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SAP indemnity yields 575 arms

By Abel Mushi
and Guy Jepson

The Government indemnity to people and organisations illegally in possession of arms and ammunition has produced a substantial response, SAP Commissioner, General Johan van der Merwe, said yesterday.

General van der Merwe's announcement follows Saturday's decision by Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to extend the indemnity period to October 31.

The original indemnity was scheduled to expire today but was extended because people in remote areas were apparently unaware of the Government offer.

The original indemnity offer was accompanied by the announcement of a R100 000 reward for information leading to the discovery of illicit weapons, explosives, ammunition and arms caches.

To date, 575 weapons had been turned over to the police, General van der Merwe disclosed in a statement.

"The SAP considers these results to be substantial and is grateful that the Government has extended the period of indemnity."

Pointing to Boerestaart Party

deputy leader Piet Rudolph's call at the weekend to members and supporters to return illegal weapons, General van der Merwe said he hoped this would "motivate other leaders to follow his example".

"The SAP wishes to appeal to all leaders to encourage their people to hand in weaponry. It is particularly characteristic that while numerous AK-47 rifles, limpet mines and hand grenades are in circulation, to date none of these weapons has been handed in."

Warned

He also warned people who failed to make use of the indemnity that they ought not to expect "any mercy" when they were found in possession of illegal arms.

Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn has disclosed that not one of the 575 weapons handed in had come in from Soweto residents. Despite the reward, Colonel Halgryn said, there had been no response "whatsoever" from Soweto residents.

"We have promised to handle the matter in absolute confidence but we haven't received any firearms yet," he said.

Although residents were generally reluctant to comment on the subject, a few of those in-

terviewed by The Star in Soweto on Friday said they knew of places where they could easily buy AK-47s for at least R2 000 in cash.

"If you don't own a gun in Soweto, you don't want one," one resident said.

A Meadowlands woman told The Star the firearms in circulation were not enough to meet an increasing demand.

News reports have cited Swaziland as a most likely smuggling point for AK-47 rifles, probably from Frelimo dissidents.

Although the police believe the smuggling is continuing, a spokesman said they did not believe the Swaziland route was of any consequence.

From 1984 until the end of July, more than 600 AK-47 rifles are reported to have been confiscated by the police, mainly from ANC arms caches.

In a raid at hostels in Vosloorus and Katlehong last week, police found numerous firearms, including PPSA machineguns, AK-47 rifles, Makarov and Tokorev pistols, and rounds of ammunition.

At a house in Soweto last week, police found an arms cache containing two F1 hand grenades, five RGD hand grenades, one Scorpion pistol, an AK-47 rifle and ammunition for both firearms.

Man's throat cut in hostel

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By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

An unidentified man was found dead with his throat cut at a Tembisa hostel on Saturday.

Police said the body was found in a pool of blood at the Vusi Musi Hostel.

The body of another man was found in the Italeni section in Tembisa yesterday.

Police said the man had several stab wounds in the head.

● In Daveyton four people were wounded when a man, armed with an AK-47 rifle, opened fire on a group of peo-

ple at the weekend.

Arnold Tanteka (40), Jeanette Mzuni (28), Thabitha Mokete (22) and Aletta Romoir (35) sustained gunshot wounds in their arms and shoulders.

● In Katlehong a group of people stoned a house and set the contents alight.

● In Benoni a security guard was stabbed in the back near Dunswart station.

Police said the guard was attacked by a group of about 10 men armed with knives who robbed the man of his shotgun.

The guard was admitted to the Boksburg Benoni hospital.

Councillor dies

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after shooting

A Dobsonville town councillor, who was shot and wounded by unknown gunmen in Soweto on Friday, has died in hospital.

Don Mmesi died in the Leratong Hospital near Krugersdorp on Saturday, a day after three gunmen shot him outside his shop.

A police spokesman, Lieutenant G Mariemuthoo, said Mr Mmesi's wife, who was also wounded in the attack, was in a stable condition.

No motive has been established for the attack and no suspects have been arrested.

Soweto casualties streaming in again

By Stan Hlophe

A dramatic decrease in patient admissions to Soweto's Baragwanth Hospital since the implementation of tough security measures in the townships was short-lived.

A hospital spokesman said the hospital had 750 empty beds last Friday, apparently due to "Operation Iron Fist" and the curfew, for the first time in the hospital's history.

But admissions rose by 234 at the weekend, which coincided with the end of the month.

Last week a total of 264 assault cases were admitted compared to 498 this past weekend. Fourteen had bullet wounds compared to 20 at the weekend. A fortnight ago there were 312 assault and 39 bullet wound cases.

"The number of patients admitted to the

trauma section last week showed a remarkable decrease which left 750 beds empty," said the spokesman. The hospital now has about 500 empty beds.

The Star visited the trauma section yesterday and found the ward overcrowded with many patients sleeping on stretchers and on the floor.

The sister in charge and her staff of nine had to cope with 105 admissions.

She said yesterday there were 30 more admissions to a capacity ward of 65.

"This is an abnormal situation and we are finding it difficult to cope. Last week we had 60 patients and had a sudden increase over the weekend."

She said last week's lull in admissions was shortlived.

Massacre on train: 3 are held by police

Staff Reporter

Police are holding three men in connection with last month's Johannesburg train massacre in which 26 people died and more than 100 were injured when a gang went on the rampage on a Soweto-bound peak-hour commuter train.

The three men, all hostel-dwellers, have been identified as Martin Ngcobu (49), Basie Nkosin-gondle (37) and Mmegela Magu-bane (34).

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said last night that the three men were arrested on September 30 and were being held in custody pending a further court appearance on October 15.

The three appeared in Johan-nesburg Magistrate's Court briefly yesterday in connection with charges of murder and attempted murder. Several other charges against the men are being formu-lated and further arrests are ex-pected.

The arrested men have not been linked to any organisation at this stage.

A large quantity of weapons was seized by police during their in-tense investigation. Spent car-tridges, collected on the train and at the station, have been sent for ballistics tests.

Slain friends often visited shebeen – brother

By Helen Grange

Despite pleas not to go to a shebeen in Mechongoville squatter camp, four friends drove off to a gruesome death that has shaken conservative Odendaalsrus.

The four — Michael Belelie (33), Shelley Basson (32), Anthony Casey (32) and Basie van Niekerk (32) — had been merry with drink on Saturday when they drove from Mr Belelie's brother's home in Odendaalsrus in the Free State.

Police found them at their gutted vehicle near a shebeen at about 11 pm that night. The four had been mutilated, set alight and were hardly recognisable.

Michael's brother, Errol Belelie, was in a state of shock yesterday.

He had lost three relatives and was alone in the home they had all shared. Mrs Basson was his niece and housekeeper while Mr Casey, a miner, was his stepson.

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Shock

Still under sedation, Mr Belelie said: "I told them not to go. They wanted money from me to get more rum and coke. They were all very drunk."

They drove off at about 7 pm.

Michael, Shelley and Anthony had often frequented the shebeen, Mr Belelie said.

At the site of the brutal killings, a charred heap of grass and blood stains in the dust remained yester-

day. Shack-dwellers would not speak to reporters.

A spokesman for the Kutloanong Civic Association eventually told The Star: "The people are scared. They are afraid of a right-wing backlash. It was a terrible thing to happen, especially where there is already so much tension between black and white."

"We believe the murders were committed by criminal elements. These criminals must face charges. We would like to express our deepest sympathy with the families of the deceased," he said.

Eleven men arrested at the squatter camp are to appear in court in Odendaalsrus today and tomorrow.

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Plea over bodies

By KENOSI MODISANE (278)

THE South African Council of Churches has appealed to churches and other organisations to help bury the bodies of the more than 300 unrest victims lying unclaimed at Government mortuaries.

The "Adopt-a-Body" plan is the brainchild of Father Mlungisi Ntsele, director of Hunger and Relief on the SACC. He

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has embarked on a campaign to ensure that the unidentified bodies are given a decent burial.

He said: "There is a need for a broad community-based action to save the bodies from such indecent methods of disposal as paupers' burials."

"Congregations should make contributions towards burying the bodies and priests should also conduct services to give the funeral some dignity, regardless of whether the dead person is unknown to the congregation."

Father Emmanuel Lafonte of Soweto's St Phillip's Catholic Church yesterday supported the move to commit churches

to bury the bodies. (278)

He said: "The churches and other community structures should join hands to resolve this problem."

Mr Sam Chabalala of Wits University, said: "I suggest we should launch a trust fund that will help the victims of the recent carnage."

There were 46 unclaimed bodies at the Diepkloof Government mortuary.

About 212 bodies were given paupers' burials last month and 300 unclaimed others are at the Germiston Government mortuary.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said it was difficult to identify some of the bodies because they were badly mutilated.

"Some had been set alight and others hacked beyond recognition."

Opperman appealed to families whose members went missing during the past weeks' wave of violence to come forward.

"They will help the police if they came forward to identify their relatives."

JOHANNESBURG

Police have arrested three men in connection with the recent massacre of commuters on a Soweto-bound train — and expect to make further arrests soon.

The men appeared briefly in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday charged with murder.

Mr Martin Ngcobu, 49, Mr Basi Nkosingondle, 27, and Mr Mmegela Magubane, 34, will be held in custody until their next appearance on October 15.

Twenty-six people died as attackers sprayed gunfire and hacked passengers with machetes on the train on September 13.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said in a statement yesterday that the men were arrested on Sunday following intensive police investigations which were "severely hampered by the indiscriminate nature of the killings and an apparent lack of motive".

The police also confiscated a "substantial amount" of ammunition and weapons.

Meanwhile, police have arrested 11 men in connection with the mutilation and murder of

3 held for Soweto train killings

four whites in Khutloanong township north of Welkom at the weekend.

Major Johan Fouche said the victims, Ms Shirley Basson, Mr Anthony Casey, Mr Basie van Niekerk and Mr Michael Frederick Belelie, visited a shebeen on Saturday afternoon, but declined to give a specific motive for the killings.

He said the 11 had been arrested "in batches" and that police had confiscated machetes, knives and clubs.

A Department of Law and Order official monitoring the case said: "Any racial or political motive is highly unlikely — it looks like a criminal attack." — Own Correspondent, Sapa and UPI

Killing of two linked to strike

By MONK NKOMO

POLICE are investigating the deaths of two men who were allegedly kidnapped, murdered and their bodies set alight in an apparent strike-related incident in Pretoria about a week ago. *Sowetan 2/10/90*

A police spokesman said yesterday the charred remains of Mr Philemon Matlala and Mr Hendrick Tshwane, both employees of Shoredits Construction Company in Pretoria, were found in a street near Mamelodi Hostel.

Police are investigating allegations that their death was related to a strike at the company, which resulted in 1 200 workers being dismissed last month.

Both men were still employed by the company at the time of their deaths.

Loyal

Managing director of Shoredits, Mr Leo Bender, said loyal employees and new recruits were being assaulted and intimidated almost daily by some of the dismissed workers who were members of the Construction and Allied Workers Union.

Various charges have been laid against certain individuals in connection with the alleged crimes, Bender said.

He said union officials had done nothing "to combat the intimidation of our loyal workforce".

Mr Japhta Rabothata, regional secretary of Cawu in the northern Transvaal said yesterday the union was unaware of the two murders and the assaults and intimidation of workers at Shoredits.

"It is against our policy to indulge in violent activities," he said.

Gang of youths sets fire to three Soweto homes

By Gien Elsas and Brian Sokutu

A gang of youths, who were apparently searching for a man, set three Soweto houses alight yesterday.

Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the first incident happened

at a house in Orlando West at 9.30 am when an unknown number of youths arrived at the home of Jamina Masangai. They were looking for a man staying in the back room.

When they did not find him they poured petrol over the room and set it alight.

In the second attack, a group of about 100 youths arrived at another home in Orlando West at about 10.30 am. They were apparently also looking for a man there and when they did not find him they set the house alight.

The third incident occurred at about 11.00 am. About 40 youths threw petrol bombs at the home of Magude Dlamini in Zone 6, Meadowlands, when they found no one at home.

The house was destroyed. No arrests have yet been made, police said.

'I saw two men shot down'

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A Soweto pensioner, Philemon Mathonsi (64), who witnessed the shooting of two men by policemen near the Avalon cemetery on Tuesday, says he saw two vehicles driving past at high speed.

"Both vehicles were (coming) from a gravel road in the township. They were racing towards the cemetery. Motorists had to give way and pedestrians ran for cover.

"A few minutes later a passenger got out of the vehicle and ran. A policeman followed him with a gun in his hand. He shouted 'Hey, hey!' and the pursued man looked back and started to reduce his speed.

He said the policeman shot the other man in the back and he fell.

"The policemen joined his colleague who was running after two others who drove

away. Their vehicle did not go any further as it got stuck in the mud.

"One man managed to run away but another was shot by police. The policeman who shot the first man went back to where he was lying, and he was dead.

"A group of police arrived holding another man. They asked if he knew the dead man. When he denied ever seeing the dead man, the police told him he was lying.

"Another police crew joined the group and they filmed the scene with a video camera. A breakdown truck arrived to tow away the stuck vehicle.

"A senior policeman took down my particulars and said he would keep in touch if I am wanted on the day of a court case.

"I have never seen anything like this before and it will take me a long time to forget," Mr Mathonsi said.

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Taxi war leaves family in trauma

Priscilla Zwane (32) sits on the mattress she shared with her husband until he was shot dead last Tuesday.

Half a dozen women are comforting her.

She ponders the prospect of having to bring up her five young children who have been left fatherless by the continuing feud between the Baragwanath-Johannesburg and the Baragwanath-Pretoria taxi associations.

Priscilla, of Soweto, is one of several young mothers who have been widowed by the bloody taxi feud, which has already claimed about 30 lives.

Her taxi-owner husband, Sydney Zwane, who was affiliated to the Witwatersrand African Taxi Association, died in a hail of gunfire unleashed by unidentified men last week. His cousin, Thulani Mbatha, a Bara-Pretoria taxi operator from Natal, was also killed in the attack.

Travellers

The chairman of the Bara-City Taxi Association, Joe Simelane, said the trouble began when the Baragwanath-Pretoria route was established in November 1988. He said his association was surprised when the taxis started operating near their rank unannounced.

Before their arrival, people travelling to Pretoria used his association's taxis to get to Johannesburg's Noord Street rank, from where the Johannesburg-Pretoria taxis operate.

"Our members complained they were losing business as a result of the new service. Also, the Pretoria-Johannesburg taxi operators said they were losing business because of the Baragwanath-Pretoria service."

As the taxi feuding goes on, with bloody attacks and counter-attacks, women are left without husbands, children without fathers, reports
THABO LESHILLO.

Mr Simelane said the new arrivals had been informed that there was a standing agreement with taxi owners in the Soweto area, whereby taxi operators did not "poach" passengers.

Several meetings were organised to try to include the new arrivals in this arrangement but they would not co-operate.

He said the Bara-Pretoria people were approached in April and told to leave the area and return with their officials to discuss the situation.

They left but returned in six minibuses two hours later and parked their taxis at the disputed rank.

"While our men were watching what the combis were up to, unknown men who had apparently been dropped off by the combis at nearby Toby's Ford opened fire on our men. Nine of our members were injured," Mr Simelane said.

Another meeting was held between the warring factions and attended by the Johannesburg-Pretoria group. They agreed to launch a joint committee on November 7.

However, the BPA allegedly reneged, saying that as members of the Federation of International Transport Organisations (Fito), an affiliate of the National African Federated Transport Organisations (Nafto), they could not amalgamate with Bara-City and the Johannesburg-Pretoria groups,

which are affiliated to the Southern African Black Taxi Association (Sabta).

Since then there have been attacks and counter-attacks with AK-47s and R1 rifles, and the Bara-Pretoria taximen recently stopped operating from the rank.

Mr Simelane said 30 taximen and passengers, 13 from his side, had already died in the violence. He sees an amalgamation of the Baragwanath taxi bodies as the only solution to the problem.

"Only the coming together of the parties involved can end the killings. We must all forget about what happened in the past and end this unnecessary killing."

"Guns cannot solve anything. They only create more widows and orphans," he said.

Frantic meetings

Attempts to get comment from the BPTA drew a blank. Fito director Evelyn Moepi could not be reached.

Nafto spokesman Peter Rabali refused to comment. However, another Nafto official said as far as he was concerned, Fito no longer existed.

Sabta public affairs director Mike Ntlatleng could not comment until he had received a mandate from the Soweto region.

Now, frantic behind-the-scenes meetings are being held by Sabta's Soweto region and Soweto police to end the killings.

Diepmeadow council's acting town clerk Tom Mabambe said Fito had been given the go-ahead to use the rank by the former mayor, Johannes Mathala. They, however, had no permit to operate in the municipality.

Probe into Sebokeng shootings is continuing

By DON SEOKANE (278)

INVESTIGATIONS by police and the army into the Sebokeng shootings which left 11 people dead after the South African Defence Force allegedly opened fire at a hostel in the township last month are still continuing, Colonel Frans Malherbe said yesterday. *Sowetan 31/10/90*

Malherbe said the army was conducting a military inquiry and the police were also conducting their own investigations. Details could not be released until investigations had been completed.

He said the docket would be referred to the Attorney-General after the two parties had completed the probe.

Bloody taxi feud leaves widows and orphans

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Priscilla Zwane, 32, of Soweto sits on the bed she used to share with her husband before he was shot dead in a taxi war last week.

She ponders the prospect of having to bring up her five young children who have been left fatherless by the continuing feud between rival taxi associations.

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Mr Simelane said the new arrivals were informed that there was a standing agreement with taxi owners in the Soweto area whereby taxi operators did not "poach" passengers.

'End killings'

Several meetings were organised to try to include the new arrivals in this arrangement but they refused to co-operate.

"Only the coming together of the parties involved can end the killings. We must all forget about what happened in the past and end this unnecessary killing."

"Guns cannot solve anything. They only create more widows and orphans," said Mr Simelani.

Police shootout: three versions

TWO vastly different versions have emerged of an incident at Soweto's Avalon cemetery on Tuesday, when three men were killed and a policeman wounded in a shootout.

An Argus Correspondent in Johannesburg reports.

The suspect lunged at one policeman and grabbed his pistol.

In the ensuing struggle two shots were fired and Constable Bouver was inside the room. As he entered the suspect pointed the gun at him. Before the suspect could shoot him, Bouver fired at him. The man was mortally wounded and fell to the ground still holding the policeman's service pistol.

Colonel Halgryn said the first incident happened shortly after 9 am and the second just before 11 am.

The matter is being investigated and no names have been released by the police.

Constable Goosen is being treated at the Garden City Clinic.

A survivor says

In a sworn statement made to lawyers yesterday, Benjamin (assumed name for the purposes of protection) said he was the only survivor of the shootout.

Benjamin, a merchant at Metro Trade Centre, said he was working on his car at about 8.45 am near his home in Soweto. Three friends joined him.

Two plainclothes policemen in a red Ford Husky stopped beside the group and searched them, then went to each of their houses, which they also searched.

The police found a pistol and magazine with ammunition at the home of Jack (also a pseudonym).

Benjamin claims they took R400 from his pockets and R200 from Jack.

After Jack offered the police a bribe to abandon charges, the policemen replied that they should go to the cemetery where it was quiet and no one could witness the transaction.

All four got into Benjamin's yellow Ford Escort and drove slowly to the cemetery, with the police following them. "I drove slowly into the grounds, but I didn't know



What happened in Avalon cemetery, in Soweto, on Tuesday.

where they wanted me to stop. Suddenly they started shooting at us. One of my friends said 'Hey, these guys want to kill us. Drive faster'.

"I speeded up, but there is no way out of the cemetery. Three of us got out and started running. They shot my best friend first. I saw him fall."

"(Jack) was running next to me but said he was tired. He said he would wait for them to arrest him. I saw them shoot him as he stood there. I managed to run to Tshawelo station. I caught a train and escaped."

Benjamin was struck by a bullet on his right shoulder.

He said one policeman, wearing jeans and a yellow T-shirt, had a heavy scar on the left side of his neck. The

other was wearing jeans and a white T-shirt.

Another eyewitness, the nephew of the man who was shot in Thabo street, said he was woken by plainclothes policemen at about 10 am on Tuesday. He has also made a sworn statement.

He said the policeman took him outside to a red Mazda 626 and white Golf and asked him to identify his uncle.

"My uncle was there in the car. His face was very swollen and there was blood coming from his mouth. He said, 'These policemen beat me up. I don't know what they want'."

"Then they took my uncle inside and told me to wait outside. They also chased Isaac's girlfriend out of the house. The policeman James Bouver went in alone. I

Pensioner describes the shooting

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'Violence definitely decreased' — Vlok

From GIEN ELIAS
Argus Correspondent
in Johannesburg

MINISTER of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said last night that despite claims by ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, there had been a dramatic decrease in the violence, especially since the introduction of the curfews on September 25.

Mr Vlok, his wife and several generals paid a visit to members of the police force manning several roadblocks at strategic points in Soweto last night. He addressed the men at the blocks and thanked them for their dedication and positive attitude.

At the Mervale Hotel war-rant officer Phip Prinsloo asked the minister whether he had a permit to be in the area while the curfew was in operation. Mr Vlok then produced one that had been signed by his employer, the State President.

Members of the media accompanied him on his tour through the area and attended the ensuing media conference.

"I have noted with great concern the statements from various quarters on claims that violence in certain townships has increased since the State President's return from his historic visit to the United States," he said.

"I have also noted with equal concern, the unfounded claims made by the deputy president of the ANC, Mr Nelson Mandela, on the alleged ineffectiveness and unpopularity of measures introduced under 'Operation Iron Fist', designed to restore law and order in certain reef townships."

"Facts at my disposal do not bear out claims that violence has flared up in the affected areas since the State President's return," he added.

Mr Vlok said that statistics showed that unrest related incidents had increased relatively sharply during Mr De Klerk's visit to the United States but then declined from 54 incidents on the second day

of his tour to 27 incidents on September 29 and 16 incidents on September 30.

Of the 1151 incidents reported during September, 393 occurred before the president's visit and only 77 in the last four days of September. Twelve incidents were reported on Monday while only nine incidents took place on Tuesday this week.

"To suggest that operation Iron Fist was timed specifically to coincide with President De Klerk's visit, or that violence had risen dramatically after his return, is a cynical manipulation of the facts. Moreover, measures such as 'Operation Iron Fist' are instituted to save human life and property, not to fit into any political agenda," Mr Vlok said.

He said the reaction of the residents to the curfew measures in Soweto and on the East Rand had been overwhelmingly positive.

"Many residents have sent messages thanking the SAP for restoring law and order to the troubled areas. It is abundantly clear that where unrest and disorder exists, it is from the ranks of those who wish to take advantage of unrest so as to pursue their own agendas at the expense of township residents," he said.

"The curfew, for obvious reasons, cannot be maintained indefinitely and, where circumstances permit, it, along with unrest regulations, will be lifted," Mr Vlok said.

He warned that the curfew had been such an effective measure to curb unrest and criminal acts that there could be serious problems in those communities when the curfew was lifted.

Only 14 people had been arrested since the curfew came into operation in Soweto.

Mr Vlok added that a special unit had been formed in Soweto to investigate all unrest related deaths and incidents since August 16. This unit was dealing with 350 cases and was analysing all information received in an attempt to establish the causes for the unrest.

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Avalon shootings stories conflict

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Two vastly different versions have emerged of an incident near Soweto's Avalon cemetery on Tuesday, when three men were killed and a policeman wounded in a shootout.

Police say

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said Constable Neels Goosen of the Soweto Vehicle Theft Unit and a colleague stopped a car in Soweto on Tuesday and searched it shortly after 9 am.

They found spent cartridge cases in the car. The four passengers of the car promised to co-operate with the police and offered to point out a place where ammunition was stored.

This car, a yellow Ford Escort, drove in front of the police car. Near the Avalon cemetery the suspects suddenly started accelerating and shooting at the police vehicle.

Constable Goosen and his partner gave chase and re-

turned fire. The suspects stopped their vehicle at the cemetery and tried to flee. They were warned to stop, ignored the warning and were shot at by the police. Two men fell.

Constable Goosen approached one man, who shot him in the thigh. The policeman returned fire and this suspect was killed.

The other suspect who had fallen was dead. The two remaining suspects had fled.

Members of several police units, including members of the murder and robbery squad, were soon at the scene.

Among these was Constable James Bouwer who, with his colleagues, searched the cemetery. They found one of the suspects, who had slightly injured himself and torn and dirtied his clothes. They arrested him.

The arrested man asked if he could change his clothes and the police accompanied him to his parents' home in Thabo Street.

When they arrived, Constable Bouwer waited outside the room while two armed policemen accompanied the man in-

side.

They undid the suspect's handcuffs so that he could change. The suspect lunged at one policeman and grabbed his pistol.

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"I drove slowly into the grounds, but I didn't know where they wanted me to stop. Suddenly they started shooting at us. One of my friends said: 'Hey, these guys want to kill us.

Drive faster.'

"I speeded up, but there is no way out of the cemetery. Three of us got out and started running. They shot my best friend first. I saw him fall. 'Jack' was running next to me but said he was tired. He said he would wait for them to arrest him. I saw them shoot him as he stood there. I managed to run to Tshiawelo station. I caught a train and escaped."

Benjamin was nicked by a bullet on his right shoulder.

He said one policeman, wearing jeans and a yellow T-shirt, had a heavy scar on the left side of his neck. The other was wearing jeans and a white T-shirt.

Another eyewitness, the nephew of the man who was shot in Thabo Street, has also made a sworn statement.

He said he was awakened by plainclothes policemen at about 10 am on Tuesday. The policemen took him outside to a red Mazda 626 and white Golf and asked him to identify his uncle.

"My uncle was there in the car. His face was very swollen and there was blood coming

from his mouth. He said 'These policemen beat me up. I don't know what they want'.

"Then they took my uncle inside and told me to wait outside. They also chased Isaac's girlfriend out of the house. The policeman, James Bouwer, went in alone. I heard some shots.

"They took me inside and there was Isaac on the floor, face down in the diningroom. He had two wounds on his chest and one in his head. There was a lot of blood. There was a pistol lying next to him.

"They told me to bring an axe to open a small money safe. I asked them why they didn't wake up Isaac for the key. They told me they couldn't, he was dead.

"Then they chased me outside again. A Black Maria (mortuary van) came to take the body away and they left. The money safe had been forced open and there was R1 400 missing."

The witness said he had recorded the registration numbers of both vehicles.

Police fire rubber bullets at strikers

MATTHEW CURTIN

POLICE fired rubber bullets and tear-gas to disperse 150 striking Printing Paper Wood and Allied Workers' Union (Ppwawu) members protesting outside Nampak's Polyfoil factory in Nancefield, near Soweto, yesterday.

Soweto police liaison officer Col Tienie Halgryn said management called the police saying strikers were intimidating company personnel working at the plant. He said no injuries were reported to the police.

Ppwawu national organiser Rob Rees said several workers taking part in a "peaceful" protest were injured in the incident. Workers said a Nampak manager "encouraged" police to open fire.

Ppwawu members at the plant had

then been dismissed, he said.

A Nampak spokesman said yesterday police were called to control a crowd of 120 workers allegedly responsible for two days of intimidation and disruption of new employees and deliveries at Polyfoil. But he denied that Polyfoil management encouraged the police.

Workers were dismissed when they did not meet a return-to-work deadline.

Strike action by Ppwawu in protest at Nampak's refusal to agree to centralised wage negotiations spread to another factory yesterday. 8/04/10/70

Rees said about 3 700 workers at 29 plants were now involved.

SACC burial for unclaimed victims of Reef violence

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THE South African Council of Churches is to bury unclaimed bodies of people killed in recent reef violence in a mass burial, an SACC spokes-

By KENOSI MODISANE

man said yesterday.

The date for the burials will be announced after the church group had consulted families of people who have been missing since last month's violence.

SACC official Mr Tom Manthata said: "We are also appealing to churches, organisations, chambers of commerce and individuals to help in arranging the burials."

Police said yesterday the bodies would be released to the custody of the SACC as soon as "proper and final arrangements for the funeral are made".

Father Mlungisi Ntsele, who initiated the move to arrange the burials of the unidentified bodies, said yesterday that two American newspapers, the *Dallas News* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South

Africa and Poonee's Undertakers had offered to help with the burials.

"I spoke to two local representatives of the newspapers, Ms Barbara Whitaker of the *Dallas News* and Mr Rig Lyman of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* yesterday. They are willing to help," said Ntsele.

Contralesa's Natal publicity secretary, Mr Siphwe Thusi, said yesterday: "We have to attend to the traditional burial rites of the victims, even if they are unknown to us."

He said Contralesa would provide any assistance required of them.

Other parties who have volunteered to help are two women's church associations in Soweto.

Ntsele said an announcement would be made soon after the SACC had consulted the parties involved.

Evaton murders: 2 held

TWO suspects have been arrested in connection with the alleged "neck-lacing" of three teenagers in Evaton at the weekend.

A police spokesman confirmed that the two men, aged 19 and 31 years, were taken into custody in Evaton by detectives on Tuesday.

They are expected to appear in court soon on murder charges.

The spokesman said more arrests in connection with the case were possible. - *Sowetan Correspondent*.

Ethnic violence shifts to factories

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ON September 4, 300 men wearing cloth headbands, shouting "Usuthu!" and allegedly backed by balaclava-clad whites, launched an armed raid on the Sebokeng hostel complex. In the ensuing carnage, 19 members of the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) died.

Ominously, two of the hostel blocks singled out by the vigilantes housed Usco and Samancor workers on a wage strike. Other residents were employed at Iscor's Vanderbijlpark works, the scene of a strike ballot. The Usco strike was suspended the next day.

The hostel violence may be fading from the front pages but its legacy — profound sectarian bitterness and suspicion — lives on in the hostels and the workplace. "Overt township violence has been suppressed but the tensions are simmering below the surface," said Numsa official Bernie Fanaroff.

The emergence of ethnic rifts poses a wholly new threat to the labour movement, whose sole strength lies in worker unity. The Transvaal violence represents a departure from the pattern in Natal, where ethnicity was not a factor.

Numsa reports that all Zulu workers, including members of Numsa and other Cosatu unions, have been driven from the Sebokeng hostel and are now living in a camp controlled by the police. At the same time, in certain Vaal metal plants — including Usco — union members are seeking to oust Zulu colleagues.

The union adds that either all Zulu or all Xhosa workers have quit certain factories in the region, or are sleeping on factory premises to avoid hostel conflict.

Numsa general secretary Moses Mayekiso reports shop-floor clashes between Inkatha-supporting and non-Inkatha workers at at least five plants, with unconfirmed violence at others. Some members have quit the union, apparently in response to an Inkatha call for workers to shun Cosatu.

With its large hostel-dwelling membership on the Reef, Numsa has been especially hard-hit by factional strife, and Mayekiso warns that its survival as a force in the region is under threat.

A document flowing from a recent executive committee meeting of the union graphically underscores the disruption of union structures. Shop steward councils throughout the Rand are unable to meet or are not quorate, while in the Katlehong local, severely affected by the fighting in nearby townships, three offi-

Fuelled by the Reef violence, ethnic rifts are opening up on the shop floor. Worst hit is the National Union of Metalworkers, which accuses employers of showing little interest in defusing conflict. By DREW FORREST



Numsa general secretary Moses Mayekiso

cials are unable to work — one is "being hunted and is in hiding".

In a sense, the strife-hit factories are a microcosm of the broader national picture, where recent market research showed negligible Inkatha support outside Natal. Numsa says supporters of Inkatha and its labour wing, the United Workers Union, are a small minority but are heavily armed, and that Numsa members are "demoralised and fearful".

Other Cosatu unions with migrant worker members, although not as badly affected, also report that the violence is filtering down to the workplace. National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union general secretary Sisa Njikelana says tensions are undermining the shop-stewards committee at the Johannesburg Hospital, and the Transport and General Workers Union also reports problems.

Particular attention appears to be focused on union leaders of Zulu origin. Two attempts have been made on the life of Nchawu president Robert Mkhize, active in the African National Congress and the Reef peace initiative, while a hit squad recently invaded the offices of Cosatu's postal affiliate, Potwa, seeking its general secretary Vusi Khumalo.

"The feeling appears to be that Potwa's

national leadership has sold out the Zulu people," said Potwa vice-president Floyd Mashele.

He says that as grievances centre on national leaders, conflict is difficult to resolve within union structures "Inkatha people say they won't be satisfied until Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthezi shake hands on television."

How can the unions repair the damage? One option is to discipline or expel members implicated in sectarian violence, but unionists warn that this could further alienate offenders, or remove them completely from the union's sphere of influence.

In proposals adopted at its recent National Executive Committee, Numsa suggested that workers had to be reunited around issues of common concern. As an immediate firefighting tactic, it proposed the formation of a crisis unit, to monitor violence and intervene at hostels and factories through union locals.

And believing that violence will remain endemic as long as urban hostels exist — it describes them as a "focus for tribal feelings and forced recruitment" — the union has drafted ambitious plans involving the state and private sector for alternative migrant worker housing to be integrated into communities.

At the same time, the union is attempting to involve employers in efforts to defuse conflict — but complains of a poor response. Said Fanaroff: "We've been saying the same thing for years: as long as production is not disrupted, employers are not interested."

Cosatu and the employer body Saccola have met twice on the violence and, according to Saccola's Bokkie Botha, member associations are still debating the issue. Fanaroff says elements within Saccola see no role for the organisation, in the light of talks between the government and the ANC.

Numsa also bewails the refusal of Samancor, Usco and Dorbyl's Tosa, whose workers were attacked in Sebokeng, to participate in a joint probe of the hostel violence. Samancor said police were handling the matter and the company had no jurisdiction in the township.

Numsa also resolved at its NEC to ask the metal industries' employer body, the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation, to set up a joint investigating body, and to arrange union access to strife-hit workplaces and the release of shop-stewards for peace work.

'Iron Fist' curfew lifted in Soweto

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The controversial 9pm to 4am curfew has been lifted in Soweto with immediate effect, said Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok today.

The curfew will operate still in Tokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong on the East Rand.

After intensive analysis, Mr Vlok said the move was justified in the greater Soweto area of Meadowlands, Diepkloof and Dobsonville because the crime level had dropped dramatically.

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Crime figures have dropped in the township by more than 65 percent in the 10 days the curfew has been in force, with murder dropping by 62 percent.

Mr Vlok regretted that certain people and organisations, including the African National Congress, were suspicious of it.

The curfew, part of Operation Iron Fist to deal with recent violence, was condemned by the many organisations and residents who said it would not only leave township residents unprotected, but would also act as a shield for vigilantes and "agents of darkness".

Mr Vlok visited Soweto on Wednesday night to check on the success of the curfew.

A 24-hour hotline has been instituted by which residents can report criminal activity.

● The Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, swiped again at the African National Congress and its allies today for waging "indirect warfare" through disruption and talk of armed struggle.

There was no justification for this, he said at the opening of a new ammunition depot at Naboomspruit. He demanded a clear rejection of the armed struggle.

There was no place any longer for unrest, violence, intimidation or other actions; nor for strikes, stayaways and resistance.

Attacks on trains continuing

By Thabo Leshilo

Four people were injured on Tuesday evening as unidentified men once again attacked Reef train commuters.

Three people jumped off the moving train on the West Rand to escape the attackers and the fourth was thrown off.

A snap survey by The Star showed recently that security arrangements to protect train commuters on the Reef, in the wake of recent attacks in which people have been shot, hacked, stabbed and hurled from moving trains, were not yet satisfactory.

This is in spite of assurances by Spoornet that "everything humanly possible" was being done to ensure the safety of commuters.

Spoornet spokesman Ian Bleasdale said yesterday trains were being patrolled by Spoornet's security staff together with police. He said platforms were patrolled by guards from private firms.

Mr Bleasdale strongly denied reports that the guards were untrained and came from fly-by-night security firms. He said Spoornet scrutinised each firm to ensure that it complied with the high standards required.

Police spokesman, Captain Eugene Opperman, said police were patrolling the trains "as usual" but emphasised officers could not be in all trains at all times.

Every day 1 400 trains pass through Johannesburg. About 50 passengers have died and 200 injured since the spate of attacks started in July.

Prior to the recent attacks, attributed to the so-called "Reef war", The Star published reports about other forms of lawlessness rampant in the trains, including robbery, dagga smoking and illegal shebeens.

There have also been instances in which passengers have been forced to engage in indecent sexual acts.

On September 13, in the most horrific attack to date, 26 people died and more than 100 were injured when two groups shot, stabbed and hacked their way through a crowded train from Johannes-



The sun sets over Soweto . . . where, as in other townships, there has been a dramatic decrease in violence since the introduction of curfews last month.

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burg to Naledi. At least two people were disemboweled in the attack. Many of the injuries occurred when commuters jumped from windows to escape.

Three hostel dwellers, Martin Ngcobo (49), Basie Nkosin-gondle (37) and Mmegela Magubane (34) appeared briefly in the Johannesburg Magis-

trate's Court on Monday in connection with the attack. They were arrested on September 30.

Several other charges are being formulated and further arrests are expected.

The men have not been linked to any organisation at this stage. A large quantity of weapons was seized in the in-

tensive investigations.

On September 23, police discovered the bodies of seven men, aged between 18 and 20, on the rail line between Riverlea and New Canada stations.

Police later found that the men had jumped off the train after a false alarm to the effect that commuters were

being attacked.

About 200 SAP, SADF and Spoornet guards launched a massive crime prevention exercise at a railway station near Benrose on Monday.

No arrests were made during the two-hour operation during which four peak-hour trains were stopped and searched.

Scores of youths tell similar tales of a house used for beatings and electric shocks

Inside the police 'House of Horrors'

THE West Rand town of Carletonville has its own "house of horrors", a police station where scores of youths claim to have been tortured over the past few years by policemen who get drunk while they mete out electric shock treatment.

The Weekly Mail investigated the Welverdiend police station after two youths, Nixon Phiri and Eugene Mbulwana, died this year after allegedly being tortured there.

It was found that strikingly similar sworn statements have been made by at least a dozen youths corroborating allegations that a house adjacent to, but part of, the main police station is being used for torture.

A local doctor and civic leader, Dr Malcolm Tshupe, estimates "conservatively" that he has treated at least 30 youths with burn marks from shock treatment, including some who had burns on their genitals. "Of course not all of them come to me," says Tshupe, adding that the youths often complain of chest pains and have swollen faces.

The names of five policemen attached to the Western Transvaal Riot Unit and stationed at Potchefstroom police station crop up repeatedly.

Phiri died on January 17. He had been arrested earlier in the day on suspicion of arson. Youths in custody with Phiri at the time of his death made statements to lawyers claiming they had been beaten, punched, given electric shocks and been forced to sign statements admitting they were guilty of arson.

"I heard Nixon (Phiri) screaming in the same way I did when I was being shocked. Then everything went silent," said one witness. Another claimed he saw Phiri taken outside and then brought

PHILLIPA GARSON
reports on strange events
at a house in Carletonville

back to the room with his face wet.

A private post mortem indicated that Phiri died as a result of a massive brain haemorrhage. The deputy attorney-general of the Transvaal, Don Brunette, however, said that evidence before him suggested that Phiri died of an epileptic fit. No date has been set for the inquest.

Two of the witnesses, Mac Mothupi and Simon Tshabalala, were subsequently shot dead in clashes with the police, who claimed the deaths were "unrest related". A witness to the shooting of Mothupi, 18-year-old Abram Felenzweni, said in a statement to lawyers that police had arrived at a shack in Khutsong on March 4 and shot at fleeing youths, killing two, one of them Mothupi. "We did not provoke them because we were sitting in our friend's shack peacefully. Their aim must have been to trap us inside." Thabalala was killed three days later.

Eugene Mbulwana, a 15-year-old Khutsong youth, died six months later in circumstances similar to Phiri's. He was arrested on July 10 with 21 others when police stopped them at the outskirts of Khutsong and arrested them on charges relating to the murder of a local woman and arson attacks on houses and vehicles.

After being held at Obherholzer police station for a day, where they were taken to the showers, beaten and drenched with water, they were taken to Welverdiend. Their account of what happened was similar to those of Phiri's colleagues.

Said 16-year old William Makage: "...while the police were assaulting me I screamed. I could also hear Eugene screaming in the office opposite... They then (after I confessed) stopped assaulting me and took me into the office where Eugene was. Eugene was standing up and holding the desk. (A policeman) hit him across his lower back once with a baton. Eugene screamed and fell to the ground... (Another policeman) said that Eugene was cheeky and not telling the truth. (The same policeman) kicked him many times over his head and body... (The two policemen) then took an iron bar and placed it behind his knees and tied his hands with a rope. They then lifted him and dropped him again on the floor. In the office there was a bag with wires and what looked like fuses.

"...I was then taken out of the room by (a third policeman) back into the office I had previously been held in. (This policeman) started assaulting me by punching me, kicking and slapping me. He told me to scream as loud as I could. I think he said this so I would not hear what was happening to Eugene. I did scream as he instructed me.

"A while later (the policeman) took me

Sisulu's name on fake 'Aids' leaflet

A FAKE African National Congress document, apparently signed by ANC leader Walter Sisulu and addressed to "all parents of South African exiles", has been distributed across Southern Africa.

It notifies parents that "on their return your sons and daughters will have to go into quarantine" and that "all exiles must be tested for Aids as many have contracted this dreadful disease".

ANC representative Joel Netshitenzhe says the document is a "spurious hoax. The ANC is completely against the policy of testing returnees for HIV. To be tested is a private decision, not something to be ordered by decree".

But ANC doctors have indicated that there is a high incidence of HIV-seropositivity among members living in African countries and the organisation has mounted an education campaign as part of a comprehensive Aids policy.

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VISITING SQUATTERS . . . Mrs Winnie Mandela cuddles a baby while visiting a squatter camp in Thokoza yesterday. Accompanying her is Mrs Daphne Chapman, wife of the chairman of Southern, Mr Neal Chapman.

Picture: REUTERS

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Chairman's wife tours with Winnie

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Daphne Chapman, wife of Southern chairman Mr Neal Chapman, accompanied Mrs Winnie Mandela on a tour of two Rand squatter camps yesterday.

At Phola Park, near Alberton, they inspected shacks ruined in last month's township fighting and spoke to residents busy rebuilding their shacks.

At least 23 people died and 344 shacks were demolished in a series of attacks on the settlement allegedly carried out by neighbouring Inkatha-supporting hostel residents.

Mrs Chapman said she had not yet decided how or what could be done to help, but realised "something has to be done. This tour has been a real eye-opener for me", she explained.

Mrs Mandela, the head of the ANC's welfare department, told journalists that her appeal for aid had been well received by several companies and individuals.

The two women visited another scene of recent unrest, the Tladi squatter camp in Soweto.

Magnus denies Mandela's claims on violence

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PRETORIA — ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela was evading the truth when he claimed security forces were behind the recent township violence, Defence Minister Magnus Malan said in a statement last night.

He said Mandela was trying to shift the blame from where it belonged.

Mandela, he said, was clearly grasping at straws to take the spotlight off the ANC as it was apparently incapable of controlling its own people.

GERALD REILLY

ple.

Malan was responding to Mandela's recent statement that the CCB, Military Intelligence and agents were being used "to fan the flames of violence".

Malan said Mandela had already blamed Inkatha for the violence; then the SAP and SADF and then a so-called "hidden hand" or third force.

"If the situation was not so serious

it would be laughable."

Our Durban correspondent reports that Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday disputed Mandela's claims that the measures introduced under Operation Iron Fist, to restore law and order in Reef townships, were ineffective and unpopular.

Vlok said in spite of these claims by Mandela and other organisations, there had been a dramatic decrease in violence since the introduction of curfews on September 25.

Council meets on Pearce's suspension

COUNCILLORS will discuss Johannesburg public safety director John Pearce's suspension at a special meeting today.

Found by the Hiemstra Commission to have been "grossly negligent" for his part in the council's illegal spying activities, he was suspended this week pending the outcome of a disciplinary inquiry.

Because the suspension is for more than 10 days, council will be asked to ratify the suspension decision made by acting town clerk Graham Collins and confirmed by

TANIA LEVY

the management committee.

The hearing would not begin before December, said Pearce's representative Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association general secretary Theo Crause.

Johannesburg advocate Chris Plewman SC will preside over the inquiry and senior city secretariat advocate Rhett Gardiner will present the council's case.

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PAC man dies in hail of bullets

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A founder
member of the PAC was
gunned down here on
Thursday night.

A former PAC treasur-
er, Mr Selby Themba
Ngendane, 62, was shot
and killed as he was
about to park his car at
his home.

According to police,
nine AK-47 cartridges
were found in the
vicinity of the shooting.

Mr Ngendane's car had
several bullet holes and
there were several other
holes on the wall of his
house.

He died on the spot in a
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ANC slate police as curfew is lifted

THE "Iron Fist" curfew between 9pm and 4am in Soweto was lifted yesterday, but the ANC said there was never a need for the curfew anyway.

"The crux of the problem is that township communities were under attack from forces connected to the police, the SA Defence Force and National Intelligence," the ANC said in a statement.

The ANC has also demanded the establishment of an independent review body to investigate complaints against the police, the establishment of a publicly-devised code of conduct for the police, its demilitarisation, the limitation of police weaponry and the disbanding of "murder squads".

The curfew will still be in force in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said in a statement that unrest and violent crimes had decreased to such an extent the lifting of the curfew in those areas of Soweto was now possible.

"Serious crimes such as murder and rape have decreased by 62% and 65% respectively," said Mr Vlok.

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Police bury Reef bodies

By CHARLES MOGALE

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The police burials come at a time when the South African Council of Churches has appealed to churches and other organisations to "adopt a body" to give decent burials to the victims.

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A police spokesman said the bodies were buried in separate graves in Germiston this week. Last month 212 bodies were given paupers' funerals, and more than 100 unidentified bodies are still lying unclaimed in Reef mortuaries.

Most were victims of the recent violence which erupted between hostel dwellers and township residents.

A police spokesman said relatives who come forward can still exhume their bodies for family reburials.

"We are keeping their pictures, and all the graves are numbered," he said.

The police have also called on people whose relatives have disappeared recently to come forward and see if they are among the victims.

Brutal murder

By DAN DHLAMINI

RESIDENTS of Kutlwanong township are living in fear of rightwing reprisals following the brutal murder of four whites from the nearby conservative Free State mining town of Odendaalsrus.

The four – Basie van Niekerk, 34, Shirley Basson, 32, Michael Belelie, 33, and Anthony Casey, 32 – went to buy liquor at a shebeen in Kutlwanong township after they ran dry during a drinking spree last week.

A few hours later their charred remains were retrieved from the nearby Mshenguville squatter camp.

According to Kutlwanong resident Biki Sephiri, the four and many other whites often frequented local shebeens and taverns where they socialised with blacks.

Kutlwanong Civic Association-spokesman Aaron Mguni said it was most unfortunate the long-planned Odendaalsrus consumer boycott coincided with the brutal murder.

The aim of the boycott is to reinforce calls to desegregate the local hospital and speed up the installation of sewerage and tarring of roads in the township.

Kutlwanong – which means Place of Harmony – was in the news two years ago as a haven for love across the colour bar.

The dusty township shot into the limelight in 1988 when a young Afrikaner woman, Annette Heunis, defied her parents, the church and the white community of Odendaalsrus, and eloped with her black Romeo, Jerry Tsie.

The couple settled in Kutlwanong, where Annette was rechristened "Palesa" – which means Flower. Jerry and Palesa lived happily in Kutlwanong but moved to Bophuthatswana the following year after several threatening telephone calls from white Odendaalsrus men.

Another white man, Silvano "Spencer" Gregorin, 28, who has been living happily in Kutlwanong for the past three years with his fiancée Dikeledi Makume, said the murders were brutal, but should not be interpreted as a total onslaught against whites.

He said he was not frightened by the incident and still moved freely in the township without fear.

Gregorin, who runs a small business supplying goods to spaza shops in Kutlwanong, is also involved in local community affairs. He said he left the apartment which he shared with Makume in conservative Odendaalsrus because whites disapproved of his fiancée's presence in the neighbourhood.

This week *City Press* visited Kutlwanong, whose 5 000 houses are surrounded by the more than 10 000 shacks of Mshenguville.

Residents of this squatter camp were cautious in what they said about the incident. Recent police swoops netted more than 30 people – including minors – in connection with the murders.

Most of the squatters who spoke to *City Press* wished to remain anonymous, saying rightwingers in town had threatened to avenge the deaths of the four whites.

However, the AWB area secretary in Welkom, Blikkies Blignaut, earlier this week said the AWB would only consider further action if it turned out the four victims had been taken to the area against their will, Sapa reported.

When he learned they had intended visiting a shebeen, Blignaut's only comment was: "White people have no place being in black areas in times like these."

Schoolteacher Mirriam Pholosi, who

Were whites mistaken for the feared third force?

lives near the murder scene, said an alarm had been raised the previous night that Inkatha or "Russians" were to attack the squatters, after which youths patrolled the area.

"Russians" are blanket-wearing gangsters found mostly in townships close to mining areas.

Pholosi said three black men in a brown car chased the whites in their car from the main township into the squatter camp.

"As the car with three black men cornered that of the whites, the whites could be heard begging for mercy, saying they were not fighting and that their attackers could search them. But despite their plea, they were attacked," said Pholosi.

"The youths, having seen the attack by occupants of the brown car, might have thought the whites were the notorious 'third force', which is said to be fanning violence in Reef townships.

"We at Mshenguville are totally against violence from whichever section and we abhor the brutal murder of those innocent whites," she said.

However, nobody could say how the clash started between the victims and the occupants of the brown car which chased them.

The motive of the killing will perhaps only unfold in court.

To date, 28 men linked with the killings have already appeared in court at Odendaalsrus.

Their ages range from 14 to 35. They were charged with four counts of murder and were not asked to plead. The case was postponed until October 23. Two of them – Philip Matela, 25, and Johannes Kole, 35 – were this week released on R600 bail each.

Orange Free State police spokesman Maj Johan Fouche said police had been using aircraft to detect the alleged killers.

Javas Inn tavern owner Ben Chaane, whose place is frequented by whites, said he did not see the four whites on that day.

Another taverner, Morgan Phumo, said it was unfortunate such an ugly scene should occur when blacks and whites were reaching out to each other

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Mandela baby (278) dies in Soweto shooting

By MARK STANSFIELD

A BABY girl related to Nelson Mandela was shot dead in her mother's arms yesterday in a shotgun and grenade attack on a Soweto house.

Gloria Mandela, aged 15 months, died in a hail of bullets as her mother, Susan, tried to escape a gang of assailants.

Gloria's father, Monde — the ANC leader's cousin — was badly burnt in the attack, which destroyed the family's home in Meadowlands.

As police sifted through the rubble for clues to the identity of the assailants, neighbours said they believed professional jealousy, rather than politics, was behind the attack.

"This is the third time in a year that Monde has been the target of armed men," said one.

"He runs a spaza shop from home and is a good businessman."

"We think some of his opposition would like to get rid of him."

Sprayed

Telephone lines in the area were cut before the gang broke a bedroom window and sprayed the double bed with automatic rifle fire.

The sleeping Mandelas survived the shots, but then a hand-grenade was thrown into the room.

Neighbours said Mr Mandela picked it up and hurled it back through the window.

"But then three more were thrown inside and they exploded," said a neighbour.

Mrs Mandela tried to escape with Gloria through the yard, but her flight was stopped by a volley of bullets that killed her baby.

She apparently screamed for her baby's life, but more shots were fired.

The wounded couple were rushed by a neighbour to Bargwanath Hospital, where they are in a stable condition.

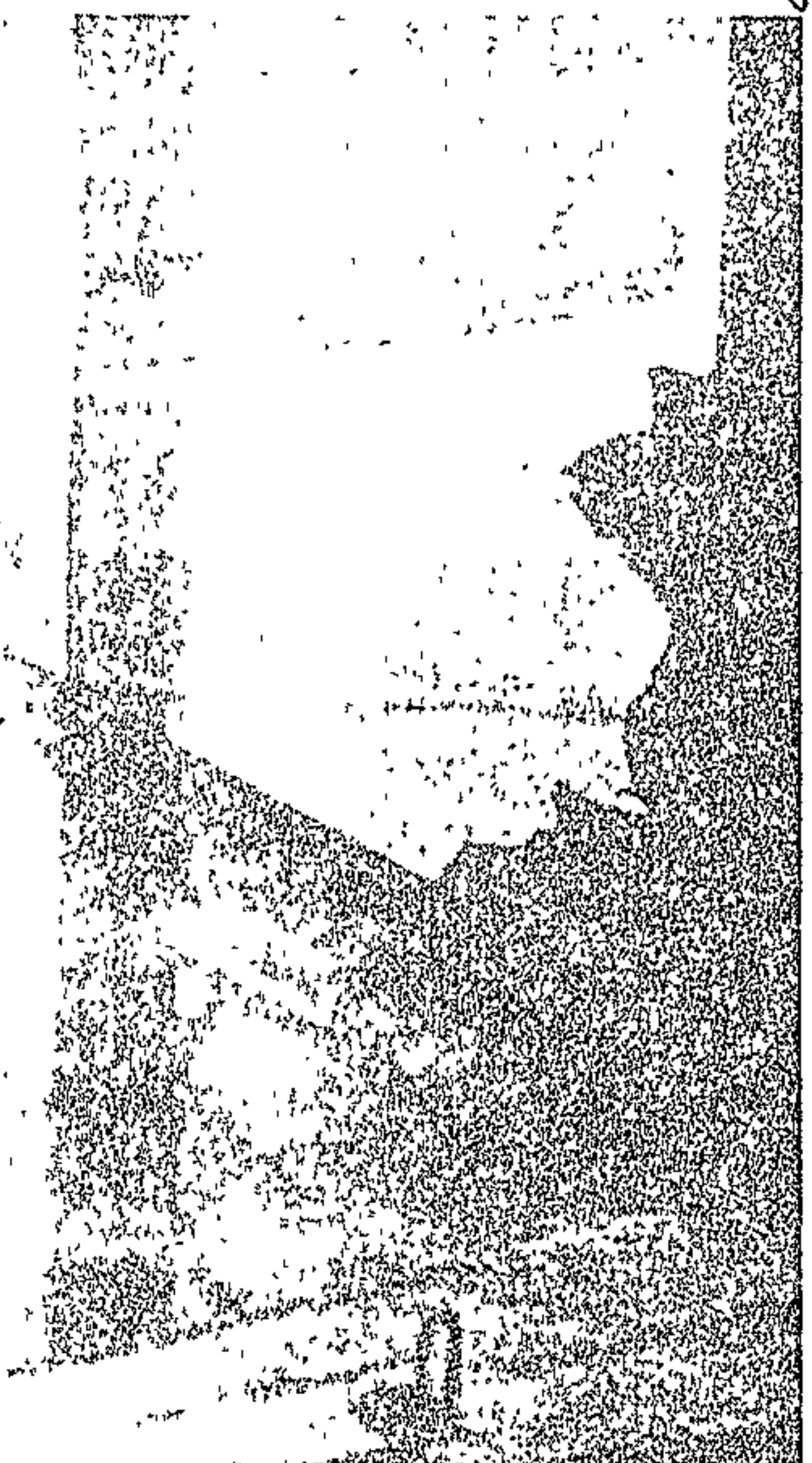
In a brief statement yesterday afternoon, the ANC said it noted "the curious coincidence" of an attack on a man bearing the Mandela name.

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**Founder
of PAC
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outside
home**

A FOUNDER member of the PAC, 62-year-old Setlhy Themba Ngandane, was gunned down outside his house in Nyathi Street, Kwa-Ndlovu, in Kwa-Ndlovu on Thursday night.
Nine spent AK-47 cartridges were found beside his body. His car was riddled with bullets.



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By SOPHIE TENA

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Neighbours who spoke to Mandela and his wife after the attackers had fled told *City Press* how Mandela had put up a lone and desperate battle to try to save his family during the attack.

The neighbours said Suzan wept bitterly as she related how her baby was hit by a bullet while she held her in her arms, hoping she would not be hurt.

Adelaide Mabophe, who lives next door in a row of semi-detached houses, said Mandela told them he caught the first hand-grenade that was hurled into their house and threw it back at the attackers.

She said he caught two other hand-grenades and put them in a bucket of water. Three other hand-grenades were thrown and ripped through the house, damaging the wall that separates the Mandela home from their neighbours'.

Joe Radebe, Mandela's brother-in-law, said yesterday morning's attack was the third attempt on the lives of the family.

He said three weeks ago their home was attacked by unknown gunmen who fled when Mandela challenged them to a fair fight.

Adelaide Mabophe said at about 2 15am yesterday she and her family were woken by gunshots and later by a blast.

"I ran to the kitchen and opened the door when I spotted two men near the house - one armed with a huge firearm and wearing a striped T-shirt. I quickly closed the door and remained in the house until they had left.

"Later, I saw Suzan come running out of her house carrying her baby in her arms, followed by her husband. I followed them to the house of another neighbour, Mavis Masina, where she told us her baby had been killed."

Neighbours said when they tried to call an ambulance they found the attackers had cut all the telephone wires.

ANC exiles' return negotiated

Special Correspondent

TENSION between the government and the ANC about the security situation could soon be eased as a result of various positive developments during the past week.

In Pretoria, Umkhonto we Sizwe Chief of Staff Chris Ham

According to the agreement, ANC prisoners whose offences were of a political nature, will be released in groups over a period.

The first ANC exiles - including women and children - will soon return to South Africa. They will not include the large majority of ANC members who have

were promoting or opposing a specific cause.

According to the Pretoria Minute, the process of release of prisoners and the return of exiles must be completed not later than April 30 next year.

The joint working group of the ANC and the government - which

Next-door neighbour Adelaide Mabophe, in the shattered Mandela home. She said she was woken by gunshots and a blast. "I ran to the kitchen and opened the door when I spotted two men near the house - one armed with a huge firearm." She closed the door and stayed there until they left.

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Shongweni, rare valley of peace

By Graham Spence

Once it was called the valley of death, now it is the valley of peace.

For the rugged valley of Shongweni, home to about 55 000 people, is the only township in Natal where peace has held fast for more than a year.

On Thursday last week, this remarkable peace pact was acknowledged by President F W de Klerk during a whistle-stop tour of Natal's flashpoints.

Warring

At the Charles Memorial School he presented Bibles signed by himself to Thulani Zulu, a leader of the United Democratic Front, and Victor Sibisi, a leader of Inkatha, to mark the first anniversary of the accord between these two previously warring groups.

Mr Zulu, Mr Sibisi and John Mkhize, the self-appointed mediator in the district, said afterwards there was tangible proof that the valley of death, barely a year ago the scene of probably the most brutal conflict in the region, was "healthy" again.

Mr Mkhize, a popular local shopkeeper and regarded as being non-partisan, said the community was largely apolitical before Inkatha began recruiting in the early '80s.

Then, after a devastating drought came the 1986 floods. This tragedy led to a volatile political situation, resulting in the first Inkatha-UDF clashes. The area was divided into two hostile camps.

"Carnage and destruction were everywhere," said Mr Mkhize, "and it was a major task to rebuild the community. But peace is now written

in our hearts, and that is why it is holding. There were no documents or signatures, the people here just want it to work."

The peace is largely thanks to the remarkable work of the police and particularly to the dedication of Major Ray Harrauld, who was stationed in the area on detachment duty last year.

Now stationed in Pretoria, Major Harrauld said "I believe this is what positive policing is all about, where we managed to get the trust of the community who didn't even trust each other."

He said the police were first approached in August last year after a woman was thrown off a bus and killed.

"I called a meeting on August 13, which was almost a disaster. Inkatha supporters arrived heavily armed, and first I had to persuade them to leave their weapons outside the hall. They agreed, but less than an hour later they claimed they were being insulted, and rushed outside to arm themselves again."

Nodding

"By then Inkatha were ranting for a fight, but Victor (Sibisi) managed to persuade his people to lay down their arms and come into the hall again."

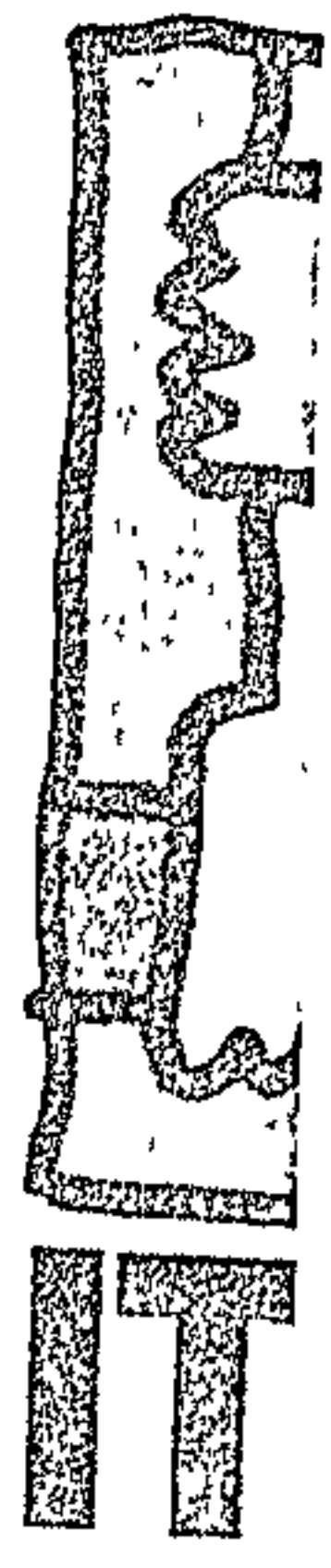
"I said that unless everyone had God's peace in their hearts, they wouldn't find peace in this valley. I think that's what did it. Suddenly I saw everyone nodding."

He later spoke to the two leaders and arranged a peace meeting for August 27.

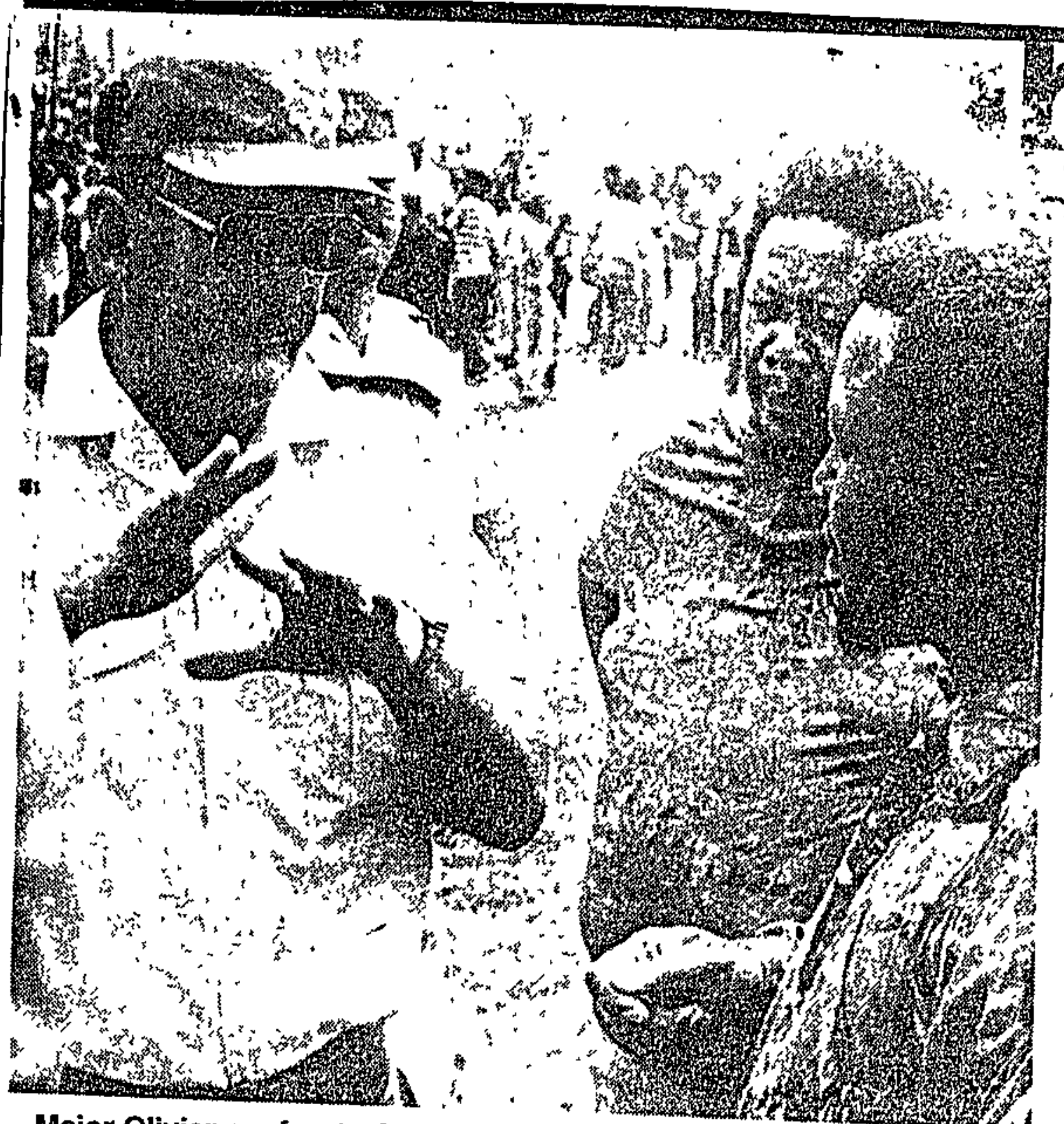
"We expected about 100 people. Instead there were at least 700, and I knew we had won," Major Harrauld said.




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Major Olivier confronts Jackie Selebi of the ANC at the demo march.

ANC youth chief averts violence at protest march

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THE surprise arrival of African National Congress youth leader Mr Jackie Selebi in Soweto on Saturday prevented potential violence between police and hundreds of ANC supporters gathered in the township for a protest march to the Protea police station.

More than 20 armed police in armoured vehicles took up positions at the township's Elkah stadium where the crowd had gathered for a march demanding the release of political prisoners, detainees, and an end to the curfew and State of Emergency.

Confrontation threatened to erupt between the crowd and police under the command of Major Steve Olivier over the legality of the march. Police declared the march illegal, but the marchers in-

sisted they had the right to march without permission.

Olivier then gave the crowd five minutes to disperse but Selebi requested that the crowd should be given more time so the ANC leader could consult them.

Emotions

As emotions ran high journalists appealed to Olivier to exercise restraint by giving leaders more time to consult the crowd. Five minutes then elapsed and Olivier gave in.

Selebi then addressed the crowd, saying the march had been postponed to next Saturday.

He then told the crowd to disperse and they responded. - Sapa.

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Mandela child dies in night attack

JOHANNESBURG. — The explosion on Saturday which killed one-year-old Gloria Mandela, a relative of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, and which badly injured her parents, completely destroyed the house where she lay asleep and severely damaged a neighbour's home.

African National Congress spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus, who visited the scene on Saturday, said the roof had been blown off and the wall adjoining a neigh-

bour's home was blown out.

The house was one of a block of six in a very poor area in Meadowlands, Soweto. It belonged to Mr Monde Mandela, 43, Mr Nelson Mandela's second cousin, and Mrs Susan Mandela, 29.

Gas cylinders used inside the house for heating had exploded, compounding the damage.

Mr and Mrs Mandela, both badly burned, were taken to Baragwanath Hospital for treatment. A

nurse at the hospital said they had been admitted to the surgical ward.

A statement from the ANC said the attack was a "grenade and shotgun attack".

Police said no motive had been established for the attack.

"We don't want to say whether they were targets or victims of a random shooting," a spokesman said. "We do not want to speculate at this stage what the motive was. Police are investigating." — Sapa

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ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela laid a wreath on Saturday at the Stanger grave of Albert Luthuli, the first South African to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Luthuli was ANC president in the 1950s. Picture: REUTERS

THREE COPS KILLED

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TWO policemen were shot dead, another stabbed to death and a man burnt to death in separate incidents at the weekend.

A 15-month-old relative of ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela was also killed.

A police spokesman said Constable E Dyosene (24) and his two friends, Mr G Twala (25) and Mr T

By KENOSI MODISANE

Seale (29), were shot dead after a quarrel with two men in Daveyton on the East Rand on Saturday night.

A man has been arrested and two firearms, a .38 special revolver and 7.65 pistol, have been confiscated.

Bodies

The bodies of two other policemen were discovered in Soweto on Friday evening. One had been shot and the other stabbed.

Police could yesterday not reveal the identities of the dead policemen "until their next of kin have been informed".

Police spokesman Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo, who yesterday described the weekend as "relatively quiet", confirmed the incidents.

He said no one had been arrested for the Soweto murders. Police were investigating.

The hand grenade and gun attack

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in which 15-month-old Gloria Mandela died, took place on Saturday morning at the Meadowlands transit camp.

Her parents, Mr Monde Mandela and his wife, Suzan, had extensive burns. They were both admitted to the Baragwanath Hospital. Their condition could yesterday not be established.

Mariemuthoo said unknown attackers threw a grenade and fired shots at their home.

The two-roomed house

in which the couple ran a *spaza* shop was destroyed by fire. Damage to the house could not be established.

Their neighbour Mr Sanah Tshabalala, whose adjacent house was also damaged said: "I first heard gun sounds and hid under the bed with my children. Suddenly there was a big explosion which destroyed the kitchen wall dividing the houses."

No one in her family was injured during the attack.

Mrs Adelaide Mabophe, who is also the

couple's neighbour, said she was awoken by a loud bang which moved her bed.

"I peeped through the window and saw a large flame coming through Mandela's windows. There was a man outside shooting at the house with a 'long gun'."

Mandela's sister, Mrs Nontutuzelo Radebe, who was found searching through the rubble by the Sowetan team on Saturday said: "Neighbours told us that six grenades were hurled into the house."

"But my brother managed to catch some and tried to throw them out through the window."

She said the attack on Mandela was not the first.

"Three weeks ago their home was attacked by unknown gunmen who fled when Mandela challenged them to a fair fight."

The body of a man whose identity could not be established was found in the East Rand township of Tembisa on Saturday.

A badly damaged vehicle which was set alight was also found in the township.

Sebokeng probe 'too restricted'

JOHANNESBURG. — The announcement yesterday of an inquest into the deaths of 11 Sebokeng residents killed when soldiers opened fire on a crowd in September was insufficient and belated, a political analyst and civil rights lawyers said.

Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee yesterday announced he had appointed Mr Justice E H Stafford to head the inquest — a date for which has not yet been set.

Soldiers reportedly opened fire on 5 000 people near a hostel in the township early in September at the height of bloody fighting in Rand townships.

An inquest is usually presided over by a magistrate. This is the first time that a judge will preside in South Africa.

The date of the probe has not yet been set, and the minister said it would be placed on the roll of the Transvaal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court

"in the normal course of events".

Human rights lawyers Mr Brian Currin and Mr Ahmed Motala welcomed the announcement of the inquest, but added that it had limited terms of reference. The ANC dismissed it outright.

"In this instance the circumstances in which they (the deaths) took place are well known," ANC spokesman Mr Sakki Macozoma said.

Mr Currin said: "The end result could be similar to a commission of inquiry, though it (an inquest) is more restrictive."

The ANC had called for a judicial commission to probe the shootings, which came shortly after the Goldstone Commission found police had acted improperly when they opened fire and killed demonstrators in March.

"The minister is not offering a big deal. An inquest has a very limited scope," Professor Alf Stadler, head of police studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, said.

The announcement of the in-

quest was rather delayed "considering the magnitude of the casualties", he said.

Mr Motala warned the inquest could be hampered if soldiers did not co-operate with the judge and if all evidence was not placed before him for a proper finding.

Mr Macozoma added that he saw little chance of residents who witnessed the shootings giving evidence unless they saw the inquest as "legitimate".

"People must see justice being done for them to co-operate," he added.

Mr Motala said: "What needs urgent attention from the government is the appointment of an independent ombudsman with his own independent investigating team. This would lead to a less biased investigation of such incidents."

The Defence Force set up a board of inquiry immediately after the killings, but no findings of the investigation have been announced. — Sapa

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PAC threatens to evict ANC cadres

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE PAC yesterday threatened to evict ANC cadres from one of its camps in Africa if Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani continues to criticise the organisation.

It also said Mr Hani was "now attacking the PAC to win the confidence of his alliance partners, who are killing our people daily on the Reef".

The strong attack follows a statement by Mr Hani at the weekend that the PAC did not have an army and that it was marginalising itself when it accused the ANC of selling out.

The statement, issued by the PAC secretary for political af-

fairs Mr Mpolose Manqangwana, said: "The continued armed struggle of the ANC is a joke, as it is well-known that they have been kicked out of Botswana, Mozambique, Angola, Zambia and Eastern Europe.

"PAC came to their rescue by offering part of one of our camps in one of the African states.

"We are now warning Mr Hani that if he does not forthwith discontinue attacking us, we will evict his cadres from our camp and reduce them to squatters."

The PAC was amused by the sudden outburst of radicalism from Mr Hani, "who suffers from the itch of the revolutionary phase but who recently was quite subdued, as his indemnity conditions require him to be a good boy only in relation to the government and not the PAC"

It reiterated its stand that the ANC was selling out, not because they were talking but because they had agreed to become auxiliary to the security police in joint committees. And they had formed an alliance with the government in which they were compelled to suspend the armed struggle.

● Sapa reports that the ANC described the PAC statement as a personal attack on Mr Hani, which was not to be expected from a national liberation organisation.

Saying that Mr Hani had the right to express his views, the ANC department of information and publicity said relations between the two organisations should not be determined by attacks in the press, but by "responsible dialogue".

Sebokeng inquest set

Mr Justice E H Stafford has been appointed to conduct an inquest into the deaths of 11 people in Sebokeng on September 3 and 4, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee announced yesterday. *Sowetan 9/10/90*

The 11 people were killed after units of the South African Defence Force (SADF) moved into the township to assist the police when a mob of about 5000 people threatened them outside Sebokeng Hostel.

A date has not yet been set for the inquest. - Sapa

Numsa abandons strike

'because of violence'

8/10/90 MATTHEW CURTIN

VIOLENCE on the Reef had forced Numsa to abandon strike plans at Iscor despite 90% of members voting in favour of industrial action, union national organiser Alistair Smith said yesterday.

He said Numsa had approached Iscor to negotiate an end to the month-long deadlock in wage talks because Numsa believed it was impossible to organise a strike.

The unrest made it difficult to hold strike meetings and Numsa was wary of calling a strike after "sinister incidents" in September in which 19 Numsa members died in an attack on Sebokeng hostels.

In last week's Weekly Mail, Numsa general secretary Moses Mayekiso warned that Numsa's influence on the Reef was being undermined by factional violence.

An Iscor spokesman said yesterday the two sides met last week and the company raised its wage package offer "by a slight percentage".

He expected another meeting on Thursday.

Numsa has rejected a final R4 an hour Iscor offer and demanded a further R1,55 increase.

Iscor last week made a provisional offer to extend housing allowances to all workers — raising these by R3.

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**SACP blames the state
for violence on the Reef**

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JOHANNESBURG. — The SA Communist Party said yesterday that recent violence on the Reef was orchestrated by groups and individuals within state structures.

• This was to destabilise South Africa and weaken the ANC and the "wider democratic and working class", an SACP statement said.

• The statement follows a second meeting of the Internal Leadership Group in Cape Town, devoted to examining progress in building party structures in the Transvaal, Natal, Western Cape, Eastern Cape, Border and Transkei.

• The ILG said it was satisfied with progress made.

— Sapa

Protest over Vlok claims

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ANTI-apartheid organisations are to stage a lunch-hour picket protest in Johannesburg today over Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's dismissal of claims of security force involvement in the recent Reef violence.

Vlok this week told the NP Cape Congress in Port Elizabeth that information in affidavits submitted to government by SA Council of Churches (SACC) secretary-general Frank Chikane did not tally with the accusations Chikane made to President F W de Klerk.

The affidavits were investigated and turned out to be fabrications, unsigned or unsworn statements or compilations from newspaper reports.

Quoting from a sworn statement made by someone from the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, Vlok said conclusions in that affidavit had not been based on the person's own observations but had been drawn from unsworn statements.

Chikane could not be reached for comment but a Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) spokesman said the SACC had not submitted affidavits but a memorandum outlining the grievances relating to security force involvement in the violence.

Stop the Violence Campaign, which includes the ANC, Black Sash, LHR and Human Rights Commission — said it had organised today's picket as government had "shown extreme reluctance to bring the perpetrators of violence to trial".

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Curfew set to be lifted next week

(278) PETER DELMAR

GOVERNMENT would probably lift its township curfew measures next week, sources said yesterday. 11/10/90

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said on Tuesday he was considering scrapping the curfew in certain areas after visiting the East Rand to assess the security situation there.

Vlok said he would lift the curfew as soon as possible, but declined to be drawn on an exact date.

But government sources said yesterday the 9pm to 4am curfew — which came into effect in seven townships on September 25 — would probably be lifted completely within days.

However, it was unlikely that it would be ended this week. Lifting the curfew would probably also be accompanied by a government warning that it would be reapplied if violence flared up again.

The curfew was ended in four townships within the greater Soweto area last week after a marked reduction in violence. Crime levels also declined in the affected East Rand townships of Vosloorus, Katlehong and Thokoza.

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Curfews lifted in townships on East Rand

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Township curfews on the East Rand will be lifted tonight, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said today.

This ends all curfews on the Witwatersrand.

The 9pm-to-4am curfew placed on all Reef townships on September 25 was lifted in greater Soweto last week.

From tonight the curfew will be lifted in the East Rand townships of Vosloorus, Katlehong and Tokoza.

Mr Vlok said violence had dropped dramatically in these areas and the curfew was no longer necessary.

However, should the situation warrant it, he would not hesitate to reimpose the curfew.

He said many township residents had asked that the curfew be upheld but this was not possible as a curfew was always seen as a temporary measure.

Anti-violence pickets in Jo'burg

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ANTI-APARTHEID organisations held lunch-hour pickets in Johannesburg yesterday protesting township violence on the Reef - which has claimed more than 800 lives - and the continued detention of political prisoners.

The protesters rejected curfews, the continued detention of political prisoners including South African Communist Party executive member Mac Maharaj, and the Government's "Operation Iron Fist" measures.

The organisers of the pickets said in a joint statement: "The South African Government has denied the involvement of security forces in the violence, despite hundreds of affidavits and eyewitness accounts alleging police collusion."

Participants were from the ANC, Black Sash, Concerned Social Workers, Nicro, Cosatu, Detainees Aid Centre, Human Rights Commission, Lawyers for Human Rights, SACP, SA Youth Congress, SA National Students Congress, and Nusas. - *Sappi*.

94 bodies unclaimed

By SONTI MASEKO

A TOTAL of 94 unidentified bodies of unrest victims are still unclaimed at Government mortuaries on the Reef, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Colonel Johan Mostert said 47 of the bodies were at the Government mortuary in Boksburg and 47 in Diepkloof and Germiston.

He said the number of unclaimed bodies had been reduced a great deal as a result of a joint effort by the police and families searching for relatives who went missing during last month's violence.

At one stage, 478 bodies of unrest victims had not been identified.

and, about 200 were reportedly given paupers' burials.

Mostert said no bodies had been given paupers' burials in the past weeks.

Mostert said: "There was a lot of havoc, which is why we had many unclaimed bodies. But since then people have got their lives organised and, in the meantime, bodies were being claimed." (278)

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said there were 42 bodies now unclaimed at the Diepkloof mortuary.

Journalist subpoenaed

JOHANNESBURG. — 13/10/9
Business Day journalist
Linden Birns has been
subpoenaed by the
police to appear in court
in connection with his
eyewitness account of al-
leged police participa-
tion in recent township
violence.

Mr Birns was subpoe-
naed yesterday under
Article 205 of the Crimi-
nal Procedures Act 51 of
1977.

He is to appear in
court in Alberton on Oc-
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'Iron Fist' township curfews lifted

JOHANNESBURG.

The government yesterday lifted township curfews on the East Rand.

"The fighting is mostly over. The curfews are no longer necessary," Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said, noting that police would leave much smaller contingents in the affected areas of Vosloorus, Thokoza and Katlehong, east of Johannesburg.

Police warned, however, that curfews would be reimposed if necessary.

Authorities lifted the curfew in Soweto, the only other affected township, on October 5.

The curfews were imposed last month as part of Operation Iron Fist, which aimed at quelling the wave of factional violence which killed almost 800 people.

The ANC welcomed the government's decision, but reiterated its position that Iron Fist measures were unnecessary.

"Usual police procedure should have been sufficient to apprehend the perpetrators of the violence. We reiterate that these harsh measures were aimed at curbing normal political activity," the organisation said. — UPI and Sapa

14/10/92 **Knifeman believed he was God's son**

By SIBU MNGADI

MOST of the passengers on the Putco bus attacked this week came from the same squatter camp as the eight youths held by police after they ramaged through Durban's beachfront, stabbing eight whites.

A crack police team was on Thursday appointed to head investigations into the cold-blooded killing of six people and the injuring of 27 others in a bus near KwaMashu on Tuesday night - amid an SAP spokesman's dismissal as "pure speculation" allegations that whites were involved in the ambush.

Because of the dark and the speed of the attack, none of the survivors interviewed by *City Press* were able to identify the killers.

Mandla Nene, a Durban City Council security guard, said the attackers' vehicle - an Opel Monza - drew alongside the bus before its occupants sprayed it with bullets.

He was seated in the third seat from the back.

The packed Putco bus was taking passengers from Durban's Lorne Street to Inanda New Town A, when it was ambushed near Duff's Road at about 10.30pm on Tuesday.

Many of the passengers came from New Town A and a squatter camp bordering Ntuzuma and New Town.

Sipho Cele, 19, told *City Press* he knew many of the passengers, because they came from his squatter camp - named "Training" after the nearby Ntuzuma College of Education.

All except one of the eight youths held under emergency regulations after their rampage on Durban's beachfront on Tuesday morning, which left eight white people with stab wounds, came from Qeleze squatter camp in the same area. Cele recognised them from the names given to him by *City Press*.

About 30 youths allegedly invaded a curio shop on the beachfront and helped themselves to hunting knives from a counter.

The gang then went on the rampage, attacking and stabbing a number of whites. The eight youths who are being held under emergency regulations are Sithembiso Tembe, 24; Zamokuhle Sithole, 24; Jefe Ngcobo, 26; Mduduzi Buthelezi, 19; Bhekí Radabe, 19, and three minors.

Most of the youths wore PAC badges or T-shirts, police said. The badges read "Victory, no compromise". The T-shirts read

Bus victims

from same area as beach attackers

"PAC of Azania" on the front and "Armed people, liberate Azania, Uboqo Akelwa" on the back.

According to residents of the squatter camp, the alleged leader of the group, Jefe Ngcobo, who is still in serious condition at Addington Hospital, was a "lunatic".

He led a sect called the "Nine Vics" and was often seen preaching down the streets of Ntuzuma, Inanda New Town and the squatter camp.

Describing the bizarre background of Ngcobo, residents said he believed God's real name was "Holy John Africa" and was African. Ngcobo believed he was Holy John Africa's son.

According to police, he had also told them in the past that Mongolians, Mohammedans and Christians had liberated themselves between the years one and 1990. He believed blacks would liberate themselves in 1990 - hence the "Nine Vics".

Meanwhile police public relations officer in Durban, Lieut Bala Naidoo, warned it was irresponsible to blame any person for the bus ambush.

"We will not make further comments until the matter is fully investigated. But one thing is certain - we will not leave any stone unturned to bring the culprits to book," Naidoo said.

Police said they were definitely investigating the possibility the PAC could be involved in Tuesday's beachfront attack.

Police said they had found a book containing the PAC constitution and PAC badges on the scene. In addition several of the eight people being held were carrying PAC membership cards.

The PAC has also launched its own investigation into the stabbings, while at the same time denying the organisation was involved, said PAC general secretary Benny Alexander.

Residents of Ntuzuma and the nearby squatter camp, told *City Press* Ngcobo had been preaching for the whole of Monday and had invited youths to the beach for a night vigil. The youths stayed overnight at the beachfront.



Survivor... stavedore Sipho Cele (front) saw a fellow passengers' chest ripped open by bullets.

Happy holiday mood on fatal bus

BY SIBU MNGADI

SIPHO Cele, 19, was taking a nap on a bus when he was violently woken by a volley of bullets which ripped through his right thigh, fracturing his femur.

A woman sitting near Cele, two seats from the driver, collapsed in a heap as her chest burst open when bullets struck a Putco bus destined for Inanda's New Town A.

Cele, a temporary labourer with a Durban stavedore company, had taken the bus which left Durban's Lorne Street at 10.30pm, fired after his second working day.

"My body was still acting from the day's work at the harbour and I had dragged myself to the bus terminus," he said.

The mood inside the bus was jovial as many people were not working the following day, Kruger Day. "Other people were taking a nap like myself," Cele recounted.

He suddenly heard the window on his right side shatter and his body was violently shaken. "I felt as if my right leg had been cut off. It became numb. Almost at the same time the woman on my left had her chest ripped open by bullets. She collapsed without uttering a sound."

The shooting lasted for about a minute.

Some passengers pleaded with the driver not to lose control.

Driver Joking Msoni's only reply was: "I am dying. I have also been shot." He managed to drive the bus for about 30 metres before pulling it off Duff's Road.

Unable to move his legs, Cele lay on the floor as other passengers stumbled over him. After crawling out, he hid in tall grass nearby in case the attackers returned.

utes later. Passengers were full of praise for the bravery he showed in controlling the bus.

Police confirmed nearly every passenger in the bus was hurt in the attack that left six people dead and 27 injured. They said R1 and AK47 automatic rifles were used.

Mandla Nene, a Durban City Council security guard, was seated in the third seat from the back of the bus when he noticed an Opel Monza-type car pull up alongside on the two-lane Duff's Road near the Corobrik factory.

The occupants fired a volley of bullets for about 50 metres before speeding past.

Those injured in the attack were treated at King Edward VIII Hospital and Osindisweni Hospital in Verulam.

Detectives from the SAP Special Investigation Unit will investigate the case.

Mandela action STimes 14/10/90 frees 32 youths

By SYDNEY MOSES

NELSON MANDELA negotiated the release of 32 people after defusing an explosive situation during an attempted march in Soweto yesterday.

Hours before flying off to India, the ANC deputy president was asked to intervene at the Elkah Stadium in Rockville where 500 SA Youth Congress protesters were attempting an illegal march on the Protea Police Station to demand the release of political prisoners.

He rushed to the scene and was confronted by police firing rubber bullets and teargas at the crowd of angry youths, who refused to disperse.

Each time the police stopped firing the youths who were demanding the release of political prisoners, regrouped.

Illegal

The ANC leader told the officer in charge, Major Steve Olivier, that he wanted the matter settled peacefully.

Major Olivier explained to Mr Mandela that police had taken action after protesters had ignored warnings to disperse.

Police had informed the crowd that the march was illegal, he said

Mr Mandela then borrowed a police megaphone.

He told the ANC marchers to remain disciplined and urged them not

to give police "an excuse to provoke you".

He then went to the Moroka police station, from where he telephoned Soweto Regional Police Commissioner Major-General Johann Swart to negotiate the release of those arrested.

When he arrived back at the stadium, he told the crowd those arrested would be released "after certain formalities had been completed".

● A man was injured when police dispersed a crowd of 2 500 with teargas after a funeral in Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand yesterday.

Liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said police fired 20 teargas canisters into the crowd after they defied police orders to disperse.

They were heavily armed with spades, knobkerries, assegais and pangas. Gunfire was also heard from what was believed to be an AK-47 assault rifle, Colonel Malherbe said.

Rocking in 1

THOUSANDS upon thousands of umbrellas the rain at Johannesburg's Ellis Park Radio Metro's Bigger Birthday Concert

The high-spirited crowd rocked to songs including Cinema, Steve Hofmeyer, Yvonne Mabuse, Mango Groove, Lucky Dube, B

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East Rand township curfew lifted

THE East Rand township curfew was lifted on Friday by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, as it had effectively halted the violence which hit the area last month. ~~278~~ ~~278~~ ~~278~~

Vlok said the dramatic drop in violence warranted the move. But he warned the curfew would be reimposed if necessary. *C/ren 14/10/90*

Senior police spokesman Col Steve

Van Rooyen said there had been 242 "instances of unrest" in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus from September 1 to 16. After September 25, when the curfew was implemented, to date, there had been no instances of unrest.

This meant there had been no killings, stonings, petrol-bombings, burning or damage to property. — Sapa.

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Seven die in East Rand faction fight

By Anna Louw, East Rand Bureau

A faction fight between Zulus and Xhosas claimed the lives of seven men at a compound in Chloorkop Road, Kempton Park, last night.

Police said fighting had broken out in the compound at 10.45 pm.

Seven bodies were discovered after shooting broke out. Police said 9 mm pistols and pangas had been used.

A Kempton Park ambulance spokesman said two men had been taken to Tembisa Hospital, where they were being treated for serious injuries presumably inflicted with pangas.

More workers were apparently injured in the fighting.

The men dispersed when police arrived. No arrests have been made.

Hostel fears mount after cash demand

TENSION is mounting at Soweto's Diepkloof Hostel where Inkatha members last week distributed letters to dwellers instructing each to contribute R5 to a fund before the end of this month.

The fund was established after an Inkatha Freedom Party meeting at the hostel a few weeks ago.

It will provide, among other things, arrested

By SY MAKARINGE

members of the party with legal assistance.

The letter, written in Zulu, said everyone living at the hostel should pay the money before the end of the month, irrespective of whether they were Zulus or not.

Members

Concerned non-Inkatha members at the hostel expressed fears yesterday that people who

failed to comply with the request may be "identified and dealt with accordingly".

"We do not know what will happen to people who do not pay. We're in a Catch-22 situation because if we don't pay, we might be seen to be against Inkatha."

"If we do, we would be seen to be endorsing its policies and the deeds of its members."

"It is very clear that they want to control all the hostels. We may even be made to join the party against our will," said a dweller who refused to be identified.

Another dweller said a friend, who lives at Dube Hostel and is not a member of Inkatha, had vacated his room after Inkatha had allegedly requested everyone at the hostel to donate R100 towards a fund.

Sayco 32 in court today

THIRTY-TWO people are to appear in the Protea Magistrate's Court today in connection with a confrontation between police and South African Youth Congress members at Elkah Stadium in Soweto on Saturday.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday the youths were to be charged either with participating in an illegal march or hindering the police in their duties.

The youths were arrested and released on warning to appear in court after ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela negotiated their release with Soweto police commissioner Major-General Johan Swart.

Hours before leaving for his overseas tour, Mandela appeared at the stadium in Rockville to intervene in the confrontation.

Earlier, police had fired rubber bullets and teargas at the youths, who had intended to march to Protea Police Station to present a memorandum demanding the release of political prisoners.

Police kept a low profile when Mandela arrived and after Major Steve Olivier explained why the youths were arrested, Mandela told ANC supporters to remain disciplined.

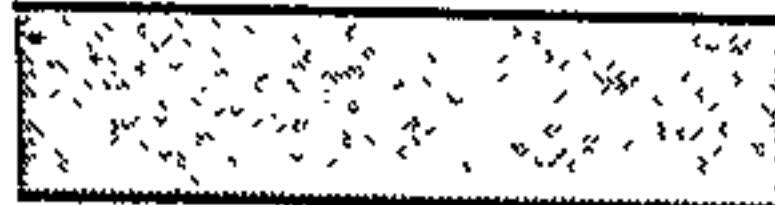
He also asked them to apply for permission to march next week. - *Sowetan Reporter.*

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ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela addresses supporters following a confrontation between police and members of the South African Congress at the Elkah Stadium in Rockville, Soweto 15/10/90 Soweto, on Saturday. 276



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Three deaths listed in weekend unrest

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THREE deaths, the dispersal of a crowd of 2 500 squatters after a funeral and the arrest of 32 protesters were reported by Reef police at the weekend.

Witwatersrand SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said yesterday police would only assess the post-curfew situation in the three East Rand townships of Thokoza, Natalspruit and Vosloorus this morning.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok lifted the 9pm to 4am curfew in these areas on Friday.

Sapa reports a municipal policeman, Const N D Shamise, of Langverwacht, Secunda, was stabbed to death after several people attacked his home with petrol bombs and stones.

And the decomposed bodies of two people, who were apparently murdered, were found in Edendale, Maritzburg. No further details were given.

A man was injured when police used teargas to disperse 2 500 mourners after a funeral at Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza on Saturday.

Police said 20 teargas canisters were fired into the crowd of mourners, who were armed with spades, knobkieries, assegais and pangas. Shots were also heard from what was believed to be an AK-47 rifle, police added.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela secured the release of 32 people, arrested during a protest march by 500 SA Youth Congress (Sayco) members in Rockville, Soweto on Saturday.

Police had used rubber bullets and teargas in attempts to disperse the crowd, which was trying to march to Protea police station to demand the release of political prisoners. After talks with police at Protea, Mandela told the crowd at Moroka that the 32 arrested youths would be released.

In Imbali, outside Maritzburg, shots were fired at the house of a policeman and a petrol bomb was thrown at the home of another policeman in Jouberton, Klerksdorp.

The house of a councillor was attacked with stones in Mhluzi, Middleburg.

Five (278) killed in Reef faction fight

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SEVEN people were killed during a faction fight between dwellers at a compound in Chloorkop Road in Kempton Park on Sunday night.

Police said the fight broke out at 10:45pm.

Five bodies were found after shooting had broken out in the compound.

Police said .9mm pistols and pangas were used in the fight.

A Kempton Park ambulance spokesman said two men were taken to Tembisa Hospital, where they are being treated for serious injuries presumably inflicted with pangas.

More workers were apparently injured in the fighting.

The men dispersed when police arrived on the scene. - Sowetan Correspondent.

7 killed in compound faction clash

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JOHANNESBURG. — Seven blacks were killed and two others wounded during a clash at a Rand workers' compound on Sunday in an apparent outbreak of factional fighting, police reported yesterday.

A police spokesman said Zulus and Xhosas armed with 9mm pistols and spears clashed in the hostel about 11pm in Kempton Park. Fighting ended abruptly when police arrived, and they found the bodies of six men and one woman.

At least two others wounded in the clash were taken to hospital, the officer said.

Meanwhile, a 28-year-old Sebokeng resident was gunned down in cold blood by two men in front of a fast-food outlet in Zone 14 on Sunday evening, police reported.

Mr Joseph Mosia, of Zone 11 Sebokeng, collapsed and died on the spot after three shots were fired at him.

According to police, the incident happened while Mr Mosia and a friend were getting into his car. Suddenly two men, who were armed with a gun, confronted Mr Mosia and a strygle ensued.

Neither the identity of the attackers nor the motive for the killing have been established.

● The body of a police constable, shot twice in the back, was found in an open field at 7am yesterday, police said.

Witwatersrand police liaison said in a statement that Constable Charles Pietersen's body was found near the Kilpspruit Bridge. The constable, stationed at Kliptown Magistrate's Court, Soweto, was last seen alive after finishing his shift on Sunday evening.

His service firearm was missing, police said, adding that no motive for the murder had been established. — Sapa

Toy-toying workers take to the streets

JOHANNESBURG. — The city centre was taken by a toy-toying storm at lunchtime yesterday as thousands of mainly women members of the SA Clothing and Textile Workers' Union (Sactwu) formed a "human chain" to show support for Cosatu's Worker Charter Campaign.

Dozens of police and Defence Force members on foot and in patrol vans kept a low but noticeable presence throughout the protest, which lasted over an hour. No incidents were reported.

The mood among the Sactwu members, wearing brightly coloured Sactwu T-shirts, was up-beat and caused many a smile among office workers on their lunch break.

The protest reached its climax around 1.15pm as a light aircraft circled overhead trailing a Sactwu banner urging worker unity.

A Sactwu statement said the purpose of the demonstration was to heighten awareness of workers and the general public about the campaign. — Sapa

Train deaths

Men in court

JOHANNESBURG.

Five Zulu men appeared briefly in court here yesterday in connection with multiple allegations of murder and attempted murder.

The men, all residents of the Jeppe Hostel, were not asked to plead and the case was postponed to tomorrow, when formal application will be made for bail.

Their appearance followed an incident in which 26 people were killed on a train near Denver on September 13. — Sapa

Seven killed in raid on East Rand hostel

SEVEN bullet-ridden bodies were found by police at a workers' compound near Kempton Park yesterday morning.

This appears to be the first major outbreak of politically motivated township violence since the imposition of operation Iron Fist in the last week of September.

East Rand police liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweek said unidentified black men had attacked a hostel on the premises of Stocks Civil near Chloorkop.

Warning

The gang had arrived at the compound in a minibus. The men, some wearing balaclavas, walked through the compound and allegedly opened fire on three huts, Van Zweek said.

Police said six men and a woman were killed in the attack on Sunday night.

So far no arrests have been made, Van Zweek said.

A Stocks Civil source said the "cold blooded and brutal" attack followed a warning by Inkatha supporters that the workers

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would be targeted.

When the unrest broke out on the East Rand six weeks ago, the company had decided to move its employees from Tembisa to the Chloorkop compound.

"When we went to move their belongings we found armed Inkatha supporters surrounding the hostel. We had to call for police protection so we could move everything out," he said.

He said the company knew of three men and three women killed in the attack. One worker was unaccounted for, but could have been away.

Several spent AK-47 cartridges, as well as cartridges from 9mm and .45mm hand guns, were found on the scene.

No other reports of unrest have been reported since the lifting of the curfew in Soweto and East Rand townships.

Sapa reports that police said the body of Const Charles Pietersen, who had been shot twice in the back, was found near the Klipspruit Bridge yesterday.

Police and squatters clash

LESLEY LAMBERT

CAPE TOWN — Hundreds of Crossroads residents clashed with police yesterday during a security force operation in the township.

Police and soldiers poured into the squatter camp to search for weapons and to "stabilise" the area after prolonged fighting between rival factions.

There was a confrontation between police and residents when the police attempted to demolish shacks they thought were uninhabited.

When residents tried to stop the demolition and refused to disperse, police charged them with batons.

Adding to the confusion of the operation was the absence from the camp of the warring faction leaders, Crossroads mayor Johnson Nxgobongwana and ANC branch chairman Jeffry Nongwe.

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BACKGROUND

The black housing bubble has burst

The euphoria which greeted huge housing projects in black townships has almost disappeared because of unrest and a refusal — usually as a result of intimidation — by house owners to repay their loans.

NORMAN CHANDLER traces the history of the market.

A catch phrase is no more. And also gone appear to be the hopes of millions of South Africans who do not have a suitable roof over their heads.

The phrase is "black housing" — the huge industry which has come into its own since influx control was lifted six years ago and black people began to move from rural districts into key urban centres.

With their arrival, the majority without shelter of any sort, squatter towns began to dot the countryside.

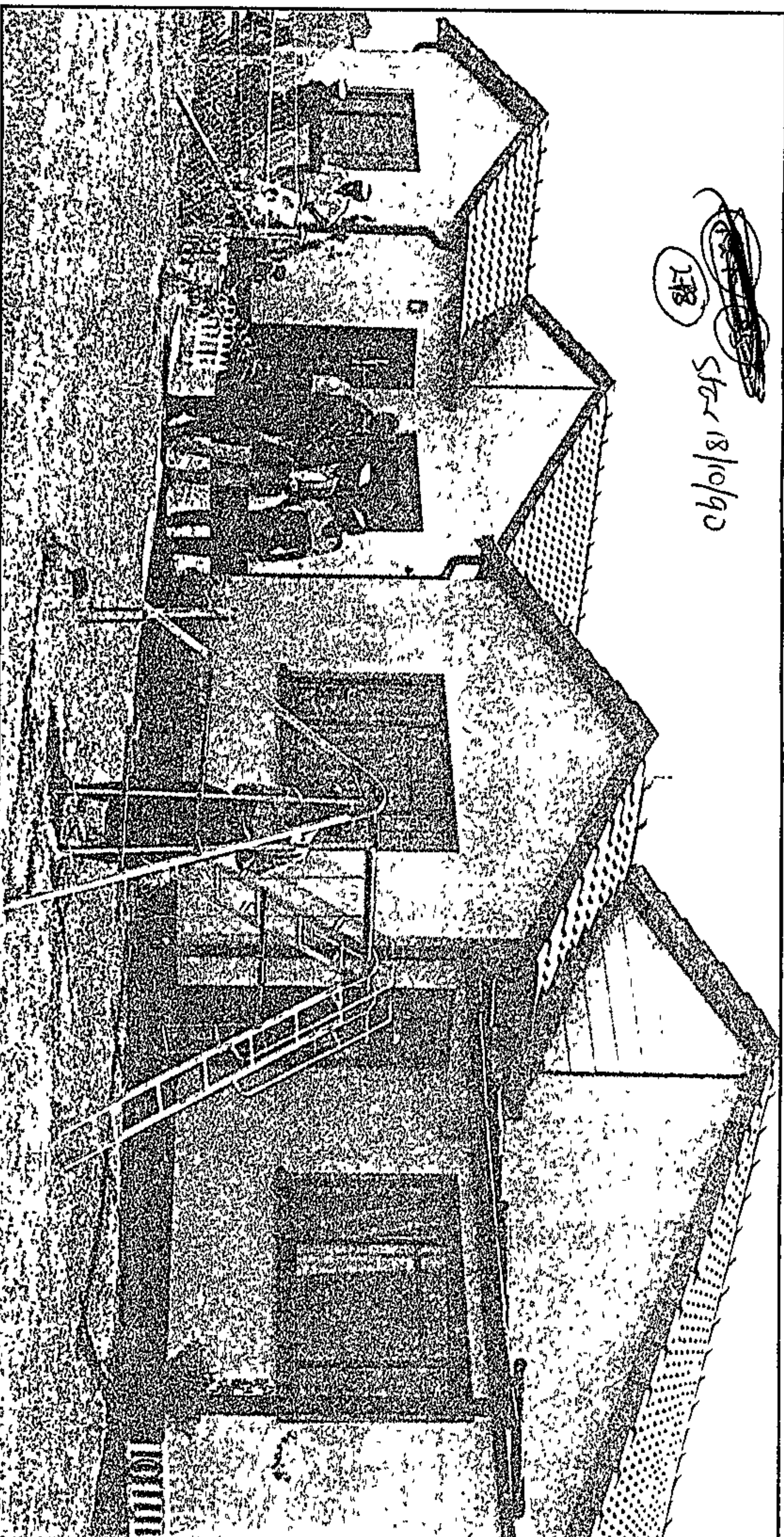
The Government's method of dealing with this phenomenon was to declare the better ones "informal towns" which would at some time or other be upgraded to "formal towns".

It did not take long for entrepreneurs in the building industry to see the chance of a new potentially lucrative market.

They were soon followed by medium-sized companies, and then by the construction giants who fell over themselves to help blacks find a decent place in the South African sun.

All of these saw the housing market mushroom into the "miracle" the industry had been waiting for ever since the bottom fell out of the commercial market a few years ago.

Huge townships — much like



Recent violence in the townships has resulted in new homes similar to the ones above being destroyed and people being urged, usually through intimidatory methods, not to repay loans obtained from banks and building societies. Consequently, the building industry began to re-examine their position and when staff were threatened and building materials pillaged in townships across the country, decided to adopt a wait-and-see attitude.

the New Towns which have become a feature in the United Kingdom — have been developed.

Thousands of people moved from their old houses to homes styled on "European lines" (their own preference, as house builders said), with their own gardens, services and other mod-cons.

The Government has gone on

record as saying that at least 9 million people will have become urbanised by the end of the decade — and that translates into tens of thousands of houses being required.

But the bubble burst when the latest wave of unrest began. The violence has resulted in expensive new homes being destroyed and people being urged, usually through intimi-

datory methods, not to repay loans obtained from banks and building societies.

As the violence escalated, the building industry began to re-examine their position and when staffs were threatened and building materials pillaged in townships across the country, decided to adopt a wait-and-see attitude.

The legal-notice sections of

successive Government Gazettes have become thicker and thicker as finance houses applied successfully for court orders against bondholders who did not meet their commitments.

Thousands of people have lost their homes as a result of such orders.

There have been denials and

counter-claims on this issue for months, but at some stage the nettle had to be grasped.

It was done this week by Hernus Kriel, Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, when he called a press conference to discuss the country's housing situation and the development of a new policy.

What he said is proving de-

vastating for black people, for the industry and for investors. Financial institutions had, he confirmed, placed a freeze on new home bonds for black clients, and top construction companies had decided to stop operations in the townships and were now merely completing existing contracts.

The reasons, Mr Kriel spelled out, were the violence, a refusal to repay loans and an understandable reluctance by finance houses to invest money in what has become a risk market.

First indications that there was something drastically wrong with the market came last month when the SA Perm and Natal Building Society, two of the biggest lenders, doubled their deposit requirements for black buyers.

Others said they were being "more selective" — in other words they were not giving out any further loans until they knew what the situation would be like.

