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THE GRIM REALITY...People savagely mowed down one another as if they were trying to outdo Beirut in the numbers game. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU.

Violence wrecks 1990, apartheid to blame

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WHEN thousands of homeless people started building their own corrugated-iron shacks outside Tokoza, they decided to call it Phola Park (the Place of Calm).

They did so because the shanty town ostensibly marked the end of years of harassment and exploitation at the hands of greedy and hard-to-please landlords in the township.

To them, Phola Park was a new-found freedom.

But they had hardly finished driving the last nail into the last shack when they were rudely awakened to the fact that there was nothing *phola* about Phola Park.

It was like a case of jumping from a frying pan into the fire when the squatter camp became a battle-ground for a war between its inhabitants and inmates of the nearby Khalanyoni Hostel.

Women became widows and children orphans overnight as grown men - black men - savagely mowed down each other in one of the bloodiest clashes ever witnessed in South Africa.

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It was as if we were trying to outdo Beirut in the numbers game. But

By SY MAKARINGE

behind the cold statistics lay human beings like you and me.

Phola Park was no longer calm, but calamitous.

The violence spread to Soweto, Kagiso, Sebokeng, Bekkersdal, Zonk'izizwe and just about every township on the Reef you can think of.

Twenty-six unsuspecting people were hacked to death on a moving train between George Goch and Benrose stations.

Commuters were shot at a taxi rank in central Johannesburg.

Such incidents became daily events, but what was the cause of all this unnecessary blood-letting?

When the clashes broke out in Phola Park, people on the ground did not know why they were fighting one another. Some said it started when a Zulu-speaking man living in the Khalanyoni Hostel fatally stabbed a Xhosa-speaking inmate over a woman. Others said it was in fact a Xhosa-speaking man who stabbed a Zulu that triggered the violence.

But politicians on the far left said the violence was exported from Natal, where the Inkatha Freedom Party was also

wreaking havoc in an attempt to wrest control of the region.

When the carnage reached catastrophic and uncontrollable levels, these politicians blamed a "third force", saying Inkatha did not have the capacity to unleash such violence.

On the other hand, people sympathetic to Inkatha said it was significant that the violence took place shortly after the African National Congress had embarked on a campaign to isolate Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, president of Inkatha and Chief Minister of KwaZulu.

Some called it an ethnic war between Zulus and Xhosas, while others suggested it was a conflict between hostel dwellers and township residents. Still others described the violence as Inkatha versus the ANC.

The first two explanations hold little merit.

There has never been any concrete evidence that it was an ethnic conflict between Zulus and Xhosas, as people speaking other black languages were also affected in the violence.

It was also not a war between hostel inmates and township residents because there were many cases where hostel dwellers or township residents fought amongst themselves.

The latter explanation is true up to a point, but the causes of bloodshed run even deeper. Evidence points to the main culprit apartheid.

The concept of separate development was so effective in dividing people that it taught them to despise those who did not speak the same language.

Labour

Because of the migratory labour system created by apartheid, grown men were forced to live in dilapidated and unhygienic conditions at single-sex hostels throughout the Johannesburg metropolis.

With their families hundreds of kilometres away, life to the hostel dwellers was meaningless. Their marital status changed to "married" bachelors as they saw their wives only once a year.

Squatter camps such as Phola Park, where people live in appalling and squalid conditions, were direct creations of apartheid. Although the Urban Black Areas Act - which treated people as temporary sojourners in their own birthplace - has been repealed, its legacy still lives on.

But this is no longer a time to look at the causes of the violence, but to find ways and means of stopping it.

It is a great pity that an

initiative by the South African Council of Churches fell short of its desired effect when Buthelezi refused to join ANC deputy president, Mr Nelson Mandela, and other prominent South African figures on a tour of the battle-scarred areas.

It later turned out that Buthelezi had accepted an invitation from Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to tour the townships with him on the same day as the SACC tour.

This created more animosity between Inkatha and the ANC, as Mandela found out when he visited hostel dwellers who had been addressed by Buthelezi earlier in the day.

The hostel dwellers, ostensibly Inkatha members, shouted expletives at Mandela and the SACC delegation, forcing them to cut short their visit.

Although a meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi will not produce the miracle of ending the violence, it could go a long way towards creating stability and peace in the country.

The year 1990 has seen a lot of bloodshed. Everyone must be praying and hoping that 1991 does not become a repeat of the violent times of 1990.

Christmas Day at Phola Park... Squatters and their families queue for food.



Police kill 2 in car lot gun battle

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two men armed with AK-47 rifles died in a 30-minute battle with riot police in a used car lot in New Brighton township early yesterday.

A "small" cache of AK-47s and some magazines were seized and an unspecified number of suspects arrested, police said. *Capt Times 3/1/91*

Acting on information, police cordoned off the area at 8.45am yesterday and moved in on foot and in Casspirs.

The suspects opened fire with AK-

47s and hurled an explosive device which injured one policeman.

During the skirmish riot police, some in camouflage battle dress, exchanged shots with the suspects in an area roughly the size of a rugby field, littered with car wrecks.

A police helicopter hovered above.

The bodies of the two men were found about 100 metres apart. One was in an open space between two cars and the other in the wreck of a station-wagon.

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Gangs war in township

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police maintained a day-long patrol in the Maokeng township yesterday as one man was seriously injured and a three-year-old hurt in an outbreak of gang violence.

Police said the recently-merged "Premier" and "Canada" gangs attacked the rival "Three Million" gang early yesterday. Police intervened and fired shots into the air, dispersing the warring factions.

The ANC has accused the police of siding with the "Three Million" gang. Police said they would welcome information on these claims.

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Buthelezi eager for peace

IN his "Issues" column of December 13, Hugh Robertson had many harsh words to say about the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and myself, with regard to our visits to troubled townships and other areas.

I have no intention of defending Mr Vlok but I would like the opportunity to put another perspective on my own involvement and allegations made with regard to members and supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Mr Vlok is slated as being "partisan" for travelling with me to Thokoza and previously into areas of Natal/KwaZulu. Mr Robertson viewed our Thokoza visit as being a "folly" and "irresponsible" because representatives of the ANC (who were invited, but declined) did not accompany us.

This is Mr Robertson's view. However, did he see for to make the same judgement about Mr Vlok's visit to Reef townships with the Deputy President of the ANC, Dr Nelson Mandela, before his Thokoza trip with me? No Inkatha Freedom Party officials were invited or represented at that time. Has he made the same comment about Dr Mandela's constant contact with Mr Vlok?

Does Mr Robertson feel the same way about Mr Vlok's visit to a Reef township, after the alleged Thokoza "faux pas", with the internal leader of the ANC, Mr Walter Sisulu, also minus Inkatha Freedom Party leaders?

He asks what were the supporters of the ANC in Thokoza supposed to make of this "touring twosome" - Mr Vlok and myself.

Will he now ask what supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party and other organisations were supposed to

make of the two other touring twosomes?

The facts of the matter are that I went urgently, and at the last minute, to Thokoza with Mr Vlok because members and supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party pleaded with me to do so. They had made many and various allegations about ongoing police action against them which I reported to Mr Vlok.

During our visit, any "aligning" of the police with Inkatha (as Mr Robertson alleges) was hardly in evidence when IFP members and supporters hissed and booed Mr Vlok. This was televised and reported in the Press.

I am really most concerned about statements of police partiality made with regard to the IFP.

Unfair allegations like this, and others, will only hinder the peace process and the quest for political tolerance. Fears are raised for no reason. Warped conclusions are drawn. For instance, Mr Robertson writes of "Inkatha impis" marching "illegally" through Johannesburg. To my knowledge the last march of IFP members and supporters through Johannesburg was perfectly legal and there were no incidents of violence.

He also writes as though I speak out against the ANC's programme of "mass action" but have double standards when it comes to the IFP. This is simply not true. I deplore violence and intimidation whatever quarter it comes from.

I warn of known threats made in door-to-door ANC recruitment drives when, in their own documentation, they say the "strength of the ANC on the ground must be felt and feared...".

I oppose the known threat-

ening of councillors, the known proposals to set up so-called "defence" units backed by armed ANC/SACP Umkhonto cadres, the known and orchestrated attacks on policemen and their families, the known calls for ongoing strikes and boycotts - for political purposes - when people have been and will be bludgeoned into submission. I make no apologies for taking "up the cry" against South Africa being made ungovernable by the ANC and their surrogates in this kind of "mass action".

These tactics and strategies have not, and will never be, on the IFP's "mass action" agenda.

Many of us involved in this hideous situation are doing what we can to reduce tensions and to bring an end to the bloodshed.

I agree that the leadership of all political organisations should get together and be seen, side by side, actively working for peace. My view is that this should be an ongoing, daily process - not one-off exercises from time to time.

We need to do this off our own bats and not through orchestrated exercises of others with their own agenda. I have offered, as have my colleagues, to work together with Dr Madela and the ANC to try to ensure peace once and for all. We are prepared to do this at any time. The ball is in the ANC's court and we have yet to receive a positive response from them.

"Photo opportunities" (as one observer called the SACC tour) and short visits by leaders, highlighted in the media, have their place. There is, however, no substitute for meaningful co-operation be-

tween all concerned on a 24-hour basis. All the people of South Africa deserve this and I am more than willing to play my part.

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President, Inkatha Freedom
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● *Hugh Robertson replies: Dr Buthelezi asks what supporters of Inkatha were supposed to make of Mr Vlok's visits to townships in the company of only ANC leaders. Precisely! Dr Buthelezi has done me the immense courtesy of underscoring the very point I was trying to make - that by undertaking such visits in the company of only one of the leading antagonists, Mr Vlok would be seen to be partisan by supporters of the other group. If it would make Dr Buthelezi happier, I would be prepared to extend my criticism of Mr Vlok to those township tours where he was accompanied only by ANC leaders, but I fail to see how this would be a rebuttal of my criticism of Mr Vlok's visit to Thokoza in the company of only Dr Buthelezi.*

Soweto 'summit' opts for a 'year of learning'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Far-reaching proposals, aimed at making 1991 a year of learning and teaching in Soweto, have been adopted by the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee.

An education "summit" yesterday at the Regina Mundi Cathedral in Rockville was attended by about 800 Soweto residents.

The proposals came on the eve of the release of what is expected to be the worst matriculation results in black education.

The proposals were aimed at securing the safety of the pupils, developing a healthy environment for learning and encouraging effective parent participation.

Introduced by SECC committee member Ms Sheila Sisulu, the proposals called on people of Soweto to form community defence structures to identify and monitor the activities of criminals and thugs who have brought chaos to township schools.

Ms Sisulu said the community defence structures would involve the "adoption" of primary schools by high schools in the vicinity. Such defence units would be co-ordinated by education co-ordinating committees (ECCs)

The ECCs would be charged with organising regular seminars and workshops to discuss the protection of children, sex education and relevant life skills.

The SECC, Ms Sisulu added, would have to initiate the reintroduction of a network of school transport. The pupils would be encouraged to travel in groups.

Urgent steps would be taken to identify and help teachers and pupils who have alcohol and drug problems.

The SECC should also help the formation of parent-teacher-student associations (PTSAs). Such PTSAs would establish disciplined and accountable disciplinary committees to implement the codes of conduct developed by the PTSAs.

Other proposals were that teachers and pupils be banned from bringing into schools premises, weapons, liquor and drugs.

School gates should be locked during school hours and tuck shops be established in school yards to prevent pupils milling in the streets unnecessarily.

Also, efforts should be made towards creating a single school dress to distinguish pupils from thugs.

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'Guard our schools'

JOHANNESBURG. — Soweto parents were yesterday told to guard school properties. The call came from the ANC-aligned Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee.

The committee said that the schools belonged to the community and that violence at schools must stop.

The call came on the eve of the release of what could be the worst black matric results for many years.

The ANC's education department also released a report yesterday which could underscore a new policy direction in education.

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Komba clash latest in long 'war'

OWN Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — ANC members have been accused of waging a grassroots war against the PAC, even though leaders of both organisations intend forming a united front against government this year.

In at least two areas, PAC spokespersons have accused ANC members of provoking violence and of acting contrary to their leaders' public dictates.

Antipathy between the two organisations dates back to the 1960s and appears to have been intensified recently by rival recruitment drives.

Clashes between members of the two groups have been reported in recent months at Khayelitsha, Bekkersdal on the West Rand and KwaNobuhle in the Eastern Cape.

The most recent clash occurred last week in Komga, near East London, when alleged ANC supporters killed 23-year-old PAC branch member Thembaletu Rasmeni.

Responding to the New Year's Day killing, the PAC said: "It does not augur well for the new year, but we nevertheless commend officials of the ANC branch who have dissociated themselves from this barbarous killing".

'Genocide'

Now ANC members have been accused of conducting a "campaign of genocide" against PAC members at Munsieville township, Krugersdorp.

About 80 PAC members, including the leadership, have been forced to vacate the township in the face of attacks by ANC youths armed with shotguns, AK-47s and hand grenades.

Responding to the allegations, the ANC's department of information and publicity said the ANC's attempts to resolve matters with the PAC had been "cold-shouldered".

It alleged that its chairperson in the area had been shot with a Scorpion machine-pistol.

The PAC alleged that the recent outbreak of violence was the climax of a nine-month campaign to make Munsieville a no-go area for the PAC.

West Rand PAC publicity secretary Mr Banzer Ngceba said there was no indication of a "third force" being involved in the violence.

Instead, the PAC could only conclude that the ANC was conducting a "campaign of genocide" against PAC members.

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Black parents told: Protect our schools

JOHANNESBURG. — Schools were community property and should be jealously guarded as such — and violent activities at schools must be halted, the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) said yesterday.

The SECC made the call in a report at an education summit at Regina Mundi Catholic Church in Soweto, on the eve of the release of what could be the worst black matric results for many years.

Meanwhile, the ANC's education department also released a report yesterday which could underscore a new policy direction in education.

In the report, the organisation slapped down its supporters who advocate "liberation before education", and lashed out at undisciplined pupils and a lack of dedication among teachers.

Teachers must dedicate themselves to "instill a new learning culture", the organisation said.

Speakers at the SECC summit yesterday included UDF president Mrs Albertina Sisulu and National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) spokesman Mr Eric Molobi.

Parents, teachers and pupils should pull together to solve the crisis in black education, speakers said. The SECC, formed in 1989 to address the crisis after dismal matric results that year, said in its 1990 report that:

- All residents should become jealous custodians and protectors of educational institutions, which should be regarded as communal property.

- Criminal and thug elements should be identi-

JOHANNESBURG. — Thirty-three children died and 204 were injured in township violence, and 18 000 children were "loitering in the streets" after having dropped out of schools in Soweto in 1989, the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC) said in its 1990 report yesterday.

The report said 451 cases of violence involving Soweto children had been reported in 1989, including 48 schoolgirl rapes.

The report was presented to parents, teachers and pupils at the SECC's education summit at Regina Mundi Church in Soweto yesterday, on the eve of the release of the 1990 black matric results — expected to be the worst in years.

Last week Minister of Education and Development Aid Dr Stoffel van der Merwe hinted the pass rate could be as low as 31%, compared with a record 97% by whites, 95% for Indians and 79% for coloureds.

In 1989, 41% of black matriculants passed.

The SECC said there was a shortage of 229 classrooms in 1989, and up to 92% of students in some standards had no text books in four or more subjects. There was also a shortage of 1 178 teachers in Soweto in 1989, the report said. — Sapa

fied, isolated and monitored with the aim of eliminating crime and rehabilitating perpetrators.

- Community defence and protection activities against crime and violence in schools should be established and co-ordinated.

- Drug and alcohol abuse should be acknowl-

edged and abusers identified and assisted in rehabilitation.

- Teachers should strive for unity and greater community involvement.

- The "education culture" had to be re-established among students in order to prevent a "lost generation" of youths.

- The government must provide adequate educational facilities to prevent a recurrence of last year's problems of teacher, book, and classroom shortages that culminated in a strike by hundreds of teachers.

Last week leaked information put the black matric pass rate at a disastrous 31%. The rate in 1989 was 41%.

Dr Van der Merwe, who had talks with the NECC yesterday, said "very large numbers" of candidates had obtained the 20% aggregate needed to qualify for the supplementary exam in March.

He said the situation at schools had calmed down, creating a climate in which teachers could teach and pupils could study. There had been an impressive 90% attendance throughout the exams, as both government and extra-parliamentary organisations had encouraged and helped pupils to write.

He said it was encouraging that the ANC and NECC, like the government, were calling for education to continue.

He said yesterday that "spectacularly better" results could be achieved this year if the spirit which had prevailed in the past few months continued throughout 1991. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

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PAC accuses ANC of attacking its supporters

JOHANNESBURG. — The PAC has accused ANC members in Munsieville on the West Rand of systematically attacking its members in the township and driving over 70 PAC supporters out.

According to the chairman of the Munsieville PAC branch, Mr Robert Mangope, ANC supporters began attacking PAC members in April last year after Munsieville was declared an "ANC liberated zone" in March.

Speaking at a Press conference, Mr Mangope said about 78 PAC members, including the entire Munsieville leadership, had fled the township in recent months.

Situation 'tense'

He described the area as "tense".

Mr Mangope said the ANC was to petition the Munsieville superintendent calling for an end to the existence of any other political organisation in the township.

Munsieville's PAC publicity secretary, Mr Basner Ngceba, said the ANC leadership, including deputy president Nelson Mandela, had been contacted but nothing had been done to stop the violence.

However, Mr Ngceba was optimistic that representatives from the factions would meet today to try to resolve the violence.

"We believe the ANC will see reason," he added.

Mr Ngceba said he believed the political clashes in Munsieville would not jeopardise prospects for a united front of lib-

eration movements, but accused ANC supporters in the township of committing "genocide".

Meanwhile, the ANC has denied the PAC allegations and accused it of "cold-shouldering" attempts by the ANC to resolve the matter.

In a statement, the ANC said the Munsieville ANC chairman was attacked after ANC efforts to resolve the problem, contributing to the "volatile" situation.

The ANC's position on all outbreaks of violence had been:

- Getting local structures to work at attaining peace on the ground. In this regard "the PAC structure has been consistent in not turning up for meetings to discuss the violence. The last such attempt being on New Year's Eve."

- To convey the message that all parties must be guided by political tolerance; and

- Attempting to unite all anti-apartheid forces to "fight the system which oppresses us".

Meeting called

"A mass meeting of residents called by the Munsieville Civic Association, which has been attempting to play a mediating role, resolved to allow the immediate return of residents who have fled," the statement said.

It added the ANC did not intend standing in the way of their safe return.

The ANC would investigate the matter and take necessary further steps, the statement concluded. — Sapa.

PAC members on the run

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'ANC attacks' force 70 to flee W. Rand

MORE than 70 members of the PAC in Munsieville have fled the township following clashes with ANC supporters.

PAC officials last Friday said at least 10 of their members have been injured and about 20 of their homes damaged since violence started last March.

Mr Popo Mvulane, PAC's spokesman in Munsieville, said the "unprovoked attacks" on their members had included the use of AK-47 rifles, firearms and hand grenades.

Some of the members were also stabbed.

He said most of the attacks had taken place during

December, last year.

He said at that time they had heard that ANC had planned a "black Christmas" against PAC saying it should cease to exist in the township.

According to Mvulane, recently the ANC organised a meeting in which it put conditions under which PAC members could return to the area.

It was said PAC members were free to come back, but not their leadership; that Munsieville was

"It does not promote or benefit the interest of the indigenous oppressed people.

"The PAC leadership in the West Rand has made attempts to speak to

ANC in the area but have been told the leadership would only be available today.

"We have also informed Mr Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu about the attacks and they have promised to look into the matter," he said.

He added that he was optimistic that the violence will not deter them from pursuing a united liberation front.

The ANC has reportedly refuted the PAC allegations that it was responsible for the violence in the township.

Instead it has accused the PAC of "cold-shouldering" attempts by the ANC to resolve the matter.



Mr Popo Mvulane, PAC spokesman in Munsieville (front row, fourth from left), addresses a media conference in Johannesburg. He is flanked by some of the PAC officials in the West Rand. Behind them are some of the PAC supporters who have fled the township following clashes with the ANC.

Pic by MOFFAT ZUNGU

ANC man killed in violent clash

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ONE person was killed, three injured and four houses gutted in fighting between alleged Pan Africanist Congress and African National Congress members at the West Rand township of Munsiville on Sunday.

West Rand police representative Captain Henrietta Bester yesterday confirmed that violence had taken place.

The incident happened after PAC members were driven from the township last month. They are still in hiding.

ANC leaders in the township accused the PAC of being behind the latest attack.

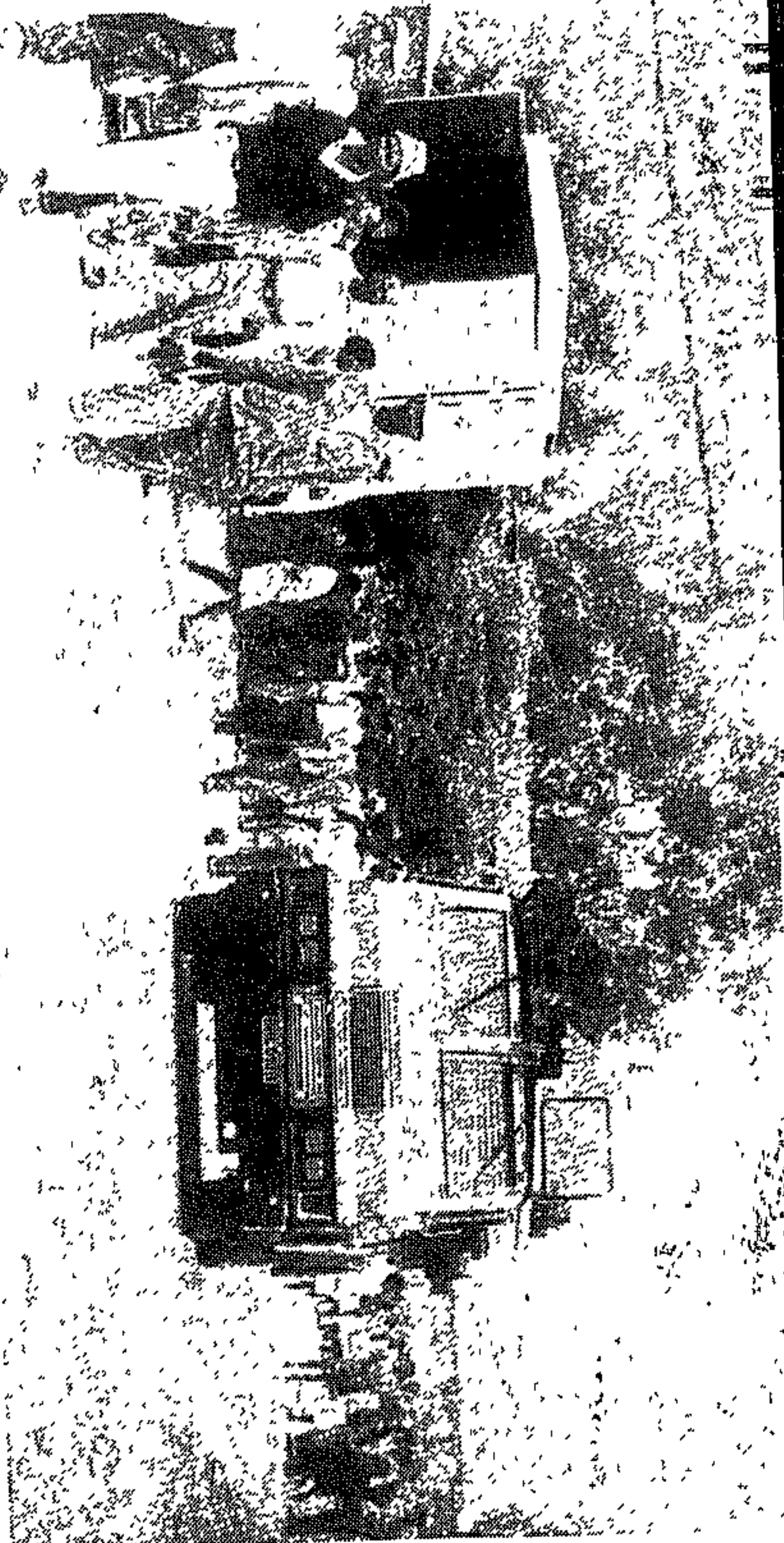
Mr Bushy Kelebonye of the ANC said: "The attack was carried out by

By KENOSI MODISANE

five PAC members known to us. They were seen by ANC youth league members who survived the attack."

The dead man was Mr Joseph Koole (22) of 374 Mahura Street. He was a member of the ANC's youth league.

PAC spokesman Mr Banser Ngceba dismissed the claim that his movement was involved in the attack. "How can our members, who have been evicted from the township, carry out such an attack? They (the ANC) patrol the streets and would ambush anything that moves," Ngceba said.



Police escort residents who marched through the streets of Munsiville after a meeting.

Rewards for AK-47s *Star 8/1/91* are ignored

By Helen Grange

No AK-47 assault rifles have yet been handed over to the police, in spite of an offer by the Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok to pay large sums for any unlicensed weapons.

Police stations in Soweto and the East Rand, where an alarming increase in the availability of firearms has fuelled continuing violence, have reported no response to the police offer.

Police have offered to pay R6 000 in cash for any AK-47s handed over, a reward which would profit the owner who could buy the gun for about R1 000, the going township rate.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday that rewards would be paid out for "terrorist weapons" and for information leading to the confiscation of weapons.

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"People should not be afraid to hand these weapons over. They may remain anonymous. However, if they are apprehended with AK-47s, having no intention to go to a police station, they will be arrested."

Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria Professor Mike Hough suggested a number of reasons for the failure of this strategy.

"Some people might not believe they will be indemnified from prosecution. On the other hand, ANC militants may not be willing to hand in arms caches, considering the armed struggle has only been suspended. They would want to wait for negotiations to clarify their position."

Criminal elements in possession of these weapons would probably intend continuing criminal activities, he said.

Man killed, houses burnt in ANC clashes with PAC

An ANC member was killed and four PAC members' homes burnt down in fighting between the ANC and PAC in Munsieville yesterday.

The PAC renewed its accusations that ANC supporters in the West Rand township were attacking their members and had driven over 70 PAC supporters from the township.

According to West Rand police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester, Joseph Chief Tonto Kole (22), was gunned down at 1.15 am yesterday when ANC and PAC groups clashed.

It was later established Mr Kole was an ANC Youth League member.

West Rand PAC publicity secretary Basner Ngceba said ANC members had set-up road-

blocks in the township, and had yesterday burnt down four PAC supporters' houses while police allegedly stood by.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said last night the police were investigating four separate fires at homes in Munsieville. He denied police complacency and called for witnesses to come forward and report to the police.

Mr Ngceba last week alleged the entire Munsieville PAC leadership and members had been chased from the township by ANC members who had waged attacks on PAC supporters in Munsieville since March last year.

The ANC denied the claims and said the PAC had constantly "cold

shouldered" attempts by the ANC to hold peace talks in Munsieville.

Mr Ngceba said PAC members in Munsieville had telephoned him last night and reported the attacks.

"The people are in gross fear of their lives."

He said a large group of ANC supporters had gathered outside one PAC member's house late last night and were singing anti-PAC slogans and "hurling abuse at Comrade Mike Matsobane who is a member of the PAC's national executive committee and lives in nearby Kagiso".

Mr Ngceba said he had telephoned the ANC head office in Johannesburg yesterday to explain the situation but had not received any response by late last night. — Sapa.



SAP members keep watch in Toekomsrus after the power supply in the township was cut off.

Youth badly hurt 278 as cops open fire

AN 18-year-old Toekomsrus youth was seriously injured yesterday when police fired birdshot at a crowd watching Randfontein Municipality workers cut off the electricity supply to the West Rand township.

James Mokaku was taken to a doctor who removed eight birdshot pellets from his face, neck and back.

The crowd was gathered around a barricade of burning tyres in Diamond Street as the Randfontein Municipality workers - escorted by policemen, kits

konstabels and South African Defence Force members - cut off the electricity to the township.

The township is currently holding a rent boycott.

Public relations officer of the Toekomsrus Crisis Committee Mr Oscar Olifant said if violence erupted in the township the Randfontein Municipality would be to blame. He added the TCC was willing to negotiate with the municipality.

The town clerk of Randfontein, Lou Brits, said only those who were not paying rent would

have their electricity cut off. Toekomsrus residents had been given until December 1 1990 to pay their rent arrears but this was extended to January 8 because of the festive season.

He said the municipality was prepared to negotiate with the crisis committee - but if an acceptable agreement was not reached the matter would be handed to the town council's lawyers.

Brits also confirmed the resignation of three members of the management committee responsible for running Toekomsrus.

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quiet after^{Traks}
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KRUGERSDORP. — The situation in Munsieville township here was quiet yesterday after an ANC member was killed and four PAC homes were gutted in political clashes on Monday.

No further incidents of violence were reported.

This follows the gunning-down of ANC Youth League member Mr Joseph Chief Tonto Kole, 22, and the burning-down of four PAC homes.

A PAC spokesman earlier alleged police stood by while the ANC burned down the houses.

Police have denied the claim. — Sapa

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Power cut for 1 400 homes

JOHANNESBURG. — The Randfontein municipality plans to cut off the electricity supply to 1 400 of the 1 880 houses in the Toekomsrus coloured residential area near the town.

Randfontein town clerk Mr Louw Brits said the supply would be cut off from the houses of people who had refused to pay their electricity accounts. He said the accounts were between six weeks and four months in arrears and involved about R1 million.

Toekomsrus residents have been refusing to pay their rent and service tariffs since last September.

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Police detain 20 in Thokoza council sit-in

JOHANNESBURG. — About 20 people who had staged a sit-in at the Thokoza Town Council offices since Monday were briefly detained by police yesterday.

Those arrested included Thokoza Civic Association (TCA) president Mr Sam Ntuli and Father Peter Hortop of the Thokoza Catholic Church.

A TCA spokesman said they were arrested after they had refused a request by the Thokoza town clerk to vacate the premises. They were released after a short while.

The council and the TCA started talks on Friday about the reconnection of the power and water supply to the township, which owes about R1,7m in electricity payments, plus four months' interest.

Thokoza has been without power since early December.

Alberton Town Council management Committee chairman Mr Johann van der Merwe yesterday accused Mr Ntuli of breaking an agreement reached at the meeting on Friday between representatives of the TCA, the Thokoza Town Council, the Alberton Town Council, Eskom, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Alberton Industries Association. — Sapa

Protesters removed by police

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AT least 10 members of the Tokoza Civic Association, who were staging a sit-in protest at the council offices, were yesterday told by police to leave the premises.

East Rand police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweek said police had been told by the Tokoza Town Council to ask TCA members to get out of the offices.

She said no arrests were made.

However, Mr Duma Nkosi of the TCA said the 10 protesters, including their president Mr Sam Ntuli and Father Hawthorne of the local Roman Catholic Church, were taken to the police station but it was not known if they had been arrested.

The sit-in started on Monday to protest against electricity cuts which began in December.

By DON SEOKANE

Many residents paid the R40 interim flat rate yesterday in an attempt to have their power switched back on.

Before the sit-in was interrupted, Ntuli accused the council of not honouring the agreement it had reached with TCA. He said since last Friday residents had been paying the interim rate.

Ntuli ruled out any possibility of the consumer boycott of Alberton's white shops being ended before negotiations with the Alberton Town Council.

Braklaagte residents flee from vigilantes

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By Helen Grange

Only the elderly and very young were left behind yesterday in the township of Braklaagte, Bophuthatswana, where violence has claimed at least three lives since the weekend.

The rest have taken refuge in the surrounding forest or in Zeerust's Ikalegeng township.

Others are under arrest in the Lufuruti Hospital, where they are being treated for wounds.

The refugees claim they were attacked on Tuesday morning by vigilantes dressed in camouflage uniforms and aided by Bophuthatswana police.

However, Colonel David George of the Bophuthatswana police has denied any knowledge of vigilantes operating in the Braklaagte area.

"The police ... deny giving any assistance or support to any particular faction," he said, adding that police were investigating a mob attack on the Braklaagte police station on Tuesday.

Assaulted

Speaking from the shelter of the Catholic church in Ikalegeng, youths said Bophuthatswana security forces and "pro-Bop vigilantes" calling themselves Inkatha members had assaulted ANC supporters, and burnt their homes.

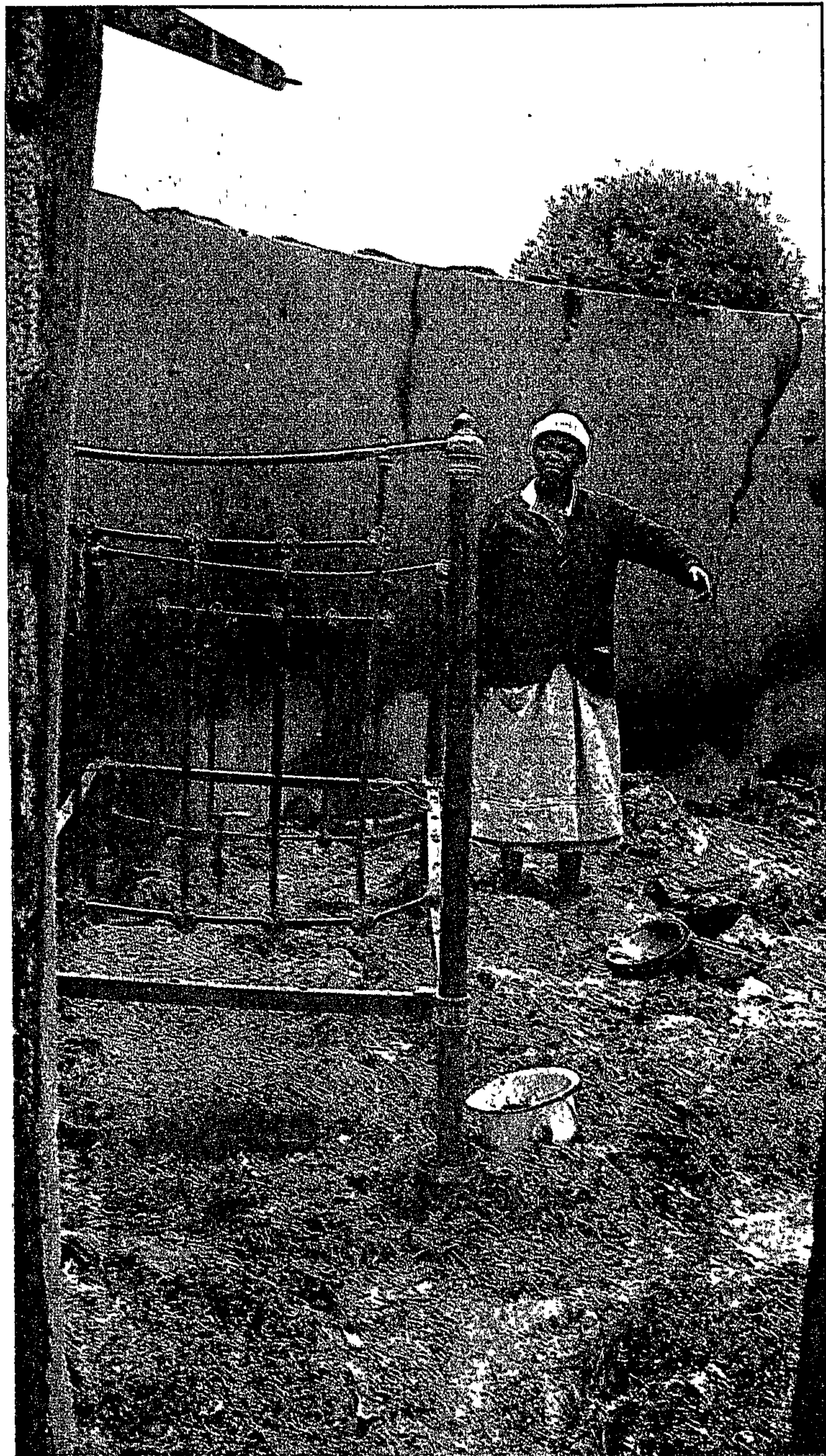
Else Motsusi said the attacks began while she was in Zeerust and that she had no idea what had happened to her two children whom she had left behind.

