims and their communities have no vote. Those that rule over them in the name of law and order are not accountable to them and need not heed their resentment and fear."

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3 die, 16 hurt in new wave of violence

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A NEW wave of violence claimed the lives of three people and left 16 injured in Soweto yesterday when fighting between hostel dwellers and township residents broke out at Merafe railway station.

By KENOSI MODISANE

A hostel dweller was allegedly attacked by commuters at the station. He ran back to the hostel, where he later collapsed and died. Other dwellers then surrounded the station in search of his assailants.

The two other victims were reported to have died at Ikwezi Station.

Clashes

A witness at the scene said they were apparently killed in the morning clashes.

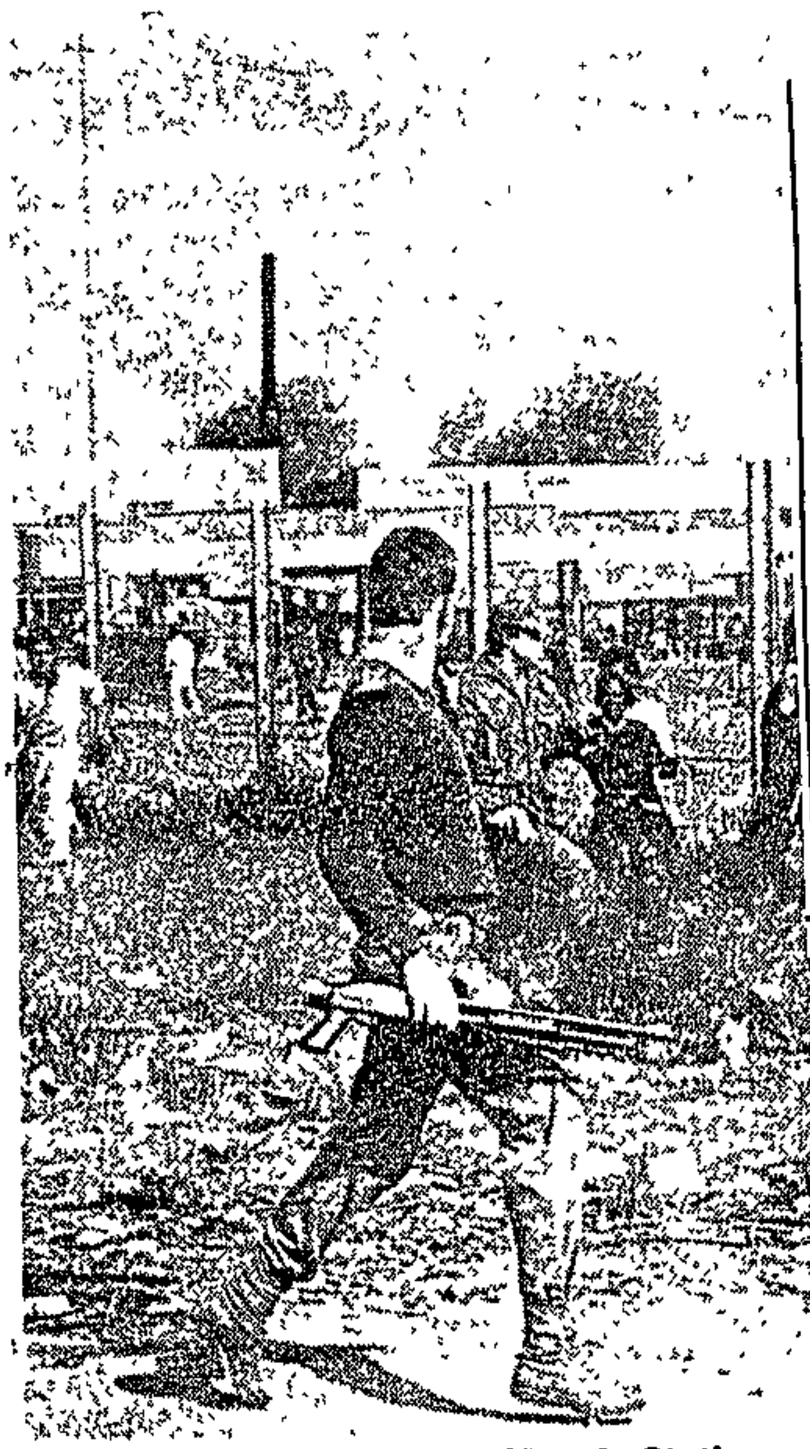
A woman was allegedly shot and wounded by municipal policemen who were guarding offices next to a squatter camp near Merafe Station.

The woman was identified as Mrs Adelaide Thage of Naledi Extension. She was admitted at Baragwanath Hospital.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said they knew of only one death. "Our records only reflect one person dead and 16 others admitted at Baragwanath."

He said two of the injured were shot.

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Police round up youths at Merafe Station yesterday where earlier three people died and 16 were injured in a new wave of violence involving residents and hostel dwellers. Pic by MBUZENI ZULU

3 killed, 16 hurt in Soweto

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At Merafe Station, police fired teargas at residents who gathered at the station and the nearby squatter camp around noon. Soweton 7/9/90

"But no live ammunition was used," said Halgryn.

A heavy police contingent raided the squatter camp and arrested three youths for allegedly being in possession of petrol bombs. (278)

Police and residents at the camp exchanged heated words as residents protested about the raid.

A man, identifying himself as Mr Max Masseilson and a lawyer for Inkatha, arrived at the hostel later in the day.

He addressed the hostel dwellers and appealed to the police to "create a line of communication between residents and the inmates".

Pointing in the direction of the hostel dwellers and of residents, he said: "Those people on that side do not know what is happening and those here are also wondering what is happening."

He later tried to address residents, who were gathering nearby, but was booed.

ANC spokesman Mr Pallo Jordan said yesterday ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela was scheduled to tour the trouble spot.

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Lawyers slam police ban on newsmen from unrest areas

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TWO prominent human rights lawyers have raised fundamental questions about Wednesday's admission by police that journalists were being barred from certain unrest areas.

Confirming that the media were being ordered to leave certain areas of unrest in terms of the application of "unrest regulations" contained in the Public Safety Act, Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said this was being done "where it is necessary".

Sowetan Correspondent

In terms of the regulation any policeman or SADF member may order any person out of an unrest area where he believes it necessary in combating public violence or in maintaining order.

Brian Currin, the national chairman of Lawyers for Human Rights, said the enforcement of the regulation led to the assumption that the police were planning to act in future in such a way that they would have "things to hide".

John Dugard, director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits, said in the light of the reassurance given to journalists by Vlok and General van der Merwe, he would have thought that "orders of this kind would have come from the Commissioner himself".

"The danger of excluding the press at this time is that allegations of police bias in the conflict will not be tested," Dugard said.

Violence

Until this week the "media" provisions of the Public Safety Act - which was applied to 27 Transvaal townships on August 24 - had not been implemented.

The enforcement of regulation 2(3) had now become necessary because people in certain unrest areas were inclined to "give a show" for journalists, causing violence to escalate, Opperman said.

'Wrong man' – so attempt to slay trade unionist fails

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By GLENDA DANIELS

AN ASSASSINATION attempt by six men on unionist Vusi Khumalo failed yesterday when he was not in his Johannesburg office.

At a press conference called immediately after the incident, the general secretary of the Post and Telecommunications Workers Union said the men entered the office calling his name. Instead they found the editor of the *New Nation*, Zwelakhe Sisulu.

Congress of South African Trade Unions general secretary Jay Naidoo said the planned assassination attempt failed because the men found the wrong man. One of the men said: "This is not him."

Khumalo said his secretary, who was in the office at the time, told him the men had an "aggressive and intimidating attitude".

Naidoo said the men had been wearing dustcoats, under which he believed they had hidden their arms.

He added that he had also received many death threats this year as well as threats to blow up the Cosatu head office building.

"We have no confidence in the police trying to resolve this problem. In fact there is a strong right-wing element in the police force and the SADF."

In a statement the tenants of the building said: "We feel defenceless. We come to work and are unable to protect our lives. Little has been done by the government to make people account for their actions." W|Mail 7|9-13|9|90

"Thousands of lives have been lost in Natal and now this violence has spread to the Transvaal."

Naidoo said ways and means of taking action against the police and vigilantes were being discussed. One such step could be applying for a court interdict.

Congress focus on violence, drugs at school

VIOLENCE against the Black Consciousness Movement, the growing drug problem among black scholars and the crisis in black education will be among the key issues to be addressed over the weekend at the Azanian Student Movement's annual national congress at Shareworld in Johannesburg.

The keynote address will be given by Mr Khotso Seathlolo, the honorary president of the organisation, who was imprisoned for nine years on Robben Island.

"One of the issues to be raised at our congress is the prevalent crisis in black education. We believe that a major student conference of all student organisations should be convened to devise a long-term programme to combat the crisis," said Azasm spokesman Mr Sipho Maseko.

"Another issue to be discussed is the upsurge in drug abuse in black high schools. We believe such drug abuse contributes to the disintegration of the social fabric of black society."

Also on the agenda is inter-organisational violence, in particular attacks on the Black Consciousness Movement.

"Over the years, Azasm has been tolerant of both verbal and physical attacks on it. However, we retain our right to swift, decisive response to such attacks," he said.

"Another key issue will be the mobilisation of black power for a socialist Azania," added Maseko. - *Sapa*



Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu appeals to the crowd for peace during a Southern African Anglican Bishops' tour through strife-torn Sebokeng this week. The bishops attended a lively memorial service for those killed in hostel violence in the township. Although residents were overjoyed to see the churchmen, they said that visits by leaders would have no long term effect, but that violence would only cease once Inkatha had been completely flushed out of Transvaal townships (278) M Mail 719—13/9/90 Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK

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Policemen on the roof of a house in Soweto this week during a patrol.



Policemen carry away a supply of petrol-bombs during a raid on a house in Soweto.

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Inkatha 'not responsible for unrest'

ULUNDI. — Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has denied allegations that Inkatha members and police were responsible for violence which broke out in Sebokeng on Tuesday.

Referring to a news report which quoted Mr Nelson Mandela as launching "a scathing attack on alleged police collusion with Inkatha in Sebokeng", Chief Buthelezi warned Mr Mandela to desist from making such accusations against Inkatha.

Chief Buthelezi claimed that Transvaal Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman Mr Themba Khoza had been detained, after he had gone to the Sebokeng area in an attempt to reduce tension and prevent an outbreak of violence.

He said Mr Khoza disputed allegations made against him.

Townships on Reef quiet

JOHANNESBURG. — Townships around the Witwatersrand were yesterday reported quiet by both police and residents after this week's sporadic fighting.

Soweto, where six people were reported killed on Thursday, was described as quiet, as were Vosloorus, Tembisa, Thokoza and Katlehong on the East Rand, and Kagiso on the West Rand.

Sebokeng, south of Johannesburg, where troops on Tuesday reportedly shot and killed 11 people in a clash that is the subject of official investigations, was also quiet, according to police.

At least 36 people were reportedly killed in the fighting in Sebokeng on Tuesday, police said.

Two KwaZulu policemen and a civilian were killed when they were attacked at Richmond farm, near KwaMashu north of Durban, on Thursday night.

A shopping centre was also burnt down at Madadeni near Newcastle. — Sapa

Leather clue in Jeppe massacre

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A SQUAD of killers, apparently dressed in black leather jackets and black trousers, carried out the bloody massacre at Jeppe station which left six people dead and 13 others injured on Thursday night.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said yesterday that what witnesses had said revealed that between five to seven men simultaneously opened fire on commuters.

Colonel Malherbe said the men apparently headed straight for the taxi rank and without warning shot at commuters with 9mm and 7,65mm handguns.

"Eyewitnesses say the group were all wearing black leather jackets and trousers. They just randomly shot at anyone," Colonel Malherbe said.

He said that as people panicked and fled in the direction of Jeppe station, the gunmen followed and continued shooting indiscriminately before fleeing on foot.

Colonel Malherbe said police found more than 30 spent cartridges at the scene.

"We have not established a motive for the shootings. We don't know if it is unrest-related, taxi war-related or just factional fighting. The victims were Zulus, Xhosas and Tswanas."

A Johannesburg Hospital spokeswoman said 11 men and three women had been admitted to the hospital after the shootings.

'Bodies all over'

One person died in hospital yesterday. Another remained in a serious condition in the hospital, while 11 others were in a stable and satisfactory condition.

"Some of the victims will have to undergo surgery to remove bullets lodged in their bones," she said.

One of the survivors, 28-year-old electrician Mr Samson Buthelezi, said: "We didn't think. We couldn't think. One minute we were waiting for a lift home, the next minute the bodies were lying all over the place."

Speaking after visiting the survivors in hospital, ANC internal head Mr Walter Sisulu said yesterday that there were certain forces — who were not necessarily Inkatha — killing black people at random.

He said the impression of the ANC was that a pattern of murder was beginning to emerge, whereby a white minibus or minibuses were involved in shooting black people.

"To date such a combi has appeared in Tembisa, Thokoza, Katlehong and Soweto."

Mr Sisulu said the killings were beginning to resemble last year's Barend Strydom massacre in the streets of Pretoria. He said these forces must be identified and dealt with immediately, before they killed more people. — Staff Reporter and Sapa-Reuter

WHITES AIDING BLACKS — CLAIM

Killings: A third force?

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Weekend Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — Police are investigating the possibility that a mysterious force is fanning township unrest in South Africa and is behind outbreaks of black-on-black violence.

This follows allegations that whites helped blacks in attacks on black township and hostel residents, including a hostel attack in Sebokeng on Tuesday and possibly the Jeppe station massacre on Thursday.

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Disturbing pattern

Violence of this nature was not only a problem for the ANC but the government as well.

Speaking after visiting 11 people shot at Jeppe station on Thursday night, Mr Sisulu said a new and disturbing pattern was beginning to emerge.

A white minibus or minibuses had been involved in shootings in Tembisa, Thokoza, Katlehong and Soweto, he said. Occupants had shot innocent people without provocation or reason.

Jeppe station gunshot victims also told Mr Sisulu they had seen a white minibus. Another victim indicated that whites had been involved in the shooting.

White men were allegedly involved in the pre-dawn Sebokeng hostel attack. Residents said they saw white men in dark clothes running on dormitory roofs and sniping at fleeing people, as well as balaclava-clad men crouching beside a hostel and holding guns, their white hands visible.

Other events have involved minibuses in the last 48 hours.

A white minibus was also reportedly involved in the outbreak in Soweto on Thursday night when groups of armed men, some allegedly in blue uniforms, went on the rampage, attacking residents randomly and killing at least six.

South African Communist Party worker Geraldine Fraser said her Soweto home was raided by a group of black and white men who arrived at 5am yesterday in a white minibus and two cars. Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Tienie Halgryn last night said he had no knowledge of the raid.

Slaying baffles police

Meanwhile another person injured in the Jeppe station shooting has died in the Johannesburg Hospital, bringing the death toll to six.

A hospital spokesman said 12 victims of the attack were still being treated.

Police sources were baffled by the slaying, described as "motiveless and senseless" and have not ruled out the possibility that the shooting was part of a taxi war.

■ ANC international affairs director Mr Thabo Mbeki has accused elements in state structures of trying to derail negotiations and claimed police could have prevented recent Soweto killings.

Speaking at an education summit at the Peninsula Technikon in Bellville, he said these elements were actively destabilising townships.

Police could have prevented recent killings in Soweto by entering hostels and confiscating all weapons, he said.

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Hostel raiders wreak carnage in Naledi Ext

It was last TV show for family of six

THABO LESHILO and ABBEY MAKOE

SIX people from the same family were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital after a well-planned attack on residents of Naledi Extension which left four dead and 14 injured this week.

The attack occurred while residents of the township on the west of Soweto, known as the "wild west", were watching their favourite TV2 and TV3 programmes.

Agnes Thutloane (13) told how a group of seven men, allegedly hitmen from Merafe hostel, attacked her family after entering their home through the windows. She said a woman ran into their house, while the family was watching television, shouting that hostel dwellers had arrived.

"The men then entered and stabbed my granny, Augustina Tsibogo (55), with an "intshumentsho" (a long sharp steel instrument) in the stomach.

Axe defender

"They then hit my aunt, Josephine Tsibogo, who was hiding in the wardrobe, on the head with knobkerrie."

She said her grandfather, Josiah Tsie (60), tried to defend them with an axe but the men wrested it from him. "They then chopped him on the head. The axe stuck in his head and was removed at Baragwanath Hospital."

Lebo Molefe (9) and Nthabiseng Maphalala (10) were also injured in the 7.45 pm attack. Agnes's sister, Kefuwe Thutloane (18), tried to run but was hit several times with a knobkerrie. Agnes survived the attack by crouching behind a dressing table.

The men then attacked several other houses. One man died instantly after being shot several times. Soweto police spokesman, Captain Joseph Ngobeni, confirmed that three others died on arrival at Jabulani Police Station.

A Baragwanath Hospital spokesman said 14 people from Naledi were treated at the hospital.

Rabu Raletsema, whose home was also attacked, said the men were travelling in three vehicles, including a Cressida and a minibus.

Phari Matlou (51) said he and a number of companions were in the street when they heard screams followed by the sound of gun shots. They ran into a nearby yard seeking shelter. Then two of his companions, Solomon Seema and Khambule Mpheretlhane, insisted that they jump the fence to escape from the advancing mob.

Mr Matlou said that because he had an injured knee, he decided not to jump the fence but to crawl under a car parked nearby in the yard.

"From under the vehicle he watched as his friends tried to jump the fence. But it was too high for them and they were caught by the advancing mob which in a frenzied attack inflicted terrible injuries on them.

Seema was killed and Mpheretlhane injured. He is in a critical condition at Baragwanath Hospital.

Mrs Martha Seema, now a widow, told Saturday Star that she arrived at 9 am the next day from night duty when the news of her husband's death was broken to her. That was all she could say. She just sat there and cried.

Just opposite the Seemas' house Martha Kwena (56) was also killed.

Only an hour later men thought to be Inkatha members stoned her house and attacked Mrs Kwena. She was killed — stabbed to death by men she had earlier warned her daughter to avoid.

David Magano used to live in the house next door. His widow, Lydia (49), said they were watching TV when she was hit by a stone thrown through the window. They all ran to the kitchen for cover.

After entry was forced, she was stabbed with a spear below her shoulder but managed to run to the street, she informed Saturday Star.

But her husband (53) was not so lucky — as their daughter discovered when she saw the raiders dragging his corpse away from the combi parked in their yard.

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Police probe 'third force' allegations

DAWN BARKHUIZEN and MONICA NICOLSON

POLICE are investigating the possibility that a mysterious force is fanning township unrest in South Africa and is behind outbreaks of black-on-black violence.

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- A white minibus or minibuses had been involved in shootings in Tembisa, Thokoza, Katlehong and Soweto, he said. Occupants had shot innocent people without provocation or reason.
- The Weekly Mail supported these allegations in a front-page story in yesterday's paper, stating that seven eye-witnesses had seen four white men wearing balaclavas and long khaki coats and carrying firearms during an Inkatha attack in Sebokeng on Tuesday.

The eye-witnesses alleged that after shooting a resident, the gunmen pulled off their balaclavas, revealing that they were white. Another eye-witness said the men in balaclavas did not enter the rooms, only Inkatha did, but the whites shot first.

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Tears in the ashes after grim civil war

By ELIAS MALULEKA

ROWS of gutted houses and a soaring death toll are grim reminders to PWV residents that they are at war with each other.

Kagiso on the West Rand, Mapetla in Soweto, Thokoza and Vosloorus on the East Rand and Sebokeng at the Vaal, bear testimony to the carnage.

They are the worst hit and have been the focal point of the violence.

There is no sign of community life in these ravaged areas and possessions have been reduced to ashes. The only living person *City Press* found in a row of gutted houses in Leeuw Street, Kagiso One, was Ruth Molefe, 58.

Her house stands next to the local hostel and residents in the neighbourhood were easy targets for marauding "Zulus" who had crossed the street to storm the hostel and houses.

The Molefe household is just one of dozens attacked, leaving about 26 people dead during the Kagiso violence two weeks ago.

With tears in her eyes, widowed grandmother Molefe looked at her razed house. She hid in the toilet when the impis arrived.

Her voice was hushed: "Everything we had was burnt and I escaped with only the clothes I was wearing. I thank God my children, grandchildren and I managed to escape with our lives."

Like hundreds of others, she is now staying with relatives in another section – a relatively "safe" part of the township.

Petrus Raphotle, 36, of Mapetla has lost his house, furniture, the clothes of his five children, a collection of 700 LP records, a rare collection of books, artwork and other valuables.

Raphotle's brother Laurence told *City Press* it had taken 18 years to put the record collection together. "Petrus lost many things but he grieves most for his records."

Local authorities, their coffers drained by rent boycotts, say they have no money to rebuild the gutted houses.

Katlehong town clerk Fanie Maree said his council was faced with creditors every day due to the rent boycott, which threatened to plunge the township into darkness.

He said: "The council tried to find means to help stranded families at a meeting with the Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) and the Transvaal Provincial Association, but members of the KCA refused to speak to the TPA in our presence and forced the council to leave."

Maree said the council tried twice to meet the civic association in its bid to help unrest victims, but the KCA turned the invitations down.

"It is our responsibility to help the squatters settle down but because of the rent boycott we cannot even employ contractors to look after the basic needs like garbage removal. Service structures are collapsing," he said.

Soweto Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi ruled out the possibility of repairing hostels, saying the council took steps in 1988 to turn hostels into family units.

"The system of hostels is unacceptable and inhuman. We want people to lead normal and decent lives. Hostels were created to enforce the influx control laws that no longer exist."

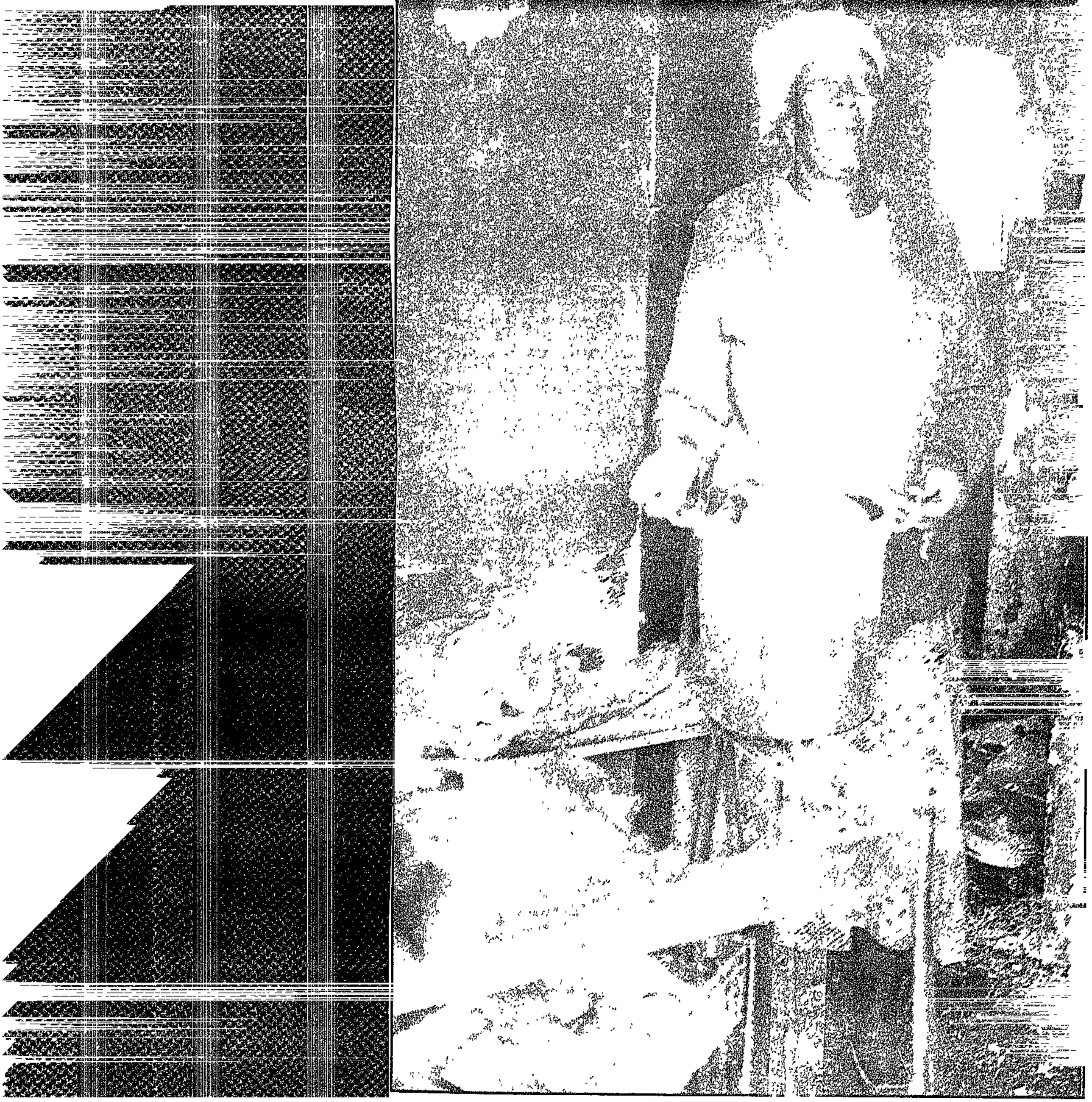
Mkhwanazi said the Soweto council was held back in its bid to change hostels into family units by the long process of allocating council funds for the family units.

"As soon as the Regional Services Council grants our council the funds, hostels will be done away with," he said.

Vosloorus town clerk Dries Vrey said inmates of the gutted hostels would be housed at the Nguni hostel, but there was no way the council could help residents because the council had no money.

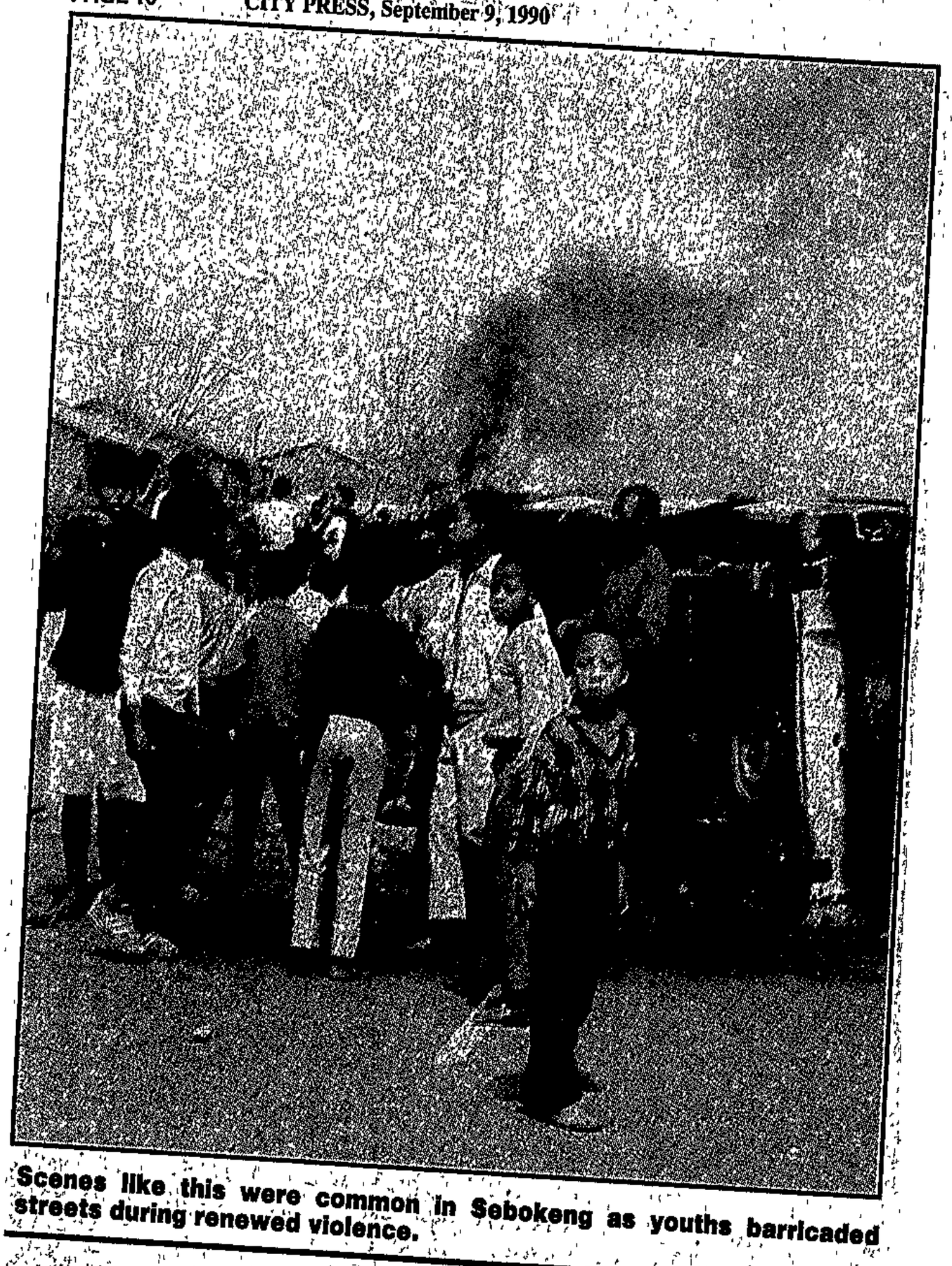
"Only people who paid their rent can be assisted because there is an insurance policy to help them," he said.

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Kagiso widow Ruth Molefe sifts through all that is left of her home and possessions after her house was burnt down.

■ Picsi MIKE MZILENI



Scenes like this were common in Sebokeng as youths barricaded streets during renewed violence.

Residents relive their horror

Sebokeng blast victims tell churchmen of Inkatha attack

By SOPHIE TEMA

WHEN 23 visiting Anglican bishops and other clergymen visited Sebokeng Hostel this week, a blood-soaked blanket, shirt, shoes and pools of dried blood in a lonely street near the hostel bore witness to the violence that erupted in the area on Monday night.

They listened as residents caught in the upsurge of violence relived the horror which left 36 people dead and about 50 badly injured.

The bishops were from many parts of South Africa, Mozambique, Namibia, Lesotho and Swaziland.

Bishop Tomaz Manhique of Mozambique wept as he told the congregation of St Michael's Anglican Church in Sebokeng about similar attacks on the people of his country by Renamo rebels.

He said his house had been destroyed by fire during an attack and he and his colleague Bishop Dennis Sengulani Lebombo had witnessed several killings of their people.

Residents said the attack on the hostel on Monday night by Inkatha supporters was the worst since violence broke out in the area two months ago.

They told the bishops of the gruesome deaths and the agonising screams as their colleagues called for help, saying they were being attacked by Inkatha members.

Two dormitories in the hostel, block 32 and Block C, were ripped apart by two blasts in which about 17 people died.

Lizzy Nxumpane had a leg damaged in the blast and it had to be amputated.

Speaking from her hospital bed, Lizzy, 22, said: "I had arrived only two days before the incident from Umtata to look for my father who lives in the hostel.

"I was asleep when I was suddenly woken up by the screams of people in the dormitory. Suddenly I felt the whole room shaking. I lost consciousness and when I came to I found myself in hospital. My leg was severed." Lizzy said her body was also full of shrapnel wounds.

Residents living near the hostel said they heard the blasts but were too scared to go out into the dark and could only helplessly peep through their windows.

Scores of people who accompanied the bishops on their tour were shocked to see clotted blood in the soil where some of the dead had been lying.

Nothandile Lwabe, who had come from Idutwya to visit her husband, also sustained injuries to her legs when the room in which she had been sleeping was rocked by a blast. Her husband escaped injury, although some of the people who slept next to him had died.

She said doctors told her they might have to amputate her left leg as it had been severely mutilated in the blast.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, who visited the government mortuary hours after the bodies had been removed from the scene of the violence, described the attack on the hostel dwellers as vicious and cruel.

At a Press conference at Sebokeng on Tuesday, Mandela said when he and other members of the ANC visited the mortuary they saw the body of one man who had been shot in the back of the head.

Sello Tumelo, who lives near the hostel, said he and his wife were woken by gunshots and two heavy blasts coming from the direction of the hostel.

"I jumped out of bed and crept up to the window. I saw people running from the hostel towards the township. They were screaming for help, saying they were being attacked by Inkatha.

"At about six o'clock I went out of my house and in the street I saw a group of residents. We mobilised other residents and moved towards the hostel where we noticed a man known to us as the leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade handing out guns to a group of men.

"When he saw us he drove off at high speed towards the hostel in a car that had no registration plates. When we arrived at the hostel we were shocked at the number of bodies lying strewn all over the place."



Nelson Mandela addresses an enthusiastic crowd at the Sebokeng Hostel this week.

Bloodshed under the spotlight

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TOP police and ANC officials are taking stock after a week of bloodshed that saw 11 people killed by an SADF patrol in Sebokeng and random slayings of blacks by mysterious gunmen.

Violence — and the danger of it spiralling out of control — dominated statements by government and ANC spokesmen.

The actions of the security forces also came under attack from the right, the left and a group of international jurists.

Among the important events:

● Police launched an investigation into allegations that a "third force" of blacks and balaclava-clad whites are fanning the township carnage with random attacks on innocent people;

● Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok warned that police will insist that any allegations of police misconduct are supported by evidence;

● ANC official Thabo Mbeki disclosed that his organisation would set up its own monitoring groups to keep a check on the security forces;

● An international commission of jurists investigating the Natal violence has come down hard on Inkatha and the security forces.

A police spokesman confirmed yesterday that allegations of a so-called third force operating in the townships were being investigated, but that no hard evidence had come to light.

Residents in Sebokeng on Tuesday claimed that a bloody attack on a hostel was launched by armed blacks and whites wearing balaclavas to hide their skin colour.

Eye witnesses said that the hands of some of the attackers clutching firearms were white.

Meanwhile, Mr Mbeki announced at an education forum in Cape Town that the ANC would appoint its own people to monitor security force behaviour.

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Flashpoints

He also warned that unless the police did more to curb violence, the peace talks were at risk.

He said all police needed to do was to visit flashpoints like the hostels in Soweto, confiscate all weapons and flush out the troublemakers.

In Johannesburg jurists released the first international study of the Natal conflict, which has claimed more than 4 000 lives in four years.

In its findings released this week, a three-man panel from the Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists recommended the appointment of a "Human Rights Verification Mission" drawn from European Community countries.

A member of the commission, Swedish attorney Christian Ahlund, said he had found the same ingredients in the Natal conflict as in the violence in San Salvador, where a United Nations-sponsored monitoring mission had worked effectively.

The jurists recommended a reorientation of the police force, more policemen, an end to the carrying of "cultural" weapons such as knobkierries and an end to the state of emergency in Natal.

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Ominous pattern in politics

By SEKOLA SELLO

SINCE February 2 when President F W de Klerk lifted restrictions on organisations like the PAC, the ANC and the SACP – paving the way for open party-political activity – politics in the black community has been characterised by increasing intolerance and violence.

While political rivalry and even a measure of intolerance have always been part of our political scene, a more ominous pattern is now beginning to emerge.

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All parties vieing to capture power

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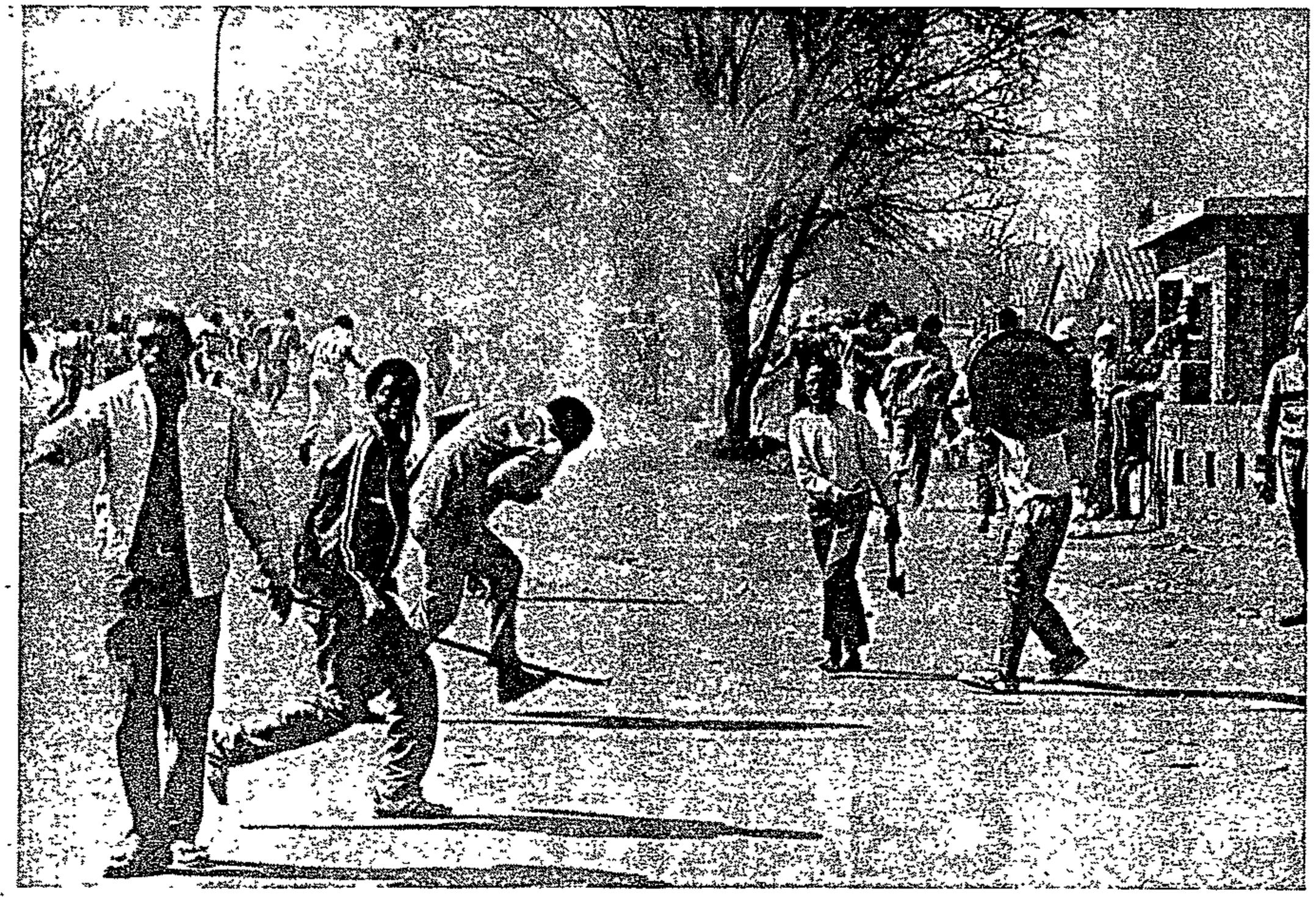
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According to Jordan, because of the "emotive" nature of politics it is not easy to discipline each and every member. He says the organisation is always trying as much as possible to see that its members behave responsibly.

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Voting with violence ... guns, bombs and any old sharp instrument will do as an embattled Soweto erupts.



Mokaba's fighting talk not out of line

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There is a common thread running through all these incidents – that political rivals of the ANC and its various affiliates are on the receiving end, although Azapo and the PAC are also at each other's throats these days.

It is against this background that many people are saying that if some elements in the ANC and its affiliates can display this type of intolerance, what hope is there the ANC will be committed to democratic ideals such as political tolerance if it comes to power?

PAC and Azapo members, particularly their youth wings, are known to be most intolerant of charterist organisations' views, yet there is little love lost between PAC and Azapo members.

It is believed that intolerance between PAC and Azapo members led senior black consciousness members to leave or were forced to leave the National Council of Trade Unions. It is further argued that the ANC is intolerant because of support from its huge constituency.

If the PAC or Azapo had as large a constituency as the ANC or if the roles in talks with government were reversed, it is conceivable that the same allegations levelled at the ANC would hold true for the other parties.

ANC information chief Dr Pallo Jordan reiterates the organisation's commitment to political pluralism and democratic ideals. However, he concedes there may be some elements within ANC formations who may not adhere to the policies of his movement.

He says: "It is to be understood that politics is not all light, reason and rationale. Whereas the movement may have a stated policy, the political practices of the people down there on the ground may be different."

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This point was supported Sayco president Peter Mokaba. Sayco members have been accused of being largely responsible for the disruption of meetings of political rivals, assault and killing of opponents.

Most allegations of intolerance levelled against the ANC are attributed to members of Sayco.

Mokaba says the image of Sayco as stormtroopers of the ANC and its affiliates is both wrong and misleading. He says his organisation is well-disciplined and tolerant in spite of what he sees as constant provocation by political rivals like the PAC and Azapo.

Jordan and Mokaba are critical of PAC and Azapo statements which blame the ANC for the killings currently taking place in Soweto, the East Rand, the West Rand and the Vaal Triangle.

Says Jordan: "Statements by PAC and Azapo leadership apportion the blame equally on those who are attacked (the ANC) and the attackers.

"These are unfortunate statements which create ill feeling among some of our members and thus lead them to act irrationally."

Jordan says it is unfortunate PAC leadership has told the Press it would like to mediate in the conflict between Inkatha and the ANC.

He says: "The conflict on the Rand is not between Inkatha and the ANC. The PAC exists in the townships, so does Azapo. Their members have also been killed. Even politically neutral people have been killed. How can this be ANC/Inkatha conflict only?"

Although Jordan and Mokaba are holding out the olive branch to Azapo and the PAC, it is clear their attitude towards Inkatha is different.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's party is definately not seen as an anti-apartheid organisation.



The bodies of a man and a woman lie on a pavement next to the station after the massacre. ■ Pic: ELIAS MALULEKE

Merafe killing sparks attacks

By SANDILE MEMELA

A NEW wave of violence was nearly sparked in Soweto this week after a Mapetla hostel dweller was killed near Merafe station early on Thursday morning.

The retaliatory attacks which followed the killing resulted in the death of three more people, and the injury of 16.

The hostel dweller was attacked while on his way to work on Thursday morning. He made his way back to the hostel, where he bled to death.

Shortly afterwards an enraged mob of hostel dwellers embarked on a revenge mission, attacking squatters in neighbouring Tladi.

Residents said th[illegible] doors were broken down and scores of them we[illegible] injured. Hostel dwellers also descended on unaware e[illegible] morning train commuters from Tladi on their way to Merafe station.

The incident was the only one to take place in Soweto this month after last month's heavy fighting which left more than 36 people dead.

Police removed people from the station out of fear violence could break out, and later undertook a crime-prevention swoop, arresting three youths and confiscating a number of petrol-bomb bottles from the squatter camp.

Residents were incensed, demanding the police disarm Zulu impis at the hostel.

"We cannot understand the police coming to disarm us when all we are trying to do is protect ourselves from rampaging impis," said resident Khanyi Sibanyoni.

Later in the day the situation was under control and the station was quiet.

Killers must be stopped, ANC warns government

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The ANC's internal head Walter Sisulu said it was clear certain forces were killing black people at random.

"It seems a certain people in white kombi or kombis is involved in shooting black people. To date, such white kombis have appeared in Tembisa, Thokoza, Katlehong and Soweto. Their occupants have shot innocent people without provocation or reason," he told Sapa.

"These forces are not necessarily Inkatha. The killings are beginning to resemble the Strydom massacre. These forces must be identified and dealt with immediately before they kill more people."

Following is a dossier of the killings:

■ Residents of Katlehong in the East Rand described how they were shot at by armed black men in blue uniforms, travelling in a Ford van driven by a white man.

■ A group of men in a minibus left a bloody trail in Tembisa and Thokoza last weekend, killing 12 people at random.

■ In Moletsane, Soweto, Catholic priest Father Emmanuel Lafont said at least four people were killed and a number of homes damaged by men travelling in a minibus.

However, Soweto police liaison officer Captain MJ Ngobeni said the people travelling in the minibus were engaged in taxi warfare;

■ In Sebokeng, witnesses told how masked white men backed up vigilantes attacking the residents on Tuesday. Thirty-six people were killed.

Inkatha's Reef Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza was arrested in Sebokeng Hostel, allegedly heavily armed and in the company of balaclava-clad white men. Newspaper reports said seven witnesses had identified Khoza as the leader of a pre-dawn attack on residents by Inkatha "rooidoeke" and a number of white men.

Inkatha president and KwaZulu chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi denied on his arrival from abroad this week that his organisation was behind the violence. "We do not have access to an armoury of AK-47s," he said.

Taking hate out of the hostels

IAN BERNHARDT and JO DUNSTAN suggest that the hostels, site of much recent violence, should be adapted rather than abolished

HOSTEL dwellers, long South Africa's forgotten people, have made headline news in the past month. "The Hostels of Hate" and "the Dismal Hostels of Death", as newspapers have called them, featured prominently in daily radio and TV broadcasts giving the latest casualty figures.

Now that the state's security response seems to have put an end to the carnage, hostel dwellers and their problems are set to slip back into obscurity.

But before this happens it is important that the hostel issue is understood more clearly. Hostels in their present form must go, but some thought is needed before the bulldozers move in.

A national housing backlog of about 800 000 homes coupled with a demand four times the present rate of delivery until the year 2000 makes it essential that no habitable structures in this country are destroyed. The hostels therefore must be upgraded and converted to suit new needs.

For nearly two years we have been working on a detailed study of hostels, visiting many and discussing their conditions with residents.

While many younger workers would like to bring their families to the city, others, particularly the older men, have no intention of uprooting their families from rural areas. Their reasons are many; the strongest being the concept of a long-established home with a nearby ancestral burial place.

Of almost equal importance is the fear of children being corrupted by urban life, of losing out on education through school boycotts or, worst of all, falling victim to township violence.

There is also a little understood economic reason forcing many men to continue working as migrant labourers. Their earnings do not just support them and their immediate families

DEPENDENT

Our surveys have shown that an extended family of between 20 and 28 people in a rural area can rely entirely on one man's earnings in the city.

We are faced with a large body of workers who need temporary single accommodation in the towns and cities It is important, in the short term at least, to continue accommodating them in decent hostels where adequate standards are monitored and maintained.

Those migrants prepared to move to the towns with their families will be obvious candidates for the new hostels, which presumably will be available for sale or rent.

Changes to the hostel system had already begun before the August explosion

For example, in Duduza a limited number of good conversions had taken place under the auspices of the local council. "Do-it-yourself" conversions had already been made to the Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto.

Companies have also begun to rethink the issue; many are now clearly embarrassed by their involvement in the hostel system.

The aim now is to be rid of hostels, with company managements eager to be free of the hassles of administration, control and maintenance. This has led to fundamental changes in recruitment policies, with medium to long-term decisions to phase out migrant workers.

Since the creation of politically independent but finacially unviable black town councils, there has been no money to run the hostels properly. One hostel manager, who was eager to do a good job, told us how his budget for basic cleaning materials had been scrapped.

In order to get rid of their hostel headaches, many councils have opted for privatisation. Great differences emerged between the profit motives of those interested in buying and the needs of the hostel dwellers. In areas like Kagiso and Vosloorus privatisation plans were aborted because of strong community reaction.

The great lesson is that decisions about hostels cannot be made unilaterally. Hostel dwellers must be consulted. Civic organisations admit to having neglected the hostels and the recent crisis has shown they can no longer afford to do so Hostel dwellers have to be accepted by local residents and integrated into community life.

If this can be achieved successfully, then many hostel workers could feel encouraged to buy a township home for the duration of their working lives, one which can be sold to pay for a retirement in the ancestral rural area. Employers are also a key in the process.

SPIRIT

In the past hostels have largely belonged to local authorities but it is now clear that new ownership structures must be created, structures in which both hostel dwellers and employers are involved

The structures must reflect the spirit of a new South Africa, giving the hostel dwellers a say in how they live as well as some of the responsibilities of ownership.

□ *Ian Bernhardt and Jo Dunstan are worker housing consultants.*



■ SUPPORT SYSTEM . . . up to 28 people can rely on one hostel dweller's wages

Perspectives

OUR VIOLENT LAND

Straightening out the thin blue line

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BRIAN POTTINGER proposes some immediate steps to popularise policing in the wake of the Goldstone Commission and the Sebokeng shootings

A FORMER Minister of Police has been credited with the observation that one could not expect South African policemen to be the "friendly bobby on the corner"

What he clearly meant to say, in a crass way, was that this is a tough country and it needs tough policemen.

No doubt about it: with a murder rate 3,7 times higher than that of the United States, an average 11 000 homicides a year, it is a particularly hard-nosed type of citizen who volunteers to hold the country's thin blue line.

But toughness does not necessarily equal efficiency, and nor does it imply justice. Even more important — measures taken to maintain order should not negate the process of negotiations.

The issue becomes crucial in the wake of the Goldstone Commission of inquiry findings this week and the SADF's Sebokeng shootings in which 11 people died.

As always, it is necessary to begin with the qualifications

BLAME

South Africa is, ironically, a severely under-policed country, with 2,2 policemen per 1 000 citizens compared with 16 per thousand in a place like the Soviet Union.

The security forces also operate under conditions of extreme danger.

Since the beginning of the year, 44 policemen have been killed and 403 injured in civil unrest. Drive-by shootings of policemen are not infrequent.

It also does not help that the police are obliged to operate in what amounts to a collapsed civic culture in the black urban areas.

This is made worse by resistance groups who have embarked on the tactics of "ungovernability", or total resistance, and who, as a matter of course, blame the security forces when they themselves prove quite ineffective in governing their own ungovernables

There is a further point. A strong central government, backed by a loyal police force, is vital if peace talks in South Africa have the slightest hope of succeeding

One also cannot overnight change a police force from being, in essence, a repressor of black political aspirations to a facilitator of them.

All of this is true, but it should not detract from the most important point: the security forces, particularly the police, arrive on the "new South Africa" stage with a major credibility problem.

It does not help complaining about it or trying to deny it — it is there.

The Landsdown Commission reported as far back as 1947 that black attitudes to the police were hostile and a source for concern

Since then, with the police called upon to implement ever more repressive and discriminatory laws, the image of the force has slipped further.

REALITY

Recent polls indicate a large number of black people believe police actions contribute to, not diminish violence and there is a truly alarming percentage who do not believe the police have the capacity to protect them at all (a view, incidentally, shared by a majority of whites).

It is, of course, easy enough to diagnose the problems, but a little harder to suggest solutions.

The reality is that a police force merely reflects the society it serves and it is naive to think one can re-establish credibility for the security forces until the Government is widely perceived by citizens to be credible.

That is in the politicians' realm and it is unfair to expect policemen to sort it out.

There are, however, a number of more *instrumental* ways in which the police and the Government can tackle the problems in the interim

The first is for Cabinet Ministers to stop what can best be called kneejerkism — the apparent irresistible impulse by some Ministers to rush to the defence of their men when criticised.

General Magnus Malan, who attacked the ANC in the wake of the Sebokeng shootings, may be merely the latest in a long series of Ministers who have spoken first and regretted later.

The second issue focuses on discipline and, above all, discipline seen to be done.

Even the most casual reading of the Kannemeyer Commission report into the Langa shootings of March 21, 1985 (21 dead), and the Goldstone Commission report into the Vaal Triangle shootings of March 26, 1990 (12 dead), reveal a chilling similarity in the findings on police indiscipline and prevarication

Both commissions, merely by way of example, slammed the police for the unrestrained use of SSG buckshot, the most lethal weapon in the riot control armoury

The point is that after each such finding there is a plethora of statements of good intentions, reviews of procedures and inquiries, promised by the police and Minister, but little substantive evidence of its results

The third point is the issue of openness.

There is no doubt that South African reporters have in recent weeks enjoyed a Prague Spring in riot reporting. The consequence, which seems quite lost on the police, is that both here and abroad the ordinary copper on the street has won considerable sympathy who cannot admire the courage of the young officers patiently negotiating peace between two heavily armed factions?

The police decision to invoke their mini-emergency powers to ban the Press from "unrest" areas — only days after assurances that they would not — now threatens to roll back all those advantages

Public surveillance of security action should be a right — not an indulgence.

The revelations about the CCB show exactly what happens when security forces operate with a sense of divine mission and absolutely no surveillance.

MURDER

The fourth point, we need a "re-professionalisation" of our police force

In the mid-80s the Government sacrificed professionalism in the service on the altar of exigency by employing thousands of uneducated and unemployed young black men as *kitskonstabels* or auxiliaries

Within a year of their establishment, 10 percent had been disciplined or charged for various offences, including murder, rape, robbery and car theft.

It is essential that the Government scrap the kitskonstabels and speed up its recruitment of regular police

It is urgent to build up a new police culture, free from association with vigilantes in uniform

The last area which the police should address is the depoliticisation of the force — as far as is humanly possible in the present situation

This rests on two legs: the first amounts to drawing the community into helping monitor policing, and the second focuses on uncoupling riot control functions from the SA police

The creation of trouble-shooting liaison groups between the SA Police and the ANC is a step in the right direction — its only deficiency being the inability of the ANC, because of its endemic disorganisation, to provide sufficient link men

Nevertheless, the concept should be expanded to embrace fully fledged police complaints authorities on the British or American models

Riot control, meanwhile, should be entrusted to a specialised national and paramilitary riot control unit on the European model.

It could be composed of both regular policemen and national service conscripts and should, ideally, be attached to the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The advantages are obvious.

The police are left to get on with the job of repressing crime — of which there is enough, in any case — while the riot unit will benefit by not carrying the stigma at present attaching to police riot actions.

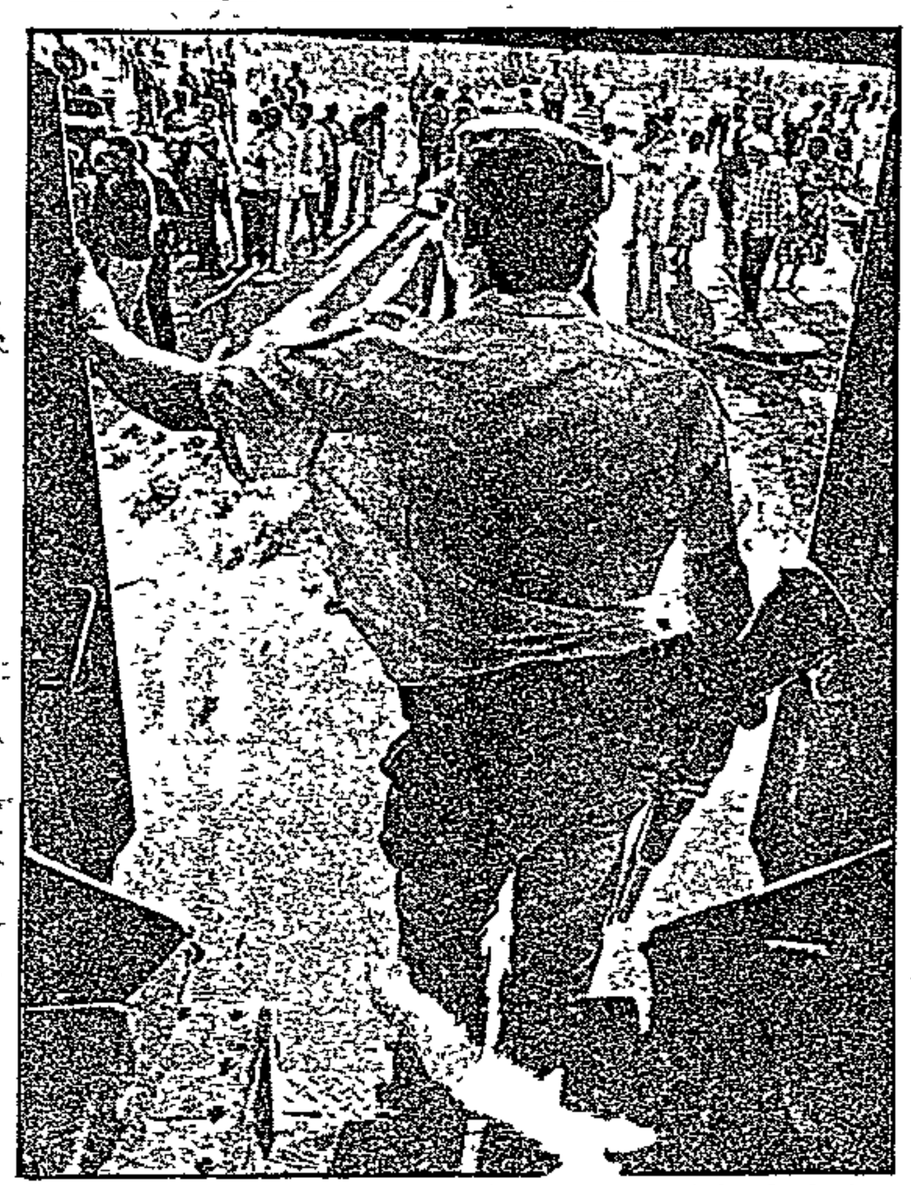
Professionalism will also increase.

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Africa is not a continent where the security forces are traditionally, or even usually, apolitical. South Africa is thus not a special case, and over the last 40 years, tragically, the SA Police has become associated with the political objectives of the ruling party.

President De Klerk's February 2 speech changed that and, ironically, the police force once charged with being the adjunct of the party is now accused of being its opponent.

One thing is clear: if we have any hope at all of having a truly independent, professional and impartial police under a future government, we have to work hard at ensuring it is brought into life under the present one



DANGEROUS JOB ... but toughness does not imply justice

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Violent culture of intolerance

PIETERSBURG. — The violence sweeping the black areas of the Reef is caused by "a growing culture of intolerance" resulting from a lack of political understanding among many political activists, says a leading media union representative.

Addressing a crowd of about 2 000 at the funeral of a member of the Azanian Students' Movement, near here on Saturday, Mr Mathatha Tsedu, vice-president of the Media Workers' Association of South Africa (Mwasa), said this was because politicised youths today were "more sloganeers and chanters than genuine political activists".

It devolved on political organisations, parents and leaders at all levels to undercut this. Instead a culture of understanding was needed — "a culture that accepts that we are a society and we cannot expect to think alike and follow one ideology". — Sapa

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26 die in Soweto carnage

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JOHANNESBURG. — A large police contingent fired rubber bullets, shotguns and teargas yesterday following a bloody rampage in Soweto which left 26 people dead.

Youths erected heavy barricades across roads and the railway lines yesterday as violence between different groups spilt over into Soweto after an attack on the Tladi squatter camp on Saturday.

Some residents of Tladi claimed that five white men with firearms and blacked-out faces were involved in the Saturday night attack by about 100 men who swept through the squatter camp shooting and stabbing residents.

Police said a number of bodies were also found outside a nearby hostel in which Zulu-speaking migrant workers live.

Groups of women from the camp covered the bodies with blankets and shielded them from the sun with umbrellas yesterday until a police van arrived to take them away.

Mandela briefs OAU on violence in SA

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The BBC yesterday carried a report on the latest deaths in Soweto, in which it said white men with blackened faces were spotted by witnesses "fighting alongside Inkatha".

The SABC reported that police have confirmed they are investigating allegations that whites either wearing balaclavas or black paint were involved.

This follows allegations that a "third force" involving several white men were seen allegedly helping Inkatha supporters in an attack on a Sebokeng hostel last Tuesday in which at least 25 people were killed.

The SABC said witnesses had also reported white involvement in a shooting incident at Jeppe station on Thursday in which six people were killed.

By late yesterday, police backed by motorcycle troops appeared to have crushed most resistance, but sporadic stone-throwing by youths continued.

Nearby Naledi Extension was surrounded by heavily armed police and troops who searched houses and made several arrests.

Ten bodies were found yesterday morning in Tladi in the aftermath of the attack.

As the death toll climbed to 26 last night, police said that 17 people had been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital, mainly with gunshot wounds.

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Residents complained that they had been attacked by Inkatha from the nearby Merafe hostel, and accused police of aiding the attackers.

Cardboard placards appeared on many barricades, saying "SAP loves Inkatha" and "SAP is Inkatha".

An earlier barricade on the railway line was crushed by a slow-moving train with teargas being fired from windows, but a second more substantial barricade had to be cleared by police on foot.

Youths threw petrol bombs into some police vehicles, once forcing two policemen with burning uniforms to jump from a Casspir.

Earlier yesterday several hundred youths with petrol bombs, axes, pangas and an assortment of other weapons milled around near the railway line across from the hostel.

With the pop of teargas canisters in the background, an informal meeting was addressed by SA Council of Churches general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane yesterday, shortly after he visited families of the dead in the camp with other clerics.

He said he had enough evidence to "show police are killing us".

He appealed to people to be careful, "otherwise you expose yourself to slaughter", adding that the police and hostel-dwellers were a well organised force, but local residents were not.

He urged residents to allow police to remove the bodies of those killed on Saturday night.

"Don't throw stones at the police, it doesn't solve the problem," he said.

A suggestion at the meeting that hostels be destroyed was enthusiastically received.

● Police also said that four bodies with stab wounds were found in a minibus in the Phola Park squatter camp near Vosloorus. — Sapa and UPI

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14 die as township violence flares up

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FOURTEEN people were killed as violence flared again in Soweto and the East Rand township of Thokoza at the weekend.

Four bodies with stab wounds were found in a mini-bus in the Phola Park squatter settlement near Thokoza, police said. B1Dam 10/9/90

Police spokesman Lt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said 10 bodies were found in the Tladi area of Soweto following the eruption of violence on Saturday night.

"Some of the bodies were found around Merafe Station and another at a house in Mapetla," Mariemuthoo said.

Mariemuthoo added that there had also been reports of shooting in Jabavu. "The rest of Soweto is quiet but tense. The violence in Tladi is ongoing," he said.

Sapa reports that residents were adamant that at least four or five white men, with their faces painted black, were among the attackers.

The attackers had been armed with pistols and "short rifles" and had swept through the camp, going into houses, killing occupants and smashing shacks while others stood outside waiting for anyone trying to flee, residents added.

A police spokesman said at the weekend that although there was no evidence to back earlier allegations of white involvement in township violence, all possibilities would be investigated.

Yesterday afternoon, police used tear-gas and rubber bullets when their vehicles were stoned and petrol-bombed in Tladi.

Holomisa repeats call for Reef violence probe

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EAST LONDON — Transkei's Major-General Bantu Holomisa on Sunday again called for a judicial inquiry into the Reef violence, amid claims of white right-wing involvement in the continuing carnage.

Armed, balaclava-clad whites — believed to be rightwingers — are reported to have been seen actively participating in clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents, he said.

General Holomisa said although reports from Transkeian citizens and dipomats monitoring the situation made no specific mention of white civilians being seen during battles, they had referred to "white policemen travelling in private vehicles together with police", and white men in civilian clothes.

He said only an impartial, well-represented judicial inquiry would satisfy everyone.

Police have launched an investigation into the allegations that a "third force" is linked to the violence. Up to now, it has been claimed the clashes were primarily between African National Congress and Inkatha supporters.

The ANC internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, said at the weekend that "a mysterious force, not necessarily Inkatha", appeared to be operating, posing a threat to both the ANC and the government.

General Holomisa said the inquiry he was arguing for would have to be completely open, to ensure "people are confident the Government is not hiding anything".

There could be elements, either within or outside the government's ranks, which hoped to derail the process of change. — Sapa.

Squatters hacked and shot, shacks demolished

50 more slaughtered in township violence



Wielding dustbin lids, residents of Kagiso, on the West Rand, stand behind a barricade of burning tyres.

Staff Reporters

Township violence claimed the lives of at least 50 people at the weekend as waves of attacks on squatter camps spread across Soweto and the East Rand. Shacks were demolished and people were hacked or shot dead by marauding armed bands.

Eighteen people were murdered on the East Rand Bodies were found by police in Tokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus, Tembisa and Evaton.

Early today, an unidentified man was shot dead by a gang of Zulus on a train between Katlehong and Germiston.

A source told The Star the man's friend fell to his death after trying to escape the gang by jumping through an open window of the moving train.

The man who was shot died instantly and his friend's body was later found next to the line

In Soweto the death toll rose to 33 today. One of the dead was a pregnant woman.

Police said 10 hacked and bullet-riddled bodies were found early yesterday morning near the Tladi squatter camp and Merafe railway station Another body — that of a man who had been set on fire — was discovered at Mapetla.

Ran amok

Most of the 33 Soweto deaths happened when about 100 people ran amok and attacked squatters

Police used teargas to disperse crowds which had gathered at the squatter camp throughout yesterday. The situation was described late yesterday as tense but quiet.

A Soweto resident yesterday told The Star he had seen bodies strewn about the streets in Tladi camp, one of them a six-months pregnant woman who had been shot several times in the stomach

Siphiwe Mhlambi, a freelance photographer living in Chiawelo Extension 3, said the SADF had held an informal meeting with residents in the area and urged them to sign a petition at Protea police station to end the killing



Under attack ... a policeman armed with a 9 mm pistol and teargas gun stands ready to fire after being attacked with petrol bombs while clearing a burning barricade in Soweto.

● Picture by Associated Press.

After the meeting, residents had gathered to take revenge The police arrived and dispersed the crowd of about 600 with teargas and rubber bullets, he said.

Earlier yesterday, several hundred youths with petrol bombs and an assortment of crude weapons milled around near the railway line across from the Merafe hostel.

The youths complained about the presence of police at the hostel boundary, and said they wanted to avenge Saturday's attack.

Several policemen later charged across a strip of open ground, firing teargas into the squatter camp

Residents accused police of giving guns to hostel dwellers and of driving attackers into the squatter camp in minibuses

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He urged residents to allow the police to remove the bodies of those killed on Saturday night.

"Don't throw stones at the police — it doesn't solve the problem," the church leader said

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Women to pray for peace

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By DAN RADINKU

THE president of the Inter-Denominational Prayer Women's League, Mrs Mmasechaba Mary Mabaso, has called on Soweto's women to converge near the troubled-torn hostel in Mapetla on Thursday (September 13) at noon to pray for peace.

Mabaso, whose organisation was formed after the 1983 country-wide riots, has been active in peace prayer missions.

"We are appealing to all women to stand up and be counted," she said. "We hope to walk to the hostel to protest against violent killings in the townships."

She said the violence had destroyed families and continued to interrupt children's education.

"We have been trying to get this gathering off the ground for the two weeks without success," she said.



MMASECHABA MABASO

"We have appealed to the police to be present in anticipation of trouble during the prayer session."

She said a short prayer will also be held at the houses of families who lost relatives during the recent attacks.

Another prayer meeting is planned for Regina Mundi in Rockville on Sunday (September 16) from 2pm.

"We are expecting women from all walks of life to support the venture as we will be praying for unity among South African political organisations and leaders."

She said women attending the Regina Mundi prayer meeting should wear their church uniforms.

19 days left before Nation Building Fest begins

IT is now 19 days before the launch of the *Sowetan's* Nation Building Festival, which will touch almost every part of this country's community life.

The festival will cover a wide range of information, education and entertainment for 38 days

Last year it was confined to one week in October and all the events were in Johannesburg This year the events are spread wider, extending from Pietersburg to Bloemfontein and to the East Rand.

Sowetan editor Aggrey Klaaste mooted the idea of Nation Building as he watched the structures in our society collapsing.

Captured imagination

Since we started the campaign of making readers aware that the power to rebuild the structures is in their hands, the concept has captured the imagination of thousands of people.

When he launched the campaign Klaaste said: "The concept was born, and holds fast, in troubled times. It says to the people - all the people - do not look back in anger, look ahead where there is hope and where there must be peace....

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Armed raid on squatter camp

26 killed in Soweto

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By DON SEOKANE and KENOSI MODISANE

The death toll in Soweto's latest spate of violence had risen to 26 by late yesterday, and 17 injured, mainly with gunshot wounds.

Nine people were killed on Saturday night when armed men raided the Tladi squatter camp near Merafe station in Soweto.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said yesterday two bodies were found in Mapetla. One had been burnt and the other had gunshot wounds.

A witness said men wearing red headbands approached the camp from the side of the railway line which borders the camp and the hostel

"Most of the dead were shot and others were hacked with pangas," said the witness.

Identified

Those killed at the squatter camp were identified as Moses Ngwenya, Benny Mabuya and his father Martin Mabuya, Elias Theowa, Margaret Motswana, Sabata Makhanya, Nicky Nyane, Benjamin Ramatlotlo and Joseph Mlangeni.

The bodies of Mr David Tlatlawe Motsemme and an unidentified man, who was killed and later set alight, were found in Mapetla.

It was tense in the camp as police patrolled the area yesterday. Teargas was fired to disperse armed youths who had gathered in the camp in an attempt to attack the

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A grieving relative keeps vigil over the body of one of the victims in the raid at Tladi squatter camp. Pic. MBUZENI ZULU

Violence death toll up to 26

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hostel.

South African Council of Churches secretary-general the Rev Frank Chikane and members of the civic association spoke to residents at a sportsground near the camp.

Chikane's appeal to residents to refrain from attacking the nearby hostel went unheeded as residents re-grouped after the meeting.

Armed hostel inmates were seen patrolling the hostels in Merafe and Jabulani late yesterday.

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Graveside plea for tolerance

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THE violence sweeping the black areas of the Reef is caused by by "a growing culture of intolerance" resulting from a lack of political understanding among many political activists, says a leading journalistic union representative.

Addressing a crowd of about 2 000 at the funeral of Mr Snocks Popopo Radingoana - a member of the Azanian Students' Movement - in Garadingoana, Sekhukhuniland, on Saturday, Mr Mathatha Tsedu, vice-president of the Media Workers' Association of South Africa, (Mwasa) said this was because youths who followed all political movements today were more sloganeers and chanters than genuine political activists.

"We find today that more and more people go to political meetings to sing and chant slogans. When

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serious political debate starts, they move out and will only return when another song starts," he said.

The responsibility devolved onto political organisations, parents and leaders at all levels to undercut this development. In its place was needed a culture of understanding - "a culture which accepts that we are a society and we cannot expect to think alike and follow one ideology. If this does not happen, the horror of the past three weeks and the Natal experience are bound to become a way of life," he added.

Mr Tsedu said black journalists had a grave responsibility. Mwasa, as a trade union, realised the need to develop black journalists from all communities so that history could be accurately recorded.

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37 more die in Soweto's faction battle

JOHANNESBURG. — A sixth week of bloody factional violence broke yesterday with the discovery that 11 people were killed overnight in Soweto, police said.

Police also reported stone-throwing and vehicle-burning early yesterday in Katlehong township, but had no reports of casualties.

Unknown assailants shot or stabbed to death 11 people in Tladi and Naledi squatter camps, police said.

The casualties pushed to 37 the number of people killed in Soweto over a weekend of sporadic battles — and to about 600 the death toll since the fighting began six weeks ago.

Residents alleged that Inkatha supporters swept through Soweto's Tladi squatter camp on Saturday night, demolishing shacks and attacking residents.

Police said bodies were also found outside a predominantly Zulu hostel.

Soweto Police liaison officer Lt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said that since the weekend, 80 people had been treated for gunshot wounds.

The situation in the township was tense but quiet late yesterday, he added.

Earlier, residents had barricaded streets and stoned police.

Police and soldiers fired shotguns, teargas and rubber bullets at angry stone-throwing residents to stop them attacking Zulu hostels.

Residents of the Soweto areas of Tladi, Naledi, Meadowlands and Central Western Jabavu yesterday vowed to "demolish the hostels and flush out the Zulus in order to restore peace".

"Until Inkatha members vacate the hostels, there will never be peace," 21-year-old student Mandla Vilakazi said in Naledi.

He was one of a crowd of about 100 youths carrying stones and petrol bombs and standing next to a barricade of burning tyres.

Witnesses said that in the weekend's worst killing a gang of Zulus — among them whites with blackened faces — attacked a Tladi shack settlement on Saturday night, killing 16 people.

Yesterday morning a man was shot dead by a gang of Zulus on a train east of Johannesburg. The man's companion fell to his death after trying to escape by jumping through a window.

Residents repeated charges of police complicity in the violence, alleging they support Inkatha because its political flexibility appeals to whites in contrast to the ANC's determined anti-apartheid stance.

Emergency rule, imposed in the 27 hardest-hit townships around Johannesburg on August 26, has failed to quell the country's worst internecine conflict.

Troops and police enforcing martial law have since been accused of excess violence and abusing their authority.

Mr Nelson Mandela branded the three-month renewable emergency measures "totally useless", noting that a 51-month-old state of emergency in strife-torn Natal had failed to stem battles between the ANC and Inkatha, which since 1987 had killed almost 4 000 people. — UPI and Sapa-Reuter

PRETORIA. — Six people were killed in rioting at the weekend in areas excluding Soweto:

● Four people died in Natal, according to police.

● Six incidents were reported in the coloured township at Piketberg. These included the stoning and petrol-bombing of police and private vehicles.

Vehicles were also stoned at Worcester. A woman received a bullet wound to her left ankle when police opened fire.

A car was stoned on the N2 near Khayelitsha and the back window was smashed. No one was injured, police said.

● Two special constables were attacked and seriously hurt in Bochabela, Bloemfontein, on Saturday.

Two men and a woman were killed and a woman was seriously injured in unrest at Rweleleyathnya, Rouxville, in the south-eastern Free State.

● Seven people are being treated at Katlehong Hospital for gunshot wounds received in the early hours of yesterday. Two other people are under treatment for lacerations received in what hospital authorities believe to have been attacks with sharp instruments. All or most of these patients are casualties from scenes of violence in the vicinity of the Kwesine Hostel in Katlehong. — Sapa

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Delegation led by Tutu meets FW on violence

PRETORIA — An Anglican Church delegation met President F W de Klerk yesterday to discuss the situation in SA and particularly last week's killings in Sebokeng.

The delegation included Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bishop Peter Lee of the Diocese of Christ the King which includes Sebokeng, and Archdeacon Ben Photolo, a senior priest of the diocese who lives in the Vaal Triangle.

The delegation gave a detailed account of the visit by Anglican bishops to Sebokeng last week.

An Anglican Church statement said the delegation told how wounded people had reported that whites with blackened faces had taken part in the attack on hostels which marked the beginning of the killings on September 4. It told of witnesses' allegations that police and troops had failed to disarm alleged Inkatha members.

The bishops told of their suspicion that a sinister "Third Force" was fomenting chaos.

The church delegation proposed that:

☐ A permanent judicial commission of inquiry be established to monitor and investigate the violence. The commission should begin by inquiring into events at Sebokeng;

☐ Government should act to purge the police and the defence force of elements which could derail the peace process in SA;

☐ Independent monitors, including judges, lawyers, community leaders and church leaders, should accompany security forces acting in unrest situations;

☐ A new unit of the security forces should be created to handle unrest, recruited on such a basis as to ensure it was respected by the black community.

The church statement said De Klerk had listened to the delegation carefully and had promised he would consider the proposals and order an investigation of witnesses' accounts.

A statement from the State President's office indicated that "further investigations are going to result from the meeting".

The government would issue a more detailed statement about this later on, it said. — Sapa.

11 bodies found in Soweto

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LINDEN BIRNS

ELEVEN bodies were found by police in Soweto yesterday, bringing the official toll for township violence since the weekend to 54 with 37 deaths in Soweto.

By late yesterday the situation in Soweto and the East and West Rand townships was described by police as quiet but tense. However, yesterday evening two bodies with stab wounds were found in Vosloorus.

Violence, which came to the boil again last week in Vosloorus and Thokoza on the East Rand and in Sebokeng in the Vaal triangle, moved to Soweto on Thursday night with fighting between Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers and residents in the Merafe station area and nearby hostels.

Throughout the weekend and yesterday there were sporadic clashes in Soweto.

Yesterday afternoon mobs set a Putco bus on fire in Moletsane, but no casualties were reported, police liaison officer Lt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said.

He said the Soweto toll since Friday had risen to 37 yesterday, but he could not elaborate on the circumstances surrounding the deaths of the 11 people who had been found.

The only new fatalities in the East Rand area resulted from an attack on a morning commuter train between Germiston and Katlehong, when a man was shot and his friend died after jumping from the moving train in an attempt to flee the attackers.

Last night police reported that several houses in Thokoza and Katlehong had been burnt and that there had been incidents of stone-throwing.

Sapa reports that in Natal, four people were killed in unrest-related incidents at the weekend in Magabeni, Umzinto.

Two men and a woman were killed and a woman was injured in a weekend attack near Rouxville in the Free State.

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Buthelezi backs Inkatha member on arms charge

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THE Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has come out strongly in support of an Inkatha member who was arrested last week in Sebokeng for allegedly possessing firearms.

Buthelezi also denied categorically that Inkatha had colluded with the police in Sebokeng.

In a statement issued on Sunday night, Buthelezi said that Mr Themba Khoza, the Transvaal chairman of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, had gone to the area to assist with attempts to reduce the tension and prevent the outbreak of violence.

"It was during this time that he was arrested and is presently being detained," Buthelezi said.

"It is alleged that Mr Khoza was in possession of rifles. Mr Khoza denies any knowledge of the allegations being made against him and disputes them.

"Mr Khoza, like other members of Inkatha, joined the organisation because he is committed to the democratic principles and peaceful objectives of the organisation.

"In the circumstances, statements and allegations made by people accusing Inkatha of police collusion and being responsible for the violence, are devoid of truth."

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Whites 'linked to carnage'

By Helen Grange

Suspicions are growing that whites are among armed minibus gangs roaming strife-torn Reef townships and shooting indiscriminately at innocent bystanders.

While police are probing a possible "third force" instigating violence, township residents continue to allege that whites — wearing balaclavas over blackened faces — have been shooting randomly at people from minibuses

Police spokesman Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen said police were aware of the allegations and had launched an investigation. However, no witnesses had come forward and there was no evidence linking white men to minibus gangs.

However, The Star has received two reports from Sowe to residents claiming they had seen whites in a minibus involved in recent skirmishes.

In disguise

The director of the University of the Witwatersrand's Project for the Study of Violence, Lloyd Vogelman, said yesterday he had received similar reports.

A Soweto resident whose name is known to The Star said she had seen a white minibus, with no registration plate and driven by three whites, speeding through the township last week. "They were disguised with balaclavas and black paint, but their white hands were visible."

The woman added that the bodies of two white men were found in Dlamini last week. This has been denied by police.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the police were fully aware of allegations of whites in minibuses attacking people. "These are nothing more than mobile hit squads."

Other incidents allegedly involving minibuses include:

● Six people were killed in Soweto on September 6 when a group of men in a minibus went on the rampage, randomly killing residents on the street and in their houses.

● Unknown gunmen opened fire on a crowd of commuters at Jeppe station on September 6. Witnesses said they saw a minibus in the area. One victim said whites had been involved.

● A group of men drove through Tembisa and Tokoza townships in a minibus on September 2, shooting and hacking to death at least 12 bystanders.

● SA Communist Party worker Geraldine Fraser claimed her Soweto home was raided last Friday by a group of black and white men.

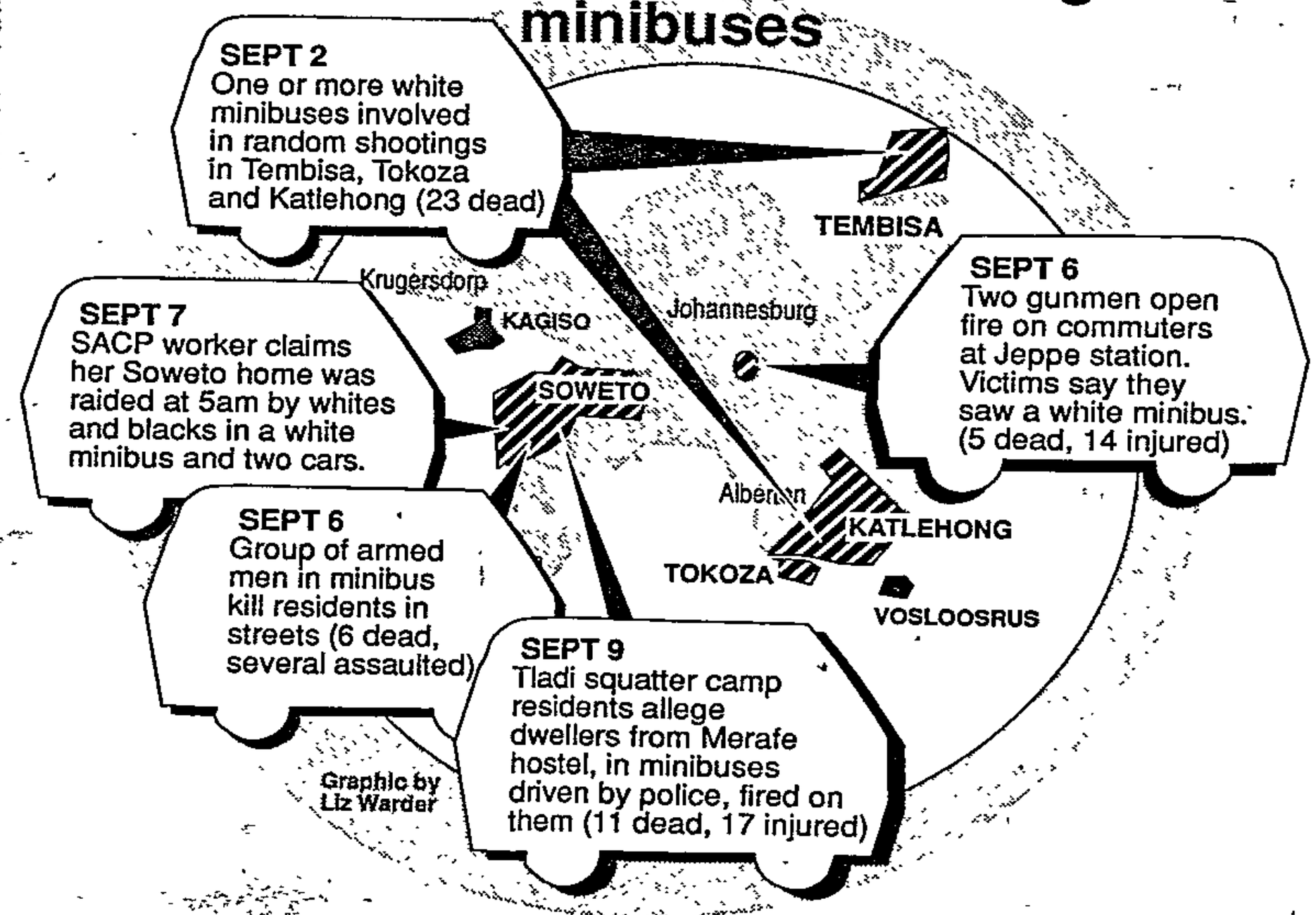
Commenting on the accumulating evidence of white interference in the violence, Mr Vogelman said it was important to look at the possible reasons whites would get involved.

Apart from the speculation that Inkatha was attempting to elevate its political status, conservative elements within the Government and police would also benefit from the violence.

"With the townships in a state of anarchy, one result would be increased difficulty for the Government to continue with its reform package. A number of people would be won over to the conservative groups," he said.

A number of whites also saw Inkatha as a primary ally in the fight against the ANC. It was no coincidence, for example, that the leader of Welkom's Blanke Veiligsheidbeweging, Hennie Muller, had said he wanted to join Inkatha.

Incidents allegedly involving minibuses



'The Boers are the ones finishing us'

By Montshiwa Moroke

Life for residents at the Tladi squatter camp in Soweto has become a nightmare after vigilante attacks in which 11 people were killed at the weekend.

Tladi residents yesterday told The Star of their experiences of the past four days.

"We have had enough," was how one man summed it up. "We have not slept for three nights and people have not gone to work.

"People have remained home because they are afraid to go into the streets where the police are shooting," he said.

Residents pointed out dried bloodstains where bodies had lain after the attacks. In one yard three bodies were found, including that of a boy of about 13 who had been stabbed, apparently with a spear.

Virtually everyone in this community blames the attacks on the police, particularly white policemen.

Stockings

"The Boers have finished us," one elderly woman told The Star "It is no longer Inkatha alone which is killing us. It is the Boers. They even kill elderly people and children.

"The SAP must leave our area. It is the white cops who are shooting us at night."

All the residents in the area who were interviewed said the attacks had been carried out by white men who either pulled stockings over their faces or daubed themselves with a black substance.

They claimed that the whites, who were armed, had been accompanied by young Zulu-speaking blacks who blew whistles and went to houses knocking and calling: "Com, com (short for "comrade") Open up. Inkatha is coming."

This, they said, was how they lured people out of their homes.

Station panga attacks

Ambulance 'no g areas

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Orgy of killings con tinues

By Carina le Grange, Shirley Woodgate and Gien Elsas

The orgy of violence on the Reef is continuing unabated and ambulances have been withdrawn from Soweto after being stoned by mobs.

Today commuters were hacked and stabbed by panga-wielding thugs in an attack on a train between the Braamfontein and Johannesburg stations.

Overnight clashes in Katlehong on the East Rand left at least 12 dead; and roads throughout Soweto have been blocked by makeshift barricades.

At the Johannesburg station today, shocked commuters were greeted with pools and trails of blood on the stairs and platforms

Witnesses told The Star the attack on the Soweto-Johannesburg train took place shortly after 7 am

A gang of panga-wielding men mercilessly hacked passengers as the train pulled out of Braamfontein station on its last leg into Johannesburg

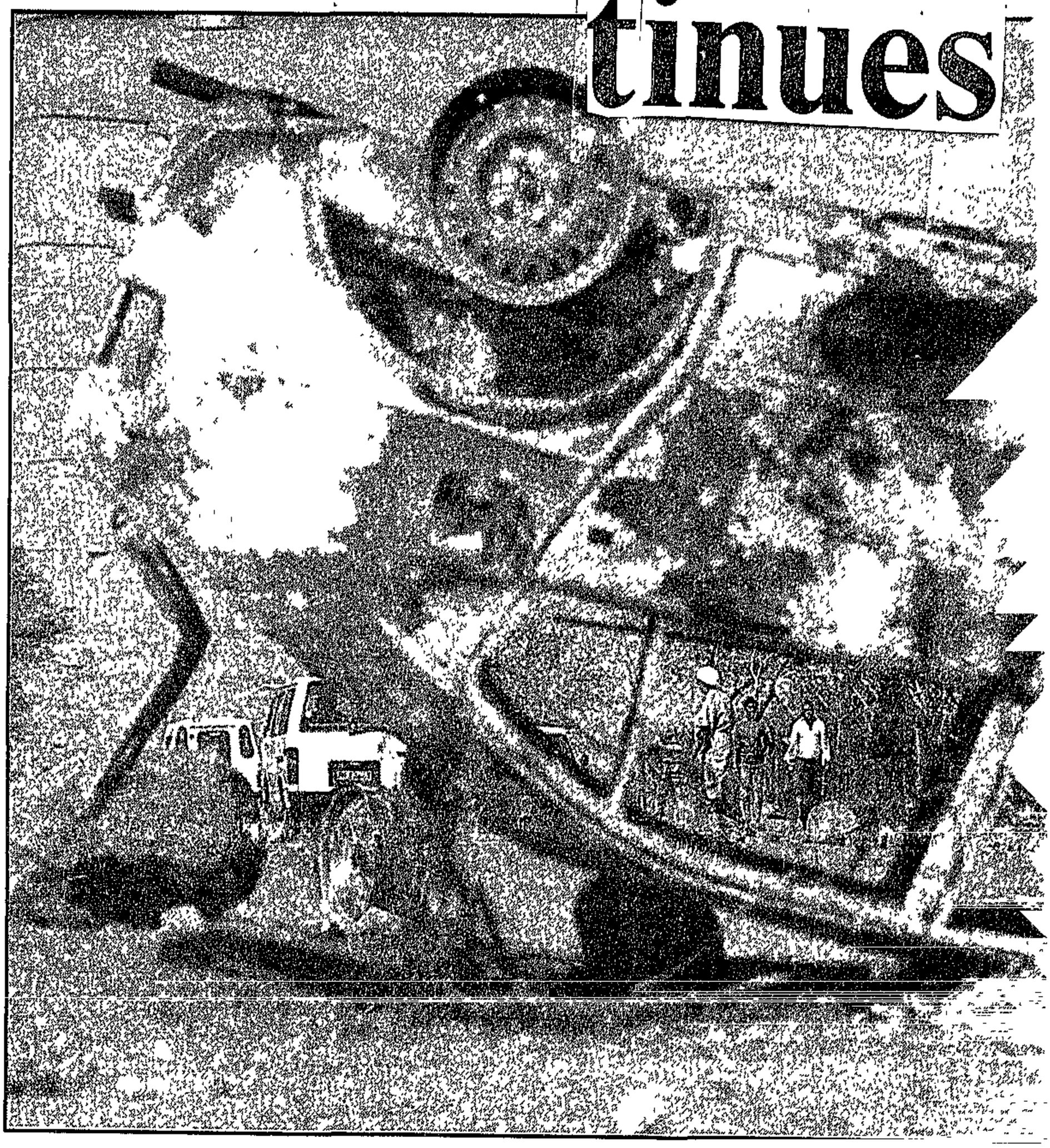
Terrorised

The body of a man who had been hacked to death and flung from the train was left lying under the Queen Elizabeth Bridge

Other passengers leapt from the train to escape the attack The number of injured is not known

Black station workers told The Star that passengers were terrorised every day on the trains and the railways was "just not providing any security".

Today the death toll from clashes in Soweto and on the East Rand since Friday rose to 75 — a total of 41 in Soweto and 34 on the East Rand.



Life goes on . . . after the violence that swept the sprawling township at the weekend, Soweto residents skirt the grim debris and go about their daily work. Barricades block the streets of Central Western Jabavu to slow down expected night attacks.

● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

This morning Sowetans streamed to work despite barricades of rocks, burnt-out cars, rubble and tyres blocking roads.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, spokesman for the Soweto police, said among the victims was the body of a man who had been killed and set alight last night.

Colonel Halgryn said 80 patients were being treated at Baragwanath Hospital for gunshot wounds.

A spokesman for the police on the East Rand, Captain Ida van Zwiel, said Katlehong was quiet today after last night's fighting which, she said, was between Zulus and Xhosas.

She said the warring parties fired shots at each other and at police and members of the SADF. One policeman was injured.

The president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC), the Rev I E Thloloe, said among the dead were three people were killed at the Mandela Park squatter camp and four in the southern parts of Katlehong.

Mr Thloloe said parents withdrew their children from school yesterday as fierce fighting raged in Ramokonopi, Moseleki and Mnisi Sections.

In a new development, ambulances have been ordered to enter certain parts of Reef townships only under police protection, said Johannesburg Fire and Emergency deputy director Danny Joubert.

"Ever since two ambulances were stoned and a patient being transported was attacked by a mob on August 18, we have instructed crews to wait for police protection if they are required to enter volatile areas.

Aggression

"Most of our staff live in the area and are very aware of the situation and the mood of the people in various sections," he said.

On Saturday night a group of people fighting in a street in Johannesburg turned their aggression to ambulancemen.

Police dispersed the mob after condiderable damage had been done to the vehicle's equipment.

Late last night a Johannesburg ambulance service spokesman said they had been forbidden to send ambulances to certain parts of Soweto because the vehicles were being stoned. The areas were Naledi and Tladi camps, Moletsane, Zola, Emdeni, Mapetla and Phiri.

The ambulance service was encouraging callers to go to Jabulani Fire Station to be picked up, and 50 to 60 people had been picked up this way yesterday. Some were very seriously injured.

Bishops meet FW De Klerk

AN Anglican church delegation yesterday met President FW de Klerk for discussions on last week's killings in Sebokeng. Sowetan 11/9/90

The delegation comprised Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bishop Michael Nuttall of Natal, the Dean of the Church of the Province, Bishop Peter Lee of the Diocese of Christ the King - which includes Sebokeng - and Archdeacon Ben Photolo, a senior priest of the Diocese who lives in the Vaal Triangle.

During an hour-long meeting, church leaders gave the President a detailed account of last week's visit by Anglican bishops to Sebokeng.

Wounded people (278)

"A full description was given to the State President of eyewitness accounts of the killings on September 4," read a statement from the Anglican Church.

The delegation told of how wounded people had reported that whites with blackened faces had allegedly taken part in the attack on hostels which marked the beginning of the killings on September 4.

It also related eyewitness-accounts alleging police and troops had failed to disarm alleged Inkatha members.

The bishops had told of their suspicion that a sinister "third force" in the country fomented chaos, with a view to creating a climate for a coup against De Klerk's Government.

Minister to rule today on matric exams

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE (52)

THE Minister of Education and Training, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, will today say whether black matric exams are to be postponed Sowetan 11/9/90.

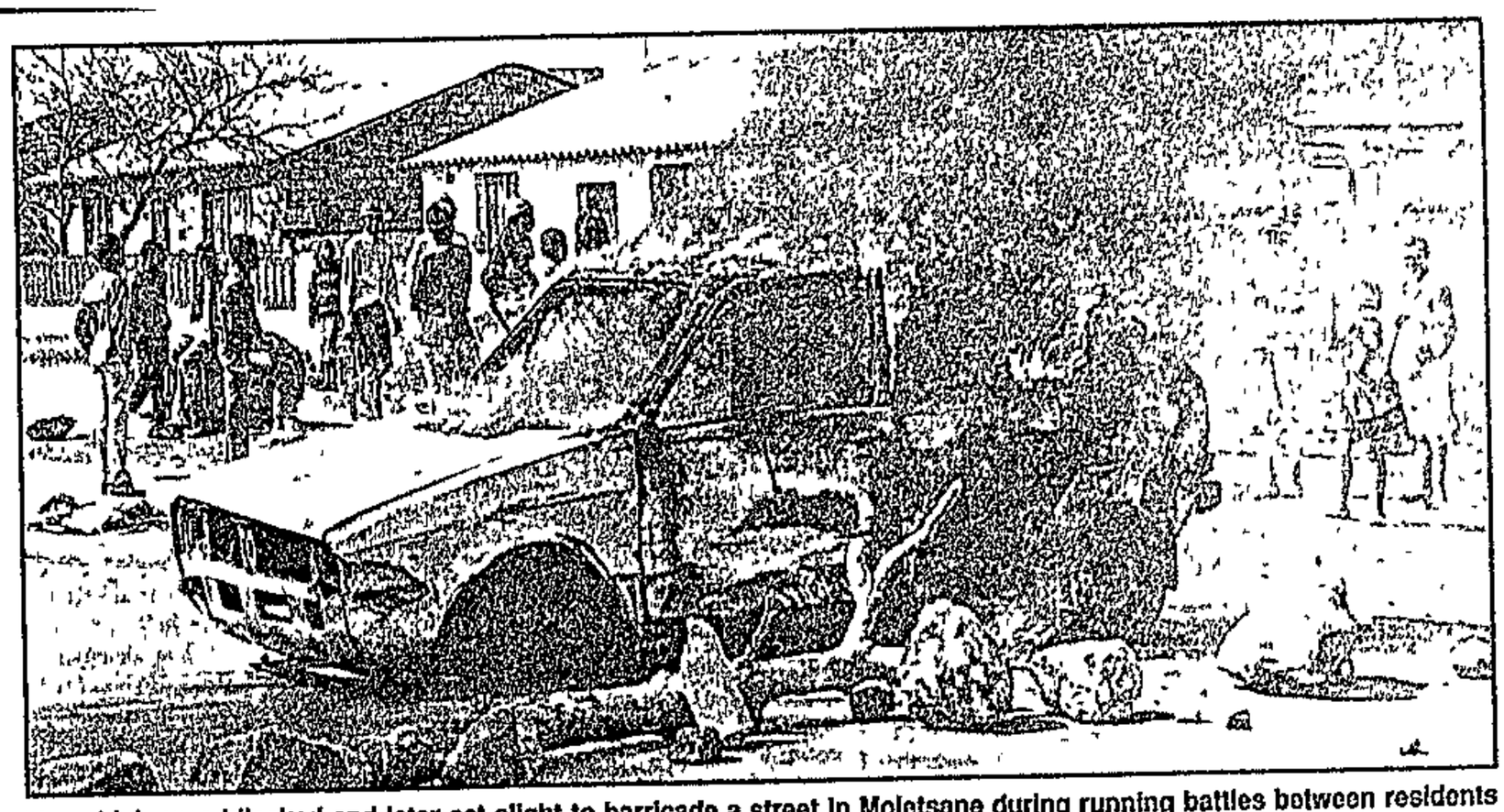
The decision, which was expected last week, follows meetings the Minister has had with the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, parent organisations, professional people, businessmen and other individuals

The meetings discussed the possibility of extending the starting date of the exams to allow pupils more time for preparation.