At the same time, building contractors virtually downed tools.

It was a cruel irony that only a day or so before, the Urban Foundation — which has been in the forefront of trying to improve the lot of black South Africans — announced a November 1 launch date for the first of thousands of new home loans for low-income families.

This is part of a multi-billion-rand loan guarantee fund, assisted by the British, German and Swiss governments, designed to protect bond lenders from the risk of default.

Even more ironic, in view of what has taken place this week, is that the guarantee fund is backed by some of the same financial institutions which are rethinking their position on the black housing market.

Emergency water relief as Vaal townships erupt

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Transvaal provincial authorities are to send water tankers to townships where Conservative Party councils have cut off water supplies.

At least two townships — Wesselton in Ermelo and Emzinoni at Bethal — are without water, leading to fears of the spread of disease.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration will send water tankers today to provide emergency supplies for struggling residents.

The move by provincial authorities to restore water cut by rightwing councils came as many townships remained tense today after overnight violence.

RUNNING BATTLES

Violence erupted in several townships as the CP councils continued to cut water and sewerage services to townships where rent and services charge boycotts had left huge bills.

Sections of Toekomsrus, Randfontein, were ablaze last night. The township's library and post office were petrol-bombed and vandalised as were a creche and several homes and municipal offices.

Youths and police were engaged in running battles in streets where burning barricades had been erected.

Defence Force members conducted house-to-house searches in some streets.

Town councillor Arthur Padiatcha was awakened shortly before 1am today when a petrol bomb was flung through his lounge window, causing extensive damage.

Late last night a Randfontein Town Council spokesman said the situation had calmed with outbursts occurring only in pockets. A West Rand police spokesman said this morning the situation was tense, but quiet.

Yesterday evening police dispersed a

crowd of about 3 000 with teargas and rubber bullets.

Regional police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the crowd threw stones and petrol bombs at policemen, who ordered them to disperse.

The council spokesman said electricity supplies to 24 houses were suspended yesterday morning. These were houses where residents had last paid their accounts three months or more ago.

No official casualty figures were available from either region.

In Ermelo's Wesselton township, which has been without water or sewerage since Tuesday, police used teargas to disperse a crowd of angry residents attempting to march into the town.

Violence continued in Mhluzi, Middelburg, last night. Several vehicles were set alight and the homes of police and councillors stoned and petrol-bombed. Police used teargas and birdshot to disperse mobs.

The TPA announced it would send in water tankers as sanitary conditions rapidly deteriorated in Wesselton.

RESIDENTS 'BETRAYED'

A spokesman said a tanker had already been deployed in Bethal's Emzinoni township.

A weeping Wesselton mother of a small baby said today: "These CP people are very cruel. My baby's nappies are all filthy and smelling, I've got no clean dishes left ... how can they expect us to live like this?"

Residents said they felt betrayed because in the past month, after a year-long boycott, they had begun paying a R45 flat rate to the Wesselton council.

A spokesman for the Wesselton council said its income had not been enough to meet its September water account.

Court action plan over power cuts

AN application challenging the Atteridgeville Town Council's decision to cut electricity supplies to rent defaulters will be lodged in the Pretoria Supreme Court today, lawyers representing the residents said yesterday.

A spokesman for the lawyers said the application could have been brought to court earlier as a matter of urgency but due to certain technical problems they had to delay to prepare for the case.

Technicians belonging to a private firm started cutting electricity since Monday.

By MONK NKOMO

Acting town clerk, Mr Daan Mouton, said he did not know how much the council was paying the company.

Appeal

By yesterday 3 000 houses were without electricity.

The local branch of the Congress of South African Students yesterday appealed to the Atteridgeville Council "to consider the fate of the students" who are due to start their final exams but

can now not study at night.

"We view the action taken by the council as very much disturbing especially at this time of the year," said Cosas.

The council has announced that the only way to restore electricity was for each affected resident to first pay a R15 reconnection fee and arrears from June 1.

Meanwhile, 13 women and two men arrested on Tuesday after staging a sit-in in the Atteridgeville mayor's office were due to appear in court yesterday on charges of trespassing.

Concern over unclaimed bodies

A SOUTH African Council of Churches delegation headed by the Rev Frank Chikane has expressed "deep concern" to the police over the number of unidentified bodies at mortuaries.

Regional commissioner of police, Major-General Gerrit Maritz, said the SACC had offered its assistance in identifying the bodies, locating their next-of-

kin and rendering pastoral care to the families.

He said the SAP asked all employees, companies, relatives or friends who had someone reported missing during the recent unrest to furnish all available details to: The Regional Commissioner, SAP, Private Bag 5, Johannesburg 2000, for attention Colonel F G Malherbe. - Sapa.

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Killer suspects' pictures released

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MKEZWA MBELE

By KENOSI MODISANE
POLICE yesterday released pictures of the three remaining suspects of a gang of eight wanted in connection with the killing of 26 people in a Soweto-bound train last month.



JOHN NXUMALO

The men, all residents of Jeppe Hostel, were identified as John Mahlazi "Matak", Nxumalo of Room 48, Block 1, Jericho Nsusemi Manyoni of Room 90 Block 2 and Mkezwane Mbele of Room 19 Block 3.



JERICHO MANYONI

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the men "went underground" after the arrest of five others who made a third appearance in the Johannesburg court.

The trial in which five Jeppe hostel men are accused of murder has attracted large crowds.



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nesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

He also said weapons, including guns and pangas, were confiscated at the hostel during a swoop which resulted in the arrest of the three gang members last month.

The other three were arrested in Natal when investigations moved to the province.

"We are appealing to the public to contact investigating officers at

(011) 839-3322 or the nearest police station for information which can lead to the arrest of the three suspects," said Opperman. ^{Soweto} ^{15/10/90}

Opperman could not confirm if the men belonged to any particular organisation.

He said the shifting of investigations to Natal, where two of the five suspects were arrested, "did not mean that the killings were orchestrated from the area".

He could also not link

the September 13 train massacre, in which the men are alleged to have taken part, to the fatal shooting of five people at Jeppe Station on September 6.

The five who appeared in court yesterday are Mr Martin Ngcobo (49), Mr Mmegela Magubane (34), Mr Bassie Nkosigondle (27), Mr Mandla Majozi and Mr Solomon Khumalo (no ages given).

They were not asked to plead and their case was postponed to November 1.

RENTS BOYCOTT: Conservative councils hit back ... and spark a new wave of violence

The lights go out - and unrest blows up again

By JO-ANNE COLLINGE

CONSERVATIVE town councils cut off water and electricity to rent-boycotting townships this week — and sparked a new wave of unrest.

On Wednesday, even as United Democratic Front representative Pat Lephunya warned that "further cuts will lead to a cessation of local negotiations and can only result in an escalation of conflict", confrontation loomed in the normally quiet township of Tsoekomsrus on the far West Rand, the volatile area of Wesseltown near Emelo, and at Mhluzi near Middeburg.

At the same time, residents in Maokeng were planning an "indefinite" work stay-away to force the Kroonstad Town Council to resume supplies of electricity and water to the township.

These explosive developments around service cuts could be only the beginning. The UDF and the Civic Association for the Southern Transvaal (Cast) have pledged to launch an intensive campaign of mass action within a fortnight.

At least 10 Transvaal townships, two in the Free State and one in the Eastern Cape, were this week subject to electricity and/or water cuts.

With townships in darkness and talks breaking down, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) faces the reality that it will not be easy to replicate the successful rent and housing settlement achieved in Soweto.

The political dimension of the rent boycott continues to raise its head. This centres largely on the role and future of black local authorities, which have little voter support and are rejected by the civil associations.

It also features white local authorities, who supply water to the townships and act as channels for the purchase of bulk electricity. Consequently, these white municipalities are owed large amounts of money by the black councils. And the interests of those that are Conservative Party-controlled in tackling the boycott might not be identical to those of the TPA.

The participation of township councillors in negotiations is also seen as a major obstacle to talks.

Said Cas Coovadia, of Cast: "We made it clear to the TPA that their insistence that black councillors be included in negotiations is a major stumbling block to a fruitful process of negotiations. We emphasised that opposition is vociferous in our constituencies to the continued legitimisation of black councillors."

The African National Congress issued

a statement pointing out that "negotiated agreements will be negated if the payment of rents is used to prop up discredited community councils and not to pay for essential services which are being cut off".

The organisation questioned why the cuts were occurring at the very time that local-level negotiations were taking place to resolve the rent problem.

"It is clear that the decision to cut services is political," the ANC concluded.

The TPA has issued a statement stressing "that it is not the TPA who is cutting off electricity and water" but the bulk supplier of services. In Wesseltown and Emzini near Bethal the province is providing water tanks to ease the action of the local councils.

For more on the local councils debate, see STEVEN FRIEDMAN on PAGE 6 and JO-ANNE COLLINGE on PAGE 7

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ship before a planned march to the rent offices.

In the clashes, the municipal offices, post office, library and Toekomsrus management offices were stoned and partly burnt by petrol bombs.

At least 12 people were injured, with two people being admitted to Coronationville and Leratong hospitals.

When a *Weekly Mail* reporter arrived in Toekomsrus on Wednesday night, running battles were under way between youths, police and troops in armoured vehicles. Barricades had been erected with tyres, rocks and tree branches.

The township was tense throughout the night, the sounds of teargas canisters

shattering the quiet.

Residents locked themselves in their houses as Casspirs and military trucks rumbled along the streets.

Some activists' homes were raided and three people were detained. African National Congress membership cards and posters were confiscated at the home of a Toekomsrus Crisis Committee member, claimed a TCC executive member who did not want to be named.

Late yesterday the township was still tense, with police firing teargas and rubber bullets at angry residents lining streets.

Last night, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok imposed a 9pm to 4am curfew on Toekomsrus.

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Manager Malcolm Kahano lies dead in a Toekomsrus street ... a petrol-bomb attack or an appeal for peace?

Picture: AVIGAIL UZI

Death comes to the township of peace

WALLY MBHELE

A YOUNG man lies dead on the ground, victim of the violence that engulfed one of the Transvaal's most peaceful townships this week. How Malcolm Kahano died in Toekomsrus yesterday morning is the subject of dispute.

The official version is that Kahano (18) was killed when police fired on a group of people who attacked them.

A police vehicle had mechanical problems, Lieutenant GM Bester, a Krugersdorp police representative, told *The Weekly Mail*. "It was then attacked by a group of people with stones and petrol

bombs. One petrol bomb exploded against the police vehicle. A policeman sustained injuries on the head and shoulders. He retaliated with birdshot, wounding a coloured male, who died on his way to the hospital."

According to police public relations officer Captain Eugene Opperman, "one youth, about 18 years old, died when police were trying to disperse a mob which was attacking a police vehicle with petrol bombs".

Opperman said police fired shotguns during the attack and one policeman was seriously injured.

Witnesses told a different story. They said Kahano walked into the street with his hands in the air, appealing to the police for peace. Instead, he was shot at. Then, it is alleged, a bus ferrying policemen ran over him.

Kahano's body was still lying in the road when reporters and photographers arrived on the scene. A reporter examined the body but could see no bullet wounds. Blood was trickling from Kahano's mouth.

The violence began on Wednesday when the Conservative Party-controlled Randfontein Town Council sent electric-

ity department officials — backed by military personnel, police and traffic department officials — to conduct a house-to-house electricity switch-off.

Residents of the coloured township, who embarked on a rent boycott more than two months ago, were not warned of the action.

Angry residents took to the streets in protest, fighting running battles with the police.

Police and troops fired teargas and rubber bullets at 3 000 protestors who gathered in Diamond Street in the town-

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Two shot dead in township clashes

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TWO people were reported shot and killed yesterday in an upsurge of violence in the "coloured" township of Toekomsrus near Randfontein.

The violence follows confrontation between residents and security forces over an electricity switch off in the area.

Late yesterday morning several people were also reported shot and injured and a councillor's house was reportedly stoned by mobs.

Police could not immediately comment.

Toekomsrus Crisis

Committee general secretary Mr Shadean Butler said police were pitted against petrol-bombing protesters in the township.

Police and troops in armoured vehicles patrolled the area, while bands of protesters took up positions in the streets.

"Anything can happen. The situation is very bad and explosive," he said.

The streets were barricaded with rocks, burning tyres and tree branches.

Police fired teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot in an attempt to

disperse the protesters, Butler said.

The injured were taken to Leratong Hospital near Krugersdorp, he said.

Violence first flared on Wednesday when a rent collection office and post office were gutted by angry mobs.

Butler urged police and troops to withdraw from the township. The crisis committee's efforts to call for calm among protesters had failed yesterday, he said.

Residents have been boycotting rent and ser-

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vice charges for the past two months in protest against increased tariffs.

Eastern Transvaal townships have been the hardest hit, with two townships in that region, Mzinoni and Wesselton, being without power, water and sewerage while Selobela and Mhluzi suffered electricity cuts.

ANC eastern Transvaal spokesman, Mr Joe Nkuna, said services had been withdrawn even after the rent boycott had been lifted.

Nkuna said the predicament of eastern Transvaal residents had been compounded by the fact that their townships received power through the reticulation networks of Conservative Party-

controlled town councils.

The switch-off has not been confined to the eastern Transvaal only. Daveyton in the East Rand and Maokeng township in Kroonstad have also experienced power cuts.

The TPA, however, said the lifting of the rent boycott in the eastern Transvaal townships was not successful because residents' payments could not reach 80 percent.

Director of liaison services of TPA, Mr Piet Wilkens, said in Wesselton and Selobela payments were no more than 65 percent, Mzinoni 22,3 and Mhluzi 59 percent.

He said power supply was switched-off because residents did not keep up with their service payments.

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been summonsed while another 13 will be summonsed this week.

its reservoirs after the Queenstown municipality cut the water supply for

the administrator-in-executive-committee has appointed 19 people to carry out these councils' functions.

Interest in open schools is running high in Transvaal

PRETORIA — Intense interest in "open" schools is being shown by a growing number of government school management committees in the Transvaal.

A Transvaal Education Department spokesman said at the weekend 33 Transvaal schools had applied for the appointment of returning officers so that polls on the three "open school models" could be conducted.

The three models government approved in September are:

- A private school established after the closing of a state school, subsidised by 45% of its operating costs — to be implemented during 1991;
- A public school that would determine its own admission policy within the provisions of the constitution — from January next year; and
- A state school that would be declared a state-aided school, where the state would pay staff salaries (about 75% of operating costs).

The spokesman said Director of Education Piet Bredenkamp had ruled the names of the schools could not be released because the issue was confidential.

Transvaal Teachers Association secretary Hugo Ackerman said the response from schools was hearten-

ing. However, a large number had insufficient time to study the models, and he expected a substantial number of other schools would soon indicate their desire to test parents' reactions.

Pretoria Girls High School, he said, would conduct a poll among parents on November 20.

Johannesburg Prep School for Girls will vote next Saturday and parents at Parktown Boys High School will vote on November 9. Northview High will poll on November 12 and Saxonwold Primary on November 14.

DP education spokesman Roger Burrows estimated that by year-end between 200 and 300 schools would have applied for open status.

Although this was only 10% of the country's government schools, it was more than "a straw in the wind".

He did not think government would attempt to slow down the move towards full multiracial status for all schools. The buzz word was "irreversible", and this applied to the school system as well.

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Police 'helpless' over weapons

Business Day Reporter (278)

POLICE were aware some weapons carried by the 6 000 Inkatha members who marched through Johannesburg on Saturday were not traditional weapons but could do nothing about it, SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said yesterday.

One marcher lunged at Maksood Mangera, 17, as he was peeping through a grill of a closed shop, and slashed his forehead with a knife, shop-owner Yusuf Cachalia said yesterday.

Malherbe said police could not do anything about the weapons under the circumstances. "Do you expect five policemen to act against all those people?" he asked.

In August, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok invoked the Dangerous Weapons Amendment Act in terms of which police were empowered to forbid and seize dangerous weapons where they were deemed to be likely to be used for unrest purposes.

The march, in protest against alleged police harassment, started at George Goch Hostel, went through the city centre and ended with the delivery of a petition at John Vorster Square in Commissioner Street.

The memorandum accused police of harassing Inkatha members.

Gang hurls 15 people off commuter train

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LINDEN BIRNS

AT LEAST 15 people were thrown off a commuter train — four are in a critical condition — as it travelled through Kempton Park's industrial belt on its way to Johannesburg yesterday.

The ticket master at Van Riebeeck Park Station said nine people were thrown off the train at his station just after 9am, and another six were found lying along the line and at Isando Station.

East Rand SAP liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweel said last night all the injured had been admitted to hospitals in the Kempton Park area.

"We do not have too many details, but it appears that a gang of blacks threw the people off the train. The police had not made any arrests in

connection with incident, she said.

Attacks on train passengers have become a feature of the violence which has swept through Vaal Triangle, East Rand, West Rand and Soweto townships since August.

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Worst incident was on September 13 when a gang of men went on a hacking and stabbing spree on a train travelling between Jeppe and Benrose stations.

At least 26 people were killed and more than 100 injured, either in the attack or when they jumped from the moving train in their desperate attempts to get away from their assailants.

Five Zulu men, all residents of the Jeppe Hostel, are in custody awaiting trial on charges of multiple murder.

On September 14 commuters were flung from a train as it travelled between Jeppe and Ellis Park stations.

No one was killed, but 15 people were injured in the incident.

On September 24, police found seven bodies next to the railway line near Riverlea, south-west of Johannesburg. Most of the dead had multiple injuries and police believe they either jumped or were thrown off a train.

The first reports of train attacks during the recent spate of unrest were made about mid-August.

Cops appeal over bodies

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Sowetan is in possession of the pictures of last month's violence victims whose bodies are unclaimed at Government mortuaries - and is appealing to families whose members are missing to contact our office for identification.

Most of the bodies were picked up in Soweto, East and West Rand townships during the violence which claimed more than 800 lives in less than two months.

The pictures cannot be published because of the state of the bodies.

Information on bodies at the Roodepoort, Kempton Park and Springs mortuaries will be pub-

By KENOSI
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lished on Monday after their pictures are released to us.

The SACC has appealed to employees, companies, relatives or friends who had reported someone missing during the unrest to furnish all available details to: The Regional Commissioner of Police, Private Bag 5, Johannesburg 2 000 or telephone Colonel Frans Malherbe at (011) 23-4750.

Sowetan can be contacted at 61 Commando Road, Industria West or telephone Kenosi Modisane at 474-0128 ext 148.

Unrest: Curfew in Toekomsrus

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PRETORIA. The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday slapped a 9pm-to-4am curfew on the battle-scarred Toekomsrus township near Randfontein.

The imposition of the curfew comes amid continuing violent protests, which began on Wednesday, against a decision to terminate electricity supplies to some households in the area.

A youth, 18-year-old Malcolm Kano, was killed and a policeman received burn injuries in the violence, police said.

Local authorities have cut off electricity or water, or both, to several other townships.

Earlier yesterday the Kroonstad town council announced that it had decided to provide water to neighbouring Maokeng township for two hours a day, starting yesterday.

The announcement followed a deci-

sion by Maokeng residents late on Wednesday to begin a stayaway starting yesterday until all the services were restored.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has provided water tankers to Emzinomi township, outside Bethal, and Wesselton, near Ermelo.

Meanwhile, the Regional Services Council (RSC) of Pretoria yesterday approved a loan of over R17 million to Atteridgeville, Mamelodi and Zithobeni township councils to meet their services' arrears to the end of October.

The recently formed Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) grouping has threatened to mount a mass campaign against the power and water cuts.

Both the UDF and the ANC have condemned the cuts. — Sapa

15 injured in scuttle from train

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FIFTEEN people were injured yesterday when they were thrown off a moving train between Birchleigh and Van Riebeck stations near Kémp-ton Park.

Police spokesman for the Witwatersrand Major Eugene Opperman said the 15 were admitted to hospitals near Tembisa, four of them in a serious condition.

He said they were attacked in an apparent fac-

By SONTI MASEKO

tion violence. No arrests have been made.

But a spokesman for Spoor-net, Mr Ephraim Mohale, said yesterday the injured, 10 women and five men, panicked and jumped out of a moving train. He denied there had been an attack in the Pretoria-Johannesburg train.

Mohale said there were policemen in the train who were trying to arrest a man for question-

A struggle ensued between the police and the suspect and some people panicked and jumped out. "They were definitely not thrown out," Mohale said.

The superintendant of Tembisa Hospital, Dr JJ Joubert, said the hospital had treated 12 people from the train accident yesterday.

Four were admitted with fractures and ~~and~~ eight others were treated for minor injuries and discharged.

West Rand placed under new curfew

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LINDEN BIRNS, TANIA LEVY
and TIM COHEN

GOVERNMENT last night placed a curfew on the West Rand township of Toekomsrus, where violence erupted on a large scale yesterday.

One person was shot dead and there were running battles between police and residents.

Although the clashes were related mainly to electricity cuts, an ANC spokesman for the area said the trouble began when police allegedly teargassed a squatter settlement, which resulted in the suffocation of an elderly woman.

On Wednesday night tempers flared in Toekomsrus, culminating in the burning down of the township's library.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok warned in a statement last night he would not hesitate to reimpose curfews on other Reef townships if there was a breakdown in law and order. He said he had ordered the curfew to protect law-abiding citizens.

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Meanwhile an 11th-hour decision by the Pretoria Regional Services Council (RSC) to lend three of the city's townships R17m to meet service arrears prevented the blanket suspension of electricity supplies to the townships.

RSC chairman Peter Delpont announced the loans to Atteridgeville, Mamelodi and Zithobeni yesterday, shortly before electricity was due to be cut to the townships because of their failure to meet their electricity, sewerage and water arrears.

The loan, which must be paid back over the next five years, will meet the council's arrears until the end of October.

The loan is intended to pay for the council's bulk service commitments, and will not result in the restoration of electricity to about 2 000 Atteridgeville residents who have not paid their bills.

Water and electricity supplies have been

cut at six townships which collectively owe at least R12m.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has provided water tankers to Emzini township, outside Bethal.

Sapa reports that TPA spokesman Piet Wilken said yesterday water tankers would be provided as soon as possible to Wessington township near Ermelo, the other Eastern Transvaal township affected by water cuts.

Those affected by cuts in essential services are Silobela near Carolina, Mhluzi in Middelburg, Daveyton near Benoni, Atteridgeville, Zithobeni in Bronkhorstspuit and Maokeng in Kroonstad.

The Kroonstad Town Council, which cut water and power supplies on Wednesday, decided yesterday to provide water to Maokeng township for two hours a day.

The curfew which came into effect last night begins at 9pm and lasts until 4am every day and covers Toekomsrus and Toekomsrus Extension 1.

Any residents stopped outdoors between those times will have to show documentary proof of their bona fides. Police will man roadblocks from 9pm and will search vehicles from that time.

Sapa reports that police travelled through Toekomsrus last night announcing the curfew in English and Afrikaans, barely an hour after Vlok had introduced the measures.

Barricades made from assorted debris barred streets. Police attempting to clear them were pelted with petrol bombs and other missiles.

In a statement, the UDF said the countrywide termination of electricity supplies raised questions as to the TPA's sincerity in holding negotiations to end the rent and services boycott.

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Xhosa workers and their families gather their furniture and belongings for the trek back home. B. P. JOSEPH OESI-ZUMA

By SIBU MINGADI

"I STRUCK, struck and struck with my panga at those Xhosas we found sleeping, fleeing or had fallen because of their injuries. I don't know if anyone died as a result of my blows. The task of finishing them off was left to those at the back of the raiding party."

These are the words of a mineworker, describing how more than 1 000 Zulu-speaking workers at Iscor's Hloboane Colliery in Vryheid were forced out of their beds by Zulu colleagues and told to attack Xhosa workers on Monday.

The worker, who refused to identify himself, told City Press he tried in vain to find out who had declared the war. He was warned he would be killed if he continued with his questions.

Ten people were killed and 52 injured in the violence. Most of the victims were Xhosa speaking. About 600 others, who had sought refuge at the nearby Draafontein SAP station, quit their jobs after the mayhem and were bussed to the Transkei, Ciskei, Border and elsewhere.

Two weeks ago 1 000 workers were also repatriated to Transkei after clashes at the Duncoral quarry.

The Eshone man told City Press the residents of his Zulu-only hostel were woken up at about 9pm on Monday by hard knocks on the door. On lifting his head, he noticed about 20 of his colleagues and strangers waking everyone up.

They were ordered to dress, arm and, if possible, "fortify" themselves with munitions. The mineworker reluctantly joined

I WAS FORCED TO ATTACK THE XHOSAS!

the raiders who had assembled in the yard outside, armed to the teeth. They then ran amok and moved from hostel to hostel looking for Xhosas. Colleagues were forced to identify Xhosas and their rooms.

All this, he claimed, took place in full view of the mine security who did not bother to intervene.

The head of Hloboane security, Chris van Zyl, refused to comment when City Press asked why.

During the rampage the worker came across many Xhosa colleagues who looked at him, hoping he would spare their lives. Some recognised him and cried "You are also killing us."

He did not attack those he knew but pretended to attack, so as to scare them away, while his fellow Zulu attackers unleashed their assortment of weapons with fury, and killed right before his eyes.

He avoided the dying eyes of people he knew, by simply turning his head away. "I only attacked those I did not work

Hotheads start rampage after alleged taunts

with I don't know if I killed anyone. The task of finishing them off was left to those at the back."

Although ethnic tension has been simmering for a long time, the Zulus did not as a group declare war on the Xhosas, he said.

It was certain "hotheads" among them who were in collusion with people from outside the mine.

Zulu-speaking mineworkers who challenged the raiding party to try and protect their Xhosa colleagues were also attacked - and are now among the dead and injured, he said.

But he does not regret the Zulus went on the rampage, killing people in their

How and where scripts will be marked

The Department of Education and Training has chosen marking centres in and around Pretoria where strict control and supervision can be guaranteed at all times. The department indicated that no marking will be done at the Show Grounds in Pretoria this year.

Dr Bernhard Louw, gave the assurance on behalf of his department that no unauthorised persons will be allowed access to the marking centres. He also said that markers will be expected to submit proof of their official appointment together with identification documents before they will be allowed access.

Marking will be done during official hours only and examiners will not be allowed to mark scripts at home or anywhere else away from authorised marking centres.

According to Dr Louw, qualified, experienced markers, with suitable qualifications in and teaching experience of the specific subject they will be marking have been appointed as sub-examiners.

These sub-examiners will be marking the scripts under the strict supervision of moderators and chief examiners.



sleep. It was important, he claimed, that it be proved "who is who on the battlefield".

He said he had heard "rumours" that Xhosas had taunted Zulus for a long time.

The taunts were that all senior positions were held by Xhosas because Zulus were stupid. ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela can go to Parliament and talk to State President F.W. de Klerk, while Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthe can't, when South Africa is finally liberated the Zulu king (Zwelethi Goodwill) will be Mandela's tea-maker.

He conceded he had not heard a single Xhosa-speaking colleague making these utterances, but it was "strongly rumoured" at the colliery.

The worker said he hoped now that the Xhosas had been forced out of the colliery, there would be peace and Zulus would be "elevated" to senior positions.

Several of the Xhosa workers bussed home told City Press they dared not stay on in their jobs at the colliery.

Phiso Pali 26, a belt attendant, is a member of the National Union of Mineworkers (Num), although public activities of the union ceased in May 1987 when violence between it and the Inkatha-backed United Workers' Union of South Africa (Uwusa) erupted, claiming the lives of 12 Num activists. No one was charged in connection with the 12 deaths.

Pali said he and 12 members of his extended family were sleeping in a five-roomed house at the married quarters section on Monday night, when the house was attacked by people chanting "Usuthu! Usuthu!"

The attackers - some his colleagues - forced their way in, waving pangas, axes, guns, spears and knobkerries. Four members of the family - including a four-year-old boy - sustained serious injuries.

Bleeding profusely from the head and body, Pali single-handedly rescued the injured from the house which had

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No work back home, but... "we dare not stay at the colliery," these workers said before leaving.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER MATRIC EXAMS

Exam papers and scripts safe Strictly under lock and key.

All question papers for the October-November examinations have been set by qualified senior examiners and examined in detail.

This assurance was given by a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training, who also added that it

was done under the watchful eye of the Joint Matriculation Board - as is the case with the Papers of all other examining bodies.

Meticulous security measures have been made to ensure the safe transportation of the examination papers. Papers will be transported to the various examination centres on a daily basis.

The Department of Education and Training has serious reservations that any person who unlawfully tries to gain access to examination papers will be guilty of an offence and will be prosecuted.

Same dates and times throughout. All candidates in the Republic of South Africa, the Self-governing Territories and in Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei write the question papers for all subjects on exactly the same day and at precisely the same time.

Scripts will be collected from schools daily, and the department again gave the assurance that all possible precautions have been taken to ensure that the scripts are delivered safely for marking.

Vlok calls for calm to end violence

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LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok called on political leaders to diffuse the conflict potential in the country because it required only a single spark to ignite an already explosive situation.

Speaking at the National Party's Transvaal congress, he said although the unrest was under control, it remained tense and could blow up at any time. He quoted the recent unrest at Toekomsrus following the cutting off of electricity to the township as an example of how volatile the situation was.

He called on political leaders to be cautious in

their statements because even mild expressions of dissatisfaction could appear to their supporters to be a crisis, which in turn led to conflict.

There had been a shift in emphasis in the conflict which was no longer connected to government policy.

"It is no longer born out of political frustration but now out of political aspirations. Unfortunately, violence is being used to gain position and to give voice to aspirations."

He said political leaders should give urgent attention to this matter. Their supporters would have to learn violence was irreconcilable with

the democratic process.

Referring to claims by the ANC of a "third force" fanning the violence, he said a general had been appointed to investigate the claims but in spite of numerous discussions with the ANC, no evidence had yet been received.

"Until the ANC can produce any evidence of its claims, it is extremely inappropriate for it to say it has no confidence in the police investigation."

He said the conflict was between blacks and blacks, and the police were acting as a mediator between rival groups. This had been witnessed through the media by people all over the world.

- Sapa

Pauper burials for 42

By KENOSI MODISANE

THE deadline for the identification of the 42 unclaimed bodies at Diepkloof mortuary in Soweto expired on Friday and they will now be buried as paupers. (278)

The bodies are those of people who died during the recent reef violence which claimed more than 800 lives in less than two months. *Sowetan 23/10/90*

Most had already been buried as paupers before a South African Council of

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42 bodies still unidentified

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Churches delegation, led by the Rev Frank Chikane, met the police last week to discuss ways of establishing the dead people's identities.

Brigadier Kobus Malan, deputy regional commissioner of police in Soweto said yesterday the police had given local authorities the go-ahead

to continue with the burials.

He said: "It was agreed at the meeting with Chikane that the burials should be halted. And an October 19 deadline was set by the two parties."

"But he has since not contacted us - leaving us with no option but to continue with the burials."

Malan, however, said: "The SACC is still welcome to arrange for burials with the undertakers in charge of burying the bodies."

East Rand police could yesterday not release the number of unclaimed bodies. However, *Sowetan* established that

the Springs police only had two unclaimed bodies. (278)

The Roodepoort mortuary on Friday released pictures of three victims of the unrest in Kagiso, Krugersdorp.

A spokesman said the bodies had already been buried. (278)

"Exhumation can be arranged if the victims' next of kin can be traced."

Chikane could not be reached for comment but an SACC spokesman said "plans by the church council to help where possible in the burials would continue".

Probe into claims over police actions at Ermelo

A TOP-LEVEL inquiry is taking place into claims that Ermelo policemen last week slashed plastic containers and chased people away from taps from which they were trying to obtain water. sewerage system, because of non-payment for services.

Mr Brian Currin, the national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, said in Pretoria yesterday a witness, garage owner Mr Boetie Tilly, had been asked on three occasions last Friday and Saturday to "commit perjury" after he had earlier given a statement to the police regarding the incidents.


Currin said a protest "to voice our objection in the strongest possible terms to the fact that Tilly is being pressurised to perjure himself" would be lodged with Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok and Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe after an affidavit and a report had been received from Tilly. - Sowetan Correspondent.

The incidents occurred last Thursday at Ermelo's Wesseltown township, which houses 50 000 people. The area is today without water for the eighth successive day after Ermelo Town Council suspended supplies, as well as the

In a statement, a police spokesman described the incidents - if true - as being "untoward behaviour" which would not be tolerated but denied allegations that witnesses to the slashings had been asked by police officers to change their original statements.

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White shops face boycott

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Pretoria faces a consumer boycott if talks between Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Mr Hernus Kriel and black civic organisations fail to resolve the electricity and water crisis.

Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Association (Asro) publicity secretary Mr John Ramatsui said yesterday that the decision to embark on a boycott of white businesses came after Pretoria City Council refused to reconnect electricity and the Transvaal Provincial Administration refused to dismiss the local authority.

No end to electricity crisis

Mr Ramatsui said Asro had been informed by planning department officials that Mr Kriel was willing to hold talks with them, but by last night there had been no indication when these would take place.

He said Asro and civic organisations from Brits, Hammanskraal, KwaNdebele and Bronkhorstspuit were due to meet on Thursday to decide on when the boycott would begin. Last week a court ordered the Pretoria and Atteridgeville councils to stop cutting power to residents, and residents were in turn urged to pay

their September accounts. The order expires tomorrow.

But residents would not accept the offer and decided to continue their rent boycott until the black councillors, whom they said were corrupt, had been dismissed.

Mr Ramatsui said: "A commission of inquiry found that Atteridgeville councillors were corrupt, so we demanded that the TPA dissolve the council and appoint an administrator, who could even be an official from the Pretoria council." Meanwhile, the TPA yesterday gave

the following picture on the cut-off of electricity and water supplies:

● Daveyton in Benoni had had its electricity supply restored last Friday, while 10 700 Atteridgeville (Pretoria) households were without lights. September bills must be paid by tomorrow.

● In the Eastern Transvaal, Eskom was supplying electricity to Wesselton township while the Ermelo town council had cut water supply. The TPA had provided water tankers to relieve the situation.

● Bethal town council cut off water supply to Enzisoni township on Friday and the TPA had provided three water tankers.

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Zach blames 'third force'

Political Correspondent

Democratic Party leader Zach de Beer has added his voice to suspicions that a "third force" from inside the security forces is stoking township violence.

He called on the Government to take action to root out of the security forces people who had put a monkey foetus on Archbishop Tutu's stoep and perpetrated similar acts.

If not there would be reason to believe that the 'third force' was operating within the security forces, with or without the knowledge of Cabinet Ministers and senior officers.

Dr de Beer was speaking to students at the University of Natal, Durban, yesterday.

"I have seen some snatches of evidence given before the Harms Commission which strongly suggest that there are still clandestine elements operating within the security forces," he said.

He had considered the bus queue murders and the train massacre.

In both cases the murders had been cold-blooded, ruthless and efficient and in neither case could the murderers have had any inkling of the politics of their victims.

The only motive for the murders must have been simply to "raise the level of carnage in our country with a view to creating chaos and delaying or derailing the process of democratic settlement".

Dr de Beer said he suspected that only extremist elements, either from right of the Government or left of the ANC, would want to do that.

He believed the far Left lacked the military or organisational skills to execute such operations and he could not see what they had to gain.

"On the other hand it is all too clear that murderous behaviour of this kind among black people strengthens the hand of right-wing extremists whose aim is still to re-establish total political control by whites.

"The Renamo flavour of the whole thing is strong."

Dr de Beer said he had no evidence to support his view but said his reasoning was sound.

DP leader hits at electricity cuts

ELECTRICITY and services cuts to townships by town councils could lead to desperation that would aggravate unrest and conflict, Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer said in Durban yesterday.

Addressing University of Natal students, De Beer said boycotts of rent and service charges and the refusal to pay mortgage bonds were endangering stability and the very social contract on which society was based.

He blamed the town councils' lack of legitimacy for the problems and urged the Government to treat the situation seriously.

De Beer said there were certain sinister and frightening aspects of South African life that were threatening the



ZACH DE BEER

political settlement process. (278)

The recent taxi and train murders on the Reef were executed with ruthless efficiency and the perpetrators had no inkling as to the politics of their victims.

The DP leader suspected extremist elements either from the right of the Government or the left of the African National Congress.

He said the left lacked the military and organisational skill to execute the operations and it was also

not clear what black nationalist extremists had to gain from exacerbated violence and killing.

"It is also too clear that murderous behaviour among black people strengthens the hand of right wing extremists.

"The Renamo flavour of the whole thing is strong," he said.

De Beer said unless the Government took effective action to root out people in the security forces who planted a monkey's foetus on the door of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, there would be reason to suspect a third force was operating in the security forces without the knowledge of the Cabinet. - Sapa.

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Wesselton residents tell of police brutality

SOWETAN
Correspondent

MORE residents of Wesselton, Ermelo - without water, electricity or sewerage for nine days - have described how policemen slashed water containers and chased people from taps.

At a rally in Wesselton yesterday people gave accounts of how police had spilled water, broken their buckets and driven over water containers when they went to collect water at the nearby Indian

township of Cassim Park. Services to the township of 50 000 were cut off by the Ermelo Town Council because of non-payments.

Mr Brian Curtin, national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, said

yesterday a witness to the slappings, garage owner Mr Boetie Tilly, had been asked on Friday and Saturday "to commit perjury" after he had earlier given a statement to the police.

Tilly said he had seen policemen slash buckets filled with water after they had given "100 to 150" people permission to take water from taps on the forecourt of his petrol station at Cassim Park.

Police yesterday denied they had tried to force Tilly to change his statement.

Mrs Khabo Ngcobo said she had seen police pour a "substance" into a stream near the township on Wednesday. Other residents said they had also seen this.

Ms Sibongile Manana said as she walked home after fetching water at Cassim Park police stopped her, crushed her container and sjambokked her.

Mr PT Kedikaneiso said some of the residents who were getting water from the nearby mine were stopped by the police from doing so.

An elderly woman said that on Thursday she had sent her daughter to buy mealie meal in Ermelo when a black policeman stopped her daughter and started kicking the bucket she was carrying.

"He did this despite my daughter having told him that she was carrying maize meal and not water" she said.

Police yesterday said the claims were viewed in a very serious light.

Brigadier Vic Haynes, of the SAP directorate of public relations, added: "It is definitely not police policy to act outside the law and where such behaviour by any member can be proved, the police will act against the individual."

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Sanctions 'hinge' on laws

David Braun
Foreign News Service

WASHINGTON — The South African Government would tip the scales heavily in favour of those in the US pushing for the lifting of sanctions against South Africa if it scrapped the Population Registration Act along with other apartheid legislation early next year.

US sources said Pretoria should go the whole way towards meeting the requirements of the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act (CAAA) which stipulates what has to be done in order for sanctions to be lifted.

In terms of the CAAA, passed by the US Congress over President Reagan's veto in 1986, sanctions will be lifted if Pre-

toria unban all political movements, releases all political prisoners and allows exiles to return home, repeals the Separate Amenities Act, Group Areas Act, Land Act and Population Registration Act, lifts the state of emergency and agrees to good-faith negotiations with the true representatives of the majority.

Repeal

The CAAA provides for the modification or suspension of some of the sanctions against South Africa if four out of five of these conditions are met.

Until recently, the Bush Administration has argued that South Africa had met two of the conditions — the unbanning of organisations and the agreement to good-faith negotiations.

The emergency had been lift-

ed except in Natal and political prisoners were being released, so that two more conditions were in the process of being met.

The fifth condition, the repeal of the specified apartheid laws, was not going to be met the Administration conceded because Pretoria had said the Population Registration Act would not be repealed until a new constitution had been implemented.

President Bush has personally insisted the conditions for the lifting of sanctions cannot be re-interpreted and that once Pretoria meets the narrowly defined requirements sanctions must go.

Congressional leaders have been more inclined to stress the need to be certain negotiations are on track and that endemic violence in South Africa will not make the process of negotiations reversible.

There is also a looming dispute over the definition of political prisoners and exiles.

It is with these uncertainties in mind that the Bush Administration is now keen to see Pretoria repealing all the apartheid legislation so that this condition can be clearly seen to have been met.

US officials believe mechanisms can be found to overcome the problem of repealing the Population Registration Act while the current constitution is still in place.

They believe that if President de Klerk were to be able to announce that the Government was repealing all outstanding apartheid legislation early in the 1991 session of Parliament it would have a dramatic impact not only in the US but also on the negotiation process in South Africa.

Ex-mayor's acquittal sparks unrest

By MATHATHA TSEDU

THE acquittal on Monday of a former mayor of Mokgophong Township near Naboomspruit on a charge of assault has sparked unrest in the area, leaving at least two people shot and wounded and 11 in custody.

Activists in the township said trouble started after former mayor Mr Lesiba Paul Kutumela was acquitted by magistrate Mr G Pienaar on a charge of assaulting the president of the local youth congress, Mr Gilbert Oupha Monama, with a stone early this year.

A meeting was held on Monday evening at which the verdict was criticised.

Reference was made at the meeting to the fact that Kutumela's attorney was the son of the presiding magistrate.

After the meeting, chanting youths were allegedly shot at by Kutumela, who wounded a girl, Nkele Monama, in the leg.

Police also arrived on the scene and fired shots, injuring youth congress vice-president Mr Jim Kgafi in the thigh and hand.

Far Northern Transvaal police liaison officer, Lieutenant WF Voigt, said police were called to the scene on Monday night when youths were stoning Kutumela's house.

Voigt said Kutumela was also attacked and injured. Police had fired one shot at a 23-year-old man as he was throwing a petrol bomb at them. The man was wounded and was under police guard at the hospital, he added.

He said police had detained 11 people and the situation in the area was calm.

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LOST MILLIONS

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So far this year, 2 378 people have died as a result of political violence — almost double the previous peak of 1 403 in 1989, according to the latest *Innes Labour Brief*.

In all, the brief says political deaths over the past five years have topped a staggering 7 768 — and that is reported deaths. The recent Reef township violence saw at least 787 deaths.

It is estimated that the violence cost the economy R3bn for the first six months of this year — and that is not including the recent Reef violence.

The costs were calculated by taking into account the premature deaths of 1 800 people; the hospitalisation of the injured; the destruction of around 2 000 shops and factories; expenditure on security force deployment; the destruction of personal property, including motor vehicles; and the cost in lost production caused by national and regional stayaways.

The accuracy of the figure is probably not important. The fact is that the cost was high and as the author, Wits sociologist Duncan Innes argues, it probably equals the cost of the socio-economic fund allocation by government earlier this year.

He is probably on firmer ground in these calculations than when he attributes the conflict to attempts by Inkatha to extend its power base outside Natal.

He quotes Markinor research which indicates Inkatha's support outside Natal to be as low as 2% and a McCann advertising survey which revealed "staggering resentment" of Inkatha in the Transvaal.

Whether this sort of research proves anything is a matter of opinion. Certainly, without balancing research into the ANC it probably doesn't amount to a row of beans. The ANC has been no less intimidatory and violent than Inkatha, if not more so.

And there is certainly a fashion among leftwing intellectuals to present Inkatha in as bad a light as possible.

However, Innes is right in asserting that the crucial issue is the lack of political tolerance. He criticises leaders of the ANC and Inkatha for failing to meet. But the reluctance has been on the part of the ANC. ■

The townships that live in fear of riot constable Rampete

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A CLOUD of suspicion hangs over a Western Transvaal riot policeman who has been implicated in the killing of three youths and is accused of conducting a reign of terror in two townships.

Constable Venter Rampete is alleged to have shot two of the youths at point-blank range, and is alleged to be involved in the killing of a third youth last week.

Many residents of the townships of Ikageng, near Potchefstroom, and Khutsong, near Carletonville, shake their heads at the mention of his name, saying they live in fear of the light-skinned black policeman who lives in Ikageng and is based at Potchefstroom.

Those who know him describe him as violent, tempestuous, bitter and hard-drinking. His alleged victims include:

- Samuel "Bongi" Nyokong (17), from Ikageng, killed on February 22 when Rampete allegedly shot him at point-blank range while he was hiding under a bed.

● William Dipolo, a 17-year-old Khutsong youth allegedly shot in the back in April 1986 by Rampete for no apparent reason.

● Richard "Pictureman" Dodo (18), from Khutsong, shot twice through the stomach on October 17 in an incident allegedly involving Rampete.

Dodo, then a member of the Gaddafi Gang, was one of the youths arrested with detainee Eugene Mbulwana, who died in the Leratong Hospital in Carletonville on July 13 after he was allegedly tortured at Welverdiend police station.

Dodo made a statement to lawyers three months before his death on the incident.

Witnesses to Dodo's shooting describe how last Wednesday afternoon, a number of police, including Rampete, chased a group of "comrades" who were sitting in a park, caught Dodo and took

him around the corner of a local church, where he was shot. They claim the police then kicked Dodo — whose intestines were spilling out — into the van and continued to drive around looking for other "comrades".

Agnes Seihanno said she saw Dodo being marched to the church. "Then I heard one policeman — Venter — say 'Stiel hom dood. Ons is klaar moeg van sy nonsense' (Kill him. We're tired of his nonsense.) Then they went round the corner and I heard two shots."

She said she went to investigate and saw Dodo, who was still alive and crying for help, being kicked into the van.

Another witness, a youth who did not want to be named, said he saw Rampete shoot Dodo. "Two police were holding him on each side and Venter shot him twice through the stomach." He claims

Residents of two West Rand townships live in fear of riot police constable Venter Rampete, who has been implicated in the deaths of three youths, reports PHILIPPA GARSON

Rampete was a mere two metres away.

Police liaison officer Colonel Johan Mostert gave a slightly different account of the incident: "The deceased was awaiting trial. He absconded bail and had been charged on two counts of robbery, arson, malicious damage to property and four counts of murder."

Mostert said the youths were in a house on the day of the shooting. "There was a shoot-out. Eventually they arrested him and, while taking him to a police

van, another shoot-out occurred. 'Pictureman', who was being held by each arm, took the opportunity to try and escape." He was then shot in the back.

Mostert added that government post mortem results had already revealed that Dodo was shot with a 9mm handgun, whereas Rampete had a shotgun.

Rampete has been more directly implicated in the deaths of two other youths.

Mostert confirmed that Rampete was charged with culpable homicide after the death of William Dipolo in April 1986. He was suspended from April 23 to July 25 1986. After his acquittal he was reinstated in the Western Transvaal Riot Unit, based at Potchefstroom. He was initially based in Khutsong.

Dipolo's mother, Salarima, told *The Weekly Mail* Venter shot her son, then 17-years old, in the back for no apparent

reason. She said Rampete, who lived in a shack in her backyard in Khutsong while stationed at the local police station, was volatile and unpredictable.

"That evening he was standing in the yard, by the gate talking to a friend. Then we heard shots and the person standing with Venter screamed that Venter had killed my boy. I ran outside and Venter was holding William. He was shaking him to try and wake him up."

His mother said Rampete, who returned later that night, said two things: that he did not know his gun was loaded and that he mistook William for a dog.

The case against Rampete for the death of Samuel "Bongi" Nyokong has been referred to the attorney general.

Teacher Maake Mosele said he was sitting in his house nearby when he heard the commotion outside. "I suddenly

heard the voice of Venter Rampete, who is known to be a member of the SAP." Rampete allegedly ran into Mosele's children's room, where Nyokong was hiding under the bed. "When we approached the kitchen we heard gunshots. We entered ... the children's bedroom where I saw Venter pulling the child from under the bed."

Private post mortem results revealed that Nyokong was shot dead at an distance of no more than "about 12 inches. In my view Bongi was not fleeing at the time of the shooting. His injuries are consistent with those sustained by someone crouching under a bed and shot at close range", said pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman.

A police liaison officer told *The Weekly Mail*: "In regard to the unfortunate death of Samuel 'Bongi' Nyokong, we must report that a docket was referred to the attorney general for his decision." He said Nyokong was shot after an attack on two policemen's homes.

Hundreds of youths still leaving SA to be trained for war

EMBITTERED black youths are still streaming out of South Africa despite reforms that are bringing home an earlier generation of exiles.

Hundreds have gone to neighbouring black states this year for military training or academic studies or simply to seek refuge from township violence, black activists told Reuters.

Exile is better than rotting at home or being hunted down like an animal," said Sibiso Ndebele, an ANC official based in Natal.

The youths accept that political reform may eventually succeed, he said, but they fear that they will be killed before then.

The activists forbade inter-

views with youths planning to go into exile, but government and United Nations officials in Swaziland said hundreds of youths had arrived from South Africa this year.

Described by aid workers as nervous and aggressive, the youths enter illegally in groups of up to 60 and request refugee status. Many are moved to guerrilla camps in Zambia.

But the flow of exiles may have reached wider than Zambia and Tanzania, the only frontline states which admit hosting military camps for

South African guerrillas. Botswana said it uncovered a camp of the radical Black Consciousness Movement this month and arrested an undisclosed number of people.

Two bouts of ferocious violence this year appear to have spurred the exodus. The first was in March, when dozens died in a week-long battle in Natal between ANC activists and the Inkatha Freedom Party of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The second was a six-week war in August and September between the two organisations.

WILLIAM MACLEAN

In Johannesburg's townships in which almost 800 people were killed.

"In Lusaka in April I saw children of five, seven and 10 years of age who had arrived from Natal five days earlier. They were traumatised," said ANC official Moss Chikane.

Some would-be exiles were keen to train as soldiers to wage war should talks with the Government break down, the activists said.

Others were terrified by township violence or wanted to escape a collapsing black school system.

"Large numbers of young people are coming to say they want to leave the country for military training or to continue their studies," said Parks Mankahlana of the pro-ANC South African Youth Congress (Sayco), the country's largest youth group.

"We will continue to encourage them to do so, although we are not involved in helping them practically," he said.

"There is still danger in the

townships. The youth say they need arms and training to defend themselves," said Peter Skosana, Sayco leader in the Vaal region south of Johannesburg.

Benny Ntsele, a Johannesburg official of the PAC, said it worked "vigorously" to find school places abroad for supporters unable to study at home.

Military training would continue.

Sayco's Mr Mankahlana said military training was necessary despite the ANC's suspension in August of its 30-year armed campaign. "Only the shooting

has been suspended. The recruiting and training continues."

ANC military leader Chris Han said hundreds of youths had applied to join his guerrilla campaign was "overwhelming. We can't handle it."

The activists said this year's landmark political changes, including the legalising of black movements, had done little to stem an outflow that began in 1976 when killings by police triggered a mass exodus of youth to ANC camps in exile.

Not all blacks support the la-

test departures. "It is a tragedy and should not be encouraged," Methodist bishop Stanley Mogo-ba told Reuters.

"In 1976 many people left and became marooned abroad. These are children, the people who have suffered most. We want them back at school."

Mr Chikane, who works for the ANC in the northern Transvaal and is on a liaison committee with the Government, said that if youths in his area were being encouraged to leave he would investigate to see if it was in the interests of reform.

"Our biggest task is getting people back inside, not getting people out," said chief ANC spokesman Gill Marcus.

SATHS COOPER, psychology lecturer at the University of the Western Cape and former vice-president of Azapo, looks at the effects of apartheid violence on individuals - mainly youths.

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But these are dangerous times as well.

The scourge of violence is of such dimensions that it directly affects us all, politically, socially, and economically.

Violence affects our sense of well-being, creating anxiety and distress in individuals, families, communities and organisations.

How can we understand this phenomenon of violence? What can we do to rid ourselves of this problem?

In the aftermath of the Soweto uprisings, the World Health Organisation and the American Psychiatric Association studied the situation and declared apartheid the source of psychosocial stress.

In July this year in a national study of black and white, urban and rural populations in South Africa

YOUTHS HARD HIT BY APARTHEID VIOLENCE

conducted by the Institute for Black Research, 80 percent of those surveyed believed apartheid and repressive government policies plus practices were responsible for creating a climate of violence.

The SAP and SADF as agents of repression were also blamed. More than 37 percent stated that specific socio-economic factors like poverty, unemployment and the shortage of land drove people to violence.

The white media, politicians and observers have been blaming the violence on a variety of other factors, including the struggle for power between the ANC and Inkatha.

Their perceptions differ drastically from the perceptions of ordinary South Africans. In 1976 there was no struggle between the ANC

and Inkatha (which was not even fully formed then), but there was violence in our country.

It seems the ANC features directly after its unbanning in February this year, whereas UDF/Cosatu action featured before then.

Apartheid, by its very nature, is violent.

A generation has been brought up in a cauldron of violence since June 1976.

Its members have come to realise those who were there to protect them - the SAP and SADF - were instead brutalising them.

Very few positive role models have been available to this generation, many of whom have been brought up by someone other than a parent.

Apartheid's migrant labour and influx-control systems ensured families were disrupted, and that which is taken for

granted as the normal development process of children has been denied to the majority of black children.

This post-1976 generation has essentially been at the forefront of the struggle, which has sometimes been a dehumanising experience of internal conflict and misplaced energies.

That generation had nothing to lose then, except for its innocence and childhood.

The same scenario applied in the mid-Eighties.

However, those youths who were at the forefront of struggle at that time now have a lot to lose besides their innocence and childhood.

In the late-Seventies the youth leaders were in their mid-teens to early twenties.

Many of those who survived are now adults, unable to return to school

or find decent jobs. Society is rewarding them by making them a lost generation.

Is there hope?

We cannot expect to move overnight from oppression to peace, security and stability. Apartheid has ensured that.

Neither can we change people's attitudes and perceptions overnight.

But what we can change is our understanding of events today.

Here the burden lies with us all, especially political organisations which need to shift their slogans to education and leadership-development campaigns which result in community upliftment.

Those that were at the forefront of struggle need not be marginalised.

This will require more than lip-service commitment from leaders and organisations.

It will require the will and backing which private plus public organisations CAN muster.

Our country can do with upliftment, which the youth can provide, if we enable them to do so.

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6 die in political unrest in townships

PRETORIA. — Six people had been killed in political violence in Witwatersrand and Natal townships since Thursday night, police reported yesterday.

Two men died when gunmen attacked a home at Mnjamda, near Maritzburg.

Two other corpses were discovered at Ntsuma in Natal, but police gave no further details.

In another incident, a gang went on the rampage on a train at Wonderboom station, Pretoria North.

Police said in the unrest report that commuters leapt out of the train as it left the station at 4.30pm, bound for Magupane. Three people were injured, one seriously. Three people were arrested.

Police in Johannesburg said yesterday that two people, allegedly escaped prisoners, were shot dead at a squatter camp in Soweto.

Members of the East Rand and Soweto Murder and Robbery Squads went to the squatter camp yesterday morning, following information received about four prisoners who had escaped from a Benoni prison on Sunday night.

When they entered a house in the squatter camp at White City, they heard two shots being fired.

Under the impression that they were being shot at, the police returned fire and two of the armed prisoners were shot dead. A third person fled. — Sapa

Boycott after bloody taxi war

CP Correspondent

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BLACK taxi associations in Port Elizabeth face an economic crisis caused by a commuter boycott after two rival taxi groups engaged in bloody battles over taxi ranks this week.

Scores of people were injured and several taxis damaged when fighting broke out on Wednesday between members of the Uncedo Service Taxi Association and the Port Elizabeth Black Taxi Association.

The Port Elizabeth People's Organisation had to intervene and it was decided to boycott taxi services.

Eastern Cape police liaison officer Major

Bill Dennis said fighting broke out at Njoli Square in KwaZakhele when the rival associations attacked each other

Fighting spread to the nearby Daku rank and later to the city, where rival groups fought over a new rank.

Police said: "A policeman who tried to intervene in the Njoli fight was robbed of his service pistol."

Police could not confirm the number injured but said several taxis and minibuses were damaged during the strife.

When *City Press* visited the Strand Street taxi rank, there was pandemonium with community leader Henry Fazzie trying to restrain some taximen armed with knives,

pangas and other weapons

Several reporters at the scene were threatened with death.

Although there was a large police contingent present, the SAP kept a low profile.

Korsten driver Harold Mokononyana was with his conductor when he stopped at an intersection.

"I saw two taxis coming up and more than 15 people armed with pangas and knives came out," he said.

The attackers smashed at the windows, said Mokononyana

Several attempts to contact spokesmen for both taxi groups were unsuccessful.

Shot boy 'kept in cell three days'

By ELIAS MALULEKE

CAROLINA police in the far-Eastern Transvaal kept an injured 15-year-old youth who they had shot locked in a cell for three days without medical treatment, it has been claimed.

Police have confirmed that Kalute Wonderboy Nkabinde of Slibela township in Carolina was shot with buckshot on Tuesday and held for three days. But they said he had been seen twice by a doctor.

The incident has angered residents of the strife-torn township, which has been hit by violence for the past three weeks since authorities cut off electricity supplies

... without medical help, says relative

in a bid to recover rent arrears.

Nkabinde's cousin, Johannes Venter, 39, told City Press this week police took Nkabinde to Carolina Hospital after the shooting but treatment was refused after police declined to sign papers for his admittance.

Venter said: "When I went to see him at the police station on Wednesday he was all swollen up and complained of feeling pains because, he claimed, he had not been seen by a doctor."

Venter said Nkabinde had been wounded in several places, including legs, stomach and face.

"He was close to tears from pain and when I asked that he be taken to hospital, I was ignored," he said.

A Carolina police spokesman said Nkabinde had twice been seen by a doctor.

Commenting on allegations that the hospital refused to treat the injured youth after police would not sign papers for his admittance, police said it

was all a "misunderstanding".

Police said: "The problem was started by policemen who were supposed to take Nkabinde to a doctor and instead took him to the hospital."

Immediately after the shooting, Nkabinde had been seen by a doctor, but at the police station complained of feeling pains and was taken to hospital instead.

The policemen could not sign admission papers without authorisation from senior police officers,

police said.

"Every care was taken to make him feel comfortable and it is not worthwhile to write the story because Nkabinde was freed on Friday."

Police could not say whether the youth had been charged with any offence.

Earlier, a spokeswoman for the Carolina branch of the ANC women's league, Tembani Msibi, condemned the detention of the injured youth and said it showed how little the police cared about the lives of black people.

"Kalute had been seriously injured and the police should have taken him to hospital for admission," she said.



Johannes Venter, Nkabinde's cousin, who visited police cells and saw him 'all swollen up'.



Police tend to a man with gunshot wounds in Khayelitsha, but he died soon afterwards. Eight others died.

AP Pic

Khayelitsha's trail of death

VIOLENCE flared in Khayelitsha this week when police prevented thousands from marching to the Lingeletu West Town Council's offices to demand the resignation of mayor Mali Hoza, town clerk Graham Lawrence and town councillors.

At least nine people died and many more were injured in the township, which is about 30 km from Cape Town.

In an affidavit, Democratic Party MP for Claremont Jan van Eck said he saw police hooting teargas canisters indiscriminately at groups of people who were "totally peaceful and absolutely no warning was given to them to disperse."

Those who did not make it to hospital were treated by Red Cross community workers and first aid volunteers who had been called in by the community.

Evelyn Mkona said: "We treated patients with wounds inflicted by rubber bullets, live bullets and shotguns. But we don't ask who has shot them, we just dress wounds."

Two minibuses patrolled the area to find and take wounded people to first aid workers or the local hospital.

Allegations of indiscriminate police violence against, and intimidation of, Khayelitsha residents on Thursday were made in the Supreme Court on Friday night.

The allegations were made in affidavits accompanying an application for an urgent interdict restraining police from interfering and harassing people attending the funeral of Nomsa Mapongwana yesterday.

The application was brought by the executive committee of the Western Cape Civic Association and its chairman, Michael Mapongwana, against the Minister of Law and Order and the Lingeletu West Town Council.

The judge did not make a ruling but postponed the hearing until Friday to give the Minister of Law and Order and the Lingeletu West Town Council time to prepare answering affidavits.

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6 men gunned down in Soweto

By Glen Elsas
West Rand Bureau

Six men were shot dead in Naledi, Soweto, last night in what has been described as possible revenge for an attack on an Inkatha member killed at nearby Merafe Station on Saturday morning.

A police spokesman said the six men were walking in an area adjoining the Merafe hostel at about 8.15 pm. Several shots were fired at them and all six died.

Police said they were investigating the possibility that the attackers could have

been from the Merafe Hostel. They added that the attack might have been in revenge for the death of a Zulu who was chopped and stabbed on Saturday morning.

The man was on his way to an Inkatha rally and had apparently missed his train when he was attacked and killed shortly before 9 am.

Several people were held for questioning following his death.

Two Inkatha supporters were wounded in separate incidents also on Saturday morning.

The crew of a police helicopter saw a man being attacked at the Orlando Railway Station. They circled the area and the man's attackers fled.

A short while later a police patrol saw another Inkatha supporter being attacked in Nancefield. They approached the scene and the attackers fled.

This victim — also badly chopped and stabbed — was taken to Baragwanath Hospital in a serious condition.

Police said the names of the dead and injured had not yet been established.

27 violence victims to be buried Wednesday

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TWENTY-SEVEN of the 42 unclaimed bodies of people who died in recent Reef violence will be buried on Wednesday after a joint service at Regina Mundi Church in Soweto.

The service will be conducted by clerics from different denominations under the Ministers United for Christian Co-responsibility.

Proceedings will start at 11am and the procession will leave for Avalon Cemetery at 1pm.

Attend

Muccor spokesman Father Emmanuel Lafont said: "We would like people to understand that the joint burial is not another mass funeral 'where sometimes stayaways are called.

"All we are asking is for those people who are at home to attend the funeral and give it the dignity it deserves."

Lafont said arrangements were being made to have the bodies buried in one section of the cemetery.

"Their graves will then be marked and fenced in. The place will in future serve as a reminder of the worst carnage ever to hit the country."

He said political speeches will not be allowed at the service. "We will restrict the proceedings to the Scripture. And no political figures from political organisations have been invited."

The bodies are those of the remaining victims of the recent fighting

By KENOSI MODISANE

which claimed more than 800 lives. The South African Council Churches stepped in and prevented them being buried as paupers.

The Government released the bodies on Monday to City Funeral Undertakers who will co-ordinate the funerals with Muccor.

City Funerals' spokesman Mr Tony Guinness, said: "We feel honoured to be involved in this venture. This is the only way we can thank the community by giving the unknown victims a decent burial."

Guinness said the bodies would not be buried two to a grave, as is the case with pauper burials.

Dignity

"We convinced the Soweto Council to allocate individual graves as part of the dignity we are trying to show in burying the bodies, though they are unknown to us," he said.

Meanwhile, three other unclaimed bodies from the East Rand were buried at Tokoza Cemetery yesterday.

* Sowetan is in possession of pictures of some of the victims who died in Soweto and Kagiso.

People whose families or friends have been missing since the violence broke out can come to Sowetan's offices for identification, or telephone Kenosi Modisane at 474-0128 Ext 148.



A suspected Inkatha member receives attention after being attacked near Orlando stadium.

Attacks on suspect (278) Inkatha members *Soweto 29/10/90*

By SY MAKARINGE

AN unidentified man believed to a member of Inkatha was hacked to death and two others seriously injured in three separate incidents of violence in Soweto on Saturday.

The man, who was apparently on his way to George Goch Hostel to take part in an Inkatha march on John Vorster Square, was surrounded by a group of 100 youths at Naledi railway station and bludgeoned to death.

Police have arrested several people in connection with the incident. They are expected to appear in court today.

Another man, also suspected of being a member of Inkatha, was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital in a serious condition after he was attacked by a group of youths near Orlando railway station.

The attack took place shortly after a youth rally at Orlando Stadium.

In another incident a man was injured when people, suspected to be members of Inkatha, dragged passengers out of a train at Nancefield Station.



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More ²⁷⁸ police for Orange Farm area

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, promised at the weekend to beef up the police presence in the Orange Farm area where white smallholders have been forced off their properties by plundering black squatters.

But Vlok conceded the ultimate solution was for the State to buy the land so that it could be used to develop much-needed housing.

There was no future in Orange Farm for the white smallholders after their homes had been levelled, most of their possessions stolen and their families attacked, Vlok said during an afternoon visit to the area, where thousands of unemployed black people have erected shacks.

The land had to be bought from the white owners and developed to fight the housing shortage, he said.

Vlok promised to do everything in his power to convince the Minister of Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, that the landowners had a case and that their demand was a reasonable one. - Sapa.

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ZULU "IMPI" . . . Inkatha supporters march through central Johannesburg on Saturday.

JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha Freedom Party staged a thinly disguised anti-ANC demonstration here on Saturday attended by about 5 000.

Many of those at the rally were armed and marched through central Johannesburg.

The Inkatha marchers emphasised Zulu unity, even though the event had been billed as an effort to promote inter-tribal peace and also as a protest against alleged

Inkatha in anti-ANC protest

police heavy-handedness after recent bloody fighting with the ANC in townships around Johannesburg.

Hundreds of the marchers carried pan-

gas and tribal fighting sticks, chanted anti-ANC slogans and jogged in military-style ranks. "We are Zulu and proud. The ANC is a mixture," one placard read.

Dozens of Xhosa pedestrians scuttled into shops and office buildings in temporary panic.

The Inkatha protesters confronted black journalists accusing them of biased reporting of the party's activities. — UPI and Sapa

Picture: REUTER

Police to protect threatened whites

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, has promised to beef up the police presence in the Orange Farm area where white smallholders have allegedly been forced off their properties by plundering black squatters.

He told smallholders after a visit to the area between Johannesburg and Vereeniging on Saturday that the solution was for the state to buy the land so that it could be used to develop much-needed housing.

There was no future for the smallholders who had had their homes levelled, most of their possessions stolen and their families attacked.

Mr Vlok said he would do everything in his power to convince the Minister of Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, that the landowners had a case and that their demand for compensation was a reasonable one.

Mr Vlok promised that whites who chose to remain would be protected by an increased police and SADF presence.

● A TPA spokesman said on Saturday that R24 million had been allocated to buy white-owned plots in Orange Farm and other areas. — Sapa

Police 'helpless' over weapons

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Business Day Reporter

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POLICE were aware some weapons carried by the 6 000 Inkatha members who marched through Johannesburg on Saturday were not traditional weapons but could do nothing about it, SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said yesterday.

One marcher lunged at Maksood Mangera, 17, as he was peeping through a grill of a closed shop, and slashed his forehead with a knife, shop-owner Yusuf Cachalia said yesterday.

Malherbe said police could not do anything about the weapons under the circumstances. "Do you expect five policemen to act against all those people?" he asked.

In August, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok invoked the Dangerous Weapons Amendment Act in terms of which police were empowered to forbid and seize dangerous weapons where they were deemed to be likely to be used for unrest purposes.

The march, in protest against alleged police harassment, started at George Goch Hostel, went through the city centre and ended with the delivery of a petition at John Vorster Square in Commissioner Street.

The memorandum accused police of harassing Inkatha members.

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Murder sparks wave of killings

By Gien Elsas
West Rand Bureau

Sixteen people were shot dead and at least 33 seriously injured in what appears to have been a spate of revenge attacks following the murder of an Inkatha supporter in Soweto at the weekend.

In one of the worst attacks, six men died in a hail of bullets on Sunday night when unidentified gunmen fired at them as they walked through a section of Naledi, Soweto, which borders the Merafe Hostel area.

Naledi residents said the attack came after Inkatha members from the hostel had threatened to kill 100 residents for each Inkatha member killed by Soweto residents.

Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade Transvaal chairman Themba Khoza yesterday appealed to Inkatha members not to carry out revenge attacks.

The Naledi attack and a series of separate shooting incidents follow the death of an Inkatha supporter who was

chopped and stabbed to death at Merafe Station just before 9 am on Saturday while waiting for a train to take him to an Inkatha rally in Johannesburg.

An ANC rally was held at the Orlando Stadium in Soweto on the same day.

In an attack at Orlando Station, a man narrowly escaped death when a crew aboard a police helicopter spotted him being set upon.

The man's attackers fled when police circled the area.

In another incident a short while later, a patrolling police unit saw a man being attacked near Nancefield. They went to his assistance and the attackers fled. He sustained serious stab wounds, police said.

In several other incidents in Naledi, five more people were killed, another five were declared dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital and at least 33 suffered bullet wounds when they were shot at by unknown assailants.

Soweto police said the attackers seemed to have shot at anything that moved. A minibus driver was driving in the area when he heard shots. He looked at his passengers and

found one shot dead and the other injured.

Major-General Johan Swart, Regional Commissioner of the Soweto police, said the SAP had launched an immediate plan of action to bring the attackers to justice.

"We sympathise with the relatives of the deceased and injured, and appeal to all residents of Soweto not to take the law into their own hands. Give the police a chance to solve this case," the general said.

He asked anyone with any information about the killings to telephone Soweto's murder and robbery squad on (011) 980-8104. ● Sapa reports that police have arrested a 20-year-old man, alleged to be a member of the ANC Youth League, in connection with the death of the Inkatha supporter at Merafe Station.

A spokesman for the newly launched ANC Youth League, Parks Mankahlana, said it was ridiculous to claim that the arrested youth was a member of the league because it had not registered any members, except "a few people" who would be responsible for the league's registration campaign.

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Naledi wounded tell of night of death

By Thabo Leshilo

Victims of Sunday night's shooting in Naledi, where 16 people were killed and at least 33 injured when alleged Inkatha hitmen fired indiscriminately at residents, yesterday described their experience from their hospital beds.

The victims claim the attack was to avenge an Inkatha member killed at Naledi Station en route to the organisation's protest march in Johannesburg on Saturday.

Vincent Adams (25) of Protea North said he was at a "stokvel" (party) in Naledi when the attackers pounced.

"We were enjoying ourselves when we heard the sound of gunfire.

"The house was immediately surrounded by strange men who

opened fire, stabbed and hacked patrons without saying a word."

Mr Adams was first shot in the thigh, then in the back while he was lying on the ground.

Rethabile Lekhanya (17), a Std 7 pupil at Thomas-Mofolo Secondary School, said he was returning from buying more beers with a man known only as "Mjita", at whose home the party was being held, when they were both shot.

Firecrackers

He said that as they approached the house a car flicked its lights at them.

"We saw four men approach our car. I then heard 'pha, pha, pha' (the sound of gunfire). I felt a bullet tear my stomach. Another bullet hit me in the upper arm."

They drove to the Jabulani Fire Station where an ambulance took them to hospital. "Mjita" died on the way.

A mother of two, Pinki Mahlangu (34) from KwaThema, Springs, said she had accompanied friends from a "stokvel" in KwaThema to Naledi.

While waiting at the minibus after dropping off a friend at his home she heard what she thought were firecrackers.

She said that she saw a yellow Ford Sierra, which was parked behind their minibus, leave the scene with its lights off.

The occupants, allegedly white men wearing balaclavas, then shot at them, killing four and injuring eight.

She said the exposed arm of one man showed that he was white.

International tour operators back for a look

By Tom Hood

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CAPE TOWN — Many international tour operators who have not been seen in South Africa for 14 years are starting to show their faces again, says Otto Stehlik, chairman of Protea Hospitality Corporation.

International tours stopped almost overnight after the 1975 Soweto riots and had not come

back, he said.

Nevertheless, a drop in domestic hotel business caused by the recession had been compensated by international use.

South Africa had been taken out of all the major tour operators' programmes and virtually no overseas travel agent featured this country.

However, when tourists returned they were less likely than before to stay in hotels.

"We believe there is a huge international market for self-catering accommodation.

"In the United States people on holiday stay at apartments and if they know there is a structure in South Africa for this accommodation they might be more willing to come."

The international market formed part of the thinking of Protea's subsidiary, Places,

which specialised in self-catering accommodation.

A spokesman for Skyway Tours confirmed that four chartered air flights would bring about 1 250 people from Britain in December.

They would land in Cape Town and go on to Johannesburg. On the return leg they would start in Johannesburg and pick up passengers in Cape Town.

SIXTEEN people were shot dead and 33 injured in a series of random attacks in Naledi, Soweto, at the weekend.

More lives would have been lost if an off-duty policeman had not shot at armed men who had already killed several people in a tent in Naledi.

Police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday: "It is possible that someone among the dead or injured could be a member of the gang which indiscriminately shot at people on Sunday night."

The policeman said yesterday he found four men shooting at people in a tent.

Warning

"I fired a warning shot and the gang returned fire. When I realised that my life was in danger, I shot at them and they ran away."

He declined to say whether his shots struck any of the men or not.

Halgryn said: "He definitely struck more than one of them as they exchanged fire with him. But we cannot confirm the number at the moment."

He said the killings "were possibly a revenge for the death of an

BY KENOSI MODISANE

Inkatha member who was killed by a mob on Saturday morning at Naledi Station."

The attacks started about 8pm when six men shot at a kombi parked near house number 1701,

killing four people and injuring six others.

The dead are Mr Ben Modisane (41) and his son Reginald (20), cousins Lucas Kgapane (30) and Hamilton Sebesho (48).

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At least 16 killed, 33 injured in new Soweto violence

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16 killed in Soweto

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Minutes later the gang struck at house number 1727, where they shot people inside a tent. Brothers Michael (31) and Marks Molefe (27) died and 15 people were injured. Soweto 30/10/90

In another attack, six men walking near Merafe Hostel were gunned down. Mr Benjamin Moopelwa (27) of the Tladi squatter camp near Merafe Station was shot dead. His assailants fled towards Merafe Hostel.

Three bodies with bullet wounds were picked up by police near the hostel.

This outbreak of violence started when a hostel dweller, heading for an Inkatha protest march in Johannesburg on Saturday, was chopped and stabbed to death.

A police spokesman said a member of the ANC Youth League had been arrested in connection with the killing at Merafe Station.

IT'S CASUAL WEAR

Bop police break up ANC meeting

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POLICE in Bophuthatswana broke up an ANC meeting in Thaba Nchu at the weekend and detained a member, the southern Free State branch of the organisation claimed yesterday.

The incident is apparently the latest in a series of actions by Bophuthatswana police against ANC activities since the movement declared itself legal in the homeland.

Bophuthatswana police could not immediately be reached for comment yesterday.

Branch chairman Mr Moeti Mokotedi was detained at the meeting but police later released him without being charged, the branch said in a statement.

Church

Shortly after the meeting had started police, armed with sub-machineguns, teargas canisters and sjamboks, "stormed" the church premises where it was being held, it claimed.

Police ordered the

crowd to disperse, declaring the meeting illegal under emergency rule which has been enforced in the territory since early this year.

The meeting had been called to "strategise" a stayaway planned for November 12.

The ANC branch, in reaction to the police action, said: "We view the harassment of our members in a very serious light and will steadfastly resist intimidation by Mangope's police." - Sapa.

Soweto tense after 16 shot dead

LINDEN BIRNS
and THEO RAWANA

AT LEAST 16 people were killed and 33 injured when a group of black men shot residents in three separate attacks in Soweto's Naledi suburb on Sunday night.

Last night police and residents were readying themselves for possible revenge attacks in the township.

Soweto police liaison officer Lt Govind-samy Mariemuthoo said the attacks took place shortly after 8pm.

Baragwanath Hospital had admitted 33 people with gunshot wounds shortly after the attack.

So far eight of the seriously injured have been positively linked to the attacks. Small arms, hand guns and AK-47s were used in the attacks, Mariemuthoo said.

Police suspect the motivation for the attack to be rooted in the death of a Zulu man at Merafe station on Saturday.

A resident from nearby said the man was part of a Zulu crowd travelling to Johannesburg on Saturday morning to take part in a rally through the city's streets.

He failed to get onto the train and was left standing on the platform "at the mercy of residents" who then allegedly killed him.

Sapa reports an Inkatha member was allegedly killed on his way back from the

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rally. Inkatha Youth Brigade Transvaal chairman Themba Khoza said the man was attacked near Orlando, Soweto.

Yesterday morning police were conducting an urgent investigation into the violence, while SAP regional commissioner for Soweto, Maj-Gen Johan Swart, said everything would be done to bring the attackers to justice.

Senior police liaison officer Col Tienie Halgryn said although the situation had returned to normal during the day, police were gearing up for possible outbreaks of violence yesterday evening.

Police had taken up positions at Merafe station, although there was a relatively

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low police profile at Naledi station, the next stop on the line.

A commuter train was derailed between the two stations late in the afternoon but no one was hurt. A Railnet emergency worker said sabotage was not suspected, but could not be ruled out.

Sapa reports Khoza yesterday appealed to Inkatha members not to carry out revenge attacks but to give the ANC a chance "to address their members on political tolerance, and educate them that Inkatha has the right to exist".

He challenged the ANC Youth League to hold a joint peace rally with the Inkatha Youth Brigade.

Revenge attacks leave 16 dead

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JOHANNESBURG. — Sixteen people have died in Soweto in what police believe are revenge attacks by Inkatha.

The attacks came after an Inkatha Freedom Party member was hacked to death at Merafe train station on Saturday morning. Police have arrested a 20-year-old man, alleged to be a member of the ANC Youth League, in connection with the murder.

The Inkatha member was attacked by a group of about 200 in Soweto while on his way to attend an Inkatha march in central Johannesburg. Police arrested the suspect at the scene of the attack. The attack sparked fears of re-

newed violence between Inkatha and ANC supporters in the Transvaal, which claimed more than 800 lives in the past two months.

A total of 16 people had died since a shooting incident in Naledi, Soweto, on Sunday night in what is suspected to have been a revenge attack for the Merafe station killing.

A spokesman of the newly launched ANC Youth League, Mr Parks Mankahlana, distanced his organisation from the attack and said they had not instructed anybody to attack Inkatha supporters.

The regional commissioner of police in Soweto, Major-General Johan Swart, said police were

planning immediate action to trace suspects in the Naledi shootings and bring them to justice.

General Swart appealed to Soweto residents not to take the law into their hands, but to give the police a chance to solve the cases.

"Police will not tolerate these cowardly attacks," he said.

Police said the Soweto Murder and Robbery unit had launched an intensive search for suspects involved in the Naledi shootings.

The injured people were taken to Baragwanath Hospital where a spokesman said 33 people with gunshot wounds were admitted at the weekend. — Sapa

When the buck stops outside Soweto

THEO RAWANA

THE 20-odd delivery trucks and vans parked in an open space near New Canada, just outside Soweto, bear testimony to the fact that, with unrest in the townships, deliveries can go this far and no further.

Since the 1976 riots, suppliers have had to devise special means to get essential items to the townships — from meeting their black trader clients on the outskirts of the townships, to using black-owned trucks to get supplies in.

Soweto Independent Shopowners' Association (Soinse) secretary Thami Skenjana says the disruption compels traders to collect the most desperately needed supplies from outside the township daily and, since this involves only a fraction of his trade volume, he is bound to fall foul of his creditors.

Communication

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As a result, consumers, retailers, suppliers and manufacturers form a string of frustrated actors in a game that sees prices rocket continually.

Skenjana says his 650-member association is frustrated by the lack of communication between black businessmen and political organisations.

Katlehong Chamber of Commerce president Joe Naumane says business in his area has suffered greatly during recent unrest caused by electricity supply cut-offs, street barricades and unrepaired water systems.

"To try to remove these (barricades) to allow for delivery trucks to pass through is an offence to the local youths... What's odd is that the deliveries bring the staple food for the very people who want them stopped."

Naumane runs a filling station and a supermarket and was without a telephone for four weeks because technicians were afraid to go into the East Rand township. He says many of the smaller concerns — such as the "spaza shops" — have had to close because they do not have the

facilities "to travel 2km to fetch two dozen loaves".

ABI MD Alec Reed says the worst thing about the unrest is that it is impossible to anticipate where and when it is going to occur. "You could find you are able to deliver in Tokoza and Daveyton on a Monday, only to find that things have changed the following day."

Tiger Oats group public affairs manager Patrick McLaughlin says, while he cannot speak about specific problems encountered by Tiger Oats companies such as Tastic and Albany Bakeries, distribution by Ace, Induna and other companies "in general terms" have not been particularly affected by the present unrest.

The National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (Nafcoc) is not unduly worried. Its president, Sam Motsuenyane, told the organisation's recent 26th annual conference in Durban that: "A sad calamity which befell black business during the year was the considerable destruction of business through arson and looting in the Ciskei and in certain areas of Natal and the Free State."

"The tragedy was that the majority of these businesses were either only partially insured or totally uninsured. This phenomenon highlights a general problem which faces a great many of our black entrepreneurs in SA."

"Another problem is how to make people aware that the destruction of black business does not really help to bring a solution to any of our existing problems."

Spaza shop owner Dougie Maruma was forced to close his business early and send his wife and children to stay outside his Zone 6, Diepkloof area, when there was a threat of invasion from local hostel dwellers recently.

"I felt I had to be the only one remaining to watch over my closed business and my home," he says.

Maruma, like all businessmen big or small in Soweto, has had to contend with the frustrations of early closure on unrest days, complete closure on "observation days" such as commemorations and mass funerals, and sudden closure because of rumours of immediate invasion from some quarter or other.

Risky

"I have to sneak out and pick my way to the nearest point of supply, which is an area where suppliers' delivery trucks park near the nearby military camp."

"It's a risky business, because being spotted by the activists could mean burning of my vehicle or confiscation of my stock by the youths," he says.

Sam Dubazana, owner of Dub's Hardware and Paint Shop in Dube, says the culture of resistance now affects even simple exercises such as distributing pamphlets promoting special offers.

"When my team goes out to hand leaflets to pedestrians, they get the most unusual responses. People would grab the papers, look at the contents and scream: 'Aaag! I thought it was a stayaway or consumer boycott call.'"

Call for code to control police

THE African National Congress has called for a code of conduct for the police acceptable to the community and the immediate suspension and charging of policemen implicated in violence.

In a statement yesterday the organisation expressed concern at the escalating violence on the Reef. *Sowetan 31/10/90*

It "condemned the wanton acts of terror in Naledi, Soweto, which resulted in 16 people being killed and 33 wounded" on Sunday.

"Speculation that these are 'revenge killings' will only add fuel to the flames," the statement said.

The ANC said it was concerned that no arrests had been made.

It urged people not to be provoked to fight and appealed for peace. - *Sapa.*

Police act as boycott begins 278

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POLICE in Klerksdorp are to launch "special actions" to prevent intimidation of Jouberton township residents following the start of a consumer boycott expected to last until January 3.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Major Ben van Heerden said police were aware of intimidation attempts and would "definitely take action against them".

Some businesses in the town were yesterday starting to feel the effect of the boycott, which started on Monday and is expected to last for the next three months.

While chainstores experienced little or no visible effect, smaller shops reported a drastic drop in trading.

The boycott follows claims of alleged police brutality during unrests in Jouberton.

Local Mass Democratic Movement spokesmen said residents were demanding the removal of police from the township.

They had vowed to continue the boycott until certain policemen, allegedly involved in the violence, were arrested or suspended.

Van Heerden claimed law-abiding citizens had welcomed the police presence.

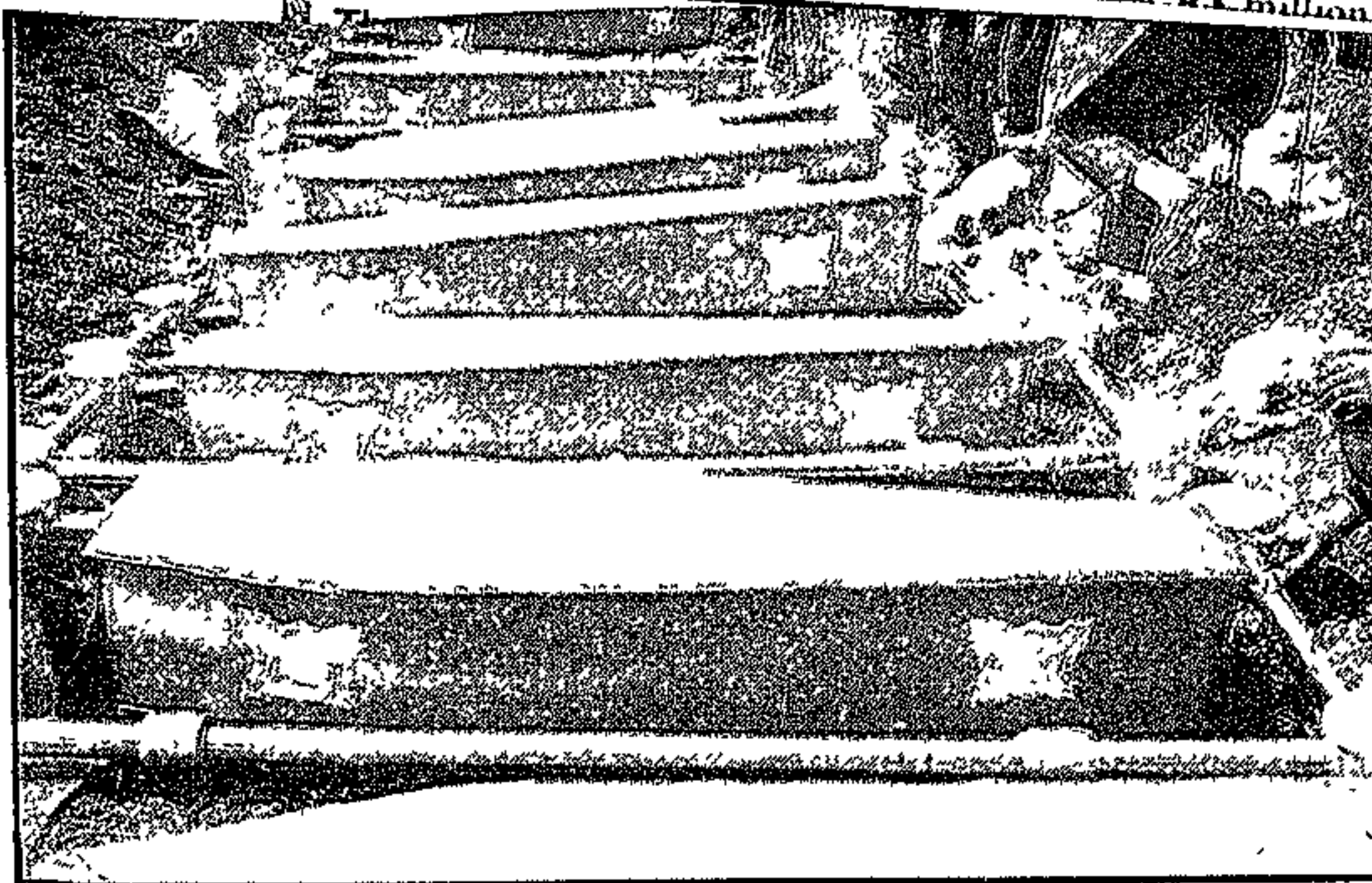
He said the police would investigate all written statements presented under oath concerning alleged police violence.

The boycott had "not really come off the ground yet", he claimed.

This view was opposed by Afrikaanse Sakekamer chairman Mr Jan van den Bergh.

He confirmed yesterday the boycott had definitely started, but added it was difficult to determine its effect at this stage.

"The boycott is obviously aimed at white businesses. I do not understand why they have to punish white businesses for certain police actions," he said. - Sapa.



The coffins with the 31 unknown victims of the recent Reef violence.

Reef violence.

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Mass funeral for unknown victims

HUNDREDS of people
braved the scorching
heat yesterday to attend
the burial of 31 un-
known people who died
during the wave of
violence on the Reef.

Two women, who
had travelled from Natal
to attend the funeral,
wept at the graveside as

By KENOSI
MODISANE

the coffins were
lowered.

One of them, Mrs
Mavis Mdunge of Um-
lazi, arrived in Johan-
nesburg yesterday morn-
ing accompanied by her
neighbour, Mrs Hen-

rietta Kheswa.

Her 22-year-old son,
Mpumelelo, went miss-
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She was not sure if her
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being buried. 278

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Unknown victims buried

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About 15 priests from
the Ministers United for
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lity (Muccor) and church
women from different
denominations led the

procession. The Rev G
Makhanya was the presid-
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The bodies could not
be kept inside the Regina
Mundi Church hall, where
the service took place, be-
cause of their condition.
Four empty coffins were
brought into the hall to
symbolise the mass burial
of the unidentified bodies.

Mrs Masechaba Ma-
baso of the Interdenomi-
national Prayer Women's
League, who provided ca-
tering after the service,
said: "We would like to
thank the community for
the support they gave dur-
ing this challenging
task."

A police contingent
kept a low profile next to

the church during the ser-
vice.

Those buried yester-
day at the Avalon Ce-
metery were among the
42 people whose bodies
had been lying unclaimed
at the government mor-
tuary. They are believed
to be victims of the recent
Reef violence which had
claimed more than 800
lives in two months.

Another Naledi raid victim dies

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ANOTHER victim of Sunday night's shootings in Naledi, Soweto, died at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday from several gunshot wounds in the stomach, his family confirmed yesterday.

The man was Mr Leroy Mthethwa (23), of Naledi, a former pupil at Ibhongo and Lethare secondary schools at Dlamini and Jabulani, Soweto.

His mother, Mrs Agatha Mokocna, said Mthethwa was to have undergone a second operation today.

A hospital spokesman said he died at 8.30am yesterday before he could be taken to theatre.

The spokesman said another unidentified man had also died in the same ward last night.

This brings the death toll in the violence to at least 18.

Officially, 16 people were shot dead on Sunday and at least 33 seriously injured in what appeared

to have been a spate of revenge attacks following the killing of an Inkatha supporter in Soweto at the weekend.

In one of the worst attacks, six men died in a hail of bullets when gunmen fired at them as they walked through a section

of Naledi, near Merafe Station.

Naledi residents said the attack came after Inkatha supporters from the hostel had threatened to kill 100 residents for each Inkatha member killed by Soweto residents.

Sowetan Correspondent.

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The right to self-defence

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Own Correspondent

THE African National Congress was presently involved in discussions with different communities about forming self-defence units to protect people in the townships, ANC spokesman Gill Marcus confirmed.

Responding to enquiries about an article in the latest issue of the South African Communist Party's mouthpiece, *Umsebenzi*, detailing plans for the creation of self-defence structures, Marcus said the ANC had always insisted on the people's right to self-defence.

This, she said, in no way conflicted with the organisation's

suspension of armed action and related activities in terms of the August 6 Pretoria Minute.

The article said the need for an organised and disciplined force, guided by political leadership to protect township residents, had been necessitated by the recent violence in which hundreds of people were killed.

Just as the Government permitted Inkatha Freedom Party members to carry "cultural weapons" and the Afrikaner

Weerstandsbeweging to maintain its self-protection commandos provided they attacked nobody, so too were the people entitled to protect themselves. The self-defence units would also not attack anyone.

Marcus said although the ANC fully supported the formation of such self-defence units, it had no intention of arming them.

Marcus told *Sowetan*: "The whole question of self-defence is being discussed at the moment. The ANC has repeatedly stated that the people have a right to self-defence. The contribution of the SACP article is to try to make the

ideas and suggestions more cohesive.

"We are not talking about arming our people but about their right to self-defence. There is certainly no decision to arm them. What we have said, however, is that the demand for arms from our people has been increasing tremendously and we would have to take that into consideration."

Marcus said Umkhonto weSizwe was now a legal part of the ANC and the organisation would therefore back the inclusion of MK cadres in the units.

described the situation as tense.

Bloem said Kroonstad municipality, which supplied Maokeng with water and lights, had said Maokeng residents were R1,5m in arrears.

A Maokeng council spokesman confirmed the cut-off.

The court applied for an order compelling the Daveyton and Benoni councils to restore their electricity supply, alternatively that they continue to supply electricity until December 31 at the flat rates of R70 or R150.

Daveyton's power was cut off on October 16 by the Benoni council

and Eskom in anticipation of the case being lost.

Mr Justice van Dijkhorst said the outstanding amount owed to Benoni by the Daveyton council was R3m as at September 3.

This led to Benoni being in arrears in paying accounts to Eskom which sued the Benoni council for

Benoni to resume to the Daveyton

"I cannot see legal basis on which I can force a supply of commodity to a common cause can not pay for Mr Justice van

Vlok lifts unrest order in 11 townships

PRETORIA — Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday lifted the unrest declaration on 11 East Rand townships with effect from today.

The declaration of 27 townships as unrest areas was part of the Iron Fist operation to quell the reef violence and made provision for curfews in these areas.

Unrest declarations still exist in 16 other Reef townships, including Soweto. This situation would remain until violence was no longer a threat, Vlok said in a statement yesterday.

EDYTH BULBRING

The affected townships are Wattville, Daveyton, Katlehong, Thokoza, Tembisa, KwaThema, Duduza, Bothleng, Ratanda, Vosloorus and Tsakane.

During October, only 32 unrest incidents took place in these areas compared with the 363 incidents reported in September and 382 in August, Vlok said.

Vlok said he realised the decision to lift the declaration was risky and the situation would be closely watched and evaluated.

Liebenberg takes the reins of SADF

LINDEN BIRNS

GEN "Kat" Liebenberg took over as Chief of the SADF yesterday, replacing Gen Jannie Geldenhuys who has retired.

Liebenberg, formerly Chief of SADF Staff, was sworn in at a ceremony at Voortrekkerhoogte.

When Liebenberg commanded the SADF's Special Forces, the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) — recently the subject of the Harms Commission of Inquiry into alleged politically motivated murders and hit squads — was established.

Geldenhuys has since announced the CCB's disbanding.

Liebenberg, a BA Law graduate, also served as SA's military attache in London before taking command of Sector 10, then Special Forces and then as Chief of the Army.

PEANUTS

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37 Inkatha men appear in court

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BY SONTI MASEKO

FRANSVAAL. Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza and 36 supporters appeared before a Vanderbijlpark magistrate's yesterday in a sequel to the unrest in Sebokeng in September during which scores of people were killed.

The state yesterday withdrew charges against another 16 men, and dropped all charges of murder and public violence pending the outcome of an inquest into the deaths of people during clashes between hostel inmates and residents. The inquest begins on November 14.

In September the state withdrew charges against 100 men who were arrested with the 37.

The others will appear on January 31 next year and they will face lesser charges including the theft of weapons, possession of firearms and ammunition and malicious damage to property.

No charges were put the men.



Inkatha Youth Brigade leaders Themba Khoza ... at the Vanderbijlpark magistrates' court with jubilant supporters, some of whom were discharged yesterday, and Inkatha central committee member, Mr Vitusi Mvelase. Pic by GEORGE MASHININI.

Vlok lifts decree on unrest in townships

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MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday lifted the decree declaring 11 townships unrest areas.

Wattville, Daveyton, Katlehong, Tokoza, Tembisa, Kwathema, Duduza, Bontleng, Ratanda, Vosloorus and Tsakane will no longer be regarded as unrest areas, Vlok announced yesterday.

He said the security situation had improved to such an extent the lifting of the declaration was now possible.

"During October, only 32 unrest incidents took

place in these areas in comparison with the 363 incidents reported in September and 382 in August," he said.

He warned, however, the situation would be watched closely and evaluated constantly. Violence would not be tolerated and would be suppressed by all means allowed by the law.

Peace

"It is of cardinal importance that law and order be maintained to make peaceful change in the country possible."

He would not hesitate to declare as unrest areas places where the public order was disrupted by

disturbance of the peace, disorder, rioting or public violence.

"Conversely, these powers will only be employed where the situation demands it and for only as long as unrest endures."

The unrest situation in Soweto and other areas where the declaration of unrest areas was still valid did not allow the measures to be lifted, he said.

The situation is, however, being closely monitored and the declaration of these areas as unrest areas will, as soon as it becomes clear that violence is no longer a threat, be lifted." - Sapa.

Few pitch to bury 'unknowns'

SOWETO. — Only a few hundred people attended an uneventful funeral yesterday for Soweto's "unknown soldiers" — 31 unclaimed, unidentified victims of the violence which racked Witwatersrand townships for eight weeks in August and September. Four empty coffins were used to symbolise the 31 dead at the interdenominational service. Addressing the congregation, the Rev Tom Mbabane said the violence, which claimed at least 800 lives, had not been a spontaneous tribal war between Zulus and Xhosas or a clash of political parties as suggested in the mass media.

The way the violence had spread rapidly from place to place proved only that fighting had been well organised and manipulated.

Police kept a low profile at the service and burial. — Sapa

Drop in violence: Vlok lifts curbs

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JOHANNESBURG. — The government lifted emergency regulations in 11 black townships around this city yesterday, citing a sharp drop in the tribal clashes which prompted the measures in late August.

But Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, said the special rules giving police wide powers of search and arrest and imposed in 27 townships on August 24 would be maintained in the remaining 16 areas as they were still experiencing sporadic violence.

Mr Vlok's announcement coincided with the burial of 31 unidentified victims of the violence — which claimed up to 800

people in August and September — in a mass ceremony in Soweto today.

A senior member of Inkatha was shot in broad daylight on Tuesday in Maritzburg.

President F W de Klerk lifted the 52-month-old state of emergency in Natal on October 18.

Police said yesterday that the latest killing was "part of this region's small and regular black-on-black outbursts".

Mr Vlok said "a large measure of calm" had returned to the 11 townships enabling him to lift the regulations stipulating them unrest areas.

He said of the other townships around Johannesburg affected by the rules, including Soweto: "There is still sporadic violence.

"It is of cardinal importance that law and order be maintained to make peaceful change possible," Mr Vlok added, apparently referring to suggestions from the African National Congress that the strife threatened its talks with the government.

The emergency measures were imposed after more than two weeks of factional fighting killed some 500 people. But the battles continued and the major violence was quelled only after another month and 300 deaths by the introduction of the military-style Operation Iron Fist.

Most Iron Fist measures, including roadblocks, heavily armed army and police patrols and cordoning off of flashpoint areas, are still in effect. — UPI

PARTY OF DEATH

From MONO BADELA

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JOHANNESBURG. — Survivors of last weekend's attack in Soweto's Naledi township, in which 16 died and 33 people were injured, have described how masked gunmen turned a beer party into a bloodbath.

"We were enjoying ourselves in a tent outside the house when we heard gunshots.

"The place was immediately surrounded by strange men who opened fire, stabbing and hacking at people without saying a word," said 28-year-old Alphonso Radipholo. *South 111-311190*

From his Baragwanath Hospital bed Radipholo told how he was first shot in the left hip and then gashed with a panga or knife while lying on the ground.

The killings began at about 8pm last Saturday when six men shot at a combi parked near house number 1701, killing four people and injuring six others.

Minutes later the gang struck at house number 1727 where they shot people inside the tent.

Brothers Michael, 31, and Mark Molefe, 27, died and 15 people were injured.

In another attack six men walking near Merafe Hostel were gunned down. The assailants fled towards the Merafe Single men's Hostel where three bullet riddled bodies were later found by police.

Describing the horror attack Nkosinathi Makhubu, 22, said he was sitting in the tent when four men forced their way in.

"They began shooting at random. Many of us were stabbed. A friend and I managed to get away by jumping over fences but I was hit with a bullet in my right thigh.

"My friend was shot dead," Makhubu explained.



VICTIM: Mr Leroy Mthethwa in hospital. He died soon after this picture was taken
PIC: ELMOND JIVANE, Dynamic Images

Unknown forever, but not unloved



Farewell nameless sister, farewell nameless brother. A woman throws flowers on to each grave perhaps her lost relative is in one of them

Victim with killer, ANC with Inkatha ... dust to dust

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Pictures: **JUSTIN SHOLK**
Words: **KEVIN CARTER**

THE mourners have come to pay their last respects and leave flowers on anonymous graves. None of them will ever know for certain whom they have mourned.

The funeral held in Soweto on Wednesday for 31 unidentified victims of violence on the Reef was one of several such ceremonies recently held. According to Father Emmanuel La Fonte, who led the service at Regina Mundi Catholic Church, many of the mourners have travelled around the Reef attending funerals in the desperate hope that they might be paying respect to their own missing relatives.

"Many of them come from as far afield as Natal and the Transkei," he says. "They have had the most terrible time, coming up to the Transvaal to look for husbands and sons who are

missing, visiting overflowing morgues filled with unrecognisably mutilated corpses, and finally giving up hope. Now they are attending funeral services.

"Please note that this is not a paupers' funeral," he adds. "Each body is buried in a separate coffin, and each coffin is carried in its own hearse, all of which have been donated by private burial services.

"It is an attempt to provide some dignity for these poor unknown souls."

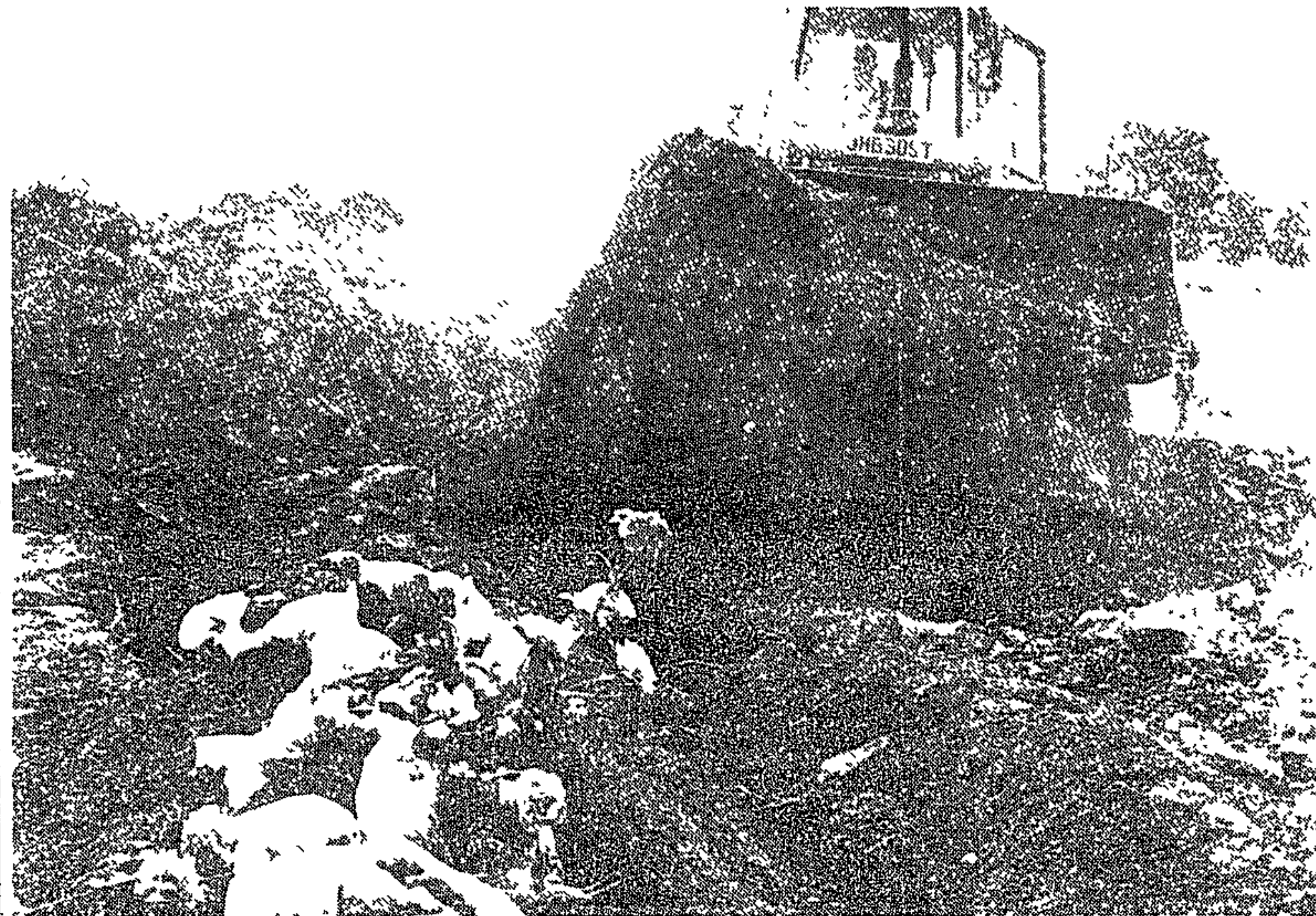
At the service, however, dignity is difficult to maintain. There is a terrible, overpowering stench of decomposing bodies that have lain in over-

crowded morgues for as long as two months, awaiting identification. Even the graveside attendants are wearing surgical masks to protect themselves.

Although one ANC flag is flying, La Fonte points out that at this funeral, the dead may be of any affiliation. Enemies may be lying together in their final resting place: "Dust to dust," he says.

Prayers are repeated, the coffins are lowered into the earth, and before the small crowd of mourners has dispersed, a bulldozer moves in and starts filling in the graves, covering even the flowers that have been thrown there.

Twenty minutes later it is over. All that remains is the bleak desolation of Avalon cemetery, and the departing mourners — who now wait for the next funeral of anonymous victims of violence.



No time for sentiment: The mourners have not yet departed when a bulldozer covers the flowers and graves

Attendants wear masks against the stench of two-month-old bodies.

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come forward to exonerate the police of any misconduct or vandalism, after allegations that uniformed policemen damaged the buckets belonging to black residents of the Wesselton township two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, the SAP's forensic laboratory in Pretoria is conducting intensive experiments on a water bucket which one resident claimed was damaged by police during the alleged incident. The bucket is so far the only evidence which has been presented to a top-level police investigation into the allegations.