"They are after me and I'm too afraid to go back."

In Braklaagte there were no signs yesterday of activity.

At Lufuruti Hospital, five injured patients were seen in a ward under police guard. The guards said they were under arrest and could not be interviewed.

The violence apparently started in earnest at the weekend, and follows the launching of three branches of the ANC in Braklaagte at the end of last month, says ANC western Transvaal regional office spokesman Zack Malogane.



Devastated ... Braklaagte resident Ninny Marope, who says vigilantes burnt down her hut on Monday night after township youths came to pray there. Her neighbours have fled and taken refuge in surrounding forest.

Picture: Alf Kumalo

Police deny aiding vigilantes

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JOHANNESBURG. — Refugees fleeing violence in Bophuthatswana's Braklaagte village, near Zeerust, yesterday alleged that anti-ANC vigilantes were spotted wearing uniforms given to them by the independent homeland's police.

Speaking from Roman Catholic Church premises in the Zeerust township of Ikageleng, several villagers said they had spotted fellow "ordinary villagers" attacking locals. The attackers, they claimed, were dressed in camouflage uniform.

Police denied they were assisting a vigilante group in the village.

Colonel David George said in a statement that police knew nothing about a vigilante group operating in the Braklaagte area.

"The police deny giving any assistance or support to any particular faction," he said.

"The police want it to be made known that they know nothing about an alleged group of vigilantes operating in the Braklaagte area."

He also said police were investigating a Tuesday mob attack on the Braklaagte police station, in which several policemen were injured.

— Sapa

Toekomsrus youths in fight for power

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JOHANNESBURG. — A policeman was injured at Toekomsrus in a stone-throwing attack on his vehicle, the SAP unrest report said yesterday.

The police denied allegations by the Toekomsrus Crisis Committee of sporadic running battles between police and local youths yesterday, after youths had tried to prevent Randfontein Town Council workers from cutting power supplies to the West Rand coloured township.

The council was cutting power to 1 350 houses in the township to force the payment of rent arrears. Youths had confounded a previous attempt to cut supplies by reconnecting affected houses themselves.

Meanwhile, police have initiated peace talks between warring factions at Malukazi near Isipingo on the Natal South Coast.

The meeting followed fighting in which three people died and four were injured early this week,

Police spokesmen differ on progress made in investigations

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THERE appeared to be differences of opinion among the police yesterday over what had become of an SAP investigation into allegations of police bias and police-initiated violence during recent Reef unrest in which 1 000 people died

A high-ranking police officer said the matter had been "left to settle" and no charges were being formulated or laid.

Senior investigating officer Brig Blikkies Blignaut said "nothing much" was going on with the investigations initiated by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and headed by veteran CID officer Maj-Gen Nollie van der Westhuizen.

However, a member of Van der Westhuizen's investigating team, Lt Julius Schuld, said later investigations were definitely not being dropped.

"Some of the investigations into incidents have been completed, and others are at an advanced stage. Once they are all complete, a Press

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statement will probably be issued."

Blignaut said in an interview that police members found to have contravened regulations would "be addressed departmentally".

He said it had been decided no charges would be laid against journalists in terms of the Police Act after newspaper and radio eyewitness reports of alleged police bias.

In October last year a memorandum giving journalists' eyewitness accounts and other independent complaints of police misconduct during last year's township clashes on the Reef was given to President F W de Klerk by SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane.

Commenting on the memo yesterday, Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said from Cape Town the Chikane memorandum was regarded as "nothing more than a collection of second- and third-hand hearsay reports" It did not qualify as evidence

Asked if he regarded journalists' eyewitness accounts as a reason to institute an investigation, he said: "Newspaper reports are not recognised by the police as reason to launch probes as they are viewed as second hand information."

He could not say what had happened to investigations of journalist's eyewitness accounts of specific incidents.

Schuld said letters of reply would be sent to certain complainants, including ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela

Mandela made allegations of police violence and of a "third force" which, he said, was compounding the situation in the townships.

Schuld and Blignaut both said a meeting between the police and newspaper editors was planned in an attempt to smooth relations.

"It will give members of the force an opportunity to explain how times were hard for the police last year," Blignaut said.

Cop killed at his home

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A POLICE sergeant was murdered in his Daveyton, East Rand, home yesterday after attackers gained entry by posing as friends.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said Sergeant PP Phala woke up when he heard a knock on his bedroom window at about 1am. The person said he was a friend, and Phala asked his wife to open the door.

About five unidentified men then burst into

the house and stabbed the policeman several times in the throat. He apparently died on the scene, Opperman said.

The killers left the house, leaving Phala's wife unhurt. Opperman expressed shock and condemned the murder as despicable.

"The brutal killing of an unsuspecting and unarmed member of the force must be deplored in the strongest possible

terms. Any attack on the police must be condemned by all citizens, community leaders and church leaders.

"These men and women spend all their time and effort to safeguard the lives and property of all the peoples in this country. They work long hours under very difficult circumstances, and besides all this they are still very positive and their morale is high." - Sapa.

ANC launches in Bop — and five die

THE resurgence of violence in the Bophuthatswana village of Braklaagte coincides with the formal launch of three African National Congress structures in the area in the dead of night on December 29/30 to avoid harassment.

Within 10 days of the launch of branches of the ANC, its Women's League and its Youth League, five people were reported to have died in conflict allegedly triggered by vigilantes who support President Lucas Mangope.

Many more were injured, an unknown number arrested and hundreds had fled the village, seeking refuge on neighbouring farms, in Zeerust or as far afield as the Reef.

At one level, the return of the ANC to Braklaagte — and the surrounding area of Lehurutshe — simply adds more fuel to the fire that has smouldered and flared intermittently in the area since it was incorporated into Bophuthatswana two years ago against the will of a majority of residents.

At another level, it is a pointed reminder that the present hostile reaction of the Mangope government to the ANC — evidenced in the detention of ANC members, the serving of deportation orders on ANC Matikeng branch executives, the banning of the ANC's regional organiser from recent funerals in the Dry Harts area — has a long history.

It was in the Lehurutshe area in the 1950s, when local residents took up the ANC anti-pass campaign, that Mangope as chief of one of the villages first faced physical confrontation by ANC-aligned residents.

The Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac) states that "vigilante activity started in November when the ANC started organising in the area". A Trac spokesman said the homes of ANC leaders had been first attacked by vigilantes but more recently the attacks had been more wide-ranging, taking in all those who opposed the Bophuthatswana government.

Although the pro-Bophuthatswana vigilantes refer to themselves as "Inkatha", there are no indications that

The village of Braklaagte has once again been torn apart by violence — this time over the rejuvenation of the ANC.

By JO-ANNE COLLINGE

they have any links with the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The first three deaths occurred at the weekend in conflict which Bophuthatswana police ascribe to arson. Sources in Braklaagte state that the burning of four houses of pro-homeland residents was a sequel to earlier attacks by vigilantes, both in the adjoining area of Welverdiend and in Braklaagte itself.

According to the official Bophuthatswana National News Agency (Bopana), a further two people were killed on Tuesday when police opened fire on "a large and angry crowd of about 100 people (who) attacked the Braklaagte police station with stones, knobkerries and commercial explosives". Three policemen and two civilians were injured in the clash.

Attorney Clive Plasket, who visited the area on Tuesday and was ordered out of the police station when he attempted to negotiate protection for villagers, said he had spoken to numerous residents who alleged they had either been assaulted by the police in the last week or that vigilantes had attacked them in the presence of the police.

"I saw one person who said he had been stabbed by vigilantes in front of the police inside the police camp in Braklaagte," said Plasket.

He added that as he had approached the make-shift police station he had seen a mob gathered at the neighbouring home of headman Edwin Molioa, armed with sticks, klerries and axes. Molioa is far from a popular leader, having been imposed on the community by Mangope while the people looked to the son of a previous headman, Pusey Sebogodi, to take on leadership.

Earlier resistance to incorporation was countered by the direct and heavy-handed action of the Bophu-

thatswana armed forces — beginning with the "bloody Easter" of 1989 when pupils who refused to declare support for the homeland were allegedly beaten up at a road block by soldiers, where subsequent community meetings were teargassed and violently broken up by police and when people held at Motsvedi police station were brutally assaulted and denied access to lawyers.

The Bophuthatswana government, through Bopana, has denied that its forces have supported vigilantes in Braklaagte. In fact, they deny all knowledge of the existence of the "Inkatha" band.

"The police would like it to be known that they know nothing about an alleged group of vigilantes operating in the Braklaagte area," a Bopana statement read. "The police are investigating the possibility of the trouble recently in the Braklaagte area having been caused by two opposing factions. The police however deny giving any assistance or support to any particular faction."

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More ANC-PAC clashes feared

Leaders are urged to cool tensions in the townships

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ACTIVISTS in both the ANC and PAC, alarmed by a fresh outbreak of inter-organisational violence in Munsieville, are urging their leaders to reactivate peace pacts in order to cool tensions between South Africa's major liberation movements.

There are fears that ANC/PAC clashes in townships across the country, which have occurred sporadically ever since the two groups were unbanned last year, could escalate dramatically as constitutional negotiations draw closer.

Roller coaster

Direct physical confrontation between the groups which split on ideological grounds 32 years ago has — to the relief of both sides — been relatively limited and regional in nature until now.

In contrast to the roller coaster effect of clashes between ANC-aligned groups and Inkatha, which have led to warfare nationwide, ANC/PAC hostilities have appeared containable, if cost-

It is for this reason that, given an inevitable rise in the political temperature as negotiations enter a more decisive phase, activists are seeking to nip the renewed fighting in the bud.

After this week's killing of ANC Youth League member Joseph Koli and the apparent revenge burning of the houses of PAC supporters in Munsieville, members are pushing for a high-level ANC/PAC meeting.

Worried regional organisers point out that the much-heralded peace pact agreed after five people had died in Vosloorus in June, has been all but forgotten. It is essential, they say, that practical measures are taken in individual townships.

"All the fighting words between our leaders in the media can often lead to real fighting on the ground," said one, "and there have to be structures to respond quickly to put a stop to it."

Clashes between ANC and PAC supporters began to be reported in March 1989, barely a month after both organisations had been restored to legal status. A pattern of low-level but persistent hostility has been evident since then.

● On March 20, heavy fighting be-

tween the two groups was reported in Bakkensdal, Westmontara, with four people reported killed.

● In April, a South African Institute of Race Relations report warned of "soaring" conflict between the ANC and PAC.

● On June 12, the home of a PAC supporter was petrol-bombed in Eyalon, near Vereeniging. This followed several weeks of tit-for-tat clashes in the Vaal Triangle, according to residents.

Horrific

● At the end of June, more than a dozen shacks were razed in Site B, Khayelitsha, after an assault on an ANC supporter in De Aar, the PAC

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accused ANC members of burning down the houses of four PAC members in the same month, horrific clashes in Vosloorus left five people dead, and led to the Vosloorus peace pact, brokered by the South African Council of Churches. Dubbed the "Tolerance Pact", it improved ANC/PAC relations in the region.

● In July, ANC/PAC relations sank to a new low when the PAC came out angrily against the "Isolate Butheletzi" campaign mooted by Cosatu in Natal. A PAC official referred to his rivals as "that cursed alliance".

● In late August, after bloody clashes

In Old Crossroads, the ANC denied that its members were hunting down PAC supporters in the area.

● In October last year, Azapo attempted to convene a "Forum on Violence", but failed to bring representatives of the ANC, PAC and Inkatha Freedom Party together in Soweto.

● In the same month, PAC members responded furiously to suggestions by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani that the PAC's military wing was ineffective and insignificant.

● On October 7, a 62-year-old PAC veteran, Selby Ngendane, was gunned down in Umlata by unknown assailants.

● PAC administrative secretary Joe Mkhwanazi said on December 8 that

activists had to "be honest, (and admit) that the greater part of this violence is the result of hegemonic tendencies in the liberatory movement."

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● On December 16 PAC President Clarence Makwele called on ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela to help him in stopping the "intermediate violence on the Reef and elsewhere." This followed repeated calls by Mandela on the PAC leadership not to spurn the ANC's overtures.

● On January 6 this year Themba-lethu Rasimani, a PAC supporter, died in the Eastern Cape township of Quutha, outside Komghe. Fighting had occurred on and off since October, residents said.

● In Munsieville, tensions which began to rise as far back as March 1989 split over again this week, with the PAC accusing ANC supporters of trying to "wipe them out" in the township. Many homes have been burnt to the ground, and AK-47 automatic rifles have been in evidence. The ANC accuses PAC members of openly brandishing Scorpion machine gun pistols on the township's streets.

Observers agree that a peace pact between the two organisations concluded "at the top" would be a constructive development. But they warned, unless the message filtered down to grassroots level, the Munsieville violence would not be the last between the two organisations.

"People must remember that a lot of those who get involved are not sophisticated," said one, "and these things can spiral out of control. One attack leads to revenge killings, and very soon the political content can be forgotten while the feuding continues."

The deeply emotive nature of the ANC/PAC rivalry is constantly reflected in letters from township residents to local newspapers. A representative example is this, from "S David Selamane" of Botsiabelo.

Sellouts

"I'm sick and tired of the PAC labelling the ANC as sellouts," he wrote. "They themselves are selling out the people by proclaiming empty slogans and making promises that they cannot fulfill. I warn the PAC not to swim against the tide. Please stop throwing dust in the eyes of the people."

JOHANNESBURG. — The Thokoza Town Council is to approach the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) for bridging finance to cover its R1,833m electricity arrears, authorities confirmed yesterday.

This follows a breakdown in talks between the TPA and the Thokoza Civic Association (TCA), after the TCA allegedly broke an agreement by all parties concerned last week.

Lights to Thokoza were switched off in early December due to a service charges boycott, and negotiations over their reconnection reached an impasse this week, according to Thokoza administrator Gert Muller.

Residents owe R12m in service costs to the Thokoza Town Council, who in turn owes R1,833m in electricity

Thokoza *Cape Times 12/1/79* deadlock

— funds sought

arrears to the Alberton Town Council which supplies the township.

According to Mr Muller, each Thokoza household would have to pay between R200 and R209 per month to cover running services accounts. R107 of this amount would go towards the payment of electricity accounts.

The TCA this week called on residents to make interim payments of R10 per household, to enable authorities to reconnect power.

Authorities, however, condemned the call as a breach of trust, and Thokoza remains without power while the dispute continues.

Meanwhile the East Rand Civic Association has warned of a full-scale East Rand consumer boycott if the dispute is not settled before the end of next week.

Refusing to comment on the warning, Mr Muller stressed the Council's commitment to negotiation. He said that that communication would continue with all residents' organisations, including the TCA, the Chamber of Commerce, the ANC Women's League, teachers' and church associations.

He denied allegations of recent maladministration within the Thokoza Council, adding that people guilty of previous irregularities had been convicted. — Sapa

Thirty-five die in Sebokeng vigil massacre

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PRETORIA. — Thirty-five people died and 23 were seriously injured early today a vigil massacre in Sebokeng, police confirmed.

Ambulances, doctors and nurses at Sebokeng's 900-bed hospital have all been put to work to stabilise people injured in the attack on a funeral vigil.

Some of the victims were children, according to acting secretary Mr Daniel Douglas. The emergency operation is being led by medical superintendent Dr Anne van der Spuy.

Mr Douglas said about 40 gunshot patients were still being treated. Six were in casualty and five still in the operating theatre with 12 doctors and about 20 nurses treating them.

Injured had gunshot wounds

Most of the injured had gunshot wounds, some from AK-47 automatic rifles and some from 9mm handguns.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Mostert said that a unit of the riot police had been posted on the scene to protect the mourners prior to the shooting — but had been asked by the ANC members to leave as the people had not wanted them there.

He said the attack on the group of about 300 ANC mourners was launched by an unknown group of men, who had lobbed two RGD handgrenades into the tent, and fired at them with AK-47 semi-automatic rifles.

Colonel Mostert said the allegations that the police had arrested and released the alleged murderers of the local civic association organiser, Mr Mphikeleli Christoffel Nangalembe, for whom the vigil was being held, were "totally false".

Funeral of ANC member

The four men, alleged by the community to have been arrested by police, were in fact picked up for illegal ownership of AK-47s and later released on bail by the courts — and police were, moreover, certain that these men had had nothing to do with Mr Nangalembe's murder, Colonel Mostert said.

Police would investigate other reports that 9mm bullets had allegedly been identified by medical personnel at Sebokeng hospital.

African National Congress spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus said the funeral had been for an ANC member who had been kidnapped and killed.

Police had arrested his killers, but later released them, Ms Marcus alleged. The ANC believed they were the same people involved in today's massacre.

ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu today criticised police for their handling of the massacre.

Mr Sisulu said the ANC was concerned about the common usage of the AK-47 rifle in crime by gangs "and the fact the police are allegedly the biggest stockists of AK-47 rifles".

The Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC) today strongly denied that it was responsible for the horror killing.

PAC spokesman Ntsundeni Madzunya said they deplored the massacre and believed in unity among the "African masses".

'Would not help struggle'

"We do not believe that violence of such a nature would help our struggle," said Mr Madzunya.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok today expressed shock and outrage at the massacre and gave his assurance everything possible would be done to track down the killers.

The Azanian Peoples Organisation (Azapo) also condemned the massacre.

"We strongly condemn the killing of innocent people who had gone to pay their respects to a man who died in the ongoing bloody violence that is tearing the black community apart," said Azapo spokesman Mr Strini Moodley. — Sapa.

● Seventeen people suffered bullet wounds and one man was killed in a night of violence in Khayelitsha yesterday, police confirmed.

Police are looking for five men, who went on the rampage, allegedly after a three women employees of the Lingulethu West Town Council were shot at while driving in Bonga Drive, Khayelitsha, near the police station.

One woman suffered shrapnel wounds while a number of bullet holes were found in the car.

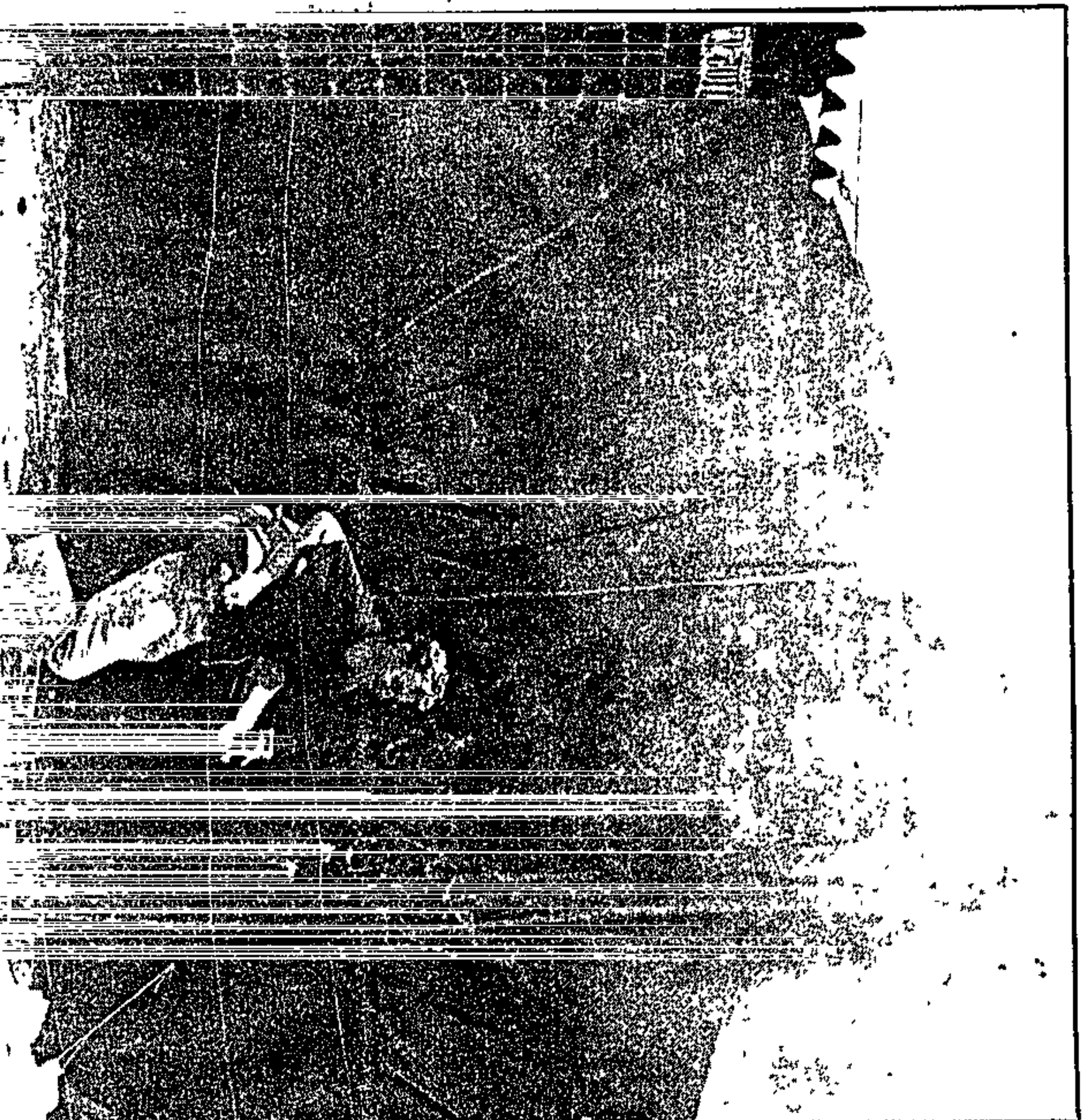
Shortly before midnight, five men set fire to a number of houses in R-Block and fired shots at the residents. A woman and seven men suffered bullet wounds.

A few minutes later, houses were set alight in D-Block and more shots were fired, killing one man and wounding nine others. — Sapa.

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Sebokeng boils over as mobs run wild after vigil slaughter



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MARAUDING mobs in Sebokeng went on a rampage yesterday, burning down at least seven homes following the pre-dawn massacre of 35 mourners who were gunned down in the township while holding a night vigil for a murdered ANC activist.

The attack also left 40 people wounded, 14 of them critically. Many were women and children.

Police said groups of incensed residents had gone on the rampage, adding they were forced to disperse a crowd with teargas after a policeman was stoned.

"Things appeared to be calming down" by yesterday evening, police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said. But a *City Press* investigation showed a large military presence in a still tense area last night with irate residents arming themselves against anticipated nighttime attacks.

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He was an organiser of the ANC-aligned Sebokeng Civic Association.

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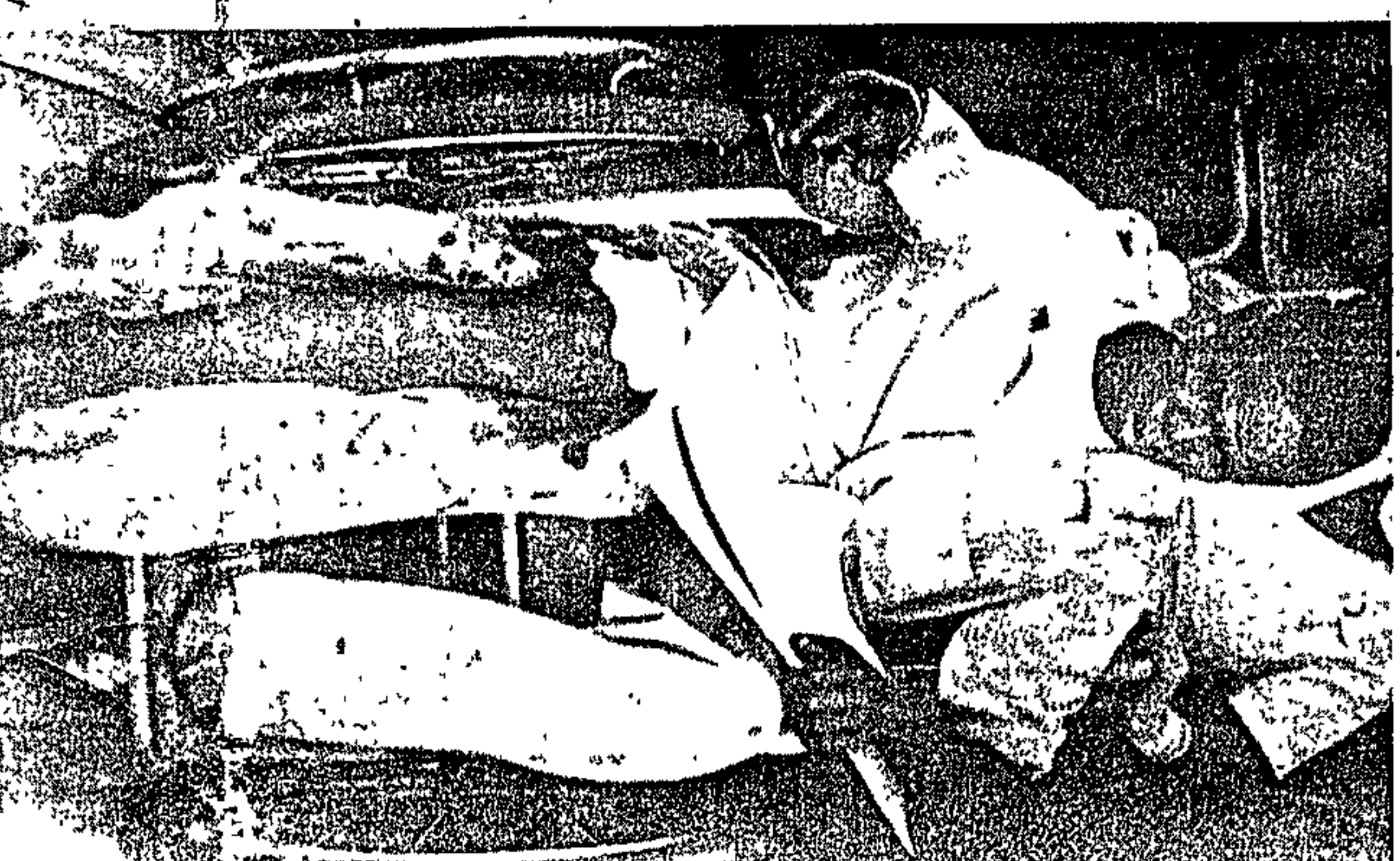
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Commenting on the police statement, the ANC's internal leader Walter Sisulu said he had no knowledge of the police being asked to leave.

"If one or two people objected to the police presence, this was no reason for them to withdraw," he said, adding "it could have been the gangsters who asked them to leave."

Sisulu also criticised police for the number of AK-47s available to the gangsters, adding the ANC was concerned about the use of AK-47s.

One of the gunmen fired a shot into the air and the others ran forward and shot at the people.

Other eyewitnesses have, however, disputed earlier reports that a car had been involved in the massacre.

Injured victims told Sapa from their hospital beds yesterday afternoon that the group of men had approached the tent on foot and had opened fire on the people without saying anything.

At midday yesterday, doctors were reported to be still fighting to save the lives of 14 critically injured people.

An unidentified man was introduced to Sapa and a German television team by an ANC spokesman. The man alleged he had been involved with the gangsters until about two weeks ago when he was asked to point out ANC members "who would be dealt with" by Inkatha.

Survivors claimed that Nangalembé's father and brother, who had travelled from the Orange Free State to attend his funeral, were apparently also killed in the attack.

However, this could not be confirmed with official sources.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok said in a statement the brutal slaying of mourners "was a most shocking and horrifying deed".

The PAC and Azapo condemned the attack



Mourner Mahlomola Mphut

BY CHARLES MOGALE, SEKOLA
SELLO DES BLOW and SAPA



In flames... the home of an alleged Inkatha member in Zone 7, Sebokeng, goes up in smoke yesterday. The house was the first to be torched.

'We know who they are!'

By MARTIN
MISOELENGOE

MOURNERS at the night-vigil massacre have said they recognise members of the hit squad.

Mother-of-two Rosta Pitso, 34, said: "I know some of them and if they can be

brought to me, I will identify them."

Vaal Council of Churches and ANC member Sol Tsotetsi said one of the gunmen - identified by another mourner at the vigil - was apparently a Sebokeng gangster who had been in police custody two

days before the shooting. He had been arrested for illegal possession of an AK-47 automatic rifle.

Victims at Sebokeng Hospital, who refused to be named, said a well-known gang was responsible for the carriage. Pitso said during the

the murderous attack began.

A Std 4 pupil at the Phahama Lower Primary School in Sebokeng, Selinah Koma, 15, said she and others were singing hymns when she suddenly heard a loud bang and saw people

screaming, running and falling.

Koma, who was shot in the right knee, said she escaped by scaling a fence and hid five houses away from scene of the massacre.

Another victim, Mahlomola Mphuti, said during the mayhem he

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CRISIS IN OUR SCHOOLS

Pupils suffer after vandals wreck classes

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE year of "learning" started on a sour note for some Pretoria schools when eager pupils returned to empty and vandalised classrooms.

Staff and pupils of Saulsridge High School in Atteridgeville and Sephemandla Primary School in Soshanguve, found their schools in a mess.

Doors, windowpanes and ceilings had been damaged, furniture destroyed, books ripped, and the floors and desks smeared with faeces.

Saulsridge school principal Gregory Mokoboto told *City Press* damages to his school amounted to more than R25 000.

"Seven classrooms have been completely destroyed and more than 200 pupils will be affected because they cannot be accommodated until the damage has been repaired and furniture replaced," he said.

Mokoboto said some of the stacking chairs had been stolen and sold to shebeeners in the township.

When *City Press* visited the school this week, pupils were trying to clean the classrooms and repair damaged desks.

A teacher at the school said some of the desks and furniture were destroyed late last year during a running battle between township residents and the police.

"Youths broke into the school and removed furniture — which included desks, tables and stacking chairs — and used them to barricade streets."

"They set alight furniture at street corners and cheered as the blaze went

up. Now our children must suffer," he said.

At Sephemandla, where several classrooms had been stripped and faeces smeared everywhere, damages amounted to more than R35 000.

A schoolteacher said it was suspected nearby squatters had vandalised the school and used the furniture for their tin shacks and for firewood.

Pupils were sent home early while the "disgusted" staff awaited the arrival of the Department of Education and Training to inspect the damage.

At the time of going to press, DET Northern-Transvaal spokesman J Kekana had not responded to *City Press* queries as to when the vandalised schools would be repaired.



Principal Gregory Mokoboto ... seven classrooms have been completely destroyed.

ANC, Inkatha agree on schools

By S'BU MNGADI

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IN a major bid to restore peace in the embattled township of Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, the ANC and Inkatha this week agreed not to interfere with schools falling under the control of the other group.

The historic agreement, signed by local ANC chairman Meshack Radébe and Inkatha chairman Si-pho Mlaba, comes in the wake of claims that Inkatha was preventing non-Inkatha pupils from enrolling at schools falling under the jurisdiction of KwaZulu's Department of Education and Culture (DEC). Inkatha and the DEC have, however, denied this.

In Mpumalanga, the two organisations committed themselves to freedom of association, movement,

speech and residence. They undertook to monitor jointly non-sectarian admission of all pupils when DEC schools reopen at the end of this month.

Each organisation undertook to communicate the terms of the agreement to its youth and student components before the schools reopen.

Their determination to reconcile was demonstrated in December last year when Mlaba and Inkatha youths made a surprise appearance at the funeral of local ANC official and senior member of Inyanda Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Rejoice "Majoy" McCoyi — a Natal socialite allegedly shot dead by a local gang of thugs.

This week, in response to denials by Inkatha and the DEC that ANC

youths at Empangeni were being prevented from attending KwaZulu schools, the northern Natal ANC Youth League released to the Press a list of incidents during which Inkatha supporters had allegedly invaded schools throughout 1990.

The ANC Youth League said many students could not sit for their end-of-year examinations as they had sought refuge elsewhere in the province.

It claimed Inkatha-aligned chiefs in the region have announced that all students wishing to attend local schools should first seek permission from them.

Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman Musa Zondi last week said it was in fact ANC activists who had made schools no-go areas for Inkatha members.

Cosas, Azasm pupils clash

By LULAMA LUTI *CPrem 20/1/91*

PUPILS at two high schools in Zamdela near Sasolburg ran amok this week, threatening teachers and stabbing fellow pupils in renewed fighting between rival student organisations.

The bitter feud between pupils at Nkgopoleng High on Wednesday morning resulted in the school being closed after two pupils were stabbed.

Classes have also been suspended at Iketsetseng Comprehensive High School, following the pupils' "pass one, pass all" campaign.

Spokesman for the DET's Orange Vaal region, RP Mahatsela, said they knew what was going on at the schools, but they were confident the local crisis committee could deal with it.

"However, although we are still looking at the pupils' demand for promotion, chances that they will get instant promotion are slim."

Members of the opposing pupils' organisations gave conflicting reports about how the fighting started at Nkgopoleng, each pointing a finger at the other.

According to members of the Azapo-aligned Azanian Students Movement (Azasm), trouble at Nkgopoleng started after a member of the ANC-aligned Congress of South African Students (Cosas), shouted at assembly that there would only be peace at the school if Azasm members were driven out.

Azasm members said armed Cosas pupils shouted "one school, one organisation".

In the ensuing fight on the school premises, Std 9 pupil George Mphoko was allegedly stabbed and hit in his face. Another Azasm member, Sambuti Tsoabisi, was allegedly hit with the back of an axe when he tried to run away.

Cosas publicity secretary Ephraim Mofokeng denied that one of their members started the trouble.

"I can't say it was one

of our members, although we regard him as a supporter. Azasm members started attacking him and when our secretary ran to his rescue, he was also attacked.

"The Azasm members were then chased out of the school, but they gathered reinforce-



Sambuti Tsoabisi ... struck with an axe. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA



Rev Mohibidu ... code of conduct needed.

Crisis committee vows to pull out if fighting continues

ments and came back." Mofokeng denied they wanted only Cosas to operate in the school, and said they exercised political tolerance. Said Mofokeng: "I must emphasise that this was not a Cosas-Azasm fight. It was purely Azasm against the pupils and not Cosas members."

Meanwhile the Zamdela Crisis Monitoring Committee, mostly local clerics, has threatened to withdraw from peace proceedings if the pupils continued to fight.

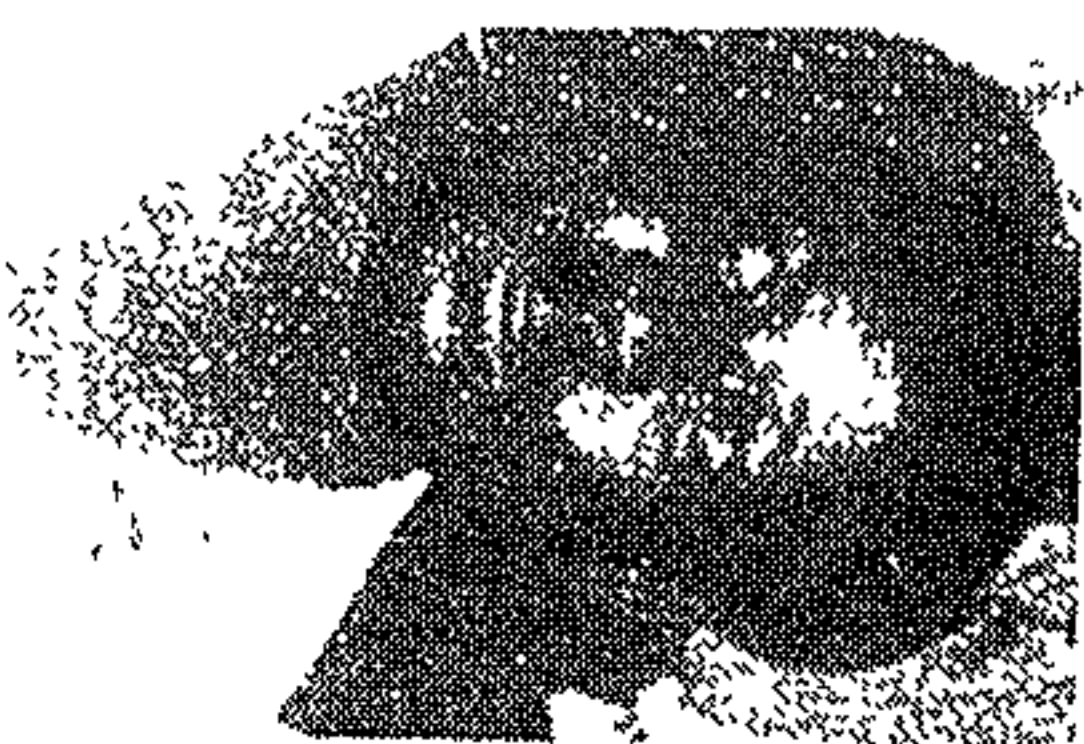
Spokesman for the committee, Rev AD Mohibidu, said parents accepted the recommendations to suspend

classes at the two schools, pending a meeting today between parents, teachers, Azasm and Cosas representatives and their parent organisations.