About 254 000 black pupils are scheduled to sit for matric exams on October 22

The NECC last week said it was awaiting the deci-

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This vehicle was hijacked and later set alight to barricade a street in Moletsane during running battles between residents and police in Soweto yesterday.

Pic' MBUZENI ZULU

White link is probed

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POLICE said yesterday they were investigating allegations that whites were involved in the violence in the townships.

And a man suspected of being a member of Inkatha was killed and his body set alight in Soweto yesterday morning.

The man's two friends were also attacked by the mob but they escaped. The attack on the three is one of several reported incidents in the continuing township violence

According to reports, more than 50 people have now died in the latest outbreak of violence.

The three, whose names are not known, were driving from the direction of Jabulani Hostel when the mob confronted them. They were accused of being Inkatha members.

Cops look into claims of white vigilantes

By KENOSI MODISANE

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn confirmed the incident, saying the men were questioned by the mob and one of them was killed and his body set alight. Their car was also set alight.

The investigation into the involvement of whites in the violence was announced by Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen of the Police Public Relations Division.

She said police were aware of allegations that armed men were driving around in a minibus indiscriminately firing at innocent bystanders.

In one incident on Friday, six people were killed when two men driving a white minibus opened fire on commuters at Jeppe Station in Johannesburg. The other incident occurred in Soweto last week

"As these are cases of murder, we are definitely investigating them," Barkhuizen said.

She said there was no evidence that the two incidents had been carried out by the same people

"At the moment we only have the allegations. No witnesses have come forward, so we will have to

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Police probe claims

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wait and see what the investigation produces."

Barkhuizen said, according to information the police had, the occupants of the minibus were black.

Although the police had launched an investigation into allegations that white men with blackened faces had been involved in some of the township killings last week, there was no evidence linking these men with the minibus gang.

Yesterday the townships of Tladi, Moletsane, Naledi and Central Western Jabavu were tense as police and youths engaged in running battles all day.

Police fired teargas when dispersing groups of youths who had erected barricades in the streets.

In Moletsane, white policemen allegedly assaulted an unknown youth in a yard and later took him away about 7.30am.

The owner of the house, Mrs Pauline Maepa, said: "I telephoned the Flying Squad after the police threatened to shoot me if I interefered. But the Flying Squad arrived after the youth was taken away."

Halgryn said he had no record of the incident.

Four police vehicles were slightly damaged when youths hurled petrol bombs at a police patrol in Naledi about 11am. No injuries were reported. Police later confirmed the incident.

Ms Maureen Mazimba, who witnessed the incident, said she saw a white policeman alight from one of the cars with his clothes on fire - a claim which police could not confirm.

"The other policemen who were with him doused the flames. He did not appear to be injured."

Soweto police confirmed the incidents, but could not confirm Mazimba's claims.

No arrests were made in the area and police fired teargas to disperse the mobs," said a spokesman.

Sapa reports that seven people are being treated at Natalspruit Hospital for gunshot wounds sustained early yesterday.

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Exodus from death that comes in dark

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JOHANNESBURG. — Residents of the Zulu section in Vosloorus on the East Rand yesterday spoke of their horror at indiscriminate killings and fear for the creeping night which spelt death.

They are now forming small groups to guard their houses at night.

Yesterday traumatised people interviewed by Sapa described an attack which allegedly took place in the early hours of the morning.

Residents spoke of relatives removed from their homes — allegedly by a marauding group of whistling hostel-dwellers wearing red headbands — and killed in their presence. Some were shot at point blank range, they said.

Scores of people were seen carrying bags with the few belongings they could take away, leaving to seek refuge in quieter neighbouring townships.

One said she was tired of seeing death and wanton killings. "I will come back when people of this area regain their senses," said Ms Maria Dlamini.

At an impromptu information centre reports poured in, announcing the names of victims and outbreaks of renewed fighting.

Dragged out of bed

Another resident, Ms Esther Khumalo, told of an attack by an armed group of men who stormed her house. They broke down the front door and pointed a "long gun" at her, demanding to see a man in the house.

"I pleaded for my life ... 'please do not shoot me'," said Ms Khumalo. Barely a minute later, she claimed, her brother was shot five times and left lying on the ground, bleeding profusely.

Ms Esther Majola, who said she lost a brother in the fighting, claimed a group of between 20 and 30 men entered their home by force. They dragged her brother out of bed and set the home alight before leaving with him.

Mr Sam Majola, 40, was found dead in an open area some 50m away from his house yesterday. His private parts had been removed, said his sister.

Another resident, Mr Edmond Gqebenga said he heard a group of people outside his family's house about 1am. They were whistling and called, "Wake up comrades, let us go". When there was no response they started breaking windows and threatening to burn down the house, he claimed. — Sapa.

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Whistling heralded a night of township terror

By RICH MKHONDO

JOHANNESBURG. — The slaughter in my home township of Katlehong began to the sound of male residents whistling from house to house to warn of an impending attack by Zulus.

Whistling is the usual night signal for men to gather in an open area to protect their families and homes, and on Monday night it heralded a horrific new eruption of violence in the township conflict.

In one killing on Monday a businessman's brains were splattered by a heavy calibre automatic rifle as he sat in his car. In another, a hefty man used a home-made knife to hack a youth all over his body, starting with his head.

The whistlers alerted the township after they heard that Zulus, mostly supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party, had just held a meeting in a hostel square and decided to retaliate for the stoning and burning of a colleague's minibus.

Within minutes, men, boys and some women in the township armed themselves with pick handles, spears, knives, automatic rifles, stones and other weapons.

The Zulus emerged from Kwesine hostel, on the edge of the settlement of half a million people, and advanced towards the township. Shots rang from both sides and the battle began.

I saw a hostel dweller chop at a youth with a panga and finish him off with a gun.

The unlucky local businessman was shot several times while trying to flee the violence in his car, the back of his head torn open and his brains splattered on the car seat.

I had gone to the battle zone to rescue my sister and her family after she telephoned me to fetch her from a particularly troubled part of the township because she feared for her family's life.

Several lifeless bodies lay strewn on open ground separating the hostel and the township. Township youths repelled the Zulu attacks, barricading streets with rocks and sheet metal.

The Zulus counter-attacked strongly and the battle intensified as houses and vehicles were stoned, damaged and looted.

Police helicopters hovered overhead, aiming searchlights at the trouble spots below. But residents said they were not convinced the police were interested in stopping the fighting, claiming the police did not disarm Inkatha supporters who were openly brandishing weapons.

The next day police confirmed that 22 people had been killed in the carnage and that more bodies were being found. Dozens were injured and residents said the death toll could be much higher. — Sapa-Reuter

'Negotiations in jeopardy'

Mandela calls on govt to use its full might

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NEGOTIATIONS would be jeopardised unless full powers of state were used to stamp out the violence which had claimed the lives of more than 600 people in the past month, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela warned last night.

As he was speaking East Rand township residents were barricading roads and forming watch committees to stand guard throughout the night in case of futher attacks.

Speaking at the Union Buildings after meeting President F W de Klerk, Mandela sounded the strongest warning yet that the ANC leadership was finding it difficult to resist demands from supporters for arms to protect themselves.

By yesterday 32 people had been killed on the Witwatersrand since Monday night.

At the time of going to press a gang from Vosloorus had moved into the Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza setting fire to shacks and firing shots.

Mandela yesterday led an ANC/Cosatu/UDF delegation which discussed violence in Natal with De Klerk, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Speaking after the meeting Mandela said: "If government fails to take action and violence continues to rise and people continue to demand to be armed we will find it difficult to oppose these demands."

Government, he said, was capable of stamping out violence with its well-equipped army and police force. "I want it to use this capacity."

The ANC would do everything in its power to keep peace talks on track, but if government continued to "drag its feet", the process would be threatened.

In Johannesburg yesterday evening terrified Soweto commuters swelled taxi queues rather than board trains after violence yesterday morning. A panga-wielding mob hacked and stabbed passengers on a train travelling between Braamfontein and Johannesburg stations. One person was killed.

Commuters who had witnessed the early morning attack described how people had leapt out of the train to escape.

Mandla, a middle-aged Sowetan, said he had seen a dead body at the end of platform 1 when he came into Johannesburg station at about 7.20am yesterday.

Other commuters said they were shocked by the large pool of blood on the stairs leading from the station platform to street level.

In Katlehong and Vosloorus yesterday evening, township residents were seen barricading main access roads and back streets in a bid to slow or halt Inkatha vehicles, police Casspirs and other patrolling security force vehicles.

Katlehong and Vosloorus residents said they could not sleep at night because violence always erupted then.

This morning local authorities in Vosloorus will demolish part of the Sotho hostel where Inkatha supporters gained a stronghold three weeks ago.

"There is concern among residents that the hostel dwellers are using the block as a hideout when launching attacks on them,"

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Vosloorus town council spokesman Sydwell Mofokeng said last night.

Police said 24 people had died in Katlehong, Thokoza and Volsoorus since Monday night.

Yesterday afternoon Inkatha supporting hostel inmates set upon a house opposite the Zulu quarters of Vosloorus Nguni hostel, smashing windows and setting the house on fire

Sophie Phiri managed to escape with her life, but lost everything she owned in the blaze that swept through her house

Ellen Phiri, Sophie's daughter, said the incident had been reported to the local police who told her they "would only come out if there was a dead body involved".

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Foreign capital at stake – Van Heerden

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Political Reporter

The current spate of township violence was enough to convince the world to withdraw its investment and sympathy, the Director-General of Foreign Affairs, Neil van Heerden, said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Speaking at the SA-German Chamber of Commerce, Mr van Heerden said the new international interest in South Africa and new possibilities of investment would not materialise if the country elapsed into uncontrollable violence.

The Government insisted that an effective form of political authority be maintained during the process of transformation.

It had no hidden agenda in its quest to arrive at an authentic democracy and was not in favour of white minority protection.

Turning to South Africa's relations with Africa, Mr van Heerden said the stage had been set for the country's participation in regional structures and pan-Africanist organisations such as the OAU.

"We are knocking on that door. Our message has been heard."

South Africa would never be able to fulfil its vital role in the region if a peaceful solution was not found internally and if the wars in Angola and Mozambique were not ended, he said.

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Civic centre on fire as cops stop march

THE civic centre at Ennerdale township south of Johannesburg was set alight after an illegal march by residents yesterday. Sowetan 12/9/90

SA Police Vaal liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer said residents had been asked by the Ennerdale Civic Association to stay away from work to attend a meeting at Ennerdale stadium. (278)

Police intervened during the march to the civic centre because permission had not been granted.

Van Deventer said stones were thrown at police who used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse the crowd.

One youth and three policemen were injured during the incident and the civic centre and shopping centre were set alight. - *Sapa.*

Edging towards a new SA

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Unprecedented township violence threatens to delay and even subvert the negotiating process. But pre-negotiation manoeuvres continue because the violence makes negotiation more necessary than ever, writes **PATRICK LAURENCE.**

Amid cries of anguish, agony and anger ringing from the turbulent townships, South Africa's main political actors, President de Klerk's governing National Party and Nelson Mandela's African National Congress, have begun to etch out their negotiating positions.

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As they are essentially conservative organisations, it is fairly certain they will support Mr de Klerk in his opposition to the notions of an interim government and a constituent assembly. But the ANC may be able to woo some of the black organisations to its side, a stratagem which it has used to deprive the Government of the assured support of tribal leaders.

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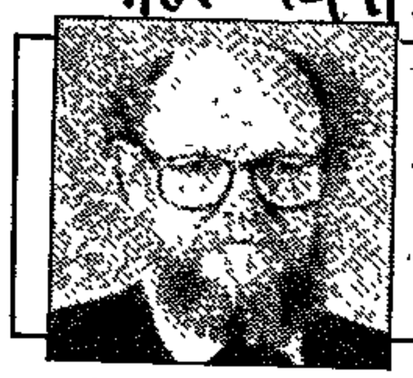
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Unrest wreaking havoc with economy - analysts

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By Derek Tommey

The continued violence is seriously harming the economy, two leading analysts say.

Mike Brown of stockbrokers Frankel, Kruger, Vinderine says in his economic survey that the intensification of political unrest since the release of Nelson Mandela is having a damaging effect.

Professor Brian Kantor, head of the Department of Economics of the University of Cape Town, said yesterday unrest had greatly increased the premium foreigners wanted for investing in SA.

The economy was therefore performing well below its potential. If foreigners perceived the risk of in)vesting in SA as being no greater than in 1982, the economy today could be growing by five percent, he said.

Listing factors eroding the economy, Mr Brown said the first was the threat to nationalise key industries and introduce socialist doctrine.

Second was the rising tide of violence engulfing the operations of many businesses countrywide, forcing closures, some of them permanent.

Third was the politicisation of the workplace, which had intensified in recent months. The number of workdays lost through strikes and stay-aways had risen substantially.

Fourth, while the impact of widespread consumer boycotts and counter-bycocotts had yet to be assessed, it was clear that the participants often had little understanding of the impact of their actions on the areas affected.

Mr Brown said unrest could make labour more expensive, prompting the substitution of capital for labour and defeating the priority of creating jobs.

Professor Kantor, speaking at an Investec Bank seminar, said the economy had several strengths, including a well-trained, educated and motivated cadre of managers, well-developed financial markets, with industrial control more concentrated than ownership, as in the Japanese, German, Swiss and Swedish economies.

These strengths could be increased if the capital, goods and services markets were opened up to further direct competition from international business.

But political risks and pressures had frightened off this potential competition.

In the past, foreign investors needed to be compensated for the risk that the economic structure could be destroyed in resistance to a revolutionary onslaught.

Foreigners now wanted to be compensated for a different risk: that in their lack of wisdom, popularly elected governments would apply policies unfavourable to development and to foreign investors, in particular.

Professor Kantor said that to achieve growth this risk premium had to reduced.

"We will not attract foreign capital without doing so. Nor will we retain domestic capital and management skills unless we grow the economy by reducing the required returns of internationally mobile capital and labour."

Research had shown that changes in political risk were correlated to changes in investment spending.

An economic model showed that if SA could convince foreign investors that the risk differential between investing in it and the US was no greater than in 1982, and could attract a similar amount of money as it did then, the economy would bound ahead.

New investment would rise from a forecast virtually nil to 13 percent. GDP would grow from from being barely positive to five percent, and R1,7 billion in extra tax revenue would become available every quarter, without any increase in tax rates.

"This should be incentive enough for us to play the economic game well enough for us to attract sufficient foreign capital to finance higher growth," said Professor Kantor.

ANC, Government clash over causes of ongoing violence

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Peace process in the balance

By Peter Fabricius, Political Correspondent

The peace process is facing its severest challenge as the townships descend into bloody chaos while the Government and the ANC bicker about the causes.

The ANC and the Government clashed head-on again yesterday when ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela said the Government's failure to stop the killing was threatening the peace process.

Mr Mandela urged the Government to use the full force of its security apparatus to end the violence. Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen, however, accused the ANC of inconsistency in calling for security force action on the one hand, and accusing the security forces of prejudice.

Full force

Mr Mandela said the Government "has a very strong, effective and well-equipped army and police force and can easily use it. If it does, the violence will be something of the past."

Dr Viljoen and other Government officials shot back: "All along there has been an inconsistency in what Mr Mandela and other ANC leaders have been calling for. On the one hand they ask for the full force of the security forces to be brought to bear. On the other hand, the moment their supporters are in any way affected, those leaders say the security forces are prejudiced.

"There is an apparent unwillingness to admit any fault on the part of the ANC and its leaders."

President de Klerk said after meeting an ANC delegation under Mr Mandela yesterday that he would consider the suggestions made by them to end the violence in Natal. But he pointed out that a solution to the problem depended as much on political initiatives as on steps by the Government.

He urged the ANC delegation to continue with the political initiative between itself and Inkatha.

Mr Mandela said yesterday the ANC would do all in its power to keep the negotiations on track.

But if the Government continued to "drag its feet" it would be difficult for the ANC to resist the call from its supporters for arms.

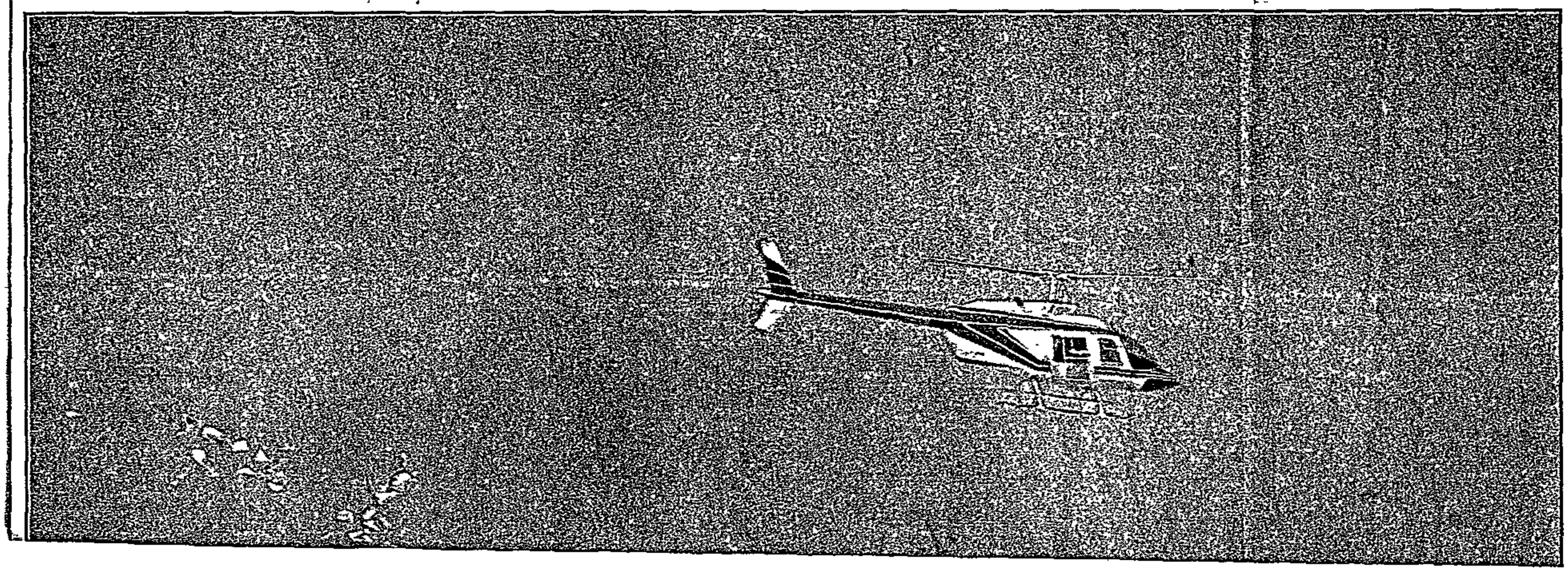
Meanwhile security sources said they believed Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok would issue a statement today pointing to ANC involvement in the township violence.

Suggestions

The ANC published a memorandum yesterday of suggestions to end the Natal violence — which Mr Mandela said had been presented to the Government two weeks ago.

It recommended that:

- The central Government should establish a central command structure in Natal and subordinate other security forces to it.
- A high-level working group should be established to help restore order.
- The security forces should remain impartial.
- Effective liaison and monitoring meachanisms should be set up between the Natal central command structure and the ANC.
- The state of emergency in Natal must go.
- The amendment of the Natal Code on Zulu Law regarding "cultural weapons" must be reversed.



Radioactivity scare in Natal

DURBAN — The possibility of a radioactive leak worried Natal North Coast residents last night after an accident in which a roller crushed an earth-measuring instrument equipped with a radioactive probe.

The accident took place at the scene of road works on the R614 near Tongaat at 5.40 pm. The area was immediately cordoned off and experts from the Atomic Energy Board advised officials on containing any possible leak. — Own Correspondent.

17 000 seals culled off Skeleton Coast

CAPE TOWN — About 17 000 seals have been culled off the Skeleton Coast nature reserve in Namibia since the season opened there last Friday, the chairman of the Seal Ac-



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Risking their lives in the line of duty ... Simon Mashumu (left) and Emmanuel Tunzi, two ambulancemen who have faced hostile crowds and have been stoned while rescuing the wounded during the wave of violence sweeping Soweto. ● Picture by Etienne Rothbart.

Ambulance teams run the gauntlet

By Joe Openshaw

Danger rides day and night with Johannesburg ambulance teams who brave angry and hostile mobs to bring out the wounded victims of violence in Soweto.

Often in the last two months, ambulancemen have had to run the gauntlet of stoning and mob fury when trying to rescue seriously injured victims.

In some instances they have been turned back after their lives were threatened.

The tremendous pressure these men are under has not daunted them, in spite of rumours rife among township residents that ambulances are being used to bring in members of Inkatha and the police.

Danie Joubert, deputy head of Johannesburg's fire and emergency services, said: "Our men stationed at Jabulani have to assess the situation when answering a call, and if they think their lives are at stake they call for a police escort."

Thomas Mabuso (39), station officer at Jabulani, said his teams were not keen on police protection because some perceive the police as being associated with Inkatha.

"We have to be tactful with angry crowds. We try to explain in the heat of the moment that we are carrying out our humanitarian duty and don't take sides. It's not easy," he said.

He described how one team had to be rescued by police after the crowd stopped their ambulance, opened the back and started assaulting two wounded men on stretchers.

"They stoned the ambulance and broke the windows," said Mr Mabuso.

10 hurt, civic centre torched in Ennerdale

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By Helen Grange
and Stan Hlophe

At least 10 people were injured, one critically, in clashes between policemen and residents of Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg, yesterday.

Police fired rubber bullets and teargas at groups of stone-throwing residents after an illegal march to the Ennerdale Civic Centre, which was set alight just before midday.

Residents decided to march on the centre to physically remove members of the local management committee after receiving a "negative" response from the committee to complaints of allegedly exorbitant electricity and water charges.

Destroyed

In the ensuing skirmishes with the police, at least two children, aged four and six, were injured. A man shot in the head with a rubber bullet was referred to hospital by a local surgeon.

Millions of rands worth of computer equipment in the civic centre was destroyed and an asbestos unit across the road was gutted. Windows were smashed in the nearby Olin Park shopping centre and a surgeon's rooms in Olin Park were teargassed.

According to Ennerdale and Surroundings Civic Association (ESCA) spokesman Aubrey September, the demands made by residents in their petition included a flat rent of R50; affordable services charges; arrears be written off; special tariffs for pensioners and the resignation of the management committee.

Hundreds of residents stayed away from work in response to a call by ESCA to protest against the high service rates. A rally was held at the Ennerdale stadium. Schools and shops were closed.

By late yesterday, police were still dispersing groups with teargas. A burning barricade had been set up at the township entrance.

Local surgeon Dr Moosa Peer said no ambulances were coming in to the area and injured were being taken to hospital by taxi. He said the injured he had treated had all suffered buckshot wounds.

The SAP liaison officer in the Vaal, Captain Piet van Deventer, said police had used teargas and birdshot to disperse the stone-throwing crowd. Three policemen were injured and a fire engine that arrived to extinguish the blaze at the civic centre was stoned and left the area, he added.

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Some call it anarchy, others say it's civil war

By Dawn Barkhuizen

"A man was lying dead in the street like a dog. His head was cracked open like an egg, he had been burnt and shot.

"A little further were two bodies under a blanket. Around the corner was a woman who had been shot in the leg, her companion was dead. Under some newspaper in a burnt-out car there was a skeleton.

"The windows in most houses were broken. The TVs and radios were gone. People were crying in the streets, some said they wanted guns. On one corner a group of kids were making petrol bombs."

An eyewitness account from Beirut?

No, from Katlehong township, East Rand, September 11 1990, 8 am.

At least 26 people were killed when rival bands attacked one another with axes, spears and knives, hacking and stabbing victims in the township on Monday night.

The violence continued unabated yesterday when trouble erupted in a train in central Johannesburg. One man was hacked to death and several injured when men with machetes rampaged through carriages.

Chopped up

The dead man was thrown from a train. His body had been chopped up, police said. A wounded man was found shot on the train. More injured people found their own way to hospital.

Iny Tokoza, 300 women were marching on the police station, demanding that troops remained in the townships overnight.

In Ennerdale, drunken residents returning from a rally yesterday went on the rampage and burnt down the civic centre, gutted buildings and fought with police.

People die nightly in the townships of the West and East Rand and in Soweto. The situation is increasingly fluid and volatile, despite threats and appeals for peace from the Government, political organisations and church organisations.

The death toll has risen to an estimated 650 over the last month. It is higher than that of the 32-month-old Palestinian uprising in Israel's occupied territories.

As the killing becomes more and more indiscriminate, the potential for anarchy increases, predicts Lloyd Vogelman, director of the Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand.

"For every day that the killing continues, for every day that there are more victims, the potential for anarchy increases. Unless this is stemmed within the next three weeks, I believe we will be faced with full-blown anarchy reminiscent of Natal," he said.

A spokesman for the International Red Cross said that while the fighting was still localised and the townships not totally ungovernable, the situation had all the makings of a civil war.

Control

"Our workers leave the townships at night because it is too dangerous to continue working, but during the day we are still able to make contact with all the various sides. Were the situation anarchic we would not be able to do even that."

SAP spokesman General Herman Stadler said: "In certain townships, people are taking the law into their own hands, but there is still control to a large extent. Even in the violence-stricken areas, people have still been going to work and doing their daily tasks."

Asked why the Government did not send in massive reinforcements, the general said: "The violence fluctuates, but is not continuous.

"One never knows where it is going to happen. If it gets worse we will send in the army, but we cannot keep a continuous large force in every area. We can only take our guidance from daily events.

"The police cannot solve the problem. We can put a lid on it, we can contain it, but the people must want to stop it. The leaders must come forward and stop it."

Whistling in the dark heralds brutal death

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By Shirley Woodgate

"Whistling in the dark" has taken on a sinister new meaning for thousands of terrified residents of black townships on the Reef.

Residents claim the thin whistle, accompanied by the Zulu war cry, "Shaya" (meaning "attack"), is the way attackers keep in touch as they invade the townships under cover of dark.

Last night it was the turn of householders in the Mokwana section of the war-torn East Rand township of Katlehong.

This is the story told by "Mary", a woman who, fearing reprisals, asked that her real name be concealed:

"The Zulus came for us just after 7 pm when we heard whistling in the dark and the chants of 'Shaya'.

" They went from house to house, chopping down wooden front doors with pangas, smashing windows and burning cars.

'Friends'

"Sometimes when they come they greet the inmates with calls of 'Open up, comrade, we are your friends', then beat them up, but mostly they bash their way in.

"If there are men in the houses they attack them, if there are no men they attack the women and children with pangas and sjamboks because they say our men have run away.

"It was pitch black outside last night when they hacked my neighbour to death.

"They target children between 13 and 21, so my teenagers have been sent like refugees to Rustenberg, and last night I and my two remaining youngsters listened in terror to the mayhem next door, to the sounds of murder which could be our fate at any moment.

"They say the attack will come again tonight. What can we do? We are scared and alone. I do not want to die tonight."

Violence: blacks don't know cause

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Black South Africans in the main do not know the cause of the ongoing violence in the Witwatersrand area, while whites feel the conflict is largely ethnically based, according to a Human Sciences Research Council survey released yesterday.

Significantly, a slightly smaller percentage of blacks said they viewed a lack of communication and understanding among themselves as the main cause of the violence.

Asked what should be done to stop the killing, most blacks called for negotiations, while, in answer to the same question, whites said they did not know.

The survey, conducted among 845 respondents — 424 blacks and 421 whites — was carried out telephonically by the MarkData organisation of the HSRC.

The respondents all had a minimum qualification of matric and were resident in the PWV area, the Cape Peninsula, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

Of the whites, 27 percent believed the conflict stemmed from ethnic differences, "and more specifically differences between Xhosa and Zulu".

Some 25 percent of blacks said they did not know the reasons for the violence and 21 percent believed the cause to be "lack of communication and mutual understanding between the groups". — Sapa.

days they had been marked absent.

PAC plea on violence

THE Pan Africanist Congress yesterday appealed to all people to actively and loudly abhor the wanton and senseless murders which have engulfed the Reef townships. Sowetan 12/9/90

PAC leader Mr Zeph Mothopeng said yesterday the "outrageous and inhuman violence" continued to involve mysterious elements who were killing people indiscriminately, including innocent children. 278

He said a similar pattern of murder was taking shape, conducted either by people who were walking or driving vehicles such as kombis, using heavy and lethal weapons in each case, suggesting the possibility that these attacks were pre-arranged and co-ordinated.

He said the solution to the violence should become the priority above other things, including negotiations. - *Sowetan Reporter.*

Azapo blames Govt

AZAPO yesterday blamed the continuing internecine violence on the Government, saying it was an orchestrated campaign to destabilise the black community and create the impression they were tribal conflicts.

Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Strini Moodley, told a Press conference in Johannesburg the violence was fuelled by elements "clearly wishing to strengthen the hand of President FW de Klerk, particularly with regard to the question of group and minority rights".

He said Azapo had evidence the violence was an orchestrated campaign by the "De Klerk regime" - *Sapa.*

'The fighting makes us feel like men'



ESS ... Residents of Phola Park, near sburg, outside their burnt out shack yes- er an attack by by Zulu migrant workers.

By MALCOLM FRIED

SOWETO. — The eight middle-aged Zulu hostel-dwellers share one pot of steamed corn for dinner. Afterwards, they plan to get drunk in the beer hall. And perhaps later they'll go out and kill a few Xhosas.

Dormitory senior and acknowledged seer Joseph Dhladhla scoops his fingers through the stiff, bland porridge.

"It used to be that we would just eat here and then drink in the hall. But for now our blood is up."

Dhladhla, 58, did not come to his hostel in Soweto to fight. Neither did an estimated 150 000 other residents of the migrant-worker hostels dotting Johannesburg's townships, which have become the centers of savage factional violence.

Mostly Zulus, they came from villages in their barren tribal homelands to find work in the mines and industries of South Africa's richest city.

But along with jobs, they found one of apartheid's meaner creations, the single-sex hostel system with all the loneliness and frustration that it breeds.

After decades of government neglect, President F W de Klerk is beginning to address the system's inequities. But dramatic improvement is far off.

"We are men, not animals," says Dhladhla, born in Natal to be an honoured soothsayer but now surveying the soot-stained raw-brick walls, concrete floors and stick furniture of the room he shares with seven others.

So when for reasons still unclear the vicious battles flared on August 13 between the migrant Zulus and Soweto's predominantly Xhosa residents, Dhladhla explains, "We decided to fight like men because the fighting makes us feel like men ... if we want to fight again later, we will."

The violence has killed some 600 people.

The only other occurrence that makes the migrants feel like men is their annual pilgrimage back to their villages. They take leave to return to their families one month a year.

Factory clerk Dhladhla has lived in Nancefield Hostel for eight years. He has spent seven months with a son born the year he came to Soweto.

"These people's frustrations are for the moment manifesting themselves in the latest fighting," notes a researcher for the Institute of Race Relations.

The average resident of one of Soweto's five hostels — together officially accommodating 21 982 people, but in fact many more — is required to pay the local authorities R80 per month. The majority refuse.

Mr De Klerk, shocked at the outbreak of factional violence, on September 2 ordered Health Minister Rina Venter to probe the hostel system and the possibility of turning units into family quarters.

Two days later, Mr De Klerk toured Soweto, grimly stepping across piles of muck at Nancefield and poking his head into the gloomy rooms.

But anti-apartheid activists stress that even though influx control has been abolished and blacks may move with freedom, the single directive from Mr De Klerk will not solve the hostel problem.

Joseph Dhladhla is stoic.

"We can wait. We want to work here. We must wait." — UPI

'Fortress' hostel on Reef razed

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Vosloorus municipality has begun demolishing a hostel complex which township residents regard as one of the causes of the violence of the past two months.

A Vosloorus resident said the section demolished was the key to peace because it had served as a fortress for Inkatha supporters.

Vosloorus mayor Mr Morrisson Sinukele said the decision was taken in response to a request by a residents' delegation to the town council.

Yesterday several thousand residents watched peacefully as a mechanical shovel demolished the first row of dwellings.

Mr Sinukele said the first row was being totally demolished as a symbolic gesture that residents' wishes were being respected.

The rest of the dwellings in the large complex would be stripped of roofing material and other useful items which would be redistributed to needy residents over the next few months.

He said former residents of the complex could approach the municipality for alternative housing. The hostel complex would be replaced by a low-cost housing scheme for families.

He was confident the demolition of the hostel would make a major contribution towards reducing tensions at Vosloorus and that residents would afterwards be able to live together regardless of ethnic origin.

Other residents agreed that the demolition would herald peace in the area.

The situation was fairly calm yesterday, with the exception of an early-morning fight which left three people dead. Police reported 13 people killed overnight.

Yesterday about 20 000 people marched towards the Vosloorus hostel demanding its immediate destruction.

They were stopped by police who told them not to proceed until a captain had spoken to them, but the people said they would not move until the hostels had been totally destroyed.

This followed a march to the council offices on Tuesday by about 200 women protesting against the ongoing fighting.

Yesterday's demolition started at 11.30am and ceased about 4.15pm when the council bulldozer ran out of fuel. Work is due to continue today.

A number of hostel-dwellers could be seen in the inner section of the hostel which had not been demolished. — Sapa

Winnie tipped me off, says Sisulu

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Political Correspondent

AFRICAN National Congress internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu disclosed today that Mrs Winnie Mandela tipped him off about a telephone call late on Tuesday night, warning of an Inkatha attack in Diepkloof township, which led to a fatal ambush on police called to the scene.

Speaking from his Soweto home, Mr Sisulu recounted events that led to his call for help to Soweto police commissioner General Johan Swart. Two patrol cars sent to Diepkloof as a result of Mr Sisulu's call came under a hail of automatic fire. One policeman was killed and three were injured.

Mr Sisulu said: "On Tuesday evening, between 10 and 11 pm, I had a phone call from Mrs Mandela who told me she had had a panic call from Mrs Miriam Vilikazi of Zone One, Diepkloof. She gave me the phone number of the person.

"I then rang General Swart. I told him my information was that Inkatha was attacking in Diepkloof and gave him the particulars. He said he would attend to it.

"On Wednesday, shortly after 7 am, General Swart rang me and told me of the ambush.

"General Swart then said there was no such person as Mrs Vilikazi at the number I had given him the night before, and that the telephone number was a police number. He said he took the matter very seriously and was contemplating contacting the Minister of Police (Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok) about it. He asked me to provide an affidavit."

Mr Sisulu said he then tried the number Mrs Mandela had given him.

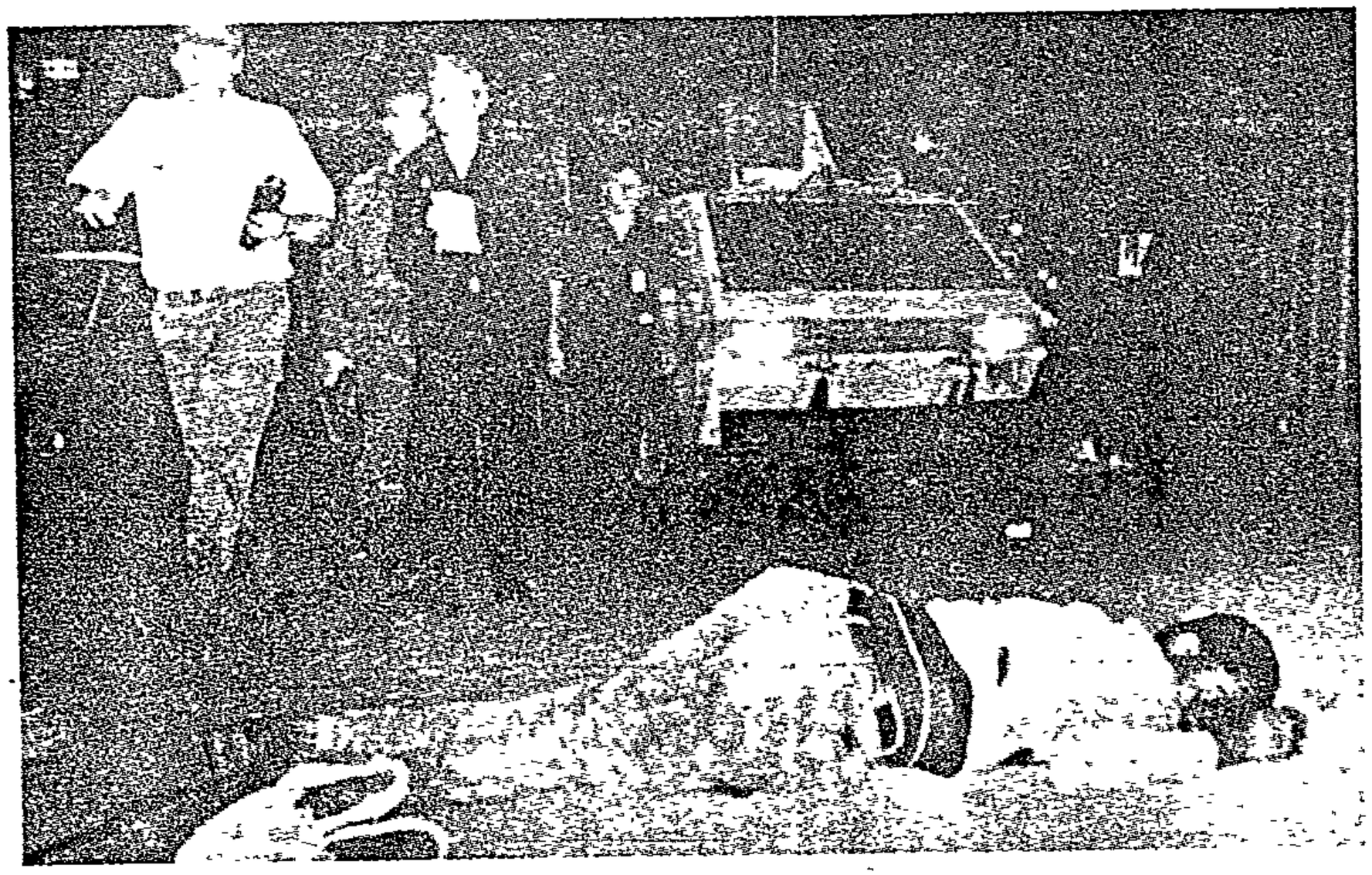
"I found Mrs Vilikazi at that number, the one said to be a police number. I then confronted General Swart with this — but he simply said he still wanted an affidavit."

● General Swart was unavailable for comment today.

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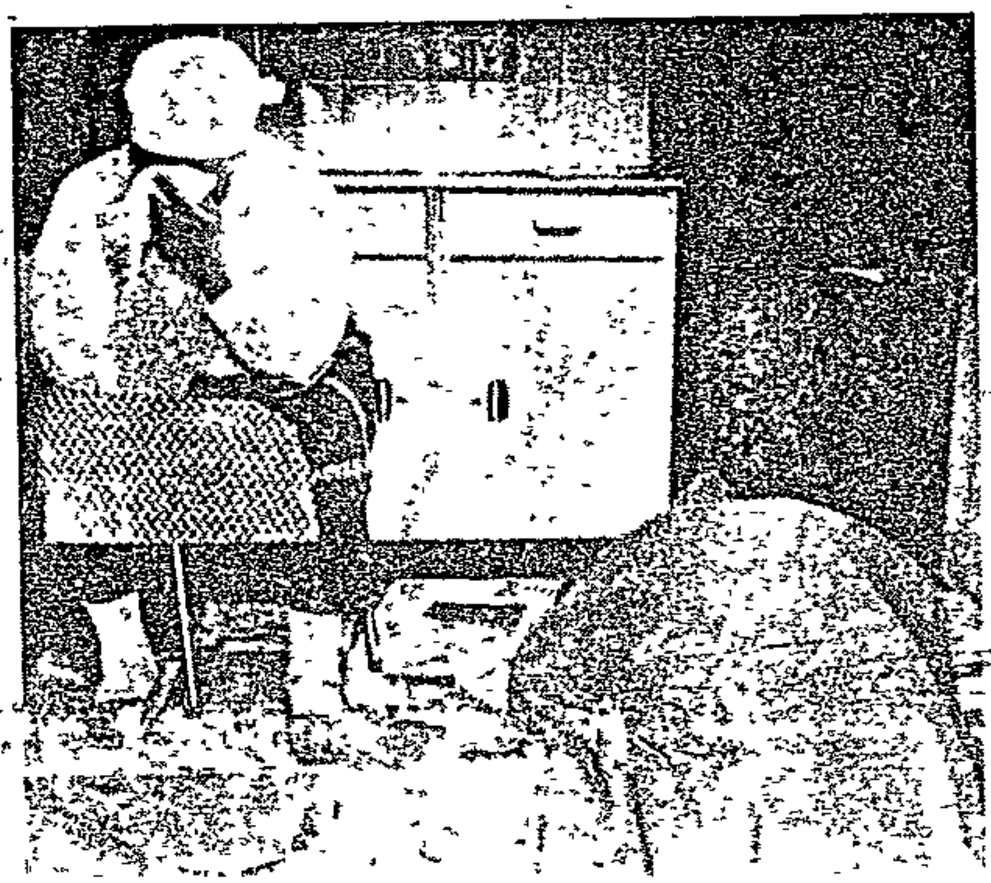
Faces of terror

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AFTERMATH OF VIOLENCE: The body of a man, top left, lies on the pavement after four men in a minibus fired a hail of bullets with AK47 rifles at people waiting at a taxi rank in central Johannesburg last night. Bottom left: Armed men of the Phola squatter camp near the violence-torn township of Tokoza, near Johannesburg, wait for an expected attack by Zulu migrant workers. Yesterday 25 Zulus were hacked to death in Vusumuzi Hostel in Tembisa. Above: Miss Lydia Seransoane, right, of Tokoza weeps after her father Nicholas, 51, was killed in the violence at the Phola Park squatter camp.





central Johannesburg last night. Bottom left: Armed men of the Phola squatter camp near the violence-torn township of Tokoza, near Johannesburg, wait for an expected attack by Zulu migrant workers. Yesterday 25 Zulus were hacked to death in Vusumuzi Hostel in Tembisa. Above: Miss Lydia Seransoane, right, of Tokoza weeps after her father Nicholas, 51, was killed in the violence at the Phola Park squatter camp. Right: A woman weeps over the bodies of two victims of violence in a house in the Boksburg township of Vosloosrus.

Gunmen unleash wave of terror

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Four men driving a minibus unleashed a wave of terror in the city centre, randomly firing on commuters and pedestrians, killing three people and wounding at least eight.

Last night's series of apparently motiveless attacks shocked police and emergency service personnel who followed the trail of destruction left by the gunmen wielding AK-47 rifles.

Mr Jacob Motsipe was shot in the leg at a taxi rank. He described the attack while lying on his back in an ambulance before being taken to hospital.

"I was waiting for a taxi to take me to Chiawelo station. There was a big crowd of people standing here waiting," Mr Motsipe said.

"Then these guys just started shooting at us. Everyone just started panicking and running away."

Three wounded victims were taken to the Johannesburg Hospital and five to the Hillbrow Hospital.

Today a Johannesburg Hospital spokesman said a woman, shot in the stomach, had surgery last night. She was in a stable condition today.

A man wounded in the knee was "doing very well", the spokesman said. A third person was discharged after treatment.

A spokesman for the Hillbrow Hospital said two of the injured, a man and a woman, were admitted to theatre for emergency surgery. They were both in a serious condition.

The other three, all men, were being treated in casualty and would probably be discharged later today.

● Mr Hennie Bekker, MP for Jeppe, today offered R1 000 reward for information leading to the capture of the gunmen.

Mr Bekker, whose constituency includes Johannesburg's central business district where the gunmen went on the rampage, expressed his condolences to the next-of-kin of the victims of "this senseless deed".

He called on city businessmen to set up a standing reward for the capture of such killers, similar to the standing reward offered by banks for the arrest and conviction of bank robbers.

E Rand townships 'calm, very tense'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Relative calm returned to war-ravaged East Rand townships today following 24 hours of violence on with mobs shooting and hacking people to death, burning houses and looting.

UN chief's warning on SA violence — page 2.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said the townships were calm but very tense.

Five bodies had been found in Tokoza since midnight, he said.

Last night police liaison officer Captain Henrietta Bester said Tokoza was chaotic with hundreds of houses petrol-bombed and set alight.

In Soweto two policemen and a gunman were shot dead last night.

In Vosloorus, where 19 people have died since yesterday, people rampaged in the streets last night, burning houses and shooting and cutting people down.

A train was ambushed by a group of youths between Lindela and Katlehong stations and three coaches were burning last night, Spoornet sources said.

Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said last night that two policemen on duty at Dube railway station were approached by a gunman who killed one.

The second policeman and a security guard then shot the gunman dead.

In another incident in Soweto last night gunmen shot dead one of two guards at the municipal police offices.

In one of the bloodiest scenes yet, 25 Zulu migrant workers were hacked to death at the Vusumuzi hostel in Tembisa early yesterday.

Police reported that municipal policeman Constable L Madadolu's bullet-riddled body was found near the Etlaweni hostel in Tembisa.

The known breakdown of deaths in East Rand townships since yesterday morning is 28 in Tembisa, 19 in Vosloorus, nine in Tokoza and one in Katlehong.

Thousands flee blazing squatter camp

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — About 6 000 refugees from Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus fled to the Natalspriut Hospital grounds as the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand went up in flames and tracer bullets tore through the sky.

A spokesman for the hospital said today that thousands of people poured into the hospital grounds last night, seeking safety, and were allowed to sleep overnight in available space away from patients in the hospital.

Early today about 300 — mostly women and children — were left as others had left to go to work. Many no longer had homes to return to.

The hospital made an urgent appeal to the Red Cross who provided people with food and blankets last night.

People were huddled in the casualty department, in stairwells, parking areas, against concrete walls, and tightly packed into pre-fab halls.

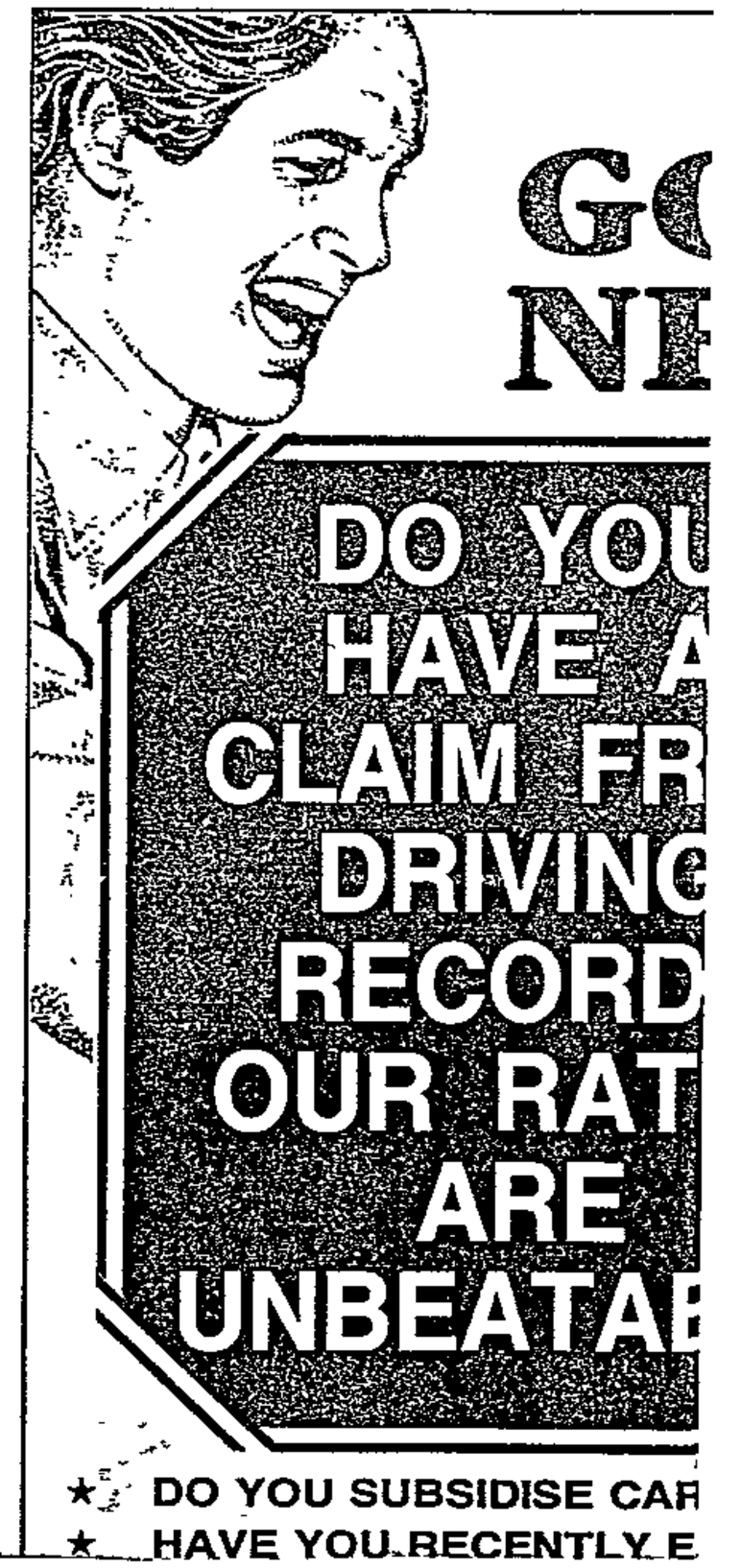
Others slept with their belongings in their cars parked within the hospital grounds.

"I came here because I can sleep nice. If we had arms we would be safe. But what use is a garden fork or a stone if someone else has a gun?" Katlehong resident Mr Jacob Moloi asked.

"Do you know Mandela and De Klerk? Because if you do, you must tell them to come here and see this. Do they think life is all right like this?" asked Mr Zakes Tulelo of Tokoza.

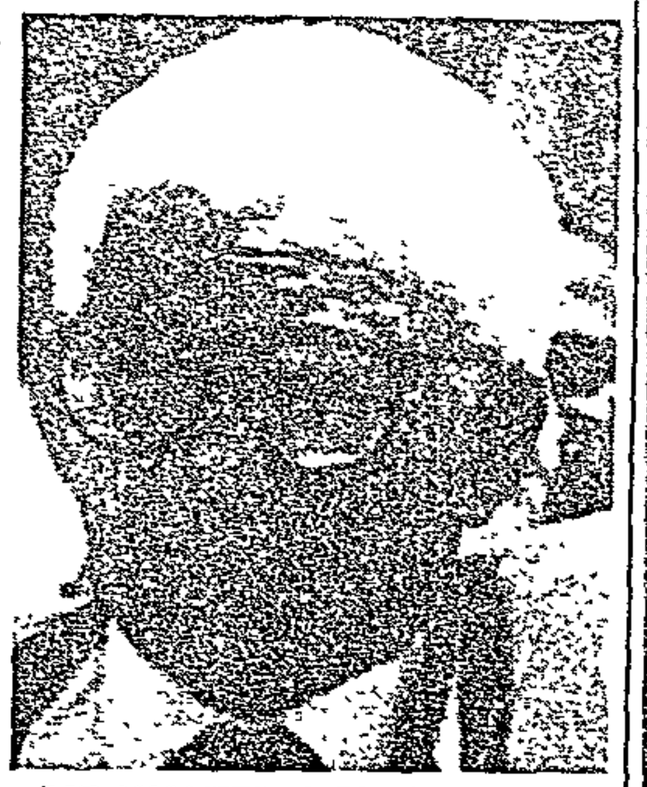
● Residents of Phola Park squatter camp claimed yesterday their shacks had been destroyed by a combined police and Inkatha attack on Tuesday night.

When asked to comment, a spokesman at police headquarters in Pretoria, Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen, said the SAP dismissed the squatters' claims "with the contempt which they deserve".



SISULU ROW OVER AMBUSH

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MR WALTER SISULU ... late night phone call to police.

FOUR policemen ambushed by unknown gunmen in Diepkloof, Soweto, were responding to an alert from ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu, it emerged yesterday.

Two patrol cars were raked with automatic fire, killing one policeman and injuring three.

The patrol was sent out late on Tuesday night after Mr Sisulu had made an urgent call to Soweto police Commissioner General Johan Swart saying Diepkloof residents were under attack from Inkatha members

Last night a row was brewing between the ANC and police over the mystery caller who told Mr Sisulu of the impending "attack".

"We do not at all say that Mr Sisulu deliberately led the policemen into an ambush," police spokesman Brigadier Vic Heyns said Mr Sisulu had been asked to prepare an affidavit on the incident.

Brigadier Heyns said they were also investigating whether Mr Sisulu and the SAP had been "set up" by a third party.

The ANC said the suggestion by police that Mr Sisulu had led the SAP into an ambush was "incredible" and "unacceptable".

ANC leaders receive many calls from residents appealing for help during violence and call the police, the ANC said.

Liaison between General Swart and Mr Sisulu was one of the channels recently agreed to between the ANC and the SAP to help curb the township violence.

The row comes against a background of escalating violence on the East Rand as residents fled the war-torn area last night.

The death toll mounted to 116 dead — 71 in the East Rand alone

In further developments yesterday:

● The government asked the international community to put pressure on Mr Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to join forces to end the bloodshed, and

● Hundreds of refugees poured into Natalspruit hospital to escape the violence on the East Rand.

Police said "street by street" barricades had been set up by youths and residents in Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tembisa last night as gangs were attacking each other sporadically.

In Soweto, security forces were using birdshot and teargas to disperse gangs of stone-throwing and petrol-bombing youths manning barricades.

● In another shooting early yesterday morning, three hotel employees were killed and four seriously injured when a yellow minibus, which was apparently mistaken for a police vehicle, was fired on.

Police at the Protea station yesterday allowed journalists to inspect the two police cars caught in the ambush.

Both had bullet holes on the front and sides Side windows had been smashed.

In the Diepkloof incident Constable Mark Abramowitz, 24, was hit in the hip and in both legs An emergency operation was performed and his condition was serious.

Constable Francois Langeveldt was hit in one leg, and Constable T H Khumalo was hit four times in his leg, knee, stomach and hand.

Constable De Waal Liebenberg, 22, died on the way to Baragwanath Hospital.

Explaining Mr Sisulu's call, the ANC said in a statement that Mr Sisulu received a telephone call at his Orlando West home telling him residents in Diepkloof were being attacked.

Mr Sisulu then called General Swart at his home and asked him to send policemen into the area.

General Swart was given a telephone number and a name of a person to contact in Diepkloof, the ANC said.

"This morning General Swart phoned Mr Sisulu and said that the police who went to Diepkloof were ambushed.

"He also said that the contact name given to him the previous night belongs to a person that does not exist and that the telephone number he was given is that of a policeman.

"After receiving this news, Mr Sisulu called the number himself and found a family at that number — not a policeman as the general had said," the ANC said — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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Prayers for township 'victims of circumstance'

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LINDEN BIRNS and WILSON ZWANE

CHURCHMEN visited Soweto this week and with township residents and hostel dwellers, prayed for peace. There were hopes of further talks, and even negotiations to end the violence.

SA Council of Churches general secretary Frank Chikane later told newsmen he was convinced many people "on both sides of the war" were innocent victims of circumstances.

Many of them did not even understand the nature and cause of the feud that upset the equilibrium that had existed between them for the past 20 years, he said.

One such innocent victim was Sophie Phiri of Vosloorus.

On Tuesday afternoon, what she believed to be Inkatha-supporting hostel inmates set upon her house, opposite the Zulu quarters of Vosloorus Nguni hostel, smashing windows and setting it on fire.

She escaped with her life, but lost all she owned in the blaze that swept through the house.

Later, policemen, SADF troops and a group of hostel dwellers stood impassively across the street as Phiri watched the remains of her home smoulder in the late afternoon sun.

Ellen Phiri, Sophie's daughter, said the incident had been reported to the local police, who told her they "would only come out if there was a dead body involved".

Business Day reporters were stopped from taking photographs by a policeman carrying a machinegun. He refused to identify himself.

"You are not allowed to take pictures of policemen carrying weapons," was his explanation.

Outside the burning house a policeman took a pick handle from a youth. About 20m away an army truck and a Casspir parked opposite a group of hostel dwellers who brandished pangas, assegais, knobkerries, sharpened poles and other weapons.

Police made no effort to disarm the group, some of whom told journalists it was the comrades who had set fire to the Phiri home.

This group was adamant that the police had sided with "the comrades" and disarmed hostel dwellers.

Residents said there was no taxi transport from Vosloorus and neighbouring Katlehong on Tuesday, resulting in many workers honouring an undeclared stayaway.

At sunset, Katlehong and Vosloorus residents were seen barricading not just main access roads but also back streets. The barricades were apparently intended to slow or halt Inkatha vehicles, police Casspirs and other patrolling security force vehicles.

Residents said they were forming watch committees to stand guard throughout the night in case of further attacks. They said they did not sleep and were constantly worried as violence always erupted at night.

"We stay vigilant and try to protect our property as we don't know when the Zulus will launch their attacks," one resident said.

Yesterday local authorities in Vosloorus demolished part of the Sotho hostel where Inkatha supporters gained a stronghold three weeks ago.

"There is concern among residents that the hostel dwellers are using the block as a hideout when launching attacks on them," Vosloorus town council spokesman Sydwell Mofokeng said.

Meanwhile, the death and injury toll continued to mount, and police confiscated more weapons.

A man was killed and four were injured, including a policeman, after a shoot-out between police and people in a private vehicle.

Two pistols and a revolver were seized by police after the incident.

Vosloorus residents said they saw police confiscate three AK-47 assault rifles from hostel dwellers on Tuesday after about 2 000 residents converged on the Sotho hostel, demanding its demolition.

According to the official police report, one AK-47, a .38 special revolver and a .22 pistol were confiscated at the scene.

Police said the inmates attacked and burnt out a water lorry from Sandton outside the Sotho hostel.

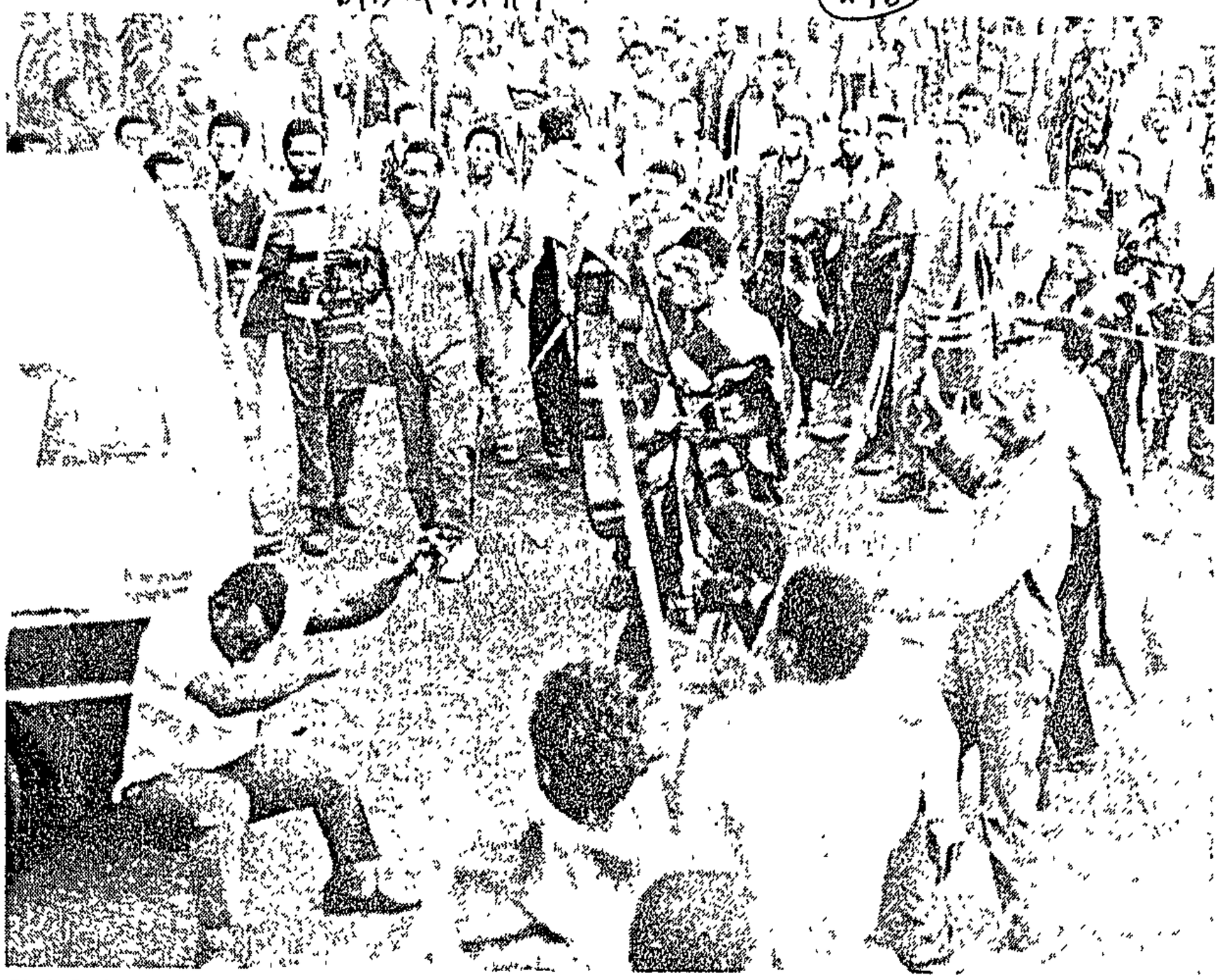
Across the Reef in Soweto, the high-powered delegation of church leaders visited the scenes of weekend fighting at Tladi squatter camp, Naledi, Moletsane and Merafe. They also toured the Merafe hostel complex and prayed for peace.



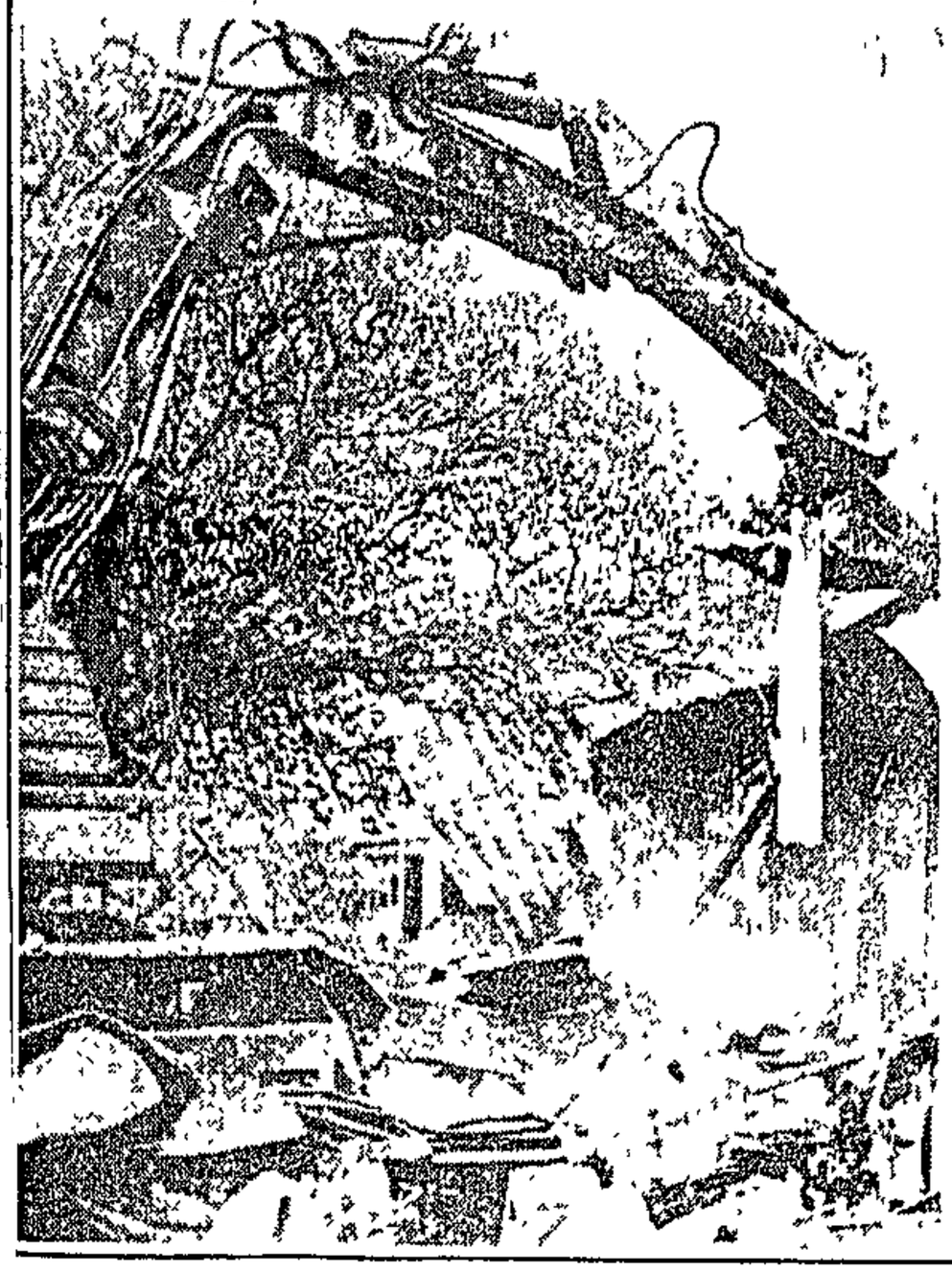
☐ Praying in Vosloorus

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Phola Park squatters, above, killed a Shangaan taxi driver yesterday after he mistook them for Zulus when they stopped his mini-bus on the road between the squatter camp and Thokoza hostel. Below: The Vosloorus Town Council used a mechanical digger to demolish this Sotho hostel in the township yesterday. ● Reports: Page 1 Pictures: LINDEN BIRNS



Pik calls for UN intervention in quest for peace

BTday 13/9/90 MIKE ROBERTSON

FOREIGN Minister Pik Botha, in a letter to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, has called on the international community to issue a public appeal to ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to join forces in ending bloodshed in SA.

The letter was handed to Perez by SA's permanent UN representative Jeremy Shearer.

A Foreign Affairs spokesman said Botha had written the letter to bring Perez up to date with developments in SA. The General Assembly yesterday discussed the report of the recent UN fact-finding mission to SA.

Both said in the letter that strenuous efforts were being made to control the wave of violence on the Witwatersrand. While there were no angels in the SAP, it was unfair to blame police for the violence.

SA needed more tolerance of differing view points and a willingness on the part of all acknowledged leaders to participate in a reconcilia-

Many flee clashes as 65 are killed

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WILSON ZWANE, LINDEN BIRNS, PETER DELMAR & MATTHEW CURTIN

THRONGS of refugees were fleeing war-torn East Rand townships last night following violent clashes in Katlehong, Thokoza, Tembisa and Vosloorus which claimed the lives of 65 people yesterday.

The Soweto toll for the past week rose to 45 yesterday.

The fleeing people said they were afraid for their lives and were going to nearby places where relative calm still reigned.

Police confirmed continuing violence in the townships last night.

"Street by street" barricades had been erected by residents and youths, while gangs of people were attacking each other sporadically, according to police liaison officer Capt Henriette Bester.

Earlier, a petrol bomb was thrown into a Casspir, injuring a policeman.

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However, the official toll conflicted with other figures given. Zulu hostel dwellers said 32 people were killed in Vosloorus alone yesterday. They said the victims were the result of a battle at 9am yesterday between residents and themselves, although "nobody from our side was killed".

Residents, who showed journalists another six bodies in the late afternoon, said the hostel dwellers had attacked houses near the Nguni and Sotho hostels.

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men who wore balaclavas," a resident said.

Not far from where the bodies lay waiting to be picked up by the police, a Sotho man was attacked by a group of hostel dwellers who axed him about the head.

Vosloorus Town Council spokesman Sydwell Mofokeng said the Zulu hostel dwell-

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ers had been given 14 days to vacate the hostels as "they were not prepared to restore peace to the township".

As part of the ultimatum, the council had, by yesterday, begun to demolish the Sotho hostel with a mechanical digger, until the machine ran out of fuel. The demolition is scheduled to continue today.

In Tembisa residents attacked the Vusumuzi Hostel. Witness Nelson Mbatha said: "We were all asleep as we were not prepared for the attack. About 1am Xhosas attacked us. The police came long after ... Fifteen people were killed."

In Soweto yesterday Lt-Col Tienie Hallgryn said police had raided the Diepkloof squatter camp where four policemen were ambushed on Tuesday. He said no rifles, but a number of dangerous weapons, including knives and spears, were found.

SABC radio reported that police confirmed violence had flared up again in Tladi, Soweto — the scene of the most unrest at the weekend.

SAP members said the proliferation of AK-47 rifles in the township was reaching alarming proportions. Although unwilling to blame any particular organisation for the latest attack, police believe most AK-47s are in the hands of ANC sympathisers.

A Business Day team visiting the squatter camp yesterday afternoon was told by more than 20 residents that police had started firing indiscriminately at shacks.

One local resident said children had provoked the SAP by throwing stones at them.

Several reported hearing church bells ringing from 9pm — a sign given by "comrades" that "trouble was going to start and that people must run away".

Experts to probe fatal blast at Vaal Reefs

ALAN FINE (278)

EXPLOSIVES experts will visit the site of the Vaal Reefs number nine shaft explosion today to try to determine the cause of yesterday morning's blast in which 18 people died, Anglo American spokesman Adrian du Plessis said last night.

Another 18 people are in hospital — three are in a critical condition and two in a serious condition.

Du Plessis said it was "highly unlikely" that the cause of the explosion was sabotage. The explosion was the second in two weeks on an Anglo mine. Ten people died at President Steyn on August 31 after an electrical fault was said to have ignited explosives.

The names of two of the dead at Vaal Reefs — J J de Bruyn and L Havenga, both fitters — have been announced.

Du Plessis said the explosion took place in an area where development work was being done, so production would not be affected. B10am 13/9/90

The NUM yesterday expressed anger at the incident, describing management's attitude as "insensitive and arrogant" because union representatives would not be inspecting the scene until this morning. A spokesman said this showed management did not consider the union one of the main parties involved, despite the fact that 16 of the dead were NUM members.

However, Du Plessis said management met local union representatives immediately after their initial visit to the scene of the explosion, and the parties had agreed that the unionists should go underground with the deputy Government Mining Engineer this morning.

Mine management and the NUM have extended their sympathy to the families of the deceased and injured.

Mystery killers strike again

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Three men were shot dead and 14 others seriously wounded in a machine-gun attack in central Johannesburg on Wednesday night.

Police spokesperson Captain H Bester said in an interview it was believed more people were injured.

The police said four black men in a white and red mini-bus with an unknown number plate pulled up at a taxi rank terminus at about 9.30pm and started shooting at commuters with an AK-47 rifle, killing two black men and wounding two others at the corner of Polly and Anderson Streets in downtown Johannesburg.

In Polly Street, the gunmen got out of the vehicle and shot a "coloured" security guard, wounding him on both legs.

The security guard returned fire, wounding one of attackers. They then drove away. South

The police said they later found an AK-47 rifle and cartridges. 13/9-19/9/90

As the suspects fled they again opened fire, wounding another black man on the leg. Another body was later found nearby.

According to eyewitnesses admitted to the Hillbrow Hospital, a vehicle with white policeman pulled up at the taxi rank. After they had left 15 minutes later, the mini-bus pulled up. Commuters mistook it as a taxi mini-bus. They were greeted with a bullets fired from a machine-gun. Witnesses said the attackers were whites.

Last Thursday, two unknown gunmen opened fire on train commuters waiting for a train at the Jeppe Railway Station, also in downtown Johannesburg. Last week's attack claimed two lives. Several people were injured on the attack.

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Witnesses believe as many as seven people had been killed in the shooting. The hospital could not confirm the number of dead.

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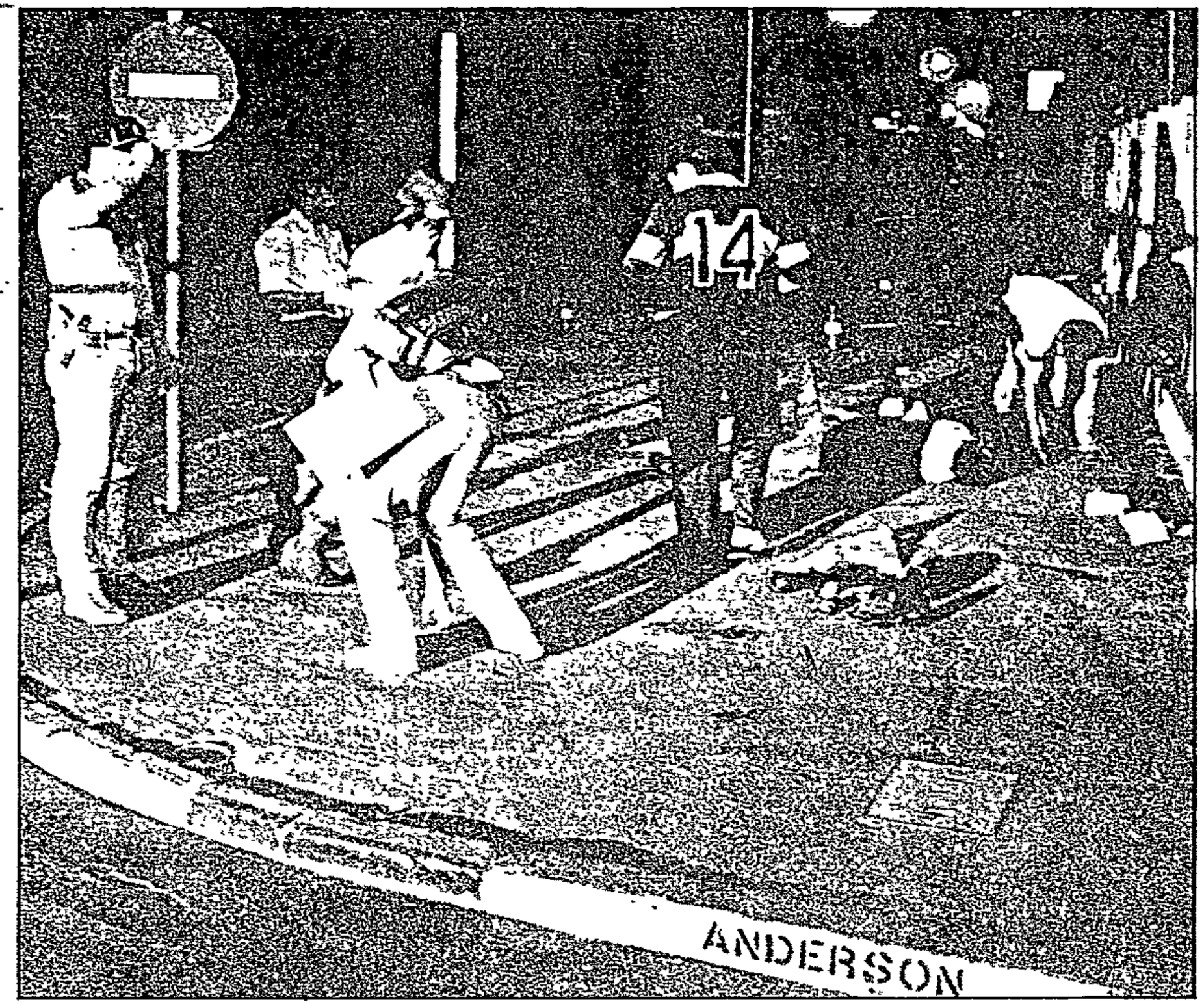
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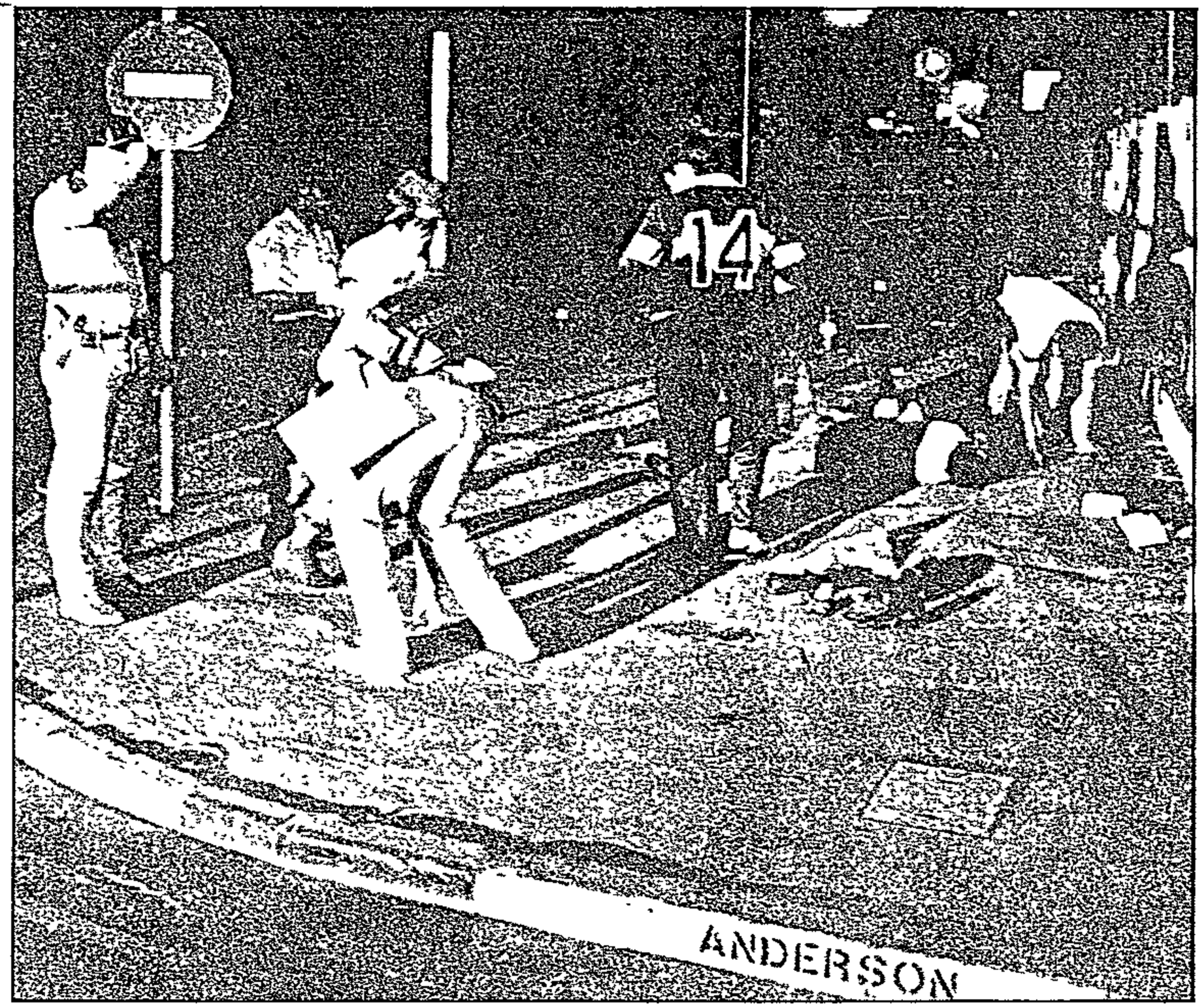
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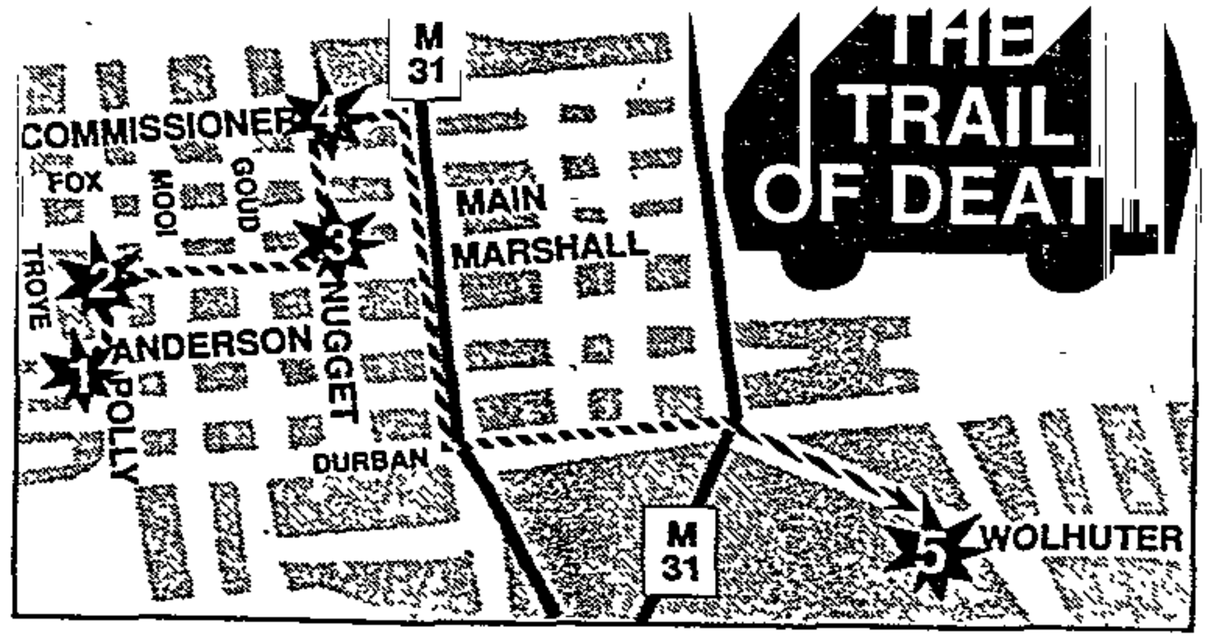
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Police hunt for random city street killers

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By Guy Jepson

Four unidentified black men driving a minibus unleashed a wave of terror in central Johannesburg last night, randomly firing on commuters and pedestrians, killing three people and wounding at least eight.

Police launched an intensive manhunt but no arrests had been made by this morning.

Jacob Motsipe, who was injured at the Polly Street taxi rank, described the attack to The Star while lying on his back in an ambulance, waiting to be taken to Johannesburg Hospital.

"I was waiting for a taxi to take me to Chiawelo Station. There was a big crowd of people standing here waiting," Mr Motsipe said.

"Then these guys just started shooting at us. Everyone started panicking and running away."

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Today a Johannesburg Hospital spokesman said a woman shot in the stomach had undergone surgery last night. She was in a stable condition today.

A man wounded in a knee was "doing very well", the spokesman said A third person had been discharged after treatment

A spokesman for Hillbrow Hospital said two of the injured, a man and a woman, had been admitted to theatre for emergency surgery

Both were in a serious condition. The other three, all males, were being treated in casualty and would probably be discharged later today.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, today described last night's three murders as motiveless and senseless.

"It appears on the surface to be faction-type shootings. But, it is highly unlikely that all those killed and wounded had anything in common. It was just senseless, random shooting," he said.

Police have pieced together the sequence of brutal shootings which the gunmen carried out.

❶ The first attack took place at a taxi rank on the corner of Polly and Anderson streets in central Johannesburg at about 7.30 pm when the gunmen, driving a red and white minibus opened fire with AK-47 assault rifles on a crowd of commuters waiting to catch taxis to Soweto Two men died instantly and two other men were injured.

❷ The attackers then drove down Polly Street, left their vehicle and fired on a security guard outside a building between Marshall and Main streets, wounding him in both feet.

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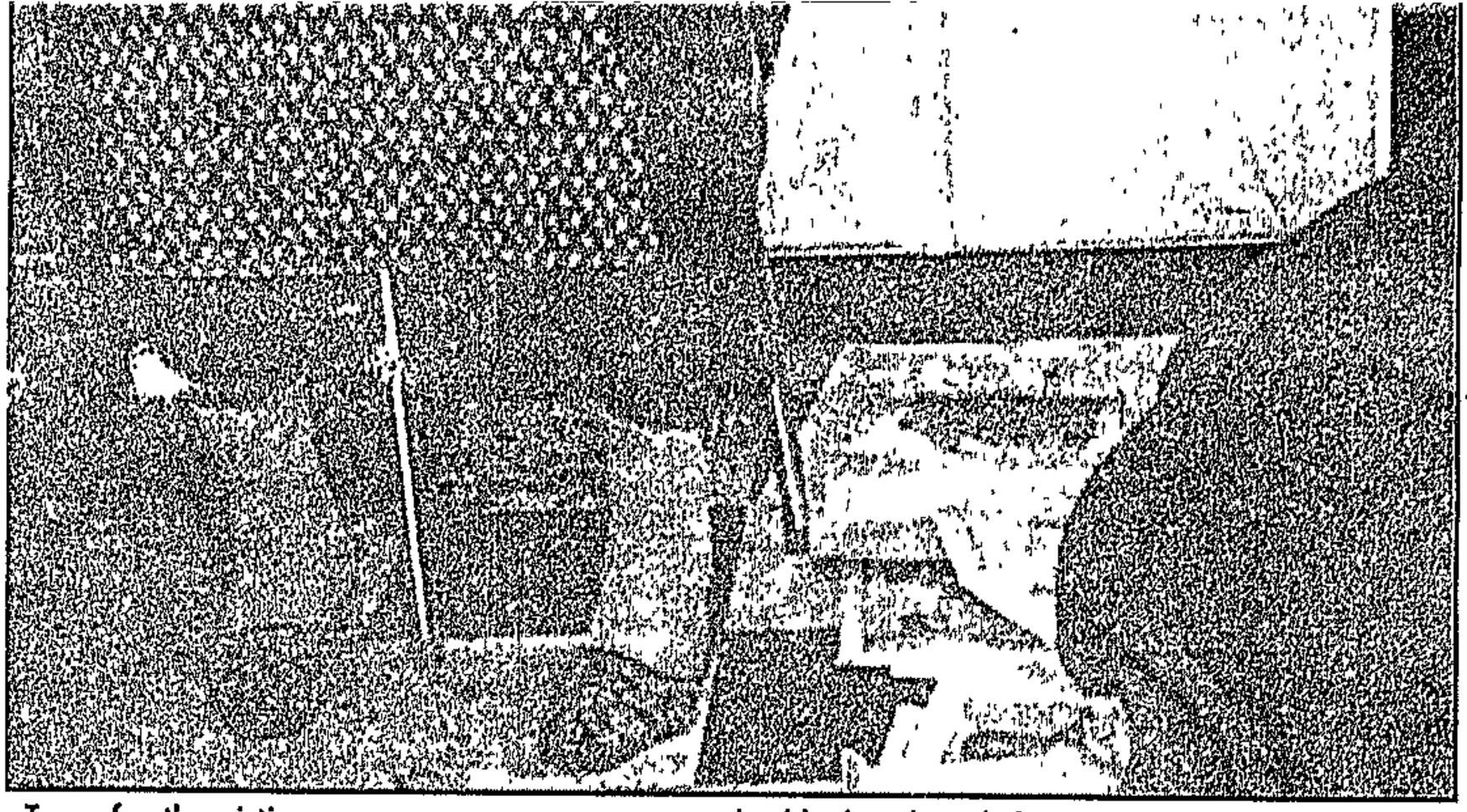
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Mr Hennie Bekker, MP for Jeppe, today offered R1 000 reward for information leading to the capture of the gunmen.

Mr Bekker, whose constituency includes Johannesburg's central business district where the gunmen went on the rampage, expressed his condolences to the next-of-kin of the victims of "this senseless deed".

He called on city businessmen to set up a standing reward for the capture of such killers, similar to the standing reward offered by banks for the arrest and conviction of bank robbers.



Tears for the victims . . . a woman mourns over the blanket-shrouded corpse of a man killed in an Inkatha attack in Vosloorus. ● Picture by Stephen Davimes.

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In Vosloorus, at least three groups of youths armed with stones and petrol bombs clashed with the police yesterday afternoon.

A Casspir was petrol-bombed by an angry crowd.

Police confiscated two AK-47 rifles, a Scorpion and a truck filled with ammunition and lethal weapons. Nine men were arrested.

A petrol-bomb factory was also discovered and destroyed.

The known breakdown of deaths in East Rand townships since yesterday morning was 28 in Tembisa, 19 in Vosloorus, nine in Tokoza and one in Katlehong.

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Domestic air fares to rise a second time in next few days

By John Miller

Fares on all South African domestic flights are to be increased by at least eight percent in the next few days — a second increase following one 43 days ago.

The latest increase comes after the rise on August 1 of 12 percent on economy fares and 17 percent on business class fares, and is a result of the crisis in the Gulf and the subsequent rise in jet fuel prices.

At a recent, hastily called meeting of all IATA members held in Switzerland at the end of last month, the 82 members, including South African Airways, agreed to increase international air fares by between five and eight percent.

However, these proposed rises by the representatives will first have to be submitted to governments for ratification. A spokesman for the association said this normally took between 45 and 60 days.

The secretary of the Airline Association of South Africa, Des Collins, said last night all members would probably follow suit and increase their fares by between six and nine percent within days.

Emotive

"I think air fares are quite an emotive issue, but that it is no different to the motor industry or any other because we are all facing the same problems and inflation rate.

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Cancer: experts give diet warning

LONDON — For people with cancer, a high-calorie diet of potato chips and beefburgers may be more effective than vegetables and lentils, British dieticians say.

They were reacting to an earlier report that care given by a Bristol cancer help centre, which included a vegeterian diet, might shorten patients' lives.

"Cancer patients wishing to follow vegetarian, vegan or macrobiotic diets should be made aware of possible nutritional inadequacies," warned the dieticians.

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In one of the bloodiest scenes yet, 25 Zulu migrant workers were hacked to death at the Vusumuzi Hostel in Tembisa early yesterday morning by a group of men.

Police reported that municipal policeman Constable L Madadolu's bullet-riddled body was found near the Etlaweni Hostel in Tembisa.

In Vosloorus, at least three groups of youths armed with stones and petrol bombs clashed with the police yesterday afternoon.

A Casspir was petrol-bombed by an angry crowd.

Police confiscated two AK-47 rifles, a Scorpion and a truck filled with ammunition and lethal weapons. Nine men were arrested.

A petrol-bomb factory was also discovered and destroyed.

The known breakdown of deaths in East Rand townships since yesterday morning was 28 in Tembisa, 19 in Vosloorus, nine in Tokoza and one in Katlehong.

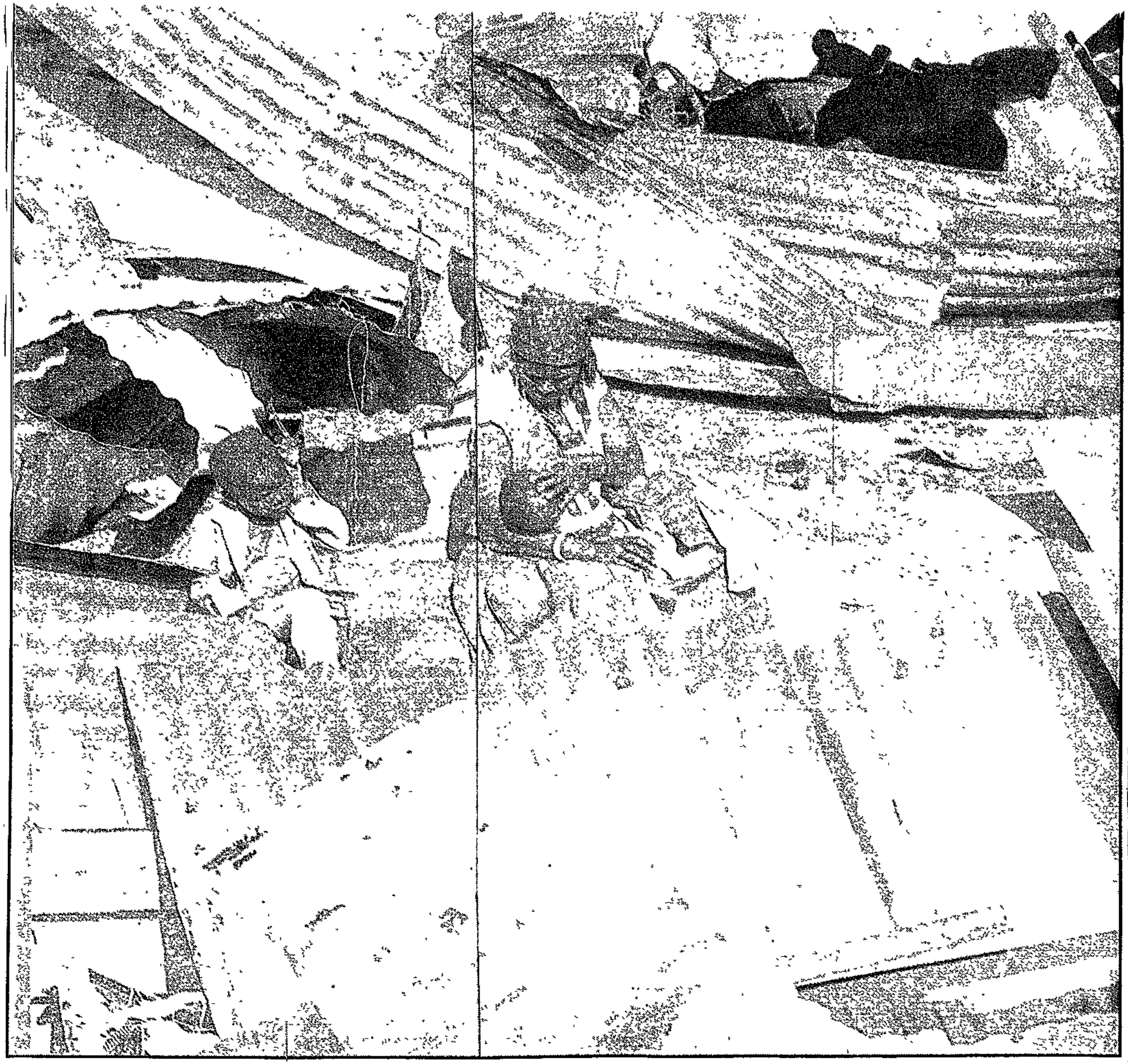
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Diepkloof police station is attacked

A group of people attacked the Diepkloof police station with AK-47 rifle fire and a hand grenade last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, spokesman for the Soweto police, said a number of people gathered outside the police station. A hand grenade exploded outside and shots were fired with several AK-47 rifles at the building.