Regional police commissioner General Robert Robinson, who has personally taken charge of the investigation, tells the *FM* that some of the sworn statements which witnesses made to an Ermelo attorney were later found to have been hearsay.

"However, two independent witnesses have made sworn statements — available to anyone to read — that no such incidents took place. ~~278~~ (278)"

"Both said they saw the police on the scene, but that was all," says Robinson. He says the witnesses have asked that their identities be withheld for fear of reprisals.

Robinson has also instructed two colonels from Middelburg to interview other witnesses, but no one has been able to identify any policemen or provide the registration numbers of the Casspir which allegedly was on the scene.

However, Ermelo garage owner Boetie Tilly has sworn that he saw uniformed policemen damaging the water-cans which about 30 black residents had been using to cart water from his garage to their houses in Wesselton.

The Town Council of Ermelo is one of those controlled by the Conservative Party in the Transvaal which cut off water and electricity because black residents were behind with monthly payments.

Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's personal spokesman, Leon Mellet, tells the *FM* that the police are trying everything to find witnesses. "We have even circulated pamphlets calling on potential witnesses to come to us."

Tilly claims he saw four policemen damaging the water-cans. At that stage, about 100 black residents had gathered at the garage. The policemen who had arrived in a Casspir and a four-wheel-drive vehicle had been laughing at the blacks, who had become very noisy during the incident, Tilly alleges.

Robinson says a reporter of *The Star* supplied the police with various names of potential witnesses, but no addresses. The allegations are viewed by the police in a very serious light, says Mellet, and, if proved to be true, drastic steps will be taken against the policemen concerned. "We will do everything to find them," he says.

The alleged incident comes at a time when Vlok has pledged that strict guidelines are imposed to keep policemen out of the political arena. (See *Current Affairs* October 12). In an interview with the *FM*, Vlok promised that policemen who overstepped the mark would be dealt with severely. ■

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The mystery about Ermelo's damaged water buckets has taken a new turn.

Two independent witnesses have now

I'd rather die than return to that hostel'

Weekly Mail Reporters

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A WEEKLY MAIL journalist and a foreign television crew were this week threatened by a group of men at Kaledong's Kwe-Sine hostel on the East Rand for "not belonging to Inkatha".

The journalists had gone to test allegations of hostility against former inmates who fled the hostel during the Reef violence in August.

The fugitives, who are all employees of Consul Glass in Wadeville, are staying on the factory premises. This was confirmed by Consul general manager J van Westin, who said they were given refuge "in view of the predicament they were facing".

The fugitives allege they narrowly escaped death and sought asylum at work because they did not want to fight and are not members of Inkatha.

Returning to the hostel was "the same as death", they said, and they did not want to be identified for fear of reprisals. "It is more dangerous, risky and

unsafe to sleep in the hostel than at the factory." *21/11-8/11/90*

One worker from kwaZulu said: "I'd rather die, or go back home, than return to the hostel."

Adding to their fears are rumours that fines are being charged to those who wish to return to the hostel and that a number of unemployed people have occupied their rooms.

A man, only known as Mkhize, was cited as the "most dangerous man" who always carried two shotguns and an AK-47 during violence.

Workers claim he had terrorised hostel residents and demanded money for ammunition. It was not known where he came from.

"I think they came especially for the fighting," said one elderly worker, who said he had gone to the hostel and found a notice at the gate demanding R300 from those who wished to return.

"Kwe-Sine hostel is very dirty. It

must be purged of criminal elements before peace can prevail," he said.

In the hostel itself, tension is still high. Residents "have not slept for days because they say they received a letter last week saying they'd be attacked by the Xhosas," said a worker.

Upon the journalists' arrival at Kwe-Sine on Wednesday, their car was stopped by two men guarding the gate.

After they had explained their mission, one of the men told the journalists to wait, as he had "to get permission from some people first".

After some time, a tall man in a khaki coat and flanked by a small group of hostel dwellers, mostly carrying sticks and wearing blue overalls, emerged from the hostel.

"Where do you come from and what's your problem?" asked the tall man.

The journalists repeated who they were and that the public was interested in knowing about the hostels and the activities of the residents. The crowd

standing around the car grew steadily. In reply to a blunt question about his political affiliations, one reporter answered: "I don't belong to any political organisation."

The man responded: "You see, here we are fighting with the African National Congress, so if you don't belong to Inkatha we are not going to allow you in. Can you please leave immediately before we teach you a lesson?"

The man's voice became hoarse, and his face went red with anger as he accused the reporter of coming to the hostel with a "white spy" to inform the ANC on how to attack them.

The group jeered, shouted: "You are not wanted here", and closed in on the car.

The journalists did not wait for another invitation to leave.

● A resident of Kwe-Sine hostel, Dali Mkhize, was arrested two weeks ago on charges of possessing arms and ammunition.

On assignment - and under fire

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I WAS shot at in Bekkersdal earlier this week while interviewing African National Congress supporters in the parents' home of one of the "comrades".

Unknowningly I was in a section of the township referred to as an Azapo stronghold.

There have been ongoing clashes between Azapo and ANC supporters in the strife-torn township in recent months and many have lost their lives. Local Azapo leaders say at least seven of their youths have died since February, while the ANC claims a death toll of six.

At midday on Tuesday I was standing with a group of people in the doorway of the parents' home of ANC activist Right Mpetsheni, when his younger sister suddenly screamed. Seconds later we were bombarded by a hail of bullets.

We panicked and tried to run for cover, frantically scrambling behind doors, under beds and tables with the "crack, crack" sound of bullets ringing in our ears. Younger members of the family crouched under a bed, whimpering in fright while older youths drew knives and manned the doorways. A bullet grazed the leg of one of the men I was interviewing, Thapello Seoka, the local ANC leader.

Miraculously — and rather surprisingly — no one else was injured.

The telephone was out of order and

'Now you know what it is like here,' a youth told reporter **PHILIPPA GARSON** after what was meant to be a routine assignment in Bekkersdal township turned into a day of terror — with a gunman opening fire on the house where she was interviewing ANC comrades.



for about 20 minutes we huddled panic-stricken in silence, waiting for the attackers to break into the home. The second onslaught never came but an attempt was made to set alight the *Weekly Mail* car which was parked in the driveway.

When the police finally arrived we shakily emerged to find the car window had been smashed in; a petrol bomb lay smouldering next to it. Several bullets, which had grazed or penetrated the door and surrounding wall were found on the scene.

One of the children living in the home saw the culprit: a youth armed with a handgun a few metres away, who fired from the next-door garden.

The police then escorted us out of the township and took down our statements at the Westonaria police station.

A normal day in the life of Bekkersdal residents? Bullets flying in broad daylight with little children running about, parents coming home to find

their terrified youngsters crouching inside and an armed youth outside waving a gun in their direction...

"Now you know what it is like here", said Thapello Seoka, local ANC leader who spent 12 years on Robben Island for terrorism and then returned home in 1987 to find the location had become an Azapo "stronghold".

"I am not political, I don't want this," said a worried Ben Mpetsheni (the father of Right, Bekkersdal youth leader), whose house was targeted this week.

Right Mpetsheni has been forced to leave his home in the wake of the factional violence. He felt it was safe however, to come home briefly to glean some information from his parents.

"We are sorry", he says. "It was my fault, I should have known..."

Another comrade adds, "don't worry we will revenge this tonight..."

And the pattern of violence continues, with gun-wielding youths

caught up in a cycle of revenge and retribution, spouting the rhetoric of their organisations and behaving like gangsters.

Supporters of Azapo and the ANC blame each other for the wave of violence which began in late February and has claimed at least 12 lives.

Police were unable to confirm reports that three youths died this week in continuing factional violence. However, they say barely a week goes by without an incident, an assault or a murder linked to the clashes.

ANC supporters in the area claim the violence started after the launch of the Bekkersdal Youth Congress branch on February 24.

"The launch was in the local hall and some of our members were attacked by Azapo. Two of them were injured in the process", said Seoka, adding that the attacks continued on individual ANC members, who then sought revenge.

Seoka claims there have been repeated attempts to restore peace in the area but blames Azapo supporters for their unwillingness to hold a peace rally.

Local Azapo leader, Father Ratsoeu, said this week's shooting attack on the ANC members came in the wake of two murders of Black Consciousness Movement supporters, Japie Mpati (17) allegedly killed last week, and Michael Montsiwa (18) allegedly killed at the weekend. He apologised for the attack in which I was unwittingly involved, saying there was no personal grievance against me. He added that the culprits had been ordinary students who decided to take the matter into their own hands, not disciplined members of the Azanian Students Movement.

"The question is no more black consciousness against the ANC, it is the community against the ANC, because of its malpractices", he said, adding that peace attempts had been thwarted by the Beyco supporters.

Azapo publicity secretary Strini Moodley said there had been an agreement between the two organisations not to supply the press with reports of the factional violence.

He added however that the violence — which had also occurred in several other townships — was the result of political intolerance of ANC supporters in the area.

Moodley said his organisation encouraged its Bekkersdal members to defend themselves. "No one has the right to prevent people from choosing which organisation to belong to," he said.

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Wesselton witnesses give details

By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

Witnesses to the alleged police harassment of residents of Wesselton township near Ermelo have produced seven affidavits giving details of various incidents.

The Star is in possession of these affidavits.

Police investigations into what happened at Ermelo township are continuing, it was revealed yesterday.

Wesselton residents alleged that policemen punctured containers after permission had been granted by Indian residents of nearby Cassim Park for water to be provided.

The incidents arose after Ermelo Town Council switched off water and sewerage systems on October 16 for non-payment of service fees. The services were reconnected eight days later.

Some affidavits state that police arrested residents, used Casspir armoured personnel carriers to drive over containers and punctured the containers with sharp instruments. It is alleged that a group of uniformed policemen sjamboked women who were carrying containers filled with water.

It has also been alleged by garage owner Boetie Tilly that police intimidated him by attempting to get him to change a statement he made to them about an incident involving police and residents at his garage.

In an affidavit to The Star, Mr Tilly has again reiterated the claims he made earlier.

Police have appealed to witnesses to provide statements about the alleged incidents so that a full investigation can be launched. Earlier, Mr Tilly was invited to lay a charge of intimidation.

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14 die, many injured in weekend unrest

WELKOM. — Eight people were killed and many injured in fighting at Kutloanong township at Odendaalsrus, police reported.

Free State police spokesman Major Johan Fouche said today that police were investigating whether the eight deaths were linked to fighting between rival taxi organisations, which earlier claimed three lives.

He said a group of men had attacked houses in Block 7 of the township about 2am yesterday.

Police found the eight bodies in the veld, and an unknown number of people were reported injured, Major Fouche said.

STABBED TO DEATH

Meanwhile two more people have died in strife-torn Bekkersdal near Johannesburg, raising the death toll to four in two days of unrest.

Police found the bodies of two men, one of whom had been stabbed to death. Yesterday police reported two deaths.

In another incident at Bekkersdal, a policeman was wounded when shots were fired at a patrol. Police said two homes were set alight and another petrol-bombed.

In the Natal township of Mganga Baboyi a man was stabbed to death with a sharp instrument, police said.

They also found the body of a man with bullet wounds in Alexandra near Johannesburg. Three people were seriously wounded. — Sapa.

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West Rand township death toll now 9

By Glen Elsas
West Rand Bureau

At least nine people have been killed and three seriously injured in the townships of Kagiso and Bekkersdal on the West Rand since Thursday.

In Kagiso near Krugersdorp, two hostel dwellers were shot dead on Saturday.

The reason for the attack was not known.

In the second incident, a policeman investigating Mr Mbele's murder was told men were attacking Mqavemu Ndlovu (40).

The policeman found Mr Ndlovu's body on the ground. He had been shot and stabbed.

Incidents were reported in Bekkersdal between Randfontein and Westonaria.

On Thursday, police dispersed a group who were assaulting a man. They fired several rounds of birdshot at the crowd and hit a 16-year-old youth in the right leg. He is being treated at the Leratong Hospital under police guard.

On Friday, David Morokeng (19) was stabbed by a

group of about 150 people. He is in a serious condition in Leratong Hospital.

On Saturday, the bodies of two men were found at the Bekkersdal cemetery. They had been stabbed to death.

At about 9 pm Robbie Mkoahane (45) was stabbed in the stomach. He died of his injuries.

Yesterday, the body of a special constable was found in the township. Three men, aged 25, 26 and 31, were arrested.

Later in the day, an unidentified man was set alight.

Stayaway in Bekkersdal to plan end to killings as toll rises

Peace move

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THOUSANDS of Bekkersdal residents stayed away from work yesterday to plan ways of bringing an end to the township violence that has so far claimed 18 lives.

Eleven people were killed on Sunday.

By ALI MPHAKI

Among those killed was a special constable, who had been stabbed and his body set alight.

There were sporadic attacks on shacks, and police used teargas to disperse the crowds, mostly youths.

At least eight houses, including that of mayor Mr Johny Mokone, were gutted.

A spokesman for the residents said they gave a memorandum to the police yesterday, asking for the protection of schools and the demolition of shacks in an area known as "Mandela View".

A police spokesman confirmed receipt of the memorandum.

Examinations were disrupted in the area last Thursday, sparking off the violence between

brother and brother.

"This violence is not ANC versus Azapo or PAC. The whole thing is thuggery and counter-revolutionary and must be stopped," a resident said.

The township was uneasy yesterday and groups of armed residents marched through the streets.

There were no buses or taxis operating and shops in the townships were closed. •Picture P2.

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Death train trial bail is opposed

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THE train massacre in Johannesburg in September could have been prompted by information that a group of people had insulted Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini, a Johannesburg magistrate was told yesterday.

This evidence was led by Warrant-Officer Deon Wessels when he opposed the bail application of five men who appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the killing of 21 people.

The men, Mr Martin Ngcobo (49), Mr Basi Nkosingondle (27), Mr Mmengela Makobane (54), Mr Solomon Khumalo (33) and Mr Mandla Majozi (23) have not been formally charged.

Wessels said there had been an Inkatha meeting at Jeppe Hostel where it was discussed that there was a group which had insulted Buthelezi and King Zwelithini.

Subsequent to that

By SONTI MASEKO

meeting another group met where it was possibly decided that a group of hostel dwellers were to attack people in a train between Jeppe and Benrose stations.

Twenty-one people were killed and many others injured in two separate attacks, one on September 6 and another on September 13.

Under cross-examination by the men's attorney Mr Ian Small-Smith, Wessels said the men would disappear if granted bail.

Wessels said one firearm recovered during police investigations was linked to the Jeppe killings through ballistic tests. One of the accused had also identified an assegai from weapons recovered by the police.

He said there was a possibility the men might interfere with potential State witnesses if released on bail.

The hearing continues tomorrow.

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19 killed in
Bekkersdal
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AT LEAST 19 people have been killed and many more injured since last Thursday in fighting — mainly between youths — at Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

Police liaison officer Capt Henriette Bester said the fighting appeared to be between two groups.

One, alleged to be an ANC/PAC alliance from the Mandela Park Squatter Camp, was apparently trying to prevent Kgothlang High School students from writing exams. The other, the Azanian Students Movement (Azasm), was allegedly in favour of writing.

Ten houses had been burnt down since Thursday, and arson and stone-throwing continued yesterday.

A Bekkersdal resident denied exams were the cause of the dissent, saying fighting began in February after the death of an Azasm member. — Sapa.

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ANC slams decision on protection units

THE ANC yesterday criticised the TPA's

decision to empower black local authorities to form "civil protection units", saying the decision was an attempt to create vigilante groups to bolster discredited town councillors.

The ANC said in a statement the latest Transvaal Provincial Gazette, which empowered black local authorities to form "civil protection units" in terms of the Civil Protection Act, was aimed at propping up the discredited local government system and the town councillors whose "callous actions" had resulted in essential services such as water and electricity being cut off.

Hazards

Consequently hundreds of thousands of people were daily experiencing the hardship and health hazards which accompanied life without water, sewerage and electricity.

The protection units, according to the Provincial Gazette, will be made up of volunteer residents

and would be activated when either an influx of refugees or a disruption of essential services occurred.

"It is significant that such 'protection' units are being created at the same time as the Government expresses opposition to self-defence units created by and accountable to the people," the ANC said.

The organisation said "the confrontational approach" of Conservative Party-led local authorities and "the indifference" expressed by bodies such as Eskom had already heightened tensions in the townships.

The introduction of "a legalised vigilante force into this already explosive situation" was an outrage, and the ANC would hold both the Government and the local authorities responsible for further escalation of violence, death and destruction which were "bound to follow this foolhardy action".

The ANC statement said the organisation would soon be approaching civic associations to discuss the matter further.

- Sowetan Correspondent

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Massacre victims were busy praying

By Adam Gordon

The 15 people massacred on a moving train between Jeppe and Benrose in September had been part of a church group and were kneeling down praying when they were slaughtered, a Johannesburg Regional Court heard yesterday.

Police investigating officer Detective Deon Wessels told the court how church services were held in one particular carriage on the train every day.

The Zulus had learnt that the "congregation" swore at Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the Zulu king every day, and this was apparently the immediate motive for the revenge attack.

Mr Wessels was testifying in the bail application of five men allegedly involved in two separate massacres, in which 21 people died, on September 6 and 13.

The men are Martin Ngcobu (47), Basl Nkosingondle (27), Solomon Khumalo (33), Mmen-gela Magabane (54) and Mabin-ela Majozi (23), all of the Jeppe hostel in Wolhuter Street, Johannesburg.

Impis

Only Mr Ngcobu and Mr Nkosingondle have said they are Inkatha members.

Mr Wessels said the leader of the local Inkatha branch had called a meeting at Jeppe hostel on September 13.

After this meeting, a man named Jericho Manyane had called another meeting to round up impis, who then boarded the train and attacked the church group.

Mr Manyane and two other men known only as "Stelt" and "Mataks" were still being sought by the police, Mr Wessels said.

It was believed they were hiding somewhere in the mountains of KwaZulu. Five police raids had failed to net them.

Mr Wessels said this was a major reason for opposing bail. If the men in custody were given bail they could also disappear.

Mr Wessels said Mr Khumalo had acted as "a quartermaster" who had distributed guns beforehand and collected them afterwards.

State advocate David Gordon presented signed statements in which four of the men admitted participation in the massacre and said "Stelt" had forced them to take part.



Giving comfort to the wounded . . . A riot policeman fans the face of Frank Mhlanga, who was attacked and hacked by a group armed with pangas at the "Mandelaview" squatter settlement during clashes in the township yesterday. The death toll in the violence-torn area has risen to 19.

Picture: Jacobob Ryliff.

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Bekkersdal attacks: 11 more die

By Gien Elsas
West Rand Bureau

The death toll in Bekkersdal on the West Rand has risen to 19 after 11 more deaths.

Groups, mainly of youths, attacked people apparently at random on Sunday.

Captain Henriette Bester, liaison officer for the West Rand police, said the victims who were killed on Sunday had suffered mainly panga and stab wounds.

At least six people have been injured so far in the violence which erupted in the township near Westonaria on Thursday.

According to residents, the clashes took place between members of Black Consciousness groups and ANC-affiliated groups.

A resident, who did not want to be named for fear of reprisal, said the initial violence started when examinations at three of the township's schools were disrupted by youths armed with pangas, knives and guns.

They apparently arrived at the Seatlle, Ipeleng and Maputle schools and started stoning the premises and teachers, who were forced to flee. They set alight a school principal's car.

On Thursday night at about

10.30 pm a group of about 150 attacked and killed an unidentified man with pangas and axes. They also looted a house.

On Saturday morning the bodies of a 40-year-old man, known only as Hoko, and a youth aged about 18 were found at Bekkersdal cemetery.

At about 9 pm on Saturday night Robbie Mkoahane (45) was stabbed in the stomach. He died of his injuries. At about 11 pm the body of Robert Senyok was found.

Between 10 and 15 houses were burnt down and several more were extensively damaged during looting.

Commuters slain 'as they prayed'

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Youth leader discharged from hospital

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THE president of the Azanian Youth Organisation, Mr Thami Mcerwa, was discharged from Baragwanath Hospital yesterday after he was treated for severe injuries following an attack at Wits University's Glyn Thomas residence on Sunday.

Eleven members of the Azanian Students Convention were also attacked and driven out of dormitories by people believed to be members of the South African National Students Congress.

Mcerwa (28) had visited the former publicity secretary of the Azanian Student Movement, Mr Sipho Maseko, at the residence and was attacked in Maseko's dormitory.

He was stabbed four times and hacked on the face - injuring his left eye.

Maseko, who is an

By MATSHUBE
MFOLOE

Azasco member, said the attackers, whom he identified as Sansco supporters, brandished guns and pangas and appeared to have had keys to the room.

Attack

He said the attack at the residence on Black Consciousness Movement supporters followed a series of "verbal insults and unfounded allegations" directed at him and his organisation's general secretary, Mr Raselepe Ntheledi.

Azasco condemned the action taken by Sansco

supporters and warned that it would defend its members.

Meanwhile, the Glyn Thomas house committee chairman, Mr Mandla Mthombeni, said there had been broad acknowledgement for the right of every organisation to exist in the residence.

He said tension arose when a leading member of Azasco issued a statement to the Press labelling "the ANC's negotiations as treacherous".

He said Sansco members found the utterances as very provocative and took strong exceptions but there was no physical confrontation.

Petrol bomb attack on Atteridgeville home

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A PETROL bomb was thrown into the house of Atteridgeville councillor Mr Piet Makwe at the weekend, police confirmed yesterday.

The attack, the second in three weeks, occurred a day after the house of the local deputy secretary, Mr Isaac Manthata, was extensively damaged after youths hurled petrol bombs at it.

A car belonging to his brother was also extensively damaged.

By MONK NKOMO

A police spokesman said a petrol bomb was thrown into Makwe's house apparently in the early hours of Saturday, but it did not cause any damage.

Failed

A petrol bomb was hurled into the same house about three weeks ago but it failed to explode.

The police spokesman

said no arrests had been made.

Meanwhile, thieves made away with an expensive sound system at a cafe in Ga-Mothakga Resort in Atteridgeville at the weekend.

Mr Isaac Letsoalo, one of the directors of the cafe, said the R15 000 system was stolen on Saturday night after thieves broke into the shop. Stock worth about R2 500 was also taken.



Bekkersdal township on the West Rand was tense but quiet yesterday after news that the death toll in the factional fighting had risen to 25. Armed men and youths milled around the streets but no violent incidents were reported.

Families flee Bekkersdal

Death

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25 dead (278)

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Last Tuesday Japie Mpati was abducted from his home and the next day his body was found at "Spooktown".

The next day the home of Siphon Ncetyane, an executive member of Azapo, was attacked.

On Tuesday Peter Malwane was hacked and stabbed to death and his body set alight.

Last Friday BCM member Mr Robert Nkonyane was shot dead.

FAMILIES in strife-torn Bekkersdal township on the West Rand have abandoned their homes and fled as the death toll rose to 25 since last Thursday.

The situation was tense late on Monday and early yesterday as police stood between the warring factions and fired teargas to separate the opposing sides.

Captain Henriette Bester, police liaison officer for the West Rand, said eight people had been arrested so far in the township for various offences.

The number of injured people is estimated at about 10, although this figure could not be confirmed.

From Monday night until 2am yesterday two houses were burnt down and a tuck shop in the settlement of "Spooktown" was razed.

Police seized two AK-47 rifles during a search of the home of a Pan Africanist Congress member. Five men were arrested.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said police had established that there were apparently 25 people killed in the violence over the past six days.

Sowetan Correspondent
and ALI MPHAKI

Pupils did not go to school on Monday while most workers did not report for work as transport ground to a halt. Businesses in the area were also shut.

The heaviest violence occurred on Sunday. Residents burned down the homes of mayor Mr Johnny Mokome and his deputy Zodwa Seshabela, a teacher.

A third house belonging to a councillor, Mr Sonnyboy Modimoeng, was also razed.

Houses alight

Later on Sunday six houses of members of the Azanian Peoples's Organisation were reported to have been set alight in what is believed to be a revenge attack.

The violence started on October 27, when Pan Africanist Students Organisation members Michael Montshiwa and Jomo Moutlwase were attacked. Montshiwa died at the scene and Moutlwase is still in hospital.

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Police clamp curfew on Bekkersdal after death toll reaches

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A CURFEW was imposed on the strife-torn West Rand township of Bekkersdal yesterday after at least 25 people died and more than 10 houses were gutted during six days of fighting.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok last night announced an immediate 9pm to 4am daily curfew in the township to curb the violence.

The violence was apparently sparked off by dissent between opposing ANC/PAC and black consciousness groups over an examinations boycott.

Vlok called on various organisations in the Bekkersdal area to "immediately take steps to end the violence" and for leaders

to hold talks to restore peace to the township.

He said he and the police would be available to act as mediators in not just this particular conflict, but in conflict anywhere in SA.

He appealed to Bekkersdal residents to co-operate with police in observing the curfew regulations, which were aimed at preventing "hooligans and criminal elements" from preying on law-abiding citizens.

Vlok said the curfew would be implemented with flexibility with residents' interests taking priority.

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He asked employers to help police provide Bekkersdal employees, who had to commute during curfew hours, with the necessary documentation.

"Police will not tolerate any groups attacking one another and will disperse any persons forming groups," a police spokesman said.

Four bodies were discovered yesterday and with the deaths of two men on Monday night, the death toll in the township rose to 25. Police were unable to give even an estimate of the total injured.

Yesterday a stayaway was called in an

attempt to calm angry residents, but this had made no visible impact on the "tense" situation, a police spokesman said.

The SADF has been called in to help curb the fighting.

On Monday, police blamed the violence on a dispute between the ANC/PAC and the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasmo)/Black Consciousness (BC) over the boycott of examinations.

In another attempt to ease tensions, the ANC sent senior official Wilton Mkwayi to investigate the fighting.

Mkwayi was expected to release a report on the unrest soon, an ANC source said.

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ANC man on peace mission

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress yesterday sent a top official to the western township of Bekkersdal to try to quell fighting between black political factions that has killed 25 people in six days.

Mr Wilton Mkwayi and a team of assistants "will plead for peace among the residents ... the police have not been able to end this", an ANC spokesman said after four people died overnight.

The bloody clashes broke out last Thursday among youths arguing over whether to boycott year-end school exams.

Groups have since fought sporadically with axes, knives, clubs and petrol bombs, police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said, noting that scores of families have fled their homes to avoid the violence.

Captain Opperman said police had arrested eight people and confiscated two AK47 rifles as well as several rounds of ammunition.

The situation was tense early yesterday as police stood between the warring factions and fired teargas to separate the opposing sides.

The number of injured people is estimated to be about 10.

● The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew on Bekkersdal.

The curfew, which took effect last night, begins at 9pm and lasts until 4am every day.

"I wish to emphasise that the curfew is aimed at hooligans and criminal elements who prey on law-abiding citizens of Bekkersdal, who form the vast majority of residents," Mr Vlok said. — Sapa and UPI

Whites held for Potch attacks

STAFF REPORTER

TWO white men have been arrested by Potchefstroom detectives following reports of random attacks on blacks by a gang of men patrolling the streets of the town in a minibus.

The attacks took place on Sunday evening.

A police spokesman said Hector Mapeugo (22) and his girlfriend stopped some 5km outside the town to sleep in his minibus.

Two white men in a minibus surprised and assaulted Mapeugo. He and his girlfriend managed to run away.

Gutted

The men allegedly drove away with Mapeugo's minibus. It was found gutted by fire on the Potchefstroom/Carletonville road yesterday.

Andy Mototi (26) was walking along the Potchefstroom/Ventersdorp road at about 8pm on Sunday. A minibus with four white occupants stopped next to him.

One of the men allegedly stabbed and struck Mototi on the head with a carving knife. As he fled, two shots were fired from a R4 rifle.

The spokesman said Mototi had slight stab wounds on his head.

Strolling

As Johannes Ntugae (21) and Jonas Mate (19) were strolling in Louw Street, Potchefstroom, at about 10pm, two white men in a minibus stopped near them. The men got out of the minibus and allegedly attacked the blacks with a golf club and a kerie.

They took Mate's bicycle.

Ntugae was seriously injured and was admitted to the Kalic de Haas Hospital in Potchefstroom.

A Western Transvaal police spokesman said the men, aged 25 and 24, would appear in court soon on charges of attempted murder, armed robbery and assault.

Bekkersdal rivals to meet, says ANC

WILSON ZWANE and LINDEN BIRNS

URGENT meetings between the leaders of the ANC and rival political groups would be held tomorrow to address the causes of the Bekkersdal violence, the ANC said yesterday. b1p4 8/11/90

Violence broke out in the West Rand township last Thursday between pro-ANC and black consciousness students over differences on a boycott of end-of-year examinations.

The ANC expressed its concern and called for an end to the "bloodletting".

PAC spokesman Tumedis Modise said his organisation was not aware of any meetings with the ANC.

He added, however, that the leadership of all the groups involved in the fighting should be given "a chance to handle the situation".

Asked what the causes of violence were, Modise said he was still waiting for an official report from the PAC officials in Bekkersdal.

"All we have so far are allegations by our members that the ANC supporters had started the fighting by trying to coerce the Bekkersdal residents to join the ANC," he said.

Sapa reports that Azapo's Transvaal leader Gomolemo Mokae said his organisation had not been formally approached about the proposed discussions, but would agree to the meeting for the sake of peace.

The police said the army and police were patrolling the township and calm was gradually returning. West Rand police liaison officer Capt Henriette Bester said there were no incidents to report from Bekkersdal yesterday.

Jeppe massacre witnesses 'frightened of reprisals'

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HALF the people who witnessed the recent Jeppe station massacre had refused to attend an identification parade for fear of reprisals, a Johannesburg magistrate was told yesterday.

Of the who did attend, 75% had failed to identify the men, Det W/O Deon Wessels told Magistrate C J van Heerden during a bail application for the five Zulu accused. *B10m 8/11/90*

At least 15 people died when armed men went on the rampage on a commuter train travelling between Jeppe and Benrose stations in September.

Counsel for the accused Ian Small-Smith said it was odd that the police had set up an identification parade this week, seven weeks after the incident.

Opposing the application, Wessels said he believed the accused would probably go to ground and be difficult to track down and re-arrest.

Small-Smith asked Wessels whether he or the police had been placed under any political pressure to solve the case quickly.

Wessels said: "The only pressure I'm aware of originated with ANC deputy-president Nelson Mandela who said he believed whites and police were involved in the train murders. I'm sure it's not whites or policemen and we'll go to great lengths to identify and trace all the guilty parties."

The accused are Martin Ngobo, Basil Nkosingondle, Mngela Magubane, Solomon Khumalo and Mabin-
Mandla Majozi, all from the Jeppe Men's Hostel in Johannesburg.

ANC warns life insurers

DURBAN — Life insurers have been warned not to resist the ANC's initiatives in requesting that "a fraction of pension and provident funds be directed to socially responsible projects".

Don Mkhwanazi, convenor of the ANC Task Force for Economic Policy for Natal, told the Economic Development Conference for the Durban functional region a future government would be forced to intervene if current levels of deprivation among the black population were not addressed. *B10m 8/11/90*

He called for "socially responsible behaviour" on the part of financial institutions and big business, and asked why the voice of big business — which was often a major shareholder in financial institutions — had not been heard on the issue of raising funds.

"Big business should be insisting that pension fund managers invest a fraction of

their funds in projects which assist disadvantaged communities," Mkhwanazi said. "Sacrifices must be made by all in the interests of the long-term peace and stability of the country".

It was time for the private sector to meet its social obligations.

"There are still an endless number of companies which do not even have a housing policy."

"They believe that by donating funds to the Urban Foundation, they are fulfilling their obligations. But they must remember that charity begins at home," he said.

"If corporate SA does not begin at this late hour to invest in management and skills training, it will face the consequences of its actions further down the line," he said.

He also called for management approaches and philosophies to be changed. — Sapa.

Chants as Buthelezi fields hostile questions

LONDON — Anti-apartheid activists chanted slogans and waved placards outside the Savoy Hotel in London yesterday as Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi fielded aggressive and hostile questions from journalists who packed a news conference he held to present his views on SA issues. *B10m 8/11/90*

On his first visit to Europe since the

Transvaal township violence which led to nearly 800 deaths, he said the media was being caught up in the propaganda over who was to blame for the killings.

"The Inkatha Freedom Party is very aware that, as an absolute priority, violence as a political method will have to cease," he said. — Sapa.

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Bekkersdal peace call

JOHANNESBURG. — Leaders of the African National Congress and rival political groups with a hold in Bekkersdal in the West Rand meet at the weekend to discuss bloody violence that raged in the township in the past few days.

In a statement the ANC called for an end to the violence, which claimed 25 lives. — Sapa

Witnesses 'scared to go to ID parade'

JOHANNESBURG. — Some victims and witnesses of two separate train massacres in which 21 people were killed may have been too scared to come to a police identification parade, a Regional Court here heard yesterday.

Police investigating officer Detective Deon Wessels said about half the 49 people who were supposed to help in the identification had not turned up.

He was testifying in the bail application of Mr Martin Ngcobu, 47, Mr Basi Nkosingondle, 27, Mr Solomon Khumalo, 33, Mr Mengela Magabane, 54, and Mr Mabinela Majozi, 23, who are alleged to have been part of a group of men who killed six people on Jeppe station on September 6, and 15 people on a moving train near Benrose on September 13.

Detective Wessels said all the men had been positively identified.

Final argument in the application will be heard today. — Sapa

Bid to defuse Vaal conflict

JOHANNESBURG. —

An urgent meeting to resolve the conflict which has claimed the lives of at least 25 people in the West Rand township of Bekkersdal will take place this weekend.

The meeting between the ANC, PAC and Azapo is aimed at curbing escalating internecine violence in the troubled township which lies on the outskirts of Westonaria.

The move follows a visit

to the township by a senior ANC delegation led by Mr Wilton Mkwayi and an appeal from the ANC for all residents to exercise restraint. *South* 8/11-14/11/90

This week Bekkersdal was at a standstill as rival groups of youths attacked each other.

Thousands of residents have fled the area, public transport is non-existent, shops are closed and schools empty.

The conflict was allegedly sparked by differences over

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and army presence.

This week the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, imposed a 9pm-to 4am curfew on the township and there is a large police

The dead include a six-month-old infant who residents allege was overcome by teargas fired in the Mandela View squatter camp.

Naledi victims are buried

By KENOSI MODISANE

ABOUT 8 000 people yesterday attended the funeral of five of the 16 victims who died when armed men attacked residents at random in Naledi, Soweto, last week.

Those who were buried were Benjamin Moopeloa (27), Star Lekagane (32), Marks Molefe (26) and his brother Michael (35) and Leroy Mthethwa (27).

Most of the speakers, who included Mr Tokyo Segwale of the ANC, Dr Nthato Motlana and Father Emmanuel Lafont of the Ministers United for Christian Co-responsibility, called for an end to "the orchestrated at-

tacks on blacks".

"It is well known that there is a third force behind all the killings. And we call upon the Government to investigate and apprehend the perpetrators," said Lafont.

The funeral was arranged by the Soweto Funeral Undertakers Association.

A large police and SADF contingent escorted the procession. Mounted soldiers on horse back patrolled the cemetery.

Armed men kidnap leaders Vigilantes terrorise residents

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Residents of Welverdiend village near Braklaagte in the Western Transvaal are living in fear of a vigilante group which has allegedly attacked several families and kidnapped prominent civic leaders.

In statements made to lawyers, residents claimed that a group of about 25 men armed with axes and pangas raided homes and several people were assaulted during a reign of terror last Thursday night.

Valuable household

By MATSHUBE
MFOLOE

items and cash were stolen from homes as families fled their houses in panic.

The lawyers have written to the Bophuthatswana Commissioner of police "making him aware of the seriousness of the situation".

Bophuthatswana police spokesman Colonel Dave George was yesterday not available for comment on the incident.

In a statement released by the exiled chief of the

Braklaagte community and chairman of the Anti-Bophuthatswana Coordinating Committee, Mr Pupsey Sebogodi, the vigilante group were young people led by a chief in Braklaagte whose identity is known.

The people who were allegedly assaulted are: Mr Karel Molefe, Mr Steven Motsuse, Mrs Rebecca Molefe, Mr Noah Mafora, Mr John Mafora, Mrs Joanna Madumo, Mr Isaac Mathinye, Mrs Gloria Mabele, Mrs Lydia Ramothlana and Mrs Matilda Motsuse.

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Panga horror relived



"I WISH I'd known when that mob stopped my car that evil was busy in their minds. Even their stern looks did not reflect their readiness to kill.

"I'm not a member of any organisation I've never attended a single political meeting. I was a victim of the circumstances.

"But I still thank the police who came, swiftly rescued me, and saved my life"

Frank Mhlanga (20) said the words from his bed at the Lera-tong Hospital in Krugersdorp earlier this week. He was one of the many people injured at Bekkersdal, Westonia, when violence erupted there this week.

On Tuesday The Star published a picture of a policeman fanning Mr Mhlanga, who was bleeding profusely and lying helplessly on the ground. He had been attacked by a mob wielding pangas, assegais and knives.

It all started when Mr Mhlanga, a motor mechanic, was travelling with two friends in his car. They were on their way to buy a spare part. Shortly after driving off a curve in the road, he was stopped by a crowd he

ABBEY MAKOE

estimated at 200.

Suffering great pain and speaking with difficulty, he told Saturday Star his car was smashed while he and his friends were trapped inside but they still managed to run away. His friends ran in one direction. The mob left them and turned on him.

He said he tried to plead for mercy, but to no avail. As he was on the ground, the first blow he suffered was on a shoulder from a panga.

'Chopped me'

"They wanted to chop my head I covered it with hands I squeezed my knees close to my chest. I felt I was dying. No one was on my side, everybody was against me. They chopped me all over the body. For a second, I thought about my funeral."

Mr Mhlanga said while he was lying in agony, he heard one of the attackers saying in Zulu: "Mqede, comrade, mqedelele — amaphoyisa ayeza." (Finish him, comrade, finish him off — the police are coming.)

"I heard teargas fired in the

air. I knew it was the police. I wished they could see and come to help me. Within a short time I saw them next to me."

A nursing sister at the Lera-tong Hospital said several of Mr Mhlanga's fingers were almost cut off and his left hand nearly severed at the wrist.

In the hospital, he received numerous stitches in his head, shoulders, biceps and chest.

The Star's photographer, Jacob Rykliff, witnessed the incident. He said he was about 100 m from the scene and saw about 15 young men attacking Mr Mhlanga with an assortment of weapons.

"I tried to take a picture showing the faces of his attackers, but my camera lens was too short. I was frightened to move nearer. When the police arrived and teargas was shot, people ran in all directions."

"Still baffled, I moved closer and took a picture of Mr Mhlanga, who was then surrounded by police. I also watched his car going up in flames after a petrol bomb was hurled at it."

"He was alive when he was put into the ambulance but I never thought that he would survive the vicious panga assault."

GRATEFUL: "I still thank the police who came, swiftly rescued me and saved my life," Frank Mhlanga said from his hospital bed after the attack. He apparently took most of the panga blows on his arms, elbows, hands, shoulder and on his legs.

FLASHBACK: This is the picture readers of The Star saw earlier this week. A compassionate policeman fans the injured Mr Mhlanga.

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White thugs go on the rampage in Potch

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE sleepy western Transvaal town of Potchefstroom this week resembled a scene from the film *Mississippi Burning*, as four armed whites in a minibus went on the rampage, assaulting blacks.

Among their many victims were a Vaal Reefs taxi driver, Hector Mapeuge, whose minibus was set alight, and an armed SADF soldier, Andile Matoti, 26, of Soweto who sustained head injuries.

The white men allegedly drove away in Mapeuge's taxi and it was later discovered gutted on the Potchefstroom-Carletonville road.

In an exclusive interview, Matoti, a trained soldier with two years' experience in the army, said he was armed with his PBK pistol during the attack.

He said he could have killed his assailants had he wanted to.

He said he fired two warning shots but one of the four men kept on coming and he decided to flee rather than kill

him.

Two white men appeared briefly in the Potchefstroom Magistrate's Court this week in connection with the alleged assaults.

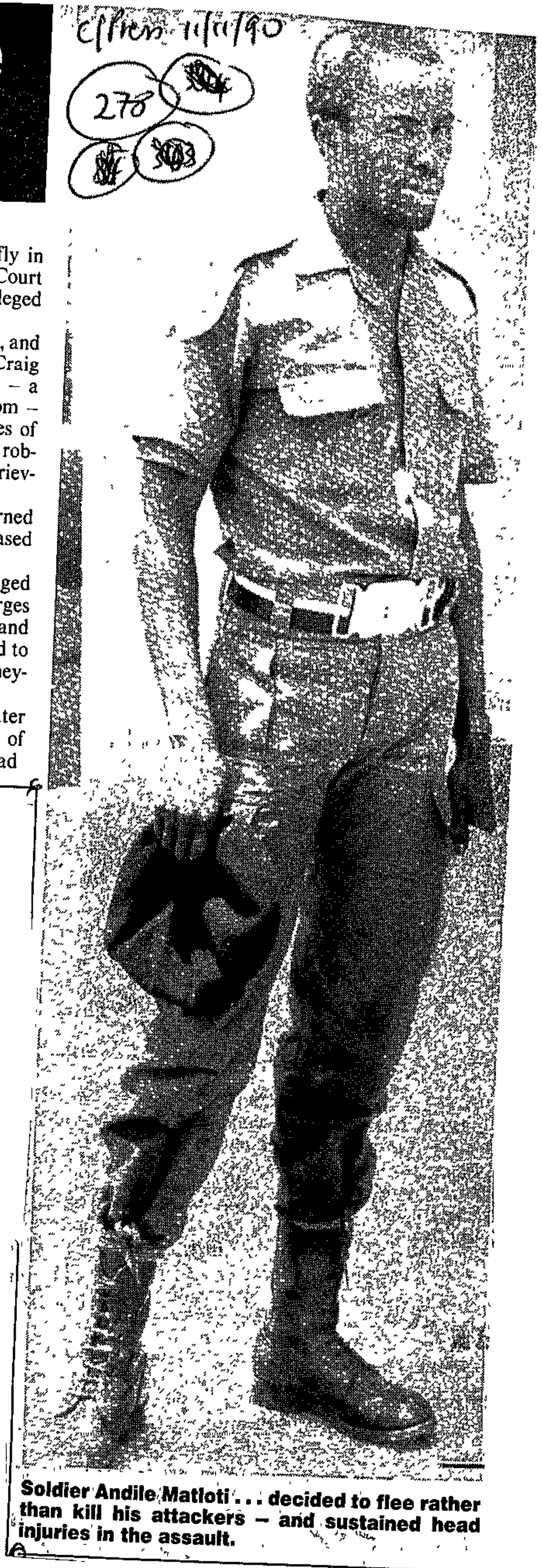
Marthinus Christoffel Visser, 25, and his brother-in-law, Edmund Craig Knoetze, 24, both of Smit Street – a blue-collar section of Potchefstroom – were not asked to plead on charges of attempted murder, three counts of robbery and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Magistrate Flip du Toit adjourned the case to November 21 and released them on R500 bail each.

Meanwhile, the case of two alleged Fochville rightwingers facing charges of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition was this week postponed to December 6, pending the Attorney-General's ruling.

Dood Minnie, 40, of Middlewater farm and Petrus Piet Bester, 30, of Carina Court were not asked to plead

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Soldier Andile Matloti... decided to flee rather than kill his attackers – and sustained head injuries in the assault.

By MARTIN
NTSOELENGOE

FIVE men charged with the murder of 21 people in the Jeppe train massacre will apply to the Rand Supreme Court for bail, their lawyer Ian Small-Smith has said.

They were refused bail in a Johannesburg magistrate's court on Friday and their case was postponed to December 4.

In rejecting their application, Magistrate CJ van Heerden said the five were evading questions put to them by the State.

Van Heerden agreed with advocate David Gordon from the Attorney-General's office that if

No bail yet for Jeppe accused

they were granted bail, they might flee.

They are Martin Nqobo, 49; Basi Nkosingondle, 27; Manyebo Magubane, 55; Solomon Khumalo, 33; and Mandla Majozi, 23, all of Jeppe Hostel.

Twenty-one people died and 47 were injured when eight men moved through a train at Jeppe in September, shooting and hacking passengers.

If granted bail, the ac-

cused might repeat the offences they were charged with, the magistrate said.

They could also tamper with State witnesses and public safety must be considered.

"The public witnesses with horror the daily killings that go on throughout the country, and this cannot be condoned," the magistrate said.

Van Heerden said the AG was opposed to the bail application.

First accused Nqobo — an Inkatha member — is married with four children.

Nkosingondle is also married with one child.

Magubane — married with five children — was allegedly found with two rifles and other weapons.

Earlier he told the court that one of three suspects on the run — Jericho Ntuseni Manyoni — ordered him to keep the firearms.

Khumalo denied being a member of Inkatha but failed to answer questions put to him by the State, while Majozi — who was arrested in Bergvlei — was brought to Johannesburg where police found a cache of weapons.

Like a bolt out of the blue . . .

SLEEPY BEKKERSDAL

FOR several years the small township of Bekkersdal near Randfontein on the West Rand remained untouched by the upheavals sweeping most black townships.

When Soweto erupted in anger in 1976 and the student-led uprisings later spread throughout the country, Bekkersdal remained relatively quiet.

Eight years later the Vaal Triangle went up in flames when residents refused to pay rent increases. The refusal to pay rent and service charges precipitated yet another uprising in most townships.

Many community councillors were killed, at least four died in the Vaal, and their properties were burnt down. Many of these councillors were forced to flee the townships. Bekkersdal was still quiet in the midst of this mini civil war.

When many townships verged perilously close to anarchy as a result of fighting between black political groupings, Bekkersdal remained unaffected.

Everyone in Bekkersdal continued with their lives. A small township of about 3 000 households, the area is surrounded by large mealie fields. Most residents of Bekkersdal, excluding the shackdwellers, know each other. Bekkersdal was for several years like a large village.

Suddenly, like a bolt out of the blue, the quiet lifestyle of Bekkersdal was disrupted. In one weekend alone, 25 people were murdered in politically motivated killings and three houses belonging to community councillors were burnt down. Houses of political activists have also been razed. Three members of one family, all brothers, have been killed.

Today many residents live in fear. For two consecutive nights this week I saw scores of people leaving the township as soon as it got dark. Men, women and children carried heavy loads as they left for safer places. Where were they going, I asked Ezulwini, Carletonville — anywhere where it was safe.

Violence between different political factions has finally come to Bekkersdal. The PAC and the Azanian People's Organisation are said to be pitted against the ANC.

The fighting has also spawned strange bedfellows. People linked to the ANC are said to have ganged up with some community councillors.

I spent about two hours at the home of Anglican priest Rev Thato Modipa. Every now and then, whenever there was a commotion in the streets, Modipa would peep through the curtains to see what was happening. It was obvious he was edgy.

Later, someone phoned Modipa to tip him off that there was going to be another attack that evening. It was a chilling message. The attackers, said his informant, claimed they were going to "finish off" what they had started doing previously.

Modipa was in a dilemma. Should he run away? Or should he stay put and risk being harmed or pos-

Political war has pitted brother against brother



Khumanego Seoka . . . has vowed to exact revenge on his brother, Thapelo.

sibly killed? In the end he decided to stay.

In Bekkersdal even priests are no longer feeling safe. Modipa's church, which was partly burnt early this year, is in a so-called PAC/Azapo area. He is therefore regarded as an enemy of the ANC.

Brother is now pitted against brother in Bekkersdal, literally. Khumanego Seoka, an Azapo official, has sworn to exact revenge against his brother, Thapelo, whom he accuses of being responsible for burning down his house.

Thapelo, who faces five



City Press political editor SEKOLA SELLO takes you behind the battle lines of the small township of Bekkersdal where, in one weekend alone, 25 people were killed in the violence that has hit the area.

charges of murder, public violence and grievous bodily harm, is on the run. His home was also burnt down but as far as his brother is concerned, he got what he deserved.

Khumanego alleges that Thapelo used their parents' home as a "kangaroo court" where people who disagreed with him politically were tortured.

Most residents I spoke to claim the problems of Bekkersdal started soon after the unbanning of the PAC and ANC in February.

An ANC-supporting youth organisation, the Bekkersdal Youth Congress (Beyco), was launched immediately following the unbanning of these two organisations.

However, members of Azapo's student wing, the Azanian Student Movement, who were long established in the area, opposed the formation of Beyco and tried to disrupt its launch.

Since then, it has been open warfare between ANC members on the one hand and Azapo/PAC members on the other. Accusations have been flying thick and fast about who is responsible for continuing the blood-letting.

While available evidence indicates that Azapo precipitated the fighting by trying to disrupt the launch of Beyco, some residents claim that Beyco members are responsible for most of the killings.

They point out that most of the dead and injured are either Azapo or PAC members. Everyone points a finger at a well-known member of Beyco who they say is responsible for the killings.

It is alleged that this member is responsible for killing Azapo member Michael Montshiwa who was buried two weeks ago.

Modipa says this Beyco member was also responsible for killing another resident at Montshiwa's night vigil.

"When this Beyco

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on bail and the latest carnage coincides with his return. This is a small township and most of the residents know each other and they know who the killer is."

Modipa says this killer is supported by re-trenched mineworkers who have built shacks at Mandela View. It is believed this warlord is also colluding with some councillors.

According to residents, these councillors saw the power wielded by the warlord and started cultivating good relations with him. They allege these

councillors gave him a big piece of land on which to house shackdwellers.

The squatter camp of Mandela View houses hundreds of retrenched mineworkers and is the powerbase of the warlord.

"The attacks against the community always start from Mandela View," says Khumanego Seoka.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus says she is not fully aware of the details concerning the killings in Bekkersdal and that ANC members could be responsible.

She says such lack of

discipline by the ANC, be in prison. At the time, with the police on any pretext, dress in a suit, they had a sonny

Mandela: Crush township councils

S/ Times 11/11/90

By MARION DUNCAN

THE deputy leader of the ANC, Nelson Mandela, has joined the demand for black city and town councils to be wrecked.

The stand — adding to the deepening crisis in the country's townships — came amid a day of violent clashes at Pretoria's Atteridgeville township. Police clashed with gangs

sign until they were replaced by a non-racial local government system.

The battle lines are now clear on the one side the ANC and ANC-aligned Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (CST) who have pledged to wreck the black local authorities.

On the other, the government and a band of black mayors and councillors who wish to stay in office, at least until segregated local authorities are scrapped and replaced by a new system.

The groups are hoping for a meeting this week to avert a looming crisis caused by a Cast ultimatum to all black councillors to resign by November 30 — or else.

Mr Mandela, recently returned from another overseas trip, backed the ANC Youth League's demand for the fall of community councillors and banishment re-

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national states, and the National Front led by John Mavuso.

A proposal that negotiations begin with local government has been made by the Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs. S/ Times 11/11/90

The council includes black and white local authorities and is chaired by Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Hennis Kriel.

The government view is that this area of negotiations could be based on the recent Thornhill Report, which recommended that local authorities be autonomous, directly elected and non-racial.

The report was drawn up by a committee under Chris Thornhill, a deputy director-general in Mr Kriel's department.

Neither the government nor the ANC would officially confirm the discussions.

Formal issues, such as whether negotiations should be undertaken by an elected constituent assembly, as the ANC favour, or in an open forum, as the government favour, have still to be resolved.

A government official said it was not yet known where the formal negotiations would take place. Details of the venue and other issues will emerge from talks now taking place with potential participants.

One motivation for starting negotiations with talks on local govern-

Killed

ANC of which leaves black local government in the worst crisis of its history.

Between 1984 and mid-1989, the homes of 120 councillors were attacked. More than 20 have been murdered.

At the moment, 257 of the 682 seats in the Transvaal's 82 councils are vacant. More than half of the councils — a total of 47 — are in the throes of rent and utilities boycotts, a debt of more than R1 000-million, as well as owing the Transvaal Provincial Administration R300-million in loans from 1988 and 1989.

Also in the Transvaal, Eskom is taking legal action

Times writer jets in

SUNDAY TIMES aviation correspondent Roger Maklins this week received a top award for his contribution to transport journalism — his third in three years.

Mr Maklins won a merit award in the articles category of the South African Transport Services annual journalism awards. His reports in the Magazine showed the other side of SAA, its technological advances and its pilots who supply excitement — and entertain-

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ment at air shows.

In 1988 he won the articles section and in 1989 the news section.

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Prominent Democratic Party members attended the funeral in Khayelitsha yesterday of Wandisile Nomathany, a 13-year-old victim of the recent township violence. From right: party leader Dr Zc de Beer, Jannie Mombere and Dene Smuts

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curfew

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday declared Pretoria's Atteridgeville township an "unrest area" after two youths were allegedly shot dead by police and three houses, including that of a town councillor, petrol-bombed at the weekend.

Vlok also announced that a 9pm to 4am curfew was imposed in the township with effect from last night.

The regulations were announced after a weekend of violence in the township sparked off by electricity cuts and the refusal by town councillors to resign.

Two youths, Joseph Lucky Phatlane (19), a Form 3 pupil at the DH Peta High School, and Prince Mak-

By MONK NKOMO

huba (9) were allegedly shot dead by police on Saturday.

Mrs Anna Phatlane, Lucky's mother, said her son was killed while walking along Madiba Street with his two-year-old sister Maphefo.

A spokesman for the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Association said yesterday they received information that Prince was shot by police in the yard at his home. He said about 100 people, mostly youths, sustained birdshot wounds after being shot by police.

Electricity

The shootings apparently occurred while the youths were trying to reconnect electricity supplies in the township. The local council had cut supplies to residents who owed rent.

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed that two youths had been

killed in the township and police were investigating. He said the youths had allegedly been shot with a heavy calibre firearm.

"Police in the area only use birdshot, rubber bullets and tearsmoke," he said.

He also confirmed that the houses of councillor Mr Piet Makwe, former town clerk Mr Solly Rammala and ex-deputy mayor Mr Jerry Phiri, were damaged after being petrol-bombed on Saturday.

A business complex, Tsherama, owned by an Indian woman, was also extensively damaged after being gutted by fire. A truck was also set alight at Thabang Bottle-store, which also belongs to the woman.

A post office was slightly damaged and a bus completely burnt out after being petrol-bombed. Police used tearsmoke to disperse youths who were involved in running battles with them.

Mass action puts strain on talks

Vlok clamps curfew on two Pretoria areas

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday clamped a night-time curfew on two Pretoria townships amid growing signs that ANC calls for mass action were straining the negotiation process.

Vlok declared Pretoria townships Atteridgeville and Saulsville unrest areas and put them under an immediate 9pm to 4am curfew in a special Government Gazette yesterday.

This followed weekend violence that left at least two dead and 28 injured.

Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said at the weekend government was becoming increasingly worried that campaigns by civic organisations, especially attempts to isolate town councillors, were creating an inflammatory environment that was not conducive to negotiations.

Other government sources indicated that attempts had been made to include intimidation of town councillors in discussions of the working group appointed to resolve outstanding questions arising from the ANC decision to suspend armed action.

Government has apparently argued that intimidation of councillors is covered by a phrase in the Pretoria Minute which refers to cessation of not just armed actions but "related activities by the ANC".

ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela on Saturday reiterated his call for the intensification of mass action, saying such action would continue until government instituted structures to address the complaints of the disenfranchised.

"Mass action is a fundamental principle of democracy to be enjoyed by all, even those with the vote," Mandela said, adding that government should be held responsi-

WILSON ZWANE and
MIKE ROBERTSON

ble for chaotic consequences of recent mass action.

On his return from an 18-day overseas fundraising tour, Mandela said the ANC remained committed to ending violence.

Also fuelling fears that the negotiation process was stalling was the failure of the joint government/ANC working group on the armed struggle to make any significant progress at a meeting on Friday.

Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani flew to Johannesburg from Port Elizabeth yesterday and was expected to discuss the apparent deadlock surrounding the working group with Mandela.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said recently the release of political prisoners and the granting of indemnity would be linked to progress in resolving matters relating to the ANC's armed struggle.

Vlok's announcement of the curfew measures was made the day before a consumer boycott and stayaway were due to begin in Pretoria and surrounding areas. The measures were aimed "wholly at criminals, hooligans and the perpetrators of violence who prey on law-abiding citizens".

Police and residents have clashed repeatedly since the Atteridgeville council decided last month to cut off electricity supplies to defaulting residents.

"I appeal to the residents to assist the police in restoring law and order to these areas," he said.

Vlok also appealed to employers to provide residents of affected areas with the necessary documents for exemption from the curfew regulations.

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Curfew

Local ANC spokesman Abe Nkomo slammed the measures, saying a "precedent" existed that "the curfew was used by government-supported vigilante groups to kill people. We really are concerned that sinister operations will be put in place under the cloak of the curfew."

Asked if his organisation and the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents' Organisations (Asro) intended defying the curfew,

Nkomo said people were angry and a meeting would be held soon to determine what action should be taken in response to the measures.

Other townships previously declared unrest areas include the Greater Soweto townships, Thokoza, Tembisa, Vosloorus, Katlehong, Toekomsrus and Bekkersdal, as well as Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads in the western Cape.

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Curfews on 2 Tvl townships

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The curfew was imposed after weekend violence which left at least two dead and 28 injured.

SAP liaison officer Major Ray Harrauld alleged police vehicles had been stoned and petrol-bombed by residents throughout the day.

He however denied allegations by ANC Atteridgeville branch spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa that police had shot dead two people in their Atteridgeville homes on Saturday morning.

He also denied allegations that police had used live ammunition.

Deputy Constitutional Development and Information Minister Mr Roelf Meyer said at the weekend that the government was becoming increasingly worried that campaigns by civic organisations were creating an inflammatory environment which was not conducive to negotiations.

Local ANC spokesman Mr Abe Nkomo slammed the measures, saying there existed "a precedent that the curfew was used by government-supported vigilante groups to kill people". — Own Correspondents, UPI and Sapa-Reuter

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Death in the air at Bekkersdal

THE tiny, innocuous village of Bekkersdal on the West Rand boasts of no claim to fame other than that Gaby Magomola was born there.

It is so small that a seasoned jogger can circle it in no more than 30 minutes.

Home for about 5 000 families, Bekkersdal is pregnant with shacks mushrooming in yards and whatever little space is available. The place is so minute you would expect everybody to know each other.

Violence

But a fierce war of brother against brother is raging - leaving a trail of widows, orphans and broken families in its wake.

In six days, since last Thursday, 25 people have lost their lives violently.

Unlike recent clashes on the Reef, which claimed more than 1 000 lives, the factions involved in this tragic genocide are the ANC, Azapo, PAC and adherents of the Black Consciousness Movement.

The common factor in both these violent (the Reef and Bekkersdal) clashes is the ANC, which makes one wonder whether a 'third force' is

By ALI MPHAKI

manipulating the ANC against other organisations, or manipulating the people against the ANC.

Significantly, the war in Bekkersdal has shown the fallacy that black internecine violence is based purely on ethnic lines.

Strange

Media reports on the recent Reef clashes made out that the fighting was between Xhosas and Zulus, ostensibly ANC and Inkatha.

The strange twist of events makes one wonder if Mr Nelson Mandela is justified in his continuous claims that a meeting between himself and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi will abate the violence which has wreaked havoc with black unity.

Elusive

Or is black unity such an elusive factor that tolerance of varying political ideas will not be encouraged by whatever the exhortations of leaders from different political organisations and church groups.

Terrified residents and observers, however, feel that the mushrooming tin-shack town, colloquially known as Mandela View, is a factor

in the violence that has engulfed Bekkersdal.

Whereas the machete or panga is used by farmers in Jamaica and South America to cut their crop, in Bekkersdal it is a weapon of war.

Daily, armed men and youths parade the streets wielding these pangas and an assortment of weapons - ready to kill.

The smell of death is in the air.

What ignited the faction was end-of-the-year examinations, which were disrupted last Thursday, when an alleged ANC Youth League group attacked schools.

ANC acts

Two youths were subsequently killed in the ensuing battle.

The ANC does not want to blame any organisation or individual for the seemingly unstoppable carnage.

Spokesman Gill Marcus says: "We had senior ANC official Mr Wilton Mkwazi and Mr Amos Masondo visiting Bekkersdal to investigate the causes of violence. We arranged meetings last Friday to end this violence. We feel there must be discussion with all groups involved to end this war," she said.

PAC spokesman Mr Philemon Telo in a recent

television interview said that the ANC was a common denominator in internecine violence. He said there had never been clashes between Azapo and PAC or PAC and Inkatha.

Crushed

Maybe black people will never tolerate differing views. This is not uncommon as many African states have just one single ruling party. All opposition is either crushed or members jailed.

But no black organisation is in power in South Africa today, which makes one wonder what the fighting is all about.

One shudders to think what would happen if a black organisation came to power.

Every day newspapers and television show black people fighting among themselves. How many people must die before this massacre comes to an end.

The president of the Methodist Church in Southern Africa Dr Stanley Mogoba recently said a return to black consciousness was the only remedy to bring an end to the violence tearing South Africa apart.

He suggested the term 'Africanism' or 'African consciousness' be used to enable a clearer under-

standing of the concept of ourselves as Africans and not Europeans or as people of some other foreign land. "The violence we see hear, he said, around us is deafening the peal of the bells of freedom we had begun to hear," he said.

Youth patrols protect mourners in Naledi

THE last of the victims of Naledi shootings, Mr Jeremiah Tseko Motaung (21), was buried at the Avalon Cemetery in Soweto on Saturday.

Motaung, a matric student at Thomas Mofolo High, Naledi, was hacked and stabbed several times by his attackers. *Sowetan 12/11/90*

He was among 17 people during an attack by unknown gunmen in the Soweto township about fortnight ago. Thirty-three people injured during the attack.

Five other victims were buried in a mass funeral held at Jabulani Amphitheatre, Soweto, last Thursday.

Youths patrolled the streets on Friday night as rumours abound that mourners at Motaung's night vigil would be attacked. - *Sowetan Reporter*.

Violence erupts in Katlehong

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5 slain

AT LEAST five people were killed in renewed inter-organisational violence in Katlehong yesterday following the disruption of a residents' meeting by armed men.

Police liaison officer for the East Rand Captain Ida van Zweel yesterday confirmed the killings and said three men were hacked to death while two were found with bullet wounds.

This followed bitter clashes at Zonk' izizwe squatter camp, south of Katlehong, early yesterday morning.

Another man narrowly escaped death when he was shot in the chin during the clashes.

Van Zweel said the fighting started when one of the feuding factions tried to force the other to support a demand not to pay rent.

Father Peter Houtorp, a Catholic priest in the area,

By SY MAKARINGE

told *Sowetan* that the fighting started on Sunday when heavily armed men fired shots into a crowd of squatters, seriously injuring a man.

Houtorp, worried about a repeat of the carnage that claimed more than 800 lives in recent weeks, said he phoned a senior police officer in Pretoria yesterday morning to express his fears.

"I went to the scene as soon as I heard of the clashes. While I was speaking to the residents there, a woman came running and alleged that the police were arming these men.

"The situation is bad in the squatter camp as there is no electricity. Something has got to be done to bring the situation under control," he said.

Van Zweel rejected allegations that the police were partial in the conflict.

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Jouberton power supply restored

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THEO RAWANA

THE Klerksdorp Town Council has restored power to Jouberton township after an agreement to which the local civic association was not party.

The council said in a statement yesterday it had reached agreement with the Jouberton Community Information Society, representatives of taxi associations, and other members of the community, and bulk services were restored last Friday until 4pm tomorrow "on condition that accounts rendered are paid to such an extent that the bulk supply account of the Klerksdorp council can be paid".

The Jouberton Civic Association boycotted the meeting.

The council of the East Rand township of Ratanda said in a statement yesterday "payment of not less than 20% in each category should be made by Friday, November 16, a further 25% by the 25th and a further 20% by November 30.

"Otherwise the supply of electricity will be terminated between the hours of 5am and 8am and again between 4pm and 8pm daily."

Meanwhile the Daveyton Town Council was yesterday reported to have threatened power cuts for residents who failed to pay accounts.

Reports quoted council spokesman Joe Moropa as saying services would be cut to defaulters from today.

Protest stay leaves Pretoria streets empty

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PRETORIA'S streets, offices and shops were virtually emptied of blacks yesterday as the majority of residents from surrounding townships stayed away in protest against electricity cuts in Atteridgeville and Saulsville townships and in support of the reincorporation of Bophuthatswana into SA.

Taxis

Shops operated on skeleton white staff, while some restaurants were reduced to serving only liquid refreshments in the absence of kitchen staff and supplies.

A Sabta spokesman said no taxis were on the streets yesterday.

Sabta members, he said, were part of the community and heeded the call by the various progressive organisations.

Secondly, it would have been uneconomic for taxis to be out on the streets when there were no custom-

ers coming.

A Putco were prevented from running, and "melodi and rades" who were from Denillemoor.

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Four hacked to death, set alight

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Gas canister hits Winnie

Staff Reporters

Police allegedly fired teargas at Winnie Mandela and a delegation accompanying her in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, yesterday.

They were visiting families of people killed or injured in recent clashes with police.

Mrs Mandela said several canisters of the gas were fired after they pulled up at the home of a nine-year-old child killed at the weekend.

"It is clear the attack was deliberately directed at me and my delegation. Police appeared from nowhere and disap-

peared the same way," Mrs Mandela claimed.

An independent radio reporter on the scene said there had been no provocation.

Six or seven canisters were fired, one hitting Mrs Mandela on the head. She said she was not hurt, but was "badly affected" by the gas.

● A two-month-old baby died in the Mamelodi Day Hospital yesterday after a teargas incident at a squatter village.

● The home of Atteridgeville deputy mayor Justus Tchungu was petrol-bombed yesterday. No damage was done.

East Rand squatter clashes leave 5 dead

By Montshiwa Moroke
and Anna Louw

the other had attacked first.

Five people were killed and one injured early yesterday during clashes between residents of Zonkhezizwe squatter camp, near Katlehong, on the East Rand.

East Rand police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweel said police found the bodies of five men, two of whom had been shot dead and three slain with pangas and sharp objects.

A sixth man was shot in the chin and was admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital.

Residents left the area yesterday for fear of more violence as armed Inkatha supporters, with red headbands and armbands, chanted war songs. Many residents fled their homes on Sunday and slept in the veld.

Yesterday there were accusations and counter-accusations from the factions, each claiming

Inkatha supporters gathered on one side of the squatter settlement sharpening their spears and singing. Women, who had taken the men food and water, gathered nearby and ululated.

In another part of the township another group, comprising mainly migrant workers from Transkei and Ciskei, gathered near the railway line after they were disarmed by the police.

Residents said trouble started on Sunday after the groups held separate meetings to discuss civic matters. Residents had held joint meetings before differences emerged.

Captain van Zweel said representatives of the Zulus, Xhosas and South African Police met yesterday afternoon to discuss the issue.

She said it appeared the problem had been resolved.

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Top policeman in bid to end Natal clashes

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DURBAN. — Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok is to send a top-ranking police officer to Bruntville, Mooi River, in a bid to end the violence which has claimed at least 16 lives since Thursday.

The African National Congress convener for the Natal Midlands, Mr Harry Gwala, said that a delegation representing the Bruntville Civic Association would meet Mr Vlok's representative tomorrow.

He said that the residents had lost confidence in the police at Mooi River, especially the station commander, Lieutenant George Nichas, as well as the Natal Provincial Administration's township manager, Mr Hennie du Plessis, and the town's mayor, Mr Theo Pratsch, following widespread violence on Thursday night.

They had been asked to step down.

The MEC in charge of local government, Mr Valentin Volker, was on his way to Stellenbosch and was not available for comment.

Lieutenant Nichas and Mr Pratsch have rejected calls for them to quit.

Mr Gwala said that the people were still very tense and feared another attack.

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AFTERMATH... Zulu hostel workers wield "cultural weapons"—including axes and whips—in the aftermath yesterday of the factional violence in a Katlehong squatter camp on the East Rand which left at least five people dead. **REPORT — Page 2.** Picture: REUTER

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Victims ... women and children abandoned their shacks and fled from the Zonk'izizwe squatter camp in Kaitshong following a fresh outbreak of violence yesterday.

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Activists flee Bophuthatswana crackdown

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

HUNDREDS of activists and members of the African National Congress in Bophuthatswana have gone into hiding to escape the ongoing security crackdown on anti-homeland opposition groups.

Following the government's revelation on Monday of an alleged ANC plot to assassinate Chief Lucas Mangope, 44 people have been detained.

Police spokesman Colonel Dave George said those arrested were being held in terms of the homeland's state of emergency.

Among the 44 detained are Mrs Laura Taylor, Mrs Bothao Maila, Mr Silas Mmepa, Mr

Mangel Panchia, Mr Mandla Magweyana, Dr

Thabo Rangaka and Mrs Nomvula Hlangwana.

The alleged plot and the nationwide operation which coincided with a work stayaway in the homeland has been dismissed as "reckless and absurd" by the ANC.

The organisation said Mangope's claims were typical of an unpopular regime trying to postpone its demise by repression.

The clampdown on opposition groups con-

tinued yesterday and more arrests were expected, George said.

He could not indicate what charges could be brought against the detainees.

Meanwhile, police moved into the University of Bophuthatswana campus yesterday, according to sources in Mmabatho.

Sources described the situation as "very tense" as police manned roadblocks. Several security policemen were seen camping outside the homes of some Unibo lecturers.

Some of them had escaped the dragnet following a tip-off about the raid.

Speaking from a "hideout", Dr David Green said a "reliable source in the establishment" had tipped him and a number of lecturers and ANC executives about the planned swoop by police on Friday.

ANC member and lecturer, Mr Paul Dalphene, who is also in hiding, said a Mafikeng attorney, Mr Mangel Panchia, was arrested on Monday night.

This was before he could bring an urgent application to the Mmabatho Supreme Court to secure the release of 32 people detained the previous day.

Three deaths in Iscor attacks

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MATTHEW CURTIN

THE toll from three armed attacks on Iscor workers in Sebokeng last week rose to three yesterday, National Union of Metal Workers (Numsa) organiser Alfred Woodington said.

He said a second Numsa member died yesterday from injuries sustained in an attack on Iscor workers returning home to the Kwa-Masize hostel in the township last Thursday.

An Iscor mini-bus driver died in a gun attack on Saturday near the hostel.

Yesterday Woodington appealed for Iscor to submit to independent investigation. (278)

An Iscor spokesman said yesterday it had accepted union proposals for Independent Mediation Services intervention between rival hostel groups and an independent investigation of workplace violence.

Claims false, say police

POLICE yesterday denied they had deliberately teargassed Mrs Winnie Mandela in Atteridgeville near Pretoria on Monday.

Liaison officer Major Reg Crewe said police had fired teargas in the township twice on Monday, once at 4pm outside a garage and again at 5pm near a railway station.

Crewe said on both occasions teargas was fired to disperse stone-throwing crowds.

He said police were

not aware Mandela was in the vicinity and there was no deliberate attack on the part of the police.

However, an independent radio reporter, who was with the Mandela party at the time, said she did not see any stones being thrown.

Teargas

The reporter also said she did not hear any warning being given by police.

She said the teargassing happened at 4.30pm and as far as she could see

there was no garage or railway station in the vicinity.

Mandela, who heads the ANC's department of social welfare, was visiting families of people killed or injured in recent clashes.

She claimed several teargas canisters were fired at her car by police who "appeared from nowhere and disappeared the same way". - Sapa.

WINNIE MANDELA





Happy days are here again as the children of Polokong Children's Village in Evaton whoop over R220 000 donated by Samancor Foundation school for the purchase of a microbus and the building of a cottage which will provide lodging for a mother and 10 children.

Black housing problem tackled

THE dramatic events of the past year have had major implications for South Africa and the Urban Foundation, Foundation chairman Mr AM Rosholt said in his annual review.

He said in spite of many setbacks the Foundation had managed to establish a Home Loan Guarantee Fund and launched the Group Credit company as part of a programme aimed at the lower income group housing.

The company provided loans between R500 and R5 000 to members of savings clubs who have demonstrated an ability to save.

Rosholt said an informal settlement upgrading the Foundation was aiming to achieve basic health and safety and to secure permanent tenure for residents.

"The decision by the Durban City Council, the Independent Development Trust and the Tongaat-Hulett Group to fund the upgrading of the Bester's Camp on the outskirts of Durban and the acceptance by the community that the Foundation manage this project, is seen as a major breakthrough for us."

He said an area which was causing serious concern within the Foundation was its housing utility companies. - Sapa.

Youths deny attack claims

THE ANC Youth League yesterday denied allegations that its supporters were involved in attacks on members of other liberation movements.

It pledged to continue fighting for a realisation of the ANC's "popular aspirations" enshrined in the Freedom Charter.

Responding to what it called "seemingly fashionable offensive diatribes which evidently seem to undermine the image of our movement" in the press, the ANCYL said in a statement the ANC had no reason to

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apologise for its track record which had been informed by its non-racist and non-ethnic position for decades.

ANCYL dismissed as "a sorry statement on concerted efforts towards a free South Africa" the Azanian Students' Movement's allegations this week that ANC supporters were "always involved in attacks" against other liberation movements.

"It does not help the cause of liberation, in our opinion, to resort to political mudslinging in the quest for questionable ends. We have to repeat here that we have no interest in dissipating our energy in constituency conflicts. What we are about is a united offensive against the apartheid system in all its ramifications.

"This commitment, we have consistently explained, must cut across the entire political spectrum," the ANCYL statement said.

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Mrs Anna Maleka now uses alternative transport

Dead scared on 'coach of faith'

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They used to call it the 'coach of faith' — the packed railway carriage carrying praying, singing worshippers to work in the city centre.

Today, exactly two months since armed men entered train No. 36 and massacred 21 passengers, these coaches are half-full with nervous commuters.

MONO BADELA this week took a ride on the "train of death":



JOHANNESBURG. — Religious exuberance has disappeared on the "Jikeleza" — the "merry-go-round" train from here to Soweto.

In an attempt to confirm the authorities' assertion that security on the trains to and from Soweto has been improved since the massacre two months ago and numerous subsequent incidents, I accompanied early-morning commuters to the city's Park Station.

The effects of the massacre are clearly visible as I board the train at Inhlazane Station in Soweto.

As I enter the "coach of faith" only 24 worshippers are present.

One of the worshippers said the coach had been empty since the attack.

Gospel preacher Michael Nkadameng, 48, a laboratory assistant at Anglo American's Crown Mines told about the fear on the trains.

He rides them by choice twice a day to preach the gospel.

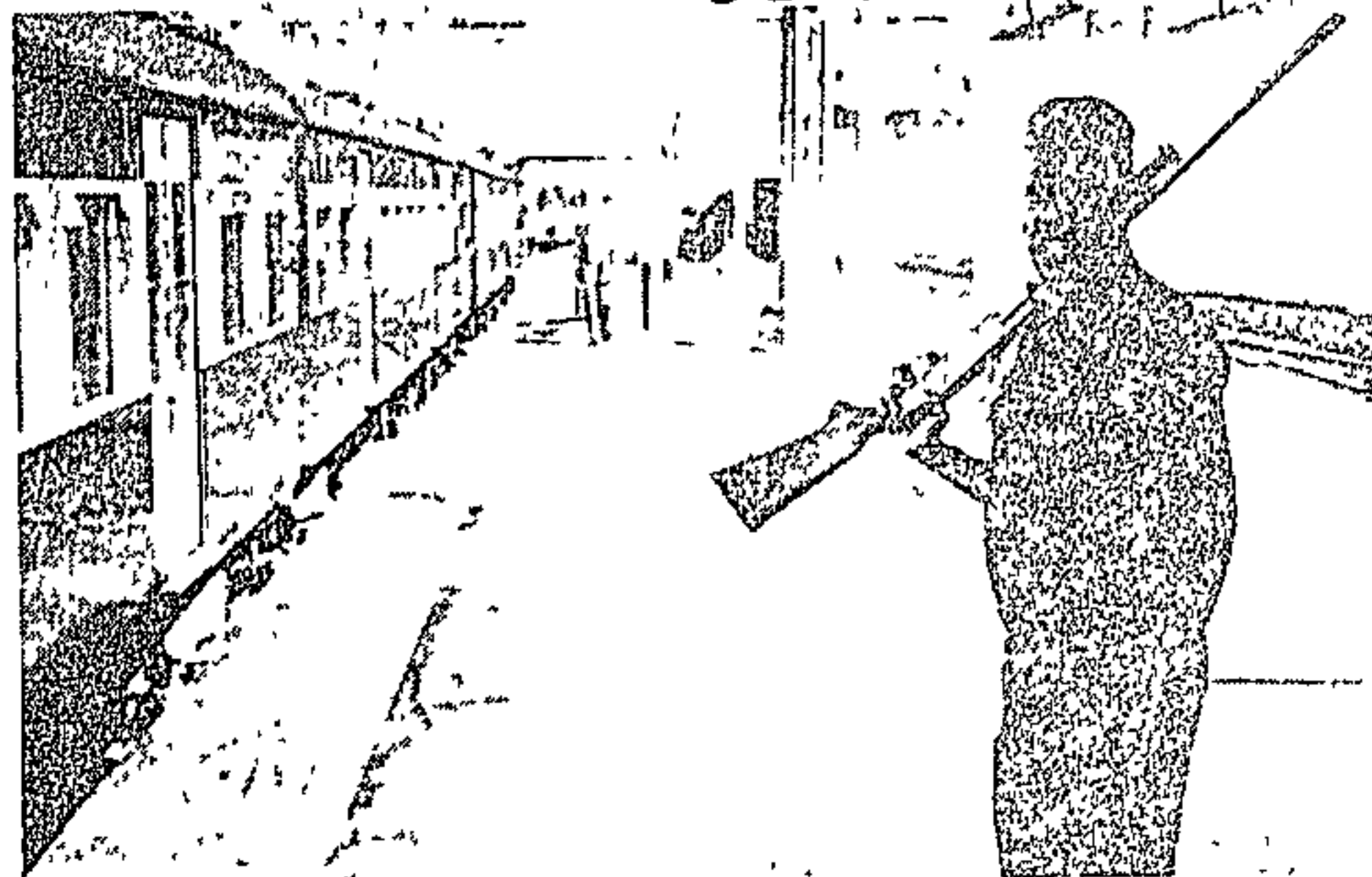
"People are afraid but I give them words of encouragement. I tell them if they die they won't lose all, they'll go to God."

Nkadameng appears to be a popular preacher among commuters.

As a member of the National Train Gospel, he has been preaching to commuters since 1972.

Up to 100 preachers can be found on 18 peak-hour trains from Soweto each

(left) Popular preacher Mr Michael Nkadameng assures commuters "they won't lose all, they'll go to God"



BEEFED UP: A shotgun-toting guard at Mayfair station, Johannesburg "protects" commuters against killer squads

morning. The "ritual" is repeated on the afternoon homebound trains.

At Inhlazane Station passengers about to take the 6.45 am train spoke of their fear of the "death ride".

Their fear is based on gruesome statistics in recent months.

In September, at least 40 passengers were shot or hacked to death on trains linking black townships with the city centre.

Some have been pushed to their deaths while others were killed jumping from trains to flee their attackers.

Inhlazane Station was the scene of the first railway killings in August when four people were killed and dumped next to the tracks.

Those waiting for the 6.45 am train had few doubts about where the threat will come from — a nearby migrant workers' hostel.

The hostel and others in the townships now cordoned with razor-edge wire under the government's "Iron Fist" operation, has been the scene of bloody clashes.

As the train arrived, those boarding faced a choice.

They could enter other coaches or join one crammed with singing ANC supporters hopeful that sheer numbers would deter attack

Opinion was divided

"Dangerous"

"The ANC carriages are dangerous. I always travel in the last coach," said a middle-aged secretary.

"The stations we pass on the way to Johannesburg don't have platforms that extend that far, so it is difficult for people to board"

In response to a question about alternative forms of transport, she said

"Of course the trains are frightening, but it's cheaper than the buses or taxis"

In the crush of the ANC coach, a youth shouting to make himself heard above a freedom song, said: "We travel like this because it is safer."

"The whole train knows the carriage is ANC, but there are so many of us nobody is likely to come near"

ANC, Azapo agree to end hostilities

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LYBON MABASA

The ANC and Azapo have held talks to end hostilities between the two organisations.

The meeting, which took place at Azapo's Johannesburg offices, was initiated by the ANC after supporters clashed

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with Azapo members in Soweto.

Mr Lybon Mabasa, who heads Azapo's secretariat, said he met an ANC representative and both agreed to tell their followers not to participate in acts of violence.

"We both agreed that the violence which erupted at Baragwanath's Glyn Thomas Residence was not necessary.

"We noted that, by doing this, our members would be playing into the hands of the enemy which is bent on causing friction

between different organisations.

"We also stressed the need for political tolerance and the need to respect one another, regardless of political beliefs and affiliations," he added.

Mabasa said he was also happy to note that members of the South African National Students Organisation (Sanso) had undertaken not to clash with members of the Azanian Youth Organisation.

A member of the Azanian Youth Organisation, Thami Mcerwa, was hospitalised after being

attacked by people believed to be members of Sanso. Mcerwa had been to visit the former publicity secretary of the Azanian Students Movement, Mr Sipho Maseko.

During the fracas 11 other members of the ASM were also attacked and chased out of the Glyn Thomas residence which houses Wits University students.

THREE trade unionists, all members of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa), were killed last weekend after being ambushed by gunmen outside a hostel near Vanderbijlpark.

The deaths have added urgency to the call by Numsa and the National Union of Mine-workers (Num) for an independent commission of inquiry into ongoing violence at Iscor's mines and foundries.

Two of the men were killed when the hitmen ambushed an Iscor bus and bakkie and fired more than 20 AK-47 rounds at passengers outside the Kwa-Masiza hostel last

Thursday night.

Handgrenade

A handgrenade was also hurled at the bus.

A shop steward, Mr Piet Mohlala, died on the spot and the second man died in hospital.

A truck driver was shot dead outside the hostel last Saturday.

The attack came hours after Numsa and Num met with Iscor management to discuss the violence.

Numsa spokesperson, Mr Alfred Woodington, said the union strongly condemned the "cowardly" attack.

Woodington said both Num and Numsa had raised with Iscor the continued presence of "suspicious elements" at the old Iscor hostel in Vanderbijlpark.

He said the hostel, known as Kwa-Madala, was taken over by Inkatha members on July 22 after clashes between Sebokeng residents and the movement's members.

He said the number of hostel inmates had grown to more than 600. Most of these were unemployed Inkatha members who had been

bused from KwaZulu and who acted as security guards.

Woodington said the existence of the "mini-commando" was discussed with Iscor on Wednesday and the unions had demanded that all Iscor employees move to KwaMasiza hostel.

Iscor has not yet responded to the demands.

By CHIARA CARTER

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In terms of an agreement between Num and Iscor in mid-October, a commission of inquiry was to be established but Iscor has since proposed a mediating committee and refused to hold an independent inquiry.

Numsa is challenging Iscor to submit to an independent investigation by the Independent Mediation Services of South Africa (IMSSA).

Numsa general secretary, Mr Moses Mayekiso, said

Numsa felt there was a link between the ongoing violence and a hardline approach to workers' demands by management.

"Numsa believes that the continuing violence has enabled Iscor to successfully take a hard line in wage negotiations and retrenchments," Mayekiso said.

More than 5 000 workers suspended a strike over wages at the company's iron ore and coal mines last week.

Inquest into Sebokeng violence begins

THE judicial inquest into the September 4 Sebokeng violence which left 42 dead was opened by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford in the Vereeniging Supreme Court yesterday.

The inquest will investigate the violence which erupted after Inkatha members allegedly attacked Sebokeng hostel dwellers. Later, SADF members allegedly killed at least 11 people after opening fire on a crowd outside the hostel.

Mr Justice Stafford said the inquest would look at who had been responsible for the 42 deaths, and reasons for the violence.

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Advocate Anton Ackerman, from the Pretoria Attorney-General's office, will lead evidence and 37 witnesses are expected to be called in addition to various police and army officers.

The SADF and SAP convened their own internal investigations into the incident.

Police dismissed allegations that white men had led a pre-dawn Inkatha attack on the hostel earlier that day.

The inquest resumes today.

Inquest hears of 278 'shouts for blood'

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VEREENIGING. — A Supreme Court inquest has started into the deaths of 42 people killed during faction fighting and clashes between crowds and security forces in Sebokeng near Vereeniging in September.

The figure includes 11 shot dead by SADF troops.

The judicial inquest is being chaired by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford who said in a briefing yesterday that a joint inquest would be held. He emphasised that the hearing was an inquest and not a criminal trial. It is scheduled to run until December 14.

INKATHA INVASION

Presenting the court with a brief outline of events, deputy attorney-general of the Transvaal, Mr Anton Ackermann, said an unknown number of people belonging to Inkatha had invaded Sebokeng hostel in the early hours of September 4.

Although the motive was not clear, the Inkatha members were armed with a variety of weapons. Fighting broke out in different parts of the hostel and about 30 people were killed.

Mr Ackermann said residents of other townships arrived later and found and trapped 157 Inkatha members in the courtyard of the hostel complex. Police arrived and barricaded the entrances to the hostel. Police were later also trapped in the courtyard.

LIVE AMMUNITION

Mr Ackermann said the mood of the crowd was angry and people were shouting for "the blood of the trapped Zulus". The police then radioed for help, which arrived in the form of the SADF. A formation of army troops advanced towards the crowd at the hostel entrances.

The SADF fired at the crowds with live ammunition and several people were killed or injured. It was not clear what had sparked the shooting, Mr Ackermann said.

The statements of two policemen, who videotaped the violence, were read out. The videos will be shown in court today before an inspection in loco at the hostel.

Boycott actions cause anger

By MONK NKOMO

YOUTHS stopped and searched taxis and private vehicles in Atteridgeville on Tuesday and destroyed goods bought in town to enforce the consumer boycott of white businesses which started on Monday.

Sowetan was inundated with telephone calls yesterday from angry residents who condemned the actions of the youths, including girls, who allegedly confiscated groceries and spilt food-stuffs at the corner of Seeiso and Themba streets in the afternoon.

"I bought meat and soap from an Indian's shop in Marabastad. But those youths were not interested in my explanation. They just grabbed the plastic bags and destroyed the goods."

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Angry

"I am very angry because I bought from an Indian who is a black person", said a woman who did not wish to be named for fear of reprisals.

Mr Simon Tshidi, acting general secretary of the Atteridgeville and Saulsville Residents Organisation which called for the boycott, yesterday promised to investigate allegations of intimidation and the enforcement of the boycott.

"We don't want our people intimidated or harassed," Tshidi said.

The consumer boycott was called by Asro and the UDF to demand the restoration of electricity in Atteridgeville and Zithobeni, the resignation of town councillors and the reincorporation of Bophuthatswana into South Africa.

ANC and police in Atteridgeville deadlock

JOHANNESBURG. — A delegation from the Atteridgeville ANC branch yesterday met senior police officers in Pretoria to discuss the unrest situation in Atteridgeville, ANC general secretary Mr Titus Mafolo said.

Two youths were killed and more than 20 people injured in the township on Saturday in a confrontation between protesters and police over an electricity switch-off. A dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed on Sunday.

Mr Mafolo said yesterday's meeting deadlocked when the ANC delegation told the police delegation to withdraw the riot police from the township and to lift the curfew. These were the main conditions conducive to normalising the situation, he said. — Sapa

Winnie overcome by gas

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NESBURG.- The police allegedly fired teargas at Winnie Mandela and a delegation accompanying her in Atteridgeville near Pretoria this week.

Mrs Mandela, who is the head of the ANC's department of social welfare, was visiting families of people killed or injured in recent clashes with police.

Mrs Mandela said several canisters of teargas were fired after they arrived at the home of a nine-year-old child killed at the weekend.

"It is clear the attack was clearly directed at me and my delegation. Police ap-

From MONO BADELA

peared from nowhere and disappeared the same way," Mrs Mandela claimed.

Six or seven canisters were fired, one hitting her on the head. She said she was not hurt but was "badly affected by the gas".

The police, however, have denied that they deliberately teargassed Mrs Mandela.

'Stonethrowing'

Police liaison officer Major Reg Crewe said police fired teargas in the township twice on Monday, once at 4 pm outside a garage and again at 5 pm near a train station.

Major Crewe said that on both occasions, teargas was fired to disperse stonethrowing crowds.

He said the police were not aware that Mrs Mandela was in the vicinity.

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'Man with blood of fellow blacks on his hands' Khoza's caught in a crossfire

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TO HIS enemies Themba Khoza is a Zulu warlord with the blood of fellow blacks on his hands. To his friends, he is a peacemaker who saved countless lives during South Africa's worst urban violence in years.

Determining the truth about his role in the Johannesburg township war between the country's biggest black organisations could shape the wider search for peace in South Africa.

Khoza's name is expected to figure prominently this month in the first major investigation of the violence, a judicial inquest into the killing of 36 people in Sebokeng township. It was one of a series of mass shootings in the six-week war.

Attack

Residents say Khoza, accompanied by four white men wearing hoods and long coats and carrying rifles, led an attack in Sebokeng in which 25 of the 36 were killed.

That charge echoes allegations that rightist white police and soldiers aided warriors of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party against Nelson Mandela's rival African National Congress (ANC), the main organisation fighting white rule.

If proven, the allegations could strain the fragile trust built up between Mandela and reformist white President FW de Klerk in preliminary talks on ending apartheid.

Slim and smartly-dressed, the bearded, genial Khoza looks the epitome of an upwardly mobile black executive.

He is single, lives with relatives in a small "matchbox"



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house in Soweto's Mapetla township and says most of his friends, men and women, are of the Xhosa tribe, Mandela's staunchest supporters.

He runs an employment agency but spends most of his time promoting Inkatha, a pro-business group long favoured by Pretoria, in the industrial heartland of Johannesburg.

Khoza (31) told *Reuters* he wanted to build better relations with the ANC and claimed friendship with some ANC officials. Without Inkatha, Mandela's group was "flying without wings," he said.

"I long for the day when I can march in the street with the leader of the ANC Youth League, demonstrating that he is my brother," he said. "We are both lions in different cages."

'Thirsty'

He said Inkatha, "thirsty" for black unity, and the ANC shared the support of poor blacks suffering under apartheid. "It's not my option to live in a four-roomed house. I want a mansion, but apartheid does not give me the opportunity."

But Khoza said the ANC had caused the gun and spear battles between migrant workers loyal to Inkatha and residents loyal to the ANC in August and September. Almost 800 people were killed.

Khoza, regional chairman of Inkatha's Youth Brigade, said he had been an in-



MR KHOZA

dispensable peacemaker who had thwarted an ANC plan to destroy the support he had built up for Inkatha.

"This is a dirty job, the riskiest job around, but somebody has to do it," said Khoza.

"Getting between people who are shooting is the riskiest thing. But how many more people must be killed before you act?"

Khoza says he spent the "war" visiting migrant worker hostels in the townships to urge their 125,000 inmates not to attack ANC-supporting residents in neighbouring streets.

"I slaved away," he said. "I had to run around like a mad somebody, going from one place to another."

"It's nonsense that I was a party to the fighting ... I'm proud, I'm very glad, I'm feel-

ing very good that I saved our people's lives, whether members of the ANC or Inkatha.

"If it were not for my moving in and out, trying to mediate, I think more people could have been killed."

His critics say he journeyed into the townships with the opposite purpose, arming hostel dwellers with rifles and transporting Inkatha war parties from hostel to hostel.

Police found five rifles in his car during one of the war's most horrific incidents, the killing of 36 ANC supporters by Zulus and soldiers in Sebokeng township on September 4.

Khoza said he was in Sebokeng to bring peace and suggested the rifles had been planted in his car to incriminate him.

"I heard the screaming of guns," Khoza said, describing an incident in which troops shot at ANC demonstrators. "You know that sound, as if a bird is running on your roof - ta-ta-ta."

"People were killed and that saddened me. ANC people were not born ANC ... I didn't want them to be killed."

On January 31 Khoza and 16 others face trial on charges of illegally having weapons, housebreaking, theft and damage to property arising out of the Sebokeng incident.

Murder charges brought against Khoza have been withdrawn.

He said he did not rule out the possibility that white extremists wanted to stir up black faction fighting to wreck De Klerk's reforms, but none had ever worked with Inkatha.

"Not a single Inkatha member has ever confessed it to me."

Family of six fight for lives

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AN East Rand family of six, including two babies, are fighting for their lives in hospital after being shot and burnt during a petrol bomb attack on their home yesterday.

The family is that of Mr Johnson Mncube of Umthambeka Section in Tembisa.

He is an official of the Umthambeka Street Committee, an affiliate of the Tembisa Residents Association, which has been campaigning to turn the local hostel into family dwellings.

A witness said a group of whites accompanied by blacks shot and threw petrol bombs into the house.

Mncube, his wife Marry, son David, daughter-in-law Siphwe

By IKE MOTSAPI

and grandchildren Masesi (16 months) and Lennox (18) were admitted to Tembisa Hospital with severe burns and gunshot wounds.

Three youngsters, Mpho Mncube (11) and his two sisters, Mando and Nomvula, survived the attack.

The attack occurred about 1am yesterday.

Mncube and his wife were shot several times.

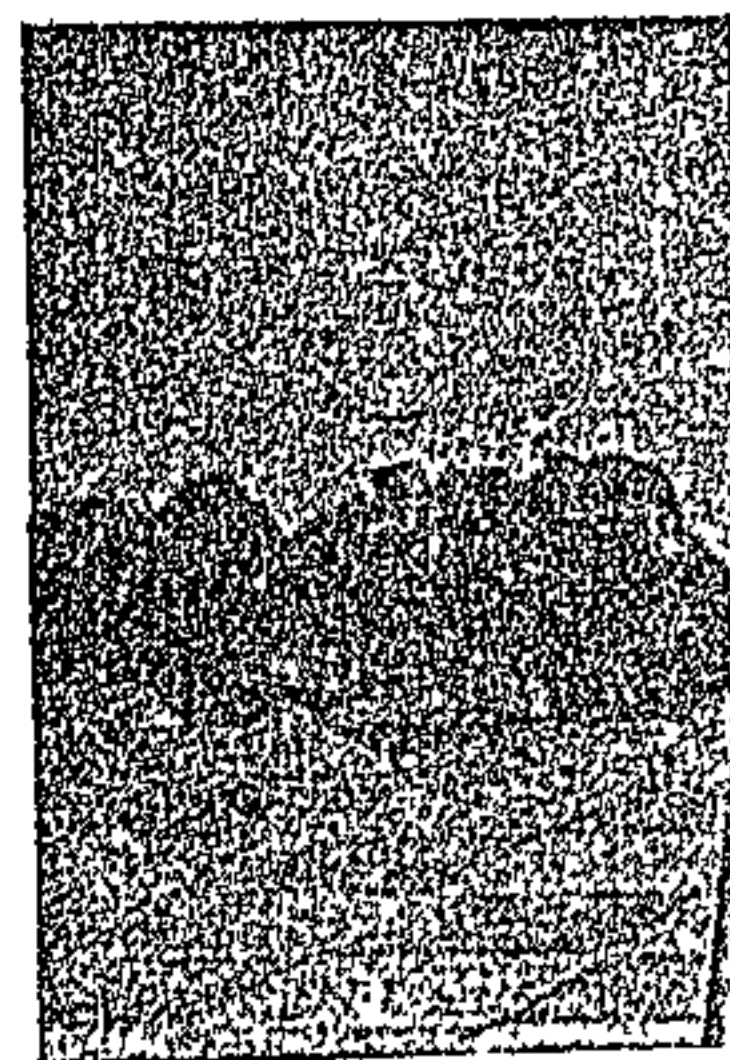
Mpho Mncube, who witnessed the attack, said the family was awakened by a loud explosion which was followed by a huge fire.

He said: "When we ran outside I saw a white man dressed in a brown trouser and vest and a teargas mask jumping

into our yard from a house next to us.

He started to shoot but he missed us. We managed to hide ourselves in a makeshift storeroom opposite our house.

"More white men accompanied by blacks arrived and started shooting and throwing more petrol bombs onto the house.



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...activities were not aimed at
...duals, he added.
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...ot involved in petty crime.

...return to work yesterday.
The Hiemstra Commission of inquiry into the Jo-
hannesburg municipal spy scandal found that al-
though Venter had not been grossly negligent, he
should have been more critical.

FOUR people were shot
dead while sitting in a
minibus yesterday near
Waterland, Bokshurg
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SAP liason officer Capt
Eugene Opperman said po-
lice came across the
vehicle at 12.10am yester-
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Police also found two
women and two children,
all seriously injured, in the
vehicle.

It was alleged that a
man approached the
vehicle and opened fire for
no apparent reason.

Police find four shot dead, four injured in minibus

The injured people told
police they waited for
some time for help to
arrive. 16/11/90

Opperman said police
arrested five men in Zonk-
wezizwe, a squatter camp
near Katlehong, about 40
minutes before they found
the vehicle containing the
dead and injured.

The five were in posses-
sion of two loaded and

cocked AK47s and a .22 pis-
tol.

Opperman said police
had not excluded the possi-
bility that the arrested
men might be linked to the
killings.

It is believed that the
dead and injured were ref-
ugees from the recent vio-
lence in Zonkwezizwe.

The injured people were
taken to hospital. — Sapa.

Youths destroy groceries in bid to force boycott

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Atteridgeville youths are destroying groceries brought in to the township by residents in a bid to enforce a boycott of white businesses.

The youths, aged between 12 and 18, have stopped and searched taxis and destroyed passengers' groceries.

A resident who declined to be named, said: "We do not need this type of action as it only aggravates the situation in the township."

He said the youths "were rude" and did not have respect for adults.

It is also alleged that youths demanded petrol from motorists.

"A RAMPAGE"

"This is no longer a struggle but a rampage by young people who are out to harass residents," the resident said.

The youth should concentrate on their education because they were the mothers and fathers of tomorrow.

He said the consumer boycott would not result in electricity being reconnected in the township nor would it force councillors to resign. "All we need to do is sit down as adults and resolve this matter before more lives are lost."

A spokesman for a large supermarket chain said although its Pretoria stores were feeling the effect of the boycott, business had not been affected "a great deal".



Townships' electricity crisis

Hundreds of thousands without lights, water

The Argus Correspondent

16/11/90

JOHANNESBURG. — The township rent and services boycott is reaching critical proportions.

The possibility of major health hazards is being mooted as raw sewage pours into Witwatersrand river systems from black towns because of a discontinuation of services.

And hundreds of thousands of township dwellers are now living without electricity and some also without water, because of non-payment of accounts.

Unrest has broken out in many areas affected by blackouts.

The latest is Atteridgeville where a curfew has been imposed after two youths were shot dead at the weekend, apparently while they were trying to reconnect electricity supplies.

And many more townships, including Daveyton, Munsieville, Witbank's KwaGuga and Middelburg's Mhluzi, are facing cuts shortly.

Some black residential areas, including Kroonstad's sprawling Maokeng, population 100 000, have had severe water restrictions for weeks.

The crisis began on September 1 when the government stopped bridging finance to townships continuing with the rent and services boycotts.

Eskom faces mounting debt with up to R70 million in arrears run up so far by 30 townships.

Said the town clerk of a large highveld industrial township: "Unless something drastic is done very soon at a national level the collapse of black local authorities is imminent."

LABOUR

Metalworkers flee hostels as Inkatha supporters move in

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HUNDREDS of metalworkers have fled hostels in the PWV area following tensions sparked by a continuing Inkatha recruitment drive.

This is according to Alfred Woodington, co-ordinator of the National Union of Metalworkers' "crisis unit", set up recently to deal with ethnic/political conflict among the union's members.

The disclosure comes against the backdrop of violent conflict at Iscor hostels in Vanderbijlpark, in which three people have died in three separate attacks in the past week.

Numsa suspects a "mini-commando" is operating out of the disused kwaMadala hostel, where a small number of Inkatha supporters fled in July. Their numbers have swollen to 600, half of whom are not

Ethnic/political violence has spread from Iscor's Natal collieries to the Reef, reports
DREW FORREST

Iscor employees. Numsa suggests unemployed workers were bused in from kwaZulu.

Two of the attacks have been on workers at Iscor's kwaMasize hostel, where the Inkatha fugitives were originally housed. "We see this as an extension of events in the Natal collieries," Woodington said. "The aim is apparently to get all Inkatha supporters to resign from Cosatu."

Woodington said 300 of the Iscor hostel fugitives have quit the union.

On the broader problem, he said:

● About 200 workers, some Zulu,

some Xhosa, had been displaced following hostel conflict in Tembisa

● About 100 workers had quit hostels in the Benoni area. Tensions were running high in the Vosloorus hostel

● Local organisers had managed to contain problems in the kwaThema hostel, but some workers may have moved to the Tsakane squatter camp

● Some hostel dwellers were displaced in West Rand townships, while members had been threatened and their houses attacked.

Woodington said serious problems were not currently being experienced on the shopfloor.

In a statement this week, Numsa said Iscor had tried to portray the Vanderbijlpark violence as a tribal clash, but believed it had enabled management to "take a hard line in wage negotiations and retrenchments without fear of effective strike action".

A key demand is for the immediate removal of non-employees from the kwaMadala hostel, and Iscor's Piet du Plessis said every effort was being made to do this.

Iscor had in principle agreed to a union proposal for an independent investigation of the violence, but wanted clarity on its terms of reference.

The company also favoured the idea of mediation to resolve differences between the two hostels.

● Iscor is to appoint an outside investigator to probe National Union of Mineworkers allegations of management complicity in conflict at its Durban and Hlobane collieries in Natal.

Inkatha blamed for violence

INKATHA was responsible for violence at the Sebokeng hostel in early September, a police colonel told a Veereniging Supreme Court inquest yesterday.

Col Frederik van Niekerk was testifying before the inquest into 42 deaths during unrest-related incidents involving Inkatha supporters, township residents and Defence Force soldiers at the hostel on September 4. *810am 16/11/90*

A police video shown to the court yesterday showed troops firing live ammunition to disperse about 2 000 Sebokeng residents who had been prevented from entering the hostel compound by police.

Inside, 137 Inkatha supporters were questioned by police before being arrested.

The barrage continued for about 10 seconds as the crowd fled. Some had been sitting in the road when SADF soldiers

TANIA LEVY

approached. The videos showed people left lying dead or injured afterward.

A dead man lay face down in a pool of blood after being shot in the back of the head. Another man, with a bloody face wound, repeatedly fell over as he tried to sit up.

A group of the wounded was attended to by residents and SA Police members on the side of the road, which was littered with stones, sticks and a petrol bomb.

Earlier the video, taken by Const Marius van Huysteen, showed police discovering the bodies of two men believed to have been killed in fights between hostel dwellers and township residents that day.

The crowd refused to let police remove

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the bodies, Van Huysteen told the court.

Van Niekerk said 35 bodies were found after the faction fighting and army shooting had occurred.

In a video taken by W/O Piet Nienaber, police were shown discovering a number of weapons and a false number plate on the back seat of a blue car which was inside the hostel and apparently belonged to the Inkatha supporters.

Inkatha Transvaal Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza, who was in court yesterday, was seen opening the blue Nissan Sentra for police who also found a

bomb made of commercial explosives in the boot. Arms found on the back seat included AK-47 assault rifles, an R-1 machine gun and a .38 revolver.

Videos taken at the Sebokeng police station showed a number of men, described by Nienaber as Inkatha members, who had been arrested at the hostel with firearms in their possession.

Three M26 hand grenades were discovered in plastic bags hidden in the tarpaulin of army vehicles used to transport the arrested men to the police station.

The inquest resumes today.

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Court sees SADF open fire on crowd

VEREENIGING. — A Supreme Court inquest into the 42 people killed in Sebokeng township during riots in September, yesterday saw a video which showed soldiers shooting into a crowd.

The crowd allegedly wanted to attack Zulu hostel residents.

The video was presented as evidence by police cameraman Constable Marius van Huysteen who, while filming the shooting, was heard to say on the recording: "The SADF members are starting to act, they are shooting with live ammunition."

A volley of rapid-fire shooting followed, lasting about 10 seconds, while the crowd scattered. Detonation of teargas canisters accompanied the shooting.

Several people were left lying in the street, at least two of whom were found to be dead, Constable Van Huysteen told the inquest.

Some who were apparently wounded in the volley were helped away from the scene.

Other wounded people, including a man who had half his face shot away, were unable to move.

The camera also filmed another man who had been shot in the back of his head.

A ripple of horror ran through the public gallery as the bloody scenes appeared on two video screens.

The shooting was a sequel to fighting which broke out between alleged supporters of Inkatha and ANC followers at the hostel in the early hours of September 4.

Homemade bomb

Police arrived at the hostel and found several bodies in the vicinity.

The police investigation that followed resulted in the arrest of 137 Inkatha members, including Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza, and the recovery of an arsenal of weapons.

Most of the guns recovered in the operation, including more

than one AK 47 rifle, at least one SA-made R4 rifle, a police issue P38 pistol and .38 pistol, were found in a car apparently associated with Mr Khoza.