Mohibidu said all organisations in the area would have to agree on a code of conduct if there was to be normal schooling.

"This state of affairs cannot carry on if these children want to learn.

We need discipline urgently," he said.



David Ncube also died

Massacre worse than Sharpeville

"This is worse than the March 21 1960 Sharpeville massacre," Sowetan photographer Len Kumalo told me when I arrived at the tent of terror in Sebokeng on Saturday morning.

He said: "I have covered many crises in my

BY THEMBA MOLEFE

20-odd years as a news photographer but had never seen so many corpses at one place before. I had to pinch myself to feel I was still alive. A chill went through my body."

Kumalo had already taken the first horrific pictures of bodies sprawled in and outside the funeral tent at 11427 Zone 7, Sebokeng.

Victims named

THE following are names of the victims supplied to Sowetan by relatives.

Mr David Ncube, Mr Giff Ncube, Ms Nongwekazi Gabile, Mr Albert Tshababala, Mr Fanele Lutshetu, Mr Edward Anger, Mr Elias Ntiswa, Mrs Rose Thobela, Mr

Andrew Machwane S Fanele.

Other victims were only known by their first names. They were Tsepang, Mbenou, Lovey, Vusi, Teboho, Tatana, Mbuse, Sthembele, Evecine, Mahlangu, Aaron, Lucky, Linah, Tane

He arrived there about

Sam, barely three hours after mourners were gunned down in cold blood at the vigil of Christoffel Nangalembe, who had been kidnapped and found murdered in Boipatong on January 6.

"Screams were rent- ing the dawn air as people - men, women, children - jostled and pushed each other looking for loved ones among the bodies which lay in piles.

Pregnant

"A corpse of a pregnant woman was sprawled atop the body of a man. I saw another body of a woman face down under a vine tree. She was apparently trying to hide when she was shot.

"Yet another body was sprawled in a neighbouring yard. There were corpses all around me...

"The food that was prepared in the huge traditional pots was spilled on the ground and had mingled with the blood

people were shocked.

Residents who came from all over the township had gathered in droves. Many were speaking in hushed tones as journalists arrived on the scene.

"I blame the police for this carnage," said Mandela Nangalembe, Christoffel's elder brother, at a Press conference on the front yard of a neighbouring house.

Nangalembe said: "I went to the Sebokeng police seven times asking them to send patrols after we got word of an impending attack.

Police

"I told the police that we felt unsafe in this area. Now I have lost confidence in the police."

Police have said they sent a unit to the funeral which was asked to leave by ANC members.

By late Saturday night two women had been at-

tacked and "necklaced" and six homes of suspected attackers gutted by mobs in Sebokeng and Evaton.

Yesterday morning more relatives arrived at the house on Vena Street and rummaged through the piles of bloodied clothing for those belonging to their kin.

Fathers and weeping mothers also came saying the search for their relatives at local mortuaries had been fruitless. They wanted clues.

Funeral

At the end of the day the death toll stood at 42 and Sebokeng braced itself for another mass funeral.

Ms Cecelia Ncube of Zone 7 sat on a mattress. Her husband David, uncle to Christoffel, was among those dead. Christoffel's cousin, Giff Ncube (19) was also killed.

The horrific incident brought echoes of Sharpeville; Sebokeng, September 3 1984; Sebokeng March 21 1990 and Sebokeng Hostel, September 1990.



CHRISTOFFEL NANGALEMBE

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ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela yesterday visited the bereaved families of the Sebokeng massacre.

Sebokeng toll now 45

THE death toll in the Sebokeng carnage where attackers opened fire on mourners in a pre-dawn raid at a vigil on Saturday has risen to 45

Police also announced yesterday the arrests of 10 people in connection with the killings.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday declared

By THEMBA MOLEFE

Sebokeng an unrest area as the community braced itself for another mass burial.

A curfew has been imposed - between 9pm and 4am - in terms of a notice published in the Government Gazette.

Twenty-seven people died under a hail of AK 47 bullets fired into a tent at 11472 Zone 7, Sebo-

keng, where the vigil was held for murdered ANC activist, Christoffel Nangalembe (29).

Hospital

Sebokeng Hospital superintendent Dr A van der Spuy yesterday said 10 people of the 29 admitted died at the hospital.

Initially six people were certified dead on arrival and three were on the critical list. A total of

50 people were treated at the hospital, Van der Spuy said.

Vlok's action follows the necklacing of two women and the torching of six houses by rampant mobs seeking revenge on Saturday night.

Heavy contingents of police and army personnel moved into the township on Saturday.

Vlok declared Sebokeng an unrest area with immediate effect "in

an effort to curb further violence."

He said the curfew would be enforced with great circumspection and "is not aimed at harassing law-abiding citizens, but to safeguard them and their belongings."

"I appeal to employers to provide workers who commute during the curfew hours with necessary travel documents."

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Call for FW to

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Correspondent**

THE PWV region of the ANC will recommend to the organisation's top leadership to call for the immediate resignation of President FW de Klerk and his Government following the gruesome murder of 45 people in Sebokeng at the weekend.

ANC PWV regional chairman Kgalema Motlanthe told journalists outside the Sebokeng Hospital yesterday his region would recommend the ANC called for the Government's resignation because of the Government's "indifference" in dealing with violence in the townships.

The Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, yesterday appealed to all Sebokeng residents to "assist the police in enforcing law and order in their township".

He said police had taken possession of at least six AK-47s, one of which had already been ballistically linked to the shooting.

Outrage at slayings in the Vaal

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THE massacre of the innocents at a night vigil in Sebokeng on Saturday morning was an act of terrorism.

This crazy act is the ultimate in crazed violence because of its single magnitude and where it happened.

It is a desecration of everything that is good to attack mourners.

The outrage is deepened by the fact that it was cold and calculated.

It is in fact difficult to imagine what manner of people can sink to such levels.

If these killers were crazed by drugs and drink, that could be a mitigating factor. That would still be inexcusable.

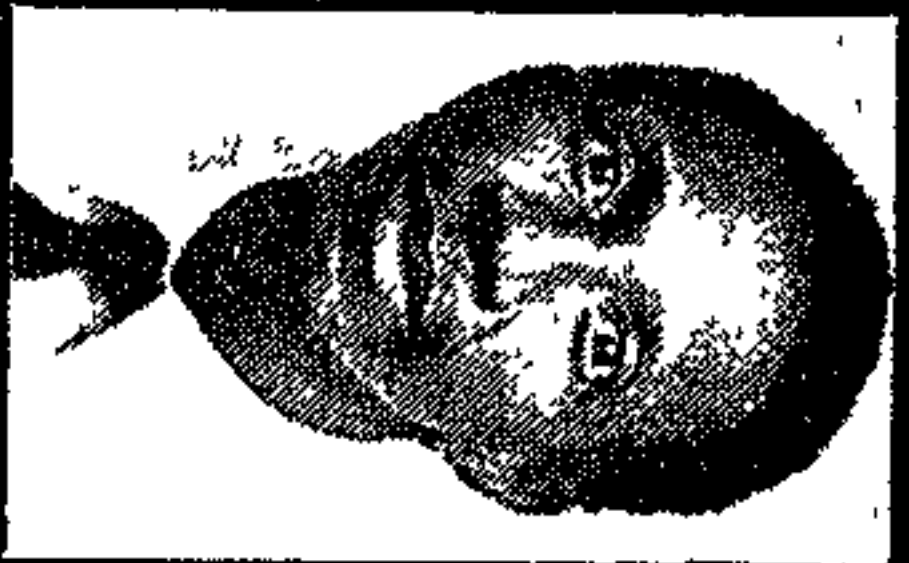
It is commonly known that Sebokeng and its environs has been torn apart by the type of violence that cannot be imagined.

There are scars which are opened week after week in that terrible place.

Comment

By the Editor of

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It is because we are human and the people who perpetrated the outrage are human like us that we cannot understand such an outrageous act.

The *Sowetan* deliberately uses the type of picture on page 1 that will make people feel sick. This is done to demonstrate total outrage, not because it is sensational.

We are doing it because we are ashamed to be part of a people that is responsible for this.

We cannot hold up our

heads anymore. Our enemies within and outside are laughing at us. Our friends are dismayed.

We are ashamed, sick, and disgusted.

Sebokeng is not a special case where such shocking incidents can take place. The sickness in our communities is so widespread that this can take place and has in fact happened in other places.

Having said that, we have to look deeply inside ourselves. Something has gone bad.

Inkatha denies link in killings

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THE leader of the Transvaal Inkatha Freedom Party's Youth Brigade, Mr Themba Khoza, refuted the African National Congress's accusation of Inkatha involvement in the killing of 35 people in Sebokeng near Vereeniging on Saturday morning.

"The nature of the attack showed that it was carried out by highly trained people, but one must look at the fact that there have been quarrels within the ANC in Sebokeng," Mr Khoza said.

"Some sectors of the organisation were not happy with the conduct of the leadership in the area, which resulted in arguments and physical clashes last week," he said.

"We cannot rule out the possibility of the incident being carried out by ANC members."

He added that it was unbelievable that Inkatha could have been involved, as the incident took place in the centre of the township after ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela had in the past said: "Sebokeng is the ANC's territory".

Mr Khoza said, "I do not doubt that security was tight, which means that only people within the organisation were capable to have conducted this senseless killing."

On behalf of Inkatha Freedom Party, I wish to express sympathy with the members of the families who have lost

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their loved ones," Mr Khoza said.

Azapo's Strini Moodley also condemned the massacre, saying it was time the "liberation movement stopped conducting itself in a Pontius Pilate manner".

"Azapo is tired of the Pontius Pilate attitude that is being adopted by organisations in the liberation movement. They can no longer wash their hands of responsibility for the continuing violence. It is not good enough to stand on platforms and sue for peace," said Mr Moodley.

African National Congress internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu on Saturday also criticized police for their handling of the early morning massacre.

Mr Sisulu said the ANC was concerned about the common usage of the AK-47 rifle in crime by gangs "and the fact the police are allegedly the biggest stockists of AK-47 rifles".

He said the government had gathered stocks of the automatic weapon during its involvement in Angola, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

Tales of horror from massacre survivors

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WOUNDED victims of the Sebokeng vigil massacre on Saturday morning have provided sketchy details of the shooting from their hospital beds.

Twenty-seven people died at the scene and another eight soon afterwards at Sebokeng hospital. 10 more died later

after doctors failed to save their lives.

A total 24 of the 40 wounded were admitted to the hospital.

One of them, Ms Rosta Pitsa (34) who was shot in the body and a foot, said she heard automatic rifle fire and had attempted to run away.

"I saw many people fall in front of me. I was

hit by a bullet and also fell down. When I tried to stand up and run again, more bullets hit me."

Rifles

Johannes Mpondo (17) and Petrus Tladi (19) both of whom claimed to be ANC-supporting comrades of the late Mr Nangalembo, described how they had seen more

than 10 men armed with rifles approach the vigil crowd and start shooting. Mpondo was shot in the buttock.

"They never said anything. They just opened fire," said Tladi, who was hit twice in the leg.

A local ANC Youth League official, Mr Mandla Mazibuko, who was at the vigil, said he saw between 15 and 20 men armed with rifles approach the small, open-ended tent where people were praying and singing.

"One of the gunmen fired a shot into the air and the others ran forward and shot at the people."

Gangsters

Other victims said from their hospital beds on Saturday afternoon that the group of men had approached the mourners' tent on foot and had opened fire on the people without saying anything.

Another Inkatha and/or gangster connection was made by an unidentified man, who was introduced to Sapa and a team from German television by an ANC spokesman.

The man alleged he had been involved with the gangsters until about two weeks ago when he was asked to point out ANC members "who would be dealt with" by Inkatha.

Target

The man, who did not want to be identified for his own protection, said he had refused to point out anybody and has since become a target.

The ANC spokesman said it appeared from the man's account that Inkatha might have employed the gangsters to attack the funeral vigil. - Sapa



Wives and relatives broke down and sobbed uncontrollably at the sight of carnage.



Police remove some of the bodies from the tent of death in Sebokeng. Twenty-seven victims died at the scene and another 17 later in hospital.



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Ticking off . . . Nelson Mandela remonstrates with an ANC marshal (at extreme right) yesterday for slapping a member of the wildly excited crowd which mobbed the ANC leader during his visit to the scene of Saturday's Sebokeng massacre. Picture: Herbert Mabuza

By Melody McDougall
and Kaizer Nyatumba

'Inkatha not involved in shooting'

The ANC in the PWV area says there is no evidence of involvement by political parties such as Inkatha in Friday night's Sebokeng massacre

After the revenge rampage that followed the shootings, the organisation said it had also called on its members not to take the law into their own hands

Police say the massacre — which has drawn condemnation from several quarters — happened at about 3 am on Saturday while about 300 mourners gathered in a tent at the home of Rachel Ncube in Zone Seven, where a funeral vigil was held for ANC activist Christoffel Nangalembu (29). The body of Mr Nangalembu,

who had been strangled with a coat hanger after apparently being abducted by a gang, was found on a rubbish dump near Sebokeng last week

Gunmen allegedly opened fire on mourners at the wake with AK-47 rifles. Two hand grenades were also apparently lobbed into the tent.

Neighbours and witnesses told The Star a criminal gang, alleged to have been helped by Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), had been responsible.

Police sources said 27 people, including women and children, had been killed on the scene of the attack, while a further eight had died at Sebokeng Hospital.

Two of the injured mourners were taken to the hospital de-

scribed the massacre as the most terrible experience of their lives.

Dazed teenager Thabo Mofokeng (17), who was shot in the face, said the mourners were praying when they were interrupted by gunfire.

"Some people started screaming. Others tried to run away. Seconds later I saw lots of spent cartridges on the ground and many dead people."

An equally shocked Evaton woman, Esther Mazibuko (20), who was also at the vigil, recounted a similar story. Obviously in pain from a bullet wound in the chest, Miss Mazibuko said she had never had a chance to see the attackers and was unable to speculate about

who was responsible.

Later in the day, angry crowds went on a revenge rampage, necklacing a woman and setting fire to eight houses belonging to people accused of having links with the attackers

The ANC's regional chairman in the PWV, Kgalema Motlanthe, said yesterday the party leadership had been told the attack had been orchestrated by "members of a known notorious gang which operates . . . without any police interference."

Mr Motlanthe said there was no evidence of the involvement of political parties such as the IFP. Residents who accused the IFP of involvement in the massacre did so on the basis of the fact that one member of the

gang was the son of a well-known IFP leader in the area

Commenting on the mayhem that followed the shooting, Mr Motlanthe said the ANC had appealed to its followers in the township not to take the law into their hands. Gang members should be handed over to the police, he said

He said local ANC leaders had requested police presence at the vigil to protect the mourners, "but the police were not there until after the attack"

Police have denied the ANC's allegations, saying they were asked by ANC members to leave the vigil

Said Mr Motlanthe. "If the police are so indifferent, then they must be acting under strict orders from the highest authority — that is from President de Klerk himself"

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10 held after massacre at Sebokeng

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By Melody McDougall
and Kaizer Nyatumba

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Nine men and one woman were arrested after intensive police investigations into the pre-dawn massacre in which at least 35 people were killed at an ANC funeral vigil in Sebokeng on Saturday.

Forty people were injured and 26 later taken to the Sebokeng Hospital.

The PWV region of the ANC said yesterday it would now advise its top leadership to call for the immediate resignation of President de Klerk and his Government over the killings.

And in Durban, ANC president Oliver Tambo yesterday said that the latest violence in Umgababa and Sebokeng would unfortunately compel the ANC to form "defence structures" for its supporters.

'Duty-bound'

Addressing a militant 50 000-strong crowd at King's Park Stadium, Mr Tambo said the ANC was not prepared "to fold our arms and watch".

Mr Tambo condemned "in the strongest possible terms" the fresh wave of violence which has claimed "more than 50 lives" in Umgababa and Sebokeng.

He said the ANC was "duty-bound to develop the people's ability to defend themselves as a matter of urgency".

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok announced yesterday that Sebokeng had been declared an unrest area.

A curfew from 9 pm to 4 am was enforced from last night.

The statement by Mr Vlok

was read out by police liaison officer Major David Bruce at a press conference in Vanderbijlpark yesterday.

Mr Vlok said police had seized several AK-47 rifles and ammunition.

One had already been ballistically linked to the shootings.

He said further arrests were expected.

Also addressing the press conference yesterday, Brigadier Johan Kruger, Witwatersrand CID chief, told the press there was no indication that the massacre was politically inspired.

There was also no evidence to substantiate claims that those arrested belonged to a gang.

Answering further claims that the police had failed to take heed of warnings of an impending attack, Brigadier Kruger said members of the unrest unit visited the house where the vigil was held earlier in the evening, but were asked by the organisers to leave.

Brigadier Kruger said about 73 AK-47 cartridge cases were found at the scene.

He said the 10 people arrested would appear in court in about two weeks.

The woman held is suspected of harbouring some of the confiscated weapons in her home.

The PWV regional chairman of the ANC, Kgalema Motlanthe, told journalists outside Sebokeng Hospital yesterday that his region would recommend that the ANC call for the Government's resignation because of its apparent "indifference" in dealing with violence in townships.

Mr Motlanthe was a member of a high-powered ANC delegation, led by Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, which toured Sebokeng yesterday and visited families of some of the victims.

Leaders comfort Vaal families

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By DON
SEOKANE

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu, accompanied by their wives and other members of the ANC, yesterday visited the bereaved families of the gruesome Sebokeng massacre.

The ANC delegation, which also included the chairman of Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal region, Mr Kgalema Motlanthe, visited Sebokeng hospital to comfort survivors of Saturday night's slayings.

At a Press briefing held at the hospital, Kgalema attributed the massacre to a "notorious gang which has been responsible to a number of crimes, including rape, car hijacking and robbery".

He said the gang was targetting comrades who were not prepared to live under their "iron-fist".

Names of 15 of the known gang members have been submitted to the police, he said.

Police had arrested 10 members of the gang by yesterday.



Massacre: ANC call for De Klerk to resign

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A call for the resignation of State President De Klerk and his government has been made following the murder of at least 35 people at a funeral vigil in Sebokeng at the weekend.

The Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereniging (PWV) region of the ANC will recommend that the organisation call for the immediate resignation of President F W de Klerk and his government.

The ANC's regional chairman, Mr Kgalema Motlanthe, told journalists outside the Sebokeng Hospital yesterday the government should resign because of its "indifference" in dealing with violence in the townships.

Mr Motlanthe was a member of a top ANC delegation who toured Sebokeng yesterday and visited families of some of the victims of the massacre.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday declared Sebokeng an unrest area and imposed a 9pm-4am curfew. He appealed to all Sebokeng residents to "assist the police in enforcing law and order in their township".

Mr Vlok said 10 people had been arrested in connection with the Saturday morning massacre, and more arrests were expected to be made soon. He said police had taken possession of at least six AK47s, one of which had already been ballistically linked to the shooting.

The ANC delegation, which included Mrs Winnie Mandela, Mrs Albertina Sisulu, Dr Beyers Naude, Mr Henry Makgoti and Mrs Getrude Shope, was led by ANC deputy-president Mr Nelson Mandela and national chairman Mr Walter Sisulu.

The ANC leaders spent 3½-hours in Sebokeng after visiting the scene of the massacre, house number 11472 Vena Street, Zone Seven.

Neighbours and others said a criminal gang, alleged to have been helped by Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), opened fire on mourners at the home of ANC organiser Mr Christopher Nangelembe, who was allegedly killed by the same gang.

At least 35 people died and more than 50 others were injured in the 2am attack.

Mayhem later ensued when angry residents set fire to houses of suspected members of the gang, killing at least one woman.

Notorious gang

Standing next to Mr Mandela and his wife, Winnie, Mr Motlanthe said the ANC leaders had gone to the township "to witness ourselves the wanton killing of innocent mourners at a vigil". The delegation was briefed by leaders of local ANC structures in a meeting lasting about 80 minutes at the Khutlo-Tharo High School in Zone Three.

Mr Motlanthe said the ANC leaders were told the attack was orchestrated by "members of a known notorious gang which operates in the area without any police interference". He said local ANC leaders had asked the police to attend the vigil to protect mourners, "but the police were not there until after the attack".

Police have denied the ANC's allegations, saying they were asked by ANC members to leave the vigil.

Mr Motlanthe said the ANC had appealed to its followers not to take the law into their hands. Any uncovered gang members had to be handed over to the police, he said.

Boycott: Employers' call

OWN Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Alberton Industries Association (AIA) has called on parties engaged in talks to resolve Thokoza township's rent and service charges boycott to clear the confusion which marred the talks last week.

The association, which draws its labour from the township and has been attending the negotiations as an observer, urged the parties to work for an accord that would benefit the township's residents.

Parties to the talks were the Thokoza Civic Association (TCA), Alberton and Thokoza town councils, Eskom and the TPA.

Electricity has been cut off to the township, which owes Alberton Town Council R1,8m. This triggered a violent situation which has claimed hundreds of lives.

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Massacre: 10 held

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police have arrested 10 people in connection with the weekend massacre of 35 mourners at an ANC vigil at Sebokeng outside Vereeniging, and have declared the township an unrest area.

They have also seized two vehicles and seven AK47 rifles — one of which has been ballistically linked to the attack — and clamped a 9pm-to-4am curfew on the area, police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said yesterday.

A woman was among those arrested. Colonel Mostert said the township was "very tense" yesterday. More arrests were expected, he said.

Police and military reinforcements from 32 Battalion moved into Sebokeng on Saturday in an attempt to re-

store calm after youths retaliated by store calm after youths retaliated by firebombing at least five houses thought to be linked to the attackers. The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said two people were necklaced in the township on Saturday night.

Mr Nelson Mandela visited some of the 50 injured at the Sebokeng Hospital yesterday.

Mr Mandela and Mr Walter Sisulu visited Sebokeng under heavy guard. The two men said the police were "accountable" for the violence.

Mr Sisulu said the mourners at the funeral had asked the police for protection in anticipation of an impending attack, but there had been no police on hand at the time.

A police spokesman said a police

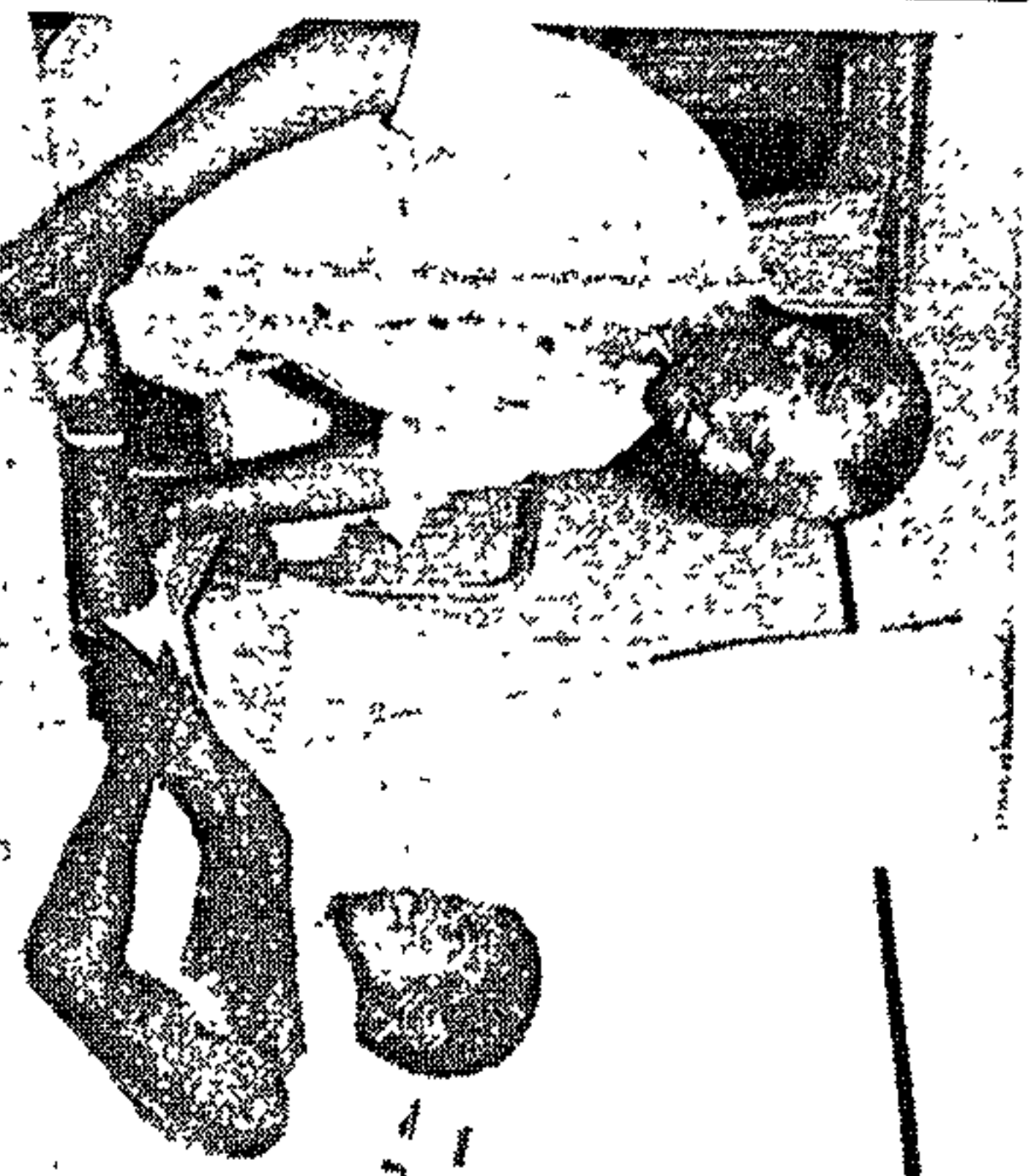
reaction unit had been at the vigil, but had left after being asked to do so by ANC officials at the scene who said their presence was "provocative".

The people massacred were among 300 attending an all-night vigil for Christoffel Nangelombe, an ANC activist who was found strangled on a rubbish dump last week at Sebokeng.

Mr Vlok condemned the killings as "the most shocking and horrifying deed" and said the police "will not rest until these killers have been tracked down and brought to justice".

Township residents alleged that the

ANC to set up 'defence structures' —
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HOSPITAL VISIT ... Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday visited the survivors of Saturday's Sebokeng massacre.
Picture: REUTERS

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attackers were members of the local Five Star Gang. *SAF Ticks 14/1/91* of the attackers had links with Inkatha. Police said 27 people died on the spot and another eight died at Sebokeng Hospital, where about 50 injured people were being treated.

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mained unclear, residents alleged some of the attackers had links with Inkatha. But Sapa reports that the leader of the Transvaal Inkatha Freedom Party's Youth Brigade, Mr Themba Khoza, denied the ANC's accusation of Inkatha involvement in the killing.

"We cannot rule out the possibility of the incident being carried out by ANC members," he said.

40 die in riot

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JOHANNESBURG. — Forty people died yesterday in a soccer riot at Orkney during a match between arch-rivals Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates.

The death toll was the worst in South African sporting history, police records showed. Fighting broke out among hundreds of the estimated 20 000 spectators in the Ernest Oppenheimer Stadium in the Western Transvaal town about 6.20pm because "a section of the crowd was unhappy with a decision by the referee to give Chiefs a goal", police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said.

"Bottle-throwing began, and then thousands of people stampeded for the gates. Many were crushed in the squeeze to get there," Colonel Mostert said. Two of the 40 dead were children. "The death toll may rise still... some people are very badly hurt," he said.

Colonel Mostert could not say how many had died in the fighting before the stampede. "Many of the bodies have extensive injuries... we cannot say now who died where."

Officers were at the scene trying to establish who had provoked the battles, Colonel Mostert added.

Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates, both home to many of South Africa's soccer stars, have large followings in black townships around Johannesburg and fans follow the sides to games across the country. Spectators clash from time to time but deaths are rare.

"We are still conducting a full investigation of the circumstances that led to the deaths," Colonel Mostert said.

'Deeply mourned'

The police said a friendly soccer match was intended to take the form of a winner-take-all challenge. The ANC yesterday expressed shock and horror at the deaths.

In a statement, ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela conveyed his condolences to family members of the victims, and said the country was experiencing too much death and destruction.

"Every loss of life is deeply mourned, for each one of you is precious and needed to build the free South Africa in the making. This tragedy should bring us closer together in our shared grief," said Mr Mandela.

The ANC leader went on to urge sports fans to ensure that all sporting facilities were built "to serve and protect the people and prevent future tragedies".

The management committee of the National Soccer League has ordered an emergency meeting for this morning in an effort to discover the cause of the tragedy.

"This is a sad day for South African soccer," said a distraught NSL chief executive, Mr Cyril Kobus. "We want to get to the bottom of things as a matter of urgency." Officials of both clubs had been summoned to today's crisis meeting, he said.

"I will personally conduct an inspection of the stadium tomorrow, as it is clearly not fit to host matches of this magnitude."

● In 1989 a mob smashed part of a wall, looted a ticket office and attacked fans at a match between Kaizer Chiefs and Hellenic at Hartleyvale.

Death crush



CHAOS: Spectators flee as fighting breaks out in the stand
Fighting at soccer leads *AP/US 4/19*
to tragic spectator stampede

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Most of the 40 people who died after fighting among 22 000 spectators at a soccer match in Orkney were crushed to death in a stampede, witnesses say. Steel railings were pushed over and bodies lay on the field — some were still draped over the grandstand seats. Shoes were scattered among the dead, left by those who fled.

‘It was just like that incident in England. People were pressed to death when fans pushed down the security fence and ran on the pitch,’ said spectator Mr Frans Plokwane, who was in the stampede.

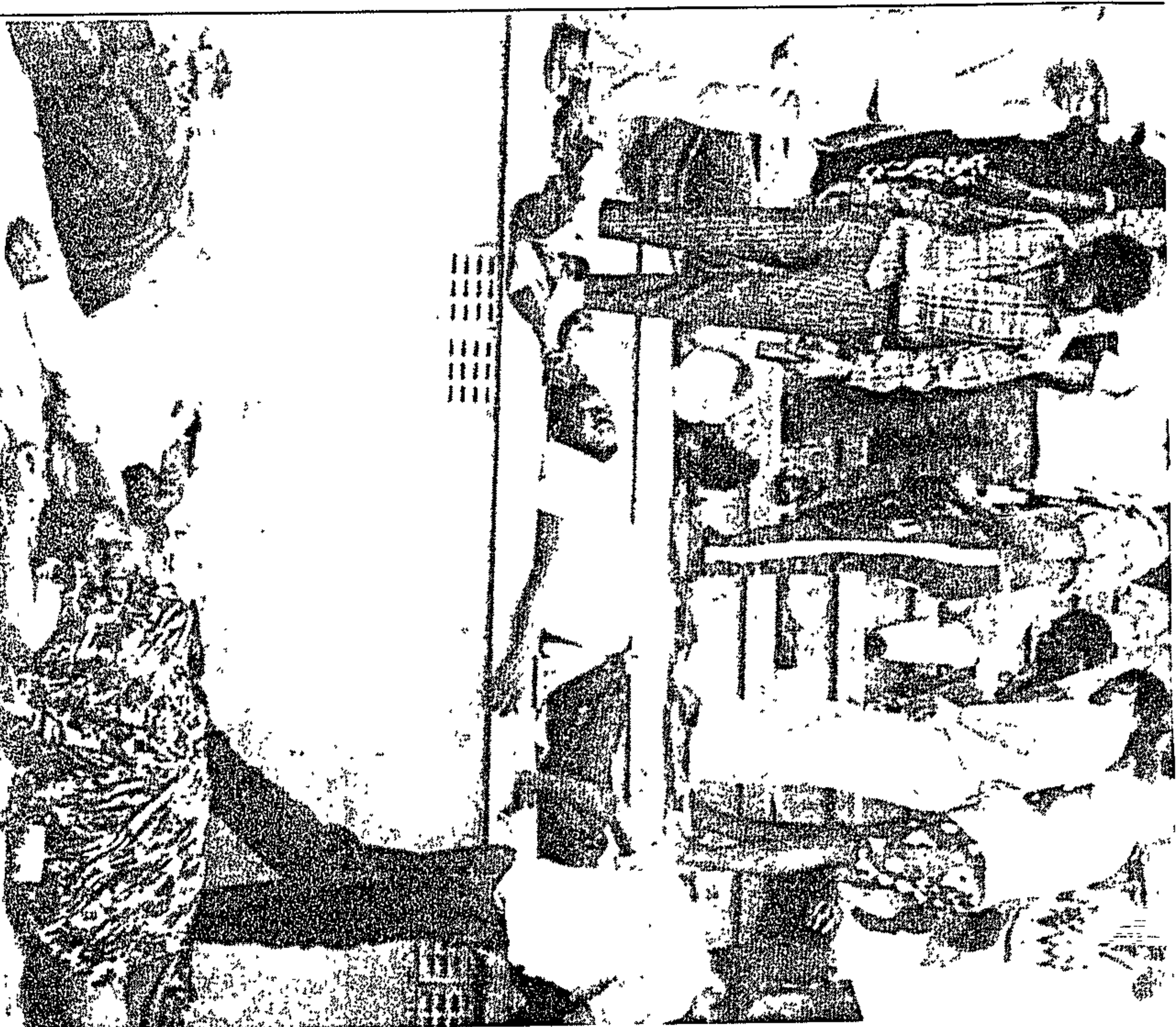
‘It was a terrible sight. People were shocked and crying. They couldn’t believe what had happened.’

Police said the death toll is expected to rise as some of the 52 injured are in hospital in a critical condition.

Women and at least two boys and one 10-year-old girl were among the dead.

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AFTERMATH. Bodies lie on the field and draped over grandstand seats after fighting broke out and spectators panicked at a soccer match at Vaal Reef’s mine in Orkney

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Commotion

"Fanie Madida scored a goal
which the referee awarded to
Pirates. The game went on and
then we realised there was a
commotion in the main pavil-
ion.

"Some people in the pavilion
cheered the goal, which was
the first in the game. This
sparked a brawl among fans
who were sitting together on
the grandstand.

"They were throwing cans at
each other and some were
flashing knives. Other fans
were trying to run away from
the fighting. They converged on
the main exit and were crushed
to death. There was screaming
and chaos. Women and kids
were caught in the confusion.

"I ran over and saw a kid of
about 14 years lying on the
ground. He was dead. He had
no visible injuries so I think he
had been crushed to death.

"I looked around and saw
eight other bodies. Some spec-
tators did not realise they were
dead and were trying to revive
them.

"I think some must have fall-
en and been trampled. None of
the bodies I saw had any
wounds so I don't think they
had been stabbed."

'Frightening'

Ambulances battled through
the crowd to get to the injured.

"It was frightening. The
whole thing was very quick —
about 15 minutes."

Spokesman for Western
Transvaal police Major Ben
van Heerden said most of the
40 dead were found at the flat-
tened security fence separating
the grandstands and the pitch.
None of the bodies he saw had
marks on them and appeared
to have died of suffocation.