The policemen manning the station returned fire and the crowd and gunmen fled. Damage to the building was minimal and no one was injured. — West Rand Bureau



Life goes on . . . Phola Park mother Evelina Mgwedleni feeds her seven-month-old child, Gusha, surrounded by the ruins of her shanty home and watched by her son Thabo (4). ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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Policeman shot with SAP gun

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

A security policeman, who is recovering in an East Rand hospital from a gunshot wound, was shot with a firearm stolen from a policeman shot dead in Katlehong recently.

Lieutenant Christo Lotz (27) yesterday said he and two black constables went into Katlehong on Tuesday on an investigation.

"We travelled the back roads to avoid any unrest. One of the constables spotted a man standing near a green Chevrolet and saw that he had a firearm in his hand," said Lieutenant Lotz.

It appeared that the man was threatening people in the street, he said.

"When we pulled up behind the Chevrolet, the man, who was wearing a white T-shirt, opened fire."

Lieutenant Lotz grabbed his shotgun, and the constables, both armed with pistols, jumped out of the car and took cover.

The driver of the Chevrolet also pulled out a gun and the two men opened fire on the policemen.

Lieutenant Lotz felt a sharp pain in his side and saw blood seeping through his shirt. The bullet had, in fact, narrowly missed his spine.

He opened fire with his shotgun from behind his car.

The two constables also opened fire from their positions.

One of the gunmen was shot dead and the other wounded.

It was later established that one of the firearms belonged to a policeman shot dead in Katlehong and the other was stolen in Brakpan during a burglary.

It was also discovered that the gunmen's car had been stolen and that its registration plates were those of a Mercedes-Benz.

The 9 mm bullet which entered Lieutenant Lotz's left side and lodged centimetres from his spine was removed by surgery yesterday.

Hostel dweller burnt, youth (17) shot dead

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By Stan Hlophe and Thabo Leshilo

A Merafe Hostel dweller died after being stoned and set alight by a group of people in Mapetla, Soweto, yesterday.

A Soweto freelance photographer, Jackson Mhlambi, said the hostel dweller was on his way to nearby shops when a mob attacked him.

● A youth was shot at his friend's home in Zola 2 by police. Residents said the youth, Mzwandile Stanley Makhubo (17), was shot by police patrolling the area.

Anna Mokoena said she heard shots and when she went to investigate she saw the bleeding Mzwandile being chased by police.

"He dragged me by the skirt trying to shield himself from the bullets. It was too late as the police fired more rounds and Mzwandile collapsed and died in the kitchen."

His mother, Emily Makhubo, who was summoned from work, was in a state of shock. The body was removed by police four hours later.

● According to Colonel Tienie Halgryn, Soweto police liaison officer, four people, one dressed in a camouflage uniform, fired shots at the Zola municipal offices.

Residents of the area put up barricades and when police arrived on the scene they threw petrol bombs and stones at the police who used teargas and birdshot to disperse the crowd.

● A man died on Tuesday night when police allegedly fired on residents at the Mandela Village squatter camp in Diepkloof Zone 3.

Police said 54 people had been killed in Soweto since the weekend.

The economy is bleeding too

By Helen Grange

As the "small" trade slowly dies in Reef townships because of violence, large businesses — plagued by persistent stayaway action — are considering cutting back their workforces.

The prolonged bloodshed has begun to affect the economy seriously, say business sources.

Township businessmen report drops in trade and shortages. Yesterday no milk, bread or newspapers were delivered to areas in the East Rand townships of Tembisa, Tokoza and Katlehong. Transport came to a halt.

A worried Joseph Mathibe, manager of Tokoza Open Market, said: "I have almost no groceries in my shop, very little milk, bread and sugar. I am opposite a Zulu hostel, so only Zulus come into the shop."

Women angry over attacks on Bekkersdal youngsters

ABOUT 100 women from Bekkersdal on the West Rand yesterday marched on the home of a local ANC member to protest against alleged assaults on 18 youths belonging to two student organisations.

A spokeswoman for the group said they had decided to go to the home of the man, whose identity is known to *Sowetan*, because they felt their children's lives would be in danger if he was not called to order.

It is alleged that last Sunday the man, with the help of "comrades", rounded up 18 youths who belonged to either the Pan Africanist Student Organisation or the Azanian Student Movement.

The youths were taken to his house, where several accusations were made against them.

They were allegedly also given an ultimatum to join the ANC by this Saturday, when the ANC would be officially launched in the township, or leave Bekkersdal for good. (278)

According to the spokeswoman, they were also told that Bekkersdal needed only one movement - the ANC.

They were later assaulted with sjambroks.

Fourteen of the youths have laid charges against four people who took part in the assault.

The spokeswoman later told *Sowetan* that they had a meeting with the man and two other local ANC representatives when they reached his home.

They were told that the assaulted youths had been responsible for several crimes. Sowetan 13/9/90

However, it was later agreed that no youth would be assaulted without the consent of his parents.

It was also agreed that the women hold similar meetings with local rival political organisations to highlight the allegations discussed.



Three members of the Azanian Student Movement showing scars on their bodies. They are Isaac Rakomane (15), Abraham Moaise (16) and Lawrence Tlou (22).

Killers exploiting confusion tactics

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EAST Rand civic leaders yesterday said a vicious pattern of attack has emerged in the township violence which has claimed 69 lives since Monday night.

At a Press conference in Tokoza, Cosatu vice-president Mr Chris Dlamini said it has become clear that before residents are attacked, police come into the area and fire teargas and birdshot to confuse people.

Dlamini said in the confusion, groups of heavily armed men, some travelling in kombis and others on foot, attack and kill residents.

He alleged that when people try to defend themselves police intervene and disperse residents with teargas and birdshot.

"A meeting of Southern Transvaal civic associations will be held on Saturday to work out a common approach in handling the violence," Dlamini said.

By DON SEOKANE and KENOSI MODISANE

Replying to the allegations, Captain Ida van Zweel of the East Rand police said when police went to Katlehong on Monday night, shots were fired at them and they had a duty to keep two fighting groups apart.

"Police officers have a duty to disperse people if they are fighting, so they have to keep them apart from each other," said Van Zweel.

She confirmed that 46 people were killed as a result of Tuesday night's fighting in East Rand townships.

At Tembisa, Van Zweel said, 25 bodies were found - seven at Tokoza, one at Katlehong and 13 at Vosloorus.

Relatively quiet

She said the townships were "relatively quiet," except for Vosloorus where police dispersed an illegal gathering with teargas".

Van Zweel said stone throwing and petrol bombing incidents were continuing in Vosloorus.

Meanwhile, three people were killed and four seriously injured when a yellow mini-bus taxi, which has a contract to transport workers from the Carlton Hotel, was apparently mistaken for a police vehicle. The taxi was riddled with AK-47 rifle fire near the Nancefield Hostel in Soweto early yesterday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police confirmed the incident.

Three people died instantly in the attack. The four injured were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital where their condition was described as "serious".

The names of the injured are Orphilia Tekane, Gladys Dlomo, both of Emdeni, and Gabriel Gele and Phineas Mxomolo, both of Zondi.

The names of the dead have not yet been released.

Prayers from clerics

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CHURCH leaders of various denominations held a service at the Moletsane Catholic Church in Soweto yesterday to pray for bereaved families and to appeal for the nation to focus attention on the plight of people living in violence-torn black areas.

The leaders made reference to the shootings in Sebokeng, Vosloorus, Kagiso and other townships, and criticised the Government for not taking suitable action.

The gathering also prayed for Father Emmanuel Lafont, parish priest of St Phillips Catholic Church, who began a fast for an end to the violence on Thursday last week.

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Revenge the main danger, says expert

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THE cycle of revenge emerging in townships around Johannesburg would be extremely difficult to break, according to the director of the Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand, Mr. Lloyd Vogelman.

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"If the situation in the Witwatersrand gets worse it will be extremely difficult for political organisations, no matter how many agreements they draw up, to control the violence on the ground," he said in an interview on Tuesday.

"In one sense the violence in Natal began like this. Because the civic committees and community organisations were smashed during the State of Emergency, they wield little influence on the ground," Vogelman said.

"Once violence starts, people react in a spontaneous and undisciplined way. People are now taking the law into their own hands and are killing indiscriminately, driven by revenge."

"As people seek new places of safety, the violence is becoming more widespread," he said.

Vogelman believes the following steps are neccessary to resolve the conflict:

* Political agreements need to be reached;

* More protection from police and defence forces which are seen as non-partisan;

* People accused of fanning the violence must be brought to justice;

* Socio-economic development was imperative. Part of the conflict centred on material possessions, he said. Because hostel dwellers had jobs and housing (no matter how paultry) and there were a source of envy by members of community; and

* Various political groups educated their followers on political tolerance.

He said: "While the forces of law and order are not perceived as effective and fair, it is very apparent that they are very neccessary.

"But they must show themselves to be fair and unbaised and take allegations from townships seriously," Vogelman said.



Armed policemen escort a mortuary vehicle at the Diepkloof squatter camp, where a policeman and a resident died on Tuesday night. Three other policemen were injured. Pic: JOE MOLEFE

Blacks favour talks - survey

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By ALINAH DUBE

BLACK opinion is that lack of communication and understanding among themselves is the main cause of the current unrest in the PWV area, according to a survey by the Human Sciences Research Council.

The results of the survey were announced in Pretoria yesterday. It was conducted among 845 respondents - 421 whites and 424 blacks.

Respondents had a minimum qualification of matric and lived in the PWV area, the Cape Peninsula, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

"Whites feel that the conflict is largely ethnically based and 27 percent of them believe it stems from ethnic differences and more specifically differences between Xhosas and Zulus," the HSRC said.

In all 21 percent of blacks believe the cause of unrest is lack of communication and mutual understanding between various black groups.

While unemployment and inadequate education were seen by 14 percent of the whites and 7 percent of the blacks as major contributory factors, 15 percent of blacks and 11 percent of whites saw apartheid as the cause of unrest.

The majority of respondents favoured negotiations as the best way to end the violence.

White constable ambushed in Soweto

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YOUNG policemen would continue to endanger their lives trying to stabilise the township violence - despite the dangers created by the Inkatha/ANC war and the "vicious propaganda" onslaught against the SAP.

The SAP public relations division reacted yesterday to the deaths of two policemen and the injury of one in township violence over the last 48 hours - the latest in a spate of deaths and injuries suffered by policemen, it said.

Constable Hugo Liebenberg was shot dead behind the wheel of his vehicle when he drove into an ambush in Diepkloof, Soweto at 10.45pm on Tuesdayt night while Constables Mark Abramowitz FR Langeveld and TH Khumalo were injured.

At 10,45am on Tuesday Lieutenant-Colonel Lotz was injured also in Soweto and the day before Constable TE Nakeng was killed in Kroonstad, Free State.

Deaths

The SAP said the deaths and injuries were just "the latest in a spate of deaths and injuries inflicted upon members of the SAP.

"The majority of these incidents have occurred while the police have been engaged in their peace-keeping role in their attempts to defuse the violence in the townships.

"Despite the dangerous situation created by the warring factions (mainly ANC and Inkatha) together with the vicious propganda-onslaught against the police in which they are being made the scapegoat for the violence, young policemen continue to endanger their lives in trying to stabilise the situation."

At the top a call for peace, on the ground pleas for guns

By JO-ANNE COLLINGE

AFRICAN National Congress officials were reporting increasing demands from Reef township residents for weapons to defend themselves as ANC and government teams met in Pretoria yesterday for cease-fire talks.

The ANC team that went to Pretoria for the Joint Working Group meeting on the ceasefire was only half-strength.

Not only was the ANC team leader, Umkhonto weSizwe chief of staff Chris Hani, absent as expected, but so were MK commander Joe Modise and executive members Thabo Mbeki and Pallo Jordan.

Jacob Zuma, Joe Nhlanhla and Matthew Phosa attended for the ANC. The government, it is understood, fielded a full team under Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok.

Hani's absence was due to Pretoria's refusal to indemnify him from prosecution. The government has indemnified all but three members of the ANC national executive committee.

The ceasefire talks stand in stark contrast to a demand from ANC supporters for arms and protection in Reef townships where hostel-centred violence has claimed about 600 lives since July 22.

At the weekend, ANC PWV region organiser Andrew Mapheto reported to a consultative conference that "a desperate call for arms became deafening" in recent weeks as conflict moved from area to area. Unless ANC and other leadership figures "said something very specific on the question of self-defence and arms, (his message) fell on deaf ears".

He added: "Some of our comrades even became reluctant to come face to face with comrades from conflict-ridden areas. They had no answer to the demand for arms."

In terms of the Pretoria Minute, the ANC undertook to suspend all armed actions from August 6. Although the movement at all times stressed this did not preclude the right of people to defend themselves with all means at their disposal, in practice garden forks and petrol bombs have proved ineffectual against assailants with firearms.

Mapheto also commented that in the face of alleged police misconduct "all we could do was telephone their senior officers. Unfortunately, the more reports of police conduct reached us, the more we urged our people to work in consultation with them." This simply reinforced people's existing mistrust of the police, he reported.

His views were underscored yesterday by Barbara Hogan, ANC PWV office co-ordinator. "People are not saying, in fact, that the armed struggle should not be suspended. What they are saying is that 'the ANC must come and defend us' — or else that they want to go for military training to defend themselves."

The feeling in the region was that it would not be correct in the present context to arm untrained people, even if the Pretoria Minute did not impinge on this strategy, because it could push the situation towards civil war.

The remaining, stop-gap strategy was "to start forcing the police to start doing their jobs properly, to start disarming the other side".

This meant more effective use of the police-ANC communication mechanisms set up in the Pretoria talks and depended on ANC branches establishing "efficient intelligence networks" so that information could be used timeously to

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force the police to take pre-emptive action and to bring aggressors to book.

Hogan argued that the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes gave the ANC a degree of influence at senior level.

In addition, the ANC was "working at how to set up self-defence units that are not going to escalate the violence" and could act pre-emptively.

The problem, said Hogan, was that none of these measures offered immediate and tangible results. None offered outright security in the face of attack.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela has made it clear that he perceives in the violence the hand of rightwing elements whose purpose is to derail the process of negotiation.

It is probably in the light of this perception that the Joint Working Group meeting went ahead as planned yesterday.

Hostel complex goes

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THE Vosloorus municiplaity has begun demolishing a hostel complex which township residents regard as one of the causes of violence which has plagued Vosloorus over the past two months.

Vosloorus mayor Mr Morrisson Sinukele said the decision to demolish the hostel complex was in response to a delegation sent to the Town Council by residents.

Yesterday afternoon a large crowd of several thousand residents watched peacefully as a mechanical shovel demolished the first row of dwellings. - *Sapa*

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Peace summit snags as main players stay away

By SEKOLA SELLO
Political Editor

THE mini peace summit convened by the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) in Soweto this week to address the countrywide violence in black residential areas took off like a lead balloon.

Two of the major factors in the violence – the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party – did not take part in the talks, which involved several political organisations, trade unions, church organisations and prominent black individuals.

One observer at the meeting likened the absence of both the ANC and Inkatha to a wedding taking place without the bride and bridegroom.

While the ANC sent an apology for failing to attend, ostensibly because the meeting coincided with the organisation's emergency National Executive Committee indaba, Inkatha was excluded from these initial talks because, in the words of Azapo president Dr Itumeleng Jerry Mosala, their inclusion at this stage was "a sensitive issue".

The meeting made a number of recommendations and resolutions aimed at stemming the tide of violence which in a matter of weeks has claimed about 800 lives on the Reef. Among these was the need for political tolerance in the black community and a call to movements and organisations to establish immediate truces.

It was also resolved, as a long-term measure, to broaden this week's consultation to include other organisations. This is interpreted as indicating Inkatha could be included in future talks. Asked about this possibility, Mosala said it has not been decided whether to include or exclude Inkatha.



Azapo president Dr Itumeleng Jerry Mosala . . . What is wrong with meeting Buthelezi? ■ **Pic: TLADI KHUELE**

However, it is known that Azapo is in favour of Inkatha being involved in peace talks. Even a few days prior to the mini peace summit, Mosala stated on SATV that Inkatha's president, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, was "no worse a homeland leader than Transkei's General Bantu Holomisa". He charged that if some liberation movements – an oblique reference to the ANC – could "soil their hands by meeting Transkei's leader, what is wrong in meeting Buthelezi?"

The Azapo initiative, hailed by many as a bold move to bring together various black organisations, even if Inkatha was excluded, held the promise that if the ideologically disparate factions could get together to form a working relationship, then prospects of peace are nearer.

But the absence of the ANC has put a damper on this. The fact one of the ANC's powerful allies, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, also did not attend, further diminishes the possibility of the Azapo initiative achieving the desired results.

The PAC, which had earlier accepted the invitation to take part in the talks, did not attend and the reasons for their absence were not given.

However, it is believed the PAC decided at the eleventh hour not to attend because of the feeling that it would not serve any purpose if the ANC and Inkatha, the two organisations they see as being primarily involved in the current violence, did not attend.

Despite the setback caused by the absence of the PAC, ANC, Cosatu and Inkatha, the convenors are far from disappointed and are going ahead with the peace initiatives. A similar meeting is planned for within 14 days.

Apla claims killing of five policemen

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AT least five policemen have died in Reef townships at the hands of Pan Africanist Congress guerillas, the organisation claimed yesterday in a statement issued in Dar-es-Salaam.

The PAC's army political commissar, Romero Daniels, said the organisation's military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), had been responsible for several recent attacks on the South African security forces.

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The SAP denied these claims yesterday.

Violence prompts emergency ANC session

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THE ANC is to call its full national executive committee (NEC) together next week for an emergency meeting to discuss ways of ending escalating township violence, including possible mass action.

The ANC/government working group established to consider issues relating to the ANC's suspension of the armed struggle finished an interim report yesterday.

A joint statement confirmed the two sides met in Pretoria yesterday and said the report had been finalised, but gave no further details. It is expected the report will be discussed by the leadership of both

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sides within the next few days.

ANC sources said a meeting of NEC members in Johannesburg yesterday received reports on the violence from a number of ANC structures and affiliated organisations in affected areas.

The NEC is expected to discuss ways in which mass action could be used to force government to use the full might of its security forces to end the violence and to stop police partiality alleged by the ANC.

Yesterday's meeting was held two days after ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela warned the township war was jeopardising negotiations and that the ANC was coming under increasing pressure to arm its supporters involved in the violence.

In terms of the Pretoria Minute, the working group was to have "resolved all outstanding questions" arising out of the decision to suspend armed action and to have reported by September 15.

However, because of delays in beginning its work, government sources indicated earlier this week that the group would

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have to submit an interim report.

The first report will now be considered by Cabinet and the ANC NEC for approval.

Yesterday's meeting was supposed to have taken place on Tuesday but was cancelled because two members of the ANC delegation, international department head Thabo Mbeki and intelligence chief Jacob Zuma, could not attend because they were part of an ANC/Cosatu/UDF delegation that met President F W de Klerk.

Mbeki, information head Pallo Jordan and Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise also did not attend the first meeting of the working group last Thursday.

The ANC denied this was a deliberate snub of government, stating the officials had another important meeting to attend.

Law and Order spokesman Col Steve van Rooyen declined to say whether all the members of the ANC delegation attended yesterday's talks. The two parties had agreed to say nothing more than was contained in the statement, he said.

Police gear stolen: Fear of impersonation

JOHANNESBURG. — Several police uniforms were stolen from houses in Tladi on Wednesday night and the SA Police are concerned they will be used by people impersonating police.

Lt G Mariemuthoo, police liaison officer for Soweto, said Soweto youths had ransacked policemen's homes in Tladi and stolen their uniforms.

"We appeal to the public to be on the lookout for people who may use the uniforms to commit crimes and impersonate police," he said.

Lt Mariemuthoo said that if in doubt, the public should ask policemen to produce their appointment certificate for identification.

Meanwhile, police on Wednesday seized an arsenal of weapons during a raid on the Wattville men's hostel on the East Rand. Police arrested three men.

The arms seized includes four AK-47 rifles, five AK-47 magazines with 200 rounds of ammunition, three Makarov pistols, one .38 Special revolver, one .22 revolver and two air pistols. — Sapa

Attack not directly linked to call

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By BARRY STREEK

THE fatal attack on two police patrol cars in Soweto on Tuesday night was not directly connected to a late-night phone call by the ANC's internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, to a police general.

The ANC said yesterday that the original source of the phone call, Mrs Miriam Vilikazi, lived in Zone One, Diepkloof, whereas the ambush, in which a policeman died and three were injured, took place in Zone Six, Diepkloof, about 6km away.

And General Herman Stadler, head of the police's public relations division, said the two police cars went to Zone One, found nothing, and then started patrolling.

They then came across a group of 200 youths whom they scattered and "after that particular action, they were attacked".

General Stadler added: "We are not accusing anyone. The point we wanted to make about that incident was that policemen went to investigate a complaint by Mr Sisulu to stop systematic violence and all of a sudden they were attacked."

The police and the ANC directly contradicted each other about the telephone number Mr Sisulu gave to the police commissioner in Soweto, General Johan Swart, in the phone call on Tuesday night.

Mr Sisulu said the number, which he himself had tested, belonged to Mrs Vilikazi in Zone One but the police said the number belonged to a member of the police's murder and robbery squad.

Mr Sisulu could not be contacted yesterday but Mr Saki Macozoma, an ANC spokesman, said reports that Mrs Winnie Mandela had called Mr Sisulu about Mrs Vilikazi's panic about the situation in Zone One on Tuesday night and had given him Mrs Vilikazi's number accorded with what Mr Sisulu told him on Wednesday.

Police deny whites are in townships

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THE police yesterday emphatically denied reports that white people were involved in attacks on an East Rand squatter camp on Wednesday and that a white person had been killed in the fighting.

"We have investigated these reports and we could not find any substance to them at all. None whatsoever," the head of the police's public relations division, General Herman Stadler, said.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman, Colonel F Malherbe, said there were no whites, and certainly no policemen, instigating East Rand violence.

"There was no white man killed, and we categorically deny these allegations," said the colonel.

However, Sapa's Guy Rogers reported yesterday that residents of the Phola Park squatter told him a white man, who was part of an Inkatha group which allegedly attacked the camp on Wednesday night, was killed.

He said all the squatter camp residents he spoke to told the same story: "About 8pm on Wednesday a group of over 100 people attacked the settlement. Most were Inkatha, from Umsheyazafe hostel, recognisable by their white bandanas.

"Among them were a number of white men with blacked-out faces or with stockings over their heads.

"They were in plain clothes, but the squatters are convinced they were police. An SAP badge was found on the dead man, they claimed. The police removed the body."

Mr Rogers said none of the squatters wanted to be named but one claimed: "The state is supplying the guys of KwaZulu with weapons."

Yesterday, Mrs Winnie Mandela told a crowd in Phola Park: "If you are attacked, you have the right to defend yourselves."

Colonel Malherbe said: "There are no white people involved. There is black-on-black violence, finish and klaar."

Ethnic tone to unrest tragic — Buthelezi

ULUNDI. — It was tragic that ethnicity had now entered political conflict and the Zulu people were being targeted for political attack, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, said yesterday.

Addressing a gathering of KwaZulu chiefs, he said the Zulu nation would not tolerate attacks on it. He said he had warned that the targeting of KwaZulu would have tragic consequences and now they were starting to emerge. "We must do everything we can to stamp out ethnicity in politics."

Chief Buthelezi said he had simply claimed his right to democratic opposition to anything which he felt was bad for South Africa. — Sapa

Vlok 'must resign or end the violence'

PRETORIA. — Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok should resign if he was unable to carry out steps to stop the violence in the country, said a group of about 100 women representing Women Against Represssion who yesterday handed a memorandum containing their demands for peace to the government.

WAR further called on Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to bring his members under control. If he failed to do so, he should immediately be removed from office.

Leaders of the delegation, representing 22 organisations, are due to meet Mr Vlok today to discuss the contents of the memorandum. — Sapa

Praying for peace in our trouble-torn land

By SAMANTHA WEINBERG

THE entire contingent of Anglican Bishops broke off their yearly synod to attend a memorial service in Sebokeng last week.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu led the congregation of St Michael's Methodist Church in prayer and songs to remember the people killed in the internecine violence.

For two hours, the church in Unit 13 — scene of much of the trouble — was a riot of colour and music. Almost 30 purple-robed bishops, who hailed from as far away as Mozambique and Namibia, joined in the dancing and offered prayers to the bereaved.

After the service, a convoy of cars took the bishops on a tour of the trouble-spots.

At the infamous corner known as Beirut where much of the violence took place, Tutu was mobbed by a crowd of youths, who had been standing on the side of the barricaded road brandishing stones at passing Casspirs.

The cavalcade proceeded through a tunnel of *toyi-toying* residents to the hostels. At one hotel where three people had been killed two days earlier, Tutu and the bishops were visibly moved and disgusted by the living conditions.

Outside, youths, some no older than 10, carried wooden AK47s, loaded with sharp metal missiles. "The only way to end the violence is to burn Inkatha," said one young warrior — a chilling indication that outside the church, prayers for peace were falling on deaf ears.





ABOVE: For two short hours in the devastated township, a resident was offered a respite from his worries as he sang and prayed for peace. RIGHT: Archbishop Desmond Tutu blesses the choir and congregation at St Michael's Church in Sebokeng.

Pictures: JUSTIN SHOLK



"If I close my eyes, pray for as long as I can, then everything will be all right again," Young Sebokeng resident Join the bishops in prayers for the people killed in recent violence in the "valley of Hell".

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Winnie in tense meeting with Thokoza police

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JOHANNESBURG. — ANC welfare chief Mrs Winnie Mandela conducted a tense interview with the Thokoza police station commander in his heavily barbed-wired police building yesterday.

Outside the window lay 12 mutilated bodies, latest victims of the violence which the ANC claims is instigated by the police.

Station commander Captain S P Funani said the bodies had been brought in during the course of the morning from Phola Park and other Thokoza areas.

Phola Park squatters later gathered outside their squalid settlement with their axes and makeshift spears to listen to Mrs Mandela. "If you are attacked you have the right to defend yourselves," she said.

Earlier, she told a crowd at Natalspruit: "I am glad to see that the Minister of Police, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has deployed troops, but evidence from residents shows that most victims were killed and wounded by police bullets."

Electricity

Her words were greeted by a roar of approval by the crowd.

The squatters say they were attacked on Wednesday night by a large group of Inkatha people from Umsheyazafe.

Meanwhile, electricity was yesterday switched off as a result of the rent and service-charge boycott.

● Witwatersrand Attorney-General Mr Klaus von Lieres is to make a decision "fairly soon" on whether to charge Mrs Mandela in connection with the kidnapping and murder of teenage activist Stompie Seipei.

Mr Von Lieres, who had originally delayed his decision saying he was waiting for police to reinvestigate allegations of Mrs Mandela's involvement, said he now "had all the material I asked for". — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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Rev Chikane



Dr Dhlomo

Calls for 'peace summit'

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quite clear to us a while ago. We are trying to see if Inkatha and ANC members will meet at local level," the source said.

South African Youth Congress publicity secretary Mr Parks Mankahlana said his organisation had resolved earlier this year to call peace conference of all organisations opposed to apartheid.

"We still believe that such a meeting should be held and believe that steps should be taken to hold it."

He said it was important that the source of the Rand violence be identified.

"It's not impossible for the state to root out certain elements in the police and SADF and to act against right wing armies. The government must show us what it means by upholding law and order."

Democratic Party law and order spokesman Mr Tian van der Merwe advocates a scheme for multi-party monitoring committees whose success would rest on the involvement of as complete a range of political representatives as possible.

They could be set up on a regional or metropolitan scale, but all convened under a modest secretariat, consisting perhaps of only one person, which would co-ordinate their activities.

MONITOR CONFLICT

Mr Van der Merwe said: "Every organisation of any significance should nominate about three people to these committees in each area. The committees should serve not only to try and resolve conflict but also to monitor conflict, and meet afterwards and create a consensus account of what happened."

Dr Oscar Dhlomo, former Inkatha general secretary and Minister of Education and Culture in Kwazulu, called for a "comprehensive peace strategy" preferably iniatiated by the government, but with the co-operation of "all parties involved".

"I am no longer prepared to accept that while we as black people are busy butchering one another, the government alone must do something about it. That's not reasonable. We must stand up and be counted," he said.

Minster of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok's spokesman, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said the police alone were not able to stop the violence.

"We can contain it as far as our capacity allows, but we cannot protect each and every citizen day and night. That's logistically impossible.

"One of the most important steps now is that the leadership — all levels of leadership, not just Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi — must stop blaming each other, get together and agree to work together to end the senseless destruction of life and property. The way to stop it is to face it squarely. Leaders must accept the responsibility of their positions. They must speak to their people and make sure their people listen."

Mr Mandela's call on the government this week to use the might of the SADF to quell the violence has been criticised widely.

POLITICAL PROBLEM

Political commentator Jan de Plessis warned this week that the use of military force to solve a political problem could lead to a civil war.

Mr Nic Rhoodie, head of the Centre for Conflict Analysis, said the significance of this call has not yet been grasped. In effect, the use of military force would make the ANC leader an accomplice when people died through police or defence force activities.

Various black organisations have also criticised Mr Mandela on this score. In the words of Azapo's Mr Nefolovhodee: "It is naive to call on the people who cause the violence to maintain law and order. The campaign to get the security forces out of the townships was launched precisely because they were killing our people."

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha leader Mr Anton Lamola wept. He and his Zulu hostel colleagues have been ostracised by residents since the conflict in the townships increased, and he was so overcome when a group of women came to pray that tears rolled down his cheeks. One of the women handed him a tissue to dry his eyes.

In an unprecedented move aimed at contributing to resolving the violence, about 50 members of the Inter-denominational Women's Prayer League yesterday went to the Merafe hostel in Mapetla, Soweto, shook hands and prayed with stick-carrying Inkatha men.

The women, who according to regulations are not permitted to set foot on single men's hostel grounds, dared to go in "in pursuit of national peace".

Their leader Mrs Masechaba Mabaso took the initiative and, after a short discussion with monitoring security police, sought permission from senior Inkatha men.

Mrs Mabaso, a prominent religious leader, returned to her flock and confirmed that the men would see them.

As the group walked gingerly towards the hostel entrance, well over 200 Inkatha men, some of whom carried sticks, began to assemble at a spot where they had held a brief meeting with a delegation of

New moves to stem violence soon — Minister

By TOS WENTZEL
Political Staff

THE government is to announce further comprehensive steps soon to deal with the violence, the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, confirmed today.

He declined to indicate what these would be but it appeared that they would include measures to expedite judicial processes including court appearances as well as additional measures involving the police and the Defence Force.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, was today conferring with some of his top officials in Pretoria.

UNDER CONTROL

Mr Coetsee indicated that some measures to bring the situation under control had been initiated earlier this week but that details had not yet been announced. The first announcement on this is expected late today.

In a statement in which he said that the violent events of the past week had brought the country to an "unfortunate turning point" President De Klerk also referred to steps initiated earlier this week to supplement comprehensive measures already taken and he indicated that further steps would be announced next week.

There was anger and frustration in top government circles today at the way in which the violence was seen to bedevil efforts to bring about a peaceful situation conducive to progress towards the start of negotiations.

In these government circles some of the factors contributing to the violence are seen as black militarism, a criminal element and radical elements who are not interested in peaceful negotiations and who are trying to bedevil the efforts to get negotiations going.

The government would welcome a peace summit bringing together the leaders of the various factions. Some Ministers said this could be useful but believed the government could not do anything more in this direction.

Mr De Klerk has already called for a meeting between leaders such as Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi, but the feeling in government circles is that a meeting called by the government may not work out.

Mr Mandela has indicated that there would be some resentment if Mr De Klerk tried to call such a meeting.

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religious leaders headed by the Rev Frank Chikane, secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

"We have held prayer services at hospitals, mortuaries and squatter camps. We have buried the dead and visited bereaved families all over the townships but we haven't yet met you. You too belong to us and it is time we came together as one and stopped the fight," said Mrs Mabaso.

Overcome by emotion, Mr Lamola expressed his "kindest thankfulness" to the women for treating them "like people" as opposed to what was the trend in the townships where they were regarded "as animals".

Played soccer

"We had friends in the townships we used to play soccer with, but now we've suddenly become enemies.

"We need prayers too. Tell your children we also want peace. We want to buy our food and walk freely in the townships the way it has always been," said Mr Lamola as he wiped tears with the tissue given to him by one of the women.

Everyone was asked to pray for peace individually for about five minutes and after a few more songs, with her face wet with the tears of joy, Mrs Mabaso bade the men farewell.



DEATH TRAIN: Bodies lie contorted in death in the carriage of a Johannesburg train after a gang worked its way through the train slaughtering commuters.

Nightmare train ride into hell . . .

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nesburg, South Rand and Baragwanath hospitals.

Dozens had surgery. Eighteen were discharged after treament Other victims recived first aid at Denver Station.

Early today several patients were still in a serious condition, and at least two critical.

African National Congress deputy chief Mr Nelson Mandela blamed "hit squads".

"We certainly have instances where people have been paid. It is quite clear that Inkatha has not got the capacity to organise this type of attack.

"There is no doubt that the people are very angry I have never seen them as angry as they are They are demanding to be armed and we are going to find it very difficult to resist that demand and you know the implications of that," he said.

"LAWLESSNESS"

President De Klerk said:

"Those responsible are greatly mistaken if they believe that the government's search for a peaceful solution is a password to lawlessness, unrest and murder."

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said:

"This was a blatant attack on innocent passengers.

"I can't call it faction fighting. Anyone could have been on the train."

He said said no civilised country could tolerate the violence racking the country.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, shocked and repulsed, promised police would not rest until the killers were caught.

735 killed on Reef in six weeks

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — After several days and nights of carnage in the Reef townships, the situation was quiet last night but police said violence could erupt any moment.

The death toll in Soweto since the beginning of August rose to 67 after four more people were found stabbed to death yesterday. The official toll for the whole Reef area is 735 since August 1.

Mr Vincent Nthoroane, 32, was allegedly gunned down by police at his home in Diepkloof early yesterday. They were said to be seeking his nephew.

Police also allegedly shot dead Naledi Extension socialite and former shebeen king Cyril "Gomma Gomma" Montsitsi, in his yard on Wednesday night.

Soweto police said they could not comment until information became available.

Zulus and Xhosas 'will never go to war'

Political Staff

THERE will never be a war between Zulus and Xhosas, says Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Chief Minister of Kwazulu.

Addressing his chiefs (amakhosi) yesterday on the violence in the Transvaal, he said it was because Zulus were committed to the new South Africa as South Africans "that we as Zulus will resist any attempt to demolish our unity and to make us feel ashamed of our past".

"TRAGIC"

It was tragic that ethnicity had now entered the scene of political conflict, he said.

"I warned the ANC, Cosatu, UDF and SACP that the attack that was mounted at the beginning of July and the national publicity campaigns which led to the July 2 marches and stayaway action on July 7 would lead to violence.

"I warned that the targeting of Kwazulu would have tragic consequences. Those consequences are now beginning to emerge.

"We are meeting as the amakhosi of Kwazulu to state that we will not tolerate attacks on the Zulu nation as such.

"We must do everything we can do to stamp out ethnicity in politics wherever it occurs. We did not bring about the Xhosa/Zulu conflicts in the Transvaal which have so marred black politics there in recent weeks."

Chief Buthelezi added: "You know that on no occasion has there ever been a Zulu/Xhosa war. There never will be a Zulu/Xhosa war.

"We reject the blame that others are attempting to lay on our doorstep for the violence that has erupted between Xhosa and Zulu in the Transvaal."

Gunfight at police station

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Diepkloof police station was attacked with a hand-grenades and AK-47 rifle fire last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, spokesman for the Soweto police, said a number of people gathered outside the police station.

The policemen manning the station returned fire and the crowd dispersed. Damage to the building was minimal and no one was injured.

Bloody murder

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Desperate need for crisis talks to stop the killings

By MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Correspondent and DENNIS CRUYWAGEN, Political Staff

A BOLD, new peace initiative — possibly starting with an all-encompassing peace summit — is desperately needed now to neutralise South Africa's crisis of violence.

This is the view of influential politicians, community leaders, churchmen, police and political organisations who broadly agree that the violence cannot be resolved or even contained by the security forces alone, and that imaginative and constructive efforts are needed to stop it before it is too late.

Informally, there is a widely held view that political differences should be suppressed in the short-term, that petty name-calling and culprit-seeking must stop, and that as many organisations as possible must get together and work out ways to take credible and practical steps against the killings. Not everybody agrees on how to do it, however.

Overseas disquiet

Hundreds have died, many more injured and millions of rands damage caused in what most agree is the gravest threat facing South Africa today.

Politically, the violence poses the severest test for the negotiation process. It is already being delayed, senior government sources warn, and, while they are confident it will not be derailed, its effects are being monitored with concern.

The violence has bred fear across South Africa, and disquiet abroad.

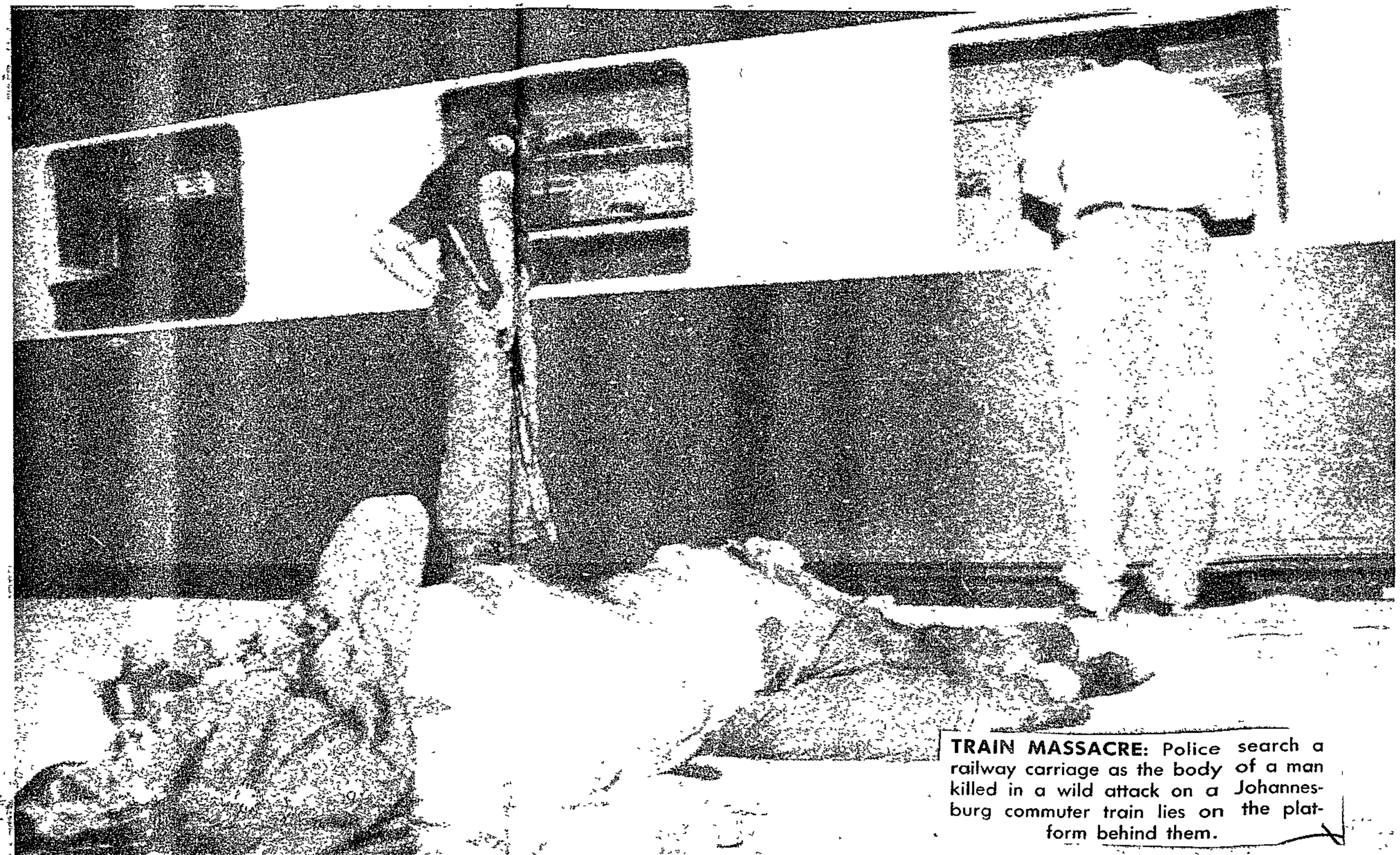
The economic cost, the impact on present and future investment and on desperately needed economic stability is worrying the government and the business community alike. The implications for the future are disturbing.

The social costs are high too — increased polarisation and enmity will imperil necessary efforts to embark on national reconciliation.

Against this background, calls for peace talks, for a peace summit and for joint unrest monitoring committees take on an unprecedented urgency.

The African National Congress would be prepared to attend a peace summit if it were convinced that such a meeting would lead to the cessation of the carnage, said movement spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma.

But he ruled out a face-to-face meeting between ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party president Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi.



TRAIN MASSACRE: Police search a railway carriage as the body of a man killed in a wild attack on a Johannesburg commuter train lies on the platform behind them.



Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Tutu: 'I am desperate'

Staff Reporter

ANGLICAN Archbishop Desmond Tutu, through his press secretary, Mr John Allen, issued the following statement today about violence in the townships: "The Archbishop and other church leaders are in a state of desperation about the situation.

"They were getting appeals for help throughout the night from people pleading for protection from attackers.

"They are giving urgent attention to a range of steps to help, including the possibility of getting the warring parties together."

"This would tempt others to use violence as a lever to force a meeting with Mr Mandela. A meeting between the two must take place if it is part of the normal political process and not as a result of the carnage."

Mr Barney Desai, regional co-ordinator of the Pan Africanist Congress, said political organisations had to tread very carefully when it came to conflict between Africans.

"I would say that the PAC is for peace among Africans and resistance against oppression. Therefore, if a peace summit were to take place, I have no doubt that the leadership of my organisation would endorse it if there was the slightest hope this effort would stop the violence. Posturing won't help."

The presiding president of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, Bishop Stanley Mogoba, was not in favour of a peace summit at this stage.

"The church is quite worried about what's taking place and we'll consider any action that will bring peace. But a peace summit at this stage is out because we are negotiating with individual leaders of Inkatha and the ANC and urging them to meet."

The crisis committee of the South African Council of Churches will meet today and possibly discuss calling for a peace summit, a source said last night.

Yesterday an SACC delegation, including the organisation's general secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane, visited Soweto.

"We spoke to individual Inkatha members and they are prepared to meet ANC people, but they made it clear that they want Nelson Mandela to meet Chief Buthelezi.

"The churches can't force them to meet — this was made

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Whites grab petrol-bomber

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — White passers-by left their cars to chase and apprehend one of two black men who hurled a petrol bomb at a Putco bus in Victory Park.

A Johannesburg secretary, identified only as Carla, 21, described how she and her businessman fiance Tren, 25, were in their car waiting for a robot to change at a Victory Park corner last night.

"Suddenly we saw the bus burst into flames and immediately afterwards two men running away from the scene.

"My only thought was that the bus would blow up and I had to get help, phone the police and call the ambulance.

"Tren reversed his car to cut off the attackers and another vehicle coming from the opposite direction also immediately moved to block the two men. They raced for the park but it is surrounded with walls and they were forced to skirt round.

"By then other people had joined the chase and one man was cornered without putting up a fight in the driveway of a house. The Flying Squad and Armed Response Unit were on the scene within minutes and the man was arrested."

Nightmare train ride into hell . . .

The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — The gang that carried out the slaughter of the innocents on a Soweto-bound train last night may be the same group of killers who that ran amok in central Johannesburg on Wednesday night.

Last night's train ride into hell left at least 26 people dead and more than 100 injured when a gang armed with shotguns, pangas and knives hacked and shot their way through a crowded passenger train on its way to Soweto.

Survivors told of the cold-blooded, planned slaughter which began when the killers boarded at Jeppe Station.

CONCEALED WEAPONS

With their weapons concealed, they joined the mass of workers on their way home to Soweto about 5.15pm.

Then began the "journey of death".

The 8km line between the George Goch and Denver stations became a trail of carnage.

Mr Patrick Makhado was in the second carriage.

"I saw about five people with shotguns, pistols and pangas.

"They just started killing everyone. Then two or three people came from the back, also with guns and pangas. They trapped us.

"I jumped off the train. I think I saw some of them run off towards George Goch hostel."

Moving from carriage to carriage, the black attackers shot, stabbed and hacked their way through the passengers, some of whom jumped for their lives. Others cowered under seats.

Some were slain where they sat or hacked as they tried to flee.

It was a five-minute rampage that left 26 dead and more than 100 injured.

The driver stopped the train at Denver Station.

Contrary to earlier reports, police said today a second group of killers was not waiting at Denver.

The killers escaped.

Police said today they were investigating the possibility that the gang responsible for last night's train attack gunned down 17 people in the city on Wednesday, killing three.

There is still no apparent motive for either attack.

A huge rescue operation involving helicopters, a disaster bus and virtually every available ambulance in Johannesburg moved into gear as reports of last night's wholesale slaughter came in.

Last night Denver Station platform was coated with blood.

Bodies lay in the train and along the platform, some trembling, some motionless. One man lay propped up against a pillar. His chest was shiny with blood and his face was bandaged.

BODIES ON GROUND

Emergency personnel had to step over bodies strewn on the ground.

In one of the train carriages a loaf of bread lay in a pool of blood.

An intensive manhunt was launched for the killers, but no arrests had been made, said Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester.

Johannesburg director of public safety Mr John Pearce, holding an Uzi sub-machine gun in one hand and a walkie-talkie in the other, was on the scene at Denver Station co-ordinating emergency personnel, three helicopters, a disaster bus and "every ambulance available".

Ambulances were loaded and helicopters hovered overhead waiting to land and ferry victims to the Hillbrow, Johan-

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'Young guns' kill three at taxi rank

JOHANNESBURG. — Three drivers were shot dead at point-blank range when a gang of youths went on a rampage at a taxi rank next to the Doringkop military base and the Putco bus depot today.

Police said the five, using handguns, killed the drivers and set fire to their taxis.

Three men were wounded.

The gang drove off in a taxi belonging to one of the wounded men and had disappeared by the time the police arrived.

Ambulance officer Mr Chris van Dyk reported earlier that a bomb blast at the Baragwanath taxi rank had killed three people. — Sapa.

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Train massacre

Hunt on for killers



WOUNDED . . . One of the wounded in yesterday's train attack is treated.

JOHANNESBURG. — Two gangs of men armed with guns, knives and pangas rampaged through an East Rand-bound train, randomly killing at least 26 people and wounding more than 130 in a bloody surge late yesterday afternoon.

The attack followed a similar incident last week and came after thousands of refugees poured out of war-torn townships on the East Rand seeking safety from the renewed fighting which has razed hundreds of houses and shacks

The train slaughter pushed the death toll in the sixth week of battles to at least 760

One gang of about six men boarded the train at Jeppe station and immediately began gunning down and hacking commuters, sending people hurtling from the carriages for safety and leaving dead and injured strewn on the seats and between the tracks, police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said

The second group jumped on at Benrose station, down the line, and laid into fleeing and panic-stricken people with pangas, Colonel Malherbe added, noting both gangs fled the scene together.

"They were madmen, they wanted to kill us all and we screamed like animals," hysterical passenger Ms Gladys Mncini shouted as paramedics dressed a gash in her arm while she lay beside the rails

Fourteen-year-old David Mokaba, breathless with fear and hugging two younger sisters in a makeshift aid station, panted "I kicked open the doors .. I was so scared .. we all jumped out together"

"It's a slaughter house out there, a bloody slaughter house," paramedic Mr Joe van Wyk said, and a nurse at Hillbrow Hospital reported that the injured "are coming in wide-eyed and stunned, like automatons".

By 9.15pm, police said 26 bodies had been counted with more than 100 people being rushed by helicopter and ambulances to Johannesburg General and Hillbrow hospitals

"We have so far counted 26 dead and well over a hundred wounded or injured. But, police and paramedics are still on the scene, searching for more victims of the killings It is more than likely the death toll will rise with the discovery of more bodies," said Colonel Malherbe.

Victims described the scene as horrific

Bodies were strewn along three railway stations, blood was spattered on tracks linking Denver with Benrose stations and the moans and groans of victims as yet undiscovered could still be heard in bush and scrub along the line

Paramedics speculated that scores more people might have been hurt while jumping out of the train

Police sealed off the train and are launching a massive hunt for the attackers, and dozens of ambulances were summoned from across the city to ferry the injured from staging points near the carriages to nearby hospitals

SATV reported last night that soon after the attack, police went to Benrose hostels to search again for weapons

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok expressed his "shock and revulsion" at the massacre and promised police would do everything in their power to find those responsible.

Senseless attack

On hearing the news, ANC publicity official Mr Saki Macozoma said he would travel immediately to the scene to conduct a personal inspection.

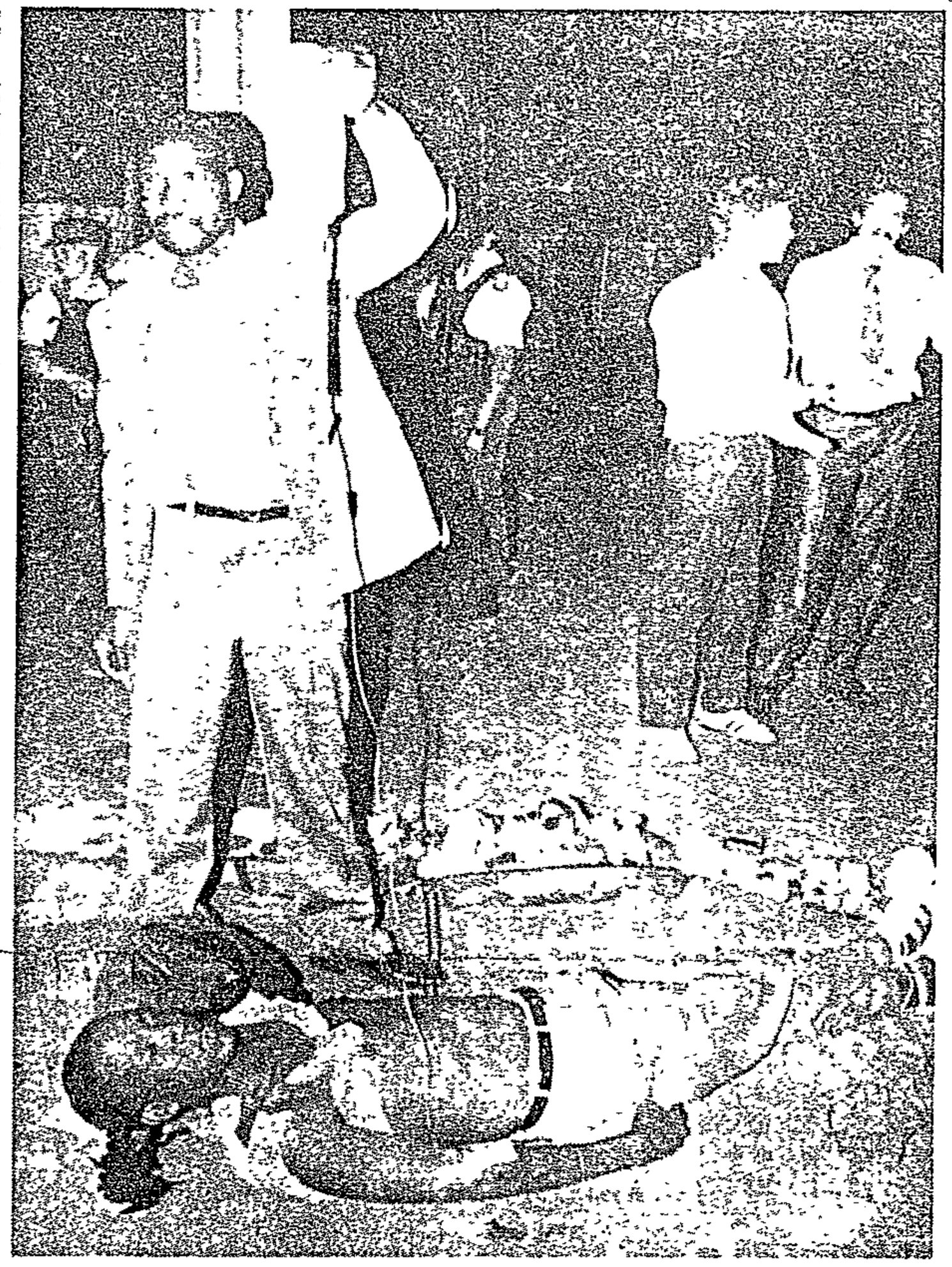
The attack occurred less than 12 hours after police conducted raids on Benrose hostels — as well as in Wattville on the East Rand — searching for dangerous weapons.

The spillover of violence in downtown Johannesburg yesterday was the second within two days — and the third random and senseless attack in three weeks.

On Wednesday night, three people were killed and six injured when four men fired randomly at passengers at a taxi rank in central Johannesburg They went on to search for other victims — security guards standing at building entrances as well as night-time shoppers

In all the incidents, no arrests have been made —

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MASSACRE SCENE . . . A man holds a saline drip for a commuter wounded when gangs attacked passengers on a Johannesburg suburban train yesterday. Picture: REUTER

Shocked and injured pour into hospitals

JOHANNESBURG — Hospitals in central Johannesburg last night admitted an "untold number" of wounded and injured resulting from an attack by armed youths on a commuter train travelling near Denver station, east of Johannesburg.

Matron Caroline Mabe said Hillbrow Hospital's casualty ward had been inundated with admissions

"In fact, I have just been called to this telephone after washing the blood from a seriously wounded man. They are still coming here every minute in ambulances," she said.

Patients had been admitted with bullet wounds, stab wounds and broken limbs Most were in a state of shock and panic

"We are receiving people virtually every minute. People are shocked and have been weeping. Many can't even talk," said a nurse at Hillbrow Hospital.

Johannesburg Hospital superintendent Dr A Kellen said two to three victims had been brought in with "very serious" gunshot wounds

A helicopter ferried the seriously injured to local hospitals.

At one hospital doctors and nurses treated people in the parking lot as the admissions piled up

A large contingent of police and ambulances rushed to Denver station after the attack.

Police cordoned off a large part of the area and also conducted forensic tests.

Police said they would report fully later. — Sapa

White man held for bus bomb attack

JOHANNESBURG. — A 38-year old white man has been arrested after he allegedly petrol-bombed a Putco bus full of black passengers in the Victory Park suburb of Johannesburg last night, police confirmed.

No one was injured in the incident which took place at a bus terminus about 7pm, according to police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester.

Damage of about R100 was caused when the bomb exploded and broke a left front window of the bus, but the blaze was rapidly estinguished, she said. — Sapa

760 dead on Reef since August 1

JOHANNESBURG — At least 760 people have died on the Reef since the outbreak of the bloodiest violence seen in South African townships for over a decade.

The head of the SAP media liaison division in Pretoria, Major-General Herman Stadler, told Sapa yesterday that from August 1 to September 10, 530 people had died in unrest in townships on the Witwatersrand and 78 in Soweto

In the train massacre in Johannesburg last night at least another 26 died.

The official death toll on the East Rand since Monday has rocketed to 99, after police picked up several bodies yesterday in the aftermath of one of the bloodiest nights since the outbreak of violence in the area.

Fifty-seven people died on Wednesday, 24 on Tuesday, 10 on Monday and eight on Thursday.

In Natal townships, which many consider to be war zones, 90 people died over the same period.

General Stadler emphasised that the figures were not "100% accurate". — Sapa



Members of Women Against Repression affiliates at the Union Buildings yesterday. Picture: ROBYN RYAN

Concerned women to meet Vlok today over violence

EDYTH BULBRING

PRETORIA — A delegation from Women Against Repression (WAR), an alliance of women representing 22 organisations, will meet Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok today at the Union Buildings to discuss the violence in the Rand townships.

A four-person delegation yesterday delivered a memorandum from WAR to the Union Buildings expressing concern about the current violence and the urgent need for peace.

Banner

The memorandum contains affidavits pertaining to police collusion with Inkatha and 13 demands.

The delegation was received by an official from President F W de Klerk's office who assured them he would give the memorandum to Vlok and De Klerk.

A group of more than 90 women from the affiliated organisations yesterday gathered under a banner saying "WAR calls on the state to end violence" on the lawns in front of the Union Building while more than 30 policemen watched.

Women for Peace representative Liz Mundell said WAR had unsuccessfully attempted to see Vlok over the past four weeks in connection with the violence.

The organisation had then decided to gather at the Union Buildings to express their concern about the current violence.

However, WAR was informed on Wednesday that Vlok had agreed to meet them today, but they had decided to continue with their gathering and to present the memorandum to Vlok.

The demands include the establishment of an independent public judicial inquiry into the violence and into the conduct of the SAP, KwaZulu police and the SADF; the unbiased disarming of people in the townships; formal unrest monitoring committees, closure of all hostels; disbanding of hit squads and the policing of railway stations at all times.

Resign

The memorandum also calls on KwaZulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to bring members of Inkatha under control, failing which he should be removed from office.

It also demands that should Vlok be unable to carry out the demands contained in the memorandum, he should resign.

The organisations represented byWAR include the Black Sash, Five Freedoms Forum, SACC, Human Rights Commission, ANC, Nusas and the Federation of Transvaal Women.

ANC warns govt on mass action

PETER DELMAR

THE ANC warned government yesterday that it reserved the right to resume "mass action" to secure the release of detainees and the suspension of what it called repressive laws.

A strongly worded statement accused government of "a callous disregard for the most elementary standards of human decency" by refusing to release or grant bail to disabled and ill political detainees.

The statement came after detained ANC national executive member Mac Maharaj was taken to hospital and leading Natal member Billy Nair was freed after suffering a heart attack during his detention.

The ANC said yesterday more than 100 "apartheid fighters and ANC members" were being detained under Section 29.

Meanwhile, the families of a number of Section 29 detainees have asked President F W de Klerk for a meeting next Monday.

According to a letter to De Klerk released by the ANC yesterday, the detainees' families are demanding their release, or at least that they be granted access to relatives and doctors and lawyers of their choice.

Hunt for rampaging gang

Dozens die in bloodbath on Jo'burg train

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WILSON ZWANE
and LINDEN BIRNS

GANGS of armed men killed at least 26 commuters on a train travelling between two Johannesburg stations last night. Police said the toll could reach 30.

The attackers shot and stabbed people indiscriminately. Others were flung from the train as it travelled between George Goch and Denver stations.

Police said more than 100 people had been injured, many when they leapt from the train in terror.

The killers apparently got off the train at Denver station and escaped.

A large group of men got onto the train at Jeppe station and began assaulting people and were joined at Benrose station by another group of men, armed with firearms, pangas and knives.

A man who was on the train said people panicked and threw themselves from the train as sounds of gunfire were heard.

A grisly sight greeted waiting commuterswhen the train pulled into Denver station. A man said he saw 14 bodies in one carriage.

Last night troops joined police in searching the stretch of railway line that runs through the light industrial area.

Searches of nearby hostels were also mounted.

Traffic police rushed to the scene and sealed off the area to the south of the Denver off-ramp on the M2, while paramedics in a helicopter and ambulances gave first-aid to the injured victims.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok expressed his shock and revulsion at the massacre, reports Sapa.

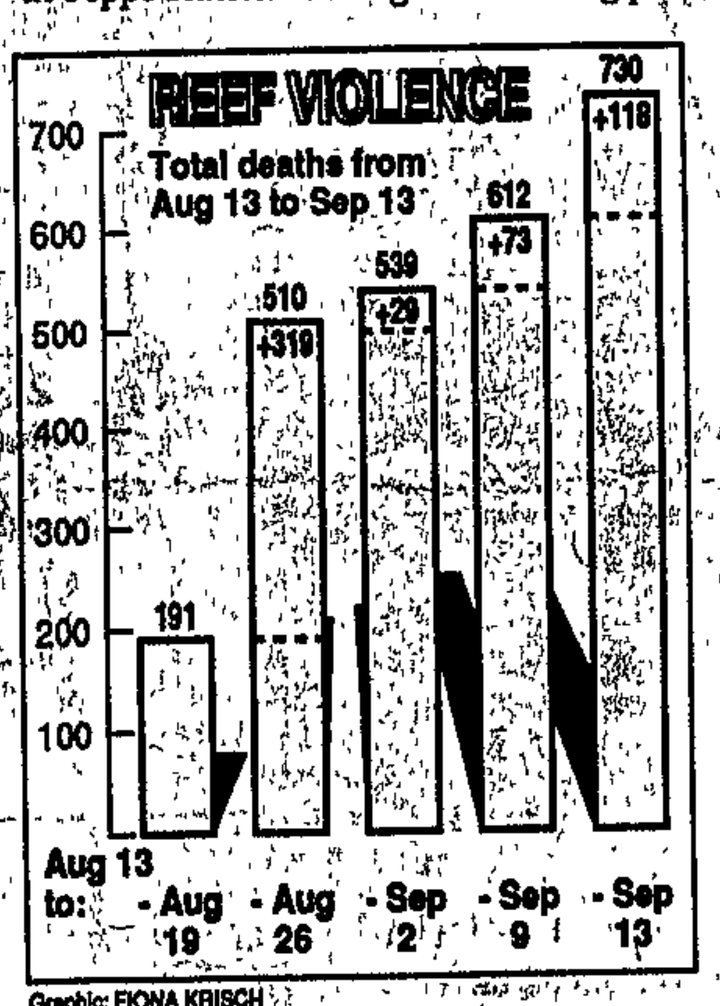
Meanwhile a source at Natalspruit hospital said an ambulance had been sent out early yesterday morning to the coloured township of Eden Park, directly opposite Phola Park squatter camp to pick up a white man who had been stabbed.

Women, children and injured men from the burning squatter camp fled with all moveable belongings to the Eden Park Catholic church.

The able-bodied men told journalists they were not prepared to abandon Phola Park.

"I would rather die fighting here than

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move. Anyway if I leave Johannesburg where will I find work to earn money to build another house?" a man asked.

The men said they were worried they may have lost their jobs as they had not been to work for over a month because of the fighting.

"If we go to work, when we come home in the evenings our houses will be gone," said another resident.

Residents said they were worried about further attacks last night.

Yesterday a weary police officer said: "The sooner calm is restored, the sooner my men and I can see our families and sleep again."

Police in the East Rand townships have been working shifts of up to 18 hours per day, most exhausted and some ill with influenza.

Natalspruit Hospital on the border of Katlehong and Thokoza was turned into a refugee camp on Wednesday night.

Yesterday a worker said the Red Cross had arrived to provide food, but did not have enough to feed everyone.

"Only the children received maltabella porridge and none of the adults had anything to eat," she said.

Hospital superintendant Dr Norman Kearns was unavailable for comment and a deputy refused to answer questions on how the hospital was coping with the influx of refugees, which some workers said totalled more than 1 400.

Barricades made Katlehong was virtually impassable yesterday and an uneasy calm gripped the near deserted Vosloorus township.

Vlok sends in police reinforcements

MIKE ROBERTSON

MORE police reinforcements had been rushed into war-torn East Rand townships and further action was being contemplated, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brig Leon Mellet said yesterday. B1 Dan 14/9/90

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok was unavailable for comment yesterday as he was in a meeting of the ANC/-government working group appointed to investigate the implications of the ANC's decision to suspend armed action.

Mellet said Vlok was highly concerned about the spiralling death toll — which included four policemen — on the East Rand and in Soweto. (278)

Police reinforcements were sent into Vosloorus, Tembisa, Katlehong and Thokoza yesterday, he said.

Vlok, he said, expressed his condolences to the families of the policemen killed and victims of violence.

The Minister is expected to issue a statement this weekend which will include a response to ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela's call for government to employ the might of the police and defence force to stamp out violence.

26 die and 100 injured on Soweto-bound train as Reef slaughter continues

Squatters hacked and shot, shacks demolished

50 more slaughtered in township violence

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Orgy of killings continues

By Carina le Grange,

Minibus gang guns down 11 pedestrians



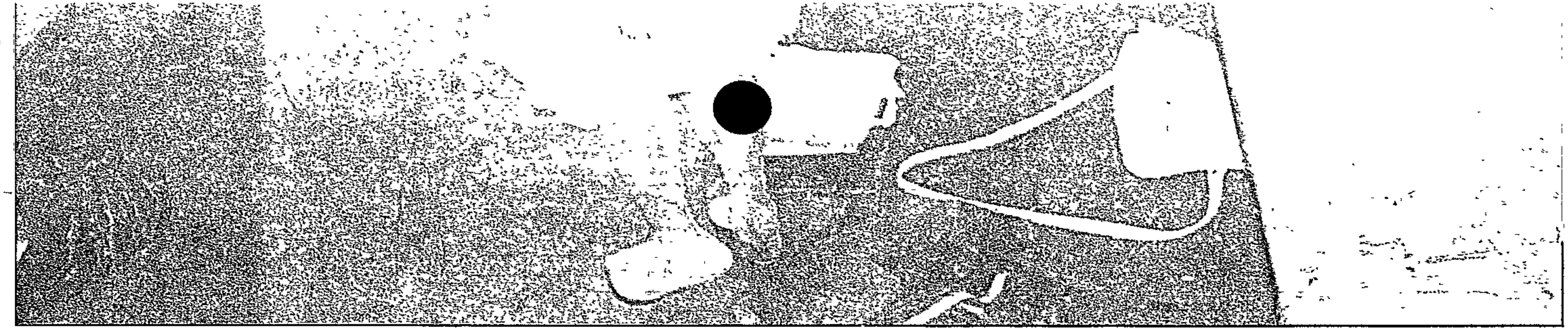
Police hunt for random city street killers

A week of violence ... The Star's front-page headlines on Monday (left), Tuesday (above) and yesterday (right).

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The carriages of death





Death train . . . the bodies of a man and a woman lie in a railway carriage — two of the victims of yesterday's brutal rampage among passengers. ● Picture by Associated Press.

Train gang may be city street killers

By Julienne du Toit, Guy Jepson, Shirley Woodgate and Carina le Grange

The gang which carried out the slaughter of the innocents on a Soweto-bound train last night may be the same killers who ran amok in central Johannesburg on Wednesday night.

Police said today they were investigating the possibility that the gang responsible for last night's train attack also gunned down 17 people in the city on Wednesday, killing three.

There is still no apparent motive for either attack.

Last night's train carnage left at least 26 people dead and more than 100 injured when a gang armed with shotguns, pangas and knives hacked and shot their way through a crowded passenger train on its way to Soweto.

Planned

Survivors told The Star of the cold-blooded, planned slaughter which began when the killers climbed aboard at Jeppe Station.

With their weapons concealed, they joined the mass of workers on their way home to Soweto.

It was 5.15 pm and the train took the "loop line", which heads through Johannesburg's eastern suburbs before turning towards Soweto. Several minutes later the train made its scheduled stop at George Goch station.



To the rescue . . . paramedics give emergency treatment to a victim at Denver station. ● Picture by Karen Fletcher.

Then began the "journey of death" The 8 km of line between George Goch and Denver stations became a trail of carnage.

Patrick Makhado was sitting in the second carriage from the front of the "death train".

"I saw about five people with shotguns, pistols and pangas.

"They just started killing everyone. Then two or three people came from the back, also with guns and pangas They had trapped us all.

"I jumped off the train I think I saw some of the attackers run off towards George Goch hostel."

Moving from carriage to carriage, the black attackers shot, stabbed and hacked their way through the passengers

Some, such as Mr Makhado, jumped for their lives.

Others cowered under seats.

Some were slain where they sat, or hacked as they tried to flee.

The killers shouted as they carried out the slaughter.

The Highveld evening was rent by the screams of the injured and dying in the train and along the track. It was a five-minute rampage that left 26 dead and more than 100 injured.

The driver brought the train to a stop at Denver Station.

Contrary to earlier reports, police said today a second group of killers were not waiting at Denver.

The attackers used pangas and knives, with most of the victims having slash wounds or injuries from leaping from the train.

As the train lurched to a stop, passengers fled into the night and the killers escaped.

A huge rescue operation — involving helicopters, a disaster bus and virtually every available ambulance in Johannesburg — was carried out as reports of the

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wholesale slaughter on the Naledi-bound train filtered through.

A section of the M2 highway was closed off as emergency services personnel battled to get the injured out of the scene.

Last night the Denver Station platform was coated with blood.

Bodies lay in the train and along the platform — some trembling, some motionless. One man lay propped up against a pillar. His chest was shiny with blood.

Emergency personnel had to step over bodies strewn on the ground.

It was impossible to tell how many were dead and how many unconscious. Some had blood-soaked rags or jackets over their faces. One or two moaned softly, only their eyes moving as they watched ambulance man carrying other injured on stretchers, drips attached to bleeding patients.

Security police blocked off Main Reef Road and riot gear police surrounded Denver Station after more shots were heard from there.

They refused to let anyone close to the area or to say if any more people had been killed in that incident.

An intensive manhunt was launched, but no arrests had been made, said Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester.

She said "a large group of blacks" who boarded the train at Jeppe station launched an attack on passengers as the train passed George Goch Station, using firearms, pangas and sharp instruments.

"Many passengers fled their attackers by jumping of the train between George Goch and Denver Stations."

Johannesburg director of public safety John Pearce, holding an Uzi sub-machine gun in one hand and a walkie-talkie in the other, was on the scene at Denver Station.

He co-ordinated emergency personnel, which included three helicopters, a disaster bus and "every ambulance available".

Ambulances were loaded and helicopters hovered overhead waiting to land.

A total of 57 injured were sent to the Hillbrow, Johannesburg, South Rand and Barag wanath Hospitals.

Dozens underwent surgery. Eighteen were discharged after treatment. Other victims recived first aid at Denver Station. Early today several patients were still in a serious condition, and at least two of them were critical.

Two of the 29 patients treated and admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital died after emergency surgery, a spokesman said early today.

Their deaths took the death toll to 26.

Injuries ranged from lacerations, fractures, stab wounds to gunshot wounds.

Acting superintendent of Hillbrow Hospital, J Norman-Smith, said today 11 patients were admitted to the emergency surgical unit last night and three patients were in a serious condition.

Eight more patients were referred from the hospital's casualty section to the Johannesburg hospital.

Another 15 were treated last night and discharged, Dr Norman-Smith said.

A South Rand Hospital spokesman said two patients were admitted and were in "a stable condition" this morning. She said one, a pregnant woman, who had jumped from the moving train, had sustained lacerations while the man had undergone surgery.



Violent death . . . the body of a victim lies on Denver station platform last night. ● **Picture by Associated Press.**

In Wednesday's killing spree, which is now being linked to last night's carnage, four unidentified men in a minibus unleashed a wave of terror starting at about 7.30 pm in the Johannesburg city centre.

Randomly firing on commuters and pedestrians with AK-47s as they travelled down Polly Street towards Marshall and Nugget streets to the Wolhuter mens' hostle in Jeppestown, they killed three people and wounded at least 17.

ANC deputy chief Nelson Mandela blamed "hit squads."

"We certainly have instances where people have been paid . . . it is quite clear that Inkatha has not got the capacity to organise this type of attack.

"There is no doubt that the people are very angry. I have never seen them as angry as they are. They are demanding to be armed and we are going to find it very difficult to resist that demand and you know the implications of that," he said.

President F W de Klerk said: "Those responsible are greatly mistaken if they believe that the Government's search for a peaceful solution is a password to lawlessness, unrest and murder."

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said: "This was a blatant attack on innocent passengers.

"I can't call it faction fighting — anyone could have been on the train."

The cold facts of Reef carnage

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Truce requires b

As township violence spirals out of control, millions of South Africans are asking: "How can the violence be stopped?" **Political Reporter ESMARÉ VAN DER MERWE** asked some experts for their proposals.

By HELEN GRANGE

For just more than a month, black townships throughout the Reef have been racked by brutal killings, fear and tragedy.

The death count yesterday stood at more than 700 — over 100 more than the final official death toll of 550 four months after the Soweto uprising of 1976.

Although township violence was escalating countrywide throughout this year — peaking at the end of July/beginning of August with a sudden outbreak of Inkatha-ANC fighting in Sebokeng and Kagiso on the West Rand — bloodshed on the Reef began in earnest when the East Rand township of Tokoza erupted into faction war.

A Zulu man was found dead by police in the township on August 12. That night and the next morning, mayhem struck as hostel-dwellers and squatters from Pholo Park engaged in battle, leaving at least 20 dead.

Police at the time described the Tokoza situation as "quite serious". Mini-states of emergency, imposed on several townships, have since emphasised the growing weight of the problem.

By August 14, the violence had spread to the other East Rand townships of Katlehong and Vosloorus. Crossroads squatter camp near Katlehong was in flames and charred bodies were being removed from the gutted shacks.

By this time, police were expecting an outbreak of violence in Soweto. An ominous illegal gathering outside Jabulani hostel was reported, with angry township residents seen threatening the hostel-dwellers. Claims were being made that Inkatha supporters were threatening commuters as they boarded trains.

Well over 140 people had now lost their lives in the East Rand.

By August 17, the first 17 casualties of Inkatha-ANC clashes in Soweto were reported. At Merafe hostel, hundreds of Inkatha warriors massed together, chanting and dancing, brandishing assegais, shields and other home-made weapons.

Newspapers were now carrying front-page editorials calling for a stop to the carnage. Horrific pictures of burning bodies and homeless refugees covered the front pages.

In spite of these calls, the death toll kept rising, and by August 18 the official death count for Tokoza, Vosloorus, Katlehong and Soweto was 191.

By August 22 the violence had spread to two more East Rand townships, Tembisa and Daveyton. In the West Rand township of Kagiso, Lewisham hostel was the focus of vicious attacks, and residents were claiming that Inkatha impis were being bused in by police.

The death toll had now soared to at least 510.

Clampdown

The Government decided to impose mini-states of emergency on 19 magisterial districts affected in a massive security clampdown. Hostels were searched and weapons confiscated.

Over the weekend August 24-25, Reef townships were relatively quiet, but warnings that a resurgence of violence was not far off only increased anxiety.

On August 27, eight of the first Soweto violence victims were buried.

On the first weekend of September, the predicted happened. Police found 23 bodies in Tokoza and Tembisa after occupants of a minibus drove around shooting and stabbing residents.

On September 4 bloody battles raged in Sebokeng, where 36 people were killed, allegedly at the hands of the SADF. Reports were made that armed whites took part in a pre-dawn attack on a Sebokeng hostel before the killings.

On September 6 five people were killed and 14 injured in an attack at Jeppe station in Johannesburg. It seemed a senseless and motiveless attack on civilians.

Last weekend saw another 50 killed in further attacks on squatter camps in Soweto and the East Rand townships. People were hacked or shot dead by marauding armed bands, and thousands of shacks were demolished.

Yesterday, after another four days of carnage, the official death toll stood at over 700 and rising ...



Confused and frightened, children like the one above have been caught in the midst of the violence.
● Picture by Kon Oosterbroek.

South Africa's political leaders must shift their ideological differences into the background and join forces to stop the carnage in Natal and Reef townships which has claimed hundreds of lives, politicians and analysts believe.

This is about as far as the consensus goes, and the one solution is rendered virtually impossible by deep-rooted ideological differences and, particularly on the Reef, confusion about the bloody clashes.

Those who believe the violence to be a straightforward battle for power between the ANC and Inkatha have called for a meeting between Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to facilitate a truce.

However, there is a general fear that such a meeting would no longer restore peace because the conflict has spread beyond ideological boundaries and that many exacerbating factors have since come into play. Those include:

- Widespread claims of police partiality and the existence of a "third force".
- Fear psychosis among township residents whereby attacks and counter-attacks are often launched following rumours of pending attacks by opposing forces.
- Revenge attacks.
- Ethnicity.
- Unemployment and appalling socio-economic conditions.
- Criminal behaviour.

The ANC and Inkatha are said to be involved in efforts to facilitate a meeting between top officials which, ANC sources said, should include Chief Buthelezi but not Mr Mandela. A meeting between the two leaders should only follow later.

ANC southern Natal con-

KAGISO

AUG 6
Hostel attack in Kagiso leaves 12 dead,16 injured. (unofficial 30).

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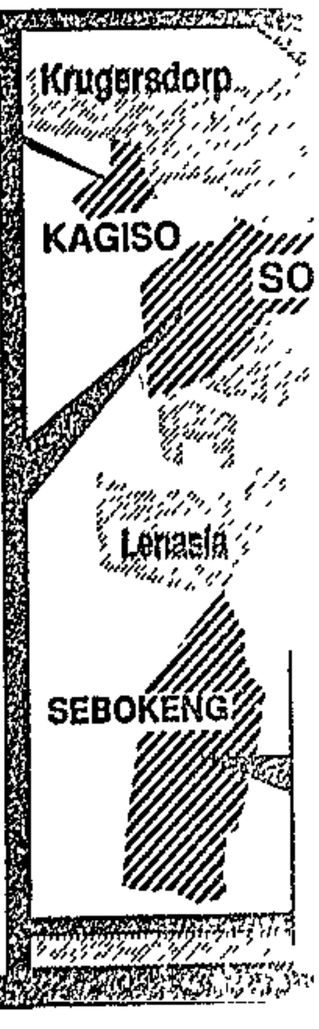
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SEPT 9
Tladi squatter camp residents allege dwellers from Merafe hostel, in minibuses driven by police, fired on them (32 dead)

SEPT 11
Police vehicle ambushed near Diepkloof squatter camp (1 dead)

SEPT 12
Minibus carrying Carlton Hotel staff attacked outside Nancefield hostel (3 dead)



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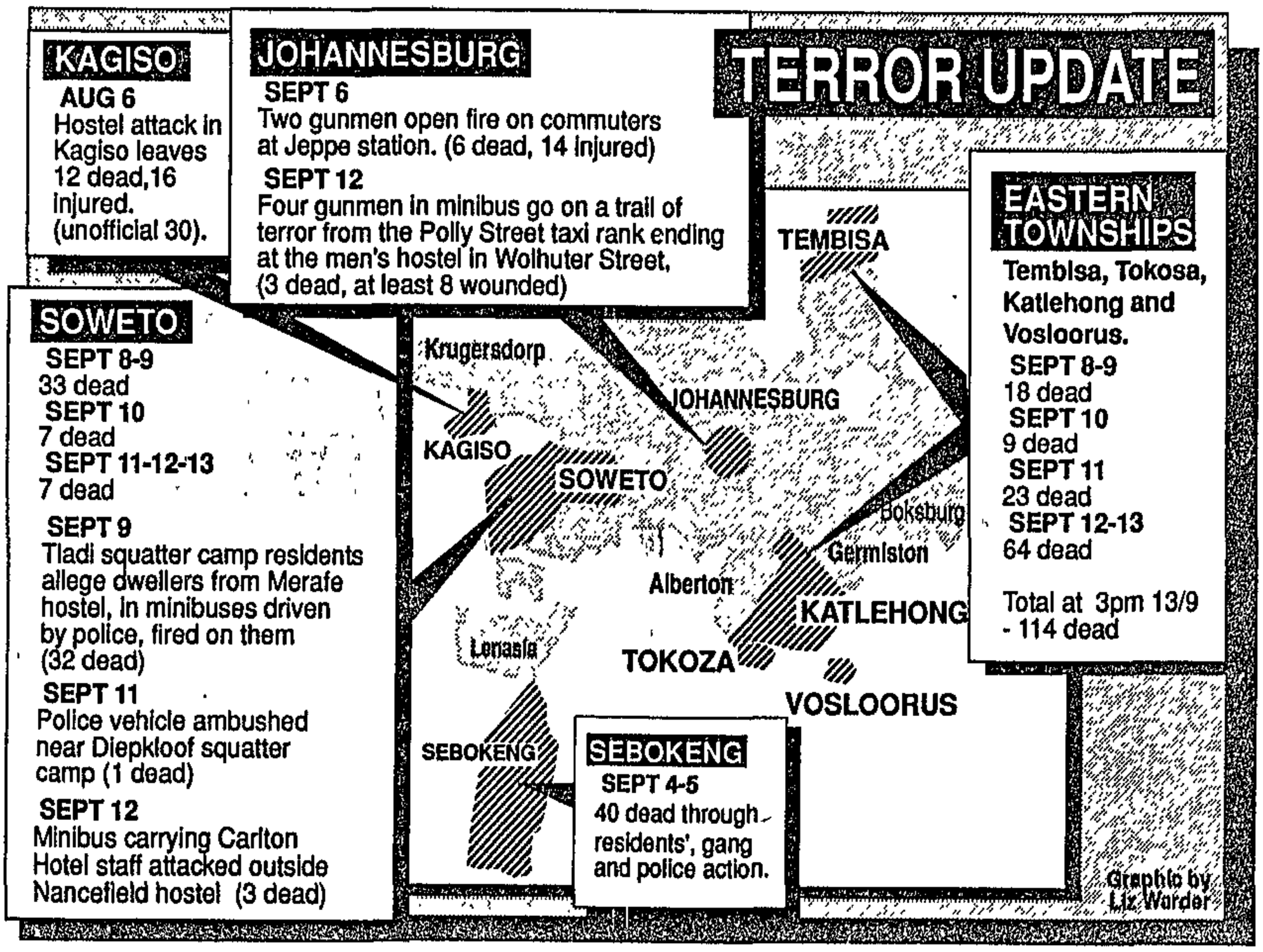
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"On the other hand, Mr de Klerk has only made half-hearted efforts because he does not want to alienate Chief Buthelezi. He should give him an ultimatum by putting financial pressure on him.

"Then there is a growing suspicion that some elements in the police, the defence force and even some politicians do not want to find solutions because it is a good propaganda tool — particularly overseas — to portray the violence as black-on-black."

From the Black Consciousness Movement came a different suggestion.

Azapo general secretary Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said the organisation had in March — before the Natal violence spilt over to the Reef — suggested a conference among all "liberation movements" to stop the violence and map out joint strategies for the future

Neither the Government nor Inkatha should be involved in peace initiatives because apartheid was the cause of the violence and "Gatsha has been built by the State as a pawn to do its dirty work", he said.

"It is apartheid and nothing else that is causing the violence. We had the experience when the UDF and Azapo were said to have been at war. The State was behind it. It deliberately causes rifts between various organisations because it wants to portray the country as consisting of various minority groups," Mr Nefolvhodwe said

Deeply suspicious of elements within the security forces which are being used to destabilise the situation, the ANC has proposed the establishment of central command structures to exercise control over the security forces

It has also proposed the establishment of liaison and monitoring mechanisms in unrest areas. This call has received wide support.

Former Inkatha leader Oscar Dhlomo, now of the Institute for Multiparty Democracy, believes leaders such as Mr de Klerk, Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi should draw up a code of conduct to guide the actions of the security forces.

Mr Mandela's call on the Government this week to use the SADF to quell the violence has been widely criticised

Political commentator Jan de Plessis warned this week that the use of military force to solve a political problem could lead to civil war

Nic Rhoodie, head of the Centre for Conflict Analysis, said the significance of this call had not yet been grasped In effect, the use of military force would make Mr Mandela an accomplice to murder if people died because of SAP or SADF activities.

Various black organisations have also criticised Mr Mandela on this score. In the words of Azapo's Mr Nefolovhodwe: "It is naive to call on the people who cause the violence to maintain law and order. The campaign to get the security forces out of the townships was launched precisely because they were killing our people."

While there is a growing fear that the country's political leaders are no longer in control of the situation, other peace efforts are being planned

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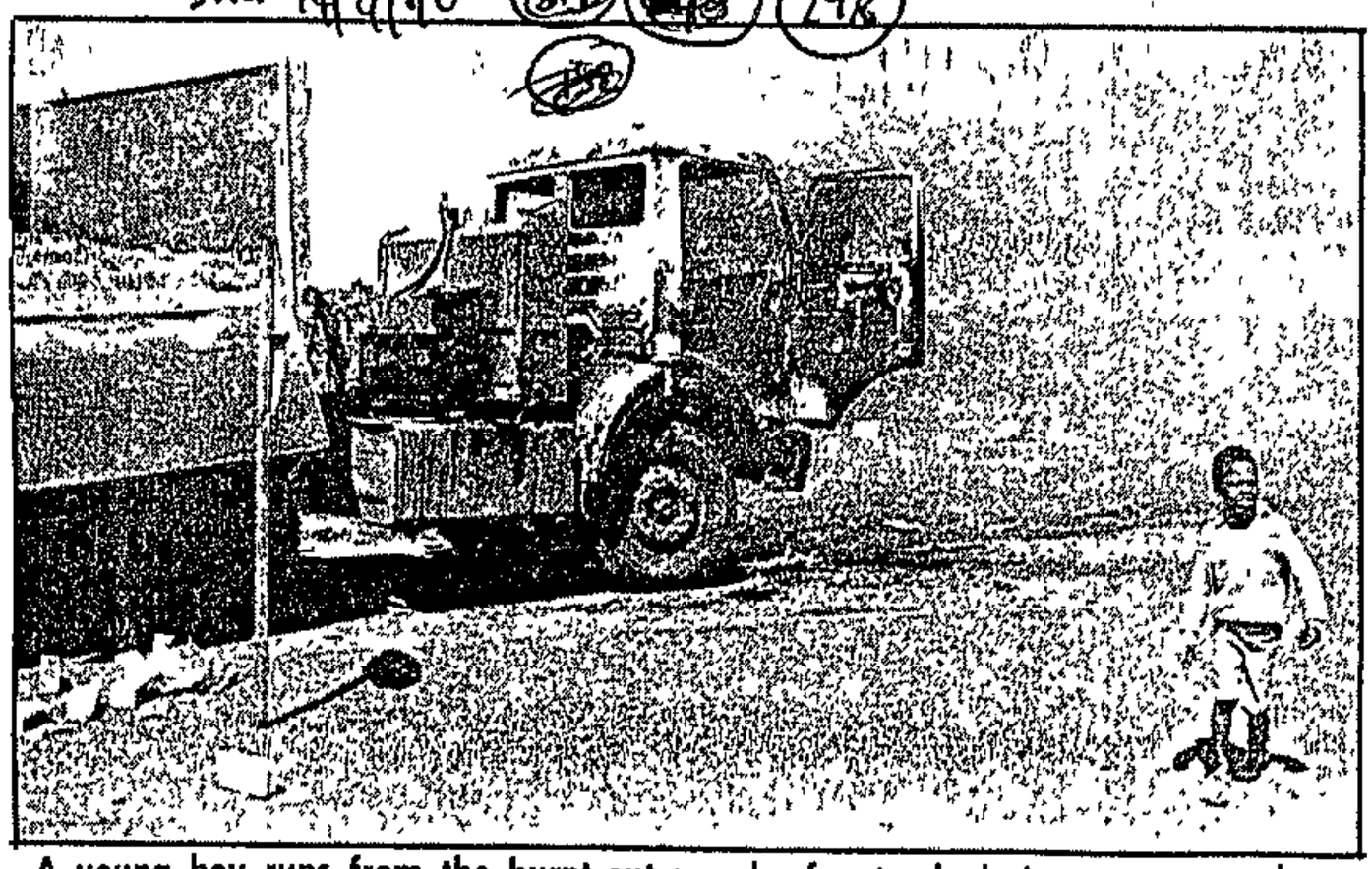
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Nic Rhoodie, head of the Centre for Conflict Analysis, said the significance of this call had

Now blackouts add to their woes

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PATRICK LAURENCE and ABEL MABELANE visited Katlehong and Tokoza yesterday in the aftermath of another burst of fighting and as electricity to the townships was being cut off. An official acknowledged that the townships were becoming ungovernable.



A young boy runs from the burnt-out wreck of a truck during recent mayhem at Vosloorus on the East Rand. ● Picture: Herbert Mabuza.

The voice crackled over the walkie-talkie: "We are under attack. They are attacking with petrol bombs and stones."

The commander of a police Casspir had radioed in to report that they were low on diesel. Their mission was to cut electricity off from the more than 22 000 houses in Katlehong.

It was deeply resented by Katlehong's residents, some of whom felt angry enough to bombard the Casspir with Molotov cocktails and rocks at the risk of being shot.

The commander wanted to know whether there was diesel at the Katlehong Town Council headquarters.

Town clerk Fanie Mare responded calmly to the commander's question. He picked up one of three telephones and spoke to a town council official. Diesel was clearly in low supply.

Mr Mare spoke into the walkie-talkie, advising the commander to try his luck in neighbouring Vosloorus. But, he hastened to assure the police officer, he would make a plan if Vosloorus could not help.

The decision to cut off electricity had been taken in an attempt to persuade Katlehong residents to pay their bills for electricity and refuse removal.

The town council bought electricity from Eskom. It was unable to pay because of the refusal by householders to meet their bills. The town council owed Eskom R4 million. Its debt for refuse removal stood at R500 000.

Trouble

Mr Mare calmly recited the facts of the situation. The cigarette in his hand was the only visible concession to the strain of trying to administer a township without funds and in the midst of sustained and repeated violence in its streets.

Katlehong, with an official population of about half a million and situated on the outskirts of Germiston, was seemingly quiet for the moment. It is, however, one of the main trouble spots in the violence sweeping townships around Johannnesburg.

The signs of violence which were devasting Katlehong were everywhere: boulders lay across its streets, reminders of the barricades that had made the township impassable only the day before; soldiers manned roadblocks at entrances to the township; burnt-out cars added a surreal dimension to the urban landscape; and Katlehong residents, wary of strangers, kept to themselves.

Mr Mare admitted frankly that it was a bad time to cut electricity. "It will definitely cause an increase in the crime rate," he said. Streetlights, once thought to be the answer to township violence, were not excluded from the cut-off.

But, Mr Mare argued, if the town council waited longer, the situation would become worse — they would have to cut off electricity totally instead of keeping it flowing to indispensable services, such as those provided at the Natalspruit Hospital.

The office of the Tokoza administrator was dim. Electricity had already been cut off, even to his office.

Squeezed

The administrator, Gert Muller, told a similar tale. Tokoza bought its electricity from the Alberton Town Council. Tokoza's bill now stood at R1,5 million. Alberton, which was being squeezed by Eskom, was demanding payment. Tokoza could not afford to allow the debt to grow.

Last-minute negotiations between the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr Muller and the Tokoza Civic Association (TCA) had failed to end the deadlock. The TCA had offered a flat payment of R30 a month from each household in return for a decision to write of the accumulated debt and to reconnect electricity supplies

Local-government chief director J J van der Walt rejected the proposal outright He mentioned a compromise figure of R70 a month in return for raising a bridging loan to cover the R1,5 billion debt and reconnecting the electricity

No agreement was reached, however, and the electricity supply was cut. It made little difference to the squatters of Phola Park, on the edge of Tokoza, who don't have electricity.

Their minds were on more fundamental matters: their lives and, after that, their possessions. A long stream of people moved steadily out of Phola Park to friends in Tokoza.

They had been raided the night before by "Inkatha". People had been killed and shacks burnt down. They alleged that "Inkatha" — a reference to Zulu migrant workers in hostels in Tokoza — were assisted by police.

They had no faith in the police, yelling "Inkatha! Inkatha!" at a Casspir as it approached "Only God saves us here," a man said. "Inkatha is using rifles and we only have sticks."

In Katlehong and Tokoza, sewerage pipes were blocked and sewage spilt into the streets sporadically.

"The townships are becoming ungovernable," an official remarked after he had been assured of anonymity.

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More killed in Soweto and on East Rand

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By Monica Nicolson and Thabo Leshilo

After several days and nights of carnage on the Reef, townships were reported to be quieter last night — but police said residents were tense and violence could erupt again at any moment.

Four people were found stabbed to death yesterday afternoon, bringing the Soweto death toll to 67 since the beginning of September.

One of the men was a policeman who was stabbed to death outside the Merafe station.

He was the fourth policeman to have died in violent attacks in the past two days. Constable Dewald Liebenberg was shot in Diepkloof on Wednesday, Constable D Dlamini was shot at point-blank range outside the Dube railway station that evening, and Constable J Fokane was shot at the Sinoane municipal offices hours later.

Vincent Nthoroane (32) was allegedly gunned down by police at his home in Diepkloof Zone 3 yesterday. Police were said to be looking for his nephew.

Police also allegedly shot dead Naledi Extension socialite and former shebeen king Cybril "Gomma Gomma" Montsitsi in his yard on Wednesday night.

A terrified Soweto woman telephoned The Star at about 7 pm yesterday to say her neighbours were being attacked. "The men are chopping the house down, stealing things and opening all the taps so that water is flooding everywhere," she said.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester said eight bodies were found in Tokoza yesterday and one in Vosloorus, bringing the number of deaths in the area to 100 since Monday.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe has strongly rejected allegations that whites were fanning the bloody clashes on the Reef. He challenged anyone making such allegations to make a statement to the police.

Excluding those murdered at Denver station last night, the official death toll on the Reef since the beginning of last month now stands at at least 735.

Wounded describe their nightmare ride into hell

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Staff Reporters

Amid scenes reminiscent of field hospitals after a pitched military battle, wounded survivors of last night's "train of death" told The Star of a commuter trip that turned into a nightmare ride into hell.

At the Johannesburg, Hillbrow and South Rand hospitals scores of medical personnel battled to cope with the deluge of bloody victims.

As ferry services of ambulances roared in, the wounded told of the most cold-blooded and merciless slayings yet seen on the country's transport network.

Obed Sithole of Soweto, being treated by medics for head wounds resulting from leaping out of a carriage said he heard one of the men, "hefty, middle-aged and wielding a gun", speaking in Zulu.

Just before he jumped he saw the man fire a shot through a window, then ask a passenger why he had not jumped like the others.

A man in the emergency section at Hillbrow Hospital, where about 25 of the injured were taken, said passengers had been singing and praying before the violence began.

Thomas Ndimande of Soweto said he jumped when the shooting began. He injured his leg and arm.

"When I heard the first shots everyone opened their eyes from praying and started screaming and running. Some jumped out of the train and others hung on outside from the doors and windows.

"I saw two black men, about middle-aged. One was wearing a black tracksuit with white stripes down the arms. I saw one of them stabbing a woman.

"They were using their pangas on anyone. I didn't think I would come out of it alive. I was very scared," Mr Ndimande said.

Another eye-witness, Sidney

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Ntshingila, said he had seen four black attackers between the ages of about 28 and 36.