The video footage also showed police finding a homemade bomb in the boot of the car while Mr Khoza watched.

Three SA-manufactured M26 handgrenades were found hidden in two police trucks used to take Inkatha members to the Vereeniging police station.

At the police station several Inkatha members were found with handguns and ammunition in their possession.

Another policeman, Colonel Frederick van Niekerk of the Vereeniging police, said in a statement made soon after the incident and read to the inquest yesterday that he was convinced Inkatha was responsible for the bodies police found before the soldiers' shooting and that they should be detained.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa

Soldiers fired into sitting crowd

VEREENIGING. — A group of soldiers fired repeatedly for about 22 seconds into a crowd of people sitting and standing outside Sebokeng hostel on September 4, and continued as people fled.

This was revealed yesterday at a screening of a police video of the incident to the Supreme Court, Vereeniging, inquest into the deaths of 42 people in the township during September.

Police cameraman Constable

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Marius van Huyssteen agreed with legal representative for the families of 12 of the deceased, that the shooting continued after the crowd of people had turned to run away.

Apart from a few stones thrown at the SADF members, there was no attack on the soldiers, he said.

Seconds before the shooting started, Constable Van Huyssteen's voice was heard on the soundtrack saying that the crowd was moving back, "slowly but

surely", as SADF soldiers advanced towards them in formation.

The 22-second volley of continuous rapid fire followed almost immediately after his words, allegedly leaving at least 11 people dead and several more wounded.

His voice was recorded saying: "The army is starting to act. Sharp ammunition is being used." — Sapa

16 die as rent dispute flares into fighting

By SANDILE MEMELA

AT least 16 people died in Zonkizizwe, Katlehong, this week when a dispute over a rent boycott exploded into violence.

Now the violence threatens to grow into a new ANC-Inkatha war, according to residents.

Residents have expressed concern over the renewed fighting in the area.

"We thought peace had returned to the people and are disappointed that this has to take place just before Christmas," said Agnes Khumalo, 65.

Already a wave of panic has spread through the area with residents fleeing their homes after a series of dusk attacks by assailants armed with AK-47s.

Stunned survivors of the new wave of violence described the past week as a "living hell" and have sought refuge in surrounding areas of Palm Ridge, Natalspruit Hospital and nearby police stations.

Scores of others have escaped into houses of relatives and friends in Thokoza, Se-



Residents flee strife-torn Zonkizizwe clutching the few possessions they could carry. The violence seems set to escalate into another ANC-Inkatha war.

Picture: ANDRIES MCINEKA

bokeng and Natalspruit.

Zonkizizwe - which means "all nations" - was tense this week as residents returned to the area in daytime to salvage whatever possessions they had left behind.

The outbreak of violence followed a community gathering last Sunday which ended abruptly after alleged Zulu-speaking men attacked residents.

This follows a dispute over joining the rent boycott.

East Rand TPA spokesman Tom Botha said a faction in the community wanted to

engage in a rent boycott and not pay for water and sewage services.

"Apparently some of the residents were unwilling and said they did not want to be part of self-serving political groups in the area," said Botha.

Water-tanker drivers were intimidated and could not go into the area.

"It was impossible for us to move in and things only got better under police escort."

Residents said a rent-office employee, Khehla Petros Maduna, was shot and

killed after he had defied the call from a faction not to pay rent.

But Botha said Maduna's killing could have been a personal issue.

Residents said the rent dispute was being overtaken by tribal prejudice and Zulu-speaking men had pledged to attack non-Zulus in the area.

A Swazi-speaking man who asked not to be identified told *City Press* he spent a night on his shack roof on Tuesday after groups of Zulu-speaking men went on the rampage.

"I heard sounds of gunfire and saw them shoot randomly at

men who were not Zulus. I only escaped because it was dark and I could not be spotted."

He said he was living in fear of his life and could not return to his shack until the fighting subsided.

Late this week it was tense in Zonkizizwe and hundreds of shacks had their curtains drawn and windows shut.

Zonkizizwe was established last August and has a population of about 80 000. Many of the residents escaped the recent Reef war that claimed 800 lives in Katlehong and Thokoza.

Cops, marchers fight pitched battles in central Jo'burg

STREET MOB RUNS WILD

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A RUNNING battle broke out in the streets of central Johannesburg yesterday as black protest marchers, flat residents and shoppers confronted SADF troops and riot police.

One man was killed and at least 12 people injured — some by shotgun fire — in pitched battles lasting several hours.

Troops and police armed with sub-machine guns, R1 rifles, 9mm handguns, shotguns, rubber bullets and teargas faced a 300-strong crowd that gathered mid-

morning to protest against black local authorities.

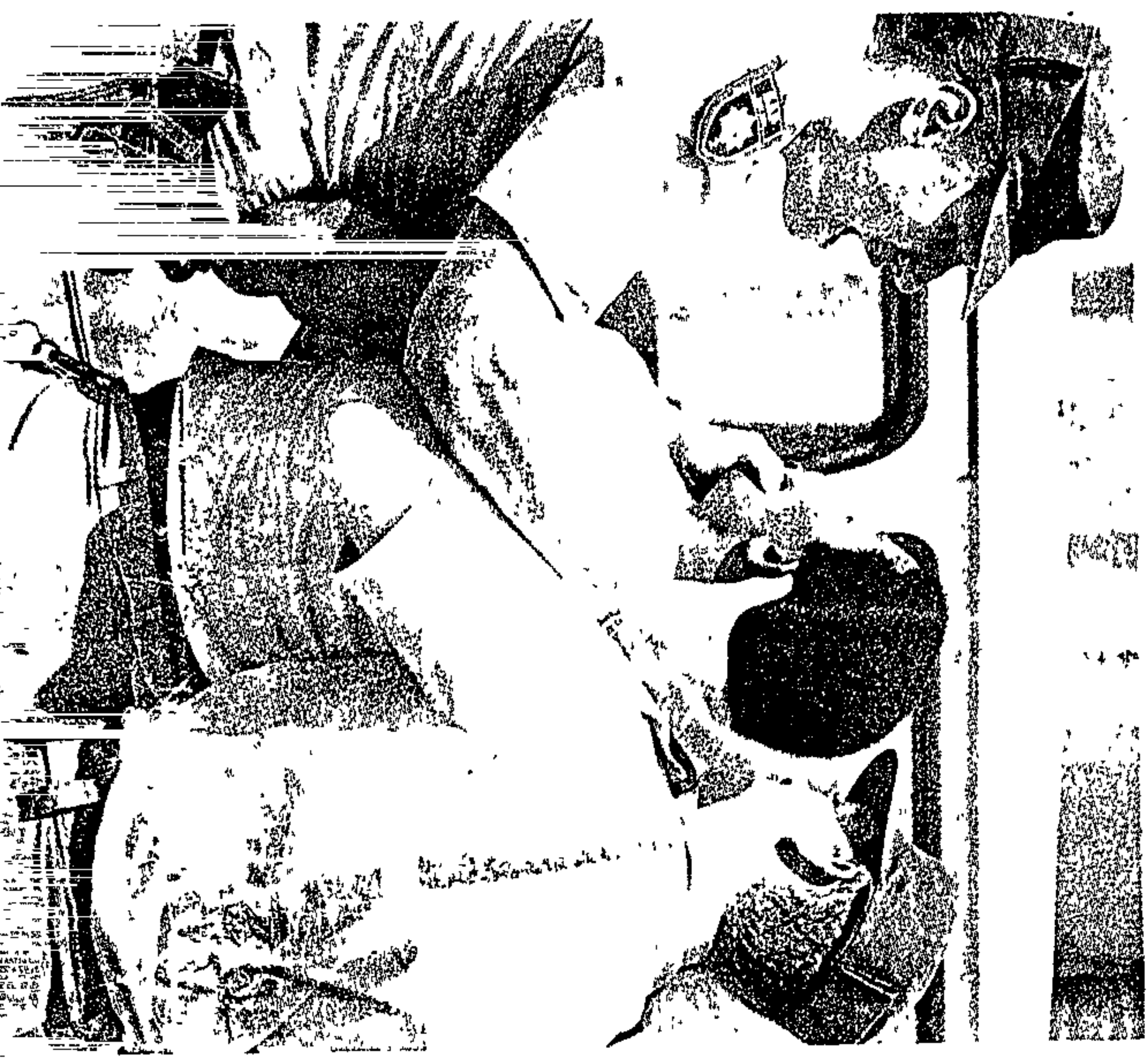
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Shocked

Said Cast assistant general secretary Cas Coovadia, who was hit by a rubber bullet during the Johannesburg march: "Germiston is proof that we can organise and carry out peaceful protests. There was no need for all the violence today. It was unprovoked and unnecessary."

Shocked Saturday shoppers in Johannesburg were unwilling to join the angry crowd which had swelled to at least 2 000 by noon. They were trapped in shops, under cars and behind vendor trolleys as riot police fired volleys of teargas and rubber bullets in several directions, hitting many who were simply passing by on their way home.

Bottles, bricks and concrete blocks — some weighing up to 10kg — rained down from flats and office rooftops, hitting police, cars and kombi taxis.

People on the streets threw stones and empty bottles.

On the corner of Hoek and Bree streets a 77-year-old Soweto man, Nathaniel Mpoa, and a crippled vendor, Mpo Molefe, 37, lay wounded and bleeding — peppered by shotgun pellets. A taxi with

shattered windows and bullet holes in the bodywork stood abandoned nearby.

Ambulances rushed scores of injured people — most with rubber bullet and shotgun wounds — away from the scene to the Hillbrow clinic.

The riot was contained within four city blocks: between King George, Eloff, Bree and Noord streets.

The drama began at 10.15am when about 300 Cast supporters gathered on the corner of Wanderers and De Villiers streets for a planned "mass action" march against township councils.

When police warned the crowd to disperse, march organisers asked for 30 minutes to inform the rapidly-swelling throng that the march had been called off.

An unidentified police captain gave them five minutes. Fifteen minutes

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TEARGAS AND BULLETS ... Johannesburg's city centre resembled a war zone yesterday. Here a woman stumbles as a p

Mobs run wild in street battles

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later police fired the first volley of teargas down Wanderers Street after giving a two-minute warning for the crowd to disperse.

Mini-riots erupted in adjoining streets. Police reinforcements — aided by fully-armed SADF troops — moved in. The sound of gunfire came from several nearby battles.

At noon a crowd in Wanderers Street cheered as police released several people who had been detained earlier. They then refused to disperse, blocking traffic as they celebrated by toy-tossing and singing.

Minutes later police and troops were back again firing shotgun rounds, rubber bullets and teargas. The fighting flared up once again.

Police moved into flats and on to rooftops in an attempt to stop residents hurling missiles into the crowded streets.

Two police vans were petrol-bombed, one of which had to be towed away.

Last night police spokesman Captain Eugene



PEACE ... the Cast march through Germiston, the only one given legal sanction, went off peacefully
Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

Opperman said in a statement that five policemen, a traffic officer and eight demonstrators were injured in the clash. Some of the demonstrators were hit by birdshot and rubber bullets.

He said three people were arrested on charges of public violence.

"It is more than obvious that certain leaders and organisations cannot control their supporters and members," he said.

Outside the Johannesburg Sun hotel, tourists watched police dispersing a

crowd using dogs.

On the West Rand, troops and police combined to prevent another banned march.

Armed SADF members ringed Toekomsrus and prevented the entry of vehicles with three or more passengers, while police patrolled the streets.

Roadblocks were also erected in Kagiso and Munsieville, and several people were detained briefly.

A Cast Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday afternoon demanded the resignation of all black

councillors as well as "Indian and coloured management committee members" and the dismantling of the black local authority system.

In Cape Town, scuffles and angry exchanges between police and protesters marred a heat-drenched march that stopped traffic in the central city, reports KURT SWART.

Over 2 000 people participated in the ANC-organised protest against black local authorities and other grievances, including the rising cost of living.

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Police officer charges her while a man tries to protect his face from tear gas

Pictures: SUE KRAMER



FLASHPOINT ... policemen arrest a protester at the height of the violence in Johannesburg's streets yesterday morning
Picture: TOM EDLEY

We will fight them from the balconies ...

By MARK STANSFIELD

A BLIND man tapped and stumbled his way down Johannesburg's Wanderers Street while bullets, tear-gas, bricks and bottles flew all around him.

"What have I landed in?" the confused man asked. "Nobody knows," came the reply as he was pulled to safety.

That summed up the cha-

os in the city's streets yesterday. Nobody knows how or why a relatively peaceful crowd at 10am turned into a savage mob 30 minutes later.

There were some bizarre scenes.

While protesters and police shot and threw missiles at each other, pot-bellied men sat on their flat balconies, sipping beer and brandy while watching the chaos below.

"Who needs television when there's action like this?" someone shouted from a balcony before throwing an empty beer bottle into the mob below.

A father and his terrified five-year-old son crouched behind a dustbin as rocks, bottles and bullets whistled past.

Wounded

A drunk staggered up the road.

"Take the kid out of here ... you'll warp his mind!" he shouted angrily.

But there was no way out because wherever one ran there were battles raging.

In Hoek Street a man was being savaged by two police dogs. Nearby lay a badly wounded 77-year-old man, bleeding from shot-gun wounds.

The dog handlers thought the cornered man was swearing at them — he was actually attempting to say "police" as the dogs savaged him.

It turned out he was a plain-clothes detective. There were no apologies.

"Now the war starts," shouted a man gleefully, rock in hand, as he dashed by.

"Viva M K ..."
A nattily-dressed elderly man in a white suit ambled past and whispered "What the hell's M K?"

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GOSFORTH PARK
There were 50 winners with each collecting a dividend of R29 331.90. Numbers: 6, 4, 12, 13, 13, 4, 2.

CLAIRWOOD
Only 5 punters managed to scoop a payout of R210 883.40. Selections: 1; 2, 5, 5; 11, 2, 8.

KENILWORTH
There were no winning tickets. Carryover dividend R262 786.12. Combinations: 2; 4, 2, 5; 6, 6.

Thatcher a 'lost cause'

MARGARET THATCHER faces growing rebellion in the ranks of her ruling Tory Party this weekend.

Many of her supporters now feel she is a lost cause.

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IS THE TEAM

Johanson, whose penetrating views have been widely published this week as a columnist for the Sunday Times Magazine, she studied at Rhodes, CT and Unisa, and has taught Jewish of Phillip Ziegler's King of Photography appears on Page 23.

winner of a National video competition's Sunday Times Magazine. fill in — just be sure to get the magazine

"When an invitation reads, 'Dress to suit', be sure whether it means I must wear a lounge suit is acceptable."



* A London man-about-town follows: "In days past, 'dress to suit' meant 'black tie' formal age, the choice of a com acceptable." As to the selection: Mills Special is eminently suitable for their fine, expensive tobaccos & cigars.



England's Lux

Violence

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After they left, hostel dwellers went on the rampage, burning a Vaal Transport bus and then torching the beerhall in the centre of the hostel, according to Capt Bester.

"Police arrived shortly afterwards, but took no action. They are currently patrolling the area. The situation is tense," she added. Sapa.

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Tvl A-G sets story straight

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THE Attorney-General for the Transvaal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court, Mr D B Brunette, SC, said on Saturday he had the greatest respect for the findings of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 this year, and stressed that he had never rejected those findings.

Brunette said in a statement several reports regarding possible prosecution following the findings of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry appeared in the Press during the past two weeks.

"In most of them the position regarding the possibility of prosecutions is reflected in the wrong perspective," Mr Brunette said.

"I refer here particularly to the article: 'Attorney-General on Trial' by Dennis Davis in *Sunday Star* of 11 November, 1990, in which he alleges that I refuse to act

on the commission's report.

"The true fact of the matter, which I have repeatedly stated to the Press, is that I have not yet taken a decision whether to prosecute or not in respect of any of the events covered by the report of the Goldstone Commission."

Criminal trial

In a criminal trial the prosecution had to prove the facts on which the State's case rested, beyond a reasonable doubt.

"This is not the case in proceedings before a Commission of Inquiry, where there is no prosecution or State case, and where findings are usually made on a preponderance of evidence. The result is that evidence led before a commission has to be carefully re-evaluated before it is decided whether or not it will stand up to the heavy burden of proof in a criminal trial." - Sapa

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An injured fellow demonstrator is carried away after street battles between police and protesters in Johannesburg's city centre on Saturday. Two protesters died after the clashes, in which at least eight marchers and six policemen were injured. Picture: REUTER

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Civics to target Jo'burg

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Sapa reports violence erupted when police used force to disperse a crowd of about 1 000 who planned to march to the Transvaal Provincial Administration offices to demand the scrapping of township councils. Police said the

marchers ignored an order to disperse.

Some demonstrators fled into a building from where they fought police.

"Objects and petrol-bombs were hurled at policemen and defence force units from the windows and the rooftop," police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said, adding police entered the building — Park Chambers — and ordered protesters to leave.

"The outside doors of the building were locked by the police. This action had the desired effect and the number of attacks on the police subsided considerably."

However, he added, a few attacks occurred after that. Police responded with birdshot.

Hours after relative calm had returned, police units continued patrolling the area.

Capt Opperman blamed organisers of the Johannesburg march for the clash.

"It is more than obvious that certain leaders and organisations cannot control their supporters and members," he said.

In Toekomsrus township, police fired tear-smoke at stone-throwing demonstrators gathering to defy the magisterial order banning a march. No one was reported injured.

Business Day Reporter

Man shot dead en route to Soweto rally

A ZULU man was shot and killed — allegedly by a fellow Inkatha supporter — at Soweto's Dube Station yesterday while he was on his way to a Sofasonke Party rally.

Inkatha Freedom Party supporters carrying sticks, assegais and homemade axes and wearing red headbands made up the bulk of the approximately 10 000 people who attended the meeting at the Jabulani amphitheatre.

"Victor", a witness at Dube Station, said a man was shot — apparently accidentally — at about 10am when a fellow Inkatha supporter opened fire with a machine gun. Both were among hundreds who crossed the railway line from Dube hostel to attend the rally.

Victor said five shots had been fired, but did not appear to have been aimed at anyone. The

body, covered in an orange blanket, was still lying in the street yesterday afternoon.

Police were not available for comment.

Sofasonke Party executive member and Soweto councillor Hazel Nkosi said the rally had been called to promote unity among all organisations. Issues which would be addressed included the official transfer of housing stock to the original owners. The original owners of about 20 500 old stock houses were asked to come forward to take transfer of the houses, said Nkosi. People without 99-year leases were asked to buy their land in order to obtain freehold rights.

TANIA LEVY

Strong criticism for 'Beirut-like' violence

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Mr Ian Davidson has sharply criticised authorities for the bloody outbreak of violence that saw downtown Johannesburg "almost descend into a Beirut situation" on Saturday.

His criticism came as the death toll rose to two after an injured person died in hospital.

About 20 people, including passers-by, hawkers, policemen and a traffic officer, were injured in pitched battles lasting several hours between flat residents, protest marchers and police.

"It was totally unnecessary and the bloodshed and loss of life could have been avoided," Mr Davidson said.

POLICE LAY BLAME ELSEWHERE

Police have blamed the ANC-backed Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast).

SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said last night: "Blame for what happened rests squarely with Cast and their supporters. It is more than obvious that certain leaders and organisations cannot control their supporters — it would seem that the demonstrators controlled the leaders."

A magistrate on Friday refused permission for the march in spite of the city council giving approval.

Mr Davidson said the period of notice banning the march was inadequate and that police seemed not to have taken this into account when asking protesters to disperse.

"The city council gave Cast permission to hold the march on Monday, well before it was to take place, but the magistrate informed the organisers of his decision only at 4.15pm on Friday.

"If the magistrate believed the march would create problems, the least he could have done was communicate his refusal well in advance," he said.

"The gathering was given only five minutes to disperse, which was inadequate as it takes time to communicate to people what is going on." Mr Mac Maharaj, ANC national executive member, told a rally in Lenasia that full responsibility for the violence lay with the government.

Mr Sam Ntuli, general secretary of Cast, said last night: "It was unfair of the magistrate to refuse permission for the march and to tell us only at 4.15pm on Friday after we had timeously gone through all the correct channels."

Actstop general secretary Mr Pressage Nkosi said: "We have instructed the ANC to reconsider their stand on the armed struggle. The ANC and the MK are the only ones who can protect us."

'Police opened fire without warning'

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — A gunshot victim in Saturday's bloody battle in Johannesburg thought the planned march that erupted into violence when police opened fire on protesters was legal.

Speaking from his Hillbrow Hospital bed yesterday, Mr James Khubeka, 30, of Zola, Soweto, also said he had not heard any order from police to disperse before they opened fire.

Mr Khubeka had to have an operation on Saturday night after being shot and wounded.

"About 500 of us were standing on the corner of Commissioner and Anderson streets and had just started singing Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika when police ran towards us, hitting us with batons and shooting rubber bullets," he said.

Mr Khubeka described how screaming people fled in all directions when police opened fire.

"It was all very unexpected. We didn't know it was going to happen. We were given no warning," he said.

Mr Khubeka, who was in the back of the crowd, was shot in the back and his 68-year-old mother, Mrs Esta Khubeka, was beaten on the neck with a police baton.

They were taken to hospital by ambulance, where Mrs Khubeka was later discharged.

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SA's only black nuclear physicist quits on threats

JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa's only black nuclear physicist says he has decided to emigrate because ANC "comrades" have sabotaged his science classes for children whose schooling has been disrupted by township troubles.

"When black activists start destabilising the best efforts of their own people, then it's the last straw," Dr Gordon Sibiyi said. "So I am leaving."

Dr Sibiyi, 40, was born and schooled in Soweto and obtained his doctorate in nuclear physics from Stuttgart University. He founded the Saturday Science Tuition Project at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1986. It began with 65 children who wanted to catch up with their studies at weekends. By 1988 the project had 1 200 students and 36 teachers.

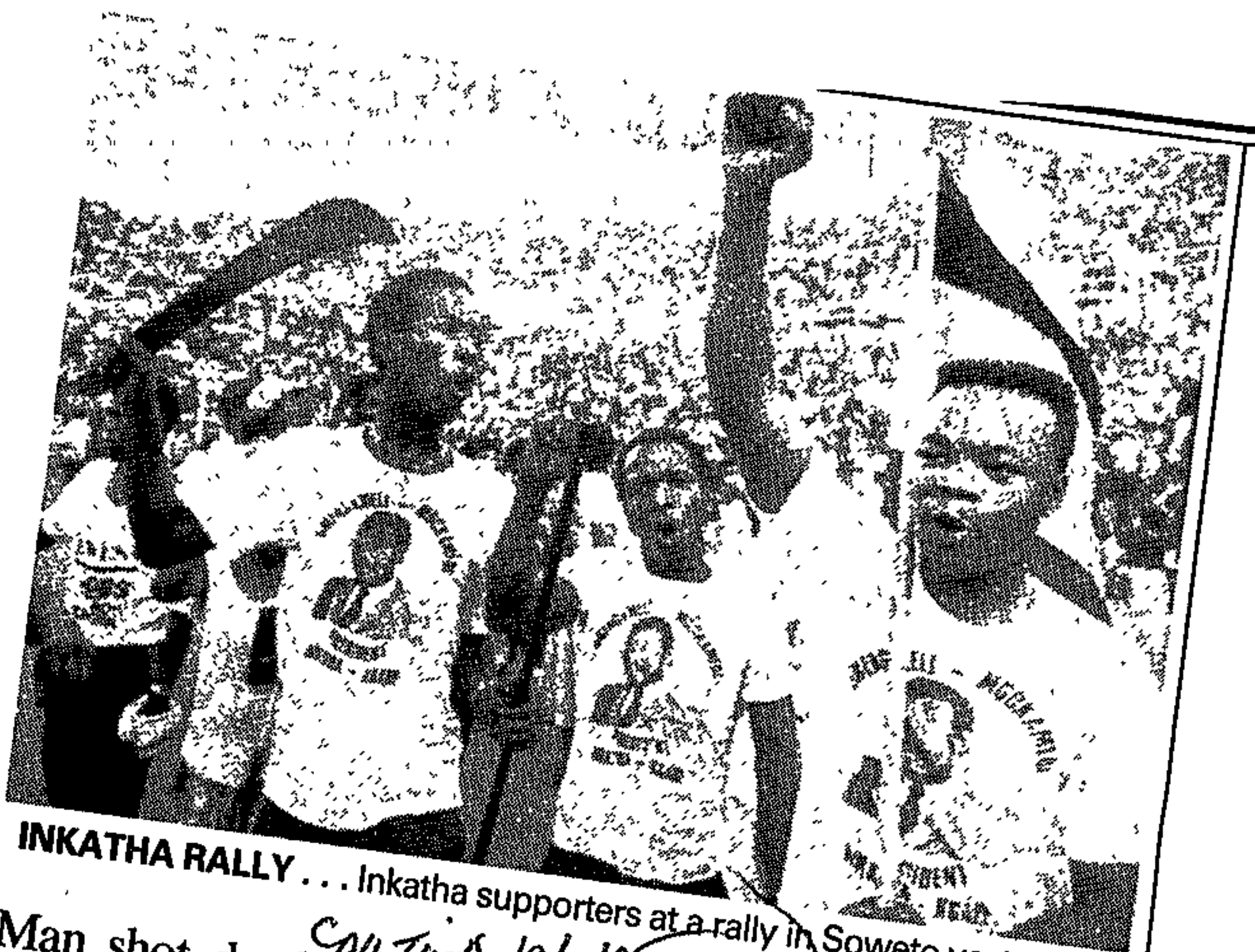
But this year has proved a disaster. "February 2 effectively buried black education," said Dr Sibiyi — student organisations enforced boycotts, teachers' unions launched strikes and Mrs Winnie Mandela identified black schools as "legitimate military targets".

"There was a sharp drop-out rate from our Saturday classes from about March," he said.

"We seemed to be fighting a losing battle. The National Education Co-ordinating Committee is actually a political organisation, engaged in a power struggle. It should be fighting a war for development but, by its antics, it has instead called on African children to destroy themselves. I'll never forgive them for that."

Dr Sibiyi was finally forced to give up by death threats from ANC "comrades", ordering him to stop his Saturday teaching.

An NECC spokesman declined to comment on what she described as Dr Sibiyi's personal decision. — Daily Telegraph



INKATHA RALLY . . . Inkatha supporters at a rally in Soweto yesterday.

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Man shot dead on way to rally

JOHANNESBURG. — A man was shot dead by unknown gunmen near Dube station, Soweto, on his way to a rally at the Jabulani Amphitheatre yesterday.

An estimated 40 000 people attended the otherwise peaceful rally, most Inkatha members wielding "traditional weapons". — Sapa

Violence in Sebokeng

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Plans for new stayaways ²¹⁸

Own Correspondent

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Eight protesters were injured and seven arrested when police fired rubber bullets and birdshot at the protesters, who retaliated with petrol bombs, bottles and other missiles. Other reports said about 20 people were injured in the clash.

Six policemen were injured, one seriously.

The planned march was one of five marches prohibited by the authorities amid a row between the ANC and the government over mass protest action against apartheid. A march in Germiston was allowed to go ahead.



Pallbearers carry the coffin of ANC cadre Mthuthuzeli Tatane during the mass funeral in Atteridgeville near Pretoria on Saturday.

Funeral victim in critical way

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A 54-year-old man was shot and critically wounded by police and a shop looted and gutted after the joint funeral of two youths and an ANC cadre in Atteridgeville on Saturday.

Mr Johannes Maphoka was shot while walking on a pavement with a priest about 200 metres from Mr Tom Mosupye's shop which was petrol bombed by youths.

Maphoka was still unconscious and in a critical condition at the Kalafong Hospital yesterday. He underwent an emergency operation on Saturday night to remove the bullet.

A spokesman for the family said Maphoka, a messenger at Standard

By MONK NKOMO

Bank, was shot by four whites and a black policeman travelling in a white Mazda car which had no registration plate.

Police Liaison Officer Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen yesterday confirmed only the petrol bombing of Mosupye's shop. His other shop was extensively damaged after being looted and petrol-bombed last week.

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The violent incident occurred a few hours after the burial of Lucky Patlane (19), a standard eight pupil at the DH Peta Secondary School and Prince Makhoba (9), a standard one pupil, both

of whom were shot by police last Saturday. They were buried jointly with ANC cadre Mr Mthuthuzeli Tatane (27) who died in Lusaka on November 3 after a short illness.

Addressing about 6 000 mourners at the Super Stadium, Mrs Winnie Mandela, head of the ANC's welfare section, condemned the killing of the two youths and warned the Government that ANC cadres were on standby "and at attention awaiting an order to fire".

Mandela called on black people to intensify the struggle and said blacks should not abandon or suspend their right to defend themselves.



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Bruma Lake.

2 killed in city clash

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Soweto
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TWO people died and six policemen were injured, one seriously, when clashes between protesters and police broke out on Saturday in the Johannesburg city centre after permission to march was refused.

Eleven injured people were treated by a Soweto Civic Association emergency aid unit.

Witwatersrand police spokesman, Captain Eugene Opperman, yesterday said names of the dead people would be released after their next-of-kin had been informed.

Opperman said six police vehicles were extensively damaged by petrol bombs and "objects" thrown by protesters.

The march was organised by Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) as part of a mass action campaign to demand the resignation of councillors, the dismantling of Black Local Authorities and restoration of power supplies to the townships.

Spokesman for Cast, Mr Cas Coovadia, said permission for the march was granted by the Johannesburg City Council but the magistrate told Cast on Friday that permission had been refused.

"We were unable to inform our people of the refusal at such a short notice.
"We pleaded with the police to allow the march to proceed but they refused and gave people five minutes to disperse," said Coovadia.

Attempts by Cast leaders to urge the crowd to disperse were unsuccessful and when riot police started firing teargas and rubber bullets people fled in all directions around the city centre.

Ensued battles grounded traffic to a halt in Wanderers Street and businesses in the area were forced to close early.

*Meanwhile, three victims of the recent unrest in Bekkersdal were buried on Saturday. Representatives of political organisations in the area said only five of the 25 victims had been identified. They appealed to mine workers in Carletonville to check who of their friends and relatives were missing.

Violence erupts in East Rand township

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FIGHTING on Sunday night claimed at least 19 lives in the East Rand shack settlement of Zonkezizwe, near Vosloorus, police said yesterday.

Residents put the death toll at 27.

The East Rand townships of Vosloorus, Katlehong and Thokoza were quiet yesterday, although the bodies of three men were found in Vosloorus at the weekend.

At least 46 people have died in unrest-related violence since the start of the weekend, 22 of them on the East Rand. Seven people were killed and 17 injured in Natal and the Cape.

At Zonkezizwe yesterday, police found the bodies of 19 men who had been shot and

**LINDEN BIRNS
and WILSON ZWANE**

hacked to death. East Rand police liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweel. She denied Xhosa residents' allegations that police and the SADF had initiated the violence.

Transkei consul-general Victor Mditshwa, who was at the settlement yesterday, said squatters had briefed him on the carnage and sought his help.

He said Xhosa-speaking residents had been camping in the veld since November 11, when Inkatha supporters allegedly attacked and evicted them from Zonkezizwe.

The residents had alleged that SAP members had shot at them and prevented them returning to the township on Sunday, he said.

Van Zweel said: "Police were stationed at Zonkezizwe throughout Sunday night and did not see any faction fights, so we think it must have been sporadic isolated incidents."

The attacks had apparently taken place in one part of the settlement while police patrolled another.

Late yesterday Mditshwa appealed to police for help in transporting refugees to the nearby Phola Park squatter camp.

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Van Tonder told the court there were between 30 and 40 young "boers" with the same aspirations as

sen after their arrest, Lottering said this had been Goosen's wish. The trial continues today.

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Policemen tell of passive resistance at Sebokeng

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PART of the crowd outside Sebokeng hostel on September 4 sat down in the street, apparently in a show of passive resistance, moments before a line of approaching SADF soldiers opened fire on them with live ammunition, two policemen told the judicial inquest into the shootings yesterday. (278)

Video unit members Const Marius van Huysteen and W/O Piet Nienaber had been filming the incidents surrounding the death of 42 people near the hostel.

They told the inquest at the Vereeniging Supreme Court that neither had seen petrol bombs or stones being thrown at the soldiers before the shooting. One video shows an unused petrol bomb lying in the street immediately after the shooting.

Nienaber's video shows that before the SADF had arrived, police had been keeping about 2 000 Sebokeng residents away from more than 100 Inkatha members inside the hostel complex. The testimony and police videos maintain that there were already an undisclosed number of bodies lying in the street outside the hostel, allegedly the result of fighting between the Inkatha members and ANC-supporting township residents.

Yesterday, the police and SADF's legal counsel Koos van Vuuren said he would no longer be representing the police in the inquest.

During an adjournment, he said he feared there would be conflicting interests arising from his representation of both parties. A new legal representative for the police is expected to join the inquest today. — Sapa.

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Jo'burg may be target for boycott

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MASS protest action coupled with Johannesburg businesses becoming the target of a consumer boycott was on the agenda of the ANC-backed Civic Associations of

the Southern Transvaal (Cast), a spokesman for the organisation said yesterday.

This followed the bloody outbreak of violence on Saturday when two people died and 15 were injured in pitched battles between flat dwellers, protest marchers and police in Johannesburg.

Actstop, an affiliate of Cast, yesterday called for an independent commission of inquiry into the incident.

Cast spokesman, Cas Coovadia accused the police of acting in a "high-handed" manner and said a meeting would be held later to discuss an organised response to Saturday's events.

He said the meeting

was to discuss protest action. The possibility of a consumer boycott in Johannesburg was not being ruled out.

Actstop spokesman, Mohammed Dangor, said his organisation was also discussing a separate programme of action in response to the events on Saturday.

Details of the programme would be released later this week.

Mohammed said Actstop was disturbed by the events on Saturday and called for an inquiry into the incident.

Actstop will be holding a memorial service for one of its members who died on Saturday. The service will take place tomorrow at the Central Methodist Church at 7pm.

4 men shot dead in hostel battle

NINETEEN people were murdered in Soweto at the weekend, including four men who were shot dead at the Merafe Hostel on Saturday night.

The police liaison officer for Soweto, Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn, said a visitor from Natal had allegedly shot dead two men at the hostel.

In an ensuing gunfight between the hostel residents, the visitor and another man were also killed.

The names of the victims have not been released and no one has been arrested in connection with the incident.

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March organisers to blame ~~for~~ Vlok

31 May 20/4/90
LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday entered the dispute over Saturday's Johannesburg CBD violence by directly blaming civic association leaders for going ahead with an illegal march.

Vlok, who warned that ANC-organised mass action was straining the negotiating process, also released a letter sent to ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu two days before the march.

He said in a statement the march organisers, the ANC-aligned Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) "flouted the law and deliberately sought confrontation with police".

Two people died and about 20 were injured in running battles between police and SADF members and demonstrators and the public after police dispersed Cast supporters wanting to take part in the illegal march.

"It is clear from the information at our disposal that blame for the violence rests squarely on the shoulders of Cast," the statement said.

Vlok said the march went ahead despite repeated appeals from his office for it to be halted and so avoid confrontation. "Cast leaders knew that police would have no choice but to enforce the law if an illegal march went ahead and

they were informed of such the previous day," Vlok's statement said.

In the letter to Sisulu, ANC liaison representative Col Steve van Rooyen pointed out permission had not yet been granted for some of the marches. "I urge you to use your influence with these associations so that authority is, in all cases, applied for timeously, in order to avoid confrontation," the letter said.

Cast spokesman Cas Coovadia yesterday questioned why the organisation was informed of the decision not to grant permission only late on Friday afternoon when the organisation had applied on November 2.

The Johannesburg City Council had approved the march the previous Monday, he said.

Witwatersrand SAP spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman yesterday declined to say whether police had recommended that permission for the march be refused, saying the matter was "confidential".

Senior policemen and Cast leaders last night agreed to set up new channels of communications between them.

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Business Day Reporter

R15 000 reward for PE police killers

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From PAT CANDIDO
Argus Bureau

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PORT ELIZABETH. — A reward of R15 000 has been offered for information about the murder of two young members of the police riot squad and a third man who were gunned down with AK 47 rifles in Zwide yesterday.

Police have launched a hunt for the killers of Sergeant John Gerber, 21, Constable Cornelius De Wet, 22, and their unidentified companion.

The policemen's bodies were

found sprawled half out of their police van. The third body was on the seat of the cab.

Sergeant Gerber's brother, Constable Hein Gerber, 20, also a member of the riot unit, was manning the radio when the report came through that his brother's patrol van had been attacked.

He later counted 37 bullet holes in the vehicle.

Major Bill Dennis, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said it appeared that the gunmen ran alongside the vehicle, firing from point-blank range, until it struck a wall.

Magistrate denies blame for clash

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg has denied accusations that he was to blame for clashes in the city centre at the weekend where two people were killed.

About 1 000 Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) supporters who had gathered for a march refused to disperse when told by police the procession was illegal.

Chairman of the City Council

management committee Mr Ian Davidson yesterday blamed the chief magistrate for only giving his decision not to allow the march the day before it was scheduled to take place.

Cast said it had not had enough time to inform its supporters. It had expected the go-ahead because the traffic department and the city council had given their approval.

But the chief magistrate laid

the blame at the feet of Cast and the city council and traffic department.

A list detailing the required information was given to Cast, which only responded two days before the march.

Responses from the city traffic department and council were only received on Thursday and Friday and so his decision, to refuse permission for the march, was only handed down at 3.30pm on Friday.

40 killed in unrest clashes

Staff Reporters

Fighting between rival factions and clashes between protesters and police around South Africa claimed a known 40 lives at the weekend — including 19 men found slain on the East Rand and two white policemen shot in Port Elizabeth.

A police statement yesterday said 19 bodies were found in the Zonk' Isizwe township near Boksburg. All the bodies had bullet and hack wounds.

Police have not established a motive for the deaths nor do they have any leads.

Another 16 people died in faction fighting in the township last week in bitter clashes between Zulus and non-Zulus.

Meanwhile, police said the bodies of two young white policemen and a black man were found riddled with AK-47 bullets at a shebeen at Zwide, Port Elizabeth, at 12.45 am yesterday.

A police video showed Sergeant Johan Gerber (21) and Constable Cornelius de Wet (22)

sprawled half in and half out of a police van, Sapa reports.

The unidentified black man was found slumped on the seat in the cab.

The unrest around the country resumed yesterday when police used teargas to stop thousands of black women from marching illegally from Mhluzi township into the Conservative Party-controlled town of Middeburg in the Transvaal.

After the march was stopped, at least 15 people were injured, several seriously, when police used rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse crowds.

Protest

Five policemen were slightly injured when youths began stoning the police.

According to a spokesman for the local civic association, the purpose of the march, organised by the Mhluzi ANC Women's League, was to protest against police harassment.

Later in the day, police used teargas to disperse residents as

they left a mass meeting held at the local soccer stadium.

At least 15 people were injured, several seriously, when the police later used birdshot to disperse groups of youths.

Five policemen were hurt when they were stoned.

Saturday's Johannesburg street battles between protesters and police resulted in two deaths.

Four men were shot and killed at the Merafe hostel in Soweto on Saturday night.

At Dube station, a man was killed when a number of rounds were fired at him, and two men were seriously injured at Inhanzane station during an attack by a large group of knife-wielding people.

At Nkululeko, Barkly East, a man was killed after a group of people had thrown stones at a policeman's vehicle and house.

One man died, another was burnt and scores of people were left homeless on Sunday when 24 tents, two houses and three shacks were razed in Crossroads near Cape Town.

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Chief magistrate explains delay in banning protest

By Brendan Templeton

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The chairman of the city council management committee, Ian Davidson, blamed the chief magistrate for giving his decision not to allow the

march only the day before it was scheduled to take place.

CAST said it had not had enough time to inform its supporters when permission was not granted.

But the chief magistrate laid the blame at the door of CAST, the city council and traffic department.

A statement issued by the Department of Justice on behalf of the chief magistrate said an application to hold a march had been received on November 6, but processing was delayed because additional information was needed.

A list was handed to CAST detailing the re-

quired information, but CAST returned with the information only on Thursday — two days before the march was scheduled to take place.

Even then the information was incomplete and was updated only later that day.

Responses from the traffic department and council saying they had granted permission for the march to take place were received only on Thursday and Friday, the statement said.

The chief magistrate's decision to refuse permission for the march was therefore handed down only at 3.30 pm on Friday.

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Residents of Zonk'izizwe squatter camp, near Vosloorus, sit next to a railway line and ponder the clashes with alleged Inkatha members. Nineteen men were killed at the camp on Sunday.

Pic: LEN KUMALO

Toll in clashes now 40

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A police video at Louis le Grange Square showed the two policemen sprawled half in and half out of the police van near a shebeen in Mahokwana Street, Sapa

reports.

The cab of the van was drenched in blood. Dozens of AK cartridge cases littered the scene.

All three men had been shot many times at close range.

The body of the unidentified black man was found slumped on the seat in the cab.

The weekend unrest around the country continued yesterday when police used teargas to stop thousands of black women from marching illegally from Mhluzi township into the CP-controlled town of Middelburg in the Transvaal.

At least four people were injured, one seriously, when the police later used birdshot to disperse groups of youths at the entrance to the township.

Pitched battles

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The death toll from Saturday's Johannesburg street battles between protesters and police rose to two after one person died in hospital at the weekend.

The Johannesburg clash was among violence around South Africa saw pitched battles between police and protesters, petrol bombings, and attacks on policemen

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Call for Mamelodi stayaway

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By MONK NKOMO

THE Mamelodi Civic Association has called for a work stayaway today to commemorate the deaths of 12 people who were shot by security forces during a rent protest march in the township on November 21 1985.

A night vigil was scheduled to be held by residents at the local community hall from 9pm last night.

Priests will lead a procession to the local cemetery at 8am today to lay wreaths on the graves of those who died during

the protest march.

The procession will then move to the stadium where a commemoration service will be held.

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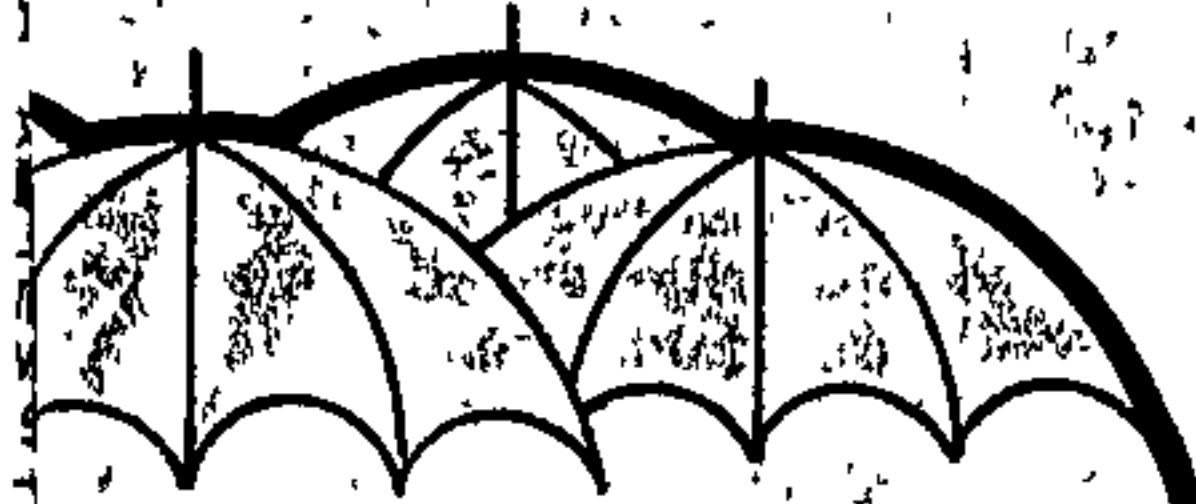
Publicity secretary of the MCA Mr Patsy Malefo yesterday appealed to residents to observe the day "with respect and dignity and request the security forces to give us that opportunity".

He said the stay-away would not affect teachers, pupils, health workers and journalists.

Malefo congratulated former mayor Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, who resigned from the council on Monday, and said all remaining local councillors will be given a platform at HM Pitjje Stadium today to announce their resignations.

"Failure to do so will be followed by the intensification of peaceful mass-based action," Malefo said.

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Body found in township

LINDEN BIRNS

POLICE yesterday recovered the decomposed body of a man believed to have been killed in fighting at the Zonkezizwe shack settlement on the East Rand.

SAP liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweek said the body had been found early yesterday morning but it seemed to have been lying there for several days.

The discovery brings the official death toll in clashes at the settlement to 49 since November 11.

Van Zweek said there had been no further violence reported from the area since Monday, when 19 people were killed, but police would continue to patrol the area.

Other Reef townships were quiet yesterday.

But Sapa reports that in the eastern Transvaal township of Mhluzi, outside Middelburg, police patrolled yesterday after two days of clashes with demonstrators.

Eastern Transvaal police spokesman Maj H S Pienaar said groups attacked at least three policemen's homes with petrol bombs in Mhluzi yesterday morning.

And in Port Elizabeth, a reward of R15 000 has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderers of Sgt Johan Gerber, Const Cornelius de Wet and an unidentified civilian murdered near the city on Monday.

They were killed in Zwide township when a group opened fire on them.

Order of Death accused 'should face treason trial'

SUSAN RUSSELL

THE two members of right-wing extremist group the Order of Death on trial for the murder of a black taxi driver, robbery, attempted intimidation and other offences should not be convicted on these common law crimes, but charged with treason instead.

This submission was made during argument by defence counsel J van der Pol on behalf of Cornelius Lottering, 29, before Mr Justice Irving Steyn and two assessors yesterday.

Lottering and co-accused Fanie Goosen, 25, have both pleaded not guilty to the charges on the grounds that they were "acts of war" committed while the country was in a state of war.

Both men have admitted planting explosives next to the flat of former Sunday Times journalist Jani Allan in an attempt to frighten her and get her to publish the truth about AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche, to

force him to pull out of the election last year.

Lottering has admitted in a statement that he killed the taxi driver on August 29 last year as a "test" to see if he could carry out politically motivated "eliminations" without "getting cold feet".

Goosen has denied any involvement in or prior knowledge of the stabbing and shooting of the taxi driver.

During argument yesterday, State counsel J J du Toit did not ask for a conviction against Goosen on the murder charge.

Van der Pol said neither man should be convicted on the charges as they stood, but should be acquitted and — if the State wished — charged with treason instead.

Mr Justice Steyn said he would deliver judgment tomorrow.

BUSINESS DAY, Wednesday, November 21 1990

Inquest told police tried to prevent Sebokeng shooting

POLICE attempted but failed to stop SADF soldiers shooting at a crowd of people outside Sebokeng hostel on September 4, the judicial inquest investigating 42 deaths was told yesterday.

Police colonel Wessel van Niekerk told the inquest in Vereeniging he had been instructed over the radio by his senior officer, Col Piet Fourie, not to shoot at a crowd gathered outside the hostel. The crowd allegedly intended killing a group of more than 100 Inkatha members trapped inside.

Van Niekerk said he had run forward to relay Fourie's order to the soldiers, who had been called to the scene as the police had lost control.

But he was too late — a 22-second volley of shots followed, leaving at least one person dead and several wounded.

Van Niekerk said according to a conversation he had overheard between Fourie and the officer in charge of the soldiers, there had been doubt as to who had issued the command to fire. He said Fourie had asked why the soldiers had started shooting, and the army officer had replied that he had ordered the firing of teargas, but not live ammunition.

Earlier evidence by two police video unit members was that people in the crowd closest to the soldiers sat

down in the street, apparently in a show of passive resistance, moments before the shooting started.

Although the only uncontested evidence of provocation has been was that two army soldiers were hit by stones, Van Niekerk said he believed the soldiers had shot in self-defence.

Police W/O Anthony Slinger said in a statement read yesterday he had collected 96 spent R-4 automatic rifle shells after the shooting. While preparing to go to Sebokeng early on September 4, he had heard orders over a police radio that Inkatha members seen holding AK-47 rifles at the hostel should be "eliminated". The hearing continues. — Sapa

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Township of death quietens down

The East Rand's Zonk' Isizwe township — where at least 35 people have died in bloody conflict — was quiet over the past 24 hours. Police said a man's body was

found, but there was no further violence.

Two AK-47 rifles, two loaded magazines and about 50 AK-47 rounds were found during a police operation.

Colonel: I tried to stop the shooting

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VEREENIGING. — A senior Vereeniging policeman attempted to stop members of the SADF from shooting at a crowd gathered outside a Sebokeng hostel on September 4, but to no avail.

Colonel Frederick van Niekerk yesterday told the judicial inquest into 42 deaths that an order came over the police radio from his superior, a Colonel Fourie, that there should not be shooting. "I ran forward to tell the army but it was too late," Colonel van Niekerk said.

The policeman was unable to say who was responsible for initially calling the army in, but admitted before the inquest that the police had lost control of the situation, where a crowd of about 4 000 Sebokeng residents were intent on fighting with more than 100 Inkatha members trapped inside the hostel complex.

Colonel Van Niekerk repeated his claim that he believed the Inkatha members were responsible for the death of an undisclosed number of people early on the morning of September 4. — Sapa

ANC man killed

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JOHANNESBURG. — A member of the provisional national youth committee of the ANC Youth League, Mr Fawcett Mathebe, was knifed and killed in Soweto on Monday night by unknown assailants who they took the keys of his car and drove off.

The league's secretary for information and publicity, Mr Parks Mankahlana, said last night Mr Mathebe was attacked as he left a friend's home and was walking towards the car.

He was stabbed in the chest and managed to get back to the house, but collapsed as he entered it, Mr Mankahlana added.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday promised an investigation into the death of ANC activist Mr Meshak Kunene, shot in an alleged confrontation between police and a crowd at a rally in Alexandra on June 30. — Sapa

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Zonkezizwe toll 49

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday recovered the body of a man killed in fighting at the Zonkezizwe squatter camp on the East Rand, bringing the official death toll there since November 11 to 49.

Meanwhile, the Vulindlela United Community of South Africa (Vucosa) yesterday appealed to township residents to stop fighting and make peace.

— Own Correspondent and Sapa

Taxi man shot, dies

CHIEF TIMES 21/11/90
Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Treasurer of the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) and Inkatha leader Mr Pat Mbatha died at Baragwanath Hospital late on Monday night after being gunned down in Soweto.

Sabta spokesman Mr Fanyana Shiburi said yesterday Mr Mbatha, 58, was the most senior Sabta member to die violently since the organisation was founded 12 years ago.

Mr Mbatha was also treasurer of the Foundation for African Business and Consumer Services (Fabcos) and chairman of the Soweto Taxi Association, as well as chairman of the Transvaal Central Committee of Inkatha, Mr Shiburi said.

Probe told of Vaal killings

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Soviet hopes and fears

MOSCOW is huge — not just in the sense that it has nine million inhabitants, or that it is a major industrial centre, or even that it is the capital of the USSR and hub of its intellectual, cultural and political life.

It is also massive to look at, to drive through, or to walk in. Its modern buildings and public spaces are laid out, often, on a vast scale.

Main roads have eight or ten lanes; its monuments, museums and ministries share a kind of

A delegation from the University of the Western Cape recently visited Moscow and Leningrad as guests of the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee. It consisted of Rector Jakes Gerwel, Vice-Rector Jaap Durand, and history professor, Colin Bundy.

Here, COLIN BUNDY comments on some impressions of the visit:

triumphal architecture

Nowhere is the impression of size and grandeur more obvious than in the Moscow underground railway system (opened in 1935). Each station, fed by staggeringly steep, long escalators, is lined with marble, murals, and artworks. To travel on the underground trains (or

the buses and trolleys above ground) costs only five kopecks — about one South African cent — for a journey of any distance.

In short, Moscow is a physical expression of seven decades of "constructing socialism" in the Soviet Union. And the construction, let it be clear, is a very considerable one.

Nobody should doubt for a moment that since the 1917 revolution, the Russian achievement has been phenomenal.

Unprecedented

A vast, backward agrarian society (more than 80 per cent peasant) urbanised, industrialised, and modernised at an unprecedented pace. Its economy is the world's second largest.

A population of more than 260 million enjoys levels of education, health care and security that their grand-parents could scarcely have imagined.

And yet, cracks have appeared in this "building", in socialist society, Soviet-style. The paint is peeling, the roof leaks, icy winds whistle through the windows — and more and more of the inhabitants are beginning to wonder whether the foundations themselves are safe.

Many observers, and many Russians, are asking whether the entire edifice of the contemporary USSR is in danger of falling, shaken apart by social and economic convulsions from below.

Even on a brief visit, three symptoms of tension and

tumult struck us strongly.

Firstly, signs of the economic crisis that has gripped the Soviet Union are unavoidable. There are shortages, especially in Moscow and Leningrad, of basic goods. Butter, eggs, meat, cigarettes and petrol are hard to come by. Queues form for furniture, clothing or fresh fruit.

There is a rampant black market; foreign currency is overwhelmingly preferred to Russian roubles.

Much of this year's potato and grain crops were not harvested, and many fear shortages of bread and potatoes (staples of the Soviet diet) during the winter now setting in.

Bewildering

Secondly, a fragmentation of Soviet political life has occurred. The Communist Party (CPSU) no longer enjoys the "leading role" granted to it by Article Six of the constitution — and the removal of its monopoly has led to a bewildering array of newly-formed political parties and groupings.

These range from monarchists to anarcho-syndicalists. In between, there are

free marketeers, social democrats, neo-Stalinists, reformist communists, populists — and nationalists.

Nationalism is perhaps the strongest current flowing in the choppy waters of Russian politics at the moment.

The USSR consists of 15 republics, each technically "sovereign" and each historically dominated by Moscow.

Nationalist parties are now leading breakaway movements in half of the republics. Muslim fundamentalists in Central Asia, bitterly anti-communist Ukrainians and Byelorussians, and Baltic republicans in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are gazing wistfully at Scandinavia.

Several of the groupings challenging Gorbachev's leadership are proposing that a new, voluntary community — a looser, federal structure — should replace the present Union. Others are more pessimistic.

Several academics we met said emphatically that the Soviet Union would disappear within the next five years.

This reflects the third main

impression one of tremendous ideological flux and confusion. We met mainly university administrators and teachers, researchers, policy-makers and state officials.

Almost all of them were remarkably frank, willing to expose their hopes and fears, and prepared to disagree quite fundamentally among themselves, in front of us.

Confusion

Time and again, during conversations with them, these Russian intellectuals would repeat terms like "confusion" or "uncertainty" to describe their own ideological positions.

A political and intellectual system that had insisted on orthodoxy and conformism for decades has now opened everything up for debate — and many of those invited to take part in the debate quite simply don't know where to look or what to do.

This ideological uncertainty was also visible when it came to South Africa. Because solid support for the ANC was always a CPSU position, there are some who now question it — simply because it was the party line.

Several people we met felt it was now time that Russians who supported liberation in South Africa should not work only through official structures, but should seek and win public involvement along the lines of anti-apartheid movements in Europe and America.

As visiting South Africans, we were naturally concerned with how Soviet analysts perceive and understand this country.

But we were even more interested in trying to comprehend the USSR and wondering what lessons might be learned for South Africa.

Lousy

One thing is absolutely plain. The construction of socialism in the Soviet Union used lousy methods.

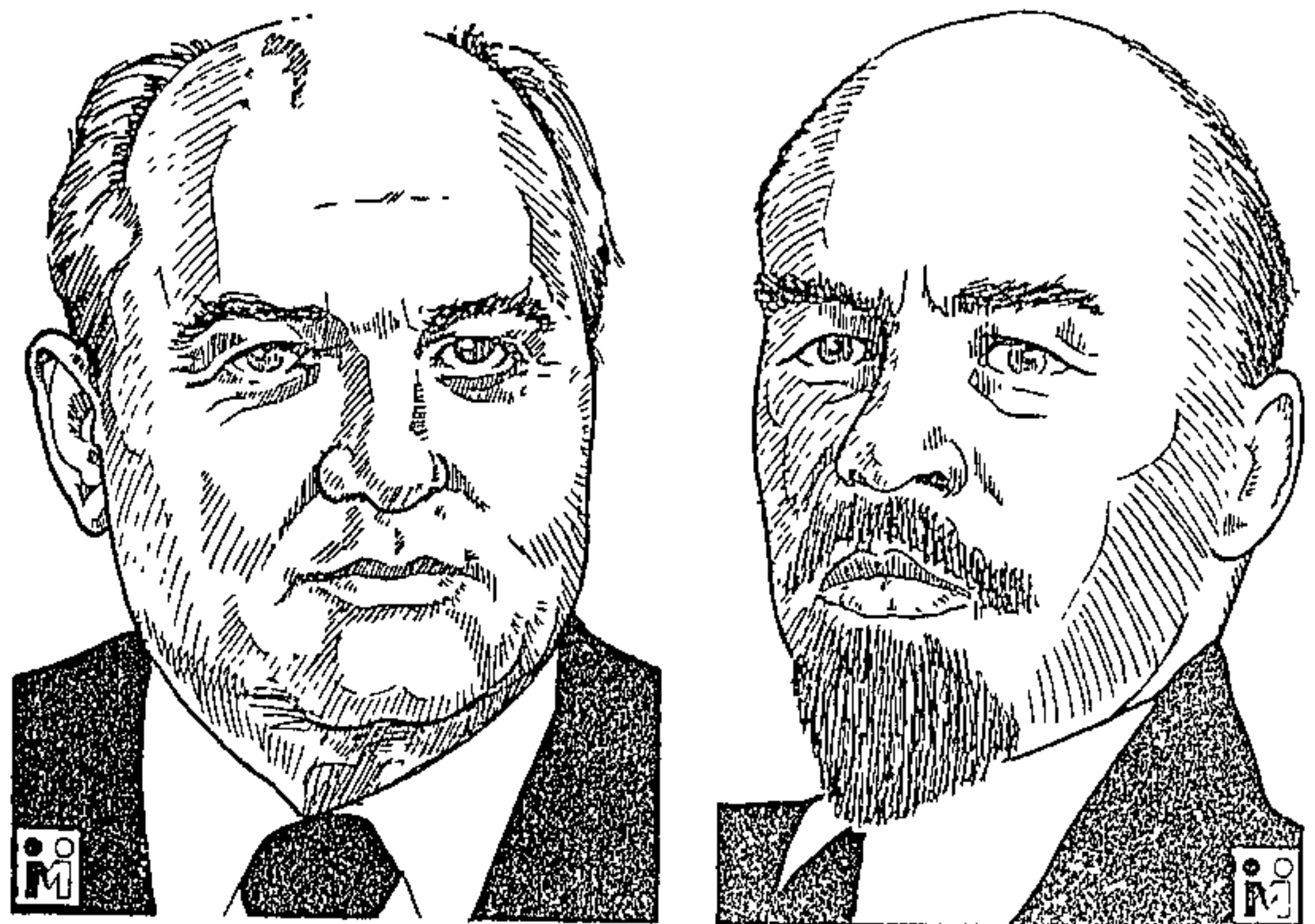
These included official secrecy and deceit, an all-embracing bureaucracy, and political terror on a mass scale.

Socialism is essentially collective ownership plus popular democracy.

What took place in Russia was state ownership and the systematic denial of working-class democracy.

It is this distorted and diminished version of socialism that is now visibly disintegrating.

To build a longer lasting socialist society once it has gone — whether in Russia or South Africa — will mean using more suitable materials and methods.



GORBACHEV: Trying to salvage Lenin's socialist state gone wrong

INVITATION TO A SPECIAL GRADUATION CEREMONY: NELSON MANDELA

The degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) will be conferred on Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela in the university's Great Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, November 28, 1990 and relayed by video to the University Centre.

The university has invited a broad spectrum of people and organisations on a non-sectarian basis to this special event.

Within the limitations of its venues, the university is anxious to extend the opportunity to attend to as many interested individuals as possible and invites members of the public to request invitations.

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Attendance is by invitation only and guests are asked to arrive as early as possible, to take their places by 7pm.

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Troops given no order to open fire, inquest told

SADF troops apparently opened fire on a crowd outside Sebokeng hostel on September 4 without receiving an order to start shooting, the judicial inquest investigating 42 deaths was told in Vereneging yesterday.

Regional police commissioner Col. Piet Fourie said in a statement submitted to the inquest he had issued clear instructions over a police radio that there should be no hitting or shooting during police efforts to move a crowd back, but about one minute later soldiers opened fire with R-4 automatic rifles.

He had asked a Cmdt Clulie, the officer in charge of the soldiers, who had given the order to start shooting. The army officer had replied that he had only ordered the firing of teargas.

Although Clulie claimed one of his troops had accused a man, who was apparently shot dead in the SADF action, of holding a petrol bomb immediately before the incident, Fourie said he had not seen a petrol bomb lying close to the body.

Clulie also claimed later his troops had been shot at and stoned, apparently by people in the crowd.

After the shooting, Fourie counted three bodies and a number of wounded people at the scene. A number of stabbing weapons, petrol bombs and clubs lay in the street where people in the crowd had been standing and sitting.

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Previous uncontested evidence before the inquest has been that SADF soldiers fired rapidly for 22 seconds without asking the crowd to disperse. Afterwards police collected 96 spent R-4 cartridges at the scene. Several police witnesses have said people closest to the soldiers sat down in the road immediately before the shooting and that teargas was fired simultaneously with the live ammunition.

Asked by counsel for the families of 12 of the deceased, Gys Rautenbach, about security force procedures in riot situations, Fourie agreed that minimum force should be

applied in stages, starting with a verbal warning to disperse, followed by teargas, followed by rubber bullets and only then, as a final option, should the use of live ammunition be considered. A loud hailer was "essential" in riot situations.

Fourie also admitted that joint police/SADF operations often posed a problem because there were separate command structures. Good communications were therefore vital.

Another police witness at the inquest yesterday, Const Joseph Lethoba, testified he had seen two people shot dead by soldiers.

Describing events surrounding one of the deaths, Lethoba said he had been sitting in a police mortuary van when he saw the shooting start.

Civilian bystanders had wanted to load a man hit by a bullet into a minibus, apparently to transport him to hospital, but the man was already dead, the policeman said.

He told the inquest he had loaded the body into the police vehicle and taken it to the morgue.

The hearing continues. — Sapa.

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Natal, Umlazi:

ON the night of November 12, Thulani Cele was shot twice in the stomach outside his home in G section, Umlazi.

According to the HRC, witnesses say they saw two private cars and a kwaZulu police van in the area. Another witness identified Simphiwe Myuyane, a kwaZulu policeman already facing over 10 charges of murder, as the one who fired the shots. Cele, an executive member of the Umlazi African National Congress branch, is in a critical condition in hospital.

Vaal, Sebokeng:

AT 10pm on November 8, a group of National Union of Metalworkers members were returning to their hostel, after the evening shift at Iscor. Their bus and van were ambushed and shot at, as a result of which two people died and 13 were injured.

The bus was again ambushed the next evening after it had dropped off the workers. The driver was killed and the only passenger managed to escape.

Jouberton, Klerksdorp:

ANC youth league member Mkhani Motshabi was shot at on November 8. He is still in hospital. The next day, the house of Andrew Moleme, chairman of the Jouberton Civic Association, was sprayed with bullets — the second attempt on his life in two weeks. On the same day, the house of Maria and Shaun Ngobongo was sprayed with bullets. No one was injured in the attack.

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Sebokeng — 'no advance warning'

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VEREENIGING. — SADF troops apparently opened fire on a crowd outside Sebokeng hostel on September 4 without receiving an order to start shooting, the judicial inquest investigating 42 deaths was told yesterday.

Regional police commissioner Col Piet Fourie said in a statement submitted to the inquest that he had issued clear instructions over a police radio that there should be no hitting or shooting during police efforts to move a crowd back, but about one minute later the SADF soldiers opened fire with R4 automatic rifles.

He had spoken to a Commandant Clulie, the officer in charge of the soldiers, who had given the order to start shooting. The army officer had replied that he had ordered only the firing of teargas.

Although Cmdt Clulie claimed that one of his troops had accused a man apparently shot dead in the SADF action of holding a petrol bomb immediately before the incident, Col Fourie said he had not seen a petrol bomb lying close to the body.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

Tension over curfew (278) in Pretoria's townships

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PRETORIA. — Tension is running high in the strife-torn Atteridgeville and Saulsville townships near here where three people have died since last week.

The latest victim is Mr Godfrey Lucky Mabena (27) of Saulsville died in the Kalafong Hospital after being knocked down by an SADF vehicle on Sunday.

Violence flared in the township after the police introduced "Iron Fist" measures to counter protests over the cutting off of essential services.

More than 70 people have been injured and a large number of arrests have been made in connection with contraventions of the curfew regulations imposed on the townships.

The Atteridgeville and

Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) and the ANC branch in the area blamed the deployment of security forces for the unrest in the area.

Both groups called on the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to lift the emergency measures.

Atteridgeville's 250 000 residents have been without electricity since October 15.

Marchers to claim?

From MONO BADELA

JOHANNESBURG: Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and individual policemen may face claims of thousands of rands following the shooting of anti-apartheid protesters in central Johannesburg at the weekend.

A spokesperson for Actstop, Mr Mohammed Dangor, said his organisation was considering a call for an independent commission of inquiry into the violence that left at least two people dead and 15 others injured.

Actstop is an affiliate of the ANC-backed Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast).

Dangor accused the police of acting in a "high-handed" manner. He said the demonstrators had agreed to disperse peacefully and had started singing the national anthem when the police opened fire.

By JO-ANNE COLLINGE

UNLESS government policy on outdoor gatherings is changed — and changed soon — conflict between police and civilians in the streets of Johannesburg threatens again in two weeks' time when the African National Congress mounts a mass protest march in the city.

Just days after two people were killed when police broke up an illegal gathering in central Johannesburg, the ANC's PWV region announced its intention to hold mass marches in both Johannesburg and Pretoria on Thursday December 6 to press home its demands for the removal of obstacles to negotiations.

One of the marchers' demands will be the repeal of the Internal Security Act, the law in terms of which all outdoor gatherings, except those authorised by

Lift the ban — and save lives

a magistrate or the minister of justice, have been banned for almost 14 years.

The restoration of the right to assemble could be achieved without the repeal of the Act, however. It would take nothing more than Minister Kibie Coetsee publishing a notice in the *Government Gazette* revoking his March 30 proclamation, which renewed the ban.

"The government could, by ministerial decree, lift the ban tomorrow and save many lives in the process," observed Human Rights Commissioner Max Coleman.

As matters stood, the security forces were given powers to break up illegal gatherings, he said, and they often used considerable force in doing so. Coleman highlighted the fact that co-

ordinated marches taking place on the same day in different places might be treated differently by magistrates. Those gaining permission went off peacefully. Those refused permission drew police intervention.

"It's obvious where the violence is coming from. It is state-created violence, created through legislation and its enforcement."

National Association of Democratic Lawyers Transvaal chair Clive Plasket said: "There is no place for a prohibition on outdoor gatherings. But the rights of others using public areas must be catered for at the same time. This should be done not by removing the right to assemble, but by administrative procedures which facilitate the ex-

ercise of the right to assemble."

The manner in which the blanket ban invites police intervention and often results in violence, injury and even death is illustrated by the following cases:

- On October 13 nine people were reported to have been shot and injured in the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand while returning from a funeral. A police liaison officer said police fired teargas into the crowd after they defied police orders to disperse. He denied police used live ammunition and that nine people were injured.
- The same day police fired teargas and bullets to disperse about 500 marchers at Elkanh Stadium in Soweto. Permission for the march had been refused. At least six people were injured and 32 arrested.
- On October 3 in Cape Town, eight workers were hurt when police fired rubber bullets at a union march in support of Nampak strikers. The union alleged no warning was given; police disputed this.
- The police unrest report of July 6 recorded a death resulting from police intervention in a gathering at Ntshabeni in the Free State which was apparently peaceful until it was forced to disperse. An analysis of unrest reports for July reveals that on 51 occasions police acted to disperse illegal gatherings. In only five cases was there any hint of violence on the part of the crowd. In 19 cases the methods used by the police were specified — including use of tear gas, rubber bullets, birdshot and stun grenades. At least 931 persons were arrested and two deaths recorded.

Average of 10 die a day in political violence

WIMAN 23/11 - 29/11/90
By WALLY MBHELE

THIS year's political violence has claimed an average of at least 10 lives a day and is "by far the grimmest" since September 1984, when the present cycle of violence first erupted.

This alarming statistic from a report, released by the South African Institute of Race Relations on Tuesday, coincided with news that the death toll in the trouble-torn Zonkizizwe squatter camp on the East Rand had risen to 45 in seven days of violence between Inkatha and non-Inkatha members.

"Conflict within the black community continues to be the main source of casualties," the report said.

The Institute attributed the largest single number of fatalities in the last three months to conflict between the broad African National Congress/United Democratic Front/Congress of South African Trade Unions alliance and the Inkatha/kwaZulu camp.

Security forces now accounted for a relatively small proportion of the deaths in political violence — whereas they had accounted for most fatalities when the violence first erupted.

However, at a press conference in Johannesburg on Tuesday, an organisation which "represents the shack-dwellers with regard to the local authorities or to a higher level of government", the Vulindlela United Community of South Africa (Vucosa), accused the security forces of "assisting and transporting Inkatha forces armed with guns and traditional weapons to attack non-Inkatha squatters" in Zonkizizwe.

East Rand police representative Captain Ida van Zweek dismissed the allegation as "untrue".

"Police are not there to attack but to protect all groups," she said.

Vucosa chairman Eric Ntshigela alleged that on Monday night a group of men with red headbands and in the company of uniformed police were dropped from a yellow police van and joined another group from the nearby bush in attacking the squatters.

He said 11 bodies were found with bullet wounds the following day.

He accused police of disarming only one party while arming the other.

Tension in this area began on Sunday when Inkatha members allegedly disrupted a civic association meeting and assaulted squatter leaders.

Refugees from the squatter camp, who have fled to Phola Park, allege that Inkatha members said only Inkatha meetings would be held in the area.

On Wednesday, Van Zweek said "fighting broke out because one group was trying to intimidate the other not to pay rent".

Refugees at Phola Park rejected this version of events. "That subject was never even on the agenda of our meeting," said Joseph Mbayimbayi.

Vucosa executive member Themba Ndlovu said they had on many occasions tried to contact Inkatha leadership in Johannesburg about the situation at Zonkizizwe "but every time we were told they are not available".

The situation at Phola Park was tense this week.



Security forces move into Phola Park and conduct house and body searches

Pictures: KEVIN CARTER



A dog lies next to his master's blanket-covered corpse

SAP kill man in Phola Park

WIMAN 23/11 - 29/11/90
By WALLY MBHELE

A MAN was killed and his brother injured when police opened fire on squatters yesterday in Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza on the East Rand.

When *The Weekly Mail* team arrived in the area minutes later, people were still shocked and standing in scattered groups discussing the incident. Some had surrounded the body, which was already covered with a blanket.

A squatter handed *The Weekly Mail* several spent rifle cartridges he had found in his shack after the shooting.

Another man was following a police hippo — from which the shots were allegedly fired — in his car and shouting "please bring back my money". A policeman bluntly told him to go away.

The man, who owns a spaza shop, claimed police had taken R2 000 from under his mattress in his shack.

Phola Park residents claim police

started searching their shacks on Wednesday night, claiming to be looking for arms and weapons. "In the process they were shooting at whoever they wanted to," an angry resident claimed.

Early yesterday, squatters claim, police started moving from shack to shack, searching for weapons.

No one knew exactly what Zanexhanti Ncane and his brother had been doing when they were shot. Witnesses said they only saw police in a hippo chasing after them and shooting. Ncane, who tried to escape into one of the shacks, died where he had been shot.

Police representative Captain Ida van Zweek said: "At about 9.15am a black man with an AK-47 fired two shots at the police vehicle. Police fired with birdshot and later a body of a black man was found at a soccer field. He apparently died due to police action. No arrests have been made."

Township violence flares on East Rand

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EAST RAND township violence flared on Wednesday night when police came under fire in the Phola Park squatter camp near Alberton, LINDEN BIRNS reports.

Police liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweek said police were attacked by people with AK-47s, petrol bombs and stones. They retaliated with teargas and no injuries or arrests were reported. Early yesterday, police on foot patrols in Phola Park were attacked by stone throwers, and they replied with teargas and birdshot.

In a third incident, at about 9.15am, police fired birdshot after a man opened fire with an AK-47 on a police vehicle. Later police found a man's body, and are now investigating the possibility that he died as a result of police action.

Yesterday in Mhluzi, Middelburg, a policeman was fatally stabbed and his body set alight by a mob, Sapa reports. He had fired a number of rounds after the mob set his house alight.

From Cape Town it is reported that forensics show only one rifle, an R-4 (standard SADF issue) was used in Wednesday's attack on two policemen in Khayelitsha. One of the men died instantly. A police spokesman said the attack was undoubtedly planned, as a whistle was heard

shortly before a gunman opened fire.

According to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, the deaths of 19 SAP members since the beginning of October are part of a sustained murder campaign against the police.

He said in a statement yesterday the situation was unacceptable to the majority of peace-loving SA citizens. The SAP was impartial and served all.

"It is evident to me that inflammatory war-talk and so-called mass action such as stayaways, consumer boycotts, protest marches and civil disobedience are also contributing to a heightened climate of violence, which not only results in attacks on policemen, but in escalating conflict in many of our communities."

And GERALD REILLY reports from Pretoria that more than 200 people died and more than 2 000 were injured either directly or indirectly in police action against unauthorised gatherings between February 2 and August this year.

HSRC Centre for Conflict and Analysis researcher Johan Olivier told a conference that virtually all the gatherings were aimed at expressing grievances about the issues of housing, education, health services and other infrastructures.

Inkatha men planned to attack hostel, inquest told

INKATHA members planned to attack Sebokeng hostel on September 4, the day 42 people were found dead in and around the single-sex residential complex, the judicial inquest at Vereeniging was told yesterday. (25)

Wilson Tafeni testified he had been told Inkatha members had been overheard planning the attack. (27)

He and his brother David were subsequently part of a neighbourhood "watch", patrolling the complex, when a group of white men with guns and black men with axes attacked. He said he saw people being shot by the whites in the pre-dawn attack and that his brother was killed several hours later, shortly after 9am, when SADF troops opened fire with R-4 automatic rifles on a crowd of Sebokeng residents who allegedly wanted to fight Inkatha members trapped inside a hostel courtyard.

Inquest chairman Mr Justice Eddie Stafford said, however, Tafeni had apparently committed perjury in that he had offered conflicting versions of his brother's death. Tafeni's first account, in a statement to police, was that his brother had been shot by the white men in the pre-dawn attack on the hostel. Mr Justice Stafford ruled that although there might be a feasible explanation, the witness would still have to face statutory perjury charges before a magistrate to clear the matter up.

Tafeni said his original statement had been taken down incorrectly by police colonel Wessel van Niekerk. He insisted he had told Van Niekerk SADF soldiers had shot his brother, not civilian white attackers.

Tafeni also described to the inquest how, between the hours of 4am and 8am, he had moved the bodies of about 15 people allegedly murdered to a central point. — Sapa.

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Phola Park

resident shot dead in clash with police

By Abel Mabelane
and Anna Louw

A Phola Park man, Christopher Mcanci, was shot dead and several other people were injured when police allegedly fought a running battle with residents at the Tokoza squatter camp yesterday morning.

The chairman of the Phola Park Committee, Prince Mhlambi, said police had been called to the camp on Wednesday night after reports that Inkatha members were going to attack the camp.

Mr Mhlambi said he did not know what had provoked the police, but said they had spent most of the night firing teargas into the camp.

He said there had been a confrontation between police and residents yesterday morning and police had allegedly jam-bokked a number of people.

Fleeing

Mr Mhlambi said Mr Mcanci was among a group of people fleeing from the police, when he was shot. "He suffered gunshot wounds on the chest and thigh and another man was seriously injured during the confrontation."

He said a woman, Nokwakha Mrwebi, was allegedly beaten up by the police who demanded that she produce a gun allegedly owned by her husband.

Mr Mhlambi said police had conducted a house-to-house search in the camp, which by yesterday afternoon was quiet but tense.

A police spokesman said yesterday police were stoned while on patrol in the area. Police took action by firing tearsmoke and birdshot.

A man armed with an AK-47 rifle opened fire on police at 9.15 am. Police retaliated by firing birdshot. The body of the man was discovered soon afterwards, the spokesman said.

Sebokeng attack planned, inquest told

VEREENIGING. — Inkatha members planned to attack Sebokeng hostel on September 4, the day 42 people were found dead in and around the single-sex residential complex, the judicial inquest here was told yesterday.

Mr Wilson Tafeni testified that he had been told Inkatha members had been overheard at a local milling company planning the attack.

He and his brother, Mr David Tafeni, were subsequently part of a type of a neighbourhood watch patrolling the hostel complex when a group of white men with guns and accompanied by black men with axes attacked before sunrise on September 4.

He said he saw people being shot by the white men in the pre-dawn attack and that his brother was killed several hours later when SADF troops opened fire with R4 automatic rifles on a crowd of Sebokeng residents. — Sapa

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Policeman set on fire by mob

MIDDELBURG — A policeman was stabbed to death and his body set alight by a mob at Mbuluzi here yesterday.

The mob gathered at WO W B Nglilwi's house and set it alight before stabbing him and setting his body alight.

● Three people were killed in unrest incidents in townships around Johannesburg in the past 24 hours, police reported. — Sapa

Zonk'izizwe - where terror and death stalk at night

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THE latest carnage on the Reef seems to have ended, leaving more than 45 people dead and many of its residents refugees in neighbouring townships.

The Zonk'izizwe squatter camp, near Vosloorus, became the latest tribal war ground. Allegations there are that hostel inmates who fled Katlehong during the fighting in September, attacked other community members.

The peaceful lives of more than 11 000 families became a nightmare overnight as men camped outside the area in the veld and fought by night. Every morning the body count rose.

A day-to-day account of the fighting was this week given by Mr Eric Ntshiqela, a resident and the chairman of a shack dwellers association called Vulindlela United Communities of South Africa (Vucosa).

"It was a sad situation," he said.

"The name of our camp means 'For all nations' and here we were killing each other on tribal a basis."

Like in all violent incidents, Ntshiqela's account of events included terrifying tales alleging the involvement of police in the battle.

He claimed they openly armed and supported the ex-hostel faction.

Disarmed by police

"Two police vehicles registered BXF370B and BDZ401B patrolled the area through out. Policemen used to disarm us and take our weapons while we were watching them arm the other faction," Ntshiqela, who had been sleeping in the veld for the past week, said.

"On Wednesday, the patrol leader, a certain Officer Wessels, told us he had the authority to shoot us at will because we were trouble-makers.

On Wednesday night, policemen shot at us. It was about 7pm. Nine people died. On Sunday night, police

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

joined a group which had red bandanas and arm bands and shot at us. That night 14 of our people were killed," he said.

On Monday morning police found 19 bodies in the the veld. Most corpses had gunshot and panga wounds.

Captain Eugene Opperman, a police spokesman for Witwatersrand, denied allegations that they took sides with the Zulu faction.

Take no sides

"The police always endeavour to be completely neutral and apolitical. We take no sides and will not do so in future. Any person who alleges the police take sides must supply us with an affidavit.

"It is not our policy to answer unsubstantiated allegations," he said.

"The registration numbers supplied belong to police vehicles which move around in Zonk'izizwe each and every day. Warrant Officer Wessels, who is stationed at Katlehong, is a well-known member of the force and his superiors have never received complaints that he is unfair or has aided any person or group in any fighting in Zonk'izizwe.

"It is true police disarmed groups in the township. Weapons were seized from both Zulus and Xhosas on numerous occasion," he said.

No arrests have been made.

Different welfare organisations donated blankets, food and clothing to fleeing mothers who found themselves homeless and hungry overnight.

As residents left the settlement in their thousands to seek refuge in the other camp a protection racket gained momentum. Commuters were asked to pay R59 as they stepped from taxis for the protection of their homes and to help "bury their dead."

Police kill man in Phola Park

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A MAN was shot dead as police used teargas and birdshots to disperse Phola Park residents near Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday.

The man has been identified as Mr Christopher Mcanci.

A neighbour, Mrs Sheila Fesi, said a number of armed policemen raided his house at 8.15am and asked for the "guns which we used at night".

She said Mcanci was assaulted and beaten inside the shack but

By MATSHUBE
MFOLOE

managed to dash out.

"Minutes later, I heard gunfire," she said.

Mr Tom Poone said he saw Mcanci dashing for cover then later saw white policemen in hot pursuit.

He said: "I peeped through a hole on the wall and saw Mcanci struggling to jump a fence. I noticed blood on his back, then he fell to the ground.

Residents said another

resident was shot in the foot and was admitted to Natalspruit Hospital.

Police spokesman, Captain Ida van Zweek, said a police-foot patrol used birdshot and teargas after they were stoned.

She said later in the morning a black man with an AK-47 assault rifle attacked a police vehicle and police fired birdshot.

Zweek said the body of a black male was found at a soccer field and "he could have probably died due to police action".

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Judge orders witness detained for perjury

By Thabo Leshilo

A witness in the Sebokeng inquest being heard by the Supreme Court was detained briefly for committing perjury yesterday after allegedly giving evidence which conflicted with a statement he had made to police about his cousin's death.

Mr Justice Stafford ordered that Wilson Tafeni be detained for perjury while the court adjourned for tea.

The perjury stemmed from a statement made by Mr Tafeni in which he claimed to have

personally seen his cousin being shot by a white man at 4 am on September 4.

Mr Tafeni denied having said so to the court.

He said that his cousin had been killed when the SADF shot at people outside the hostel after 9 am.

Mr Justice Stafford told Mr Tafeni he had "committed perjury of the first degree".

In the statement, Mr Tafeni said he and his cousin were patrolling the hostel after rumours that Inkatha would attack the residents.

The statement said that David, his cousin, was shot by a white man — whom he described as being of medium build — at the hostel at 4 am.

Before dying, David had told Mr Tafeni that the killer was a Mr Ferreira or Mr Pelela, his manager at a Vereeniging firm.

Mr Tafeni denied having said so in his statement. He said his brother had been shot by a member of the SADF. Mr Tafeni said David was part of a large crowd sitting in front of soldiers, about seven paces in front of him.

He said he had ordered the people to sit down to avoid anybody throwing stones at the troops and he denied they had intended to block the soldiers.

The people had been armed with spears and axes, he with a spear.

The group had started running after soldiers fired tear-gas. Troops also fired live ammunition while the people ran away to escape the gas. His cousin was shot and fell.

"Only the soldiers fired at the people. No one else fired shots at the time," said Mr Tafeni.

Sebokeng probe hears police feared for lives

Capt Test 22/11/80 (278)

VEREENIGING. — Two policemen yesterday told the judicial inquest here that they had feared for their lives when an angry crowd of Sebokeng residents, apparently intent on killing Inkatha members trapped inside a hostel courtyard, had hurled stones and petrol bombs at police vehicles.

Constable Jacobus Potgieter described in a statement submitted to the inquest, investigating 42 deaths at the hostel complex on September 4, how a petrol bomb had exploded on the engine hood of the Casspir armoured vehicle he was driving.

He had driven the vehicle away from the crowd to extinguish the flames. When he drove back he had parked the Casspir across a hostel entrance to prevent aggressive township residents attacking Inkatha members.

He and three policemen trapped inside the Casspir realised they could do nothing but sit tight. "It was clear to me that if we climbed out the crowd would definitely have attacked us."

He said he heard someone in the

crowd shout: "The police and Inkatha are one and they will die as one."

Another policeman who testified yesterday, Captain Jacobus van der Westhuizen, said Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza had arrived at the hostel in a car later found to contain an arsenal of weapons, including a homemade explosive bomb, AK 47 and R4 automatic rifles and several handguns.

Mr Khoza had told him the Inkatha members, a crowd of more than 100 men armed with clubs, spears and axes, had returned to collect their belongings left at the hostel.

Captain Van der Westhuizen said he and a group of municipal policeman were the first security force members to arrive at the hostel complex on the morning of September 4.

Captain Van der Westhuizen said he had repeatedly used the radio to ask for reinforcements. Their lives would have been in danger had it not been for the SAP and SADF troops who arrived, he said. — Sapa

UDF calls off its boycott

PRETORIA. — The UDF yesterday called off its consumer boycott here.

UDF publicity secretary Mr. Siphwe Ngwenya said the boycott had been ended in view of the mass resignation of councillors in Atteridgeville and the meeting of a Bophuthatswana delegation with the ANC.

The UDF still demanded that the TPA negotiate on a single non-racial municipality. — Sapa

Sebokeng Xhosas 'wanted revenge'

S. Times 25/11/90

By BOETI ESHAK

A SENIOR police officer told the Sebokeng inquest this week he had called in the riot unit after an ANC official told him "the Xhosas" were emotional and could not be controlled.

Captain Johannes van der Westhuizen, commander of the Lekoa municipal police, was testifying before Mr Justice Eddie Stafford at an inquest in Vereeniging into 42 deaths at hostels in Sebokeng on September 4.

"Although I tried to pacify the Xhosas, I was not successful and I requested assistance from the riot unit," said Captain Van der Westhuizen.

"I could also not persuade a Mr Vilakazi, who said he was a representative of the ANC and the Xhosas, to pacify his group. He told me they were very emotional and would not listen to him."

He said he had been contacted at his Vanderbijlpark home at 4am on September 4 by the town

clerk of Lekoa (an acronym for black townships in the area), who said there were "problems" at the Sebokeng hostels.

"At the hostels we found that vehicles were overturned and several cars were burning. We also saw the bodies of black men. We noticed between 100 and 200 men in the inner courtyard.

Darkness

"All of them had red headbands on and were armed with sticks, pangas, spears and shields. This group was peaceful.

"There was another group of about 150 armed men at the entrance."

Captain Van der Westhuizen said that before he could speak to this group, Themba Khoza, Inkatha's representative in the Transvaal, approached him.

Mr Khoza told him the men

had returned to the hostels to collect their possessions and it was only safe to do so under cover of darkness.

The police officer then managed to get three delegates from each group together, who agreed that violence was not the solution. The Xhosa leaders, however, could not convince their supporters.

"This group was very aggressive and made it clear that the police should move out so they could take revenge on the Zulus for their friends' deaths.

"This group grew bigger and the three entrances to the hostel were virtually sealed. The Zulus and my personnel were trapped in the courtyard."

In another development this week, a witness, Wilson Tafeni, is to face perjury charges following his testimony on Thursday.

Mr Justice Stafford said Mr Tafeni had presented conflicting versions of his brother David

Tafeni's death. In a statement to police, Mr Tafeni had claimed armed white men in the company of black men had shot his brother dead at a Sebokeng hostel at 4am on September 4.

However, in his testimony on Thursday, Mr Tafeni said his brother had been shot dead by SA Defence Force soldiers shortly after 9am.

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● On Monday Mr Justice Stafford ordered the Sunday Times to apologise for a report published last week.

The Sunday Times had said: "It is alleged that 11 of the dead were shot by South African Defence Force troops called to assist the police."

Mr Justice Stafford said the report pre-empted the court's finding. The Sunday Times apologises for its error.

21 HELD DURING PEACEFUL REEF MARCH



FAITHFUL FEW: Sayco members protest in Kempton Park yesterday

Picture: RICHARD BLADES

POLICE outnumbered marchers in Kempton Park yesterday when the Tembisa branch of the South African Youth Congress (Sayco) took to the streets in protest.

The 60 demonstrators handed a memorandum of political demands to Major D Swanepoel at police headquarters.

Leaders blamed "police harassment" for the small turnout. A police spokesman confirmed 21 people had been arrested for marching outside the agreed route.

But march organiser Timothy Mabena insisted that those detained were only proceeding to the assembly point.

"There is no way these people could have held their own separate march, unless police expected them to fly to the assembly point," he said.

The march was one of several in various parts of the country. All went off peacefully and, in Cape Town, even with a touch of humour.

council offices locked when they tried to present a memorandum to the mayor.

A police guard said the councillors had "left for a meeting".

Marchers then headed for the post office and the police station, where they presented memorandums.

In Atteridgeville 1 000 peaceful mourners buried a victim of last week's violence.

Sunday Times Reporters

Yesterday morning shoppers stared in surprise at the sight of a goose-stepping "Magnus Malan" accompanied by a masked "President F W de Klerk" — in reality, artist David Roberts and drama student Alan Smith.

The protest was organised by the Campaign for a Judicial Inquiry into Hit Squads. (278)

Organiser Deon Swart said campaigners were demanding that General Malan be sacked over the activities of the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau, and that the hit squad inquiry be extended beyond South Africa's borders.

They also wanted a TV debate with Mr De Klerk on the findings of the Harms commission.

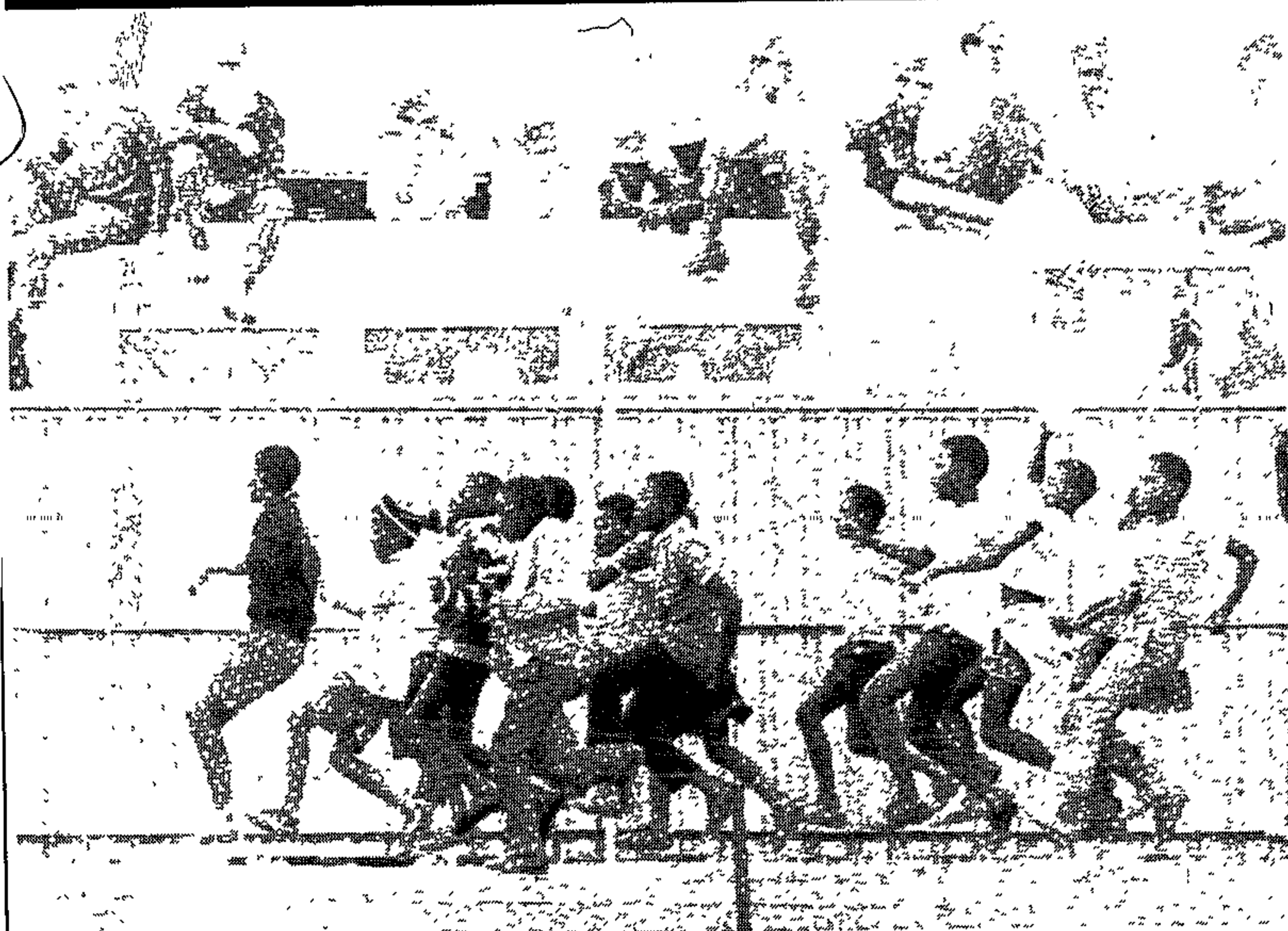
The campaign was supported by the ANC, the Black Sash, the Democratic Party, student organisations and "many Afrikaans speaking people", Mr Swart said.

Seven people, including a four-year-old boy, were shot when police broke up a demonstration at Montana township outside Wolsley.

In the Transvaal, two black townships held marches to protest against local authorities and other issues.

More than 3 000 people marched in Dobsonville, where a delegation from the local branch of the Soweto Civic Association found the gates to the town

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COPS AND KIDS . . . Police sit on a Casspir watching the ANC rally held in Tembisa yesterday while a group of children dance past. About 20 000 people attended the rally in the East Rand township which was addressed by Mr Nel-

son Mandela. In his speech Mr Mandela said the police were at the rally to provoke and kill people. "They (police) find it easy to spill the blood of black people. I appeal to them to leave their guns and bullets at their barracks," Mr Mandela said. He said police mean-

while were not taking similar action against the ultra-right wing for disrupting government meetings simply because they were *their* flesh and blood. As he said this, police in three Casspirs withdrew from their positions at the stadium.

Picture. REUTER

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Complaints
over SAP
action (278)

MEMORANDA were handed in to Dobsonville, Soweto police stations and post offices after a peaceful march on Saturday, complaining about SAP action and poor postal services.

Dobsonville civic association leaders also wanted to hand over a memorandum to the local town clerk, calling for the resignation of councillors, but he was not available.
Sapa

AWB RAIDS



Talk about brains and beauty. Pretty Bronwen van Niekerk is a qualified social worker and PR to Miss Dynamos Foot- boot. Not only that, ball Club queen who will represent her team during the Miss Reef City on Thursday. Lots of luck, Bronwen.

FW threat to 'Kei over coup claims

STATE President Mr FW de Klerk has threatened to sever diplomatic and financial ties with Transkei should the country's leaders continue to "falsely accuse" South Africa over last week's abortive coup attempt.

A spokesman for De Klerk, Mr CS Venter, yesterday confirmed the warning was contained in a message delivered to Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa by Foreign Affairs Deputy Director General, Mr Rusty Evans on Friday.

Reports said De Klerk had also warned to withdraw South Africa's recognition of the Transkei military government.

The Transkeian government is expected to meet today as the war of words between the two parties intensifies. The homeland's government would formulate

a response to De Klerk's threat.

Speaking from his home yesterday, Holomisa said he expected Transkei president Chief Tutor Ndumase to address a meeting of the Military Council. A statement would be issued later today.

"We will be working on a document that will be handed to the South African Government when Chief Ndumase meets Mr De Klerk shortly," Holomisa said.

Halt support

However, Holomisa said the prospects of a halt to financial support had not been discussed during Friday's meeting between him and South African deputy director of Foreign Affairs Evans.

Meanwhile, the SABC has demanded a retraction of the allegation by Holomisa that a staffer of the corporation knew about the coup attempt before it

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PICNIC

By MOSES MAMAILA

FIGHTING broke out in Louis Trichardt at the weekend after a group of whites clad in AWB-style khaki uniforms went on the rampage, attacking black children who were on a Sunday school outing at a park in the town.

Eye-witnesses said about 400 children, aged between seven and 14, were visiting the park on Saturday when a group of whites armed with sjamboks and sticks started attacking them.

Scores of children sustained minor wounds and were rescued by taximen, who came to the scene minutes after fighting started.

The children, all members of the Apostolic Faith Mission Church at Dzanani in Venda, were taken in taxis to safety outside the Conservative Party-controlled town.

Angry

However, the angry group of whites followed them to the area, where a clash between blacks and whites ensued.

An undisclosed number of people were reportedly injured, some seriously.

The Rev MG Mphahlele, who had organised the outing, said the white men told them that "the park does not belong to blacks".

"They started assaulting us with sjamboks and knives as we scattered in all directions," he said. Mphahlele escaped unhurt.

He said taximen took

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AWB raids picnic

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to the injured children to Siloam Hospital, where they were treated and discharged the same day.

Two children who went missing during the skirmish were brought to their homes by sympathisers who whisked them to safety on Saturday.

Louis Trichardt police declined to comment and referred Sowetan to a senior official in Pieterburg. He was off duty yesterday.

The attack came on the eve of a consumer boycott of white-owned businesses, which starts on Wednesday.

RIGHT: FORD SCARLE, TRIPP & MAKIN 10/405

ANC Meeting on NTVL repression

THE alleged escalation of police and SADF repression against political activists in the Northern Transvaal is to top the agenda at a regional conference of the African National Congress to be held in the area this weekend.

A press statement released by regional coordinator, Mr Thabo Makunyane, said the conference, to be held at a venue still to be announced, would also look at ANC policy on bantustans and ways of combating the use of the organisation's flags and symbols in witch-hunts.

The statement said the Northern Transvaal had seen the escalation of

repression and increased deployment of troops in the rural areas. It alleged that troops and police disrupted meetings, confiscated membership cards and records and beat up people.

Even killings have become the order of the day in the region," the statement added.

The alleged activities of the security forces were a violation of the spirit and word of both the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes, the statement said. 500 delegates are expected to attend the two-day meeting which starts on Saturday.

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Residents vow consumer boycott

Rage

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TENSION continued to grip Louis Trichardt yesterday following the weekend attack on black Sunday school children by a group of whites clad in AWB-style khaki uniforms.

There is widespread anger in black townships around the northern Transvaal town and residents have vowed to begin a consumer boycott of white-owned shops tomorrow.

The boycott is expected to draw support from many blacks, irrespective of political affiliation.

The Conservative Party town council, the local Chamber of Commerce and senior police officers met officials of the Consumer Boycott Committee yesterday to discuss ways to halt what could turn out to be the second consumer boycott in the town this year.

Yesterday's meeting was planned before Saturday's events but an insider told *Sowetan* that the attack, in which children aged between six and 15 were sjambokked and four admitted to hospital, topped the agenda.

In a statement released in Pietersburg, a police spokesman said a special investigating team headed by Major AT Prinsloo had been appointed to probe all aspects of the case.

By MOSES MAMAILA and MATHATHA TSEDU

A doctor had been assigned to the investigating team to verify "all claims of injuries during the assault".

The statement said attempts by members of the public to take the law into their own hands would not be tolerated and added that the investigation would continue until "the responsible parties have been apprehended".

Azanian People's Organisation chairman in the region Mr Don Nkadmeng said the attack on "young Christians relaxing in an open park in the presence of the police was terrorism of the worst kind".

Sunday school

About 400 children who were on a Sunday school outing were attacked by a large group of whites with sjamboks, sticks and dogs at a park in the town on Saturday, leaving many of them injured.

The local branch chairman of the ANC, Mr Magwedzha Mphaphuli, yesterday described the situation as "very tense".

Police spokesman Sergeant H Jones said yesterday police were investigating. The matter was considered "in a very serious light". He said no arrests had been made.

SOWETAN Tuesday November 27 1990

Plea to Vlok over curfew

By MONK NKOMO

Soweto THE Alteredgeville Saulsville Residents Organisation meets the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, in Pretoria this morning to discuss the possibility of lifting the dawn-to-dusk curfew in the township.

The civic body also wants the lifting of unrest curbs imposed in the Pretoria township on November 11, said acting general secretary of Asro, Mr Simon Tshidi.

Unrest area

Vlok introduced the 9pm to 4am curfew and declared the township an "unrest area" following a weekend of violence in which two youths were shot dead, allegedly by police, and houses of several town councillors and former town clerk Mr Solly Rammla, petrol-bombed. A number of shops were also damaged.

"We think the curbs are unnecessary and, in fact, they inconvenience people," Tshidi said.



Jubilant dance ... toddlers from Pamela Nursery School in Soweto celebrate the end of the school year.

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11 die at ER *Sowetan 28/11/90* 278 camp

ELEVEN people were killed - one of them beheaded - and 16 others injured when armed men, among them whites, attacked a squatter camp in Katlehong, near Germiston, on Monday night.

The attack occurred while squatter dwellers were preparing to defend themselves after being tipped off that an attack was imminent.

East Rand police spokeswoman Captain Ida van Zweek said yesterday that the attackers "used an assortment of weapons which also included guns".

"Seven men were shot dead and four were hacked with what police believe could have been pangas," said Van Zweek.

But police denied knowledge of whites taking part in the raid, which occurred about 10pm.

Survivors said they had seen white men among the attackers. They also alleged police in a yellow casspir were seen removing bodies of the attackers who died in the skirmish.

They only came back the next morning to remove the remaining bodies.

"It is not true that police only removed bodies of the attackers and left the others at the scene," said Van Zweek.

By Kenosi Modisane

She said police "discovered nine bodies at the scene on Monday night and came back on Tuesday morning when another body was found".

Mr TT Madlakamela, an executive member of the residents committee, said yesterday: "I personally saw some whites among the black men who had white bands tied around their bodies."

"They emerged from the trees behind where we were seated. They opened fire on us while others attacked with an assortment of weapons."

Madlakamela said the meeting was held in bushes on the border of the camp.

"We thought it would be safe to meet at that time and place to avoid another Zonk'izwe scene where squatters were attacked after a meeting recently."

Most of the shacks in the camp were set alight. And residents yesterday claimed the attackers had looted the shacks before burning them down.

Mr Heavy Mabanga said: "They took my television set and R180 in cash."

Another survivor, Mr Sizwe Mgobongo (24), who sustained head injuries, said: "I took a dive when a white man pointed a gun at me. And suddenly a group of men were on me with sticks."

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One shot sparked deadly barrage, inquest is told

A SINGLE shot fired at a man who allegedly threw a petrol bomb at SADF soldiers at Sebokeng hostel on September 4 apparently sparked off a barrage of R4 automatic rifle fire into a crowd.

This was said yesterday by SADF Cmdt Stefanus Lombard during the Vereeniging Supreme Court inquest investigating the massacre of 42 people at the hostel on that day.

Lombard said the man with the petrol bomb was not among the dead when the 22-second-long fusillade ended.

He was unable to say whether any of the people killed in the SADF shooting had threatened to throw petrol bombs or whether any of the people responsible for throwing "at least two or three stones" had been among the wounded.

Like previous police witnesses, he also testified he did not hear the officer in charge of the SADF troops, Cmdt Alf Clulie, give any order to start shooting.

He said in a statement submitted to the inquest he had accompanied the 62 troops called to the scene by the police as an observer, and he had not been among the front line of 46 soldiers who shot into the crowd.

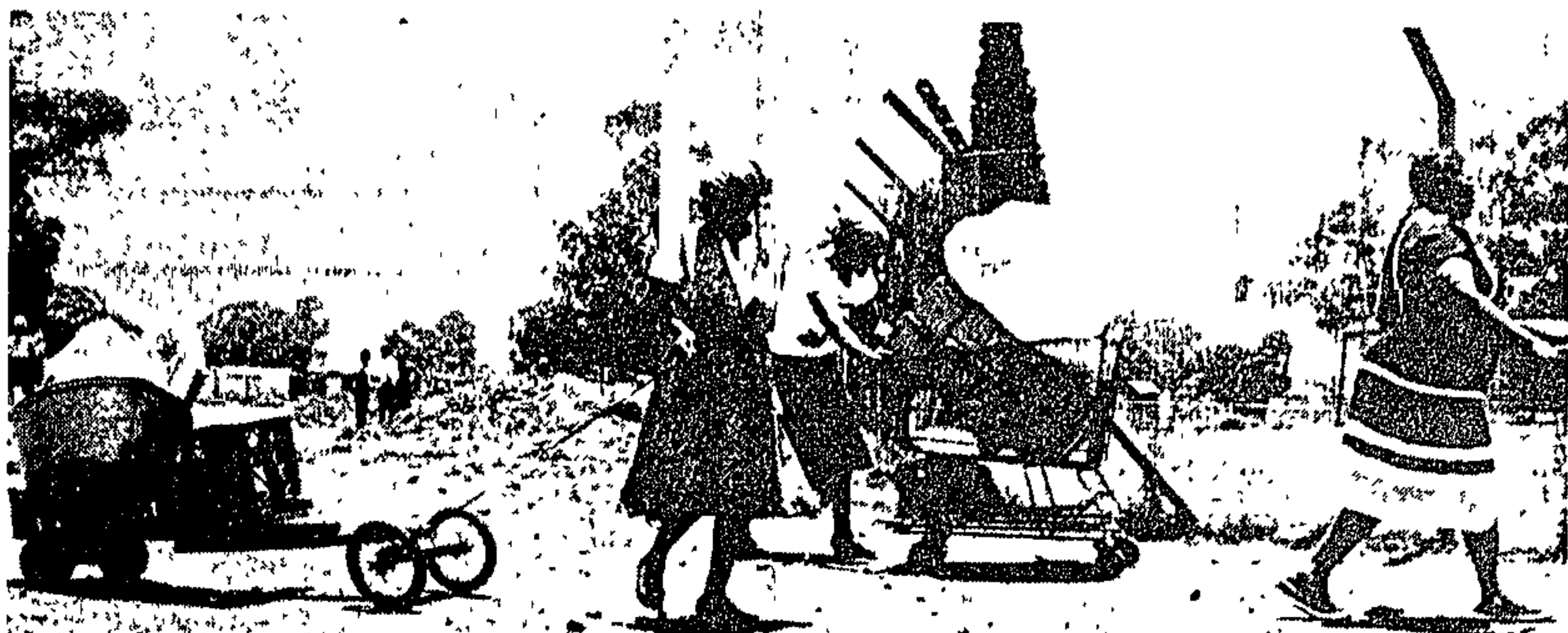
He said on arrival the SADF was asked by police Col Wessels van Niekerk to rescue police members apparently trapped with more than 100 Inkatha members inside a hostel courtyard by a crowd of about 4 000 armed Sebokeng residents outside the complex.