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Police conditionally backed by Cast

PATRICK BULGER

CIVIC associations will throw their weight behind police attempts to combat township crime but want to monitor the background and activities of new recruits.

Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) assistant general secretary Cas Coovadia said his organisation's executive would meet tomorrow to draw up a letter to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

"We want to see law and order in the townships. We welcome any general move to address crime but we want this to be done in consultation with the community," Coovadia said. This would be conveyed to Vlok.

In many townships a reasonable relationship had been developed with resident police. On the East Rand there were examples of police de-

fending the community, he said.

"But incidents of collusion between security forces and vigilantes leave no guarantee that outside policemen will not be partial to vigilante groups.

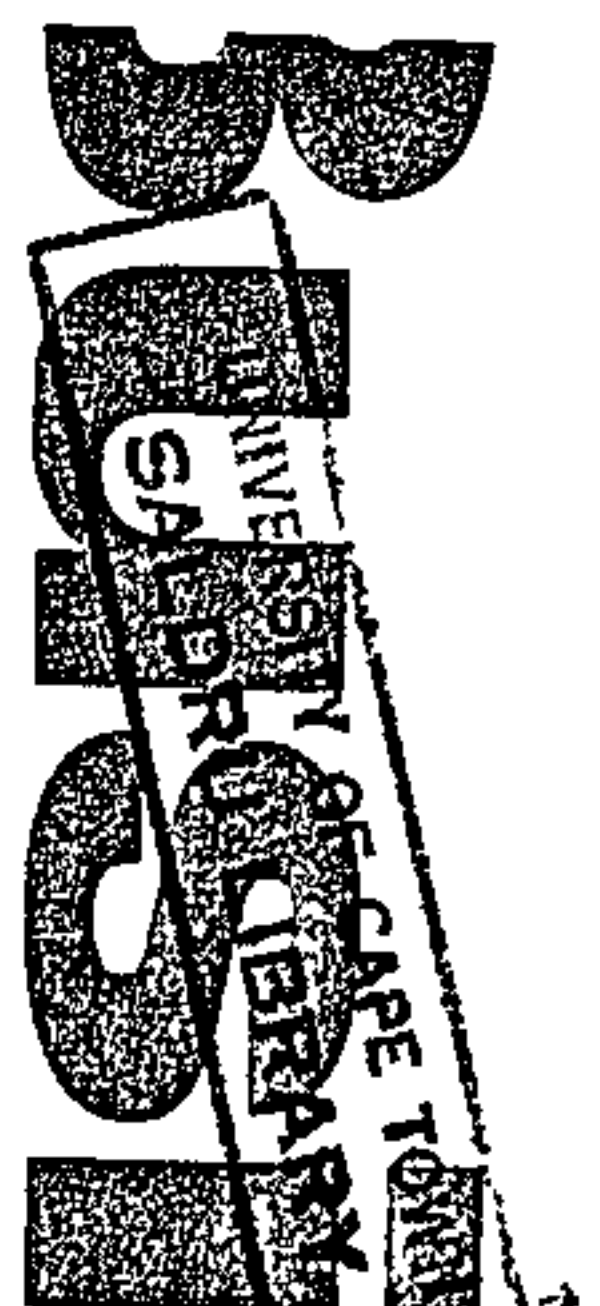
"We want to know who they are and we want to be able to monitor their activities."

The formation of defence units — which police oppose if they take the law into their own hands — was going ahead in Soweto and on the East Rand, Coovadia said. "We are advising people to defend themselves in any way they can."

Cast was anxious to avoid a repeat of the situation a few years ago when hastily recruited "kitskonstabels" earned a reputation for ill-discipline.

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10 arrested in connection with deaths of ANC mourners

POLICE have arrested 10 people in connection with the weekend slaying of 35 mourners at an ANC vigil at Sebokeng township outside Vereeniging.

They also seized seven AK-47 rifles one of which had been ballistically linked to the attack — and two vehicles, and clamped a curfew on the area, SAP liaison officer Col Johan Mostert said yesterday.

A woman was among those arrested.

Police have declared Sebokeng an unrest area and imposed a 9pm to 4am curfew on the township, which Mostert described as "very tense" yesterday. More arrests were expected, he said.

Police and military reinforcements

PATRICK BULGER
and TIM COHEN

moved into Sebokeng on Saturday in an attempt to restore calm after youths retaliated to the deaths by firebombing at least five houses thought to be linked to the attackers.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said two people were necklaced in the township on Saturday night.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela visited some of the 50 injured at the Sebokeng Hospital yesterday.

The uncle of Christoffel Nangalembé, the ANC leader whose vigil was attacked,

yesterday accused police of orchestrating the massacre.

Vusi Ncube said Nangalembé's family had requested police protection after being warned the vigil would be attacked, but this was not forthcoming.

He said one of the attackers was released from prison shortly before the attack.

Witnesses said about 300 mourners were gathered at a vigil for Nangalembé, who was abducted and strangled last weekend.

At 2am on Saturday a white minibus drove past and then returned and stopped.

Five men dressed in white got out of the vehicle and advanced on the tent where the

vigil was being held. Township residents alleged the attackers were members of the local Five Star Gang.

Police said 27 people died on the spot and another eight died at Sebokeng Hospital where about 50 injured people were being treated.

Mostert said a police reaction unit had been at the vigil before the attack but was asked to leave by mourners.

Residents immediately began searching for their attackers, and appeals by ANC leaders for calm were shouted down.

While the motive for the slaying remains

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unclear, residents alleged some of the attackers had links with Inkatha. Inkatha has denied the allegation.

Nangalembé was apparently conducting a campaign against township crime, and it is thought his activities had angered local crime bosses.

Police sources said yesterday investigators had ruled out a political motive and believed the attack was related to the area's gang warfare.

Sapa reports Vlok said the arrests were made after intensive investigations on Saturday, and that further arrests were expected soon.

"I wish to thank the police for working

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non stop in an effort to solve this gruesome massacre," Vlok said.

He said police commissioner "Gen Johann van der Merwe told him the public gave valuable information to police;

"The situation in Sebokeng remains tense, and last night several homes were set alight and two people were murdered by the necklaced method."

The curfew, he said, would be enforced with "great circumspection" and it was not

aimed at harassing law-abiding citizens but at safeguarding them and their belongings. Vlok appealed to employers to give workers who commuted during curfew hours the necessary travel documents.

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Pirates fans blamed

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JOHANNESBURG. — An eye-witness to yesterday's soccer-riot horror claimed that Orlando Pirates fans started the trouble.

Mr Frans Phokwana, 30, said Pirates fans on the western side of a packed grandstand in the Ernest Oppenheimer Sports Stadium started throwing cans and fruit at Chiefs fans soon after Chiefs striker Fanie Madiba scored a goal in the 25th minute of the game, putting his team ahead.

"Kaizer Chiefs supporters tried to run away from the trouble, forcing down the security fence and running on to the field."

He said most of those killed or hurt had sat on the front benches of the grandstand and had fallen, and were overrun by the panic-stricken crowd.

'I nearly died'

Mr Phokwana could not confirm other eyewitness reports of stabbings and fighting, but would not deny them either.

"I was sitting on the eastern side of the stand. We thought it was a stampede. I wanted to run away and instead fell. Somebody stepped on top of me and injured my neck. I nearly died myself," he claimed.

"People were lying all over the place, some were unconscious, some were bleeding."

While National Soccer League (NSL) officials organised ambulances to transport the injured to hospital, other people tried to help and tried to revive the unconscious, he added.

Mr Phokwana estimated that about 30 000 spectators attended the match, a pre-season "friendly" intended as a winner-take-all challenge. — Sapa

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Inkatha denies ANC 'insinuations' about massacre

DURBAN.—The Inkatha Freedom Party has flatly denied African National Congress "insinuations" that it was involved in the massacre at Sebokeng early on Saturday morning.

In a press statement released here yesterday, Inkatha said: "We all deplore the senseless murder of innocent people and we call on the police and the Minister of Law and

Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, in particular to investigate the matter fully."

Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has condemned the massacre, in which at least 38 people died, as "shocking and evil" and called for political differences to be put aside in ending township violence.

He was referring to the Saturday

morning attack on a group of Sebokeng residents attending a funeral vigil for a slain ANC activist.

The Inkatha leader called on the government, political and community leaders and ordinary citizens to work together to stop the killing. "There must be an end to this carnage," he said.

He said that if the culprits of violence were not exposed "we will

be staring anarchy in the face".

The Western Transvaal region of Cosatu said yesterday it was perturbed that Mr Vlok had declared Sebokeng an unrest area, with a curfew from 9pm to 4am.

Instead of hunting and arresting the criminals responsible for the massacre he had decided to impose a curfew on hundreds and thousands of people, the branch said.

The alleged failure by police to heed a warning about a pending attack in Sebokeng had led the SA Council of Churches to be concerned that people there would take the law into their own hands, the church body said last night.

Expressing its shock at the Sebokeng incident, the SACC called on Mr Vlok and the government to enforce law and order impartially.

Calls for MK to defend townships

JOHANNESBURG. — Prominent civic association figures involved in forming township self-defence units said yesterday that the ANC was coming under growing pressure to deploy its military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) to protect black communities.

Soweto Civic Association (SCA) acting publicity secretary Mr Patrick Lephunya and Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) president Mr Moses Mayekiso said in interviews that grassroots calls for a visible MK presence in townships were reaching fever pitch.

They made their comments after the weekend massacre of 38 people at Se-

bokeng township outside Vereeniging and a promise by ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo that the ANC would form defence structures in ANC zones as a matter of urgency.

Both Mr Mayekiso and Mr Lephunya referred to the ANC's decision at its recent consultative conference to mandate MK to play a "facilitative role" in forming defence committees.

However, an ANC spokesman cautioned against expectations of MK playing an overt military role.

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NSL inquiry into soccer tragedy

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JOHANNESBURG. — The National Soccer League yesterday opened an official commission of inquiry into the crowd disturbances that resulted in 42 deaths during a friendly match between Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates at Orkney in the Western Transvaal on Sunday.

The three-man commission was formed after a three-hour meeting at the NSL headquarters at Johannesburg's FNB Stadium, where officials of both clubs presented their sides of the tragedy.

NSL chief executive officer Mr Cyril Kobus, a commission member, said he hoped to have the report completed within a week, after which recommendations would be made to the management committee on — among other matters — how to deal with the guilty parties and how to assist, if possible,

the families of those killed.

The disaster occurred when rival supporters in a section of the 20 000-strong desegregated crowd at Orkney's Oppenheimer Stadium started fighting and throwing objects.

In the panic to escape from the stadium, spectators were crushed against security fencing around the pitch.

Heading the commission will be NSL chairman Mr Roger Sishi, with Mr Kobus and NSL vice-chairman Mr Leon Hacker as his backup.

Officials of both soccer clubs declined to comment on the tragedy after yesterday's meeting, stating that they had said all they wished to say behind closed doors to the League management committee.

The incident has been described as the worst disaster in South African sporting history. — Sapa

Alberton business crippled by boycott

OWN CORRESPONDENT
15/11/91

JOHANNESBURG. — Turnover in Alberton shops has plummeted by 80% since residents of neighbouring Thokoza township launched a consumer boycott last month, the Alberton Traders' and Professionals Association said yesterday.

Association secretary Mr Yunus Karolia described the situation as "unreal".

"I have been through boycotts before — the last one between June and September — but nothing has ever been like this," he said. "Our members are reporting business 10% to 20% of normal turnover and some are talking of closing down."

The boycott was called by the Thokoza Civic Association (TCA) after the Alberton town council cut off electricity supply to the township.

Meanwhile, Jouberton township residents yesterday started an indefinite consumer boycott of Klerksdorp business after the town's council announced it would cut off electricity and reduce water supply to their township this morning.

Township calls for MK's help growing louder

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Misconceptions

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He said the organisation would clear up misconceptions and spell out just what it meant at a series of regional meetings.

What the organisation had in mind was increased vigilance and information collection, he said.

But the civic leaders said grassroots structures were calling for a

formalisation of the ANC's role in setting up and running defence committees.

"We in the organisations would like MK to defend the townships," Mayekiso said.

Lephunya, whose organisation's members recently arrested and handed over to police 10 men who allegedly raped girls at a Soweto Salvation Army home, said the township communities were looking to the ANC for further protection against violence.

"The ANC cannot ignore the continual loss of life and the destruction of property in the townships.

"The ANC call for defence units is based on the fact that the violence in the townships is not an ordinary gangster-type violence.

"It is a violence that could be state-driven, right-wing driven or orchestrated by people who want to upset the state of negotiations," he said.

In the branches of the ANC pressure on the ANC to deploy MK units in the townships had emerged on numerous occasions.

"People have said the ANC is abrogating its responsibility to defend its people against violence," said Lephunya.

Clarifying the ANC's call for defence units, an ANC spokesman said MK cadres were already visiting township communities and instructing them in the formation of protective defence units.

The formation of defence units was, however, primarily a political rather than a military task.

PATRICK BULGER

ANC anger with Govt is shown in calls to resign

Massacre was 'total savagery'

By Esmaré van der Merwe and Sapa

Separate calls have been made by ANC structures for the resignation of either President de Klerk or Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in the wake of the Sebokeng massacre at the weekend.

This demonstrates the anger in ANC circles about the Government's apparent inability to curb township violence.

Strong differences of opinion between the Government and the ANC on violence have emerged as the most contentious issue of dispute between the two organisations.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said yesterday that Mr Vlok should not retain his job.



Minister Adriaan Vlok.

"The Government's inability to curb violence has brought the legitimacy of the Government into question.

"The Government is not able to deal with the violence.

"This emphasises the need for an interim government.

"We need that and we need it quickly."

She said there was no contradiction between

the ANC's head office and the organisation's PWV leadership, which called yesterday for Mr de Klerk's resignation, but she declined to support the call specifically.

The regional leadership said the Government could not "wash its hands" of the massacre, adding that an unrest area would make it difficult for people to protect themselves.

The ANC said it believed the killings were aimed at criminalising it.

"The ANC has, in fact, observed many attempts in the past by the SAP to criminalise the ANC and lump it together with common criminals. It would be expected that they will attempt to use the Sebokeng massacre to further this objective."

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Several political organisations have joined the Government and the ANC in condemning the Sebokeng massacre at the weekend.

The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) said the tragedy demonstrated the police's inability to root out elements of violence in the townships and was a justification for calls for the formation of defence committees.

Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said the Sebokeng disaster should be viewed as an omen nobody should ignore.

The PAC expressed shock at the Sebokeng killings, describing them as "total savagery".

Sebokeng shooting death toll rises to 38

By Melody McDougall

VEREENIGING — The death toll in the Sebokeng massacre at the weekend has risen to 38

after the death in the Sebokeng hospital of another four victims during the past 24 hours.

At least 27 people were killed on the scene

after gunmen allegedly opened fire with AK-47 rifles on about 300 mourners at an ANC funeral vigil on Saturday.

Hospital superinten-

dent Dr Anne van der Spuy said 10 people had died in the hospital.

Police, however, were able to confirm only 35 deaths yesterday.

Braklaagte violence spreads to Motswedi

Fighting in the Braklaagte area, near Zeerust, was yesterday reported to have spread to the outskirts of Motswedi, Bophuthatswana. President Lucas Mangope's home village.

Refugees from Mosweu — about 10 km from where most of Mr Mangope's riches are concentrated — said by early yesterday violence had spread to their village.

Elias Sedumedi said he was awakened by choking smoke in the hut where he was sleeping. He fled after finding four

more huts ablaze.

He said a group calling itself Inkatha was allegedly kidnapping elderly people and forcing them to declare allegiance to a Chief Nkwe.

Lydia Sebogodi, also of Mosweu, said villagers had slept in the open veld and yesterday decided to flee to Zeerust after seeing several houses burnt down.

Colonel David George of the Bophuthatswana police confirmed that a hut was burnt down in Mosweu. — Sapa.

Sebokeng family is terrified

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THE slain ANC activist whose Sebokeng vigil on Saturday was disrupted by marauding gunmen, killing at least 38 people, has yet to be buried.

The family of Christoffel Nangalembe, who was kidnapped and later found murdered on January 6, has vowed not to bury him unless police give an assurance that Saturday's carnage will not be repeated.

Mr Mandla Nangalembe, the dead man's brother, said yesterday: "We will never continue with the burial because we are afraid. The police must do their job."

"Right now my

By THEMBA MOLEFE

mother Margaret is ill. She cannot handle it anymore."

He said his entire family was in panic.

A Vaal police spokesman, Captain Piet van der Venter, said police would do their best but could not ensure a "24 hours surveillance".

Confiscated

He said the investigation into the massacre was continuing. Police have so far arrested 10 people.

Since then, "three arrests have been effected and another AK-47 rifle and an AK-47 magazine

with 10 rounds have been confiscated", Van der Venter said.

He said the police were "hot on the trail" of two additional suspects.

Van der Venter said the official death toll was 38 and 26 people were still in the hospital.

Sebokeng hospital authorities said yesterday three people were on the critical list.

Also yesterday, community organisations in Sebokeng were compiling lists of the dead in preparation for a mass burial.

The Vaal African Chamber of Commerce has pledged to bury the dead free, according to general secretary Mr Tom Mzimba.



Senior members of the Inkatha Youth Brigade form a guard of honour at the funeral of Bafana Mfundisi in Bekkersdal on Saturday.

Police prevent ²⁷⁸ clash at funeral

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A HEAVY police and army presence at the funeral of an Inkatha member in Bekkersdal on Saturday averted a possible outbreak of violence when an armed group threatened to attack residents at a squatter camp.

Scores of armed Inkatha supporters were bussed in from various Reef areas to attend the funeral of Mr Bafana Mfundisi (21), who died in alleged inter-organisational clashes on New Year's Day.

The armed group's presence at the funeral

By KENOSI MODISANE

surprised residents in the township. No one knew that Mfundisi - a known member of the Azanian Students Movement - was also a registered member of Inkatha.

Police escorted the procession to the cemetery.

A number of armed squatters kept vigil along the borders of Mandela Park camp in anticipation of an attack after the funeral.

An ugly incident nearly occurred when army members stormed the camp in pursuit of a man believed to be in possession of an AK-47 rifle. It was, however, found that the man was carrying an axe.

Meanwhile, police in the West Rand reported no incidents at the funeral of ANC member Joseph Koole (22) in Munsieville, Krugersdorp, on Saturday.

Koole was also killed in inter-organisational clashes.

Cops search for massacre suspects

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POLICE are still searching for two suspects in connection with Saturday's pre-dawn massacre of 45 mourners at an ANC funeral vigil in Sebokeng.

This follows a major breakthrough in the case when 10 people, including a woman, were arrested during intense police investigations on Saturday night.

Police also took possession of seven AK-47 rifles, ammunition, three petrol bombs and two

vehicles allegedly used in the attack.

The investigation is being headed by Vaal Triangle's CID chief Colonel Wessel van Niekerk.

A police spokesman yesterday described the township as "calm but tense".

He said additional police and troops had been deployed in the area to ensure law and order.

Referring to the curfew which came into effect on Sunday, he said no arrests had yet been made in this respect.

However, four people

were arrested in the township on Sunday night - one of them on an alleged dagga charge and the other three for the possession of an AK-47 rifle magazine with 10 rounds.

In a separate incident a motorist apparently hindered two men who were trying to burn down a house in Zone 12, Sebokeng.

The motorist's windscreen was then smashed with stones before the suspects fled from the scene. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

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Desolation and despair . . . National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) general secretary Moses Mayekiso surveys the damage among the ashes of the Johannesburg offices gutted in a pre-dawn fire yesterday.

Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

Blaze guts union offices: arson blamed

By Monica Nicolson

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Thousands of documents containing important information went up in smoke when a fire at the local branch of the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) gutted the offices, causing damage estimated at R250 000.

The fire, which started at 2 am yesterday, wiped out irreplaceable documents, important files, furniture, machines and correspondence.

Numsa officials believe arsonists started the blaze and have blamed a "third force".

"Only the Numsa offices, on the 6th floor of Abbey House in Commissioner Street, were affected. Filing cabinets were ripped open so that all papers would be destroyed.

"The main door was carefully prised open and a window broken," said Numsa spokesman Alfred Woodington.

The Johannesburg fire brigade fought the fire for nearly two hours before getting the blaze under control.

Records for members working in nearly 500 factories were reduced to ashes and officials said destroyed information could never be replaced.

Mr Woodington said it was not the first time key Numsa offices had been attacked. "Our East London offices have been burnt down and our Benoni offices have been teargassed."

Numsa's stand in present disputes and retrenchment cases would be severely impaired as vital documents no longer existed, Mr Woodington added.

Thousands shelter in churches after fleeing Bop terror

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MORE than 5 000 Braklaagte residents had sought refuge in Zeerust by yesterday after fleeing ongoing fighting between pro- and anti-Bophuthatswana government factions.

Red Cross International representative Alex Braunwalder said yesterday the organisation would send a representative to the area today to assess the situation, after requests from churches and community leaders.

If the situation warranted Red Cross assistance, it would be in a position to supply relief within hours. High on the priority list would be food and blankets, he said.

St Francis Xavier Catholic minister Michael Brady said yesterday the first group of Braklaagte refugees had arrived in Zeerust last Tuesday and their numbers had escalated over the weekend.

The stream of refugees is expected to continue.

They are being accommodated in six Zeerust churches, but Brady said he did not know how long this could continue as the number of refugees had swelled to more than 5 000.

He hoped the Red Cross would be able to assist in the situation, which had become unmanageable.

A Transvaal Rural Action Committee spokesman said the number of refugees from the Braklaagte area had grown after attacks by a vigilante group on Mosweu, near Braklaagte, at the weekend.

EDYTH BULBRING

He said tension in Braklaagte, which was forcibly incorporated into Bophuthatswana in December 1988, had grown after the launch of a local ANC branch on December 30.

Attacks on the Braklaagte community, which opposed incorporation into Bophuthatswana, were allegedly carried out by members of a vigilante group supporting Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope.

Sapa reports that continued fighting in the Braklaagte area was said to have spread towards the outskirts of Mangope's home village of Motswedi.

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Villagers fleeing from Mosweu said the violence had spread to their village by early on Monday.

In another development, the Bophuthatswana government yesterday issued ANC member Dr David Green with a deportation order.

In a statement from the Human Rights Commission, Green said the Department for Internal Affairs had issued him with an order giving him 72 hours to leave the country and prohibiting him from continuing his medical practice.

Green is writing a letter to request an urgent meeting with government officials to seek reasons for his deportation.

'Third Force' is blamed for fire

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A pre-dawn fire gutted the Johannesburg nerve-centre offices of the 230 000-strong National Union of Metalworkers yesterday and the union immediately blamed the "Third Force" for the attack.

Documents on a forthcoming national congress, on disputes pending in the Industrial Court and Industrial Council, and correspondence with factories in the whole Johan-

nesburg area were turned to ashes in the blaze that broke out about 2am, union officials told reporters at the scene.

Mr Alfred Woodington, coordinator of the union's crisis department, said there had been no signs of force entry to the city centre offices and the doors had been found open.

"It's the Third Force that's doing all this. It

was carried out to destroy the trade union office by a person having time and authority to get into the building," Mr Moses Mayekiso, general secretary of Numsa, told reporters.

Charred remains of wooden items, photocopiers and fax machines, and blown out windows gave testimony of the blaze which apparently was put out by firemen 45 minutes later.

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Orkney joins shops boycott

KLERKSDORP. — About 2500 people from Kanana, near Orkney, yesterday reportedly joined a consumer boycott in solidarity with Klerksdorp's black Jouberton residents.

Residents are demanding the dismantling of Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging training centres in certain parts of the Western Transvaal, release of locals being held in detention and the unconditional restoration of the power supply. — Sapa

Soccer rivals, NSL join forces for disaster fund

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JOHANNESBURG. — Orlando Pirates and Kaizer Chiefs, in conjunction with the National Soccer League, have established a disaster fund to help the families of those who died when violence broke out at a match at Orkney on Sunday.

The two rival clubs have put past differences behind them to come together and "help the bereaved through a difficult time".

Forty-two football fans lost their lives and scores were injured when a stampede started after fighting broke out between rival supporters at Orkney's Oppenheimer Stadium.

"We feel that we have to play a meaningful role in the tragedy," said Chiefs owner Mr. Kaizer Motaung. "The bereaved families need support and the management and players of both clubs

will offer all the help we can."

He added that the clubs would go out of their way to ensure that they had representatives at the funerals of all those who had died in the incident.

There was a possibility that some of the proceeds from the Chiefs-Pirates match in a coming BP Top Eight quarter-final match in Durban could boost the fund, Mr Motaung said.

Meanwhile, the government also expressed its sympathy with the next-of-kin of those killed and injured in the disaster, Minister of National Education and Environmental Affairs, Mr Louis Pienaar, said yesterday.

● The NSL-appointed commission of inquiry into the Orkney tragedy will begin its investigations tomorrow and is expected to complete its report within a week. — Sapa

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Red Cross to aid Bop refugees

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.

The International Red Cross and the SA Red Cross will launch a joint project today to assist more than 5 000 Braklaagte refugees in Zeerust.

The refugees, who have fled fighting between factions opposing or supporting the Bophuthatswana government, have been accommodated in six Zeerust churches since last week.

Local church and community leaders have requested assistance from the Red Cross as the local community cannot provide relief for the growing number of refugees indefinitely.

The IRC will supply the financial back-up, while the Northern Transvaal Red Cross will distribute resources and provide manpower.

Murdered man 'judged people'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The murdered ANC member whose funeral vigil became the scene of the Sebokeng massacre on Saturday was involved in a "people's court" which sentenced four "gangsters" to death three weeks earlier, township sources alleged yesterday.

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Township sources, who did not want to be named for fear of retribution, said Mr Christoffel Nangalembe passed the death sentences at a people's court on December 22 last year.

The ANC has admitted he was involved in efforts to combat crime.

The sources alleged that the four gangsters, who eventually escaped execution, might have been ANC members who then formed a breakaway faction and took revenge. One of the four was said to be related to senior Inkatha member Mr Temb' Kubheka. The ANC has alleged a relative of Mr Kubheka's was involved in the mass slaying.

Police have arrested 10 people in connection with the massacre. Their names have not been released.

Mr Nangalembe, 28, was found shot and strangled on January 6. His killers have not been found.

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But the sources said Mr Nangalembe sentenced four men to death for gang-related activities.

They said the men were handcuffed in pairs. Two were locked in the boot of a car and the other two in the car itself. The vehicle was then set alight. But the men managed to escape. Two weeks later Mr Nangalembe was killed.

Another version of the car incident was reported in a Sunday newspaper, which said a former gang member claimed there were clashes between the gang and comrades in early December. A meeting was called and a truce was reached.

It reported the former gang member as saying some members were unhappy about the truce and kidnapped four of the pro-truce faction.

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The car stalled, however, and the driver left it to call the police. When he returned the men had fled and the car was in flames.

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Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus.

CITY DEMO: Demonstrators outside the United States embassy are watched by police yesterday.

Muslims arrested outside US embassy in city

Staff Reporter

SIXTEEN Muslim protesters have been arrested outside the United States Embassy on Cape Town Foreshore.

Demonstrators representing the Muslim Youth Movement and the Muslim Students' Association gathered outside the embassy about 1pm yesterday to denounce US actions in the Gulf.

Some, wearing Arabic scarves and holding an Iraqi flag, shouted: "Down with imperialistic Zionism. Neither East nor West, justice is best."

Others held placards and chanted slogans, including "Save oil, burn Bush" and "Bush go home and solve your own problems — death to Bush."

The protest was held shortly before visiting US Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr Louis Sullivan was due to address a Press conference at the embassy.

A spokesman for the demonstrators said the group viewed the presence of the US forces in the Gulf as "a clear indication that US imperialism has returned to its old style of domination and exploitation".

Police gave the group five minutes to disperse after warning that the gathering was illegal.

Placards were confiscated and members of the group were arrested after they failed to disperse.

Backlash likely if holy shrines are hit

LONDON. — Islamic fundamentalists might unleash their anger against American and other Western interests if sacred shrines in southern Iraq are hit during air raids.

The holiest shrines for the Shia, after Mecca, are in Iraq in the cities of Najaf, Kerbala and Samarra, as well as in Baghdad itself.

For the Shia worldwide, Najaf is as holy as the Vatican for Catholics. It is the seat of Ayatollah Khoi the Marje, or the spiritual leader of the world's Shia. It also houses the Shia Islamic university where the late Ayatollah Khomeini studied, like most of the famous ayatollahs.

Many Muslims, Shia and Sunni, believe that Imam Ali, Prophet Mohammed's cousin and the first man to embrace Islam, is buried there, while the tomb of his son Imam al-Hussein is in the nearby city of Kerbala.

President Saddam Hussein has cunningly placed his chemical war manufacturing facilities in Samarra. — The Independent.

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The township sources say that two of the four men sentenced to death by the people's court are among the 10 arrested in connection with the massacre.

They say Sebokeng has long been known

People's court

as a stronghold of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK)

MK members have been involved in a battle for street supremacy for several months and have attempted to consolidate their hegemony under the guise of anti-crime campaigns, they say

SAP liaison officer for the Vaal Triangle, Piet van Deventer, said yesterday there were a number of groups battling for supremacy in the township

Police were aware that Nangalembhe had been involved in an anti-crime campaign and were investigating allegations about a people's court. They had not yet found evidence of such a court.

Van Deventer said the nine men and one woman were being detained in terms of Article 3 of the Security Emergency Regulations.

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Transnet, unions discuss new bargaining forum

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TRANSNET management will meet 13 unions tomorrow for talks aimed at establishing a new bargaining forum for 130 000 Transnet employees, black and white.

Transnet industrial relations director Vic van Vuuren said yesterday management hoped to reach agreement on new bargaining structures with the unions no later than October 6.

That was the date the SA Transport Services Act fell away and Transnet came under the Labour Relations Act (LRA).

Wages and conditions of service in the transport sector have traditionally been negotiated in the Labour Council, formed in 1988.

Van Vuuren said management and unions started talks about bargaining forums in October last year.

Both parties had shown support for the establishment of an industrial council, and further negotiations would now centre on the council's format.

He said the main problem was to deter-

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mine the various levels of bargaining and how to serve the different areas within Transnet, including SAA and Autonets.

A number of Transnet members fall under at least five or six other industrial councils.

This created the problem of which council could lay claim to them.

About 1 300 Transnet members would fall under the Engineering Industrial Council, Van Vuuren said.

Transnet has held talks on the issue of delineating boundaries with the Steel and Engineering Industries' Federation.

Neither the SA Railway and Harbours Workers' Union (Sarhwi) or the Black Trade Union of SA (Blatu), together representing about 60 000 workers, were available for comment yesterday.

This year's wage negotiations, which begin in April and are scheduled to be implemented in July, will carry on in the Labour Council.

Probe into alleged assault at restaurant

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Police are investigating an incident in which several white men allegedly assaulted and sjambokked black restaurant staff in Vanderbijlpark.

Two workers — one semi-disabled from a previous leg injury — were admitted to Sebo-keng Hospital for treatment.

Ewan Ormiston (25), a restau-

rant employee, said that on Saturday afternoon four workers were relaxing on the lawn in front of the post office.

He saw three white men, one with a sjambok, beating up the workers, so ran and separated the two groups. Then two cars pulled up and the occupants asked what the problem was.

"After explaining the situation, the group of men got out of

their cars and called my staff 'kaffirs'. One workers was then slapped in the face."

When other staff members arrived, Mr Ormiston ordered all the workers to run back to the restaurant. A group of about 10 white men pursued them.

Vaal Triangle police liaison officer Captain Piet van De-venter yesterday confirmed a charge had been laid.

Police arrest PAC members

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JOHANNESBURG. — PAC members were detained and weapons were confiscated in a pre-dawn police swoop on Kagiso township, near Krugersdorp, yesterday.

The PAC has named the arrested men as Mr Themba Hlatwayo, Mr Paul Vusi Hlatwayo, Mr Richard Pretty Moletsane, Mr Sipho Mtshembe and Mr Thabo Kekana, adding the sixth was Mr Mike Matsobane, a leading member in the PAC national executive.

Police confirmed five of the arrests, but denied Mr Matsobane was one of them. — Sapa

Rent, service boycott ends

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG

The Atteridgeville town council has agreed to write off R22,5 million owed by Atteridgeville and Saulsville residents, ending the nine-month-old rent and service charge boycott in the Pretoria townships.

This emerged yesterday.

The Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation and Atteridgeville administrator Mr Ernie Jacobson reached an accord on Monday under which debts accumulated since April last year were written off.

"Further negotiations will begin immediately on monetary matters, transfer of (rented) houses to tenants and availability of land," the statement said.

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Boycott ends — township administrator 'delighted'

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Atteridgeville administrator Dr Ernie Jacobson says he is "delighted" to have played a part in ending the eight-month rent boycott in the township.

The Pretoria city councillor and former mayor said that although he hoped the problem was now history, he would continue administering to the township until the end of May.

"I must see to day-to-day activities like land and housing agreements."

Dr Jacobson was appointed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration as administrator of Atteridgeville after its council collapsed last year.

He negotiated an agreement with the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) under which residents pay interim amounts from March 1.

The agreement opens the way for further negotiations to bring rates, tariffs and service charges in line with existing cost structures for the township.

'NEW MODEL'

"I am delighted Asro and other organisations decided to co-operate with me to put Atteridgeville on the road to exciting new developments," he said.

Dr Jacobson is not expecting the agreement to be followed by an election for a new council at this stage. He is rather considering a "new model" of local government.

"But that is a matter for future negotiation. In the meantime a programme will be started to make electricity installations safe."

Where violence is common place

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DEATH in the streets of Sebokeng in recent years has become a common feature.

The residents of the township, located about 60 kilometres south of Johannesburg near Vereeniging, have been witnesses to several tragic and gruesome shooting and killings over the past 30 years.

Most of them were moved from nearby Sharpeville where 68 people were killed during the anti-pass protests of 1960.

Protests

Sebokeng became the focal point in the Vaal rent protests, launched in 1984, during which hundreds of people died.

In September last year 42 people died during an orgy of violence which lasted a few hours. The security forces were implicated in some of the killings.

On March 26, 1990, police opened fire on people protesting against the continued existence of the black town

council system, killing 17. The shooting resulted in widespread rioting.

On July 22, 1990, 27 Sebokeng residents and a policeman were killed after an Inkatha rally.

Again, the shooting was followed by widespread petrol-bombing, stone-throwing and arson.

In August 1990, fights between hostel dwellers and residents erupted, leaving three dead and several injured. Three days later nine hostel dwellers were shot dead by unidentified gunmen.

On August 24, 1990, Sebokeng was one of the 27 townships declared unrest areas by Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok.

On September 4, 1990, police and SADF troops opened fire on a crowd of 5 000 people, killing 42 and injuring scores of others.

Later in September two men were necklaced, one a hostel dweller and the other an off-duty policeman.

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Mandla Nangalemba

Suspects taken to scene of massacre

SUSPECTS in the gunning down of mourners in the Sebokeng "vigil of terror" were this week taken to the scene of the killings under police guard.

Escorted separately on Tuesday, three men - nine men and a woman have been arrested - arrived one by one in separate police armoured vehicles at the Nangalembe home in Zone 7. Each of them was photographed by the police as they pointed to areas outside the yard.

Police spokesman in the Vaal, Captain Piet van Deventer, could not confirm whether all the 10 suspects had been taken to the scene of massacre. He said a murder docket had been opened.

Up to 45 people were killed when gunmen cold-bloodedly opened fire

By THEMBA MOLEFE

with AK-47 rifles while the vigil of slain African National Congress activist Christoffel Nangalembe (29) was in process inside a tent about 2am last Saturday. Twenty seven people died on the spot. Others later died in hospital of their injuries.

Brother

Mandla Nangalembe, the brother of the dead activist, said the family wished to bury him privately. He said a date has still to be determined.

Nine men and a woman have been arrested and were being held in terms of Section 3 of the emergency regulations in connection with the killings.