Two of them had knives, one a panga and another a pistol. They wore ordinary clothes and "just started stabbing and shooting".

At Johannesburg Hospital, Edison Tshilamali of Dobsonville, said black men who boarded at George Goch station and opened fire.

"They were shooting at random, men and women. People started throwing themselves out of the windows in panic.

"I remember one of the men was dressed in an army outfit.

"He had a panga in his hand and his pockets were bulging."

Mr Tshilamali did not know how many attackers there were — but enough to give him nightmares for years to come.

An ominous hiss. 'Kill the white woman'

By PHILIPPA GARSON

THE East Rand townships of Thokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong were tense yesterday in the wake of continuing battles between Inkatha hostel-dwellers and township residents.

Shops were closed, people stood aimlessly about. No-one went to school and few braved the hazardous journey to work as "comrades" blocked the roads demanding to search cars and confiscating weapons. Few taxis were operating in the strife-torn areas. Many people were seen fleeing the townships.

In Katlehong, angry youths surrounded *The Weekly Mail* car, armed with spears and petrol bombs. After searching the car and our possessions, they allowed us through, but more youths brandishing weapons reappeared. Someone hissed "Let's kill the white woman", and we turned back.

In Vosloorus there was less hostility. Worn-out residents said they had not slept the night before when Inkatha members from nearby hostels had been dispatched by casspirs at various points in the township. Scores of residents in the "Sotho section", who were watching the demolition of two rows of vacant hostels, came forward and told how Inkatha had unleashed a reign of terror on random houses, looting, burning houses and killing people. (278)

One of the victims was an elderly man, David Maimane. His family was closeted in the window-shattered house, mourning his death. His daughter, Evelyn, said she had hidden under the bed when the attackers came. They cornered her father in the kitchen and shot him.

Hostel-dwellers have been given two weeks to vacate the hostels and the council plans to convert them into family units. WMail 14/9 - 20/9/90

"We are glad," the people said as they watched the delapidated buildings crumble. "The hostels are the cause of all the troubles, we don't want them in the location."

Zulu king to tour the Reef and plead peace

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By CARMEL RICKARD

ZULU king Goodwill Zwelithini and Transkei president Tutor Ndamase will be among a group of chiefs to visit the Transvaal this weekend, to plead for peace. W\Mail 14/9 - 20/9/90

Zwelithini announced the peace mission in Ulundi yesterday, when he addressed a meeting of chiefs from the kwaZulu region.

He said that he held the African National Congress and its allies, Cosatu, the United Democratic Front and the SA Communist Party "responsible for the violence that is flaring in so many parts of kwaZulu, Natal and the Transvaal".

A meeting last month of Transkei and Zulu chiefs decided that they should visit the Reef, "so that the people could see that their leadership were banded together in the pursuit of black unity".

I drove out of the city... straight into a war zone

Weekly Mail photographer **KEVIN CARTER** *drove into the strife-torn East Rand townships this week. He reports on his experiences* (278)

AS soon as we drive into the Phola Park squatter camp, where more than 300 shacks were demolished and burned the night before in attacks by Inkatha hostel dwellers, we are stopped by a group of residents armed with axes, knives, and pangas. WMail 1419 - 20/7/90

"Who are you, and what do you want?" we are asked.

"This is Sam Binks from 702, and I am Kevin Carter of *The Weekly Mail*," I say. "We have heard of the trouble last night, and want to do a report."

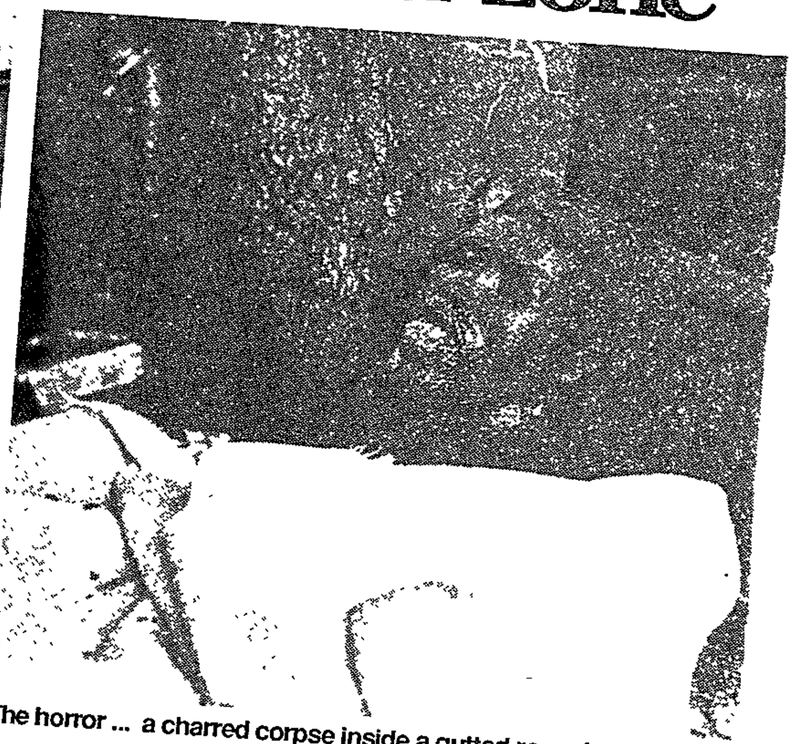
"Do you know how you can help us?", asks a man. "We need guns! How can we defend ourselves against Inkatha and the police without guns?" This is a cry we are to hear again and again during the course of the morning.

A man jumps into the back of our car, and says he will show us some of the



Peoples roadblock ... armed Katlehong "comrades" with a powerful message.

Pictures: KEVIN CARTER



The horror ... a charred corpse inside a gutted room in Thokoza

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devastation of the night before. Devastation it is. It is impossible to tell how many shacks are destroyed, but certainly they number in the hundreds.

People are returning to gather what belongings they can, and get out again. Some are moving to a nearby piece of land owned by Brickor, where apparently they have been given sanctuary. Some are simply fleeing.

Someone approaches and wants to show me something. I follow him into the ruins, and he stops and points to a black, charred mess amongst the wreckage of a shack. He tells me it is the body of an 80-year-old blind man, who was unable to flee the attackers. I take a photograph to please the man, but know it will not make a picture. The remains bear no resemblance to anything human.

In the veld nearby sits a group of about 100 men. They want to go to a nearby hostel and retaliate for the attacks, but the police are between them and the hostel. Talking to them the overwhelming message is the same: "We want guns!"

A police van approaches to collect the body of a man shot the night before. I move towards it as the police dismount, and can feel the hard stare of the policeman. I comment that things are very bad, and that this is going to be the first of many body pick-ups today. His reply is short and sharp: "The more the better. I wish they would all kill each other."

Over in the Beirut section of Thokoza, further horror awaits us. We stop next to a gutted house, in front of which a group of women are singing in mourning. Jacob Legkaki introduces himself to me. In the outhouse of the building lies the charred corpse of his brother, Raphael.

He says the residents were aware that an attack from the nearby hostel was coming. He says the male residents gathered together with their weapons to defend the area. As soon as the group became sizeable, police in Casspirs and vans came down the street and dispersed the people with teargas and shotgun fire. Minutes after came the Inkatha attack, which left at least five people dead.

Other residents are luckier — they are alive to tell the tale of how their homes were attacked and looted. The attackers made off with television sets, fridges, sound systems and food.

We head for Katlehong to see what is happening there. It resembles a full-blown war zone. Most of the roads are heavily barricaded and police in vans and Casspirs are patrolling.

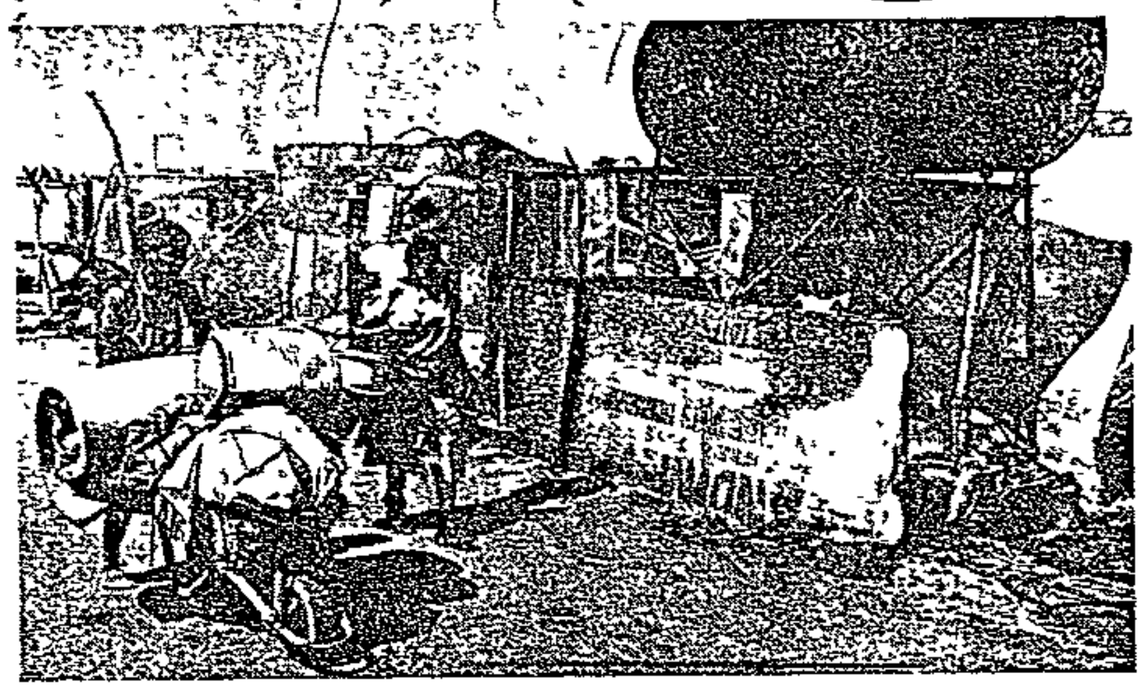
Suddenly, as we approach an intersection, a group of youths fill the road. They are shouting at us to stop, and reinforce their commands by holding up petrol bombs. It is clear to us that we must stop, but my mind races with thoughts of journalists having their cars burnt, and I am very careful in my choice of words.

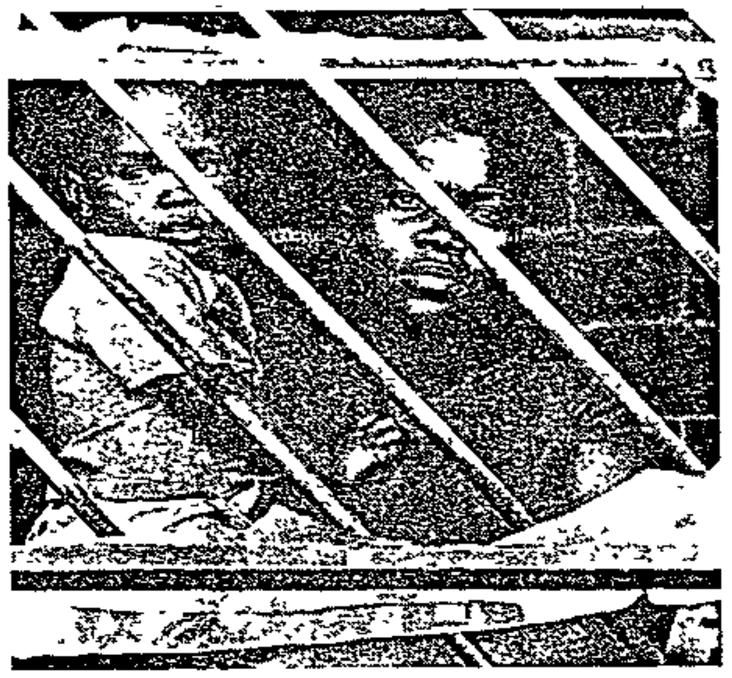
We explain who we are and that we are reporting on the attacks of the previous night. Our bags and car are searched. Later we notice that our cigarettes are missing. A young boy arrives with a cardboard sign saying: "No cars after 7pm." I am told to photograph the sign. Not asked — told.

I comply, and the youngsters jostle for a position in the picture, striking poses with rocks and petrol bombs. This done, we head back to the office. Enough is enough for one day.

THE WAR: *A quiet night in Phola Park ... then war breaks out and a thousand shacks burn*

A stranger comes calling ...



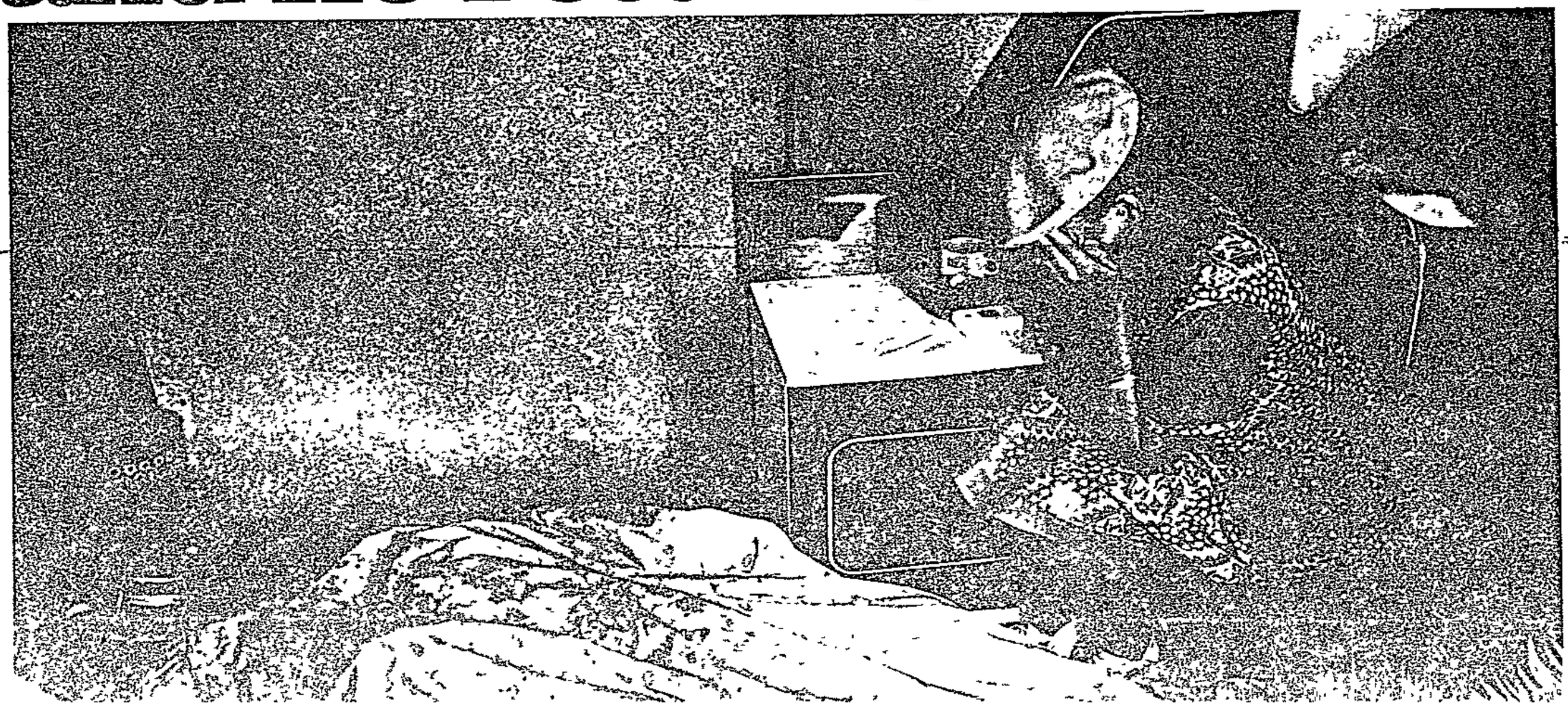




On the run from mayhem

LEFT: With their few possessions piled on their heads or into wheelbarrows, Phola Park residents flee ... to anywhere.
CENTRE: Woman and child at the window of a devastated house in Thokoza
RIGHT: Another wasted life. Police find a body hidden behind foliage and piles of bricks in Phola Park
Pictures. KEVIN CARTER

and he returns with death



PHILIPPA GARSON and **MONDLI MAKHAYA** spend the night in Thokoza ... and find themselves at the centre of a bloody war (278)

THE battle started on Wednesday night, a few minutes after a stranger came to Phola Park and asked to speak to the "operators", armed township residents who are posted at strategic points.

The stranger said he had ammunition to give to the operators. When residents refused to believe him, he left quickly W/M 14/9 - 20/9/90

Five minutes later, the attack was launched. W/M 14/9-20/9/90

It lasted into the early hours of the morning: gunfire, burning shacks, fleeing residents, women and children huddled in churches, Casspirs circling the area. That night over 1 000 shacks were burnt to the ground.

There was one common theme in all the residents' accounts: police and mysterious balaclava-clad white men were helping the Inkatha attackers.

"Some of the Inkatha people were armed with guns but most of them had only spears and pangas. The white men were firing with AK-47s and throwing hand grenades at houses. We tried to repel them, but our guns were not as powerful as theirs. The grenades were too much for us," one resident said.

Another added "We were coming



...sband, killed in an Inkatha attack

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Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi has denied all knowledge of the "secret Zulu army". And a SADF spokesman said he was not aware of such a base.

However, fears are mounting that clandestine units or rogue elements of the security forces are involving themselves in the fighting to scupper peace talks between the government and the African National Congress.

The CCB member said the Inkatha men were trained at a place called "Hlippo" in the Caprivi Strip. They were flown into the base and told they were going to Zaire. He named some of the officers allegedly involved in the training as JP Opperman, "Jakes" Jacobs and Andre Nieuwoudt.

His information is corroborated by former Inkatha members who said they were taken for military training in the bush where there were wild animals.

UmAfrika newspaper reported that about 200 people, divided into two groups, were sent out of the country from Ulundi for training in the use of Eastern bloc weaponry. The second group flew from Ulundi and travelled for about hours before landing. The recruits were allegedly met by white soldiers. This group then allegedly returned to kwaZulu where they instructed people in guerrilla warfare, the report says.

Passing round the hat - for guns

By WALLY MBHELE

AS renewed clashes between residents and hostel dwellers in the East Rand townships of Vosloorus and Katlehong spread, some area committees are collecting money for arms and ammunition.

In Vosloorus residents have started asking for "donations to buy arms and ammunition to defend ourselves against armed Inkatha mobs" while in Katlehong the subject of buying arms is high on the agenda of street patrols.

A Vosloorus area committee member said residents were enthusiastic about the arms project. "People have lost confidence in the police. We feel bound to protect ourselves by whatever means."

Some people had contributed twice the amount requested from them, he said, adding that he could not disclose the amount collected so far. "It's not important." The activist, who takes part in patrolling the streets every night, would not say where the arms would come from: "We'll buy them from where Inkatha buys them, we need protection".

Most people who spoke to the *Weekly Mail* this week asked the African National Congress to provide them with arms and ammunition.

...ing for guns. "We eventually managed to push them back at midnight, but small battles continued thereafter," said one resident.

When we arrived at Phola Park late on Wednesday afternoon, the tension was already tangible. Residents, who had suffered an attack the previous night which allegedly claimed six lives, were preparing for a recurrence.

Residents at a make-shift roadblock were on the look-out for a red kombi which they claimed had been driven earlier in the day by Inkatha members who had shot at people randomly, abducted two men and killed them.

Cars that refused to stop were stoned. "If a person runs away, you can see he's Inkatha. If he's ANC, he passes through here without a problem," said one of the residents, armed with a spear and pipe.

"We wear blankets to identify ourselves. Some of these people of Inkatha shoot us in front of the police. They have firearms but the police come here

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daily to disarm us."

A red kombi which had driven past earlier and refused to stop was later traced in the adjacent township of Thokoza. It was hijacked by "comrades" and brought into Phola Park. The driver was hacked to death with pangas, spears and pipes by a crowd of angry residents.

In Thokoza, Inkatha-supporting hostel-dwellers sat outside in groups. Some wore red headbands; a red flag flew. A makeshift sign on a pole read: "Stop killing us. We want peace and security."

The Inkatha people refused to talk to the press, but one man sitting at the deserted bus station said an attack had been planned for later that afternoon.

Back in Phola Park over 1 000 women and children were streaming into the Catholic Church in the nearby coloured township of Eden Park — in mounting panic as darkness began to fall.

"The situation is completely out of control," said a frantic, weary Father Bugler. "We just don't have the accommodation to take in these people who are arriving in their hundreds. We have appealed to other churches, but some have refused, saying the last time they did so, people spoilt the church."

The Eden Park town council refused to open the local community hall and people had nowhere else to go. They poured into the church grounds and soon every square inch was carpeted with bodies. One could barely move between the terrified women, clutching baggage and crying babies.



Sorrow ... a Phola Park woman mourns the death of her husband

Father Bugler and his social worker assistant, Hilary Wiles, had not slept the night before.

"We are trying to keep the men away. There is a feeling among them that if the men are here the place will be attacked."

Both Bugler and Wiles, who have been involved with the people of Phola Park for the past three years, said the local authorities had been trying to demolish the camp. A spate of demolitions in June and July was halted by legal action.

As night fell, shots began to ring out in the settlement and soon hundreds of shacks were up in flames. Flares intermittently lit up the smoky scene and fleeing residents could be seen silhouetted against the glowing sky.

Two men, sweat pouring from their faces, ran into the crowded church grounds telling women and children to be prepared to run at any moment. Inkatha may be coming to attack them, they said. But there was nowhere to flee.

The situation became desperate as more and more panic-stricken women and children flocked into the grounds. "Turn the lights off," women cried. The refugee camp was plunged into darkness and women huddled under blankets, trying to hush whimpering children.

Some women stood and silently watched smoke billowing from the settlement, not knowing whose shacks were gone and whose husbands, lovers or fathers were dead or injured. There was nothing to say. They could only wait until morning to find out.

A group of men hiding on the outskirts of Phola Park suddenly emerged from behind an electricity sub-station to pursue a fleeing Inkatha man wearing a white armband. They reappeared a few moments later, out of breath but grinning. "Yes, we killed him," a man said before disappearing into the darkness.

Panic spread as men wearing blankets tore a hole in the church fence and began to pour in behind the church.

The Mandela house in Soweto was telephoned and Winnie Mandela said she would do everything possible to get the security forces to protect the women and children. A Colonel Steve van Rooyen telephoned to say the Vosloorus riot unit had been dispatched and police were in control of the situation.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu phoned, as did SA Council of Churches official Sheena Duncan. Both said they would try to call security forces to the refugee camp. They never came.

One man who ran into the camp said he witnessed a Casspir pick up some of the "hundreds of Zulus" who emerged from the township and headed past Eden Park.

At dawn, weary people began to make their way back to the smouldering township. Clusters of people could be seen scattered around the veld peering down at bodies. Five bodies were in evidence, but residents said there were many more strewn about the vast, rambling squatter camp.

The body of an Inkatha member, whose genitals had been cut off, lay in a ditch next to the highway. Children stopped to peer at the twisted, blood-caked bodies of men who had been hacked to death.

One young man angrily chopped at the body of an Inkatha member. "We could finish them off if it wasn't that the police are helping them," he said. "We are ANC supporters, but where are the ANC? We need weapons."

A woman called "Ouma" told how she had been asleep in her shack (now destroyed) when she heard noises: "I saw Inkatha people with headbands hacking at the windows and tin and then I saw the police throwing things which explode into fire into the shacks."

A Casspir arrived and policemen dismounted, saying the people must give up their weapons. But when enraged residents advanced, brandishing spears and hurling abuse, the policemen climbed back into the Casspir and drove off.

●Police spokesman Colonel Malherbe said yesterday there were no whites and certainly no police instigating East Rand township violence.

"We categorically, again and again, deny these allegations. I only wish these people would come forward and supply affidavits so we can investigate them. Police are in the vicinity and there are officers ... and I invite them to go to these police who will be standing around openly, and tell their story. We plainly reject these allegations," he said.

Captain Henriette Bester of the South African Police said 20 people had died in Vosloorus, which would include Phola Park, since Wednesday.

She denied allegations that police co-operated with Inkatha.



In a bedroom in 'Beirut' section, Thokoza, a woman weeps over the body of her husband, killed in an Inkatha attack

Picture: KEVIN CARTER

Who are these whites behind the rooidoeke?

By EDDIE KOCH

UNITED NATIONS secretary general Perez de Cuellar has expressed serious concern about the role of security force members in the Reef violence as reports of collaboration between white men and Inkatha *rooidoeke* mounted this week.

Residents of Phola Park squatter camp, ransacked by migrant workers, insisted that a white man, who was among a group that took part in the attack on Wednesday night, had been killed and his body removed by police early yesterday morning.

The claim that a white man was killed at Phola Park is the latest in a series that implicate white men, as well as members of the security forces, in fighting on the side of Inkatha supporters on the East Rand this week.

Weekly Mail reporters, who were at the Catholic church near the camp when the fighting raged on Wednesday night, were told by residents that Casspirs provided back-up for the invading migrants and that policemen hurled incendiary grenades from the vehicles into shacks.

Similar reports were received from Vosloorus township, where residents said police troop carriers had dropped off *rooidoeke* in the township when it was attacked on Tuesday night.

A member of the Civil Co-operation Bureau, the military's disbanded counter insurgency unit, told *The Weekly Mail* that Defence Force personnel trained an elite unit of Inkatha fighters at a military base in the Caprivi Strip in the use of AK-47s and guerrilla warfare.

There have been reports of Inkatha members using Russian-made assault rifles during the recent strife. Themba Khoza, Inkatha Youth Brigade leader in the Transvaal, was arrested this month after handing out AK-47s to groups involved in an attack at a Sebokeng hostel.

The CCB members' report is backed up by accounts, published in Natal newspapers, that a special unit, including Inkatha Youth Brigade members, was trained in urban and rural guerrilla warfare at a base outside South Africa and then sent back to kwaZulu.

Perez de Cuellar, addressing the UN general assembly on the question of apartheid, said on Wednesday: "It would be remiss of me not to express concern about the growing allegations of the culpability of elements of the security forces in these incidents."

Other reports of white involvement in the violence include:

- On September 6 a group of men in a minibus killed six residents on the street and their houses
- Unknown gunmen opened fire on a crowd of commuters at Jeppe station on September 6
- A group of men drove through Tembisa and Thokoza townships in a minibus on September 2, shooting and hacking at least 12 bystanders to death.
- White men with blackened faces was allegedly involved in an attack at a Sebokeng hostel this month.

Father Kevin Bugler, a Catholic priest who works in the squatter camp, said residents had seen the body of a white man before it was removed yesterday. "The accounts are all consistent with each other and there is strong evidence to suggest that policemen were involved in these attacks," he said.

Officers at police headquarters in Pretoria deny the claims. They say police are investigating reports that a "third force" is active in the unrest.

Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi has denied all knowledge of the "secret Zulu army". And a SADF spokesman said he was not aware of such a base.

However, fears are mounting that clandestine units or rogue elements of the security forces are involving themselves in the fighting to scupper peace talks between the government and the African National Congress.

The CCB member said the Inkatha men were trained at a place called "Hippo" in the Caprivi Strip. They were flown into the base and told they were going to Zaire. He named some of the officers allegedly involved in the training as JP Opperman, "Jakes" Jacobs and Andre Nieuwoudt.

His information is corroborated by former Inkatha members who said they were taken for military training in the bush where there were wild animals.

UmAfrika newspaper reported that about 200 people, divided into two groups, were sent out of the country from Ulundi for training in the use of Eastern bloc weaponry. The second group flew from Ulundi and travelled for about hours before landing. The recruits were allegedly met by white soldiers. This group then allegedly returned to kwaZulu where they instructed people in guerrilla warfare, the report says.

Passing round the hat - for guns

By WALLY MBHELE

AS renewed clashes between residents and hostel dwellers in the East Rand townships of Vosloorus and Katlehong spread, some area committees are collecting money for arms and ammunition.

In Vosloorus residents have started asking for "donations to buy arms and ammunition to defend ourselves against armed Inkatha mobs" while in Katlehong the subject of buying arms is high on the agenda of street patrols.

A Vosloorus area committee member said residents were enthusiastic about the arms project. "People have lost confidence in the police. We feel bound to protect ourselves by whatever means."

Some people had contributed twice the amount requested from them, he said, adding that he could not disclose the amount collected so far. "It's not important." The activist, who takes part in patrolling the streets every night, would not say where the arms would come from: "We'll buy them from where Inkatha buys them, we need protection".

Most people who spoke to the *Weekly Mail* this week asked the African National Congress to provide them with arms and ammunition.

Refugee crisis

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FLASH

SEVERAL people were killed and at least 60 injured when armed youths apparently opened fire in a train at Denver Station, near Johannesburg, last night, independent *Radio 702* reported.

A large contingent of police and ambulances rushed to the station.

Police could not say how many people were dead or injured. - *Sapa*.

AT LEAST 99 people have died in violent clashes at Katlehong and Phola Park since last weekend and hundreds fled their homes yesterday.

By DON SEOKANE

Captain Ida van Zweel of the East Rand police yesterday confirmed the death toll but, however, described the situation in the East Rand townships as being "relatively quiet".

Forced to pay

She said seven bodies were found in Tokoza and one in Vosloorus yesterday.

The "refugees" had been accommodated at the nearby suburbs of Eden Park and Palm Ridge.

Mrs Noliso Xakane of Phola Park told *Sowetan* that since Tuesday she had been sleeping outside churches as most of them were full.

"We don't have money to buy food and we don't know where our next meal will come from as we are forced to pay for drinking water," she said.

At Palm Ridge, where the "refugees" have been given food by local businessmen and other volunteers, the situation was described as "better".

Mrs Beth Andrews, one of the volunteers, said they had been assisting the "refugees" since Wednesday.

"We no longer feel safe and find it better to leave," said Miss Joyce Lukhalo.

Lukhalo said there was "chaos" at Katlehong's Siluma Section when houses were attacked by "groups of armed men".

More than 200 people have been accommodated at the Palm Ridge Hall.



Women and children from the devastated Phola Park continue their search for a more peaceful place to live. Pic: JOE MOLEFE

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Tonight's service will mark the end of a week-long programme at the university, which saw services and workshops on various aspects of the Black Consciouness ideology. The service starts at 7pm.

Nation Building campaign," he said.

According to Klaaste, 414-0128 between 1pm and 5pm on Monday and Tuesday.

Squatters flee as Phola Park is torched

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ABOUT 6 000 refugees from Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus fled to the Nelspruit Hospital grounds on Wednesday night as the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand went up in flames and tracer bullets tore through the sky. Sowetan 14/9/90

A spokesman for the hospital said early yesterday thousands of people poured into hospital grounds, seeking safety, and were allowed to sleep overnight in available space away from patients in the hospital.

By 8am about 300 - mostly women and children - were left as others had left to go to work. Many no longer had homes to return to, and one man said "if you go to Kwesine Hostel tomorrow you can buy our televisions and videos cheap".

The hospital has made an urgent appeal to the Red Cross to provide people with food and blankets.

The acting superintendent said the hospital could not turn the people away "on humanitarian grounds". This reporter saw people huddled in the casualty department, in stairwells, parking areas, against concrete planters and walls, and tightly packed into pre-fab halls.

Others slept with their belongings in their cars parked within the hospital grounds. All vehicles entering were thoroughly searched.

"I came here because I can sleep nice. If we had arms we would be safe. But what use is a garden fork or a stone if someone else has a gun?" Katlehong resident Jacob Moloi asked.

"Do you know Mandela and De Klerk? Because if you do, you must tell them to come here and see this. Do they think life is all right like this?" asked Zakes Tulelo of Tokoza.

Soweto cleric fasts in a bid to stop the 'senseless violence'

By GLENDA DANIELS (278)

A SOWETO priest is threatening to continue a hunger strike until the government does something to stop the "senseless, horrible and terrifying violence in the townships". WM mil 14/9-20/9/90

Father Emanuel Lafonte, who is only drinking water, enters the ninth day of his fast today.

The frail Catholic priest, who came to South Africa from France five years ago to work at St Phillips Church in Moletsane, said: "The violence does not prepare any future we can be proud of. In the years to come, we might be ashamed, more even than today, of what is happening again and again in our bleeding country."

The soft-spoken priest spoke from the bed in his tiny township room about his decision to embark on the fast and the anguish he felt over the violence in which more than 600 people have died in townships across the Reef.

He was one of the churchmen who conducted a mass funeral service in Soweto two weeks ago for nine victims of the violence.

"We ministers pray for the dead, we plead with the youth, we plead with the leaders to sit down and reflect.

"We go to the cemeteries ... every weekend, every day almost. And the next minute there is shooting again, and killings, and suffering and death. For how much longer?"

Lafonte feared that people were becoming blasé about death. "It is necessary to feel."

Churchmen have requested an urgent meeting with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok. Said Lafonte: "He has to meet grassroots people. We can tell him what we have seen, what we are experiencing and how we are feeling. We are the daily witnesses."

The 44-year-old priest said he had gone to all the local police stations three weeks ago to ask them to stop the shootings, disarm people and protect families — but it was to no avail.

"There is no doubt in the minds of the people that elements of the police and Inkatha are deliberately manipulating people to spread the violence. No one believes it is tribalism or an African National Congress/Inkatha fight."

Advantage had been taken of the hostel situation,"where people live in isolation and despair", he added.

As he spoke, youngsters would bring the telephone to his bed so that Lafonte would not have to exert himself during his hunger strike.

A priest for 20 years, Lafonte speaks fluent Sotho and has a firm bond to the community he serves. Although from a large, middle-class family, he has always been concerned with the poor and unemployed.

He joined the French navy for two years and travelled to South America. He first came to Soweto in 1985 to organise the Young Christian Workers.



Father Emmanuel Lafonte ... today enters the ninth day of a hunger strike Picture: JUSTIN SCHOLK

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ing the authorities too short notice of their intention to organise the march and themselves was completely unjustified. There was no need for the police to use live ammunition, let much as it concerned the utilisation of special constables".

Vlok refuses Witbank inquiry

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok has refused a judicial inquiry into an unrest incident in Witbank this year.

Four people in a group of mostly women and children who were fleeing the township, died after being shot by police. Hundreds more were injured.

Witbank community groups, the Catholic Church and trade unions have alleged that most of the injured and those killed — including a baby who died while strapped to its mother's back — had pellet wounds.

In a letter to the Minister of Justice, the groups say witnesses claim the police shot at residents "without the slightest provocation".

The incident took place in Witbank's KwaGuqa township on March 12 while large crowds were fleeing after rumours that hostel dwellers were about to attack residents.

Clashes

Earlier in the day six people had died in clashes.

The groups asked Mr Vlok to appoint an independent judicial commission of inquiry "to investigate the conduct of the police in the Witbank unrest, particularly in regard to the shootings".

The lawyer acting for the families and local organisations said independent post-mortems had been held on the bodies of the deceased.

These had shown all four had been hit by pellets in the back.

In his reply on August 27, Mr Vlok said the incident was still being investigated.

"On completion, the dockets will be submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision.

"I regret that I cannot accede to your request for a judicial inquiry."

TROOPS, POLICE TO BE SENT IN

crackdown

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By FRANS ESTERHUYSE, Weekend Argus Political Correspondent

AMID reports of a "third force" behind the violence in black areas, a government announcement of tough new security steps is imminent.

The steps, expected to be introduced on the Witwatersrand next week, will include the deployment of thousands of extra troops and police in trouble spots.

According to government sources other steps are likely to include:

- A curfew in certain areas;
- Armed guards on commuter trains;
- Roadblocks and search points at strategic places, including railway stations;
- Areas to be cordoned off and searched by police, supported by troops; and
- Barbed-wire barriers at hostels which have been central points in township violence.

Further moves to make suburban train travel safer have been discussed at urgent talks between the railways, police and the Defence Force.

Meanwhile the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, has announced comprehensive steps — including night courts in some centres — to speed up the judicial process to cope with the violence.

Steps Mr Coetsee spelt out last night include:

- Establishing a night court for criminal cases in Johannesburg from Monday, to sit from 6pm to 10pm. Similar night courts will soon operate in Maritzburg, Durban and Pinetown.
- Appointing additional staff, mainly in Natal, to speed up cases and establishing two additional supreme courts in Maritzburg.
- Extending court sitting hours.

Weekend Argus Correspondents in Johannesburg report that as more indiscriminate bloody attacks on train commuters took place yesterday Mr Nelson Mandela announced that President De Klerk had finally conceded the existence of a sinister "third force" manipulating the Reef violence.

After urgent talks with Mr De Klerk in Pretoria Mr Mandela told a Press conference that the president was now convinced that the Reef carnage was no longer a clash between black and black, Inkatha and the ANC or Zulus and Xhosas, but that "some hidden hand" was at play which intended to destabilise the peace process.

Mr De Klerk had told him of a new comprehensive plan to end the violence and track down those responsible for the carnage, Mr Mandela said.

Asked if he approved of the plan and whether the ANC would co-operate in implementing it, he said: "There is no question of any co-operation with regard to any measures he might take."

"Professional killers"

Mr Mandela said the ANC was convinced that the latest spate of indiscriminate and unprovoked attacks on commuters and citizens was the work of highly professional killers.

He welcomed Mr De Klerk's admission that a sinister hand was behind the violence as a significant departure from the position previously taken by the government and the media that the clashes were ethnic or a mere power battle between Inkatha and the ANC.

In a short statement the president's office said the two leaders had discussed the serious situation on the Witwatersrand, Thursday's senseless killings and the violence in general.

"Additional measures"

"The State President stressed that the government intended to take strong and comprehensive action to curb the violence and that additional measures had already been taken."

The statement did not refer to Mr De Klerk's views on a "third force" or "hidden hand".

Mr Mandela has also told Reef township residents to defend themselves.

His call came after another 15 people were injured on two trains in Johannesburg yesterday in a sequel to Thursday night's Benrose station massacre when 26 people were killed and more than 100 injured.

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THOUSANDS OF EXTRA

TROOPS TO BE SENT IN

NEWS

Tough action to end violence

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At his Press conference a tense-looking Mr Mandela was repeatedly asked to convey a message of peace and hope to panic-stricken residents in the wake of brutal and unprovoked attacks this week.

He said Mr De Klerk's admission that a "hidden hand" was manipulating the bloody violence and the fact that the ANC's national executive committee had called an urgent meeting for Tuesday to discuss ways "to stop the violence and defend our people", should inspire confidence.

Later, when asked to appeal for peace, he said: "It is not for me to appeal for peace because the violence is not caused by residents but by faceless people.

"If I have to say anything, I would say they should defend themselves."

Late last night it could not be firmly established whether the 15 people injured had been flung from coaches or had jumped out in panic when passengers stampeded, yelling: "The Zulus are coming".

"Coming to kill us"

Mr Hilton Thabethe, 35, who was on train No 9412 nearing Jeppe station said: "People rushed in from another coach in screaming 'Here come the Zulus again ... they're coming to kill us'.

"There was a stampede and I and many others threw ourselves from the train. It was chaotic."

He did not see any attackers.

Mr Harrison Marasha, 29, gave a similar account of an incident on train No 9402 near Mayfair at 3.45pm.

He said that after commuters stormed into his coach shouting that Zulus were coming, panic followed and he had "found himself on the tracks".

He did not see any attackers.

Pressmen at Jeppe station said they saw what appeared to be a gang of black youths flinging people out of the moving carriages, but police could not confirm this.

An eyewitness from an office block opposite Ellis Park station said: "We heard people screaming and gunshots coming from the train.

"People seemed to be fighting and we saw bodies hurtling from the carriages — but I'm not certain whether they jumped or were pushed."

Within minutes a large contingent of police, soldiers and Spoornet security officials mounted heavy patrols on platforms. A helicopter circled the area.

Doctors and police walked along the tracks in search of further victims, but none was found.

Injured commuters taken by ambulance to Hillbrow Hospital, where five were treated for minor injuries and discharged. Four were admitted.

Zulus living in terror after threats

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By VUYO BAVUMA
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE senseless factional violence which was horrifically illustrated by the death of a Shangaan taxi-driver who made the mistake in Johannesburg this week of speaking Zulu, has spread a web of fear in Cape Town as well.

Mr Semsiwu Langalibalele, a taxi-owner and businessman, is living in terror after receiving anonymous threats that he will be "killed and set alight" simply because he is a Zulu.

But on Thursday night representatives of several community organisations, including the Pan Africanist Congress and African National Congress, resolved at a meeting in Langa that people should be educated about the problems of ethnicity.

The popular Mr Langalibalele has lived in Cape Town for more than 40 years.

Threats to life

The threats against his life came amid the intensification of fighting between Xhosa and Zulu factions in Sebokeng and Thokoza in the Transvaal.

Mr Langalibalele, a founder member and current chairman of the Western Province Black Taxi Association, was instrumental in securing taxi routes from the townships to the central business districts in 1986.

He has seven children and several grand-children. He is also the respected chairman of a Zulu burial society.

A frightened Mr Langalibalele was afraid to be photographed when he spoke to Weekend Argus about the threats to his life.

He said he had received an anonymous telephone call from a man who warned him that he would be killed and set alight.

The caller told him the decision had been taken at a "hostel dwellers meeting". He refused to provide Mr Langalibalele with further details and hung up.

On Sunday, in another terror threat, one of Mr Langalibalele's colleagues, also a Zulu who lives in Langa, found a note near his door with the scribbled message: "All Zulus should leave Cape Town immediately. We are burying our own people because of you."

Mr Langalibalele added: "Earlier I was also told by an anonymous person that I was being sought by certain people. These people discussed me at three meetings and decided that I should be killed and set alight because I was a Zulu.

"My source said these people also said they did not want me to be a leader of a taxi organisation with Xhosa members," he said.

Mr Langalibalele said he called a meeting with his colleagues, most of whom are migrant workers. They referred the matter to local community organisations and church ministers.

"Mistaken belief"

Mr Langalibalele said some people held the mistaken belief that every Zulu was an Inkatha supporter.

Mr Langalibalele said: "There's no wisdom in the whole matter. I haven't committed any crime at all. But I am very scared now.

"I don't even know how to defend myself as I have not done anything to anyone. I am just waiting for further steps.

"The whole thing is puzzling. How can I be against Xhosas? My wife is a Xhosa, my sons and daughters have married people from here."

Memo from women slates SAP, urges FW to intervene

THE Government continues to favour the evidence of the police and the defence force above that of eyewitnesses, even though the Goldstone Commission found cause to criticise police testimony, according to a memorandum from Women Against Repression.

Four WAR representatives, Mrs Audrey Coleman, Mrs Zeni Tshongweni, Mrs Nomvule Mokonyane and Mrs Liz Mundell, yesterday afternoon met Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in Pretoria.

A memorandum, handed to Mr Vlok by the group on Thursday, said the continued violence was a barrier to the process of negotiations.

Witnesses' testimony

They called on State President F W de Klerk to take charge of the situation, "which we believe you are capable of doing".

The memorandum, which also contains statements from residents in the townships, said there were many eyewitness reports which suggested that the police assisted Inkatha.

The residents' statements indicated that the police were discredited in the eyes of the community, and that undertakings made by the police were not always honoured.

"I saw a large number of armed men coming down the road. They were armed with pangas, assegais and sticks, and they were wearing white headbands. The police were driving behind them in their vehicle," was one claim by an adult male resident at Sebokeng contained in the memorandum.

Another person from Kagiso township stated: "I saw a police truck offloading a group of Inkatha members who jumped out of the police truck and chased a Xhosa-speaking man."

A woman resident from Katlehong stated: "Inkatha attacked the people while the police who were nearby did nothing to help us."

The memorandum said the only possible credible action on the part of Government would be to institute an independent judicial inquiry.

"The Government should take heed that people are becoming very angry. They feel they are defenceless, they allege they can't rely on the security forces to ensure their safety.

"They no longer want to back the African National Congress decision to suspend the armed struggle while innocent people are being slaughtered," claimed WAR.

WAR, in the memorandum, demanded the resignation of Mr Vlok and KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, unless Mr Buthelezi brought Inkatha members under control. — Sapa.

Many hurt as panic sparks train stampede

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STAFF REPORTERS

FIFTEEN people — possibly victims of mass hysteria — were injured on two trains in Johannesburg yesterday in a sequel to Thursday night's Benrose station massacre.

Late last night it could not be established whether the 15 had been flung from coaches or had jumped out in panic when fellow passengers stampeded yelling: "The Zulus are coming!"

Less than 24 hours earlier, a rampaging mob killed 26 people and injured 100 on a Soweto-bound train. And yesterday morning three people died in attacks at Soweto taxi ranks.

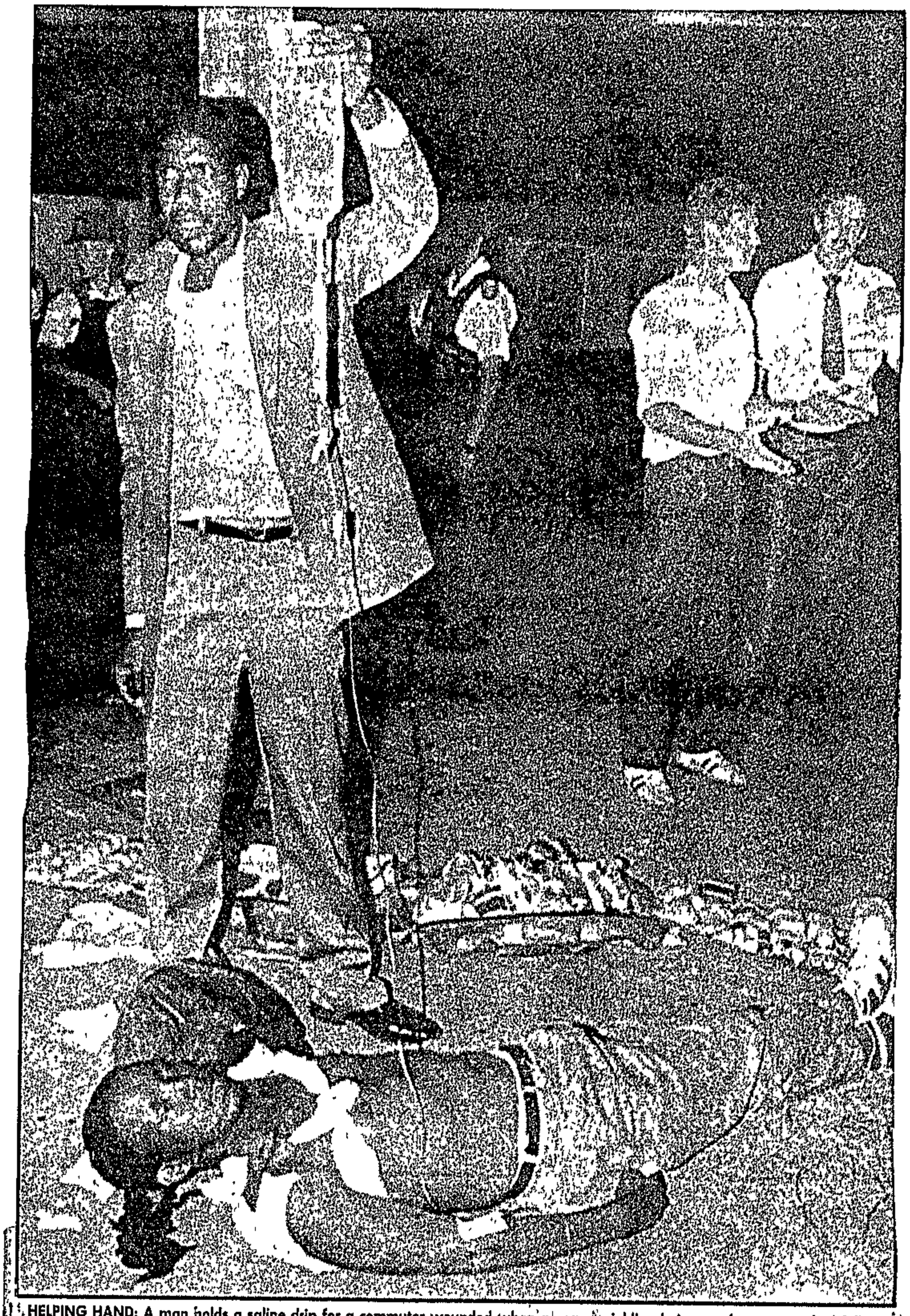
Police, the South African Rail Commuters Corporation and Spoornet jointly agreed last night to increase security forces and personnel on railway stations. It would be difficult to place men on each train, a policeman said.

Yesterday's incidents — between Braamfontein and Mayfair stations at 3.45 pm and between Jeppe and Ellis Park stations at about 4 pm — came within hours of an emergency meeting between ANC leader Nelson Mandela and President de Klerk to discuss the wave of violence on the Reef.

Train victim Hilton Thabethe (35), who had been on train number 9412 when it approached Jeppe station,

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HELPING HAND: A man holds a saline drip for a commuter wounded when a gang, wielding knives and guns, attacked fellow passengers on a Johannesburg train on Thursday night.

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Church leaders tour Soweto battle-zones

ABBEY MAKOE

CHURCH leaders concerned about ongoing township violence this week held a prayer service in Soweto before conducting a tour of various trouble spots.

The exercise was part of a broader initiative to highlight the violence for people unfamiliar with the extent of suffering in the townships.

The churches involved were the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Dutch reformed, Methodist, African Methodist, Episcopal and the Apostolic Faith.

The first trouble spot visited was the Tladi squatter camp, where 11 people were recently killed. Here, Catholic Bishop Reginald Orsmond conducted a prayer service.

The next stop was at the home of a Mr Miangeni, who was allegedly killed with his son.

About 500 m away, Rev Gideon Makhanya stopped journalists and other visitors. He said: "This is a house of the Nonyane family, where a five-year-old baby was chopped with a panga. The mother was also chopped and shot. They are still in hospital."

The group moved on to the Merafe hostel in Mapetla, also the scene of violent clashes between local residents and hostel dwellers.

Things almost turned sour when the apparent leader of the inmates, Anton Lamola, accused the Rev Frank Chikane of passing biased judgement on the violence.

"It is you (Mr) Chikane who called for the total destruction of our hostel on the TV," Mr Lamola charged. Mr Chikane at times battled to explain that he was a church leader whose main concern was to stop unnecessary killing.

The group and Mr Lamola agreed to organise a peace meeting later during the week.

The church team was taken inside the hostel. Mr Lamola called his mates and asked them to gather and join in prayer, as requested by the church leaders.

Looking comfortable and relaxed, hostel residents sang a hymn and then jubilantly sang "Nkosi Sikelel'i Afrika".

Addressing a press conference after the tour, Mr Chikane expressed hope that as long as there was understanding, it was still possible to end the violence.

Why the youth rebel — experts

A LARGE portion of South Africa's youth is enmeshed in a cycle of violence created by a violent adult society, a breakdown in family life, and a lack of authority and old-fashioned "respect".

Mrs Heather Regenass, national marketing manager of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), told Saturday Star: "We live in one of the most violent societies in the world, and we have perpetuated a sub-culture of violence in our youth."

SUE OLSWANG

She said South African youth are subjected to violence in their homes, in the streets of their neighbourhoods and cities, on television and in movies, and in their schools where corporal punishment ("it just perpetuates violence") is frequently the favoured method of reprimanding wrong-doers.

"Violence and death are facts of life for many South African children," she said, adding that this was particularly true among black youth.

"We have bred a cycle of violence in children who do not know how to interact and how to maintain control.

Many inarticulate

"They do not know how to accept responsibility for their actions and frequently seek authority among their peers, with gangs and gang leaders elevated to positions of status and power."

Mrs Regenass said many South African children do not know how to express their feelings.

"A person who is inarticulate about his or her feelings will often resort to violence as an outlet of expression," she said.

"No one is inherently violent — society creates problem children."

Part of the solution, she believes, would be to teach all children how to interact, how to maintain control, how to be responsible for their actions, "the sort of things parents taught us in the days when parents were around to teach children basic life skills".

● Marna Slabbert, a South African criminologist, believes the current wave of violence could be related to recent large-scale changes in the country, and more especially to major changes in politics and the resultant creation of expectations.

Dr Slabbert expressed this view during an interview on SABC's Radio Today yesterday morning.

Dr Slabbert said feelings of disillusionment among the country's black youth have turned into hatred, with a lack of respect for people and property.

Asked why the violence was occurring between members of the black community — instead of attacks against whites — Dr Slabbert said, "One often finds gangs are not concerned about politics.

"It also has a lot to do with urban living, economic depression and the factors of township life," she said.

She said there were many levels on which one must work to find a solution.

"The first thing is for the authorities to try to curb the violence. But that won't solve the problem — it will only get us to a more peaceful situation. After that a lot of factors will have to be looked at, starting with urban blacks and more particularly the youth, who are extremely bitter."

When township violence reaches into the home

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JOVIAL RANTAO

VIOLENCE — you can read about it, talk and argue about it. But until it disrupts your family life, as it did mine this week, you will never know what thousands of residents on the Reef and Natal have gone through.

A week ago, after colleague Arthur Molisiwa lost his brother Jerry under a hail of bullets in Vosloorus, I saw the pain that masked his face.

The smile he so effectively used to charm everyone in the office had disappeared.

The sadness in his eyes was more than I could take and that was when it really hit me.

I asked myself, what is happening to our country?

Last Sunday morning, when I left with my softball team for Carletonville where we were to play friendly games against teams in that area, little did I realise that it would be the last time I would be home in four days.

While in Carletonville my pager bleeped with the message that would disrupt the bright spring Sunday we had been enjoying: "POLICE SHOOTING PEOPLE IN NALEDI TOWNSHIP..."

I lost concentration and after the games, we headed straight home, worried about the welfare of our families.

We arrived in Soweto and the first thing I did was to phone home.

My mother answered. "Where are you calling from," she inquired. "Dube," I replied.

"Just stay where you are. The way things are this side you won't be able to reach home. The streets are barricaded and police are firing ... I don't know whether it's teargas or bullets," said my mother.

I slept with a friend on Sunday night and tried getting home on Monday morning. I couldn't.

I couldn't go to work. I had no clean clothes, and I was still in my softball shorts and vest.

I called the office and explained my plight. For the rest of the day I tried getting into Soweto, without success.

The telephone became the only lifeline to my family who were barricaded in a township under siege.

My heart went out to those poor people without phones.

The worst moment was on Monday night. I was speaking to my mother.

"My son," she said in a hushed tone. "They are at our gate ... they are firing, the whole township is dark, there are no lights."

As she said this to me I could distinctly hear the sound of gunfire. Up to five shots. "Hello, hello," I shouted into the mouthpiece; my mother was not there...

I felt a shiver go down my spine. I hung up not knowing what to do. After a few minutes I called again. My father answered. My mother was in deep shock, she could not talk. That night we kept a vigil over the phone, calling each other every 10 minutes.

Nothing happened to my family, but I still felt the urge to be with them during those terrible times.

I hadn't done it in many years, but I found myself closing my eyes and saying short prayers.

It's been said before, but I'd like to add my little voice to those of community and church leaders: STOP IT. We have too many orphans and widows already.

Violence

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Mr de Klerk's views on a "third force" or "hidden hand".

Expanding on his views of a Renamo-style force being at work in South Africa, Mr Mandela said it was significant the the group of attackers on Thursday's Soweto-bound train did not say a word while executing more than 20 people.

"It is clear that they have considerable experience in this type of attack."

● Mr Mandela yesterday told Reef township residents to defend themselves against their killers.

At a press conference in Johannesburg, a tense-looking Mr Mandela was repeatedly asked to convey a message of peace and hope to panick-stricken residents in the wake of brutal and unprovoked attacks this week.

He said President de Klerk's admission that a "hidden hand" was manipulating the bloody violence, and the fact that the ANC's national executive committee had called an urgent meeting for Tuesday to discuss ways "to stop the violence and defend our people", should inspire confidence.

Later, when asked to appeal for peace, he said: "It is not for me to appeal for peace because the violence is not caused by residents but by faceless people.

"If I have to say anything, I would say they should defend themselves."

He declined to reveal possible actions which the NEC might decide upon on Tuesday, or what he would tell his executive.

Confidentiality was an important element of any strategy.

The ANC would seriously consider the demand from its supporters that they be armed to defend themselves, he said.

If Mr de Klerk's new yet-to-be-announced measures to curb the violence were considered to be successful by the NEC, it would affect the NEC's views on whether to respond to the demand that its supporters be armed.

Asked if the ANC was considering resuming the armed struggle, Mr Mandela said: "We'll wait and see."

● A man — "sounding like a white person desperately trying to imitate an African accent", yesterday telephoned an independent radio station claiming that Thursday's train massacre had been ordered by ANC militarist Chris Hani.

This was announced at a press conference yesterday by the ANC's head of information, Pallo Jordan.

Dr Jordan said the man, who had claimed to be an Umkhonto we Sizwe soldier, told Radio 702 that he and others refused to take orders from ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and would only act on the instructions of Mr Hani, MK's chief of staff who is currently in Transkei.

Dr Jordan said the man was an imposter.

He vehemently denied that Mr Hani had issued any orders, least of all instructions that innocent people should be killed in such a brutal way.

Stampede

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said: "People rushed in from another coach screaming: 'Here come the Zulus again, they're coming to kill us!'

"There was a total stampede and I and many others threw ourselves from the moving train." He saw no attackers.

Harrison Marasha (29) gave a similar account of an incident on train number 9402 near Mayfair at about 3.45 pm.

He said that after commuters stormed into his coach shouting that Zulus were coming, panic ensued and he had "found himself on the tracks". He did not see any attackers.

Pressmen at Jeppe Station said they saw what appeared to be a gang of black youths flinging people out of the moving carriages, but police could not confirm this.

A witness in an office block opposite Ellis Park station said: "We heard people screaming and what we thought were gunshots coming from the train. People seemed to be fighting on the carriages and we saw bodies hurtling from the carriages, but I am not sure whether they jumped or were pushed."

Within minutes of the incident police, soldiers and Spoornet security officials mounted heavy patrols on platforms and circled the area in a helicopter.

Four injured commuters were admitted to the Hillbrow Hospital and five were treated and discharged.

In other attacks this week:

- Commuters were hacked and stabbed by panga-wielding thugs in an attack on a train between the Johannesburg Station and Braamfontein Station on Tuesday.
- Four unidentified gunmen wielding AK-47s rampaged through central Johannesburg on Wednesday, killing three and injuring 17.
- A a petrol bomb was hurled into a Putco bus in Linden on Thursday.
- About 26 people were killed by a heavily armed gang shortly after a train left the Johannesburg Station bound for Soweto at 5.04 pm on Thursday.
- Three people died when youths attacked taxi-owners at two Soweto ranks yesterday.

'The Zulus are coming!'

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FW has conceded 3rd force – Mandela

ESMARéVAN DER MERWE, Political Reporter

AS more violence on trains in Johannesburg broke out yesterday, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela announced that President de Klerk had finally conceded the existence of a sinister "third force" manipulating the Reef violence.

After urgent talks with Mr de Klerk in Pretoria, Mr Mandela told a press conference in Johannesburg that the President was now convinced that the Reef carnage was no longer a clash between black and black, Inkatha and the ANC, or Zulus and Xhosas, but that "some hidden hand" was at play which intended to destabilise the peace process.

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FIRST AID: A victim gets emergency treatment at Jeppe station yesterday.

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Many hurt as panic sparks train stampede

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STAFF REPORTERS

FIFTEEN people — possibly victims of mass hysteria — were injured on two trains in Johannesburg yesterday in a sequel to Thursday night's Benrose station massacre.

Late last night it could not be established whether the 15 had been flung from coaches or had jumped out in panic when fellow passengers stampeded yelling: "The Zulus are coming!"

Less than 24 hours earlier, a rampaging mob killed 26 people and injured 100 on a Soweto-bound train. And yesterday morning three people died in attacks at Soweto taxi ranks.

Police, the South African Rail Commuters Corporation and Spoornet jointly agreed last night to increase security forces and personnel on railway stations. It would be difficult to place men on each train, a policeman said.

Yesterday's incidents — between Braamfontein and Mayfair stations at 3.45 pm and between Jeppe and Ellis Park stations at about 4 pm — came within hours of an emergency meeting between ANC leader Nelson Mandela and President de Klerk to discuss the wave of violence on the Reef.

Train victim Hilton Thabethe (35), who had been on train number 9412 when it approached Jeppe station.

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Mr Mandela said the ANC was convinced that the latest spate of indiscriminate and unprovoked attacks on commuters and citizens was the work of highly professional and well-trained killers.

A new 'Renamo'

"The efficient manner in which they execute their crimes indicates that we are not dealing with amateurs. What we have here are the beginnings of a Renamo movement."

He welcomed Mr de Klerk's admission that some sinister hand was behind the violence as a significant departure from the position previously taken by the Government.

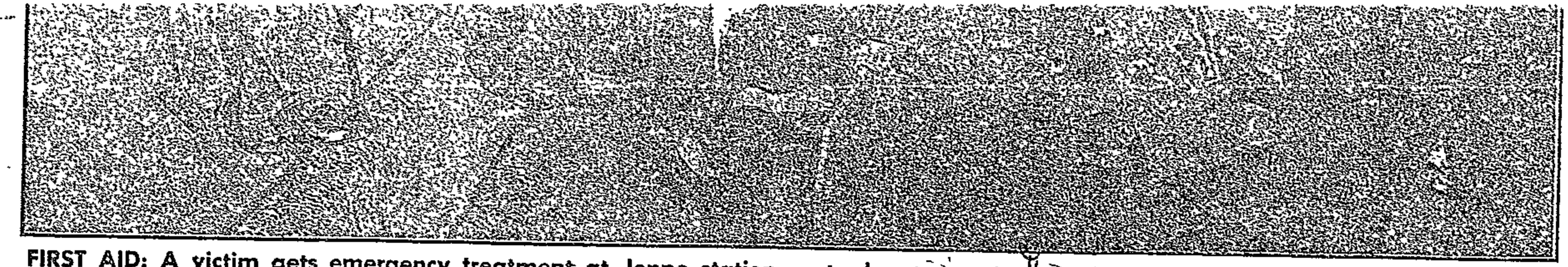
He had no reason to believe that Mr de Klerk would not carry out the new security plan. If Mr de Klerk had indicated to him why he "had changed his mind so sharply" on the reasons for the violence, he would not discuss it with the press.

In a short statement, the President's office said the two leaders had discussed the serious situation on the Witwatersrand, Thursday's senseless killings and the prevailing violence in general.

"The State President stressed that the Government intended to take strong and comprehensive action to curb the violence and that additional measures had already been taken to this end."

The statement did not refer to

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Jews cheer Mandela after speech at temple

HELEN GRANGE

AN address by ANC leader Nelson Mandela to the Jewish community went unhindered at Johannesburg's Temple Shalom last night — in spite of circulated pamphlets expressing outrage that a "power-hungry despot" be allowed to speak at a temple.

Wearing a yarmulka, Mr Mandela quickly addressed the issue which has led to widespread controversy among Jews — his embrace of Palestinian Liberation Organisation leader Mr Yassar Arafat.

He told the congregation that the fact that the United Nations had on two occasions met Arafat in Geneva was indicative of the man's support.

"If Zionism means to deny Palestinians the right to freedom and self expression, then it must be strongly condemned. But if Zionism means freedom, liberty and the right to expression, then it is a healthy movement . . .

"Peace in the Middle East depends on Palestinians and Israelis accepting each other's right to existence."

Mr Mandela said that blacks identified strongly with Jews on the question of racial intolerance.

At the end of his address, Mr Mandela was cheered warmly.

Early yesterday, pamphlets from an organisation calling itself "People for Racial Peace and Harmony in Africa" were distributed, claiming Mr Mandela had embarked on a wave of terror against all disagreeing blacks.

He was getting ready to "out-Nazi the old Nats" and he "kisses the cheeks of Arafat and Gadaffi", the pamphlet said. "How dare he be invited to speak in a holy place?" it added.

Soweto's mayor willing to mediate

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ABBEY MAKOE

SOWETO mayor Sam Mkhwanazi last night demanded that ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi meet to end township violence.

He said he wanted them to shake hands in public and said he would be prepared to mediate in any move aimed at ending the carnage.

The Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) has added its voice to the growing call for an end to the violence, saying that President de Klerk, Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi should commit themselves to action for peace.

FFF press officer Gael Neke said: "We are extremely concerned at the lack of urgency demonstrated by the three leaders who should be most concerned by the violence. They should at this time be demonstrating 'on the ground' involvement and intervention."

Train drivers fear attacks in townships

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SHAREEN SINGH

TRAIN drivers are reconsidering servicing townships after the spate of attacks on trains travelling to and from Reef townships.

Mr Abraham Koekemoer of the South African Footplate Staff Association said drivers are in constant fear for their lives.

There is no real protection for drivers servicing the townships. The issue has been raised with Spoornet management, but no concrete steps have been taken, he said. The association was planning to meet management next week to address the situation.

Attacked

Several train drivers have been attacked and one seriously injured during the past few weeks while walking from one end of the train to the other, Mr Koekemoer said.

A spokesman for Spoornet, Transnet's rail division, said train safety was a broad transport issue and not just the responsibility of Spoornet.

Spoornet is a subcontractor to the state-owned South African Commuter Corporation.

He said the Minister of Transport and Public Works, Mr George Bartlett, was meeting the South African Police to discuss the issue.



The Death Train — No 9436

JOVIAL RANTAO

LAST night I rode the death train — the ill-fated Naledi-bound Train No 9436 on which gunmen ran amok on Thursday, killing at least 26 commuters and injuring more than 100.

My ride began at the Johannesburg station where the train, dubbed "Jikeleza" by commuters, pulled in at exactly 5 pm.

Black train commuters, usually packed on the platforms in their hundreds during peak hour,

Between sips from a quart of beer, Mr Radebe said commuters should be allowed to arm themselves for protection. "Check now," he said. "If an attack takes place, where will the police be?"

A walk through the other carriages revealed nothing but empty seats. Gone was the

Sebokeng man stoned, necklaced by crowd

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MELODY McDOUGALL

VEREENIGING — A 30-year-old Sebokeng man was stoned by a group of about 500 people before being "necklaced" in neighbouring Evaton yesterday afternoon.

The victim has been identified as John Hlekiso, of Zone 7, Sebokeng. According to police the incident happened after a group of about 500 attacked and stoned Mr Hlekiso in Milner Street.

The group then put a tyre around his neck, doused it with paraffin, and set fire to the tyre.

A police spokesman said the possibility was being investigated that the crowd acted in retaliation after Mr Hlekiso allegedly stabbed to death his girlfriend.

Reef township war is costing Putco millions

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SHAREEN SINGH

PUTCO services in war-torn townships are being severely affected and the company is losing millions, says the company's managing director, Jack Visser.

Putco had not yet pulled out of the affected townships but if the situation continued and became "highly dangerous and intolerable", the company would have to reconsider its business strategy, Dr Visser said.

Losses in July amounted to R2 million and figures for August are expected to be much higher as the violence escalates.

The hardest hit area is Vosloorus, where Putco has reduced its services by pulling out 35 buses. Services in other townships have been disrupted.

Inconvenience

When major attacks take place, passengers are picked up outside the township. This is a major inconvenience for commuters.

In Vosloorus, Tokoza and Katlehong, buses have been operating outside the townships since last week.

Passenger intake during the past three weeks has dropped by 50 percent in Vosloorus, 30 percent in the Evaton and Orange Farm region and 20 percent in Soweto.

Three buses have been completely burnt out in the Soweto-Dobsonville area in the past three weeks and one in Vosloorus. Forty have been damaged since violence started.

Although one driver was recovering after being shot while driving a company car, drivers had not yet complained about servicing the townships, Dr Visser said.

Sacob to meet about upsurge in SA unrest

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THE South African Chamber of Business (Sacob) is to hold a top level meeting of business leaders in Johannesburg on Monday to discuss the unprecedented levels of violence in the country.

Sacob, expressing its deep anxiety at the continued and escalating violence, urged political, business and community leaders to take "all possible steps to help restore stability".

"Sacob is concerned about the significant human and economic costs of the current violence in urban areas and deeply regrets the loss of life and injury that has occurred," Sacob's director general, Raymond Parsons, said in a statement.

"There are also serious implications for growth, employment and investor confidence in South Africa," he warned, adding that the spiralling violence also had a negative impact on the climate for political negotiation.

Sacob appealed to all parties involved to cease acts of violence to enable law-abiding citizens to pursue their normal activities without disruption.

"Sacob shares the view that it would still be helpful if Mr Nelson Mandela, deputy president of the ANC, and Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi, as head of Inkatha, would meet as soon as possible to discuss the level of violence in South Africa." — Sapa.



TAXI WAR: Covered bodies and gutted minibuses mark where three taxi drivers were shot dead in Soweto and three others wounded.

Three die as youths shoot six taxi drivers

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JOVIAL RANTAO

THREE taxi drivers were killed and another three injured when they were shot and their cars set alight in Soweto yesterday morning.

A Soweto police spokesman said a band of five youths armed with 9 mm and 7,65 mm handguns opened fire at a taxi rank opposite the Diepkloof Hostel.

The taxi owners were standing next to their vehicles waiting for passengers to arrive when they were attacked.

The three drivers died instantly. When Saturday Star arrived on the scene, relatives were busy identifying the dead drivers The two drivers I saw had bullet wounds in their heads.

Damage to the three minibuses and a fourth, which was partially burnt, was estimated at R300 000.

Police said the attackers escaped in a taxi belonging to one of the injured taxi owners.

Witnesses managed to take the first three letters of the registration number of the Nissan E20 minibus. The letters are LWZ.

Ambulances from Baragwanath Hospital rushed to the scene to ferry the injured to hospital. Police arrived soon afterwards.

No arrests have yet been made.

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Police deny they buried nine bodies

Naude backs Govt 'Iron Fist' moves

By Monica Nicolson

Police strongly denied allegations that they buried bodies at a Vosloorus cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Police liasion officer Colonel Frans Malherbe confirmed that nine bodies had been buried in a paupers funeral but said police had only been on the scene to help and protect.

The confusion arose when local residents saw police vans carrying the dead people to the cemetery and police standing by while the the bodies were buried.

"The bodies were driven to the cemetery in mortuary vans belonging to police because they had died during the unrest and were unidentified.

"We helped carry the bodies to the graves and stood by protecting the local authority employees while they did their work. But, we had absolutely no part in burying the bodies. It is not our job and the SAP never bury people," he said.

Prominent cleric Dr Beyers Naude said last night that Operation "Iron Fist" was necessary to curb and possibly end the violence in South Africa.

Speaking in an interview on SABC-TV, Dr Naude said: "We need such steps in order to ensure peace is restored to our country."

A common commitment to deal with the violence was essential from the African National Congress and Inkatha, Dr Naude said.

However, the deep conflict and tensions in Natal would not be resolved "on its own" by a meeting between the leaders of the two organisations.

"The meeting of the two leaders (Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi) on its own will definitely not resolve the problem at the present moment."

Dr Naude said the strongest root of the problem of violence was the policy of apartheid which had been built up over the years.

"The whole situation of unemployment, lack of housing and social conditions has to be addressed to bring us to peace."

He said all structures and systems of injustice should be studied and removed. — Sapa.

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TONY FOLLOWS IN HIS DAD'S FOOTSTEPS

Couple re-tie knot in dusty Serowe



IN Southern Africa's wedding of the year Anthony Khama, son of the late Sir Seretse Khama, married his white South African wife, Margaret le Roux of Rustenburg, for the second time yesterday, in the sweltering heat of Serowe.

The people of Botswana have been waiting for this wedding for years.

The couple arrived after 11am in a

Staff Reporters and Correspondents

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Mandela said the ANC rejected the government's demand that all leaders in the political structures set up by the government – like homeland leaders – be involved in negotiations.

This would mean the ANC and other anti-apartheid movements would be in the minority which would only increase the problem.

The ANC leader also called on the international community to continue to isolate South Africa and to maintain economic sanctions.

This sentiment was supported by the OAU chairman, Ugandan President Yeweri Museveni, who also called for sanctions until apartheid was dismantled.

Museveni said while some modest developments had taken place in South Africa it did not mean a fundamental shift in the policy of apartheid.

He called on anti-apartheid movements inside South Africa to forge a "common strategy" in the struggle against apartheid. Inter-factional fighting "can only be exploited by the racist forces to their own advantage".

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Zulu King blames ANC for violence

ESMARÉ VAN DER MERWE,

TRANSKEI President Tutor Ndamase and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini, accompanied by traditional chiefs and Cabinet Ministers, will tomorrow hold joint rallies on the East Rand and in Soweto in an effort to restore peace in the war-torn Reef townships.

A Transkei embassy spokesman in Pretoria said the first rally would be held at the Tokoza stadium from 10 am to noon and the second at the Orlando Stadium in Soweto from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Similar peace rallies would be held in the Vaal Triangle and on the East Rand on Monday — the first at the Sebokeng soccer field from 10 am to noon and the second in the Springs township of KwaThema from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Propaganda

The decision by Zulu and Xhosa leaders to visit the Reef was taken at a meeting in Durban late last month where the two delegations called on political parties to stop making ethnic groups the target of political propaganda and urged Zulus and Xhosas to "purge their minds and hearts of ethnic animosities".

King Zwelethini this week told a meeting of Zulu chiefs that he held the ANC and its allies — the UDF, Cosatu and the SACP — responsible for the violence which had flared in KwaZulu, Natal and the Transvaal.

Despite several attempts by KwaZulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and himself to hold discussions with ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, he had up to now not had the time for such a meeting.

Therefore he and traditional leaders from Transkei and Ciskei would visit the Reef to plea for peace.

"My message will be that people should put a stop to the violence. I will even say they should not engage in counter-violence if being provoked," he said.

Chiefs to plead for peace

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Unrest blow to exam hopes

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THE unrest situation in certain parts of the country is threatening to render insignificant the postponement of matriculation examinations – because of a lack of normal schooling in affected areas.

DET public relations director Corrie Redemeyer said although it was not immediately possible to give a detailed assessment on attendances throughout the country, it was clear many schools could not function normally in areas affected by unrest.

DET matriculation examinations are due to start on October 29, after a one-week postponement.

And an educational crisis of astronomical proportions is looming in Soweto for about 90 000 non-matric pupils – many of whom have been taught only between 10 and 50 percent of the year's curriculum, because of school boycotts and chalk-downs by teachers.

DET Johannesburg regional chief director LP Moletsane warned, moreover, that reports and promotions from any internal examinations would have "no legal value" unless evaluated by his department's officials, who were barred from Soweto schools.

Moletsane said a effort was being launched by his department to "address this enormous problem and join hands with everyone involved to work hard for a positive, practical solution".

There are 70 000 secondary school pupils in Soweto, of whom 8 000 are in matric. In the primary schools, about 30 000 pupils are affected by the problem, Moletsane said.

However, his department's efforts were hampered by what he termed "a Soweto teacher organisation", which was denying his officials access to Soweto schools.

Meetings have been held with this organisation in which its members were urged to adhere to the "standing procedures" and start allowing the department's estimated 40 inspectors back into the schools – without any success.

These inspectors were now preparing matric study guides for the forthcoming examinations, Moletsane explained.

The regional chief director warned "unless official evaluation is exercised, the resulting school reports would have no legal value. Promotion hangs in the balance. Many parents have expressed their extreme anxiety over the present state of affairs".

"The 'pass one-pass all' campaign in 1984 has been cited as the main reason for the poor 1989 matric results. This year no one wants to see a repeat of that campaign," Moletsane said. – Sapa

Social friction fans flames

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SOCIAL friction between streetwise black youths and traditionalist Zulus is worsening the bloody struggle for political ascendancy in South Africa's townships, say analysts.

Black groups, trying to influence negotiations on ending white rule, have ignited a powder keg of tensions between tribally minded Zulu migrant workers and township residents of all tribes used to modern big city ways.

More than 800 people have died in violence between Johannesburg's township dwellers, often including urban Zulus, and the 125 000 migrants living in 31 men-only hostels dotted around the city.

Magazine columnist Nomavenda Mathiane, a Zulu Soweto resident, wrote: "If the truth be known it is that many of us in Soweto – and particularly the people who speak English and have good jobs – have considered ourselves 'upper-class Zulus' and we see Inkatha as 'lower-class Zulus'."

Residents loyal to the ANC say they are fighting poorly educated but aggressive migrant workmen manipulated by the Zulu Inkatha movement of Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who, they say, is trying to shoot his way into negotiations on reform.

University of Zululand analyst Herbert Vilikazi said adult migrant workers "were turned off, puzzled and infuriated by the impatient, impetuous tactics of youth, in a manner totally outside the traditional code governing relations between young and old". – Sapa-Reuter

Survivors tell of mindless ki

By ELIAS MALULEKE

SURVIVORS of the latest township massacres told this week of their narrow escapes from death. But most were mourning the loss of loved ones.

Three families were wiped out on the East Rand as the carnage entered its sixth week in Reef townships and spread to taxi ranks and suburban trains in Johannesburg.

Many others were maimed by gangs when renewed fighting erupted in Katlehong, Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza, Vosloorus and Soweto.

In Katlehong, two families were wiped out on Monday after Kwesini hostel dwellers and stormed into five sections in the township including Dikathole, Khumalo, Mosiliki, Mokwena and Ramokonopi, killing more than 20 people.

One survivor of the killing spree, Alpheus Hajane, 50, a self-employed motor mechanic in Mosiliki Section, said a Zulu impi killed his mother Semole,70; his wife Leah,48; brother Frans Hajane, 38; and 18-year-old son Johannes.

Hajane said the "chanting impi" started hacking and setting fire to cars outside the house and then stoned it, fired shots and forced their way in.

The family heard gunshots outside and a mob chanting. "My mother, wife and younger brother ran into one bedroom. I ran into the other bedroom with my two daughters and hid under the bed."

Hajane jumped out of the bedroom window and hid in the back yard. His 16-year-old daughter Rosina said that while she was under the bed with her sister Gladys, 5, she heard her mother move to the front door and tell their attackers there were no men in the house.

"I heard shots being fired, then came screams from the bedroom as the shooting continued and at the same time other men ransacked and destroyed furniture," Said Rosina.

Not far from Hajane's home, the sole survivor of a family of five, Sheila Monyela, 20, is grieving for her two sisters who died during the attack and her critically wounded parents are lying in Leratong Hospital.

In Vosloorus, a family of five was almost wiped out on Tuesday night when a Zulu impi charged into the Sotho section, Three members of the Segole family in Mokgako street were killed in the house and two amazingly escaped.

The attackers killed Ezekiel Segole, 50, his two sons Brian, 26, and Kelo, 22. His wife Sessy and their daughter Maria escaped by hiding in a toilet.



Grieving but lucky to be alive, Rosina and Gladys Hajane. Four of their family were killed.

Reasons for killings no longer clear

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ANC is to urgently review options

By SEKOLA SELLO, Political Editor

THE killings sweeping through most of the country's black residential areas, particularly on the Reef, have brought the country perilously close to a civil war – eclipsing the horrors of some of the world's worst trouble-spots.

The violence has taken on the dimensions of Lebanon, the Argentine of the 1970s, Northern Ireland and the recent bloodletting in Liberia – all rolled into one.

What is frightening, is that instead of abating, the violence is getting worse.

When inter-organisational fighting started in the townships around Durban and Maritburg, the divisions were clear. The protagonists were Inkatha on the one hand, and the Cosatu/UDF alliance on the other. Even the causes of the conflict seemed clear enough. This was supposed to be an ideological war, while some analysts said it was also a fight over scarce resources.

When the fighting started on the Reef in recent weeks, first in the Vaal triangle township of Sebokeng, it was assumed this was a continuation or "importation" of the ongoing fighting between Inkatha and the Cosatu/UDF alliance.

It was believed that leave them. There were many solutions.

While prospects for peace seemed to be increasing, the fighting suddenly went beyond the townships.

Blacks are now being being attacked at railway stations in the city. They are being attacked on trains on their way home from work.

At least 30 people have died after being attacked at the Jeppe and Denver stations.

They are also being attacked at taxi ranks in town as they prepare to go home. Some taxis have been ambushed in the dead of the night.

This spate of killings – in which hundreds have been killed in just two weeks – shows the fighting is no longer tribal, ideological or even between township residents and hostel dwellers. The killings are now indiscriminate.

Explaining the reasons for the escalation of violence, director of the Project for the Study of Violence at Wits University, Lloyd Vogelman,said this could be a combination of several factors.

He said whereas in the past the violence seemed "well planned and well orchestrated," today the picture had changed.

Vogelman said the latest killings could indicate there was a "third force" emerging, made up of ultra rightists – and possibly some elements within the security forces who shared their sympathies.

Vogelman said although it was difficult to say some members of the security forces were involved in the killings, the fact the Law and Order Minister felt it necessary last year to make a ruling forbidding police from belonging to party political organisations, showed some members could be ultra rightists.

"I don't think this ruling has eliminated such elements in the forces."

Adding a more ominous note to the latest killings, Vogelman said given the poverty in the townships, it was possible this "third force" could exploit the situation by "hiring black mercenaries to kill for money".

It would be naive to discount such a possibility, he said. "People in the townships are poor and brutalised. If they can rob for money, what is there to stop them from being employed to kill fellow blacks? This is a real possibility."

Vogelman said it would be in the interests of the ultra rightists to create a climate of anarchy in the country. "If there is too much violence, (State President) De Klerk will be forced to halt his reform initiatives. This is what the ultra rightists want. Such anarchy would also put paid to negotiations."

According to Vogelman, a climate of total anarchy could also precipitate a coup. "I am not saying this is going to happen, but a coup could be an outcome of anarchy."

Two of South Africa's leading clerics, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of the Anglican Church, and Dr Stanley Mogoba, head of the Methodist Church, also conceded a "third force" could exist which was fanning trouble in the townships.

If indeed there are now mercenaries involved in the conflict, Reef townships could soon be worse than Lebanon – where random and senseless killings are a daily occurrence.

The ANC's National Executive Committee is to hold an emergency meeting early next week to focus specifically on the endemic violence. The NEC is also to review the prevailing situation – and to look at strategic and tactical options in the light of current circumstances.

This terse statement does not indicate whether some of the options to be reviewed would entail pulling out of the ongoing talks-about-talks and reverting to the armed struggle.

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given time, particularly if a meeting between Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela took place, and the two held joint peace rallies, this would help pacify members of the two groups.

This view has been punted largely by Buthelezi and some of his leading members, while an increasing number of ordinary citizens and opinion makers, including the Press, have put their voices behind calls for such a meeting.

Mandela was initially keen on such a meeting – and even the holding of joint rallies. But the possibility of such a meeting was scuppered by opposition from some senior members of the ANC, particularly those in Natal.

Yet in less than a week after the outbreak of violence in the Transvaal, it became obvious the fighting in this region was different. It was no longer an ideological war. People coming from the hostels, the alleged attackers, were not selective in their attacks. Every township resident was a potential victim.

Then the carnage widened further. It took on the proportions of a tribal conflict when people who claimed to be hostel dwellers and Zulus, attacked mainly Xhosa shack dwellers in Phola Park in Thokoza on the East Rand.

A war between township residents and some hostel dwellers lent itself to a solution. The hostel inmates were too few in number to believe they could take on the township residents and win.

Hostels could also be closed or destroyed as has happened in both Vosloorus and Kagiso. Most of the hostel residents were already beginning to

MY WAY

With Khulu Sibiya

Killers must be stopped

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WHAT kind of men are these who randomly kill men and women they don't even know and have never seen before?

Unless, of course, they are lunatics or hired killers.

What kind of people are these who burst into a crowded train, as was the case at Denver Station on Thursday, and without any warning or provocation start shooting, hacking and stabbing the passengers?

The story of Martha, one of the survivors of the carnage, should touch the conscience of every person in our country.

Many others like her are now destitute, homeless and perhaps crippled. Others did not live to tell the story.

As a staunch Christian Martha had just bowed her head and closed her eyes ready to pray during a service that normally takes place in the train, when she felt a thump on her head.

The next thing, she was on the floor and another woman was lying on top of her with blood pouring all over. It was not only her blood but that of a woman friend as well.

"There was another woman sitting opposite me, screaming and apparently shot in the stomach. A man came in and stabbed her until she stopped screaming. I think she died," she said.

A chilling story indeed. Not from a James Bond or James Hadley Chase novel, but happening right on our own doorstep.

Martha and all those men and women who were caught in this carriage of death don't deserve this kind of suffering. For once, neither they nor the killers can be linked to any political or ethnic group.

They are people who work for a living, people who want to feed, clothe and take their children to school.

Have we, as a nation, reached a situation where we are no longer in control of our own lives? When we are no longer sure whether our mothers or fathers will return home safely from work?

Our suspicions of a third force are gaining momentum by the day.

I will not dismiss as unfounded or groundless a story I heard from one Fakude of Natalspruit, shortly after the Denver shooting, about people who are being paid to carry out these acts of terror.

Fakude, like many of the people who phone us when something has happened in their area, is scared of being the next victim.

"Life is now cheap," he said. "Today it is my neighbour and tomorrow it may be me and my family".

What can be done to remedy this situation? Are we to fold our arms and cry that it is hopeless and nothing can be done?

Or are we still bent on pontificating and playing politics while the country is engulfed in flames?

What goes through our minds when we see bloodstained bodies lying everywhere?

What do we do when we see survivors scamper like frightened chickens looking for shelter and a place of safety?

What do we do when we see fatherless and motherless children crying for their parents to return home?

Yes, this is no longer a skirmish or an unrest-related situation, but a national issue that needs all of us, black and white, to put our heads together and do something.

Comrade Peter Vundla of Soweto, with a lump in his throat, has suggested a multi-lingual, all-embracing monitoring group be formed NOW to stamp out this so-called "third force" or group of mercenaries which some people believe are the culprits.

"Now is the time for all of us to come together and fight this evil group. Let us for once forget our difference and go all out to unmask these people," he said.

I could not agree more with Peter. And I will go a step further and urge all those who were either approached to carry out these dastardly deeds or have carried them out, to come out into the open and tell us who their bosses are and why they have carried out these attacks.

The most disturbing thing is that no one wants to talk. Our people are scared. I suggest people should phone us or any other newspaper in the country to provide clues that may help in the arrest of this so-called "third force". We will take up any clues and expose these people.

Once again, our sympathies are with the bereaved families and those who are lying in hospital. We will not rest until these criminals have been apprehended.

My life will never be the same after this sick orgy of violence

By BOIKI MOTHEI C/Press 16/9/90 278

MY life will never be the same again after the panga-hacking and shooting this week in the new township of Siluma View in Katlehong on the East Rand.

Tuesday night's attack by hostel dwellers has left the township virtually deserted, with women and children taken to other townships for safety – my family too.

After youths apparently killed three occupants of a kombi from Natal on Sunday, you could have cut the atmosphere with a knife.

There was heavy gunfire on Sunday and Monday nights when hostel inmates clashed with residents of Basothong section, where the kombi was allegedly attacked and torched.

Residents of Siluma View were not affected until Tuesday morning when I was on my way home. Youths stopped my car and told me not to go to work because "we are all going to demolish the hostel today".

I must admit . . . I'm a coward. I did not report for "hostel" duty as instructed and my neighbours were also at home.

During the day a resident told us that at 4pm, all men should attend a meeting and afterwards we would go to the hostel.

Earlier that morning, a man whom youths claimed was a Zulu was burned to death and his company van torched in Khumalo section.

It was alleged by the youths that the man had a red cloth in his pocket . . . which is used by hostel inmates when attacking.

As a coward and somebody who can't run, I did not attend the meeting and I still don't know what was discussed. But later, at about 8.30pm, the trouble started – and I suddenly knew how to run!

The hostel inmates struck Khumalo section, burning houses, looting television sets and blasting away with AK-47 rifles.

There were no police at the scene.

Word went out that "Zulus" were heading for Siluma View and chaos reigned, with residents fleeing to the nearby Indian township Palm Ridge and the coloured township of Eden Park.

I saw some husbands running away and leaving their wives behind. I instructed my family to jump into the car and we fled to Soweto.

One of my friends tried to stop me, but I ignored him and put my foot down hard on the accelerator.

They came and broke windows, beating anyone they found and shooting wildly at fleeing residents. It was terrible, something I will never forget.

The following day, Wednesday, three innocent people were killed – hacked to death.

The next day I was surprised to read in newspapers that only one person had been killed in Katlehong. How strange . . . maybe some of us can't count.

The Katlehong Town Council also cut power on Thursday morning, instilling more fear and outrage among residents. We are terrorised and reasons for the attacks are still unclear.

My family and many others from Siluma View don't spend nights in the township anymore.

My nightmare of hacking, screaming and death

By THABO HLATSHWAYO

AT about 6.30pm on Tuesday, Marimba Gardens in Vosloorus was plunged into darkness, but there's nothing sinister about this daily occurrence.

Two hours later, as I was preparing to go to bed, there was a knock on the door. A neighbour came to tell us the "Zulus" were about to attack.

I was duty-bound to join him and others to set up barricades. Sporadic machine-gun fire could be heard nearby, but this has also become a way of life in Vosloorus.

We discussed our plan in case of attack but we were helpless. None of us knew what to do. We resigned ourselves to a bloody fate.

The attack did not materialise but in the morning, people going to work were stopped at the entrance to the township because the "Zulus" were about to mount an attack. I asked myself: "How could they attack in broad daylight?"

I decided to visit a friend who owned a car to ask him to take my family to Soweto. Before I reached his place, I met fleeing youths carrying petrol bombs. They were fleeing the "Zulus".

In the ensuing chaos, I ran into the nearest house. Inside, everyone huddled in silence. A few minutes later I saw a white minibus approach from which people were firing in the direction of the fleeing youths.

I was panic-stricken when I thought about my wife and 17-month-old daughter who were alone in the house. I wanted to get out and return home but was afraid to do so.

Twenty minutes passed before I could gather enough courage to go outside. I got home safely but the house was locked and there was nobody there. I heard my wife call me. She was next door.

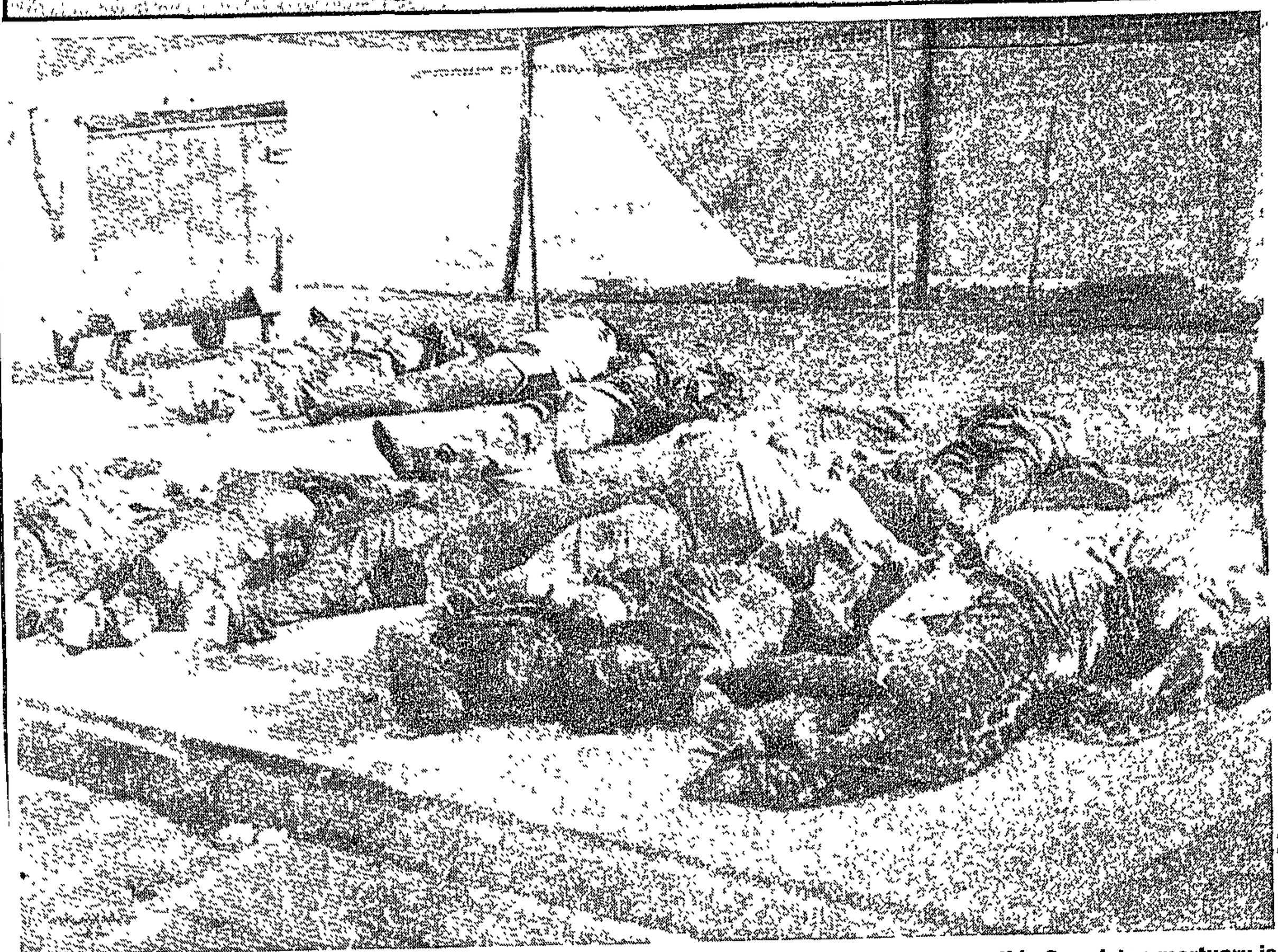
She told me the youths I had seen were being chased by the "Zulus". Some had jumped over our garden fence to escape.

Men chasing them wore red headbands and were armed with an assortment of pangas and spears.

Two youths were cornered just 200 metres down the road and were stabbed and hacked with pangas. I believe one was dead, the other near death. In another street, three more bodies were found – they had been shot dead.

When nightfall came, fears increased that the "Zulus" might return. But the night was peaceful. The electricity was turned on again – but no one dared switch on their lights.

The rotting victims of a rotten war



Mortuaries on the Reef were already full before this week's surge of violence. For instance, this Germiston mortuary is overflowing and bodies have been dumped in an open backyard where they have rotted under the scorching sun. These victims of violence are mainly from the East Rand.

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A wrong word leads to death at the hands of a rabid armed mo



The Shangaan faces the mob, the smell of blood is high in the dusk air



Smashed over the head, he slides to the ground, begging to be spared



Death in the afternoon... the man on the left rams a pole into the taxi driver's stomach



The makeshift spear impaled in his abdomen, the mob move in



More blows for good measure as one of the attackers smokes a cigarette



By LINDEN BIRNS who also took the pictures

IT WAS another dusty late afternoon at Phola Park on Wednesday.

Guards took up positions to stop traffic on the road between the squatter camp and the half demolished Zulu hostel.

One man told me: "If we catch an Inkatha we'll find the means to deal with him." The five minutes that followed revealed just what these "means" were and how suspects were "dealt with".