He had interpreted the move to sit down by people in the crowd closest to the advancing soldiers as a threat to the troops and one "to prevent us from getting to the SAP". Previous witnesses have agreed the action was one of passive resistance.

Lombard testified that the soldiers were issued with live ammunition and teargas grenades. No rubber bullets were issued. — Sapa.

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Women carrying their possessions fled from Katlehong's Holomisa Park squatter camp yesterday after Monday night's fighting which left 10 dead and at least 30 injured.

Picture LINDEN BIRNS

Armed squatters ready for attacks

LINDEN BIRNS and WILSON ZWANE

SQUATTERS in Katlehong township on the East Rand were bracing themselves last night for violent attacks in the wake of fighting on Monday night in which 10 people died.

Women were fleeing the area with bundles of possessions and men were erecting road barricades. Residents allege Inkatha members led the assault on their homes.

Local priest Simon Wakakane said the squatter camp's defence committee had decided yesterday that residents should arm themselves.

Police said yesterday that at least 10 people had died after about 150 men attacked the Holomisa Park camp near Germiston.

Police liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweek said seven bodies with gunshot wounds, one body with hack wounds, another with gunshot and hack wounds, and a body with a slit throat were found by patrolling police at about 6am.

The police had no idea who the attackers were, she said.

Other East Rand townships were quiet, she said, but police had stepped up patrols.

Katlehong squatters claimed yesterday that policemen and other whites were involved in Monday's attack, and produced what they said was a police searchlight to back up the claims.

They said the attack was masterminded

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Attacks

by Inkatha supporters from the Kwesine hostel complex on Katlehong's border with Thokoza.

Reacting to the allegations of police involvement, Van Zweek said police had been on patrol at the time and had opened fire with teargas and birdshot to disperse the warring mobs.

"No injuries or fatalities were reported as a result of the police action," she said. "The 10 bodies were found only once the chaos had died down."

If anyone had information regarding alleged participation by whites in the raid, they should make a sworn statement to the police so the matter could be investigated.

There was a stream of people leaving the settlement yesterday, to seek shelter

with family or friends in other townships.

Men spent most of yesterday organising themselves into defence units with rudimentary weapons, fortifying the camp and setting up barricades on access roads.

"There was a rumour that Inkatha people would attack last night (Monday), but we did not take it seriously. This time we'll be ready for any attacks," warned one resident.

Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) Youth Brigade Transvaal chairman Themba Khoza dismissed the allegations of Inkatha involvement as "absolute nonsense".

□ Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok lifted the curfew in the Pretoria townships of Atteridgeville and Saulsville yesterday

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Single shot triggered massacre

VEREENIGING. — A single shot fired at a man who allegedly tried to hurl a petrol bomb at SADF troops at Sebokeng hostel on September 4 apparently triggered a fusillade of R4 automatic rifle fire into the crowd.

This was said yesterday by SA Defence Force Cmdt Stefanus Lombard during the Supreme Court inquest here investigating the massacre of 42 people at the hostel on that day.

He said in a statement submitted to the inquest that he had accompanied the 62 troops called to the scene by the police as an observer and that he had not been among the front line of 46 soldiers who shot into the crowd.

Like previous police witnesses, Cmdt Lombard also said he had not heard the army officer in charge of the soldiers, a Cmdt Clulie, give any order to open fire with live ammunition.

Capt Tim 28/11/90
Cmdt Lombard testified that the soldiers were issued with live ammunition and teargas grenades only. No rubber bullets were issued.

He was unable to say whether any of the people shot dead in the SADF shooting had threatened to throw petrol bombs or whether any of the people responsible for throwing "at least two or three stones" had been among the wounded.

The inquest continues. — Sapa

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NEWS

'I don't think there will ever be peace'

By Monica Nicolson

Mlama Ngebiaya is desperate.

Chased out of her comfortable home into the veld by the violence in the squatter camp of Zonk' Isizwe on the East Rand, Ms Ngebiaya is just one of many unrest victims.

Homeless, cold and hungry, she was forced to flee with her three toddlers to Phola Park, where she sleeps in the open, unprotected from the rainy weather.

Her means of livelihood — raising chickens and making beer from home — has been destroyed, so she has no income.

On Sunday, she returned home to pick up clothes and blankets but found that all her belongings, including her television set, had been stolen.

Her husband disappeared when the violence began a fortnight ago and she has not seen him since. She hopes he is with the group of fighting men defending the Xhosas and not lying dead in the nearby veld.

Running away

In-between bouts of hoarse coughing, Mrs Ngebiaya told The Star she was beginning to lose hope that she would be able to endure her circumstances.

"My three little girls are sick and my youngest has started to cough up blood. I want to get home, and life to return to normal, but I don't think there will be peace in Zonk' Isizwe or anywhere.

"Mothers are going to spend their lives running away and hiding. Our children will just die because us mothers are helpless.

"What can I do? What can I do?" she asked.

Then she burst into tears.



Homeless and despairing . . . Mlama Ngebiaya has fled the violence in Zonk' Isizwe and now lives in the veld with her three toddlers.
Picture by Alf Kumalo

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10 killed in attack on squatter camp

By Guy Jepson

Unidentified white men and Inkatha supporters have been blamed for a massive two-pronged assault on a pro-ANC squatter settlement in Kaituma, east of Johannesburg on the East Rand late on Monday night in which at least 10 people died.

Residents interviewed by The Star said an open-air meeting in the Holomisa squatter camp was the target of the attackers who moved in between 10 and 10.30 pm, armed with automatic rifles, knives and sticks. The conflict spread into the adjoining Mandela Park camp.

In the aftermath of the attack, police found 10 bodies in Mandela Park including one that had been decapitated. Seven of the victims died of bullet wounds and the others had apparently been hacked to death.

Patrol

Another 14 injured people were taken to the Natalspruit Hospital, of whom five were admitted, a hospital spokesman said yesterday.

East Rand police spokesman Captain van Zweek said police had been on patrol in the area at about 10.50 pm "when about 150 black men attacked the Mandela Park squatter camp".

"They fired teargas and birdshot to disperse the group. No injuries were reported. After that, police started finding bodies. There were no injuries due to police action," she said.

Captain van Zweek said no arrests had been made and police were unaware that whites were involved in the attack. She also denied residents' claims that police fired at shack-dwellers.

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Katlehong battle: 10 die

AT LEAST 10 people died in fighting after about 150 men attacked the Mandela View squatter camp in the East Rand's Katlehong township near Germiston on Monday night.

Yesterday residents were bracing themselves against further allegedly Inkatha-led attacks. The Rev Simon Wakakane, a local priest, said residents had resolved at a defence committee meeting to arm themselves.

Police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweel said the police as yet had no idea who the attackers were or what had prompted the attack.

The East Rand townships of Vosloorus,

Tembisa, Thokoza, KwaThema and Zonk-sizwe were all "very quiet" although the police had stepped up patrols, she said.

Residents at the settlement claimed that SAP members and other white men were involved in the raid. They said the attack was masterminded by Inkatha supporters based at their stronghold at the Kwesine hostel complex on Katlehong's border with Thokoza.

Captain Van Zweel confirmed only that police had been on patrol at the time of the attack and had opened fire with tear-gas and birdshot to disperse the warring mobs.

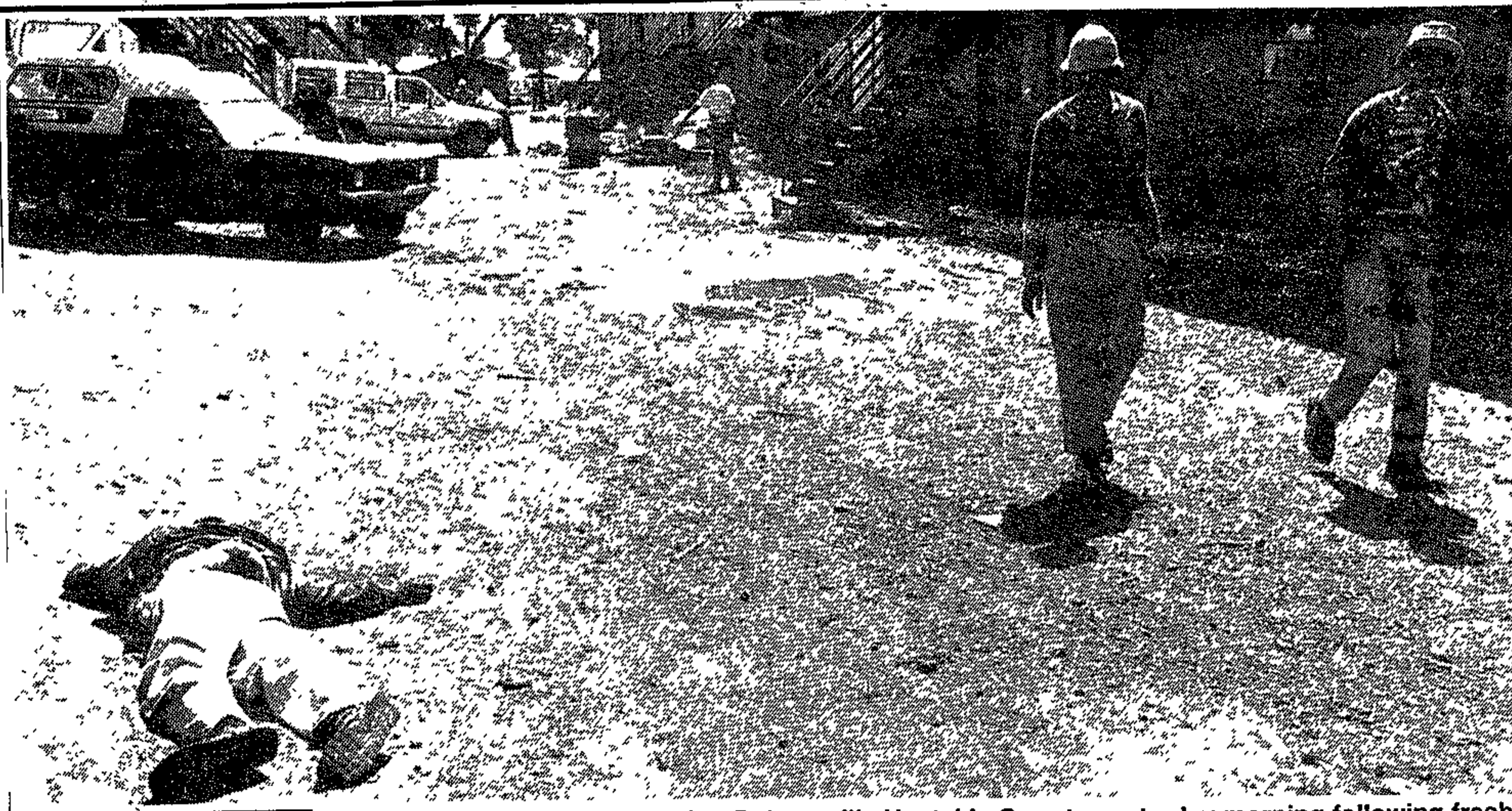
The Transvaal chairman of the Inkatha

Freedom Party Youth Brigade, Mr Themba Khoza, dismissed the allegations of Inkatha involvement in the attack as "absolute nonsense".

● Meanwhile, in Natal about 700 women and children from the Umgubaba area near Amanzimtoti sought refuge at the Illovo Beach police station on Monday night after three men were killed in a raid in the area.

Port Natal police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo could not confirm if the refugees had returned home yesterday.

The assailants came from the nearby Uminini location, said Lieutenant Naidoo — Own Correspondent and Sapa



One of the three bodies found at Dobsonville Hostel in Soweto yesterday morning following fresh fighting on Monday night.

Many killed in fresh fighting

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RENEWED fighting between rival black groups and racial attacks by right wing extremists are rocking South Africa.

Latest flashpoints are:

* On Monday night Zulu-Xhosa clashes on the East Rand claimed 11 lives;

* Thirteen people have been killed in Dobsonville - three on Monday night and 10 last week;

* Police reinforcements drawn from all over the Western Cape have been deployed in Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads, while the Defence Force is calling up citizen force members by telephone in a hurried attempt to stem township violence;

* Tensions in

Sowetan Reporters

Welkom, the scene of bitter racial clashes this year, have soured after rightwingers beat up trade unionists at a meeting;

* Water and electricity cuts in townships hit by rent boycotts continue to add tensions. The latest flashpoint is Maokeng in the Free State, where the National Party-controlled council cut off water on Friday.

Armed

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said police had no record of the Dobsonville incident.

He said police were only called when armed men attacked a house in the area. A 30-year-old man injured during the at-

tack was admitted to Leratong Hospital in Krugersdorp.

But a *Sowetan* team which visited the hostel yesterday found the body of an unidentified man in the premises at 9.45am. Two other bodies had been removed in earlier in the morning.

Civic leaders arranged a meeting with a man who is believed to have seen the killers.

He is said to have escaped death by driving off at high speed when a group of about 50 men armed with pangas, spears and sticks approached him. He saw the dead man staggering before he fell along the hostel walkway.

"I initially thought he

was drunk. But I went to find out how I could help when he fell down. I discovered his clothes were soaked in blood and had a gaping wound in his stomach.

"The wound could only have been inflicted with a spear or panga. While I was trying to help him youths came running past and warned me to run away as armed men, were stabbing people indiscriminately.

"I saw a group of about 50 armed men approaching. I ran to the car and drove off. I later heard the men had asked for names of hostel dwellers who were representatives of the local civic association," said the man, who would not give his name.

Stop brutal acts - Inkatha

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THE Inkatha Freedom Party has called for the disbanding of "people's courts", street and area committees and "uncontrolled structures" in the townships.

In a statement yesterday, the IFP's Transvaal youth chairman, Mr Themba Khoza, said the call was motivated by "some inhuman and undemocratic" acts by the

Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal.

Khoza said Cast was part of the ANC/SACP alliance and did not represent all township residents.

"This call is not just made to interfere with Cast's activities, it is to safeguard the democratic rights of all residents," the statement said.

Khoza said the street

committees and the "people's courts" were harassing township residents. He added that street committees planned "brutal and criminal" acts against opposing organisations.

Cast should state whether it was their intention to destroy opposition as the IFP wanted to see democracy in the townships. - Sapa.

Whites behind killer impis claim

From MONO
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"Mandelaview" and pro-ANC "Holomisa" squatter camps outside Katlehong township on the East Rand crackled with tension following an attack by an Inkatha impi on residents of the camps this week

The attack is the latest in a series of violent clashes since mid-July which has left hundreds of squatters killed

Inkatha-backed hostel dwellers are accused of carrying out the killings

Attacks in past months have been made on squatters in Crossroads in Katlehong, Ploa Park in Thokoza, Tladi in Soweto, Zonk' Izizwe outside Vosloorus and Tembisa on the East Rand

Beheaded

In the latest incident, at least 11 people were killed, one of them beheaded and 16 others injured when armed Inkatha-backed hostel dwellers, among them whites, attacked the squatter camp

The death of the 11 men has the total of those killed in squatter settlements on the East Rand within a week at nearly 50.

Seven men were shot dead and four others were hacked with what police said could have been pangas

Residents of Mandelaview squatter camp claimed that

whites were responsible for the killings

"We are being killed by whites," was the general sentiment by almost every resident interviewed by SOUTH

Mr Amalio Nqalathi, 54, whose brother Mr Lulama Nqalathi, 40, was killed in the ambush, claimed that armed whites helped Inkatha-backed hostel dwellers in the attack.

"We were holding a meeting in an open veld outside the camp. There were hundreds of us discussing a rumour that Inkatha was going to attack the camp."

"All of us were seated when men out of the bushes attacked us from behind."

Guns

"Inkatha impi wearing red headbands, many carrying pangas, knobkerries and other dangerous weapons, attacked us."

"Behind them were whites who used guns in attacking us."

"Many of us received gunshot wounds," Nqalathi claimed.

Mr TT Madlakamela, an executive member of the residents committee, said: "I personally saw some whites among the black men."

But police denied knowledge of white men in the raid, which occurred about 10pm

At least three shack were

razed following the attack. During the day residents, specially women and babies, could be seen leaving the camp to seek refuge in the nearby Katlehong township

But many vowed they would not be intimidated into leaving their homes

They accused police of using hostel dwellers to harass them to leave their homes.



FLEEING FAMILIES: Mothers carry what they can to flee the violence

ANC calls for probe into killing

FEARS of another bloodbath in rural towns are mounting after police took action against peaceful demonstrators in Wolseley last weekend.

The ANC (Western Cape), the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac) and the United Democratic Front (UDF) have called for a formal, independent judicial inquiry into repression in Boland towns following the death of a man during a peaceful protest in Wolseley on Saturday.

"The root of the conflict in the Boland towns is the complete arrogance of the white people who are not keeping pace with the changes in the country," ANC spokesperson Mr Trevor Manuel said.

Mr Edward Booysen, 29, was killed in Montana, Wolseley, and 15 people were injured when police opened fire without warning on the demonstrators near a community hall in the township.

The local authority and the magistrate had granted permission for the protest.

An autopsy performed on

Tuesday found that Booysen had 90 birdshot pellets in the chest and 15 in his right arm. He died of internal bleeding.

In nearby Robertson, Jaap de Bruin, 18, was shot by a white shopkeeper last Thursday when police dispersed a crowd of 30 people who were walking towards town to hold a placard demonstration.

Eyewitnesses dismissed police claims that Jaap lunged towards Mrs Nolene Meyer with a bottleneck and that she shot at him in self-defence.

Activists who formed part of a committee organising

Jaap's funeral were detained on Wednesday morning.

Their lawyer, Mr Kader Amien, confirmed that 12 members of the Robertson youth and civic organisations and an executive member of the Ashton ANC branch were being held under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act.

"Racism breeds this kind of attitude among whites. They see the changes in South Africa as a threat to their livelihood," said Cahac general secretary Ms Zohra Ebrahim.

Racist attitudes in small towns sparked off a defiance campaign in the Boland in

June this year.

Black Residents demanded to be treated in a dignified manner.

Whites in the Boland are still referred to as "baas" and "noor" and their children as "klein-baasie".

In some towns blacks have to step off the pavement when whites approach.

Recurrence

Commenting on the police action, Manuel said: "The same thing could happen in Ceres this weekend, where a march is planned, or the violence could move back to Ashton or Robertson or any town under the Worcester command."

He called for an impartial inquiry to prevent a recurrence.

Sebokeng inquest — ^{Argus 29/11/90} perjury charge probed ²⁷⁸

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The head of a judicial inquest into the killing of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel, near Vereeniging, on September 4 has ordered evidence of an SADF officer be sent to the Attorney-General for scrutiny.

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Petrol bomb

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He also was one of four SADF officers who had so far confirmed there were no orders to start shooting live ammunition at the crowd that day.

In his statement and in his evidence on Tuesday, Commandant Lombard claimed to have seen a man who was throwing a petrol bomb at SADF troops being shot.

Later, a petrol bomb was removed by his commanding officer from near where the dead man was lying.

But yesterday after watching a video replay, he told Mr Justice Stafford that he had not seen the petrol bomb there in the first place.

False statement

As the drama unfolded, another officer, Sergeant-Major Marthinus le Roux, also admitted making a false statement to police about the petrol bomb.

In his statement Sergeant-Major Le Roux said he had seen where the petrol bomb lay, next to the body, but said in his evidence he had actually only seen the petrol bomb in Commandant Alf Clulie's hand and after he had presumably picked it up next to the body.

He said the troops were justified in firing for 22 seconds. He said they did not hear orders to stop because of the helmets they were wearing.

16 killed in Tyl township violence

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Sporadic outbreaks of violence in the Transvaal area have claimed the lives of 16 people since Monday night.

Five bodies were found by police at the Zonk' Isizwe squatter camp on the East Rand yesterday morning — all with gunshot wounds.

In Alexandra the burnt body

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of a man was found. Another man was seriously wounded in Soweto when a mob fired shots.

In Katlehong, 10 bodies were found at the Mandela Park squatter camp.

Seven died from gunshot wounds, two were hacked to death and another was beheaded. — Crime Staff.

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Sebokeng: judge orders perjury probe

By Montshiwa Moroke
and Sapa

An SADF officer's evidence should be sent to the Attorney-General for scrutiny, the chairman in the judicial inquest into the killing of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel near Vereeniging on September 4 ruled yesterday.

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This followed Commandant Lombard's confirmation that he had made a false statement to the police regarding a petrol bomb allegedly found near the body of a man who had been shot dead by SADF members.

Commandant Lombard was the first of two senior SADF officers who gave evidence in court which contradicted parts of their original statements.

He was also one of four SADF officers who have confirmed there had been no orders to start shooting live ammunition at the crowd that day.

In the statement, Commandant Lombard claimed to have seen fellow officer Commandant Alf Clulie pick up a petrol bomb from the ground where the body was lying, but, cross-examined by Mr Justice Stafford, he admitted not even seeing the petrol bomb in question.

Sergeant-Major Marthinus le Roux also admitted having

made a false statement to the police concerning the petrol bomb in question.

He said the troops were justified in firing for 22 seconds as they had not heard anyone ordering them to stop shooting because of the helmets they were wearing.

Mr Justice Stafford remarked that it did not make a difference because no orders had been given in the first place ordering them to start shooting.

Another SADF member, Corporal David Patrick Eiman, said he had seen a man throwing a stone at Rifleman John Booysen, while he held a stick in the other hand.

Corporal Eiman said that when the man aimed to throw a petrol bomb, Rifleman Booysen had shot him in the head. He said the petrol bomb had fallen a few paces away from where the man's body lay.

He had not seen any other petrol bombs being thrown at the troops. The troops had fired live ammunition at the crowd because they thought their lives were in danger.

Corporal Eiman said the shooting continued because his colleagues thought their lives were still in danger although the crowd was running away.

Anton Ackerman, for the State, put it to Corporal Eiman that none of the petrol bombs which had been collected at the scene afterwards showed signs of having been ignited.

Commandant Clulie, who was in charge of the SADF troops that day, is expected to testify today.

News in Brief

Policemen shot dead

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DURBAN. — Two KwaZulu policemen were shot dead in a police van in White City village in Umbumbulu, south of Durban, on Tuesday night.

Eskom chief has bypass

JOHANNESBURG. — The chairman of Eskom, Dr John Maree, is reported to be "resting comfortably" after cardiac bypass surgery.

Jan Smuts strike over

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JOHANNESBURG. — The strike by about 200 SAA technicians at Jan Smuts Airport ended yesterday afternoon. The workers had begun a sit-down strike in the morning after a colleague had been dismissed for allegedly smoking dagga.

'Racist' town hit by black boycott

LOUIS TRICHARDT. — White-owned businesses here were hit by a total black consumer boycott yesterday, sparking fears of financial hardships.

The situation was "very bad", businessmen confirmed, while a Far Northern police spokesman said the town was "very quiet".

The manager of a national food chain in the town, Mr Pierre Croucamp, said many businesses would be ruined if the boycott lasted six months.

The boycott, planned to last the whole festive season, is the second to hit the town this year.

It is intended to force the Conservative Party-controlled town into abandoning racist attitudes, a Consumer Boycott Committee spokesman, Mr Maguedzha Mphaphuli, said recently.

It comes in the wake of a right-wing attack on about 300 Sunday school children at the weekend.

About 40 members of the extremist Blanke Bevydingsburo, wielding sjamboks, clubs and car fan belts, laid into the children

during an outing at a local park on Saturday.

Reacting to the boycott, cafe owner Mr Piet Naude said he was sending his staff home without pay.

"There is no one here to buy. Town is basically empty, so they (the staff) can sit at home."

Businessman Mr Pierre Grobler said he would be forced to retrench staff.

Vlok's warning

Shopkeeper Mr R G Luther said his sales had slumped by 80%, but he would stay open for the time being.

Afrikaanse Sakekamer spokesman for Louis Trichardt, Mr Brink Schlesinger, was not available for comment.

A person in his office said he was "hiding from the press".

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday strongly condemned the attack, as well as recent attacks by whites on black miners in Welkom.

He made an urgent appeal for peace in both areas and urged leaders to refrain from remarks

or actions that could aggravate the situation.

He said vigilante groups, such as those responsible for the attack at Louis Trichardt, would not be allowed to take the law into their own hands.

However, Far North Police Commissioner Major-General Gerrit Viljoen said police would not take action against the Blanke Bevydingsburo. Police would act only against individuals, not the organisation as a whole.

Statements had been taken from young victims and police hoped to make the first arrests by the end of the week.

The Venda foreign ministry has protested to the South African embassy in Thohoyandou about the attack.

The leader and chairman of the Apostolic Faith Mission in Venda, the Rev M P Ragima, expressed his condolences to the children and their teachers.

The youngsters were all members of the mission.

He assured them the culprits would be brought to book. — Sapa

Sebokeng: ^{CAM 7/1/90} Cmdt charged with perjury ^{29/11/90}

VEREENIGING. — A high-ranking SADF officer has been accused of statutory perjury following crucial evidence concerning a petrol bomb heard during the Sebokeng inquest yesterday.

Inquest chairman Mr Justice Eddie Stafford said there was prima facie evidence that Commandant Stefanus Lombard had committed perjury, and ordered that the officer's evidence be studied by the attorney-general so that charges could be formulated if necessary.

This followed Cmdt Lombard's confirmation that he had submitted false evidence to the police concerning a petrol bomb allegedly found near the body of a man shot dead by SADF troops.

Another SADF member, Sergeant-Major Marthinus le Roux, also admitted making a false statement to the police concerning the same petrol bomb.

And Mr Stafford pointed out that the testimony of Corporal David Eiman, also about the bomb, contradicted evidence given by several other policemen.

22 seconds

Four SADF members who testified yesterday confirmed there had been no order to start shooting, but both Major Le Roux and Corporal Eiman suggested that many of the shots fired in the 22-second-long fusillade which followed the first and deadly shot were fired into the air.

Cmdt Lombard agreed it had not been necessary to shoot for 22 seconds in view of the fact that the crowd turned to run the moment the first shot was fired.

Lieutenant Gavin Agulhas, who was in charge of a platoon of the soldiers involved in the incident, told the inquest he had been surprised when the shooting started. He agreed the use of live ammunition had not been necessary.

Cross-examined by Mr Gys Rautenbach for the families of 12 of the deceased, Lieut Agulhas said teargas was fired first, but this was immediately followed by the volley of automatic rifle fire.

The hearing continues. — Sapa



Inkatha Freedom Party members armed with traditional weapons leave the Tokoza stadium after a peace rally

Peace rally panic in Tokoza

RESIDENTS of Tokoza on the East Rand scattered in panic when Inkatha Freedom Party supporters fired a barrage of shots in the air minutes after a peace rally yesterday.

Gunfire was heard as more than 3 000 armed supporters made their way from the Tokoza stadium to the local hostels. No-one was injured in the incident.

No policemen were present during the "peace rally".

Leaders of the Inkatha Freedom Party and Inkatha Youth Brigade, called on the Tokoza Civic Association (TCA)

to disband.

Inkatha Youth Brigade secretary Mr Themba Msomi said the "ANC-aligned TCA" was not representative of all community organisations.

He said the TCA had imposed its decisions on the community by calling for consumer boycotts and stayaways which were dividing organisations.

Calling for "unity of the oppressed against the common enemy", Inkatha official Mr Fakazi Mduba said factional

By MATSHUBE
MFOLOE

fighting would be solved if people learned to respect each other.

He said it would be "useless for Mr Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to shake hands" while the

people on the ground continued killing each other.

"The solution to the problem is with us and not with individuals," he said.

Mduba said stayaways and consumer boycotts divided the community because "they are imposed on the people".

"Inkatha only hears of a boycott; we are never consulted," he said.

Mduba said organisations calling for protest actions should "force only their members to participate in these actions and leave Inkatha alone".

Tokoza has been the scene of clashes between Inkatha and ANC which have claimed the lives of more more than 800 since August.

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In cross-examination, the officer told the crowd. — Sapa.

Western Cape worst hit by violence

PRETORIA — The western Cape has had the highest incidence of unrest in the country this year, with Natal a close second, says Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Vlok was speaking at the opening of the new Vela police station in Inanda, near Durban.

From the beginning of the year to November 22, there were 2 655 unrest incidents in Natal compared with 2 990 in the western Cape. *B10am 30/11/90*

Vlok said there was clearly a campaign aimed

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at the lives of policemen. Nineteen policemen had been killed since the beginning of October this year.

These killings were over and above the campaign being waged against black SAP members in an attempt to "drive them into the arms of the anarchists".

However, the campaign has floundered because of the loyalty displayed by the victims of this campaign.

The new police station, which cost R211 000, was part of a budget of R24m

approved by Cabinet in June for SAP structures in Natal, Vlok said.

Since the outbreak of violence in Natal, various public organisations had asked for a bigger police presence to protect them from organisations which "pretended" to act in their political and constitutional interests.

Vlok said government was well on the way to creating a new political dispensation and the matter at hand was the economic reconstruction of SA and the creation of new jobs.

Vlok declares unrest area on East Rand

ZONKEZIZWE, the troubled East Rand shack settlement, was yesterday declared an unrest area by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

The declaration, which will go into immediate effect, includes the imposition of a 9pm to 4am curfew which began last night.

Since November 22, 69 people have been killed in the settlement, with the worst attack taking place early last week when a Zulu raiding party allegedly launched an attack after which 19 dead men's bodies were found in the area.

Vlok said the "extraordinary measures" were aimed at hooligans and criminal elements who were preying on law-abiding citizens. *B10am 30/11/90*

Vlok appealed to Zonkeizwe's residents to co-operate with the police in re-establishing law and order in the area.

Employers should assist their workers who lived in the settlement by providing them with the necessary travel documentation, he added.

Yesterday police found the bodies of at least 14 people following overnight clashes in townships countrywide.

LINDEN BIRNS

At the East Rand's near-deserted Zonkeizwe shack settlement, police found nine hacked and stabbed bodies. Yesterday morning they had no idea who the dead men or their assailants were.

"We think there is a possibility of this being a faction fight between Xhosas and Zulus, but we are investigating the attack," a police spokesman said.

Sapa reports that four other bodies were found in nearby Thokoza on the outskirts of Alberton, south of Johannesburg. Police liaison officer Capt Piet van Deventer said the police were not sure if these bodies had been victims of unrest-related incidents.

At Hopeville, in Natal, one man was shot dead by a gun-toting mob while a similar attack left a man seriously injured at Natal's Table Mountain. Youths in the same area also set a house alight.

Other incidents — in which there were no deaths — were reported at Jouberton near Klerksdorp, Rocklands near Bloemfontein and KwaMakhuta near Durban.

Whites took part in killings - claim

By WALLY MBHELE *Wm Mac* 20/11/90 - 6/12/90 (278)
WHITE assailants have once again been implicated in township clashes on the Reef.

Residents of Mandela and Holomisa squatter camps in Katlehong, where 11 people were killed and more than 10 injured in a raid by a group of armed men on Monday night, insist that white men took part in the attack. Police have denied there was white involvement.

One victim was beheaded and the rest were shot and hacked, presumably with pangas, police representative Captain Ida van Zweek said.

Hand grenades destroyed shacks and residents were fired on with AK-47 and R1 rifles.

A member of the residents' committee, T Mdlakamela, said they had been tipped off about the raid. While they were discussing their defence, a group of people wearing red and white headbands, in the company of whites, "emerged from two different directions behind the veld where the meeting was held".

Around 10pm they heard the gunfire, and some of the attackers shouting: "Zoeloes moet skiet" (Zulus must shoot), he said.

"I personally saw white men, who were driving motor bikes, shooting at us. Some of them had white bands tied around their chests," Mdlakamela said.

Van Zweek said at about 10.50pm, while police were on patrol in the area, about 150 men attacked the Mandela squatter camp. Police fired teargas and bird-shot to disperse the group.

Police later discovered bodies but "to my knowledge, there were no injuries due to police action", Van Zweek said.

She dismissed allegations that whites were involved and said police had no foreknowledge of the attack as has been alleged by squatters.

T is the ugliest and most tangled case of the ethnic-political conflict racking the Reef hostels — and Alfred Woodington, National Union of Metalworkers' "crisis unit" co-ordinator, and I are trying to understand it.

Nerves jangled, we are standing on the forecourt of kwaMadaia, a disused, barrack-like hostel on the edge of Iscor's Vanderbijlpark steelworks. In two waves in July and September, 500 Zulu workers fleeing the official Iscor hostel complex broke in here and took occupation. They are refusing to go back, and their "UDI" now seems to have taken a violent turn: recently, a hit squad allegedly based here has killed three people outside the main hostel they have fled.

My mistake was to take a picture of the drab, olive-painted building. Confronting us now, faces rigid with suspicion and threatening to call the "young men", are two Inkatha leaders.

Language barriers make it a difficult exchange but their drift is unmistakable: Why did I take a photograph without their permission? Am I spying for the African National Congress or the Congress of South African Trade Unions? They seem terrified of being attacked.

I show them my press card but the taller man, who wears an amulet of animal hide, will not be placated. This is MV Zulu, the leader of the refugees and Inkatha high-up, with close familiarity to King Zwellini.

Zulu rejects my offer to destroy the film, arguing that the layout of the hostel is "in your head". After a 45-minute parley, he softens and tells me to fetch my notebook.

The structure of the interview says something about this community and its political ethos. Only Zulu speaks; the small crowd which gathers nods and murmurs assent. Two seem educated and speak good English: they serve only as interpreters.

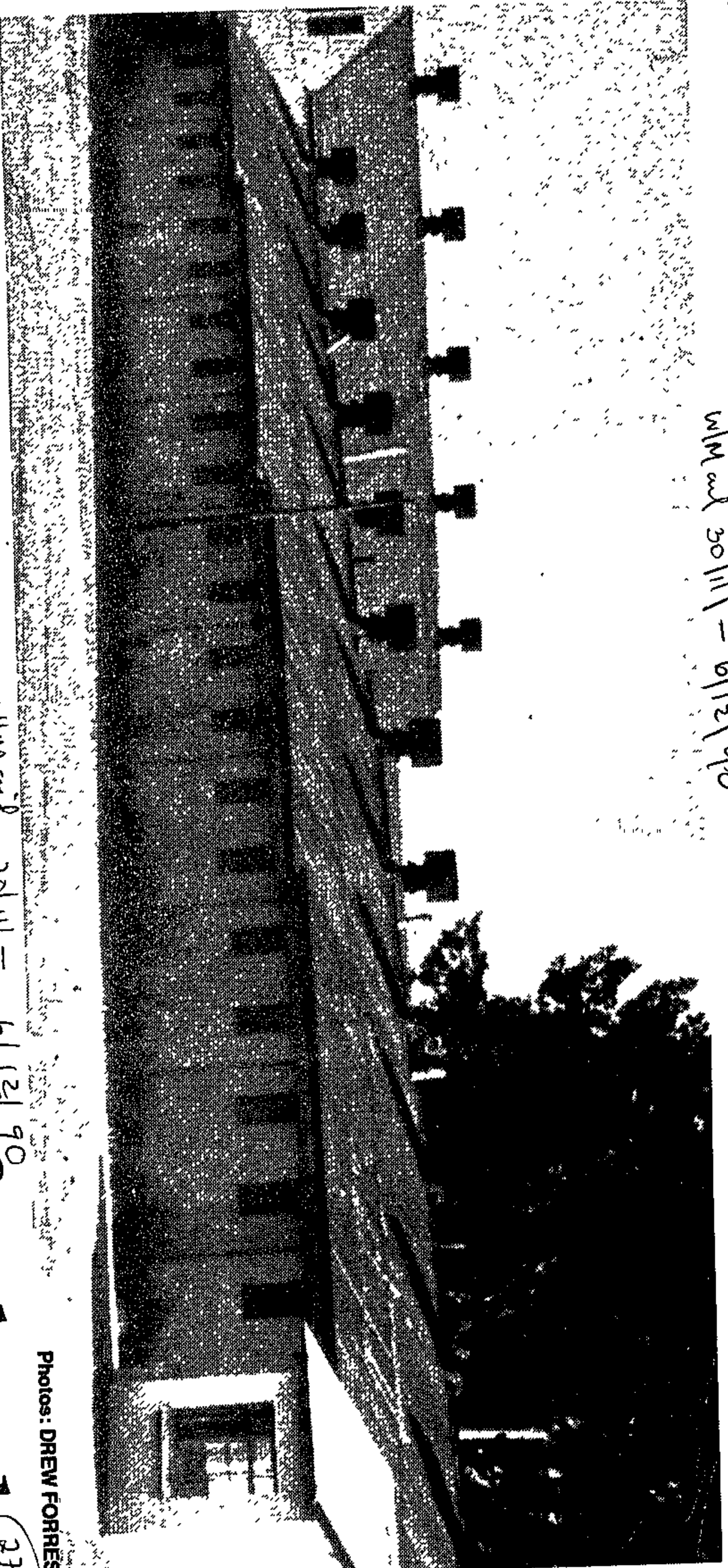
From a habit of command, he instructs me to bring the article from Johannesburg before publication and to make sure it appears in Inkatha's Natal paper, *Ilanga*. At the same time, the attitude to Iscor management is curiously deferential: I am repeatedly asked whether I have clearance for the interview.

Questioned on the flight from the main Iscor hostel — ironically named kwaMasiza, "the place of co-operation" — Zulu says seven Zulu-speaking inmates were killed and "braided" there in August and September. The attacks, by Cosatu/ANC supporters, were reinforced by outsiders from the location", he says.

"It's still happening — every weekend there's a dead Zulu. You can go to that place and see the ashes and the fat."

Enter this hostel at your peril

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Inside, misled men gird for battle

Photos: DREW FORREST

Political tensions have split workers in hostels across the Reef, displacing hundreds and prompting the formation of a union 'crisis unit'. At Iscor in Vanderbijlpark, it has spawned parallel, ethnically divided hostels — and inter-hostel violence. **DREW FORREST** went to investigate

clines to detail "in case it gets back to the factory".

Further questions are cut short by the arrival of Iscor security, who order us off the premises. Zulu refuses to accompany us, saying he fears an attack — but at the hostel entrance, beyond which bare-chested migrants are hanging up their washing, he poses for a photograph.

Now we must hear the other side: we make for main hostel of kwaMasiza, skirting the huge works with its series of smokestacks and angular hills of scrap steel. On the approach road the previous week, two buses, one full of workers, were machine-gunned. We pass a bus under security escort.

Zulu had warned us that this was a "dangerous place", where "whites were like Inkatha", but the Saturday afternoon crowds show no interest in us. About 6 000 workers live here, some with their families, in modern apartment blocks — what else but fear could have driven the Zulus to their spartan bolt-hole?

The Numsa shop stewards we interview seem baffled by Zulu's claims. "There have been no burnings here," says Colbert King. "One Zulu-speaker was killed outside the gates but nobody knows who did it or why." The stewards say the trigger for con-

hostel controllers. He also claims that Zulus returning from leave have had their minibuses hijacked by the break-away group, leaving all their possessions behind.

The stewards' trump card is two of the 250 Zulu workers who have stayed at the main hostel.

"I've never been intimidated — I've never been stopped to do anything," says one, a sad-faced man with a torn T-shirt who radiates sincerity. "Since 1977, when I came here, I've lived well with other nations."

Although he feels safe where he is, he is afraid that he and his family in kwaZulu may be attacked when the plant closes in December. But he will not move because the fugitives "are shedding innocent blood".

The stewards are adamant that Iscor has encouraged division to weaken Numsa. They lay heavy stress on a management request that kwaMasiza accommodate Iscor workers from Natal before the July 22 Inkatha rally. "They told us the workers were playing soccer match at the Zone 7 stadium. But we knew the rally was happening there."

How do the stewards see the future? "The people must come back here, and we must negotiate a settlement," King insists. "But there is one condition: they cannot have a block for themselves; they must be integrated into the community." There is also talk of a joint committee to seal the breach between the two hostels.

Woodington does not consider the bus attacks an insuperable barrier to reconciliation. The fugitives may have been involved; so too might outsiders bent on deepening the rift. "There are plenty of white Iscor workers who don't like the union," he comments.

One thing is crystal clear: there are key distortions in Zulu's account, suggesting that he has private motives for perpetuating the split. Iscor's management has confirmed that only one Zulu-speaker had been killed at the main hostel, and that Zulus who left complained not of being attacked, but of fearing attack. Management also confirms that non-employees have moved in with the fugitives.

Is it mere chance that the Reef hostel upheavals coincided with an Inkatha call to Zulu workers to quit Cosatu? But more than power is at stake here — there is a battle of styles and philosophies: nation, narrowly defined, versus class; patriarchy versus popular control. Our contact with the breakaway group suggests that it is traditionally organised, with a few individuals enjoying undisputed sway.

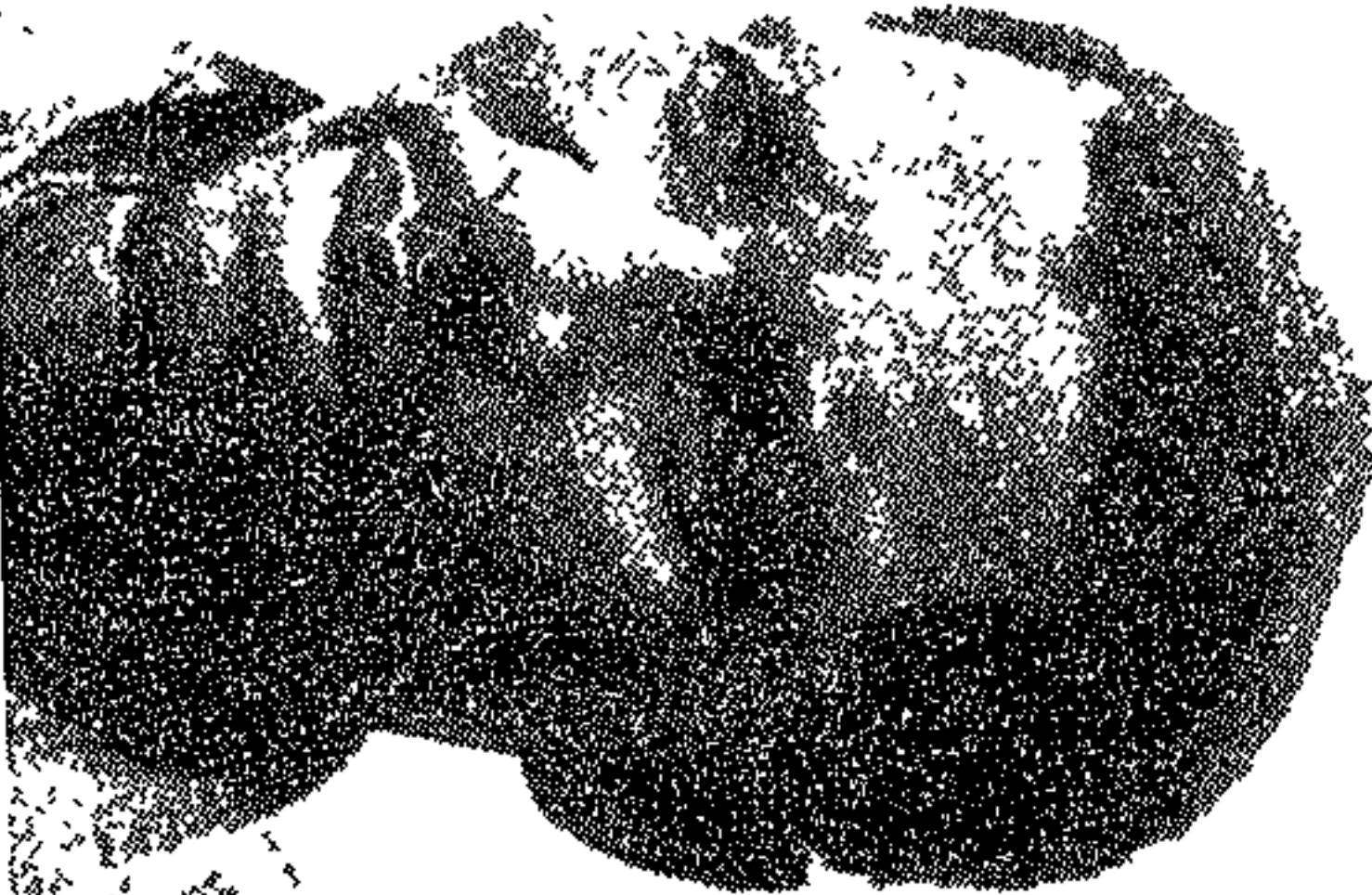
The key to the crisis is the ordinary Zulu worker at kwaMadaia, fearful, isolated and, the evidence suggests, misled. Somehow, Numsa has to break through to him.



Numsa shop steward Colbert King

flikt was an Inkatha meeting held in the hostel, allegedly after a visit by MV Zulu to Ulundi. Residents objected, arguing that Inkatha was a political movement not recognised by Iscor. More significantly, there were reports that attacks on Cosatu and the ANC had been discussed.

On July 22, the day of an Inkatha rally which climaxed in an attack in Sebokeng, an Inkatha leader had blown a



Inkatha leader MV Zulu

An abducted youth claims: Police took me to the Zulus

By WALLY MBHELE, *W/ Mail*
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TWO youths from Phola Park this week alleged that they were abducted by police from their East Rand squatter camp and one of them driven to pro-Inkatha forces at Kwe-Sine hostel before being taken to Vosloorus police station where they were tortured for a full day and night.

Peter Mazula and Siphowo Sibhoma, both in their mid-20s, allege they were taken in a South African Police hippo while guarding their camp last Tuesday night.

"Police fired a teargas cannister and two white policemen chased us," said Sibhoma in a sworn affidavit.

He said he was blindfolded and assaulted by the policemen and can identify one of those present when he was tortured.

"After being driven for hours and stopping at random, I was taken to Vosloorus police station (which I recognised when the blindfold was removed).

"There too, I was assaulted and beaten, the main reason being that I did not know anything about the alleged shooting of policemen as they claimed," said Sibhoma.

He said the beating went on for the whole of the next day and he, together with Mazula — whom he met at the police station — were given only a bottle of cold drink to share.

"A police officer, known as Wessels — who was one of three present when we arrived at the station — came again at about 9pm on Wednesday and we were freed on his instructions," Sibhoma added.

Mazula, who claims to have been blindfolded with a towel, told *The Weekly Mail* that police went with him to Kwe-Sine hostel, where one of them told four Zulus who were asleep that "we have brought you a Xhosa".

He said the men said they "don't have a place for me now" and that "I should be brought back in the morning".

According to Mazula, his blindfold was removed when they left Kwe-Sine hostel. "Upon our arrival at Vosloorus police station, I was made to face the wall and punched by every policeman who entered the room.

"We were released on Wednesday and slept in the veld the whole night."

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Piet van Dewenter said yesterday police could not respond to hearsay evidence.

"The first step is to question the parties involved. Punitive measures can only be taken once the matter has been thoroughly investigated," he said.

He said if the two felt they had been mistreated, they should report the matter to the local police station.

2 killed in Phola Park gunfight

By Abel Mabelane
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East Rand Bureau

Two people were killed and six injured in a fierce gunfight between police and men armed with AK-47 rifles near Phola Park squatter camp in Tokoza last night.

According to police, the battle started when one of their Casspir armoured vehicles was ambushed, while the chairman of the Phola Park squatter camp committee, Prince Mhlambi, said there was a confrontation after a police vehicle got stuck.

A police spokesman said a Casspir on routine patrol to protect squatters was ambushed by attackers who had dug a ditch to trap vehicles.

Petrol bombs were hurled at the Casspir and ambushers blasted it with AK-47 fire. An armour-piercing round penetrated the vehicle. The spokesman said police had fired back.

Mr Mhlambi said police were patrolling the area last night when one of their Casspirs got stuck.

He said there was a confrontation between police and residents, and police opened fire, killing a man and a woman.

Six other people were injured and taken to the Natalspruit Hospital.

Mr Mhlambi said residents would not permit the police to conduct a search of the shacks this morning.

13 more killed in faction violence

Capt T. M. 15

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JOHANNESBURG. — The bodies of at least 13 people were found in East Rand townships yesterday morning following overnight clashes as police clamped a curfew on the violence-plagued Zonkesizwe squatter camp at Katlehong.

Police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer said nine hacked and stabbed bodies had been found at the near-deserted Zonkesizwe shack settlement.

By late yesterday morning the police did not know the identities of the dead men or their assailants.

"We think this is possibly a

faction fight between Xhosas and Zulus, but we are investigating the attack," a police spokesman said.

The troubled shack settlement was declared an unrest area by Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok last night. The declaration is with immediate effect and includes the imposition of a 9pm-to-4am curfew which began last night.

Since November 22 no fewer than 69 people have been killed in the settlement, with the worst attack taking place early last week when a Zulu raiding party allegedly launched an attack which left 19 dead bodies scattered

around the area.

Mr Vlok said the "extraordinary measures" were aimed at hooligans and criminal elements who were preying on law-abiding citizens.

He also appealed to Zonkesizwe's residents to co-operate with the police in re-establishing law and order in the area.

Journalists who recently visited the settlement found it deserted with only a handful of refugees waiting for transport out of the area to relative safety in nearby Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus townships.

The bodies of four men were discovered at Thokoza near Alberton late on Wednesday

night. It is not known if the four were killed in unrest-related incidents.

In other incidents of unrest, one man was shot dead by a gun-toting mob in Hopeville, while a similar attack left one man seriously injured at Table Mountain in Natal. Youths in the same area also set a house alight.

A policeman's house was gutted after a petrol-bomb attack at Ullwangen near Christiana. Police arrested 11 men after the incident.

A man and a woman were arrested after an attack on a police vehicle in the same township. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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Inquest: SADF CATL 7-12 30/11/90 278 firms legal ranks

VEREENIGING. — The Defence Force, apparently concerned at unfolding events at the Sebokeng inquest, yesterday asked that the testimony of soldiers still to appear be held over until next week.

Mr Koos van Vuuren, for the SADF, told inquest chairman Mr Justice Eddie Stafford that a senior counsel was being brought in to bolster the SADF's legal team, and that the new man required time to familiarise himself with the case.

The move precluded scheduled witness Commandant Alf Clulee, the commanding officer of a group of soldiers who shot at a crowd of Sebokeng residents on September 4, from giving evidence yesterday.

On Wednesday, fellow officer Commandant Stefanus Lombard was accused by Mr Justice Stafford of perjury.

Commandant Lombard admitted fabricating crucial evidence in a statement to police that he had seen Commandant Clulee pick up a petrol bomb from the ground where a man just shot dead by soldiers had been lying. He told the inquest he had not even seen the alleged petrol bomb.

The inquest is investigating the massacre of 42 people in and around a hostel. The deaths are allegedly the result of the SADF shooting and a pre-dawn Inkatha attack.

Evidence was that soldiers fired into the crowd to free 137 Inkatha members trapped in the courtyard.

— Sapa

Deathbed watch as the clock ticks away slowly for township councils

THIS Friday, the final day of November, is the deadline set by the recently-formed Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) for all township councillors to resign. Cast demands their resignations to end a system regarded by many more people than itself as exploiting residents in the interests of an out-dated apartheid.

The "deadline" could be just that — fatal — for some councillors, given the violence that over more than six years invented the "necklace" and caused the deaths of scores of township residents, including councillors. Cast was formed by 38 civics in mid-September and has so far attracted another eight, most of them affiliated to the United Democratic Front (UDF). But the alliance is independent, according to a founder member, Cass Coovadia. He was a walking casualty, hit by a rubber bullet, a fortnight ago after two people were killed in a clash with police at Cast's first street demonstration in central Johannesburg.

Coovadia says the government has recognised that the way townships are administered is not viable: "These councils must go now rather than eventually, as the government intends. Meanwhile it continues to legitimise their existence."

Asked if Cast would not be accused of intimidating councillors by demanding their resignations, Coovadia replied that there was no intimidation; but Cast could not be held responsible for the acts of hooligans. Many councillors have over the months already resigned and some councils are not functioning as pressure builds up against the apartheid-based system. Cast wants them all to resign so a completely new and fair system can be put together and incorporated in the non-racial constitution that's still to be negotiated.

In the interim, Cast wants townships run by administrators (as some already are) or a combination of officials appointed by local white administrations and township representatives. Boycotts would end once these temporary administrations provided proper services at "affordable prices". The ultimate solution envisaged by Cast is a series of non-racial city councils, whose revenue would be based on a single tax for both black and white residents.

There would be metropolitan chambers linking post-apartheid councils along the lines on which provincial administrations operate at present.

But the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), the largest of them all, is not a member of Cast and has reservations about Cast's strategy. It shares the same basic principles for non-racial city councils that would eliminate the current inequality through which township residents pay more for unsatisfactory services than whites do for the best available — while their rates are subsidised.

There is little industrial and commercial business in the townships, but more than enough in "white" areas and their taxes subsidise white suburbs. The inequality is that these businesses derive much of their income from black people, who do most of their shopping near their places of employment in "white" areas.

Isaac Mogase, president of the SCA, points out that part of their recent accord with the Transvaal Provincial Administration to write off as a bad debt millions owed by boycotting Soweto residents is the setting up of a committee to inquire into removing the inequalities by establishing non-racial councils.

The official response to boycotts and the violence they generate has been to declare townships "unrest areas", impose curfews and send in armed patrols — which lead to more unrest and casualties.

The first such deaths occurred in June 1984 in Tumahole outside the *platteland* town of Parys in the Free State. The local council had announced a rent increase which residents could not afford or refused to pay. On September 3, anniversary of the day World War II was declared, this initial civic war marched north into Vaal townships where councillors were among the first victims for approving rent increases. And on June 1 1985, militant Soweto finally joined the battle.

The boycotts have since spread to other townships around the country and civic associations have become a force.

Township councils are expected to remain viable on peanuts and are, therefore, forced to impose rent and services increases whatever their constituencies can afford to pay. There is the added difficulty of corruption by council-

The death knell for the apartheid system of local government has been tolling for years. Now it's just a matter of time, reports **ARTHUR MAIMANE**



Cast founder member Cass Coovadia

lors — known as "six percenters" because they have in many instances been elected by a minority of residents disillusioned by the councillors lining their own pockets with their constituents' hard-earned cash.

Isaac Mogatse, of the Soweto Civic Association, says research shows that commuters from that black city earn an estimated two billion in "white" Johannesburg and spend most of it — R1,4-million — in the city. This transfer of wealth from Soweto has allowed the Johannesburg City Council to present its citizens with the gift of a 55 percent rates rebate.

According to the research organisation Planact: "This subsidisation of the white community's urban services by impoverished black communities that the apartheid local system facilitated, gave rise to the 'one tax base' demand that rapidly became a national rallying cry in the communities."

The Greater Soweto Accord, signed by township representatives and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) in September, states: "It is accepted by all the parties that infrastructural services in Greater Soweto are inadequate, poorly-maintained, and in need of both improvement and extension. These services include: electricity, water, sewerage, cleansing, roads and stormwater drainage."

Electricity charges — and their non-payment — sparked off many of the recent "unrest incidents" when township councils cut off supplies, including those to people who had kept up their payments. The odd arrangement is that councils buy electricity in bulk from Eskom, but at different costs, depending on the "load factor" set by non-domestic consumers, such as factories, allowing industry to subsidise domestic consumers.

Now, after more than five years of boycotts, councils are bankrupt, with Eskom owed R96-million it's not prepared to write off: two East Rand councils, Vosloorus and Katlehong, owe R11-million between them. In the Free State, about half the councils are not functioning at all. The latest to collapse in the Transvaal is the Atteridgeville council, west of Pretoria.

The death knell for this system of administering townships as separate entities has been tolling for more than five years. Its demise is as certain as that of apartheid itself. The only question is how long the death throes will continue.

As Gus Silber is on leave, his column will not appear for the rest of the year

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Business to act against boycotters

LOUIS TRICHARDT. — Mass retrenchments and lawsuits are likely to follow a powerful black consumer boycott of white- and Indian-owned businesses here, the town's Afrikaanse Sakekamer chairman said yesterday.

Mr Brink Schlesinger said various businesses, including members of the Sakekamer, would take legal action against "certain individuals" and the Consumer Boycott Committee, which is leading the mass action.

He claimed employees would suffer the most under the boycott, which has virtually paralysed business in this Conservative Party-controlled town since Wednesday.

Streets were reportedly almost deserted, as black consumers withheld their buying power in protest against the weekend attack on black Sunday school children and against alleged racism in the town.

Some businesses reported that sales had slumped by up to 80%, while others expressed fears of financial hardships ahead.

Black consumers provided at least 70% of the town's business, Mr Schlesinger said, adding that the town would not be able to survive without its black customers if the boycott continued.

The boycott is planned to last throughout the festive season, usually the most active time of business, according to Consumer Boycott Committee spokesman Mr Maguedzha Mphaphuli. — Sapa

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UNABLE TO ESCAPE: Annah Mokoena's body under a sheet after she was shot in the head by a group of men who sprayed shacks with birdshot and bullets in Phola Park, Tokoza. Her daughter Florence, managed to dash for cover under the bed. ● Photograph: HERBERT MABUZA

Residents 'dived under beds to escape bullets'

RESIDENTS of Phola Park in Tokoza yesterday described how they dived under their beds when a group of men sprayed several of their shacks with bullets and birdshot on Thursday night, killing two people.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman confirmed the deaths.

When asked later to explain in detail exactly what happened, the policeman said police had used birdshot to disperse a group of men who were attacking a kombi, a car

and two houses.

"About 11 55pm, the police were shot at by people who came out of the bushes at Phola Park. The police then fired back to disperse the crowd. In both incidents, no injuries or deaths were reported to the police."

The spokesman, however, did not rule out the possibility that the deaths could have been a result of the police shootings although he added that only a post-mortem would reveal whether it was the

**ABEL MABELANE
and ABBEY MAKOE**

weapons of the police that killed the two people, or the weapons of the attackers.

Annah Mokoena (65) and Victor Hlope (32) were killed. Another six people were reported to have been injured in the attack.

The bodies of Miss Mokoena and Mr Hlope were removed from the squat camp by the police

who were taunted by angry residents.

Mrs Mokoena's daughter, Florence Mokoena, said she heard "hippos" stop in front of her shack at about 1 am.

"Not long afterwards a burst of gunfire was unleashed at our shacks forcing us to dive for cover under our beds.

"My elderly mother was too slow. Just when she bent to go under the bed she was shot on the head and died on the spot," Miss Mokoena said.

Mr Hlope's family

were disturbed by gunfire. His relatives said he was shot in the chest when he tried to run out of his home. His body, covered with a blanket, was still at the door of his shack when Saturday Star visited the area yesterday.

Mr Hlope's wife, Portia, was shot in the thigh and was taken to Natalspuit Hospital.

Another resident, June Williams, said she and her baby escaped being shot because they had

been sleeping on the floor. Her shack was sprayed with bullets and part of the outer material resembled the holes on a sieve.

She told Saturday Star: "I clung to my baby during the shooting and prayed that she would not cry. I thanked God when the shooting stopped."

Several shacks that are situated near the recently demolished Tokoza hostel also had bullet marks on the front and sides

SADF calls in a top legal man for Sebokeng inquest

By STEPHANIE HULL

MEMBERS of the SADF will resume their testimony tomorrow at the Vereeniging Supreme Court judicial inquest into the deaths of 42 people at Sebokeng on September 4.

On Thursday, the attorney for the SADF, Koos van Vuuren, said a senior advocate was being brought in to bolster the SADF's legal team and that the new man required time to familiarise himself with the case.

The day before, Commandant Stephanus Lombard was accused by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford of committing statutory perjury.

He is the second witness in the inquest to face accusations of perjury.

The first was Wilson Tafeni who told the inquest last week that his brother had been shot by the SADF and not by a white

man as he had said in his sworn statement made shortly after the September 4 hostel violence.

On Friday the court was adjourned for the weekend after SAP Major Joseph du Pont gave evidence on an identity parade which was held on September 13 and a photo parade held on September 20.

He told the inquest that 137 Inkatha members accused of attacking a Sebokeng hostel before dawn on September 4 had refused to co-operate in the identification parade.

Only three witnesses were able to pick out Inkatha members who were allegedly part of the group which attacked the hostel.

"Thereafter the parade was stopped because the suspects became uncontrollable, changed their positions and did not react when their names were called out," Maj du Pont said.

HOW THE POLICE HELPED INKATHA

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Video shows impis getting off a Hippo

By SANDILE MEMELA

THE ANC this week produced video evidence of police collusion with Inkatha members in the Reef violence.

The film, shot on Monday at the trouble-torn Zond'zizwe squatter camp on the East Rand, is the first solid evidence supporting ANC claims of a "Third Force" behind the Reef carnage.

The video shows:

■ A number of armed Inkatha members alighting from a Hippo filled with black and white cops.

■ One man is armed with a shotgun while the other, wearing a red headband, is seen carrying cartridges wrapped in a red cloth.

■ Then the video captures the red-headband man, apparently a leader, moving ahead of about 1 000 armed Inkatha men towards the huge squatter camp.

This sequence was shot during daytime, a form of dress rehearsal for night



AIDS and a lonely man

By SBU MNGADI

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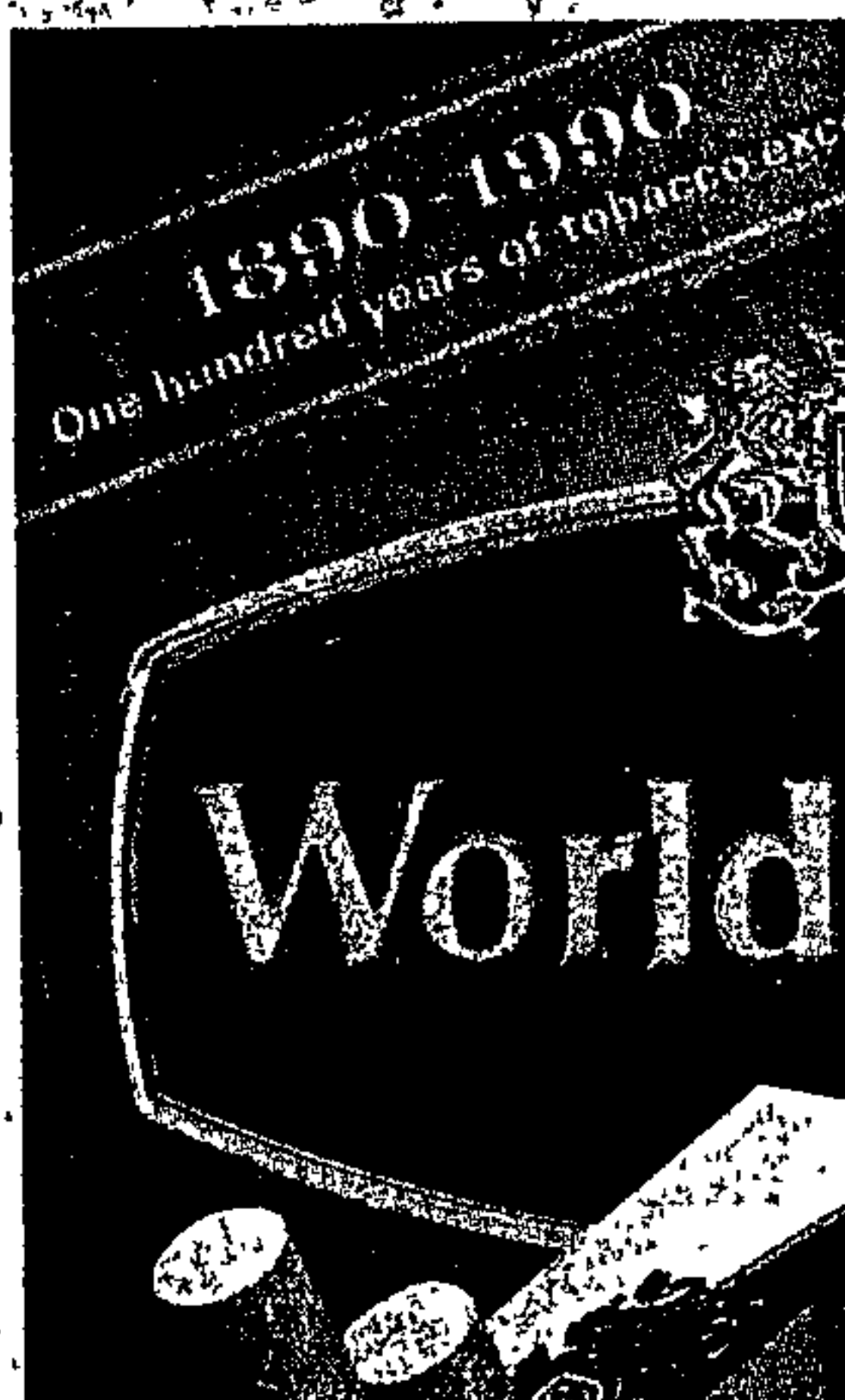
He developed a serious cough in February and decided to see a doctor. Although he took medicine for TB, his condition deteriorated. A second examination five months later revealed his coughing stemmed from a far more serious cause. Doctors have not forecast how long Cele will live, but they told him some Aids patients lived as long as eight years.

He is also receiving TB treatment - the reason he was initially admitted to hospital.

For most people TB is curable when caught at an early stage, but his body is not winning the fight against this disease either.

He was recently transferred to Durban's King Edward VIII hospital for TB treatment.

He suffers from severe headaches, the sharp pain in his rib cage is getting worse, his right hand often becomes numb and his left foot is swollen.



Video pictures prove police are backing Inkatha in unrest, ANC tells Vlok

THEY WAIRT O R D IN THE CASPIR

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By DRIES van HEERDEN

THESE pictures are taken from a video which the ANC claims is proof that the SA Police are collaborating with Inkatha in attacking other black civilians.

They show a man with a red bandanna and armed with a stick climbing out of a police Casspir and joining a group of heavily armed men.

The war party then moves off towards the battle-scarred Zontkizwe squatter camp near Heidelberg on the East Rand where fighting has claimed 71 lives in the past three weeks.

The pictures are from a video shot by an unnamed cameraman on Monday.

The ANC showed the video to the Sunday Times this week to support their accusations that elements of the police are actively assisting Inkatha members in the violence which has gripped the Transvaal in recent months.

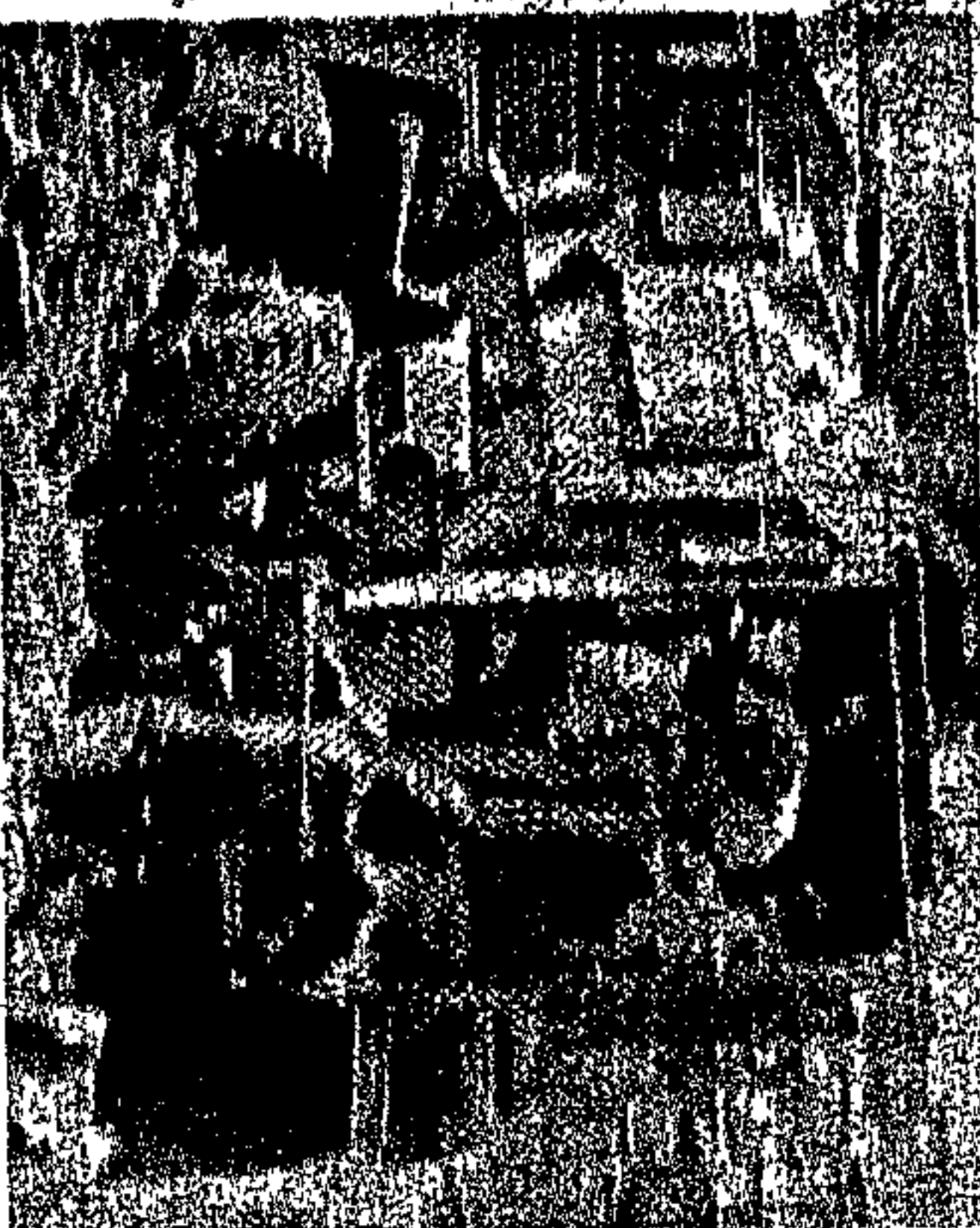
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Waiting for the Mandela dream of peace

THE SUNDAY MORNING ASSESSMENT
by Evelyn Holtzhausen

SIR Laurens van der Post — philosopher, writer and guru to Britain's



VIDEO still: warlord armed with stick leaps from a police Casspir

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Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, confirmed yesterday that the ANC's deputy president, Nelson Mandela, had contacted Mr Vlok on Monday to tell him of the video.

He was, however, unable to give a police version of the incident.

"We maintain that it is official police policy not to choose sides in any unrest or violent situation."

"If individual members of the police transgress these regulations we will act against them," he said.

Brigadier Mellet called on the ANC to hand over the video so that the matter could be investigated.

Inkatha spokesmen were unavailable for comment.

The video begins by showing a group of about 250 men and women — most of them wearing red headbands — fashioning crude but deadly weapons out of pieces of iron. Some members are brandishing lethal looking pangas and screwdrivers while others use hammers to forge makeshift assegais.

Rent

While they are working they are singing Zulu songs with words like "Mandela, get off the road! Usuthu is coming!" and "Gatsha is ours! The country is ours!"

The person who shot the video — the ANC refuses to divulge his identity — then conducts an interview with one of the leaders. The man

claims that "the Xhosas are trying to dominate us and force us not to pay rent".

At that moment a police Casspir comes into view and stops less than 30m from the armed group. The registration of the vehicle is clearly visible — BDZ401B. The rear hatch opens and three men emerge.

One, a warlord with a distinctive red headband and a long sharpened stick, dances towards the Impis.

Soon afterwards he is seen leading the march in the direction of the squatter camp. He is still carrying the stick and is closely followed by the group brandishing their weapons, axes and hammers. There are also women wielding bottles.

Proof

Seconds later, the video shows a number of police Casspirs driving past the marching group to the Impis' original assembly area. Policemen disembark and start combing the area — ostensibly searching for weapons.

Cosatu deputy secretary general, Sydney Mufamadi, said the video was proof of ANC claims that policemen were acting in a partial way to favour Inkatha.

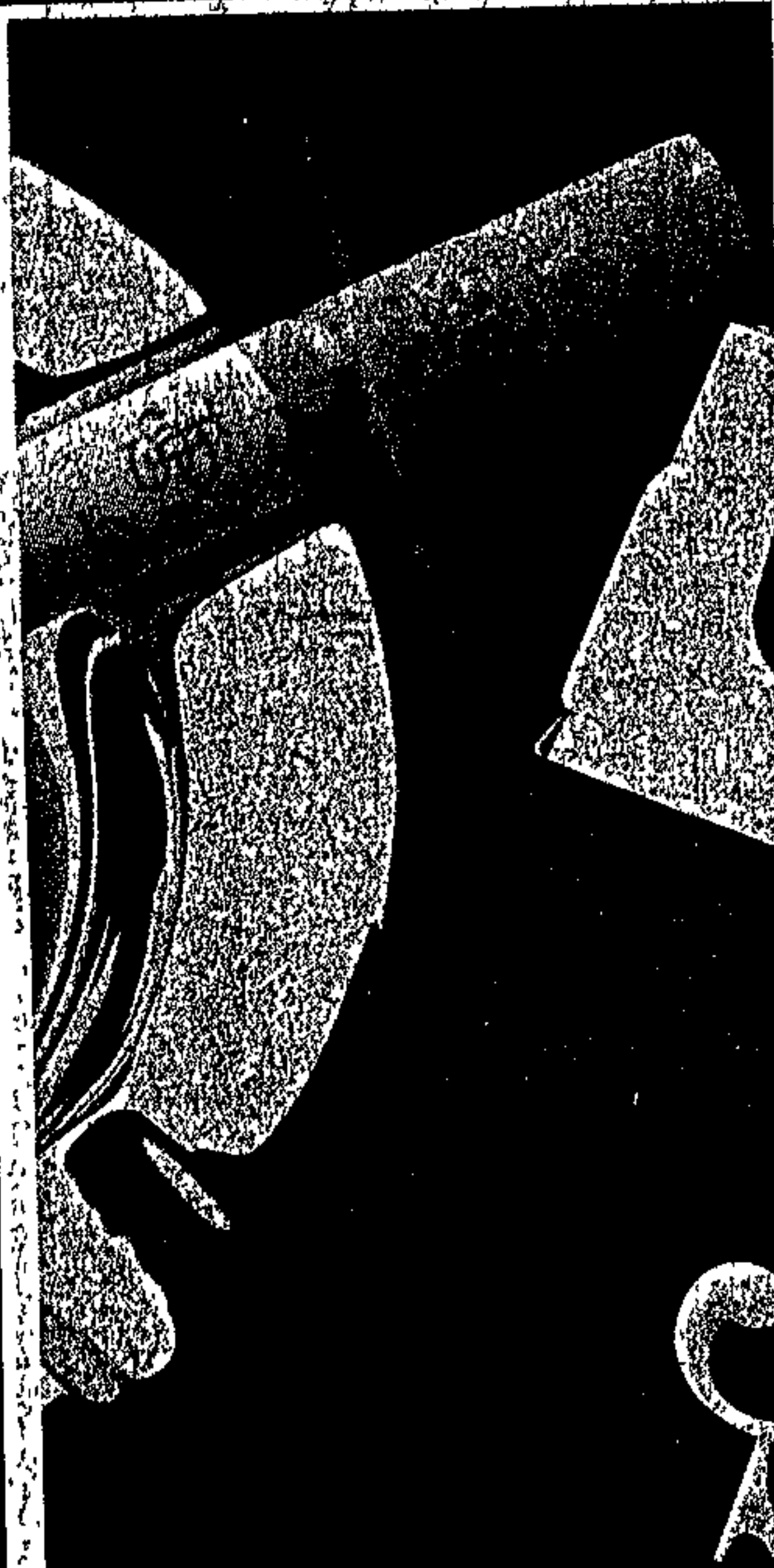
Asked whether it was not possible that the police brought the men to lead the crowd away from the unrest, ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said the police "still did nothing to disarm the group".

Curfew

"There is no way they could have missed the huge crowd carrying lethal weapons. They should have arrested the leaders and confiscated the weapons," he said.

Zonk'izizwe, with more than 80 000 inhabitants, was placed under a 9pm to 4am curfew by Mr Vlok this week. He said the measure was aimed at hooligans and criminal elements who preyed on law-abiding citizens.

VIDEO still: the same man, says ANC, leading an Inkatha march



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top financial watchdog committee F W de Klerk to appoint a investigate corruption in the development Aid.

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Dr Gerrit Viljoen, minister in charge of the department at the time of the alleged corruption, said yesterday he was aware of the committee's report, but would not like to comment as the department now fell under another minister.

Plagued

He said irregularities that came to light while he was minister of the portfolio resulted in suspension of officials and disciplinary hearings. Some cases were referred to the attorney-general for prosecution.

The row has become a political embarrassment for the government. Dr Viljoen, the government's chief constitutional negotiator, was also head of the Department of Education and Training, which a commission of inquiry also found to be plagued with corruption.

'Hot' reception in CP stronghold

By ELIAS MALULEKE

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As I drove into town I could feel the heat, not from the scorching sun, but from the tense atmosphere in the air.

The town was deserted, save for workers running their masters' errands.

After driving around for a while checking empty shops and bottle stores, I soon received a

hot reception.

I was taking pictures of the main street opposite the post office when I was jerked from behind with enough force to floor a bull.

"Geen fotos hier kaffir," and I was twisted around in mid-air like a rag doll by a tall white man who breathed fury.

"Wat maak jy?" he asked and brought me down with a thud.

"Ek neem fotos," I answered in Afrikaans. "Nie hier nie kaffir," he said and started to push me about, seemingly seeking an excuse to flatten my nose.

I demanded to know who he was to order me not to take pictures. He said he was the law and did not care what (President

FW) De Klerk thought about blacks. "Trap voor ek jou dood donner," he said.

I was saved by a group of blacks who angrily converged around us, which made him retreat into the post office.

I went to report the incident at the police station nearby and walked into the "wrong" door.

As I leaned on a counter, a burly policeman in a safari suit stared at me with questioning eyes.

A black cop told me to use a back entrance. "This counter is for whites only," he said in Sepedi (northern Sotho). I went in the back door and reported what happened to the same black cop, who apologetically said he could

not handle the matter.

The white cop took over. As I gave a description of my assailant, a black man walked in and told the policeman that it was Venter, a post office guard.

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However, he said he could not take a statement from me as I had not been injured and would instead warn "Venter".

I returned to the deserted streets and hurried back to the City Press car.

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A Sunday school's worst nightmare



Sunday school teacher Margaret Sadiki with two injured children, her brother, Vulezani, 6, and Laura Mubali. Margaret also received stitches after she was hit with a knobkrie.

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THE racist attack on 380 children enjoying a Sunday school picnic in a Louis Trichardt public park has left a taste of bitterness around the country.

The incident last Saturday in which black children from Venda were chased with cars, bashed with knobkries and sjamboked by racist whites has been condemned nationwide.

However, Conservative Party MP for Soutpansberg, Thomas Langley, told journalists that residents of Louis Trichardt had dismissed the government integration policy and those breaching the town's decision should "suffer the consequences".

A black consumer boycott of white businesses in Louis Trichardt has now been launched.

The children, some as young as four, belong to the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in Dzananu, Venda. Several had to be treated at a hospital.

Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok also condemned the incident after a complaint from Venda's military leader, Brigadier Gabriel Ramushwana.

The Rev George Mubali, who organised the picnic, said Christians would find it hard to forgive the attackers.

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years and this was the first nasty incident," said his wife Mishumo.

It took the church more than two months to plan the outing and to rehearse a mini-drama and songs.

However, Mubali decided on the way they should perform their shows before going to the park, and approached a Louis Trichardt farmer for permission to use a church hall on his land.

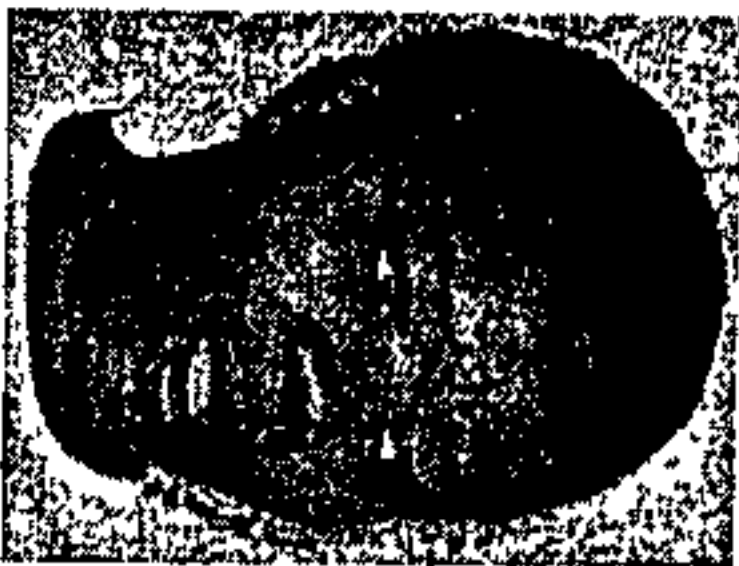
"We had a wonderful time at the farm and asked for the Lord's blessing before we set off to the park," he said.

However, only one of their two hired buses was available and Mubali assigned his wife to accompany some of the kids on the first trip.

"We arrived at the park at 2.45pm. At that stage there was nothing wrong," she said.

"The first hint of trouble was when I saw a white man in a white car drive around the park several times, staring menacingly at us. Later two white policemen in uniform and one in plain clothes approached us.

"The police wanted to



Mishumo Mubali: their eyes showed hatred.

know why we were at the park. After we had explained, the cops left.

"A few minutes later there was a sudden rush of cars to the park. The occupants started at us, their eyes burning with hatred," Mishumo said.

Sensing trouble, Mubali decided they should leave. He sent a teacher to call the buses.

Before the buses could arrive, they were approached by a police captain, who told Mubali

some whites had complained. "I told him we had already decided to go and were waiting for the buses," he said.

At that point the kids were having their pictures taken by a photographer, unaware of the drama.

The policeman then informed Mubali he felt there was going to be "trouble" and he would stay with him until the buses arrived.

"I then went away to see what was delaying the buses, leaving my wife behind," he said.

"Immediately after he left, some of the whites got out of their cars and formed groups. The police captain went to speak to them. We heard them shouting to the policeman in Afrikaans, 'Wat seek hulle hier?' (What are they looking for here?)" said Louis Trichardt (What do they want here?)" she said.

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lice captain, the whites escorted us with their cars, hurling abuse and threatening us with death," she said.

"Just as we were about to cross the road into the Indian complex, other cars on the Pretorius-Pundu Maria highway blocked our path. Our assailants jumped out of their cars and went berserk," she said.

She said they were cornered, unable to escape and most of the kids who were beaten "lay everywhere".

Still not satisfied, the whites followed the fleeing kids into a taxi rank across the road, where they were challenged by angry taxi drivers. They then smashed the windcreens of two minibus taxis and cracked a third.

Sapa reports that 12 white men were arrested on Thursday night in connection with the attack. Further arrests are expected.



Louis Trichardt is deserted as a consumer boycott hits at racist policies. Pics: ELIAS MALULEKE

Bloody terror

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Families barricaded in as the killing goes on

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Large-scale conflict has resurfaced in townships on the East Rand leaving at least 25 people dead and an unknown number injured.

Many Tokoza residents are reported to have stayed away from work today, barricaded in their houses.

A white man, an employee of Springbok Patrols, was killed in Katlehong yesterday afternoon. He has not yet been identified.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela visited Tokoza and Katlehong on the East Rand last night where hundreds of residents were fleeing from their homes to escape one of the worst days of violence since the August-September Reef "township war". Police report that in Khayelitsha three people, including a town councillor, were killed.

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Limpet-mine blasts

Four mini-limpet mine explosions were reported in Mabopane, Bophuthatswana, early today. It is not known whether anybody was killed or injured and what the extent of the damage is.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order said it was considering imposing a curfew in the East Rand townships.

This morning large numbers of police were on patrol in the affected areas, said East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel.

Shooting incidents were continuing, Captain Van Zweel said.

Police have found 14 bodies "so far" in Tokoza, five in Tembisa and four in Katlehong, she said.

Police and residents have given different accounts of the origins of the violence.

A Tokoza resident, Mr Joseph Mkize, said last night that "Zulu impis accompanied by a group of white men" had roamed the townships, setting alight dwellings of Xhosa residents.

Pointed out shacks

Mr Mkize said the impis were going around the township, while one of them pointed out the shacks and houses of Xhosas. The men looted and destroyed some of the dwellings.

Last night Xhosa residents tried to find the Transkei Consulate-General to request intervention, Mr Mkize said.

A police spokesman said last night that Phola Park squatters had attacked Tokoza residents who later retaliated.

Three Tokoza people were shot dead with AK 47s in a shack last night, while a man was shot and seriously wounded early today in renewed fighting in the township.

The injured man was reported to have been chased by a group of Zulus who finally caught him, shooting him four times at close range.

Residents said attempts to get an ambulance to take the man to hospital were unsuccessful because there was no reply.

The three people killed in the shack are reported to have been gunned down by unknown men about 7pm.

Residents reported seeing the group of Zulu men who terrorised the township last night and early today withdrawing to a hostel.

Video row

ANC spokesman Miss Gill Marcus said violence was increasing and should be investigated urgently.

She was responding to a statement by Mr Vlok in a growing row between police and the ANC over a video which allegedly shows police aiding Inkatha in the East Rand Zonk'zizwe squatter camp.

Mr Vlok has claimed the video, released by the ANC, was propaganda.

Mr Vlok has requested a meeting with Mr Mandela to discuss the video, shot on November 12.



2 ANC marches get green light

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By Louise Burgers

The ANC's "Peace and Freedom Now" marches in Johannesburg and Pretoria will go ahead tomorrow as planned after permission was received from the authorities.

Johannesburg's Chief Magistrate and the Johannesburg City Council have given permission for the march in the city and the Pretoria City Council has approved a second application from the ANC after the march was initially banned.

Final permission still has to be obtained from the Pretoria Chief Magistrate, but ANC sources said they did not believe there would be a problem.

March organisers have appealed for calm and restraint from marchers and the authorities to ensure there is no repeat of the bloody clashes on November 17 between police and marchers in Johannesburg

which resulted in two deaths.

The ANC's regional secretary in the PWV area, Barbara Hogan, appealed to marchers not to rise to any provocation that occurred.

"We are calling for people to conduct themselves in a peaceful and orderly way and for the authorities to act with restraint and flexibility."

Memorandum

In Pretoria, marchers will gather at Cosatu House in Brown Street at 10 am. They will proceed at noon to Du Toit Street, Vermeulen Street and Administration Street to Government Avenue. A delegation will present a memorandum at the City Hall.

In Johannesburg, marchers will begin gathering at the corner of Plein and Wanderers streets at 10 am. They will proceed along Plein Street at 11 am to Harrison Street. A memorandum will be handed over to officials at the City Hall.

Marchers will continue to Commissioner Street and John Vorster Square where a second memorandum will be handed to police. Ms Hogan said traffic police had asked that people be collected after the march by their transport in Goch Street.

The memorandum calls for the release of detainees and political prisoners, an end to political trials and the granting of indemnity to all exiles before Christmas this year; the creation of an interim government and constituent assembly; the repeal of security legislation; an end to violence; and the reintegration of Bophuthatswana into South Africa.

The marches coincide with the 10th anniversary of Bophuthatswana's independence.

In Johannesburg, the march will be led by Mac Maharaj, Alfred Nzo, Aziz Pahad, Josiah Jele, Gertrude Sharpe and John Nkadameng. In Pretoria, Joe Slovo, Ruth Mompati and Pallo Jordan will lead marchers.

Footage on 'warlord' ANC propaganda - Vlok

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Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday rejected reports that the police had collaborated with Inkatha by transporting a "warlord" in a Casspir to lead an Inkatha march.

He also condemned the ANC's release of a video of the alleged incident to the press as "crude and thinly disguised propaganda".

Reports in the Sunday press were based on video footage recorded by an unidentified cameraman in Zonk'zizwe township on November 12 and released to the ANC.

The footage shows a man with a red bandanna alighting from a police Casspir and marching with others.

Mr Vlok said at a press

conference: "The SAP provided two Casspirs to transport three representatives of the Zulu community and four representatives of the Xhosa community for talks on violence which had left five people dead the day before."

The man shown in the video excerpts was one of the Zulu delegates, he said.

A copy of the video was

shown at the news conference. Apart from showing the "red bandanna warlord" alighting from one Casspir, it contained footage of a Casspir with a number of men Mr Vlok said were the Xhosa delegates moving through the township. Major Ray Killian, commander in the township that day, confirmed this. — Sapa.

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Residents claim 'impi' attacked homes in Tokoza

East Rand erupts again

Staff Reporters

Large-scale conflict resurfaced in townships on the East Rand yesterday, leaving at least 23 people dead and an unknown number injured.

And in Bekkersdal, Westonaria, police found eight bodies after a weekend of violence. Another man died of his injuries in Leratong Hospital on Saturday night.

An unidentified white man, an employee of Springbok Patrols, was shot dead and his body set alight in Katlehong yesterday afternoon. A second guard was wounded and a third is missing, said police.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela visited Tokoza and Katlehong last night where hundreds of residents were fleeing their homes.

Many Tokoza residents reportedly stayed away from work today, barricaded in their houses.

Police were on patrol in the affected areas today, said East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel.

Police had found 14 bodies "so far" in Tokoza, five in Tembisa and four in Katlehong, she added.

Police and residents have given different explanations for the Tokoza violence.

A Tokoza resident who contacted The Star last night, Joseph Mkize, said "Zulu impis accompanied by a group of white men" had roamed the townships, setting alight dwellings of Xhosa residents.

A police spokesman said last night Phola Park squatters had attacked Tokoza residents who retaliated.

Residents reported seeing the group of Zulu men who terrorised the township last night and early today withdrawing to the hostel at Nyathi Street.

Prince Mhlambi, chairman of the Phola Park Residents' Association, said squatters had heard shots from Tokoza and police had teargassed "defence committees".

ANC spokeswoman Gill Marcus said the ANC had received reports that two busloads of people, who identified themselves as Inkatha members, had arrived in the neighbouring Katlehong township on Friday night.

The ANC had notified a Colonel Gouws who said police would investigate.

By MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Correspondent

A GRIM warning that South Africa's townships are dangerously close to a state of war comes today as the death toll from bloody clashes between armed groups on the East Rand rises.

More than 70 people have died in the fighting since Sunday and there are fears the conflict could escalate.

Deep concern is expressed that the clashes are not simply a result of political rivalries — between Inkatha and the ANC, for instance — but between the Zulu and Xhosa tribes.

Significant statement

In a significant statement last night, Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi acknowledged that for the most part it appeared the bloodshed had escalated into Zulu/Xhosa battles.

Democratic Party leader Dr Zac de Beer warned today that if the definition of war was a state in which two groups considered themselves permanent enemies, "then we are dangerously close to it".

He said he had recently visited Vosloorus — yesterday declared an unrest area by Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok — and spoken to Zulu residents there, "and from the way they spoke it seemed to me they regarded the fighting as a private war of their own".

Meanwhile Sapa reported that more bodies were found overnight on the East and West Rand. Police said the bodies of three people were found at Katlehong, two at Tokoza and one at Bekkersdal.

The victims had either been shot or hacked to death.

The East Rand township of Tokoza was reeling yesterday after two days of some of the worst violence seen on the Reef.

Mr Vlok declared the wartorn township — and neighbouring Katlehong, Vosloorus near Boksburg, and Bekkersdal on the West Rand — unrest areas.

Curfew

A 9pm-to-4am curfew went into effect in the four townships last night.

Mr Vlok's announcement followed a joint visit to Tokoza and Katlehong that he and ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela made on Sunday night following ANC allegations that police were involved in the violence.

At least 52 people have died in Tokoza township since Sunday afternoon.

By midday yesterday, 68 people had been admitted to Natalspuit Hospital, most with gunshot wounds.

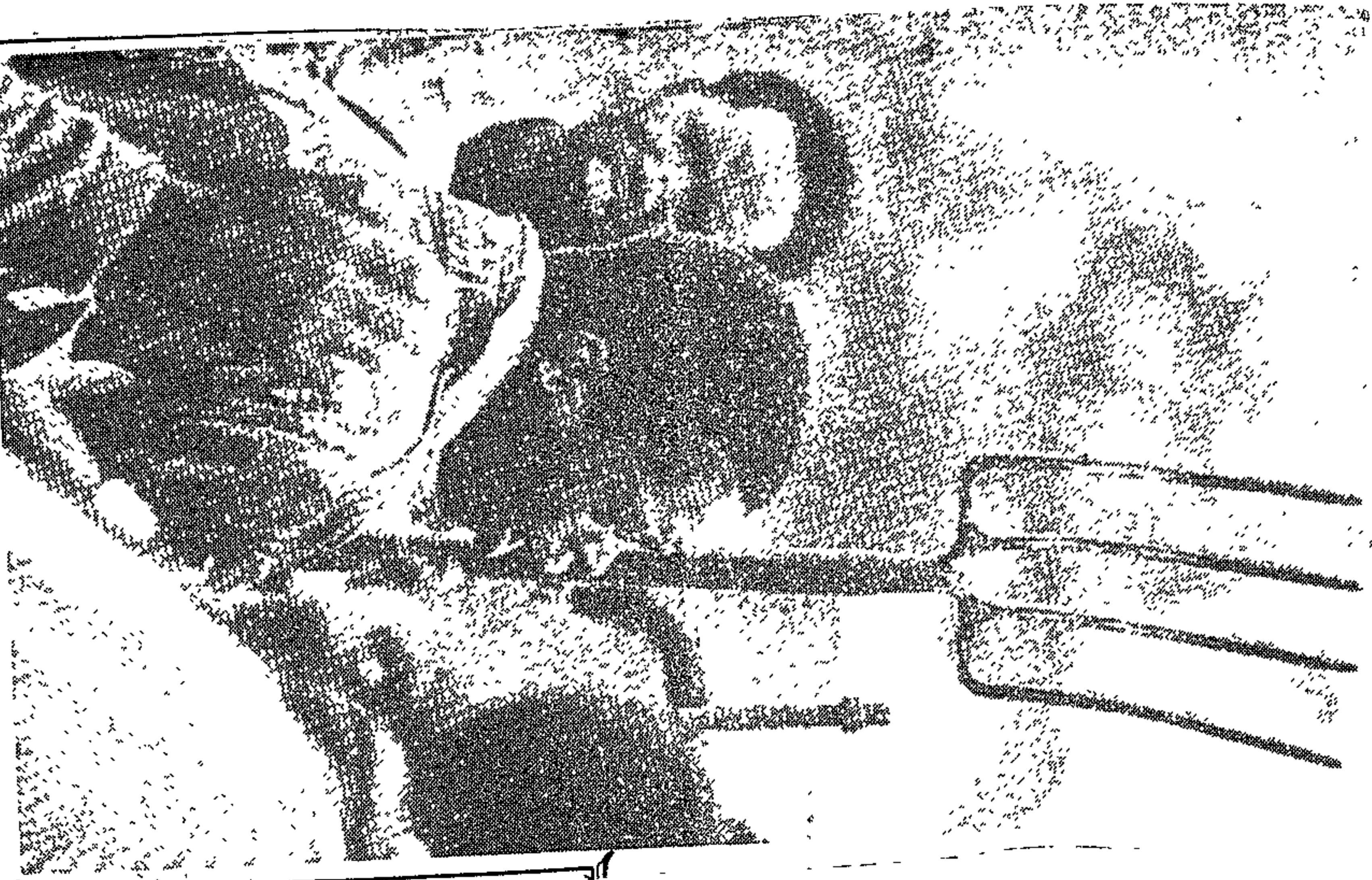
"It is chaos here. On Sunday night we had about 1 000 refugees," said the hospital's acting superintendent, Mr Ron Mitchell.

Dozens of Tokoza residents told how Inkatha supporters launched a systematic house-to-house assault to root out Xhosa speakers.

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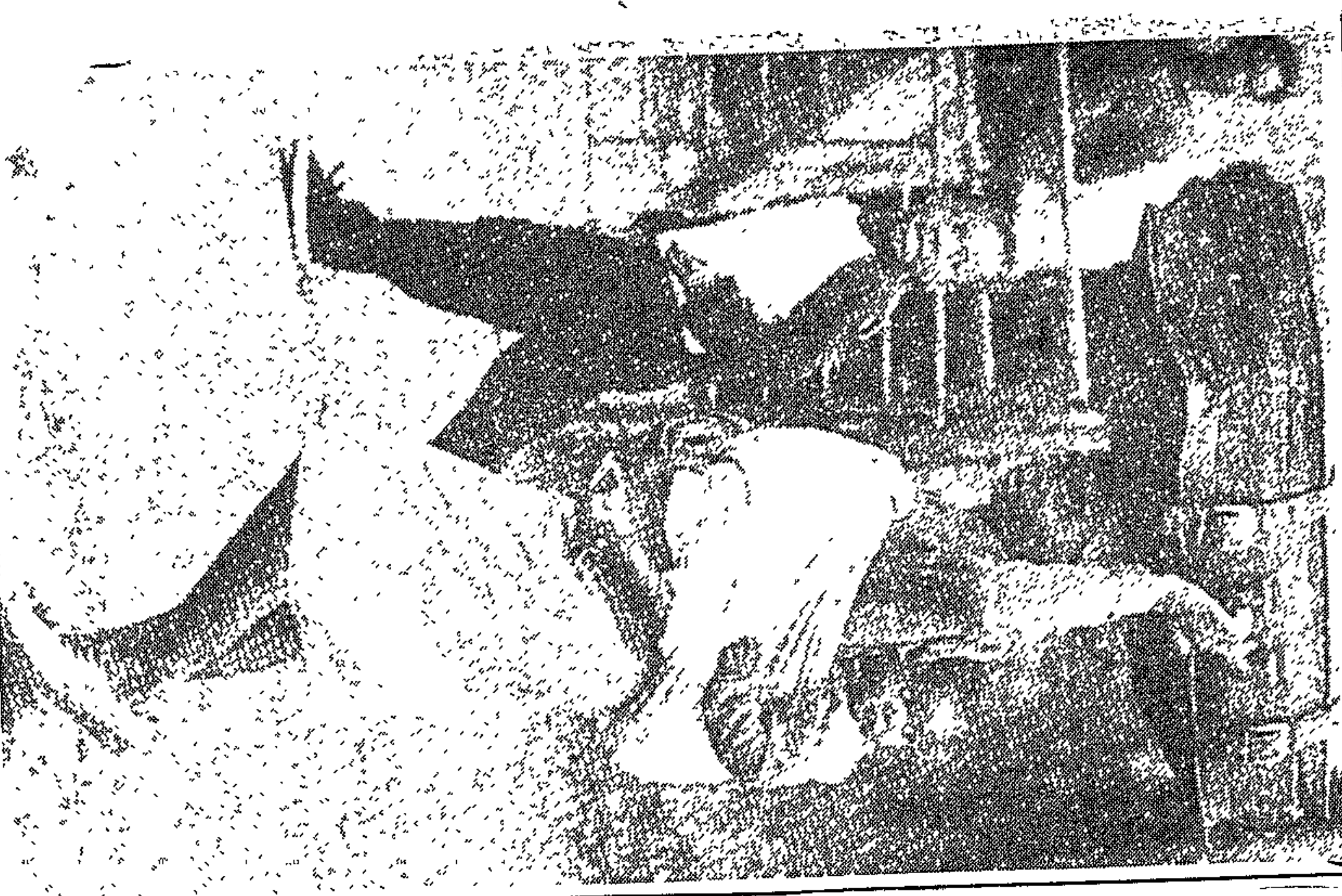
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UNUSUAL ARMS: This Xhosa youth with a pitchfork was among thousands of people outside Phola Park where Xhosa-speakers were attacked by Inkatha supporters.

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PACKED UP: Her belongings on her head and a child on her back, a woman flees after the killings.

'd rather die than run . . .

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Tokoza woman says she would rather die in her house than run away from township violence.

"I have done nothing wrong in God's eyes," said the woman, who would not be named, after a resurgence of violence in the township.

Scores of Tokoza dwellers, laden with possessions, walked despondently in the streets of Eden Park, a suburb adjoining Tokoza, seeking accommodation. In an ironic gesture of goodwill, some Zulu residents of the township gave sanctuary to Xhosas.

The renewed fighting, which originally erupted in July between Zulu hostel-dwellers and Xhosa squatters from Phola Park, has now become a conflict between the hostel-dwellers and Xhosa residents.

Residents of Tokoza have been without lights since Saturday when their electricity was cut off by Alberton Town Council because of non-payment of bills amounting to R2 million.

"Our lights were cut and the Zulus are killing us easily in the dark," said Mr Johannes Matlakasela.



WARPATH: Xhosas armed and ready for war were turned back by a strong police contingent in Tokoza, the scene of some of the worst violence yet seen on the Reef.

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Township clashes claim 72 lives

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Renewed clashes between rival factions in Reef townships claimed at least 72 lives by yesterday evening and resulted in the reimposition of unrest measures and an immediate dusk-to-dawn curfew on four of them.

Katlehong, Vosloorus and Thokoza on the East Rand and the West Rand's Bekkersdal township near Westonaria were declared unrest areas with immediate effect by Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok late yesterday afternoon.

The declaration coincided with a renewed call by the SA Communist Party for a judicial inquiry into allegations of security force partiality and for the resignation of Mr Vlok and Defence Minister General Magnus Malan.

The declaration followed intense clashes which erupted on Sunday afternoon between Thokoza residents and hostel-dwellers and left as many as 52 people dead by late Monday afternoon.

Hostel-dwellers said fighting broke out when one Zulu migrant worker was shot dead by township residents after having left the compound to investigate ru-

mours of an imminent Xhosa attack.

"We were having a braai when this man came staggering into the compound and fell dead. We had no choice but to arm and defend ourselves," a hostel induna said.

Numsa organiser and Katlehong resident Mr Osborn Galeni said yesterday that he had arrived at the entrance to Katlehong at 6pm on Sunday and could not enter the area because "ram-paging" Buiafuthi Hostel-dwellers.

In his statement Mr Vlok called for peaceful negotiation and not violence as a means to solving differences amongst township residents, squatters and hostel-dwellers.

The unrest measures were not aimed at law-abiding citizens but at "hooligan elements" at large in the affected areas, he said.

Police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer said 52 bodies were found in Thokoza, eight in Tembisa near Kempton Park and eight in Bekkersdal (as a result of fighting since last Thursday). He could not give an accurate tally for Katlehong but said he thought there could be more than the four deaths reported earlier yesterday.

One Katlehong victim was a white security guard employed by Springbok Patrols.