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Township violence is taking a twist no one expected — all-out conflict between gangsters and political activists.

In affected black areas, there was an average of 10 deaths a day last year within the broad political or unrest category. The death and injury toll from crime was even higher and now community-based organisations are squaring off against organised crime. This means the overall toll could rise unless police/community co-operation is established for the anti-crime drive. Such co-operation seems unlikely.

There is enormous anger in townships at soaring crime. A gangland reprisal against political activists trying to curb a vehicle theft gang this past weekend saw 42 mourners cold-bloodedly massacred at a wake in Sebokeng. (Police say the death toll is 38 but community leaders put it at 42.)

This accounts for the pressure on political groups to arm their supporters. The ANC is moving to set up defence committees which the organisation is touting as the equivalent of neighbourhood watches, though the mid-December Consultative Conference noted that Umkhonto we Sizwe would play a "facilitative role" in the setting up of these structures.

The members of the gang that attacked the funeral reportedly included Inkatha members. While this alleged membership may not have been a significant factor in the attack, what is of some consequence is that gang family members, who are members of Inkatha, state they kept weapons because Sebokeng is seen as a predominantly ANC area and they feared for their lives. The ANC appears to have been warned of impending "pre-emptive strikes" by someone within the families; and deepening paranoia between rival groups is without doubt a primary factor in township violence, where rumour often carries as much weight as fact.

Politicians from all groups came out with the usual platitudes after the weekend massacre, but the ANC and Inkatha are no closer to getting together to find a solution. Long-time Azapo political activist Strini Moodley expressed the frustration of many when he slammed the "Pontius Pilate" actions of the groups concerned. Police arrested 10 people for the Sebokeng massacre, including a woman, and recovered 10 AK-47s.

Captain Piet van Deventer, liaison officer for the Vaal Triangle, says the 10 are being held under Regulation 3 of the emergency regulations, which means they can be held for 14 days and thereafter charged, released or held for a further period. He cannot explain why the 10 were being held under emergency regulations and not in terms of

the Criminal Procedure Act; the situation was not covered by emergency regulations at the time. The area was quiet, though tense, at midweek and there has been an increase of troops and police in the area.

A mass funeral is expected to be held. However, predictably, death threats have been made against ANC activists in the



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area, according to ANC PWV regional secretary Barbara Hogan, and most have gone underground in fear of their lives.

Sebokeng is an area known for a high degree of arms trading, something the police appear to have had no success in cracking.

Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's reward scheme for firearms and weapons is not working. In the two weeks it has been running, police say only five informants have come forward and provided information about the whereabouts of AK-47s (which carry a R6 000 reward). And as long as police want information in addition to the weapon — and cannot guarantee immunity from prosecution — it seems highly unlikely that many weapons will be surrendered. It is also unlikely that any disarmament campaign targeted only at a specific race group can succeed.

Violence will not be curbed, nor crime solved, until anti-crime campaigns are launched with the active assistance of the affected communities. This sounds obvious but it is not happening. Police and black communities remain suspicious of each other and communications are flawed by mistrust. If certain communities decide to take the law into their own hands, the spiral of violence will intensify. ■

Coetsee requests judicial inquest into soccer stampede deaths

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JUSTICE Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee has requested the Transvaal Judge President to appoint a judge to head a judicial inquest into 43 soccer stadium deaths at the weekend.

Forty-three fans lost their lives during a friendly match between Kaizer Chief and Orlando Pirates at Orkney on Sunday.

In a speech made at Oudtshoorn yesterday

Coetsee called on those concerned to use proven mechanism so that the circumstances of the disaster and those responsible could be determined within the framework of the law.

THE whine of an armoured vehicle trundling over dirt roads interrupted our inspection of a burnt-out house.

Uniformed policemen, perched high above the ground, peered over its sides, their automatic rifles silhouetted against the sky.

We were in Braklaagte, a farming village near South Africa's border with Botswana and the scene of fighting between forces for and against Lucas Mangope, president of the nominally independent state of Bophuthatswana.

The officer in charge got out of the vehicle and came across towards us. He wanted to know whether we had permission from the local chief to be in the area.

Exiled

There was not a simple answer to his question. It depended on who you thought was the leader of Braklaagte's 10 000 residents. Pusey Sebogodi, who was popularly elected as its leader in succession to his father John Sebogodi, or Edwin Moliwa, who was appointed to the position by President Mangope.

The exiled Mr Sebogodi, who had strongly opposed the incorporation of Braklaagte into Bophuthatswana just over two years ago, had urged us to visit the farm and to investigate the situation at first hand.

We obviously had his permission. But, with the palpably itchy fingers of some of the policemen creeping along the triggers of

PATRICK LAURENCE describes an encounter with the Bop police in the trouble-spot of Braklaagte.

their guns, it was not a good time to get into an argument with the officer we knew that he meant

Mr Moliwa.

"No, we have not talked to the chief," replied one of the journalists in the party. "But we would like to talk to him. Can you take us to him?"

The officer agreed. He and his men took us to a large police camp. It was tucked away in the bushes. We had not seen it on our way in. We were ordered to wait at the entrance.

We counted three large tents and three armoured vehicles or "hippos". A lieutenant arrived and politely remonstrated with us for entering the area without the permission of the chief. But, we responded, how could we get his permission without entering the area? A circular argument ensued.

Eventually it transpired that Mr Moliwa was not even at Braklaagte. He was conferring with the district governor at Lehuruthse, the home area of Mr Mangope, the last surviving president of South Africa's four independent states.

In May 1989 Mr Mangope warned dissidents from Braklaagte and the neighbouring farm

of Lealeonten that Bophuthatswana was like a prickly pear. "I warn you strongly not to abuse me," he said. "If you do, I will prick you and pierce you like a prickly pear."

Mr Mangope's warning formed a backdrop to recurring fighting, in which houses were burnt down, people forced to flee and pro and anti-Bophuthatswana forces killed.

The dead included nine policemen. They were slain in July 1989 when their hippo was ambushed. Perhaps that was why the police who interrupted our tour of Braklaagte seemed edgy.

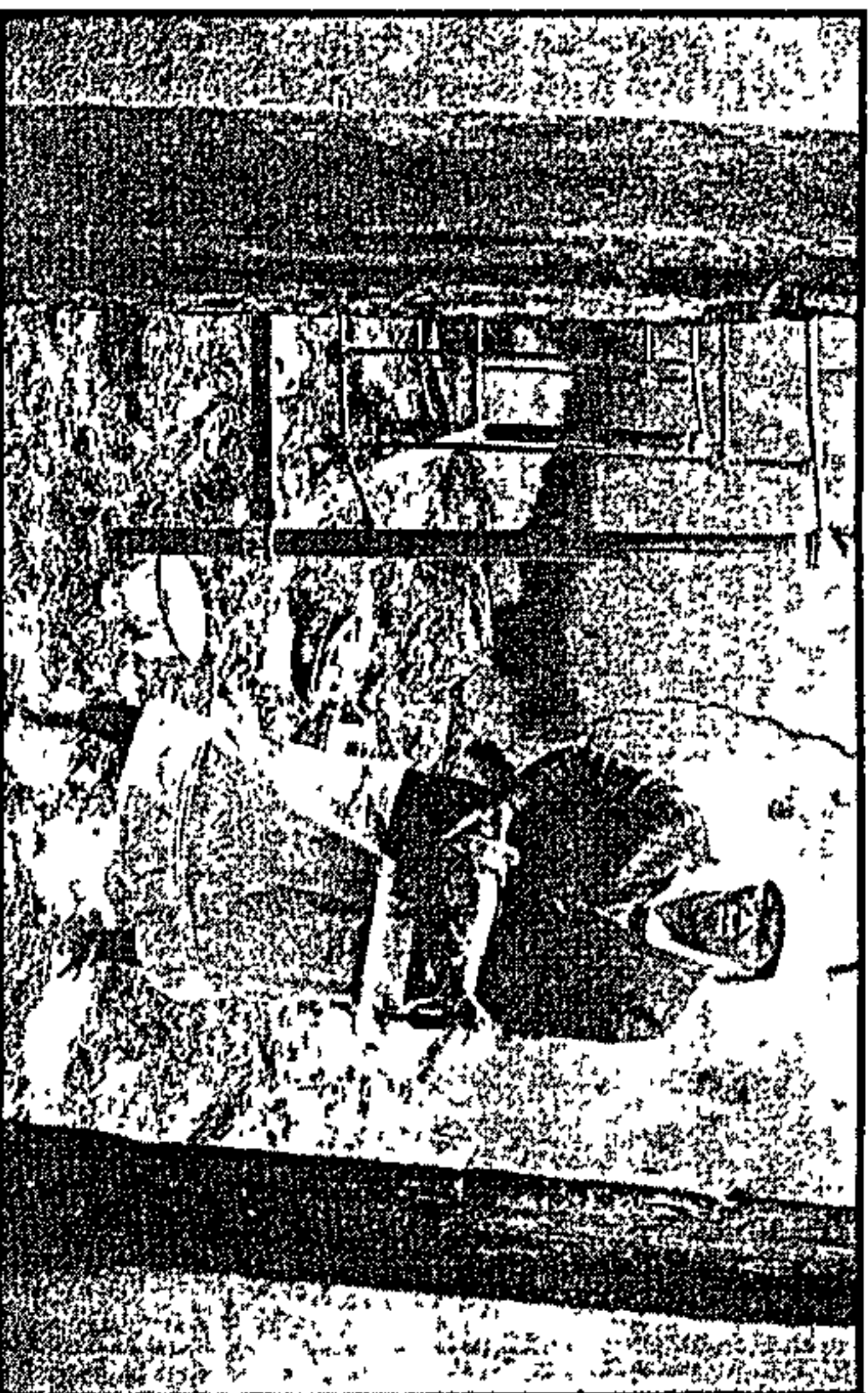
The latest fighting flared early in the New Year, after the establishment of a renewed African National Congress presence in Braklaagte. ANC officials, who now had a direct interest in the conflict, were with us. Their presence did not exactly mollify the policemen.

Excluding the minions of Bophuthatswana's information service, no journalist was known to have got near Mr Moliwa since the conflict started.

Thus we could hardly believe our luck when the lieutenant instructed a contingent of his men to take us to Lehuruthse to see Mr Moliwa and perhaps even the governor of Lehuruthse, Mr IS Mtshuda. It was — in more ways than one — an offer which we could not refuse.

Once again we drove behind a

Mangope's man keeps the door shut



VICTIM Nanny Marope's home in Braklaagte was burnt down by vigilantes last week after township youths came to pray there.

hippo, YBP 1774, loaded with armed policemen. The trip, however, did not lead to the hoped-for interview. Mr Moliwa stayed behind a closed office door at the governor's headquarters. He refused even to accept our cards.

On the table in the entrance hall were copies of a newspaper marked "tree". It carried a verbatim report of a recent policy

speech by President Mangope. "The long-awaited unbanning of the ANC has put the whole subcontinent in a state of flux," Mr Mangope declared late last year. "New power bases are in the process of being established."

Then, ironically in view of Mr Moliwa's closed door, came Mr Mangope's commitment to dialogue. "We firmly believe that

problems and differences must be resolved by negotiation." Instead of the anticipated encounter with Mr Moliwa we were escorted to the nearest border post by the policemen. We did not have travel documents as we had entered Bophuthatswana via a road which had neither border post nor even a sign saying that we were crossing into Bophuthatswana.

From the border post we drove to Ikageleng, the black township on the outskirts of Zeerust. Earlier that day we had met leaders of the more than 3 000 refugees from Braklaagte at St Cecilia.

We had seen young children patiently in the sun eating porridge and boiled cabbage. Father Michael Brady had told us food was running low and that there were only supplies for another day.

"The people would like to go back but they are afraid to," the Irish-born priest had said. "They want guarantees that they won't be attacked and that their houses won't be burnt down."

Nm Marope, an ANC stalwart from the 1950s who had rejoined the ANC last year, had told Sat-

urday Star that her house had been burnt down by vigilantes calling themselves "Inkatha" on January 8. She had identified the men by name and charged that they had set fire to her house while Bophuthatswana "soldiers" looked on.

Before we left we spoke to Mr Sebogodi, who complained bitterly about Gerrit Viljoen, South Africa's Minister of Constitutional Development.

When Dr Viljoen was still the Minister of Development he had been told in writing that Braklaagte residents feared that they would be harassed by Bophuthatswana security forces if their farm was incorporated.

Dr Viljoen's response, he charged, was to send a letter on December 29, 1988, informing the community that Braklaagte would be incorporated within two days.

Challenge

Dr Viljoen was unimpressed by a decision by the residents to exercise their rights under the Restoration of South African Citizenship Act and reclaim the South African citizenship which had been taken from them — without their consent — by the Status of Bophuthatswana Act, the law which conferred "independence" on Bophuthatswana.

They had reclaimed their South African citizenship to emphasise their opposition to incorporation.

An angry Mr Sebogodi said "Viljoen is now the Government's chief negotiator with the ANC. I challenge him to a debate."

Shoot-out: Police deny squatter claims

JOHANNESBURG. —

Police have dismissed rumours by Phola Park residents that two policemen killed in a shoot-out at the East Rand squatter camp early yesterday died when police shot at each other.

Police said the dead were Constables M A Patuka and M M Machaba. Both had been shot and Constable Patuka had been hacked with a panga.

Const N P Mkwale and Lance-Sergeant P Vermeulen were injured and are in a stable condition.

They were attacked after searching a house for weapons at 12.30am. They found none, and were shot at while walking to their vehicles, police said.

They returned fire and were also apparently attacked by an unknown number of people. It was not known if any of the attackers had been hit.

The rumours spread by Phola Park residents that the policemen shot at each other were rejected with contempt, police said. — Sapa

Cops to 'look into' Bethal assaults

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INJURED members of the ANC youth league in Bethal are to lay charges of police assault.

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Four up for child murder

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

20/1/91
FOUR Meadowlands hostel men were charged in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court this week with murdering a 15-month-old girl related to Nelson Mandela, and attempting to murder her parents.

The child, Siyabulela Gloria, died in her mother Susan's arms after being shot when the four men allegedly attacked their Meadowlands home with guns and hand-grenades.

The four who appeared, are Ismael Madela, 44, Ratrick Thabani Mnguni,

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35, Meshack Ngubo, 25, and David Zungu. They were not asked to plead and the hearing was postponed to January 25.

Susan Mandela escaped through a back door with her child when the shooting started, but Siyabulela was shot in the head when her mother tried to hide under a bakkie in the yard.

Both parents were injured. Father, Monde Mandela is a cousin of the ANC leader.

After the attack the police raided the Meadowlands hostel and found a cache of arms.

Cops to 'look into' Bethal assaults

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Police killed in squatter area attack named

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JOHANNESBURG. Police have released the names of two policemen killed in Phola Park and dismissed rumours by residents at the squatter settlement that the men died when police shot at each other.

Police named the dead as Constables M A Patuka and M M Machaba. Both were shot

and Constable Patuka had a panga wound in his stomach.

Constable NP Mkwale and Lance Sergeant P Vermeulen were injured and are both stable in hospital.

The men were attacked after searching a house in Phola Park for weapons. After having found none, they were shot at

while walking back to their vehicles, a police statement said.

They returned fire and were also apparently attacked by an unknown number of people.

"The rumours spread by Phola Park residents that the policemen shot at each other is rejected with the contempt it deserves." — Sapa.



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Soccer disaster inquiry begins

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A COMMISSION of inquiry into last week's soccer disaster begins today.

Set up by the National Soccer League, the inquiry will be held at the FNB Stadium under the authority of a judge, according to NSL chairman Mr Roger Sishi.

The Government has said it will set up its own commission of inquiry.

Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee said a judge will also head the government commission.

The NSL has welcomed the government move.

Forty-two people died last Sunday at the Vaal Reefs Stadium in Orkney, where the Iwisa

Kaiser Chiefs and the Orlando Pirates faced off in a friendly "winner take all" soccer match.

The game was staged by Mr Chirs Ndaba, a well-known Tembisa businessman and Mr David Thidiela, NSL security chief.

Sishi said the soccer body had gone "all out" to get the necessary information as to what caused the violence.

Senior NSL executives including chief executive Mr Cyril Kobus and deputy chairman Mr Leon Hacker were delegated to investigate the incident.

Sishi said the first people to give evidence will be the two promoters who staged the match.

ANC calls for mass action, interim govt

By Musa Mapisa

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About 5 000 people yesterday attended an ANC rally at the Jabulani amphitheatre in Soweto to celebrate the organisation's 79th birthday and to launch a campaign of mass action.

Speakers included the internal leader of the ANC, Walter Sisulu, the regional deputy president of the ANC's Women's League Joan Fubbs and the ANC's PWV regional chairman Kgalema Motlanti.

Mr Sisulu said the mass action campaign, to coincide with the opening of Parliament on February 1, entails:

- Wide-spread mass demonstrations.
- Calls for an interim government.
- The mobilisation of black people into a patriotic front.

Mr Sisulu said the ANC also called for an all-party congress.

"This does not mean

that the ANC is abandoning its call for a constituent assembly," he said.

ANC steward Wilton Mkwayi appealed to pupils to go back to school. He also criticised youths who called themselves ANC members and intimidated people by collecting money in the name of the ANC.

"Elderly people are not attending ANC rallies because they are scared of the undisciplined youth", he said.

Joan Fubbs called on the ANC to mobilise women: "The struggle for liberation of the people of this country will be stillborn if women are not emancipated."

She added that this struggle "would not be fought in the kitchen but in the streets".

Mr Motlanti said that "on February 1, we expect President de Klerk to legislate his Government out of power to give way to an interim government".

Soldiers run amok - claim

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

SADF members allegedly went on the rampage in Seshego, Pietersburg, at the weekend, sjambokking people at random and firing shots indiscriminately, injuring an 11-year-old girl, police said yesterday.

Lebowa police spokesman Lieutenant LM Tlomatsana said the incident was apparently in retribution for the alleged assault of a soldier in Zone 2 on Friday night when youths roused soldiers from "love nests" and ordered them to leave the township.

Tlomatsana said one soldier, Mr Thando Xolo Makile (24), had laid charges with the police on Friday night, claiming that he had been assaulted by youths.

Anger

The alleged assault followed mounting anger by the community against the soldiers, stationed outside the township, for their alleged misbehaviours when drunk.

It is alleged that the soldiers assault residents and forcibly take girls.

Tlomatsana said police were still investigating. He said the identity of the soldier who fired the shot that struck Tsatsawane was unknown.

The media relations officer for the SADF in the Far Northern Transvaal, Lieutenant J Lourens, told Sowetan that all she could confirm was the involvement of Group 45 soldiers in Seshego.

Terror: 278 two held

By THEMBA MOLEFE

POLICE have arrested two more suspects in connection with the January 12 Sebokeng "vigil terror" in which 38 people were killed.

This brings to 12 the number of suspects being held by the police in connection with the massacre. *Sowetan 22/1/91*

Announcing this yesterday, police liaison officer in the Vaal, Captain Piet van Deventer, said investigations were continuing. He said the 12, including a woman, were being held in terms of Section 3 of the emergency regulations.

Groups row over street guards

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By ISMAIL
LAGARDIEN

A ROW is brewing between the PAC and the ANC over street committees, which have been used frequently by the ANC and its affiliates.

The ANC reacted strongly to a statement by the PAC's Mr Benny Alexander in the media yesterday that his organisation would this year embark on a "programme of action to rid the black townships of street committees".

The ANC's Youth League demanded an explanation from Alexander and that he explain further what he meant by fighting street committees.

Power

"Street committees have turned out to be the most democratic form of mass participation in decision-making in our communities.

"The heroic struggles that have been waged by our people against dummy structures in the townships and villages have been co-ordinated by these rudimentary organs of people's power.

"It is as a result of this that these committees have become the focus of state repression," the ANC Youth League said in a statement yesterday.

Electricity supply to Vosloorus cut off

JOHANNESBURG
The electricity supply to Vosloorus will be cut off at 8am on Tuesday January 29, and other service cuts will possibly follow.

This was because the township's consumers had "not responded positively" to calls for them to pay their electricity accounts, the Vosloorus council said in a statement yesterday.

The power supply would be resumed only when more than half the residents had paid their current accounts for the month concerned. After that the supply to non-payers would be discontinued on an individual basis.

The town council warned that it was also considering other service cuts, also because of non-payment. It did not specify what the other services were.

● The water supply to Daveyton, east of Johannesburg, is to be switched off tomorrow for 16 hours, for "maintenance" the council said yesterday. — Sapa

'Buckets' ⁽²⁷⁸⁾ probe fails to find suspect

By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

Star
22/11/91

Witnesses to incidents at Ermelo in November, in which police were accused of slashing residents' water buckets and chasing people from taps, have been unable to point out any of the responsible policemen at identity parades, police report.

The incidents happened during a crisis at Wesseltown township after the switching off of water and sewerage services by the Ermelo Town Council because of a rent and services boycott.

Affidavits were obtained from residents by The Star, published and sent to the police investigation team last year.

Police spokesman Major Pine Pienaar said a 10-week police investigation into the claims had been held under the leadership of Eastern Transvaal commissioner General Robbie Robinson.

Major Pienaar said there had been at least two identity parades involving all the policemen on duty in the township at the time of the incidents.

"However, none of the witnesses or complainants could identify any of the police allegedly involved.

"So, as no further leads exist, we have been unable to get a positive charge against any one policeman," he said.

In the affidavits compiled, signed and attested to by five people, it was claimed that:

- Police sjambokked a nurse carrying water.

- Police crushed containers by riding over them with Casspir armoured personnel vehicles.

- Police tipped over residents' full containers after they had walked long distances to the Indian township to get water.

Major Pienaar said a docket on one of the incidents, where a township resident claimed a policeman held a gun to his head while he was washing his clothes at a sewerage outflow, had been forwarded to Ermelo's senior public prosecutor.

A Wesseltown community leader said he was not surprised that none of the witnesses to the "bucket incidents" had pointed out policemen at identity parades.

"From what we have gathered from these witnesses, even before they were called to ID parades, they felt harassed as police came to see them at their places of work.

He pointed out that none of the witnesses had changed their affidavits.

Witness Colbert Saunders said in his affidavit that khaki-clad police had taken him from his office to a police building.

He was greeted with statements such as: "Ja, Colbert, is jy terroris, ANC? (yes, Colbert, are you a terrorist, ANC?)."

Ermelo businessman Boetie Tilly said in his affidavit he had been visited by police three times after giving an interview to The Star about the slashings.

On request, he made two statements to the police. When a third was requested he refused.

SAP to get tough on intimidators

CAPE TOWN — The SAP has launched a "top priority" crackdown to counter what Law and Order Deputy Minister Johan Scheepers describes as "vicious intimidation".

The crackdown follows a campaign organised by the ANC aimed at forcing community councillors to quit.

In a hard-hitting statement, Scheepers said the intensified, orchestrated campaign of mass intimidation had reached intolerable levels for the police and the community.

He said the police saw mass action aimed at, among other things, the destruction of local government authorities, as nothing less than mass intimidation exceeding the bounds of legitimate democratic protest. This included intimidating people not to pay rent and service charges.

Instructions

Scheepers said the anti-intimidation programme would include increased police actions together with assistance from the public.

He said the police had been given strict instructions to ensure that provisions of the Intimidation Act were "vigorously" enforced and intimidators dealt with in terms of the law.

Lashing out at the programme of mass action planned by the ANC, Scheepers said mass action in whatever form often resulted in attacks on police and town councillors and the intimidation of law-abiding citizens.

Acts of mass action "inevitably lead to violent confrontation", he said, adding that the public should not become "entangled in situations which could result in injury or even death".

Scheepers called on the public — particularly victims of intimidation — to assist the police so that the law could take its course.

DP constitutional affairs spokesman Denis Worrall said yesterday the DP was

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also opposed to calls on white councillors to resign from local government.

"There is no reason whatever why they should heed a call to resign and so create a political and administrative vacuum."

Worrall said that while the DP accepted that non-racial government at all levels had to take place, it had to be part of a rational re-arranging of government in general.

Whatever the deficiencies of local government were from a racial perspective, the fact remained that local government in SA — particularly in DP controlled areas — had produced a high standard of government from an administrative point of view.

Sapa reports the CP said yesterday that any harm or damage done to white city or town councillors would result in direct confrontation between the ANC and the CP.

In a statement released in Pretoria, CP Planning and Provincial Affairs spokesman Jan Hoon responded to a remark made by the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast), stating it would in future exert direct pressure on white councils to force councillors to resign.

Hoon said a proper contingency plan was needed to ensure the safety of white councillors and their families.

Meanwhile, WILSON ZWANE reports that Cast assistant general secretary Cas Coodavia has welcomed a recent decision by a senior Soweto prosecutor not to prosecute seven civic leaders for alleged intimidation of Eldorado Park councillors.

Coodavia said he was happy with the prosecutor's decision as "it justifies our statement that our members did not break any law by delivering the letters of demand to the Eldorado Park councillors".

Intimidation charges were laid after the seven civic leaders marched on December 23 to deliver letters to six Eldorado Park management committee members calling for their resignation.

A township of anger, apathy

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SEBOKENG, which means a place of gathering, has been in the eye of the storm for the past 10 months.

The area has been plagued by violence which has claimed more than 135 lives, many injuries and left many people homeless in that period.

Signs such as "Welcome to Sebokeng" greet visitors and residents as they enter this Vaal Triangle township.

But at the end of the day a question plagues the mind: Welcome to what - anger or apathy? In fact, all black townships have similar signs.

Matchboxes

Established in 1965, Sebokeng is the youngest of the Vaal's six townships.

Official statistics put its population at 162 356. These people live in 21 582 houses - 16 315 of which are the traditional rented four-room matchboxes.

A total of 895 houses were bought under 99-year leasehold and 4 372 under 30-year leasehold.

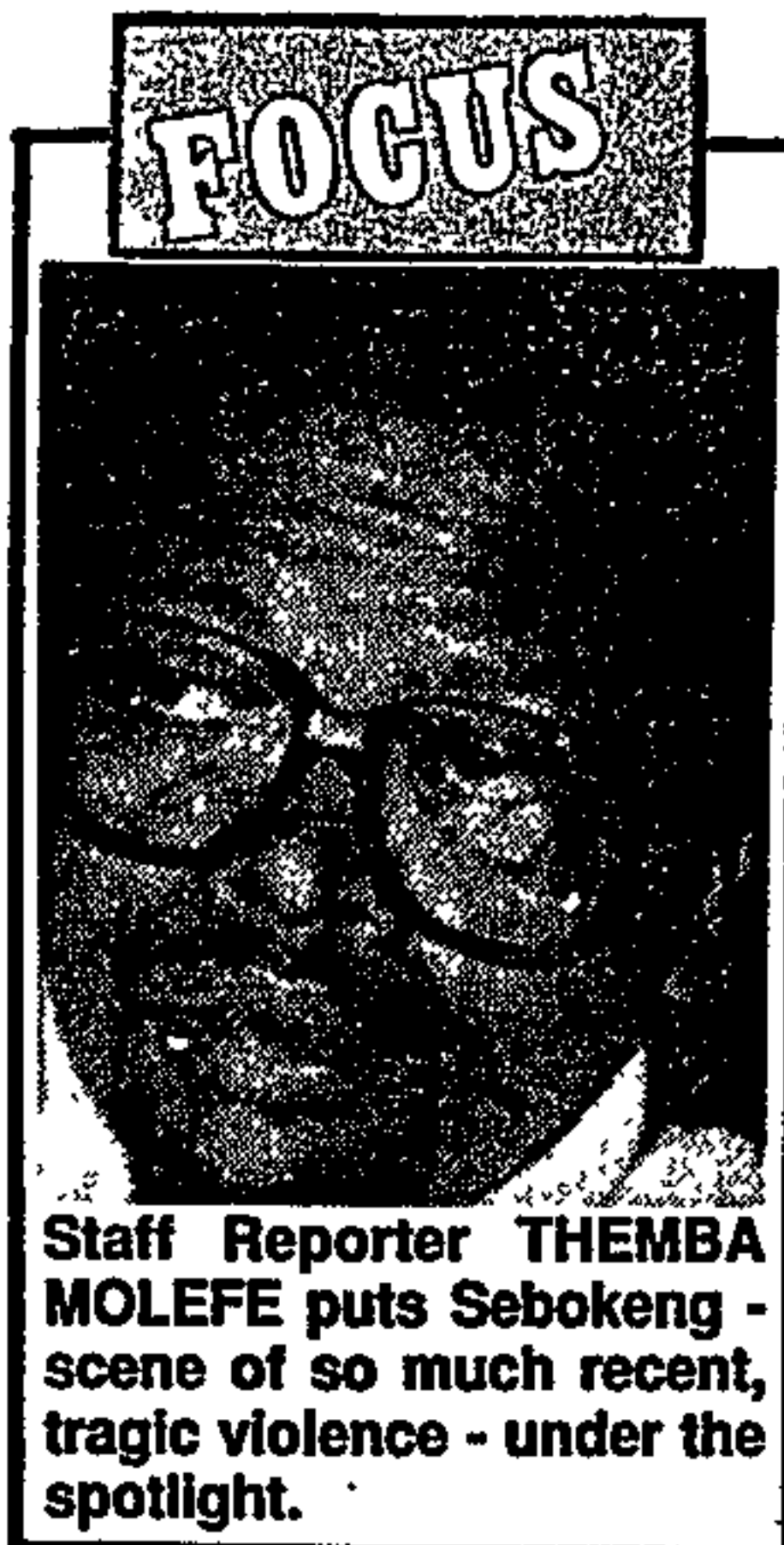
Sebokeng residents came from neighbouring plots in Meyerton, Vanderbijlpark and Vereeniging, Evaton, Sharpeville and from as far as Bethlehem and Kroonstad in the Free State.

Melting pot

By 1970 the township was among the largest in the Transvaal and a "melting pot" of different cultures and languages as influx into the area continued.

Today its population, unofficially, stands between 200 000 and 300 000. The giant steel-manufacturing Iscor corporation in Vanderbijlpark is the single largest employer with 6 000 of its workers coming from Sebokeng alone.

Most of these workers are labourers. Eskom, Sasol I and AECI also have fairly large por-



Staff Reporter **THEMBA MOLEFE** puts Sebokeng - scene of so much recent, tragic violence - under the spotlight.

tions of their workforce in Sebokeng.

A section of the Zone 10 suburb was bought by Eskom for its workers.

Forty-five percent of all Sebokeng is electrified while 36km is tarred and 262km is dirt.

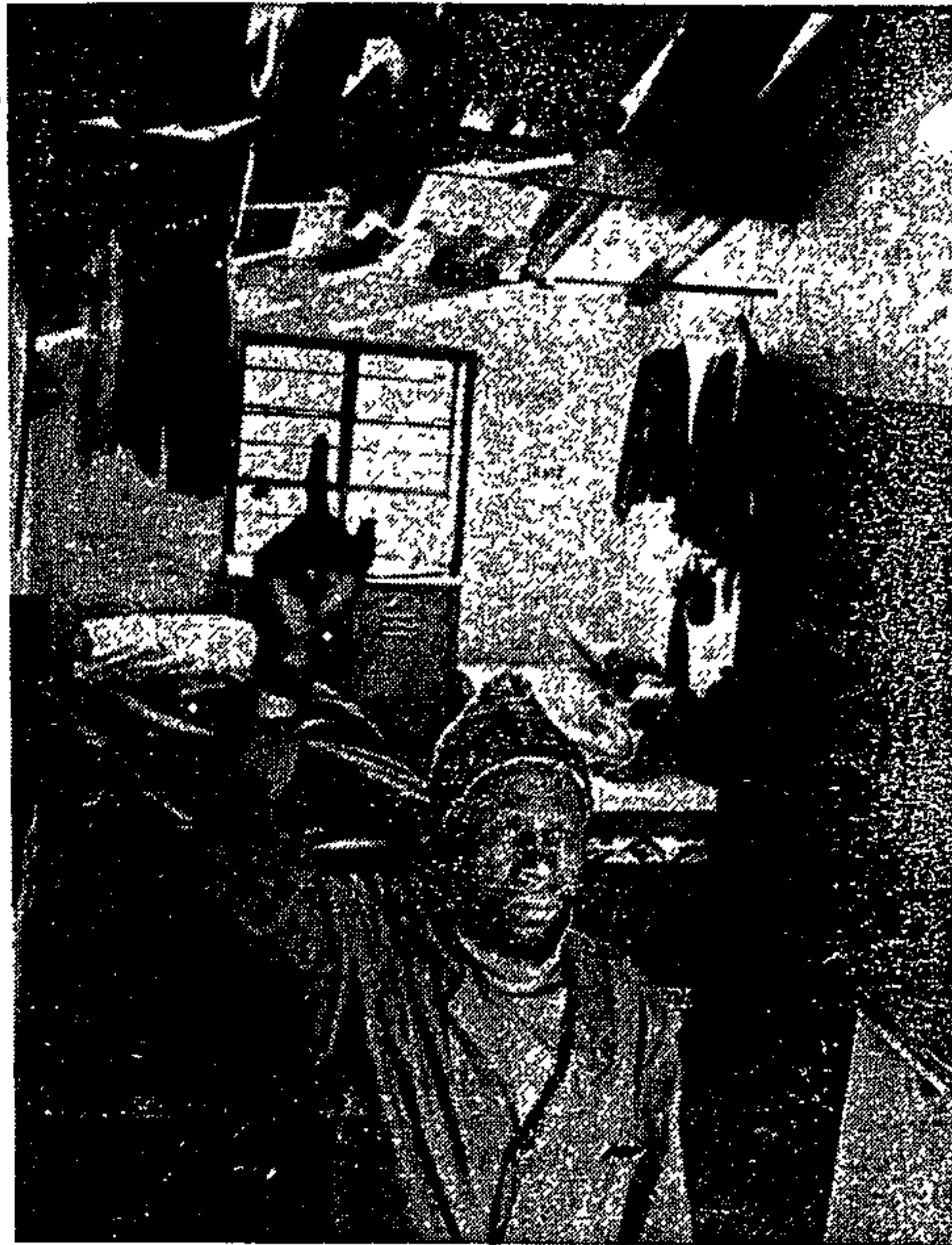
Sebokeng borders on Evaton, one of the last bastions of freehold rights for blacks, but where many residents have died cursing: "The white man took my land away..."

Ploy

To the south of Sebokeng lies Conservative Party-run Vanderbijlpark and its satellite townships of Bophelong and Boipatong. In the east is Vereeniging, the monument of white supremacy and President FW de Klerk's erstwhile National Party constituency.

It is in Vereeniging where "Whites Only" signs have been replaced by "Right of Admission Reserved" and where blacks are charged R50 to use the public library because they are non-residents.

"This is just a ploy to discourage blacks from using the facility," said a disgruntled teacher



FLASHBACK: a Sebokeng hostel resident points to damage caused to the roof in violence.

who said she could not afford the fee.

There are two libraries in Sebokeng.

About 1km west of Vereeniging is Sharpeville, famous for the March 21 1960 massacre in which 69 protesting residents were shot dead by the police.

Scourge

Entering Sebokeng from the east, past the 900-bed Sebokeng Hospital, the road passes Sebokeng Men's Hostel.

Sebokeng Hospital serves the six townships plus smaller surrounding Free State towns. It has 58 doctors and is served by 12 ambulances for which patients are charged R25 a call.

About four years ago the hostel complex was partially opened to

accommodate families.

Many of the dwellers immediately took advantage of the situation and brought their families from Transkei, Natal and other areas. Local homeless families also occupied the hostels.

"There are no boundaries which separate family dwellings from the single men's units and as such, very little control," said Musa Nkoyeni (not his real name) who claimed that prostitution and rape were very high at the hostel.

"Actually, this scourge has been clouded by recent violent killings," he said.

The 23 681-strong pupil population in Sebokeng goes to 47 schools. Six of them are secondary and 41 primary. These children are served by 848 teachers.

PAC and ANC join to stem fighting

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ANC and PAC leaders in Munsieville on the West Rand have set up a joint violence monitoring committee after a spate of clashes between members of the two organisations in recent weeks.