Like a pack of rabid dogs, a mob converged on a lone taxi driver. He thought he was being stopped by angry Zulus, so he addressed them respectfully in Zulu, an error that was to cost him his life.

Click. My finger instinctively hit the shutter release on the camera. The petrified taxi driver shook with fear as he waved his identity papers and pleaded with the mob that he was not a Zulu or Inkatha supporter.

"I'm a Shangaan, I'm a Shangaan," he cried as the mob jockeyed for better positions. The atmosphere was on the brink of exploding.

Someone ripped a strip of rubber from the bumper of the man's battered minibus and began flicking it at the victim's knees. The action was the catalyst for what was to come as he instictively flinched and the mob smelled his fear.

Without any warning a knobkierie smashed down on his skull — no screams, no war cries, all that was heard was a muted scuffling in the dirt and the whimpers of the victim. Going down on his haunches he begged for his life before sliding to the ground against the side of his taxi.

The pack moved in; sharpened poles, axes, spears and pangas were swung. In a brief insight it brought back scenes of roadworkers attacking a hot Transvaal road with pickaxes when digging up pipes — but without the familiar melodious chant.

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A third man, in macho "after action satisfaction" mode — lit a cigarette and watched with detached curiosity at the sick savagery.

I found Wilson, my colleague. He was staring with horrified fascination at the man next to him, who started cheering and waving an AK-47 assault rifle in the air.

Neither of us recall getting into the car but, shuddering in nervous shock, I managed to fit the immobiliser into its socket and turn the key into the ignition. It seemed to take a lifetime.

We sped around the shack settlement looking for an exit as the main dirt road into the camp was blocked by the mob.

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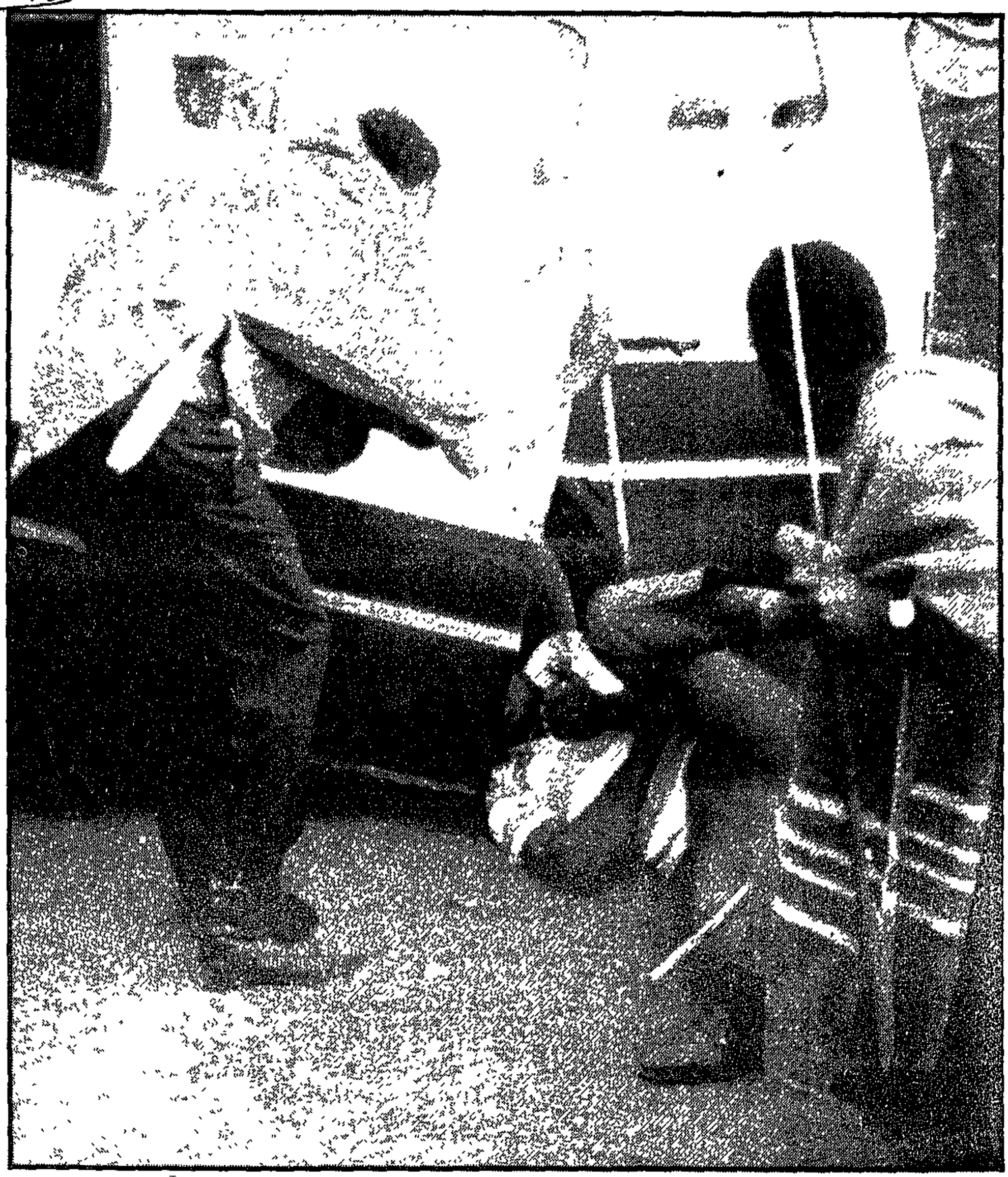
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The TRAIN of TEARS



IDOMITABLE . . . in spite of the fear, this group of assengers still finds time for a smile
Picture: JOE SEFALE

IT was like something out of a horror movie.

Going home after work on a Friday afternoon — a pleasant experience for most South Africans — has become a trip that strikes untold fear into the hearts of tens of thousands of black commuters.

Completing the distance between workplace and home is now an operation that many are profusely thankful to survive.

On Friday evening I took two rides on the death trains. In the course of my work I have been in riots and other life-threatening situations, but I do not recall ever being more grateful for getting off a commuter train unharmed.

There were troops on platforms, plainclothes police sharpshooters in bullet-proof vests milling around, uniformed policemen bursting into coaches with rifles cocked, two-way radios crackling into life every few seconds and blaring orders.

This was black Johannesburg trying to get home alive after a day's work on the white side of town.

Killers

This was the day after the Denver station massacre, when a gang armed with shotguns, pangas and knives hacked and shot their way through a crowded passenger train bound for Soweto. At least 26 people were killed and over 100 injured.

The killers boarded the train at Jeppe station and started their orgy of slayings at George Goch. Those who survived cowered under their seats or jumped from the moving train.

When I went to Johannesburg station to buy my ticket to get on the same train, I couldn't help being struck by a bizarre advert above the ticket vendor's window — for insurance against railway accidents.

"In all cases, death or disablement must be caused directly and exclusively by accident to the train by which the ticket holder is travelling," it read in part.

At any other time the advert would have made sense, but on this day it took on an ominous meaning.

But none of the grim-faced people queueing with me seemed to pay any notice to the advert. They looked like



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patients full of trepidation before major surgery, not knowing what the outcome would be.

I collected my ticket and went down to the platform. It quickly became obvious that Spoornet was facing a bad day for business. After the horror of the previous night people had kept away from the trains in huge numbers.

Usually, platforms at Johannesburg station around 5pm on a Friday are a writhing mass of ebony faces. If you stood on an upper floor and looked down, chances are you wouldn't see the platform — only a sea of moving, shoving and jostling heads.

The carriages themselves are usually a sociological experience. In one you will walk right into a highly-charged church service with a self-imposed Bible-thumper exhorting other commuters to come to Jesus.

The older folks usually derive immense satisfaction from these impromptu services, where you are quaranteed to hear the most moving hymns on the ride to the townships.

Two carriages down, the same train will be a different world. You may run into a mini-rally on wheels in "the coach of the struggle". Here the younger set, with fire in their hearts, sing freedom songs. They are often pro-ANC youths and praises will be sung to Nelson Mandela and other leaders.

Somewhere in between the service and the rally some enterprising vendor will be trying to sell you anything from a toothbrush to gold-plated jewellery. On some nights, some unlucky commuter will have a knife stuck into his flank and asked to part with his pay packet and other valuables.

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But there was still black humour in this grim and tense environment. I was making my way through the train with photographer Joe Sefale when one guy smiled and said quite casually:

"Take a picture of me before I die."

Anyway, as we were sitting there, two policemen burst into our carriage. Weapons at the ready, deliberately making their way through the coach, forcing eye contact to see if someone blinked.

Which was comforting. At least, we hoped, no one was going to produce an AK-47 and start spraying bullets around while armed policemen were all over the place.

That comfort was not to last long, though. We had just passed Jeppe station when the two-way radios crackled into life again. There was something happening at Jeppe.

Emergency vehicles with sirens blaring were speeding in the opposite direction. The policemen in our train got off and raced down the platform.

My God! Now we were at the mercy of the killer gang.

It turned out that 15 people had been injured at Jeppe when they were either thrown off a train or jumped. A senior police officer on the scene said there were conflicting reports.

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'I heard my brother plead for mercy and my mother scream with pain'

By MANDLA TYALA

IT was to be a night of terror.

When 20-year-old Sheila Manyelo went into the kitchen to prepare the evening meal in her home in Katlehong, she had no inkling that only a few minutes later her two sisters would be hacked to death in front of her eyes by a marauding Zulu impi.

Nor that her brother, mother and paralysed father would be stabbed, slashed and left for dead by the psychopathic assailants.

It was around 7pm on Monday. The Manyelo family was gathered around the TV in the living room, watching their favourite show, when Sheila got up to serve dinner.

She had been in the kitchen for only a short while when she heard gunshots outside and voices shouting the Zulu war cry "Usuthu!"

In this era of violence in the townships, this has come to mean one thing — death.

Almost as a reflex action, residents immediately do two things — lock the doors and switch off all the lights. With a bit of luck, the grim reaper might find his prey down the road.

But Sheila's family was out of luck.

By the time she got to the living room to warn her family to lock the steel security doors, men were already banging on the wooden doors. Others were smashing the front windows.

The kitchen door gave way — and the men with the red headbands that have come to signify Inkatha supporters poured into the house.

Sheila takes up the horror story: "While these men were attacking my parents and my brother with spears and pangas, I decided to hide in the bathroom with my two sisters. We were so terrified.

"I heard my brother plead for mercy and my mother scream with pain. My father was paralysed in one side and could not move.

"My sister Winnie had her two-year-old son, Katleo, strapped to her and he started crying.

"The men came to the bathroom and broke down the door. They started stabbing and hacking my two sisters, who were screaming and crying for help.

"I could not take it any more. I came out of the corner where I was hiding and pleaded for mercy.

"One of them said, 'Let her go. We are finished with these Sotho dogs.'

"I was near the kitchen door when others said, 'No, let's finish her off, too.'

"I was stabbed in the back as I bolted out of the house. One of them fired a shot as I jumped over the neighbour's fence, but did not hit me."

Sheila fled into the dark, while the men started looting her home. They stole a video recorder and other items and then left.

Mr and Mrs Manyelo, aged 65 and 53, as well as their 24-year-old son, Benjamin, are in a critical condition at Natalspruit Hospital.

Their two daughters are statistics among the 100-odd people who have died in this week's senseless bloodbath on the East Rand.

Don Thinane, a lawyer and neighbour of the Manyelos, arrived home on Monday only a few minutes after about 15 Zulus had left his house.

"As I drove in, I noticed that the front windows of my house had been smashed. I went inside and found my children whimpering under their beds," he said.

"The mob apparently could not force their way in and instead moved on in search of a softer target.

"It's just not safe to be in the townships any more."

But for tens of thousands of township residents there is no option but to sit through the whole conflict — or better still, survive it.

Some who live in areas where there is fierce fighting have abandoned their homes and moved in with relatives in quieter sections of the same township.

Most people now live a life of fear.

What started as a clear-cut conflict between Inkatha and ANC supporters has now assumed new dimensions with puzzling new players.

There have been reports of balaclava-clad white men seen aiding Inkatha and mysterious black gunmen, who drive around in a kombi, shooting civilians at random with no apparent motive.

And there has been a breakdown in services in most townships. Even ambulances cannot reach certain no-go areas.

The breakdown in law and order is exacerbated by what appears to be an almost total lack of public confidence in the police. Residents accuse the police of either siding with Inkatha or deliberately not doing enough to protect them.

The bottom line is that life is hell for the average township dweller. Like the Manyelos, you do not have to belong to any of the warring factions to be in the firing line.

War-torn Katlehong's roads were impassable this week because of barricades erected by youths who used huge tree trunks and charred shells of old cars. Trains making their way into the townships were ambushed.

Taxis, the main mode of transport for black commuters, could not enter the township. And those residents who made it to work had to walk several kilometres to a central point on the periphery — a hazardous undertaking after dark.

Even while at work, these people worry whether at the end of the day they will find their loved ones unharmed and their homes intact.

Katlehong residents told me this week of an unofficial curfew enforced by youthful "defence units" to deal with the raiders.

One said: "The youths have told residents that they should keep their cars off the street after 6.30pm. Any car on the street at that time belongs to an invader and is immediately attacked.

"Vehicles with a Natal registration are particular targets, because they are seen as transporting Inkatha impis."

And, to crown the nights of terror, the council on Thursday switched off the electricity supply to Katlehong because of a rent boycott.



SO LUCKY . . . Sheila Manyelo and her sist Katleo
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Anyway, as we were sitting there, two policemen burst into our carriage. Weapons at the ready, deliberately making their way through the coach, forcing eye contact to see if someone blinked.

Which was comforting. At least, we hoped, no one was going to produce an AK-47 and start spraying bullets around while armed policemen were all over the place.

That comfort was not to last long, though. We had just passed Jeppe station when the two-way radios crackled into life again. There was something happening at Jeppe.

Emergency vehicles with sirens blaring were speeding in the opposite direction. The policemen in our train got off and raced down the platform.

My God! Now we were at the mercy of the killer gang.

It turned out that 15 people had been injured at Jeppe when they were either thrown off a train or jumped. A senior police officer on the scene said there were conflicting reports.

One was that the people were flung off by a gang while another said they panicked and jumped when someone said the killer gang was on its way.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, SAP liaison officer, said later that six people had been found injured in the vicinity of Ellis Park station and nine around Jeppe station.

I had a good idea of what may have happened in that train. If someone had said in my carriage that the killer gang was coming, my mind was made up about what to do — I would have jumped, regardless of the speed at which the train was travelling.

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go. We are finished with these Sotho dogs.'

"I was near the kitchen door when others said, 'No, let's finish her off, too.'

"I was stabbed in the back as I bolted out of the house. One of them fired a shot as I jumped over the neighbour's fence, but did not hit me."

Sheila fled into the dark, while the men started looting her home. They stole a video recorder and other items and then left.

Mr and Mrs Manyelo, aged 65 and 53, as well as their 24-year-old son, Benjamin, are in a critical condition at Natalspruit Hospital.

Their two daughters are statistics among the 100-odd people who have died in this week's senseless bloodbath on the East Rand.

Don Thinane, a lawyer and neighbour of the Manyelos, arrived home on Monday only a few minutes after about 15 Zulus had left his house.

"As I drove in, I noticed that the front windows of my house had been smashed. I went inside and found my children whimpering under their beds," he said.

"The mob apparently could not force their way in and instead moved on in search of a softer target.

"It's just not safe to be in the townships any more."

But for tens of thousands of township residents there is no option but to sit through the whole conflict — or better still, survive it.

Some who live in areas where there is fierce fighting have abandoned their homes and moved in with relatives in quieter sections of the same township.

Most people now live a life of fear.

What started as a clear-cut conflict between Inkatha and ANC supporters has now assumed new dimensions with puzzling new players.

There have been reports of balaclava-clad white men seen aiding Inkatha and mysterious black gunmen, who drive around in a kombi, shooting civilians at random with no apparent motive.

And there has been a breakdown in services in most townships. Even ambulances cannot reach certain no-go areas.

The breakdown in law and order is exacerbated by what appears to be an almost total lack of public confidence in the police. Residents accuse the police of either siding with Inkatha or deliberately not doing enough to protect them.

The bottom line is that life is hell for the average township dweller. Like the Manyelos, you do not have to belong to any of the warring factions to be in the firing line.

War-torn Katlehong's roads were impassable this week because of barricades erected by youths who used huge tree trunks and charred shells of old cars. Trains making their way into the townships were ambushed.

Taxis, the main mode of transport for black commuters, could not enter the township. And those residents who made it to work had to walk several kilometres to a central point on the periphery — a hazardous undertaking after dark.

Even while at work, these people worry whether at the end of the day they will find their loved ones unharmed and their homes intact.

Katlehong residents told me this week of an unofficial curfew enforced by youthful "defence units" to deal with the raiders.

One said: "The youths have told residents that they should keep their cars off the street after 6.30pm. Any car on the street at that time belongs to an invader and is immediately attacked.

"Vehicles with a Natal registration are particular targets, because they are seen as transporting Inkatha impis."

And, to crown the nights of terror, the council on Thursday switched off the electricity supply to Katlehong because of a rent boycott.



SO LUCKY . . . Sheila Manyelo and her sister's son, Katleo
Picture: JOE SEFALE

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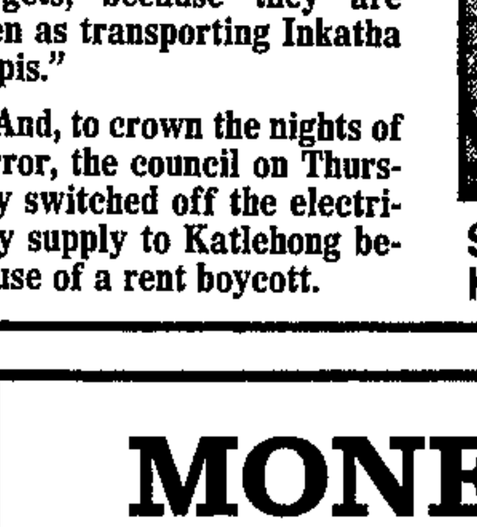
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Curfews and razor wire as police take urgent steps to quell violence in townships





F W calls on leaders to 'stop passing buck', but Mandela rejects plan for crackdown

CARNAGE: IT'S AN IRON FIST

By LESTER VENTER, De WET POTGIETER and DRIES van HEERDEN

THE Government yesterday mobilised massive force described as "an iron fist" to squash violence in the townships — only to have it rejected by Nelson Mandela. (278)

Only hours after the police announced sweeping measures to rescue the Reef's black townships from bloodshed, the ANC leader pressed for the virtual disarmament of police patrols. The ANC leader's dismissal of the Government's moves came only days after he had called on the State to use "its powerful, effective and well-equipped security forces" to end the violence.

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Tough steps in new police

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SA blonde sought by FBI is linked to weird sex cult

By PATRICIA CHENEY and HERMAN JANSEN

A SOUTH AFRICAN woman involved in an extradition case has been linked to a bizarre Eastern "free love" cult which allegedly planned to assassinate a US legal official.

The FBI claims Ann Phyllis Jan[illegible]s, [illegible], was part of a conspiracy to murder Oregon district attorney Charles Turner, the Portland official charged in 1985 [illegible] prosecution the controversial

Tough steps in new police clamp

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By HERMAN JANSEN

THESE are the tough steps against township violence announced yesterday by the Witwatersrand Regional Commissioner of Police, Major-General Gerrit Erasmus.

He said: "Mr Mandela wants an iron fist — and he's going to get one."

- A dusk-to-dawn curfew in Soweto and all other affected townships on the Witwatersrand.
- Commuters who have to leave before the curfew is lifted will be issued with special permits.
- Hostels and squatter camps to be cordoned off with razor-wire. Access to hostels will be limited to specific entrances and exits.
- SAP reinforcements to be brought in from other areas and reservists may be called up to boost the ranks of regular police on township duty.
- Roadblocks were put in place on Friday night around Soweto and other Witwatersrand townships.

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- Casspirs and other armoured vehicles on township patrols will be fitted with light machine-guns This measure will be taken to protect patrols from attack. The SAP will retaliate against attackers attempting to hide in crowds.
- All available SAP helicopters may be used in township patrols to identify trouble-makers and mark them with dye sprayed from the air.
- SAP and SADF personnel to be deployed at suburban railway stations. Search points to be set up at entrances.

The Government's Cabinet Committee on Security Affairs will meet tomorrow to complete details of the package.

The Security Committee — which recently replaced the State Security Council — will meet under the chairmanship of President De Klerk.

Highly placed sources said the Government had lost patience with the ANC's call for the authorities to intervene — while it broke down police morale with often baseless criticism.

There is a measure of anxiety about how the steps will be viewed abroad, but it is believed reasonable opinion will see them as justified

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At a National Party rally in Middelburg, Cape, he said "a turning point" had been reached on violence, demonstrations, intimidation, protest and "too many arrogant statements from left and right".

Addressing "political and church leaders who blame every tragic incident" on the Government, he said: "It is also your people taking part in the violence.

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QUOTE

'Mr Mandela wants an iron fist. He's going to get one'

— MAJ-GEN GERRIT ERASMUS

"Every upheaval, every death, every house that burns down — yes, every incident — is also a charge against the political leaders who can't control their people.

"When an ANC supporter kills people it is not the Government's fault. Nor is it so when an Inkatha supporter does the same.

"When trade unions or other organisations orchestrate illegal strikes it is not the Government's fault that workers' families do not have an income."

Referring to claims that a "third force" was responsible for much of the violence, he said: "If somewhere there is an evil force responsible for violence, then all leaders must help the security forces to bring such a force to book.

"To merely accuse the Government or the security forces is a form of escapism.

"The Government, with the co-operation of other responsible leaders, has created an opportunity for a peaceful and just solution.

"Progress towards real negotiation has been beyond expectation.

"If ever there was no sound reason for violence, I say it is now."

Internationally, SA was raising its head once more, President De Klerk said.

"Everything that was wrong in the country is no longer blamed on the National Party, but increasingly on those still seeking to perpetuate violence."

Addressing a press conference at his Orlando West home, Mr Mandela criticised the use of live ammunition by police, saying the ANC only wanted police in townships if they were going to behave and maintain law and order.

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'It is totally unnecessary for police to carry arms'

— ANC LEADER NELSON MANDELA

And he accused "organised state agencies" of fomenting the unrest.

Mr Mandela (who met President De Klerk in Pretoria on Friday) denied that he had agreed to any of the measures announced yesterday.

"The Government has dragged its feet for months while almost 700 blacks were killed. They regarded these casualties as mere numbers," he said.

It was only after two white policemen had been killed that measures were announced.

Mr Mandela said the latest measures "do not address the issue from the perspective of how it affects the lives of blacks, but from the way it would preserve whites".

He sharply criticised the use of arms and live ammunition by the police in crowd control

"The Government has assured me that it has sufficient personnel to deal with such situations. This means it is totally unnecessary for them to carry arms when patrolling areas," he said.

They should, instead, use "water jets and tear

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bombs" as was the case "in all civilised countries".

Mr Mandela said his calls on the Government to "use all the might at its disposal" referred to the fact that it "must look inside the security forces and weed out these elements which have been involved in violence for the past four years".

Mr Mandela said he was told by President De Klerk on Friday that the Government was considering stronger measures against violence.

However, he denied that he had agreed to specific steps, as had been implied by a police general.

"The general has got a very fertile imagination. He made a mistake," he said.

Mr Mandela said the measures announced yesterday appeared to be "totally ineffective" for curbing violence. They looked more as though they were devised "to deal with a liberation movement".

The Government's decision that "agitators should be taken out" was "a licence to kill our people indiscriminately", he said.

"It never does it to its own friends."

This meant that ANC supporters would now be left to the mercy of "faceless elements and highly professional death squads".

"That is what the Government wants."

He described plans to erect razor-wire fences around hostels and squatter camps as "a reckless measure".

It would leave squatter communities vulnerable in case of fires breaking out, and in the case of hostels, previous attempts at erecting fences had proved useless "because the security forces have allowed people to come in and out when they wanted".

The curfew was unacceptable because "it restricts the civil liberties of people".

At an NP conference in Kempton Park yesterday, Minister of Defence General Magnus Malan said he found it "increasingly difficult" to accept that Mr Mandela favoured peaceful negotiations.

"If he is serious about helping to build a new SA, it is high time he visibly showed and proved it."

Referring to Mr Mandela's claims of a "third force", the general said: "Daily, Mr Mandela becomes a greater mystery. Now he apparently possesses information known only to himself."

General Malan said it was vital that Mr Mandela conveyed this information together with any evidence to the police. "He must realise that people are going to die if he leaves his information hanging in the air."

The general said he had challenged Mr Mandela before to prove his allegations.

"But what happens? Mr Mandela stays mum — and goes overseas."

General Malan said Mr Mandela criticised the Government for not using its security forces to quell the violence, then claimed overseas the Government was "waging war" on the ANC.

"I find it difficult to believe that he can discipline and keep on track his wild horses, such as MK (Umkhonto we Sizwe)."

Told of Mr Mandela's rejection of the Government's measures at the Union Buildings late yesterday, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok appeared visibly shocked.

He said it was strange that whenever the Government used its powers to end the violence it was criticised. Yet when it didn't do so, it was also criticised.

King Goodwill makes a plea for peace

By DOMINIC JONES

A ZULU-XHOSA summit at the Union Buildings yesterday resulted in a joint appeal for peace by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini and Transkei's President Tutor Ndamase.

The meeting was attended by top South African Cabinet Ministers.

The summit had particular significance in view of the outbreaks of ethnic violence on the Reef.

King Goodwill made a personal appeal for ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela to meet with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi in an effort to stem the violence sweeping SA.

"I call on Inkatha and the ANC to play their leading roles in eliminating the violence," he said.

"They must act together. Unfortunately, Dr Mandela has either been unwilling or unable to meet with myself as king of the Zulus or with my uncle, Dr Buthelezi.

"Nothing could be more indicative of the need for Dr Mandela and Dr Buthelezi to sit down and talk to each other than the hideous outbreaks of violence in the Transvaal."



President Ndamase and King Goodwill after yesterday's meeting

President Ndamase appealed for all people to join hands and make a bold effort to bring about peace.

"Let's stop these senseless killings," he said.

The two delegations were welcomed by Foreign Minister Pik Botha who said SA was going through a traumatic time and that the two leaders had come together to prevent further bloodshed.

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Streets looked like surgeries after attacks

MEDICAL drip needles and surgical gloves littered the entrance to Jeppe station on Friday in the aftermath of mindless bloodshed which left at least 17 people injured after they were pushed off or jumped from two trains between Jeppe and Ellis Park stations.

The incidents occurred shortly after 4pm and four more people were thrown from a train near Ellis Park two hours later.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe confirmed that six people had been found injured in the vicinity of the Ellis Park station and nine near Jeppe station.

Three people were treated inside the station entrance and on the pavement outside Jeppe station before they were transferred to Hillbrow Hospital.

Six of the injured at Ellis Park were also taken to hospital.

A Hillbrow Hospital spokesman said he had no details.

Heavily armed police, who were later joined by traffic officers, paramedics, the Defence Force and Spoornet security officers, cordoned off the Jeppe station area for more than an hour and commuters seemed to prefer taking buses or taxis home rather than trains.

Long queues formed at bus stops and taxi ranks while the railway platforms – patrolled by security force representatives armed with machine pistols, shotguns and rifles – were almost devoid of commuters.

A woman suffering suspected fractures and severe lacerations to her face lay with her feet in the gutter outside the entrance to Jeppe station as paramedics held a drip and treated her for almost an hour before she was taken to hospital.

Crowds watching the platforms from the streets thinned out and the barricades were lifted. The area returned to normal shortly after 6pm.

Of the 17 injured, nine people were taken to Hillbrow Hospital where four were treated and discharged, a hospital spokesman said later.

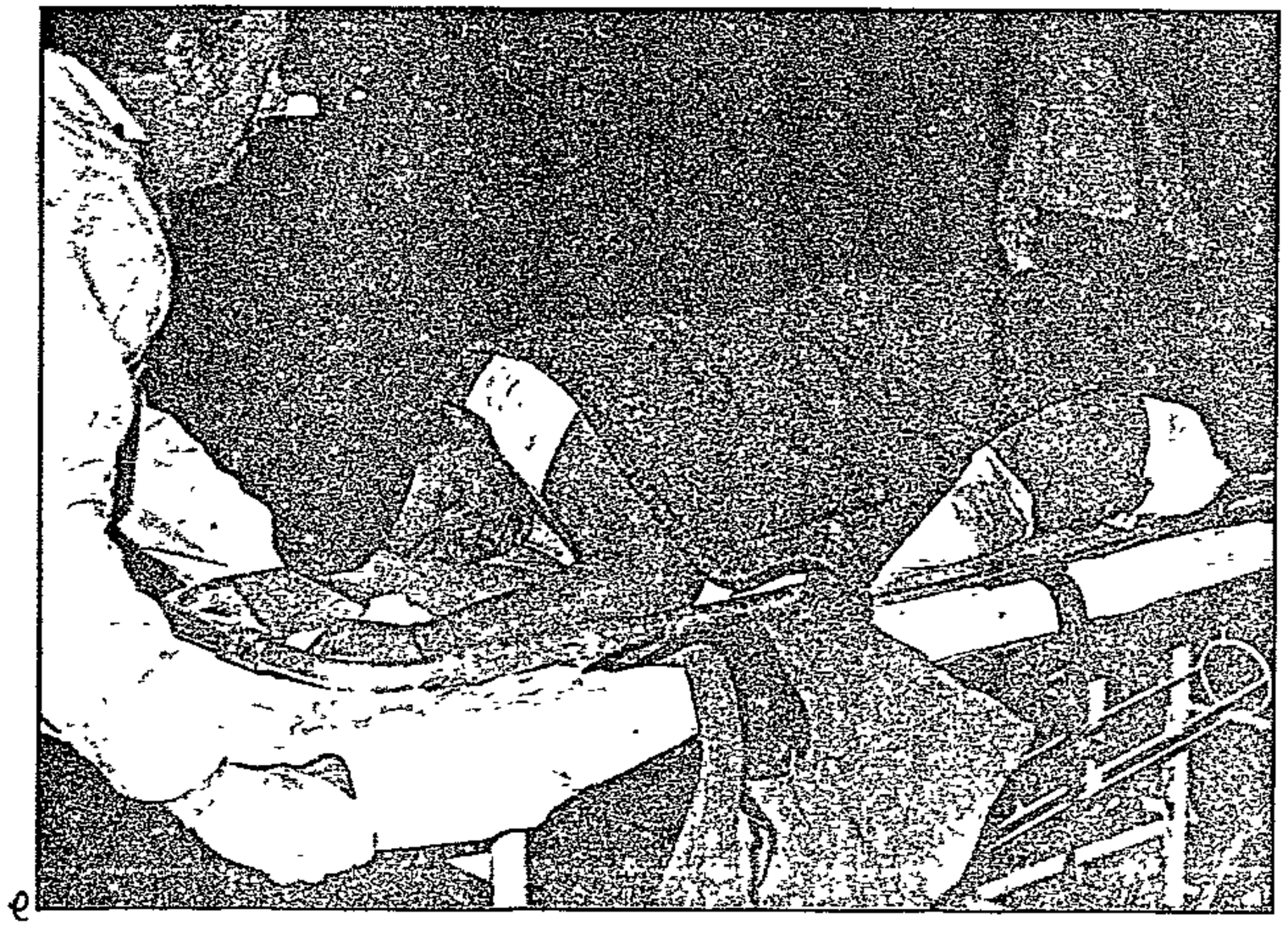
The remaining five were still in casualty but were reported to have no serious injuries.

All were treated for cuts, grazes and fractures consistent with falling from the trains. – Sapa

The ugly face of mass murder . . .



A mysterious "third force" at work? A commuter and a loaf of bread that never reached home.



A rescue worker wheels a victim of the train massacre to a waiting ambulance at Denver station.

'Amen, so be it', their last prayer

By SOPHIE TEMA

"AMEN, SO BE IT" were the last words two women who had been praying uttered on Thursday before they and 24 other passengers were massacred by a gang of armed men who entered train No 36 – better known as "Jikeleza".

The killers boarded the 5 10pm train from Johannesburg to Naledi at George Goch station. Witnesses said they were armed with pangas, spears and guns.

As soon as the train started moving, the gang began attacking passengers indiscriminately. Of the 26 people killed, most were women who were shot and stabbed And, said police, of the over 100 injured, most got hurt when they jumped from the train trying to get away from the killers.

A grisly sight greeted waiting commuters when the train arrived at Denver station. Next to one of the bodies – that of a woman – lay a Bible and next to another was a loaf of bread

A Tladi woman, Martha Mthembu, said a group of women were holding a prayer meeting on the train.

"Suddenly I heard people screaming and I opened my eyes when I felt a heavy thump on my head I fell on to another woman and other people fell and they were lying on top of me.

"They were screaming and crying, running from the killers while others jumped out of the train windows

"I then saw a man with a gun in his hand and a woman who was sitting on the seat opposite me was screaming hysterically as he shot her I saw blood coming from her stomach Another man from the gang walked up to her and stabbed her several times – until she stopped screaming

"One of my friends whom I only know as Matloporo, died on the platform after I noticed that he had been battling for breath and gasping"

Elizabeth Leroke, who has a gaping wound in her forehead, said she and other frenzied passengers were cornered by three of the killers after trying to escape

She said she saw the three killers stab a man with what looked like a spear – before they hacked him with pangas

Traffic police threw a tight cordon around the Denver station, while paramedics in a helicopter and several ambulances ferried the injured to hospital.

Train services shunned

THE number of suburban train passengers dropped significantly on Friday morning on the Reef, following the second attack on peak-hour commuters in just over a week of bloody carnage on carriages and station platforms.

Spoornet spokesman Jaques Pienaar said that on average there were 40 percent less passengers in trains running in and out of Soweto, Katlehong, Thokoza, Vosloorus and Kagiso.

Tembisa, another flashpoint of conflict, was not affected, said Pienaar

In just over seven days, 26 people were killed in a Soweto-bound train on Thursday night and three other people died when gunmen fired at commuters at Jeppe station.

Meanwhile, the decline in train passengers is not helping minibus taxi operators.

Taximen, according to a spokesman for the Southern Africa Black Taxi Association, Fanyana Shiburi, are on average losing two operating hours a day, because they fear doing business before dawn and after dusk due to the ongoing violence.

Shiburi said in some of the affected areas, taxi operators who lived in the hostels were forced to stop operating altogether because of tensions between local residents and hostel dwellers.

"In several places such as Katlehong, Vosloorus and Thokoza, taximen can only risk operating from the outskirts of the townships," he said. – Sapa



The horror which left the country reeling with shock. ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI



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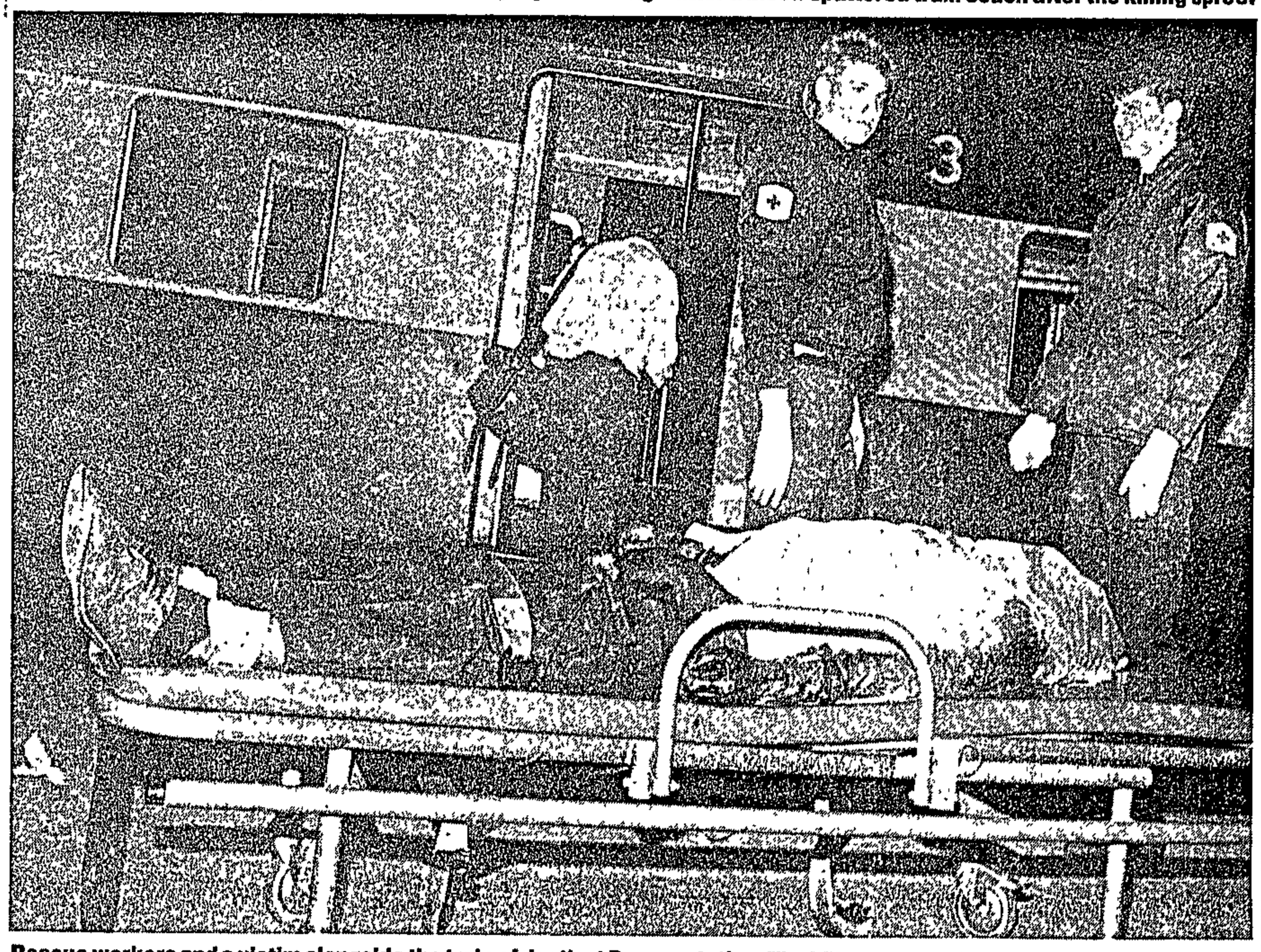
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Bodies of women – who moments earlier held a prayer meeting – litter a blood-spattered train coach after the killing spree.



Rescue workers and a victim alongside the train of death at Denver station. The killers escaped arrest. ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

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Curfews, 'copters razor wire, searches

By SEKOLA SELLO and SANDILE MEMELA

THE SAP yesterday proposed tough new measures to quell spiralling violence on the Reef

The police "iron fist" action list includes:

- Curfews in certain areas.
- The cordoning off of hostels and squatter camps with razor wire;
- Hostel dwellers will only be allowed to use certain entrances and nobody will be allowed to leave or enter hostels with arms or dangerous weapons;
- Police roadblocks came into effect in Soweto and on the Witwatersrand from 6pm on Friday night.
- Mounting light machineguns on armoured vehicles;
- The full police helicopter force will be deployed for air observation and marking of crowds "with coloured water or some other substance".
- Police and SADF troops will be deployed on trains, at stations and at roadblocks;
- Police, assisted by the SADF, will be allowed to close off certain areas in townships for house-to-house searches.

No restrictions will be imposed on journalists

Announcing the measures, Witwatersrand police commissioner Maj-Gen Gerrit Erasmus said the calling up of police reserves, backed up by additional SADF personnel, was also under consideration

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The new measures follow

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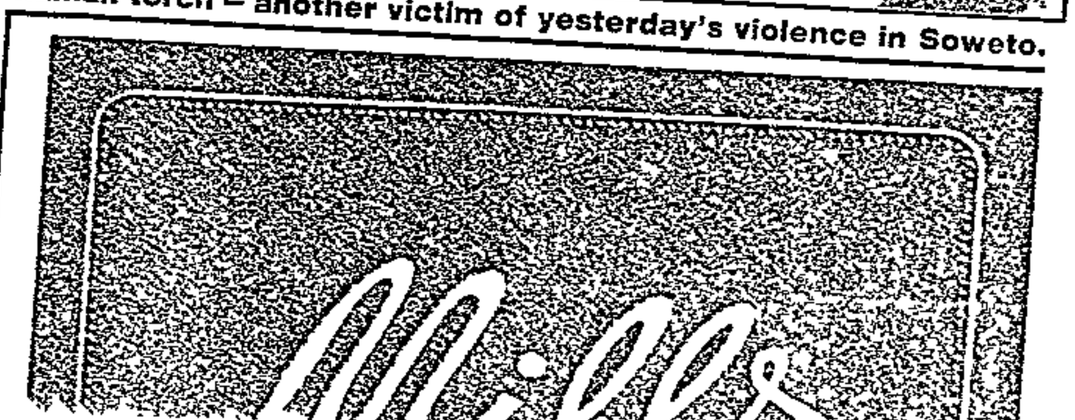
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Referring to machineguns mounted on vehicles to stop attacks on police, he said only individuals would be fired on, not crowds



① The accused ... Soweto residents attack a man accused of being an Inkatha spy.



② A man takes his last walk ... after dragging the bleeding man along the ground he is led away and repeatedly stoned, stabbed and beaten. ■ Pics: AP



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He said "The government no longer believes the clash is between black and black, Inkatha and the ANC or Zulu and Xhosa, but that there is a hidden hand behind it which must be tracked down"

Some people believe that in some cases, ultra-Right extremists have been directly responsible for the attacks, particularly those against shackdwellers near Merafe station in Soweto.

According to an expert on violence, Lloyd Vogelman of Wits University, the possibility of black mercenaries being responsible for the latest killings could not be discounted.

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Urgent meeting to end violence

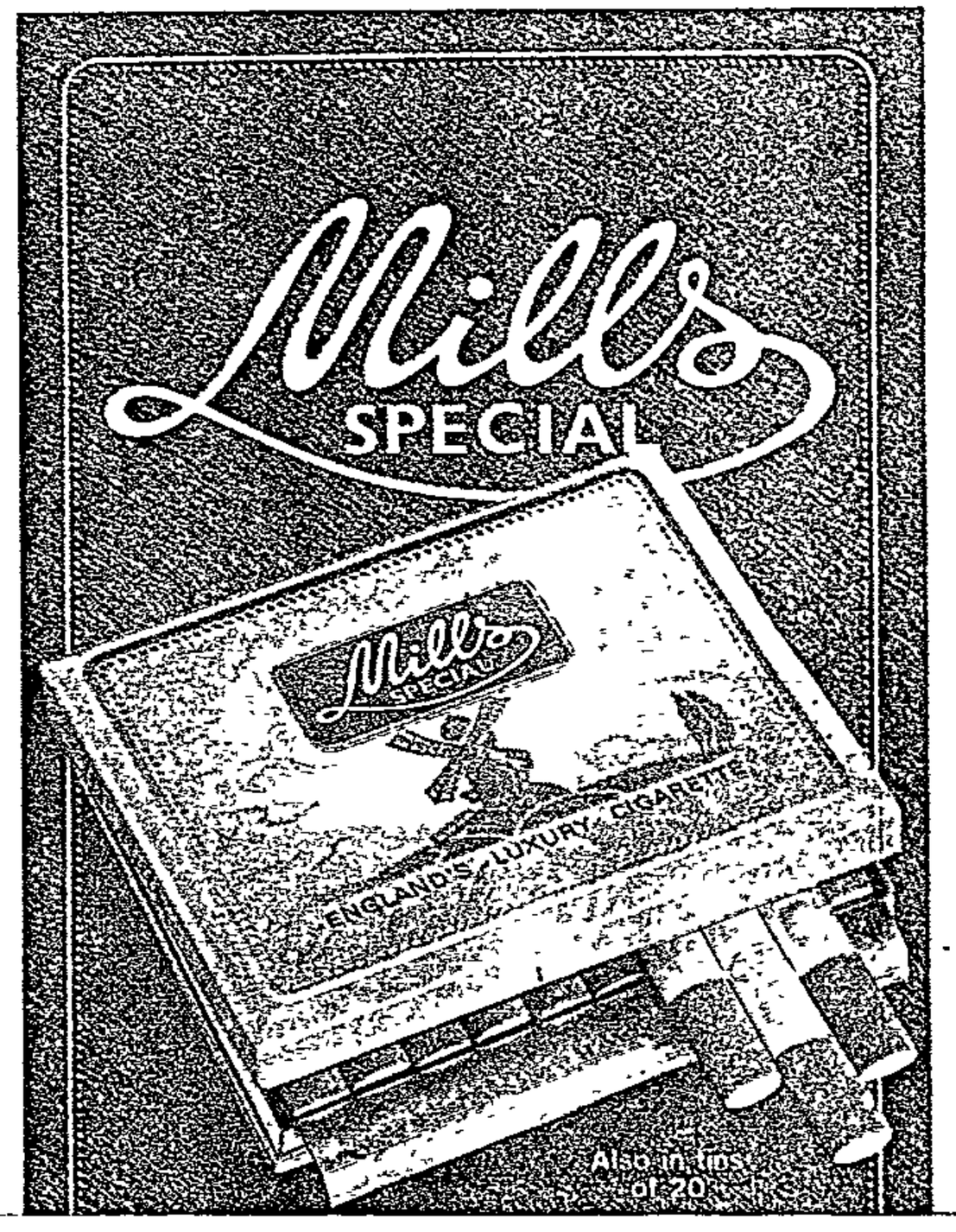
AZAPO has called for an urgent meeting of top leaders and prominent individuals to look into the Reef violence.

The meeting has been arranged for Wednesday at the Funda Centre, Soweto, starting at 9am.

The meeting aims to draw up a plan of action to end the violence.

Major organisations, including the ANC, PAC, Nactu, Cosatu, SACC, SA Catholic Bishops' Conference and Sabta have been invited.

Meanwhile, traditional leaders of the Zulus and Xhosas yesterday met behind closed doors at the Union Building in Pretoria in their first major move to reconcile warring township factions



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Five gunned down as taxi war looms

FIVE people died in two dawn attacks on taxi ranks in Soweto on Friday and police are investigating a link between the two incidents.

Four men have been arrested in connection with a 5.30am attack on the Orlando East taxi rank which killed two and injured two, police said.

Three taxis were totally gutted outside a Diepkloof hostel where unknown attackers shot three people dead at about 5.45am.

Also, two drivers and a passenger were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital for treatment.

Residents of a nearby hostel said a red kombi was involved in the attack. These witnesses said they were scared to give more information.

One of the victims, bleeding heavily from both hands and with a bullet wound in a leg, said one attacker tried to shoot him and then told another to finish him off with an axe. His hands were severely cut fending off the blows.

He said he was sitting in a taxi on his way to work when he heard shooting. People started running away.

He heard a man say: "Let's burn them inside." He managed to get out of the taxi and saw four attackers in front of him. He pretended to be dead while he lay outside the taxi.

Another victim, a taxi driver, was sitting in his vehicle when he saw someone pointing a gun at him. He was shot in the head.

Police said the five attackers, who fled, were armed with 9mm and 7.65mm handguns.

The attacks may have been triggered by rivalry between opposing Pretoria and Baragwanath taxi organisations.

As the result of the killings, many commuters were stranded at taxi ranks late on Friday as scores of taxi drivers were reluctant to work late into the night for fear of more attacks.

Commuters at the main taxi rank in Commissioner Street queued for more than two hours waiting for taxis.

Sabta president James Ngcoya called for calm and peace on the eve of the organisation's annual conference starting at Sun City on Tuesday.

■ In Cape Town townships, taxi ranks were deserted again on Friday as a taxi war continued.

Trains from Khayelitsha were overflowing and people fought to enter coaches at Nyanga station. – Sapa



Death of the innocents . . . In the aftermath of two dawn attacks on Diepkloof and Orlando East taxi ranks with guns and axes this week, bodies lie in crumpled heaps next to gutted taxis.

Trains: 'Ensure our safety or . . .'

Commuter fury as boycott looms

By CHARLES MOGALE

COMMUTERS have threatened to stop using trains unless strict measures are taken to ensure their safety following cold-blooded attacks on innocent people travelling to and from work.

At least 32 people were killed and several hundred injured in less than two weeks when unknown persons attacked commuters on trains.

The first incident was at Jeppe station last Thursday when a group of men opened fire on innocent passengers, killing six and injuring 12 people.

On Thursday, in the worst carnage seen on suburban trains, 26 people were hacked to death and more than 100 wounded when a heavily armed gang attacked commuters on a train at Denver station.

On Friday, about 15 people were thrown or jumped off trains shortly after Spoornet announced its decision to beef up security on trains.

In a snap survey by *City Press* this week, 11 commuters said they would consider other means of transport rather than leave themselves open to attack.

However, the South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) has promised to beef up security on trains and stations in collaboration with the SAP.

Commuters questioned attacks on people inside trains "when it is so difficult for anybody who has not got a ticket to get on to a train".

Teacher Irene Molaba, whose nephew was injured when he fell from a moving train when it was attacked in Denver on Thursday, said: "We were surprised nobody seemed to have any inkling that the attacks were about to take place. How did the culprits get past the gates unnoticed?"

An SARCC spokesman said "everything humanly possible" was being done to ensure the safety of train passengers.

"We are very concerned and it is very difficult for us to contain a problem on a train which is moving from one point to another.

"You will understand it is not easy to locate the problem. However, we are doing everything we can to make the trains safe and we appeal to commuters to help us identify the culprits and bring them to book," he said.

SARCC marketing general manager Dr Koos Meyer said security on trains and at stations would be increased with the addition of personnel.

Meyer sent his condolences to bereaved families and wished those who were injured a speedy recovery.

He said: "We call on all rail passengers to remain calm and observant in these situations of violence."

Steps have already been taken to protect passengers on suburban trains after consultations among officials of Spoornet, the SAP and the SADF.

According to Spoornet spokeman Jacques Pienaar, the measures include the following:

- Apart from security officials who have already been deployed at stations and on trains, additional people will be employed to assist in ensuring the safety of passengers for an undetermined period;
- Spoornet officials will co-operate with the SAP and police presence will be increased; and
- Operational centres will remain functioning to enhance co-operation between security forces and Spoornet.

A police spokesman confirmed measures had been taken to prevent incidents of violence on trains.

He refused to divulge any information, saying this could put the plans in jeopardy.



Neckbrace and broken bones ... This innocent train passenger was one of many who were thrown from moving trains this week after a series of horror attacks. Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

Youths go on rampage after body exhumed

By DAN DHLAMINI

A PAUPER'S funeral was halted and the man's body exhumed this week after residents of Ikageng near Potchefstroom suspected his death was a cover-up.

After the incident, youths in the township went on the rampage, setting vehicles alight and stoning schools and councillors' homes.

The dead man was Charlie Olifant, of 836 Masilo Street, Khuma Township, Stilfontein. Residents told *City Press* their suspicions were roused when they saw a coffin being buried secretly.

They said it reminded them of the disappearance without trace of Ikageng activist Boiki Tlhapi, who allegedly went missing on March 20, 1986, while in the custody of Stilfontein police – who have since said Tlhapi was detained and later released and that he was wanted in connection with another case.

Olifant's sister, Francina Olifant, told *City Press* she was shocked when called to the scene because she had not seen her brother for three months and was not aware he was dead.

James Nkenke, who identified the body after it was exhumed, said he saw undertakers offloading the coffin into an open grave. Council workers were busy covering the grave when residents arrived to find out who was being buried.

"I immediately recognised Olifant because we once worked together. His bloody clothes and his wallet were inside the coffin," said Nkenke.

Youths took the coffin to the council offices where it stood in the sun for about four hours while their representatives sorted the matter out with police.

A spokesman for the youths said a second post mortem examination would be arranged, as they suspected the wound on Olifant's forehead may have been caused by a bullet.

Avbob manager J van Vuuren said he received the corpse from the police and was told the dead man's family could not afford to bury him.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Maj Ben van Heerden said Olifant was knocked down by a car on August 30 on the Potchefstroom-Johannesburg road. His injuries – a fractured skull and fractured legs – were consistent with those resulting from a road accident.

Van Heeden said Olifants' next-of-kin were notified about his death, but told police they could not afford funeral expenses.

This was denied by the dead man's sister. "They should have informed my mother, Angeline Matikwane, who would in turn have told us about Olifant's death. Burial wouldn't have been a hassle."

Similar incidents occurred at Khutsong township in Carletonville and at Ventersdorp's Tshing township this year when residents ran amok after halting paupers' funerals of unclaimed bodies.

Ikageng Child and Family Welfare Society chairman Constance Molusi said despite the lack of finance, her organisation always tried to help destitute families.

"We cannot allow our people to be buried like animals. I call on black communities throughout South Africa to help families which cannot afford to bury their dead," said Molusi. Funerals had been turned into expensive ventures with the result that some families shied away from burying their dead.



Francina Olifant, on crutches, watches as her brother's coffin is opened.

Vlok mediates as 'Iron Fist' begins

Argus 17/9/90

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe averted a possible large-scale confontation in Tokoza yesterday when they persuaded over 2 000 heavily armed Phola Park residents not to march on the Tokoza Stadium.

Inside the packed stadium thousands people, the majority armed Inkatha supporters, were being addressed the Zulu King, Goodwill Zwelithini Ka Bhekuzulu and Transkei President and Paramount Chief Tutor Ndamase.

Mr Vlok, General van der Merwe and Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet were flying over the troubled East Rand township in a police helicopter when they noticed the crowd marching in the direction of the stadium, about 2km away.

Mr Vlok's decision to order the pilot to land the helicopter near the marching squatters was taken on the spur of the moment, Brigadier Mellet said last night.

Handful of police

"We approached the crowd who were very hostile. They were carrying pangas and just about every home-made weapon imaginable. There were only a handful of police and SADF people in the area."

Mr Vlok addressed the crowd, urging them to sit down. Although the Phola park residents refused to be disarmed, they listened "attentively" to Mr Vlok who urged them to wait until he could negotiate with President Ndamase who agreed address them.

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● In a show of force, military force will comb houses and hostels for weapons.

FW praises T'kei leader, Zulu king for peace moves

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — President De Klerk today praised Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini and President Tutor Ndamase of the Transkei for their important contribution to bring peace to the strife-torn Reef townships.

Speaking at the Union Buildings today before meeting the two men for talks, Mr De Klerk said he was pleased with the two leaders' public appearances in Thokoza and Jabulani stadiums in Soweto yesterday.

Mr De Klerk reiterated his appeal to the full leadership of the country to bring "matters to greater calm".

King Zwelethini and President Ndamase took a lead in this regard, he said.

ANTI-NEGOTIATIONS

The two leaders are expected to visit the Sebokeng hostels and Kwathema after their meeting with Mr De Klerk.

Meanwhile the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) today rejected the government's invitation to enter into talks with a view to clearing the way for constitutional negotiations, saying its anti-negotiations position remained unchanged.

Azapo publicity secretary Mr Strini Moodley said today his organisation's top leadership had seriously considered the invitation and decided to turn it down.

Mr Moodley said Professor Mosala would hold a Press conference in Cape Town today where he would formally announce Azapo's rejection of the invitation.

● In its own move to stamp out the Reef violence which has claimed hundreds of lives, Mr Moodley said Azapo had invited all "major" black organisations to a meeting in Soweto on Wednesday.

"This meeting will deal specifically with violence. We are hoping that the meeting will be able to appoint a co-ordinating committee which will set up joint defence structures and monitoring groups," Mr Moodley said.

The announcement was first made by Azapo president Itumeleng Mosala at the organisation's national council in Seshego, Pietersburg at the weekend. Azapo, Professor Mosala said, believed the time had come for leaders of the various factions of the black community to meet and analyse "the many facets of the recent bloody violence".



Refugees with all their moveable belongings found havens at nearby churches and the Natalspruit hospital after violent clashes erupted in the East Rand townships of Vosloorus, Katlehong and Thokoza last week, leaving more than 100 people dead and many homes razed to the ground. Picture: LINDEN BIRNS

Thousands take refuge in hospital, churches

LINDEN BIRNS

THOUSANDS of frightened East Rand township residents have taken what belongings they have to the Natalspruit Hospital and various churches in the region where they have been seeking refuge since fighting flared up again last week.

Improvised shacks were erected in the garden of the Thokoza Methodist church and Father Kevin Bugler, of St Paul's Catholic church in Eden Park, said every available space on the church premises had been taken up by refugees and their furniture.

St Paul's had become a haven for most of the Phola Park residents who fled from the squatter camp after it was razed on Wednesday and Thursday.

"We are doing okay for food as we have had many donations from businesses and community groups in the area," he said.

"But our major problem is logistical; we only have one stove, two ladies' toilets, a men's toilet and a urinal.

"We have at least 1 000 people sleeping in the grounds. They've come here with their beds and bits of furniture which they managed to salvage or save from the fires."

Father Bugler said he had approached the local town council for permission to let the refugees move into the community hall, where more facilities were available, but permission was refused because of renovations and repairs being done to the hall.

A spokesman for the Natalspruit Hospital said the situation remained unchanged, with at least 2 000 people camping in the hospital grounds.

"The Red Cross calls at regular intervals to bring provisions for the people," the spokesman said.

Refugees from Siluma Park, not far from Phola Park, are being looked after by the Indian community at Palm Ridge.

Phola Park residents have claimed that other residents taking rides in taxis have been dropped off in front of Zulu hostels, where they have been killed by Inkatha supporters. They say this has resulted in attacks on taxi drivers.

HORROR OF MOB JUSTICE

SOWETAN photographer Mbuzeni Zulu and other photographers on Saturday captured the full horror of the present wave of violence in the black townships.

A man accused of being an Inkatha spy was attacked by a group of youths on the Molapo side of the Inhlanzane Station. He was stabbed, hacked, stoned and dragged to the veld where he was doused with petrol and set alight.

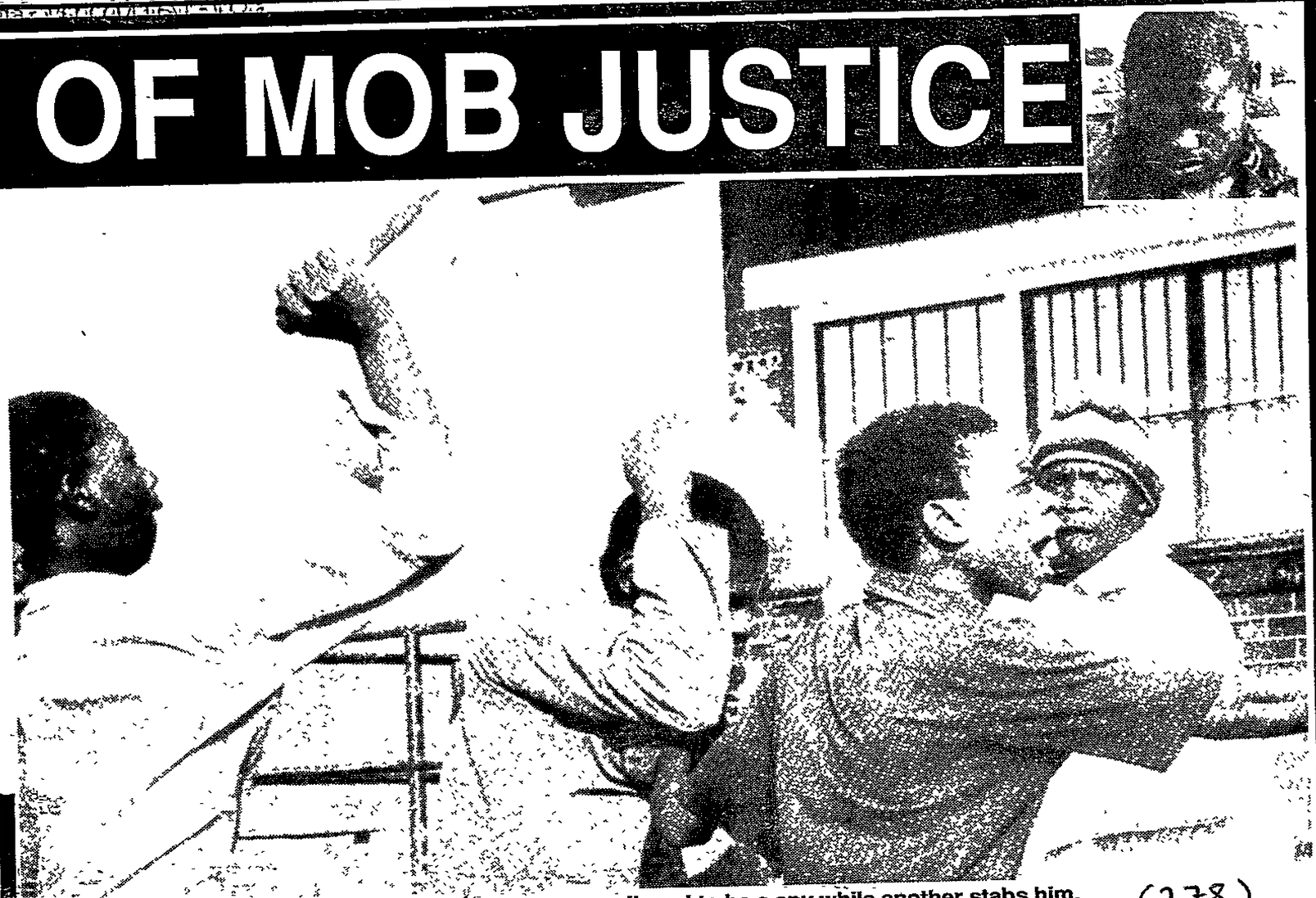
The indescribable insanity that has gripped the black townships is conveyed graphically in these photographs.

Among the people who attacked the man were young boys who should have been at school. They were hardly aware of enormity of taking a life in the fashion that they did.

We bring these pictures to make the black community sharply aware that even when we suspect that there might be a third force playing its own hand in the current violence, the people in the townships are still responsible for a large part of it.

If the third force does exist, it is taking advantage of what is already happening. They are taking advantage of inter-organisational rivalry that has led to such quick and cruel "justice". Sowetan 17/9/90 (278)

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A shouting youth pulls the man alleged to be a spy while another stabs him. (278)

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The man is already burning, but his attackers continue to hack, slash and stone him.

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The roasting flesh makes a last attempt to get away ...

70 000 at rallies hear calls for tolerance and patience

Zulu, Xhosa leaders' peace bid

Sta 17/9/90

By Musa Mapisa

About 70 000 people yesterday flocked to Reef peace rallies at which traditional leaders called for an end to violence and for political parties to exercise tolerance, patience and vision.

The two joint Zulu-Xhosa rallies held in Tokoza Stadium near Alberton and Jabulani Amphitheatre in Soweto were addressed by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and Paramount Chief Tutor Ndamase, the Transkeian President.

Thousands of Zulus with red head-bands and carrying an assortment of weapons streamed through Tokoza's streets, dancing and singing on their way to the rally while ululating women lined the roads.

Chief Ndamase said the Tokoza rally was not a political meeting but rather an effort by traditional leaders to stop the violence by blacks against blacks.

"We are here not to say who started the violence, who is guilty and who is not guilty, but to say let there be peace among blacks," Chief Ndamase said.

He called on blacks to fight apartheid and not to allow themselves to be used to kill other blacks. He pleaded for black people to embrace each other as brothers and not to take up arms against each other — for the sake of their children, wives and land.

It would be sad if the affairs of the country were to be decided by a single political party, Chief Ndamase added. He called on the Government to ensure that people felt safe in their homes.

He commended President F W de Klerk for the steps he had taken to dismantle apartheid.

King Zwelithini told the Tokoza rally he had come to the Reef to put out the fires of violence.

"I have come to tell my father's people that I, as King of Zulus, will not tolerate violence perpetrated in the name of KwaZulu," he said.

The monarch said he differed with the people who called for the destruction of hostels, as this would not solve the problem.

"The township residents have coexisted peacefully with the hostel dwellers for many years," he said.



Joint effort ... KwaZulu's King Goodwill Zwelithini (left) and Transkei President Paramount Chief Tutor Ndamase at the rally.

He said the cause of the fighting was the political mobilisation of people for certain purposes where hostel dwellers and Inkatha members were excluded but were required to conform.

The Alberton consumer boycott was an example, he said.

King Zwelithini and Paramount Chief Ndamase ended the rally by shaking hands.

At the Jabulani Amphitheatre rally, King Zwelithini and Chief Ndamase repeated the appeals for peace they had made at Tokoza.

Plea to media

The king emphasised the importance of respect for political differences. "It is wrong to launch personal attacks against leaders and attempting to shame them before the world," he said.

He appealed strongly to the media to stop reporting events in such a way that it would encourage the violence and to stop blaming only one group for the violence.

Other traditional leaders who were present were Paramount Chief Mopeli of QwaQwa; Chief N J Mahlangu of KwaNdebele, Princess Stella Sigcau, the former Transkeian Prime Minister, and Prince Ngcobo, a Pan Africanist Congress member stationed in London.

Police report that sporadic incidents of stone-throwing broke out when large numbers of Zulu men marched back to their hostels after the peace rally.

Lieutenant Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said a Zulu man who had wandered off from his group was knocked unconscious in White City when he was hit on the head with a stone. He was also stabbed in the chest and seriously wounded. He is being treated at Baragwanath.

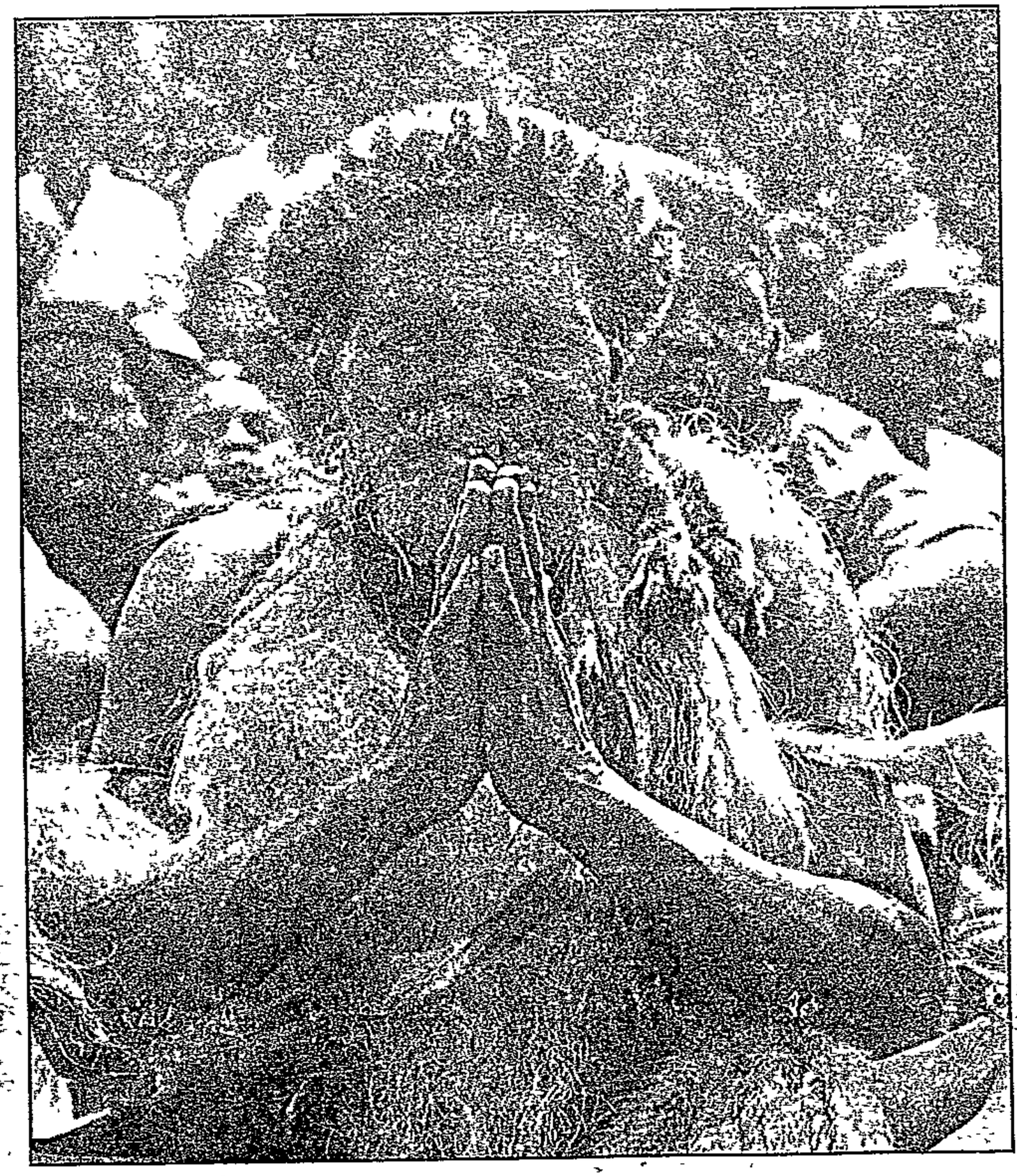
Several minor incidents also occurred on the march to and from the stadium. The large police contingent present had dispersed groups before any major incidents.

A man was set on fire but rescued and taken to hospital at an incident after the Jabulani peace rally. Freelance photographer Jabu Kumalo said he saw a large group of armed Inkatha supporters leave the stadium.

One dawdled behind and was confronted by youths. Other township residents tried to stop the confrontation, saying "There should be peace." But the youths replied. "These people kill us."

They then beat up the man and someone threw a petrol bomb against his head. Two men doused the flames. The police arrived and an ambulance took him away.

Colonel Halgryn said he heard several gunshots when people left the stadium, adding "I think they were just shooting into the air."



Praying for peace ... An Inkatha supporter at Jabulani Amphitheatre in Soweto yesterday.

● Pictures by Pat Hagan.

'Iron Fist' measures to curb Reef violence

Staff Reporter

Operation Iron Fist took shape at the weekend as the measures were announced on Saturday, and some were put into action.

Witwatersrand Regional Commissioner of Police, Major-General Gerrit Erasmus, when announcing the measures to curb violence, said: "If Nelson Mandela wants an iron fist, he will get an iron fist."

The steps are:

- A dusk-to-dawn curfew in Soweto and all other Reef townships affected by violence.
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- SAP and SADF personnel will be stationed at suburban railway stations, and search points will be set up.
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Roadblocks were set up in townships in the Witwatersrand area from Friday night and at least three men were arrested.



Minister Adriaan Vlok

Vlok 'averts possible large clash' in Tokoza

Star 17/9/90

By Guy Jepson

Police say that Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe averted a possible large-scale confrontation yesterday when they addressed about 2 000 heavily armed Phola Park residents who had gathered 2 km from the Tokoza Stadium.

Inside the stadium thousands of people, the majority of them armed Inkatha supporters, were being addressed by the Zulu king, Goodwill Zwelithini Ka Bhekuzulu, and Transkei president and paramount chief, Tutor Ndamase.

Mr Vlok, General van der Merwe and Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet were flying over the troubled East Rand township in a police helicopter when they noticed the crowd marching on the stadium.

Mr Vlok ordered the pilot to land near the gathering, Brigadier Mellet said last night.

"We approached the crowd, who were very hostile. Mr Vlok addressed the crowd, urging them to sit down. Although the Phola Park residents refused to be disarmed, they listened attentively to Mr Vlok who urged them to wait until he could negotiate with President Ndamase, who agreed to address them," the brigadier said.

The crowd left the area chanting "Viva Vlok, Viva SAP", Brigadier Mellet said. But Sapa reports that a panga-wielding man shouted: "SAP, go away."

Sporadic violence as Reef unrest eases

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Staff Reporters

Reef townships, the scene of bloody battles last week, were relatively quiet at the weekend except for isolated incidents of violence.

A Carletonville woman was killed and her two companions were seriously injured when the police van in which they were travelling was attacked at a barricade in Soweto on Friday night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the unidentified woman and the two men had been looking for a police station in Moroka. They did not know the area and apparently lost their way.

A police van came to their assistance and the three were offered a lift to the police station. On their way to the station, they drove into a barricade which had been put across the road. The three policemen inside the van climbed out to clear the road.

Suddenly a group of people started shooting at the police van with AK-47 rifles, killing the woman and seriously injuring the two men, who were taken to Baragwanath Hospital. The policemen outside the van were not injured in the incident.

Colonel Halgryn said the charred remains of a man were found at Jabulani station at 8 am on Saturday. It appeared that the man had been murdered and set alight.

On the East Rand, two unidentified men were burnt to death when a group attacked them with petrol bombs and stones in separate incidents in Tokoza on Saturday.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said yesterday that a man was arrested in Katlehong for being in possession of a petrol bomb.

In Edenvale, six people were injured in separate incidents of assault at the weekend, an ambulance spokesman said.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee announced at the weekend that more than 100 people had appeared in courts across the Reef in connection with the continuing violence.

Three men — found with an AK-47 assault rifle, an ammunition magazine and 30 rounds of ammunition — were arrested on Saturday night at a police roadblock near Jabulani in Soweto, Pretoria police liaison officer Major Steve Senekal said yesterday.

The men are apparently the first known suspects arrested since police on Saturday declared "Iron Fist" measures aimed at curbing the township carnage.

The three men, who were travelling in a Mazda 323, were being questioned in connection with the weapons, Major Senekal said.

With the memory of Thursday's horror train attack and the ongoing violence still fresh in the mind of the public, the police described the past weekend as one of the quietest in weeks.

Judge condemns Soweto killer 9 times

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday sentenced a man, who participated in "wholesale slaughter" with an accomplice he met at the home of Mrs Winnie Mandela, to death nine times.

When Mr Justice D'O Vermooten asked Charles Bongani Zwane, 22, whether there was any reason why he should not pass the death penalty, the accused replied: "I didn't kill anyone."

Zwane was also sentenced to an effective 22-year prison term on eight counts of attempted murder, one count of illegal possession of firearms and one count of arson.

Zwane was found guilty on September 7 of having shot five people in a shebeen in Soweto in December 1988, of killing two municipal policemen about a month later and of killing a 13-year-old girl in an attack on a home.

The judge rejected pro Deo defence counsel Mr S Jacobs's argument that to some extent, Zwane was the victim of a disintegrating society.

The accused had come from a strict and solid family background.

Earlier during the case, the court heard evidence that Zwane was accompanied by a certain Sonwabu, whom he met at the home of Mrs Mandela.

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Permits for night workers

Staff Reporter

THE proposed curfew to counter violence in Transvaal townships would be imposed in such a way as not to cause upheaval to workers doing night shifts, Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, said yesterday.

He also said that while the "mechanisms were still being worked out", employers would be asked to issue special permits for late-night workers.

"Our main aim is to prevent armed groups gathering to go and kill people," he said.

Daveyton clash leaves six dead

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Six people were killed late on Sunday and early yesterday morning when Xhosa township residents and Inkatha-supporting Zulu hostel-dwellers apparently clashed in the East Rand's Daveyton township.

Late yesterday afternoon police spokeswoman Captain Ida van Zweel confirmed that fighting had broken out in the area, claiming that a group of Xhosas had launched a midnight attack on Zulus living in the Daveyton hostel.

Two Xhosas died of gunshot wounds and two as a result of stabbings. Two further Xhosa men seriously injured in the firefight died in the Benoni/Boksburg hospital yesterday morning, Captain Van Zweel said.

Meanwhile, a local Cosas member who refused to be named, said the police version of the attack was "unbelievable".

"Inkatha attacked the Xhosas and even today forced pupils to leave the Mabuya Secondary School," he said.

A spokesman for the school could not be reached yesterday afternoon, but Daveyton residents confirmed that their children had been sent home from school early with a warning of further possible fighting.

Daveyton shopkeepers said police had come to their businesses and told them to close up early. This was not because of the curfew but because they feared more Inkatha attacks, one shopkeeper said.

One business which was still open after 4pm was an undertaker who said there had been trouble overnight and he had heard gunfire yesterday morning.

Police could not confirm whether they had told businesses to close early.

The fighting came only hours after joint calls for peace in Reef and Vaal Triangle townships by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and Transkei President Tutor Ndamase, who addressed mass Inkatha meetings at Thokoza near Alberton and Jabulani in Soweto.

Yesterday the two leaders met President F W de Klerk after which Mr Ndamase addressed about 1 000 ANC supporters in Sebokeng outside Vanderbijl Park.

At the rally Mr Ndamase reiterated his call for peace and urged township residents to examine the underlying motives of the violence.

KwaNdebele leader Mr N J Mahlangu delivered a strong word of warning to journalists saying misinformed and biased reports would no longer be tolerated.

There was little evidence of "Iron Fist" operations on Rand townships yesterday as most areas experienced their second day of surprising calm.

Police said that apart from roadblocks, most elements of the plan had not yet been implemented.

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He said police investigating teams regarded "crime as crime" from either side of the political spectrum.

FW: More steps to end violence

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The State Security Council yesterday gave urgent attention to further measures to end township violence which has claimed the lives of more than 750 people on the Witwatersrand in recent weeks.

President F W de Klerk said yesterday that later in the week he would announce further steps to be taken.

Opening a Public Servants' Association congress in Pretoria, Mr De Klerk said the turning point had been reached last week and the level of violence could not be tolerated in any civilised country.

Those who believed a time of change was a free pass to murder and unrestrained violence should take note of the government's determination to stamp these out.

The government would take the needed action to halt unrest and prevent it from undermining the negotiation process.

Transgressors would be prosecuted because the country could not be allowed to lapse into a state of anarchy.



FW MEETS ... President De Klerk with President Tutor Ndamase (left) and King Goodwill Zwelithini after their meeting yesterday. Picture: REUTER

In a statement issued after an earlier meeting with Transkei President Tutor Ndmase and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, Mr De Klerk said the new steps had no political motives. They were intended to be applied impartially to restore peace and stability.

He said the violence was the result of attempts by black political factions to gain a leading role in the negotiation process.

Factions were trying to get an upper hand within black society to ensure this leadership role. The government was committed to the participation of all leaders with a constituency.

No details of further measures discussed by the State Security Council have emerged.

However, government sources said the council had also discussed the measures announced by police as part of "Operation Iron Fist".

Police said yesterday that except for a dusk-to-dawn curfew in townships affected by violence, police would fully implement all other Operation Iron Fist measures in the next few days.

It would take "close to a week" to implement the curfew, which would rely heavily on close co-operation between police and employers.

Defence Ministry spokesman Dr D A S Herbst said yesterday that the Defence Force had not yet received any requests for additional troops to back up the police.

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Zulu king fails to turn up

JOHANNESBURG — A peace rally scheduled for yesterday afternoon at KwaThema township on the East Rand collapsed after the Zulu's King Goodwill Zwelithini and Transkei's President Tutor Ndamase failed to turn up at the local stadium.

Transkei consul-general Mr Victor Mditshwa blamed the failure of the rally on King Zwelithini, saying the king also failed to attend a rally held early yesterday at Sebokeng.

Leading the Transkei delegation, which included former Prime Minister Ms Stella Sigcau, Mr Mditshwa said no explanation was given to his delegation for King Zwelethini's failure to honour the KwaThema and Sebokeng rallies.

"We are a bit worried that the king of the Zulus is failing to honour other meetings," Mr Mditshwa added. — Sapa

Six die in renewed Zulu-Xhosa clashes

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SIX people were killed late on Sunday and early yesterday when Xhosa township residents and Zulu hostel dwellers supporting Inkatha apparently clashed in the East Rand's Daveyton township.

Late yesterday afternoon police liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweel confirmed that fighting had broken out in the area, saying that a group of Xhosas had launched a midnight attack on Zulus living in the Daveyton hostel.

Two Xhosas died of gunshot wounds and two as a result of stabbings. Two other Xhosa men, seriously injured in the fight, died in the Benoni/Boksburg Hospital yesterday morning, Van Zweel said.



Transkei President Tutor Ndamase calls for peace at a rally in Sebokeng yesterday. Picture. LINDEN BIRNS

A local Cosas member, who refused to be named, said the police version of the attack was "unbelievable".

"Inkatha attacked the Xhosas and even today forced students to leave the Mabuya Secondary School," he said.

No spokesman for the school could be reached yesterday, but Daveyton residents confirmed that children had been sent home from school early because of possible further fighting.

Daveyton shopkeepers said police had come to their businesses and told them to close up early. This was not because of the curfew but because they feared more Inkatha attacks, one shopkeeper said.

One business which was still open after 4pm was an undertaker.

The fighting came only hours after joint calls for peace in Reef and Vaal Triangle townships by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and Transkei President Tutor Ndamase, who addressed mass Inkatha meetings at Thokoza near Alberton and Jabulani in Soweto.

Yesterday the two leaders met President F W de Klerk.

Later, Ndamase addressed about 1 000 ANC supporters in Sebokeng, outside Vanderbijlpark.

Zwelithini was due to speak at the meeting too, but cancelled his appearance without explanation.

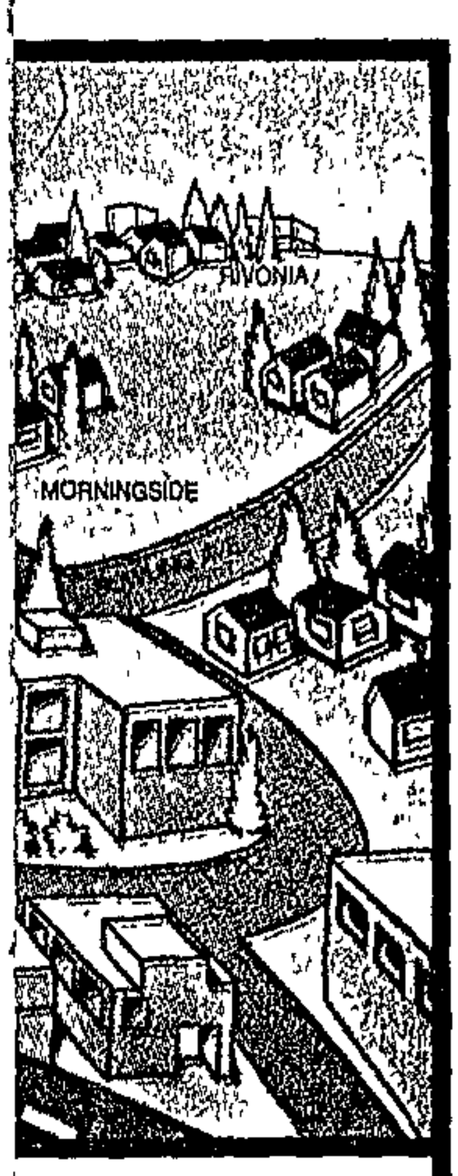
Some officials said he was visiting detained Witwatersrand Inkatha leader Themba Khoza, who is in police custody in the Vaal Triangle region.

At the rally Ndamase reiterated his call for peace.

KwaNdebele leader N J Mahlangu warned journalists that misinformed and biased reports were fanning the violence and would no longer be tolerated.

PETER DELMAR reports that there was little evidence of "Iron Fist" operations in Rand townships yesterday as most areas experienced at least their second day of almost unprecedented calm.

In Soweto, Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus, the police presence appeared to be smaller than average and there were no signs of SADF personnel.



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Stemming the mayhem

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DR SIMON BAYNHAM, chief researcher in political and strategic studies at the Africa Institute of South Africa, considers the causes and cures of the Reef township war.



The merciless orgy of violence that has erupted in certain Transvaal townships bears many of the characteristics of the 1984-86 uprisings — only it is more vicious and it is killing more people.

Ironically, the massacres and mayhem have reached new levels of intensity in the immediate wake of the August 2 Pretoria Minute. In the six weeks since then, when the African National Congress (but not the Pan Africanist Congress) announced the suspension of its armed struggle, more than 700 people have lost their lives — and thousands have been seriously injured.

Most of the barbaric blood-letting has been at the hands of butchering bands of thugs who have hacked, stabbed and shot their opponents with crude weapons and guns. A good deal of the violence has become increasingly indiscriminate — directed at random against innocent commuters and pedestrians.

More widely, the scale of the slaughter is beginning to jeopardise negotiations between the Government and the ANC as protagonists trade political accusations of irresponsibility, partiality and complicity in the violence.

Behind the grisly carnage lies a cocktail of "tribal", ideological and economic factors. At one level, conflict is sparked off by mutual fears between two groupings — one apparently dominated by (mainly) Zulu supporters of Inkatha, in tandem with politically conservative hostel dwellers; the other aligned with radical urbanised residents whose loyalties lie with the ANC/SA Communist Party/United Democratic Front/Congress of SA Trade Unions alliance.

What is certain, however, is that many of those involved perceive the conflict in ethnic terms.

"We are the Zulus and we are fighting the Xhosas" — or vice versa — are refrains frequently reported by journalists. This kind of ethnic consciousness seems to be especially prevalent in the hostels which have traditionally been Inkatha strongholds.

The increasingly volatile situation has been fuelled by grim living conditions inside the burgeoning squatter camps, by a dangerous dearth of employment and education opportunities and by the militant criminality of the nothing-to-lose dispossessed as traditional patterns of civic culture and authority fragment and collapse.

Against this backdrop of political bitterness and socio-economic grievances come competing claims of complicity and bias directed at the security forces.

As with cancer, it is relatively easy to diagnose the causes but much trickier to suggest cures. There are, however, a number of specific proposals that deserve detailed consideration. Most of these relate to the role and deployment of the security forces:

- Strict adherence to the principle of minimum force. (This should not be misunderstood to mean that maximum force should never be used). To date, riot-control techniques have often been unnecessarily heavy-handed.
- Years of political neglect have rendered the SA Police undermanned, underpaid and grossly over-stretched. There is an urgent requirement, for a rapid expansion of the police — especially black police — over and above the belated measures to expand the force and improve conditions of service announced by the Government in June. This would eventually permit the SAP to focus on its primary role: tackling "ordinary" crime which is running at an all-time high.
- Consideration might also be devoted to decentralising police authority so that local communities could have a greater say regarding the role, methods and composition of these forces.
- Linked to the above points is a need for the SAP to be depoliticised and sensitised to the rights and requirements of all SA's citizens. There is an imperative for the SAP to become visibly identified with the process of reform (rather than reaction) if its name is to become synonymous with its motto: *Servamus et servimus* (To protect and to serve).
- The creation of an entirely new paramilitary riot force, one independent of both the military and police, should be examined. Such bodies are common in the European democracies. This would enable the SAP (and the Defence Force) to cultivate an image of serving the interest of all members of the community, thus divorcing it from those duties that have given the SAP a stigma as enforcers of apartheid laws and internal order.
- In the aftermath of the Goldstone Commission, there have been fresh demands for an open inquiry into the SADF Sebokeng shooting (which left 11 dead) and other incidents. Unless this happens, the security forces will remain wide open to unsubstantiated allegations regarding their behaviour and discipline.
- In the above respect, a permanent judicial commission could be established to investigate the violence — as suggested to President de Klerk by an Anglican church delegation on September 10. The clerics also argued that independent monitors (including judges, lawyers and community and church leaders) accompany security forces acting in unrest situations.
- Also of crucial importance is the requirement to speed up the judicial process, so that court cases are dealt with quickly, and to implement measures which will address the material and educational grievances that lie behind so much of the turmoil. In both respects, the Government has already initiated a number of specific steps, but these will take time to percolate through the strata of bureaucratic red tape to have any effect.
- Penultimately, there is an urgent imperative for the ANC and Inkatha to co-operate in stemming the bloodshed. For this to happen, there must be a willingness on the part of all legitimate leaders to participate in a process of reconciliation to stop blaming one another and to discipline their respective constituents.

The catalyst for this should be a meeting between Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi — a meeting that must mark the end of provocative speeches by khaki-clad men (and women) of the radical Right and Left.

- Finally, non-partisan security force action in the townships must be immediately stepped up (at least in the short term), as now called for by the ANC. If this requires a massive show of force from the SADF, then so be it. For unless the current levels of localised anarchy are checked and drastically reduced, many more South Africans — and especially black South Africans — will be staring a savage state of nature in the face where, in Thomas Hobbes's immortal lines, life is "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short".

More steps to curb violence

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PRESIDENT FW de Klerk said yesterday he would be in a position to announce additional steps to curb violence in Reef townships later this week.

Opening a Public Servants' Association congress in Pretoria, De Klerk confirmed the State Security Council had yesterday reviewed security measures.

He said the Reef violence constituted a new turning point and the Government was urgently taking steps to curb it.

Transgressors would be prosecuted because the country could not be allowed to lapse into a state of anarchy.

De Klerk also told Italian businessmen in Pretoria yesterday that the security measures would be taken to ensure an atmosphere "in which we will assist in continuing unfettered with the process of negotiation for a new constitutional dispensation".

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The nature of violence had been changing. Previously violence had been directed against the State to overthrow the Government.

The Government had been an "illegal white racist regime" but this was no longer so, De Klerk said.

"The violence we have now is violence of various black political factions trying to get the upper hand within the black society so that they can play a leading role in the negotiation process."

A police spokesman said issues on the Government's agenda yesterday included the curfew and the use of police reservists. Additional measures may also be considered, he confirmed. - *Sapa.*

Calm follows peace calls

JOHANNESBURG. — The calm in the Witwatersrand's strife-torn black townships continued yesterday morning following the calls for peace by black leaders and the promise by the government to crack down on anarchy.

Apart from a reported incident at Daveyton about midnight on Sunday, in which six people died when Zulu hostel-dwellers allegedly clashed with Xhosa residents of the township, there have been no incidents since the weekend, police said yesterday.

More than 740 people have been killed in what has been described as Xhosa-Zulu clashes on the Witwatersrand over the past six weeks, making the area's death toll among the highest in the world's worst trouble spots.

The apparent calm follows calls for peace by Transkei's President Tutor Ndamase and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini to packed rallies throughout the Witwatersrand on Sunday and Monday.

And as part of "Operation Iron Fist" announced by police at the weekend, police yesterday morning used a cordon to "freeze" a portion of a street in downtown Johannesburg. Vehicles and pedestrians were searched for weapons.

Meanwhile, representatives of various parties who met at Sebokeng near Vereeniging on Monday have agreed to establish an interim working committee to address the rent boycott and provision of services to black towns in the Vaal Triangle.

The working committee said in a statement yesterday that it would identify issues which had to be addressed in the short term as well as the long term.

— Sapa

Winnie to go on trial

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela is to face four charges of kidnap and assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, along with seven others.

Last night the ANC said it did not seek any special treatment for Mrs Mandela — but it protested against her "trial by media".

The charges, announced by Witwatersrand attorney-general Mr Klaus von Lieres yesterday, follow the abduction of four boys, including activist Stompie Seipei, from a Soweto church hostel in December 1988.

The boys were allegedly beaten at Mrs Mandela's Soweto home. The body of Stompie, who had been stabbed, was later found.

During the alleged assault, the boys were accused of having sex with a church minister. Stompie was accused of being a police spy.

'My duty'

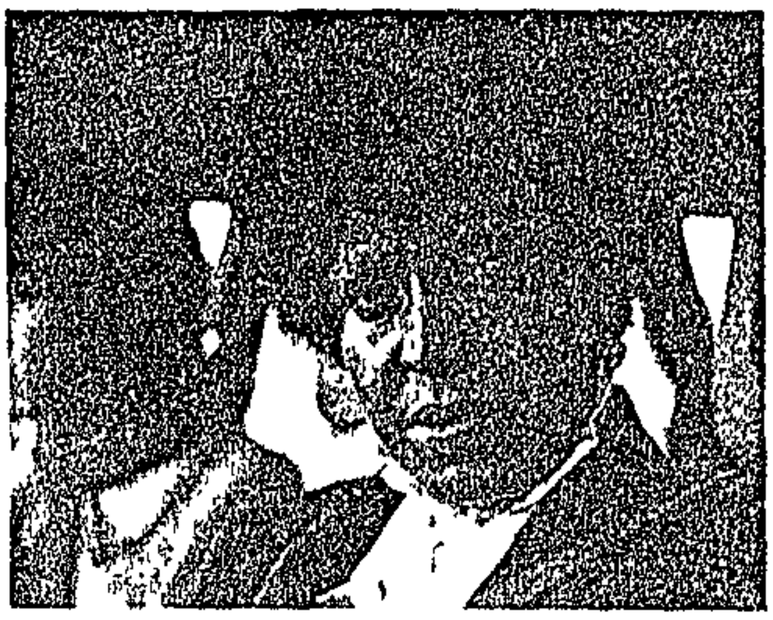
The decision to prosecute Mrs Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela, comes at a sensitive stage in negotiations between the government and the ANC.

The prosecution also made world headlines yesterday. In Britain the decision was the main item in television news broadcasts and also the main report in evening newspapers.

Mr Von Lieres said he had reserved his decision to prosecute Mrs Mandela until the case of Jerry Richardson for the murder of Stompie Seipei had been disposed of.

"That position has now been reached," Mr Von Lieres said.

His decision was based on "my understanding of the facts, the law of the land and my duty as attorney-general to uphold and apply the law to all alike", he said.



TO BE CHARGED . . . Mrs Winnie Mandela

Richardson, 41, "coach" of the Mandela football club, an unofficial security body for Mrs Mandela, was sentenced to death last month for the murder of Stompie.

He was also sentenced to five years for the four kidnappings, three years on four counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, two years for a further assault on Stompie on December 31 of that year, and eight years for the attempted murder of Lerotodi Ikaneng in January last year

The attorney general said Mrs Mandela will stand trial in the Rand Supreme Court with seven other accused who have already been charged, and who are due to appear again in the Regional Court in Soweto on September 24.

The others facing charges are Mr Jack Morgan, 61, Mr Jabulani Khubeki, 25, Mr Sibusiso Mabuza, 18, Mr Xolisa Falati, 35, and three boys.

Mr Von Lieres said it had been claimed that Mrs Mandela had been unjustly victimised by being refused an opportunity to testify

During a June visit to the US, Mrs Mandela told viewers during a popular breakfast-time television show that she "would welcome being charged with the murder of Stompie Seipei so that I can defend myself".

Police investigations had not intended to establish the facts, but to "destroy the image of the Mandela family", she said

Last night the ANC said it did not seek any special treatment for Mrs Mandela — but it protested against her "trial by media"

However, because the matter was now in the hands of the courts, "it would be improper for the ANC to make any comment on the pending judicial process".

ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo said the ANC's national executive committee "wishes to affirm its unequivocal support for our deputy president (Mr Mandela) and his family in this time of stress".

"Certain sections of the media have lost no opportunity to create the impression that she is guilty," he said.

Stompie's mother

Speaking from her home in Mandela Village yesterday, Stompie's mother said that Mrs Mandela should have come to speak to her "mother to mother".

She told the BBC that if a crime had been committed, the courts would do their job She did not plan to attend the trial, she said.

Democratic Party justice spokesman Mr David Dalling said the attorney-general could a make a decision to prosecute Mrs Mandela only on the basis of evidence placed before him

"If, in his judicially trained opinion, a prima facie case exists, then it is his duty to initiate a prosecution regardless of how important the accused person might be.