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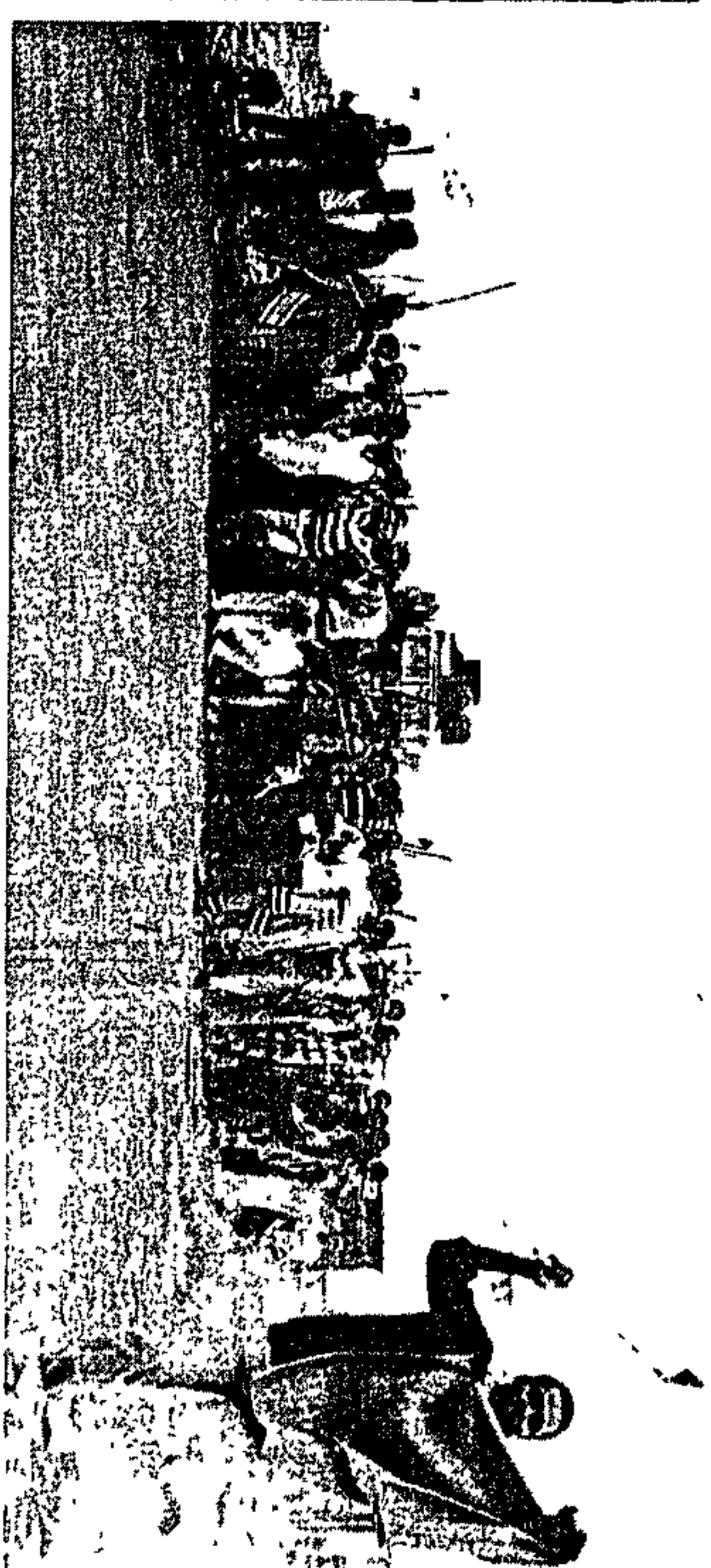
By midday self-defence units were seen marching and chanting around the perimeter roads of Phola Park while police in Caspirs watched as the groups wielded their homemade weapons.

By late afternoon barricades were being erected throughout Katlehong's major thoroughfares and mobs of children were randomly stopping, stoning and setting alight vehicles.

In its statement the SACP said the departure of the two ministers should be the first step towards normalising and democratising the whole sphere of law and order in SA under the control of a legitimate interim government.

Yesterday's declaration of unrest areas affects the largest number of townships since the imposition of Operation Iron Fist on September 25 following almost two months of carnage which swept through Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle townships.

Curfews slapped on East Rand townships after 72 die in night of terror



THOKOZA WAR . . . Bodies of two of the 52 people killed overnight in Thokoza were found hacked and shot to death in a street of the township yesterday morning. **CENTRE:** A Zulu impi, armed with "cultural weapons", marches yesterday — closely followed by a Casspir. **RIGHT:** A woman is comforted by a friend after hearing that her husband had been hacked to death. A curfew was imposed on the township last night. **REPORT — Page 2.**

Vlok calls for peaceful negotiations

New curfews as blood flows on Reef again

AT LEAST 72 people had been killed in renewed clashes between rival factions in Reef townships by last night, and dusk-to-dawn curfews were imposed in four areas.

Katlehong, Vosloorus and Thokoza on the East Rand, and the West Rand's Bekkersdal township near Westonaria were declared unrest areas with immediate effect by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok late yesterday afternoon.

Measures which will be taken include increasing the number of security force members in the area, roadblocks and vehicle searches.

The declaration coincided with a renewed call by the SA Communist Party for a judicial commission of inquiry into allegations of security force partiality and for the resignation of Vlok and Defence Minister Gen Magnus Malan.

Vlok's action follows the imposition last week of similar restrictions on the Zonke-zizwe shanty town near Heidelberg.

The declaration followed clashes between Thokoza residents and hostel dwellers, which erupted on Sunday afternoon.

By late yesterday police said they had found 52 bodies in Thokoza.

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One of the victims in Katlehong was a white security guard employed by Springbok Patrols. Joseph de Beer, 23, was shot, stabbed and set alight when a mob attacked the vehicle in which he was travelling last night. His two colleagues escaped.

By late yesterday morning groups of Phola Park squatters were seen marching and chanting along the perimeter roads of the camp. Police in casspirs watched the groups wielding home-made axes, spears and pangas.

By late afternoon barricades were being erected on Katlehong's major thoroughfares and mobs of children calling themselves "comrades" were randomly stopping, stoning and setting alight vehicles.

A Business Day vehicle was stoned and damaged after reporters were confronted by a group of knife-wielding ANC supporters who demanded firearms.

The ANC said in a statement last night that the perpetrators of the violence were jeopardising the peace process.

"Our people have lost all confidence in

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Curfews

the police, in particular W/O Wessels who has been repeatedly identified at the head of police units escorting Inkatha into areas of conflict," the ANC said.

"The onus is being placed upon the ANC to provide evidence — beyond that of a body count of police/Inkatha activities and collusion. The absurdity of this is that the very victims of the violence are being

asked to prove that they are being attacked."

It said hostels should be contained so that inmates were not able to enter the townships in groups or with arms.

Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday implored all Zulus and Xhosas to stop the killing.

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52 die in ER

LAW and Order Minister Mr. Adrian Vlok last night imposed curfews in four townships as the death toll in the East Rand rose to 52 after at least 38 bodies - including that of a 24-year-old white man - were found.

By KENOSI MODISANE and SABA

Tokoza, Bekkersdal, Voslooros and Katlehong amid fears that the violence would worsen. Last week a curfew was imposed in Zonk'izizwe. A 24-year-old white man, employed by Springbok Patrols, was shot dead and his body set alight in Katlehong yesterday

afternoon. A second guard was wounded and a third managed to flee to safety, said police. Police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer yesterday confirmed the death toll. He also said 10 houses, 15 shacks and five minibus taxis had been burnt. So far 334 people have been admitted to Natalpruit Hospital since

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Armed residents of Tokoza on the East Rand were yesterday on the lookout for a group of men who killed 38 people and set 10 houses alight in the township. Pic MOFFAT ZUNGU

Curfews as more die

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fighting broke out in Tokoza on Saturday afternoon.

The bodies had stab wounds, while others had been shot and hacked "with an assortment of weapons".

Chairman of the ANC's Tokoza branch Mr Sabata Motaung said: "Most of the people who died yesterday were shot by police riding in Caspiss."

"Police were just shooting at random at people who were trying to flee from the attackers yesterday morning."

Van Deventer could, however, not confirm this.

"I have only received statistics of the dead and

cannot comment on how they died."

Motaung said armed men raided the Methodist Church in Tokoza on Friday evening. Ten other people were shot dead on Sunday about 4.30pm during a meeting of the civic association.

One of the survivors of the raid said yesterday he knew the people who attacked his house and killed two of his children. Mr Theo Shezi (52), whose children Thobeka (22) and Siyabulela (15) were shot dead, said: "Two of the men who led the group which attacked my house are known to me."

"They came to my house last week and asked me to give them a place where they could erect

shacks. But I refused knowing that they were members of Inkatha who stayed at Kwesine hostel."

Shezi, who was shot in the nose and right hand, said the group took R650 before they killed his children.

"I pretended to be dead after they had shot me. But heard them demand that my children show them where the money was."

"They shot Thobeka and Siyabulela at point-blank range before they left the house," said Shezi.

Shezi said the men "did not seem to be bothered about his younger children and his wife, who had hid behind the wardrobe door during the skirmish".

ANC city march gets go-ahead

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The Johannesburg City Council yesterday gave the go-ahead for a march in the city on Thursday which starts off the ANC's "Peace and Freedom Now!" campaign, a spokesman for the town clerk's office confirmed yesterday.

A decision from Johannesburg's Chief Magistrate is expected shortly. He can override the council's decision.

A spokesman for his office said a decision would be announced soon after the matter was studied.

The Chief Magistrate refused permission for a march organised by the Civic Associations of the Transvaal on November 17 in which two people died after clashes with the police.

Innocent struggle to survive

By Helen Grange
and Musa Mapisa

A Tokoza woman yesterday told The Star she would rather die in her house than run away from township violence.

"I have done nothing wrong in God's eyes," the woman, who would not be named, said after a resurgence of violence in the township which has left at least 64 dead and many more injured.

For the innocent victims of the renewed bloodshed, it is a matter of yet again finding shelter and hoping to survive the second carnage.

In the oppressive drizzle yesterday, scores of Tokoza dwellers, laden with possessions, walked despondently in the streets of Eden Park, a suburb adjoining Tokoza, seeking accommodation. In an ironic gesture of goodwill, some Zulu residents of the township gave sanctuary to Xhosa refugees.

The renewed fighting, which originally erupted in July between Zulu hostel-dwellers and Xhosa squatters from Pholo Park, has become a conflict between the hostel dwellers and Xhosa residents.

Pholo Park, deserted by the squatters last time, has now become a haven for residents who have left their homes.

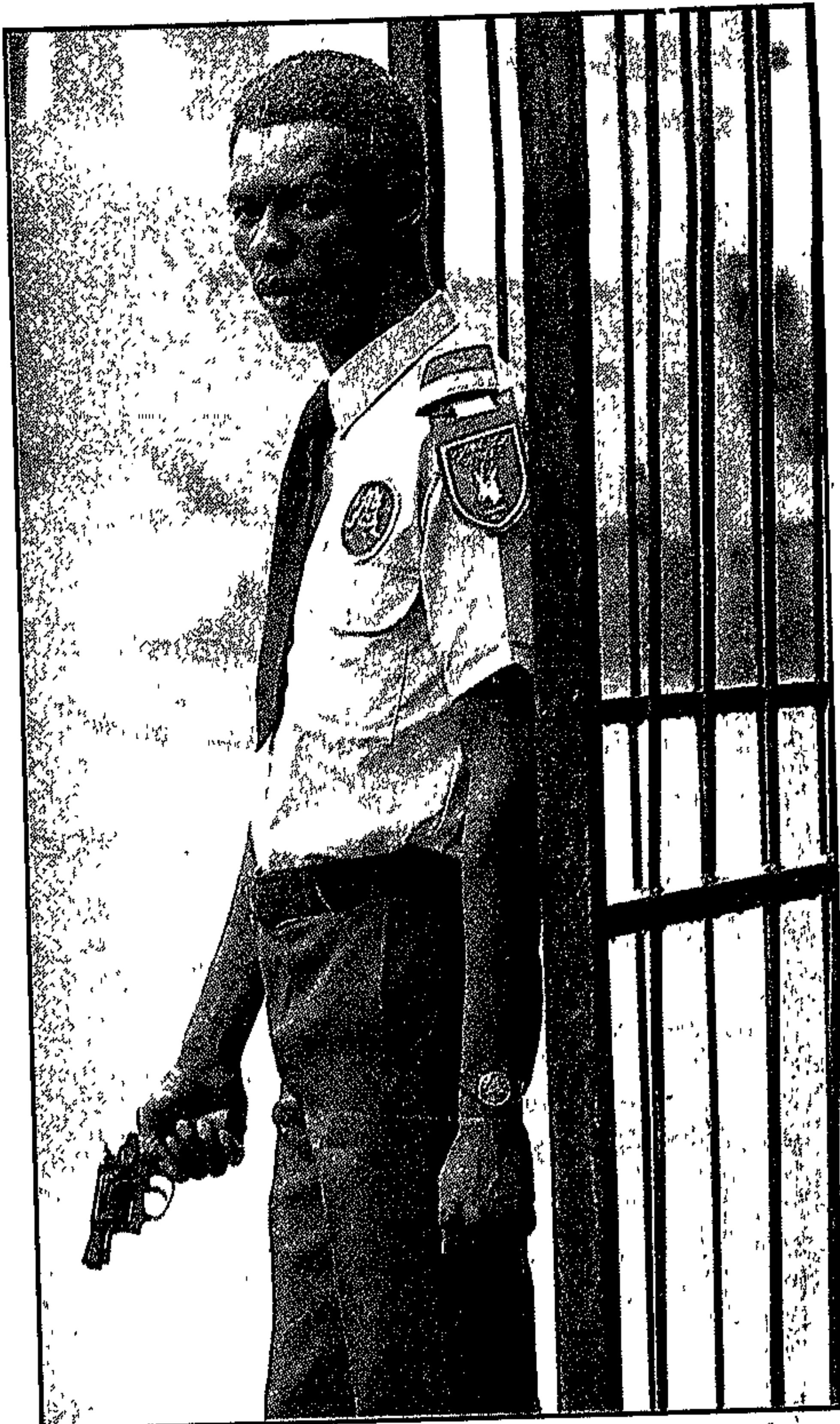
But their safety is tenuous in the camp. One woman, who had fled Pholo Park with her four children, said word had circulated the camp that the Zulus were about to attack.

She waited patiently outside the Eden Park St Paul Catholic Church for the priest. At the entrance of the church, a group of children huddled under blankets.

Other refugees have chosen the Natalspruit Hospital as the safest hideout. Women and children bedded down with refugees from Zonk'zizwe squatter camp in a section of the hospital.

● Residents of Tokoza have been in darkness since Saturday, when their electricity was cut off by the Alberton Town Council because of non-payment of bills.

"Our lights were cut and the Zulus are killing us easily in the dark," said resident Johannes Matlakasela.



Escaped . . . Daniel Botha, employed as a security guard by Springbok Patrols, managed to escape a stone-throwing mob in Katlehong.
Pictures: Karen Fletcher



Butchered . . . Security guard Joseph Johannes de Beer (23) who was shot and hacked, then burnt to death in Katlehong yesterday.

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Guard burnt to death on E Rand

By Monica Nicolson

Security guard Joseph Johannes de Beer (23) was shot and hacked and then burnt to death in the East Rand township of Katlehong yesterday, three days after joining security company Springbok Patrols.

Two colleagues with him in a vehicle escaped death. Joseph Mabaso (28) was shot in the shoulder and is in stable condition at Baragwanath Hospital. Daniel Botha (23) made it to safety unharmed.

A shocked Mr Botha said they were patrolling the area just after midnight and were checking railway stations when people started to stone the car.

"At first the stones came out of the dark. Then we found the road was blocked.

"We turned around to drive away but our exit was barricaded by hundreds of Inkatha people who just appeared."

"They gathered around us and threw stones at the car, shattering all the windows. I started shooting at the crowd and they shot back. I knew they wanted to kill us so I just turned and ran for my life," Mr Botha said.

Sebokeng shooting²⁷⁸ unprovoked Stw 4/12/90 — newsman

By Montshiwa Moroke

The shooting and killing of people outside the Sebokeng hostel by members of the SADF was completely unprovoked and unnecessary, the inquest on the death of 42 people on September 4 heard yesterday.

This statement, by Sowetan newspaper photographer Leonard Kumalo, was read in a Vereeniging court.

Mr Kumalo said he had not seen anyone in a crowd of between 4 000 and 5 000 throw a petrol bomb or anything else at soldiers or policemen that day.

"I at no point heard any of the soldiers say or shout anything to the group of people. The soldiers advanced menacingly and quickly. They carried their rifles at their hips and directed at the group of people," Mr Kumalo said.

As the soldiers advanced, he saw one soldier throw a teargas canister to his left in among the hostel buildings.

As the soldiers drew closer, they appeared to be almost all coloured persons. Two, however, appeared to be white.

As the soldiers advanced even farther, the crowd grew restive and became alarmed. Some people lifted their arms and shouted "Peace, peace" and "We are not fighting". Others sat down, facing the soldiers.

"When the soldiers were approximately 15 m from the group of people, I heard someone behind me shout something like 'Stop them, they are going to shoot'.

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"I turned briefly to see that it was the Rev Lord McCamel who had shouted this. He was standing behind me and had probably shouted this warning to the SAP.

"Almost simultaneously and without any warning, the soldiers opened fire on the group of people in front of them. They shot from the hip. I could not believe what I was seeing. I fell to the ground and kept my head down. I heard bullets whistling over me.

"In my view, and based on what I saw, the attack by the soldiers on the group of people was completely unprovoked and unnecessary.

"The shooting lasted for approximately one or two minutes. I cannot give any exact length of time but it felt like a lifetime. At one point, I attempted to lift myself up to take some photographs, but someone shouted 'Careful, Len'." Mr Kumalo said.

The shooting had stopped suddenly. As he looked up he saw at least 10 bodies lying in front of him where the crowd had been. The people had turned and fled when soldiers began shooting.

It was difficult to estimate but he thought he was about 5 m or 6 m away from the body closest to him.

However, under cross-examination by Bruce Berman SC, for the SADF, Mr Kumalo admitted he could not have seen everything which occurred that day and that it was possible that a petrol bomb had been thrown at the troops.

The hearing continues.

64 die as violence spreads

Govt acts to stop Tokoza bloodshed

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By Guy Jepson
Monica Nicolson
and Abel Mabelane

The East Rand township of Tokoza was reeling yesterday after two days of some of the worst violence seen on the Reef.

Late yesterday the war-torn township — as well as neighbouring Katlehong, Vosloorus near Boksburg and Bekkersdal on the West Rand — were declared unrest areas by Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok. A 9pm to 4am curfew was imposed in the townships last night.

The death toll in East Rand townships had risen to 64, police said last night.

Mr Vlok's announcement followed a joint visit to Tokoza and Katlehong by him and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela on Sunday night to investigate ANC allegations that police were involved in the violence.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday there was no evidence that police were implicated.

At least 52 people have died in Tokoza since Sunday afternoon, police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer told The Star last night. He said another eight bodies had been found in Tembisa and four in Katlehong.

By midday yesterday 68 people had been admitted to Natalspruit Hospital, most with gunshot wounds, said

the hospital's acting superintendent, Dr Ron Mitchell.

"It is chaos here. On Sunday night we had about 1 000 refugees."

Dozens of Tokoza residents yesterday told The Star that Inkatha supporters had launched a systematic house-to-house assault on the community in a bid to root out Xhosa-speakers in the early hours of yesterday morning. This followed a similar attack on Sunday.

A Phola Park resident, Tobile Songelwa (35), said that at about 5 am yesterday Inkatha supporters, armed with AK-47 rifles and R-1s and wearing red head-bands, were seen shooting Xhosa-speakers and attacking Xhosa-owned homes.

Zoleka Phillips (44) said police had prevented her house from being burnt by an Inkatha group yesterday.

"They were shouting that my house was meat. The police dispersed them. At least they did something this morning."

Yesterday East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zwell said six men travelling in a car were arrested in Tokoza and four AK-47 rifles, a 9mm pistol and a revolver confiscated.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the ANC had received reports that two bus-loads of people, who identified themselves as Inkatha members, had arrived in Katlehong on Friday.

The ANC had notified a Colonel Gouws who said police would investigate.

● The bodies of five men were found yesterday outside Hostel 2 in Sebokeng. The victims had apparently been shot to death.

Minister escapes ambush

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

A Xhosa minister and his wife narrowly escaped death when their car was stopped and then attacked with guns, stones and spears by a group of Zulu men yesterday.

The incident occurred in Letshoho Street, which runs between Tokoza and Katlehong, when the minister, who asked not to be named, was taking his wife to Alberton.

"I saw a group of armed men standing on the side of the road. The next moment I was stopped by a man who, after talking to me, shouted to the other men, saying 'here is a Xhosa'."

"My car was then stoned and shot at by the men,

while the one who stopped us tried to stab my wife with a spear through the window."

The minister's wife quickly closed the window and he tried to drive away, but the men surrounded the car, stoning and shooting at it.

"I managed to turn into a side street and when I realised the men were catching up with us, I told my wife that we must run for it."

Several bullets whizzed past them as they managed to escape by jumping fences and then hiding in a house.

"While I was hiding I heard one of the men saying, 'we will finish off these Xhosas'. I later sneaked out and went to the police."

When the minister returned to the scene with the police, his car was missing.

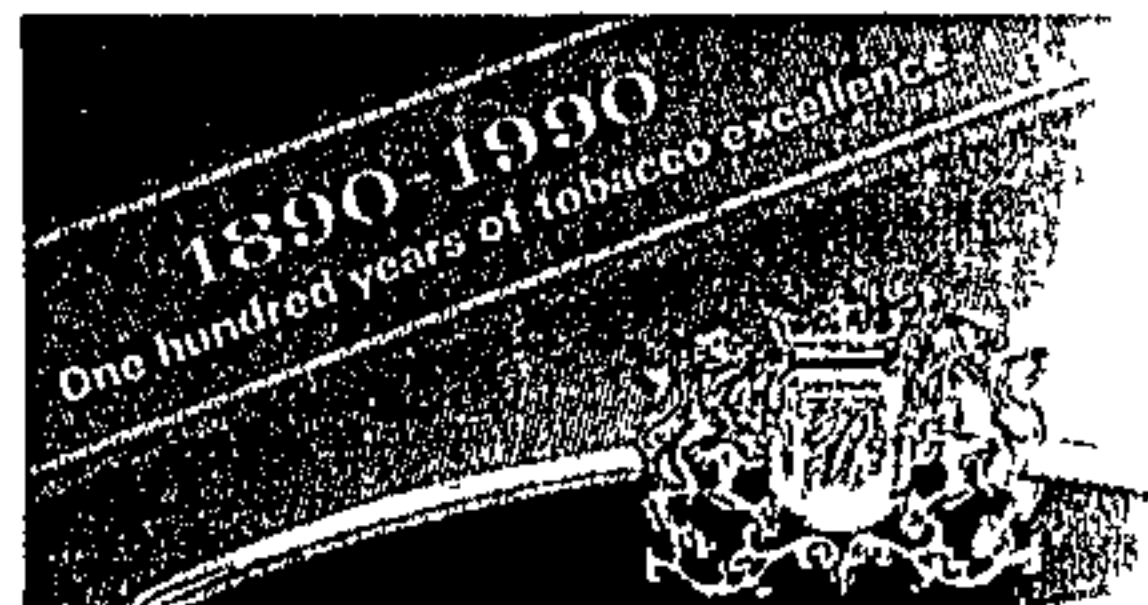


Armed to the hilt... This Tokoza resident was one of hundreds of men from the township who took up "arms" in the aftermath of yesterday's killing spree. Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

A sixth victim was later admitted to Sebokeng Hospital. The man, whose name has not been released, had suffered a bullet wound and was in serious condition.

According to the police, none of the dead has been identified. No further details were available.

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ANC marches allowed to go ahead

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC's "Peace and Freedom Now" marches in Johannesburg and Pretoria will go ahead tomorrow as planned after permission was received from the authorities.

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Regional secretary Miss Barbara Hogan appealed to marchers not to react to any provocation.

"We are calling for people to conduct themselves in a peaceful and orderly way and for the authorities to act with restraint and flexibility."

Marchers will present memorandums at the city halls in the two cities. In Johannesburg a second memorandum will be handed to police. They will call for:

- The release of detainees and political prisoners.
- An end to political trials.

- The granting of indemnity to all exiles before Christmas.

- The creation of an interim government and constituent assembly.

- The repeal of security legislation.

- An end to violence and the reintegration of Bophuthatswana into South Africa.

The marches coincide with the 10th anniversary of Bophuthatswana's independence.

In Johannesburg the march will be led by Mr Mac Maharaj, Mr Alfred Nzo, Mr Aziz Pahad, Mr Josiah Jele, Ms Gertrude Sharpe and Mr John Nkadimeng. In Pretoria Mr Joe Slovo, Ms Ruth Monpatl and Mr Pallo Jordan will lead marchers.

ANC video 'did not show Xhosas'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The controversial ANC video depicting police using a Casspir to transport Inkatha members in the Zonk'zizwe squatter camp on the East Rand on November 12 "conveniently" avoided showing footage of "Xhosa negotiators" in another Casspir, according to police.

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Addressing a press conference

in Pretoria where the photographs were released, Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the pictures clearly showed that both "Xhosa negotiators" and "Zulu negotiators" had been transported by police in separate Casspirs in the squatter camp on November 12.

Their aim in bringing the warring factions together was to avoid further bloodshed, he said.

Asked to name the negotiators, Captain Kotze said they had insisted on remaining anonymous for fear of reprisals.

At least six of the police photographs depict negotiators from

both parties, accompanied by police.

Referring to the ANC video footage of a group of chanting Zulu-speakers — some wearing the traditional red Inkatha headbands — dispersing after meeting with police, Captain Kotze said the men were singing a peace song and were not preparing for an attack. The song included the line "the war is over", he said.

However, ANC media liaison officer Mr Saki Macozoma, who also attended the press conference, said the song referred to the battle of Blood River.

It meant "the battle of Blood River, we will win it", he said.



'70 troops, 8 vehicles went to Sebokeng'

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The SADF soldier who allegedly fired the first shot outside the Sebokeng hostel on September 4 when 42 people died, told the inquest into the shootings that his unit was told to use minimum force.

Rifleman John Booysen, 22, the sixth soldier to testify before Mr Justice Eddie Stafford in a Vereeniging court had been told that there was evidence which could incriminate him.

The judge said yesterday the evidence implicated him of murder or a culpable homicide charge. It was the court's duty to advise him that he was not obliged to answer questions.

Rifleman Booysen's counsel, Mr Bruce Berman SC, objected twice when his client was asked whether he had fired any live ammunition and again when he was asked about a petrol bomb.

'Minimum force'

Rifleman Booysen declined to answer certain questions in the light of the judge's warning.

He said he had been in the army for three years and trained using the R4 rifle, with which he was armed that day. Before leaving base, the troops were told that they were going to Sebokeng hostel to free police and Inkatha members.

Commandant Alfred Clulee had told

them, after they arrived, that they were to use minimum force.

He told the court that they had been taught to take four steps before they used minimum force: show of strength, verbal warning, teargas and then a single directed gunshot.

When asked by counsel for the families of the deceased, Mr Gys Rautenbach, what he thought soldiers would do when they arrived, Rifleman Booysen said: "That would depend on the situation."

50 bodies

He said Commandant Clulee had given orders for the use of teargas but that he had not given orders for the use of live ammunition. He said the 10 seconds between the use of one method and the next was "reasonable".

Commandant Clulee, 52, who has been in the army for 33 years, said he had left for Sebokeng with 70 armed men, including two lieutenants and eight vehicles.

He had been told that about 50 bodies were at the hostel from the previous night. A Colonel Van Niekerk had told him the situation looked serious and asked him to proceed to Sebokeng where the rest would be explained.

Mr Justice Stafford was given the report of a military inquiry into the shooting. He said he was not making it available, but would consider this after reading the report.

The hearing continues.

East Rand quiet, death toll up to 77

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'Enemy of troops is violence'

Staff Reporter

CITIZEN FORCE (CF) soldiers who received call-up orders to serve in Peninsula townships should realise the "enemy" they are fighting is "violence, bloodshed and anarchy, not the perpetrators thereof".

This was said by Deputy Defence Minister Mr Willie Breytenbach during a visit to Group 40 headquarters at Wingfield yesterday.

About 100 CF troops are to assist the police on patrols of areas like Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads, an SADF spokesman said.

Mr Breytenbach said: "We are trying to create a just socio-political system in South Africa."

"However, insecurity, tension and fear are inherent in change of any kind, and this is even more true of the radical socio-political changes that we are envisioning for our country."

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence-racked townships on the Reef were reportedly quiet yesterday after the first night under curfew, while the death toll rose to 77 with the discovery of more bodies by police.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), said yesterday that the violence on the East Rand was horrific, but denied allegations that Inkatha members were behind it.

In Tembisa, the local branch of the African National Congress said in a statement that certain elements had intimidated residents in the name of the ANC.

In one incident several residents were robbed of their belongings by hooligans who claimed to be members of the ANC. The SA Council of Churches (SACC) joined other organisations in condemning the violence.

It said the government's failure to stop the violence had raised doubts in the minds of many South Africans whether, even if negotiations were to succeed, it would be able to ensure the necessary

climate for the implementation of agreements.

The SACC was "further dismayed at the apparent failure of the government to disarm and control 'impis' that have once again gone on the rampage, indiscriminately killing and maiming people of the townships of Thokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong".

On Monday night the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, declared Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus, on the East Rand, and Bickersdal on the West Rand, unrest areas, and clamped a curfew on them.

'So-called impis'

They join Zonkhesizwe squatter camp on the East Rand and Khayelitsha and Lingeletu in the W Cape.

Police said in their daily unrest report yesterday that three bodies had been found at Katlehong, two at Thokoza and one at Bickersdal. All had been either shot or hacked to death.

Altogether 54 bodies have been found in Thokoza, eight in Tembisa, nine in Katle-

hong, five in Sebokeng and one in Bickersdal since fighting erupted on Sunday afternoon, police said.

Chief Buthelezi said in a statement that he objected to "blame being automatically apportioned to so-called impis of the Inkatha Freedom Party".

For the media to conclude that all violence involving Zulus related to the IFP was "incorrect and damaging to the IFP". He did not deny some Zulus involved in the fighting supported the IFP, but distanced the party from "implications that its leadership or the mass of its bona fide members are actively and deliberately fomenting the violence as reported".

The ANC called on Monday night for a national response to the violence and said food, clothing and shelter were needed.

● A day of fasting and prayer has been called for December 10, Human Rights Day, by the National Inter-faith Conference.

● A woman was killed when six huts were set alight and a man was shot dead in separate unrest incidents in Natal, police reported. — Sapa

Minister's car 'used in attacks'

JOHANNESBURG. — A car hijacked from a Methodist minister in Katlehong on the East Rand on Monday is allegedly being used for attacks on township residents.

A statement from the Methodist Church yesterday said a group of armed men were shooting randomly at passersby from the car hijacked from the Rev Thoko Mtolo.

An armed gang seized the car from Mr Mtolo on Monday. The statement said he was lucky to escape with his life after being shot at. He was hidden at various places by "sympathisers".

The church condemned "this deplorable action and the continued mindless use of violence". — Sapa



CALL-UP . . . The deputy Minister of Defence, Mr Willie Breytenbach, talks to Citizen Force soldiers of the Group 40 unit who received special call-up orders to restore order in strife-torn black townships. Picture BENNY GOOL

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Sjambok suspects rescued from mob

THOHOYANDOU. — Venda police yesterday rescued two men — suspected of being involved in last week's sjambok attack on Sunday school children in Louis Trichardt — from an angry crowd of more than 200.

The attack by a group of khaki-clad whites has stirred up racial hostility in the area.

The crowd, shouting slogans denouncing racism, escorted the two men from shops in the Venda capital and police whisked them away as mass anger grew.

A Venda government spokesman said police removed a Mr K de Wet and a Mr De Nyssen from Wanda Furnishers and Style and Value Furnishers after trouble started. They had not been attacked.

The crowd followed them to the police station and left after police assured them they would investigate the matter.

An employee at Wanda Furnishers said workers had vowed to embark on a sit-in if Mr De Wet remained as the shop's accounting manager after he "assaulted our innocent kids". — Sapa

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Leaders plea for peace - P2



Many children have lost their parents through the violence on the Reef. Many leaders have called for an end to it but it continues
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By KENOSI
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MORE survivors of the raid which left more than 50 dead in Tokoza on Monday yesterday said they were shot by police in a Casspir.

Five men who are being treated at the Ntalspruit Hospital said white men in the police Casspir shot them while they were walking in the street.

They are Mr Mahlubi Buduza (42), Mr Toy Mbuti (38), Mr Edwin Nisane (31), Mr Arien Tshongawana (52) and Mr Mlungisi Khumalo (24).

The men say they were shot at different places and were not aware that there was fighting in the township.

Hostel

Police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer said he could comment only if the men made statements at the police station.

"They should also mention the time and place where the shooting took place because there were too many incidents in Tokoza on Sunday and Monday morning."

Other survivors said they believed the men who attacked them were from Kwesine hostel.

The attackers said they were looking for Xhosas in the township.

Mrs Ethel Sibumbe, whose house was destroyed during the attack, said men broke into her house and demanded that she show them homes that

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ANC stands firm on video film footage

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THE African National Congress yesterday stood firm on its claims that last week's video recordings at Zonk'izizwe squatter camp had proved there was collusion between the police and "vigilantes".

The organisation said the visual evidence it showed the media last week was "irrefutable" and called on Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok to make "a credible official explanation".

It rejected Vlok's denial, saying this was not the first time that evidence of police collaboration with "vigilantes" had been presented to him for investigation.

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By SY MAKARINGE

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Probe told of petrol bombing

A PETROL bomb made from a bottle of vodka was thrown at SADF member, a Rifleman Booysen, before he shot at the man, an inquest into the killing of 42 people in Sebokeng on September 4, heard yesterday.

This was the evidence of Citizen Force member Rifleman JP Pelfer, who said the wick of the petrol bomb had been blown out by the wind after it had been thrown by a man. The missile hit Booysen on the chest.

Pelfer was one of four SADF witnesses called yesterday to give evidence on their involvement in the massacre.

None of the other three had seen petrol bombs been thrown, but all told Mr Justice Eddie Stafford that the mob from which they had gone to rescue police was heavily armed with spears, pangas, knobkerries and

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The witnesses all said that after the event it was only Booysen who had admitted firing live rounds and to shooting the man who had thrown the petrol bomb.

Rifleman Kelvin Marthinus told the inquest he had been guarding the military vehicles that had brought the SADF contingent to Sebokeng Hostel.

After the shooting and after the mob had dispersed, Inkatha members wearing red headbands were transported in these vehicles to Sebokeng Police Station.

When the group of about 30 Inkatha members left the vehicles, Marthinus found two handgrenades and two 9mm magazines in it.

The handgrenades were those of the SADF.

The inquest continues. - Sapa.

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E Rand violence: police blamed (278)

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The ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) have expressed deep concern at the level of violence in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Katlehong and Tembisa, where at least 71 people have died since the weekend.

In a strongly worded statement, the ANC called for a "national response" to assist victims and to prevent further violence.

"It is not simply a black issue

... our white compatriots too have a responsibility."

The ANC said the police and death squads were responsible for the conflict which, it claimed, had been been deliberately unleashed to weaken it.

IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he was extremely disturbed and alarmed by the violence.

He objected to reports which automatically blamed "impis" of the IFP.

Dozens of Tokoza residents yesterday told The Star that In-

katha supporters had launched a systematic house-to-house assault on the community in a bid to root out Xhosa-speakers.

Yesterday police said three more bodies were found in Katlehong, one in Tokoza, three in Tembisa and one in Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweek said the situation in the three townships was relatively quiet.

Police were still patrolling.

At least 53 people had died in Tokoza, seven in Katlehong and 11 in Tembisa.

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As dusk fell, the killings began

By JENNY CARGILL

THREE police casspirs passed alongside the ambush into which one of their kind fell a few days earlier and pulled up outside the command headquarters of the Phola Park squatters in Thokoza township.

"Wolf" was roughly painted across the door of one, as if to remind those in the dwarfed shacks who is the hunter and who is the hunted.

Blanket

They watched the area and left a few minutes later.

A man came out from among a group and pulled back his blanket, wrapped around him in traditional Xhosa style, to show two bullet wounds.

The cartridges — from a police rifle, he claimed — were still lodged in his arm.

He was feeling militant. "At this moment there can be no peace with Inkatha."

They (Inkatha) claimed their rally last week was for peace. But what peace is this we see now. We will fight.

He spoke for many residents in the East Rand townships and squatter settlements of Thokoza, Phola Park, Kaithehong, Vosloorus, and Zonkeizwe who have become a target for Inkatha in a war of political violence that stretches back to March and intensifies with each round of killings.

He was hurting from more than just the bleeding wounds. He had retreated to Phola Park after a night and a day of the worst killings yet on the Reef.

In just 24 hours, at least 52 people had died as Inkatha "impis" swept through Thokoza's "Belrut" section.

They had left a hostel called Mshayazafe, ironically meaning "beat him until he dies", at about 6pm on Sunday.

Violence

In a short while the killing and burning of homes began. Even an Inkatha road-block was erected, with firearm cover.

This had never happened before.

The violence was not new. It just took some time and a lot more killing for enough attention to be paid to it.

A stabbing at the neighbouring Zonkeizwe squatter settlement on November 11 ostensibly triggered the onslaught.

A week of cat-and-mouse battles between the camp's ANC supporters and Inkatha fighters — many of them from Kaithehong's Kwenini Hostel — culminated in a massacre.

Eighteen of the ANC group, camped on the outskirts of the settlement, were gunned down by unseen assailants.

The survivors fled to Phola Park, the best organised of the squatter camps in the area given its people's bitter experience of Inkatha attacks in August and their determination to now hold their ground.

Police paid frequent visits to Phola Park. The squatters viewed this as a campaign of harassment in support of Inkatha's overall plans for the area.

As an example, they cited last week's

Inkatha attack on another squatter camp, Mandela View, about 10km from there, in which at least 10 people were killed.

As the attack was launched, police moved into Phola Park. This prevented them, they said, from providing back-up support to Mandela View.

Unrest area

On Sunday night, with the fighting at its height, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela visited Thokoza together with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, who declared the townships "unrest areas".

By Tuesday, an uneasy quiet had settled over the area as police, Inkatha and ANC representatives met and a curfew was imposed.

Taxis to terror

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With more than 70 people dead after one of the bloodiest weeks in Reef townships, a question begged answering: Why had the East Rand become such a focal point for political violence?

SOUTH's correspondent JENNY CARGILL investigates the background to the ongoing conflict in these areas:

KATHLEHONG's ANC executive member Paul Maseko points to the township's taxi war in March to explain the roots to Inkatha's hostility towards the area.

Then, two taxi associations existed: one, the Kaithehong Taxi Organisation (Kato), whose owners and drivers came from the community; and another Zulu-dominated group, Germiston and District Taxi Association (G & D), with the drivers being drawn from Natal's rural areas.

As the dispute escalated G & D drew on the hostel dwellers for backing, while Kato pulled in the young township "comrades".

Target

A rural/urban divide emerged

The hostel dwellers' first target was schoolchildren. This brought bitter retaliation from the community, which won the backing of local policemen who were also angered by the attack on the children.

The hostel dwellers were forced out of Kaithehong into Thokoza hostels for safety. From there they mounted counter-attacks.

It is this history, in Maseko's view, which explains why Thokoza is once more featuring as a springboard for today's bitter battles.

At that time, said Maseko, the people of Kaithehong earned a stinging insult from Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, when he called them the "Mgodoyi" (the hungry lost dogs).



BACK FROM BATTLE. Thokoza hostel dwellers after doing battle in the township

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From then on, says Maseko, "the East Rand became the focus of Ulundi".

But there are several other factors explaining the violence.

The East Rand is the Reef's industrial centre, with the neighbouring townships of Vosloorus, Kaithehong and Thokoza being a major source of labour.

Consequently, there is a high concentration of migrant workers. Within the townships there are nine hostels, as well as several privately run ones in the neighbouring "white" industrial area of Germiston.

As such, the hostels, in which there are large numbers of Zulu workers from Natal, provide Inkatha with fruitful recruiting ground.

But each conflict throws up others rea-

sons for even more disputes and battles.

Phola Park has been a particular thorn in the side of the Thokoza town council.

Earlier in the year, the squatters burnt down a councillor's petrol station which was built on land they said had been promised to them by the council for shack sites.

Remove

Police and army efforts to remove the squatters failed.

It was this history, according to several policemen interviewed by AIA, which motivated the Inkatha August attack on Phola Park.

This drove the squatters to other neighbouring camps, and boosted their allegiance to Inkatha's political foe, the

ANC

This dispersion of ANC supporters throughout the area's squatter camps appears to have prompted Inkatha to hanker after its own territorial stronghold in the squatter community.

Hence, the frequent Inkatha demand on Zonkeizwe's ANC supporters to abandon that squatter camp in favour of Phola Park, leaving Zonkeizwe, which is by far the largest squatter settlement, to Inkatha.

Maseko also reckons that the rapid growth in ANC membership in the area — Kaithehong is probably the Transvaal's biggest branch — cannot be discounted when looking into reasons for Inkatha's onslaught and the backing it gets within the police force.

Disarm 'impis' — SACC

From MONO BADELA

JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Council of Churches (SACC) has expressed alarm and dismay at the resurgence and escalation of violence on the East Rand since last weekend.

In a statement, SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane said the council was also dismayed at the apparent failure of the government to disarm and control the "impis" that have once again gone on a rampage, killing and maiming people indiscriminately.

Favourable

The SACC believed such violence could have an unfavourable effect on the process of negotiations, derailing them because of the "wanton destruction of human life".

Chikane said the failure of the government to stop the violence had raised doubts in the minds of many South Africans, that even if negotiations succeeded, the government would not be able to ensure the necessary climate to implement such agreements.

The ANC has also expressed deep concern at the level of violence in the East Rand.



FLEEING FIGHTERS. A group of Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers flee from police after they had fought a morning battle against Thokoza residents

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upset at ^{6/12/90}
shooting

VEREENIGING. — The district police commissioner was upset that the army fired live rounds to rescue trapped police at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4 this year, the officer commanding the SADF unit on that day said yesterday.

Commandant Alf Clulee told the inquest into the death of 42 people that the district commissioner, Colonel Piet Fourie, who had called for SADF help, had expressed his disappointment at the use of live ammunition to disperse a mob of between 3 000 and 5 000.

Cmdt Clulee said he had not given an order to fire and an order to cease fire was "shouted repeatedly" until the shooting — in which more than 160 rounds were fired — stopped.

The SADF member who fired the first shot, Rfn John Booysen, had "without hesitation" admitted to shooting a man said to have been in the act of throwing a petrol bomb at him.

About 80 troops from 18 Battalion had been called in to help police and Inkatha members trapped by a mob at the Sebokeng hostel. — Sapa

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Police deny claims of white deaths in Thokoza

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TWO white men were killed while fighting on the side of Xhosa residents of Thokoza against Zulu residents, Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza claimed yesterday.

He told a news conference in Johannesburg the men were armed with rifles and had been killed in an attack in the Thabansimbi section of the East Rand township. They had been seen on Monday by a "prominent" Inkatha Freedom Party member, a Mr Mzizi. Their bodies had later been seen at the Thokoza police station, he added. Police spokesman Capt Ruben Bloomberg has flatly denied Khoza's claims.

Denying ANC claims that a mysterious "third force" was assisting Inkatha factions involved in the violence, Khoza said allegations that Zulus not involved in the violence had been killed by police were being investigated. He named four of those allegedly killed by police and said others were being treated in hospital.

Khoza also alleged ANC and SACP supporters, wearing red headbands and pretending to be Zulus, had attacked Inkatha supporters in Thabansimbi on Sunday. □ Sapa reports from London that the Inkatha Freedom Party has appealed to British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd to use his government's influence at the UN to get the party observer status at the UN on a similar basis to that held by the ANC and PAC.



Inkatha Youth Brigade Transvaal chairman Themba Khoza tells a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday that witnesses had given his organisation accounts of armed white men taking part in recent clashes in the East Rand township of Thokoza. He said the whites fought on the side of Xhosa residents. He also accused police of killing and wounding innocent Zulus.

Picture, ROBERT BOTHA

Inkatha claims 'simply false'

THE African National Congress and the police have dismissed allegations by Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza that two whites were killed at Thabansimbi Section in Tokoza on the East Rand on Monday. *Sowetan 6/12/90*

Khoza said the whites had allegedly assisted Xhosas in attacks on Zulus.

He told a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday he had evidence on the existence of a so-called "third force" operating against Inkatha members and claimed Xhosas, wearing red headbands and chanting ANC slogans, had gone from house to house harassing Zulu residents.

The ANC said last night the allegations were "not worthy of serious response" and dismissed them as "anti-ANC propaganda".

Police denied knowledge of an incident described by Khoza.

Day of fasting sought after Tokoza violence

A DAY of fasting and prayer has been called for December 10, Human Rights Day, by the National Inter-faith Conference. *Sowetan 6/12/90*

In a telex sent to the Government the conference said it was "appalled and saddened by the frightful loss of life" in East Rand townships, particularly Tokoza.

The Government was also urged to use its powers to end the violence.

The conference, which was called by the World Conference on Religion and Peace, passed several resolutions regarding the future of religions in South Africa.

The conference agreed that "there should be a clear separation between State and religion".

The resolution called for a secular state, and for a charter on religious rights

and responsibilities to be drawn up.

Religious freedom should be guaranteed in a Bill of Rights, and religions must be protected against slander.

However, the conference also resolved that the right not to believe must also be respected.

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There was disagreement at the conference over the issue of religious education in State schools, with some delegates in favour and others stating that any such programme must encompass different faiths.

"Religion must play a major role in the healing of the scars and sufferings of apartheid and in the building of the new society," the conference stated. This, they resolved, would require the mobilising of all "spiritual resources". - Sapa

Slovo and Winnie to lead march

Staff Reporters
and Own Correspondent

Winnie Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, and Joe Slovo, leader of the SA Communist Party, are among those due to lead the ANC's "Peace and Freedom Now" march being held in Pretoria today.

Pretoria Chief Magistrate P A J Burger has given permission for the march.

The organisers said no stayaway had been called. However, people had been urged to take leave for an hour or two.

The march, which is scheduled to start at noon from Cosatu House in Brown Street to the Union Buildings, is to be preceded by a mini-rally outside Cosatu House from 10 am.

● In Johannesburg, marchers will begin gathering at

the corner of Plein and Wanderers streets at 10 am. They will proceed along Plein Street at 11 am to Harrison Street. A memorandum will be handed in at the City Hall.

Marchers will continue to Commissioner Street and John Vorster Square, where a memorandum will be handed to police.

● In Bloemfontein, the Chief Magistrate has granted permission for a march today.

ANC aims to wipe out opponents - Inkatha

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Staff

Themba Khoza, Transvaal leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), yesterday launched a scathing attack on the ANC, accusing it of engaging in a "war of extermination" against its opponents. Mr. Khoza said in Johannesburg that various ANC-supported mass campaigns, such as protest marches and the "Black Christmas" threat to call for a sure recipe for violence, were Mr. Khoza also alleged that on Sunday, Xhosa impersonating red headbands attacked Zulus in Tokoza on the East Rand. He said with two armed whites seen operating with these people, and these whites had died in the ensuing confrontation. The "Black Christmas" call, he said, would inevitably heighten tensions in the townships and result in the wholesale harassment of those failing to heed the call.

Extermination

"The results of the ANC/SACP programme of so-called mass action can be predicted: more violence, more intimidation and more resistance from those who are sick to death of ANC/SACP bully-boy tactics." Mr. Khoza accused the ANC/SACP alliance of being involved in "a war of extermination against (its) political opponents, the IFP and our brothers, the PAC." Asked what relationship there was between the IFP and the two organisations mentioned, Mr. Khoza said they were all black organisations and practised political tolerance. The ANC yesterday said Mr. Khoza's allegations were not "worthy of serious response." These "spurious tales of people impersonating Zulus" were surfacing now that the actions of vigilante groups were beginning to have a "negative" impact on the IFP.

Clicks gets interdict against 300 workers

By Brendan Templeton

Clicks stores yesterday brought an urgent Supreme Court interdict against the 300 workers it dismissed on Tuesday after they had barricaded several Johannesburg stores and refused to allow anyone in or out.

Police were called in and strikers were dispersed with teargas. Altogether 101 were arrested, according to police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

Yesterday, Federal Council of Commercial, Retail and Allied Workers (Fedcrow) general-secretary Natke Tlele described the interdict as undemocratic

and said it showed the "real new South Africa as it really was".

Workers would not be able to protest against any actions taken against them by management in any way whatsoever.

But Clicks managing director Trevor Honeysett said the interdict was aimed at protecting their customers and workers who did not wish to go on strike.

Stores were still operating and the company hoped the standard of service would soon return to normal, he said.

The union is protesting at the dismissal of workers at the company's Commissioner Street branch two weeks ago.

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'Troops ordered to fire only teargas'

By Thabo Leshilo

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A report of the military inquiry into the shooting of people by members of the SADF at the Sebokeng hostel was made available to counsel yesterday by Mr Justice Stafford, chairman of the Supreme Court inquest into events at the hostel.

Forty-two people died at the hostel after incidents involving Inkatha, hostel dwellers and soldiers on September 4.

Commandant Alf Clulee, commander of the SADF unit at the hostel, told the inquest he had ordered the troops to fire only teargas at

the crowd of 3 000 to 5 000 outside the hostel. At no stage had he ordered the troops to fire live ammunition, Commandant Clulee maintained. (278)

The use of teargas, Commandant Clulee explained, was the third of four "minimum force" steps the soldiers had been told to use against the crowd.

He said the first step was a show of strength. The second involved speaking to the crowd and informing them that the army had not come to fight them but to rescue Inkatha and SAP members trapped inside the hostel.

The fourth step was the

firing of a single shot in the event of the soldiers' lives being in danger.

Commandant Clulee had ordered the troops to fire teargas after the crowd had thrown stones at the troops. The teargas, however, had had no effect on the crowd.

He said he had heard a shot ring out while the teargas was being fired. Two more shots were fired, followed by a volley of R-4 automatic fire.

He said the soldiers had fired into the air.

After the shooting, which lasted 22 seconds, people who dived to avoid the bullets had leapt up and ran.

One man lay dead and six men seriously injured at the scene. A petrol bomb, with its wick extinguished, was found near the corpse. Fighting sticks and stones were also found at the scene.

Commandant Clulee said he had then asked the soldiers who had fired the first shot.

Rifleman John Booysen immediately admitted firing the shot "without hesitation".

Rifleman Booysen told Commandant Clulee that he had shot the man (who lay dead on the scene) because the man had hit him with a stone and was about to hurl a petrol bomb at him.

'Zulus were not geared for battle'

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By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

A Star photographer who witnessed Zulus climbing out of a police Casspir in Zonk'zizwe squatter camp on November 12 believes the men had been taking part in police-organised negotiations and were not being transported into battle by the police, as the ANC claims.

The ANC released a video tape at the weekend showing three Zulus leaping out of a Casspir and then leading a group of chanting armed men, many wearing the red bandanas characteristic of Zulus.

The ANC claimed the police had helped the three men by transporting them into battle against Xhosas. The police denied this and said the three had been dropped off after taking part in peace talks with Xhosas.

Star photographer Ken Oosterbroek was in the area taking pictures on the day. He said he and Star reporter Montshiwa Moroke had gone into the area after receiving police reports that a number of people had been killed.

Sitting around

Near the council offices, under a line of bluegum trees, four or five Casspirs were parked and several policemen were sitting around. About 50 to 100 locals, mainly women and children were in the vicinity.

"Three Inkatha men came striding confidently across the soccer field to the police vehicles. One was identifiable as Inkatha by his red headband. I heard a police man say over the radio: 'Daar is Inkatha manne hierso wat will praat.' (There are Inkatha men here who want to talk.)"

"Policemen took them to the yellow command car. A police officer, who identified himself as a major, said he was the officer in command. He said: 'So wat is jou storie? Wat gaan aan hierso?' (So what is your story? What is going on here?)"

Then he seemed to get perturbed by the crowd pressing around and told policemen to move the people away.

"But after that he was still not comfortable and

told the Inkatha men to get into the Casspir to speak there. So they climbed in and closed the door. We couldn't hear what was being said, so we left."

Mr Oosterbroek said they drove across the township to speak to some Xhosas on the railway line.

"As we approached, we saw a police Casspir on the road below the embankment, next to the Xhosas, and men walking down the embankment. The Casspir drove off before we reached them," he said.

"Later we drove to an area of rocky high ground where Inkatha men were re-arming themselves. They were making weapons by hammering flat the ends of pipes. They said they had been disarmed earlier. Other media were there.

Jumped out

"A Casspir drove up on the other side of the rocks and the same three Inkatha men I had seen earlier talking to the police, got out of the Casspir and approached the group.

"They joined the group and led them off the rocks chanting. As soon as they had left a number of Casspirs arrived and armed police jumped out and ran to the rocks and started poking around, apparently looking for weapons.

"Meanwhile, the group had turned and moved about 200 m from the rocks where they sat down while the guy in the red bandana talked to them.

"I could not understand what they said, but it looked like an anti-climax. There was no crowd excitement. I have seen guys getting psyched up for war and this didn't give me the impression that they were saying 'let's go into battle'.

"If they had we would have stayed on."

Days later Mr Oosterbroek was again working in the area. Both sides told him they had had peace talks but the fighting had continued.

"I have seen police organising impromptu peace talks during violence in Kagiso.

"On the basis of previous experience and on what I saw that day, I think it is highly likely that negotiations did take place under the bluegum trees."

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Manor home, look on while ambulance personnel remove

'Govt out to crush ANC'

Key elements in the Government had set out to foster carnage to halt mass action and to paralyse the ANC, Nelson Mandela said in Durban yesterday.

Speaking at alliance talks being held at Natal University between the National Union of South African Students and the SA National Students Congress, Mr Mandela said the country was entering a time of hope.

Excluded

However, elements in the Government were trying to crush the ANC, and it was to be remembered that the positive actions which the Government had made were not something it had done without pressure.

The ANC had spearheaded the struggle to produce that pressure, he said.

The Government had to be further pressured into removing the obstacles still in the way of negotiations.

Mr Mandela confirmed that nationwide mass protests were being organised for today. He said the ANC's position was clear.

"We are excluded from democratic participation; mass action is our only alternative."

However, in a statement yesterday Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said that indefinite continuation of mass protests over political demands was no longer necessary as the Government was committed to solving a number of problems.

The Government was not against peaceful and democratic protest, including marches and public meetings, but it was concerned

about "disruption and conflict" that appeared to go hand in hand with programmes of large-scale and repetitive political protest.

The inability of "certain political leaders" to ensure responsible conduct by their followers was also an area of major concern to the Government, Dr Viljoen said.

If destruction, violence and intimidation were not part of the political agenda of organisations launching mass action, they should take greater care to ensure orderly and lawful action.

There was "clear proof of intimidation" where the public had been forced to take part in mass action.

Dr Viljoen said no responsible government would allow mass action to deteriorate into acts of violence, destruction and intimidation.

We'll flatten you, AWB warns ANC

By Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal Bureau

LOUIS TRICHARDT — Clear battle-lines were drawn here last night by AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche when he issued a third warning to the ANC regarding its planned mass protests.

"I say to you — let one white be injured in one of your protest marches, and we will flatten you (ons sal julle gelyk vee met die aarde)."

The atmosphere at the AWB rally was extremely militant. Many young men carried batons, and Mr Terre-Blanche's personal bodyguards carried firearms.

Defending the actions of the white men arrested in connection with an alleged assault on black Sunday school children in the town, the AWB leader said they had simply shown that they would not become anyone's puppets.

He insisted that the men had acted within their rights, as they had not acted in anyone else's territory.

Herstigte Nasionale Party leader Jaap Marais shared a platform with Mr Terre-Blanche.

Slovo and Winnie to lead march

Staff Reporters
and Own Correspondent

Winnie Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, and Joe Slovo, leader of the SA Communist Party, are among those due to lead the ANC's "Peace and Freedom Now" march being held in Pretoria today.

Pretoria Chief Magistrate P A J Burger has given permission for the march.

The organisers said no stayaway had been called. However, people had been urged to take leave for an hour or two.

The march, which is scheduled to start at noon from Cosatu House in Brown Street to the Union Buildings, is to be preceded by a mini-rally outside Cosatu House from 10 am.

● In Johannesburg, marchers will begin gathering at

the corner of Plein and Wanderers streets at 10 am. They will proceed along Plein Street at 11 am to Harrison Street. A memorandum will be handed in at the City Hall.

Marchers will continue to Commissioner Street and John Vorster Square, where a memorandum will be handed to police.

● In Bloemfontein, the Chief Magistrate has granted permission for a march today.

"HOLD on to the sunlight, for with darkness comes despair, fear and insecurity..." This is the essence of an old African adage "Libambe linga shoni" (don't let the sun set) which summarises the feeling and anxiety of the residents of the trouble-torn East Rand townships.

Nowhere does this expression have more relevance than in the townships of Thokoza, Kaitleng and Vosloorus. When darkness falls armed Zulu impi move into the townships and leave a trail of death, destruction and a pool of blood as a grim picture of their invasion.

Thokoza became even darker on Friday evening when the Alberton Town Council cut off the electricity because of non-payment of accounts.

"Our lights were cut and the Zulus are killing us easily in the dark," said Doctor Khanyile, a Thokoza resident.

The time is 5pm on Monday and women with blankets, children and small babies on their backs are lining

With darkness come the Zulus...

Schoeman Street, which borders Kaitleng and Thokoza, to catch a taxi or a lift to Natalspruit Hospital where some of the families have sought refuge in the wake of recent attacks.

A hospital official described the place as "chaotic" with thousands converging on hospital grounds for safety.

Many Xhosa families fled their homes on Sunday as reports of further ethnic attacks spread in the townships.

About 73 people have been killed on the East Rand since the outbreak of the recent spate of violence last weekend.

Thokoza and Kaitleng residents told *The Weekly Mail* this week that Inkatha supporters had launched a systematic house-to-house assault on the community in a bid to root out Xhosa-speakers early on Sunday morning.

A Thokoza resident said early on Monday morning Inkatha supporters, armed with AK-47 rifles and R-16

More than 70 people have been killed in the strife-torn East Rand townships in the most recent spate of violence. **PHIL MOLEFE** ventured into the trouble spots

were seen shooting and attacking Xhosa-speaking households.

Thokoza township and Mavimbela, Goba and Phadima sections of Kaitleng were no-go zones on Monday after fresh reports spread that more attacks would follow.

According to residents the violence started last Monday with isolated incidents — "one person killed here and two killed the next day" — and this escalated from Saturday night.

When *The Weekly Mail* visited the area, Thokoza's main road, Khumalo Street, was deserted after people believed to be Zulus had staged a mini

"roadblock" in the morning, allegedly looking for Xhosas. There were no police in sight when the group stopped cars looking for Xhosas.

As I drove past the Inkatha-stronghold hostel in Phenduka section, about three men wielding knobkerries stopped my car and interrogated me.

Said one in Zulu: "Uphuma kuphi, ufunani la?" (Where do you come from and what do you want here?)

"Ke tswa Sharpeville, ke iliso etela baheso mona. (I am from Sharpeville and I am visiting my family here), I replied in Sesotho.

Then the other man said: "Yekani lo Mosuthu a hambe". (Leave this Sotho-speaking man to go).

I slowly moved the car from the men, waved a "friendly" hand saying, "ke a leboha". (Thank you)

In the background there were placards which read: "Arrest Winnie Mandela

AK-47 supplier and Xhosas, Police killed the Zulus."

In Kaitleng's Mavimbela section most Xhosa families had fled their homes. I escaped the second roadblock in Schoeman Street and decided to park the car in the yard and walk to assess the situation.

The sight of police Casspirs and helicopters around the townships late in the afternoon brought some relief.

It was just after 5pm at Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza and men and women had gathered around to discuss defence measures.

When a curfew was announced on the 6pm news bulletin, many residents expressed a wry relief.

Tuesday was a relatively quiet day in the three East Rand townships.

And, the light showers on Wednesday washed away the blood stains and debris of the weekend's attacks.

The fighting may have stopped but many residents are still worried about what will happen next.

What really happened at Phola Park

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Weekly Mail reporter (278)
WALLY MBHELE was at Phola Park this week when the carnage began. This is his eyewitness account.

I WAS in Thokoza township when the violence began on Sunday, and watched the unfolding of events that sparked off carnage throughout the East Rand. What I saw differed from the police version of events.

I watched exchanges of gunfire between, on the one side, Xhosa-speaking Thokoza residents and squatters from Phola Park and, on the other side, their Zulu-speaking opponents from nearby hostels. I watched people fall and others scatter, some jumping over the fallen bodies, in one of the worst clashes yet to occur in this year's wave of Reef violence.

The final death toll: Thokoza — 54, Kaitleng — 7, Tembisa — 11.

Police later said that squatters from Phola Park had attacked Thokoza residents, who then retaliated. I saw a different picture.

It is Friday night as I drive to Phola Park squatter settlement, where the Reef clashes first began.

As I arrive at the eastern entrance of this settlement, two blanket-clad men approach. After explaining my business, they politely ask me to switch off the car's headlights and put on the hazard lights.

Near a tent where refugees from Zonk'izwe squatter camp are living, a big meeting is in progress. I am not allowed to attend.

It is beginning to get dark when a man comes to me and says "My brother police and Inkatha want to see us moving away from this place, en ons loop nie



Death in the street... passersby stare at the corpse of a man who was shot and hacked to death in a Thokoza street on Monday.

hierso nie, ons phola net." (We are not leaving here, we relax)

I am told that the body of a woman, Anna Mahlangu, had been found in Phola Park that morning and rumours of an attack abound.

"We'll defend ourselves and our camp with every means at our disposal," says one man.

Saturday morning dawns peacefully, but the squatters' vigilance is not relaxed. They hold regular briefing meetings and assign men to guard and patrol the camp. The day passes without incident, but tension is high, and rumours of attack continue unabated.

On Sunday morning, the word is that

hit squads are roaming around Thokoza, shooting people in the dark streets. There are rumours that six people have been killed the previous night.

Visibly nervous residents prepare for an African National Congress general meeting at a local church.

I arrive in Phola Park after 3pm. All is quiet, and the squatters are beginning to relax. After a weekend of ominous warnings, hope is rising that these were merely rumours after all.

At 4pm, youths from Thokoza come running into Phola Park, and announce: "Inkatha has attacked our comrades. Can you come to our rescue?"

I rush to the scene, where a big cloud

of black smoke is rising from burning houses. Women carrying small children on their backs run down Khumalo Road, screaming for help. The sound of gunfire fills the air.

Suddenly a group of several hundred men wearing white headbands — which have recently replaced red bands as the "uniform" of Inkatha-supporting hostel-dwellers — and brandishing an assortment of weapons, "traditional" as well as rifles, emerges from Mshayazafe ("beat him to death") hostel. Police hippos follow a distance behind them. The "impi" is heading in the direction of Phola Park, singing and dancing, and waving weapons.

A group of armed Thokoza residents, backed up by Phola Park squatters, comes running up a side road to intercept the apparent attack group. They carry their arms surreptitiously, mostly under blankets.

Both sides open fire from about 50m and two members of the resident-squatter group immediately go down. Others scatter down side streets, some fall and struggle to get up again. A small group of about 30 try to hold out against the Zulus, when the police fire tears gas at them, forcing them to run for cover.

I am forced to leave the area, but I can still hear the sound of gunfire. Smoke and flames fill the air.

Thokoza attacks: Were they policemen or not?

By JO-ANNE COLLINGS 278
ON the first day of renewed fighting in Thokoza, men in plainclothes headed from a hostel adjacent to the Thokoza police station, collected firearms from the police station and drove off in a Casspir and minibus towards the "battleground".

This is the allegation of the secretary of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast), Sam Ntuli, who said he witnessed these events last Saturday afternoon just hours after Inkatha men from another hostel, Kwesini, had launched attacks on the community.

Ntuli said it was not clear who the men at Thokoza police station were. They were carrying "long and short guns" and were not in uniform, he stressed.

"I don't know whether they were police who were staying in the hostel. The hostel is right next to the police station. But they got into the Casspir and a kombi and just moved towards the fighting."

East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said police had last been accommodated in the hostel neighbouring the police station some time back and had since been moved from there.

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze was unable to throw light on the event.

"We have no way of identifying these people referred to by your informant," he told *The Weekly Mail*.

"So we cannot say whether they were police or not. Should your informant have reason to believe they were linked to illegal or irregular activity he can bring us the evidence and we will investigate."

Cast office bearers posed the question whether policemen would be sent into a situation of conflict out of uniform. Kotze indicated this was potentially the case.

"The fact of the matter is that in an emergency we could use policemen who happen to be out of uniform at the time."

Ntuli, who is also chairman of the Thokoza Civic Association, said it was plain to him that the men who took the guns did not sign them out.

Questions about Saturday's events at the police station are just a few of those Cast wants to put to Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok.

"We are want Vlok to come to a mass meeting, probably on the East Rand, so that he can justify to the people the actions of his police

force," said Cast vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkutu.

Cast insists it is time to put aside the wrangling over editing of videos. The truth can be found by going to the victims. And it is Vlok's duty to do so.

Last weekend the African National Congress released to the press a video which showed Inkatha members being transported in a Casspir. This, they alleged, showed the partisanship of the armed forces.

Vlok's office responded by saying that the edited video was a distortion of events — that both ANC and Inkatha leaders had been driven in Casspirs to peace talks.

The wrangle continued at a police press conference, where ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma insisted that the Zulu songs being sung by Inkatha were war songs, not celebrations of peace, as Kotze said.

The Star has published a report stating that one of its photographers witnessed Zulus climbing out of a Casspir in Zonk'izwe squatter camp on November 12 and believed the men had been taking part in police-organised negotiations — and were not being transported into battle by the police.

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Family, friends identify bodies of unrest dead

JOHANNESBURG. — Shocked relatives and friends on Wednesday started identifying bodies of their next-of-kin — some badly broken and mutilated — at the government mortuary in Germiston on the East Rand, police confirmed yesterday.

Sixteen bodies have been claimed so far in the aftermath of intense weekend violence in the area.

Captain Ida van Zweek said that of the 73 bodies on display on Wednesday, 57 were still unidentified. She said one more body was yesterday transferred from Heidelberg to Germiston, bringing the total number of those still unidentified to 58.

The Rev Mlungisi Ntsele of the South African Council of Churches said yesterday his office — which spearheads efforts to avoid paupers' funerals for unrest victims — had already received inquiries from concerned families and other acquaintances as far as Cape Town. — Sapa

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Sebokeng: Court told of mystery petrol bomb

VEREENIGING. — The commanding officer of the unit called in to rescue police and Inkatha members trapped at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4, said yesterday that a petrol bomb he had found at the scene had not been handed in as an exhibit at the inquest into the deaths of 42 people massacred that day.

Commandant Alf Clulee told inquest chairman Mr Justice Eddie Stafford that a petrol bomb was thrown at soldiers but fell behind them. He did not mention it in his report as he had already noted that the mob, estimated at between 2 000 and 5 000, had been brandishing such devices.

On Wednesday Commandant Clulee told the court that a petrol bomb found near the corpse of a member of the mob, shot by a member of his unit, had been smouldering when he found it. Yesterday he was asked to identify this petrol bomb from eight handed in as evidence, but none showed any sign of having been set alight.

Under cross-examination by Mr Gys Rautenbach, for the families of 12 deceased, the commandant was asked if he would accept that none of the petrol bombs handed in as evidence showed any sign of having been burnt. He refused and asked to inspect them.

The commandant was finally forced to admit that the petrol bomb he had picked up and placed on an SADF vehicle with weapons and other items of evidence was not among those submitted to the inquest.

Mr Anton Ackerman, leading evidence for the state, said that in the light of one of the soldiers having shot someone in the mob, allegedly in self defence, the alleged throwing of the petrol bomb was of importance.

The inquest continues. — Sapa

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Cops detain anti-ANC protester

PRETORIA — A man with placards displaying anti-ANC slogans was briefly detained by police during the ANC's peace march here yesterday.

He is Dr Andrew Willis, 29. He said after his release he was an academic from London who had recently come to South Africa.

Police bundled him and the anti-ANC placards into a car and whisked him away when they encountered him along the route of the march.

Dr Willis said the placards had read: "ANC Murderers", "Nelson Mandela Convicted Terrorist", and "ANC Communist Terrorist Scum".

He said he had been protesting against murders committed by extreme left-wing elements of the ANC.



JOBURG MARCH ... Part of the 20 000 crowd file past the Technical College in Plein Street, Johannesburg, yesterday.

Friends and relatives claim bodies

LINDEN BIRNS

THE bodies of more than half those killed in the recent East Rand violence had been identified at the Germiston mortuary by yesterday afternoon.

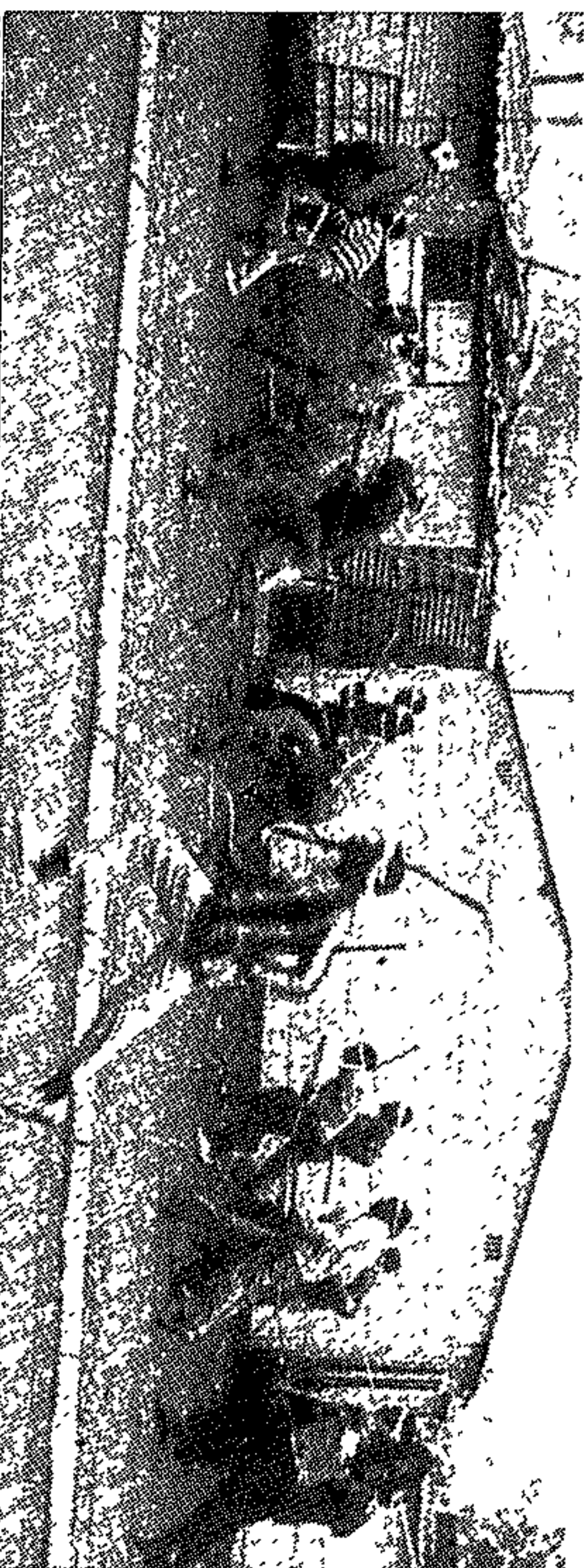
However, police declined to say how many were Zulus or Xhosas.

A mortuary spokesman said a constant stream of people had visited the mortuary to identify friends and relatives.

"So far more than 50 of the bodies we received after the weekend's violence have been identified and claimed."

According to revised police figures, 77 people were killed in clashes in Thokoza, Katlehong, Zonkezizwe, Tembisa and Bekkersdal earlier this week.

The real



Under fire: Hostel dwellers flee a barrage of rubber bullets

Photo: BRETT ELOFF, Atrapix

A reporter who was there when the attacks began gives a very different account to the official version

story of Phola Park

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REPORTER Wally Mbhele was in Thokoza township when the violence began on Sunday, and watched the events that sparked off carnage throughout the East Rand.

The official account is that squatters from Phola Park attacked

Thokoza residents, who then retaliated.

Mbhele saw it differently. On PAGE 3 he describes watching how the bloody clashes began between Xhosa-speaking residents and their Zulu-speaking opponents from nearby hostels.

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More than 110 people have been killed in East Rand township violence in the past two weeks. Such slaughter is not random. Political rivalries undoubtedly make things worse but the root causes are more simple.

Essentially, we are watching a series of battles in a bitter, desperate struggle for land and security. Nearly all the violence in recent weeks and months has taken place near hostels and squatter camps. The pattern has been repeated in township after township across the Reef.

Hostel residents, squatters and the homeless all lack security of tenure and are desperate to establish themselves. Those in established townships, who are materially better off, feel threatened. Security is sought — and emotions inflamed — in tribal, political and geographic affiliations.

A glance at how many of these people live soon explains why they become desperate. Even hostel dwellers, on the face of it better housed than many squatters, live in appalling conditions.

The Thokoza hostel, eye of the storm this week, is disgusting. Men live in squalor; rain pours in through corrugated iron so rusted it resembles lace. There is no electricity and only cold water. Bare concrete floors are pitted with huge holes; walls are caked with dirt. Each block of about 120 men is served by a small urinal and six unscreened toilet bowls. The shower room has broken windows, no doors and a trickle of cold water. Privacy is non-existent.

There are about 20 000 residents at the huge Thokoza hostel complex.

About 8 000 people are living at the Phola Park squatter camp near Alberton. It's a rickety settlement of shacks erected around deeply rutted tracks. Unemployment is estimated at 60%; hard-faced, armed young men walk about. However, many shack dwellers have tried to establish small gardens; the insides of many shanties have well-swept sand floors and neatly laid-out bed linen and perhaps a table with cooking utensils.

Phola Park, however, has been flooded with refugees (600 this week alone) from Zonkesizwe, a sprawling but relatively new squatter community of about 12 000 near Heidelberg.

The conflict in Zonkesizwe began two weeks ago, during a residents' meeting allegedly attacked by Zulu hostel dwellers. Zonkesizwe residents claim tensions began rising when mainly Zulu hostel dwellers began moving in to their area. Some had been displaced after the destruction of Reef hostels in August and September; others were victims of lay-offs at factories and had lost their accommodation. These former hostel dwellers seemed intent not only on acquiring

space for shanties in Zonkesizwe, but on establishing political control.

What is to be done?

Accelerating urbanisation means that emergency land and basic services must be provided. Government must move rapidly to buy up or make available land for informal settlements.

A recent project by P G Bison, investigating conditions at hostels — some occupied by its workers, showed that since the August and September violence 90% of workers would prefer married to single accommodation. But the hostel dwellers asked for less lavish quarters than employers imagined: most rejected plans for four-room dwellings and opted for two-room houses: because many also have homes in rural areas.

The Steyn Report on the township violence of 1976 and 1977 noted that people who have a stake in a community do not destroy those communities. Thirteen years later it appears the message is still not getting through to government. ■

Attack on AWB:
Singer charged 278

By Willy Mashau

THOHOYANDOU — Charges have been laid against Gospel music singer Thiyhavhomi Libzhade (28), who Venda police claim led an angry mob this week against two AWB members who had allegedly taken part in the recent attack on Sunday-school children in Louis Trichardt.

He appeared before a Thohoyandou magistrate yesterday charged with incitement, defeating the ends of justice, malicious damage to property and crimen injuria.

According to Venda police, Mr Libzhade had incited a mob of about 200 people in the Thohoyandou business centre and demanded that Korea de Wet of Wanda Furnishers and Barend Jordaan of Style and Value Furnishers be handed over to them.

At Wanda Furnishers, where the situation was critical, police were called, and according to the charge sheet, Mr Libzhade obstructed them from protecting Mr de Wet from the mob.

After Mr de Wet was rescued, Mr Libzhade allegedly insulted the police.

The case has been referred to the Venda Attorney-General. Mr Libzhade will appear in court on February

Inkatha law 'levy' stirs fear in hostel

By Stan Hlophe

Inkatha members in Jeppe Hostel, Johannesburg have been accused of intimidating non-members who refused to pay a R100 "donation" each for the legal fees of hostel residents facing murder and public violence charges in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court.

A Jeppe Hostel resident, whose name is known to The Star but who wants to remain anonymous for fear of victimisation, said non-Inkatha members had been forced to donate to the legal costs.

Those who refused were labelled ANC supporters and threatened with eviction from the hostel.

The man said Xhosa-speaking people had been evicted and now Shangaans and Sotho- and Tswana-speaking people had been told to pay or face the same consequences.

Firearms

He said Inkatha members held weekly meetings at the hostel and displayed high calibre firearms to show their strength.

He said non-Inkatha members had reported the matter to the hostel authorities but no action had been taken.

Inkatha's Youth Brigade chairman, Themba Khoza, denied the allegation. He said if it were true, it had not been sanctioned by Inkatha.

However, he said it was a normal practice in the township for families or communities to help those in distress and he saw nothing wrong with the move.

Mr Khoza said Jeppe Hostel had escaped the factional fightings in the past three months and saw the allegations as an ANC smear campaign.

"Those who have been victims of such requests and threats should come to our offices at the Sandham Building in Johannesburg and we will investigate."

Petrol bomb not in court, says officer

By Thabo Leshilo *Star* 7/12/90 (278)

Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of a petrol bomb which allegedly led the SADF to fire a barrage of rapid gunfire at a crowd outside the Sebokeng hostel on September 4.

Commandant Clulee, the commanding officer of the SADF unit sent to the hostel, yesterday told the inquest into the shootings that after the troops had fired at the crowd, he found a petrol bomb near the body of a man.

Eight petrol bombs which police removed from the scene were then brought to the court so that the commandant could identify the specific petrol bomb. After looking at the petrol bombs, Commandant Clulee said the petrol bomb was not there.

In new evidence since his testimony to the court, Commandant Clulee said that before the troops had fired, a petrol bomb had been hurled at the SADF members.

In the statement, Commandant Clulee had said the troops had fired in self-defence because their lives were in danger. He, however, had ordered the use of teargas, not live ammunition.

Commandant Clulee added that the soldiers had fired eight teargas canisters at the crowd.

He told the court that 12 teargas canisters had been used. The teargas, however, had had no effect on the crowd.

He said he had heard a shot while the teargas was being fired. Two more shots were fired, followed by a volley of R-4 rapid fire. He said the soldiers had fired into the air.

Commandant Clulee said he had not ordered the firing of live ammunition, but would have done so.

The hearing continues.

Eight killed in new wave of Reef violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Eight bodies were found yesterday morning after overnight violence in Bekkersdal, on the West Rand, and Evaton, near Vereeniging.

Three of the victims were killed and seven injured in Evaton.

A Vaal Triangle police spokesman said violence erupted about 9pm on Thursday when gunmen fired on motorists, houses and pedestrians in Evaton, with AK-47 rifles.

Three men in neighbouring houses died instantly after shots were fired through their doors.

In separate incidents, gunmen also fired on at least four motorists in the township, seriously wounding two passengers in one of the cars.

The wife of an Evaton clergyman, the Rev Lord McCamel, was injured after a handgrenade was hurled into their house.

Earlier on Thursday, gunmen also shot at a car in which the priest and a friend were sitting, in front of the McCamel home. They were not injured.

Police found the bodies of five men with stab and hack wounds at Bekkersdal, near Randfontein between 10pm on Thursday and 4am on Friday.

Meanwhile, the ANC said yesterday its Youth League secretary-general Mr Rapu Molekane and seven other Internal Security Act detainees would go on a hunger strike, until they were either charged or released.

● One person was killed and several injured in Bophuthatswana on Thursday after police used teargas and shotguns to disperse a peace rally. — Sapa

Soldier heard no order to shoot at Sebokeng

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VEREENIGING. — No order to fire teargas or live rounds was heard by a soldier alleged to have fired nine rounds during an army and police bid to rescue Inkatha members on September 4.

Lance-Corporal Goodman Mooi told the inquest into the massacre of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel he had seen a man at the front of a mob of 5 000 people with a petrol bomb. As he was about to throw it he was shot.

He had heard no order to fire either teargas or live rounds. He did hear a command to cease fire.

Documents before the court showed he had requested nine replacement rounds of R4 ammunition after the incident. However, Cpl Mooi denied this.

Inquest chairman Mr Justice Stafford said he need not answer any questions which might incriminate him.

Cpl Mooi said that before the shooting started he heard Commandant Alf Clulee giving an order to disperse in English and Afrikaans over the noise of the mob.

After the incident only one soldier had admitted shooting someone, Cpl Mooi said.

Another driver, Rfn Eric Nico Naude, said he had not seen anyone shot, but saw a man lying in the cross-roads near the hostel after the event.

About 30 members of his unit had fired shots, he told the inquest.

The inquest continues on Monday.
— Sapa

Sebokeng gun sent for tests

LEW ELIAS

VEREENIGING — The firearm of an SADF unit driver, sent to rescue police and Inkatha members trapped at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4, was yesterday ordered to be sent for ballistics tests.

The R-4 service rifle of Lance-Corporal Goodman Mooi was ordered to be taken for tests by police experts while he was giving evidence in the inquest by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford into the deaths of 42 people in Sebokeng on that day.

Corporal Mooi was said to have fired nine rounds during the incident and was told by Mr Justice Stafford he need not answer any questions which might incriminate him and lead to criminal proceedings against him.

He is alleged to have signed a document requesting the replacement of nine R-4 rounds after the incident, but he denied having signed any documents on that day.

Mr Justice Stafford said he expected a progress report on the ballistics tests by the end of next week.

Corporal Mooi told the inquest he was driving an SADF Samel troop carrier behind a formation of about 75 members of his group the hostel on the morning of September 4 and noticed a man holding a petrol bomb.

Another man from the mob, estimated to be about 5 000-strong, lit the petrol bomb and as the man tried to throw it he was shot.

Although many shots were fired only one person admitted shooting someone when asked about the incident.

The inquest continues on Monday. — Sapa.

Armed gangs terrorise Reef

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Scores die in crime wave, political strife

DAWN BARKHUIZEN and JOYAL BANTAO

and systematically began clearing the shelves.

The robbers struck minutes after 4 pm — apparently unperturbed by the fact that hundreds of people were hurrying past the shop on their way home.

One robber was neatly dressed in a three-piece suit, white shirt and tie.

A passerby sounded the alarm and a traffic officer arrived in time to fire a shot, burst into the shop and save a fortune for jeweller Gerhard Manigk.

In another shoot-out in Johannesburg yesterday, three members of an eight-man gang were shot during an 11 am robbery at First National Bank's Edendale branch.

The men were confronted by police as they left the bank. Four were shot and wounded, five were arrested. Most of the money was recovered.

The bank is offering a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the remaining suspects.

In an attack outside the Boegsers police station yesterday, a would-be hijacker jumped on to the car of a pass-

GANGS of armed men wreaked havoc on the Rand this week — killing at least 82 people and stealing thousands of rands in a wave of hijackings, armed robberies, muggings and political violence.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zurel last night predicted that crime would escalate markedly over the Christmas season.

She said police patrols had been stepped up, but appealed to the public to take all precautions. Motorists had been particular targets in recent weeks.

Political violence continued yesterday. The townships of Bhekensdal on the West Rand and Eynaton near Vereeniging remained tense after the discovery of eight bodies.

Unknown gunman

Police said most of the dead and injured had been shot at by unknown gunmen.

Van Triangle police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer said violence erupted at 9 pm on Thursday when gunmen fired on motorists, houses and pedestrians in Eynaton.

Three men died instantly after shots were fired through their doors.

In separate incidents, gunmen fired on at least four motorists in the township, seriously wounding two passengers in one of the cars.

Earlier in the week 72 were killed in fighting on the East Rand.

In a brazen daylight robbery in downtown Johannesburg — the fifth yesterday — three armed robbers held up a Jeppe Street jewellery store, ordered the jeweller and his wife to lie on the floor

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US tanks gear for desert conflict

GARY REGENSTREIF, NICK LUDINGTON and SIMON MARTIN

DHAHRAN (Saudi Arabia) — The United States army's most advanced tanks, protected against chemical attack, have begun arriving in the Saudi desert ready to go into battle for the first time.

Despite some peace hopes raised by Baghdad's decision to free more than 2 600 foreign hostages, both sides in the Gulf crisis are reinforcing for possible war.

And in another development, a top Arab diplomat has been reported as claiming that Iraq's former military chief of staff has been executed with other officers for allegedly plotting a coup against President Saddam Hussein.

Iraq's parliament yesterday endorsed President Saddam Hussein's dramatic decision to free the hostages and Iraqi offi-



KATZ FOR KIDS: A gang of "702 land" children — eager to do their bit — child welfare services by answering telephones and taking in surrounded Radio 702 general manager Stan Katz when he hosted the station's 7 pm to 9 pm Child Welfare Radiothon slot last night.

● Photograph: Ken...

PAC's call to arms

SA Times 9/12/90

By LESTER VENTER
Political Correspondent

THE PAC opened its second congress — the first since 1959 — in Johannesburg this weekend with virulent calls to violent insurrection.

The organisation made it clear that it would place stringent conditions on its joining negotiations.

The exact terms were debated in closed session yesterday and will be addressed again today. A press conference later today will explain the PAC's position.

PAC officials were yesterday talking about negotiations at a "neutral venue" — probably outside SA and under OAU chairmanship.

The congress was to have debated the government's negotiations invitation yesterday, but the debate and the election of a leader to succeed the late Zeph Mothopeng were delayed.

At the congress at Shareworld, near Soweto, many of the approximately 500 delegates turned up in combat fatigues and T-shirts with slogans that read: "Consolidate and mobilise for people's war" and "Arm the nation".

Repeated chants of "one settler, one bullet" filled the auditorium.

At one point the crowd chanted: "Kill the bosses, kill them."



Mangosuthu Buthelezi

VIPs to tour troubled townships

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi are among prominent political, business and church leaders invited to tour embattled East Rand townships.

A South African Council of Churches delegation has called on them to help "make an evaluation which would help them agitate for an end to the killing". The tour, on Wednesday, will also include PAC acting president Clarence Makwetu; Azapo president Jerry Mosala; SACP general secretary Joe Slovo; former Democratic Party MP's Wynand

Malan and Helen Suzman; and writer Nadine Gordimer.

Other "political and community leaders" sent invitations on Friday by SACC general secretary Rev Frank Chikane include trade union leaders Jay Naidoo (Cosatu) and Cunningham Ngcukana (Nactu); Five Freedoms Forum chairman Mike Olivier; former World Council of Churches president Dr Allan Boesak; South African Institute of Race Relations head John Kane-Berman, and Centre of Applied Policies director Prof Laurence Schlemmer.

Government representatives were no-

ticeably absent from the "guest list".

Pick in Pay chairman Raymond Ackerman; Anglo American industrial relations director Bobby Godsell; Argus Holdings chairman Murray Hofmeyr and PG Bison executive director Christo Nel are the businessmen on the invitation list. Churchmen include Prof Johann Heyns, assessor of the NGK church; Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

According to an SACC statement, Chikane in his letter urged those invited to see first-hand what was happening in

East Rand townships, where at least 72 people were killed this week in faction fighting.

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"Only direct contact with the community would enable participants to analyse the situation properly and make an evaluation which would help them agitate for an end to the killing," the statement said.

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Also included on the invitation list are the ambassadors of 15 countries, media editors and representatives, and Judge Goldstone. — Sapa



Nelson Mandela

IN Natalspruit Hospital lie 134 victims of the latest wave of unrest in East Rand townships.

Two were stabbed. The rest have been treated for gunshot wounds.

The 70 people who died in the conflict were also shot.

The East Rand killing fields have become the focus of a sinister shooting war.

Mysterious blanket-clad killers mow down people at random. Their weapon of choice is an automatic rifle.

Their identity is shrouded in mystery — despite accusations by the ANC and other township residents that they are "imports", Zulu-speaking hit-men brought into the townships and abetted by the SA Police.

The accusation has been vehemently denied by both the police and Inkatha.

Bizarre

The main focus of the violence has been Phola Park, a satellite squatter camp which nestles uncomfortably, like a poor unwanted relative, next to Thokoza and Kathlehong, which border Alberton and Germiston.

Speak to a Zulu hostel dweller, a Xhosa township resident, a squatter, a policeman, an ANC or an Inkatha supporter and they all have their own version of the "truth" as to how the carnage started and who is behind it.

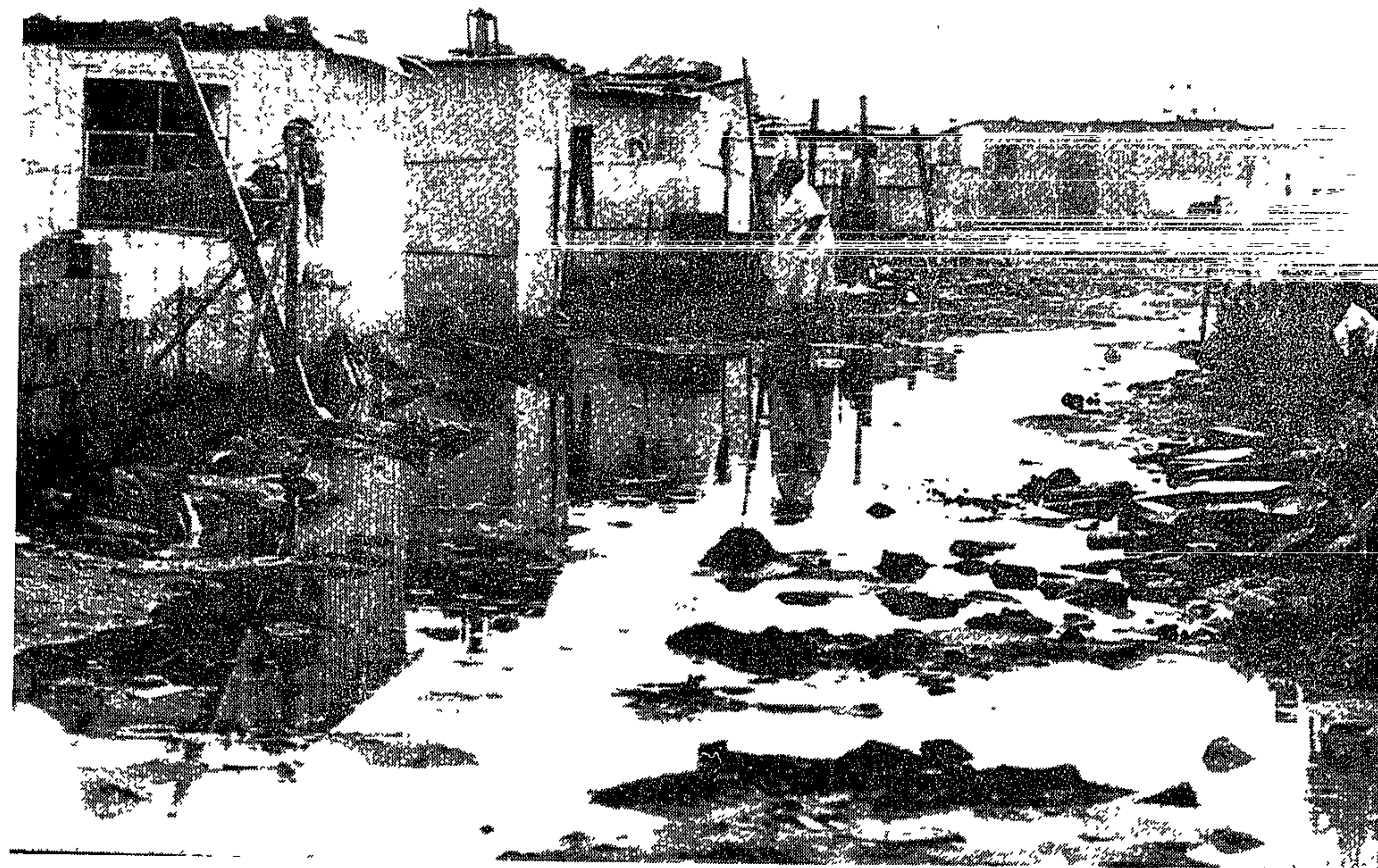
Phola Park bears tangible scars of the deadly conflict.

There are bullet-riddled shacks and the monstrous, blackened ruins of what, three months ago, was a hostel complex housing hundreds.

The hostel was attacked and razed by the squatters who saw it as the breeding ground of "death squads".

"We got the ANC supporters to move over and then we drove all the bad people out," explains William Mzamo, a veteran Phola Park squatter.

Like most of his neigh-



WATER TRAPS . . . the streets of war-ravaged Phola Park scarred by trenches dug by defiant residents to slow down police vehicles

Shooting war brings reign of terror to squatter camp

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hours, Mr Mzamo arrived as a refugee from the carnage in other townships — only to be caught up in the same blood-drenched battles he was running away from.

He explains that in Phola Park, residents get very little sleep for it is mainly at night that the slaughter takes place — and there is not even the comfort of an electric light to show the faces of those who creep around and kill.

Residents of Katlehong, Thokoza and their respec-

tive satellite squatter camps cannot prove their Inkatha theory, but many tell a consistent story of two men who roam the townships armed simply with a notebook.

Elizabeth Mokoena whose mother, Alina, 65, was shot through the head this week in one of the most bizarre killings in the war so far, explains:

"These men knock and ask if you are an Inkatha member. If you say 'no' they tell you to join and write down your address. It costs R60 and then R5 a month after that to join Inkatha.

"If you refuse . . . well, many of those who are now dead were the ones who wouldn't join," she adds, her eyes a mirror of pain and fury.

We take a walk among the shacks because several residents want to show us how and where Granny Mokoena died.

In the centre of the squatter camp is a deep trench, dug by the squatters as a symbol of their defiance.

Deadly

It led, indirectly, to Granny Mokoena's death on Monday night and has raised squatter camp tempers to explosive levels.

The anger is directed mainly at the police, but we were soon to learn that their fury can be focused on anyone "suspicious".

Residents say they built the "Casspir trap" to show that they would no longer be cowed and shot at with-

out retaliating — and because "the cops help the Zulus".

Last Monday, the trap stopped a Casspir in a carefully-laid, strategically planned ambush — the first to be sprung in a township conflict.

The gunfight that followed lasted 90 minutes before the trapped policemen could be rescued.

But the police fought back, spraying deadly gunfire into shacks in the area where many innocent people were sleeping.

Granny Mokoena was the only victim, although several other residents narrowly escaped death from bullets whipping through their dwellings.

The Casspir trap has given Phola Park residents an

arrogant strength bordering on bravado.

"The police are scared of us now," says Mr Mzamo. "Even those township people who don't want us here will not come."

Residents have their own ways of identifying friends and foes.

They greet in special ways, using special phrases and anybody ignorant of the particular greeting could end up dead.

Afraid

Vincent Sibiya, who survived a bullet straight through the chest at almost point-blank range, says:

"Now it does not matter what you say . . . there are definitely people out there who simply want to kill and I am so afraid.

"You can be Xhosa or Zulu, Inkatha or ANC — they will ask a question and then shoot, regardless of the answer.

"I am not a comrade nor do I belong to any particular party, so why the hell did they do this to me?"

Peace in Zonki'zizwe

By SANDILE MEMELA

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A FRAGILE peace returned to the embattled Zonki'zizwe squatter camp in Katlehong this week with the imposition of a 9pm to 4am curfew after the discovery of two more dead bodies on Friday.

At least 15 people have died in renewed fighting on the East Rand in the past eight days.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok imposed a mini-emergency in Zonki'zizwe following renewed clashes, supposedly between Zulu and Xhosa-speakers over the continued payment of rent.

Peace also prevailed in Holomisa View and Mandela Park following the bloody carnage on Monday night which left at least 11 dead.

Residents said this followed an Inkatha peace rally at Thokoza stadium last Sunday. They told *City Press* armed Zulu-impis with red headbands had warned them they "would be back for them", and maintained the Zulu impis were accompanied by police.

However, police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweel said police "had no idea" who the attackers were. She said police had been "on patrol at the time", and had opened fire with teargas and birdshot to disperse the crowds.

SOLDIER'S RIFLE TO BE TESTED BY EXPERTS

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Stafford said he would give a ruling on questions to Mooi regarding this document at a later stage.

The judge said he expected a progress report on the ballistics tests by the end of the week.

Mooi told the inquest he was driving an SADF Samel troop carrier behind a formation of about 75 members of his unit at the hostel on the morning of September 4, and noticed a man holding a petrol bomb.

Another man from the mob, which was estimated to be about 5000-strong, lit the petrol bomb and as the man tried to throw it he was shot. "Before he could throw, it was all over," he said.

Although many shots were fired, only one person admitted shooting someone when asked about the incident when the unit went back to base.

Mooi said Rifleman Henry Booysen told the commanding officer, Commandant Alf Clulee, he had shot someone but did not say whether he had wounded or killed the person.

Mooi said he would have had a clear shot at the man who was about to throw the petrol bomb although he was behind other troops and in a vehicle. *(278)*

He had heard no order to fire either teargas or live rounds, although many shots were fired. He heard a command to cease fire.

Mooi said before the shooting started he heard Clulee giving an order to disperse in English and Afrikaans over the noise of the mob.

Another driver, Rifleman Eric Nico Naude, said about 30 members of his unit had fired shots, but he did not know if they were fired into the air or at the mob.

He, too, said he had heard no command to fire. The inquest continues tomorrow. — Sapa

The full version of SAP reaction

City Press 9/12/90 (278)
SAP liaison officer Major Reg Crewe sent *City Press* a letter complaining that police reaction to the video shown by the ANC to the Press about alleged collusion between the SAP and Inkatha, was not fully published.

This is the police version:

Police say the Inkatha men were being taken in a police Casspir to negotiate with their opponents.

Police liaison officer Major Reg Crewe said police had brought the two sides together to try to talk.

"It is true that three Inkatha men were taken in a Casspir to meet four Xhosas who were also willing to talk to us," Major Crewe said.

"Both sides agreed to be disarmed and we disarmed them. They ended up almost like brothers."

He said one of the three Inkatha men, Elias Mazi-buko, was among five bodies found the next morning after overnight violence.

"The SAP categorically denies the ANC version as apparently shown on that video."

In his letter to *City Press*, Major Crewe also objects to the following part of our report: "Then a band of armed attackers are seen moving towards the squatter camp."

Major Crewe says: "In fact the group referred to were not 'attackers' but people dispersing peacefully after successful negotiations among Police-Zulus-Xhosas, with the police acting as mediator."

■ Also see report "End mudslinging: ANC" on page 8.

Row still raging over video of the warlord in the Casspir

STimes 9/12/90

By DRIES van HEERDEN

THE ANC and the police remained at loggerheads this week over the video showing armed Inkatha members being transported in a police Casspir.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok described the video, revealed by the Sunday Times last week, as "crude propaganda" and claimed the police were not assisting Inkatha but trying to make peace among warring factions in the Zonk'izwe squatter camp on the East Rand.

Crucial

However, ANC spokesperson Gill Marcus said: "After a week of denials the police have still not answered two crucial questions:

- Who do the people they claim to have been ferrying to peace talks represent? and;

- Why were the Inkatha men not disarmed in terms of the security regulations?

The row started when the ANC released a video which they claim contains proof that the police are assisting Inkatha in their violent actions in Zonk'izwe where more than 70 people have died in the past month.

katha members wearing red bandanas sharpening makeshift weapons and singing anti-ANC songs while brandishing pangas, axes, assegais and bottles.

A police Casspir appears on the scene and three men alight — one, carrying a long stick, moves towards the armed group and proceeds to lead them in a march in the direction of the squatter camp.

At a news conference, Mr Vlok said he has viewed the video and arrived at a conclusion "diametrically opposite" to that claimed by the ANC.

According to him, the video proved that the police acted as mediators and brought together representatives of the Xhosa and Zulu communities for peace talks.

He said the police Casspir then dropped off Zulu representatives while a second vehicle transported Xhosa delegates back to their area.

However, on the same day, Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi clouded the issue further when he denied that he had any knowledge of the "Zulu leaders" involved with the talks and claimed that people seen

on the video were not Inkatha members.

Ms Marcus said the ANC had "no knowledge" of who the alleged ANC representatives at the talks were. "We don't know them or who they were supposed to represent," she said.

According to Ms Marcus the "main question" has still not been answered by Mr Vlok.

Question

"His own security regulations prohibits the carrying of weapons by anyone in unrest areas," she said. "This includes everything from rifles and pangas to bricks and sticks.

She disputed Mr Vlok's claims that the police can only act against illegal firearms and that "traditional weapons" cannot be taken away from people carrying them.

"Why did they allow a man to get out of a police vehicle carrying a stick which could be used to kill or maim somebody?

"And why did police vehicles drive past a crowd carrying weapons, such as bottles, pangas and axes?"

RADIO LISTENERS DIG DEEP FOR CHILDREN

Sunday Times Reporter

A RADIO telethon to raise funds for the cash-strapped Johannesburg Child Welfare Society met its target of R1-million in just over 16 hours of air-time.

The society needed to raise R400 000 to avoid curtailing some of its vital services.

Thousands of telephone donations to the Radio 702 telethon

R1 in pocket money pledged by pre-schoolers to R30 000 from Investec Bank, R25 000 from Pick 'n Pay and R15 000 from Checkers management and staff — were made from 5pm on Friday.

The telethon was extended yesterday afternoon, when the total shortly after 3pm was R890 000.

Just two hours later, the magic target of R1-million



The lights go out

THERE was no need for Adriaan Vlok to declare a curfew in Kallahong.

At the first sound of an AK-47, doors are slammed, curtains are drawn, televisions switched off and people creep voluntarily into their beds.

By 8pm, the streets are empty. These days, it is safer that way.

In recent weeks there has been a new, terrifying slogan heard in my neighbourhood: "The Zulus are coming."

Three-year-old Thabiso "Tub-man" Nkabinde has learnt to shout it.

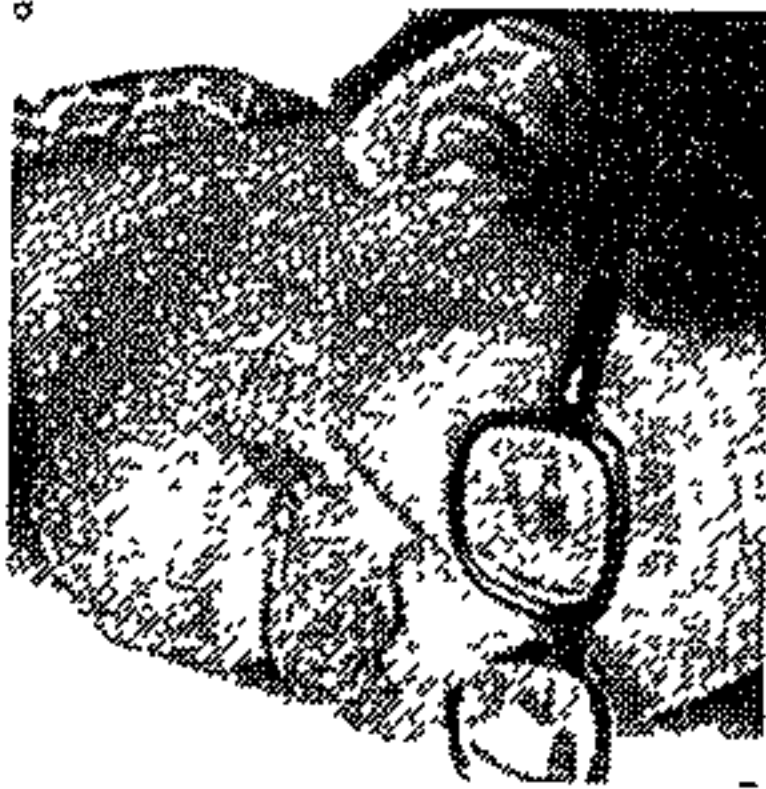
He is invariably answered by Xolani "MacGyver" Payi: "Let them come, I'll show them." Xolani is six, and has watched too many Rambo films.

Attacks

Then there is Vusi Nkabinde. He is nine and has already seen a charred corpse.

He claims to be able to tell the difference between an AK-47 and an army R4 when they bark in the distance at night. Vusi likes playing it cool — and tough.

The three are the youngest members of my extended family of 12. I call them the "United Nations" or "League of Nations" because they are my barometers



Fear and death now overwhelm his once pulsing neighbourhood, writes DOC BIKITSHA

— the watchdogs on township events.

Life in the Phake Section of Kallahong, my home, has always been hard and often violent. But in the past it has also had its share of fun and gaiety.

That has changed. Now there is just fear — a draining, always-present fear of surprise attacks from unknown killers, deaths for no known motives, butchery for no reason.

It is not certain how all this violence, this war, began.

Many believe it was the taxi feud between the Germiston and District Taxi Association and the Kallahong Taxi Organisation which spilled over to students and innocent residents.

Zulus dominate the GMD and

some people say it wanted to take over the transportation business altogether. It was to stop this that Kato was formed.

It was at this time that the battle-cry "The Zulus are coming" started.

People had seen other wars on their televisions: between the Zulus and others in Natal, between hostel-dwellers and residents, between Zulus and Xhosas. Everybody was frightened: the Zulus, all were agreed, were fear-some fighters.

In the predominantly Sotho sections of Phake, Phoko, Phadima, Motsamayi, Mosilki and Mopeli, quaintly known as "Beirut", street committees were hastily formed for self-defence.

In World War Two in Europe, the sirens warned of attacks. For us it is whistles: piercing whistles, first one, then many as the warnings are shrilled out.

With the street committees came conscription. All able-bodied males in each family were required to do street patrols from 7pm until dawn.

Even my brother-in-law, Elijah "Matutha" Payi, who loves township brew like an infant does milk, has not been able to talk himself out of this semi-military patrol.

The chairman of my street committee, 19-year-old student Thabo, also doubles as a funeral

and National Panasonic, sponsors of the December tournament in Cape Town over the past four years, confirmed yesterday that they wanted to get back into Johannesburg with a big tournament.