At a meeting on Tuesday, the two organisations agreed to adhere to the principle of political tolerance and to the unconditional return of PAC members who had fled the area after violent

clashes since December 25.

The PAC's West Rand publicity secretary, Mr Basner Ngceba, yesterday described the meeting as a significant breakthrough, and said a follow-up meeting would be held on Monday.

Tuesday's meeting had been attended by Munsieville leaders and West Rand officials of both organisations, he said.

The joint violence monitoring committee would consult with residents who had been affected by the clashes, would monitor violence and detentions and would report back to the community, he said.

Sowetan Correspondent.

Cast slams crackdown on council campaign

THE Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday slated the launch of a government crackdown on campaigns against racially defined councils.

Cast said its campaign could not be construed as being intimidatory.

Law and Order deputy Minister Johan Scheepers this week launched a "top priority" crackdown to counter what he described as vicious intimidation.

The intensified, orchestrated campaign of mass intimidation had reached intolerable levels for the police and the community, Scheepers said.

Cast assistant general-secretary Cas Coovadia said in Johannesburg a peaceful campaign for the collapse of racially based local authorities was disciplined and could not be construed as intimidation.

"A peaceful campaign, which has the participation of the majority of people who have borne the brunt of

WILSON ZWANE

an undemocratic and unrepresentative structures, cannot be construed as intimidation," Coovadia said.

He said if government interpreted the campaign for the resignation of black, coloured and Indian councillors as intimidation, then "it is saying that it is not prepared to heed the demands of the majority".

Scheepers said police saw mass action aimed at, among other things, the destruction of local government authorities, as nothing less than mass intimidation.

Coovadia said police should "concentrate on curbing criminal and vigilante activities rather than curbing legitimate people's campaigns."

"We must reiterate that we believe our mass action campaign to be our democratic right and we know that it has been a disciplined one," Coovadia said.

Doornkop squatting sites

WILSON ZWANE

COUNCILS in the Greater Soweto area will select from scores of homeless people those who will be allocated squatting sites at Doornkop, west of Soweto.

The plan was decided upon at a meeting of the Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville councils on January 18, spokesman Simon Mkhize said yesterday.

He said the councils would get names for the pool, from which the allocations would be made, from organisations in their areas. Selections would be made and successful applicants' names forwarded to the TPA for a final decision. Squatters and families whose incomes are less than R600 a month qualify for sites.

He said the factory had military guards
logical warfare production

had made "great headway" in elimi-
Iraqi air defences but knocking out

From Bheki Nkosi
Johannesburg

WHITE-on-black violence rose by 30 percent in 1990.

This statistic has emerged from research by the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro).

It gives the lie to reports that consistently refer to violence in South Africa as "black-on-black".

The rise in cases of "white-on-black" violence has come from a combination of organised attacks by ultra-rightwingers and a continuing disrespect for black human rights in rural areas.

Murdered

More than 80 cases have been reported since November 1988, when "Wit Wolwe" (White Wolves) extremist Barend Strydom murdered 21 people in cold blood, seven in Pretoria's Strydom Square.

The "Wit Wolwe" subsequently attacked, on two separate occasions, the man who bravely disarmed Strydom, Simon Khorombi Mukhondeletu.

In a similar incident a year later, a member of the neo-fascist Order of

Violence on the increase

Death group, Cornelius Lottering, told a court which found him guilty of the slow and brutal murder of a black taxi driver, Potoko Makgalemele, that he had done it for "practice".

He felt no remorse for the killing, said Lottering, as blacks were his "natural enemy" and the bible made it clear he should eliminate them. He said he was offended by blacks driving white taxis and especially hated "kaffirs driving white girls".

While black political activists were being killed, threatened and petrol-bombed on an almost weekly basis during 1990, they are not the only focus of white hatred.

There have been regular attacks on black people, specially children, in the streets and on farms since the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped in October last year. Days after the Act was abolished, three black youths exercised their new right to swim in one Northern Transvaal town's pool.

They were severely assaulted by truncheon-wielding white men who, they

believe, were summoned by the pool superintendent.

One of the youths, Fred Mofokeng, will probably lose the sight of an eye. He says white nurses at the hospital refused to treat him.

"They said I wasn't supposed to be at the swimming pool in the first place and so they refused to give me treatment," says Mofokeng.

In another incident last week, five small children were badly beaten up by white men as they were leaving a municipal swimming pool.

A sample of incidents during the second half of 1990 includes:

- Adult white men attacked and whipped 400 black Sunday schoolchildren on a Christmas excursion in the Northern Transvaal town of Louis Trichardt in late November. Immediately after the attack, the black community retaliated with a consumer boycott of white-owned shops in the town. This led to attacks by whites on several black taxi drivers.

- Near Messina, 10km from the Zim-

babwe border in the far north of northern Transvaal, three black families had to move their children to safety after a white farmer collected nine youths from a primary school and viciously assaulted them in late November.

Six of the children had to be hospitalised for several days and one boy, Alfred Manendize, could not walk for nearly two weeks after the incident.

- Terminally ill farm labourer Johannes Beukes on a farm near Stellenbosch had just returned from cancer treatment at a hospital when he was beaten with a pickaxe by his enraged boss, Rudolph Rix.

Rix told a court he was angry Beukes had gone straight to bed instead of returning to work.

The farmer was fined R250 for assaulting Beukes, and sentenced to 18 months in jail for beating to death another labourer, Charlie Thompson, who died in hospital two weeks after lapsing into a coma.

Incidents like these are a direct result of apartheid and white supremacy, says

a spokesperson of the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac), an organisation working on farm and rural issues.

"Whites and farmers mostly in the outlying towns lack respect for black people because they can get away with it. They feel they own blacks and therefore can do anything they like to them."

Nicro's national marketing manager, Heather Regenass, attributes the increase in white-on-black violence to the easy access whites have to firearms and licences.

In addition, security conditions have worsened since the mass resignation of police because of poor pay during June and July last year.

It also appears that most white South Africans are panicking about the prospect of black majority rule.

A Gallup Poll carried out by Markinor Research Group in November 1990 showed 47 percent of blacks but only 34 percent of whites think 1991 will be better than 1990. Half of the Afrikaners speakers polled believed 1991 will be worse than 1990. — A/A

ANC to remember its dead

THE Atteridgeville branch of the African National Congress will hold a memorial service in Saulsville on Sunday to commemorate the deaths of local residents killed during unrest and ANC cadres who died in and outside the country since 1976. *Sowetan 24/11/91*

ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday speakers would include Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani and Mrs Martha Mahlangu, mother of ANC guerilla, Solomon Mahlangu, who was executed in 1979.

Mamoepa said a cleaning session at

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the graves of unrest victims and ANC cadres buried at the Atteridgeville and Saulsville cemeteries would be held at 9am on Saturday. Wreaths would be laid at 11am on Sunday. (278) (18)

Among cadres to be remembered are Mahlangu, Tope Mogashoa, who died in a skirmish with security forces in the northern Transvaal, Lucky Ndebele, who died in an accident in Lusaka in 1985, and Mthuthuzile Tatane, who also died in Lusaka last year.



Protesters make their feelings known at yesterday's demonstration.

150 in Jo'burg anti-war demo

ABOUT 150 people demonstrating against the Gulf war were chased by police yesterday when some of the group tried to enter the building housing the United States Consulate in Johannesburg.

There was a disturbance in the lobby of the Kine Centre building when some of the protestors, after being dispersed by police, tried to clamber over the turnstiles in the lobby and go to the consulate on the 11th floor. *Sowetan 24/1/91*

Bomb

The consulate was deserted but for a security guard near the lift on the floor. The staff had been evacuated earlier following a bomb threat made to the consulate.

The protesters, holding placards reading: "One Bush, One Bullet" and "Kill Them Saddam Hussein, Kill Them", had gathered at entrances to both sides of the building.

The demonstration

was organised by the Azanian National Youth Unity. (278)

Azanyu vice-president Mr Ntsie Mohloai, who was among the protesters, said the demonstration was in solidarity with the people of Iraq, who were facing a war with the US-led multinational forces. *(Sapa)*

Asked what Azanyu's impression of the war was, he said: "It is an imperialist war ... we condemn the imperialist war by America against the people of Iraq."

Protest

He said Azanyu and other organisations had planned a series of anti-war protest actions throughout the country.

Asked whether police were taking any action against the demonstrators, one of the policemen monitoring the demonstration said: "Nobody has been dispersed. The people dispersed themselves." - Sapa.

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ANC, PAC monitor violence

A DECISION to jointly monitor inter-organisational violence and political intolerance, pioneered this week by West Rand branches of the PAC and ANC, will herald the dawn of a conciliatory era, many people hope. (278)

This feeling summed up the reaction from the two organisations' national offices yesterday following the Munsieville branches' decision on Wednesday to set up

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a joint violence monitoring committee in the township. Sowetan 25/1/91

The decision came after a spate of clashes, which began on Christmas Day, between members of the two groups. PAC members fled Munsieville after their homes were destroyed.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said: "We hope this kind of agreement will soon take root at regional and national level and form a base for a broad patriotic front to deal with the

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enemy."

Marcus said it was noteworthy that the issue of peace was forged "on the ground". (278)

The Munsieville agreement comes as speculation reaches feverish proportions with ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi preparing to meet in Durban on Tuesday.

Agreement

PAC information secretary Mr Barney Desai, who also welcomed the Munsieville agreement, said: "We are really encouraged that the two men will be meeting. This is long overdue. The issue of violence needs a solution now so that we can work out strategies as Africans."

However, the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party were this week non-committal as the date for the meeting approached.



Mrs Agnes Mosala of Orlando East, Soweto, inspects damage caused when the house was raided by men alleged to be policemen.

Cops raided our homes, say families

TWO Soweto families claimed yesterday that their homes were attacked by a l a c k a - c l a d policemen on Wednesday night.

Mrs Angelina September, of Orlando East, said her family and relatives were holding a night vigil for her dead mother when men, claiming to be policemen stormed into her house about 11pm.

The men said they were looking for her son Duke, who they alleged was involved in a robbery.

One of the men grabbed a chair and smashed the bedroom door. Others began throwing furniture around the house and breaking windows, she said.

All the windows were

By GRACE RAPHOLO

broken and groceries and furniture were strewn around the house when Sowetan arrived there.

Mrs Thoko Radebe, of Jabulani, alleged the balacava-clad men came looking for her son Themba and when told he was not there, they fired teargas into her house.

Assaulted

Radebe said people in the house were assaulted.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said senior investigators had gone to September's house yesterday to take statements and assess the damage.

September said she recognised some of the

men who had mounted the raid on her house and that she had given this information to the police.

But Halgryn said the policemen alleged to have been involved in the raid were at other duties at the time.

He said there was nothing at the moment to prove that police were involved and said they would also investigate the incident at Radebe's house.

The alleged raid came barely two weeks after members of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit were served with a court order restraining them from torturing or threatening September's family in order to obtain information or statements.

The order was granted after an urgent application by the family.

ANC/PAC battle splits Border township

THE small Border town of Komga, scene of bloody clashes between African National Congress and Pan Africanist Congress supporters, is a community deeply divided and disturbed.

Already this year a PAC member has been killed and an ANC member admitted to hospital with 14 stab wounds. Service charges haven't been paid for months, a consumer boycott was resumed recently, and water to the township has been cut off since before Christmas.

The two sides are firmly encamped in separate areas: Qumtha, the township near Komga, is firmly controlled by the ANC, while the smaller group of PAC supporters have taken refuge in a tent town near the police station.

The divisions appear clear-cut. But a visit to the community revealed a situation a lot more complex.

It's difficult, for one thing, to decide exactly who's who. The PAC accuse

the Komga Residents' Association (Kora) of being an ANC front. The ANC, on the other hand, claims its adversaries are opportunists using the PAC's name as a convenient cover.

The ANC points to the role of Tutor Ndolose, PAC local chairman and a former community councillor. "To us they don't seem to be PAC people, they are councillors," said Kora chairman Elliot Zigu.

The ANC and Kora claim that Ndolose is getting support from the police, and claim that in its latest attack the PAC used teargas.

While both organisations strongly criticised Ndolose — "a dictator" — and his followers, they said they were not against the PAC itself. "There are people here who support the PAC," said Zigu and spoke of one member whom he described as their friend.

"He wears his PAC T-shirt as much as he wants, and he's never been threatened. We even politicise one another about the front of our leaders

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It is difficult to separate fact from fiction in the small Border town of Komga, where warring community factions tell the same highly improbable stories about each other. **LOUISE FLANAGAN** and **CLAIRE KEETON** report

and explain the constituent assembly." The PAC call their tent town the "Sobukwe Peace Camp", while the ANC refers to it as "Beirut". Local PAC organiser Leon Jaji and Ndolose sat in on our interview with Border regional secretary Mvuyo Mhangwane.

Mhangwane, who lives in King William's Town, dismissed allegations that the group were not genuine PAC members. This was later backed up by national publicity secretary Barney Desai. "These are our people, they don't come from Mars," Desai said. All three denied allegations that the

PAC had initiated any violence and that PAC members had prevented township residents from fetching water. "It's a joke," said Mhangwane. "People are seeing the ANC as aggressors. They want to save their tarnished image."

He accused the ANC of political intolerance and of trying to disrupt the launch of the PAC branch last October.

The three would not answer any questions which they viewed as involving national policy, including the PAC's attitude towards community councillors. Ndolose contradicted himself on this issue.

"I was forced (to resign)," he said. After a brief exchange in Xhosa between Mhangwane and Ndolose, he changed his tune. "Nobody threatened me. I disagreed (with the community council policy)."

The PAC group said they couldn't return to the township as they still feared for their lives. ANC members

had told us earlier that the PAC group was welcome back and that they wouldn't be attacked.

Township administrator Royden Thompson sees the current conflict "most definitely" as a split between the ANC and PAC. "It's clear Komga is an ANC town and other political affiliations will not be tolerated," he explained.

While it is difficult to separate truth from fiction in Komga, the distrust is palpable. Both sides tell the same highly improbable stories about each other: Both the PAC and the ANC claim the other side had abducted somebody and forced them to eat excrement.

"The ANC says they are bigger than the PAC, hence they will not allow the PAC to operate in the location," said Mhangwane.

Only hours earlier, Zigu told us: "In Komga, they say 'One Kora, one bul-let'." — elnews

LABOUR

Anti-union forces linked to Sebokeng massacre

THE recent night vigil massacre in Sebokeng — in which 39 people died — is linked to a systematic pattern of violence against workers and their organisations in the Vaal, the National Union of Metalworkers declared this week.

Earlier reports tied the January 12 attack on the house of Mandla Nangalembe, in Sebokeng's Zone 7, to a bloody feud between township gangsters and ANC activists.

Five men fired AK-47s and lobbed hand-grenades at mourners, who had gathered to mark the death of Mandla's brother, Christopher, kidnapped and found strangled and shot a week earlier in nearby Boipatong.

Since July last year, workers in the Vaal, many of them Numsa members, have been the target of at least 15 attacks, many directed at the huge Sebokeng hostel complex. Before the vigil massacre, more than 60 had been killed.

"Civic organisations and the ANC in the Vaal are weaker than elsewhere in the PWV; unions are the strongest democratic structures there," said Numsa crisis unit coordinator Alf Woodington. "It's become absolutely vital for some people to disable the unions, so they can't support other structures."

The strategy had been successful to the extent that union and other activists in the region had become fearful and demoralised, he added.

Inkatha supporters have undoubtedly had a role in the violence, and Woodington concedes that criminals have also been involved — notably in the vigil killings. But behind them, he believes, are shadowy elements, perhaps rogue policemen or soldiers, with their own agenda.

In a recent incident fuelling these suspicions, men in a security force vehicle and four private vehicles had

Anti-union violence has been linked to the recent Sebokeng massacre, claims Numsa.

DREW FORREST examines the pattern of attacks on workers and their organisations in the Vaal

tried to gain access to Iscor's kwaMasiza hostel, the scene of ethnic/political splits and violence last year, Woodington said.

When repulsed they had returned in SADF uniforms. The SADF's Vaal command and police said they knew nothing of the incident, he said.

Commenting on the vigil killings, Woodington stressed that the owner of the house, Mandla Nangalembe,

was a Numsa shop-steward at a local engineering firm, Cape Gate.

A certain Sibusiso Chonco, arrested after an attack on the Sebokeng hostel last September and one of 15 heavily armed men arrested in December outside the hostel, had been spotted in the vicinity after the vigil massacre, he alleged.

A former Cape Gate employee, Chonco had been barred from the factory by workers after the September incident. A kwaZulu government representative had later approached Numsa to secure his reinstatement.

Woodington said that once Numsa had a clearer understanding of the dynamics of the violence, it would seek an interview with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Hostels are prime targets

THE giant Sebokeng hostel complex — with 12 000 beds, 2 300 of which are leased by local metal firms — has been the prime target of recent attacks.

Also in the firing line has been Iscor's kwaMasiza hostel, where the National Union of Metalworkers has 6 000 members.

According to Numsa, the pattern of anti-worker violence in the Vaal includes:

- July 22 last year: Sebokeng hostel attacked after Inkatha rally. Twenty-one killed, including two Numsa members.

- August 5: Workers attacked at Kwaggastroom railway station.

- August 6: Sebokeng hostel attacked. One worker killed.

- August 7: Bomb explodes outside the Sebokeng hostel gate.

- August 8: Shots fired at workers at Houtkop railway station.

- August 11: Nine workers killed

when shots are fired through the windows of the Sebokeng hostel.

- September 3/4: Twenty-three Numsa members killed in an attack on the Sebokeng hostel. Inkatha's Transvaal youth leader Themba Khoza arrested, with 136 others, including Sibusiso Chonco.

- November 8: Bus serving workers at the KwaMasiza hostel fired on. Driver killed.

- November 10: Second attack on bus at KwaMasiza. Three workers killed.

- November 30: House of Numsa shop-steward firebombed in Evaton.

- December 2: Five workers killed in attack on Sebokeng hostel.

- December 9: Fifteen heavily armed, suspected Inkatha members arrested outside Sebokeng hostel. Chonco is among them.

- January 12 this year: Sebokeng vigil massacre.

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PAC man to defend Winnie

JOHANNESBURG. — The head of social welfare of the ANC, Mrs Winnie Mandela, is to be defended in her Supreme Court trial for kidnapping and assault by the deputy head of the PAC, advocate Mr Dikgang Moseneke.

Mrs Mandela's lawyer, Mr Ismael Ayob, confirmed that Mr Moseneke, senior counsel Mr George Bizos, who defended Mr Nelson Mandela at his Rivonia treason trial in 1964, and Mr Pius Langa would be appearing for Mrs Mandela when she and seven others appear in the Rand Supreme Court on February 4 in connection with the kidnapping of four boys taken from a Methodist manse in Soweto on December 29, 1988, to Mrs Mandela's home in Diepkloof.

There, it is alleged, she triggered a brutal assault on the boys.

A few days later, one of the boys, James "Stompie" Moeketsi Seipei, 14, was murdered by her unofficial bodyguard Jerry Richardson, who was sentenced to death for the killing on August 6. — Sapa

ANC, PAC act to end violence

ANC and PAC leaders in strife-torn Munsieville township on the West Rand have set up a joint violence monitoring committee after a spate of clashes between members of the two organisations in recent weeks.

They have agreed to adhere to the principle of political tolerance and to the unconditional return of PAC members who have fled the area after violent clashes since December 25.

The PAC's West Rand publicity secretary, Basner Ngceba, described the meeting as a significant breakthrough. He said another would be held on Monday. — Political Reporter.

NEWS

ANC visitor has a chilling interlude with

GEORGE Nene, the African National Congress's representative in Nigeria, had a chilling encounter with ANC renegades or "Askaris" during a brief visit to South Africa.

He later met a man who introduced himself as Major Eugene de Kock, the officer who headed the police counter-insurgency unit — or "death squad" — at Vlakplaas until recently.

Mr Nene, who has since returned to Nigeria, gave a detailed report of his daylight ab-

duction by Askaris in the city centre to a human rights lawyer, earlier this month.

The statement has since been given additional relevance because of the judgment by Mr Justice Johan Kriegler in the Neethling defamation case against Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail in which he found the testimony of Dirk Coetzee, a

former commander of the Vlakplaas unit, about the existence of "death squads" to be "wholly believable".

Mr Nene gave a graphic account of his abduction: "I was about 100 m away from the Dion shop when six armed men surrounded me, produced pistols and SA police identity cards," Mr Nene said in his statement.

PATRICK LAURENCE

"These unfriendly and hostile men told me I was under arrest. When I tried to inquire for the reasons of arrest, I was roughly manhandled and pushed towards a minibus."

Once in the vehicle, a white Datsun Nissan, he was blindfold-

ed and driven from the centre of Johannesburg towards Hillbrow.

The men, all of whom were black, took his belongings, saying they wanted to check whether he was in the country legally.

They were not satisfied by the entry stamp on Mr Nene's passport. It showed that he had entered South Africa legally on January 7. The faces of five of

the men looked familiar, unsurprisingly because Askaris are former ANC men who were "turned" after being captured and one of whose tasks is to detect "terrorists" returning to the country.

The men who took his possessions came back and told him a police major had arrived and wanted to see him. His blindfold

was removed.

"Four plainclothes white policemen were waiting a few paces away from the Datsun Nissan ... One of them introduced himself as Major Eugene Alexander de Kock, commander of the Askaris."

The man who identified himself as Major de Kock dismissed the Askaris, ordering them to

continue their work. He apologised to Mr Nene about the whole incident, inviting him to check that all his belongings had been returned.

"Major de Kock" insisted on giving Mr Nene a lift to the ANC offices in the city centre. As Mr Nene got out of the car, the policeman invited him to join him for a drink at a nearby hotel.

Mr Nene declined the invitation.

'Askaris'

ANC slams 'harassment' of Winnie

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THE ANC's national executive committee (NEC) said yesterday that the trial of Mrs Winnie Mandela was part of the pattern of harassment and persecution she had been subjected to for the past 30 years.

It said it was especially shocked by the way the case against Mrs Mandela had been accompanied by an orchestrated campaign through the media to prejudge the facts.

It also called for an end to all political trials, and support for Mrs Mandela and "all political trialists".

The NEC statement, issued by ANC

general secretary Mr Alfred Nzo, clearly regards Mrs Mandela's trial, due to start on February 4, as political.

It said the trial was part of the harassment and persecution "to which Comrade Winnie has been subjected for the last 30 years, both as a liberation activist in her own right and as the wife of our deputy president, Comrade Nelson Mandela.

"We have no doubt that elements opposed to the peace process and the agreements already reached are manipulating the issues surrounding this trial for blatant political purposes.

"This conclusion is reinforced by the

history of the whole process against Comrade Winnie Mandela.

"It is no accident that the various steps taken in preparation for the trial coincided with major political events and issues connected with the process of negotiations, and at a time when the ANC's reputation was winning greater and greater acclaim.

"Proceeding with this trial and with the other political trials presently under way constitutes a blatant harassment of the ANC and of the individuals concerned, and is in breach of the spirit of the agreements entered into between the government and the ANC," the statement said.

Tokoza deaths: lawyers indict

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'other' parties

A PROBE by Lawyers for Human Rights' (LHR) into September's attacks on Phola Park residents in Tokoza on the East Rand, which claimed more than 80 lives, shows that "other" parties interested in removing residents from the land had played a role in the violence.

The LHR's 39-page report on Phola Park, which was released to the press yesterday, contained 30 affidavits from a collection of more than 150 people. The affidavits were taken soon after the violence flared between September 10 and 13.

Real reason

The publication ruled out the Zulu/Xhosa dynamic as the single factor which led to the bloody violence.

Jeff Budlender, of the Legal Resources Centre and legal representative for Phola Park residents, said for more than a year the Tokoza Council has attempted to force about 20 000 residents from the area. He said the move "could be the largest removal in the history of South Africa".

Phola Park residents,

SHEHNAAZ BULBULIA

Mr Budlender said, viewed the attacks on the community as part of a process of removing them off the land and since attempts to bulldoze shacks and legal methods had failed, interested parties had resorted to "terror".

The first violence, which erupted in August, occurred a mere month after attempts to forcibly remove people to Zonke-zizwe, he said.

Laura Pollecut of LHR spoke about the role of the police in the bloody violence and said LHR was rapidly coming to

the conclusion that there was a total breakdown of law and order.

Community claims that the police were involved in the attacks on Phola Park have been rejected by the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, but from the affidavits, Ms Pollecut said, it would appear that even if the police were not directly involved, they were not consistent in their attempts to prevent the violence and destruction of shacks.

The LHR has called for an independent commission of inquiry into the attacks on Phola Park residents.

Ms Pollecut referred to

one affidavit which stated that police did nothing before and during the attack. Other affidavits alleged that police shot at residents. They also alleged that residents who attempted to flee the area for fear of their lives were forced by the police to return, Ms Pollecut said.

The affidavits, she said, raised pertinent questions as to why the attackers were allowed to march nearly 4 km from the hostels to Phola Park without being intercepted?

Out of 30 affidavits, Ms Pollecut said, 20 referred to white men who had attempted to disguise themselves by putting a black substance on their faces and wearing balaclavas. The affidavits stated that these people were working closely with the attackers and were often responsible for setting the shacks alight.

Ms Pollecut said policing Phola Park would not resolve the volatile situation. She said the permanence of the community had to be recognised, the area upgraded and facilities and services needed to be provided.

'No floggings, abuse at Alexandra's new people's court'

THERE won't be any floggings or abuse at Alexandra's new "people's court", says Moses Mayekiso, president of the Alexandra Civic Organisation.

It was revealed this week that the people's court is to be reinstated in the township.

Some Alexandra residents have had bitter experiences at the hands of such courts in the past. In one incident Josia Madonsela (37) was flogged 200 times by two youngsters. The youngsters, both 18-years-old, have since appeared in court.

Mr Mayekiso said ACO, by introducing trained personnel to operate the community court house, hoped to erase the bad reputation that people's courts had created.

The main reason for this reputation, he said, was that they had been run by young, untrained members of the township community.

"We are professionalising our community court and officials running it will be accountable to the residents," Mr Mayekiso said. "Also, parties involved in a

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dispute will not be forced to come to the community court for arbitration."

He said negative reaction of Alex residents to the white judiciary and concerns about the escalation of crime in the township had prompted his organisation to resolve to establish community courts.

"I must however stress that the community courts are not intended to replace but rather to supplement the existing sys-

tem," Mr Mayekiso added.

The community court, which is part of ACO's "Operation Khanyisa", is scheduled to start operating in March.

ACO has sent a letter to the Minister of Justice Mr Kobie Coetzee requesting an urgent meeting to discuss legalising the community court. However, Mr Mayekiso said the court would finally go ahead with or without approval from the Ministry of Justice.

Alex residents opposed to the community court system can re-

port their cases to the police. "We won't force anyone to appear before the community courts. Before a matter is addressed by the court, the two parties involved in the dispute must agree that they want their dispute settle in a community court," he said.

Officials who would run the community courts would be trained with the help of the University of Witwatersrand's Centre for Applied Legal Studies. Local lawyers would also help in their spare time.

Special Correspondent

WHEN violence erupts on the Reef, it can almost be guaranteed that it will be in the Vereeniging/Vanderbijlpark/Sebokeng area. Or it will erupt on the East Rand in the Kattlehong/Vosloorus/Thokoza areas.

Just think about the bloody clashes of the last few years. The unrest of 1984 started in the Vereeniging area. And remember Sharpeville in 1960 - it was also near Vereeniging. The most recent slaughter a fortnight ago was during a night vigil in Sebokeng. Why these places?

It is difficult, say experts, to find a single reason why violence usually erupts in these areas. It is probably the result of a variety of factors.

The areas where unrest usually breaks out are characterised by poor socio-economic circumstances. And the basis for that is probably the concentration of poor black workers and work-seekers in these areas.

There are six growth points in the Transvaal which draw black people: the Vaal Triangle with Sebokeng as the largest township; the East Rand with Kattlehong as the largest township; the Far-East Rand (places like KwaThema and Duduza); Greater Soweto; the Tembisa

The Reef's corridor

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area north of Kempton Park and the Mamelodi/Atteridgeville area close to Pretoria.

Sebokeng and the Kattlehong/Vosloorus/Thokoza area differ from the others.

Sebokeng (with Sharpeville and Evaton close by) serves as a feeder area for the industries at Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark. These places are therefore inhabited by industrial workers and work-seekers.

Thokoza, with a population of nearly 250 000, is one of the most densely populated black residential areas on the Reef - and one of the least developed. In Kattlehong, next to Thokoza, about 600 000 people have been thrown together, according to a researcher, in "a place which is falling apart". Vosloorus, nearby, has better structures.

In recent years informal or squatter areas have shot up in large numbers in all these regions. One of them, next to Thokoza, is Phola Park, where bitter violence

raged during the past year.

The "informal growth" in these becomes apparent from statistics: according to the census of 1985 there are only 137 000 inhabitants in Kattlehong. About the same number was given for Sebokeng.

Prof Willie Breytenbach, head of the Department of Africa Studies at the University of Stellenbosch, sketches the dynamics which often give rise to unrest.

When people compete for scarce resources, like employment and housing, it often leads to violence, he says. Violence is then often structured around ideological interests and mobilisation for violence often takes place on an ethnic basis.

All these factors are present in these areas, plus another dimension: class differences.

There are three classes in the problem areas of the Reef, says Prof Breytenbach. The upper class consists of the more established inhabitants, then there are the

hostel-dwellers as the middle class, and a squatter class at the bottom.

On the East Rand the hostels were traditionally inhabited by the Zulus. The hostel-dwellers are "first generation migrant labourers", especially single men who are not economically refined and who don't fit in well with the modern economy.

Prof Breytenbach says ethnicity can be dormant for long periods within communities. If there is no real competition and conflict within a community, there could be sound co-existence. However, when the socio-economic pressures increase while there are too few job opportunities and a lack of housing, the ensuing competition and conflict are often channelled according to ethnic differences.

According to researchers at the South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) the East Rand and the Vaal Triangle definitely have a shortage of housing and

schools and there are huge squatter communities. Most people in the eastern areas of the Reef have always been politically very militant.

■ The unrest of 1984 mainly started there; ■ The notorious Sharpeville shootings of 1960 took place there, close to Sebokeng.

But the question is why did the violence erupt with such intensity last year? The people have lived in these conditions for a considerable period.

The ANC alleges a "third force" was responsible for the violence - people who simply light up the existing fuses. Inkatha says it is an ethnic struggle.

There are no easy answers, say SAIRR researchers. An important factor which must be kept in mind is what happened on February 2 last year.

When the ANC, PAC and the SACP were unbanned and the way was opened to changes, strong political forces were released which had been suppressed for decades. This probably led to competition to establish power bases for the future within black ranks - on a foundation which is a socio-economic disaster area and interwoven with deeply-rooted ideological, ethnic and class differences.

of violence

COME now, Moses Mayekiso. What is the difference between people's courts and kangaroo courts?

You say the people's court that your organisation, the Alexandra Civic Association, plans to introduce in March will be a democratic community court.

Kangaroo courts are associated with indiscriminate and brutal floggings, necklacing and arbitrary justice dispensed by young radicals.

Unlike the notorious kangaroo courts, in the people's court the parties involved in a dispute will not be forced to come for arbitration and residents opposed to these courts will be free to report their cases to the police.

"Operation Khanyisa"

— meaning light — is Mayekiso's idea for dealing with the spate of crime and violence in the townships and a way of resolving family disputes without involving the "white" courts.

Sounds fair enough, does it not?

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people will be dragged kicking and screaming in the early hours of the morning to dimly lit shacks to account to young, uncouth brats about their family squabbles.

Stories of elderly people being flogged — some with up to 200 lashes — will be a thing of the past, according to Mayekiso.

We as a newspaper have highlighted these miscarriages of justice by black people on other blacks. It did not matter who you were or what your standing in the community, these young radicals would humiliate you with their barbaric methods of punishment.

Late last year City Press senior journalist Elias Maluleke — who should be credited by all for his relentless exposure of the kangaroo courts — was a victim of instant justice.

Maluleke was found guilty before he even appeared in "court" because he had written "negatively" about the young comrades of Mamelodi who flogged people who were older than their mothers and fathers.

Mayekiso may have good intentions with the people's courts. Any community, especially in the South African context, prefers to be

judged by its own peers.

In the US you have a jury system, which has proved over many years to be effective and acceptable to the community.

In South Africa, before the white man arrived with his "civilised" standards of justice, we used to have our traditional leaders in the form of chiefs, headmen and village elders.

These men were respected for their wisdom and impartiality in dispensing justice. In dealing with complicated cases they would sometimes take weeks before making judgment.

One also understands that Mayekiso's people's court idea stems from black people's negative attitude towards "white" courts. The poor reputation of "white" courts is linked to apartheid laws.

One can only hope that if the people's courts come into effect, the judgment of Mayekiso and all those involved in "Operation Khanyisa" will not be clouded by their political affiliations.

What would happen if an Azapo or an Inkatha member is forced to appear in the people's court, charged with possession of a dangerous weapon, and Mayekiso, who is known to be a member of the South African Communist Party, is part of the jury?

Will he be impartial in his judgment? This may sound simplistic, but the situation in the townships at the moment is based on the battle for political supremacy.

The street committees are all about which political organisation has more membership and influence than the others.

Cops stand by to protect mourners at mass funeral

By CHARLES MOGALE and SANDILE MEMELA

UNKNOWN intimidators have threatened to disrupt the mass funeral service in Sebokeng of 41 people shot in cold blood during a night vigil two weeks ago.

And in a surprise move apparently linked to the threats, Mpikeli Christoffel Nangalembe, whose vigil was the scene of the carnage, was secretly buried early on Thursday. His uncle David was buried in similar fashion on Friday.

According to another uncle, Vusi Mncube, both funerals were "so secret many members of the family were not aware of them".

Nangalembe's aunt, Rachel Mncube, said the family was disappointed he had no hero's burial.

Police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said the police were concerned about the threats, but would be prepared for any incidents and "would take appropriate steps".

Organisers of the mass funeral said yesterday they feared some families would withdraw their deceased because of intimidation.

Sebokeng Hospital superintendant Dr Anne van der Spuy denied there were telephone threats telling the hospital to prepare for more admissions.

Thousands of people are expected to gather at Sebokeng's Zone 7 stadium today to pay their last respects to 41 of the victims.

The mass funeral is scheduled to begin at 10am before the procession to the Evaton cemetery. Nangalembe's cousin, Gift Ndlovu, will be among those who will be buried. Queries on funeral arrangements can be directed to (016) 933-614.

Farmers hit the streets

By DE WET POTGIETER

ANGRY farmers have threatened to jam the streets of Pretoria with hundreds of vehicles on Tuesday when they converge on the Union Buildings to present demands to President F W de Klerk.

The protesting farmers said they would move into the city from four different directions on Monday night, blocking streets with huge farm trucks, bakkies and caravans to create havoc and disrupt traffic.

Vegetables and other fresh farm produce would be handed out to motorists and passersby.

Said one farmer: "We may as well give it away because we don't get anything for it anyway."

A Western Transvaal farmer said: "In our ultimatum, we will give the state president 12 hours to answer grievances such as

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Huge protest could bring

Pretoria to a standstill

the heavy debt burden, the land ownership issue and other problems."

The farmers will wait in the streets for Mr De Klerk's reply before the convoys get the order to move out of the city.

"We are prepared to wait for a week for an acceptable reply from the government," he said.

"That is why we are bringing in caravans and enough food to stay over."

Describing the protest by the disgruntled farmers as "an enormous action", Farmers' Crisis Action

(FCA), asked South African Agricultural Union president Nico Kotze to forward a request to Mr De Klerk for a meeting with the group at the Union Buildings on Tuesday. The SAAU refused the request.

The group's organisers stressed that their action was not inspired by party political motives. But it did appear to be aimed at disrupting negotiations between the SAAU and the government.

Another farmer said the rally should be seen as a cry for mercy aimed at gaining sympathy from the public.