"An attorney-general cannot take cognisance of political considerations in reaching his decision," Mr Dalling said. — Own Correspondent, Staff Reporter and Sapa

Cabinet thinks again on Op Iron Fist

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JOHANNESBURG. — The cabinet will today reconsider aspects of Operation Iron Fist, such as the issuing of light machineguns, before President F W de Klerk formally announces a new government strategy to combat violence.

The cabinet, it is understood, will not be asked to approve any additional security measures besides those already announced by police.

These include cordoning off hostels and squatter camps with razor wire, sending police reinforcements from other areas into Reef townships and a possible call-up of the police reserve, the deployment of soldiers and policemen at suburban railway stations and use of police helicopters to identify trouble-makers and to mark them with dye.

The police announcement of Iron Fist was said by senior government sources to have been premature as there was no State Security Council and, more importantly, no cabinet approval for additional security measures yet.

Some cabinet ministers are understood to be unhappy about some of the measures announced by police — in particular fitting Casspirs and other vehicles with light machineguns. Sources said they did not consider this appropriate.

Although there is approval in principle for a curfew, some ministers are said to have expressed reservations about how this will be implemented.

Cabinet ministers yesterday declined to react publicly to Mr Nelson Mandela's suggestion that the ANC would consider at its national executive committee meeting, which ends today, the possibility of withdrawing from the peace process.

Mr Mandela said on Monday while on a visit to the Boland: "If we find there is no will on the part of the government to take emphatic steps to stop this violence then we will have to take a decision that will reverse almost everything that was done since May this year."

A senior government source said "that kind of talk is causing serious concern".

● The police have put up a reward of R50 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the "train murderers" in the Denver station incident last week.

Announcing this yesterday, Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said that after intensive investigation the police had no evidence supporting the claim that whites were involved in the slaughter of blacks in unrest incidents.

Nor was there any evidence of the so-called "third force".

He said appeals for anyone with relevant information to come forward had failed so far.

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ANC brass meet over govt 'Iron Fist' plan

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JOHANNESBURG. — ANC leaders met in an urgent session yesterday to formulate their response to the government's tough "Operation Iron Fist" security plan to stop the unrest in Witwatersrand townships.

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said there was "quite a significant chance" that the policy-making National Executive Committee (NEC) would suspend peace talks with the government in retaliation for the security measures.

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela hinted that the ANC would consider withdrawing from the peace process because of its dissatisfaction with Operation Iron Fist.

The ANC executive was meeting "because we find the situation intolerable", he said.

"If we find there is no will on the part of the government to take emphatic steps to stop this violence, then we will have to take a decision that will reverse almost everything that was done since May this year," Mr Mandela said.

But he added that it was unlikely the talks would be called off "because we initiated them ... We must hold our ground. But all this is subject to the government carrying out its duties".

A press conference will be held today at the end of the NEC meeting, which is taking place at an undisclosed venue in Johannesburg.

Seven weeks ago and before the outbreak of the conflict which has killed up to 750 people, the ANC and the government were preparing the way to full-blown power-sharing negotiations on ending apartheid.

During talks last Friday on the bloodshed, Mr Mandela told President F W de Klerk the NEC would discuss demands from township residents that they be armed to protect themselves from further attack if the government failed to take adequate security measures.

On Saturday, police announced Operation Iron Fist — a sweeping strategy to curb the township conflict with roadblocks, heavily armed patrols and barbed-wire barricades. Mr Mandela immediately condemned the measures as excessive and "a licence to kill" township residents.

The ANC noted that the proposed security force action did not address the cause of the strife, which the movement claims is a shadowy "third force" manipulating clashes between migrant-worker Zulus supporting Inkatha and the predominantly Xhosa township dwellers.

Mr De Klerk has conceded there may be a hidden force, but insists the original cause is tribal conflict. He also has said the talks process may be threatened if the parties lose trust in each other. — Sapa and UPI

5 hurt in rail rampage

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Five people were injured, one seriously, when two armed gangs attacked commuters on the Johannesburg-Randfontein train between Witpoortjie and Luipaardsvlei Stations.

Captain Henriette Bester said several passengers jumped from the train and others were thrown off during the attacks yesterday afternoon.

The groups were armed with knives and pangas.

The victims — Tswanas, Zulus and Xhosas — all sustained chop and stab wounds.

Mr Charlie Ngungunyane, 58, was listed in a serious condition at the Leratong Hospital near Krugersdorp.

The others were identified as Mr Herman Modisane, 30; Mr Abraham Mutikutu, 18; Mr Mostert Baji, 27, and Mr Ernest Molokwane, 37.

They are all being treated at the same hospital.

The attack is being investigated by police. No arrests have been made.

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PAC may not attend Azapo rally

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AZAPO's plans to stage a peace meeting in Soweto today suffered another blow yesterday when one of its closest allies, the PAC, said it would probably withdraw from the event because the organisers had excluded vital components.

PAC general secretary Benny Alexander said his organisation was having serious doubts concerning its participation because the ANC had withdrawn and Inkatha had not been invited.

The Azanian People's Organisation on Sunday announced its plans to stage the peace meeting to end the violence on the Witwatersrand which has claimed more than 740 lives over the past six weeks.

The ANC on Monday declared it would not participate in the meeting, saying it had not been given sufficient notice.

PETER DELMAR reports that an ANC spokesman said yesterday the organisation was unable to send a high-level delegation in view of the national executive committee, which continued its emergency meeting today.

Azapo's Strini Moodley reportedly said Inkatha had not been invited out of deference to other political organisations.

Alexander said a peace meeting without Inkatha and the ANC — the two main parties involved in the Zulu/Xhosa clashes — would be ridiculous.

The PAC and Azapo have opposed the ANC on the issue of negotiations with government. Azapo at the weekend rejected a government invitation to exploratory talks on a new constitution.

Meanwhile, the UDF has invited its affiliates to a "general council" in Johannesburg on Saturday to discuss ways to end the violence.

UDF Southern Transvaal branch secretary Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday representatives from the ANC, Cosatu and the SACP were also expected to attend the council. — Sapa.

Maduna attack suspect held

POLICE have arrested a man they suspect was involved in a recent assassination attempt against a senior ANC official.

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The unidentified suspect was arrested after investigations into a gun and panga attack on Penuel Maduna, 38, in Soweto during July, police spokesman Maj-Gen Herman Stadler said in a statement.

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Maduna is a member of the joint steering committee formed to deal with issues related to talks between the ANC and government.

Four attackers followed Maduna's car and launched the attack moments after he left a petrol station. A day later Maduna claimed the attack had been orchestrated by police. Police denied involvement.

Stadler said officers investigating the attempted murder were hunting for three other suspects. "These suspects are known robbers and they are also being sought in connection with other robbery cases," he said.

"In the light of the above, it would not be asking too much for Mr Maduna to publicly apologise for his unfounded attack on the police." Maduna had no concrete grounds on which to base his allegations of police involvement, Stadler said. — Sapa.

Politician wins lawsuit

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PRETORIA — The Supreme Court has awarded R15 000 in damages to a former KwaNdebele chief minister, Majozi George Mahlangu, following publication of an article claiming he had tortured children and helped found a "murderous" organisation.

Mahlangu instituted a claim for R75 000 against CTP Limited, CTP Web Printers and Force Khashane — publisher, printer and editor of Pace magazine — after the publication of an article in the November 1988 edition of Pace magazine. — Sapa.

'Sharpshooter' is killed in Phola Park

A MAN residents claimed was a Mozambican sharpshooter was killed, allegedly by a paid hitman, in Phola Park squatter camp near Alberton early yesterday.

Squatters said that the man, who had lived in Phola Park, was stabbed in the face and that his assailant had been "dealt with". BIDay 19/9/90 278

Squatters, asked if this meant the killer was dead, shrugged their shoulders.

Sources said the dead man was Phola Park's "crack shot" with an AK-47.

"Residents told me the gunman's killer had been hacked and burnt," a source said.

Father Kevin Bugler of the Eden Park Catholic church, where many refugees

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were being sheltered and fed, said he had seen the body of the alleged gunman and reported it to police. When Business Day visited the scene seven hours later, the body was still lying in the dirt.

Police liaison officer Col Frans Malherbe said he knew nothing about any deaths in Phola Park, but said one man was necklaced and killed in Sebokeng late on Monday, while a Daveyton man was wounded in a shooting incident.

In nearby Vosloorus, unrest victims were buried in roadside graves, at least

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nine of which had not been completely filled.

At a shop nearby, a worker said she had seen government mortuary officials wearing surgical masks and red rubber gloves "putting bodies into pauper graves".

Malherbe said burials could have taken place, but were not performed by police or government mortuary officials.

While no sign of operation "Iron Fist" could be seen in Vosloorus, Katlehong or Thokoza, it was very much in evidence in the coloured area of Riverlea, southwest of Johannesburg. SADF troops stopped and searched all vehicles on every access road into the suburb.

Members of the Riverlea Civic Association said they were supposed to meet a Johannesburg City Council management committee delegation to discuss high rents and rates. But troops were sent in place of the delegation, civic leaders said.

Casspirs took up positions on the southern perimeter of the township, while troops were seen in the streets. SADF armoured vehicles were also seen at the railway station.

Most groups to attend peace talks

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MOST of the organisations invited to the Azapo meeting into recurrent violence in Reef townships have accepted the invitation and will be at Funda Centre in Soweto today.

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

Azapo general secretary Mr Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said yesterday that, judging from the number of telephone confirmations, it appeared most of the invited groups and individuals would attend.

The PAC's Mr Benny Alexander yesterday said the organisation was reconsidering its intention to attend in the absence of the ANC and Inkatha, who are the main people involved in the conflict.

The ANC was not certain whether it would have a delegation available as its national executive committee would be in a meeting that was expected to last two days. However, a low-level delegation might attend the meeting.

It has, however, expressed its support for the meeting.

Dr Pallo Jordan, head of the ANC's department of information and publicity, said on Monday night: "If the meeting does go on, we will not be able to send a high-level delegation."

Azapo earlier this week called for the meeting to discuss the carnage and said it was meant to bring together the top leadership of different political formations.

Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi was not invited.

The idea was to get the organisations to commit themselves to ending the violence in the townships, Azapo's publicity secretary, Mr Strini Moodley, said.

Also invited were the New Unity Movement, the Workers Organisation for Socialist Action, Cosatu and Nactu, as well as church groupings and influential individuals like Archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu, the Rev Stanley Mogoba and the editors of *City Press* and *Sowetan*, Mr Khulu Sibiya and Mr Aggrey Klaaste.

Violence 'a ploy to derail talks'

A VIOLENT offensive had been unleashed against the ANC to derail the peace process, the organisation's treasurer-general, Mr Thomas Nkobi, has claimed. Sowetan 19/9/90

"The very future of our democratic struggle is at stake," he told the congress of the Association of Black Accountants of Southern Africa in Cape Town on Monday.

"What we are witnessing is planned, orchestrated destabilisation similar to that carried out against Mozambique by the MNR or Angola through Unita."

Nkobi said the violence was aimed at preventing the ANC from organising its millions of supporters into functional structures on the ground, "derailing the peace process", and "presenting the Government as the arbiter of peace, to show that only with white rule can there be stability.

"The impression created is that, left to our own devices, blacks simply slaughter each other.

"The place President FW de Klerk should start with, in any investigation, is inside his own security forces and elements of the Government," Nkobi said. - *Sapa.*

Violence has bad effect on youth - psychologist

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NATION BUILDING — the power is in your hands

By SY MAKARINGE

THE current violence sweeping the Reef will have a damaging effect on the youth, a clinical psychologist at the Medical University of South Africa, Ms Anne-Gloria Masetle, said yesterday.

She said parents should make it their task to instil confidence in their children.

Masetle is one of several speakers who will address seminars under the themes "Parenting in the 90s" and "Get the taste of a healthy life" during the Nation Building Festival which will be held throughout the Transvaal and the Free State between September 29 and November 5.

The seminars, sponsored by Kelloggs Corn Flakes, will be held at Seshego Community Hall near Pietersburg (September 29), Isidingo Technical College, Daveyton (October 6), Zenzele YWCA in Bloemfontein (October 13), Mamelodi YMCA, Pretoria (October 20) and Vista University, Soweto campus (October 27).

Masetle said violence was a traumatic experience for the youth.

This experience could lead them into becoming totally overwhelmed, both physically and psychologically.

"As parents, it is our duty to save our children. It is necessary that we empirically identify what effects violence and its related pyschological problems have on our children.

"It is also important that we fully understand their perception of violence and its effects on them.

"Only once we are clear in this respect can we be able to assist our children in coping with any resultant emotional problems," Masetle said.

Adults should instil confidence in their children by establishing educational programmes and providing opportunities to enhance their personal growth, she said.

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Sowetans reject night clamp

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JOVIAL RANTAO

MOST Soweto residents last night dismissed the drastic seven-hour curfew, to be introduced on Tuesday, as an unnecessary measure which would interfere with their social lives.

However, there were those who felt the curfew, which is part of the SAP's Operation Iron Fist to curb the township violence, was needed and would save lives in the troubled townships.

The Government announced that from Tuesday a curfew confining residents to their homes between 9 pm and 4 am would take effect.

Miss Hazel Tshabalala of Pimville scoffed at the curfew: "Just when the violence has subsided the police implement their barbaric measures. It took more than 800 deaths to make them take steps."

T J Mokoena, a teacher from Meadowlands, said he wanted the violence to stop "whether the Government introduces Iron Fist or other tough measures". "If it goes unchecked it will mean total destruction, not only for the politicians, but for us all."

Joyce Moloi said the permits which people were supposed to carry after 9 pm did not accommodate residents who would be attending night vigils in the township.

Jacob Tshabangu, a Katlehong schoolteacher, was among the few who favoured the curfew. "I've lost a brother during the violence. I know the curfew will disrupt the social lives of many people but at least a few precious lives will be saved."

A Voloorus resident who chose to remain unanimous said: "I know that people will go all out and criticise Iron Fist. But before it was introduced no one, not even the ANC, took steps to ensure th people's safety."

Said Herman More of Dube: "The only thing I want to say about Operation Iron Fist is that it will keep everyone indoors, thereby saving our lives."

A Sebokeng resident whose house neighbours a hostel last night telephoned Saturday Star to appeal for a curfew in his area.

Reluctant to reveal his name in fear for his safety, the man said: "Our area has been one of the worst hit. We are terrified. Surely we should have a curfew here. We want anything to stop this terrible violence."

ANC claims Winnie was held by cops

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Mrs Winnie Mandela was detained by police during a visit yesterday to violence-wracked Thokoza township, on the East Rand, the ANC claimed yesterday.

However, police were sharply divided on whether the ANC deputy president's wife had been arrested at all.

The ANC said Mrs Mandela was released from the Thokoza police station at 1.45pm after police found spent cartridges given to her by Phola Park squatters.

After initial Thokoza police denials that Mrs Mandela had been held a constable manning a roadblock near Phola Park said she had been briefly detained for questioning.

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Reward: Condition

Tmg 26/9/90 **Political Correspondent**

INFORMANTS who supply details leading to the conviction of the Denver station "train murderers" to a non-police source would still be eligible for the R50 000 reward, the police said on Tuesday.

This follows remarks by the Soweto civic leader Dr Nthato Motlana that Africans in strife-torn areas of the Reef often refused to give the police critical evidence about the violence because they had doubts about police impartiality.

However, the spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said: "The information is so vitally important to us that we don't care if it is bounced off the moon. As long as it leads us to the killers — that is what is important. What we are after is the information. How it comes to us is immaterial."

British press applauds Mandela prosecution

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Own Correspondent

LONDON. — There was saturation coverage of the decision to prosecute Mrs Winnie Mandela in the British press yesterday, with the trial being seen as potentially as sensational as the trial of her husband, ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela, in 1963.

The general consensus, even among newspapers normally supportive of the ANC, was that the decision to prosecute Mrs Mandela was a good one.

The Daily Telegraph, which led with the story, said the move would "undoubtedly lead to one of the most sensational trials in South Africa's history, perhaps even rivalling the Rivonia trial in 1963, at which her husband, Mr Nelson Mandela ... was sentenced to life imprisonment".

But, it said, while the trial may equal the drama of her husband's, there the similarity could end. "Mrs Mandela will enter court as an already-shunned heroine, the former 'Mother of the Nation' whose conceit, stubbornness and unpredictability have lost her an army of admirers."

The left-wing Guardian said in its front-page story the ANC would "greet the state's decision ... with some relief, based on the hope that it will end the long-running controversy, whatever the outcome".

Severely critical of Mrs Mandela was the Independent, who observed that the MDM "found (her) guilty of the Stompie affair long before yesterday".

The article recalled a statement made by UDF acting general secretary Mr Murphy Morobe in February last year, in which he ascribed the conflict generated in Soweto to "the reign of terror" conducted by the Mandela United football team.

The statement had added that the MDM was "outraged at Mrs Mandela's complicity in the recent abductions and assault of Stompie Moeketsi Seipei".

Mrs Mandela's prosecution was "a hard lesson that no democratic movement can place itself above the simple rules of law", the Evening Standard said.

After describing the case which led to the conviction for murder of Jerry Richardson and the evidence that Mrs Mandela had taken part in the beatings, it added: "Only the blindest supporter of Mrs Mandela could believe that the charges against her are politically motivated."

The Sun didn't mince words: "To her neighbours and opponents in Soweto there is a darker, sinister side to Winnie Mandela, that is every bit as savage as the regime she seeks to topple."

According to Sapa, the Daily Express carried an inside article entitled "Mandela myth facing its greatest trial", which concluded: "Destiny in Africa never comes cheap. Most bets must now be off while South African justice pits itself against the romance of the continent's greatest love story."

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5 hurt in panga attack on train

JOHANNESBURG. — Five people were injured — one of them seriously — when two groups of unidentified men attacked commuters with pangas and knives on a train between Witpoortjie and Luipaardsvlei stations on the West Rand late on Tuesday afternoon.

Scores of people jumped off the moving train, a spokeswoman for the Krugersdorp police said.

She said police were searching the tracks for more casualties, but no more victims had been found as yet.

Dr Len Hurrell, the deputy superintendent at Leratong hospital, said three of the five people injured had been treated after the incident.

Two of them were treated for head injuries. One man, 58-year-old Mr Charlie Ngungunyane, is in a critical condition, while the other, 30-year old Mr Herman Modisane, is in a satisfactory condition.

The third was discharged after being treated for a knee wound, he said.

No arrests have been made and police are investigating. — Sapa

ANC fails to show up at peace talks

JOHANNESBURG. — The peace meeting called in Soweto yesterday by Azapo to halt the violence in the Witwatersrand ended without the African National Congress appearing, although the convenors had said in the morning they would be present.

Inkatha was not invited and the Pan Africanist Congress was not represented officially.

At a press conference late in the afternoon, Azapo president Professor Itumeleng Mosala said that the more than 80 delegates, representing over 25 political, church and trade union organisations, had decided to meet again within the next two weeks.

Every effort would be made to broaden representation to include other organisations not present at yesterday's meeting, Professor Mosala said, referring to the ANC and PAC.

Asked if Inkatha would be invited he said the convening committee would make a decision after consulting with other organisations: "This is a very sensitive issue," he said.

Yesterday's meeting made some general recommendations aimed at stemming the violence. These included:

- Working to encourage the fundamental need for political tolerance in the black community;
- Calling to (political) movements and organisations to establish immediate truces;
- Encouraging a code of conduct between organisations and groups in the community; and
- Challenging everyone to identify the "murderous agents provocateurs" and find a way of disallowing space for them to function in the black community.

Yesterday's meeting also identified several causes of the violence. These included:

- Underhand tactics intended, inter alia, to buy time for apartheid; and
- A calculated strategy to derail the liberation struggle. — Sapa

FW backs 'iron fist' with check on abuse

Political Staff

THE Cabinet has ratified the police's "Iron Fist" security plan and announced a package of new measures to combat and probe township violence.

Among them are an independent ombudsman to investigate allegations of abuse of power by government, and special speedy investigative units to probe incidents of violence.

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Surrender arms

● Inquests headed by judges would, where necessary, investigate township killings.

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In an apparent reference to the ANC he emphasised that no organisation could have recourse to "other negotiations" as an excuse not to surrender its arms.

● Rewards of up to R100 000 would be offered for information leading to the discovery of arms and arms caches.

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Asked whether he endorsed the view of Defence Minister Magnus Malan that Mr Mandela was a "man of many mouths", Mr De Klerk said when any leader made contradictory statements, he should expect to be criticised.

Mandela: 'Peace talks hanging in the balance'

LONDON. — The African National Congress's continued peace negotiations with the South African government was hanging in the balance, deputy-leader Mr Nelson Mandela told British breakfast television viewers today.

Interviewed by the BBC in Johannesburg, he said the decision on whether to break off the talks rested with the ANC's National Executive Committee.

"If the ANC decides to pull out it will be the government's responsibility because of the way it is handling the township violence — giving police a licence to kill."

Mr Mandela said ANC followers were demanding arms with which to defend themselves.

"We see that as a reasonable demand."

● A marathon secret meeting between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC was held in Durban last night as part of the two organisations' attempts to bring peace to strife-torn Natal.

In a joint statement issued after midnight, the delegations said discussions had been exploratory.

"Each party sought to understand the other's stance, while explaining its own.

"Naturally the violence in Natal and elsewhere was top of the agenda, and reports of the various local initiatives to defuse it came under the spotlight.

"As the issues discussed were so grave, vital and urgent the meeting will continue again on September 26." — The Argus Correspondent and Sapa.

Arms amnesty

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The government is to appoint special units to investigate last week's Denver station massacre and other major incidents of recent violence on the Witwatersrand.

This was said last night by President F W de Klerk, who also announced an amnesty for people possessing illegal arms and explosives.

He said the investigation teams would be headed by an attorney-general or deputy attorney-general.

He also announced that:

● Operation Iron Fist measures had been approved by cabinet; and

● He was considering appointing an "independent, highly-respected person" to investigate allegations against the police, SADF and other government institutions.

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By Peter Fabricius,
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Mr de Klerk said there had been some misunderstanding about the "iron fist" measures as announced by the police, which was receiving the attention of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Mr Vlok said the Cabinet had approved two of the most controversial measures, the night curfew and the mounting of light machine-guns on Casspir armoured vehicles in the townships.

Before implementing the curfew, police intended allowing employers to take steps to ensure it caused the least inconvenience possible.

On the use of machine-guns, Mr Vlok repeated Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe's statement that police would not be able to counter AK-47 attacks using ordinary weapons. He stressed machine-guns would not be used in ordinary unrest.

On the measures announced yesterday Mr de Klerk referred to several legislative procedures in the pipeline aimed at facilitating the investigation of violence and abuse of power.

As an interim measure, special investigation units would be appointed to conduct investigations without delay. In addition, inquests would be instituted as soon as possible.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee would decide if they should be conducted by a judge, as allowed by recent legislation. Following reports by the investigation units and inquests, the Government would consider further action.

The independent person probing allegations of Government abuse would conduct investigations in the "grey area" where no specific incident had been identified.

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300 bodies not claimed

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MORE than 300 bodies of unrest victims have still not been identified at Government mortuaries in Soweto and the East Rand.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

Soweto police spokesman Captain Mikhachane Ngobeni said yesterday there were 270 bodies at the Government mortuary in Soweto.

Transferred

Seventy of the corpses had been found in Soweto and 200 transferred from crowded Government mortuaries in Germiston and Boksburg.

Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen of the Pretoria Police Directorate said "a large number" of corpses of unrest victims had not yet been claimed at the two East Rand mortuaries.

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A council worker, Makhehla Dlakaza, fills the graves of nine unidentified bodies given paupers' burials by the authorities on Monday. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Mayor denies knowing about burials

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She could not say how many bodies were still unclaimed by late yesterday.

The 200 at Diepkloof were among dozens removed from East Rand mortuaries after newspaper reports that bodies were left to rot in their backyards.

Nine unidentified unrest victims were given paupers' funerals at Vosloorus on Monday.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe confirmed the burials but denied that the bodies were buried by the police.

Protecting

"We helped carry the bodies to the graves and stood by protecting the local authority employees while they did their work.

"But we had absolutely no part in burying the bodies. It is not our job and the police never bury people," Malherbe said.

Mystery over the burials deepened yesterday when the Vosloorus Council denied it had granted permission for the burials.

The township's mayor, Mr Morris Senokela, said his office was "not at all aware" and it appeared that the burials had been sanctioned by one official.

Vosloorus town clerk Mr George Prinsloo was not available for comment.

Meanwhile, Ngobeni has appealed to residents of Soweto and other Reef townships whose relatives were missing to contact authorities at the Diepkloof mortuary near Baragwanath Hospital.

Sowetan readers are reminded to provide names of those who have died in the violence and arrangements for their funerals.

The number to phone, between 8.30am and 4.30pm, is (011) 474-8242.

Protest call for Soweto mass funeral

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THE Mass Democratic Movement has called for a stayaway in Soweto today to mark the mass burials of 12 of the 100 victims killed in renewed violence over the past three weeks.

By DON SEOKANE

A Soweto Civic Association spokesman said the stayaway would affect Soweto only, to allow the residents to attend the mass funeral.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday the usual security measures would be taken.

Mr Nad Ramogopa of the SCA said the funeral service would be held at Jabulani Amphitheatre.

It will run from 10am to noon.

They will then proceed to Avalon Cemetery for the burials.

The SCA, together with other civic organisations, has called for the stayaway to demand that:

* Hostels be demolished and proper housing be created for people;

* The police and army be impartial during unrest;

* The people responsible for the violence which is sweeping townships should be arrested.

The names of the 12 people to be buried today are:

Benny and Martin Maboa, of Tladi camp; Abram Mlangeni and Benjamin Ramatlotlo, also of Tladi Camp; Mapule Motshwana, of Orlando East; Sabata Makhanya of Mofolo South; Micky Nyame of Naledi; Solomon Seema, of Naledi Extension; Elias Theola, of Mapetla; Lessy Mosetlhe, of Moletsane; David Motseme, of Central Western Jabavu; and Benjamin Khanye, of Mapetla.

Attorneys-general to head teams

Govt sets up special probes into violence

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MIKE ROBERTSON

Government did not rule out the possibility of appointing judicial commissions of inquiry to investigate specific cases.

De Klerk said some misunderstandings had arisen following the announcement of "Iron Fist". One such misunderstanding was that police would patrol all streets with machine guns, shooting at random.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said "Iron Fist" had been overemphasised by "some of our people. We intend to be strict, fair, controlled and impartial."

Reading from a statement by Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe, Vlok said the fitting of light machine guns to Casspirs was being considered in view of attacks against police with AK-47 rifles. Machine guns, he said, would not be used to control riots. All police were under strict instructions to use minimum force.

Vlok added that government considered the implementation of a curfew in some unrest-hit townships a useful step. Curfews would be imposed only after employers had been given an opportunity to take steps to ensure minimum disruption.

De Klerk said the main purpose of appointing the "person of high standing" was to "act as a filter for all the accusations and allegations that fly around". Government would consult other organisations on the appointment, but would make the final decision itself. He wanted to get to the bottom of such allegations as quickly as possible and either refute them or take appropriate action.

De Klerk said Cabinet had decided to

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grant indemnity to all individuals and organisations that handed over to police, before October 1, firearms, explosives and ammunition illegally in their possession.

He stressed that this decision applied to all. No organisation would have recourse to special negotiations with the aim of not surrendering arms.

Government, he added, had decided to offer rewards of up to R100 000 for information leading to the uncovering of arms and arms caches. The rewards would be paid according to a scale determined by the SAP Commissioner.

De Klerk said mechanisms of communication would be set up at local, regional and national level to "identify and deal peacefully with community grievances in order to obviate conflict".

☐ The ANC would continue its NEC meeting on the recent violence for a third day today, spokesman Gill Marcus said last night.

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Police deny involvement in roadside burials

POLICE yesterday denied involvement in the burial of nine unidentified bodies within two metres of a road in Vosloorus on Tuesday. ~~270~~ 278

SAP spokesman Lt Ina Barkhuizen said the bodies were removed from Boksburg state mortuary and transferred to Alpha Undertakers, which was responsible for the burials.

Police said they were unclaimed bodies, while undertaker Arthur Daries of Boksburg said the state of the corpses indicated that the nine died in June or July this year, and not during recent unrest.

"All nine were men aged from their mid-30s to their 50s. One had stab wounds, and others could have been in car crashes. They were probably found in fields," Daries said. 6 10 91 20 11 91

He refuted the ANC's claim that police placed bodies in plastic bags and buried them in mass graves.

No police were present at the burials, which he had supervised, he said. Each corpse was placed in a coffin.

"In terms of my contract with the Vosloorus municipality I do not have to cover the graves, but because of the fumes or the stench I decided to half fill them.

"The municipality said it would send a machine to complete the job," Daries said.

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LINDEN BIRNS

Vosloorus municipality head of parks Ben van Niekerk said he had a labour shortage on his hands because of unrest and could not acquire the services of an earth-mover on Tuesday.

"These so-called pauper funerals happen on a weekly basis. The causes of death are varied and I do not even bother to read the death certificates any more.

"I just write the entries into the register," Van Niekerk said.

"Anyway, with these people, the families never come to the funerals so I guess you could call it a government funeral," he added.

Vosloorus Town Clerk George Prinsloo said the municipality's obligations were to supply graves. He confirmed that these "pauper graves" were pre-designated and lay on the cemetery's border with the road.

"We are not responsible for filling the graves, but we normally go past to cover any graves that have not been properly filled," Prinsloo said.

It was quite possible that the corpses were those of unrest victims, as the undertaker only specified that he wanted to purchase "pauper graves" — a term for unmarked graves for unidentified bodies, Prinsloo said.

Barkhuizen said unclaimed bodies in state mortuaries were all photographed and fingerprinted in case somebody arrived to identify a body after it had been buried.

A spokesman for the Boksburg mortuary could not be reached for comment or to ascertain where or when the nine tagged bodies were picked up.

ANC leader

ANC leader attacked twice in 3 months

THEO RAWANA

ANC leader Penuell Maduna was attacked and robbed of his car yesterday, the organisation said.

This was the second time the steering committee member had been attacked in less than three months.

It said in a statement it was highly unlikely the attack was coincidental.

"The incident smacks of retaliation."

Maduna was due to have met relatives at the Baragwanath bus terminus when he was approached by three men, the statement said.

"All three were carrying small hand guns. He was sprayed in the eyes with a blinding fluid which has severely injured his eyes."

The assailants then grabbed the car keys and sped off with his car. He was receiving medical attention and the matter had been reported to the police.

It was the second time that his life had been threatened. In July a group of attackers assaulted and shot him six times. Police said on Tuesday an arrested suspect would appear in court on September 27.

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ANC executive extends emergency talks on violence

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

The ANC has unexpectedly extended until today an emergency meeting of its full national executive committee (NEC) to discuss complications in the peace process. Star 20/9/90

The meeting in Johannesburg was called to discuss the ANC's position following differences of opinion with the Government over the handling of the recent violence on the Reef.

Its outcome could crucially affect the negotiation process in view of the war of words between the ANC and the Government on the stringent steps — codenamed Operation Iron Fist — to curb the violence.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela said earlier this week that if the Government did not display the will to take emphatic steps to stop the township violence, the NEC would have to "take a decision that will reverse almost everything that was done since May this year".

He also said the ANC would not abandon the peace talks.

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side while she does so. — Financial Times News Service.



A prayer for the dead . . . Star reporter Winnie Graham and John Masha at Mapulanga's body in Phola Park.

Death lingers as sad lives return to 'normal'

By Winnie Graham

Flies buzzed round the corpse of a young man in the Phola Park squatter camp late yesterday.

I knelt beside the body and Father Ignatius Fidgeon, the Catholic priest with me, said a prayer for the dead.

"He was my brother," a young black man told us.

It seemed a fair epitaph for the good-looking young Mozambican — no older than 21 — who lay stretched out in the dirt road, a blue rug partially covering his body.

His name, we were told, was Mapulanga and he had been stabbed to death on Monday night. Outraged at his murder, we heard, people avenged him by killing a man — and leaving his body in the veld.

The incident was too trivial to make the newspapers yesterday, but for me it epitomised the pain of the Phola Park people. Mapulanga had been dead almost 24 hours when we were taken to his body — yet no one had come to remove him.

The young man was peaceful in death — almost as peaceful as the clear day in Phola Park where dozens of men were once again at work reconstructing their shacks.

Charred poles and buckled pieces of corrugated iron were being flattened and used to reconstruct the shanties, about 400 of which were destroyed in last week's two nights of terror.

Jimmy Phunga, formerly of Tzaneen, was rebuilding his house. "What else is there to do?" he asked. "We have nowhere to go."

The 1 000-odd people at the Eden Park Catholic Church who have sheltered there for nearly a week have started drifting back to their burnt-out shacks.

Albertina Butswayi, mother of three, who slept in the churchyard, is home again. Does she feel safe?

"No," she says. "They can come again at any time, but we must get back to normal."

No one can explain what triggered off the violence. But now the houses are no longer burning, the squatter camp is fading from the news and only the body of a young man, lying in the dirt, is there to remind the people that things in Phola Park will never be quite the same again.

And Mapulanga, who escaped the war in Mozambique in search of a new life, is dead.

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Thousands off work to attend mass funeral

By Shareen Singh and Brendan Templeton

Thousands of workers from Soweto stayed at home today to attend a mass funeral for victims of the recent violence.

The stayaway was called by the Soweto Civic Association, Sayco, Cosas, Cosatu and the Federation of Transvaal Women to bury 12 people killed in the township during the past few weeks.

Impartial

Three demands were put forward by the organisations:

- The demolishing of the hostel system and creation of proper housing.
- The police and the army must be impartial.
- Warlords must be arrested and charged.

The organisations called on the youth and students to act with responsibility and exercise discipline.

No incidents of violence were reported this morning. A police spokesman said the effect of the stayaway was minimal but transport companies operating in townships reported a significant reduction in passengers.

Putco was operating normal services, but buses were half empty, a company spokesman said.

The South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) said most taxis were not operating in Soweto as drivers responded to the call for a stayaway.

A few taxi drivers went into the townships at their own risk, a Sabta spokesman said.

There were long queues at taxi ranks and most people went back home after waiting for about two hours, he said.

Spoornet management said they were trying to assess the extent of the stayaway at the time of going to press.



COMMENT

Solution in reformed SAP, not 'Iron Fist'

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IN rejecting "Operation Iron Fist" as a means to end the sickening violence in Vaal townships in recent weeks, Nelson Mandela echoes the sentiments and views of thousands of South Africans.

Carte blanche authority for the security forces, and particularly the South African Police, rekindles the fears and the nightmare experiences of township dwellers who had survived killings and shootings from Sharpeville in 1960 to Sebokeng in 1990.

Simplistic

It is simplistic to believe that granting unfettered powers to the security forces will end the violence.

There is enough evidence contained in the findings of numerous commissions of inquiry, court trials and the testimony of thousands to assume that the problem will, in fact, be compounded.

Add to this the activities of a sinister (if not a third) force, the concerns of a Nelson Mandela become easy to understand.

Are black people now supposed to believe that the security establishment — irrefutably linked to the murder of countless anti-apartheid activists like Griffiths Mxenge and David Webster and to the bombing of a children's créche in Athlone — will bring peace to our townships?

Partisan

The SAP has never engendered confidence in the black community. Since the assumption of power of the National Party in 1948, it has been seen as the "long arm" of the oppressor.

It has played a partisan role, enforced discriminatory legislation and suppressed the opponents of the apartheid system.

Incidents of police involvement in torture, illegal acts of intimidation, excessive use of force, covert support for vigilantes and the actions of inadequately trained "kitskonstabels" are well-documented and seen in the black community as part of the SAP's "image".

President FW de Klerk's stated intention to take the SAP out of the "political battlefield" seems to have been implemented to a certain extent.

Heavy-handed

Its members have been barred from belonging to any political party, a recruitment campaign to deal with chronic understaffing has been launched and significant salary increases have been announced.

However, the heavy-handed and repressive police action in recent months suggests that no fundamental changes have taken place.

Shadowy

It is clear that even though a new "culture" may exist at a leadership level, the traditional practices and structures of the SAP are entrenched and that superficial reforms will not overcome the problems.

A unwillingness by the government to fully expose the shadowy sectors of the security establishment to scrutiny or cease their activities altogether worstens the situation.

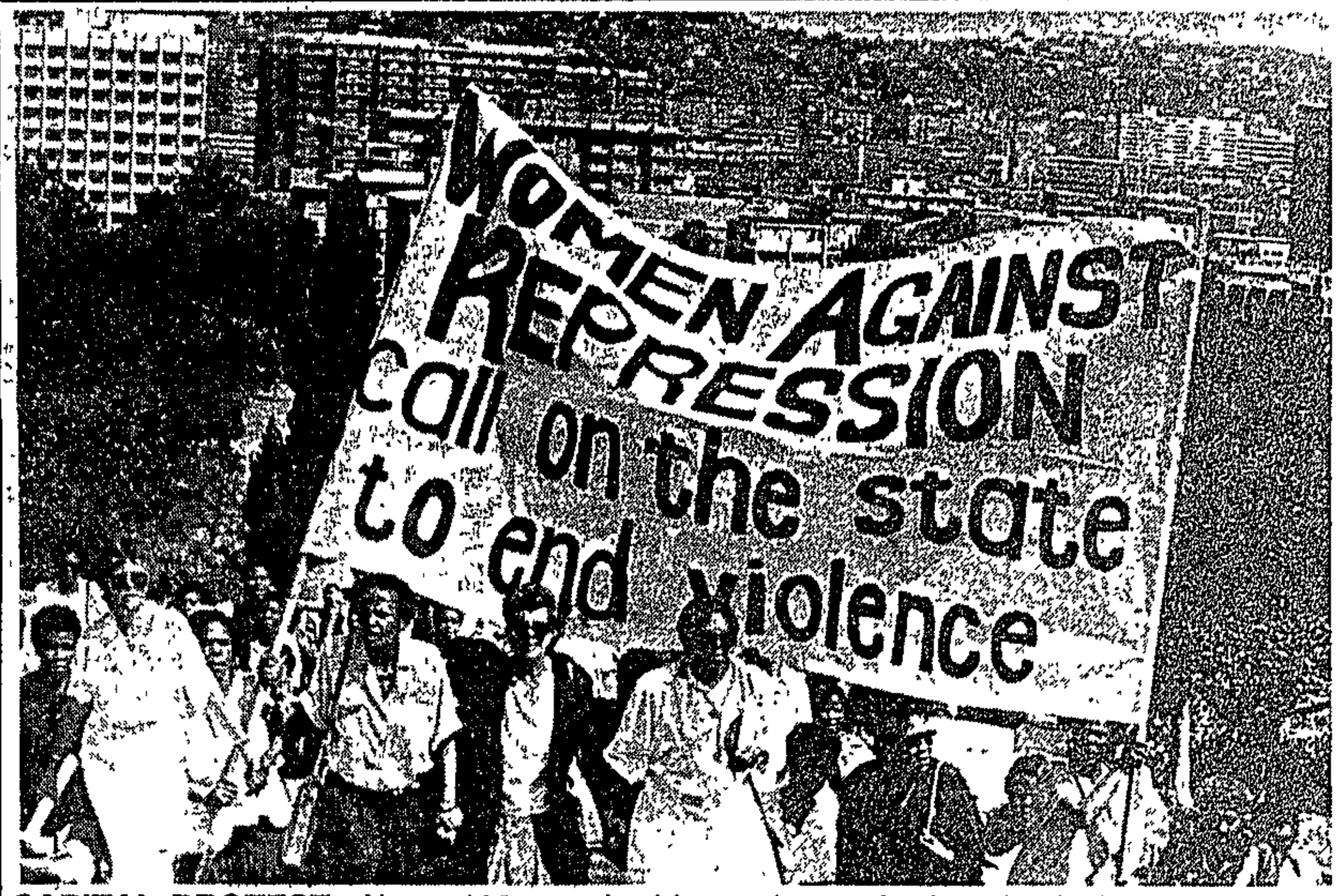
Understandably, it is afraid of a monster of its own creation.

But for as long as places like Vlakplaas and units like the Askaris remain, and mysterious killings occur like that on the 5.04 train to Naledi Extension, Soweto last Thursday, fingers will point at the security establishment

Reorientation

The black community and anti-apartheid organisations like the ANC must insist on the rapid reform of the SAP that will include blacks at a leadership level, a general reorientation and professionalisation of its members, an emphasis on crime prevention and a concerted bid to build legitimacy and trust in the broader community.

Only then will police operations like "Iron Fist", if necessary, be welcomed in our townships.



CAPITAL PROTEST: About 130 people this week marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to present a memorandum to the government on the continued imprisonment of hundreds of political prisoners and the violence on the Reef

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ANC to put talks 'on hold'

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC is expected to declare a moratorium on talks with the government until the violence sweeping the country is brought to an end.

This is the response expected from an emergency ANC national executive committee meeting held over three days this week to discuss the continuing Reef violence which so far claimed about 800 lives. South 20/9 - 26/9/90

It is unlikely that the ANC will reverse their August 6 decision to suspend the armed struggle.

The NEC did, however, discuss a request by members for the provision of arms so that they could defend themselves against attacks by Inkatha.

A source close to the ANC said the NEC had considered "very carefully" whether to go ahead with the peace process which had started in Cape Town in May.

During his trip to the Boland on Monday, ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela hinted that the ANC would consider withdrawing from the peace process because of its dissatisfaction with Operation "Iron Fist".

However, it has since become evident that the movement is unlikely to pull out of the talks it initiated.

Fences erected around hostels

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday began erecting razor-wire fence around the Merafi hostel in Soweto, according to SABC radio news.

The area's police liaison officer, Colonel Tienie Halgryn, said Merafi was the first of a series of hostels that would be fenced off to prevent hostel residents from going out to attack people in the street and similarly to stop outsiders from attacking the hostels.

There would in future be only one entrance to each hostel, and each entrance would be manned by police at all times, Colonel Halgryn said.

A man who was apparently thrown from a moving train was found lying unconscious next to the railway lines on the West Rand early yesterday morning.

Police spokeswoman Captain Henrietta Bester said the man, thought to be about 28 years old, was found with head injuries between Krugersdorp and West Rand stations about 6.50am. — Sapa

478 bodies of unrest dead still unclaimed

JOHANNESBURG. — The bodies of at least 478 victims of the Xhosa-Zulu "war" which swept the Witwatersrand have not been claimed from state mortuaries and will be disposed of in pauper's funerals unless family members come forward, police said yesterday.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Mikhachane Ngobeni said the Diepkloof mortuary still contained 270 unclaimed bodies, most of which had also not been identified. In a few instances family members had identified bodies but had not removed them from the mortuary.

Only 70 of the bodies at Diepkloof had been found in Soweto. The other 200 were transferred to Diepkloof from mortuaries on the East Rand, presumably because of overcrowding.

Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Ina Barkhuizen at the public relations division in Pretoria said a further 150 bodies had not been identified or claimed from a mortuary at Germiston and 58 bodies remained at one in Boksburg.

The bodies would be given pauper's burials unless they were claimed soon, she said.

She denied reports that police had buried nine unidentified bodies at Vosloorus on the East Rand on Wednesday, saying the pauper funeral was carried out by local undertakers and that it was the Vosloorus municipality's responsiblity to fill properly the graves and maintain them. — Sapa

Iron Fist policy 'misunderstood'

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE beefed-up judicial measures to deal with conflict situations announced by President F W de Klerk this week, showed that the government took the ANC's reservations about the security forces seriously, government sources said yesterday.

"The government is trying to demonstrate that it is not insensitive to the possibility that there may be elements in the security circles which are not playing the game," one source said.

After weeks of repeated accusations by the ANC that the police and the SADF were taking sides in the conflict, the announcements after this week's cabinet meeting contain a number of significant concessions.

Apart from an independent ombudsman to investigate allegations of abuse of power by the police, SADF and other government institutions, judges and officers of the Department of Justice will become increasingly involved in reaching speedy decisions on the culpability of parties in conflict situations.

Non-policemen will also increasingly probe the behaviour of police; special "expeditious" units under attorneys-general or deputies will speedily investigate the worst cases of violence, and inquests headed by judges will also investigate killings.

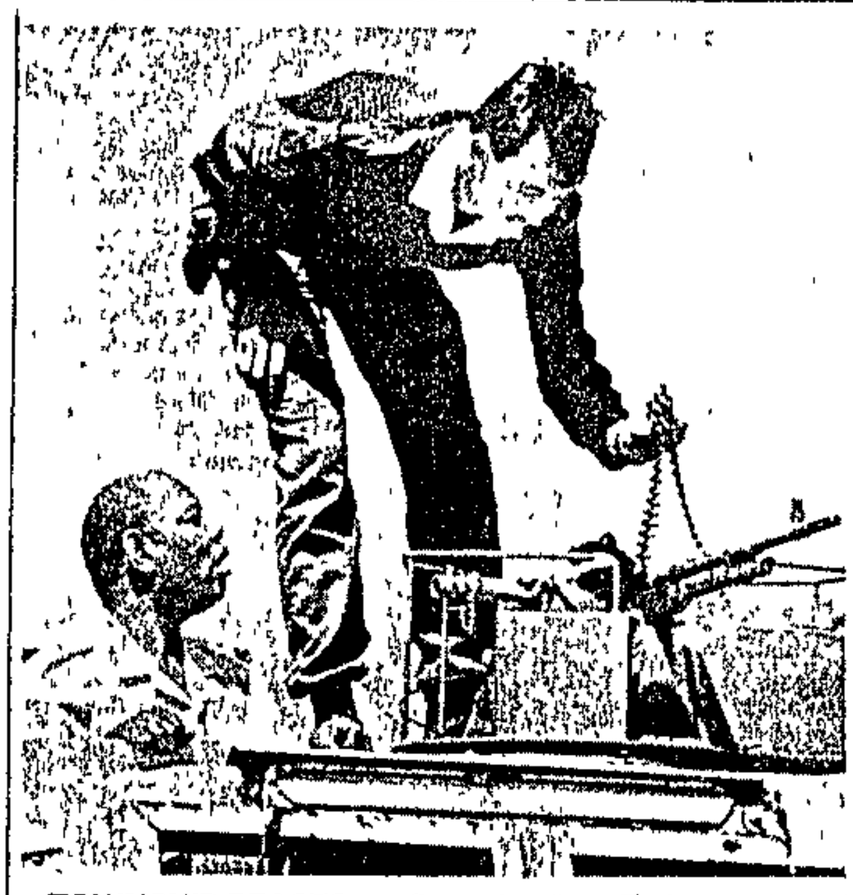
Asked to comment on the underlying intention of the measures, one government source said yesterday: "They certainly do not reflect an uncompromising attitude (towards the ANC)."

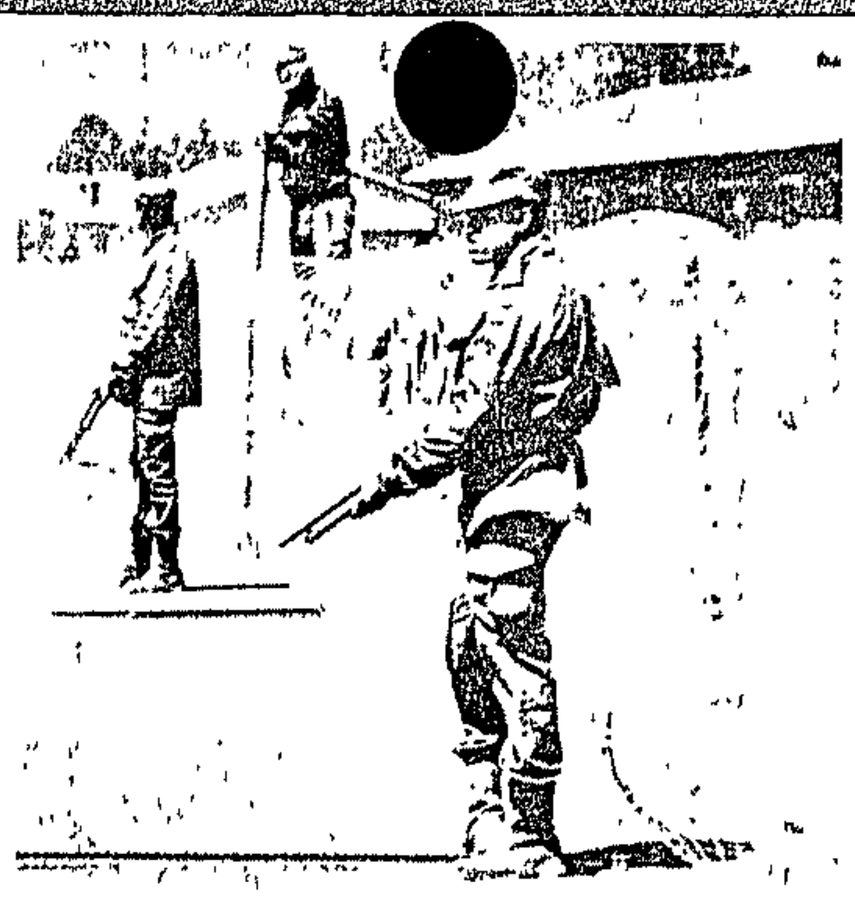
Although endorsing the government's controversial operation "Iron Fist" to stamp out the township violence, both Mr De Klerk and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, acknowledged that the more heavy-handed aspects of the initiative had been over-emphasized or misunderstood.

Yesterday Mr Nelson Mandela criticised Operation Iron Fist when he spoke at a funeral of unrest victims at Jabulani Stadium, arguing that the implementation of security measures should flow from a joint decision involving the ANC.

Sapa reports that Mr Mandela said the Iron Fist operation was designed to warm the white minority government and disarm the liberation movements.

'Iron Fist' swings into operation as Soweto mourns







TOWNSHIP REACTS . . . Operation 'Iron Fist' started to take affect in Soweto yesterday as police mounted machine guns on an armoured cars **(left)** and stood guard outside hostels surrounded by razor wire **(middle)** as part of the government measures announced this week to stop the violence that has killed over 700 people on the Witwatersrand. For the people of Soweto it was a day of mourning as families **(right)** joined more than 30 000 residents at the funeral of 12 victims of the violence. **Report — Page 2.** Pictures REUTER

ANC talks on

Opens way for Buthelezi meeting

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress is to call an urgent meeting with all homeland leaders, including KwaZulu Chief Minister and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

A spokesman said last night that the ANC agreed on the move after a three-day emergency session of its national executive committee.

Deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela "probably" would attend the talks, leaving the way clear for the long-awaited meeting between the two leaders

"In order to get to the root causes of the violence and to secure peace, the (ANC) resolved to convene a meeting with all homeland leaders, including Chief (Mangosuthu) Gatsha Buthelezi, to devise a joint strategy for ending the violence," the ANC said in a statement.

His 'friend'

On British breakfast television yesterday Mr Mandela seemed cool about a one-on-one meeting with Chief Buthelezi But he spoke with his unusual warmth on Independent Television last night of his "friend" Buthelezi

He told viewers he was committed to bringing the ANC and Inkatha closer together and said Chief Buthelezi was "an old friend and he is still my friend".

"I have made efforts for a meeting not only between the two of us, but also to bring the two organisations closer to each other," he said "I will still try to achieve this objective, mainly because Chief Buthelezi has been one of those men who have fought for my release and that of other comrades, from prison "

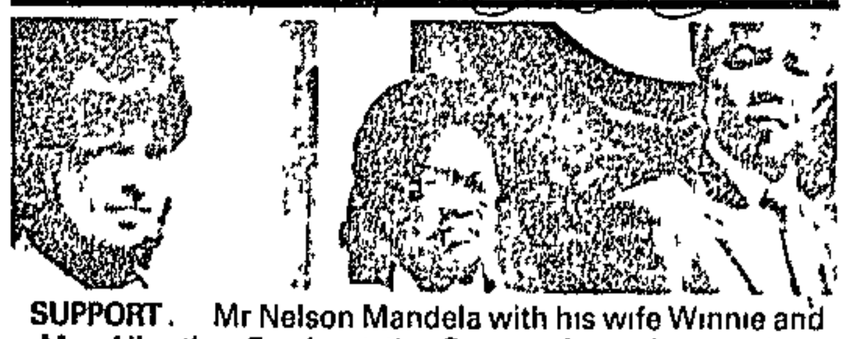
Negotiations

Mr Mandela also said negotiations with the government remained on track "for the time being"

The ANC's full national executive committee (NEC) ended an extraordinary three-day meeting in Johannesburg yesterday by repeating the ANC view that recent township violence was threatening the negotiation process and resolved to seek a "summit" with the government.

It unanimously rejected the "Iron Fist" measures announced by the SAP. The NEC believed they were de-

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BLONDE HIT . . . Beauty queen Miss Nicola Rötter, 22, breezed into Cape Town on the Blue Train yesterday to start the week's holiday she won for being crowned Miss Johannesburg 1990 in August. Namibian-born Miss Rötter was the Cape Festival Queen for 1988. Picture: RICHARD DELL



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De Klerk leaves tomorrow for talks with Bush

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Own Correspondent

PRETORIA — President F W de Klerk flies out of Jan Smuts Airport tomorrow night for his historic talks in Washington on Monday with President George Bush

The talks are the first between a South African and American head of state since Field Marshal Jan Smuts helped to draft the United Nations Charter in San Francisco in 1945

Mr De Klerk is understood to be reluctant to be out of South Africa for too long because of the current wave of violence and the visit is confined to two working days, during which he will also meet top press representatives and businessmen

He will be interviewed on two major television networks More than 700 guests are expected for his address on Tuesday to the National Press Club in Washington

After landing at Andrews Air Force Base on Sunday morning Mr De Klerk will go almost directly to a service at the National Presbyterian Church which has South African links That evening he will have dinner with Vice-President Dan Quayle

He will lay a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday morning before going on to the White House and "eyeball to eyeball" talks with President Bush in the Oval Office.

This is to be followed by a working lunch with Mr Bush and his senior advisers.

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President F W de Klerk was accused of "bad faith" and of undermining the work of the joint ANC/government working group which was considering issues relating to the ANC's suspension of the armed struggle.

One of the group's tasks was to consider the question of arms in the possession of ANC cadres.

"The State President has deliberately undermined this working group by pre-emptively criminalising the possession of such weapons.

"We cannot but interpret this as a measure directed against the ANC and its underground military structures. It does nothing to build mutual confidence."

It also called for an independent judicial commission of inquiry into charges made against the SAP and SADF, following a "veritable avalanche" of allegations against the security forces.

Earlier yesterday Mr Mandela said trained ANC cadres would form defence units to protect people in townships.

Addressing a packed Jabulani amphitheatre in Soweto at the funeral of 12 victims of township violence, he said it would be hard to oppose ANC supporters' demands for arms.

"We are not going to arm everyone who wants to be armed. We have an army of trained people which will form defence units," he said.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said last night that there was only one police force and anyone who broke the law had to expect prosecution.

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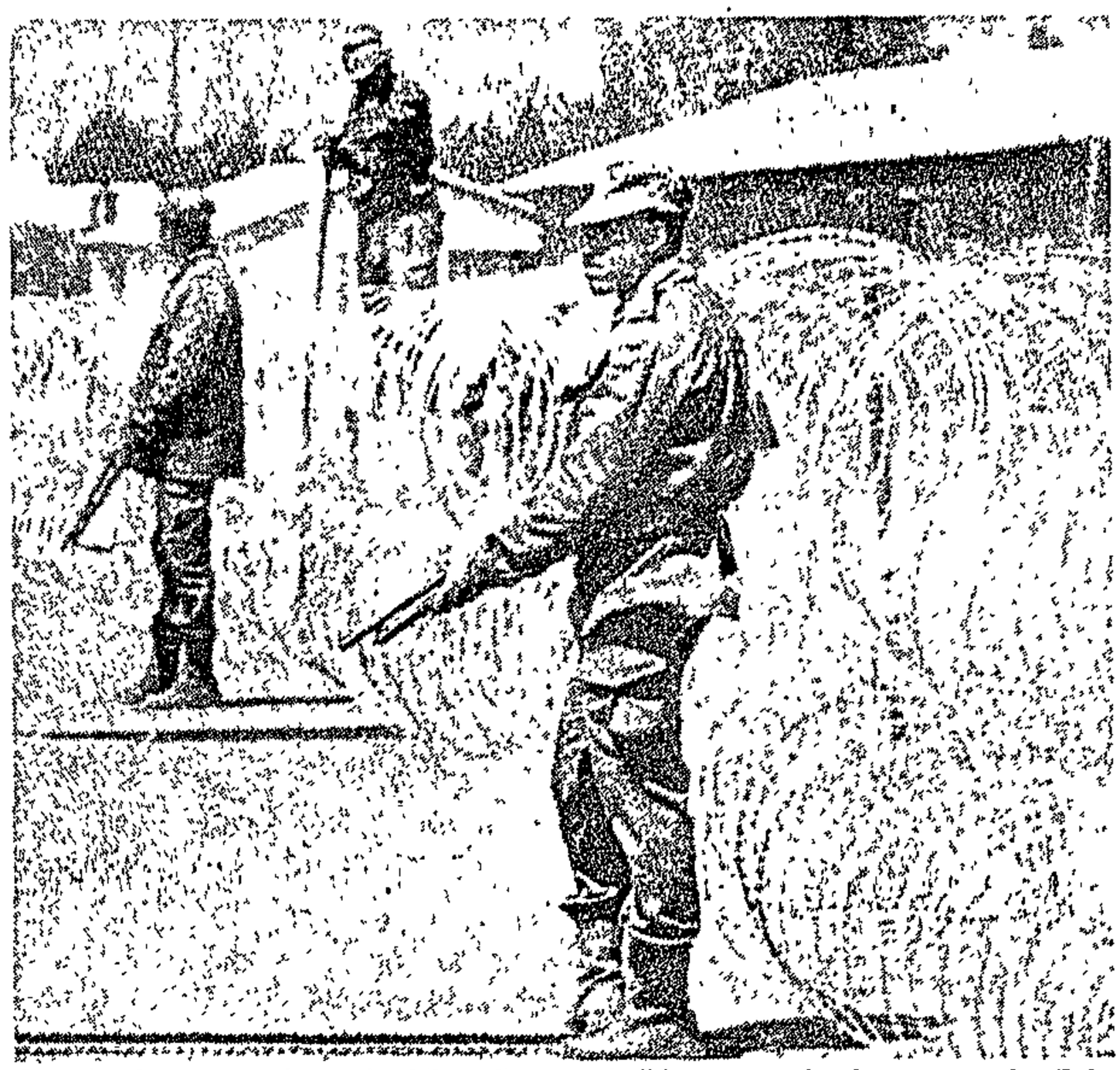
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Security forces stand guard while colleagues build a razor-wire fence around a Zulu workers' hostel in Soweto as part of government's "iron fist" security crackdown.
Picture: REUTER

Unrest: mortuaries hold 478 bodies

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LINDEN BIRNS

STATE mortuaries on the East Rand and Soweto were storing 478 unclaimed bodies of unrest victims, 292 of which were unidentified, police liaison officers confirmed yesterday.

None of the corpses had been buried but photographs and fingerprints had been made to enable people to identify bodies that might be buried in the future, police spokesman Lt Burger van Rooyen said.

At present, 150 unclaimed bodies are in storage at the Germiston state mortuary, while 58 are being kept at the Boksburg mortuary. Diepkloof mortuary in Soweto is holding 270 unclaimed bodies, 84 of them unidentified.

Of those in Diepkloof, police said, only 70 were victims of Soweto unrest. The other 200 were transferred from overcrowded East Rand morgues where, due to lack of refrigeration space, bodies were stored *outdoors*.

People who might be able to identify any of the victims, or who were concerned they might have lost family or friends in the recent wave of township violence, could contact the state mortuaries for assistance, Soweto liaison officer Lt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo explained yesterday.

Sapa reports police spokesman Lt Ina Barkhuizen as saying the bodies would have to be given "pauper burials" if no-one came forward to identify them.

Commenting on the recent burial of nine bodies in Vosloorus, a worker at the Boksburg mortuary said those buried in roadside graves were not unrest victims.

Reporters found mortuary toe-tags for bodies numbered 729 and 714 at the burial site and checked the body numbers with the mortuary.

"The 700 series of bodies are those corpses picked up in and around the Boksburg CBD," the mortuary worker said.

Meanwhile, it has been reported from Vosloorus that the pauper graves, left half covered on Tuesday, have been properly filled-in by municipal labourers.

CITY NATIONAL

Iron Fist sets ANC, State at loggerheads

Political Staff

THE ANC and the government are at loggerheads over Operation Iron Fist — over both its stringent security measures aimed to stop violence and the way in which it was announced.

A statement issued last night by the ANC's National Executive Committee was mostly devoted to attacking the security measures.

Government sources were today left "speechless" by some of the attacks.

Last night's ANC statement said:

"The meeting noted that while the South African government is evidently committed to political change in South Africa, it is becoming clear that it prefers that change occurs on terms most favourable to itself."

Two-track policy

It accused the government of adopting a two-track policy, "which, on the one hand, accepts the need to negotiate a settlement of our country's problems while, on the other hand, devising strategems to weaken the ANC and other democratic formations.

The ANC condemned violence "by the combined forces of elements of the security services and Inkatha vigilantes and emphasises that the ongoing violence poses an immediate threat to the entire process of peaceful transition."

Last night's ANC statement said the body would seek a summit with the government "to discuss the gravity of the situation".

"Though the ANC has a profound and unwavering commitment to peace in our country, we warn the South African government that, unless the government is seen to be taking appropriate measures to apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators of this violence, it will have to assume full responsibility for the derailing of the peace process."

Government reply

In reply, the government warned today that the ANC's call to its supporters to arm themselves was an "ambiguous, dangerous statement."

Senior government sources said that if the statement meant that ANC supporters should "attack people to pre-empt attacks on themselves then it is obviously unacceptable."

If the statement merely meant ANC supporters should defend themselves when attacked, it was difficult to fault. "This ambiguity they should clear up," they added.

The government dismissed the ANC's charge that the measures announced this week to seize arms in the townships had pre-empted the findings of a joint ANC/government working group.

"The point is that the working group didn't make the progress it was supposed to. It was supposed to have reported by mid-September but made little progress. And this was not due to any omission from us.

The sources said the accusation that Operation Fist was intended to curb civil liberties left them "speechless."

While "Iron Fist" measures went into operation today, Mr Nelson Mandela accused a top general of the South African Police of "jumping the gun" in his announcement of stern security measures to stop Reef fighting.

Mr Mandela said he had been told by President De Klerk that an announcement on security measures would have been made on Monday.

"He told me he would make an announcement on Monday but instead we got the announcement (of an Iron Fist) by General Gerrit Erasmus which he said I had called for. But I never did."

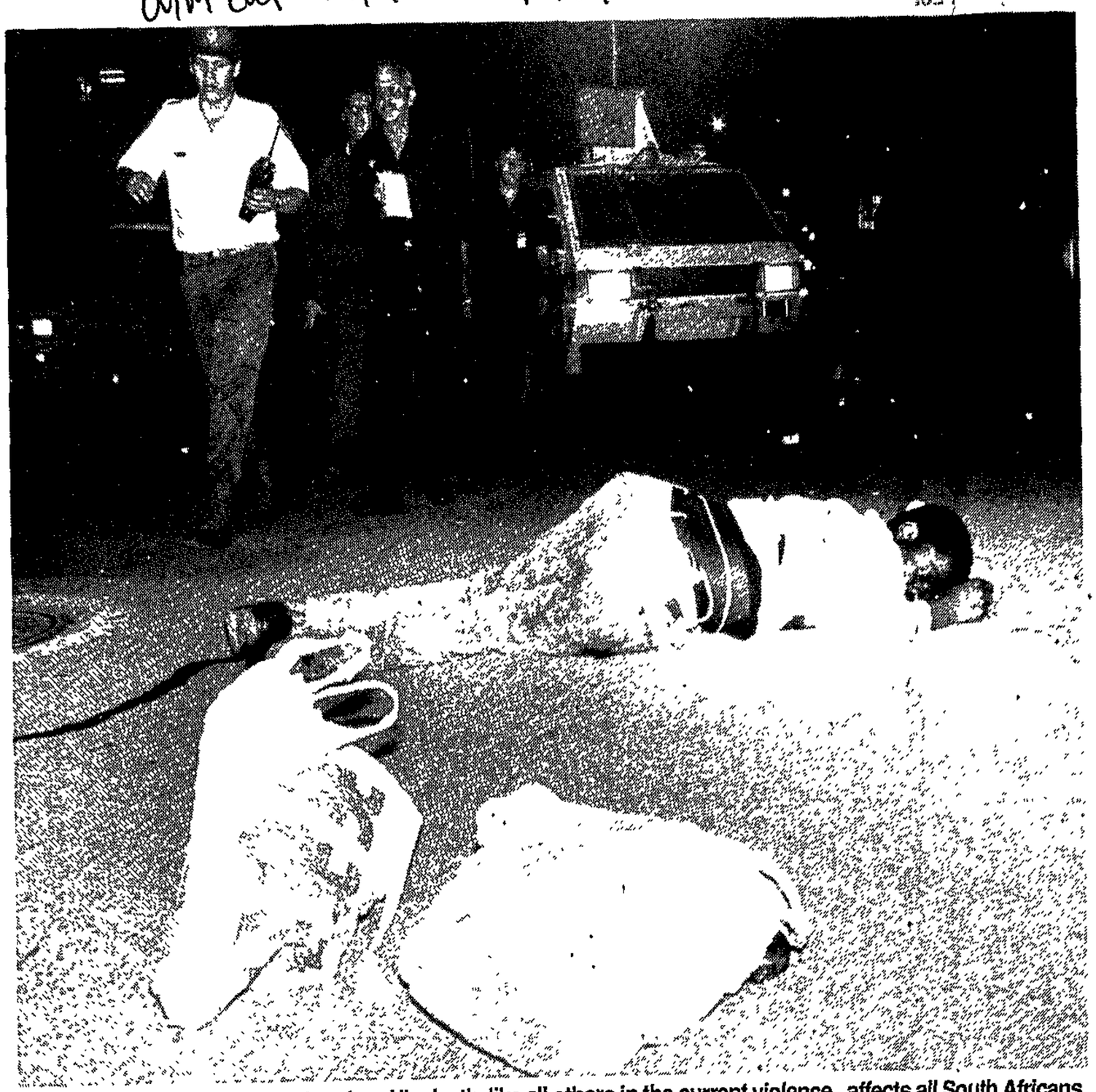
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Those living in the townships experience the violence directly but it also affects people on the periphery. The pervading feelings of helplessness, impotence and despair point to a crisis in the mind of South Africa.

By MARK GEVISSER



Murder at a Johannesburg taxi rank ... His death, like all others in the current violence, affects all South Africans
Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK

ALEXANDRA: In this township that has miraculously avoided conflict, a phalanx of heavily armed Inkatha supporters approaches the bus station. Today, though, their weapons really do seem to be cultural — they're on their way to hear their king speak in Soweto and not, it seems, on the rampage. Nevertheless, the Sunday Best crowd gathered at the taxi rank scatters in panic as they approach. People throw themselves out of moving taxis and rush, screaming, back into the township's dense maze.

THOKOZA: A refugee woman beats her child hysterically. No one, neither concerned neighbours nor attending social workers can pry her off. What did the little boy do? He lost his shoe. Meanwhile, all around, displaced people are clinging to small illusions of normality. Women are taking out their pots, raising fires and cooking; calling their men to eat.

JOHANNESBURG: "All we are saying is give peace a chance ..." sings John Lennon on Radio 5's hour-long "Call for Goodwill and Peace" broadcast on the Alex Jay Breakfast Show. It's Monday morning, day one of The Iron Fist. Dee-Jay Jay uses his particular brand of caustic comment to cut the corn off numbers like the Beatles' *All You Need Is Love* and Paul McCartney's *Pipes of Peace*, and thirty-something businesspeople weep into town along the M1.

It's after 8, so most blacks are already at work. But let's assume that a taxi, bringing in a late consignment, is also tuned in: as George Harrison moans "Give me love, give me hope, give me peace on earth," the driver zips past a fleet of riot-control vehicles and over the result of domestic or sexual violence than being sprayed with gunfire as you take the 5.15 home from work.

But what defines a state of siege is as much the arbitrariness of violence as its scale. "In the past," says Lloyd Vogelman of the Centre for the Study of Violence at Wits University, "you could take some precautions to protect yourself. You might not be successful, but at least you had some control. Now, you can get killed just for coming home from work, or because you are Zulu or Xhosa, or because your home is opposite a hostel. It's the arbitrariness of this violence that is creating such a feeling of danger."

Kerry Gibson, a psychologist working in the Education Faculty at Wits University, explains that there are three ways of coping with the trauma that follows political violence: "You can maintain control by trying to gain a political understanding of the violence and formulating an opinion; you can act, either by fighting or fleeing, or you can turn to your community for support — either formally, through community organisations, or informally, by talking with others in lounges or on street corners."

And, adds Vogelman, there's a fourth: retribution, either violent or legal. "But the problem now is that, time after time, the perpetrators are getting away with it. They're not being chastised or punished in any way. So people are feeling impotent and helpless." And community workers and psychologists say that the other three coping mechanisms are proving ineffective too: it is almost impossible to keep community organisations intact when people are concerned primarily with staying alive, and people are finding it more difficult than ever to find meaning for or solutions to the current violence.

Certainly, if you flip your dial across the radio talkshows — South Africa's crackling electronic pulse — you'll find that every caller, white and black, has a surprisingly lucid explanation for the violence. And if you ask most township residents what the cause is, they will point to the armour-plated animals that are once again clanking through their neighbourhoods.

From Sharpeville to the State of Emergency, from the torturer's arsenal of interrogation tools to the streetfighter's necklacings, we have lived through so much brutality that its a wonder we South Africans can even contemplate a peaceful future. But in the past, the violence has been rational and systematised. In 1959 and 1976 and 1985, the divisions were clear: there was Good — the people — and Bad — the security forces. Now, though, even those who know exactly who the enemy is have difficulty pinning him down: he uses surrogates — migrant labourers and disaffected bandits — and he travels in unmarked vehicles. And he seems to have no logic in his choice of victims.

Faced with this, it is not surprising that whole communities are traumatised. A study conducted last week in the Tladi section of Soweto revealed that the majority of the residents are suffering from severe depression. And Reverend Paul Verryn, the Methodist minister for the Orlando West sector, says he has noticed, for the first time, a pervading depression in his congregation.

Verryn, who has much experience as a counsellor in Soweto, says that "when De Klerk made his February 2 announcements, he pulled the rug out from under the resistance movement. We had to learn how to be proactive rather than reactive". But, just as communities were reconstituting themselves after the Emergency and working towards being an active rather than a reactive force, the current violence hit.

Verryn explains the impact of this blow with the analogy of released detainees: "When detainees are released, they are allowed a brief moment of celebration before being slapped down with a heavy set of restrictions. We've found in counselling that this is when the most crippling trauma sets in: if February 2 was the people's euphoric release, then this violence is now our restriction."

Once again people's movement is being severely restricted. Sure, activists are no longer being placed under house arrest, but whole families are barricading themselves into their houses after dark. Sure, people may now move from the impoverished rural areas into the city but they will find their homes surrounded by razor wire. In the De Klerk era these restrictions might not be the direct action of the apartheid apparatus, but the effects are the same: enclosure, siege.

Before, says Verryn, "activists bore the brunt of the trauma. But now, the effects of the violence they felt for years are being generalised across whole communities".

On the one hand, this is simply another phase of a struggle that no one said was going to be easy. On the other, the pervading feelings of impotence, helplessness and despair point to a crisis of meaning in the mind of South Africa.

The psychotherapist who has noted an increase in concerns about the violence among his clients says that most of the people he sees are obsessed with the children — those abandoned or orphaned as a cause of this violence.

"I've been asking myself, why this obsession with children? And I think it's because this crisis has left all of us wondering about our own parents, our ideological parents, be they the ANC or the De Klerk government. How competent are these parents? Are they abandoning us? Or is their inaction opening the field for another, more dangerous parent to emerge as our leader — who can assuage our immediate needs, but who might destroy us in the long run."

remains of the past weeks' barricades. The occupants are relieved (last night was quiet) but tense: will this taxi be the next arbitrary victim of a seemingly arbitrary war? Will they lose their jobs because they were too terrified to make it in on Friday? And will the children be okay while their parents are away at work? Will there be a curfew tonight? Is this what Beirut feels like?

Meanwhile, a woman explodes on Mike Mills' 702 talkshow, giving voice to the fear that one can hear pricking just beneath the surface of the other, more tactful, white callers: "It's the bloody communists!" Uhuru. The Mau-Mau Massacres. They've come.

And those whites who are mature enough to reject this latest — and most Machiavellian — rendition of the *swart-gevaar* battlecry, feel helpless and lost, unable to act.

"I've been weepy for days now," confesses one activist. "And it's got to the stage where distress seems limitless and unspecific. I heard a news item that they were shooting the animals in the Baghdad Zoo, and I broke down. They're even eating animals in the zoo now, I sobbed, where will it end?"

Several Johannesburg psychologists explain that the trauma they have witnessed among their patients is an inability to differentiate between personal problems and the country's current spasms; between justified concern and uncontrolled panic.

"We are seeing more and more people who are being affected by this," says Vaughan Weeber of the 702 Crisis Clinic. "But they don't always identify the current situation as a reason for their anxiety. And we are finding, as expected, that personal problems are exacerbated by the violence."

A prominent clinical psychotherapist says that "while my clients occasionally bring in things from outside, I noticed last week that, after the train massacre, almost all the people I see wanted to speak about the current violence." He says that the younger therapists he supervises have come across the same phenomenon.

One psychologist talks of a client — a successful woman who works in the advertising business — who had family problems that she resolved several months ago. Last week, though, she returned for counselling because she felt her relationship with her husband was again on the rocks, and she was worried that she was losing control of her children. "We talked for a while," says the psychologist, "and it came out that the reason she was anxious was that she was scared and angry about the political situation." By putting more strain on already-delicate strands of family, work and friends, political instability can cause the whole web of society to collapse.

The fact is, with an average of 11 criminal murders a day, you've got more chance of being killed in a hold-up or as a

5 babies are born at church refuge

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WOMAN

By SIZAKELE KOOMA

THE births of five babies at Eden Park Roman Catholic Church, where most Phola Park families have sought refuge, were described as "a blessing" by a nun there.

But the mothers said the births had occurred at a difficult time.

Sister Fidelma said the births were symbolic of "something beautiful and humane happening during a time of misery."

About 30 percent of the women, who fled their homes when fierce fighting broke out between hostel dwellers and shack dwellers, are pregnant.

Mothers and their newborn babies share the crowded hall with many other families.

Their belongings were saved from fires and theft. The hall is teeming with women and toddlers, an environment that allows for little rest for mothers and the babies and is a high health hazard for the babies.

Mothers whose shacks were not razed, like Yalezwa Nokatshwa, go home during the day and come back to sleep at the hall in the evenings.

Calm

Nokatshwa said her husband felt it would be better for her and the child to spend the day at a calm and relatively conducive environment.

Others stay with their infants in the hall as their shacks were destroyed.

Nontando Sinekwa is not happy that she has to live with her one-week-old baby in the packed hall but she has nowhere else to go.

"I have not had problems with the child and I am not considering leaving the shelter. I guess I would be forced to find a suitable place if my child fell ill and the doctors said it was as a result of living here," Sinekwa said.

The only option for the women, who came to the city to be with their husbands, is to go back home.

No cash

Nine-months-pregnant Regina Sogiba would give anything to see herself back in Lady Frere, Transkei, but she does not have money for the fare.

Her husband lost his job and there is presently no income in the family.

The church provides clothing, milk and medication to the newborns and all families are given daily food rations.

Transkei Consul General Mr Victor Mditshwa said they had received a list of 208 people who wanted to go back home.

Help

"All the pregnant women who feel they are uncomfortable and everybody who wants to go back home will be assisted.

"We will also ensure that people who lost their jobs as a result of the carnage get them back. Employers should not use the violence as a reason to retrench workers," he said.



Sister Fimelda with Regina Sogiba and her two-year-old son.

Mandela warns as Soweto mourns

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By Helen Grange

Soweto came to a near standstill yesterday to attend what may have been the country's biggest funeral in decades.

Well over 50 000 people gathered inside and outside the Jabulani amphitheatre to mourn the death of 12 of the people killed during the six weeks of bloodshed that has racked Reef townships.

Many relatives collapsed with grief during the ceremony. The crowd sang and waved ANC and SACP flags while a police helicopter circled above.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, who made a surprise appearance at the funeral service, arrived to a rousing welcome.

He was accompanied by ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu; Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise; and Jackie Selebi, a youth leader and member of the ANC's national executive committee (NEC).

He told the hushed gathering that there was a growing demand from the people to be armed. He said the ANC regarded the demand as reasonable and the organisation would in future find it difficult to refuse.

"We are facing a bleak future and security forces are going to continue to shoot our people.

"We warn the State President and the Government that, if they continue to drag their feet and listen only to the point of view of whites and do not listen to us, they have a tragedy coming in this country."

Mr Mandela said the ANC would appeal to its members for discipline.

He had been asked by the press to appeal for peace and to ask his followers to stop fighting.

Father Emmanuel Lafont, who has been fasting for nearly two weeks, told the gathering that a new climate of reflection and understanding had come about in Soweto since last Thursday.

"Our people are more conscious, organised and less fearful. God has given us new strength, wisdom and unity.

"We must organise and plan in advance. We must create defensive mechanisms to defend ourselves and our organisations at all levels — in the streets, stations, on trains and in shops," he said.

Soweto residents, some holding their fists high and others supplying water to exhausted people going on foot, lined the streets as the procession moved slowly to Avalon cemetery.

The dead were finally buried late in the afternoon as relatives wept at their gravesides.

SAP: minibus killings linked

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By Monica Nicolson

Police have good reason to suspect that many of the recent murders involving gunmen in minibuses are linked.

A pattern is emerging where men armed with AK-47s randomly roam the busy streets in a white minibus before picking out crowded gathering-points to gun down people.

CID chief Lieutenant General Alwyn Conradie confirmed in a statement on Wednesday that the fatal shooting of three men and the death of a shopkeeper, Maria de Abrasius, were linked.

In both incidents, the victims were shot by gunmen in a white minibus travelling down Nugget Street, central Johannesburg, in the early evening of September 12.

Other similar shootings include various incidents where men in minibuses have driven through Tembisa, Tokoza, Katlehong and Soweto, firing random shots at passersby.

Police have pieced together the sequence of similar brutal shootings.

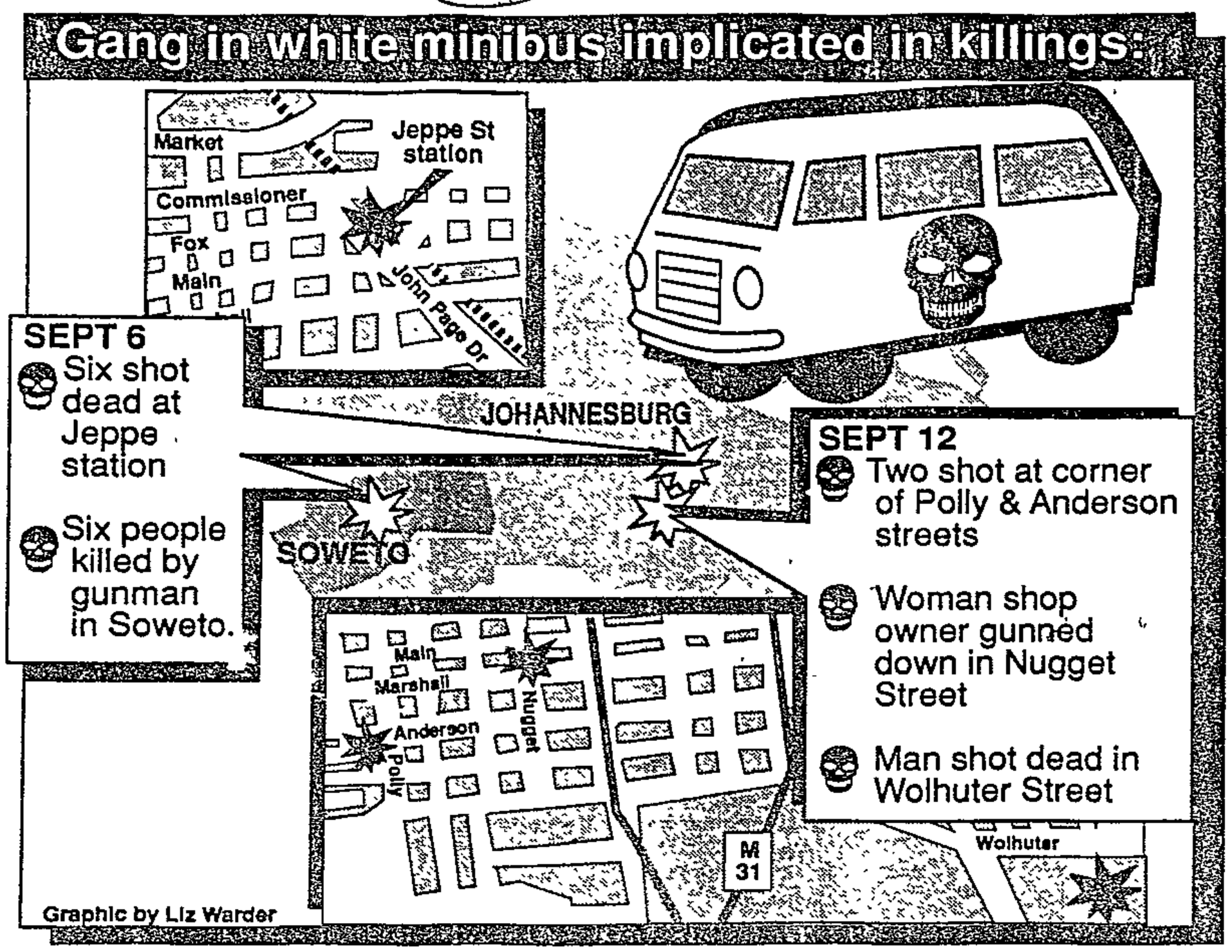
On September 6, six people were killed in Soweto by gunmen in a minibus. Hours later, six more people were killed at Jeppe station.

Two more men died on September 12 when gunmen opened fire on a taxi rank on the corner of Polly and Anderson streets in central Johannesburg. Their vehicle was then seen travelling to Wolhuter Street and the men shot a man dead outside the Wolhuter men's hostel in Jeppestown.

Many people, including Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu, believe these mindless murders of innocent people by mobile hit squads point to a sinster plot by well co-ordinated and organised gangs.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe strongly denied that the shootings were well orchestrated or carefully planned.

He described the murderers as "a bunch of disorganised cowards shooting at very easy targets. It's just madness. Anyone can drive around the crowded streets mowing down innocent bystanders by shooting out of minibus windows with deadly rifles."



'Train security not sufficient'

By Thabo Leshilo

Security arrangements to protect train commuters on the Reef in the wake of recent attacks in which they have been shot, stabbed and hurled from moving coaches still leaves much to be desired, according to a survey by The Star.

A train trip by The Star this week revealed that the only place at which Soweto commuters feel relatively safe was at stations such as Inhlazane, Merafe and Ikwezi, where there is a visible presence of armed guards.

A spokesman for Spoornet said there was security on trains, but referred The Star to the police for specifics.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said police were patrolling the trains but he would not elaborate.

● Passengers are warned to look out for a new breed of train crooks taking advantage of commuters' fears in the wake of recent attacks.

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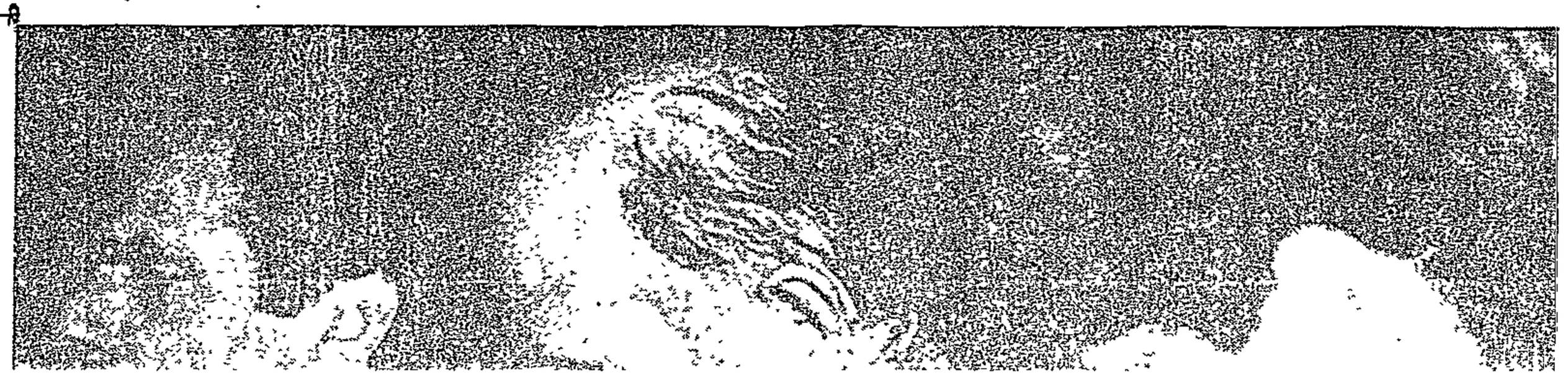
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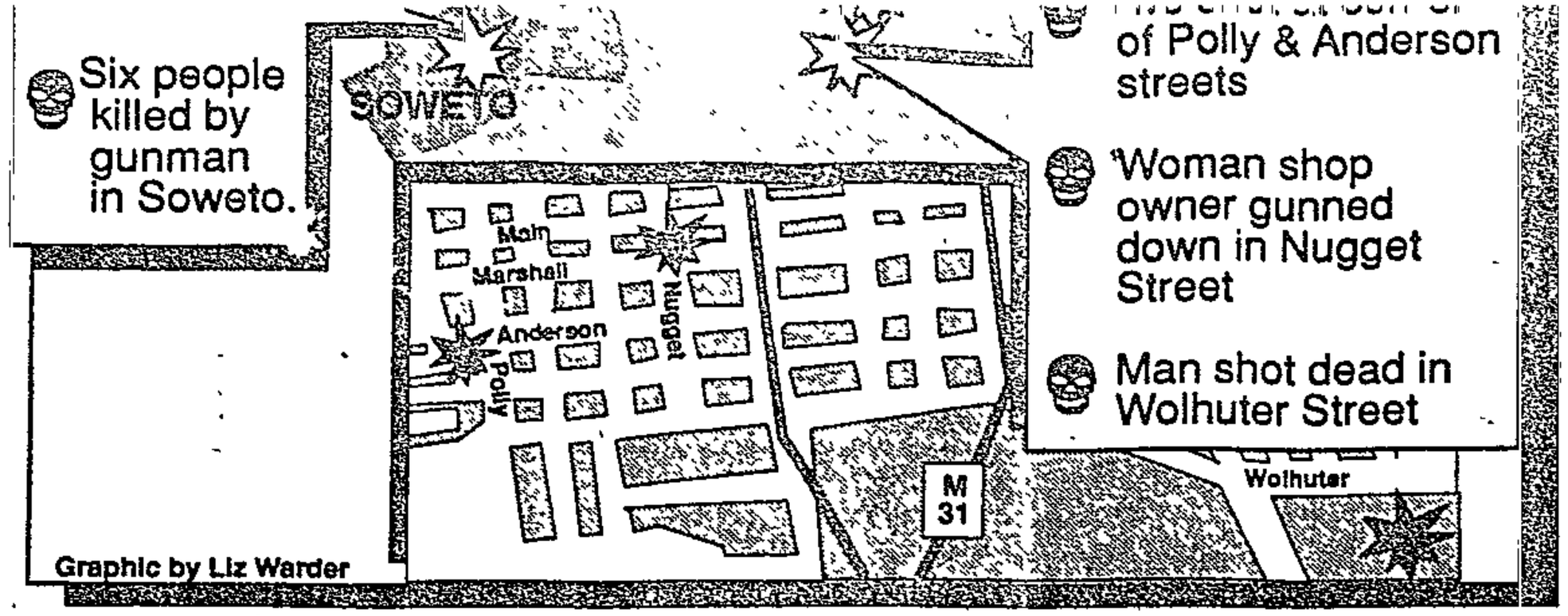
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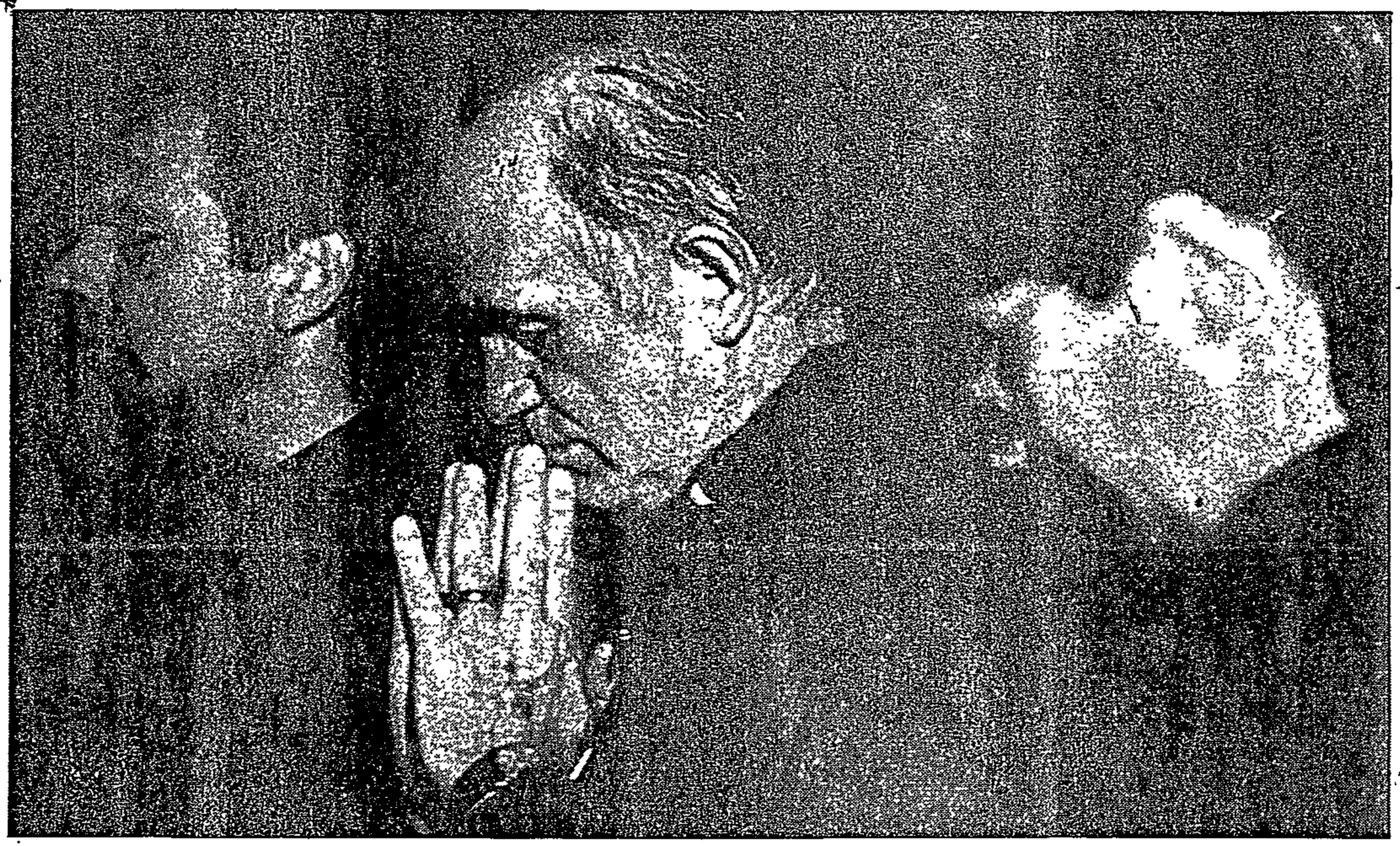
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They prayed for an end to violence and for peace in the country, "at the scene of the start of the merciless killings", said Mr Buchanan.

The prayer meeting, organised by the priest of Belgravia parish, the Reverend Andrew Dotchin, was prohibited by the acting chief magistrate on Wednesday.

Mr Buchanan told the police there that they would only pray for five minutes and the meeting would be very "low-key", and police gave their consent for it to go ahead.

Three truckloads of soldiers left the scene only minutes before the meeting started.

"Take from this country the need for bloodshed. Purge this place of the murder and evil, and claim it for Yourself," prayed Mr Buchanan.

'Iron Fist' under way

Staff Reporters

The first steps of Operation Iron Fist were taken in Soweto yesterday.

Stringent security measures to curb fighting started with the sealing-off of a Soweto hostel with razor wire.

The hunt for the killers carried on while "Iron Fist" began at the Merafe hostel, where many incidents of violence have taken place.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the erection of razor wire barricades around the Merafe and several other hostels was one of the measures announced recently by the police to bring peace and stability back to the area.

The aim of the razor wire barricades was twofold: to protect the hostel dwellers from attack and to prevent them from attacking other residents.

There will be only one entrance to and from the hostel, which will be manned continuously by the police as well as several foot patrols.

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By Dik Bro

A few days later he was aflame

By Gien Elsas,
West Rand Bureau

A Soweto man, who told The Star he was upset by the attitude of some Church leaders who visited Reef townships last week, was the same man who appeared in photographs days later being hacked, stabbed and burnt alive.

Last week The Star conducted an interview with Linder Tshabalala, who was upset by the action of church and other leaders after a visit to the area by church dignitaries.

A few days later South Africa was shocked by pictures of Mr Tshabalala being attacked, stabbed and set alight.

Mr Tshabalala had described himself in the interview as an apolitical resident who just wanted fairness and a chance to get on with his life in peace.

His brother said he was horrified at the way Mr Tshabalala had died as he had not been involved in any unrest.

Mr Tshabalala was an eyewitness during a visit by church leaders to Soweto last Tuesday.

He told The Star: "I am upset and horrified by what I experienced and now wonder if our leaders, church and otherwise, really do want to find a solution to our crisis or if they are just pawns dancing to the tune demanded by their particular audience at any given time.

"I was here when the unrest in Soweto started. I read various articles and letters and saw television interviews in which different parties and organisations were held responsible for the unrest in Soweto.

"After it was announced in the media last week that the SAP was put in charge of the unrest areas, there was suddenly an increase in violence in these areas all over the Witwatersrand. In the meantime the Minister of Law and Order held discussions with several leaders in Soweto. After this, more accusations were flung at the feet of the SAP.

"The police in Soweto have undertaken several projects to help the community — from soup for the pensioners on pension day to the starting of a band for the youth. These are all projects aimed to improve the quality of our lives and they show me that the police are serious about their tasks and responsibilities," he said.

"Our State President jumped the queue and took the initiative by visiting Soweto. He was open and honest during discussions and admitted that the only force able to stop the disorder and install law and order was the police. Despite his visit, renewed violence broke out.

"I regard myself as an impartial resident and I, and many others, agree that the senseless murder of an innocent Zulu man who was on his way to work last Thursday was the cause of the violence.