They refused to deny that they would sponsor the tournament even if it was in defiance of a moratorium, saying the situation was changing so rapidly it was impossible to say what would apply come next April.

Natpan chief executive Alan Coward confirmed that his company wanted to get back into Johannesburg.

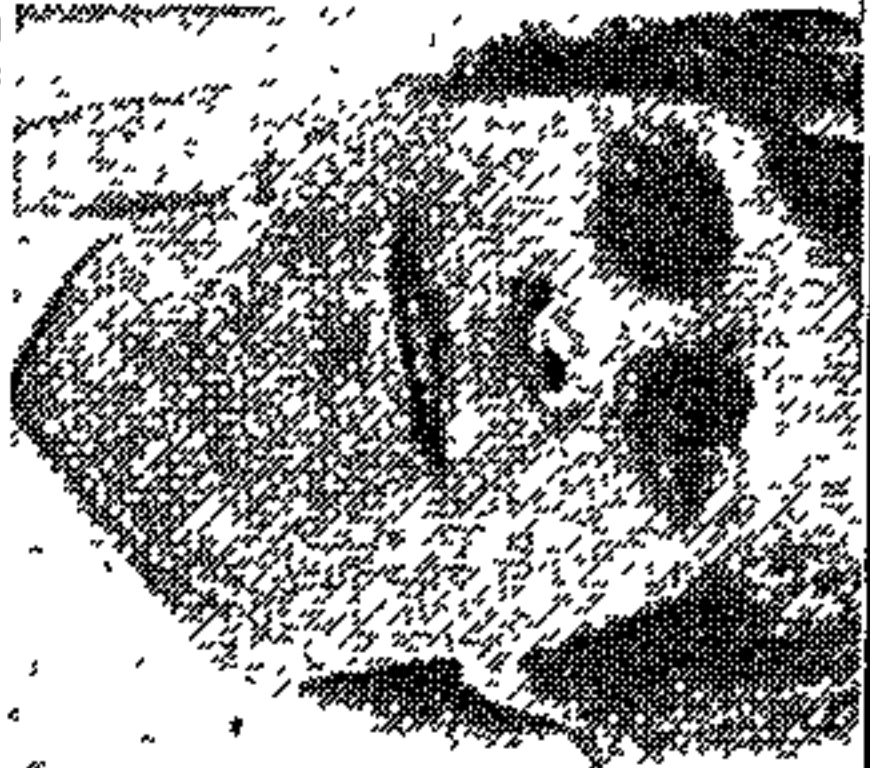
"We feel Ellis Park is synonymous with tennis in South Africa, it's better from our business point of view to be here.

Gary's

It has become routine. As darkness falls, the first staccato bursts of automatic weapons can be heard from the direction of Phola Park, Thokoza or Mandela Park. Streets which normally buzz with activity are deserted.

Says schoolteacher Roy Mapholo: "When you see a man dashing for home at night as the whistles go, you instinctively bolt for the safety of your own house."

"Those who walk with blinkers on during unrest are doomed. You have to have the ears of a prowling wolf if you are to survive." Even the Zionists, with their



BREBNOR ... something big planned

can market ourselves better here. We feel we are closer to clients and customers here."

Laxton, confirmed that the Satu would be going for a top field "as strong as possible." And he made it clear the Union might buck the ban to get them.

However he hoped critical talks with the non-

was working on a "long-term" commitment with the sponsors, which hopefully would culminate in the top stars returning to the historic tennis centre east of Johannesburg.

The Satu's Western Province's regional director of tennis, Lorna Kirsten, said she had already heard the news.

"I'm sad we're losing it," she said. "I believe we have a good tournament here and it's well-supported by the locals. But if the sponsors want it this way, that's it. They are the people we need and they have to be accommodated."

Satu tournament director Keith Brebnor confirmed that he was "working on something big" for next April, but could say no more than that.

13 die in Tokoza 278 violence at weekend

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The number of people killed in Tokoza on the East Rand at the weekend rose to 13 with the discovery of four more bodies last night.

According to Captain Ida van Zweel, police liaison officer for the area, one of those killed was shot while the other three were hacked to death.

POLICE PATROLS

Captain Van Zweel said Tokoza was quiet last night and early today, adding that the police were patrolling the area.

Hundreds of Tokoza residents have fled their homes and have sought refuge either at the Natalspuit Hospital or with relatives in other townships.

It is estimated that more than 80 people were killed in Tokoza since renewed violence broke out in the area 10 days ago.

9 die in Thokoza weekend violence

OWN CORRESPONDENT
10/12/90

JOHANNESBURG. — Nine bodies, including that of a six-year-old girl, were found in the East Rand township of Thokoza at the weekend.

Six bodies with hack, stab and gunshot wounds were found in Thokoza on Saturday night, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Another spokesman said that the girl was killed at midday yesterday, when a group of gunmen in a car opened fire on her home.

The body of a man who had been shot and hacked to death was found about 1pm yesterday. The body of another was found in the Phola Park squatter settlement about 3pm. He had been necklaced.

In the Vaal Triangle township of Evaton, three people were killed when groups of armed men shot at pedestrians, motorists and houses.

Local civic leader Mr Saul Tsotetsi alleged the attacks were by Inkatha against ANC activists.

Inkatha spokesmen were unavailable for comment. — Sapa

MK ready for war, Alex rally hears

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By IKE MOTSAPI

UMKHONTO We Sizwe soldiers were ready to wage a war against the Government if so required, an ANC rally in Alexandra was told at the weekend.

Mr Brian Hlongwane, regional chairman of the ANC Youth League, said this on Saturday when he addressed about 1 500 people at the Alexandra stadium during the official launch of the organisation's branch in the area.

He said the Government was making a serious mistake by underestimating the ANC's strength and capability of defending itself against what he called "aggression and bullying tactics"



An ANC security official searches one of the Alexandra residents who attended Saturday's rally. Sowetan 10/12/90

by the powers that be.

"Our people are being killed and maimed by the units that are known to be operating in favour of certain people who wanted to preserve white rule, although, at the same time, talk of power shar-

ing.

"We are determined and ready to fight for our people at any time when called to do so," he said.

Mrs Winnie Mandela, head of ANC's welfare section, endorsed Hlongwane's statement, saying negotiations between the organisation and the Government were just about to collapse because of "mistrust and bullying tactics employed by President FW de Klerk and his Government"

Enough

She said: "We are tired of being tossed around and told what we should do by people who are telling the world that they want to talk to us. Enough is enough."

"I want to stress that

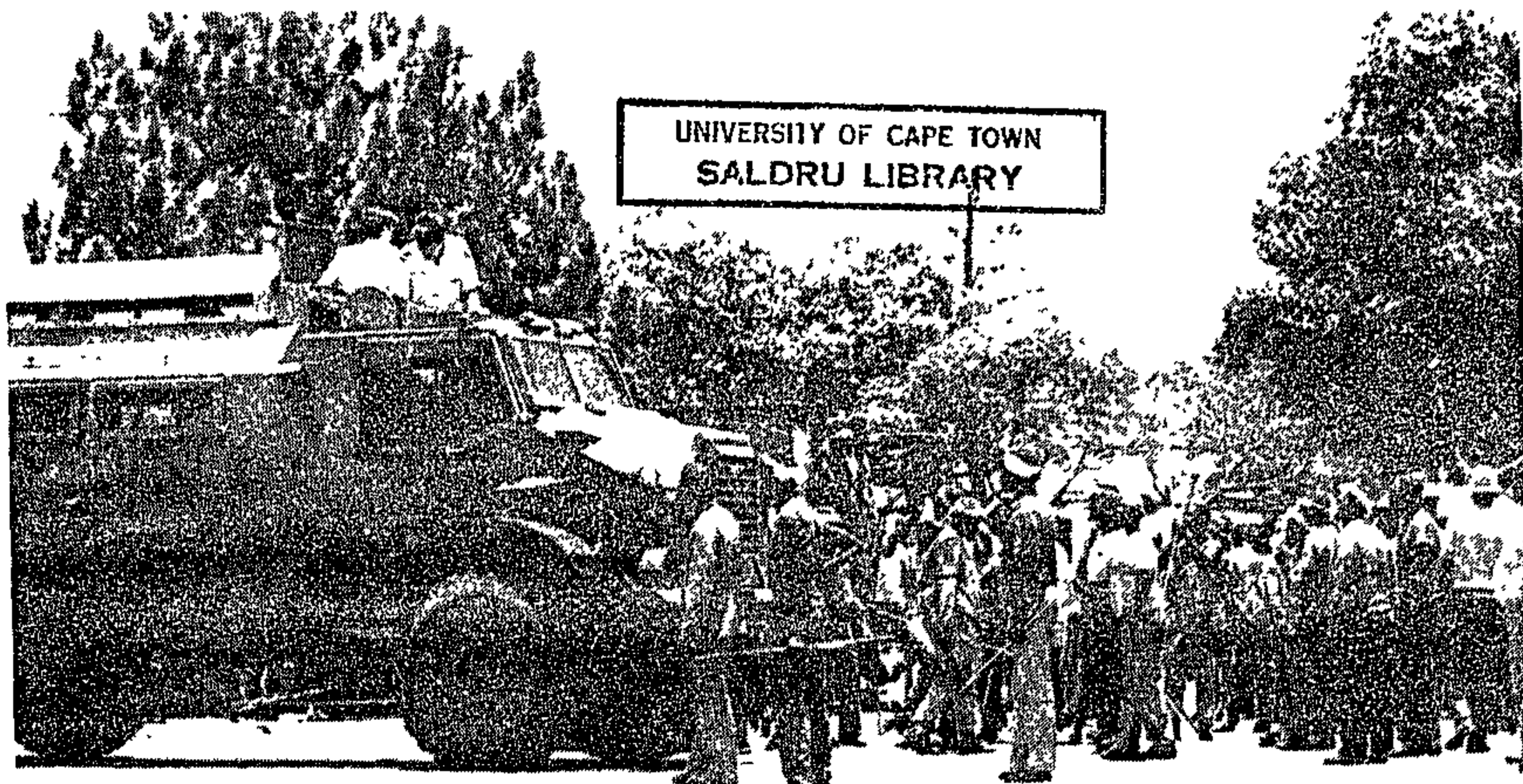
the ANC is ready and capable of defending itself, its people and the entire community against the Government's aggression.

"We want to be treated as people and not as animals," she said.

Mr Popo Molefe, chairman of the branch, said the Government was bent on dividing people by saying "ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela was for Xhosas, while Chief Gatsha Buthelezi was for Zulus".

"That is why we find lots of faction fightings especially in Zonke-sizwe," he said.

"This is the work of the Government is its bid to weaken the ANC and boost their allies such as the Inkhatha moyement.



Hostel dwellers confront police asking to be let through the cordon to fight Phola Park residents.

Baby shot dead in Tokoza fighting

9 die in new clash

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AT LEAST nine people, including an eight-year-old girl, were killed at the weekend as fighting continued between warring factions in the East Rand township of Tokoza.

Three of the victims were killed yesterday. They included a man who was necklaced at Phola Park and the body of another man was later found with stab wounds in the squatter area. More than 80 people have been

By SONTI MASEKO

killed so far since fresh clashes erupted in the area a week ago.

The eight-year-old girl, who was found with gunshot wounds, has been identified as Zinhle Zondo. She was shot in the stomach.

Screaming

The girl, covered in a blanket and bleeding profusely, was screaming as police took her to the police station. She died minutes later.

Her parents, Mr Peter Zondo and his wife Joyce, said their daughter was playing outside their relatives'

home when they heard the sound of gunshots. Zinhle was struck three times.

Her mother, who works and lives in a white suburb, said she and her daughter had been visiting relatives at Phenduka Section when she was shot.

Meanwhile, two houses were set alight and two vehicles stoned and another set alight, the police reported.

The situation in Tokoza was tense yesterday as women and children fled the township. The women

Nine killed in fresh Tokoza fighting

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said they were attacked during the night by gunmen who were shooting at people with AK-47 rifles and burning down houses, shacks and cars.

Between 11am and 4pm yesterday, Natal-

sprit Hospital had admitted 58 injured people - 47 of them with gunshot wounds. Others had either been stabbed or hacked.

Hundreds of angry Tokoza hostel dwellers wearing white headbands and armed with an assort-

ment of weapons shouted abuse at policemen in Hippos who were guarding the hostels and preventing them from going into the township.

The hostel dwellers said they wanted to fight Phola Park residents who had attacked them.

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Leaders to tour East Rand killing-fields

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THE deputy president of the ANC, Nelson Mandela, and president of Inkatha Freedom Party Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi have been invited to tour trouble-torn East Rand townships on Wednesday.

The two leaders are among several prominent South Africans who have

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been called upon by the South African Council of Churches to make an evaluation of the situation in the area to help them "agitate for an end to the killings."

Clashes

Other leaders who are expected to tour the townships - scenes of

fierce clashes in recent weeks - include acting president of the PAC Clarence Makwetu, president of Azapo Professor Jerry Mosala, general secretary of the South African Communist Party Mr Joe Slovo, former leader of the Democratic Party Mr Wynand Malan, human rights activist Mrs Helen Suzman and writer Nadine Gordimer.

The Reverend Frank Chikane, general secretary of the SACC, has also sent invitations to Mr Jay Naidoo, general secretary of Cosatu, Mr Cunningham Ngcukana of the National Council of Trade Unions, Mr Mike Olivier of the FFF, Mr John Kane-Berman of the SA Institute of Race Relations, and Professor Lawrence Schlemmer,

director of the Centre of Applied Policies.

The SACC has also invited businessmen including Pick 'n Pay chairman Raymond Ackerman, Anglo American industrial director Mr Bobby Godsell, chairman of Argus Holdings Mr Murray Hofmeyr and PG Bison executive director Mr Christo Nel.

Churchmen include Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Professor Johann Heyns, assessor of the NGK and Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris.

Chikane urged those invited to see first-hand what was happening in the East Rand townships where at least 72 people were killed in faction fighting last week.

"Only direct contact with the community would enable participants to analyse the situation properly and make an evaluation which will help to agitate for an end to the killings," an SACC statement said.

Zebediela workers get sweet taste of success

THE marathon strike by Zebediela Citrus Estate workers ends today after management gave workers an interim increase of R30 a month and agreed to the tacit recognition of the National Union of Farmworkers.

Workers accepted the offer at a meeting held on the estate yesterday and resolved that they would return to work.

by MATHATHA
TSEDU

full leave pay as well for those who had gone on leave earlier in the year, a full bonus for the year.

The two parties also agreed to an exchange of wage and union recognition proposals between them by January 15.

Wages

The end of the strike comes exactly four months and two days after it started on August 8 following management's refusal to discuss wages.

Workers at the estate earned a minimum of R156 a month and were demanding a minimum wage of R500 a month and recognition of the union.

Management initially

the more than 1 500 when she told them that the deal by management was "a drop in the ocean" which should spur them to continue the struggle until they got a living wage.

The general manager of Zebediela, Mr M W Minaar, was not available for comment yesterday. He was said to be on leave.

Weekend death

toll increases to

13 in Tokoza ²⁷⁸

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The number of people killed in Tokoza on the East Rand at the weekend rose to 13 with the discovery of four more bodies last night.

Police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweek said one of the victims was shot and the other three were hacked to death.

Captain van Zweek said Tokoza was quiet last night and early today.

She added that police were patrolling the area.

Residents reported that in Radebe section, Katlehong, Zulus looking for Xhosas raided houses last night.

At Mseleki section in Katlehong, two men were said to have been killed and one of the bodies set alight.

Hundreds of Tokoza residents have fled their homes and have sought refuge either at the Natalspruit Hospital or with relatives in other townships.

It is estimated that more than 80 people have been killed in Tokoza since renewed violence broke out in the area 10 days ago.

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13 more bodies found

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police found 13 more bodies in unrest-torn Tokoza township today, bringing the number of people killed in the area since the weekend to 26.

Captain Ida van Zweel, police liaison officer for the East Rand, said the 13 died as a result of bullet or stab wounds. They were all found near the Tokoza hostel.

She said a crowd gathered in Phola Park last night and opened fire on the police.

Captain Van Zweel said To-

koza was quiet today but the police were still patrolling.

Residents said there was fierce fighting at the Madala hostel in Khumalo Street last night. The hostel is mostly occupied by Zulus.

Hundreds of Tokoza commuters were without transport today because the main taxi routes in the township were barricaded.

A taxi operator, who did not want to be identified, said most of the taxis had been parked at the garage outside the township, waiting for the roads to be cleared.

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Motorists warned

JOHANNESBURG. — Renewed violence broke out in Tokoza township on the East Rand today and police urged motorists to use alternative routes when travelling in the area.

Police liaison officer, Captain R. Bloomberg, asked motorists to avoid the old Vereeniging, Alrode and Alberton roads.

In another development, witnesses said that Phola Park squatter settlement, which borders on Tokoza, came "under attack" today. — Sapa

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Mandela to join tour of violence-hit townships

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WILSON ZWANE

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela accepted an invitation yesterday to join a delegation of about 70 political, business, church and community leaders on a tour of violence-wracked East Rand townships tomorrow. More than 80 people have died in the townships this month.

East Rand police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweek said the toll in Thokoza since the weekend stood at 13 after six bodies with hack, stab and gunshot wounds were found yesterday.

A decomposed body was also found in the Zonkezizwe squatter camp, near Katlehong, yesterday morning.

The SA Council of Churches said in a statement the visit, which would focus particularly on Thokoza, Zonkezizwe and Phola Park, had been organised to enable the participants to evaluate the causes of repeated violence in the area.

"We believe SA as a nation cannot allow this carnage," SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane

said.

Sapa reports from Durban that two Inkatha supporters were machine-gunned to death and eight seriously wounded when a taxi was ambushed on the Table Mountain main road near Maritzburg early yesterday.

Shots were fired from both sides of the road after which the killers fled.

Security forces were also keeping a close watch at kwaMakhutha near Amanzimtoti on the Natal South Coast after fighting broke out there between two factions at the weekend.

KwaZulu police commissioner Brig Jac Buchner said police had found the bodies of two men yesterday and 10 suspects were being held.

Sapa also reports that two people were allegedly shot dead and several injured in a confrontation between Bophuthatswana police and villagers from Dryharts in the Taung district on Saturday, villagers claimed yesterday.

ANC Vryburg office spokesman Darkey Africa said Amos Setlhodi and Johannes Ngwanaeng Lekgare were shot at about 6.30pm when police were allegedly chasing residents who had inquired about the police's presence in the village.

Bophuthatswana police spokesman Col David George said one person was killed and a policeman was shot in the stomach during a shooting incident in the village that evening.

A number of people were detained during the incident, including a popular local chief Jerry Mahura, who was at the centre of the row between police and residents two days earlier which resulted in the killing of a woman, Africa said.

George confirmed some arrests, but said he was not aware of the chief's arrest.

On the same day in the Bophuthatswana village of Phokeng near Rustenburg, a man was shot dead when police allegedly prevented an anti-Bophuthatswana independence rally.

Policeman's home bombed (278)

A MUNICIPAL policeman's Evaton home was petrol bombed at the weekend by two unidentified men.

Police said the policeman was inside his Fourth Avenue home when three petrol bombs were hurled through a

Sgoutan window. The property suffered damaged estimated at about R500.

He ran outside and fired shots at two men fleeing from the property. It is not known if anyone was wounded in the shooting.

Eight killed

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On West Rand

EIGHT people, including a special constable, died in violence in Bickersdal on the West Rand at the weekend while many were injured, 20 houses set alight and at least five vehicles damaged.

Meanwhile, four more bodies

By SONTI MASEKO
and Sapa

have been found in Tokoza, bringing the total number of deaths in East Rand township violence at the weekend to 13, according to police.

East Rand police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweek said three

more bodies were found in Tokoza with hack and stab wounds while a man was shot dead outside Tokoza police station. A man has been arrested in connection with the shooting.

In Katlehong, also on the East Rand, a black man was necklaced, she added.

West Rand police spokesman

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Eight die in new W Rand violence

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Captain Henrietta Bester said three white policemen were injured at Spooktown squatter camp while trying to arrest a man suspected of throwing a petrol-bomb at a house.

The three were treated at Paardekraal Hospital and discharged.

Police have not yet released the name of the dead special constable. He was found at a house in Bickersdal with a bullet wound.

Taxi drivers in Bickersdal, angered by the fighting, yesterday staged a one-day strike leaving scores of residents stranded.

They signed a petition back.

A statement issued by the Bickersdal Environment Awareness Campaign (BEAC) yesterday blamed the continuing violence on the lack of housing, poor health services and unemployment.

"It would be a gross mistake to believe that the present violence began only when conflicts between people culminated in personal attacks, injuries and death."

"This is not just a hazard violence. What we see is a counter form of action - the expression of the oppressed people deprived of the most ordinary human rights," said Mr Vuyisile Ndabeni of BEAC.

Sebokeng shooting victims give evidence

By Thabo Leshilo

Three victims of the shooting at the Sebokeng Hostel on September 4 gave evidence at the inquest yesterday.

Teboho Mokone (25), Azihonwisi Leshiba (30) and Elias Nkatlo (20) told the inquest that they had all been shot while running away to escape SADF gunfire. They had all been shot in the legs.

Mr Mokone told the court his leg had to be amputated just below the knee because of the incident.

He told the court he had been part of a group of people sitting on the ground when the army arrived. He had started running after tear gas had been fired and was shot.

Running

"I am sure that it was the soldiers that shot me because while I was running I could see that they were still shooting."

He said he had arrived at the hostel at 5.15 am to see if his grandfather, Petrus Mokone, a hostel dweller, was still all right after hearing that shooting had taken place.

"I found my grandfather lying outside block F. He was dead. I could see that he was chopped with something sharp

over his head," Mr Mokone said.

Mr Nkatlo, who had accompanied Mr Mokone to the hostel, also said that Petrus Mokone had been hit over the head with something sharp.

However, medical evidence before the court indicated that Mr Mokone had died from stab wounds and gunshot wounds in the chest and stomach.

Both men agreed that a picture of the dead man did not show that he had been hacked on the head.

Mr Leshiba, whose leg was still in plaster, said he had gone to the hostel to see Inkatha members who had been trapped there. While on his way back to his taxi, he had seen troops moving in a formation towards where he and some other people were standing.

They then sat on the ground after being asked to do so by some people. Just after he had sat down, Mr Leshiba said, he heard an order from someone among the troops to shoot.

He then stood up to run away and said he was then shot in the right leg. He lay on the ground with bullets ringing over his head and then crawled to hide under a vehicle.

The evidence of 37 Inkatha members, among them Inkatha youth leader Themba Khoza, was postponed to February 11.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall . . . Three of the 10 Miss Matric 1990 finalists touch u club. Hoping to walk away with the R10 000 first prize are (from left) Melanie Sc (18) of St Andrew's School in Johannesburg and Taryn Webber (17) of Clarendon Girl

Mandela urges EC Star 11/14/90 to keep sanctions

Nelson Mandela has made a last-ditch attempt to prevent the European Community easing sanctions on South Africa at this stage, just as Italy moves at the EC heads of government meeting in Rome this week to have them lifted.

Though there is doubt that certain EC countries are willing to lift sanctions — notably Germany, Denmark and Ireland — Italy is reported ready to move unilaterally if it fails to get the necessary unanimous EC vote to change the group's sanctions policy.

In a letter to EC heads of government, the ANC deputy president aimed to convince the European summit in Rome to stay the course on

sanctions until next February or March, by which time the ANC might be ready to see them lifted.

Mr Mandela warned European Community leaders in his letter that they risked "complicating the peace process within South Africa" by lifting sanctions without the ANC's approval.

In a significant passage, Mr Mandela pointed out that "we ourselves are discussing the question of sanctions . . . and we have begun consultations with other democratic formations inside our country, including the trade unions and the religious bodies", to reach a common position. — Political Staff-The Independent News Service.

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Vlok and Buthelezi arrive in township

Staff Reporters

JOHANNESBURG. — Top-level investigations began today into the violence which resulted in the deaths of 52 people after Zulus and Xhosas clashed at Tokoza and Phola Park squatter camps yesterday.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and Kwazulu Chief Minister Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, flew by helicopter to the tense townships near Alberton early today.

Chief Buthelezi had declined a South African Council of Churches invitation to join a high-profile tour of the townships, saying he had a tight schedule and the invitation was late.

Mr Vlok and Chief Buthelezi are to be followed later today

by the SACC tour which includes ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and newly-elected Pan-Africanist Congress president Mr Clarence Makwetu. Also in the party will be diplomats, businessmen, newspaper editors, ANC and PAC officials as well as one senior Inkatha member.

Police have categorically denied claims that they had instigated attacks by armed Xhosas on Zulus living at two Tokoza hostels after claims that a 3am attack yesterday started the wave of violence.

The smouldering East Rand townships were quiet but tense this morning in the wake of a commitment yesterday by senior ANC and Inkatha representatives to end the carnage.



HOSTEL CARNAGE: Two bodies lie near a burnt out car in Tokoza's Madala hostel. Police found 13 bodies in the hostel after an attack at 3am. The attackers were allegedly from war-ravaged Polapark squatter camp.

Bid to limit airport welcome for Tambo

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress and the Department of Law and Order are at loggerheads over arrangements for the reception planned for ANC president Oliver Tambo, who returns to South Africa tomorrow after 30 years in exile.

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said yesterday the department had asked the ANC to restrict the welcoming party at Jan Smuts Airport to the 35-strong national executive committee.

He said the department had "refused" permission for thousands of supporters to go to the airport to welcome the ANC leader.

"They (the police) are simply making things impossible. We don't know what is going to happen. We have told the police that we will handle everything.

Agreement

"But no arrangements have been finalised. People will have to make up their own minds on whether they want to go to the airport."

A spokesman for the Department of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze, said the police and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela had agreed that the welcoming party be kept to between 50 and 60.

Captain Kotze said the ANC had failed to attend a planning meeting with the Deputy Commissioner of Police, General Mulder van Eyck, which was to have taken place at the airport last week.

"Their excuse was that they had confused the dates. It is not the police who are causing problems. We want everything to go smoothly and peacefully."

He said the police had since made several attempts — to no avail — to discuss the arrangements with the ANC.

'Homecoming'

"We are not standing in the way of a workable solution. The ANC's organisation apparently seems not to be of the best in this particular matter. ANC officials often don't show up for meetings," said Captain Kotze.

Prominent advertisements were placed in newspapers yesterday in connection with Mr Tambo's return.

Under the heading "A glorious homecoming", the advertisements read: "Oliver Tambo ranks among the greatest political figures of our times. His sagacity, maturity and humility are the marks of a towering personality imbued with a deep sense of justice and an inspiring love for the people."

"President Tambo's return to our country and people is perhaps one of the most important blessings to come our way as South Africans in this decisive period. More of us need to emulate his example."

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Man saw brother killed — inquest

VERENIGING. — One of the three unidentified people who died in the Sebokeng massacre of September 4 was said yesterday to be related to a witness who gave evidence to the inquest into the killings.

Mr Walter Sehlaho Makapo told inquest chairman Mr Justice Eddie Stafford he had been at the hostel in Sebokeng on September 4 this year and had seen his "brother" killed outside his room in hostel Block F.

The dead man was named as Mr Sethabatho Tshabalala, Mr Makapo's cousin.

Another witness yesterday, Mr Petrus Mtshali, suffered a severe wound to the left side of his head. He gave evidence with his head wrapped in a bandage.

An Iscor employee, he said he remembered deciding to cross the street. The next thing he remembered was recovering consciousness in Baragwanath Hospital more than a month after the event.

He had been shot in the head, he said.

Cross-examined by Mr Bruce Berman, SC, for the SADF, Mr Mtshali said he felt it was safe to cross the intersection as the police were there.

The inquest continues today.

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Death toll at Phola Park

ABOVE: Residents of Phola Park squatter camp, which is next to Thokoza township on the East Rand, carry the body of a friend who was killed during fighting on Monday night. Fighting broke out between ANC supporters and Zulu migrant workers.

LEFT: A police officer carrying an Uzi sub-machinegun inspects the corpses of four ANC supporters who were killed in Phola Park squatter camp on Monday night.

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Peace pact in war in Thokoza

JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha and the ANC yesterday agreed to a peace pact in the war in Thokoza in which 37 people have died.

Earlier in the day, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok ordered in extra police and SA Defence Force units, assisted by police and air force helicopters.

The ANC and Inkatha delegations met late yesterday under the chairmanship of the police chief of operations, Lieutenant-General Louw Malan, and were led by ANC national executive member Mr Penuell Maduna and Inkatha Youth League chairman Mr Themba Khoza.

They said in a joint statement that they would "appeal to their members" to stop the violence and encourage "political tolerance".

Yesterday's violence came a day before a planned visit by Mr Nelson Mandela and other leaders to East Rand townships at the invitation of the SA Council of Churches. Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi declined, saying the SACC invitation reached him too late. He plans to tour Thokoza with Mr Vlok.

The fighting appears to have started about 3am on Monday when Zulu hostel-dwellers allege that police Hippos off-loaded armed Xhosas in the area.

At least 10 people died in the attack, according to Mr Khoza.

Zulu women and hostel-dwellers armed with traditional weapons chanted: "We want revenge, we will kill the Xhosas," and others shouted: "We don't want the police here." A poster saying "Xhosas and police killed Zulus" was lying in the area.

Before the talks began, groups of shouting Zulus and Xhosas clashed in roads and open lots of the

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townships and the nearby Phola Park squatter camp, wielding crude sharp weapons and firing AK-47s at one another, security forces, journalists and residents. *Capt. T. 1/15 12/12/90 (278)*

Gangs erected burning roadblocks at intersections and angrily warned off motorists. "We will drink your blood," one man shouted in Zulu at approaching drivers.

Natalspruit Hospital superintendent Dr Ron Mitchell said the situation yesterday morning was a disaster.

Almost 1 000 people, mostly women and children, sought refuge in the hospital's grounds.

Yesterday some people from the area told how they slept in the open since the unrest started on December 2 and had brought blankets, boxes and baskets of possessions.

More than 90 people have died in Thokoza and Phola Park since fighting flared last week, pushing the death toll in townships around Johannesburg since last Sunday to at least 120.

Yesterday morning Mr Vlok called for an immediate meeting of the Witwatersrand regional police commissioner and Inkatha and ANC leaders, saying the police and army reinforcements would try to contain and suppress the violence. — Own Correspondent and UPI

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Sentrachem's representatives to discuss a joint business venture.

It is believed a European company might also be involved

Slump hits property

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ANC, Inkatha in township talks

Move to halt the killing in Thokoza

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VIOLENT faction-fighting shook the East Rand township of Thokoza yesterday, leaving at least 37 people dead and prompting Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to order in substantial police and SA Defence Force reinforcements.

After a meeting with police in the municipal offices which lasted several hours, Inkatha and ANC representatives agreed to seek ways to end the violence.

The ANC and Inkatha issued a statement in which they said they agreed to the deployment of police reinforcements in the township "to ensure peace and stability".

The two parties said they would approve the appointment of a senior police officer to probe allegations of police partiality. The allegations have been denied by police.

Lt-General Louw Malan from Pretoria police headquarters chaired the meeting. The delegations were led by ANC NEC member Penuel Maduna and Inkatha Freedom Party Transvaal Youth Brigade chairman Themba Khloza.

In Thokoza yesterday there was a heavy police presence, including a dozen caspurs, three helicopters on frequent patrol as well as units in cars and vans. There was no sign of Defence Force troops.

Natalspruit hospital superintendent Dr Ron Mitchell said the situation yesterday morning was a disaster, as a steady flow of dead and wounded people arrived at the hospital's casualty ward.

Almost a thousand people, mostly women and children, had sought refuge in the hospital's grounds. Some had slept in the

MATTHEW CURTIN,
THEO RAWANA and WILSON ZWANE

open since the unrest started on December 2, and had brought blankets, boxes and baskets of possessions with them.

Many gave accounts of their houses being broken into by youths armed with knives and pangas. Dozens showed heavily stitched wounds to their faces, arms and legs. Those interviewed said while they might go home during the day, they would spend the night at the hospital.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman confirmed that the police shot dead one man and injured two others after a police patrol was attacked with AK-47 rifles.

Yesterday morning Vlok called for an immediate meeting of the Witwatersrand regional police commissioner and Inkatha and ANC leaders, saying the police and army reinforcements would try to contain and suppress the violence.

He urged residents and leaders of all factions in Thokoza "to end the violence immediately and to get together and discuss their differences peacefully".

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela is expected to join an SA Council of Churches delegation which will tour Thokoza today.

Inkatha confirmed last night that its president Mangosuthu Buthelezi would hold talks with Vlok in Thokoza today before the arrival of the SACC delegation.

Buthelezi earlier refused an invitation to join the SACC delegation, saying he could

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not rearrange his schedule in time.

Mandela's wife Winnie and ANC official Cyril Jantjies visited the township yesterday, shortly after the peace talks had got under way. Jantjies said they had been asked not to join negotiations as the ANC would then have been "over-represented".

The adjoining industrial area of Alrode near Thokoza was hit by a spontaneous worker stayaway, with companies reporting between 45% and 60% absenteeism.

There was a near-total lack of transport in and out of the troubled township as taxis were reported to have been pulled off the routes after being stoned.

OK Bazaars in Alrode was looking for

temporary staff to fill in for employees who failed to turn up for work on Monday and Tuesday.

Spokesman G Lotz said: "With a black staff complement of 453, we have had a 45% absenteeism rate in the past couple of days. We are looking for temporary staff and are getting students to fill in."

Spice manufacturer Robertsons reported that 60% of its 173 black employees had not reported for work.

Univa, with a black staff of 325, suffered 50% absenteeism following the previous day's normal turnout.

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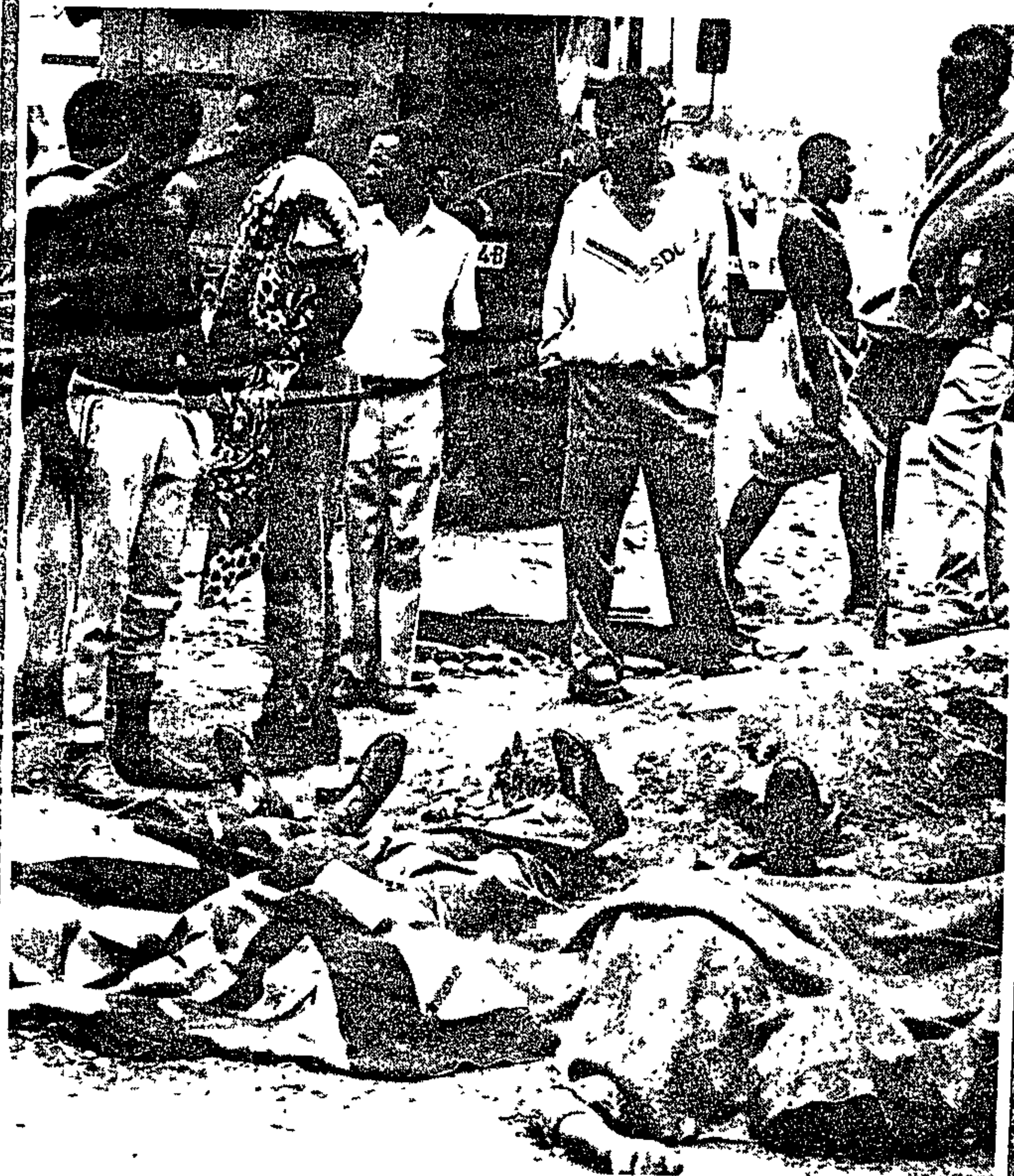
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37 killed
in bloody
battles on
East Rand



Phola Park residents watch over dead bodies in the squatter camp after yesterday's clashes.

By KENOSI MODISANE

AT LEAST 37 people were killed yesterday in furious fighting that turned Tokoza Hostel and Phola Park squatter camp into slaughterhouses.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok announced yesterday that crack army units and the air force would be sent to the area to help the police.

However, there was no sign of the army and helicopters in the area when the Sowetan team left the

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THE South African Council of Churches is going ahead with a planned visit by political, business and church leaders to Tokoza and other areas in the East Rand today.

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela will be in the party.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi will also visit Tokoza this morning.

Vlok and Buthelezi will arrive in the township about 7.40am and will begin their tour from the Tokoza administration offices.



Danie Hough.

Warning of further intimidation

The Administrator of the Transvaal, Danie Hough, has warned of a renewed and intensified campaign of intimidation directed against black local authorities, their families, friends and associates.

"There are indications that this campaign is to be further intensified in the name of democracy," Mr. Hough said in Pretoria yesterday.

The actions that have been planned, he added, seem to be aimed at the creation of what is commonly called a "Black Christmas" — a campaign to convert this traditional season of goodwill into a politically charged tide of darkness and misery for all South Africans.

"Democracy can never be a licence to intimidate and threaten people's lives and property. When petrol bombs are thrown at people's houses, elected councillors are attacked and their businesses destroyed, this is not democracy. 12/11/90

"The withholding of payment for services is not democracy.

"We will not stand idly by and allow Christmas 1990 to be turned into a season of despair," said Mr Hough. — Sapa.

Injured inquest witness 'lucky to be alive'

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By Thabo Leshilo

A man who was injured when SADF troops shot at a crowd outside Sebokeng Hostel was described yesterday as "lucky to be alive" by Judge Eddie Stafford, chairman of the inquest into the death of 42 people at the hostel.

Sipho Mtshali (24) suffered what the judge described as an "ugly wound" on his head and was unconscious in hospital for a month.

Mr Mtshali told the court he was on his way to the Vaal Technical College in Sebokeng on September 4 when he saw a large crowd outside the hostel. He had also seen a group of policemen on the scene.

He said he saw SADF vehicles approaching on the road. He began crossing the road, after which he could not remember what happened.

Mr Mtshali said that he had regained consciousness a month later in Baragwanath Hospital.

"I also found out that I had a gunshot wound in the head. I could not remember what had happened to me and how I got the wound," said Mr Mtshali.

In court yesterday his head was bandaged, his face badly swollen and his left eye kept watering. He has become deaf in the left ear. Mr Mtshali told the court he still suffered severe pain from the wound.

Another witness, Petrus Mokwena (20), said that he had

just returned from college when he was shot. He was at the back of the crowd which had gathered outside the hostel when he saw SADF vehicles arrive. The troops got out of the vehicles and formed a line. Two tear gas canisters were fired and the mob started running. Mr Mokwena said that he had also started running.

"While I was running I looked back and saw the army shooting at a group of people. The next thing I felt a pain in my leg. I then fell down. I tried to crawl."

Mr Mokwena's leg was subsequently amputated below the knee.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of a petrol bomb which the SADF said had led

the troops to fire a barrage of R-4 gunfire at the crowd, deepened yesterday.

Sergeant Barend Kramer, a detective in the SAP, told the inquest he had recorded only eight petrol bombs removed from the scene in the Sebokeng.

Sergeant Kramer's evidence sharply contrasted with that given by Commandant Alf Clulee, the commanding officer of the SADF unit at the hostel, that there were nine petrol bombs.

The ninth petrol bomb, Commandant Clulee had said, was found with its wick smouldering near the body of a man after the soldiers had shot at the crowd.

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Middelburg gives go-ahead to AWB march

Star 12/12/90
By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

In spite of a policy of not allowing any protest marches, Middelburg's Conservative Party town council has given permission for an AWB parade led by Eugene TerreBlanche through the main street on Saturday.

Middelburg's acting chief magistrate has also given the go-ahead, subject to certain conditions. (248)

During the past year the council has repeatedly refused permission for marches by the local civic association, black teachers, a church group and air pollution protesters.

Last month when the ANC Women's League attempted an illegal march into town they were stopped when police fired tear gas.

The ANC's regional secretary Joe Nkuna said he hoped the council would now grant the right of peaceful protest to the ANC and all organisations.

The AWB's head commander of the eastern Transvaal, Gawie Volschenk, said that after the parade members would drive to the AWB's camp site near Belfast.

The following day, the Day of the Vow, Mr TerreBlanche would give an address at the Berg en Dal monument near Belfast.

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kidnap

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Two Umkhonto we Sizwe members claimed they were yesterday kidnapped at gunpoint in the city centre by Askaris and forced into a minibus which ferried them to Hillbrow police station.

MK member Job Kubu told a press conference organised by the ANC late yesterday at the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg that he and his NK colleague, Madiba Khumalo, were kidnapped in "broad daylight by about 12 armed Askaris and forced into a kombi".

Mr Kubu claimed one of the Askaris known as More trained with him at an ANC camp in Angola.

The ANC's Gill Marcus said both men were granted indemnity in May and added that the incident illustrated the manner in which elements in the security force, who control the Askaris, were destabilising the peace process.

Approached for comment last night, police spokesman Major Ray Harrauld confirmed the men had been arrested and released after police established that they had been granted indemnity.

"I don't know anything about Askaris being involved," he said.

According to Mr Kubu he and Mr Khumalo were approached by More and three other people who indicated that they wanted to exchange information at about 8.30 am on the corner of Sauer and President streets.

Discussed

The matter was discussed in the ANC's Sauer Street office, and at noon Mr Kubu and Mr Khumalo went to the agreed meeting place, the library forecourt next to President Street.

More, together with the three other men who had been with him in the morning, wanted information on the ANC's analysis on the present situation, and its attitude to Askaris, Mr Kubu claimed.

During the meeting, a fifth person who identified himself as a policeman placed Mr Kubu and Mr Madiba under arrest and ordered them to a kombi parked in Market Street.

According to Mr Kubu when he and Mr Khumalo resisted about 12 other armed police/Askaris, forced them at gunpoint to the waiting kombi.

Despite demands made by Mr Kubu that he be taken to John Vorster Square, Mr Kubu said his assailants proceeded to Hillbrow police station where they were met by two white security policemen outside the premises.

An hour later, Mr Kubu said he and Mr Khumalo were dropped off at the ANC office.



Fleeing the war . . . Phola Park residents leave their homes yesterday after yet another day of bloody violence. Both Inkatha hostel dwellers and Phola Park residents have accused the police of involvement in the violence which has claimed at least 37 lives since Monday night.

Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

By Guy Jepson
and Abel Mabelane

Inkatha hostel dwellers in Tokoza and Phola Park residents have lambasted police for alleged partisan involvement in the continuing carnage in their backyards which has claimed at least 37 lives since midnight on Monday.

The SAP public relations division in Pretoria has categorically denied both sets of allegations, describing them as "propaganda".

Yesterday's violence, according to East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel, was allegedly sparked by an attack by Phola Park residents on hostels in Tokoza early yesterday morning. Police found 13

Both sides point fingers at SAP

bodies at the hostels.

The hostel dwellers then launched a retaliatory attack on Phola Park at about 9 am, according to the official account.

A community worker, Blessing Cebisa, said the attack on Phola Park took place at about 9 am. He claimed a police hippo had driven in front of the Inkatha attackers.

In a recorded interview with The Star in Phola Park two hours after the attack, a resident said: "Early this morning a hippo was seen shooting tear gas in Phola Park. After that

we heard Inkatha people were coming from the railway line ... so we came out to look for them.

"A white minibus started unloading Inkatha people and they started shooting at us. There were hundreds on the railway line.

"When they started shooting we went inside the shacks. When we understood their bullets were over we came out to attack them. When we tried to attack them a (yellow Ford) Sierra was shooting at us. It

was a police Sierra. It had been standing near the Vereeniging Road earlier. When those people (Inkatha) were shooting at us it did not do anything."

In Tokoza's Madala hostel, which took the full force of an earlier, 3 am attack — allegedly launched by Phola Park residents — the pro-Inkatha inmates told a different story of police involvement.

One man — who declined to be named — said: "The police were here, they were outside at 3 am. They carried the Xhosas here in hippos. They were shoot-

ing at us too. Nine of our people died."

Another man alleged police had opened fire on the hostel.

"We went to Phola Park for revenge and then the police came at us again."

Approached for comment last night, Lieutenant Burger van Rooyen of the SAP's public relations division referred the Star to a statement released by police earlier yesterday.

"The SA Police categorically denies bias in its conduct. These allegations are repeatedly and thoroughly investigated and, to date, no evidence of police bias has been found," the statement said.

It added that the allegations were being made "for the sole purpose of propaganda".

12 hours of bloody feuding

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By Norman Chandler
Guy Jepson and
Abel Mabelane

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SA Defence Force and police reinforcements were sent into Tokoza and Phola Park yesterday after 12 hours of some of the worst political violence on the Reef.

Announcing the move in Pretoria, Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok said it had been decided to take "decisive steps" after widespread violence in the area overnight and at the weekend.

By yesterday afternoon 37 people had been confirmed dead in clashes between pro-ANC Phola Park residents and Inkatha supporters from Tokoza hostels. An unknown number had been injured.

In Phola Park, where 22 people died after an attack at 9 am by pro-Inkatha hostel dwellers, refugees were seen leaving their homes in their hundreds. Between 15 and 20 shacks had been razed.

In and around the hostels, 13 bodies were discovered after a series of "hit and run" type attacks early yesterday morning.

Mission

The attackers were allegedly from Phola Park, according to police.

Mr Vlok said substantial police and air force reinforcements had been ordered to move into Tokoza.

"Their mission will be to prevent the violence from spreading to other areas and to bring it to an end," Mr Vlok said, and warned, "If in view of increasing attacks on the SAP in recent months, police are fired on with sharp point ammunition, they will respond with equivalent firepower and ammunition."

The newly elected president of the PAC, Clarence Makwetu and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela



Hostel carnage... Two bodies lie near a burnt-out room in Tokoza's Madala hostel yesterday. Police found 13 bodies in the hostels after an attack at 3 am. The attackers were allegedly from the war-torn Phola Park squatter camp.

plan to lead a delegation of political organisations, community church, and business leaders today in a peace initiative by the SA Council of Churches to Phola Park and Zonk'zwe.

Two AK-47 assault rifles and a 9 mm pistol were confiscated when police searched a taxi on the Old Vereeniging Road, according to East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zwell.

Four men were arrested. In another incident in Phola Park a man wielding an AK-47 was arrested. An armed attacker was shot dead by police in Edenburg and another was wounded during an attack on the police station.

Last night, Tokoza and Phola Park had quietened down.

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'Shooting the hell out of each other'

By Guy Jepson

A group of policemen crouched on the embankment on the Old Vereeniging Road north-west of Phola Park yesterday morning as occasional shots rang out.

Standing next to a bullet-riddled police car parked on an island on the Klipriver

road some 500 m away, Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said, "It is rather dangerous. I wouldn't advise you to go in there."

He said the fighting spread to Alrode South and Edenburg, but was contained by the police.

A senior Alberton traffic

official said, "They have been shooting the hell out of each other on the other side of the Old Vereeniging Road."

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By 11 am the situation seemed quieter and police helicopters circled the strife-torn squatter camp. Caspers

were seen moving slowly between rusted shacks.

Just in Phola Park, Anna Fendel standing beside her room-sharing shack at midday, said, "I ran away with my child this morning when I heard the shooting. When I came back I saw my house was finished."

Picture: Ken Postbroek

SACC's Thokoza tour turned back

Shouting mob ends Mandela visit to hostel

HOSTEL dwellers waving banners and shouting abuse forced a party of public figures, including ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, to abandon a visit to the hostel in strife-torn Thokoza township yesterday.

SA Council of Churches general secretary Frank Chikane was guiding Mandela, diplomats, politicians, and lawyers on a tour of Thokoza when a handful of Inkatha supporters blocked the road in front of the cavalcade as it approached the hostel.

The crowd screamed anti-ANC slogans. A placard read: "When will the SACC be brave enough to condemn the ANC when they are wrong."

The hostel dwellers forced ANC marshals to divert the two bus loads of dignitaries and a vehicle carrying Mandela away from the hostel.

One woman threatened marshals and reporters with a baton, hurled abuse at Mandela and his wife Winnie, and toy-toyed, hitching up her skirt and petticoat to demonstrate her anger.

In an address at the hostel earlier in the day, Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi called on his supporters to halt hostilities and lay down arms. But he added people were not precluded from defending themselves when attacked.

Sapa reports the death toll from the week's faction-fighting in Thokoza rose to 124 yesterday, with police reporting that 52 people were killed on Tuesday.

A large SADF contingent stamped its presence on the township yesterday. Armed soldiers on foot and in dozens of Casspirs patrolled the streets and ringed the hostel and Phola Park squatter camp,

MATTHEW CURTIN
and WILSON ZWANE

the scene of the worst violence.

Mandela and other members of the SACC delegation, including SACP general secretary Joe Slovo, Helen Suzman, PAC general secretary Benny Alexander and several foreign diplomats, toured the squatter camp on foot.

The visitors were mobbed by hundreds of singing and toy-toying residents, many waving ANC flags and taunting police monitoring the tour from Casspirs.

Residents showed the visitors the burnt out shells of several shacks, a gutted taxi and two others riddled with bullet holes. They gave graphic accounts of the alleged Inkatha attack on the Phola Park squatter camp on Tuesday, claiming police stood by before raiding the camp themselves.

Chikane said it had been a "healing" experience for victims to be visited, and that the visitors' experiences would make them more motivated to assist in ending the violence. He regretted it had not been possible to visit the hostel and hear the residents' views.

Commenting on what he had seen in Phola Park, US Ambassador William Swing said he was "shocked and saddened", and expressed his concern about the effect the violence would have on peaceful transition in SA.

Slovo said he hoped the tour would provide moral support for the community in Thokoza although it could not solve any problems itself.

SA Institute of Race Relations director

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Mandela

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Yesterday morning Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he had declined the SACC invitation as it had "totally bewildered" him.

He said he could have rescheduled his appointments if he had been consulted in time.

"I don't know when the plans were first drawn up but I do know that they were drawn up without any reference to me... about my availability for such a tour," Buthelezi said. A fax from the SACC had been transmitted to him on Monday.

Buthelezi and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok arrived early in Thokoza and after brief discussions at the Thokoza municipality offices they toured the township and outskirts of Phola park in two Casspirs, before the Inkatha leader addressed a crowd of 2 000 cheering supporters in the township's open-air auditorium.

Asked by reporters if it was not possible for him to join the SACC-organised tour as he was already in the area, Buthelezi said it would be "madness" as he had to be back in Ulundi for a caucus meeting of the Kwa-Zulu Legislative Assembly over which he had to preside.

He accused the ANC of fueling tension saying its document entitled Programme for Action was not a basis for peace.

Murmurs and hisses rippled through the crowd when Vlok said police had received strict instructions to be impartial.

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Angry Zulus tell Mandela to stay away

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Five more bodies found outside two hostels in Tokoza brings to 88 the death toll in recent East Rand township violence.

A police spokesman said it had not been established whether the latest killings had taken place before or after high-profile visits by black and other leaders to Tokoza and neighbouring Phola Park yesterday.

Among the visitors was ANC deputy leader Mr Nelson Mandela who was warned by angry stick-wielding Zulus that war would break out if he were to set foot in a Tokoza hostel.

Diplomats

Hours earlier, Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi told about 1 200 armed Zulus that the killing of blacks by blacks was "a shame to the whole of black South Africa".

Mr Mandela was part of a 60-man delegation of political, community and church leaders and diplomats who toured East Rand townships at the invitation of the South African Council of Churches.

Chief Buthelezi visited the area with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok after having turned down an invitation to form part of the SACC delegation, which included top leaders of the ANC, PAC, SACP and Azapo.

Mr Mandela and his wife, Winnie, were given a hero's welcome in Phola Park before traveling to the hostel in Tokoza township.

The delegation was refused entry to the Tokoza hostel and their vehicles had to be turned around.

Zulu leaders shouted at a media contingent to leave the area, saying: "We don't want the ANC here. Otherwise we will fight to die."

Placards read "ANC you must be closer to your goal — more Zulus are dying", and "SACC when will you be brave enough to condemn the ANC when they do wrong?"

At Phola Park, residents sang in Xhosa: "Gatsha (Buthelezi) is troubling us".

Chief Buthelezi called on his supporters to lay down arms, but warned that his plea for peace neither negated nor invalidated people's right to defend themselves.

He said he had come to Tokoza after an urgent request from a delegation of IFP leaders in Tokoza, who had alleged the SAP were involved in the violence.

Chief Buthelezi said he could not attend the SACC-organised tour because he had to preside over a KwaZulu Legislative Assembly meeting later yesterday.

Mr Vlok, who flew over Katlehong and Tokoza with Chief Buthelezi before landing at the Tokoza police station, expressed his and President De Klerk's condolences to the families of the dead.

Vlok booed

But the crowd shouted "liar!" and booed Mr Vlok when he denied allegations of police partiality. Chief Buthelezi, however, accepted Mr Vlok's assurances.

At a press conference after the visit, SACC general secretary Frank Chikane reiterated accusations of a "third force" involvement in the township violence.

While expressing regret at Chief Buthelezi's refusal to accompany the group, he said a meeting between the Inkatha leader and Mr Mandela would not resolve the "war" unless security forces maintained law and order.

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20 a day killed on East Rand this month — report

JOHANNESBURG. — Twenty people on average have died a day in internecine fighting on the East Rand this month, twice the average number of daily deaths for the whole country this year.

A preliminary report by the South African Institute of Race Relations said the December death toll in East Rand townships was already

220.

The report compared deaths in the Northern Ireland conflict — 2 847 since 1969 — to the estimated 3 460 who have died in South Africa this year.

Between July and November, 1 020 people died on the Witwatersrand, reaching a climax in August with 550 dead.

November, and early December in particular, saw a massive resurgence in the violence, which continued unabated in the worst-hit areas of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus.

Both the ANC and Inkatha had consistently blamed each other for the conflict, but the continuation of the violence — despite calls for peace from the leadership of both organi-

sations — lent weight to the view the violence was more than political rivalry.

SALIR executive director Mr John Kane-Berman said the violence appeared to be followed by a pattern of heavy police presence and curfews, and accompanying substantial downturn of fighting, but which did not last.

— Sapa



LEFT: Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, on a tour of the troubled Thokoza township yesterday. **RIGHT:** Mr Nelson Mandela and his wife Winnie wave to crowds at Phola Park squatter camp yesterday. Phola Park is near Thokoza.



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Sebokeng: Soldiers 'thanked'

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VEREENIGING. — The SA Defence Force unit which took action in Sebokeng on September 4 was congratulated by its commanding officer on its return from the township, a member of the unit yesterday told an inquest into the killing of 42 people on that day.

Lance-Corporal Bernard Krediet, 23, told the inquest that the unit's commander, Commandant Alf Clulee, thanked the members of the unit "for the good job they did" in the Vaal Triangle township when they were called in to rescue police and Inkatha members trapped by a mob.

The inquest chairman, Mr Justice Eddie Stafford, yesterday gave instructions that all the weapons of the members who had requested ammunition to be replaced after the incident be handed in to the police for ballistics testing.

On Tuesday, Mr Emmanuel Makoepa was shown photographs of three bodies as yet unidentified, and said one of the photographs was of his dead brother, a Mr Tshabalala.

Yesterday, the investigating officer, Warrant Officer Sidney Puth, told the inquest the man's employer, Usco, had already identified him as Mr Setlobocha Ramatsite, who had already been buried at his home in Lesotho.

The inquest continues.

— Sapa

Bid to abduct two MK men alleged

By SY MAKARINGE

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POLICE and people suspected to be members of "Askari" this week allegedly attempted to abduct two members of Umkhonto we Sizwe when they forced them into a police car at gunpoint.

The ANC said yesterday the two men, Mr Job Kubu and Mr Madiba Khumalo, were forced into a waiting police car and taken to a place near Hillbrow Police Station where they were interrogated on Tuesday.

The men had been granted indemnity in May and were legally in the country.

Police spokesman Major Ray Harald confirmed the arrests. He said the men were released after the police had established that they had been granted indemnity.

Askari member

"I don't know anything about the Askaris being involved," he said.

A spokesman for the ANC said both Kubu and Khumalo had earlier in the day met a man

called More, whom they claimed was a member of the Askari. More allegedly offered to exchange information.

"This was agreed and a venue arranged. The matter was discussed in the ANC office and at noon the (two) comrades went to the agreed meeting place," the spokesman said.

He said Kubu and Khumalo were met by More and three other people at the meeting place.

Another man joined them and identified himself as a policeman.

"He produced what appeared to be a police identification document. He said the comrades were under arrest and ordered them to a kombi.

"The two resisted, questioning why they were being arrested. The policeman and others who had arrived on the scene produced weapons and forced the two comrades at gunpoint to the waiting kombi," he said.

They were driven to a spot in Hillbrow and questioned for about 45 minutes before being released.



ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander were among the leaders who responded to the SACC's invitation to tour the troubled Tokoza township on the East Rand yesterday. Pic: MOFFAT ZUNGU

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**Inkatha
on the
march
over
SACC
visit**

ARMED Inkatha followers marched in protest against the South African Council of Church's peace tour of the troubled Tokoza township on the East Rand yesterday.

**By KENOSI MODISANE
and Sapa**

What was meant to be a "day of peace" in the township was turned into political rallies as Inkatha and ANC followers displayed their party flags and exchanged expletives in the streets.

The presence of the South African Defence Force averted what could have been an ugly scene at the entrance of the hostel gates when Inkatha followers objected to the peace tour convoy, led by the Rev Frank Chikane, entering the hostel.

The protesters displayed

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Troops praised for 'good job', inquest is told

By Thabo Leshilo

SADF members who shot at a crowd outside Sebokeng Hostel were praised by their commander for having done a good job, the inquest into the deaths of 42 people on September 4 heard yesterday.

During cross-examination by Gys Rautenbach, counsel for the victims, Lance-Corporal Bernard Krediet said Commandant Alf Clulee had told the troops he was proud of them and had congratulated them at a parade.

'Unnecessary'

He said the soldiers had later signed a form in which they indicated how much ammunition they had used.

Corporal Krediet said he had not thought it necessary to fire teargas — in spite of an order by Commandant Clulee.

"It was not necessary for me to fire teargas because other people (soldiers) near me also had teargas."

Before the troops unleashed a volley of R-4 gunfire at the mob, a petrol bomb had been hurled at the soldiers, he said. The petrol bomb went over his head and had landed behind him. It broke but did not explode. A soldier was also hit with a stone in the back.

The corporal did not point out the petrol bomb to police when they removed weapons, including petrol bombs, later found at the scene.

Mr Justice Stafford, who is presiding at the inquest in Vereeniging, ordered that the weapons belonging to the troops who fired shots on that day be sent for ballistic tests to ascertain who had fired.

A victim of the shooting, Mohlopheki Magazura (42), said he could not understand why the soldiers had shot at the crowd because they had not hurled any stones at the soldiers.

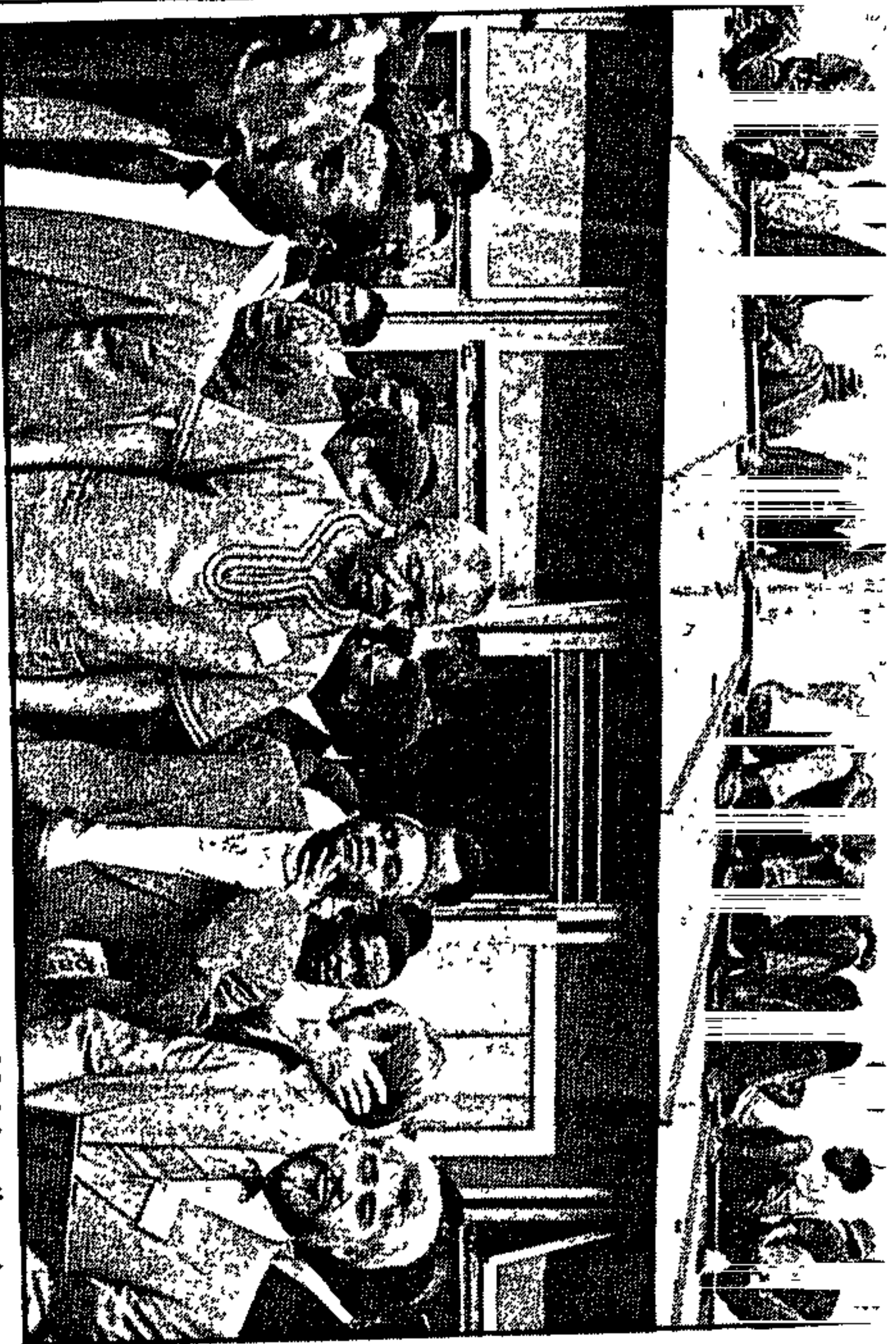
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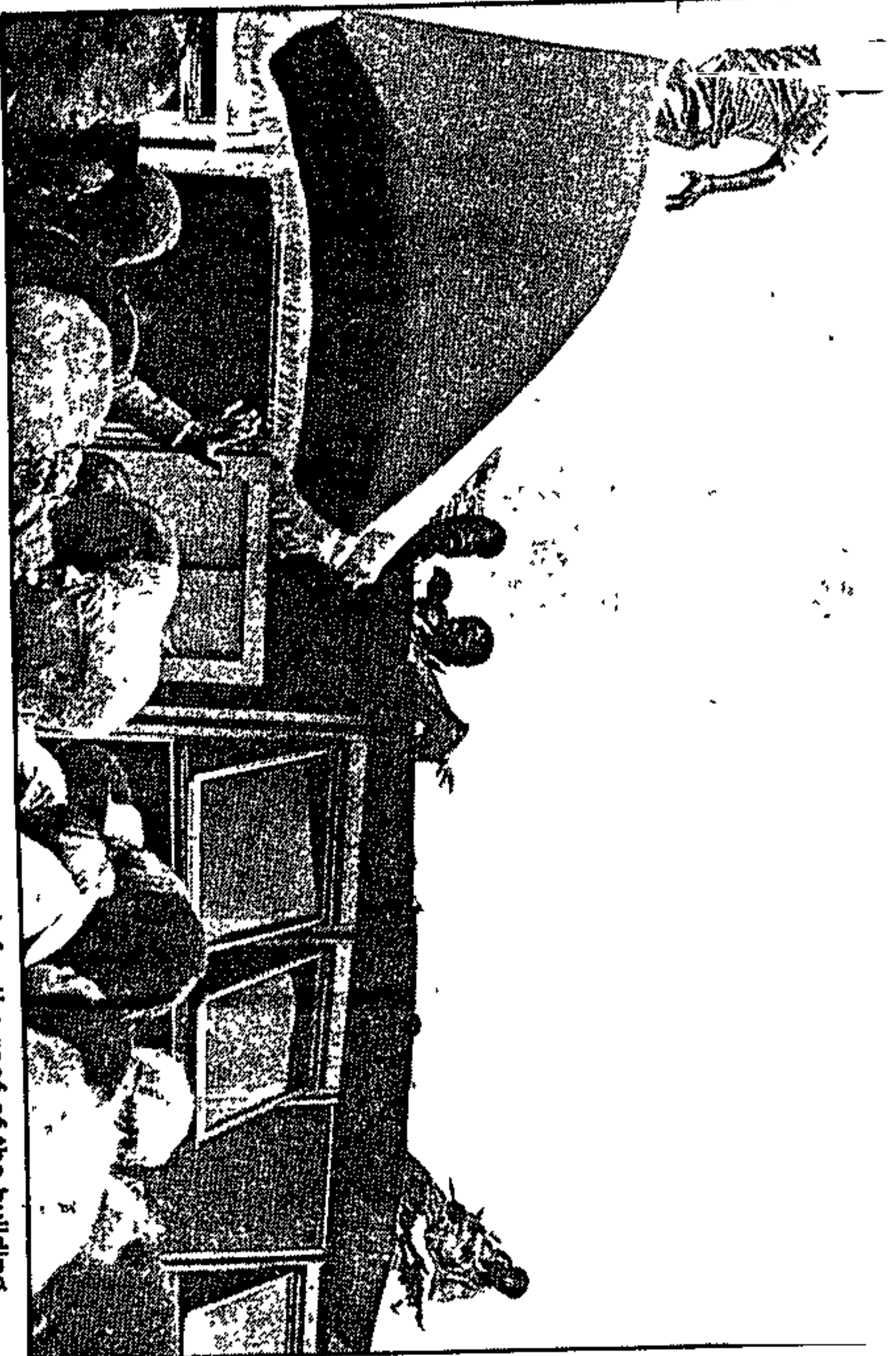
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Another victim, Walter Makupo, told the court he was shot while near the body of his brother, a Lesotho migrant who lived at the hostel.

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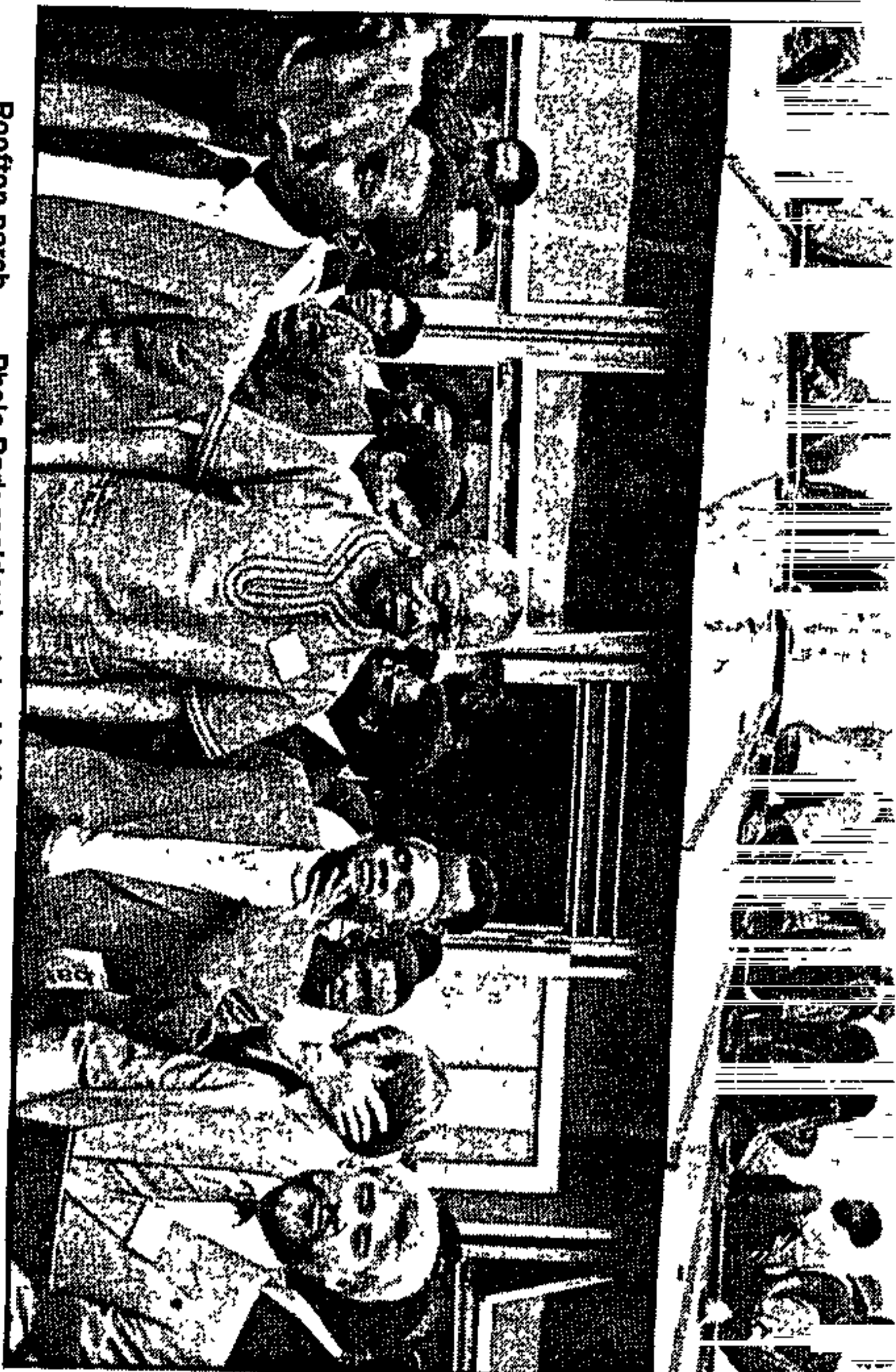
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ANC spokesman Miss Gill Marcus said today the organisation was not surprised by the Tokoza hostel residents' action. There could be no peace process in a fragmented society. Security forces patrolling Tokoza last night were fired on by an unknown group. No one was injured. Security forces were today still patrolling the township which, apart from last night's shooting, was quiet. Residents' phone lines there were heavy gunfire in some parts of the township. They said they believed it was AK-47 gunfire.

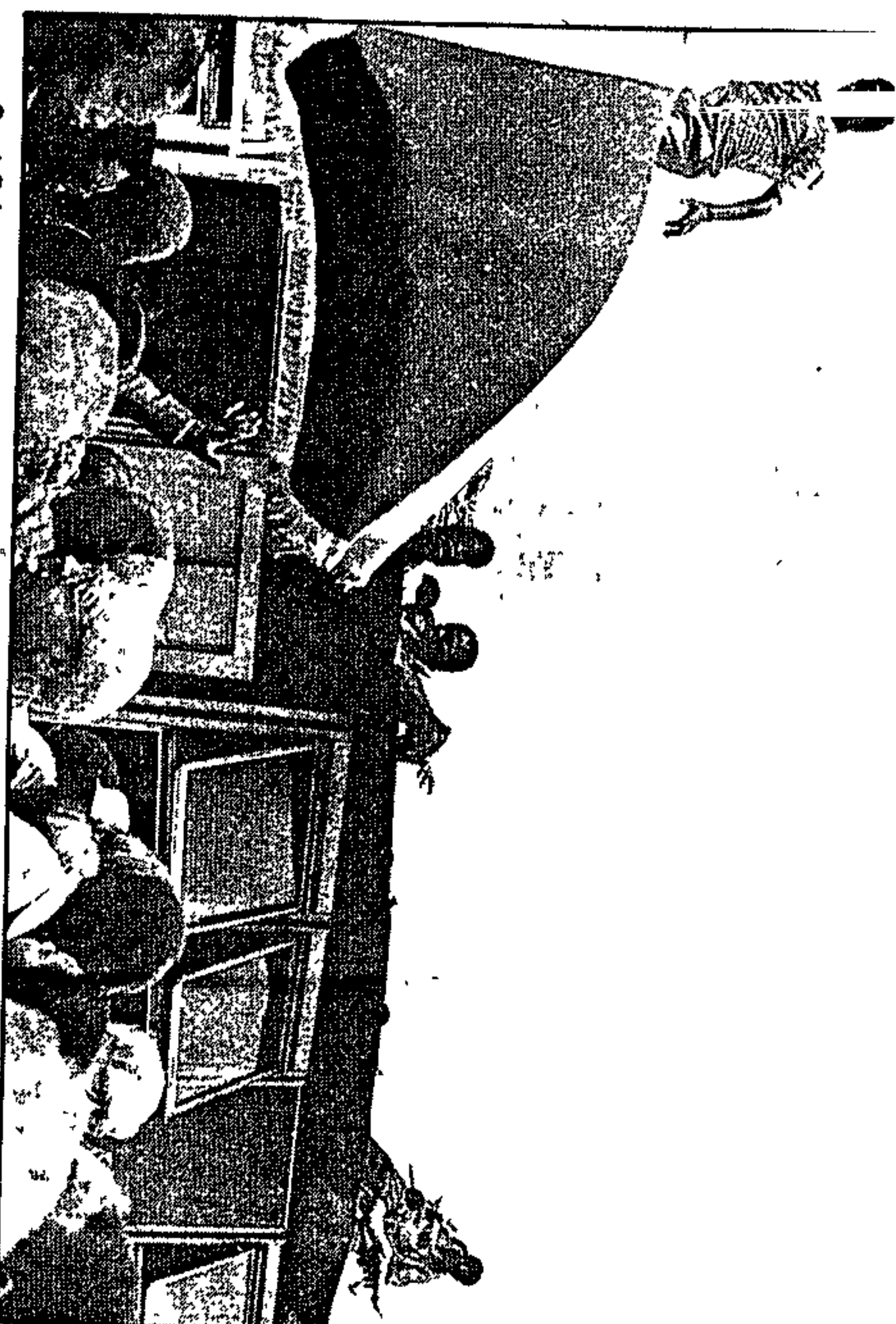
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Union's work 'disrupted' by Reef unrest

CONFLICT in the townships was cutting off the National Union of Metalworkers of SA (Numsa) from its members, crisis committee members said yesterday.

At a media conference in Johannesburg, members of Numsa's crisis committee said the union was struggling to serve its members on the Reef.

The crisis committee was created in October to repair damage to the union's activities caused by unrest.

Committee member Richard Ntuli said township conflict was still affecting union operations — there was only a 40% attendance at shop steward council meetings — as a "third force" defying easy categorisation sought to exploit tension and disrupt union operations.

In October, Numsa shelved planned strike action at Iscor's Vanderbijlpark, Pretoria and Newcastle plants because the escalation in violence made it impractical for the

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union to mobilise members.

The union has said Inkatha supporters have been campaigning for workers to leave Numsa and dubbed it an ANC and Xhosa organisation.

In August 60 Iscor workers left the union and abandoned Iscor's Kwa-Masize hostel for a disused hostel where they were joined by 250 Inkatha supporters.

Arrested

Ntuli said officials' efforts to persuade all workers that Numsa was a non-tribal workers' organisation had paid dividends as members from the Inkatha-affiliated United Workers Union (Uwusa) had defected to Numsa at five PWV factories.

Meanwhile, the union claimed heavily armed Inkatha supporters had been arrested on Sunday outside

the Sebokeng hostel, home of several Numsa members who were to testify at the judicial inquest into the deaths of 42 people in September's communal violence.

Union official Nelson Ngale said some of those arrested were among the group of 136 Inkatha supporters arrested in September when 23 Numsa members had died in an attack on the hostel.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Piet van Deventer said yesterday at least three of the men police arrested on Sunday had been arrested on September 4.

Police intercepted a group of 15 people on Sunday in a bakkie outside the hostel.

They found an array of weapons in the vehicle, including AK-47 rifles, petrol bombs, a hand-grenade and .38 revolver, he said.

Ngale said union members at the hostel were increasingly concerned for their safety.

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white head bands, stand guard at the street corner, in sight of the Madala hostel gates.

A man wearing a blue overall walks nervously past the group. They immediately suspect him of being a Xhosa, and try to stop him. He keeps on walking. A woman throws a stone at him, and he ducks into a yard. Before he can get away or hide, a silver grey Cressida, loaded with people, comes speeding down Mazibuko Street. Two shots ring out from the car. The suspected Xhosa lies dead on the ground, the victim of faceless assassins.

"Is that man a Xhosa?" asks an old man. There is no reply. No one knows if he was friend or foe.

Suddenly three minibuses and a private yellow car, all packed with hostel dwellers, emerge from the gates of Madala hostel, metres away from the police station. As the procession turns into Mazibuko Street, moving in the direction of Phola Park, a small group of women dances and ululates. No one can mistake the intention of the hostel dwellers.

As *The Weekly Mail* approaches Phola Park via the old Vereeniging road, the attack is already underway. The sound of battle is joined by the sirens of ambulances and fire engines rushing to the scene.

Several police vehicles are parked across the old Vereeniging and Eden Park roads, and a small group of policemen watches as shacks go up in flames and gunfire fills the air.

The attackers seem to have taken a two-pronged strategy. One group of Zulus storms

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Phola Park along the railway line near Vereeniging road. The other group, in minibuses, is already rampaging through the streets of Phola Park, firing into shacks. They are meeting weak resistance from the squatters.

A strong police contingent arrives and moves into the area as violence threatens to spill over to Alrode South and Eden Park. The police, who had been watching, start firing teargas and rubber bullets.

Squatters try to flee across the veld to Alrode South, followed by their attackers. The police action forces the Zulus to retreat, and they make their way back to Mshayazafe hostel. In the melee, several Zulus are stabbed by their own side.

In the aftermath of the attack, bodies are strewn among the burning shacks. There are pools of blood everywhere and two minibuses are still burning 15 minutes later. Police later confirm that 22 people died. More bodies are expected to be recovered in shacks and in the veld.

Women and children have started packing their bags and are leaving the area. Two police helicopters hover above both Phola Park and the hostels as police and military trucks rumble through the squatter camp.

The old Vereeniging road and Alrode South are cordoned by police and traffic officers. Motorists are urged to use alternative routes.

In talks that follow the violence, the African National Congress and Inkatha leaders agree to

appeal to their members to stop the carnage. The two sides in the meeting, chaired by Lieutenant General Louw Malan, undertake to encourage a spirit of political tolerance.

East Rand police representative Warrant Officer Wikus Webber yesterday confirmed a death toll of 146 in Thokoza, Katlehong and Tembisa. He said Thokoza had accounted for 124 of the total deaths since the violence began two weeks ago. Police and army reinforcements have been sent into the area, in an all-out effort to halt the violence.

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East Rand death toll climbs to 124

PRETORIA. — Five more bodies have been found in violence-racked Thokoza on the East Rand, police said in yesterday's unrest report.

The bodies were found on Wednesday morning. No more deaths were reported yesterday and police said East and West Rand townships were quiet.

The week of carnage left at least 124 dead in Thokoza and Phola Park.

Media reports of 20 deaths a day on the East Rand in political violence during December were wrong, the SA Institute of Race Relations said yesterday.

The figures were supplied by the SAIRR in a preliminary report on Wednesday.

On the basis of police fatality figures, the average daily death rate was closer to 12. The institute regretted any confusion surrounding the incorrect figure. — Sapa

MANDELA, BUTHELEZI AND VLOK VISIT WAR-TORN THOKOZA

A peace visit that brought only tension

By PHILIPPA GARSON

THE visit by ANC and Inkatha leaders to the worn-torn East Rand township of Thokoza this week, seemed to heighten rather than diffuse tensions between embattled residents.

Both kwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela were in the area at the same time, but did not meet to jointly address residents.

While Buthelezi, accompanied by Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok, addressed about 4 000 Inkatha supporters in the grounds of the Thokoza council offices, a second delegation was making its way slowly towards the same area. Organised by the South African Council of Churches, top political and church leaders toured the war-ravaged squatter camps of Zonk'izizwe, Phola Park, Thokoza and the Natalspruit Hospital, where scores of people lay injured with panga and bullet wounds.

Mandela and his wife, Winnie, SACC general secretary Reverend Frank Chikane, South African Communist Party leader Joe Slovo, Reverend Alan Boesak and former Democratic Party co-leader Wynand Malan were among those who weaved their way through Phola Park, swamped by thousands of ardent supporters. Burnt-out shacks, hand grenades and bullets were shown to the group as evidence of an Inkatha onslaught allegedly aided by police.

When the delegation reached the Thokoza hostels, Inkatha supporters, who had been addressed by Buthelezi two hours before, refused them access, hurling abuse at Mandela's team. At one stage an angry group began to march slowly towards the cars and buses transporting the delegation.

People bearing placards saying "the ANC is killing our people" dispersed after police intervened.

While renewed attacks seemed unlikely amid the heavy police and army presence, there was undisguised animosity between the two sides, sparked by the heightened emotion of the arrival of the two leaders.

Mandela did not address the disappointed crowds thronging around him and refused to answer questions from the media, saying the delegation was headed by the SACC.

Several Phola Park residents told how armed Inkatha members, allegedly assisted by the police, had attacked them in minibuses.

There was high drama when the tin roofs on which people were seated collapsed. Mandela was standing a mere two metres away.

At the Inkatha gathering Buthelezi, helped onto a small ladder by Vlok, addressed Inkatha supporters wearing red headbands and carrying sharp weapons.

The two men, who arrived by helicopter at 8.30am, were friendly and polite to each other.

Buthelezi called for an urgent end to the violence. He gave a detailed explanation as to why he accepted Vlok's invitation but declined the SACC's.

He said that while urgent constitutional meetings were underway in Ulundi, he nevertheless



Peace bid... Inkatha Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi in Thokoza on Tuesday

decided to visit the East Rand for the morning, after a delegation from Thokoza came to see him about the violence which has claimed the lives of almost 90 people since the weekend.

Buthelezi said he was "bewildered" by the invitation to join the SACC-led mission. "I do not know when plans were first drawn up but I do know that they were drawn up without any reference to me and any discussions with me about my availability for such a tour."

He said he declined the invitation with "great regret" because of his afternoon commitments. However, the SACC delegation was well under way by the time he finished speaking.

Buthelezi said he understood that Mandela had declined an invitation to join himself and Vlok, because of his commitment to the SACC tour.

He called for an end to the violence which "destroys the prospects of negotiations succeeding". Inkatha had been falsely blamed for the violence, Buthelezi said, which had not been ordered by the Inkatha leadership.

He said the Reef violence was sparked by ethnic rather than political rivalry, and blamed its causes on the "country-wide campaigns of the ANC, SACP, UDF, Cosatu alliance in July directed at the disbanding of the kwaZulu Police and cam-



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paigns for the dismantling of the kingdom of kwaZulu".

The Zulu leader said this was an affront to the Zulu nation and he could understand his supporters' "inalienable right" to defend themselves.

Showing his stick to the crowd, Buthelezi said it was Zulu custom for men to carry them.

Vlok briefly addressed the crowd, appealing for calm and stressing that despite allegations of collusion between the police and Inkatha, there was no proof of this. The security forces, he said, were under strict instructions to remain impartial and to protect the lives and property of the community. His statements about police impartiality were met with angry hisses from the crowd.

Vlok later told journalists that it was of "utmost importance" that Mandela and Buthelezi meet. It was strange, and a pity, that so many allegations had been made against the police by both Inkatha and the ANC, he said.

When asked if it was not of primary importance that he meet Mandela, Buthelezi said it would be simplistic to assume that a meeting between the two leaders would end the violence.

The Inkatha supporters then took to the streets, girating wildly, singing and brandishing their spears — despite their leader's plea for peace.

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His horrifying sequence of photographs — taken from video footage in the Thokoza street war between township and hostel dwellers.

The footage was shot by a camera crew which, in an extraordinary show of courage, stood its ground taking fire and captured the full battle taking place around them. We have decided not to name them for their own protection.

This week police vehemently denied allegations from both sides in the conflict that they were being partial. We leave it to readers to judge these pictures, taken on the evening of Sunday, December 2, which show:

• Police discover two men wounded in the conflict and call in a police medic to examine them. Then, inexplicably, they abandon them to be savagely beaten and stabbed by an "impi". They make no attempt to stop or disarm the impi and there is no apparent explanation for abandoning the injured men. Eyewitnesses claim the police left the men when it was discovered they were not Zulus.

• A running battle between "comrades" and the hostel dwellers' "impi" in which police watch passively as the impi attacks and only intervene when comrades repel the hostel dwellers with an AK-47. Having repulsed the comrades, the police leave the scene of the attack, allowing the impi to continue its attack. Despite being within a few metres of the attacking impi, the police make no effort to stop or disarm the men. This impi went on to clash with residents of the Phola Park squatter camp in a night-long battle that left 69 people dead.

These pictures appear today in a number of international publications — which is supported by eyewitness accounts — which is being investigated by the Ministry of Law and Order.

Given the video earlier this week, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said yesterday he could not comment in full "without first consulting those police officers and other personnel involved on the ground in Thokoza".

He added that the footage "is without doubt susceptible to various interpretations". Earlier this week, the SA Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria said police were being blamed daily for their impartiality. "These allegations have been repeatedly and thoroughly investigated and to date absolutely no proof has been found."

"Repeated calls on people, who have made these allegations, to assist the police in their investigations and provide proof about them have come up with naught."

"It would appear as if these allegations are being made with the exclusive purpose of discrediting the SAP and as propaganda by people with ulterior motives."

The *Weekly Mail* responded to this statement by sending an unedited copy of the video to the minister and inviting him to comment.

Two representatives of the Human Rights Commission, Dr Max Coleman and Geoff Budlender, viewed the video this week and said they agreed with *The Weekly Mail's* interpretation.

"We express our deep concern at what we have seen and await with great interest what the minister of law and order will have to say about it."

All of the pictures were taken in a small area of the East Rand township within the space of about 20 minutes. *The Weekly Mail* has investigated their authenticity and has affirmed that the video has not been tampered with.

THE USUAL CARNAGE

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Within sight of suburban Alberton and the factories of Alrode, a bitter war has been raging. Last week, the *FM* reported that 110 people had died in two weeks of violence; by early this week that toll was rapidly climbing towards 160.

Many workers have stayed home for much of the past fortnight — protecting homes and families, stranded without transport, burying family members, simply terrified to move.

The latest wave of fighting appears to be rooted in an incident on Friday last week, when four men from Phola Park took a taxi to Johannesburg. The taxi took them instead into the nearby Zulu-dominated Tembisa hostel, where they were held hostage and reportedly murdered. The *FM* witnessed police in Caspurs racing away from well-known Phola Park community leaders who tried to flag them down to ask them to rescue the men.

By late Friday afternoon, armed men were grouped around Phola Park discussing how to deal with the situation.

Peace talks took place at Thokoza police station late on Tuesday. However, the level of mistrust that now pervades the township, hostels and squatter areas will need more than one round of talks to eradicate.

No one appears to trust the police, neither side feels protected.

A major peace tour of the township was scheduled for Wednesday, involving ANC leader Nelson Mandela, leading church representatives and diplomats, among others. Late on Tuesday, the private secretary of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Godfrey Dlamini, said the KwaZulu chief minister had not yet had time to respond to the invitation he received "late Monday" and that he was busy entertaining guests.

Transvaal Inkatha organiser Humphrey Ndlovu told the *FM* on Tuesday that since the weekend, more than 20 Zulus (some of them members of Inkatha) had died, including one of his own relatives in the Thokoza hostel.

Inquest told of identity parade pics

A WITNESS in the inquest into the September 4 massacre at Sebokeng Hostel said yesterday he had only been shown pictures in which six people appeared at an identification parade after the event.

Mr Zamide Ludidi, in a statement made on September 19, indicated he had identified 12 people but this was contradicted by his evidence in court in Vereeniging yesterday.

Ludidi told Mr Lionel Lapidos, who appeared for Inkatha, that he had only been shown five photographs at the identification parade and was

told to return to the police station.

When he returned to Sebokeng Police Station the next day he was shown no other photograph and heard that people were paraded in front of "a glass", but he did not take part in this exercise.

Lapidos also submitted that Ludidi left Sebokeng Hostel after 4.30am on September 4 after hearing gunshots. He could not have had a good look at the men in the group, who had attacked the hostel and fired shots.

In a statement on September 11, Ludidi said he had seen two of the attackers fire shots at a per-

son and then run away.

Ludidi fled and returned to Sebokeng at about 7.30am when he saw a group wearing red headbands.

"They took clothes from a dry cleaner, took meat and cold drinks and bananas and ate them," he said.

He also said he had seen a "white man" in the group who instructed the men to sit down.

Under cross-examination by Mr Anton Ackerman, who is leading evidence for the Attorney-General, Ludidi said it was not a European but "a black and white man".

The inquest continues today. - Sapa.

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NOBODY is any longer sure about the actual cause of the violence in the East Rand township of Tokoza and surrounding areas.

So many people have died in recent months that violent death has become common in the area.

In the first 11 days of this month, an average of 20 people a day were being killed, according to unofficial statistics collated by the South African Institute of Race Relations.

Many of the victims - injured and displaced - this week spoke of unprovoked attacks by roaming brigades of Inkatha members who destroyed, maimed and slaughtered everything and everybody in their path.

Others spoke of retaliatory attacks by "Xhosas" or "Xhosa-speaking residents" who patrol the townships on search and destroy missions that leave many innocent people destitute or dead.

One resident who is homeless and has been provided with temporary shelter at Natalspuit Hospital spoke of an Inkatha attack. She had a gaping wound on the head that had turned septic.

"They came in the night and asked me to produce my Inkatha membership card. When I told them I did not have one they started hitting me until I dropped."

Another told of an Inkatha attack: "They came at night. They took everything I owned. Then took me to a hostel. One of the inmates had to plead with them not to kill me."

Yet another told of a group of Xhosas who came to her shack: "I am a Zulu. A group of Xhosas came to my shack and said they wanted to kill Zulus. When they eventually left about R2 000 had disappeared."

Wards 5 and 6 at Natalspuit Hospital look more like a war transit camp. Men of all ages lie limbless, some with shut, swollen eyes and others lie half-naked with wounds emitting puss while catheters and intercostal drains stick out of their sides and necks.



By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

his way to work on Tuesday morning when a group of men with red headbands accosted him. When they learnt he could not speak Zulu they pounced on him. He is a Zimbabwean.

Like many people in the area, this young man has a forlorn look in his eyes when you ask him what he thinks will stop the carnage.

There is almost unanimity among the beleaguered residents that only a meeting between ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Kwazulu Chief Minister and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi would stop the violence.

Mythology

In Greek mythology there is a legend about two monsters on either side of the Straits of Messina, off the coast of Italy, called the Scylla and the Charybdis.

It is believed that to swing away from the Scylla, seafarers are bound to get caught in a whirlpool - the Charybdis.

The people in the townships (across the country for that matter), where Zulu and Xhosa clashes have been reported, are stuck between these two monsters - and there appears to be no way out.

At the end of the day-long tour arranged by the South African Council of Churches on Wednesday, the Rev Frank Chikane explained the predicament that Mandela and Buthelezi are caught in.

Chikane believes there is a serious attempt to undermine any efforts by the SACC and ANC - especially Mandela - to make peace in trouble areas when it is in fact the police who should stop the violence.

"How can the Government al-



A body is carried away by residents during this week's violence in Tokoza.

heavily armed - and raid, plunder and murder on their way then march away, and then not arrest them?

"If the same group of people marched on State interests they would not last 10 minutes," said Chikane.

He suggests that it is not in the interest of Government to quell the violence.

"The last time Mandela went to Natal and told people to stop fighting it worsened.

"The State is trying to prove how little influence he (Mandela) has instead of helping to stop the violence," Chikane said.

Meanwhile, Buthelezi is not very helpful either. While he declined the invitation by the SACC to join the tour to the East Rand, he arranged his own visit with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok earlier on the same day.

Buthelezi addressed Zulus at Madala Hostel and later in the day,

the SACC tour, which included Mandela, was refused entry to the mostly Zulu hostel by the police, Chikane said.

However, at the hostels the cry went out: "Tell Mandela to go home. Our leader (Buthelezi) has come to speak to us already. We don't want Mandela or the ANC, tell him to go and speak to Buthelezi."

Hostel dwellers, one wearing a T-shirt of the Inkatha leader, carried posters accusing Mandela and the ANC for the death of Zulus, most of them were armed with so-called traditional weapons and the police stood and watched as the SACC tour was asked to leave.

So, while the Zulu hostel dwellers are fighting Xhosa residents, Mandela and Buthelezi still debate on whether or not to meet and the police stand by and watch, death and destruction continue to wreak havoc through the dusty dykes and dongas of squatter communities.

A young man said he was on low hundreds of people to march

Police seen

kicking ANC

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Political Reporter

ANC president Oliver Tambo's homecoming was marred when an ANC supporter was assaulted by policemen at Jan Smuts Airport while the huge crowd dispersed yesterday.

Marshals and journalists hastened to the scene, where four officers were seen kicking the man as he lay on the ground.

Policemen said he had sworn at them.

The man, who appeared to be intoxicated, resisted arrest but was eventually bundled into a police vehicle as onlookers shouted in anger.

A woman said quietly: "Is this the new South Africa?"

A photographer of the British newspaper The Independent was escorted from the scene by a policeman.

The photographer, one of several who took pictures of the ugly scene, told The Star: "He is arresting me. I don't know why."

Other photographers shouted abuse at the policemen as they threatened to confiscate cameras and film.

Police refused to comment, referring all inquiries to the police public liaison department. There, a spokesman said a press statement was being prepared.

However, the statement which was subsequently released made no reference to this particular incident.

Witness changes mind under examination

By Thabo Leshilo

14/12/90

A witness who claimed to have seen Inkatha members attack Sebokeng Hostel residents on September 4, admitted under cross-examination yesterday that he could not have seen the men.

Zamile Ludidi (26) had said in his statement to the inquest investigating 42 deaths at the hostel that he had heard shots being fired into hostel rooms at about 4.30 am. He had later left his room in Hostel 3 and stood near the door from where he

had seen the attackers about 50 m away.

"The group called me but I suspected that they were the attackers. I ran away, turned around a block and saw two attackers who fired shots at a person and I continued running."

He sought refuge at a hostel block that houses employees of Iscor.

Mr Ludidi said he had returned to Hostel 3 at about 7.30 am and had seen the attackers wearing red headbands

Police were already at the scene.

The men allegedly removed clothes from a dry-cleaning depot and helped themselves to food. They also hurled apples at a crowd at the hostel. Mr Mpunguse and Mr Ntshangase, hostel dwellers whom he knew very well, were with the men.

Among the Inkatha men was a "white man" who had ordered them to sit down. The man was at some stage defined as a "black and white man," much to the amazement of the court.

"A black and white man must

be a new breed in Vereeniging," Judge Eddie Stafford, chairman of the inquest, remarked.

However, it emerged during cross-examination by the prosecutor, Anton Ackerman, that Mr Ludidi, a Xhosa-speaking person, had actually meant "a light complexioned black man".

Mr Ludidi agreed that the 12 men he had identified as the attackers at a photo parade held on September 19 were actually people he had seen after returning to Hostel 3. He also agreed that the men were not shooting when he saw them.

A light in the heart of darkness

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In the midst of a war that metres out death daily in East Rand townships, there is a place where the wounded take refuge. HELEN GRANGE looks at Natalspruit Hospital.

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Of more than six months, Natalspruit Hospital, nestled between Tokoza and Kalebong townships south of Alberton, has moved from one crisis to another.

The surgical wards, where traumatised victims of the ongoing township violence are treated, have been full to capacity for months — occupied mostly by young men suffering gunshot wounds and injuries from sharp instruments.

While doctors and medical staff work around the clock to save lives, thousands of teenagers bed down nightly in the hospital foyer and corridors.

The situation is chronic and has been the case even before the first spate of violence in July, says acting superintendent Dr Ronnie Mitchell.

Deaths occur every day in the hospital, although there has been no time for the staff to count them. The patients die mostly of gunshot and stab wounds in their vital organs.

One of the most pressing problems facing Natalspruit Hospital is the availability of beds, says Dr Mitchell.

"We are trying to keep the patient numbers as low as possible in order to deal with the next stream of patients. Many of the patients get transferred to other hospitals," he says.

The hospital has also given overnight shelter to thousands of refugees. They sleep on the floors but hamper the movement of nurses and doctors.

Says Dr Christiana Joubert, a temporary superintendent from Bargwanath Hospital: "The refugees cause enormous problems but we cannot throw them out. We've got hearts, and we simply have to accommodate these poor people." When possible, the hospital feeds the refugees.



Dying all around us, every day... but the staff at Natalspruit hospital have no time to keep count. Most of those who die, die of gunshot and stab wounds.

For the overworked black staff, it is not only in the interests of the patients that the bloodshed must end.

Every day that they arrive at work to save the lives of others, they must cope with the impact of war on their own lives. Many fear that their children, left behind in the townships, will be killed by the time

they return home.

"This situation has presented enormous strain on our staff, but they keep coming to work to treat the wounded. Medical people are a very special breed," says Dr Joubert.

There is no space for the faint-hearted in Natalspruit Hospital, where children as young as four must be treated

for gunshot and back wounds.

"The injuries are often messy and end in death. Obviously the victims are traumatised, but our staff are trained to deal with this," Dr Joubert says.

The fullness of the war in surrounding townships is felt acutely by everyone in the hospital. There is no sense of division as patients, whether Xhosa, Zulu

or any other ethnic division, are ushered together into wards.

"We are medical officers and exercise no discrimination with our patients. Our job is only to treat their wounds. When people are sick or injured, everything depends on us," says Dr Joubert. "I told (Nelson) Mandela this week that there must be peace here because we cannot

cope with this indefinitely."

Natalspruit Hospital has, this year, coped with casualties of the most dreadful violence.

Figures released by the SA Institute of Race Relations have estimated that an average of 20 people die each day in fighting in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Kalebong, Vosloorus and Tembisa.

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In August, at the height of the bloodshed, Natalspruit Hospital had to cope with over 200 more patients than the 1000 for which it is equipped.

"We have been living from one crisis to the next, not knowing when it will get worse. Monday and Tuesday this week were particularly bad days. At the moment, we have 760 pa-

tients," says Dr Joubert.

Despite the death and gloom, which doesn't appear to be lessening as Christmas approaches, there is still time for light-heartedness in Natalspruit Hospital.

"The fact is that once a hospital is built, it never closes its doors. I suspect we'll be busy for a long time to come," says Dr Joubert. □

Picture: David Sandison.

New deal for townships

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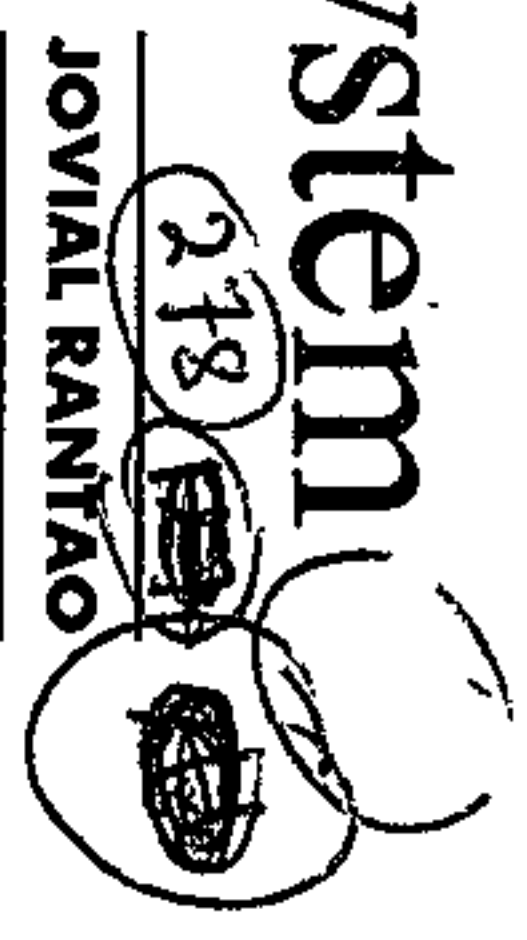
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WHAT kind of man would risk his life and that of his family plus damage to his property for a position in a black local authority?

"It is the kind of man who has the interest of the community at heart. It is the man who is prepared to do everything, including dying, for the welfare of the people he leads," says M J Khumalo, mayor of Diepmeadow who is one of the few councillors who have refused to resign from black local authorities.

Mr Khumalo, asked why he would not resign, said he would only do so when he was convinced that a better town council would replace his — "the people who replace us must serve our commu-

nity as loyally as we do".

Mr Khumalo, a long-serving Diepmeadow councillor before being elected mayor this year, said councillors also agreed that local authorities, based on race, must go.

"We've agreed that this racist system must go. However, we are also saying that, until the black authorities are done away with, we should be allowed to continue serving the community. It's no use asking us to resign because we will probably be replaced by a (white) administrator who will not be elected by the masses," Mr

Khumalo said.

Mr Khumalo said when the new constitution was being drawn up, the reconstitution of local authorities should top the agenda.

He was not worried about threats made by the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal that they would boycott businesses of councillors who refused to resign.

He dismissed the threats as undemocratic. "And I'm not saying this out of arrogance — but from my convictions."

● Mr Khumalo's Diepmeadow Town Council still has all its 20 councillors intact. So does the Soweto City Council.

'Help us before we all die'

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By KHULU SIBIYA, Editor

WE came, saw - and left depressed. Not so much by the squalid conditions and human deprivation that greeted us as we entered Zonke'zwe, Phola Park and neighbouring squatter camps, but more by the gloom and despair written all over the faces of people in dire straits.

"Please help us out of this place. We don't care how you do it as long as we are out of here before all of us die," was a common plea.

Half-burnt houses with broken windows and gutted shacks are common sights as you enter the area. The stench that gives you an immediate headache is less of a problem than the faces of anger, despair and resignation.

Novelist Nadine Gordimer and columnist Jon Qwelane, my companions during the day-long tour of the area, lacked words to describe the living conditions in this ghetto.

I thought I had seen it all in my lifetime until I stepped into Phola Park.

The army looks far from being a peace-keeping force. Their strategic positions, stern faces and ready-to-use R-4 rifles were enough to scare any war veteran.

But the irony of it all was that a few metres away, people engaged in war walk freely and openly, brandishing weapons, without the authorities raising an eyebrow.

Opposite a destroyed shack, a bold sign proclaims: "Freedom Street Beer, R2,50. Locks and Keys, R10 and R20. Sold Here."



Members of the delegation which was invited by the SACC to tour war-torn Thokoza this week. Pic: BONGANI MNGUNI

nage by whatever means available at their disposal, but to try to bring sanity to the black community.

The mission, like many others before it, was a total failure. It failed because the main player in the game, Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, turned down an invitation to be part of it.

On SABC-TV on Tuesday night, Buthelezi said he was a busy man and could not be summoned to join a delegation. Instead, the KwaZulu Chief Minister travelled with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok on the same day as the SACC delegation to the East Rand two hours before.

The damage was done. The crowd that listened to Buthelezi and Vlok first were less interested in listening to Nelson Mandela and the SACC delegation that followed three hours later.