Farmers will start gathering at assembly points near Brits and Bronkhorstspuit from 2pm tomorrow. They will be travelling from as far afield as Louis Trichardt, Rustenburg and Thabazimbi.

The convoys will start moving towards Pretoria at 10pm tomorrow and the city's streets are expected to be blocked off by 2am on Tuesday.

The march to the steps of the Union Buildings starts at 2pm on Tuesday.

A farmer vowed that Pretoria would "belong to the farmers" on Monday night.

He warned that "all hell will break loose" if any vehicles blocking the streets were to be away.

"If a soldier or policeman dares to touch a farmer's vehicle, he will be in trouble," he added.

Violence

In a clear show of solidarity with the breakaway group, the right-wing Transvaal Agricultural Union (TAU) said on Wednesday that its executive committee had warned on numerous occasions that farmers would take stronger action to draw attention to their plight.

TAU's executive committee sided with the FCA after a meeting with Mr De Klerk in Cape Town on Tuesday.

"The Transvaal Agricultural Union envoy told the state president that land ownership is an extremely emotional issue for white farmers and may lead to conflict and violence."

The TAU and FCA are demanding urgent action on high interest rates, low product prices, the election and functions of control boards, application of statutory provisions regarding labour and the suspension of sequestration actions against farmers.

Panic disrupts picket protest

PANIC and confusion disrupted a picket protest as police began to detain members of a group of between 80 and 100 Katlhehong ANC activists who gathered to protest outside the Germiston police station on Saturday morning. *Sowetan 28/1/91*

The group marched in defiance of the Germiston magistrate's declaring it an illegal gathering.

Spokesman for the group, Mr Sisiso Ngana, said the protest, calling for the return of all exiles and political prisoners, and the creation of an interim government was in anticipation of the opening of Parliament on February 1.

The march was due to move from the police station, past the Civic centre and down to the Germiston railway station, but many of the protesters have fled in the confusion, Ngana said. - Sapa

Sebokeng vigil victims buried

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WHITES should come forward and ask for forgiveness, an emotional Dr Beyers Naude told mourners at the mass burial of 36 Sebokeng 'vigil of terror' victims yesterday.

After reading from the Bible at the Sebokeng stadium, Naude told the more than 20 000 mourners:

"As a white person...and a member of the white minority of South Africa, I want to take it upon myself to come forward and say I am guilty, I am sorry.

Forgive

"I urge all whites of South Africa also to come forward and say 'please forgive'."

Visibly shaken, Naude said: "What kind of God is this to allow this suffering?"

He said no struggle was in vain and the day was near "when all this suffering will end".

Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, The Most Rev Desmond Tutu led mourners to chant: "We want peace, we want education. And in true Martin

By **THEMBA MOLEFE**

Luther King Jr style to say: 'We shall be free'. All of us, black and white together."

In a wide ranging speech, Tutu specifically called for discipline and united action to destroy what he said would eventually be eradicated.

He said he supported ANC speakers who called

for the establishment of street committees and defence units.

But, he said, street committees should look into campaigns like cleaning up the townships which were infested with rubbish.

UDF president Mrs Albertina Sisulu pleaded for peace and called on the Sebokeng community not to kill the perpetrators of the violence, but to apprehend them and hand

them to the law.

ANC treasurer-general, Mr Thomas Nkobi and ANC Youth League general secretary Rapu Molekane stressed the formation of the defence units.

The names of 42 people killed when gunmen opened fire on mourners at the vigil of slain activist Christoffel Nangalembe on January 12 were read at the funeral.

Hundreds march to councillors

RESIDENTS in two townships on the Reef took to the streets in protests marches in a call for councillors to resign and the high crime rate.

The marches, which were called by the Civic Associations of the Transvaal took place in Soweto and on the East Rand township of Thembisa.

Memoranda calling for the councillors resignations were delivered to council offices after demonstrations through the streets of the two townships.

No incidents were reported from the two marches which took place under police escort. *Sowetan 28/1/91*

About 300 residents in Pimville, Soweto presented a memorandum to riot unit commander Steve Olivier and to the Soweto mayor Mr Oscar Maseko.

The memorandum to the police accused members of the force of "collaborating with the criminal element in the township".

Police

"We call upon the Soweto police to dismiss corrupt and unreliable officers, and to stop fraternising with the gangsters," the statement read.

A four-man delegation of the Soweto council led by Maseko was greeted with chants of "resign resign" from the demonstrators.

Spokesman Mr Butana Tshabalala said Soweto councillors "will only resign if asked to do so by the people who elected them".



Residents in Soweto marched through the township on Saturday to call upon councillors to resign. Picture by Pat Seboko

"We still have to call for a Sofasonke Party meeting where we shall discuss the contents of this letter. And at this stage all our members will remain in their jobs as councillors," Tshabalala said.

Residents also demanded that an interim committee be elected to oversee the administration of the township, that the hostel system be abolished, and that one Johannesburg tax base be established.

Meanwhile, 500 residents marched to the council offices in Thembisa where a memorandum was also presented to council officials.

Seven die as unrest flares at weekend

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SEVEN people were killed, nine injured and 21 arrested in unrest incidents including shootings, arson and stonings during the 24-hour period ending yesterday morning, police said.

One of the dead was shot by a police patrol after they were stoned in Matatiele in southern Natal. A man was wounded by an army patrol who returned fire at Table Mountain near Pietermaritzburg after they were shot at by a group, police said. Two people were arrested.

Three bodies with hack wounds were found by police in Thokoza on the East Rand, scene of some of the worst recent Reef township fighting which left more than 1 000 people dead.

The body of a woman with hack wounds was found by police at Nkulaleko, Barkley East. In the same area, 12 youths were arrested in connection with stoning incidents that damaged two homes, and four people were injured when a group attacked them with bottles and stones.

Four men were arrested in connection with the murder of a man who was fired on at Inanda near Durban.

Police said they arrested a man and confiscated firearms after another man was killed at Pateni, near Richmond in Natal.

Another man was arrested in Kanana near Orkney after a vehicle was damaged in a petrol bomb attack. Four people were wounded by police at Jouberton near Klerksdorp when police fired at a stone-throwing group. A man was arrested in connection with the incident.

Police gave no details of any of the incidents or types of weapons used. - Sapa

3 killed in violence at Bekkersdal

Staff Reporter *Ska* 28/1/91

Violence broke out in the troubled far West Rand township of Bekkersdal at the weekend, claiming at least three lives.

West Rand police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said four houses were burnt down, and three bodies were found in Bekkersdal and the Spooktown squatter camp area on Saturday night.

She said the first house was burnt down shortly after 10 pm. The body of a burnt and decapitated man was found.

"From there it just carried on."

Captain Bester said earlier in the evening "a whole lot" of people had gathered around the Bekkersdal Clinic. Police used teargas to disperse the group.

The last incident of violence was reported shortly after midnight, Captain Bester said.

Sapa reported that Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza claimed yesterday ANC members were responsible for the attack which left four people dead.

Mr. Khoza claimed ANC members entered the township from a nearby shanty area and attacked residents resisting the organisation's recruitment drive.

Approached for comment this morning, ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said she would investigate Mr Khoza's allegations.

Funeral speakers blame the police

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VEREENIGING. — About 15 000 mourners turned out at a mass funeral in Sebokeng yesterday to bury 36 victims of the recent massacre in the township and to hear several high-profile speakers blame police for the killings.

The funeral followed an attack on an ANC funeral vigil on January 12 which left at least 39 people dead, according to police. The ANC, however, claims that the final toll is 42.

Speakers at yesterday's funeral included Archbishop Desmond Tutu, UDF president Mrs Albertina Sisulu and ANC national executive members.

ANC NEC member Mr Thomas Nkobi was most vociferous in accusing police of complicity in the killings.

He said police were directly responsible for the attack because they were asked to attend the vigil beforehand, as trouble was expected. They had failed to provide protection at the vigil and should be charged for criminal negligence, he told the crowd at Sebokeng's Zone Seven stadium.

Police at the time said they arrived at the vigil but left after an ANC official had asked them to do so.

Archbishop Tutu urged Sebokeng residents not to carry out revenge attacks. — Sapa

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**Mourners
told: charge
army, police**

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

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The police and Defence Force should be charged with criminal negligence for failing to provide protection to the people of Sebokeng, ANC national executive committee member Thomas Nkobi told mourners at yesterday's funeral of 36 of the 42 people shot during a night vigil in the township two weeks ago.

More than 20 000 flocked to Sebokeng's Zone 7 stadium to bury the victims of the attack. Organisers of the funeral earlier said some of the victims had been secretly buried before yesterday's mass funeral.

Mr Nkobi told the crowd the ANC could not stand aloof while violence was declared on the masses. He alleged the police were using vigilante gangs "to do their dirty work".

He appealed to the crowd not to carry out revenge attacks, but to redirect their anger by strengthening defence committees.

An SAP helicopter periodically interrupted Archbishop Desmond Tutu's sermon by hovering over the stadium.

Mandela and Mangope in bid to end Bop violence

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Bophuthatswana leader Chief Lucas Mangope have reached an agreement aimed at ending violence in the homeland.

Mandela made this announcement while addressing refugees at Zeerust's Ikageleng township who have fled the strife-torn Braklaagte village in Bophuthatswana.

He said he was unable to elaborate on details of their agreement - reached after lengthy discussions recently - but said it was aimed at enabling more than 300 refugees who have fled renewed violence in Braklaagte to return.

An ANC spokesman said after the meeting that the agreement involved allowing Mangope time to address and resolve violence between his

supporters and those opposed to him.

Mangope's security forces have been heavily implicated in attacks over the past two years on Braklaagte and Leeuwfontein residents opposed to incorporation into Bophuthatswana.

Conversation

Mandela told an estimated 3 500 people at the township's stadium that he had held a long telephonic conversation with Mangope on January 14 and had again phoned him on Saturday to discuss their agreement.

"I will not go into details as to our discussions and agreements but the agreement is aimed at enabling you to return to Braklaagte," he told the excited crowd.

He said he hoped to return to Ikageleng in the near future

with details of the discussions.

Mandela also referred to this week's peace talks between the ANC and Inkatha, saying no winner or loser would emerge from the deliberations but rather hoped lasting peace would be brought to the area.

He explained that the ANC had held discussions with most homeland leaders, adding: "We can only have peace by talking with our brothers."

He urged the crowd to remain disciplined and not to resort to violence to resolve their differences with the homeland government.

"I know among you are the bravest of comrades and I know you can fight but we don't want to fight with our brothers. We don't want blacks to spill the blood of blacks, no

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matter who was responsible in the beginning.

"That we're killing each other is a reflection on all black leaders in South Africa.

"The writing is on the wall for all people who don't want to settle their problems in a peaceful manner," he said.

Mandela will also lead a protest march on Parliament in Cape Town on its opening on Friday, ANC spokesman Miss Gill Marcus confirmed yesterday.

"Yes, he will," Marcus said when asked

whether Mandela will lead the march, the first he is to lead since his release from prison last year.

The ANC has planned a countrywide campaign of mass action from February 1, demanding free political activity, the establishment of a constituent assembly and an interim government ahead of negotiations for a con-

stitution for a "new" South Africa.

Mandela has also approached State President FW de Klerk with a request to meet him and a "substantial delegation" to discuss education in general and problems in black education in particular.

The meeting is expected to take place late in February. - Sapa.

6 killed as new violence flares

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A MAN was beheaded, another shot dead by a defence force member and four others hacked and shot to death during renewed violence in the West Rand township of Bekkersdaal at the weekend.

West Rand police spokesman Captain Henrietta Bester yesterday confirmed the incidents.

She said police and the defence force were called to the township to "disperse an illegal meeting" on Saturday evening.

"A defence force member opened fire when one of the men who had

gathered illegally tried to stab him."

Bester said four houses were also set alight and many others had windows broken during the attack, which continued through to Sunday.

She could, however, not confirm which groups were involved in the fighting.

But witnesses said yesterday the fighting was between members of the ANC and the Azanian Peoples Organisation.

"ANC members had invited Azapo supporters to a peace meeting at Skierlik. And fighting

broke out during that meeting," a witness said.

Azapo and ANC officials could yesterday not comment on the incident.

Azapo publicity Secretary Mr Strini Moodley said yesterday: "We have not yet received any report from our members in the area."

The ANC could yesterday not be reached for comment.

A resident in the township, Mr James Monageng, said: "The death toll could be as high as 14. Dogs were seen dragging human parts in the streets on Sunday morning."

Spectrum

Farmers enter Pretoria under cover of darkness

Chaos in the streets

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The Argus Correspondent and Sapa report from Pretoria

PRETORIA'S city traffic was reduced to chaos today when hundreds of farmers blocked off the city's streets.

Farmers from all over the country entered the city under the cover of darkness and fixed "Farmers Crisis Action" posters to lamp posts to highlight their financial plight.

The Farmers Crisis Action said in a statement that farmers were struggling for survival and had to insist on a meeting with President De Klerk at the Union Buildings today in order to hand him their demands personally.

A spokesman for Mr De Klerk said he would not respond to the farmers "through the media."

The crisis in agriculture posed not only a threat to the farming community but could lead to food shortages, the Farmers Crisis Action warned.

Police sealed off the Union Buildings at 12.30am today, as farmers entered the city, gathering at various hotels before they finally struck during the early hours of today.

The whole city centre was barricaded, said city council spokeswoman Alta Oberholzer. People who wanted to come to work had to park outside the CBD and walk to work.

This is what scores of office workers did, as municipal tow trucks fought in vain to get through the stagnant traffic to tow away hundreds of agricultural vehicles that had been parked across main thoroughfares throughout the city.

Miss Oberholzer said she had heard of at least one ambulance that had been unable to take a patient to hospital, and suggested that people experiencing medical emergencies should contact Civil Defence.

She said the bus services to the eastern suburbs had been "totally disrupted".

Well-known Afrikaner figure Manie Maritz — a leading member of the Boerestaat Party, a former wrestler and the son of a famous Boer War general — who led the inva-



Mr Manie Maritz ... told police "negotiate with us like you do with the blacks"

sion from the western side of Pretoria, stepped to the fore to negotiate with police Lieutenant Morkel, on the corner of Church Street and Andries Street, when a potentially explosive situation developed.

Lieutenant Morkel asked Mr Maritz to remove the vehicles so that the city's log-jammed traffic flow could return to normal.

Mr Maritz said three men who had organised the farmers' action be fetched from the New Union Hotel so that police could negotiate with them "like you do with blacks."

Said Lieutenant Morkel: "We must ask you to remove your vehicles so that emergency vehicles can operate. The police also have urgent cases to investigate."

A farmer then told the lieutenant: "Take away your batons," referring to the group of nearby policemen.

"Don't you tell me how to do my job," said Lieutenant Morkel. "Let me speak to the boys," said Mr Maritz.

He then walked across to a police car to continue the discussion, leaving the group of farmers standing in pouring rain.

Scores of taxi commuters from Pretoria's black townships had to spend more than an hour making their way to work early today.

Traffic moved slowly in most of the routes used by taxis from Atteridgeville, Mamelodi, Soshanguve, Mabopane and Ga-Rankuwa. This resulted in most commuters being stuck in the traffic snarl from as early as 6.30am.

Most taxi drivers from Atteridgeville changed their normal route into town. Instead of coming through Church Street, they turned in D F Malan Drive and then proceeded through Struben.

Those who ventured into Church Street were caught in the traffic snarl which stretched from Prices Park. This resulted in most passengers being late for work.

The majority of Mamelodi taxi drivers avoided the city centre. Passengers were asked to get off at the Bloed Street taxi rank.

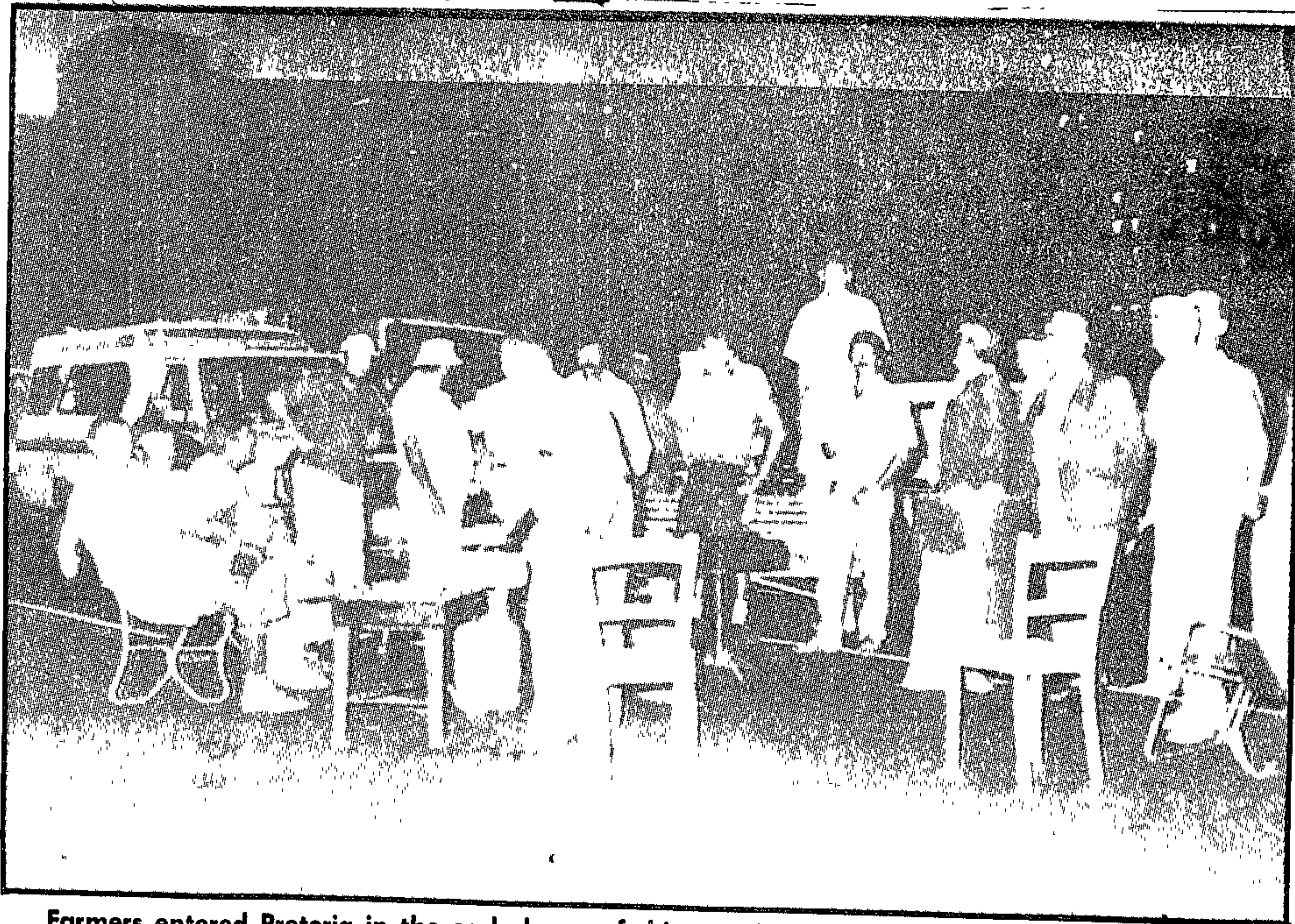
Those who came through Church Street (east), were asked to get off in Du Toit Street.

Soshanguve, Mabopane and Ga-Rankuwa taxi drivers who came through Schubart Street and then into Vermeulen Street, were caught in the traffic snarl. This resulted in passengers spending more than 30 minutes in taxis between Schubart and Andries Street.

A Putco spokesman said all its buses to Pretoria were operating as usual, although "timetables might be disrupted by the traffic". He said there were no plans to halt buses to the city until the farmers' protest ended.

Many city schools were affected by the farmer's blockade and reported that both teachers and pupils had not made it to school.

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Farmers entered Pretoria in the early hours of this morning to prepare for their protest action.



Farmer sleeps next to his truck before the big "invasion"

from NORMAN CHANDLER, The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Chaos reigned in Pretoria today as fighting broke out between police and farmers after thousands of disgruntled farmers brought the city to standstill by blocking roads.

Fighting started on the corner of Andries and Church streets in the middle of the city just after 8.40am. Police declared the area an unrest area and ordered everyone to leave.

The farmers stood their ground. Police moved in and arrested at least 50 farmers, bundling them into vans and cars, as fighting continued. Police brought in reinforcements and threatened to teargas farmers.

Major roads blocked

Using tractors, harvesters and other agricultural machinery, bakkies and large vehicles, the farmers today blocked off major roads as well as the Union Buildings and the city centre.

In pouring rain, motorists found their way in to town blocked from all sides by the biggest demonstration yet seen in Pretoria.

The farmers are protesting about their parlous financial state, brought about, they say, as a result of government agricultural policies.

The agricultural debt stands at more than R15 billion and the farmers maintain that high interest rates, a poor return on production costs, soaring input costs, and disquiet over land reform have contributed to their becoming "the nation's beggars."

Hundreds of cars were stranded in a huge traffic jam on the Ben Schoeman Highway from Johannesburg while rail and bus connections ran late as well.

Ms Alta Oberholzer, a Pretoria City Council spokesman, said: "The whole city centre has been barricaded. People are having to park outside the CBD and walk to their offices."

Municipal tow trucks fought in vain to get through to tow away hundreds of vehicles that had been parked across main thoroughfares.

Services paralysed

Services were paralysed. A dismayed ambulance driver, stuck in the traffic with a casualty, said he had been there for more than an hour.

People resorted to driving on pavements while others abandoned their cars.

One Brits farmer commented: "Can the city exist without agriculture? Can you people live without food? The farmers can't take this anymore. We have been trying to reach the Minister for years and today he will talk to us."

The Pretoria City Council was today trying to contact the organisers of the demonstration, Farmers' Crisis Action (FCA), to get them to withdraw their supporters and their vehicles from the city.

Farmers, who had earlier swamped the city with illegal placards reading "Farmers in Crisis", began gathering on main arterial roads into Pretoria from yesterday.

At Rooihuiskraal, just off the N1 freeway, and at Wag 'n Bie-jie, near Brits, hundreds parked their vehicles to meet over braais and discuss tactics. Media representatives were not made welcome.

Shortly before midnight the vehicles began to move towards the city.

They parked strategically in the city centre and before dawn were in position across the main roads leading to the central business district. Chaos then ensued.

Memorandum

The FCA is hoping to later today present a memorandum to President De Klerk, or his representative, in which the farmers' grievances will be listed. They had earlier asked for a meeting with the President but by late yesterday no reply had been received.

All council's rules for mass action broken

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Farmers taking part in the protest action against the government's agricultural policies have broken virtually all the conditions set when the Pretoria City Council granted permission for the action.

A council spokesman said it was stipulated that the farmers might not disrupt traffic with heavy vehicles, that normal road and pedestrian traffic might not be disrupted, that there might be no obstructions in city streets, that all stipulations of the Road Traffic Ordinance be adhered to and that orders from traffic officers be strictly obeyed at all times.

The city council called on residents not to go to the city centre. Church Street was blocked by heavy vehicles from as far east as Eastwood Street and residents of eastern suburbs had no access to the city centre. No municipal buses ran to and from the eastern areas.

WARNING AGAINST MASS ACTION

In Cape Town, the minister in charge of white agriculture, Dr Kraai van Niekerk, has warned against the type of mass action causing chaos in

The Office of the State President says the request was received only on Thursday, but this is disputed by the FCA which says it asked the South African Agricultural Union to request the meeting. The SAU however declined to do so and the FCA then sent their own request on January 21.

He said after meeting a South African Agricultural Union delegation last night that illicit actions could undermine the farmers' bargaining power. Dr Van Niekerk urged farmers to co-operate with his department and the SAU and its affiliates in the search for solutions to problems with which agriculture was wrestling. He said he would study as soon as possible an SAU memorandum appealing for extra aid.

Farmers battle police in Pretoria

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Family alleges police assault over prisoner

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

A SESHEGO family has alleged that four white policemen raided their home and intimidated and assaulted them for about 12 hours last Friday.

They arrested the eldest son, Mr Steven Piliso.

Piliso told *Sowetan* yesterday that the policemen, accompanied by three black men, had refused to identify themselves.

He said they arrived about 1am on Friday and questioned them about a man who was sentenced to 40 years in prison last year.

"They produced a letter which was apparently addressed to the man, Mr Josias Pilane, and asked me to identify the handwriting.

"But they refused to let me read it. When I said I did not know anything about the letter they assaulted me in my room while others did the same to my brothers," Piliso said.

Lebowa police spokesman Lieutenant LM Tlomatsana confirmed that a docket had been opened on the matter.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant WF Voight confirmed that Piliso had been kept in custody at

the Pietersburg police cells until Friday afternoon. He said the policeman involved was a Sergeant Van Straten of John Vorster Square in Johannesburg. (278)

He referred *Sowetan* to Van Straten. Van Straten could not be reached for comment.

Piliso said from glimpses he stole of the contents of the letter, the author was asking Pilane to indicate the prison where he was being kept as the author and other people had amassed weapons, including AK-47 rifles, to stage an escape.

He said the policemen later took him to Pietersburg Police Station where he was kept in custody until 1pm.

Top white

A SOWETO parent claimed yesterday that formerly all-white schools now open to all races were turning down applications from black pupils without good reasons.

The woman, Mrs Nana Mgojwa, of Dobsonville, said she had applied for her 12-year-old daughter to enrol at Parktown Girls

Amazing scenes as farmers sow chaos

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THE smell of a braai is nothing new. But when boerevors is cooked on dozens of skottelbraais in the centre of Pretoria's main thoroughfare, Church Street, then it becomes something very unusual indeed.

And that's what happened along four kilometres of the famous street yesterday as 10 000 farmers in thousands of vehicles (accompanied by heavy rain) brought the city to a halt in the biggest demonstration of its kind seen in South Africa.

It was the ultimate in making a point and make it, they did.

The townies could hardly believe it. The farmer had come to town in a big way — and tens of thousands of Pretorians couldn't get to work.

Roads into the central business district were blocked by harvesters, tractors, bakkies, huge trucks, caravans and other agricultural equipment.

It was a nightmare for the City Council, which only the day before had agreed to a request from the Potgietersrus-based Farmers' Crisis Action organisation that the demonstration should take place, provided the laws of the land and municipal bye-laws were respected, and that only special demarcated areas would be utilised.

The deal, in the end, wasn't worth the paper it was written on. Pretoria yesterday was chaotic and will probably remain so until farmers decide to unhelm vehicles which they had parked in any spot they could find. The more obstructive the spot the better.

There were tractors on centre white lines, trucks parked across streets, and caravans — some with canopies under which families were braaing — across two lanes of Church, Anderson, Van der Walt and other streets.

The farmers came to town to tell the Government they were unhappy with, and frustrated by, years of drought, financial



Come quietly... a beefy farmer dwarfs a squad of policemen. Picture: Jacob Rylkiff

problems and lack of income. They believe they are not getting a fair share of the price consumers pay for their produce.

It didn't take long before ordinary citizens began to sign a petition circulated by the invaders — they listened to what the predominantly Afrikaans farmers had to say, and then put their names down in support.

Some, one got the impression, were only too keen to sign — perhaps in order to get rid of the khaki-clad, brassy men who had invaded their town.

It was a show of strength which was not without drama.

Farmer versus policeman is not a scenario familiar to South Africans.

NORMAN CHANDLER of The Star's Pretoria Bureau watched as the boys in khaki confronted the boys in blue.

Usually it is the police against black organisations. This time though the police — to a man they were all white — had to match their strength against the people they had always supported.

The farmers didn't like it either. They were pushed about, arrested, teargassed and threatened with a baton charge and faced with police dogs only too

keen to have a go. This was a far cry from the policemen the farmers had come to know on the remote platteland.

Blacks standing on the pavements watched in fascination as white battled while on the streets on Pretoria.

Not since political hotbeds on Church Square clashed with police during the heady days of the AWP has Pretoria witnessed such scenes.

Baton-wielding policemen belted white farmers as they were arrested en masse and bundled into vans.

The police vehicles were drawn up as if in a parking lot, back doors swinging open in readiness for the boys in khaki. When right-wing leader

Manie Maritz, a former world champion wrestler, was man-handled by seven policemen and then thrown into a police van after being teargassed, there were some very nasty scenes just waiting to break out.

But the hotbeds were cooled by a fast-talking police media officer, Colonel Johan Mostert and operations commander Brigadier Jumbo van de Wall.

The two officers, respectively, had to control a big media contingent and a huge crowd of farmers and onlookers. Thousands of Pretoria's citizens descended on the central business district to join in the excitement — they, like the farmers and the press, got soaked time and again as heavy rain fell.

"The farmers have been praying for rain for years and now when it's raining, they're in town," was the wry comment of one woman. It brought laughter from everyone, but neatly summed up the irony of it all.

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Farmers braaied from about noon, eating heartily — which must have made many wonder what the demonstration was all about, given the farmers' view that they are hard done by and that times are difficult for them — and laughingly poked fun at pretty Pretoria girls who hurried through the crowds.

Bars and restaurants in the centre city did a roaring trade. This was evident from the number of invaders who had obviously over-indulged. One big fellow ended up in a van for trying to have a go at a policeman. Perhaps he slept it off in the cells. But it will take Pretoria a long, long time to sleep off this demonstration. □



Conservation-minded... Free State farmer Ossie Naude may not be smiling, but the slogan on his hat brought some humour to yesterday's protest. Picture: Stephen Davinnes

Armed Actstop units to protect tenants

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By Shehnaaz Bulbulia



Defending his dwelling . . . a Johannesburg flat resident, armed with a wooden plank, prepares to repel any vigilantes who might enter the building. Actstop hopes to have armed defence units operational by March. Picture: Alf Kumalo

Actstop was forming armed defence units in more than 40 of the city's buildings after vigilante attacks on tenants and the failure of police to provide minimum protection, the organisation's publicity secretary Cas Coovadia said yesterday.

Mr Coovadia told The Star that defence units in 41 of the 71 buildings, organised by Actstop would be fully operative by March.

The decision to form armed defence structures was a response to periodic attacks waged against tenants and Actstop members.

A spokesman for the SAP in Pretoria, Major Reg Crewe yesterday said the police would not allow any vigilante groups to operate. People who used firearms and force would have to act within the law or suffer the consequences, he said.

Mr Coovadia said key Actstop activists, who have already been identified, would form the core of the defence units in each of the 41 buildings, and would carry only licensed weapons.

"Actstop had not instructed the defence units on the type of arms they should carry, except that the weapons must be licensed.

"Previously the aggressors were armed. We won't be breaking any laws. The defence teams are all trained and disciplined activists," he said.

Defence members had been instructed not to take the law into their hands but to hand those responsible over to the police.

The defence units would maintain a low-profile, Mr Coovadia explained.

"They won't be roaming the buildings in military garb. The units will only be activated in case of an attack." *Star 30/1/91*

A communications network linking the buildings had already been established. Tenants had also been advised to buy whistles to alert other tenants, the defence units and the police.

Protest: Police 'did not refuse to act'

Political Staff

THE Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has denied that policemen in Pretoria refused to act against the protesting farmers.

"I am aware that rumours are circulating that members of the force were supposed to have refused to carry out orders, but I have been able to find no evidence whatsoever to substantiate this," he said yesterday.

General Van der Merwe explained that the police were forced to act against the farmers when they "deliberately flouted and broke the laws of the land, including forcing traffic to a standstill".

He said the farmers had undertaken to participate in a peaceful protest and had given an assurance that no laws would be broken.

The chief magistrate of Pretoria had given permission for a march to go ahead, but the conditions were "not honoured at all and the peak-hour traffic in the city centre was disrupted in a deliberate and well-planned manner".

He said police helicopters had been forced to ferry emergency supplies of blood to hospitals "in several cases", including two of open-heart surgery.

He said farmers had formed human chains and tried to prevent the police from reaching their vehicles.

Policemen and traffic authorities were also prevented from cutting the chains binding the farmers' vehicles together.

"Arrests were made," he said.

Pretoria under siege

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PRETORIA. — Defiant farmers last night continued their siege of Pretoria — despite earlier clashes with police and negotiations with the City Council here.

The estimated 1 500 farmers are protesting against agricultural conditions and demanding a meeting with President F W de Klerk.

Police moved in when farmers refused to remove their vehicles, and 120 protesters were arrested.

Last night there was an uneasy calm in the city as farmers turned large sections of the city into a Rio-like carnival, braaiing meat and wolf-whistling at girls.

Speaking from Brits last night, right-wing stalwart and AWB member Mr Manie Maritz vowed to bring in reinforcements from the Western Transvaal during the course of the night to "take up positions".

Mr Maritz, 66, was arrested early yesterday in Pretoria and released later in the day. A former wrestler, Mr Maritz put up a spirited fight against seven policemen trying to arrest him.

The son of a Boer general, Mr Maritz

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rolled underneath a police van to evade arrest, but was subdued when police sprayed teargas in his face.

The Pretoria siege began before dawn yesterday when the protest column roared into the city centre to block off all main thoroughfares with trucks, tractors, caravans and bakkies which were then chained together.

The protests brought all traffic in the city centre to halt, stranding commuters and disrupting emergency services.

Farmers yesterday gave notice of a long park-in, with some saying they had enough food to last them a week, and numerous trucks sported porta-toilets on the back.

Early last night the council said the farmers had been persuaded to move. But later municipal spokeswoman Mrs Alta Oberholzer said that though some

farmers had left, "the militant ones are now digging in their heels".

By late evening vast numbers of farmers were still barricading important thoroughfares, and municipal officials confirmed that a number of roads were still sealed.

Yesterday afternoon Mr De Klerk insisted that he would not go to Pretoria to receive the petition, as this would legitimise the protest.

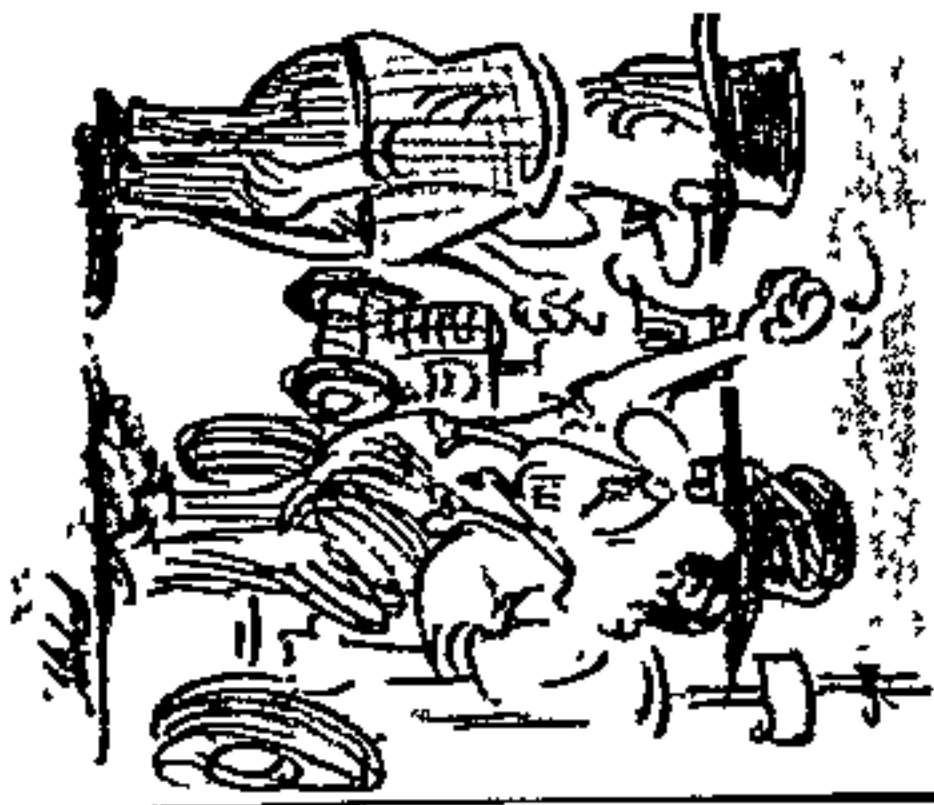
"Protests and mass-mobilisation are counter-productive, particularly in the present climate," he said.