"Suddenly the residents living in the western areas of the township grabbed the opportunity and made the police the scapegoats for the violence.

"Church leaders climbed on the bandwagon and tried to defend what leaders like Nelson Mandela, Sisulu and others were saying by carrying out 'Christian' visits to the area.

"Yesterday the Reverend Frank Chikane and his following visited the township. They went to the Tladi squatter camp without the SAP. Then the honourable reverend wanted to visit the Merafe hostel.

"The police were asked to meet them on the way as they felt it was unsafe to go there without police protection. Two unarmed police officers accompanied the reverend through the hostel. I was there.

"Rev Chikane prayed for the hostel residents and moved across the road where he spoke to a group of youths. They asked him questions, especially concerning the police.

"The reverend actually replied fairly positively concerning his police escort and the police role in the township. He thanked the police in front of us for escorting him at the hostel and on his way to and from the hostel.

"Less than a half an hour passed and the reverend, his following and I went to the same church where the morning's activities had started.

"Several speakers addressed the dignitaries and church representatives. They slated the police and insinuated they were the scum of the earth. And without a word of contradiction the reverend, who had asked the police to protect him, agreed, through his silence, with what the speakers were saying.

"Where and how must we find a solution to the problems facing the new South Africa if we cannot even open our eyes and see what is happening before us? We must learn to stand by our convictions and at least give credit where credit is due," Mr Tshabalala concluded.



1 **Death sentence . . . Linder Tshabalala, accused of being a Zulu supporter of Inkatha, is pulled across a railway line by a group of ANC supporters.**



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● **Pictures by Sebastia**



An uncanny quiet falls on last week's war zones

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By PHILIPPA GARSON

AN uncanny quiet has descended on Reef townships which days ago resembled war zones.

But the aftermath of war is apparent, with many of the strife-torn areas now deserted and at least 300 unidentified bodies — victims of last week's battles — lying in government mortuaries.

According to police reports there have been almost no incidents of violence since the weekend.

East Rand police liaison officer Captain Ida Van Zweel attributed the lull to the implementation of Operation Iron Fist. "It is all quiet now ... there were rumours of violence in Sebokeng but it seems that nothing is going on. It's very peaceful."

A man was however found necklaced in the township on Monday night.

Van Zweel said four bodies were found in Daveyton after a battle outside a hostel early in the week, where "two groups of Xhosas" allegedly attacked the hostel late on Sunday night.

Another panga attack occurred on a train travelling between two West Rand stations where a gang attacked passengers, injuring six people, one seriously. One person was thrown off the train.

A Witwatersrand police spokesperson rejected the term "Iron Fist" as an expression coined by the media.

"We don't refer to the new measures as Iron Fist. They are normal procedures to restore peace to the townships", he said

Residents on the East Rand have still not returned to the war-torn areas and destroyed hostels and burnt-out shacks are all that remain on the scenes of recent battles there.

Many hostels, ravaged by the war, now stand vacant. Bosbok hostel in Vosloorus was the site of a battle between hostel dwellers and township residents early this week.

According to Kevin Carter, *Weekly Mail* photographer on the scene after the battle, "burned out cars, broken windows and wreckage of every description lies scattered about".

The hostel was deserted save for a "watchman", Peter Mokhobo, who was guarding the belongings of hostel dwellers at two vacant blocks. "We had to get out quick and could not take our things with us," he said

About 500 shackdwellers from Phola Park squatter camp near Thokoza, whose meagre homes were burnt down in battles last week against Inkatha supporters, are still camping at the Catholic Church in the nearby coloured township of Eden Park.

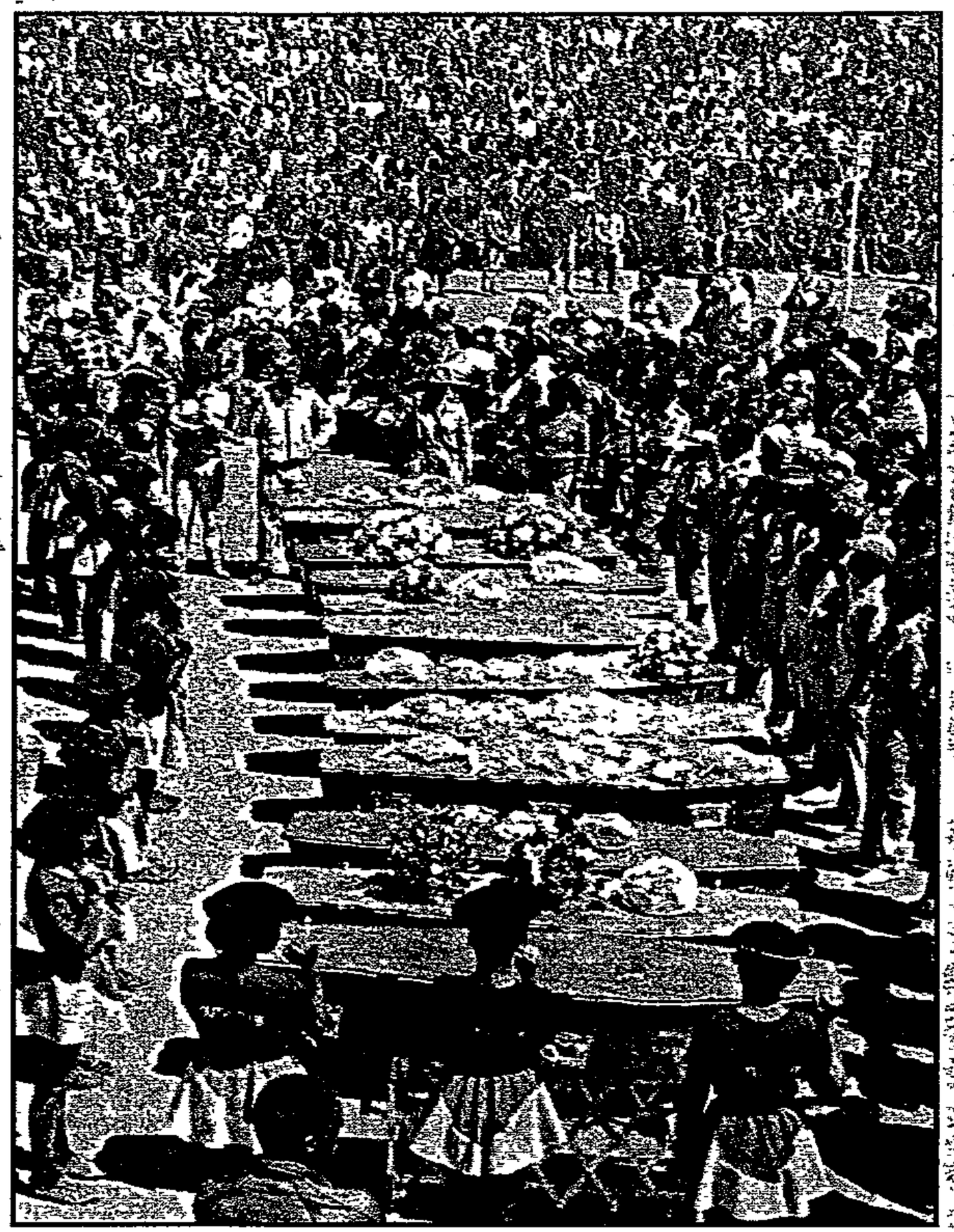
A priest at the church, Father Kevin Bugler said a meeting had been held this week between community representatives and service organisations to pinpoint the needs of the homeless people.

Bugler said at least 1 200 shacks were razed last week, and he had records of 117 destitute families. Many others were staying with friends and relatives.



Starting over again ... Phola Park resident Lennox Zanindaba rebuilds his shack which was destroyed in the violence. Picture: KEVIN CARTER

ANC warns on State's aim to disarm blacks



Twelve victims of the recent violence in Reef townships were given a mass burial in Soweto yesterday after a service attended by thousands of mourners at Jabulani Amphitheatre. Pic: Reuters

By DON SEOKANE and Sowetan Correspondent

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday said the measures implemented by the Government to quell the violence was aimed at disarming the liberation movements and black people while arming whites.

Mandela was speaking to more than 15 000 people at the service for 12 unrest victims at the Jabulani Amphitheatre.

The service was attended by an ANC delegation including Mr Walter Sisulu, national executive committee member Mr Jackie Selebi and Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Joe Modise.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said no incidents were reported and the funeral service went on smoothly.

Except for the ANC, the service was dominated by priests, who in the words of one of them, gave "theological reflections on the orchestration of violence".

The people who were buried yesterday were: Benny and Martin Maboa, of Tladi Camp; Abram Mlangeni and Benjamin Ramatlotlo, also of Tladi Camp; Mapule Motshwana of Orlando East; Sabata Makhanya of Mofolo South; Mickey Nyame of Naledi; Solomon Seema of Naledi Extension; Elias Theola of Mapetla; Lessy Mosetlhe of Moletsane; David Motseme of Central Western Jabavu; and Benjamin Khanye of Mapetla.

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The Vosloorus Crisis Committee said 10 victims of the recent violence in the township would be buried at a mass funeral tomorrow after a service at the local stadium at 10am.

Local ANC official official Mr Elliot Sogoni expressed concern over the delay in post-mortems conducted on the bodies.

The people to be buried are Ntsheteka Zwane, Butiki Selebe, Nantu Chauke, Evaton Mathaka, Sipho Mathe, Vusi Shabangu, Amos Gama, Alfred Zulu, Amstrong Tsoke and Mbewu Tsotsojane.

Sogoni said 22 of the 89 hostel refugees living at a local hall would be integrated into the community and the rest, who were unemployed, would be sent to the bantustans.

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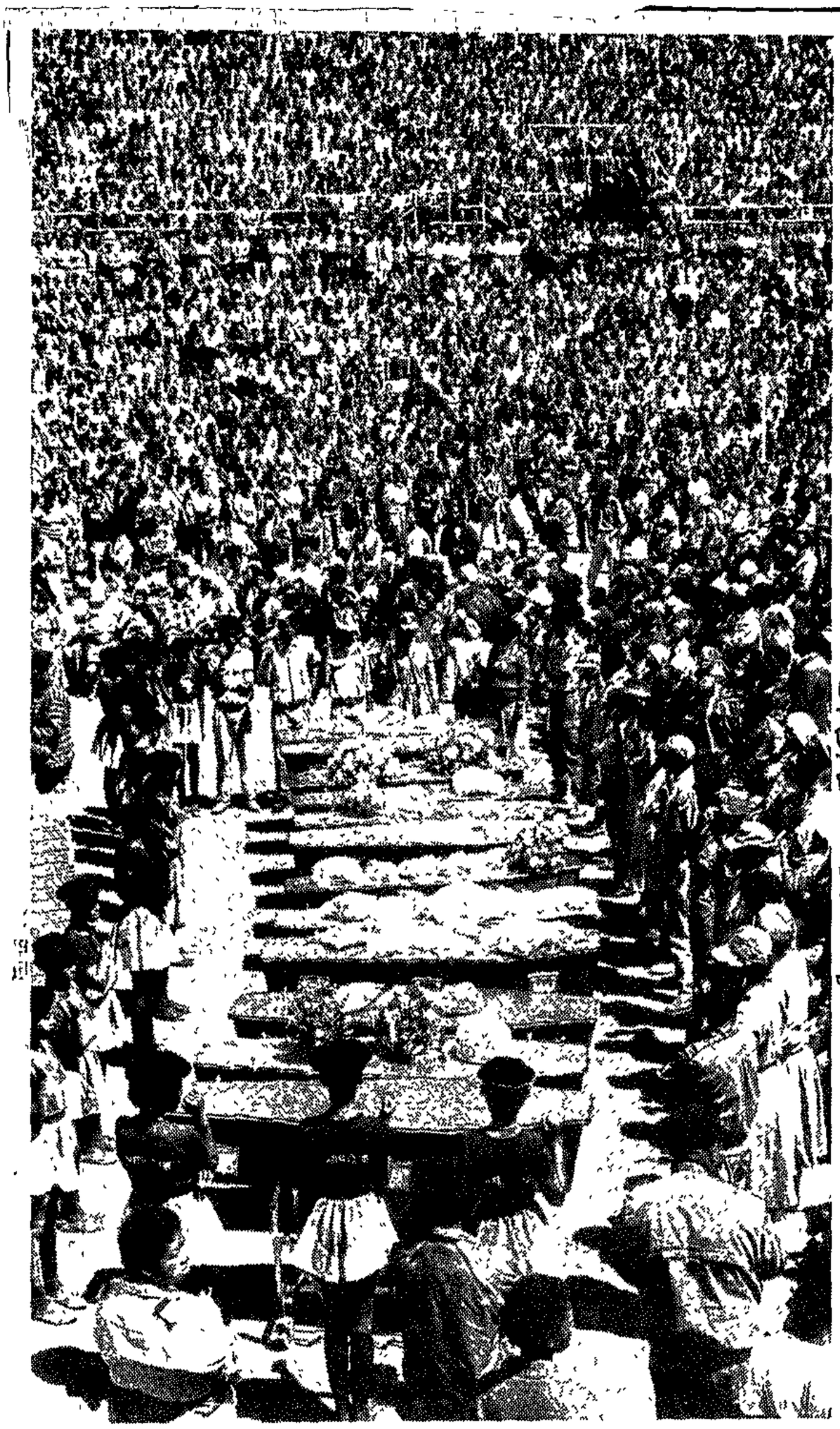
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CASINO opens Sat. 22 with SPECIALS



Colourful ANC and SACP flags were draped around the Jabulani Stadium yesterday and women formed a guard of honour around the 12 coffins of those killed in the recent Reef violence Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK

Stadium packed for funeral of 12 violence victims

By PHILIPPA GARSON

THOUSANDS of people heeded the stayaway call and flocked to the mass funeral of 12 victims of the Reef violence at Jabulani Stadium in Soweto yesterday, amid a heavy security force presence. Shops were closed and children thronged the streets. Armoured vehicles patrolled, keeping a close watch on the funeral proceedings.

At least 15 000 mourners, many bedecked in African National Congress colours, filled the stadium to capacity.

Midway through the proceedings ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, sparking great excitement among the crowd. He arrived with internal ANC leader Walter Sisulu, Umkhonto we Siswe commander-in-chief Joe Modise and Jackie Selebi, youth leader and NEC member.

While a police helicopter circled above Mandela said the wave of violence on the Reef was not "black-on-black" violence but instigated by a "third force operating in this country, a third force which is backed by the same security forces which are supposed to maintain law and order in this country. These are the people who are shooting and killing our people".

While appealing for discipline and "commitment to the peace process" a weary-looking Mandela spoke of the possibility of forming defence units and arming soldiers who had recently laid down their arms.

"There is a widespread demand amongst our people that they should be armed. We regard this demand as reasonable and it willbe difficult for us to oppose ..."

Mandela said the government would have to discuss a joint approach with the ANC if it wanted to end the the violence.

After the speeches the crowd sang the national anthem and then streamed to the Avalon cemetery some kilometres away.

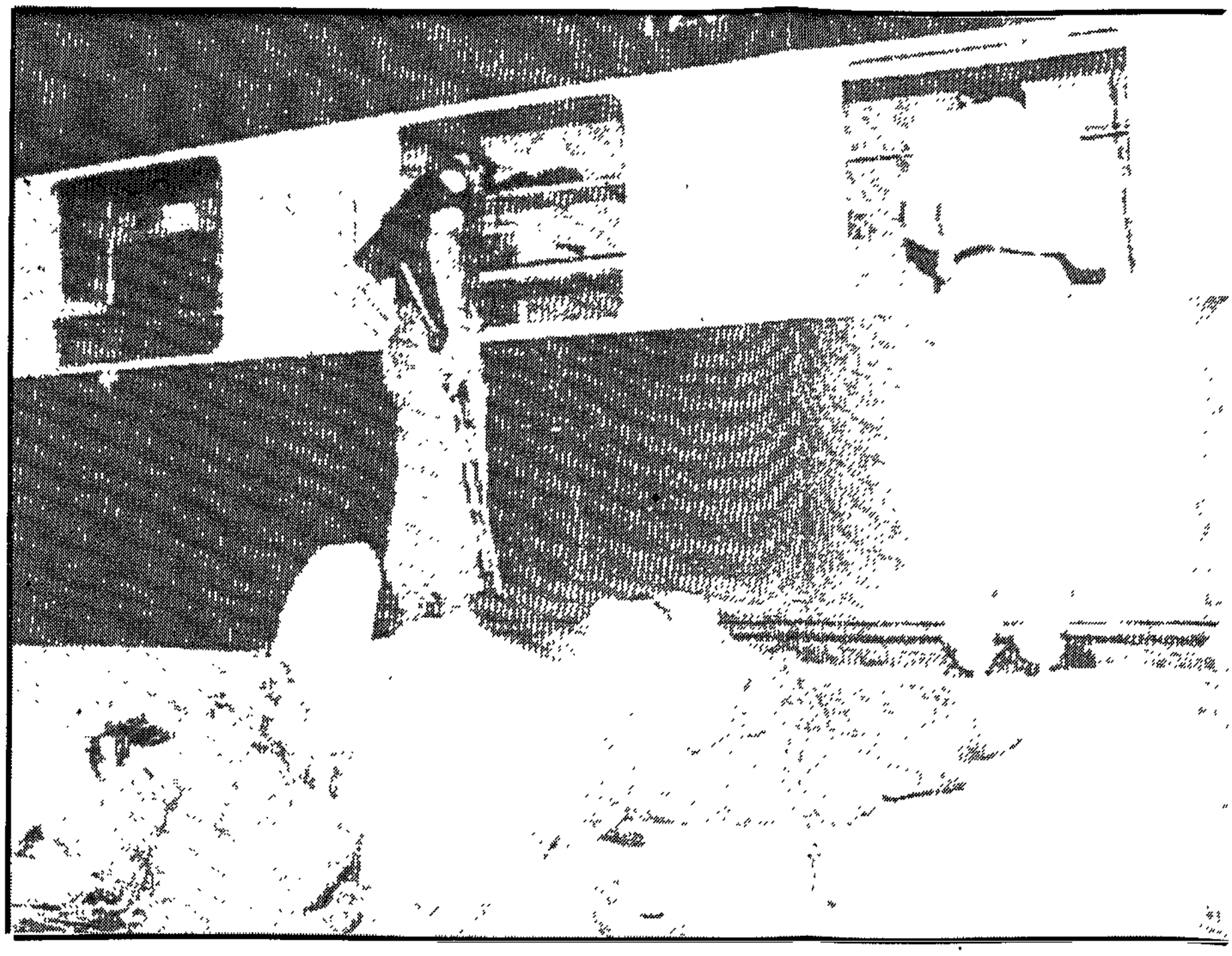


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Brutal attacks on innocent people aboard a moving train, as demonstrated so tragically on the Reef recently, strike fear into the hearts of commuters and shock the public.

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WEEKEND ARGUS SPECIAL REPORT

Fears of 'Renamo' group in taxi, train killings

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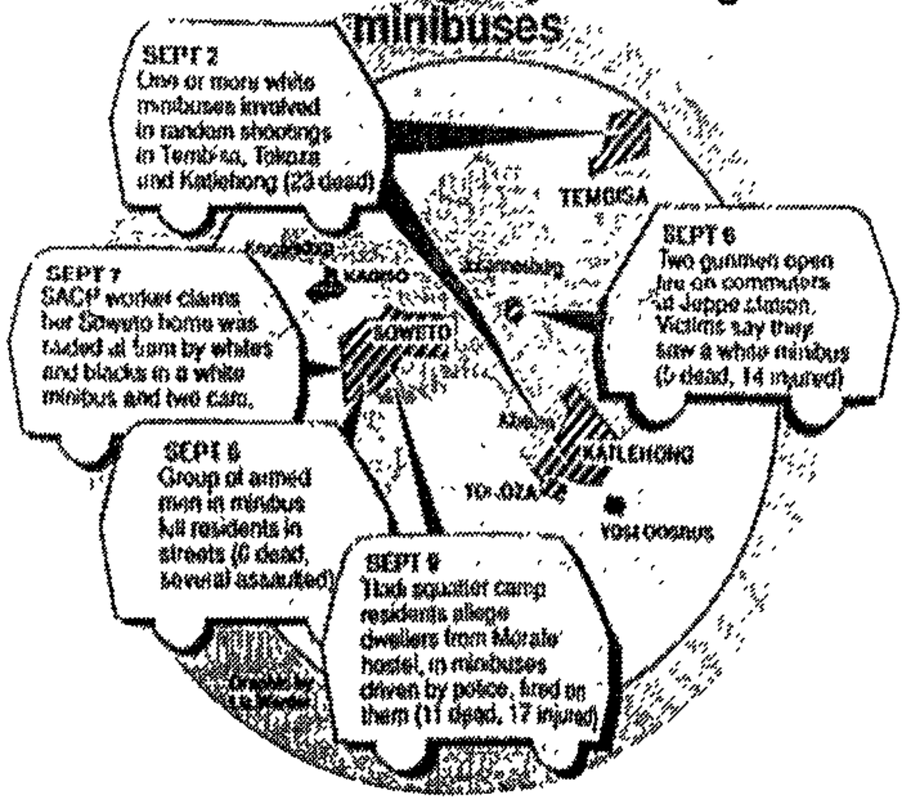
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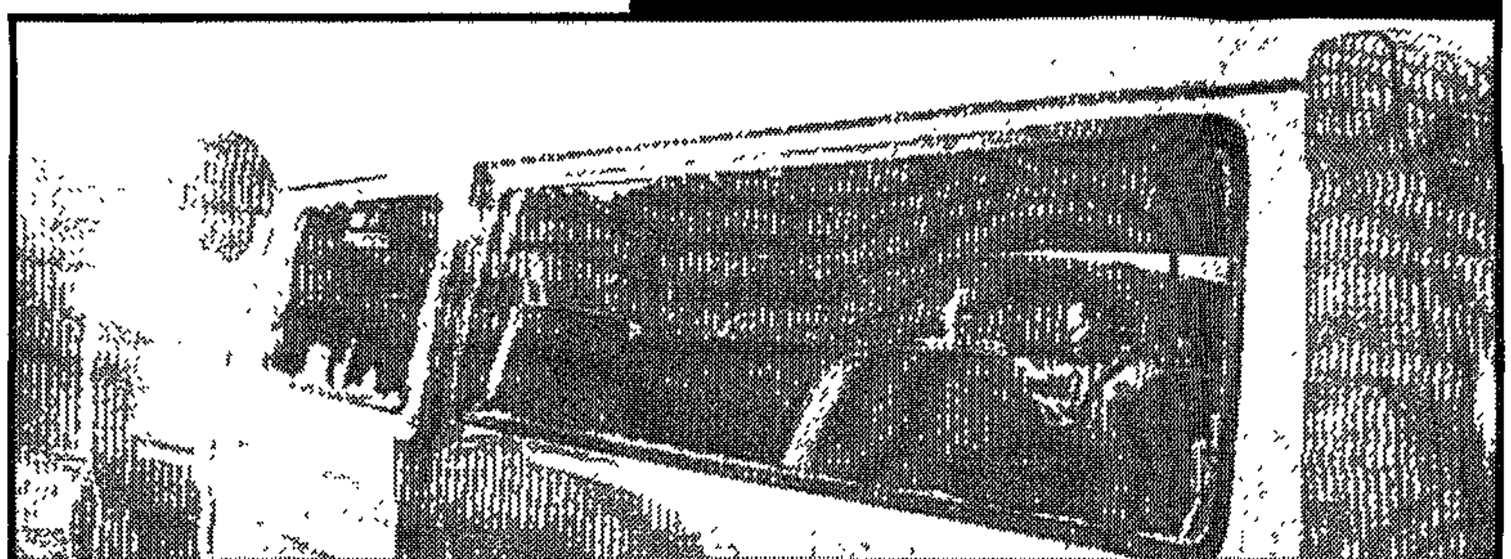
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Among those who see danger signals is Pretoria political consultant Dr Jan du Plessis, who has often spoken in SABC-TV news programmes on issues like terrorism and communism.

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He suggests the very fact that the killers consistently go for users of public transport show there is more behind the killings than meets the eye.

The killers, says Dr Du Plessis, choose to strike in the most cold-blooded and brutal manner to create terror and at the same time to attract maximum public and media attention to their deeds.

This, according to Dr Du Plessis, is a typical pattern in terrorist attacks aimed at intimidating whole populations and ultimately at paralysing society into a state of continuing fear and inaction Such attacks by small, trained groups are usually orchestrated by a force behind the scenes. The motive may be to prepare the way for seizing power, but here Dr Du Plessis emphasises such moves could come from the left or the right of the political spectrum — or even from elsewhere.

His warning is that until evidence emerges as to who is behind such attacks, people and groups should refrain from pointing fingers at one another This could be dangerous in that it would fuel disputes and tensions in society and thereby play into the hands of any manipulators behind the scenes who want to destabilise society.

Dr Du Plessis bases his opinion on international writings and studies, some of which are now banned in South Africa.

One source of information which he regards as important for understanding what goes on in the mind of the terrorist is a book entitled *Mini-manual of the urban guerilla*, by Carlos Marighella, a South American. This book has been banned in South Africa since 1977 and is still on the banned list.

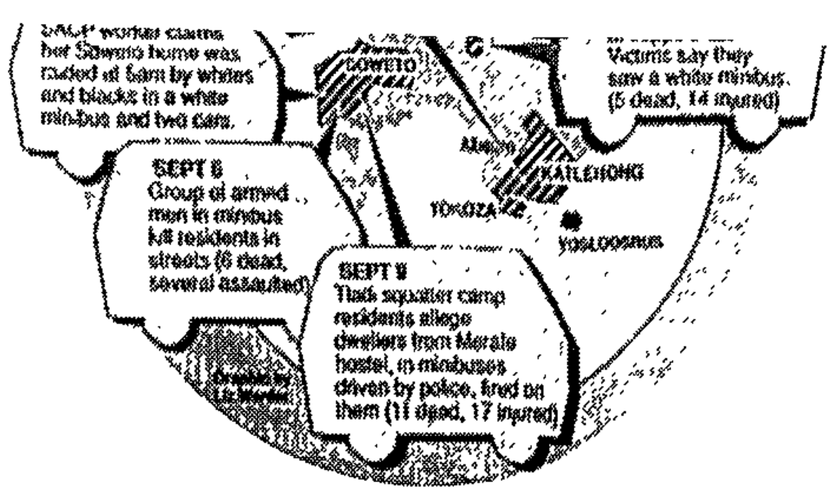
Dr Du Plessis says it shows that indiscriminate terrorist killings — like those on the Reef — are not necessarily aimed directly at the political system or at the police, but at the population.

"What they want to do is to get the population out of the way, to push them aside, to paralyse them with fear so that they don't get in the way of future moves."

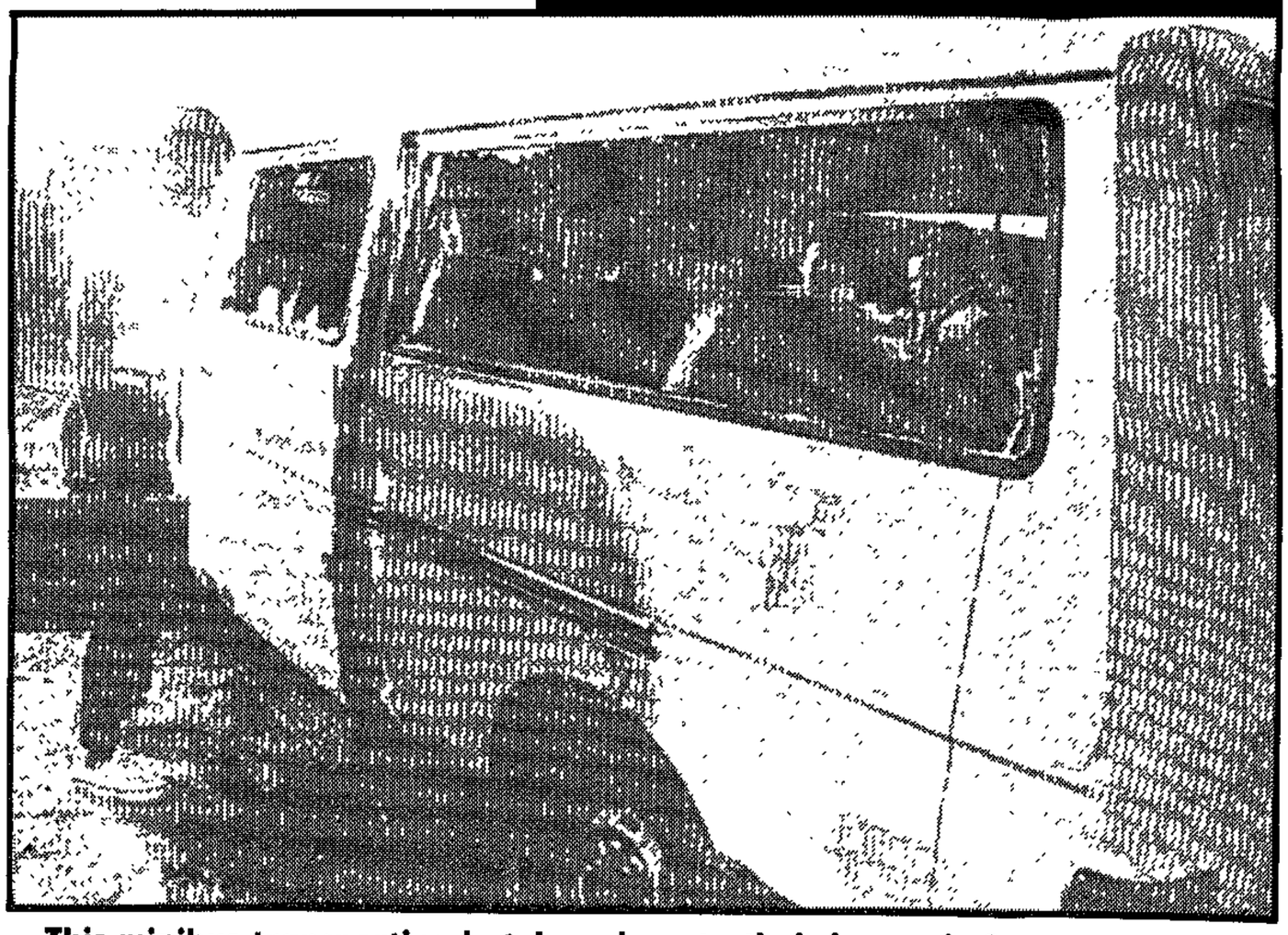
This kind of terrorist is not interested in discussion or stability. His only interest is power. He knows the dilemma of the authorities in hunting him is that the measures and action needed cause upheaval in the communities concerned. Such people operated in Algeria at the height of that country's crisis and eventually whole neighbourhoods were virtually under military siege in the hunt to track them down.

Where do such attacks begin? Marighella's advice to terrorists, according to Dr Du Plessis, is to launch their attacks on public transport systems.

group in taxi, train killings



KOMBI KILLINGS



This minibus transporting hotel workers to their homes in Soweto recently was ambushed when gunmen opened fire with AK-47 rifles, leaving three seriously hurt.

FROM Dr Du Plessis's information it seems clear that such attacks — whatever the motives and whoever is behind them — have backing from people or forces believing they are strong and clever enough to challenge the might of a powerful state security establishment.

This is one possibility, although there are many others, right down to that of psychopaths or criminals operating on their own for "kicks".

However some observers believe that while there is no evidence to identify a "third force" behind the Reef attacks, it would still be unwise to rule out the possibility of a Renamo-type organisation in the background.

The immense human suffering and devastation caused by Renamo — previously backed by the South African government and elements of its security establishment — has left Renamo with the image of one of the cruellest and most sinister forces in Southern Africa.

The question is frequently asked — are the South Africans who were involved still around? What are they doing now?

A recent United States government report on global terrorism says Renamo, throughout its 15-year insurgency, has continued to direct terrorist attacks against the population of Mozambique. The insurgents frequently attack "soft targets" such as villages, schools, factories and relief convoys, with civilians killed daily, while others are deliberately mutilated or pressed into service as porters. There have been several large-scale massacres of civilians, and according to a US government publication over 100 000 civilians are estimated to have been killed in 1986-88.

The Mozambican civil war is reported to have claimed 500 000 lives since it began in the mid-1970s. According to South African statistics, more than a million people have been displaced inside Mozambique and 750 000 refugees have fled to neighbouring countries.

With such a catastrophe unfolding on our doorstep, who can ignore even the vaguest signs or fears that its shadow may be moving over in our direction?

The US report on global terrorism notes that the SA government states it no longer supports the Renamo insurgency. However the report says "some private entities within the country may be providing some assistance" and Mozambique has asked that Pretoria do more to halt this aid.

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South Africa's class

Apartheid's right-wing apologists believe township violence is fue

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RIGHT-WING commentators in Britain and South Africa, having feasted long and well on the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, are now turning their attention to South Africa, seeking still further opportunities to gorge themselves on righteous vindication.

All this violence in the townships shows that we were right all along, they say Those white liberals have been exposed for what they are, dreamers deluded by their vision of a South Africa in which all races live in harmony But, say the right-wingers, they never understood Africa the way we do

We have always known that to understand Africa you must understand tribalism, they say The historic conflict between the Zulus and the Xhosas is what the slaughter of the last five weeks has been all about. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Inkatha's Zulu leader, has always understood this, the right-wingers believe Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader who fraternises with communists, imagined that tribalism could be swept under the carpet and a non-racial *unitary* nation — as the slogan goes — forged How naive Mandela and his white liberal acolytes have been

Thus do they gloat If only life in general, and in South Africa in particular, were so amenable to armchair definition.

To refute the "tribalism" argument is so simple that it is almost embarrassing The violence in the townships around Johannesburg has been an extension of the violence in Natal province, where some 4 000 people have died in the last five years. Those killing each other in Natal are *all* Zulus — Zulus who support the African National Congress and Zulus who support Inkatha

Further undermining the notion of the Zulu tribe as a monolith led by one formidable leader, is the fact that when Mr Mandela, a Xhosa chieftain, appeared at a rally in Durban after his release from prison, 100 000 Zulus paid homage

In Soweto, to name but one of the battlegrounds of recent weeks, Zulu residents make up approximately 40 percent of the population They have been on the receiving end of the Inkatha hostel-dwellers' knives just as much as the Xhosas, Sothos, Shangaans and all the rest. Zulus have been patrolling streets of Soweto at night to defend their homes against attack by Inkatha warriors

So if tribalism is not the problem, what is?

In essence, of course, it is about power — on this all would agree. The Government and the ANC thought that together they could hammer out the shape of post-apartheid South Africa and, in the process, end up sharing power between themselves Chief Buthelezi, who has long cherished a vision of himself as an equal — at least — of Mr Mandela's, was not happy about this Nor was the white right wing

Violence, as in Natal, is the most effective instrument of political persuasion that Inkatha possesses And again, as in Natal, the right-wing security forces — time-warped in the P W Botha era — saw a pleasing confluence of interests The details of who schemed what and when have not yet been revealed But that, in general terms, is the politics of what is going on.

A much more interesting question, and a more difficult one to answer, is why individuals have shown such a savage propensity to kill innocent people? Just as interesting is why things have gone so out of control, why leadership has failed to impose order? The answers to both questions are related.

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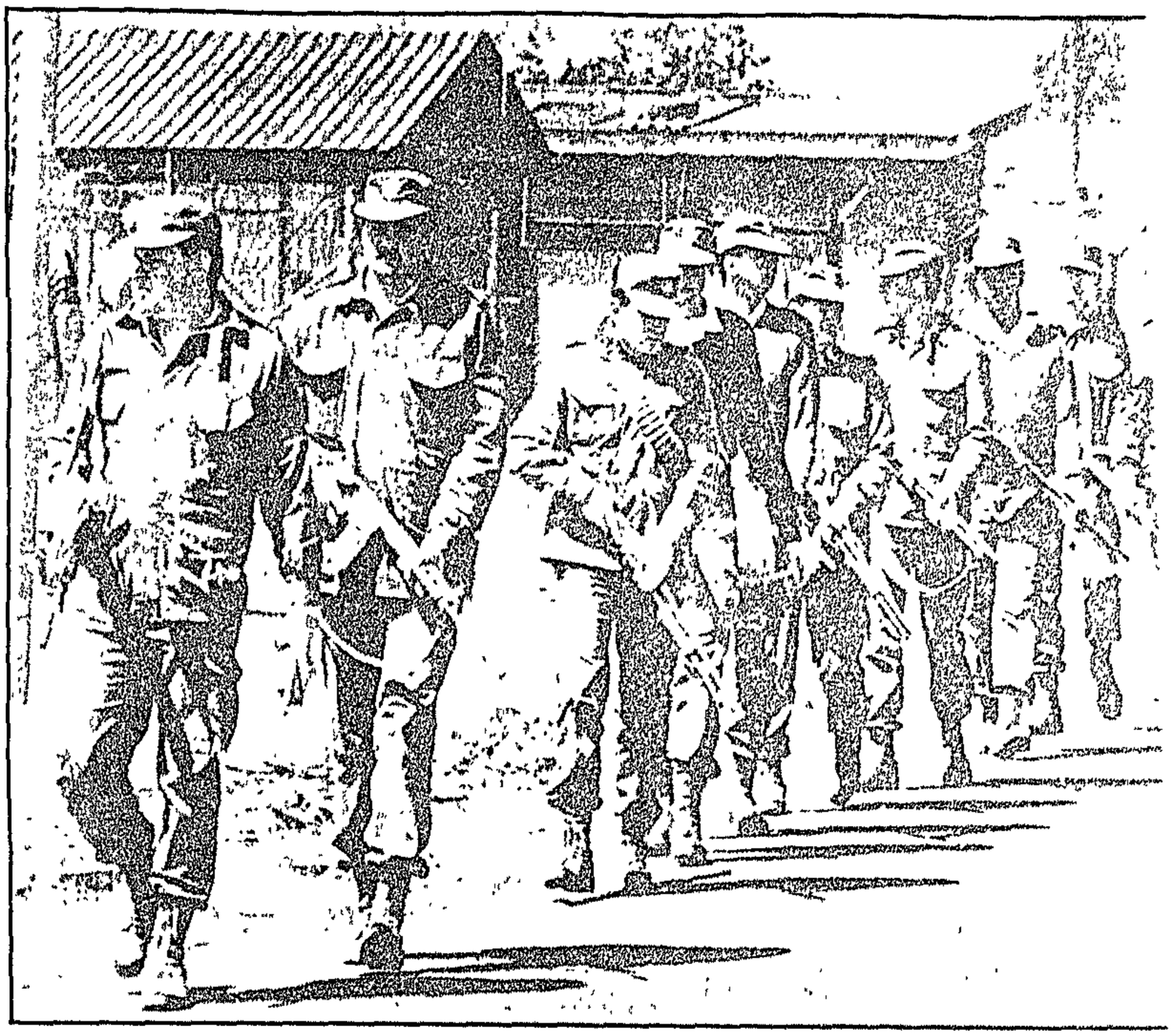
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Both are lawyers by training Both are men of peace who, until the middle of last month, were able to nurture the dream that together, in an environment in keeping with the solemnity of the courtroom, they would be able to pen the constitution of "the new South Africa" — a term each loves to employ

Everything was on course. They already had clear in their minds the broad outline of the political system they wanted. Bargaining and compromise would resolve the details The danger always was that they would be setting about their task far above the heads of their respective constituencies. Blithely — as is clear in retrospect — they thought they could wipe the slate clean They throught they could factor out the country's history, the decades-old accumulation of hate and prejudice, of poverty and injustice.

They have been awakened rudely from the dream Potholes were expected on the road of change Some bloodshed, too But nothing on this scale What the violence has done is expose the gap between the two leaders and their respective consituencies, the organisations from which they believe they derive their power.

The police force, the security establishment on which government builds its authority, is not dancing to Mr de Klerk's tune They don't want "the just new South Africa in which discrimination on the basis of race is a thing of the past" The question did not arise while the country was relatively at peace But now one must ask, is Mr de Klerk in control? Is he in touch?

The same goes for Mr Mandela and the National Executive Committee of the ANC, the organisation's top leadership body, most of whose members are now home after long exiles What capacity has Mr Mandela to restrain the angry township youth? The problem at hand requires shrewd thinking, not fighting fire with fire To do battle with Chief Buthelezi on his own terms — the youth ask for weapons and the ANC threatens to provide them — is a recipe for disaster

There has to be a clever way to deal with the chief, but the ANC leadership lacks the lines of communication to convey such a message to its militants To look at the ANC now is to see a head without a body, or rather a body which is not responding to the dictates of the head

Mr Mandela's problem and Mr de Klerk's are essentially the same. The class issue again comes into the picture The two men are educated patricians, men of reason, pragmatists aware of the limits of the politically possible But that is not the way in which politics have been conducted in South Africa Not until now. The white policeman in the township offers a faithful and not-too-extreme political expression of much of white South Africa, and probably a majority of Afrikaners The youthful militant has a monopoly on the energy of ANC liberation politics Politics is about confrontations, about raw emotions

All of this indicates that today the Inkatha leadership and the right-wing leadership are more in tune with their people than the ANC or the Government Mr Mandela and Mr de Klerk face a political challenge now the likes of which they never anticipated If they fail to rise to it, the new South Africa, as Archbishop Desmond Tutu said last week, is "for the birds". — The Independent, London.

ANC sees curfew as licence to hunt people

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STAFF REPORTERS

THE African National Congress last night rejected out of hand the impending curfew slapped on strife-torn Witwatersrand, saying it gave police "license to hunt people as if they are game".

The measure, announced by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday, is part of "Operation Iron Fist", the police effort to stop township violence.

The steps have met with mixed reaction from township residents.

The Democratic Party's spokesman on law and order, Denis Worrall, welcomed the measures, saying drastic steps were required to rectify a drastic situation.

"While a curfew limits the movement of law-abiding citizens, it is a measure to keep the instigators off the streets," he said.

Violence subsided markedly this week following joint appeals for peace by King Goodwill Zwelithini Ka Bhekuzulu and Paramount Chief Tutor Ndamase, the Transkeian President, last Sunday.

The new Iron Fist regulations — to be imposed in Vosloorus, Tokoza, Katlehong, Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof and Dobsonville — restrict residents to their homes from 9 pm to 4 am from Tuesday.

Employees can be exempted if they carry written proof from employers that the curfew will interfere with their work. However, police may arrest people without a warrant and detain them for 12 hours to verify the validity of their documents.

Anyone convicted of breaking the curfew may face a maximum fine of R1 000 or six months imprisonment.

In a strongly worded statement, the ANC said: "The 12-hour detention without trial on mere suspicion or opinion of a police officer is a return to the most barbaric form of repression. The curfew will have the effect of lessening the capacity of the people to hold meetings, build organisation and defend themselves from vigilantes. It gives licence to the police to hunt people as if they are game."

The curfew was not "aimed at the perpetrators of violence, but at the communities", the ANC said.

"We would not be surprised if the result of these measures is the outbreak of large-scale vigilante attacks on communities that we experienced at the beginning of the violence in the Transvaal."

Soweto community leader Sister Bernadette Ncube said: "This is like carrying a pass all over again. Just imagine the potential harassment".

Soweto teacher, Mr T J Mokoena, said: "I just want it (the violence) to stop. Whether the Government introduced Iron Fist, or any other tough measure, it must be stopped."

In Vosloorus women living in houses neighouring a hostel welcomed the curfew if it would "cool down the horrible violence".

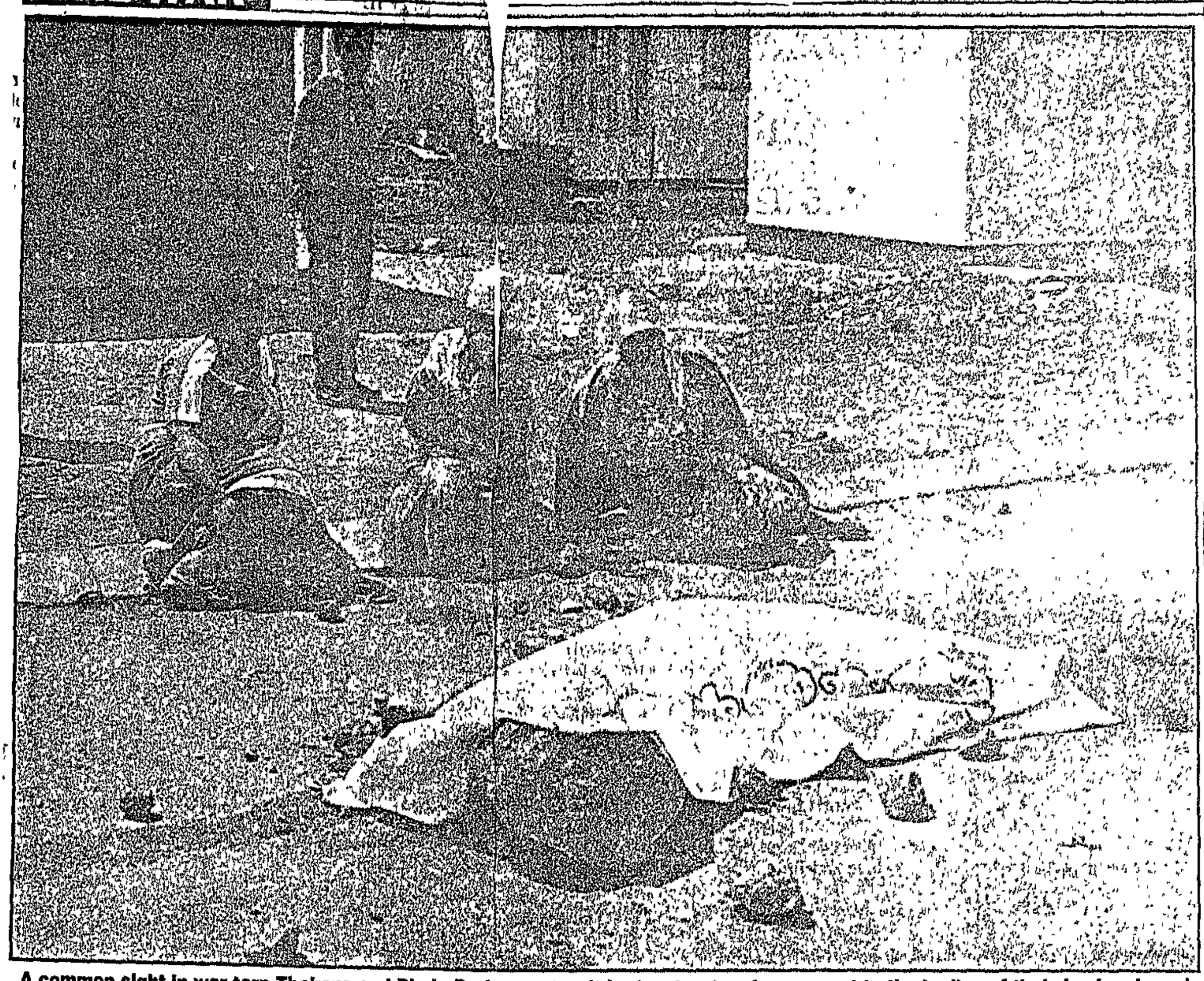
Soweto telecommunication technician Muzi Shongwe said the curfew was unreasonable and would not work. "The police won't stop the violence with this curfew. They can only worsen their poor relationship with township residents," he said.

A National Union of Mineworkers spokesman Jerry Majatladi said thousands of workers would be affected by a "recipe for disaster" that amounted to a serious violation of basic human rights.

National Taverners' Association chairman Lucky Michaels said while a curfew might assist in curbing violence, it would badly affect township business. "It will kill the shebeens, which represent 70 percent of the liquor industry and 90 percent of township trading," he said.

● Addressing a plenary session of the President's Council yesterday, Mr Vlok said that from June 1 to September 10 this year, 110 incidents of terrorism occurred. Of these, 82 acts were committed by suspected radical leftists and 28 by rightists. This was a sharp increase compared with the 77 incidents which occurred between January 1 and May 31 this year.

CIVIL WAR



A common sight in war-torn Thokoza and Phola Park: women sit in the street and weep next to the bodies of their husbands and loved ones. In recent weeks almost 800 people have died in clashes between residents and hostel dwellers on the Reef.

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Our beloved country weeps

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE sight of weeping women sitting next to the bodies of their dead husbands, or loved ones, has become common in most trouble-torn black townships like Phola Park.

Clashes between residents and hostel dwellers have continued for weeks and have so far claimed the lives of almost 800 people on the Reef.

Residents of Phola Park have experienced heavy gunfire at night, burning of shacks, fleeing residents – and dead bodies lying around the area almost daily.

This week about 400 shacks were razed by fire and residents blame balaclava-clad white men whom they say are helping Inkatha attackers.

Residents who fled Phola Park and sought refuge at the Catholic Church in the Coloured township of Eden Park said when the attacks took place on their homes this week, Casspirs were spotted circling the area –ferrying Inkatha members who were shouting the slogan "Usuthu".

On Thursday more than 1 000 men, women and children were streaming to the Catholic Church.

On Friday philanthropic groups and community organisations, including Operation Hunger, were planning to visit the area to distribute food.

Tears streaming down her face, Elizabeth Zingethwa told *City Press* she had lost all her belongings, including her money, when her shack was razed last Wednesday.

Holding her two-year-old baby in her arms, she said between sobs: "Look at my poor child – all he has is what he is wearing now. That goes for me as well.

"If I had money I would go back to my people in the Transkei – and never return to this godforsaken place."

Nightmare ride

This one is just for you Dad, says Thobela

By PULE MOKHINE

NEWLY-crowned World Boxing Organisation junior-lightweight champion Dingaan Thobela says he has dedicated his title to his number one fan – his father.

Thobela, nicknamed the "Rose of Soweto", became the first local to win the WBO title when he beat Mauricio Aceves of Mexico on points in Texas, USA, last Saturday.

Thobela told *City Press* at his 24th birthday celebration at a Soweto nightclub this week that his father, Godfrey, had always encouraged him in his boxing career.

"Since I started boxing, my father has been giving me moral support and I feel I owe I him a lot," said Thobela.

When he was still an amateur, his father – a Soweto panelbeater – bought him boxing magazines to help him improve his boxing knowledge.

He is the second son in a family of eight children – four sisters and four brothers.

His mother died last year and he is presently staying in an outside room at his grandparents' house in Chiawelo.

"I'm planning to buy a house for my family and to unveil a tombstone for my mother because I believe I'm what I am because of these people," he said.

Thobela said if all went according to plan, he would pursue his studies next year.

He was among the unlucky students expelled last year from the Soweto Teachers' Training College after failing their first-year courses.

"I would like to see myself educated before I decide to hang up my gloves and while I'm still the champion," he said.

Asked about his marriage plans, he said he would consider getting married within the next two years.



Dingaan Thobela celebrates his 24th birthday and his WBO victory with his biggest fan, his father Godfrey

Thugs hijack bus, abandon paraplegics at graveyard

By CHARLES MOGALE

A TRIP by a group of disabled Sowetans turned into a nightmare this week when their minibus was hijacked by gun-toting thugs who left them stranded at a graveyard.

"They drove us to the graveyard, threw us out with our wheelchairs, and told us to find our own way home," paraplegic Boniswa Mkhumbeni, 30, said this week.

Still visibly shaken after their ordeal, the group – all employees of Soweto's Self Help Association of Paraplegics (Shap) – related how the gang pounced on them just before sunset on Monday evening.

Driver Fanie Gambu, 29, who has an artificial leg, had just stopped the minibus to offload colleague Mkhumbeni when three youths shoved a gun through the window of the minibus, and demanded the keys.

"I protested and tried to explain that the vehicle was used by disabled people, but they were aggressive and would not listen. They threw me out and drove off with the three women and one child in the car," Gambu said.

He hobbled to the nearest house and asked to use the telephone to call the police.

"They told me to go to the police station," Gambu said.

Meanwhile, the disabled passengers in the minibus were ordered to close their eyes as the vehicle drove off. It stopped at the Doornkop Cemetery and the passengers were thrown out with their wheelchairs. They were told to find their own way home, and had to travel up to 5km in the dark to get home.

"I was scared, I feared more for the safety of my child who was sleeping innocently through it all," said Mkhumbeni, clutching her 18-month-old baby Sifiso.

Tiro Fako, 34, and Sophie Molomo, 22, both wheelchair-bound, said they also believed their last moments had come.

"The men said we were lucky to have escaped in the morning. It was clear they had been tailing us for some time," Fako said.

Shap director Friday Mavuso lashed out at the police for showing lack of enthusiasm in apprehending the hijackers. Shortly after the hold-up, he said, children who witnessed the incident gave the name and address of the leader.

"I personally gave the name and address to a policeman at the Dobsonville police station, and suggested his home be raided. I was given the assurance that he would be raided that night, but the following morning when I went to the police station, I was given excuses about lack of staff," Mavuso said.

"For the whole day I tried to communicate with the policeman who took a statement from us, but he was not there. Twenty four hours later, nothing had been done, making it more difficult for the car to be recovered. I am bitterly disappointed. This is the second vehicle we have lost in a few months, and our insurance company has warned that we could soon be classified high risk. As disabled people we just have to close shop if we can't get a vehicle," he said.

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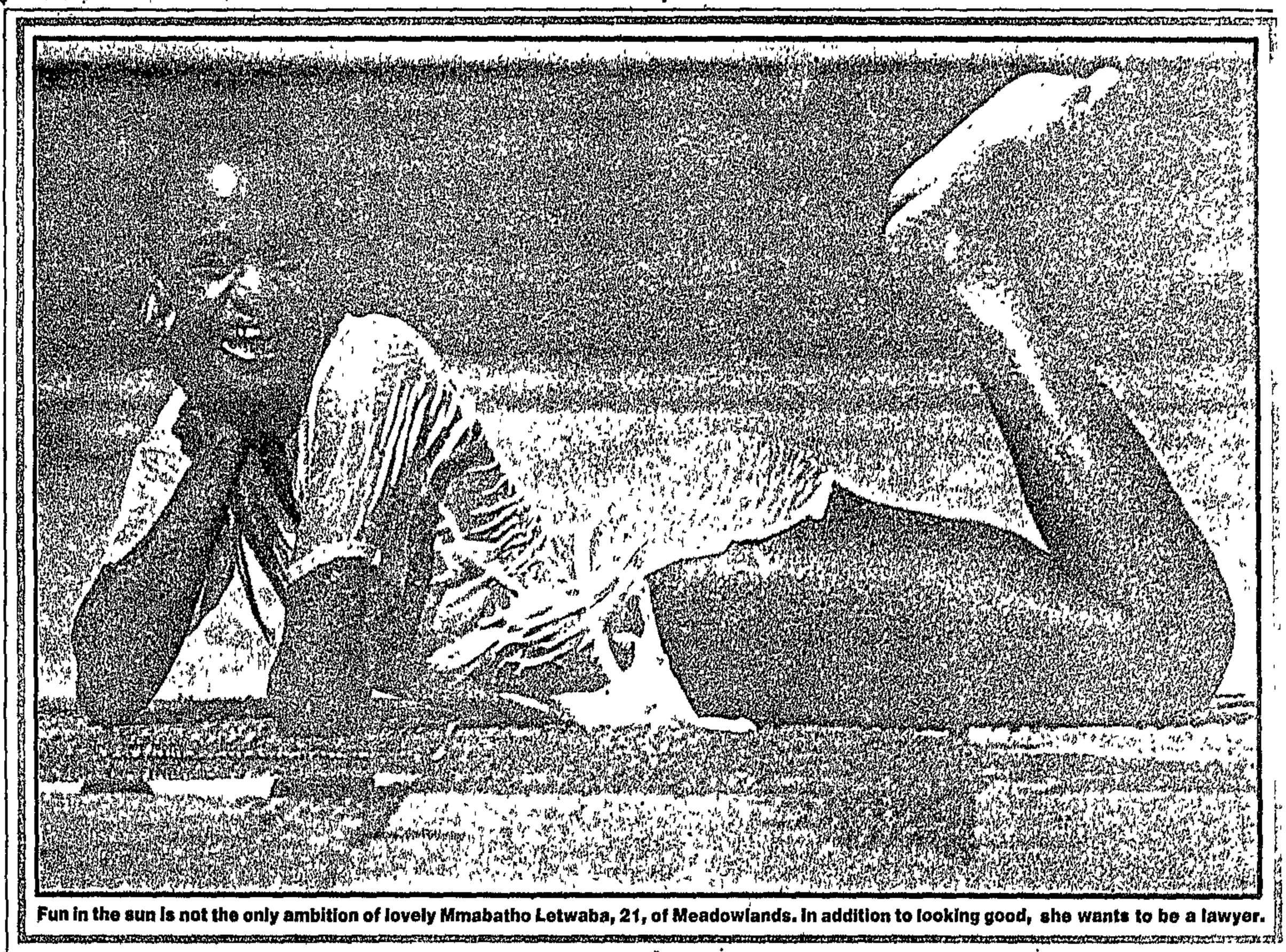


Fun in the sun is not the only ambition



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ride for disabled



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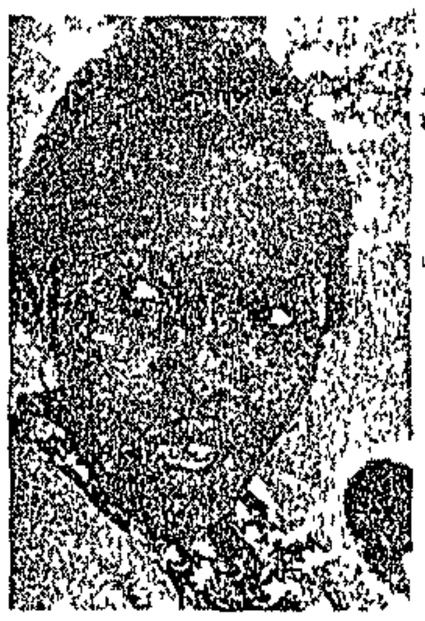
"They immediately accompanied me to the home of the suspect. There we were told he had died three weeks ago, but they persisted with the investigations until they established from his friends that he was alive.

"He had been seen driving the vehicle. At least those white chaps showed commitment to their duty," Gambu said.

Soweto police liaison officer Lieut G Marimuthu confirmed the incident and said an early arrest was expected. The police were on the track of a suspect, and his home had been raided, without success.



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Boniswe Mkumbeni: feared for her child.

Cop acquitted of theft

By DAN DHLAMINI

A KLERKSDORP cop who was alleged to have broken into an abattoir and stolen three sheep carcasses was this week given the benefit of the doubt and discharged.

The State alleged that Det Const Paul Noppe 26, committed the crime on January 28.

In his defence, Noppe, who appeared before Klerksdorp magistrate LP Virtue, told the court he had seen people carrying carcasses and when they saw him they dropped them along the railway line and fled. That was how they came into his possession.

In acquitting him, magistrate Virtue said Noppe acted suspiciously on that day but he could not convict him on suspicion and gave him the benefit of the doubt.

Noppe, who had been carrying his service revolver in the dock, smiled after his acquittal and left the court in the company of his lawyer.

Kids bank on Aquanaut

IF Aquanaut wins the R750 000 OK Gold Bowl at Turffontein on Saturday – and he is the new favourite at odds of 4-1 – Othandweni Children's Home in Soweto will get R20 000. And if it doesn't, the home still cannot lose.

When 20 members of the media were invited to draw a horse for the big race, and name a charity to collect the winnings, *City Press* drew Aquanaut and nominated Othandweni to pick up the prize money.

R20 000 goes to the winner, R15 000 to the second, R6 000 third, R4 000 fourth and R2 500 fifth.

The rest of the 20 runners each qualify for R1 000.

Cape Town's Aquanaut, trained by Mark Watters and ridden by Mark Khan, was previously quoted at 7-1.

The seven-year-old has won the big race at Turffontein twice – in 1987 and 1988 – and looks sure to again see out the tough 3 200m race. The main obstacle is that Aquanaut carries topweight of 58kg.

Out of 41 runs, Aquanaut has had 13 wins and 12 places for R1 171 577 in stakes.

Viljoen lashes out at 'bad faith' allegations

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Sunday Times Reporter

THE South African Government has reacted angrily to claims by the ANC that President F W de Klerk acted in bad faith in dealing with the Reef violence.

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Constitutional Development, yesterday accused the ANC of misrepresentations and inconsistencies — but gave the assurance that the Government would not be the one to pull out of peace talks.

In a lengthy speech yesterday Dr Viljoen rejected point-by-point the controversial statement on violence by the ANC's National Executive Committee on Friday.

Dr Viljoen accused the ANC of inconsistency in that its statement:

● Accused the Government of a *laissez-faire* attitude to the violence — but two paragraphs later claimed the Government had "over-reacted";

Blame

● The ANC attempted to implicate the Government and the police as instigators of the violence — but ANC members were major participants in the violence;

● The ANC proclaimed its unwavering commitment to peace — but put the blame exclusively on the shoulders of the Government;

● The ANC accused President de Klerk of bad faith in calling on individuals and organisations to hand in weapons; a call, it said, aimed at underground organisations. In fact, the measures granted indemnities for handing in weapons and where justified, allowed for the licensing of individual weapons.

Dr Viljoen said the Government welcomed the ANC's invitation to discussions with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and other political leaders.

"It has taken a long time for the ANC to accept the necessity of such a meeting while a high cost in human suffering had to be paid," Dr Viljoen said.

"Therefore it is sincerely hoped the proposed discussions will produce positive results.

"In this spirit, disputes concerning the steps taken to combat violence should rather be discussed among leaders than become topics for public accusations and debate in the media."

He said: "In keeping with its commitment to negotiations, the Government will continue to hold high-level meetings with any of the groups involved in an effort to bring about an end to the violence."

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PICKING UP THE

Violence victims rebuilding their shattered lives

By SOPHIE TEMA and SANDILE MEMELA

THE SMOKE has drifted away and the bloodstains have gone in war-ravaged Phola Park – the large squatter camp which was the focal point of the recent Reef violence

Now it is coming to life again as people leave their hiding places and return to rebuild their lives and their homes

Peace also returned to trouble-torn Katlehong and Thokoza this week after the "Iron Fist" operation was introduced to curb the violence that has wrecked black communities

Police in Casspirs were positioned along the main road that goes past Phola Park. The adjacent Thokoza hostel was unusually quiet as most Zulu residents have left the complex. All that is left are rows of dormitories with blackened walls and shattered windows

At Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong, most shack dwellers have packed up their belongings to start a new life elsewhere

Scores of Phola Park refugees, however, have now returned to pick up the pieces.

Weeks of fierce battles, in which more than 100 people were killed, have devastated the settlement

Throngs of squatters fled at the height of the pitched battles and sought refuge Over 1 000 terrified women and children streamed to the nearby Eden Park Catholic Church

But this week it was a hive of activity as residents began "Operation reconstruction" and men and women could be seen pushing wheelbarrows loaded with possessions they had salvaged – all they have left to rebuild their homes.

For most, the savage battles between hostel dwellers and residents will forever leave sad memories

Many had loved ones killed in the violence and their shacks and belongings were burnt. More than 400 families no longer have homes to return to Their only possessions are the clothes they have on.

Burnt-out shacks and devastated hostel dormitories are testimony to the vicious fighting.

But now Phola Park, which resembled a ghost town, is bursting into life again as hundreds of residents begin cleaning up as a start to bringing community life back to normal

The dusty, pot-holed streets are crowded with people carrying bundles on their heads and pushing wheelbarrow loads of furniture and other belongings

A Xhosa-speaking woman, Nomonde Nolundi from the Transkei, said. "I hope this is the return to genuine normality. We are sick and tired of the war which has disrupted our lives and made it difficult for us to raise our children."

The sudden burst of life at Phola Park this week was starkly contrasted by Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong

Scores of people there had come to rescue what remained of their shacks. The once bustling camp is now a wasteland with most shacks razed or stripped by their owners

The single main street is almost empty of people and an atmosphere of fear prevails, the few residents casting suspicious looks at strangers travelling in cars.

This week, several people were seen dismantling parts of the hostel roof to put up new shacks for their families in the area.

Catholic Church social worker Hilary Wiles said while some victims of the violence were beginning to put the past behind them, others had to face the fact some members of their families were missing.

She said some parents still did not know where their children were and wives did not know where to find their husbands They lost track of each other during the fighting

Clara Masondo is one of them. A mother of nine children, she was among the hundreds who fled Phola Park last week and moved into the church The next day she heard that her husband Leonard and two other men had been killed, and her son-in-law admitted to Natalspruit hospital with a gunshot wound.

"My husband and I were the only breadwinners and we struggled together to bring up our children," she said. "I am now on my own I will have to rebuild our damaged shack on my own."

Her husband was buried this week. Sympathetic neighbours and a local funeral undertaker arranged Masondo's burial.

Koos Mhlambi is another Phola Park casualty He went back to the area this week to start life from scratch

"My shack was eaten up by fire," he said "I couldn't salvage anything from the inferno. The flames were just too much." Mhlambi worked for over five years to put together a home. He lost it all in just three minutes.

Christine Sebezo managed to save her shack from destruction Then she went out of her way to help those who could not save theirs. She organised a group of women and they formed a working committee to look after the squatter families who have been living at the Catholic church

She helps with the running of a clinic for squatter children, together with church sisters.

"Having to cook and look after these families is hard work, but I put my mind, body and soul into this project and I enjoy every moment of it," she said

Fred Mdlalose, walking on crutches and lucky to be alive, was part of the group that streamed back to Phola Park. He recalled the night he was attacked by a group of men he believes were Zulus. He was in his shack listening to music when a group burst in and, without a word, attacked him.

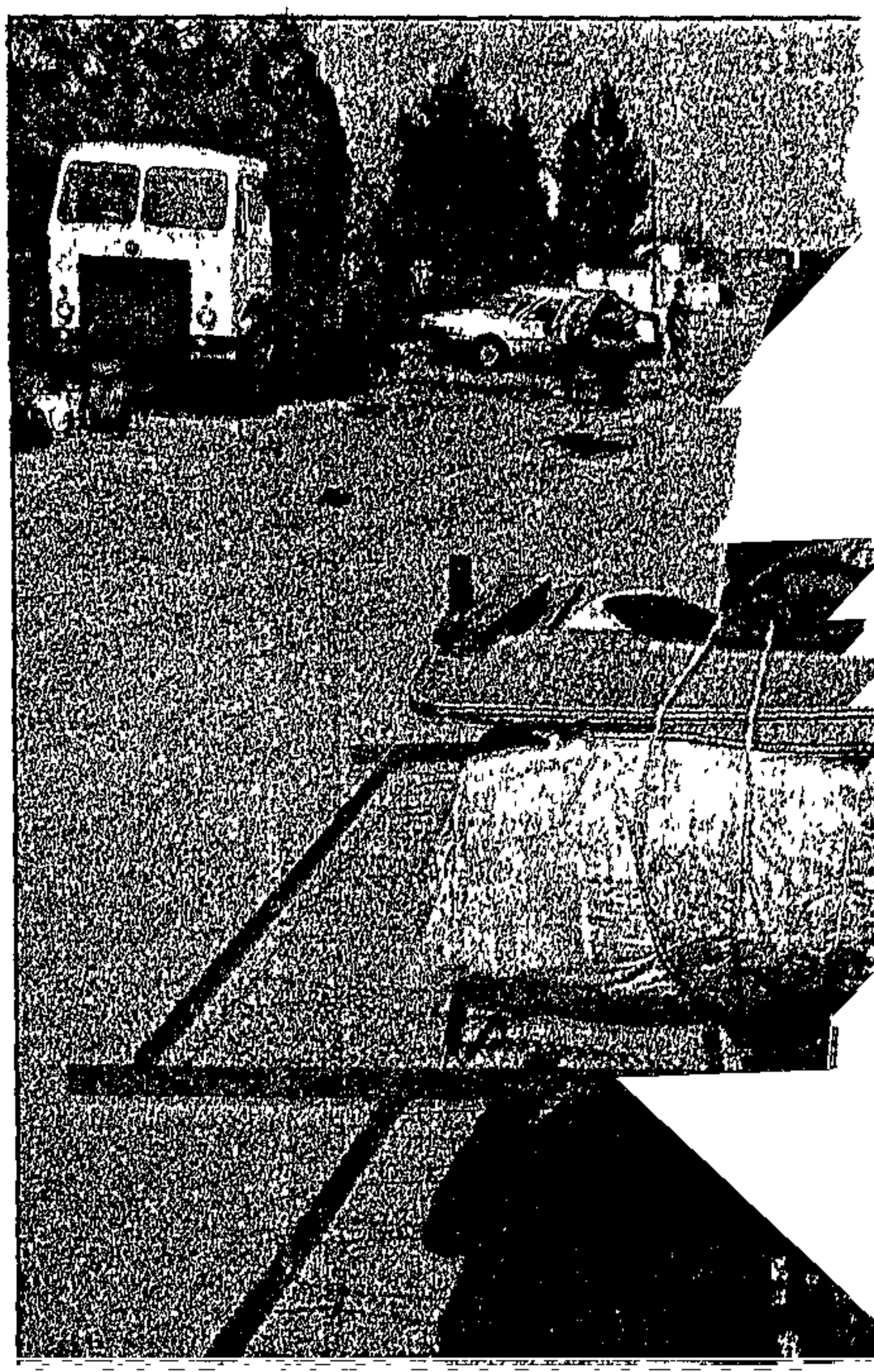
"I was defenceless, I realised their mission was to kill me and all I could think of was to feign death." He believes that saved him.

After the attack he tried to get up and realised he could not lift one leg. He started screaming and neighbours came in and took him to hospital.

At the height of the Phola Park attack, four-year-old Thulani Mavimbela searched for the puppy his father Alfred had given him a week before. Scooping it up he fled with his parents.

This week they could all return safely to Phola Park

Pictures by ANDRIES MCINEKA



A lone man in an almost deserted street. Joseph Kondlo wheels his few



Sarah Vilakazi and her family start rebuilding

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ndile wheels his few belongings back to Phola Park.



r family start rebuilding their home.



A Roman Catholic nun comforts twins Sipho and Simphiwe Nxazonke who were rescued from the attack on Phola Park squatter camp.

Residents and businesses hard hit by after-dark ban

CP Reporters

THE 9pm-to-4am curfew coming into force in Reef townships this Tuesday has been slated outright for the choking effect it will have on township social life – while the ANC bluntly said it will give police a licence to "hunt people like game".

The ANC, which described the curfew as "a return to the most barbaric form of repression", said in a statement the measure was not aimed at the perpetrators of violence, but at communities.

The curfew would lessen the capacity of people to hold meetings, build organisations and defend themselves against vigilantes, said the ANC.

The curfew – under which people can be fined R1 000 or jailed for six months – will be imposed in Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and in the East Rand townships of Vosloorus, Thokoza and Katlehong. Residents of these areas will have to stay indoors on "residential sites" from 9pm to 4am from Tuesday – for an indefinite period.

However, a notice in Friday's *Government Gazette* said the curfew would not apply to people who could furnish "written proof" from their employers that they needed to travel during the curfew.

Security force members would also be "authorised to exercise discretion" when people furnish "sufficient reasons" for breaking the curfew.

Police in Pretoria told *City Press* security forces would have to follow the law "as gazetted on Friday" – which did not allow for exemption of self-employed people, cinema and theatregoers.

The curfew has been slated outright by representatives of the entertainment, sport, liquor and transport industries.

■ National Taverners' Association secretary Ray Mollison said the curfew would ruin many lucrative township shebeens.

"Our business is mostly conducted at night. The curfew is going to cripple us," said Mollison.

However, Sidwell Duda, assistant director of Club 707 – one of Soweto's leading nightspots – said: "I don't think

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tions negotiate a new constitution.

Curfew will choke towns

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the curfew will affect our business that much." He said patrons came to the club at 6pm, and only left the following morning at 6am.

■ A dismayed taxi driver at Baragwanath – one of the country's biggest taxi ranks – said authorities should meet taxi associations to thrash out a plan because the curfew would affect hundreds of township residents, especially those working late hours.

Taxi drivers who did trips to neighbouring countries would be hard hit, he added.

The South African Black Taxi Association was not available for comment.

■ Anxious theatregoers are also in a fix because they wanted to see Móthobi Motloatse's long-awaited play *Baby come Duze*, which opens officially on Tuesday night at Johannesburg's Market Theatre. But publisher-playwright Mutloatse has assured patrons "the show will go on".

Another disturbed man who called *City Press* yesterday was music-and-beauty-contest promoter Leonard Sithole, who said he'd been inundated with phone calls from worried socialites who were planning to attend his Brenda Fassie concert at Soweto's Eyethu Cinema on Friday.

"This curfew will ruin me," lamented Sithole, whose promoting company rose to fame with its staging of the popular "Miss Soweto" and "Miss Black South Africa" beauty contests.

■ A dismayed Abdul Bhamjee, the National Soccer League PRO, said the curfew would seriously affect the normal running of the NSL league programme.

"It will affect night games as well as training schedules of certain teams," Bhamjee said.

...munition factory.
The SADF will probe the blast.

Accord for rent boycott agreement

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THE signing of an accord to ratify an agreement ending the rent-and-service-charges boycott will take place in Soweto tomorrow.

The accord will include the writing-off of arrears, the establishment of a metropolitan chamber to investigate the setting of regional, non-racial and democratic approaches, the creation of the Greater Soweto People's Trust and the creation of a joint technical committee in which the Johannesburg City Council will be invited to take part.

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'Third force' ANC dissidents – Vlok

ALTHOUGH the matter was "still being investigated", it had been argued that the so-called third force in the violence might be a dissident group within the ANC, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said on Friday.

Addressing the NP-dominated President's Council, Vlok said the "most worrying" aspect was that the moderate faction of the ANC leadership apparently did not know about this as it had "lost control of the militant youth who were in favour of this dissident faction".

However, he said police had so far found no proof of the existence of the so-called third force.

Reports by CP Staff, CP Correspondents and Sapa.

ANC's secret Zulu talks

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By MANDLA TYALA

A TOP ANC man secretly met Kwazulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi two weeks ago to discuss a summit meeting aimed at ending the Reef violence.

ANC intelligence chief Jacob Zuma — the most prominent Zulu on the organisation's national executive committee — met Mr Buthelezi on September 7.

The summit meeting, scheduled for October 5, was announced by ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela this week after a three-day meeting of the NEC.

The summit meeting also will be attended by other leaders of the six non-independent homelands.

The behind-the-scenes approach was made at a time when the ANC was refusing to allow Mr Mandela to meet one-to-one with Mr Buthelezi to discuss the Inkatha-ANC conflict which has claimed thousands of lives.

It has yet to be decided where the summit meeting will be held.

The ANC, anxious to deflect mounting criticism of its decision not to meet Mr Buthelezi, has decided to include the Zulu leader in ongoing consultations with other homeland leaders.

Other leaders expected to attend are Nelson Ramodike of Lebowa, James Mahlangu of Kwandebele, Enos Mabuza of Kangwane, Hudson Ntsanwisi of Gazankulu and Kenneth Mopeli of Qwaqwa.

To soften the impact of the about-turn on supporters who have been told to isolate Mr Buthelezi, Mr Mandela reminded a TV audience that the Inkatha leader was not only a friend of his but had also stuck up for him while he was in jail.

But Mr Buthelezi, who says his invitation to the summit was telephoned to him by Mr Mandela, is still insisting on a one-to-one meeting with the ANC leader.

Invited in his capacity as leader of the Kwazulu legislature, he said on Friday he welcomed the change of heart on the part of the ANC, but would attend the meeting as president of Inkatha.

"I will go as president of Inkatha to deliver a message which will highlight the fact that the ongoing dialogue that there has been between Dr Mandela and other leaders of other regions has resulted in no effective steps to reduce violence and is unlikely to succeed in any such endeavour because:

"First of all, Dr Mandela and I must get together as respective leaders of the two dominant black political organisations involved in the violence.

"Then, secondly, my message to that meeting would be that meetings about peace must, as I have constantly said in the past, actually involve the leaders of our two organisations in the areas where violence has erupted.

"Peace moves must be on the ground, among the people who are involved in violence. Peace moves cannot successfully take place in rarified committees that talk about political principles," he said.

Mr Buthelezi also noted that the ANC had not announced in its press statement that there were ongoing discussions about peace between the Inkatha Freedom Party's top leadership and members of the ANC's NEC.

Milestone

He cited a meeting held in Durban on Wednesday between top-level delegations from the two organisations.

The Zuma/Buthelezi talks were a milestones for the ANC's peace drive in Natal.

On behalf of the ANC, Mr Zuma signed a regional peace accord with Inkatha to stop the violence in the Impangeni area — the first such pact in the current conflict.

● The ANC is also planning a conference of "all democratic forces" to formulate a strategy to end the violence. No date has been set yet.

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Massacre suspect freed

Witnesses afraid to point him out

By CHARLES MOGALE

A MAN suspected of leading a gang that massacred commuters on a Johannesburg train earlier this month, was released from police custody because witnesses were afraid to identify him.

Twenty-six people died and 100 were injured on September 13 when a gang went through the train attacking commuters.

According to police, the suspect was released because witnesses refused to identify him before the expiry of the 48-hour period within which suspects must appear in court.

Police refused to name the witnesses who were "afraid" to identify the suspect, and would not hold the man under security legislation – leading to widespread accusations that the police did not want to arrest the culprits.

An identification parade had been organised at the Brixton police station, but only one of the witnesses called had turned up.

"The others did not come. Even the one who came refused to identify the man when he realised he was the only one," said Brig Blikkies Blignaut of the SAP detectives' directorate.

Defending the police action in releasing the suspect instead of holding him under security legislation, Blignaut said: "We should move away from security detention. Being a detective, I don't think we should think along those lines. Let us keep it as a plain crime."

Asked why the witnesses could not be disguised at an identification parade, Blignaut said: "We accept your suggestion. Maybe our original approach was not as good as it should have been. If the witnesses come forward, we can arrange that. We are also offering them protection from reprisals."

He refused to identify the witnesses.

"If we are offering them protection, we will not release their identities."

The suspect could still be rearrested if the witnesses came forward, he said.

Witnesses interested in identifying suspects are asked to call Brig Blignaut at (011) 23-4750, Ext 241.

SOPHIE TEMA reports that Transnet managing director Anton Moolman said Spoornet would do everything it could to ensure the safety of commuters.

He said the Rail Commuter Corporation, the SAP, the SADF and Spoornet had decided there would be constant policing at stations. The groups agreed that Spoornet's security services should be reinforced.

"Because of the tragic occurrence, the maximum number of security personnel have been deployed in sensitive areas, but due to the size of commuter services it will be impossible to ensure adequate security on all trains at all times," Moolman said.

"Where Spoornet is responsible for the safety of passengers on mainline and long distance trains, commuters will be safe."

However, security men deployed to curb the violence at the stations have been described as ill-trained and a threat to the peace themselves. According to a weekly newspaper report, the security men were armed and given instructions to shoot to kill.

This week police found seven mutilated bodies near the line between Riverlea and New Canada stations. It is believed they jumped off the train after a false alarm was raised inside the train.

Police said they made the gruesome discovery after an anonymous tip-off. The bodies have not yet been identified. Public relations officer for the Witwatersrand Police, Captain Eugene Opperman, said: "It is unfortunate that people have to die so brutally, but we do not exclude the probability that somebody could have planned this action."

☐ MY WAY

With Khulu Sibiya

It's time to seek unity



SOME call it the calm before the storm and others believe the thorny transitional period – which was to be expected anyway – has finally come and gone.

The police strongly believe the situation is now under control since the introduction of the *Iron Fist* measures. Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said residents had called, saying they could sleep peacefully for the first time in weeks.

Whatever the contradictions, it is a big relief to most that the situation in our areas is finally back to normal. What remains to be done by the community is to pick up the pieces and rebuild our lost pride.

We should not wait until the curfew is lifted before we embark on a programme of action. While the possibility of another violent flare-up cannot be ruled out because the main causes have not been addressed, the time has come to seek unity in action.

We are already seeing signs pointing towards this elusive goal. Political foes, who in the past would not even be seen to be talking to each other, are today brave enough to appear together on public platforms.

A few weeks ago, at a private function held at advocate Dikgang Moseneke's Pretoria house, PAC general secretary Benny Alexander came face-to-face for the first time with ANC foreign affairs director Thabo Mbeki.

These two powerful politicians had never met before. It took Moseneke to bring them together. After friendly exchanges they both realised what kept them apart in the first place was sheer political idiocy.

The second largest trade union federation, Nactu, this week had both ANC general secretary Alfred Nzo and Alexander as guest speakers. Although not aligned to any political movement, Nactu is known for its strong leanings towards Africanism. It was a commendable step indeed for Nactu to invite both the ANC and the PAC to their congress.

The meeting which will take place this Thursday between the ANC and homeland leaders is another sign of maturity among our people.

Through exchanges and discussions we will be able to see our way through. Calling other people collaborators and sellouts, as was the case with homeland leaders and councillors, is not the solution and no strategy for unity.

I bet whatever negative thoughts Benny and Thabo had about each other do not exist any longer. But had the two appeared on a debate in front of the cameras, they would have torn each other to pieces trying to score political points.

That time will come. But for now, let us iron out our differences in private and also encourage our followers that to differ on strategy does not necessarily mean we are enemies.

Father Mlungisi Ntsele, head of the South African Council of Churches' hunger and relief department, is concerned about the mass paupers' burials given to our people.

A number of bodies which remain unclaimed in government mortuaries will also be given given paupers' burials.

Ntsele believes the black community should avert further paupers' burials by community-based action.

Here are some of Ntsele's proposals:

- An ad hoc committee must be formed to bring local congregations together;
- These congregations must adopt a body or bodies for a decent funeral; and
- Any donations towards the burials or assistance for orphans would be put in trust.

This is precisely what I mean by unity in action.

Unconfirmed figures revealed that there are more than 80 unclaimed bodies at Diepkloof mortuary and more than 300 at Germiston. It is therefore important for the black community to look seriously into Ntsele's proposal.

Our culture demands we bury our dead in a decent manner.



Helen Suzman ... social upliftment needed.

White right blamed for the violence

Suzman says 'hooligans' could be hired to create instability

VETERAN apartheid foe Helen Suzman on Friday blamed South Africa's white right and hired black hooligans for the township violence that has claimed 760 lives on the Reef since August 12.

"I think it's easy enough to rent a mob, to hire hooligans ... who will do anything if they are paid to do it," Suzman said in a discussion broadcast by Radio South Africa.

Suzman retired from Parliament last year after almost 40 years of opposition to apartheid and human rights abuses by the government.

She was participating in a panel discussion on the causes and implications of township unrest and killings.

Suzman said the destabilisation and injustices caused by apartheid were the root causes of the violence. "If we had set out to create an unstable society we could hardly have done better."

But she said the wave of violence suppressed for the past five days by the government's "Operation Iron Fist" clampdown was being fueled by cynical elements committed to chaos.

"It seems to me that it is being orchestrated. There are people who have a real interest in maintaining confusion and violence. It could be far right or the far, far left. I'm not sure which it is, but I'm more inclined to think it's the far right."

Suzman added: "They (the far right) are people who have had power and who are absolutely against the reform initiative of State President FW de Klerk.

"They are determined to keep the country as ungovernable as possible so that if and when he does have a referendum of the white voters in this country, they will have had the wits scared out of them by all the violence."

De Klerk has promised to consult the white electorate before he finalises the outcome of negotiations with leaders of the country's 26 million blacks on a transition to democracy.

Suzman cited reports of gangs, possibly led by whites, who have stirred up simmering hostilities between residents of township hostels and people from surrounding houses.

In one of the worst single incidents, 26 people were shot and killed by black gangs who boarded trains jammed with black commuters.

"It can't be too difficult to get a gang of men together, give them guns, say you'll pay them and put them on a train and tell them to kill people," she said.

Suzman said a properly trained and impartial police force was essential in the short term to end the violence.

A crash programme of social upliftment, including the provision of houses and schools, would be necessary in the longer term to maintain peace. – Sapa-Reuter

MY WAY

With Khulu Sibiya

Let's hear one voice

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IT is imperative to reflect on the solutions we should embark on now that the situation in our townships has stabilised somewhat – after unprecedented violence claimed more than 740 lives leaving thousands injured and many homeless.

The Azanian People's Organisation, concerned about the lack of initiative from those directly involved with the violence, set the ball rolling this week by calling for an emergency peace summit.

The response was poor.

The ANC said they had prior commitments. The PAC did not see any need to attend if the ANC was absent, and Inkatha, the focal point, was not even invited.

Undaunted by this hiccup, Azapo is planning another summit in two weeks' time. On that occasion they hope all parties will attend, including Inkatha.

Judging by the latest developments, this summit may also hit a snag.

After a three-day meeting last week, the ANC announced their own plans.

They are exploring the possibility of inviting homeland leaders – and Inkatha – to a peace meeting.

Is Nelson Mandela's hand of friendship to Mangosuthu Buthelezi a sign of better things to come – or is it simply another political ploy?

It is difficult to say.

But one thing that is unfolding, is that extra-parliamentary organisations have come to realise the importance of Buthelezi's Inkatha as a necessary player if peace is to be attained.

But one has to give credit to Azapo for their courage and commitment. They have at least showed concern about the need to resolve our complex situation. Despite their limited resources, they were able to get 82 delegates to the meeting.

People were able to speak freely about the need for discipline, especially among our youth.

The focus was not only on the causes of violence, as delegates also discussed how these problems could be solved.

I was impressed by the secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Rev Frank Chikane, who spoke at length about the lack of discipline and leadership among our youth.

Rev Chikane was with the church leaders who went to speak to hostel dwellers during the height of unrest. His first-hand encounter with violence placed him in a better position to give a clear a analysis of what happened.

Rev Chikane is presently investigating allegations of a "third force". I'm sure all of us are waiting for the outcome.

Whatever decision the ANC is likely to take following the now strained relationship with government, it should filter down to the ground level. Uncertainty about the future is the cause of restlessness.

That goes for Azapo, the PAC and Inkatha as well. Their leaders cannot take decisions without the support of their constituencies.

President FW de Klerk's reform policies are also hitting a wall, because he too has not explained fully to his constituency the path he has taken. His people, especially in the platteland, accuse him of selling whites down the road.

With the government now flexing its muscles, black political organisations, more than ever before, need to form a unifying front.

What a pleasure it would be to hear leaders of the ANC, PAC, Azapo and Inkatha speaking with one voice – the voice of all the people.

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Protest march against curfew

JOHANNESBURG. — A standoff between the authorities and Soweto residents loomed at the weekend over plans to introduce curfews in the township this week.

More than 3 000 singing and placard-carrying protesters in Soweto marched on the city council offices in Jabulani on Saturday, vowing to defy the measure that forms part of the "Iron Fist" operation to stem bloody township battles. Police in armoured personnel carriers, vans and cars closely followed the protesters.

"We reject Iron Fist. We reject curfew. They offer no solution," a placard carried by a militant youth proclaimed. "We will defy the curfew."

The curfew comes into effect tomorrow, to back up measures including roadblocks that are already in place.

Many placards called for Inkatha to be disarmed and others demanded the scrapping of the hostel system and provision of proper housing for the inmates — mostly Zulus.

A strongly worded petition was presented to Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi at the council offices. In the petition, which notably demands "impartial and effective" protection of residents, protesters demanded a response within seven days.

"The residents give the government an ultimatum that our demands be responded to by 29 September, failing which other forms of struggle will be resorted to," it said.

ANC local official Mr Baba Schalk declined to spell out the nature of the action that would follow.

Mayor Mr Mkhwanazi and his councillors listened calmly as Mr Schalk read the petition. But the mayor told a delegation of protesters he could not commit himself on when he would respond. — Sapa

Unrest victims buried

JOHANNESBURG. — Victims of recent fighting were buried in mass and private funerals in East Rand townships on Saturday, while a heavy police and troop presence bore testimony to the government's Operation Iron Fist, implemented to stop the violence.

In Vosloorus, where hundreds of people attended the mass funeral of eight people, 32 Battalion troops in riot gear patrolled with white officers through the dusty streets, backed by police and army vehicles.

Military vehicles watched over a funeral in Katlehong's Huntersfield Stadium, where a few thousand people listened to militant speeches, and sang and danced at the burial of nine people. — Sapa

Mass funeral for Vosloorus victims

Hundreds of people attended the mass funeral at the weekend of victims of the recent violence in the East Rand. This part of the crowd who marched to the Vosloorus cemetery. Pic by PAT SEBOKO



PAC shel over talk

Police, army keep watch at stadiums

Sowetan 24/9/90

By DON SEOKANE

SEVENTEEN victims of the recent violence were buried over the weekend in mass and private funerals in the East Rand.

Services for the 12 Tokoza and Vosloorus victims were were held at the local stadiums while five others were buried at a private funeral at the African Methodist Episcopal church in Vosloorus.

The army and the police kept a heavy presence over the mass funerals in Tokoza and Vosloorus and foot patrols by the army were visible.

The burial service at Vosloorus stadium was dominated mainly by speakers from the bereaved families and the priests.

Appealed

Conducting the service, Reverend Zungu, appealed to people to stop the senseless slaughter.

"I hope we do not come here again for similar funerals. There should be end to this violence and the perpetrators should be exposed," said Zungu.

Speaking at the service held at the Methodist church in Vosloorus, Mr Sy Montsisi of PAC Vosloorus branch, said if African alliance could be used to close ranks, the violence could be stemmed.

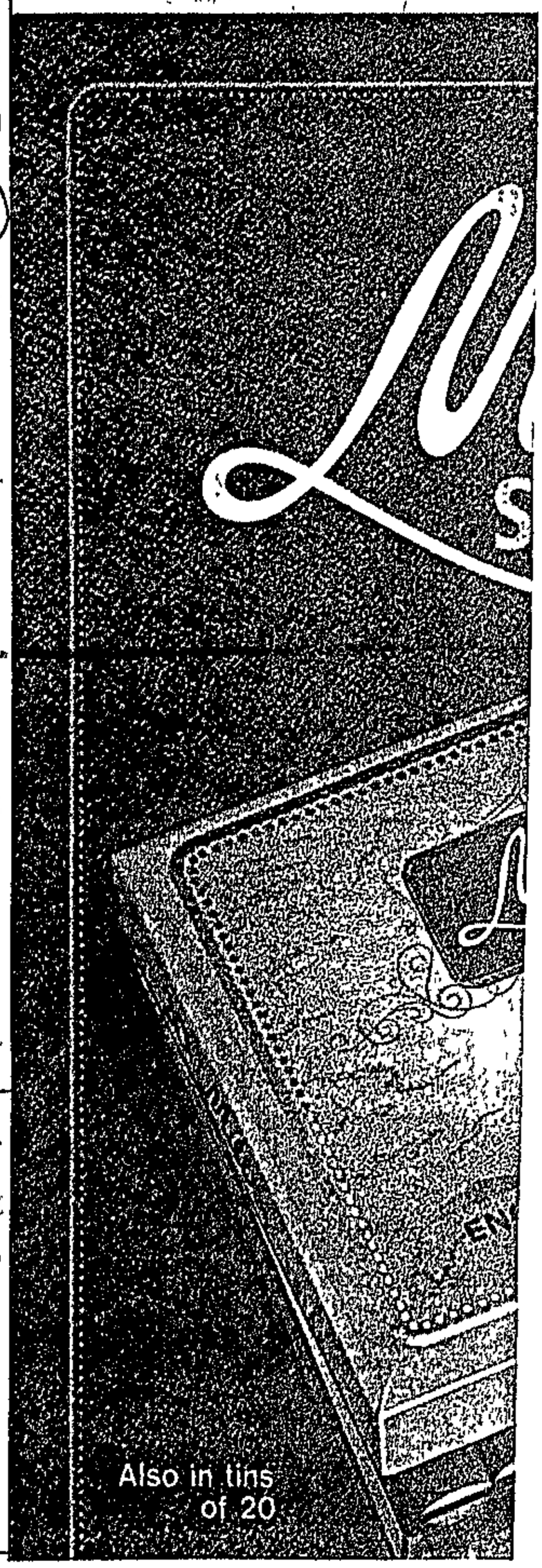
Names of the victims buried at Tokoza are: Albert Serongwe (51), Piet Gaborone (24), John Molete (16), Hendrik Mokotedi (30) and Maria Mokotedi (26); while the following were buried at Vosloorus stadium: Isaac Butiki Selebe (39), Stenco Zwane (28), Amos Gama (63), David Khumalo (61), Geoffrey Shale (41), Vusi Chauke (19) and Sipho Mathe (35).

The service held at the Methodist church was for Daniel Serialong Louw, Ezekiel Namae Segole, Calvin Brian Segole, Vusi Mokgethi and Ignitious Kelo Segole.

Policemen murdered

TWO policemen of the SAP unrest unit were stoned to death by taxi drivers in Ladysmith on Friday, police in Pretoria said yesterday.

There have been no arrests and investigations are continuing, a police spokesman said last night. - *Sapa*.



HRC blames 'some vigilante deaths' on SAP

WILSON ZWANE

MORE than 700 people have been killed and 2 334 injured in actions involving the police, army, vigilantes and right-wingers, says the Human Rights Commission (HRC). (278) (2[illegible]

Topping the casualty list was the PWV area with 520 deaths and 1 618 injuries. Next was the eastern Cape with 48 deaths and 608 injuries. BDay 24/11/90

At its briefing, the HRC said that by end-August, vigilante action had caused 639 deaths and 1 641 injuries, while SAP/SADF and right-wing actions caused four deaths and 65 injuries.

The commission said 666 people were injured during police/SADF action and 24 were hurt during right-wing action.

The HRC said although all deaths and injuries during violence in the PWV last month were attributed to vigilante action, a high proportion should have been "allocated to police and SADF actions".

The commission also gave a break-down of detentions in SA, Transkei and Bophuthatswana.

'Iron Fist' is slated

AFRICAN National Congress leader Nelson Mandela warned yesterday that the Government's "Operation Iron Fist" could fail to stop the violence on the Witwatersrand and suggested the security measures were introduced mainly for the benefit of President F W de Klerk's visit to the United States.

The ANC deputy president said the fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters was not over yet despite the apparent calm in the townships in the past week.

"We suspect it is the calm before the storm," he told about 800 people at the launch of a new ANC branch at KwaThema.

"They (Government) pretend De Klerk has put an end to the violence. That is not true," he added.

Warned

Mandela also warned the ANC would be forced to pull out of the negotiations if the Government continued to apply double standards, referring to the "soft" way in which white right-wingers were handled while black protestors were deterred with force.

In the same speech he said the ANC and the Government were compelled under the present circumstances and conditions to negotiate a peaceful settlement "though thick and thin". They (the ANC and the Government) were the two main political players in the country and there would be peace only while they talked to each other, he added.

"Only when the ANC and the Government are talking to each other will we have peace in this country," he said. "We are compelled to work together through thick and thin," he added.

The ANC leader said "Iron Fist" would not work to end the violence. The fighting would only stop when the security forces, whom he again accused of siding with Inkatha, laid down their arms.

"We hope the Government will come to its senses to solve the violence not through Iron Fist, but by putting their arms away," Mandela stressed.