Also, the SACC organisers created more problems at Phola Park by allowing anti-Inkatha speakers - who are perceived as Xhosa - to address the delegation about the problems they have encountered.

That this move created more division and tension between the ANC and the Inkatha movement - now termed the Xhosa and the Zulus - was evident.

It did not matter what Buthelezi told his audience - whether he called for peace and reconciliation or not - the fact that he decided to go it alone, and worse still in the company of Vlok, caused irreparable damage.

The angry, Zulu-speaking demonstrators outside the hostel who prevented Mandela and the SACC delegation from addressing them, had been set up.

It is hard to accept, but the truth of the matter is that the ANC is perceived in that part of the world as a Xhosa movement and Inkatha as nothing else but a Zulu organisation.

This perception, although strenuously denied by black politicians, and deliberately under-played by the media, is now reaching alarming proportions.

And until such time as the black nation addresses this problem we must brace ourselves for a protracted ethnic war.

A seven-year-old boy I spoke to at the Natalspruit hospital refugee camp brought tears to my eyes - not so much about his plight and that of his four-year-old sister who are traumatised by homelessness after having to flee their home in the middle of the night and seeing their home going up in flames, but more so for not knowing the reasons for the war.

His name is Vusi. He is Zulu, but he says he ran away from the Zulus.

Next week is Christmas. As a little gesture, I will host Vusi and his little sister in my home. It is a temporary measure, I know, but at least they will have a decent shelter and a decent meal.

IT started with tea and scones at the South African Council of Churches' offices in Marshall Street, Johannesburg — and ended in much the same way.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, decked in a dayglo green shirt, offered ritual handshakes and leathery smiles as the who's who of left-wing politics filed three by three into Khotso House.

But the man whose hand would have added meaning to an otherwise generally meaningless day, was conspicuous by his absence. Inkatha leader Dr Mangosothu Buthelezi was too busy to join the SACC's peace safari to the East Rand killing fields on Wednesday.

Instead, he and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok took an early-morning helicopter ride to the war-ravaged townships, adding fuel to the fire of those who increasingly complain of collaboration between Inkatha and the SAP.

The SACC's general secretary, the Reverend Frank Chikane, was disappointed that the chief minister could not make his tour two hours later.

Invitations had been sent out four days before, by fax, and a perplexed Mr Chikane told guests over a cup of Ceylon's finest that he was sure "everyone" must have received the invitations by Monday morning at the latest.

TRUTH

In the end, Dr Buthelezi indicated he could not join the tour "at such short notice". His visit with Mr Vlok may have been "an old plan he couldn't change", said Mr Chikane.

But that was not the case. Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze told the Sunday Times that Mr Vlok and Dr Buthelezi planned their trip only the "previous evening".

So Mr Chikane and his 60-strong party set off sadly to stop the fighting and seek the truth about the week's township toll without the chief minister.

At Zonk'izizwe — the largest squatter camp on the Reef — things were unusually quiet.

The peace corps alighted from the air-conditioned coach and milled around uncertainly. They chatted among themselves and nodded sagely as Dr Allan Boesak explained that he was there neither as churchman or politician, but in response to a beckoning from God.

Mr Mandela and mother-of-the-nation Winnie did not leave their car. Instead, they dispensed Charles-and-Di-like smiles and waves to the adoring throng staring into their fish bowl.

A walk on the WILD SIDE



DOMINIC JONES goes on peace safari with Mandela

Then the tour guide ordered everyone back into the bus. A journalist tried to explain that she had it wrong and that the second bus had not yet even arrived.

But she was having none of it and bus No 1 set off solo in the direction of Phola Park, its occupants none the wiser about the death and terror that stalk the sprawling shanty community near Heidelberg.

Phola Park, the squatter camp that has taken root beside the Alberton township of Thokoza, was still mourning the deaths of 13 people killed the day before.

Had Mr and Mrs Mandela braved the obstacle course, they would have come to a halt at a muddy junction and looked across a water-filled trench at the burnt-out ruins of a shack.

"We have found someone who lived in one of the shacks; maybe we should ask him to tell us what happened," said Mr Chikane, fighting to be heard above the sudden din of cameramen's feet on sheets of corrugated iron as they fought for the best angle to make the nightly TV news.

A young man said he was the first person to be shot in the 8am attack.

"It was a blue kombi. The attackers opened fire at random. A white man got out of the kombi and started firing wildly into the rows of

shacks and scattered men, women and children," he intoned.

A wave of toyi-toying, banner-waving supporters made a sudden, loud appearance, signalling that Madiba had decided to leave his car after all and do some fact-finding of his own.

As the TV crews jostled for position a few minutes of chaos ensued, but eventually, the delegation moved back to the centre of the camp where about 1 000 residents were chanting "ANC, ANC" and responding vigorously to Mr Mandela's clenched-fist salutes.

It took the affable Mr Chikane some 15 minutes to gain their attention, but no sooner had the speeches started than they had to stop. The roofs of two shacks chose this moment to collapse under the weight of enthusiastic youths who had sought a better vantage point.

The next leg of the tour — which was fast becoming reminiscent of the annual Bob Hope roadshow to whatever war zone GIs happen to find themselves in at Christmas — was Thokoza.

Scores of ANC supporters lined the streets leading to Hostel No 1 — Inkatha territory. The Zulu stronghold was deliberately included in the itinerary to allow the group to get both sides of the war story.

SURVIVORS

But the Zulus were in no mood for talking. The convoy was stopped by a group of placard-bearing Inkatha members shouting: "Go back! Go back, it is the ANC and the church that is killing us."

SA Communist Party secretary-general Joe Slovo shook his head in disbelief and the caravan rolled on.

The final stop was Natalspruit hospital, where Mr Mandela had a 45-minute chat with superintendents before entering the ward of the wounded.

He spoke softly to the survivors, took the hand of a taxi-driver swathed in bandages and wished him a speedy recovery.

At another bed, Mrs Mandela whispered to a young man lying motionless on his side. A nurse said the man was too heavily sedated to hear and she moved on.

So Nelson Mandela went east in the hope of bringing peace and returned with little more than the hope of another — and by now much-needed — cup of tea.

And Chief Buthelezi missed out on the feather-light scones that were waiting at Khotso House as the tour de farce came to an end.

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THAT'S RIGHT ... a smiling Dr Mangosutho Buthelezi seems to approve of Minister Adriaan Vlok's message to reporters at Thokoza ...

Mass action over assault on children

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WHITE rightwingers employed in Venda are facing mass demonstrations and expulsions following the assault in Louis Trichardt of children relaxing in a park two weeks ago.

In the first physical show of anger in the area, more than 300 youths and workers converged on two shops on Tuesday to demand that whites said to have participated in the assault be brought to them for a revenge assault.

Yesterday, a crowd of more than 100 gathered at Captain Cool restaurant to demand that two whites should go.

The two left the premises hurriedly.

The crowd then marched to Vhavenda Bricks, where they also demanded that a right-

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

winger who was allegedly involved in the assaults on children should also go.

It also emerged yesterday that many senior Conservative Party members employed in Venda, including Louis Trichardt mayor Mr Louis Holtzhausen, have taken hasty leaves to avoid the growing feeling of revulsion caused by both the beatings and the CP's apparent support for the alleged perpetrators.

Holtzhausen was not available yesterday.

Officials at Agrieven refused to comment on his absence and that of chief executive officer Mr Pieter Oosthuisen, also said to be a CP member.

A reliable source said while Oosthuisen had ap-

plied for leave late last week, Holtzhausen had "just disappeared".

The simmering anger over the assaults came to the boil when two whites employed by Wanda Furnishers and Style and Value, Mr Korea de Wet and Mr Barend Jordaan respectively, went missing after police announced the arrests of 12 rightwingers for the assaults.

Jordaan appeared in court on Monday with eight others.

Police announced that three other men also arrested in connection with the matter had been released.

When both men reappeared at their work places on Tuesday angry people gathered at the two shops. They were immediately escorted out of Venda.



Most people do not know what lies behind the conflict. They are only fighting for their own protection and survival.



This month over 20 people have died each day in violent Reef clashes.

A WAR

Squatt

TOWNSHIPS with large squatter settlements appear to be the flashpoints of violence plaguing the Reef.

The violence is worse when there is a hostel in the area.

Squatter camps, which spring up overnight in some established Reef townships, are known to be predominantly Xhosa, while most township hostels are known as Zulu strongholds.

But where do squatter communities really come from? Observations show squatter camps are largely inhabited by men and women driven by hunger from the Transkei, Ciskei and parts of rural Natal.

The majority are women who have come to the Reef to be near their men working in the cities.

Because of the nature of the influx, Xhosas from either the Transkei or Ciskei tend to group together in one squatter settlement, while Zulu squatters are mostly concentrated around the hostels.

As a result of this, an unwritten law has divided the two groups along tribal lines - and this is how the battle lines are drawn. This has also unwittingly been interpreted as a polarisation between the ANC and Inkatha.

City Press also noted the majority of

people embroiled in the really know why they are only fighting protection and survival.

In Xhosa-dominated areas like Phola Park, the conflict preceded by rumours of Zulu attack, which spread fear among the community.

Then there would be counter-attacks and final seen in Phola Park this year. Political observers have "Third Force" for being a similar pattern character squatter communities.

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Mandela Village and in Kaitshong are no exception.

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■ Bickersdal, a township with the largest squatter population in the West Rand, is also caught up in the strife. ■ This week it was Thokoza's turn (the Phola Park squatter camp is in this area) and a top level delegation, including ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok visited the area. Vlok declared Kaitlshong, Vosloorus, Thokoza and Bickersdal unrest areas early this month. All these areas, with the exception of Vosloorus, have large squatter communities. There are huge hostel complexes in Vosloorus, Kaitlshong, Thokoza and Bickersdal. At least 220 people have been killed in squatter communities since the beginning of this month.

The South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) this week said an average of 20 people were killed a day in squatter camp violence this month alone - double the average number of

daily deaths for the whole country this year.

During a visit to the trouble-torn East Rand townships this week, SAIRR director Dr John Kane-Berman said the squalid living conditions and high rate of unemployment were contributing factors.

Azapo president Imameleeng Moseala said violence has been concentrated at squatter camps largely because of the socio-economic hardships faced by the people there.

"It has become obvious that reform is largely geared at promoting the interests of the system. Squatter camp people have not benefited anything from it and this has turned camps into a terrain of fighting," said Moseala.

"The squatter camps will be focal points of this violence because in that way the system can somehow protect its interests and in the process entrench itself further."

Moseala added he had no doubt this violence would not be stopped in the near future.

"A sight-seeing tour of conditions in squatter camps will not stop the carnage in squatter camps."

The media, he said, could be blamed for the continued violence, as it continued stressing the tribal factor.

"Solutions lie in the church and political and other interested parties following up their visits to the affected areas with a programme of action to implement ideas they have come up with."

This was echoed by chairman of the ANC East Rand region, Cyril Janjies, who said the SACC-organised tour would enable various leaders to assess the situation for themselves.

"A lot of confusion surrounds the reasons behind the violence in squatter camps and as a result people do not really know what is happening there, despite what the media says," Janjies said.

Janjies said violence had engulfed squatter communities following the displacement of former hostel dwellers.

"Most inmates from the hostels moved into squatter camps following the battles in the compounds. But it seems that the war has followed them."

INDILE MEMELA

Pictures by BONGANI MNGUNI



Where to now? Refugees flee the violence which the media conveniently label as 'tribal'.



No hope? ... some observers say the clashes will not end soon.

18 AK-47s seized at Thokoza hostel

THEO RAWANA

POLICE yesterday seized 18 AK-47 rifles and a large number of other weapons at the Thokoza hostel where angry residents last week turned away a top-level SA Council of Churches delegation, including ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela.

Sapa reports that police and SADF members arrested four men after finding the AK-47s, an assortment of pistols, a large quantity of ammunition and dynamite sticks during a search.

A man was arrested at Thokoza's Phola Park squatter camp after an AK-47 was found in a vehicle. 10^{am} 17/12/90

Fighting between Zulu and Xhosa residents of the township has claimed more than 60 lives in the past two weeks.

Police spokesman Capt R. Bloomberg said yesterday Mozambican refugees were responsible for the growing influx of guns into SA. He said no organisation was responsible for the smuggling of arms.

In other incidents at the weekend, police arrested a woman and three men in Oudtshoorn's Brixton township after a police vehicle was stoned.

According to the police unrest report released to Sapa, a policeman was injured when he was bitten by one of the suspects during the arrest.

In Zamdela, near Sasolburg, two houses were set alight and in Umzinto, Durban, a cinema was gutted by arsonists.

In Bekkersdal on the West Rand, police found the body of a man with hack wounds.

Arms cache seized

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POLICE and South African Defence Force members, yesterday seized a large quantity of arms and arrested four men during a search at Tokoza hostel on the East Rand, a police spokesman said.

Police liaison officer Capt. Ruben Bloomberg said police found 18 AK-47 rifles, an assortment of other pistols, a large quantity of ammunition and dynamite sticks.

Tokoza has been the scene of violent clashes between ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

ANC deputy president Mr. Nelson Mandela and a delegation of prominent political, religious and business leaders were refused entrance to the hostel by Inkatha supporters while on a peace tour of the area organised by the South African Council of Churches last week.

Bloomberg said police were investigating.

Meanwhile, the body of a man with hack wounds was found at Bekkersdal on the West Rand, the Police Division of Public Relations said in its unrest report issued yesterday. - Sapa.

Tokoza broke my heart

THIS has been the most difficult end of year piece to put together. The reason is perhaps that the trip to Tokoza last week dropped the scales of utter ignorance from my eyes.

Why, why I ask myself have I been so blind I am so desperately unhappy, so filled with compassion for my people.

I am filled with questions, with doubts, with the almost impossible job of making sense of this wretchedness.

It was in my bewilderment, my helpless search for some meaning that I came across the following:

cut down by bullets that year.

I have lived through the terror of the "necklace" and have the experience of little boys threatening me with a box of matches.

I think I know what makes hapless people to dance the toyi-toyi, to be so angry, so impotently furious at the wretchedness of it all.

I have seen youngsters in Duda township (who ever remembers that place today?) willing in a nihilistic-fashion to self-destruct.

I know all these thi-

ngs, and more. But the trip to Tokoza last week dropped the scales from my eyes, thrust me out of an Ivory Tower of intellectual consideration of peoples' problems.

Hostels

You have to go to Phola Park, to Zonk'ezizwe, to the damaged hostels in those areas. Otherwise you do not know what is happening in this country.

To think that the shacktowns of the East Rand, perhaps in Crossroads, etc, and their

what is happening to over 80 percent of the inhabitants of this country, is to bring a cold sweat of despair to the brow

I almost forgot. I know Alexandra township from the old days. I went there not too long ago. It is a disgrace. Frankly, a shame to have such terrible deprivation smack in the middle of the wealthiest suburbs in South Africa.

I watched a television programme about black violence in America. I was reminded of violence in other parts of Africa and the Third World.

A grave injustice has been done. A grave injustice to mankind. The

fact that the God I believe in stillness of His Grace still allows us to go this way is a terrible mystery, also a great frustration.

What is it, Sir, we should do? Is it perhaps true that we have a curse on us that we have become not the wretched on this earth, but an insult to humanity? I don't know. But I will keep on looking.

Breakdown

What I know though is that while there is this complete breakdown of most things decent in our lives, we have some tremendous things, people, institutions in our midst. We have lovely



ON THE LINE
Aggrey Klaaste

boys and girls who curiously live "normally" under the most abysmal conditions of abnormality

It breaks my heart. Tokoza broke my heart.

I saw the deep despair, the almost hopeless dancing around for what appears to be total destitution.

I have seen the so-called Inkatha Zulu imps.

I have seen these men, angry, desperately angry at having to be the killers of their kin and kith. Make no mistake about it. All this business about Zulus, Xhosas *et al* is immaterial.

It is a rage, a rage against powerlessness in all its forms that attacks the people of Tokoza, of Crossroads, even of Louis Trichardt...

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Impulse

"The impulse to aggression, suppressed rage, is turned inward and comes out against itself. The impulse for revenge, the hostile surge, bypasses reason and finds its outlet in the muscles; it is irrational in this sense. It erupts against one's self if there is no-one close against whom it can erupt; the direction and the in of violence is secondary, only the eruption is important at that moment. This is the point at which suppressed tendencies for aggression are transformed into violence. Strictly speaking, the object of the violence is irrelevant".
Kollo May: *Power and Innocence: A search for the sources of violence.*

Paralysis has set in but there is hope.

I am a journalist, have been one almost all my life. I am black and have lived in the townships all my life.

I have seen apartheid and its ravages from the day I was picked up as a scholar for not having a pass book on me.

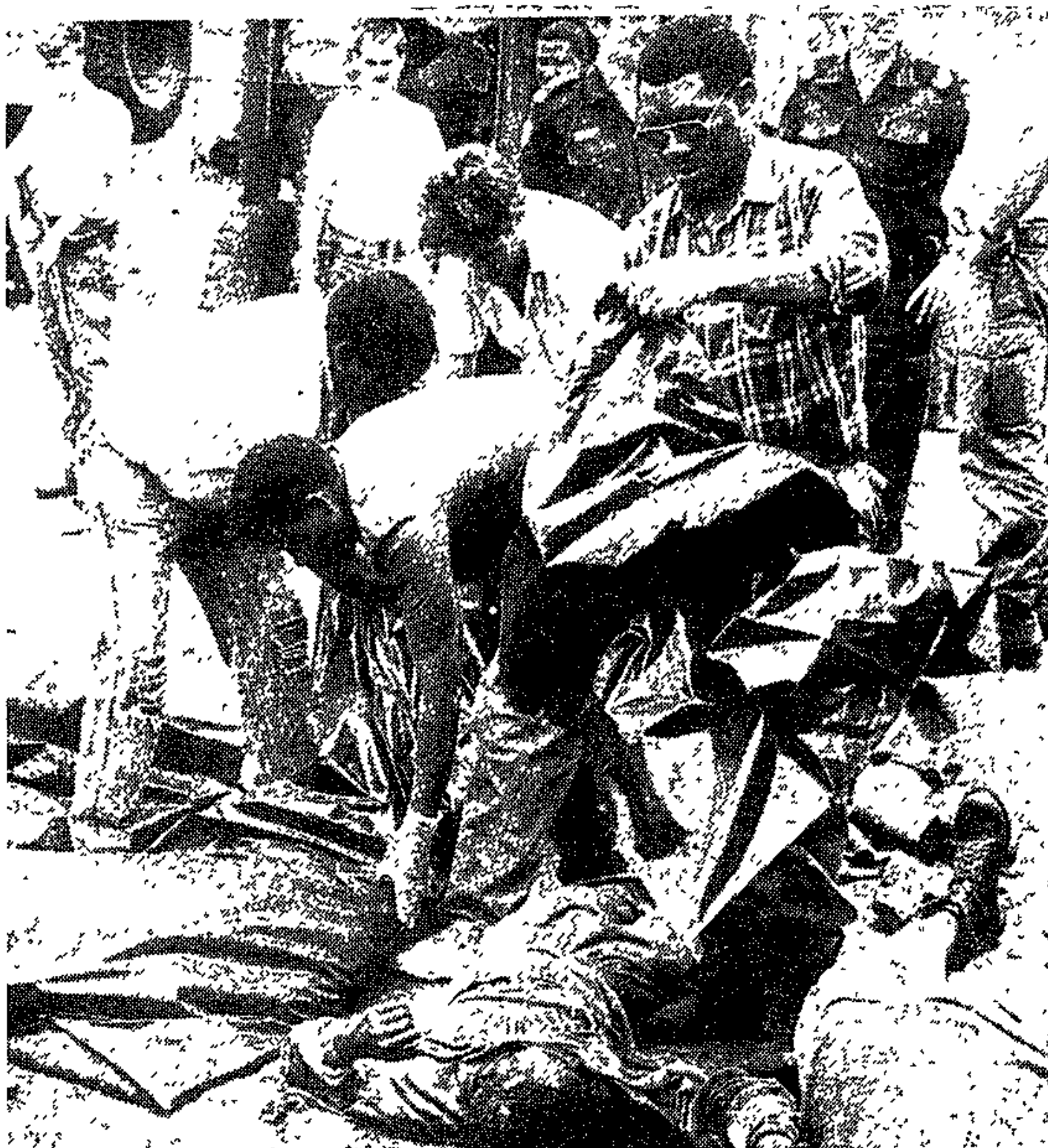
I was a young, angry boy in 1960 when people died from police bullets.

Squatters

I have not lived in a shack, but squatters and their lives are as familiar to my immediate experience as anything.

I have spent time with hostel dwellers, with men working in the mines, in the old locations "in the sky".

In 1976 I listened to a group of children, voices raised with hope and marching towards police vehicles. I saw bloated bodies of men and women



Flashback: Collecting corpses from the streets of Tokoza last week.

AK-47s found in hostel

Staff Reporter

Four hostel dwellers in strife-torn Tokoza, found in possession of a large cache of arms, were arrested yesterday morning by police and SA Defence Force members.

Police liaison officer Captain Ruvan Bloomberg said police seized 18 AK-47 rifles, an assortment of pistols including a Makarov, a large quantity of ammunition and several sticks of dynamite.

Police are investigating the infiltration of arms into war-torn townships, where gun-runners are getting high prices for their wares.

More than 80 lives have been lost in Tokoza, where heavy clashes have taken place between ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters over the past two weeks.

Last week, ANC leader Nelson Mandela was prevented from entering the Inkatha-dominated Tokoza hostels while on a peace tour of the area organised by the South African Council of Churches.

Hospital in daily crisis

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IN the midst of a war that metes out death every day in the East Rand townships, there is a place where wounded fighters and refugees from both sides take refuge. HELEN GRANGE looks at Natalspruit Hospital and how it is coping.

FOR more than six months, Natalspruit Hospital, nestled between Tokoza and Katlehong townships, has moved from one crisis to another.

The surgical wards, where traumatised victims of the township violence are treated, have been full to capacity for months, occupied mostly by young men with gunshot wounds and injuries from sharp instruments.

While doctors and medical staff work around the clock to save lives, thousands of refugees bed down nightly in the hospital foyer and corridors.

"The situation is chronic and has been this way since even before the first spate of violence in July," says acting superintendant Dr Ronnie Mitchell.

Deaths occur every day in the hospital, although there has been no time for the staff to count them. The patients die mostly of gunshot and stab wounds in their vital organs.

One of the most pressing problems facing Natalspruit Hospital is the availability of beds, says Dr Mitchell.

"We are trying to keep the patient numbers as low as possible in order to deal with the next stream of patients. Many of the patients get transferred to other hospitals," he says.

The hospital has also given overnight shelter to up to 10 000 refugees on its floors, in spite of the fact that they hamper the movement of nurses and doctors on night shift.

Dr Christiaan Joubert, a temporary superintendant from Baragwanath Hospital, says: "The refugees cause enormous problems, but we cannot throw them out. We've got hearts, and we simply have to accommodate these poor people." When possible, the hospital also provides food for the homeless.

For the overworked black staff of the hospital, it is not only in the interests of the patients that the bloodshed should come to an end.

Every day they arrive at work to save the lives of others, they themselves must cope with the impact of warfare on their own lives. Many fear

"We are medical officers and exercise no discrimination with our patients. Our job is only to treat their wounds. When people are sick or injured, everything depends on us."

"I told (Nelson) Mandela this week that there must be peace here because we cannot cope with this indefinitely," says Dr Joubert

in spite of the wear and gloom, which doesn't appear to be lessening as Christmas approaches, there is still time for lightheartedness in Natalspruit Hospital.

"The fact is that once a hospital is built, it never closes its doors. I suspect we'll be busy for a long time to come," says Dr Joubert.



DYING ALL AROUND: Staff at Natalspruit Hospital have no time to keep count of deaths. Most patients die of gunshot wounds.

that their children, left behind in the townships, will be killed by the time they return home.

"This situation has presented enormous strain on our staff, but they keep coming to work to treat the wounded. Medical people are a very special breed," says Dr Joubert.

There is no space for the faint-hearted in Natalspruit Hospital, where children as young as four years must be treated for gunshot and hack wounds.

"The injuries are often messy and end in death. Obviously the victims are traumatised, but our staff are trained to deal with this," Dr Joubert says.

The futility of the war in surrounding townships is felt acutely by everyone in the hospital. There is no sense of division as patients, both Xhosa and Zulu, are ushered together into wards.

Since February this year Natalspruit Hospital has coped with casualties of the worst concentrated violence in South African history to date.

20 die a day

Figures released by the Institute of Race Relations have estimated that an average of 20 people die a day in internecine fighting in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tembisa.

In August, at the height of the bloodshed, Natalspruit Hospital had to cope with more than 200 more patients than the 1 000 it is equipped for. These patients were treated on the floor.

"We have been living from one crisis to the next, not knowing when it will get worse. Monday and Tuesday this week were particularly bad days. At the moment, we have 760 patients," says Dr Joubert.

N Tvl ^{Capl} town ^{Tis} hard-hit ^{18/12/90} by boycott ²⁷⁸

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — One shop has closed down and another is set to follow soon as the boycott of white-owned business begins to bite in Louis Trichardt.

The boycott was initiated by the local consumer boycott committee after about 40 Blanke Bevydingsbeweging members attacked 30 black children on an outing in a local park.

It was also instituted to back demands for the upgrading and opening of nearby Tshikota township, from which blacks were removed and resettled elsewhere in the early 1980s, and the opening of the town's CBD to all traders.

Consumer boycott committee spokesman Mr Jerry Ndou said yesterday the Transvaal Provincial Administration had acceded to the demand that Tshikota township should be redeveloped and opened to all.

● Sapa reports that a proposed consumer boycott in Nelspruit was suspended following a meeting yesterday between the ANC and representatives of the Nelspruit and District Chamber of Commerce, the Nelspruit Sakekammer, and the Hazyview Chamber of Commerce.

White gang abducts civic leader Jonas

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A GANG of white men in camouflage uniform abducted the chairman of the Guguletu Civic Association after storming his home at the weekend.

Mr Vincent Jonas (31) was held captive for two hours while the men, who were armed, raided another house nearby.

"My wife Cynthia and I were woken about 4am on Friday when four men kicked down the front door," said Jonas.

After entering the couple's bedroom one of the men pointed a gun at Jonas and his wife.

They told the couple to put their hands up and

SOWETAN Correspondent

when Mrs Jonas asked why her home was being raided the men refused to answer.

"I showed the men my identity document and they checked to see if my name was on a list they were carrying," said Mr Jonas.

Gang

One of the men told Jonas to accompany him and he saw a large group of uniformed men outside.

"It looked like the entire Strydom gang had come to my home," said Jonas.

The men forced him into a car and drove to NY30 where they kicked down the front door of a house.

Jonas heard one of the uniformed men say: "Keep quiet. We are from the police."

He was taken home about 6.15am and reported the incident to the police at Caledon Square.

Jonas said he was afraid someone would attempt to assassinate him and would like to know who the uniformed men were.

Police spokesman Major Gys Boonzaaier said there was no record of Jonas reporting the incident to the police at Caledon Square.

Police silent on Tokoza video footage

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By CECIL MATLOU

THE police had by yesterday afternoon not responded to a newspaper report that it was in possession of a video showing they had taken sides during violence at Tokoza.

Spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order Captain Craig Kotze said police were "still piecing things together" and that a statement would be issued later in the week.

The *Weekly Mail* published video footage allegedly taken at a scene of violence in Tokoza on December 2.

One picture shows police trying to attend to two injured men but subsequently abandoning the

attempt, leaving the men "to be savagely beaten by an impi".

The police "made no attempt to stop or disarm the impi" nor explained why they had abandoned the two men. Eyewitnesses alleged the two men were abandoned because they were not Zulu.

Attack

Another picture shows running battles between "comrades" and hostel dwellers in which police intervene only when the "comrades" strike back with an AK-47 rifle.

The police leave, allowing the "impis" to resume their attack.

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Sebokeng: A-G to decide in January

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A decision by the Attorney-General of the Transvaal, Don Brunette, on whether to prosecute certain policemen involved in the controversial Sebokeng shootings earlier this year, will be made in the first week of January.

Mr Brunette said yesterday that advocates and attorneys had asked to make final representations to his team before a decision was made.

Apart from this, everything in the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the killings, as well as other documentation, had been scrutinised.

The Goldstone Commission found that the killing of 11 people by riot policemen in Sebokeng was unjustifiable.

Nine policemen attacked in violence during festive season

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Policemen were the target of a number of attacks over the festive season — but there was a drop in politically motivated unrest in Reef townships.

Nine policemen, one security guard and one black town councillor were the targets of attacks nationwide since Christmas Day, according to police.

Commenting on the attacks on several policemen in the past two days, police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said police would show no mercy to the perpetrators of violence or to anyone who threatened the lives and property of policemen.

Some of the incidents in the past three days included:

- Three policemen were injured in a shootout with a group of armed men in Zwile, Port Elizabeth, yesterday.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the policemen had been observing a stolen vehicle when three men approached them, and shots were fired with an AK-47 rifle.

An explosive device was also hurled, and exploded near the policemen.

When the policemen returned fire the men fled on foot, leaving the vehicle behind. One policeman was seriously injured, two suffered slight injuries, and a fourth was unhurt.

Charges of attempted murder and terrorism are being investigated.

- A security guard and a municipal policeman were injured early yesterday when they were shot at by unidentified gunmen at a power station in Kwathema on the East Rand.

The security guard was hit five times in the chest. He is in a critical condition in the Far East Rand Hospital.

The municipal policeman was hit in the stomach, but was only slightly injured. He was treated for a flesh wound and discharged. No one was arrested.

Police found several 7,65 mm cartridges in the vicinity, Captain Opperman said, adding that it was "difficult to say" whether the incident was unrest related.

- In Kagiso, two people were shot dead when four men entered a policeman's house on Tuesday and threatened him with a pistol.

The men had threatened to kill the policemen and to destroy his house, said Captain Opperman.

The policeman fired five shots at the men, who fled. Two men were later found dead outside, while the other two escaped.

- A bullet-riddled body was found in Tembisa township near Kempton Park and another body, which had been set alight, was found in Soweto

Incidents of unrest were also reported from several other areas, including Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, where two policemen were injured after being stoned by a crowd.

They fired birdshot at the crowd, injuring one man, who was arrested.

In other unrest over the festive season, in the Table Mountain area, north of Maritzburg, a five-year-old was shot dead and three unidentified women injured when a group opened fire at a private home.

Funani Nkalose (5) died after being shot during the attack, at about 2 am on Christmas morning. The three women were taken to hospital, police said.

On the Natal South Coast, two women were shot dead when a mob of about 20 men attacked their home and then set four huts alight at Mgcazu township near Port Shepstone on Christmas Day.

Police said the mob fired several shots at the houses. The two women were killed instantly.

Six people were arrested following a wave of violence over the past few days in the Wartburg area in Natal, in which at least eight people were killed and several others seriously injured.

The arrests took place after police, assisted by the SADF, moved into the area in an effort to restore calm.

Justus Tshungu

and the terrorists

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ATTERIDGEVILLE'S former deputy mayor Justus Tshungu has a seven-year-old grandson who wakes up screaming every night.

"They are coming. They are coming," he shrieks.

The nightmares started, said Mr Tshungu, after their house in the township outside Pretoria was petrol-bombed by a mob.

The child was playing in the yard when the mob arrived. He could see them through the fence, chanting and angry, undeterred by the gates, the police guards or the barking dogs.

The bomb went over his head and crashed through a window, exploding inside where his mother and grandmother were.

The next time the house was petrol-bombed Mr Tshungu was warned by an anonymous caller beforehand.

"I was told: 'All reason has collapsed, get out. Get your family out.' So we got out. Except my son, Manas. He is 26 and an iron-willed young man. He would not budge but I had to get my pregnant daughter out."

"I spent that whole night awake, dead with worry. In the morning I read in the newspaper that my house had been bombed. Can you imagine how a man feels knowing his only son has been petrol-bombed because of the job his father does?"

The same night 25 petrol-bombs rained onto the house of another councillor. The township was in revolt. Two men had died. The mayor of Atteridgeville quit and so did his deputy, Justus Tshungu, the man who won nationwide fame for his friendly, dignified presentation of a TV series urging whites to learn black languages.

For Mr Tshungu, his resignation spelt the end of a two-year personal battle that escalated into full-scale war from April.

"We got death threats on the phone all the time. Every time I rang I went cold, expecting that faceless voice telling me I would die."

"We survived by using the element of surprise. I never used the same route twice. We could never establish patterns."

"Before I left the office I would phone my wife and tell her to expect me in 20 minutes. She would get the garage open in exactly 20 minutes and I would drive straight in, fast."

He also got a gun.

"We had two policemen living in the house. Everywhere I went two policemen guarded me. But sometimes, when they changed shifts, we were alone."

"Mind you, I don't think it would have mattered how many I had. For every one policeman there are 10 comrades, they come in waves. The councils can never fight the civics (the civic associations), not when they are free to use any weapon."

"My family continually had to discuss tactics, bomb strategies, escape routes. We once were a happy, close unit. We turned into tired, tense people. Always waiting for the next bomb. We couldn't do things to-

Last month 80 black town councillors resigned. So far, 40 per cent of black local authorities have collapsed. Six councillors have been killed this year. The Star spoke to Atteridgeville's former deputy mayor, Justus Tshungu.



In happier times . . . Justus Tshungu, the broadcasting personality.

gether. It was like being under house arrest.

"Those who think that terrorism is something distant are wrong."

Seeing his uncomplaining family suffering in silence weighed heavy on him.

"My wife lost all her friends. My children lived like silent prisoners. I think it would have been better if they had shouted at me, but they never did. The day I resigned my wife did a jig in the kitchen."

Another punishment was the ostracism from a community in which he had lived for 30 years.

"For a black person this is the most telling punishment. I used to be a popular broadcaster, everybody knew me. They would always say hello in the streets and shops. Suddenly there were 100 000 hate-filled, silent faces staring at me."

"I tried saying good morning to the people. They would ask how I could greet them when I had sold them out. Overnight, our friends stopped coming to the house. Many were afraid of the intimidation."

"Once in a supermarket a member of my church — my own church — called me 'Le jela thoka' (he who eats aside). It is the worst insult you can ever give a black man and he shouted it at the top of his voice."

"I left as fast as my legs could carry me. This thing that affects people who worship together cuts deep."

The ostracism did not stop at the black community.

"As much as we were unacceptable to blacks, we were dispicable to whites. When I went with hat in hand to beg loans for my council, whites would always ask how I proposed paying it back. They never rated me highly."

In his view it was the lack of a wide tax-base, the fact that councillors had to rely largely on an impoverished constituency for finance, that was the undoing of black local authorities.

"We had to go continuously to

people living below the bread-line and make them dig deeper into their pockets. That was what made the councillors unpopular. We had bridging finance, but we first had to try and pay the bills on our own."

Mr Tshungu joined the council in 1988 to "work against the system from within and do it with dignity."

"I believe in man-to-man negotiation, not shouting into the wind from the rooftops. We were not sell-outs because we joined the system. All of us are ultimately under the system. Nurses in hospitals are part of it, so is Nelson Mandela sitting at the table with F W de Klerk."

Where does the system end? "I was prepared to step down but did not want to leave a vacuum. I did not believe those who intimidated us could take over because they were not trained."

"I find it ironic we were accused of being non-representative by organisations that were themselves never elected. We were elected."

He conceded the polls in those elections were very low.

Following his resignation in mid-November the "pressure" in Justus Tshungu's life has eased. In its place is sadness.

"My castles have crashed down. I have been hurt, terrified and misunderstood."

"The saddest thing is the misunderstanding. My people misunderstood me — I believed what I was doing was for their benefit." □

Squatters tell Vlok of 'attacks by policemen'

SHACK dwellers in troubled Bekkersdal township yesterday told Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok police had aided attackers who recently burnt and destroyed their shanty homes.

Vlok was touring the Mandela View squatter camp in the company of ANC internal head Walter Sisulu.

Thirteen people have died in the squatter camp during clashes between rival groups this month, police liaison officer Capt Henriette Bester says.

Squatters alleged Azapo supporters, posing as the Bekkersdal Environmental Awareness Campaign, had attacked them with police complicity after a controversial decision by Azapo to institute a rent boycott.

Azapo Transvaal vice-president Gomolemo Mokae rejected the allegations against the organisation, saying the ANC had attempted to impose its will on Azapo.

Squatters were adamant police had been involved in the destruction of shacks, and showed Vlok 9mm cartridges they claimed were used by police to shoot people fleeing their burning homes. *278 20/12/90*

Vlok encouraged all squatters who complained to him, and Sisulu of police complicity to submit statements and lay charges, and police would investigate. But several people said they were scared to deal with the police.

Vlok said he would not allow police to break the law. Addressing about 400 people afterwards, Sisulu appealed for peace and unity, saying there was no reason to settle differences by violence. — Sapa.

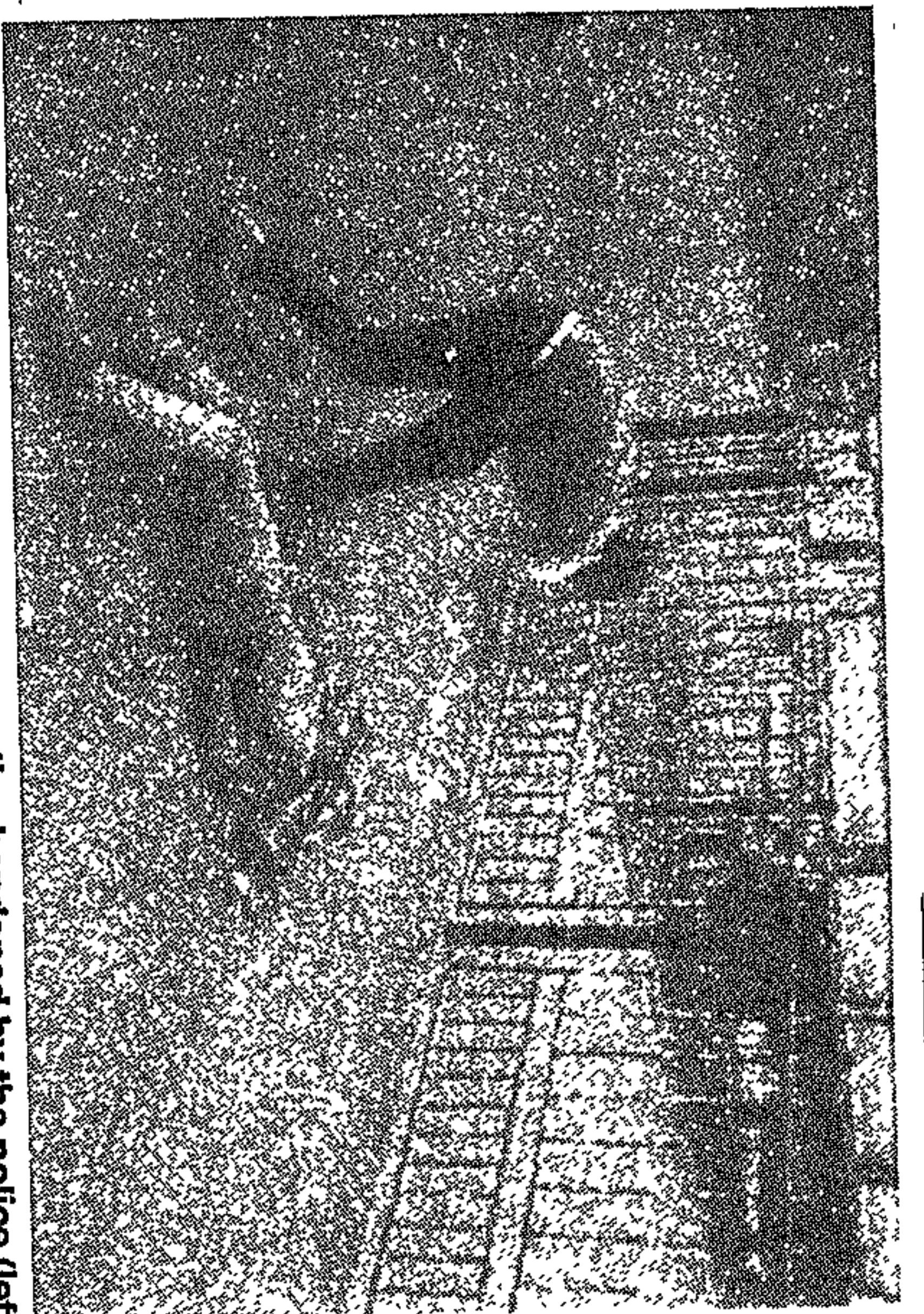


ANC leader Walter Sisulu mops his brow yesterday while accompanying Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok on a visit to the Mandela View squatter camp in the troubled Bekkersdal township. Police say 13 people have died in clashes between rival groups in the camp this month.

Picture ROBERT BOTHA



A police medic examines an injured man (right). A hostel-dweller attacks a man after he was apparently abandoned by the police (left)



Police respond to WM pictures

Weekly Mail Reporter

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THE Ministry of Law and Order is planning a major press conference in the next few days to respond to pictures published in last week's *Weekly Mail* which showed police allegedly taking sides in the East Rand violence.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said this week that Minister Adrian Vlok would respond to the allegations at the press conference.

When the pictures appeared last week, Kotze said police were unable to respond until the matter had been fully investigated.

The Weekly Mail published two series of pictures: one showing police treating two seriously wounded men, and then abandoning them, without any apparent reason, to be killed by a group of hostel dwellers; the other showing police watching passively as the "impi" advances through Thokoza, and only intervening when armed "comrades" repel the

impi.

The pictures have attracted massive international interest, with newspapers and television stations around the world pursuing them.

However, they almost never made the light of day after an attempt by an international television agency to stop *The Weekly Mail* publishing them last Friday.

The agency had put a judge on standby and were threatening to ask him for a urgent order stopping publication of the newspaper because of an alleged breach of copyright.

Publication was only possible because of a last-minute agreement between the newspaper and the agency.

The agency has since claimed to have dismissed a staff member for his involvement in the incident. *The Guardian* reported that the agency had fired a trainee black editor.

However, no confirmation of this could be received this week.



A Casspir and police van watch as the impi passes within metres of them



Vlok promises probe, aid for squatter camp victims

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JOHANNESBURG —

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has promised residents of a strife-torn squatter camp that all allegations against the police will be investigated.

Mr Vlok was speaking after a joint visit with ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu to the Mandelaville squatter settlement near Bekkersdal, where bloody clashes have left several either dead or injured and several homes destroyed.

Mr Vlok and Mr Sisulu heard from residents what had happened

Clashes in the township apparently started after youths belonging to the ANC-aligned Bekkersdal Youth Congress (Beyco) wanted to stop pupils in the area from writing end of the year examinations

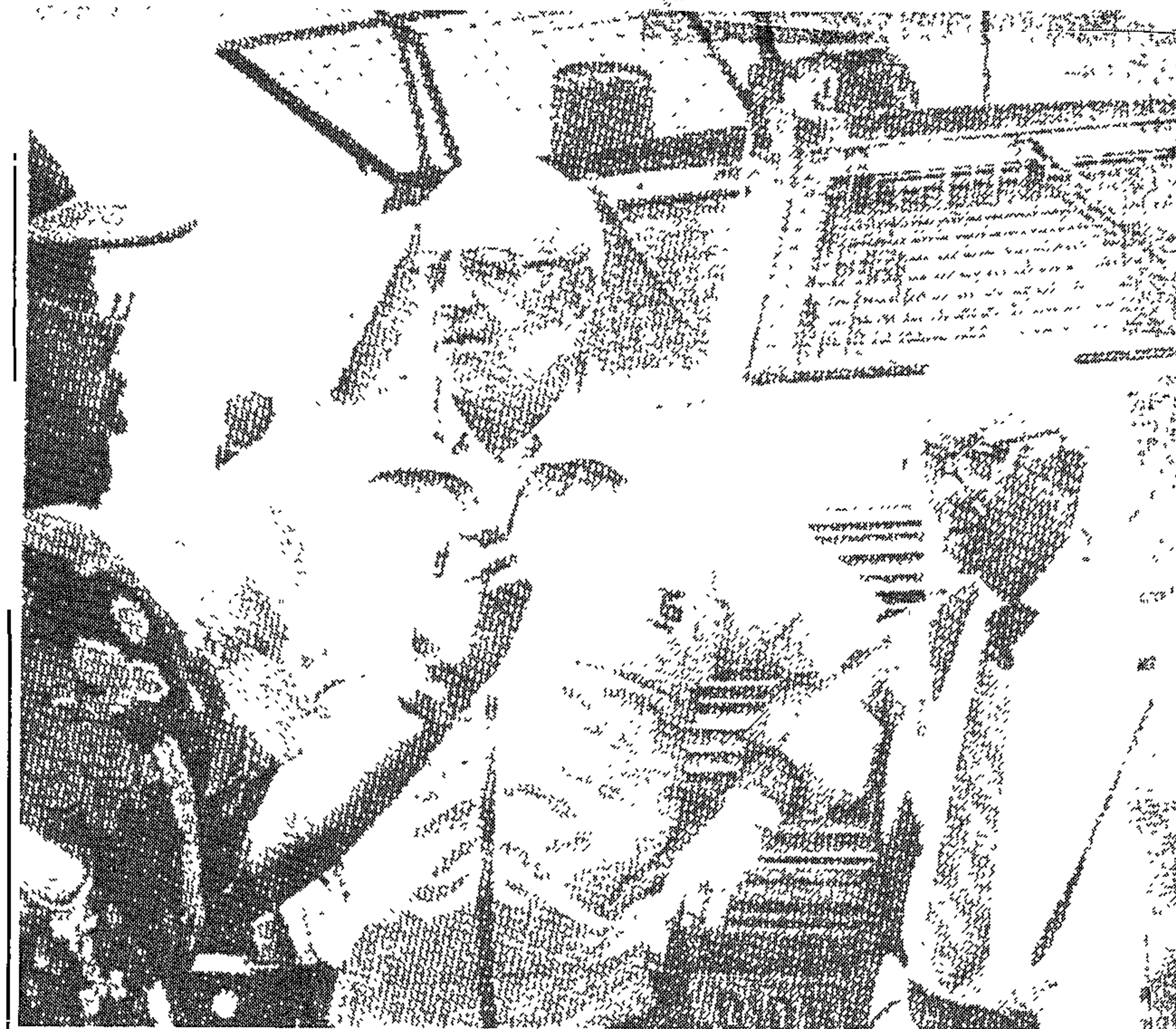
Pupils under the leadership of the Azapo-aligned Azanian Students' Movement and the Azanian Youth Organisation apparently resisted the move and bitter fighting ensued

Shot by police

Most residents yesterday alleged that they been attacked by residents of Bekkersdal and police

Mr Sidwell Bobejaan, 36, said he heard shots outside his shack at 7pm one night and went to investigate. He was shot in the thigh by policemen travelling in a casspir.

White policemen then entered my shack and told me



JOINT VISIT: A resident of Mandelaville squatter camp near Bekkersdal describes recent violence to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu who visited the area together yesterday.

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wife Margaret that they were looking for the man of the house. They then set the house alight. She miraculously escaped uninjured," Mr Bobejaan added.

Mr. Pathekile Granyo, 25, showed Mr Sisulu and Mr Vlok several bullet wounds he said were caused by unknown attackers from the township.

Ms Xhoma Bacele policemen had burnt her shack.

At a public meeting after the visit, Mr Vlok and Mr Sisulu appealed for peace and urged witnesses to make statements to the police. Mr Vlok promised that everything would be done to help the victims of the violence.

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Squatters claim police aid attackers

JOHANNESBURG. — Shack-dwellers in troubled Bickersdal township yesterday told Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok police had aided attackers who recently burnt and destroyed their shanty homes.

Mr Vlok was touring the Mandela View squatter camp with ANC internal head Mr Walter Sisulu. Thirteen people have died in the squatter camp in clashes between rival groups this month, police say.

Squatters alleged Azaman People's Organisation supporters — posing as the Bickersdal Environmental Awareness Campaign — had attacked them with police complicity following a controversial decision by Azapo to institute a rent boycott.

Azapo Transvaal vice-president Mr Gomolemo Mokoae rejected the allegations.

An ANC member, standing next to a pile of corrugated iron that used to be her home, said she had fled with her baby and spent the night in the veld after rocks had been thrown at her home. "When I returned I found my house burnt to the ground."

She said uniformed police had been among the attackers.

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday reported only one incident of unrest-related violence countrywide during the past 24 hours. A man was stabbed and hacked to death at Katlehong on the East Rand, said police. — Sapa

Squatter Mr Pathekile Ginyu has just been discharged after being hospitalised for shotgun wounds. He said police had shot him on December 9 "for no reason".

Other squatters were adamant police had been involved in the destruction of shacks and showed Mr Vlok 9mm cartridges they claimed were used by police to shoot people fleeing their burning homes.

Mr Vlok encouraged all squatters who complained to him and Mr Sisulu of police complicity to submit statements and lay charges. These would be investigated, he said.

Addressing about 400 people afterwards, Mr Sisulu appealed for peace and unity, saying there was no reason to settle differences by violence. "Like all civilized people you must discuss your differences." — Sapa



TOURING TOWNSHIP . . . The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, with ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu in the Bickersdal township yesterday.

Picture REUTER

THIS year will be remembered as one of carnage and destruction that took more than 1 000 lives in six months of unprecedented fighting in the hostels, squatter camps and townships of the Reef.

The violence began on July 22 at Sebokeng where at least 27 people were killed following what Inkatha said was a "peace" rally at Eyalon stadium.

Inkatha said stones were hurled and barricades erected by supporters of the African National Congress in an attempt to stop members from proceeding with the rally and force them to leave the stadium. Residents accused Inkatha of going on the rampage after the rally, stoning houses and attacking people on the streets.

This isolated incident spread to Reef townships two weeks later. Rumours of an impending Inkatha offensive gained momentum in Soweto, Kagiso and East Rand townships after a gang of men, later identified as pro-Inkatha hostel dwellers, allegedly attacked passengers, throwing several off a moving train between New Canada and Crown Mines stations on July 26. A woman died and nine people were admitted to Coronationville Hospital.

Two weeks later, on August 5, 15 people died in violent clashes between Inkatha supporters and migrant workers at Kagiso's Lewisham hostel near Krugersdorp.

Carnage comes to the Reef

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 BY WALLY MBHELE

On August 14, violence flared at hostels in Thokoza, Kaitleng and Vosloorus on the East Rand. More than 20 people died when squatters at Phola Park near Thokoza were attacked after violence spilled over from the Khatanyoni hostel.

In the fierce battle that followed, close to 150 people died on August 15 as violence spread to Crossroads squatter camp in Kaitleng and to Vosloorus hostels. Police were accused of taking sides with Inkatha.

The following day, nine people died in Soweto as a group of about 300 men wearing red headbands stormed Inhlazane station with pangas, axes, spears and firearms, attacking commuters in train coaches. After four days of fighting the Soweto death toll had risen to 78.

The deserted Khatanyoni hostel in Thokoza was set ablaze on August 19 following renewed clashes between Phola Park squatters and hostel inmates which left at least 28 dead.

56 people were recorded dead on August 20 in two days of violence between Zulu and Xhosa-speaking hostel dwellers in kwaThema near Springs. SA Barometer said 512 died in Reef

clashes during August. That was the highest one-month toll ever recorded in political violence. In September, another 266 people died. Thokoza, Kaitleng and Vosloorus were the main flashpoints.

Violence seemed to recede in October. However, according to SA Barometer, at least another 33 people died. Soweto accounted for half these when a group of pro-Inkatha "impis" went on a shooting spree in Naledi on October 28, leaving 16 people dead and scores admitted to hospital.

The attack was allegedly in retaliation for the killing of an Inkatha member who died on his way to an Inkatha march in Johannesburg on October 27.

According to the Human Rights Commission, a new pattern of township violence seemed to have established itself in November, and it intensified.

Investigations pointed to attacks by smaller groups of heavily armed attackers, rather than the big "impis" armed with traditional weapons previously. Victims were shot with AK-47s and firearms rather

than hacked with pangas as in the past.

Fighting broke out in Zonk izizwe squatter camp on the East Rand on November 11 and, in two weeks, 45 people died. The area is now occupied by Inkatha as non-Inkatha squatters have fled.

On November 26, 11 residents of Mandela and Holomisa squatter camps in Kaitleng were killed in a raid by heavily armed impis — allegedly in the company of whites. They fired on squatters and destroyed shacks with handgrenades. Residents began leaving the area the next day. Allegations of white involvement in the carnage have been widespread, especially on the East Rand, where squatters alleged white men aided by Inkatha members were involved in Zonk izizwe, Phola Park and Mandela Park.

Thokoza bore the brunt of the violence at the beginning of this month.

Random shootings on the streets, attacks and counter attacks between hostel dwellers and Phola Park squatters, killing of innocent children and the burning of houses belonging to Xhosa-speaking residents marked the final chapter of the Reef violence as the year drew to an end.

The South African Institute of Race Rela-

tions said an average of 20 people a day had been killed in political violence on the Reef in the first two weeks of December.

In an epilogue to the clashes between hostel dwellers and squatters, four Thokoza hostel dwellers were this week arrested following an SADF raid. Eighteen AK-47 rifles, an assortment of pistols, including a Makarov, and a large quantity of ammunition were seized.

Inkatha and the ANC differed on the nature and causes of violence. While Inkatha insisted the violence was an ethnic problem, the ANC contended that it was political violence.

In an interview with the *Daily Mail*, Inkatha Youth leader Themba Khoza said it was inspired by events like that of July 2 when "calls for the isolation of Inkatha" and its leader Dr Buthelezi were propagated.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela on Sunday told an ANC rally of more than 50 000 supporters that violence was a national issue and a deliberate government strategy to weaken his organisation.

As a result, the ANC said it would set up township defence units, backed up by Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres, to ensure that township residents were protected from attacks.

The authorities have responded with warnings of a civil war — and there is no end in sight to the violence.

Khutsong's reign of terror

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TOWNSHIP VIOLENCE

BY PHILIPPA GARSON

IN the township of Khutsong, near Carletonville, a fearful community is at war with both itself and the police. As the year draws to a close the sound of gunfire fills the air almost daily and terrified residents who mourn their dead look forward to a bleak Christmas.

Violence has escalated to a frightening degree over the past year and shows no signs of abating. Panic-stricken local leaders are calling for South African Defence Force troops to be brought in to halt the carnage.

Alleged police brutality and vigilante gangsterism have claimed scores of lives this year.

At the weekend, armed vigilantes opened fire on youths at a night vigil of a "comrade" killed the week before. At least 20 youths were injured and a 15-year-old girl died.

Activists allege police have conducted a reign of terror on the township, exploiting divisions and harnessing a vigilante group called the "Zim-Zims".

The vigilantes, armed with AK47s and 9mm handguns, have allegedly killed at least four people in the past three weeks.

Two youths who were discharged from hospital two weeks ago claim they and a third youth, Sipho Mlangeni, were abducted by the vigilantes, taken to a nearby river and beaten with iron bars and stabbed. Unconscious, they were abandoned on the outskirts of the township with Mlangeni, who was dead. The youths cannot be identified until their statements have been taken by lawyers.

Residents claim the Zim-Zims are in cahoots with the police who, they allege, are always on the scene when the shoot-outs occur.

Police claim the loss of life is caused by gangster rivalry and challenge people to come forward with evidence.

But residents from Khutsong (meaning "peace" in Sotho) are overwhelmed by fear. They refuse to go to the police as they suspect they may end up like two others who spoke out against the police earlier this year.

When 16-year-old Nixon Phiri died in detention in January after he was allegedly given shock treatment, two of several youths detained and tortured with him made sworn statements, publicised in the press. They were later shot dead in two separate incidents by police.

In the absence of community trust in the security forces, rumours of the latter's intent to wipe out activists abound.

One policeman reportedly said that for every security force member killed, 100 "comrades" would die.

According to local youth organisation member Jerry Ramakgoatedi, the eruption of violence and gangsterism this year is a "long story" of division within the community and power-hungry, ousted individuals determined to make a comeback.

Even the scarecrows have guns ... a stuffed "comrade" erected by comrades in a Khutsong "people's park"

Photo: JUSTIN SHOLK

ganised the more militant "comrades" into "real fighters", various atrocities were committed.

With the Gadaffi waged war on

Ramakgoatedi says the Gadaffis were disbanded in August and reincorporated into the community, despite police claims that the recent carnage is a result of gang rivalry.



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A young woman, Motshabi Nyati, was killed and scores of others injured. Of the 12 young men and eight women (all under 18) now in the Leratong hospital, four are in serious condition and a 16-year-old is paralysed from the waist down.

The same relative, who prefers not to be identified, said a hippo and police van drove past the house 10 minutes before the shooting spree, which left Dlamini's coffin riddled with bullets.

When injured youths ran into the house there was pandemonium as the shooting continued. Three full ambulances took the youths to hospital.

"We are so afraid now. Nobody will help us here. We know the police are helping these people but we don't know who they are."

"We just don't know what is going on, we need help," she told *The Weekly Mail*, adding that people were too afraid to contact the Carletonville police and had tried to get the Brixton police to investigate instead.

Local doctor and ANC member Malcolm Tshupe says the frightening violence began in January with several incidents of police brutality.

When residents attempted to hold protest marches in late January against detentions and Phiri's death, police opened fire on the marchers, killing two.

According to a lawyer and an Australian diplomat who were on the scene there was no provocation whatsoever and the people were peacefully walking away when shot at. Police claimed they were throwing stones.

Tshupe has had his hands full this year with scores of injured youths, some who claim they have been given electric shocks.

He has repeatedly seen burn marks on their genitals and other body parts. The youths become violent and unruly after spells in detention, says Tshupe, and take matters into their own hands.

However, although the Gadaffi gangster problem was sorted out, the carnage continues.

Former Gadaffi member Richard Dodo was killed by police some weeks ago and since then the violence has not stopped.

"We hear the sounds of gunfire here every day. There is a hidden hand fuelling everything," says Tshupe. He adds that he has treated scores of injured people this year who claim they have been assaulted by police but who are too scared to lay charges or even notify the press.

A lawyer acting for some of the youths, Shirley Walsh, confirms this fear.

"We have received many complaints of alleged torture, shootings at close range and allegations of vigilantes assisted by the police."

"At present there are numerous inquests pending and we have advised people to lay criminal charges but they are too scared to do so."

"Several witnesses to such violent events have refused to give evidence as they fear repercussions. We believe something urgent has to be done to end

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supporting youths as the name suggests, but who are mostly the sons of businessmen — were formed into a vigilante gang earlier this year to protect those whose enterprises were the targets of boycotts by the community.

When a butchery owner named "Ganda" apparently exploited the tenants of his various houses, "comrades" enforced a boycott against his business. In retaliation he apparently organised the vigilante group to wage war against the "comrades". His son was the ring-leader of the gang, claims Ramakgoledi.

But in the meantime, various "comrades" were organised into a lawless gang called the "Gadafis" by an angry "power-hungry" worker ousted from community structures when the new civic group was formed early this year. When Sipho Mbandamala, a resident of the volatile squatter camp Sonderwater, adjacent to the township, or-

the Zim-Zims they also targeted innocent youths and set up kangaroo courts to "discipline" erring activists.

In May they brutally assaulted several youths in a deserted school, cut off pieces of their ears with razor blades and forced the victims to eat them, and generally conducted their own reign of terror.

But in July when the two gangs were herded into two minibus-loads en route to the ANC's Johannesburg offices, they were intercepted by police and the Gadafis and other "comrades", including 15-year-old Eugene Mbulwana, were detained.

Mbulwana died in hospital shortly after he was allegedly tortured by police at the now notorious Welverdiend police station in Carletonville (where Phiri was also detained).

Police said Mbulwana died in the cells when he was pushed against a steel cupboard by an angry detainee who had an argument with him.

Their ring-leader has been incorporated back into the civic structures, and the main problem now is the Zim-Zims, says Ramokgoledi, who adds that the group is being led by an ex-detainee turned police informer called Spankie Lesotho.

An ironic chain of events, starting with the gunning down of 13-year-old Vincent Ncedi led to last weekend's carnage.

On November 27 Ncedi was shot dead outside his parents' home; his body riddled with bullets.

When Michael Dlamini (19) returned from a night vigil held for Ncedi a week later, he was gunned down in a similar manner. A relative alleges the police were on the scene when vigilantes opened fire.

At 3am last Saturday morning, one week later, the tent in which youths had gathered for Dlamini's night vigil was fired on.

the months of carnage and violence." Western Transvaal police liaison officer Major Ben van Heerden said Ncedi was killed by "an unknown assailant (s)" and Dlamini was killed by police after he fired shots at them.

Several youths were "fatally wounded during police action and ... their deaths are the subject of inquest investigations", he said.

Van Heerden said the weekend carnage occurred after "a yellow panel van arrived on the scene (of a night vigil) and four black men opened fire.

"From there the gang went to the taxi rank where they robbed (a man) of money and his kombi," he said, adding that no arrests had yet been made.

Van Heerden said several gangs were frequenting the area. "If people respect each other's rights and property and decide to find peaceful solutions to problems, peace will return to the community," he said.

Nactu urges action on killing of prominent union official

By DREW FORREST

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The National Council of Trade Unions has urged police to take active steps to solve the fatal shooting of a senior official in Soweto last week.

Lele Mabele (36), West Rand organiser for both Nactu and the SA Chemical Workers Union, as well as a PAC activist, was shot in the stomach outside his Pimville home on Thursday morning and died on his way to hospital.

According to Sacwu's Humphrey Ndaba, an eyewitness saw a heated exchange between Mabele and two black men, one of whom wore blue overalls and carried a rifle. W/MC 20/12/90 - 10/1/90

The witness claims Mabele refused a demand to climb into the killers' car, a Ford Sierra.

Ndaba said Mabele had spearheaded many of Sacwu's West Rand disputes this year and was considered "a troublemaker" by many employers. He added that security police had visited his home earlier this year.

Six weeks ago, Nactu's Pretoria offices were the target of a firebomb attack.

Confirming the killing, Soweto police liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngubeni said police were investigating.

Sisulu and Vlok plead for peace

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MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok and ANC leader Mr Walter Sisulu yesterday called on leaders of political parties to help bring an end to the violence in the country.

The two were speaking during a "peace tour" of the Bekkersdal squatter camp on the West Rand.

Vlok undertook a similar tour with KwaZulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi on the East Rand last week.

Sisulu and Vlok spoke to survivors of the violence which has claimed many lives in the township.

The residents alleged they were attacked by the police in the area on December 7.

Bekkersdal resident Miss Chuma Bacele, whose shack was razed in the attack, claimed she saw a policeman in her yard after her shack had caught fire.

"The policeman knocked at my window. I saw only policemen outside as I fled for safety with my children."

Another resident, Mrs Margaret Seoka (66), however, told a different story. She said she was attacked by members of Azapo who were known to her. She accused the police of siding with her attackers during the incident.

By KENOSI MODISANE

"There was a Casspir with the number Y52 on it which just parked next to my house. The policemen in the Casspir just looked on as the men poured petrol around my house before they set it alight," she claimed.

Police yesterday took statements from witnesses and promised to investigate.

"We have had many reports of police bias in the recent violence. We can only take steps against those involved if evidence can be brought forward," Vlok said.

Addressing residents after the tour Sisulu said: "We have no reason to settle our differences through violence. I want to call upon our members to avoid conflict with Azapo, the PAC or any political organisation in the country."

Sisulu said all leaders should come together to "build a new, democratic and non-racial South Africa".

"We have had many reports of police taking sides in the violence. We want the Minister to bring that to an end."

Vlok said his department had already started investigations into reports of police partiality. He, however, appealed to witnesses to come forward with evidence.

Aid pledged for stricken squatters

By Thabo Leshilo *SKW* 20/1/90

Everything would be done to help residents of the Mandelaville squatter camp near Bekkersdal, where recent clashes left a trail of death and destruction, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said yesterday.

Mr Vlok was accompanied by ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu during a tour of the camp.

During the visit, Mr Vlok and Mr Sisulu listened to victims of the violence describe how they had been attacked and their homes destroyed.

Clashes apparently started after youths belonging to the ANC-aligned Bekkersdal Youth Congress wanted to stop pupils in the area from writing end-of-year examinations.

Pupils under the leadership of the Azapo-aligned Azanian Students' Movement and the Azanian Youth Organisation apparently resisted the move and fighting ensued.

Residents yesterday alleged that they been attacked by residents of Bekkersdal and police.

Sidwell Bobejaan (36) said he heard shots being fired outside his shack at about 7 pm on December 7 and investigated.

He was then shot in the thigh by policemen in a Casspir.

"White policemen then entered my shack and told my wife, Margaret, that they were looking for the man of the house.

"They then set the house alight. She miraculously escaped uninjured," he added.

Pathekile Granyo (25) showed Mr Sisulu and Mr Vlok several bullet wounds he said had been caused by unknown attackers from the township.

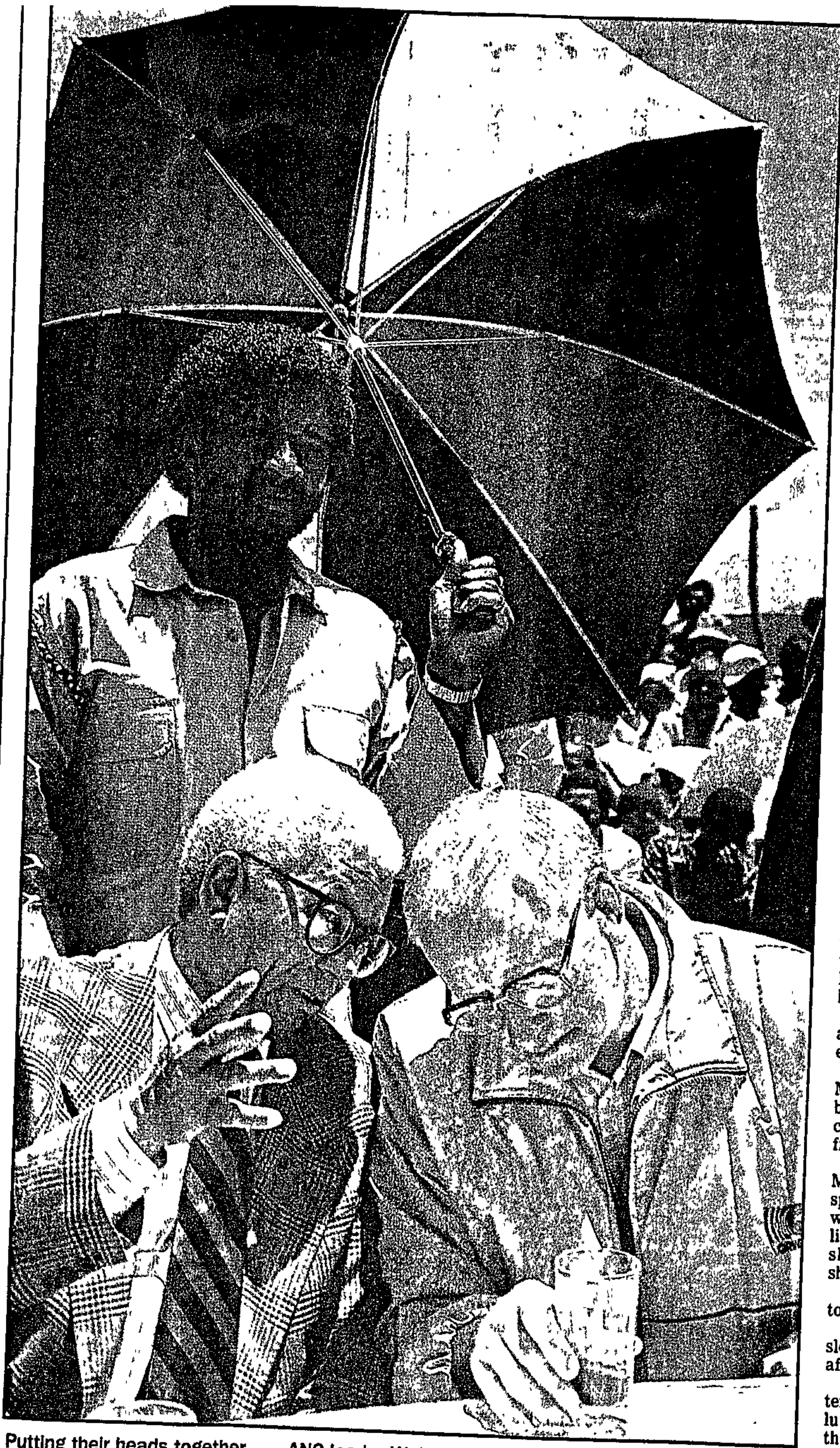
Cecilia Dingezwayo showed Mr Sisulu and Mr Vlok several spent 9 mm cartridges she said were found in her yard after police in a Casspir had fired at her shack. They later burnt her shack, she alleged.

She did not report the matter to the police.

Khoma Bacele said she had to sleep in the veld with her baby after police burnt her shack.

At a public meeting held afterwards, Mr Vlok and Mr Sisulu appealed for peace and urged the witnesses to make statements to the police.

Mr Vlok promised that all allegations against the police would be investigated.



Putting their heads together . . . ANC leader Walter Sisulu and Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok discuss the recent violence in Mandelaville, near Bekkersdal, before addressing residents of the squatter settlement yesterday.

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Man attacked at Vosloorus

PRETORIA. — A man was wounded at Vosloorus on the East Rand when a group of people attacked him with sharp instruments, according to police liaison officer Captain Ruben Bloomberg.

No further incidents were reported yesterday. —
Sapa

Maduna said the ANC had "flooded" prisoners release were unsuccessful.

Vlok rejects newspaper allegations

PRETORIA — Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday rejected newspaper allegations that police had abandoned two wounded men in the face of an alleged Zulu impi attack in Thokoza earlier this month. *B 10 am 21/12/90*

The allegations, run in the Weekly Mail last Friday, were based on video footage taken in the township.

The footage, shown at a media conference at Vlok's offices in Pretoria yesterday, shows police medic Const Louis Pretorius attending to the two badly wounded men.

Later, the impi are shown hacking their bodies.

Pretorius told the news conference that, when he left them, the men were already dead.

He left to attend to other wounded people.

Vlok said police were not aware at the time of the approach of the impi that subsequently mutilated the bodies of the two men.

Weekly Mail co-editor Anton Harber said his newspaper had evidence that the two men were still alive when the police left. He asked why police had not bothered to contact independent witnesses during the past week. *(278)*

A second area of contention centred on scenes of impi passing two stationary police vehicles. When the impi retreated after shots rang out, the vehicles departed in apparent pursuit of the unseen gunmen.

Asked why police did not act against the armed impi passing them, police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said if police dispersed a group it would cause scattered fighting, which police would not be able to control.

Vlok said it was misleading to portray these scenes as a clash between Zulus and comrades, because there were only individual gunmen, whom police pursued.

He dismissed the allegations as "crude propaganda".

On December 2 Vlok also rejected allegations of police bias based on video footage taken in Zonkeziwe township. — Sapa.

Brokers sent scurrying as

Weekly Mail and police clash over Tokoza video

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POLICE and the *Weekly Mail* have clashed over contentious video footage taken in Tokoza on December 2 which the newspaper says shows police colluding with Inkatha against "comrades".

The footage, according to the *Weekly Mail*, also indicates that before the battle police abandoned two wounded men to the mercy of an Inkatha impi.

Police have denied the allegations.

The footage, shown at a media conference at police headquarters in

Pretoria yesterday, started with a police paramedic, Constable Louis Pretorius, attending to two badly injured men.

Pretorius said at the Press conference the men had been fatally wounded and were already dead when he left the scene.

The impi mutilated the two bodies with pangas but police said they were not aware that the Inkatha men were approaching.

A police statement, released at the conference, said it was impossible to determine

whether the men had been Xhosas or Zulus.

The video showed one man already dead but the other still breathing, and sound which *Weekly Mail* co-editor Anton Harber believes was the police leaving the scene.

Harber said eyewitnesses had seen the police leave the men to die when they discovered they were not Zulus.

A second sequence showed the police watching passively while Inkatha men attacked the "comrades", interlocking

only when comrades opened with AK-47 rifles, forcing the impi to retreat.

SAP spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police did not know the impi would attack and they could react only once they had worked out where the shots were coming from.

Police further denied that Inkatha were attacking a group of "comrades".

They said there were only individual gunmen whom the police pursued in an attempt to arrest. - *Sowetan Correspondent*.

Bleak

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IT will be a Christmas without cheer for hundreds of families in the rural areas.

They do not know that their loved ones are among the more than 400 unidentified corpses, victims of the violence in the PWV area since August.

The only contact many rural families have with their fathers, husbands,

By KENOSI MODISANE

sons and relatives is at the end of the year when they arrive laden with provisions for the festive season.

Following the violence in the PWV many of these families were left destitute. While they could at least pay their tribute by giving their loved ones the dignity of a decent burial, more than 400 could not.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni announced yesterday that there were 93 unidentified bodies at the Diepkloof mortuary and seven in Roodepoort.

Paupers

Earlier this year 270 were given paupers burials. Another 41 were buried by the South African Council of Churches in two mass funerals.

The SACC has again appealed to families

whose members went missing during the violence to contact mortuaries for identification.

Father Mlungisi Ntsele, who had started an "adopt a body" campaign to help bury the victims, said yesterday: "We have to avoid going through the same problem at all costs.

"I am appealing to families whose members

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have been missing to contact the mortuary for identification.

The South African Institute of Race Relations has estimated that more than 3 000 people have died since August.

This means for every 100 people who died, at least seven were unidentified.

Ngobeni said yesterday's figures were of victims of the latest violence in the East Rand when at least 150 people died during fighting between Phola Park squatter camp and Tokoza Hostel residents. Soweto 21/12/90

Bodies

The bodies were sent to Diepkloof after residents near the Germiston mortuary complained of a stench.

The bodies at the Roodepoort mortuary were picked up at Bekkersdal after fighting at the West Rand squatter camp on December 7.

The day Louis Trichardt shot itself in the foot

ON November 25 when 12 khaki-clad white men whipped innocent Venda Sunday school children at a Louis Trichardt park, little did they realise that they were shooting their own white people in the foot.

As a result of the act by the 12, believed to be white vigilantes, business in the Conservative Party-controlled Soutpansberg town has nosedived by about 90 percent since black people in the area withdrew their buying power.

Reasons behind the consumer boycott are, among other things: The attack on the Sunday school children; a demand for the opening of municipal amenities to all races; and a demand that Tshikota township, which was closed down and its residents resettled in Gazankulu, should be developed.

When Saturday Star visited Louis Trichardt this week, there were black people in town — but only at banks, where they drew money before catching taxis to do their Christmas shopping.

ping either in Venda or Pietersburg, which is 100 km away.

Minibus taxis, a lifeline for many filling stations around the country, drive past garages in Louis Trichardt to fill up either in Pietersburg or Venda.

Rotten

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Taxi owners, who ferry passengers between Louis Trichardt and Pietersburg, couldn't have wished for a better Christmas present. However, those taxis owners whose permits allow them to carry passengers between Venda and Louis Trichardt only are also feeling the pinch of the boycott as their taxis drive into town empty.

A power failure, which hit the town three times in four days, sounded the death-knell for butchery owners and supermarkets as most of their perishable goods became rotten.

A common sight in the town is desperate businessmen standing in empty shops, some with their shop assistants

JOYIAL RANTAO and CATHY ENSOR

(if they can afford to keep them). A number of Venda citizens have been laid off since the boycott started.

A popular clothing shop in the CBD has laid off all its staff because they cannot afford to pay them.

When asked how her business was doing, Mrs A van Wyk, manager of Edworks Shoe Store, replied: "What business? There is no business here," she said pointing at the her empty store.

Mrs van Wyk said her business had taken a slump of more than 90 percent. "Our budget for this month was R75 000 and we have only managed to take in under R5 000," she said.

She has managed to keep her staff of two shop assistants because her store, which is part of a chain, was being balanced by other branches.

A cafe owner, who did not wish to be named, said his business had also

suffered a great deal.

"If it was my children who were sjamboked in the park I would definitely take some action, possibly something worse than a consumer boycott," the businessman said.

Boutique owner, Lindsay Roberts's most painful moment came during an interview when three of her loyal black customers walked past her shop and waved at her.

"This is what happens every day," she said. "I can see that they want to come in and shop but they are too scared to do so."

Fearful

A Louis Trichardt shop owner who as a matter of "survival" declined to be named for fear of retribution by right-wing groups in the town, described the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) as a minority faction in the town, but said he was not prepared to lose his "Conservative Party customers" by speaking out.

Although businessmen and the (National Party sympathetic) Sakrekamer were trying to implement reforms, these were being hijacked by the CP-dominated town council.

He said most residents reacted with "disgust" to the events in which a group of black picnickers were attacked by right-wing fanatics.

He said that there was a group of concerned people who were arranging a new picnic for black children in an attempt to make amends.

What do Louis Trichardt residents — both black and white — think about the boycott action?

Mrs Elsie Gnsburg (not her real name — she would not disclose her real identity because if she did "my house would be burnt") felt that "those who sjamboked the children should be sjamboked as well".

Mr John Modau of Tshakuma in Venda felt the boycott was legitimate. "What other avenue do we have to voice our abhorrence of what happened at the park?" he asked.

Confrontation looms

Marching to isolate councillors

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CONFRONTATION is looming over planned "resign now" marches on homes of black town councillors.

But, councillors have vowed that they will not be intimidated by "criminals" and police say they will not allow the community

ABBEY MAKOE

to be harassed by "lawlessness".

The marches have been organised by the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST), and are planned to take place between Christmas and New Year's Day, according to Sam Ntuli, CAST's general secretary.

A "Black Christmas" was also declared against councillors. "Their businesses will be boycotted and their families isolated by the community," Mr Ntuli said.

Also faced with the prospect of a boycott were businesses that had links with councillors.

Permission

Their shops will be boycotted as well, Mr Ntuli warned. "That's to ensure that their isolation must be a success."

Asked whether CAST had applied for permissions to march on councillors' homes Mr Ntuli said CAST would "definitely apply if needs be".

But the marches would go on, he stressed.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni insisted, however, that anyone wanting to march had to obtain permission from a magistrate first.

He warned that special guards would be posted, if required, at the houses of anybody who was in need of protection.

Mr Vincent Thusi, chairman of the Dobsonville council management committee, regarded the intended marches as undemocratic.

"To invade our privacy is a violation of human rights and is unacceptable," he said.

He warned that he and fellow councillors would not be intimidated by anybody. "We'll rather die for upholding the ideals of democracy."

Senior Diepmeadow councillor Fred Phiri added: "It is not only immoral but also criminal for any man to walk into my privacy and intimidate me and my family."

On security measures, he said he was not going out of his way to make special arrangements. "I have no fear," he said.

Soweto council management committee chairman Butana Tshabalala said councillors were democratically elected into office and the only way they could resign was, in turn, to be democratically voted out of office.

'Not God'

For that reason, he anticipated some violence because "the people who elected us will retaliate against the marchers intimidation. But if they (the marchers) intend to kill me, I can't stop them from doing it. I'm not God," he added.

It was not his wish to request police protection, neither did he intend to carry a gun.

Open conflict rife among children in Transvaal town

RESIDENTS of the Soutpansberg town of Louis Trichardt are not only plagued by racial tension between blacks and whites, but they are also experiencing friction between white Afrikaans-speaking and English-speaking children.

Children at primary schools are often at each other's throats because "my father is a Conservative Party member and so am I. Your father, who is not a member, is selling out"

Harassed

In interviews, it emerged that English-speaking pupils have been ostracised by Afrikaans boys and girls. Some have allegedly been attacked on their way to and from school.

An English-speaking resident, Elsie Ginsburg (not her real name), was willing to tell Saturday Star about the conflict in the town but would not reveal her identity because "If I do my house will be burnt down and my children will be harassed to a greater extent at the local school."

While she condemned the actions of the 12 white men who assaulted black school children recently, Mrs Ginsburg spoke in a hushed tone and looked around to make sure nobody was eavesdropping.

Mrs Ginsburg's sentiments were reiterated by Lindsay Roberts, owner of a ladies' boutique in the town.

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Mrs Roberts said a while ago she went to a local school to give tennis lessons. "While I was busy, youngsters attacked each other. When I inquired why, I was told that a victim was being attacked because of his parents' political leanings."

She said she feared for the future as children should be used as foundation stones for the new South Africa that was emerging. "They should be taught now what is wrong and what is right."

The racist attitude of children was evident when I walked around the town with a colleague, Catherine Ensor.

It was the children — in the company of their parents — who gave us "if-looks-could-kill" stares. The parents just looked once and walked on.

Turned back

What about the attitude of blacks?

I tested this by embarking on a boycott-busting action. I walked into a cafe and bought a cold drink. When I walked out of the cafe, blacks in the area looked at me as if I was naked.

Feeling butterflies in my stomach as a group of men followed me up the street, I dumped the can, from which I had had two sips, into a rubbish bin.

The men stopped dead in their tracks and turned back.

WARRIORS in the East Rand's war-torn shack settlements put away their weapons this week as they got down to preparing for their Christmas celebrations.

There was a festive mood in Phola Park and Zonk'izwe yesterday. For the first time in weeks, children were playing in the streets under the watchful eye of soldiers on regular patrols. Women were busy cooking meals for the big day.

Residents of both areas said they were confident of a violence-free Christmas because the army had moved in and most Zulus had left the area to spend Christmas in Natal. Phola Park spaza shop owner Eunice Phandlwe said: "I will go to church on Christmas Day to thank God for protecting me during the destruction and carnage which swept our camp. I will never forget this year's violence. It was terrible."

"I have decided to take my children to a sangoma after Christmas so they can be cleansed. They have seen too many bodies of victims of the violence."

She said she was looking forward to an enjoyable Christmas.

"Everyone in the area has the spirit. Even my business has started booming."

She said she hoped the soldiers would be able to keep the peace when the Zulus returned after Christmas.

Another resident, Albert Mhlanga, said: "Everybody is in the Christmas mood. I have prepared for Christ-

Festive spirit replaces fear in township battle zones

Report: VICTOR KHUPISO

mas Day.

"But many children have been left orphaned. I will invite my neighbour's children for Christmas lunch."

"I hope the violence will not start again. But we do not know what will happen

after the holidays.

"We don't know what the Zulus are planning. We don't even know what the Xhosas are planning."

"I hope the soldiers will stay until there is a proper peace settlement."

Zonk'izwe resident

Picture: JOE SEFALE

PLAYING AGAIN ... children enjoy themselves in the streets for the first time in many weeks



to thank my ancestors for protecting me during the violence.

"I'm happy to be alive. Two of my brothers died in the fighting."

"But I'm worried about what will happen after the holidays."

Nomsa Maopa said:

"Everybody is looking forward to a peaceful Christmas. The festive mood is everywhere."

"People are busy preparing. There is the normal loud music people play over the festive season."

● Meanwhile, residents affected by Eskom's pilot pay-first electricity project in Orange Farm are looking forward to a bright Christmas and New Year.

Said Bongani Maku, who lives in a small shack with his family: "The electricity scheme has changed our lives."

"This is going to be the first Christmas that I have electricity."

Venda moves against intimidators

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The Argus Correspondent

THOHOYANDOU. — The Venda government has passed a proclamation prohibiting intimidation.

This follows two incidents in which people forced three whites out of their offices and escorted them to their homes in Louis Trichardt this month.

Two of the three have appeared in court for their alleged participation in an attack on black Sunday school children at Louis Trichardt in November.

They are Mr Corrie de Wet and Mr Barend Jordaan who have since been suspended by their employer pending the outcome of their trial.

ACCUSED

The third man was Mr J M Steyn, assistant Chief Executive Officer of the Venda Development Corporation (VDC). VDC staff had accused him of dismissing seven personnel illegally, including the Chief Executive Officer, Mr F I T Ndiitwani.

The proclamation is to be known as the "Intimidation Proclamation of 1990".

It prohibits the killing, assault, injury or causing of damage with the aim of compelling or inducing anybody to do or to abstain from doing any act or to assume or to abandon a particular standpoint" and carries a fine of up to R20 000, a jail sentence of 10 years or both.

Policeman killed as gang opens fire outside hostel

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to discuss violence and political conference needed to be convened and based on the principles that only the African masses were the vehicles of change; apartheid could not be reformed, only eradicated; and the armed struggle had to continue. — Sapa.

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Seven shot dead at the weekend

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SEVEN people, including a policeman, were shot dead and a man was wounded in unrest-related violence in Natal and Alexandra township near Johannesburg at the

weekend, police said yesterday.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Burger van Rooyen said a policeman on guard outside a women's hostel in

Alexandra was fatally wounded after a group of people opened fire on him.

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and a woman who had been shot dead.

A policeman shot dead a black man and wounded another at Matumbisa near Maritzburg when he was apparently attacked

by an unknown group.

Police discovered the body of another man with bullet wounds at Dongonya near Umkomaas, said Van Rooyen. - Sapa

Three killed at Jabulani police station car pound

Row over shootings

AN angry Soweto family has demanded an inquiry into the deaths of a local

By SONTI
MASEKO

businessman, his son and the son's friend who were

shot dead by police at the Jabulani police station's car pound.

The three were shot on Sunday last week in what the businessman's family claims were "cold-blooded murders".

Police have denied this claim.

The family has now instructed a lawyer

The businessman, Mr Nkosiabantu Peter Ngidi, and his son, John, were buried at Avalon cemetery yesterday while John's close friend, Makhosonke Maduna, will be buried on Saturday.

Ngidi is a building contractor and owner of two fast food outlets in Zola II and Emdeni Extension in Soweto.

Ngidi's family said he was called to the police station and the three were shot in the car pound

A Soweto police spokesman said they were shot dead after they were found at the pound with stolen property

Inquest

They had allegedly entered the camp by opening a hole in the fence.

The car in which they were travelling was found parked outside the camp, the policeman said

Police had laid a charge of theft against Ngidi

The police spokesman said an inquest would be held

He would not be drawn into further comment and, instead, appealed to the family to come forward with their allegations

Ngidi's family denies, however, that he was found with stolen property

A relative and business associate, Mr David Khanyile, said Ngidi was called to report at Jabulani police station at 8pm.

He had closed his shop 30 minutes earlier at

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Police resort to bullet-proof vests

MEASURES including the wearing of bullet-proof vests were being taken to protect members of the SAP from attack, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

At least 85 policemen have been killed and many others injured countrywide in unrest-related incidents since the beginning of the year to mid-December.

The majority of attacks on the policemen were launched on the Reef, Opperman said. *B Day 27/12/90*

"We will show no mercy to any criminals or perpetrators of violence who shoot at, wound or kill policemen. To safeguard our lives we have taken steps such as the guarding of policemen's houses and the

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wearing of bullet-proof vests," Opperman said. *(278)*

Recent attacks on the policemen were launched on Christmas Day. Opperman said a security guard and a municipal policeman guarding a power station in the East Rand township of KwaThema on Christmas night were wounded when two men in a passing car opened fire on them.

The policeman had been discharged from the Far East Rand hospital to which he and the security guard were admitted. The guard was still in a critical condition.

Another police spokesman, Lt Burger

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van Rooyen, said two policemen were injured in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng after being stoned by a crowd.

The policemen fired birdshot to disperse the crowd and one man was wounded and arrested, Van Rooyen said.

At Tswelelang, near Wolmaranstad in the western Transvaal, one man was arrested after a group had attacked a policeman with pangas, he said.

Van Rooyen said a body with bullet wounds was found in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, while a burnt body was found in Soweto.

At Table Mountain in Natal a girl of five

(278) was killed and three women injured when a group opened fire at a home.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that six people have been arrested in the Wartburg area in Natal following a wave of violence over the past few days in which at least eight people have been killed and several others seriously injured.

The arrests followed police, assisted by the SADF, moving into the Izajeni area to restore calm. Most of the incidents occurred at the weekend, when four people were shot dead and another four stabbed to death. A further four, two of them children, were admitted to hospital with knife and gunshot wounds.

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Necklacing in Soweto

CAPE TOWN 27/12/90

JOHANNESBURG. — A white man was shot dead in Soweto and another man was necklaced after intervening in a fight between two men in two separate incidents in the township over the past three days.

Mr James Roy Sayces, 56, of Johannesburg, was shot dead between Orlando and Diepkloof on Christmas Eve. He had stopped at a robot when gunmen shot him and tried to steal his car.

In another incident, a man was necklaced on Christmas Day after intervening in a fight between two men. Police were investigating both incidents. — Sapa

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Boycott of Alberton business

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JOHANNESBURG. — Thokoza residents yesterday announced a total boycott of white-owned businesses in nearby Alberton.

The move followed the residents' "black" Christmas. Electricity supplies to the township were cut at the beginning of December.

Thokoza Civic Association president Mr Sam Ntuli said there would be a march on the Alberton Town Council offices on January 1.

Power to the township was cut when Thokoza's administration failed to raise R1,7m to settle its electricity debt with the Alberton Town Council, said township administrator Mr Gert Muller.

STATISTICS of dead people and the destruction of property have been leaping out of newspapers as the violence in black townships escalated, especially since August.

These are numbers of people - fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, children.

Where they died, there remain survivors - people who are still trapped in one of the worst horrors to befall black South African communities since 1986.

I visited one of these communities this week, just after "fact-finding missions" by the Government, leaders of various political organisations and other dignitaries

Squatter

The place is called Phola Park, a squatter camp in Tokoza on the East Rand.

Between December 2 and 19 the death toll stood at 146 on the East Rand. Of this total, 124 were killed in Tokoza alone, police said.

Perched on a tree stump in his two-roomed tin shack Basil Thelejane (45) tells me: "We are not fighting. We are being attacked."

As I continued to listen to Thelejane and his common-law wife, Regina Tilityana, in that bare abode, I wondered whether "being attacked" referred to gun-toting and panga-wielding assailants, or by a system which rendered him homeless - to become a reluctant resident of Phola Park - or both.

I thought "being attacked" also meant feeling the ravages of migrant

By THEMBA MOLEFE

labour laws which made for single-sex hostels, the flashpoints of death, the Group Areas Act which prevented Thelejane from seeking accommodation in areas zoned whites-only even when there was housing, and the homeland policy which divided blacks in terms of their ethnicity and largely contributing to the strife, especially at the hostels.

Thelejane migrated to the Reef from Matatiele in 1973.

His unemployed wife is from Tarkastad in the Eastern Cape where she fled her poverty-stricken village to Johannesburg 17 years ago. She does not know her age.

Dismissed

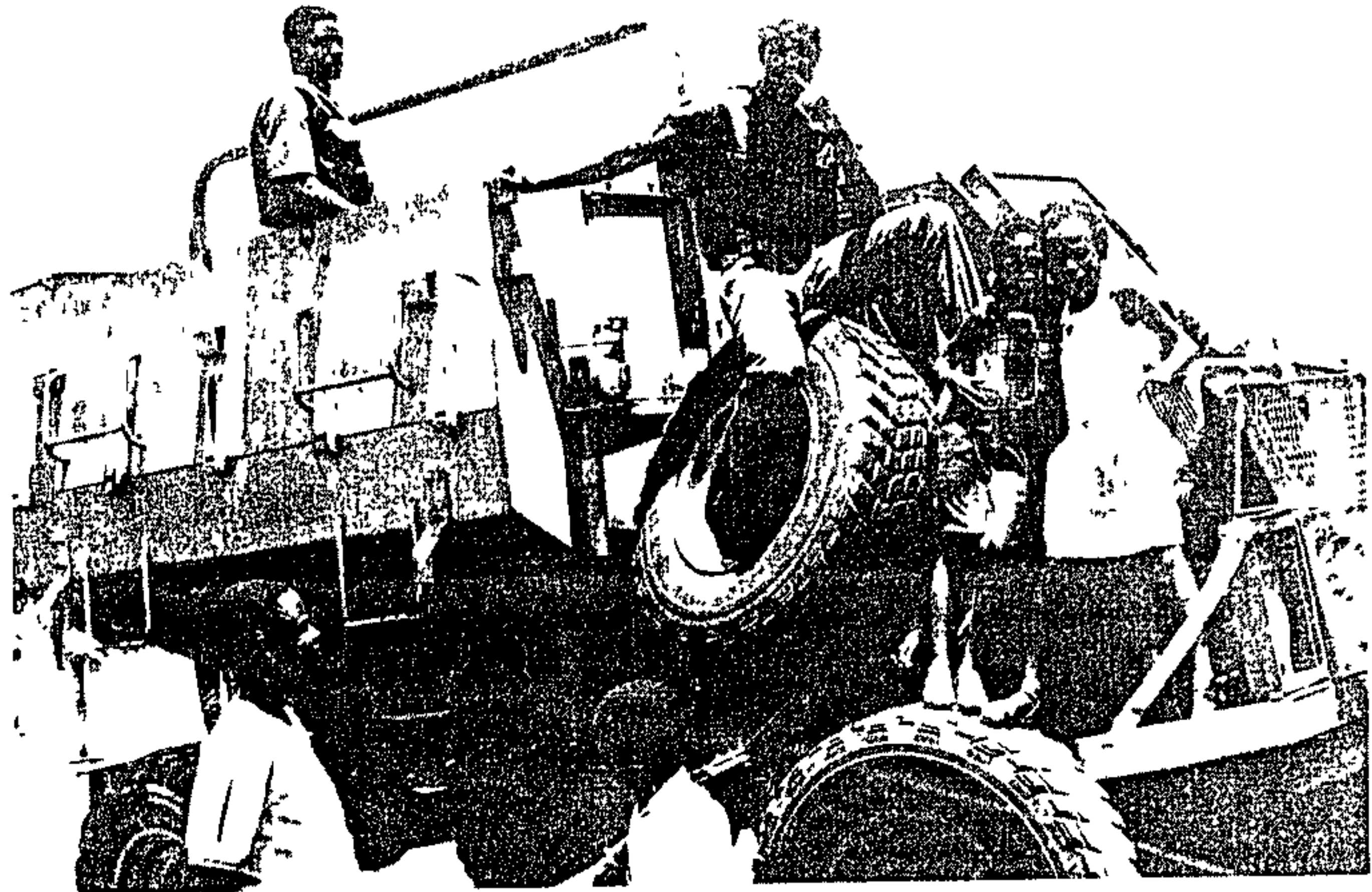
On December 19, he was dismissed after asking his employer at an Alberton brake and clutch repairing factory for a raise.

Employed there for 17 years, he was earning R150 a week. She is an unemployed domestic worker.

Phola Park is a sorry location of hundreds of shacks that either face each other as though ready for battle, or are leaning on one another as if for dear life.

There is no running water or toilets at Phola Park. There are no roads but muddy passages be-

Strife still haunts Phola Park people



The army frisks anyone entering or leaving Phola Park and some residents said they felt safe with the security forces in the area. Pic MBUZENI ZULU

tween the shacks.

The stench caused by stagnant water or excrement, which is typical of such devastated communities, rents the air.

Portable

Says Regina Tilityana "They (authorities) took away the portable toilets they had provided when they moved us here three years ago, saying it was because we were refusing to pay the R15 rent."

"Actually, they (authorities) started this place in 1987 after evicting us from backyards in Tokoza or other mkhukhus around the

township," says Thelejane.

Phola Park is adjacent to what is now a shell of a hostel. This week the SADF put a sharp razor fence around Phola Park, cordoning it off completely.

Soldiers search everyone who enters or leaves the area.

"We feel safer since the army moved in," says Thelejane.

The hostel in Tokoza is officially divided into three blocks known as hostels 1, 2 or 3. Thelejane says in Tokoza they are known just as Madala (because it is the

oldest), Mshay'Azafe (beat him up until he dies) and Khutuza (Where you get robbed).

It is at Mshay'Azafe where the fighting began on September 12, he says, and told me what he thinks was the cause "Inkatha members killed a Xhosa inmate because they believed that Xhosas wanted to take over the country and oppress them like the whites."

Mandela

"They said they did not want to be ruled by Mandela and said all Xhosas must leave the hostel. The Xhosas at the

hostel retaliated and we were caught in the crossfire."

"This fighting did not start at Phola Park."

"My house (shack) was burnt down in September and you know who did it? The police and Inkatha. I saw them, we saw them. It was not the Zulus or Xhosas or Sothos or Shangaans. We all live together here."

"We are not fighting. We are being attacked," Thelejane said.

As he concluded his story, images of unseen forces creeping into Phola Park in the dark were conjured up in my mind.

* Both the SAP and Inkatha have denied any collusion in the violence.

Thelejane and his wife have not been to school. Tilityana says she joined the ANC last month after a group of women from Tembisa visited Phola Park.

"They said it was better to die for what I knew - ANC membership - than for nothing. They said the membership card guaranteed assistance in case of death or other difficulties," says Tilityana.

* ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said the organisation was not a burial society and called for caution against people masquerading as ANC recruiters.

I finally ask the couple why they didn't run away from this devastation or return to their homes in Matatiele or Tarkastad.

Says Thelejane "Run away to what? There's nowhere to go, my brother."

Perhaps there are similar stories in Crossroads, Bekkersdal and other such communities in this country.

Umsa warns of civil war

THE United Municipalities of South Africa has urged councillors, who have been the victims of a mass campaign calling for their resignation, to physically resist and defend themselves against "the enemy".

In a New Year's message to councillors, Umsa's acting president, Henock Ngakane, said yesterday: "We are aware that the strategy of our enemy is a method of petrol and fire to bring others to a blood-curdling fear."

He also announced that Umsa and its rival, the United Councils Association of South Africa, would either amalgamate or form an alliance in January.

Ngakane said the leaders of the campaign would regret the end result of their "foolish" action, which would be the creation of a "second Mozambique and Angola revolutionary war".

Fear

He said: "Councillors, the feared war of necklace is still on against you. The call on all councillors is to resist, and gain courage in durable and loyal stand."

Ngakane accused the National Party government and the ANC of having founded negotiations on "the brittle soil of exclusiveness", adding that the experience and skills of councillors were needed for negotiations on a new municipal system.

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4 injured in Reef fighting

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AT LEAST four people have been admitted to hospital following inter-political clashes in Munsieville township, near Krugersdorp, which broke out on Christmas Day.

By
MOJALEFA MOSEKI

and some furniture articles damaged.

Among the injured is the Pan Africanist Congress local chairman Mr John Motlokoa, who was reportedly 'seriously injured' when a group of alleged ANC-affiliated youths attacked him on Boxing Day.

A police spokesman for the West Rand said yesterday an AK-47 rifle and petrol bombs were used in attacks on six houses which had window panes smashed.

The others are two PAC members who were

beaten up on Christmas Day and an ANC youth who was stabbed on Christmas Day.

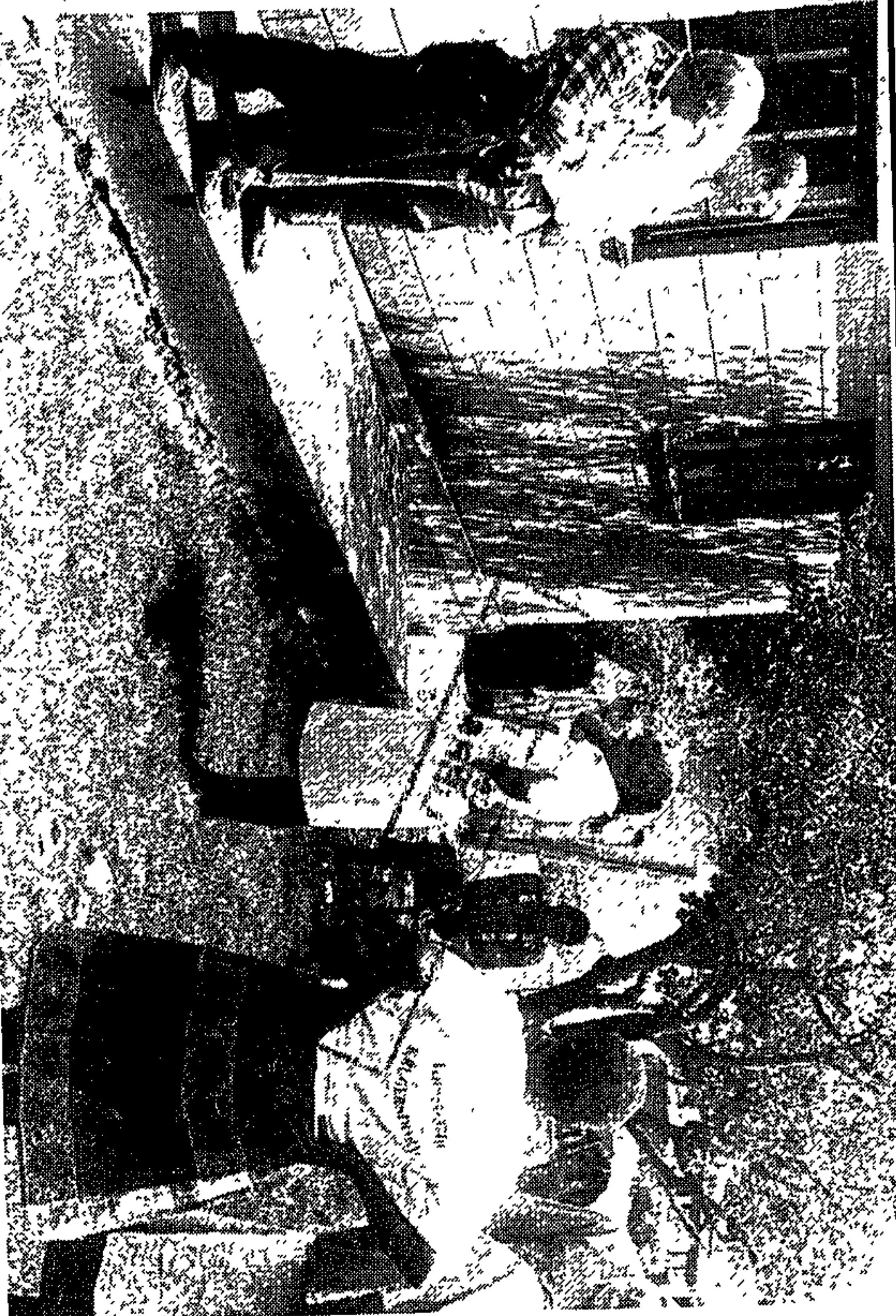
Residents yesterday claimed many other youths were injured during a battle which raged the whole night until midday yesterday.

By late yesterday afternoon the PAC members had fled the township and sought refuge elsewhere.

A resident said yesterday the fighting broke out when one of the PAC youths who was attending a Christmas party for members was called to rescue her sister from a youth who was molesting her.

He drew a knife when the molester resisted and in the ensuing struggle stabbed the youth. A fracas broke out.

On Boxing Day three PAC members were attacked by a group of youths on their way to the shops.



Police talk to a family in Munsieville, Krugersdorp, whose house was attacked during clashes.

Festivities affect CAST campaign

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By Esmaré
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Political Reporter

The anti-councillors campaign of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST), which was supposed to reach a climax between Christmas and New Year, seems to have met with limited success.

Commented CAST's assistant general-secretary, Cas Coovadia: "The unfortunate thing about the struggle is that everybody seems to go into recess over the festive season."

Activities would take place in some areas before January 1, he said, and the campaign would again be stepped up by mid-January.

However, since the campaign's inception, 100 of the remaining 189 councillors had resigned in the target areas of 41

civic associations.

Eight councils had either collapsed completely or had been left without quorums due to the resignations, he said.

Some of the activities reported over the festive season included:

- In Mamelodi, 10 councillors are said to have resigned after residents had marched to their houses to demand their resignations.

- In Eldorado Park, deputations of between 10 and 20 residents had gone to the houses of the six management committee members to demand their resignations. Five management committee members had promised to report back to residents.

- In Kagiso, block committees had started a door-to-door petition, asking residents whether they wanted the councillors to resign.

Revelry leads to rivalry

By SEKOLA SELLO

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DRUNKEN Christmas revelry led to political violence in the quiet West Rand township of Munsieville this week.

While no fatalities have been reported, several ANC and PAC members have been reported injured, some seriously, and several houses have been damaged since the outbreak of the fighting on Christmas Day.

An estimated 27 young members of the PAC have fled the township.

A local resident who asked for anonymity described the fighting as a "low-key battle with all the hallmarks of exploding into a full-blown war".

ANC members in the area claim one of their number was wrongly accused of trying to abduct the sister of a well-known PAC member.

The ANC member concerned denies this and alleges he was told not to saying anything bad about the PAC.

Both factions admit that when the clashes began, most of their members had been attending parties and boozing. "It is true that some of our members had had one too many," acknowledged an ANC member.

The chairman of the ANC Youth League in the area, Oupa Motingoa, said the ANC tried to calm the situation as soon as it realised it was taking on frightening proportions, but had little co-operation from the PAC.

Some local residents claim ANC members started the fighting. "These youngsters expect total obedience and do not tolerate any opposition."

By the time of going to press, Munsieville was quiet, although tense.