Curfew

He said he feared many people would be killed in their homes and on the the trains while the curfew and other measures were in place.

He reiterated the security measures had been implemented to appease white views only after two white policemen were killed. He added the so-called "Third Force" responsible for the violence had gone underground "for the benefit of De Klerk".

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Painful US silence to slaughter of innocents

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Where are the TV crews that pursued the violence and bloodshed in SA?

NEW YORK - To be in America in these days of violence and bloodshed in South Africa is to be surrounded by silence.

Not so very long ago, when police and soldiers were engaged in deadly and brutal battles with black rioters in almost every township from Atteridgeville to Guguletu, American newspapers were filled with acres of accounts (and almost as many columns of often unctuous editorial advice.)

Television screens were nightly filled with dreadful scenes of South African whites and blacks set one against the other.

It was an equation that easily fitted the American concept of distant "Africa": White (racist) oppressors subjugating the oppressed, which neatly encapsuled the notion held by most Americans that racial conflict is possible only between whites and blacks - and never, if ever, between blacks and blacks.

Turnabout

Now, in what can only be described as a remarkable turnabout, when township violence - black on black - has reached even greater levels of death and injury, there is only a pained and embarrassed silence.

Where are the network camera crews that once relentlessly pursued "the South African story," which for them and their producers translated into an almost single theme - "white" violence heaped by white South Africans on black South Africans.

"We go for the blood," was how one noted CBS correspondent ghoulishly explained it then.

With more than 500 deaths in August alone, there has been blood aplenty in South Africa's current round of tragedy.

Now where are the cameras?

And where, one wonders, are those editorialists, columnists and leaderwriters in particular, who in their excoriation of apartheid in the fevered years of the '80s failed ever to see or to understand the awesome social problems that would flow from its eventual abandonment?

The silence surely comes from embarrassment or, at best, through puzzlement.

Attacking

Unable to explain the sudden (for them) phenomenon of blacks savagely attacking fellow blacks, so soon after the euphoria of Nelson Mandela's release from jail and the instant racial Utopia they expected to follow as a matter of course, few of America's opinion-makers seem able to offer even a half-opinion on its causes.

Thus, for the most part you will look in vain for any reference in newspapers or on TV screens to the fact that however much historic Xhosa-Zulu enmities and current ANC-Inkatha rivalries are driving today's black on black violence it is fueled at least equally in the Transvaal by the overcrowding that has resulted from the influx of job-seeking blacks from rural areas and (as the *Wall Street Journal* - alone - pointed out this week) from such destitute neighbouring countries as Zambia and Mozambique.

Not to mention the predictable impact of sanctions that now denies, in a suitably depressed economy, jobs, training and education to those whom the sanctioneers piously say they once wished to help.

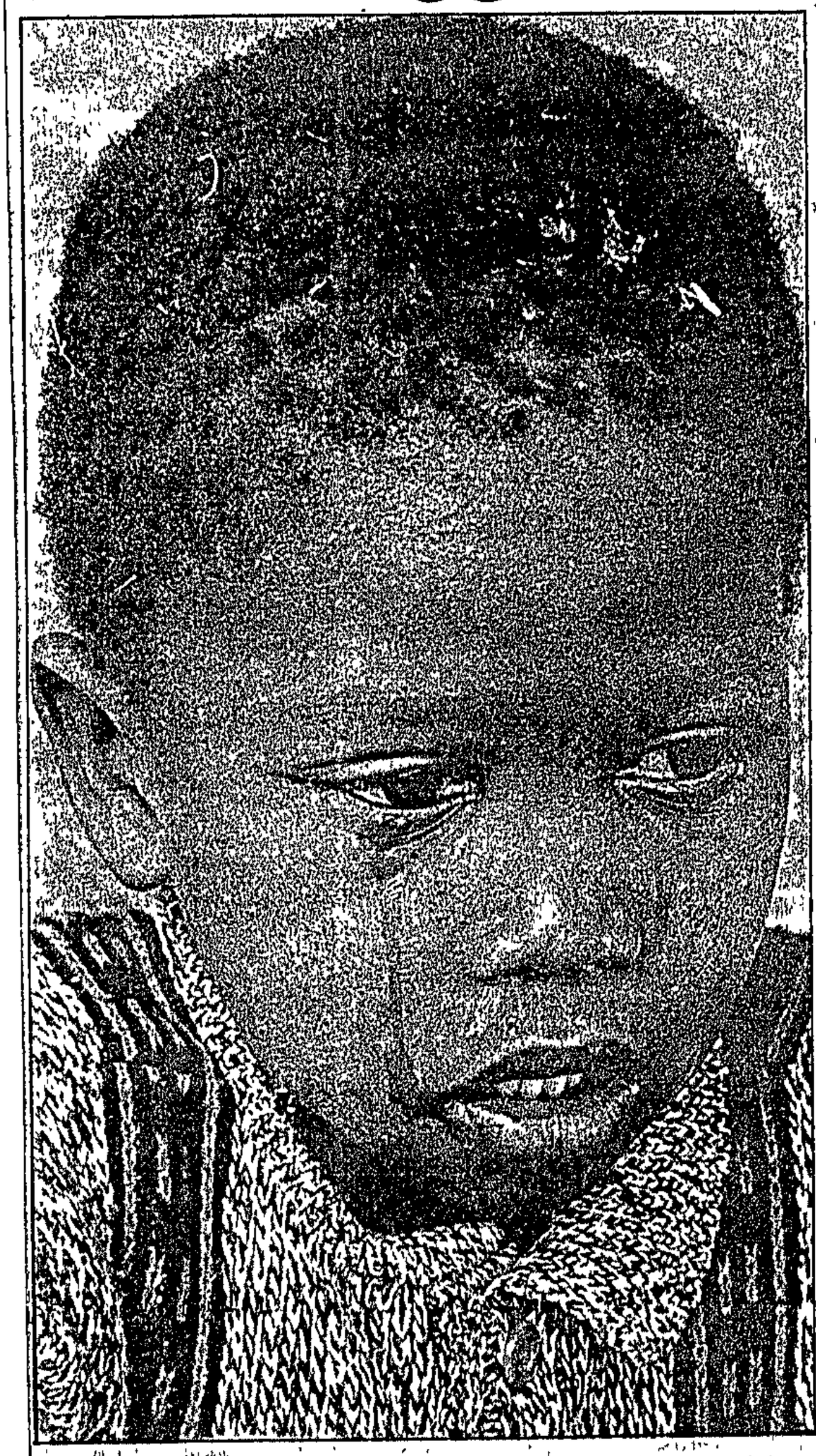
In the face of this ignoble record perhaps the best recourse is indeed a pained silence. - *Sowetan Correspondent*



Scenes such as this, of the current violence sweeping the townships, are not being shown on US television circuits. Few reports of the bloodshed are appearing in the Press as well.

Battle-scarred squatters show dogged determination

While the Witwatersrand township conflict might be over, the fight for survival for thousands continues. DAWN BARKHUIZEN looks at the plight of some of the victims of the violence.



Victim of violence ... Many refugees from strife-torn Phola Park on the East Rand do not have enough food and are too scared to return to their burnt-out shacks.

In devastated Phola Park on the East Rand, the sound of a car backfiring sends skinny squatter children screaming, diving under the nearest scrap of rubbish to hide from the terror.

The sight of a drunken woman reeling down the road at sunset makes their mothers run, together in one big dusty group. The lone silhouette is too keen a reminder of the faceless men who recently burnt their houses and killed their husbands and sons.

On Friday night a fleeting rumour that "Inkatha" was coming back to finish them off sent those who had made a tentative return to the devastated squatter village running back to the relative safety of Eden Park's Catholic Church

The attack never came, but the fear was as real as that on the night that handgrenades demolished their pathetic tin houses and turned the dust bowl they call home into a blazing funeral pyre.

Weeping

The sad truth is that while the conflict that devastated large portions of the Witwatersrand's townships may be over, the fight for survival continues for thousands of people.

While many are slowly filtering back to ravaged areas or finding accommodation with friends, thousands simply do not have the means or the courage to return.

You can see some of them if you look between the nappies hanging from the Catholic Church fence in Eden Park, sitting dazed and weeping in the sun.

It is here that the largest group of victims of the Witwatersrand township violence remain, too poor, too scared and too traumatised to walk back to the piles of stinking rubbish and burnt-out shacks in nearby Phola Park.

Magdeline Molefi was separated from her six children on the night of the attack Now that she has gathered them under her huge dirty skirt, she is too terrified to move from the church yard.

Clara Masonda lost her husband in a hail of automatic gunfire the same night. Now she has nowhere to go.

Along with hundreds of others — a week ago there were thousands — they sleep in the open in the church yard or under kitchen tables or dustbin bags

Alberton Town Council refused to give them access to the large hall over the road, according to social worker Hilary Wiles.

Thousands throughout the Witwatersrand have precious little food and rely almost entirely on emergency rations

Malnutrition is rife — in Phola Park it is the most concentrated that Operation Hunger executive director Ina Perlman has seen in any urban area

Of the few who were employed, many lost their jobs after weeks of bitter fighting kept them off work.

Many cannot rebuild their houses. There is precious little left to resurrect the tin shanties Ms Wiles estimates that about 1 500 of the 3 500 shacks in Phola Park alone have been flattened.

The squatters cannot even cook Paraffin stoves went up in flames, as did clothes, blankets and passbooks.

The most remarkable thing about the refugees, however, and particularly those of Phola Park, is not their misery or suffering or terror.

It is their resilience and their dogged determination to cling to the remnants of the harsh life they once had.

An outsider cannot fathom why anyone would want to return to this endless rubbish dump — to the burnt-out shells of one-room shanties jammed one on top of the other, the heaps of rubbish in dusty streets, the lack of water, lights and sewerage.

There is scant comfort from the lone Casspir with the word "Judas" daubed on its side that patrols the streets.

Explains Samuel Mongani: "I come from Transkei. I am here for two years. I have no job, but at least I can try to find one. I can keep my family and I can try to make something here. In Transkei we were more poor. There was nothing."

Calls to defy township curfew

THE ANC, Cosatu, and allied organisations yesterday called on township residents to ignore the seven-hour curfew which comes into effect in seven Reef townships tonight.

But police yesterday reaffirmed that the curfew would go ahead and that they would act firmly against offenders.

Also yesterday, the Greater Soweto Accord teetered on the brink of collapse minutes after being signed when the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) objected to the imposition of the curfew.

SPD secretary Patrick Lephunya told a Press conference: "If the curfew is not lifted, not only is it going to be defied, but its continuation could jeopardise this entire accord."

Lephunya said the imposition of a curfew a day after the signing of the agreement was a unilateral decision and contradicted the spirit and letter of the accord.

Residents of Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville, Vosloorus, Katlehong and Thokoza face a maximum R1 000 fine or six months jail if they defy the 9pm to 4am curfew.

TIM COHEN, MIKE ROBERTSON, WILSON ZWANE, THEO RAWANA & PETER DELMAR

Residents in these townships will be confined to residential sites during the curfew.

A notice in Friday's Government Gazette said the people who could furnish written proof from their employers that they needed to travel during the curfew would not be affected.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brig Leon Mellett said police would act firmly against any person or group that wilfully set out to break the curfew.

He stressed, however, that the aim of the curfew was to protect law-abiding citizens against violent gangs and not to harass ordinary people.

Police, he said, had been briefed "right

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down to the last bone" to apply the curfew with discretion.

The ANC said in a statement that it totally rejected the curfew, which it said would give the police licence to "hunt people as if they are game".

The curfew was not aimed at the perpetrators of violence but at communities which would have a decreased capacity to defend themselves from vigilantes.

"We would not be surprised if the result of these measures is the outbreak of large-scale vigilante attacks on communities that we experienced at the beginning of the violence in the Transvaal."

Cosatu said in a statement it supported the calls to "defy the draconian curfew".

Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal secretary-general Sam Ntuli said his organisation would defy the curfew.

"We are planning meetings in some townships to take place during the hours of the curfew," Ntuli said.

National Taverners' Association official Ray Mollison said the curfew would cripple the taverners as their business was normally conducted in the evening.

The ANC-affiliated SA Youth Congress said in a statement it did not consider itself bound by the government's recently announced "Iron Fist" measures and the curfew in particular.

TANIA LEVY reports that National Association of Stokvels president Andrew Lukhele said yesterday the billion-rand stokvel movement would be badly affected by the curfews.

Addressing a group of stockbrokers at the JSE, Lukhele said the association felt helpless to assist its members.

The curfew would cut short stokvel parties, which could go on for two days and which generated thousands in turnover for their hosts. There were about 10-million black people who exchanged about R7bn a year as stokvel members, he said.

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Railway deaths may be linked to earlier killings

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police said today they were investigating a possible connection in the gruesome deaths of seven men found next to a railway line in Soweto and a railway massacre two weeks ago in which 26 people died.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman could not confirm the link but said a team was working on the case around-the-clock.

The seven mutilated bodies of people aged between 18 and 20 were found about 7.30pm yesterday between Riverlea and New Canada stations. Six bodies were piled together and the seventh, which was dismembered, lay some distance away.

SHATTERED SKULLS

Captain Opperman said the victims had broken limbs, cuts, bruises and shattered skulls, leading police to believe they either jumped or were thrown from a moving train. He said post-mortem examinations would reveal more.

The police spokesman said the men died between 6pm and 7pm.

None of the bodies had been identified but police said they expected people to come forward with queries during the day about missing family or friends.

Captain Oppoerman said police were struggling to find witnesses to help with the investigation. He said the stations were very quiet and deserted after the incident. Also, many people feared that getting involved would endanger their lives.

● Four people have been killed in recent unrest incidents, police report..

Police found the body of a man with hack wounds at Vosloorus in Boksburg. Two bodies, both with bullet wounds, were found at Jouberton in Klerksdorp and at Daveyton in Benoni.

A man was fatally injured when police retaliated after they were stoned at Imbali in Natal.

Mortuary like scene from a horror movie

Star 25/9/90

By Thabo Leshilo

The Sepedi saying that a human being is not like a dog whose body can just be thrown away to rot, might as well be amended, a visit to the Government Mortuary in Diepkloof, Soweto revealed yesterday.

The bodies of many victims of the recent Reef conflict, which have been kept at the mortuary, end up being buried as paupers.

When The Star visited Diepkloof yesterday, more than a 100 people from Tembisa, Vosloorus, Katlehong and Tokoza had come in an attempt to identify their relatives and prevent paupers' funerals.

Joyce Mbatha (42) had come all the way from Empangeni, Natal, to identify her son, Siphiwe Ishmael Mbatha (20).

Siphiwe went missing after he and fellow hostel dwellers went out during a fight with Tokoza residents.

Although his death has not been confirmed, Mrs Mbatha haboured no illusions that her son was still alive.

She has been visiting the mortuary since last Monday and has seen dozens of bodies — but none was that of her son.

She said that although the trips were costing her a fortune, she was prepared to pay until her son's corpse had been found and buried decently.

The mortuary storeroom looked like a scene from a horror movie yesterday.

Bodies were lying on the floor, one on top of the other.

Most had turned black from decomposition. Many had gaping hack wounds and gouged-out eyes, making identification difficult.

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Townships clampdown

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A CURFEW comes into effect tonight in seven Reef townships - the scene of violence which has claimed about 800 lives in the past five weeks.

By LEN MASEKO

The restrictions are part of measures, codenamed "Operation Iron Fist", introduced by the Government to quell fighting in the townships.

The townships are Soweto - including Diepkloof, Meadowlands and Dobsonville - Tokoza and Vosloorus. These townships have been declared "unrest areas" under the Public Safety Act of 1953.

The curfew, announced by Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan

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Curfew in Reef townships

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Vlok in the Government Gazette last Friday, will be effective between 9pm and 4am.

Under the "unrest" regulations, no one should be outside their homes during that time.

However, the measures will not apply to members of the security forces on duty or members of the public who provide police with sufficient reasons for not complying with the regulations.

Late-night workers would have to produce letters signed by their employers showing that the nature of their jobs makes it impossible for them to observe the curfew. The letter should contain such details as:

* The full name and address of the bearer;

* The full name, business address and telephone of his employer;

* The full name, address, position and telephone number of the person who issued the letter; and

* The nature of the tasks of the workers, details of working and travel times and a statement explaining why they should be exempted from the curfew regulations.

The police may arrest and detain for up to 12 hours anyone suspected of being in possession of falsified documents.

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Fine

Anyone found in possession of such documents will be liable to a fine of up to R1 000 or sentence of up to six months or such imprisonment without the option of a fine.

The Regional Commissioner of Police in Soweto said yesterday ticket stubs from concerts, cinemas and soccer games would be considered to be legal permits when the curfew comes into effect.

Major-General Johan Swart said he realised that certain people attending concerts, soccer games and other functions would experience difficulty in sticking to the curfew times as these events often ended after the curfew had started.

He announced yesterday that the police would accept a ticket stub as a legal permit. He said this was not a way of circumventing the curfew legislation but was being implemented in Soweto for public convenience.

Six bodies on Soweto railway line

POLICE found six bodies next to the Soweto/Johannesburg railway line last night. B1 Dawn 25/9/90

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said the victims were all men beween the ages of 18 and 20. They had all suffered multiple injuries, leading police to suspect they had either jumped or had been thrown from a moving train, but this could not be immediately confirmed.

He said the discovery was made after police were called to investigate a body lying near the rails between Riverlea and New Canada stations. (278)

In outbreaks of violence across the country eight people were killed, several others were wounded, houses were attacked and a gang went on a random shooting spree in Daveyton, police reported yesterday.

Four of the victims died in Daveyton in separate shooting and stabbing incidents, two men were found stabbed and hacked to death in Tembisa, and two stab victims were found in Natal. — Sapa.

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8 killed in random shooting sprees

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EIGHT people were killed, several others injured and houses attacked as a gang went on a random shooting spree in a black township in the Transvaal during outbreaks of violence across the country, police reported yesterday.

The most serious incidents occurred in Daveyton, near Benoni, when four people were killed in separate shooting and stabbing incidents.

Lieutenant Dawn Barkhuizen said three men opened fire with AK-47 rifles and 9mm pistols at a group of fans at a soccer match. Two men were seriosly wounded, while a third sustained slight injuries.

"In another incident, three black men fired a number of rounds at a private house, killing one man and wounding another. In the third incident, three black men also fired at a private house, killing another man and wounding two others. Police also discovered the body of a black man with stab and hack wounds in Daveyton," said Barkhuizen.

Meanwhile, three men were shot dead when they opened fire at police after being caught breaking into stolen cars at Jabulani Police Station in Soweto last night.

Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the men were stealing articles from the cars when they were spotted by two policemen who ordered them to stop.

The men started shooting at the police who returned fire, killing all three of the suspects.

A stolen pistol with its number filed off was found at the scene.

Stabbed to death

In another incident, a man was stabbed to death in Imbali, Natal, when a group attacked a bus.

In KwaMashu, near Durban, police found the body of a person who was stabbed to death.

In Tembisa, near Kempton Park, the bodies of two men, with severe stab and hack wounds, were discovered.

"At Lavender Hill, Cape Town, a coloured man was killed when police retaliated after their vehicle was stoned," a police spokesman said.

A man was arrested in Soweto when he and a companion burst into a policeman's home and attempted to steal his service revolver.

At the KwaThema taxi rank, Springs, a group attacked a man with sharp instruments, injuring him slightly.

In Riverlea, Johannesburg, a group of people gathered illegally. Police confiscated a revolver and a man was arrested. - *Sapa*.

Reef curfew: New source of conflict?

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Political Staff

THE 9pm-to-4am curfew in seven Reef townships, including Soweto, started last night but threats of defiance could turn it into a new source of conflict.

The police yesterday urged the public to support the security forces.

Major-General Herman Stadler said: "These non-aggressive measures are aimed at protecting defenceless, law-abiding residents and to ensure they sleep in peace."

Calls to defy the curfew were made by five ANC branches in Soweto, the South African Youth Congress (Sayco) and the Civic Associations of the Transvaal (CAST).

The ANC said the curfew gave police a licence "to hunt people as if they are game".

Yesterday the UDF said it would consider defying the curfew if the state did not withdraw the Iron Fist measures. It said the curfew would not end the violence.

While it welcomed the present calm in the townships, it believed this would be temporary until the underlying causes had been addressed.

These included the abolition of the hostel system, the arrest and prosecution of warlords, the institution of independent tribunals and the weeding out of elements in the security forces that were intent on destroying the negotiation process, the UDF said.

In his statement, General Stadler gave the assurance that the intention was not to punish people or make life difficult for them.

Police were determined to see an end to the violence and urged residents to ignore people inciting them to defy the regulations.

"The sooner the situation normalises, the sooner these regulations may be lifted."

General Stadler added that the security forces would enforce the curfew strictly but judiciously.

The UDF said the curfew would not bring about an everlasting solution to the problem of violence.

"At most, this measure militates against the creation of a climate conducive to free political activity and tampers with the civil liberties of residents in the affected areas."

The state had effectively reintroduced the state of emergency.

"We therefore demand that the state withdraws the recently announced measures, failing which we might be forced to support the view that the curfew should be defied."

From last night, only members of the security forces and workers with signed authorisation from their employers were allowed on the streets in the seven townships between 9pm and 4am.

The police have also said that people with valid cinema or theatre tickets will be exempt from the curfew provisions.

● Sapa reports from Johannesburg that the Southern African Black Taxi Association has asked the authorities for an exemption from the curfew.

Sabta spokesman Mr Fanayana Shiburi said the organisation had written to Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok asking that valid Sabta members and their passengers be exempted from the curfew.

Taxi operations would be adversely affected because they operated late into the night, often ferrying hotel and restaurant staff who finished after dark. Many Sabta drivers operated on long-distance routes and arrived back on the Reef only late at night.

"In the light of the curfew we have recommended our members start a door-to-door drop-off operation for all passengers on local and long-distance routes," said Mr Shiburi.

First night of curfew a success, say police

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The 9pm to 4am curfew which went into effect in Reef townships last night was successful, in spite of rumours of protests.

Police said today they had had no problems and residents had co-operated well.

The seven-hour curfew was introduced in Tokoza, Vosloorus, Katlehong and Soweto.

In the only protest incident an hour-long demonstration went ahead uninterrupted in Soweto.

There were homemade barricades in some streets.

'Viva ANC'

In Moletsane about 80 youths, members of the South African Youth Congress, chanted "Viva ANC" and danced in the street about 10pm in defiance of the curfew.

"We're enjoying the night," said a woman who joined the young demonstrators.

Anti-curfew graffiti adorned the walls of houses in the area, with messages saying "Let's play soccer at 9pm" and "Defy the curfew, no to Iron Fist".

There were no police at the scene and the demonstrators dispersed peacefully about 10.15pm.

Minutes later a convoy of police vans, followed by overseas television crews, drove past in nearby Naledi. The heavily armed police blocked a street in Molapo, but no pedestrians were in sight. The police then moved off.

In Dobsonville, Meadowlands, Zondi and Orlando West a few pedestrians and motorists were seen in the streets after the curfew.

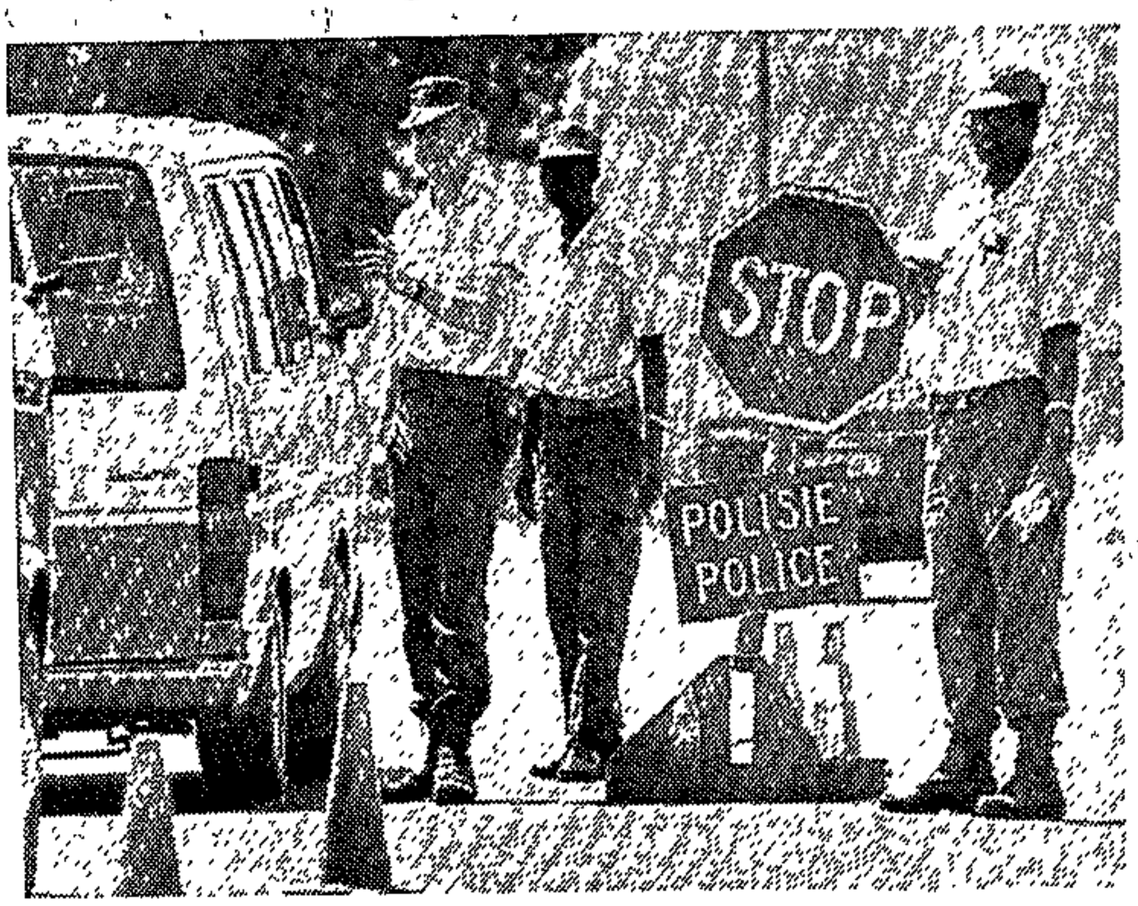
In Emdeni, where a protest march was supposed to take place at 10pm, there was little sign of activity.

Several shops and petrol stations stayed open after 9pm in parts of Soweto.

In the Phola Park squatter camp bordering Tokoza, four heavily-armed men slipped from the shadows and said they were guarding the camp against overnight attacks.

Wrapped in blankets and carrying homemade axes, sharpened metal bars and knobkieries, the men said similar groups were on guard at various places around the camp.

Cars entering Tokoza were thoroughly searched by police as part of the "Operation Iron Fist" measures implemented by the government to curb recent bloodshed and violence that has left more than 760 people dead since the beginning of August.



CHECKPOINT: Police check traffic at a roadblock in Soweto before last night's curfew went into effect.

Police patrols after townships' power cut

JOHANNESBURG. — A large contingent of police today began foot and vehicle patrols in the Atteridgeville and Mamelodi townships outside Pretoria as an electricity cut-off darkened the areas.

Residents said street lights went out and electricity supplies to houses were cut off at 4am — the precise time the Pretoria City Council said it would terminate the supply.

"ROUTINE"

The UDF's Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, who lives in Atteridgeville, said that soon after the electricity supply was suspended, large numbers of police moved in and began patrolling the township.

Lieutenant Leon Engelbrecht, a police public relations official in Pretoria, said: "The patrols are routine. The large numbers of police in those areas at this time of the morning are merely due to a change of shift.

"Vehicles are going in to fetch some policemen. That is why residents possibly think there are more men than before. It is all part of the police action to maintain peace."

Mr Mamoepa described the switch-off as an "outrage".

"How can they switch off the lights at this critical time? Students have to prepare for examinations. As they have little time left they need to be awake and to study at all times of the day.

"In addition we have a mortuary in the township. What is going to happen to the bodies now, that they do not have refrigeration?"

The Atteridgeville-Mamelodi blackout comes barely 24 hours after the two township town clerks were informed of the decision by the Pretoria City Council.

By August 24 both townships were said to have owed R4,7-million in service arrears.

Mr James Leach of Pretoria's management committee said that special steps had been enacted to ensure constant supplies to the Kalafong hospital. — Sapa.

'PAC involved in violence'

By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Staff

Guerillas of the Pan Africanist Congress's military wing, the African People's Liberation Army (Apla), have been involved in the recent violence on the Reef, according to PAC defence secretary Sabelo Phama.

In an interview with The Star in Harare, after the PAC's three-day consultative conference at the weekend, Mr Phama said there was a direct involvement of Apla forces in the recent violence.

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However, he said Apla's targets were not township residents, but "the police, soldiers and enemy agents who are in the first line of our operations".

"Our involvement in what has been going on in the townships is not an anti-negotiations position."

Mr Phama said the PAC intended to intensify its armed struggle until a ceasefire had been signed between the Government and the PAC.

In a separate interview, PAC administrative secretary Joe Mkhwanazi appealed to the international community to understand the organisation's decision to defer its response to the Government's talks invitation until it had been discussed by all its structures.

Curfew in place in seven townships

A CURFEW came into operation in seven Rand townships last night amid indications that it would be defied by a number of political organisations.

Pretoria police liaison officer Maj Rex Maree said yesterday evening roadblocks were already in place in Soweto and East Rand townships. He said police Casspir patrols would continue throughout the night.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok announced the 9pm to 4am curfew last week as part of government's efforts to clamp down on township violence.

Business Day Reporter

The ANC, Cosatu and affiliates called on supporters to defy the curfew, which the ANC said would give police licence to "hunt people as if they were game".

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Viney, near Sydney. "He ... Crossworde ... 22 ... [illegible] ... PM ... [illegible]

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Police to probe use of ambulance in unrest

TANIA LEVY

THE police have promised the Johannesburg City Council that they will investigate allegations that policemen used a vehicle purporting to be an ambulance during an unrest incident in Soweto.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night he had been given the undertaking by a Col Stapelberg at Protea Police Station.

He said Johannesburg had to ensure its ambulance vehicles and personnel were uncompromised and seen to be neutral.

The incident, in which a white mini-bus with a red light was allegedly used to escort policemen to an unrest scene on September 12, compromised the credibility of the ambulance service, said DP councillor Sias Reyneke.

The SAP had placed council employees and property in danger, he said.

The incident amounted to moving into combat under the Red Cross flag and would not enhance the image of the police who, he appreciated, had a thankless role.

PAC says its army is involved in Reef war

GUERILLAS of the Pan Africanist Congress's military wing, the African People's Liberation Army, have been involved in the recent wave of violence which claimed more than 800 lives in townships on the Reef, according to PAC defence secretary Mr Sabelo Phama.

In an interview with the *Sowetan* in Harare, Zimbabwe, on Sunday after the PAC's three-day consultative conference, Phama said there was a direct involvement of APLA forces in the recent violence on the Reef.

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Ordinary residents

However, Phama said APLA's targets in the violence were not ordinary township residents, but "the police, soldiers and enemy agents who are in the first line of our operations".

"Our involvement in what has been going on in the townships, it must be clear, is not an anti-negotiations position. Sowetan 26/9/90

It is not our intention to use APLA forces to stop the talks between the Government and the ANC," he said.

Phama said the PAC believed "in a people's war which is meant to increase our people's fighting capacity".

Men jumped from train after false rumour of an attack

7 rail deaths: A tragic joke

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THE seven men whose bodies were found along the railway line on Monday night were fleeing from the train after a false alarm that passengers were being attacked, police said yesterday.

By KENOSI MODISANE

A police spokesman said: "Witnesses said in their statements that other commuters caused confusion when they screamed that armed men were attacking".

He said there was no police patrol on the Soweto-bound train.

"Police cannot be in all trains at all times. But that does not mean people should make such dangerous jokes."

No other casualties apart from the seven were reported. Their names would only be released after their next-of-kin had been contacted.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said there was no link between Monday night's incident and the recent train massacre in which 26 people were killed. He said police "would be working round-the-clock" on the case.

Many Soweto train commuters have phoned *Sowetan* complaining about thugs who spread false rumours on trains of impending attacks by hostel dwellers - only to steal bags and other items left behind by panic-stricken passengers.

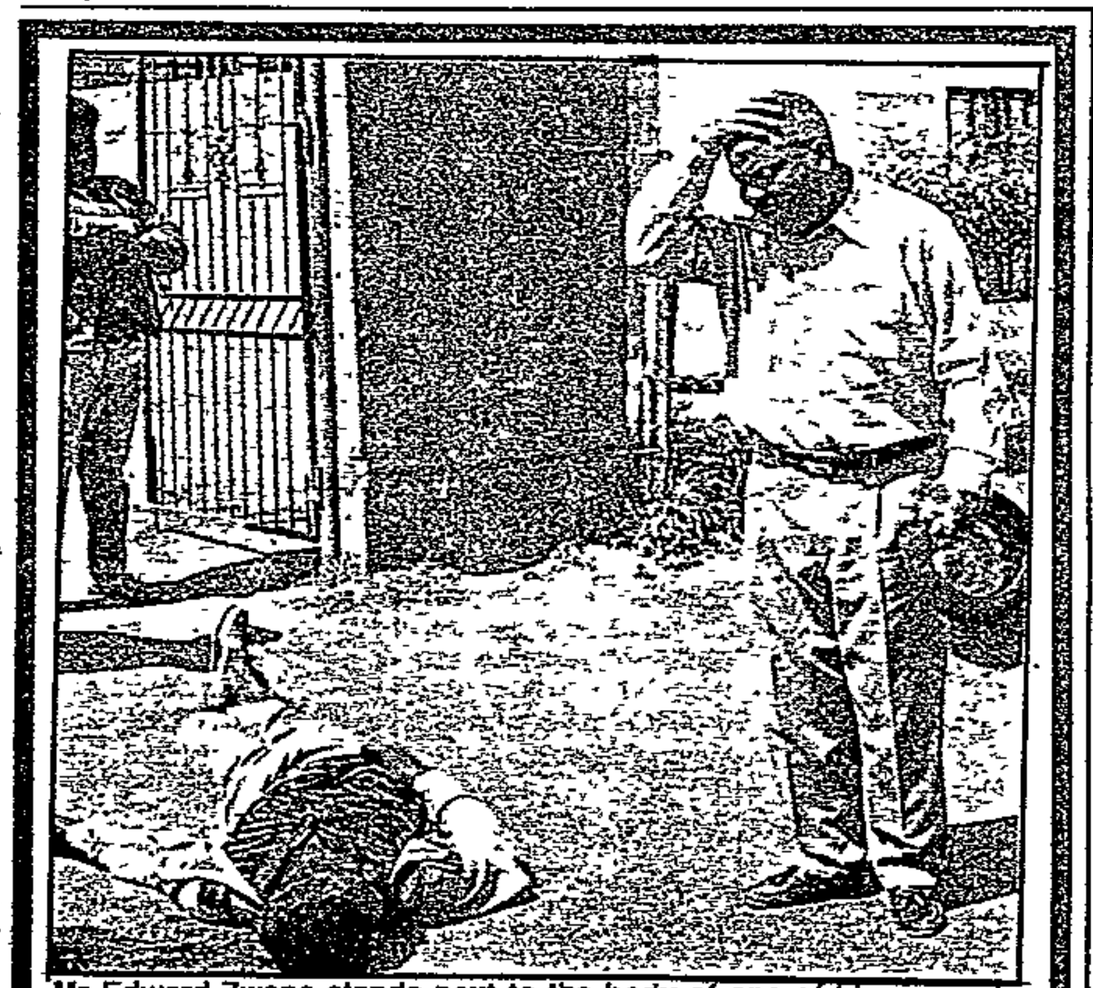
Rumours

They said the rumours had increased after the September 13 massacre at Benrose, Johannesburg.

Mr Peter Nhlapo said. "Thugs raised a false alarm on train Number 9402 between Braamfontein and Mayfair stations last week.

"They then snatched commuters' parcels during the confusion and many people were injured as they tried to run away."

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Mr Edward Zwane stands next to the body of one of his sons who was shot dead in Orlando East, Soweto, yesterday. His sons, Sydney Zwane and Stanley Mbatha (both taxi owners), died in what police believe is a taxi feud.

PIC: MBUZENI ZULU

Attack rumour kills 7 (278)

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A similar incident occurred at Mzimhlophe Station in Soweto when commuters fled a train they believed was being attacked by hostel dwellers. Many lost their parcels and others were injured.

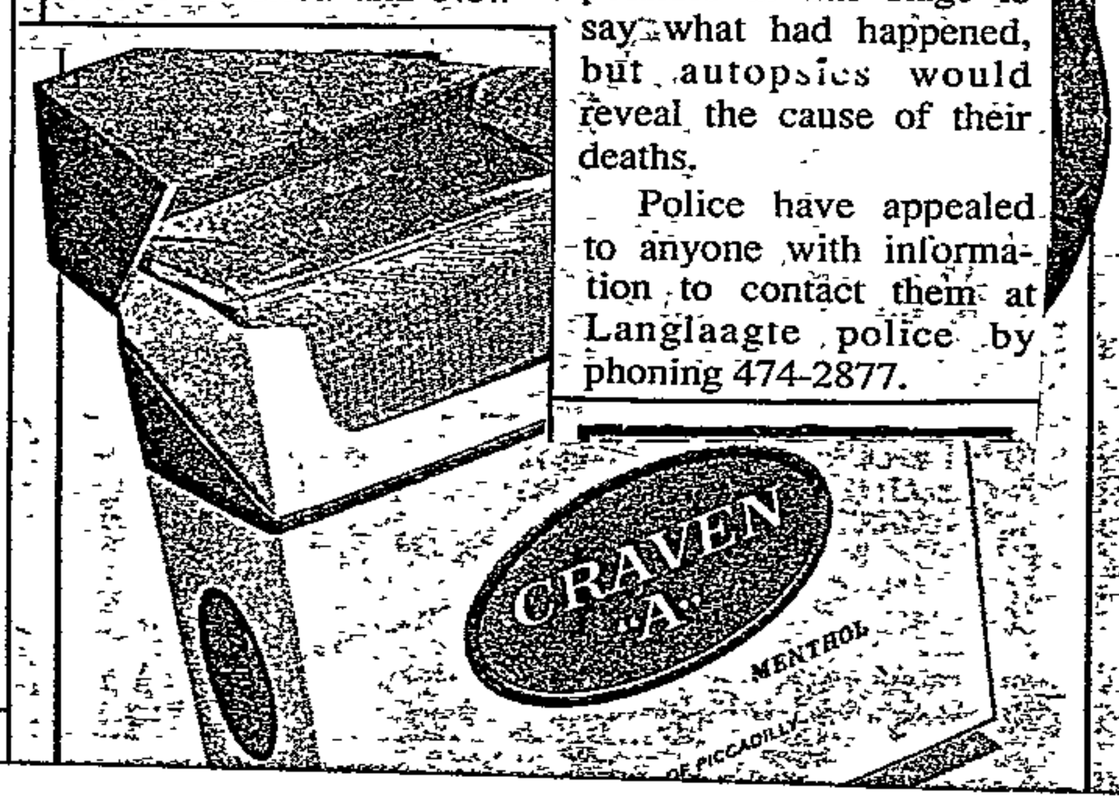
The seven mutilated bodies, aged between 18 and 20, were found between Riverlea and New Canada Station about 7.30pm. Six bodies were piled up together and the seventh lay in pieces a distance away.

Opperman said they suffered broken limbs, cuts, bruises and shattered skulls, leading police to believe they had either jumped or were thrown from a moving train.

He said it was impossible at this stage to say what had happened, but autopsies would reveal the cause of their deaths.

Police have appealed to anyone with information to contact them at Langlaagte police by phoning 474-2877.

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Show will go on despite curfew, says producer

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THE show goes on, according to producer Mothobi Mutloatse and the cast of his *Baby Come Duze*.

The show was to have been cancelled yesterday, because of the curfew affecting black townships which came into effect last night as part of Operation Iron Fist.

On Monday Mutloatse told *Sowetan* that he was cancelling the show because he would not be able to guarantee his patrons' safety after the shows.

But after a meeting with the cast and the Market Theatre's management, it was decided that performances should continue as ticket stubs would ensure that patrons

By VICTOR METSOAMERE

pass through the security web in the black townships of Soweto, Dobsonville, Diepmeadow, Vosloorus, Katlehong and Thokoza.

Market Theatre official Alan Roberts yesterday read out to *Sowetan* a joint statement by the Baby Come Duze producer and cast as well as the Market Theatre management in which the cast said they were prepared to play to an empty house because nothing had happened to warrant the show's closure.

Meanwhile, the South African Association of Theatrical Managements yesterday sent a fax to the South African Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, asking for a consideration to be made for ticket holders of shows at their theatres as *bona fide* theatregoers.

Sebokeng violence inquest?

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Transvaal Attorney-General Mr Don Brunette said yesterday he intended applying to Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee for a judicial inquest into the Sebokeng violence earlier this month in which 43 people died.

President F W de Klerk last week announced that Mr Coetsee would appoint judges to oversee inquests into certain incidents of recent violence. Inquests are usually conducted by magistrates.

Mr Brunette also said that charges against 100 Inkatha members arrested after the Sebokeng violence on September 3 and 4 had been withdrawn.

A further 37 Inkatha members arrested after the killings would appear in court at a later date on charges ranging from atttempted murder to the possession of dangerous weapons.

Mr Brunette said available evidence did not connect any of the accused with the Sebokeng deaths. For this reason, a judicial inquest was required to establish the causes of death and/or legal responsibility.

Weapons recovered from East Rand hostel

PRETORIA — Police confiscated a supply of weapons in a Vosloorus hostel and recovered three guns from men acting suspiciously in the East Rand township last night.

Sapa reports Police liaison officer Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen said police on patrol in Vosloorus noticed two men acting suspiciously. The men ran away and police confiscated an AK-47 semi-automatic assault rifle, another AK-47 with 26 rounds and a .455 revolver. No arrests were made.

Police confiscated two more AK-47's, a 12-bore shotgun, a Walther P 38 pistol with magazine, a Star 7,65 pistol, a .22 Browning rifle, a Cz 7.65 pistol and a collection of different rounds from a Vosloorus hostel.

CROSSROADS

Four people were seriously injured when a group petrol bombed two private tents at Old Crossroads.

In Mchenga, Natal a man was killed when a group opened fire and two houses were set alight.

In Jouberton, Klerksdorp, nine men were arrested after a group threw stones at a police vehicle.

● The Argus correspondent in Johannesburg reports four Soweto policemen were wounded, one of them seriously, in attacks on the police in the township last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the police in Soweto, said that in one of the attacks a policeman was seriously injured when three armed men attacked him and robbed him of his pistol.

Later three policemen were wounded when a police van was fired on. All the injured are being treated in the Baragwanath Hospital.

● The general secretary of the South African Youth Congress (Sayco), Mr Rapu Molekane, was shot and wounded during a police raid on his Soweto home.

Lieutenant-Colonel Halgryn said today a man threw a handgrenade at police before being wounded and arrested after a suspect had pointed out Mr Molekane's house as the place where he had bought a Russian manufactured pistol.

When the police wanted to search the house, an F1 handgrenade was thrown at them. The grenade did not explode. A man was wounded before the police could arrest him.

When the house was searched, the police found two F1 handgrenades, five RGD handgrenades, one Scorpion pistol, an AK-47 rifle and ammunition for both firearms.

Sayco publicity secretary Mr Parks Mankahlana said the raid could be linked to a Sayco anti-curfew demonstration last night in Moletsane.

● Policeman shot dead in hospital raid — page 2.

Call for judicial probe into Reef deaths

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NSL to help violence kids

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By MOLEFI MIKA

CHILDREN affected by the violence which has claimed more than 700 lives on the Reef will benefit when the National Soccer League stages its annual Maize Meal Soccer Spectacular Charity tournament at FNB Stadium, Johannesburg, on January 19.

Mr Cyril Kobus, chief executive of the NSL, which has donated more than R3 million to the needy in the past, said the gesture was to show concern over the black-on-black violence.

"We will donate cash for food, medicine and clothing which will be channelled through organisations like the Red Cross.



CYRIL KOBUS

"They will in turn help kids in affected places that have been hit by the violence," Kobus said.

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The NSL will also donate money to Operation Hunger, the South African Education Trust and the South African Soccer Academy.

Popular president ... excited schoolgirls wait at Jan Smuts airport last night to welcome Mr de Klerk home from Washington. © Picture by Reuter.

Unrest cases against 100 dropped

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Charges have been dropped against 100 of the 137 people arrested during violence in Sebokeng earlier this month, Attorney-General for the Transvaal DB Brunette announced today.

Forty-three people died and 137 were arrested following fighting which erupted at hostels at Sebokeng on the nights of September 3 and 4, said Mr Brunette.

He said in a statement that 137 people had already appeared in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court.

"After having studied the evidence which came to the fore during the investigation, I have decided to withdraw the cases against 100 of the accused due to a lack of evidence.

"The other 37 accused will in due course be tried in the district and regional court on charges ranging from attempted murder to unlawful possession of dangerous weapons and firearms."

Mr Brunette said available evidence did not connect any of the accused with the deaths of people in the township bloodshed.

In the light of this an inquest was necessary to establish the causes of death and/or the liability in the case of those who had died during the unrest at Sebokeng.

"As a result of the particular circumstances of the case, I intend recommending to the Minister of Justice that a judge be appointed to hold the inquests in respect of the deaths," Mr Brunette said. — Sapa.

ANC, Inkatha agree on unrest monitoring

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Peace in Natal took a further step forward last night when senior members of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party agreed on joint unrest monitoring and visits to strife-torn areas "in the near future".

Dr Frank Mdlalose, KwaZulu Minister of Health, revealed late last night that "some people" had been appointed to investigate all aspects of joint monitoring projects.

He was speaking after the second session of top-level peace talks between the ANC and Inkatha in Durban last night. They first met at a secret meeting in the city last week as part of their attempts to bring peace to Natal.

The delegations said a very good spirit had prevailed.

In a joint statement issued after the meeting, the delegations said they believed it was vital that they continued to meet and to agree on practical steps to end the violence, not only in Natal but elsewhere in the country.

They welcomed the reduction in the level of violence "achieved through local initiatives and the intervention by His Majesty the King of the Zulus and the President of the Transkei", and said they would encourage similar initiatives in all affected areas.

"The meeting agreed that at its next session it would consider any additional steps it should take to ensure the involvement in the search for peace of as many of their respective members as possible," the statement said.

Rivals clash in Bekkersdal

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SIX people were hurt, five arrested and two shacks burnt when fresh clashes broke out between members of the Azanian Peoples Organisation and ANC supporters in Bekkersdal over the past four days.

West Rand police spokeswoman Captain Henrietta Bester said six people were injured, two seriously, and were admitted to Leratong hospital in Krugersdorp.

According to police, five people were arrested after clashes between the "comrades" and residents "either over land ownership or two black women who were abducted in Spooktown".

The five were apparently members of Beyco.

By SONTI MASEKO

They were arrested after allegedly kidnapping and severely assaulting members of Azapo, a member of Azapo, Mr Father Rastoeu, said.

Bester said the men appeared in the Westonaria Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of public violence.

Their names are Thapelo Seoka, Elliot Bhenxa, Henderson Machena, Monde Dina and Elvis Bhabila.

Ratsoeu said their members who were allegedly attacked are Charlie Ndikolo, who is reportedly in a serious condition and whose shack was burnt down in the attack, Lucky Moseki, Disco Radebe, Satch Mofokeng, Tlhokes Ngwele and Dipunki Montshiwa.

The chairman of the local branch of the Azanian Students Movement, Mr Mpho Badirwang, said the recent clashes started when a mob of youths wearing ANC T-shirts, badges and headbands raided a shebeen in an area called Uptown.

The house belongs to Ms Matlakala Molebatsi of Imbeleko Women's Organisation, an affiliate of Azapo.

The woman was allegedly robbed of money and liquor by the youths on Saturday.

Beyco could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Reef violence drives traders to bankruptcy

By MONDLI MAKHANYA (278)

MANY township businesses are faced with liquidation after suffering major losses during the recent violence on the Reef. W Mail 28/9-4/10/90

Township businessmen had to cut their trading hours drastically as it became unsafe to trade after dark; businesses operating in the hostels had to shut down altogether; and many suffered from a spate of robberies as thugs took advantage of the anarchic situation.

National African Chamber of Commerce representative Gabriel Makgoko said the early closure of shops was the most damaging since 45 percent of township businesses's turnover is obtained when people return from work.

Garage owners who operate 24 hour service stations had been the hardest hit in this regard, he said. "They had to avoid people who would come and demand petrol for the manufacture of petrol bombs. If a garage owner granted this request he would then be in danger of being attacked by the other faction."

Makgoko added that suppliers and financial institutions refused to understand the plight of black businessmen and declined to extend their line of credit.

Federated African Chamber of Commerce representative Fanyana Shiburi said another major problem had been that of hotel owners having to stop operations during peak trading hours in the evening. Those who were based in safer areas had to do with less staff, as some workers live in the strife-torn areas.

Shiburi said many shopkeepers had permanently withdrawn from hostels.

Accompanying the violence has been a spate of robberies, many carried out with toy guns. Makgoko said much of the money stolen belonged to suppliers.

"This has been very detrimental because it takes only three robberies to force a business to close. During the weeks of violence some businesses have been robbed several times," Makgoko said. "The combined effect of the closures and the robberies is that a lot of businesses simply will not recover."

Both Makgoko and Shiburi pointed out black businesses had suffered during strife in the black community and at times had to default on GST as all their takings were destroyed with their businesses.

The issue of township violence is high on the agenda of Nafcoc's sixth biennial summit next month. "The effect of this violence is that it slows down the pace of the economic empowerment of blacks. That is why we as businessmen have a vested interest in peace and fully support the current initiatives to normalise South African society," said Makgoko.

Hostels where 'truckloads of arms were sold'

By WALLY MBHELE

TWO East Rand hostels, which were not affected by the recent Reef violence, are allegedly arms-smuggling depots for pro-Inkatha forces in the township clashes.

This week police raided one of the hostels, arresting three people and confiscating a machine gun, two AK-47 rifles, two pistols and rounds of ammunition.

The Weekly Mail has information that the two hostels — Wattville men's hostel and the Nguni section of the Vosloorus men's hostel — received consignments of arms during the height of the Reef violence.

The arms were alleged to have been transported from Mozambique and held in storage in the Vosloorus hostel. Some of the weapons were later transferred to the Wattville hostel for sale.

A hostel resident confirmed in an affidavit that the Nguni section of Vosloorus hostel was used as an arms and ammunition storage depot. He also gave lawyers the registration numbers of three mini-buses which had allegedly been spotted transporting armed Inkatha men around Vosloorus. The Nguni section was one of the hostels raided in a police swoop this week.

Blocks K and C in the Vosloorus hostel were described by the resident as "Inkatha headquarters", where meetings were held and attacks planned.

Heavy weapons, such as AK-47's, were lubricated and buried underground, said the man in his affidavit.

According to police spokeswoman Captain Ida van Zweel, some firearms were found under a bush near one of the hostels. She could not identify which hostel.

A long-time resident of the Wattville hostel said that every night during the clashes trucks from Vosloorus would arrive at the hostel and be loaded with weapons. Three other Wattville hostel residents independently confirmed the existence of the large arms caches.

According to several sources the arms supplier, who was alleged to have come from Maputo, operated from the Vosloorus hostel. In Wattville a senior hostel resident was the main contact for buying weapons. He was allegedly assisted by a committee which dealt with organising potential customers and recruitment.

During a Wattville hostel meeting the senior resident allegedly issued a warning to those testing firearms, saying that "the noise of gun shots will invite police attention". The following day, on September 13, the hostel was raided. AK-47 rifles, shotguns and "something like a small cannon" were confiscated, said a Wattville hostel dweller.

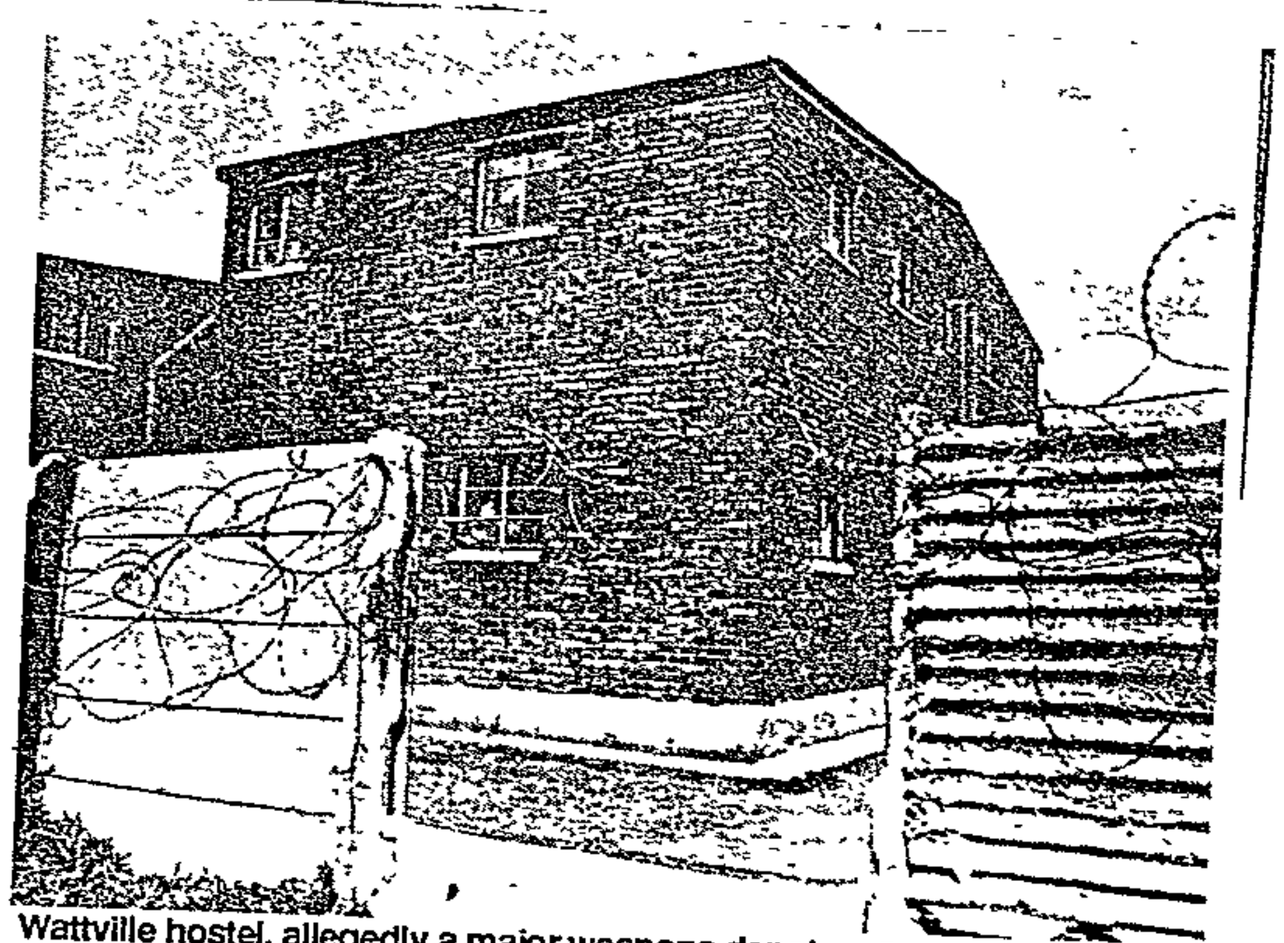
However, inmates had been tipped off about the pending raid, said the man. Residents had thrown some weapons into dustbins and only these had been confiscated, he claimed. Police did not enter the hostel.

Van Zweel confirmed the raid and said police had seized, among other items, "four AK-47's, three Makarov pistols, two air pistols, one .38 special revolver, an assortment of dangerous weapons and about 50kg of dagga". Three people were arrested.

In Wattville hostel there were "more firearms than people. Arms were brought into the hostel in big delivery trucks, sometimes in private cars and sold to various people in the hostels," said a hostel resident.

AK-47s sold for about R1 200 and people were taken to Vosloorus for training by Mozambican "Shangaans". Another hostel resident said: "... I understand others come from Natal."

The hostel councillor had told the residents to contribute R5 to buy arms and *muti*, said another man. Some had refused as they did not want to fight Xhosas because "we have been living with them".



Wattville hostel, allegedly a major weapons depot

Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK

Climate of fear grips townships

W/Mail 28/9 – 4/10/90 (278)

By PHILIPPA GARSON, GLENDA DANIELS and Sapa

WHILE the level of violence has declined dramatically over the past two weeks, peace is still nowhere in sight. Widespread unrest continues to sweep the country, claiming many lives.

Conflict also looms over the curfews imposed on several Reef townships and power cuts in the two sprawling townships of Atteridgeville and Mamelodi.

This week police found the bodies of six people next to the Soweto/Johannesburg railway line. The men reportedly jumped out of the moving train after pranksters gave a false alarm by alerting passengers to an impending attack by armed men. Other commuters report that "thugs" are taking advantage of the climate of fear by stirring up panic amongst people and then robbing them of their possessions.

Two taxi owners, Stanley Mbatha and Thulani Zwane were shot dead outside a Soweto House this week when "unknown people opened fire on them", according to police reports.

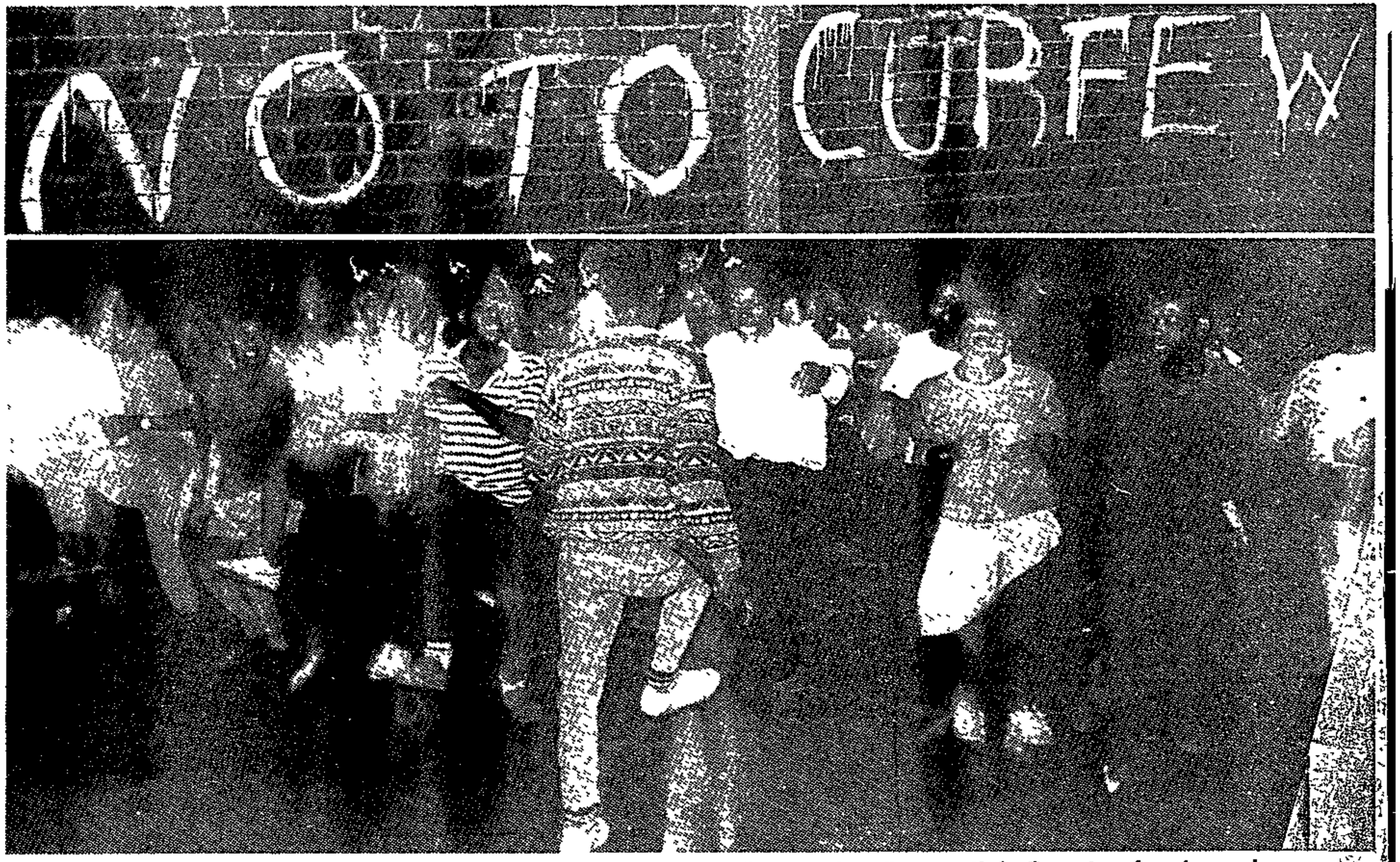
Several clashes around the country have claimed the lives of at least seven people and led to scores of arrests. Many of the dead were found riddled with bullet wounds.

A man was found hacked to death in the East Rand township of Vosloorus and police report that seven others were injured in Bekkersdal after a clash beween two warring factions.

Sixteen vehicles and a number of houses in Jouberton township near Klerksdorp were wrecked in arson and stone-throwing attacks.

Scores of people have been arrested in relation to the attacks, including 57 black women who allegedly gathered illegally in Nigel and defied police orders to disperse.

While police report co-operation of residents affected by the 9pm-4am curfew imposed in Soweto and the East Rand townships of Vosloorus, Katlehong and Thokoza, civic groups and local branches of the South African Youth Congress have threatened to defy.



Graffiti splashed across township walls in red paint (above) and defiant, toyi-toying youth in Soweto signal growing resistance to the Iron Fist' curfew imposed from Tuesday

Picture: JUSTIN SHOLIK

On Tuesday night — the start of the "Iron Fist" curfew — most Soweto streets were deserted save for small groups of people scurrying to their homes and taxis ferrying late night commuters. Shortly after 8pm people were seen hurrying home, some trying to hitch lifts.

The only visible opposition was "Viva Operation Vula, Down with Operation Iron Fist", "Defy the Curfew" and "Down with the Iron Fist" graffiti.

Most food outlets, shebeens and 24-hour garages were closed.

However, at about 10pm a handful of youths took to the street in defiance of the curfew. In their pyjamas, they toyi-toyied along the road, shouting "Defy, Defy" and singing freedom songs.

Armed groups of residents of Phola Park, the squatter camp next to Thokoza, reportedly defied the curfew to guard the township against Inkatha attacks.

At press conferences in Johannesburg this week the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) and Sayco said the curfew would be opposed. Said a Sayco representative: "We have no moral obligation to observe these regulations, especially at a time when we are demanding that a climate of free political activity be cultivated for genuine negotiations to begin."

Cast has written a letter asking for an urgent meeting with Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok.

Its treasurer, Chris Dlamini, called on communities to strategise jointly on defence with the local police, noting that "the trend in trouble-torn townships was that police, especially black police, assisted in protecting the community".

● Cosatu has organised a march to John Voster Square in Johannesburg tomorrow to protest against the violence.

cy". And he admitted that ANC supporters ... entirely blameless in the killing.

Call to maintain sanctions

WILSON ZWANE

FOURTEEN US state legislators have urged the international community to maintain economic sanctions against SA until "further, concrete progress is made". B10my 28/9/90

The legislators — members of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) — made the call yesterday at the end of a two-week visit to SA.

The group said it was overwhelmed by bad living conditions and the high costs of apartheid in human and financial terms.

It had been drawn to urge the continuation of economic sanctions "by deplorable conditions" witnessed in Nyanga, KTC in the Cape, Soweto and other areas.

Sanctions had to be maintained until further, concrete progress had been made, it said.

However, it would support efforts that "recognisably remove the legal vestiges of apartheid and which secure investment, primarily in education, housing and health care".

Policemen shot in Soweto

FOUR policemen were shot in Soweto in two separate attacks on Wednesday night, a Soweto police spokesman said yesterday.

He said a policeman was seriously wounded when he and a colleague had their service pistols stolen. Three policemen were admitted to hospital after their vehicle was fired at. B1by 28/9/90

Also on Wednesday night, police found caches of weapons in Soweto, one in a Vosloorus hostel. (278)

One of two men searched in central western Jabavu was found to have a Scorpion machine pistol on him.

In a follow-up operation at a home in Soweto, a case containing seven hand-grenades, an AK47 rifle and a machine pistol were found. One of the men was wounded in the arm after he had tried to activate a grenade. Four people were arrested.

In Mchanga, Natal, a man was killed when a group opened fire and two houses were set alight, the police unrest report said. — Sapa.

AT ITT SHERATON LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

Sliding towards the vortex

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GERALD L'ANGE, Editor of The Star's Africa News Service, warns that South Africa is not learning from the mistakes of its neighbours. The fighting that follows "liberation" is far worse than the war itself.

The accelerating slide into endemic violence in South Africa is beginning to follow the same pattern as it did elsewhere in Africa, notably in Angola.

Angola drifted into a vortex of civil conflict in which it has remained trapped for the past 15 years.

South Africa still has a chance to avoid getting into the same predicament. The parallels are becoming ominous, however.

In South Africa, what is referred to as "the struggle" began as a means of overthrowing white minority rule.

In Angola the initial objective was to overthrow Portuguese rule. As in South Africa, a multiplicity of "liberation movements" was formed to promote the struggle.

Once the objective of ousting the Portuguese had been achieved in Angola, the liberation movements began to fight among themselves for a new objective: political power in the "liberated" Angola.

Having obtained weapons to fight the Portuguese, they turned the same weapons on each other.

Destructive

The struggle for power became more violent and more destructive than the fight for liberation had ever been.

It has caused deaths whose numbers exceeds several times over the number of deaths in the conflict with Portugal.

It has virtually destroyed what was still a relatively healthy economy at the time of Portugal's withdrawal. And as is almost inevitable when violence is employed to gain political power, that power has not been achieved, certainly not in a form that can be exercised.

While the MPLA has been able to form a government and gain recognition in the OAU and the UN, it has not been able to govern effectively or to end the fighting.

The civil war in Angola has not been won by any party; it has proved unwinnable.

As a result, the two main contestants are now beginning to move hesitantly towards negotiating a political settlement. This is a painful and difficult process because there is inevitably deeper animosity between the parties after years of civil war than before the war started.

Attitudes have become entrenched by conflict and glued by blood. The parties are trying to change them only because the suffering and damage of the war have become intolerable and because no other option is visible.

If they succeed in negotiating a solution they will have to work on restoring the damage done to their country by the war.

Politically, they will then be back to square one, back where they started when the Portuguese pulled out and gave Angola its independence. Economically, their country will be many years further back beyond square one.

In sum, they will be worse off than they were at independence and this is all they have got from the resort to violence.

If ever proof were required that disputes cannot be permanently resolved through violence, then it is surely to be found in Angola today.

The Angolan example is not the only one starkly visible to the factions in South Africa as they, too, apparently begin to drift into the vortex of violence.

Right next door in Mozambique is an example that is perhaps even more graphic in its horror, its destruction, its misery, its waste and its utter pointlessness.

Politically, the Mozambican example is not as clear as the Angolan one in that one of the warring parties, Renamo, has shady origins in Rhodesia, whereas the Frelimo government came from a liberation movement forged in the struggle to overthrow the Portuguese.

But political credentials are in the end unimportant in an internecine struggle, especially when it gets as vicious as the one in Mozambique. What is important is whether the struggle can be won and whether the price that must be paid is worth it.

In Mozambique, as in Angola, it has become clear there can be no winner on the battlefield, if the term battle can be applied to the bestial methods employed by Renamo rebels. And it is doubtful that the price to be paid for whatever emerges from the conflicts will be considered worthwhile by those who will have to pay it — the descendants of today's combatants.

Some might argue that Zimbabwe provides proof that violence can succeed.

Certainly the government in power was formed from a liberation movement whose armed struggle began a process that led to the capitulation of white domination.

Quick victory

But in Zimbabwe the opponents of white domination did not then turn on each other in a civil war for power. They started to, but the contest was won so quickly by Robert Mugabe's Zanu (PF) that it did little damage to the infrastructure.

Some would claim it was in any case not Mr Mugabe's former guerillas who won the contest but the threat of aerial attack by the (white-manned) air force against the armoured vehicles of Joshua Nkomo's Zipra army as it moved on Bulawayo shortly after independence was proclaimed.

Had the separate armies of Zanu and Zapu ever started fighting one another as the liberation movements in Angola did, Zimbabwe might well have gone the same way.

South Africa is closer to the Angolan example than the Zimbabwean one, because of the multiplicity of political groups adamantly opposed to one another.

The overwhelming weight of evidence from the Zimbabwean and other conflicts shows that once political antagonists acquire sophisticated weapons and start using them against each other, the resulting conflict will almost certainly escalate to a point where it becomes extremely difficult to stop.

There appears to be a real danger that the lessons that are so clearly apparent from the profusion of such examples are not being learned in South Africa.

When African National Congress vice-president Nelson Mandela suggests, as he did recently, that armed groups might be organised to protect ANC members from attack in the townships, alarm bells ought to start ringing loudly and furiously everywhere.

A liberation struggle waged from foreign bases against the Government is one thing.

It is quite another matter when factions within South Africa are given arms to protect themselves against other factions or forces.

From there it is only a short step to the same whirlpool that sucked in Angola.

What makes the Angolan conflict especially tragic is that the parties were not really fighting for disparate ideologies and beliefs.

Politically, they were not far apart. At independence, the MPLA was not a committed Marxist-Leninist party.

It became so only after turning to the Soviet Union for arms.

At this stage neither are the black political movements in South Africa widely divided by ideological barriers. Their differences can still be reconciled.

If they start fighting each other with modern weapons, however, they — and the rest of the country — may be on the way to the whirlpool.

It's time to map a strategy for education crisis

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PERSPECTIVE



THE violence on the Reef is petering out and everybody will now be claiming credit for it. All the efforts, however tiny, added up to the present calm.

But in the end it was obvious that the black community would get tired of the mindless violence.

We now have space in which to lay the foundations for real peace. Again credit should go to all who put work into restoring peace and to the communities that are still working at it, organising meetings between hostel residents and the rest of the township inhabitants.

As usual, when we return to "normality" we find that the massive problem of the education of our children has not disappeared.

It grew bigger as we tried to bury our heads in mindless violence.

Today there is a mad rush by matriculants to catch up before the November examinations. Did I say a mad rush? The effort is in fact rather pathetic.

We need to organise a conference at the end of this year to map out a strategy to get out of this crisis.

We should go beyond empty political slogans, beyond stupid demands like *pass one, pass all*. We should go beyond an uncritical demand for one education system. And most importantly we should go beyond finding excuses for our mediocrity.

Co-opted

Obviously this is not what blacks have been demanding. We have not been demanding that we be grudgingly co-opted into the white school system.

We want the best education possible for our children. We want our children to get skills that will make them eligible for the best jobs in the country. We want our children to run this country and to bring prosperity to all.

We have a clear goal. We need to work out how we get there.

The teachers are black and should have the same goal. The children too should have this goal.

But what happens in practice?

The teachers have lost this vision and they do not inspire it among their charges. The parents, the teachers and the pupils have come to accept mediocrity and less as the standard.

For crying out loud, Verwoerd and his descendants are not in the classrooms with us as we learn. They have not nailed us down to make it impossible to enter libraries to read.

Imprisoned

When they defined our limits, we accepted them and bowed down to an inferior existence. We have imprisoned our own minds.

It's been getting worse every year.

Growing

It will continue growing and growing and growing.

The Government claims that it is solving this problem. Spokesmen keep throwing figures at us, showing how the school population has grown in the past ten years and how Government spending has increased.

Yet the truth is that Government expenditure on the education of a white child is still almost five times that of an indigenous African child.

Business has known for decades now about the inferior quality of the products of black schools and universities and yet it did not protest against the system.

It was happy to coast along with white labour at the helm.

It's true, pouring money into black education will not necessarily give us better products. There is a need to look at the philosophy behind our education system.

Demand

On the table already is a demand for one education department in the place of the 14 that already exist.

The assumption behind this demand is that one education department will eliminate the gap between what is spent on white children and what is spent on black children.

Another assumption is that the good teachers in the white community will be shared by all. This also assumes that white education is better.

The Government has now responded to this demand in its usual bungling fashion. It has shifted the responsibility for a decision to the parents of the children in white schools.

These parents should decide whether they want to allow blacks to come in.

More than two-thirds of the parents must agree



Wits deputy vice-chancellor Prof Mervyn Shear asks police to exercise restraint during yesterday's campus protest.

Picture: LINDEN BIRNS.

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Campus peace march ends in confrontation with police

ACADEMICS, univerity workers and students held a joint peace meeting at Wits University at lunch time yesterday to protest against recent township violence and the government's "Iron Fist" measures.

Guest speaker Beyers Naude, Wits vice-chancellor Prof Robert Charlton and four other speakers called for a judicial board of inquiry into the violence and into allegations of police partiality.

Unless the concept of law and order regained credibility among the majority of the population, no measures adopted to uphold it would succeed in ending the violence, they said.

Naude told the gathering the white community felt "Iron Fist" was necessary to stop conflict in the townships, but this view differed from that of the black communities who had to live with fear and discomfort.

LINDEN BIRNS

He called for the incorporation of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres into SADF units to help re-establish the SADF's credibility.

Because permission was refused for a procession to the Hillbrow police station, students staged a procession on campus. They marched to the junction of Station and Jorissen streets where they were confronted by riot police armed with shotguns and teargas launchers.

After a tense stand-off and some pleading on the students' behalf by deputy vice-chancellor Prof Mervyn Shear, a delegation was allowed to cross the road and present a memorandum of demands to a Capt Buytendag of the unrest unit.

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Stompie's mother still seeking truth

Struggle to hold back tears as she tells of son's wish to be a lawyer



Maninki Seipei, mother of murdered activist Stompie ... she says she sees him in her dreams and longs to know how he died.

By NOMAVENDA MATHIANE
Weekend Argus Correspondent

OUTSIDE Tumahole township in Parys, Free State, a shanty town is mushrooming near the garbage dump. Its inhabitants have called it Mandela Village.

Among the many shacks of corrugated iron, hardboard and plastic sheets of all colours is one belonging to Maninki Joyce Seipei, mother of the murdered 14-year-od activist whose name became known round the world, James "Stompie" Moeketsi Seipei.

She lives with her common-law husband and their four-year-old daughter, a little girl who hardly remembers the elder brother murdered in Soweto on New Years's Eve in 1988

Ms Seipei is lonely in her grief, but not alone. She is guarded by youths, apparently to "censor" her verbal contact with people like reporters. But she says she has no need for that.

Ridiculed

Ms Seipei tells of having been ridiculed by groups of youths the day after her son was buried. They taunted her and claimed it was not Stompie she had buried, but a grown man with a full beard.

They claimed to have seen the body, and her claims that she had buried the child activist were an attempt to make money.

"My son's death has nothing to do with the African National Congress, and it could never harm the organisation. I do not care even if they appear not to be on my side. I do not need anybody on my side. What I want is justice."

She speaks reverently of Nelson Mandela, deputy president of the ANC. She says: "The old man was not around when my son died. He has nothing to do with it."

Ms Seipei has never set eyes on Mrs Mandela, who was not there when Stompie was buried in his home town.

At the time Mrs Mandela insisted Stompie was alive, and there were wild claims — officially denied by Botswana Police and the Dukwe refugee camp — that the youngster had fled to a camp for fugitives in Botswana.

Ms Seipei says she has dreamt about her son many times.

She says: "At times he is laughing and teasing me, though in many cases I dream he is crying. In real life he never cried.

Wanted to be lawyer

"I remember once when the police came to pick him up. One of them told him to bid me goodbye because they were going to lock him up for a long time. He looked at me and laughed.

"He was a brave boy who loved school. He wanted to be a lawyer but I told him we were too poor for him to entertain that dream.

"He was a very talkative child. It was 'Mama this' and 'mama that' all the time telling me about the struggle. I would ask him why he was doing all those things and he would say 'for the Freedom Charter'."

She feels her son died for the nation. But she also asks: "Why would a boy that young be obsessed with freedom? Look where we live, look at my shack. End of the month we must pay R17 for services. What services?"

The shack town where she lives has no electricity, no sewerage, and no running water. There are also no toilets, and its inhabitants must go for relief to neighbouring Tumahole or head for the bushes.

Get into trouble

Ms Seipei's dream is to lay her hands on a photograph of Stompie; "I have seen one in a newspaper where his hair was in a perm. I would love to have a copy of that photograph."

She has developed heart problems, she says, since her son's death.

Initially she was reluctant to talk to us.

She was upset and battled to hold back the tears, and told us her refusal to speak was "because I get into trouble and get accused of saying things I have not said."

She had refused to be interviewed at her shack, and disclosed she had been given instructions to hold interviews only at the advice centre in town. When we arrived at the office with her, one of the youths called her outside for lengthy discussion.

On her return, she was more upset. The same youth held a telephone conversation with someone he said was Ms Seipei's lawyer. But she was not aware of any lawyer acting for her and, in fact, seemed in desperate need of one.

Ms Seipei kept looking around, clearly scared to talk to us. But as the ice thawed she told us she had expected Winnie Mandela to have at least done what Jerry Richardson had — come and see her and tell her what had happened.

'Nobody knows'

She said: "If anything happens to anyone staying at my house I am bound to explain to their next-of-kin what happened. It is in that vein that I expected Mrs Mandela to come and tell me what happened to my son while he stayed at her house. As Stompie's mother I deserved to know."

Ms Seipei is not at all excited or moved by news that Mrs Mandela will be prosecuted on allegations relating to her murdered son's abduction and assaults on him before his death.

She says quietly: "That will not bring my son back, though I still want to know the full story. And until that happens I cannot see any of us being at peace."

One of the youths in the Parys office interrupts.

He says, without being asked: "We do not know who murdered Stompie. Nobody knows. And we are not going to allow Mrs Mandela's name to be dragged in the mud. There are a number of anti-Mandela people around here. They are responsible for all the rumours about Stompie's death. They and the police are responsible for anti-Mrs Mandela graffiti on walls."

Richardson, former "coach" of Mrs Mandela's "soccer" club, has been sentenced to death for the murder of the young activist, who was abducted from the Methodist Church manse in Orlando West on December 28, 1988, and was murdered three days later.

Richardson was sentenced to 28 years jail for kidnapping, assault, and for the attempted murder of another youth.

As the youth continues talking Ms Seipei says she does not know exactly how her son died, but never expected him to die at the hands of black people.

3 die in hail of gunfire at taxi rank

Capt Tinfis 29/9/90

JOHANNESBURG. — Three people were killed and three were seriously injured in a hail of gunfire at the Orlando taxi rank yesterday morning.

Lieutenant Govinsamy Mariemuthoo said it was not clear who the attackers were, but police were investigating. "We can't say it's part of the taxi war," he said.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said earlier that five taxis were waiting for passengers at the Baragwanath-Johannesburg taxi rank when, without warning, armed men started shooting at taxis and passengers. People were caught in a hail of bullets, including AK-47 rifle fire.

Police arrived within minutes and cordoned off the area. The body of one person was discovered at the scene, while two people were certified dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital.

Two women and one man were also admitted to the hospital with serious injuries. They are apparently fighting for their lives.

Colonel Halgryn noted that there was a continuing feud between the Baragwanath-Johannesburg and Baragwanath-Pretoria taxi groups.

The Baragwanath-Johannesburg group apparently wants the Baragwanath-Pretoria taxis to operate from Johannesburg and not from Soweto.

"These people have often resorted to violence in the past. There is obviously a lot of money involved here," Colonel Halgryn said.

No arrests have yet been made. — Sapa

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Four die in Reef violence

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VIOLENCE flared up again on the Reef yesterday after a week of relative quiet.

Armed gangs struck five times on the Reef yesterday, killing four people.

Three people were killed in an attack on a Soweto taxi rank and a woman was killed in an armed robbery on the West Rand.

Dobsonville city councillor David Mmesi is in a critical condition at the Leratong Hospital after he and his wife were shot, at close range, by three unknown men.

Soweto Police spokesman Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the couple were walking home when the incident occurred.

"They were confronted by three armed men who shot Mr Mmesi in the head and his wife in the stomach," he said.

Stable

Mrs Mmesi's condition was described as stable.

Mystery surrounds the reasons for a shooting yesterday at a Soweto taxi rank in which three people were killed and three were seriously injured when unknown gunmen unleashed a hail of gunfire on waiting taxis and passengers at 6.00 am.

Late last night police could not say whether the incident was simply a taxi-battle, the work of criminals, or an assassination similar to those that occurred during the recent wave of violence on the Reef.

Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said unknown persons, who seemed to have come on foot, opened fire without warning on passengers and five taxis waiting at the Baragwanath-Johannesburg taxi rank.

AK-47 rifles were among the weapons used.

The body of one man was found at the scene. Two more were certified dead on arrival at hospital.

The survivors are in hospital fighting for their lives.



SHOT DOWN: Dobsonville city councillor David Mmesi is in a critical condition after he and his wife were shot by three unknown men.

Armed gangs spread terror

STAFF REPORTERS

Police have noted that there is a continuing feud between the Baragwanath-Johannesburg and Baragwanath-Pretoria taxi groups.

No arrests have been made, Lieutenant Mariemuthoo said.

On the East Rand there were three attacks by gangs who got away with more than R200 000. In one incident five gun-wielding men robbed a Wadeville woman of cash and cheques amounting to R179 413. The men escaped in a white Nissan bakkie, KFX-093T.

In Alberton, three men, one armed with an AK-47, held up and robbed an Alrode factory owner of R13 640 at 11.20 am. The three drove off in a yellow Ford Granada, registration GGR346T.

In Springs two men were injured — one a farm owner and the other a farm labourer — by three men brandishing guns and knives. They escaped in the farmer's yellow Chevair, BBY214T with cash and cheques worth R13 400.

Police report a 21-year-old woman was shot dead by a robber armed with a 9 mm pistol and R25 000 in cash was stolen from the offices of LTA building and construction company at Oberholzer, on the far West Rand, yesterday morning.

South African Police liaison in Pretoria said four men entered the building through open doors at about 9.30 am.

Two of the men locked up eight of the workers in the tearoom and stood guard with an AK-47 rifle. The other two went to the top floor where they held up Ms Venita Jacobs with a 9 mm pistol. They then took R25 000 from a steel cabinet and fired a shot which struck the woman in the upper chest.

A man was injured during a shoot-out between police and a group of suspected robbers in Selby, Johannesburg, yesterday, according to Witwatersrand SA Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman.

Shoot-out

The shoot-out ensued after one of the alleged robbers started firing at three members of the SAP's robbery reaction unit — who had unsuspectingly stopped their vehicle next to the robbers' get-away-car.

Before police could return fire, the suspects had jumped back into their car and sped off. They stopped about 200 m down the road and continued shooting at police, who returned fire.

The gunmen jumped into a big water drain pipe next to the road, but one of them, who had apparently been shot three times during the shoot-out, was caught by a police dog.

The wounded suspect was being treated under police guard at the Hillbrow Hospital and police had retrieved a stolen briefcase, the police spokesman added.

Grumbles, but curfew curbs violence

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ABBEY MAKOE and SAPA

FOUR days after the seven-hour curfew was introduced in riot-ridden townships, violence in the township had significantly declined. In some areas there was no violence at all, police said.

Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said township residents, especially on the East Rand, had responded positively to the restrictions in the curfew regulations.

"Everything went on well despite an isolated incident in which three policemen were shot at in Soweto on Wednesday night," Lieutenant Barkhuizen said, adding that no violent acts have been reported from the East Rand townships.

Detention warning

She said residents who defied the curfew would be treated according to regulations as gazetted by the Government. "Those found in violation of curfew regulations will be detained for 12 hours by the police officers concerned," she warned

However, many people in the affected townships were outraged at the Government's declaration of the curfew.

A large number interviewed by the Saturday Star complained that "the curfew has restricted our freedom of movement, more so that during summer 9 pm was still early".

Soweto police, however, were grateful that the curfew was serving its purpose.

Lieutenant G Mariemuthoo told Saturday Star: "We're happy at the co-operation shown by the communities of Soweto. We'd like to thank them, it has been excellent so far".

Mr Peggy Senne, president of the National Taverners' Association (NTA), said NTA members' operations were hard-hit by the curfew. Mr Senne, whose tavern supplies local shebeens in bulk, claimed that by last night he was able to calculate his loss in turnover at R20 000.

"This curfew is a terrible blow to the NTA", he added.

Another taverner, Poplas Morudi, said she used to close at 1 am on weekdays. Since Tuesday she has been locking her gates at 8 30 pm.

"I'm convinced that if I could lose R6 000 in profits within four days of the curfew, then I'm heading for the bad times."

A shebeen owner, Grace Skate, said she used to make R250 a day to support her three children. Since curfew, she claimed, she was reaching her target mark by luck.

Market theatre director Barney Simon, commenting on how his company was affected by the curfew, said: "We've always attuned ourselves to the times, and we're also used to sailing in stormy seas — remember, we started the Market theatre in June 1976.

"Instead, we are more concerned about the sufferings of the people of Soweto than our own hardships".

There were two current productions at the theatre which enjoyed black audience plus the Kippies Music Bar, he said.

Mr Simon also stressed that he was personally concerned about the curfew first as a South African and not specifically as a theatre director.

Esther Kunene broke the curfew after being informed that her daughter was in labour. Her newly born grandson has been named "Curfew".

But other people believed the curfew could not have come at a better time.

A policeman's wife said she welcomed the curfew. "It has helped in that the children will now be indoors and the beer drinkers will not move in the streets late at night."

The rate of crime will definately decrease, and incidents like murders committed in the heat of the night might also become things of the past, she believed.

Money saved

Soweto pensioner Mmatebi Gumede said because of restricted drinking time, young men would no longer waste money on alcohol, and this was a good thing.

● Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto has experienced a drastic decrease in patient admissions since Iron Fist began.

A spokeswoman, Mrs Annette Clear, said 750 of the hospital's 3400 beds were empty, a situation previously virtually unheard of. The number of patients admitted with gunshot wounds had dropped from 239 in the first two weeks of this month to 49 in the past two weeks.

Former mayor pleads for peace after being mob target

C/Press 30/9/90

By CHARLES MOGALE

FORMER Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi has appealed to his "invisible enemies" to bury the hatchet and talk.

Mahlatsi has been a regular target of angry mobs since September 3, 1984, when he chaired the council which sparked off the countrywide rent boycotts by announcing rent increases in the area.

An anti-rent march which led to several deaths and millions of rands in damages, was followed by similar actions throughout the country.

Mahlatsi said he is baffled at the regularity with which his property gets attacked "every time there is fighting".

His house was razed in 1984, and since then his garage in Sebokeng Zone 14 was burnt down twice when violent clashes erupted in the township.

"I am not a member of Inkatha, the ANC, the SAP or the SADF. There has never been even the slightest suggestion that I could be a member of these organisations. So it amazes me that whenever there are clashes between these parties, I have to be attacked.

"I certainly do not think the ANC or Inkatha are involved in these attacks. My feeling now is that other businessmen driven by petty jealousy could be behind it, exploiting situations to strike against me."

He sleeps peacefully, he said, and prays every night. He also drives alone around the township. He has no bodyguard.



Esau Mahlatsi ... property a target of "invisible enemies".

"I have a revolver on top of the TV a few paces from him, he chuckled: "That is why I am not even carrying it on me."

"I am a Christian, and I know I have harmed nobody. However, if anybody thinks I have done something that upset them, I invite them to come and talk to me."

Did he have any regrets about increasing the rents in 1984, and thus setting a countrywide precedent of rent boycotts?

"No. There was not even a rent increase in the Vaal. We had merely suggested it, and we were waiting for input from other people. Those who took action did so on a supposition of something that had not happened.

"Even then, I believe we could have talked it out, although now I think we should let bygones be bygones. Some people think I am a tough person, but I am basically an easy-going guy. I take time to make decisions, but when I do, I stick to them," he said.

"I would appreciate it if people could forget the past. Even to my enemies, I am appealing to them to come forward and let us talk things out."

near Johannesburg.

Soccer clubs halt violent feud

From MAKHAYA MANI

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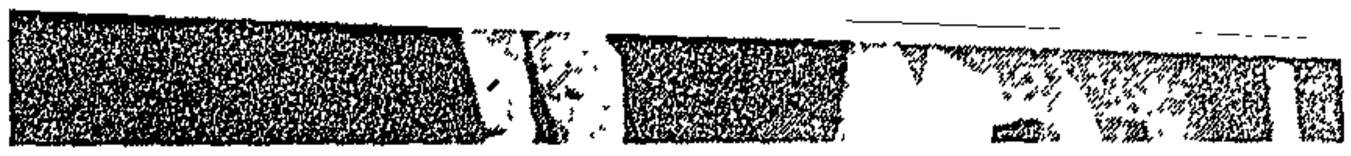
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Mass funeral for 24 killed in violence

By GLENDA DANIELS (278)

THE KRUGERSDORP Residents' Organisation's crisis committee will be burying 24 of its dead on Sunday in a mass funeral, following the recent township violence which has claimed nearly 600 lives. W|Mail 31/8 – 2/9/90

Thousands are expected to attend the funeral service-cum-rally at the Kagiso Stadium at 9am.

The crisis committee wishes to alert the Kagiso community to opportunists who might want to make money out of the situation.

Representative of the committee, Eddie Molahlehi said: "Any person who wishes to make any financial contribution should do so only to those who have been appointed by the different churches in Kagiso.

"Those who have been delegated to do the task are obliged to produce a blue form which has a Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation letterhead.

"The contribution is voluntary and any amount is acceptable. The person authorised to receive a contribution is obliged to produce an identity document on demand," he said.

● The following names of the dead, who were either stabbed, shot or burnt, have been submitted by the Residents' Organisation:

Giddy Babeseng Katane (37) of Kagiso; Ben Mbiwane (57) of Kagiso; Madala James Zulu (33) of Kagiso; Sam Moeketsi of Kagiso; Paul Sehularo (40) of Kagiso; Thomas Ramajoe (34) of Kagiso; Bethuel Ramalaba (30) of Father Gerald; Jabulani Mtshali (27) of Father Gerald; Mothusi of Sebenzisa; Micha Mashaba (60) of Kagiso; Mzwamadoda Mbelu of Kagiso; Wonderful Dlamini; Dlamini Gongota; Steve Banda; Mthunzi Matiwane; Iris Ndzimande (25), of Kagiso ; Samuel Adams (33) of Extension 8 ; Tshabangu, of Ondla; Gxekwa, of Judula Street; Mthembu, of Kagiso;Jacob Netswa.

Church leaders call for new 'peace force'

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By SAMANTHA WEINBERG

CHURCH leaders have condemned the alleged partiality of the police in the recent violence and called for the creation of a new, impartial peace-keeping force to deal with unrest and internecine violence. W/Mail 31/8 - 2/9/90

The delegation of church leaders from the South African Council of Churches and representatives of churches on the Witwatersrand delivered this message to State President FW De Klerk, after their meeting with him this week.

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Violence disrupts scho

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INKATHA violence throughout Natal and the Reef is one of the reasons behind a poor academic year, parents, students and educationists have indicated.

Thousands of children in the Pietermaritzburg area have been out of school since the beginning of the year because of the ongoing Inkatha attacks. Some, particularly matriculants, have been housed at the campus of the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg. Thousands of others who fled their homes have been forced to abandon their schooling.

Since the violence was brought to the Reef last month, several school disturbances have taken place in the Vaal and in most Reef townships.

In Thokoza and Katlehong, there has been no proper schooling for at least two weeks since children fled schools fearing Inkatha attacks.

When the violence spread to Soweto, parents went to schools to fetch their children, also fearing Inkatha attackers. Some children have been victims of the fighting as well.



Soweto parents, fearing their children will fall victim to Inkatha attacks, have fe

fetched them from school.

Inkatha rally

Two weeks ago, the University of Zululand was deserted for about a week after students learnt of an Inkatha rally to be held at the campus. They approached the rector, Professor Abraham Nkabinde, to request him to withdraw permission for the rally.

Nkabinde refused under the pretext that it would be "undemocratic" not to allow Inkatha to hold its rally on the campus, since the ANC had held a rally there a few days previously.

The students told Nkabinde that, unlike the ANC, Inkatha had a history of casualties after its rallies. In 1983, some students at the university were killed and many seriously injured after Inkatha attacks following a rally on the campus.

After Nkabinde refused to withdraw permission for the rally, students decided to withdraw from the campus until after the rally.

The violence in different areas has prompted mass actions by students, which has also robbed them of their school time.

The Soweto branch of the National Education Union of SA has called on students to return to school.

The Congress of SA Students, the SA National Students' Congress (Sansco) and the National Union of SA Students have staged mass actions since the beginning of this week, particularly on the Reef. The actions took the form of pickets, mass meetings and marches to police stations.

In their memoranda, the students demanded, among other things, that the examinations be postponed and Inkatha leader Gatsha Buthelezi resign as chancellor of the University of Zululand.

Students, particularly those in tertiary institutions, have vowed to initiate a campaign to force Buthelezi's resignation.

The students also condemned the closure of the Esikhaweni College of Education by the kwaZulu legislative assembly three weeks ago. The college was closed after students protested against the use of the college as a springboard for Inkatha attacks on nearby communities.

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee has written a letter to the kwaZulu department of education asking for the reopening of the college. However, according to a Sansco spokesperson, no reply has been received.



Police charge residents at Emmerdale after they gathered at local authority offices to protest exhorbitant accounts. Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK

Riot police storm township as residents protest bills

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THE riot squad stormed the Ennerdale township south of Johannesburg yesterday while police fired birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas and baton-charged hundreds of irate residents who were protesting exhorbitant water and electricity bills.

Four residents, including two teenagers, were arrested yesterday and three were arrested on Wednesday night, residents said.

In a startling development, Ennerdale Management Committee chairman Brian van Rooyen threatened to resign last night because of the events. Confirming that water and light tarrifs were "not normal", Van Rooyen said he was being "undermined by the rest of the committee".

The mayhem began in the morning when angry residents gathered outside the local authority offices calling for a mass stayaway to protest summonses they received on Monday for arrears accounts which they claimed were grossly incorrect. Some of the accounts totalled as much as R8 000.

Residents marched to the police station when they discovered that children had been detained on Wednesday night after residents and police clashed but the march on the police station also ended in police shooting residents with birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas.

By midday the residents were pounding on the door of the local authority offices demanding to see management committee executive officer Jimmy Oliver.

After numerous delays, incensed residents refused to vacate the area. Police then hurled teargas and baton-charged the crowd.

Police yesterday confirmed they had dispersed crowds, but could not confirm the use of teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot.

SA police liaison officer Captain Pieter van Deventer said a large police contingent had begun dispersing crowds near the local authority offices after being called in by a local authority official.

Police said they had arrested three people.

Van Deventer added that police fired teargas when the crowd started stoning police vehicles and one man was arrested after he tried to slash a wheel on a police vehicle.