"It is also my conviction that people who have parliamentary representation and are invested with full democratic rights have a particular responsibility in this regard."

Meanwhile, Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht and a delegation of 18 MPs hastily ended a Cape Town caucus meeting and headed for Pretoria yesterday afternoon.

"The CP stands by the farmers," said CP

No, no, Koos you don't stick your clenched fist in the air. Nor do you shout Amandla!



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In As Well As Out

Those with a taste for irony may like to muse on the fact that television news films used to be stored on real film and be communicated to your set by electronic signalling. Nowadays they can be electronically handled all the way from start to finish. On the publishing front a different sequence has been followed. The transmission of pictures and text can now be accomplished via the scanning of filmed pages and returned at the receiving point back into film, and in due course back into paper in news magazine form. This technique gave rise to computer input via microfilm. It has been taken up in the UK by the Department of Health and Social Security. The equipment comes from Information International Incorporated and costs well over a million pounds. Clearly this technology enables microfilmed records not derived from computer based processing to be sucked into the computer's capacious maw, but only, it seems, at great expense.

Breeding Familiarity

It has been argued that because the telephone and television are familiar products throughout daily life (whereas the microfilm reader is a product which exudes an exclusive office atmosphere) so must final victory in the battle to oust paper, go to the electronic world of television and telephones via viewdata and its future developments.

The French Way

It has been noted that in France the Government has stated its intention of giving away a viewdata terminal to every telephone subscriber to provide an enhanced version of the directory service. Accordingly it has been muttered that the British Telecommunications' bosses could

examine the possibility of supplying a microfilm reader to support the UK's directory services. The argument seems to have stemmed from pique and ill-humour among British advocates of viewdata systems, but either case is, in fact, quite worth serious examination.

Not Quite Soft Enough

The nature of paper, or hard copy, is familiar to everybody. Viewdata, and the growing use of interactive information access via a soft copy terminal, will in time also become familiar. Microfilm retrieval has been termed 'slightly soggy copy' because while the reader is in use it represents hard copy, yet a reader/printer unit is needed to produce a readable copy for tucking in a folio case. What microfilm lacks is the ability to fully soften its access through software in the sense of programmability. In many instances this is not needed. When the database indexing is straightforward. In other instances the interactive access method can lead to too partial an exposure of information, and therefore to misleading data, lacking in a proper context. The understanding of contexts is after all something the human eye is particularly good at.

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Productivity Gains

The immense underestimate which has been made about microfilm concerns its influence on productivity. Due to the ease of file access and its consistently good response time, which is not affected by activity increases, the productive leverage of microfilm is very great indeed.

The underestimate of the productivity gains to be made by microfilm data stores is mostly due to the inadequacies of the equipment and the poor quality of firms in the supplying business back in the early days. So the worst examples of office equipment 'gee whizzery' have been promoted instead of careful studies of user benefits within total information systems.

The biggest name (and share) in the market belongs to DatagraphiX, which is

part of the General Dynamics industrial empire. Kodak also has, in the US, a growing and aggressive position. The names of 3M and Agfa-Gevaert (also in the market) stress the interest held here by suppliers of media, rather than information systems suppliers. Agfa-Gevaert in fact does not build units, but engineers its own badge to put on equipment it buys in. NCR is the only long term computer supplier with a name — Quantor — in the microfilm systems business.

The Products

The options in configuring microfilm units driven by magnetic tape or more directly from computer processing are all there in various products, many suppliers will do all three obvious things, to wit: on-line connections via a suitable speed channel, off-line electronics using magnetic tape to dump the data subject to recorded controls; small computer controlled complexes where programmability is added to sift, control and add to, the data skeleton residing on the tape. Bureaux will aid in prototyping systems. This is obvious if there is no in-house hardware, but it is still advisable even when there is spare capacity on on-site equipment. The main reason for this should be the experience available from the bureau and the wider options of hardware that can be tried out before design stops.

Learning From A Bureau

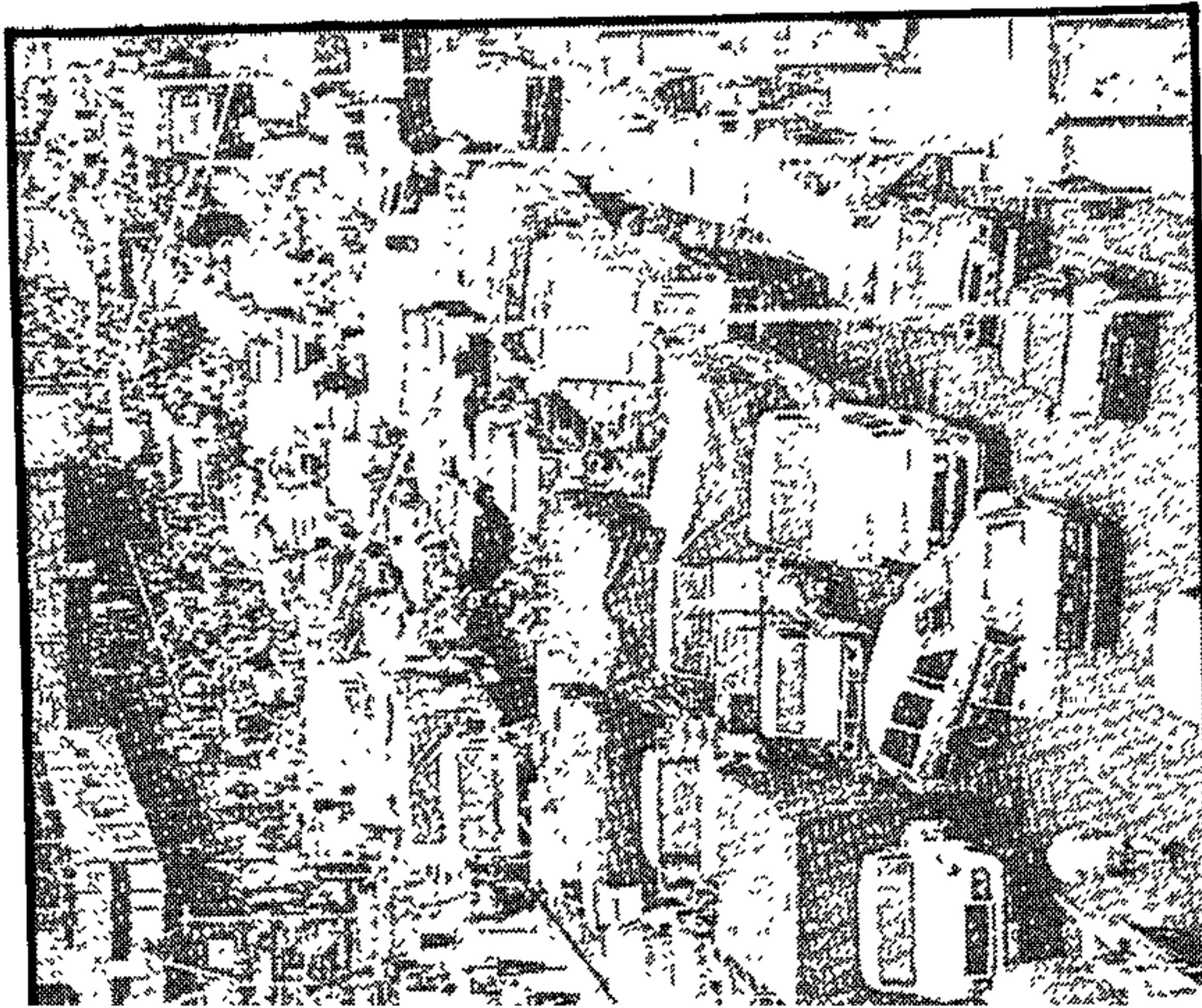
Many mistakes that have given microfilm from computer departments a thoroughly bad name have arisen because, after buying equipment and partially loading it with adequate jobs, there has then been an indiscriminate set of additional jobs put on to the hardware. Analysis often shows that many of these 'extras' were suitable for microfilm support, but would have been better done on other kit, or after a careful period of evolutionary design. In short, the computer boffins have not only repeated the mistakes of computer loading, but they have compounded the error by dabbling in a technology of which they have little understanding.

Productive Office Systems

However, rescue is at hand. For the microfilm techniques and suppliers are showing signs of maturity just as the general world of office administration has decided to take computing away from the prison of the data processing department. There is therefore a renewed interest in intelligent and productive office systems. Although this must be good for microfilm (at least until the viewdata thing is so

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Pretoria will long remember the day the farmers in



Farmers block Church Street, Pretoria, from the city centre to the Union Buildings

The day the farmers invaded Pretoria will not be easily forgotten by the city, which ground to a halt yesterday as a result of the mass action.

NORMAN CHANDLER watched the battle between police and farmers.

THE smell of a braai is nothing new. But when boerewors is cooked on dozens of skottelbraais in the centre of Pretoria's main thoroughfare, Church Street, then it becomes something very unusual indeed.

And that's what happened along four kilometres of the famous street yesterday as 10 000 farmers in thousands of vehicles (as well as heavy rain) brought the city to a halt in the biggest demonstration of its kind seen in South Africa.

It was the ultimate in making a point: and make it, they did . . .

The townies could hardly believe it. The farmer had come to town in a big way — so big that tens of thousands

of Pretorians couldn't get to work on time because key roads into the central business district were blocked by harvesters, tractors, bakkies, huge trucks, caravans and other agricultural equipment and machinery.

It was a nightmare for the City Council, which only the day before had agreed to a request from the Potgietersrus-based Farmers' Crisis Action organisation that the demonstration could take place, provided the laws of the land and municipal by-laws were respected, and that special demarcated areas only would be utilised.

The agreement, in the end, wasn't worth the paper it was written on.

There were tractors on centre white lines, heavy trucks parked diagonally across streets, and caravans — some with canopies under which families were braaing — were across two lanes of Church, Andries, Van der Walt and other streets.

The farmers came to town to tell the government they were unhappy with, and frustrated by, years of drought,

financial problems and lack of income because they believe they are not getting a fair share of the price consumers pay for their produce.

It didn't take long before ordinary citizens got the message and began to sign a petition circulated by the invaders — they listened carefully to what the predominantly Afrikaans-speaking farmers had to say, and then put their names down in support.

Some, one got the impression, were only too keen to sign — perhaps in order to get rid of the unfamiliar khaki-clad, brawny farmers who had invaded their town . . .

It was a show of strength which was not without drama.

Farmer versus policeman is not the sort of scenario familiar to South Africans. Usually it is the police pitting their strengths against organisations — this time though the police, to a man they were all-white, had to match their strength against the very people they had always supported.

The farmer didn't like it either. He was pushed about,

arrested, teargassed and threatened with a baton charge and faced with four massive police dogs only too keen to have a go. This was a far cry from the policemen he had come to know on the remote platteland.

Blacks standing on the pavements watched in fascination as white battled white on the streets on Pretoria. It was certainly a different situation to what they have become used to over the years.

Not since political hotheads met the police head-on in Church Square during the heady days of the AWP has Pretoria witnessed such scenes.

Baton-wielding policemen belted white farmers as they were arrested en masse and bundled into vans which were drawn up as if in a parking lot, back doors swinging open in readiness for the boys in khaki.

When right-wing leader Manie Maritz, former world champion wrestler, was man-handled by seven policemen and then thrown into a police van after being teargassed there were some very nasty scenes just waiting to break

vaded . . .

out. But the hotheads were cooled by a fast-talking police media officer, Colonel Johan Mostert, and operations commander Brigadier Jumbo van de Wall.

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Who faces extinction: the South African boer or the real endangered species of the four-legged kind? The message from this farmer, one of the thousands who took part in yesterday's protest in Pretoria, is loud and clear. Pic: STEPHEN DAVIMES

Farmers cause havoc in Pretoria

THOUSANDS of farmers who blocked Pretoria's streets yesterday decided to continue their "park in" that wreaked havoc in the city.

A large number of farmers at the heavily guarded Union Buildings laughed derisively when a Supreme Court order that they remove their vehicles was read to them over a loudhailer.

When they discovered that President FW de Klerk was not there to receive their petition, Farmers Crisis Action leader Mr Leonard Venter declared: "We are going to our bakkies. Stay there."

There was chaos earlier in the day when fighting broke out between police and the disgruntled farmers.

Fighting started on the corner of Andries and Church streets in the city centre about 8.40am.

The farmers said they had enough food to last them a week. Several of their trucks carried portable toilets.

Municipal spokeswoman Alta Oberholzer said while tow trucks had managed to clear some streets, many areas were still logjammed.

In Church Street, vehicles parked four abreast, stretching from the city to distant Duncan Street.

Pretoria streets choked as farmers defy attempts to budge them

PRETORIA — Thousands of farmers continued to blockade Pretoria's streets last night, despite reports that the city council had negotiated the removal of the vehicles from the city.

Council officials confirmed a number of roads were still sealed. Reports had reached them that farmers' trucks, cars, vans and tractors were once again blocking intersections that had been cleared by towtrucks earlier in the day.

Sapa reports that a municipal spokesman said although it appeared a number of farmers had left the city, "the militant ones are now digging in their heels".

The disaffected farmers turned sections of the city into a Rio-like carnival, braaiing meat and wolf-whistling at girls.

They had arrived in Pretoria during Monday night and parked vehicles in positions in the streets which ensured a massive disruption of traffic. The demonstration is over the impending removal of the Land Acts, labour legislation and general government policy regarding farming.

During the morning about 120 protesters were bundled into police vans after scuffles broke out between some farmers and members of the large police contingent. Police said all the men were later released, but could face charges.

One victim of the chaos was the Supreme Court judge who presided over the city council's application to have the farmers evicted. He had to be ferried from his home to the court on a motorcycle.

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ganised the demonstration, declared: "We are going to our bakkies. Stay there."

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A police helicopter pilot estimated the number of vehicles at 1 500.

GERALD REILLY reports the protesters' strategy of parking their vehicles bumper-to-bumper along the busy Andries and Van der Walt streets effectively blocked the normal morning traffic flow.

Bus, fire and ambulance services were severely disrupted. The demonstration was roundly condemned by several Cabinet members.

BILLY PADDOCK reports that De Klerk said the protest was not in keeping with the dignity and responsibility typical of SA's farming community.

CP leader Andries Treurnicht and 18 MPs flew to Pretoria to show solidarity with the farmers.

Although the SA Agricultural Union earlier dissociated itself from the demonstration, a union statement yesterday urged government to address the farmers' grievances.

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Four towns refuse permit for marches

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Constituent Assembly Day organisers across South Africa are preparing for marches tomorrow — but four Eastern Transvaal towns have already refused permission for processions to be held. 31/11/91.

The towns — three of them Conservative Party-controlled — are Witbank, Ermelo, Carolina and Groblersdal.

A single massive march will be held in Pietersburg to mark the opening of Parliament. Granting permission was described yesterday by a town councillor as a "victory for diplomacy and good sense".

According to police spokesman Lieutenant Werner Voigt, the ANC had agreed to cancel its planned marches in Phalaborwa and Tzaneen.

Other Eastern Transvaal towns which have given the go-ahead are Nelspruit, Bushbuckridge and Hazyview.

Bloemfontein chief magistrate Ben Loots has also given the green light for a march.

A march on Parliament in Cape Town, and other marches in Pretoria and Soweto, are also being planned. 31/11/91

Yesterday Eastern Transvaal police commissioner General Robbie Robinson issued a statement directed at residents in those areas where protest authorisation had been denied.

He warned the police would have no option but to intervene if illegal marches went ahead.

Police would be present to prevent any intimidation and to protect law-abiding citizens.

ANC regional secretary Joe Nkuna appealed to the police not to harass those people who go ahead with marches.

"March after march our people apply for is turned down," he said.

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No escorts as farmers leave town

PRETORIA. — Escort girls here seem to have picked up a booming trade from some of the farmers blockading the city's streets this week.

At 1am on Wednesday, a cattle truck rolled up outside the Sexy Girls agency in Du Toit Street. There were about 20 farmers on the back baying for women.

Two farmers who swung from the truck and entered the agency were told by the receptionist: "You will have to wait. All our girls are out."

One farmer was extremely unhappy be-

cause he could not find his caravan after he had hired himself an escort.

"They must have towed it away. This is all FW's fault," he said to chuckles from all round.

By sunrise the farmers and their cavalcade of vehicles had rumbled out of the city, like a circus disappearing.

● The Conservative Party identified fully with this week's protest, CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht said yesterday.

President F W de Klerk, he said, could have defused the whole situation by the

statesmanlike act of being there to receive a petition as he had been asked.

The CP supported the farmers' stand against opening agricultural land to all races and had full understanding of their current financial need.

● The protest by the farmers cost the city's retailers dearly, the Pretoria Chamber of Commerce said. Chamber executive director Mr Alex de Beer said it was impossible to put an exact figure on the lost trade but it could exceed R1 million. — Sana and Own Correspondent

Winnie's trial: Info Bureau takes charge of seating

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Bureau for Information has taken charge of the seating arrangements for Monday's "Winnie Mandela trial" due to start in the Rand Supreme Court.

One of the smaller courts in the Pritchard Street Supreme Court building has been allocated to the trial which has received extensive media publicity.

Mrs Mandela and seven others stand accused of eight counts of kidnapping and assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The eight are accused of unlawfully and intentionally depriving the liberty of four youngsters, including well-known teenage activist James "Stompie" Seipei, who at the age of 14 was found dead in the veld in Soweto.

A spokesman for the Bureau for Information said the registrar of the Witwatersrand division of the Supreme Court had enlisted the help of the bureau to help with the seating arrangements.

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The spokesman said only 27 seats were available for the Press and asked the Argus Group to take only two of the seats for their Daily, Saturday and Sunday newspaper coverage. This coverage includes Argus Group newspapers around the country.

The spokesman said if a Sunday Star reporter wished to cover the case later in the week, the daily operation would lose one of its seats.

At previous "sensational" trials in the Rand Supreme Court, reporters have been placed in a position whereby they have to "book" seats to cover the proceedings.

One of the main reasons for the bureau being asked to assist in the seating arrangements is the fact that "family members and friends" are expected to cram the courtroom.

It is understood no other larger courtroom is available for the case, starting on Monday which is also the beginning of the 1991 criminal session in the Rand Supreme Court.

Breakthrough for ANC, PAC

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From Mono Badela
Johannesburg

FEBRUARY 1 has been declared Constituent Assembly Day following historic consultations between the former rival liberation movements, the African National Congress (ANC) and the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC).

Leaders of the two movements convened a joint press conference here on Tuesday to announce they would join forces to observe a stayaway in protest against the opening of parliament in Cape Town.

The third major formation in the broad liberation movement, the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), has indicated it will support the stayaway in principle.

Students would not be expected to participate in the campaign on Friday so that schools would not be disrupted.

Both PAC spokesperson Mr Ntsundeni Madzunya and ANC PWV regional executive member Mohammed Valli Moosa called the press conference "significant."

Tolerance

ANC PWV regional secretary Ms Barbara Hogan described the joint conference as a "major breakthrough" in relations between the PAC and ANC in the PWV region and as a major advance in creating "a culture of political tolerance".

In Soweto, ANC leaders Mr Ahmed Kathrada and Mr Elias Motsoaledi and PAC leaders Mr Carter Seleka and Mr Benny Alexander will lead a march on the Moroko police station after a joint rally at the Jabavu Amphitheatre on Friday.

Similar marches to protest against the "racist parliament" will be held in townships on the East Rand and the West Rand.



Vallie Moosa

City retailers 'pay' for farmers' protest

PRETORIA — The disruptive protest by thousands of farmers which ended here yesterday cost the city's retailers dearly, the Pretoria Chamber of Commerce said.

Chamber executive director Alex de Beer said it was impossible to put an exact figure on the lost trade but it could exceed R1m.

The protesting farmers started moving out of the city early yesterday and by mid-morning Pretoria's central streets were clear of the estimated 3 000 tractors, caravans and other vehicles which on Tuesday brought local business to a standstill.

Police spokesmen said yesterday investigations against the 120 protesters arrested on Tuesday after scuffles with police were continuing.

However, an informed source said it was unlikely any would be charged because of the logistical difficulties involved in assembling evidence.

This was despite the fact that they "broke practically every bylaw in the book".

SA Agricultural Union economist Koos du Toit said all relevant grievances outlined by the protesters were being intensively negotiated by the union and government.

Thus, he said, the disruption caused by the protesters was unfortunate

and unnecessary.

A Transvaal Agricultural Union (TAU) statement yesterday said the protest action was a successful effort to bring farmers' plight to the attention of government and the public.

Sapa reports that the TAU's offices had been flooded with calls of support for the protest action.

Consumers and other farmers called from all over the country and the general feeling was that the action successfully publicised the farmers' plight, the TAU statement said.

Prayer messages were received from consumer and women's groups, and support poured in from Pretoria residents.

The statement said the general feeling was that both consumers and farmers would benefit if they worked together.

Callers indicated the inconvenience of blocked streets and traffic jams was a small sacrifice.

Farmers who participated in the protest had asked that the SA Police, with the exception of a few officers, be thanked, the TAU said.

Pedestrians and central Pretoria residents praised the police for their handling of the situation. — Sapa.

GERALD REILLY

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tained soon, in order for planning to proceed credibly."

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BUBBLES FLIRTING WITH
YOUR TASTE-BUDS

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Inkatha men 'lived like sardines'

VEREENIGING. — Scores of Inkatha supporters were forced out of Sebokeng's hostels last year as a result of intimidation and fear for their lives, Inkatha Transvaal leader Mr Themba Khoza yesterday told the Vereeniging judicial inquest into the shooting of 42 people in Sebokeng last September.

Responding to questions from the deputy attorney-general for the Witwatersrand, Mr Anton Ackerman, Mr Khoza testified that Inkatha supporters had fled the hostels a few weeks before September 4 last year. They were then housed near Sebokeng in tents provided by the Red Cross.

After two weeks, during which living conditions became unbearable, the Red Cross removed the tents, he said.

He frequently visited the 136 Inkatha men to make sure they were fed and to offer emotional support.

The men were then accommodated in a house belonging to the KwaZulu government and lived like "sardines".

On the morning of September 4, he arrived at Hostel 3E in Sebokeng after he had heard of fighting during the night. He first spoke to the police, who had become a barrier between Inkatha supporters and a larger group of people outside the hostel.

He then addressed the Inkatha members, who were isolated inside the hostel compound, and was told they had been attacked. The KwaZulu government house was burnt down.

The inquest continues today. —

Sapa

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Inquest told of Inkatha

men's anger

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By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

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Inkatha Transvaal leader Themba Khoza yesterday told the Sebokeng inquest in Vereeniging how Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers were forced to flee last year for safety.

Mr Khoza said the Inkatha people had no longer felt safe and fled because of clashes with ANC-supporting hostel residents.

He was testifying at the inquest chaired by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford on the deaths of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4.

The hearing yesterday was devoted to the cross-examination of Mr Khoza by the Deputy Attorney-General of the Transvaal, Anton Ackermann.

Tent housing

Asked by Mr Ackermann if it was correct that the Inkatha people had no place to stay after fleeing, Mr Khoza said it was.

They were later housed temporarily in tents supplied by the Red Cross.

He admitted that the group was impatient and unhappy about living in the tents as "conditions were unbearable".

Mr Khoza said the group later moved to a house owned by the KwaZulu government between the Iscor and Sebokeng hostels.

Asked what the Inkatha supporters were doing at the Sebokeng hostel on the morning of September 4, Mr Khoza said he had heard it was because they had been attacked at the house, which was later burnt down.

The Inkatha group had fought back after the attack.

The hearing continues.

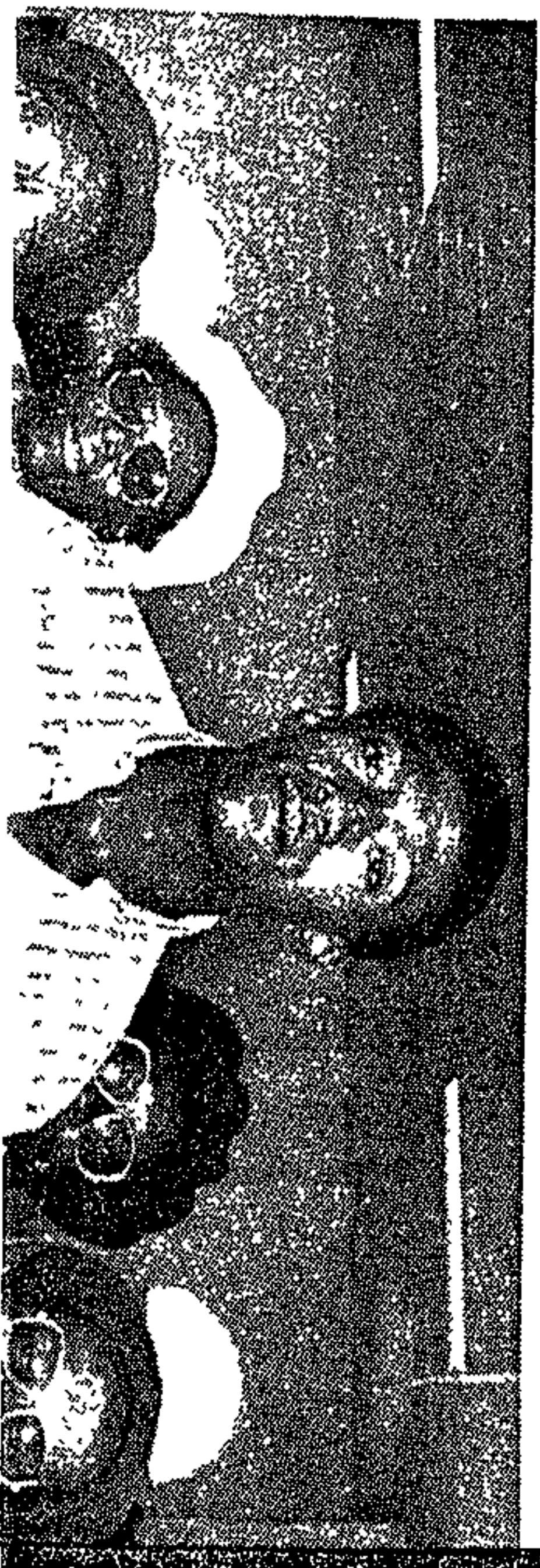
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No one knows how bloodbath started

An exile gives thanks



THIRTY-THREE people were killed in fighting in Alexandra Township at the weekend - and nobody really knows why.

Neither the warring factions nor survivors could tell how it all started.

Police said yesterday the fighting was between Inkatha supporters from the local hostel and ANC supporters in the township.

The slaughter came within days of the tearful apology to the nation by Inkatha-Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi for the violence in South Africa and for any hurt he may have caused ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela.

By KENOSI MODISANE

Yesterday the ANC and the IFP agreed to halt the violence in the township.

Regional leaders of the two organisations announced the results of their two-day talks at a news conference at a police station near the township. Police also took part in the negotiations.

"We collectively appeal to people in the township not to engage in acts of violence. We have approached the police to exercise restraint in the way they deal with the situation," the ANC's Mr Popo Molefe said.

Inkatha's Mr Musa Myeni said: "It is neces-

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Stick-wielding residents march through the streets of Alexandra Township, the latest flashpoint of violence where about 33 people died at the weekend.

sary for both parties to work very hard to ensure similar situations do not arise in the future. There is a definite need for peaceful co-existence."

In Cape Town yesterday Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok said the outbreak of violence in Alexandra would not be allowed to spread to other Reef townships.

Vlok said he was "shocked and dismayed" by the killings and wanted to "assure residents of Alexandra and other nearby townships, as well as residents of adjacent areas, that everything possible will be done by the South African Police to confine the violence".

Alexandra Clinic treated 166 people injured in the fighting at the weekend. Fourteen of

them had gunshot wounds and the others stab and hack injuries.

Three died on arrival at the clinic on Saturday and another died on arrival yesterday morning.

The township was tense yesterday as police and security forces battled to keep the warring factions apart.

Colonel Dries Jacobs of the Witwatersrand police said yesterday 13 bodies were found in the township on Saturday and 15 more yesterday.

"This seems to be another faction fight between Zulus and Xhosas," Jacobs said.

Residents of Alexandra Hostel, a wide range of people including Sothos, Xhosas, Zulus, Tsongas and Vendas, claim the gang which attacked the township were not hostel dwellers.

They allege the gang was driven into the township on Friday night. Nobody could say who had transported them.

Many hostel dwellers were yesterday trapped outside the hostel because of the "foreign" elements which had moved in.

Hostel dwellers said the marauders started arriving at the hostel on Friday night.

Apparently Inkatha had called a meeting for Saturday morning to discuss the death of a Zulu in the township on Friday.

"It is a miracle that I managed to outrun a group of men who were driving us out of the hostel," said Mr Nicodemus Maponya, a hostel resident.

He said he was awakened by battle cries and whistles early on Saturday morning.

Sowetan found many hostel dwellers at a nearby shebeen early yesterday. They had all sought refuge at the shebeen.

The shebeen owner, who refused to give his name, said: "I know almost all the inmates in the hostel. And I can give you a guarantee that all those in the hostel at the moment are not residents there."

"These guys patronise my shebeen and they are all worried that the mob in the hostel will settle permanently in there," he said.

Two cops stabbed, motorists hurt in taxi 'war'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least two traffic officers were stabbed and many motorists injured in violent clashes in Alberton today sparked off by a traffic blitz on black taxis.

"It's a war out there," said Alberton management committee chairman Mr. Johann van der Merwe after the clash between officers and taxi drivers caused "unbelievable chaos" on the R26 and Swartkoppies road in peak-hour traffic.

Unconfirmed reports said the officers were stabbed with knives and motorists injured by stone-throwing passengers from the taxis.

PARAMEDICS BUSY

An ambulance spokesman said a hit-and-run accident was reported on the Swartkoppies road in the midst of the chaos.

It could not be established whether the victim survived.

"We have our hands full with injured motorists and paramedics are trying to stabilise victims," said the spokesman.

Mr. Van der Merwe said the clash presumably was sparked off by an incident yesterday when an Alberton traffic officer gave a taxi driver a ticket for an offence.

"The alleged offender got a bit difficult. The officer found out the man had traffic offences outstanding to the tune of R15 000 and arrested him," said Mr. Van der Merwe.

The fine was paid yesterday afternoon and the driver released.

The incident led to a blitz by officers on taxi drivers, checking licences and tracking down outstanding fines — a normal procedure, said Mr. van der Merwe.

Hundreds of taxis blocked the R26 and Swartkoppies roads and caused major congestion.

When officers tried to clear the way, taxi drivers threw their keys away, said Mr. van der Merwe.

ASSEGAIS THROWN

Tow trucks were called in to remove the vehicles.

Frustrated passengers, angered by the delay and late for work, got out and started stoning motorists.

According to Mr. Van der Merwe shots were fired and assegais thrown.

A police task force was called to try to restore order.

An Alberton traffic department spokesman said every available officer had been sent out

Cops, taxi drivers in highway clash

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police fired birdshot and teargas at some 2 000 protesting black taxi drivers near the town of Alberton yesterday, wounding five, after a riot by the drivers injured at least two traffic officers and many motorists, authorities said.

The scene of the clashes was "just like a little war", said the chairman of Alberton's management committee, Mr Johann van der Merwe, of the rioting along a highway outside the town.

Clashes between traffic officers and taxi drivers broke out when about 2 000 drivers, angry at an overnight traffic crackdown, blocked the R26 highway with their vehicles and threw

away the keys when told to move, police said.

Drivers then began stoning passing motorists, according to police.

"Our information is that five drivers were hurt. The situation is now calm but tense," said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

Mr Van der Merwe said he had heard "official reports" of two white traffic officers being stabbed and wounded and "many" motorists being hurt in stone-throwing.

"There have been quite a few injuries among people in passing cars," an ambulance official said. — UPI

People's justice: bloody and deaf

A PEOPLE'S court sentenced four men — including one over 60 — to 500 lashes each after they were accused of ignoring a call for a work stayaway.

The four, Simon Mothapo (63), Sakkie Mokone (52), Witness Gaji (45) and Christopher Kraai (34), "stood trial" in Jouberton near Klerksdorp this month. They were "convicted" after a 3 am hearing in a shanty town called Joe Slovo.

Awakened
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The men had been forcefully awakened in the early hours and made to walk about 4 km, escorted by "comrades". Said one of the men: "As if we were a herd of cattle, they drove us from behind like devoted herdboys."

The four were then "tried and sentenced" inside a small, dim shack, occupied by members of the jury. It had no furniture, except for a few make-shift chairs on which "court officials" were seated, the men said. They were not given a chance to state their case.

A gathering of men, women and children — some as young as 10 — waited outside the shack.

The men said that shortly before the floggings began they were told: "This is the era of Mandela, not De Klerk."

"Court officials" left the shack and ordered the "flogging team" to get ready. The victims said almost everyone was wielding a plastic zoro (another term for sjambok).

Soon after being stripped naked, the 45-year-old Mr Gaji was spreadeagled over a drum and flogged on the buttocks, thighs and back. He said "comrades" held his feet and hands tight.

Then the three others were flogged. They said they received more than 50 lashes each. "Everyone wanted to lay a hand on us."

The victims started to bleed. "Little girls fetched water in buckets and poured it over us".

The men thought their ordeal was over, but

were then seated on the ground and forced to sing. Said the 63-year-old Mr Mothapo: "We clapped hands and responded to the conductor: 'Rona re Dimpini' (we are informers)."

They were then forced to play with a tennis ball. Mr Mothapo, who found it difficult to kick the ball, was later told he was "manager-coach" of the impromptu football team. Mr Mokone was the goal-keeper.

Each time Mr Mokone conceded a "goal" he was lashed. Mr Kraai and Mr Gaji were lashed when they missed a shot.

Soon before being released at 5 am they were shown a long sharp knife and warned that should they become habitual offenders of the "people's rules", their ears would be cut off.

Fire threat

"We were also shown chemicals," said one of the men. "A small amount was spread on the ground and set alight. A small boy told us we would get burnt if we were stubborn."

Said Mr Mothapo: "What kind of society is it going to be if blacks take over government?"



PEOPLE'S COURT VICTIMS: From left: Christopher Kraai, Sakkie Mokone, Witness Gaji and Simon Mothapo.

'Call Mandela' - cops

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

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TAXI drivers were told to "go call Mandela" when they asked traffic officers why they were being stopped. The result was an eruption of violence on the R26 freeway near Alberton on Friday morning, in which three taxi drivers and two passengers were injured.

Col Frans Malherbe of the SAP, who went to the scene, said trouble broke out when Alberton traffic officers launched a blitz on Johannesburg-bound taxis.

After some drivers were arrested, other taxis arrived and stopped in the middle of the road, bringing early peak-hour traffic to a standstill.

Motorists were asked to use alternative routes.

Riot police armed with rifles, teargas canisters and gasmasks arrived and fired shots and teargas at more than 2 000 people.

One of the taxi drivers, Shadrack Nkosi, said traffic officers had been stopping them since Monday, resulting in passengers arriving late for work.

"What infuriated us was that on Friday morning two traffic officers stopped all passing taxis at the same time, checking on drivers' documents, arresting them and ordering passengers to get out.

"The last straw came when we asked why they were doing this. They told us to 'go and call Mandela'.

"Some of the passengers heard these remarks and challenged them to withdraw them."

Malherbe said police had taken charge of the situation and had arranged with the traffic department to return confiscated documents and release those arrested.

All the drivers involved are members of the Faraday Taxi Association.

Chairman of the association Simon Ndlovu arrived on the scene after most drivers had left.



An irate passenger glares out of a taxi window as police move in. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

To write, or not to write?

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TO write or not to write? That was the question that flashed through my mind as I listened to a horror story of a "Kangaroo Court" punishment.

The man telling the story was in his early 40's. He cowered in front of me, pleading for help.

He no longer cared what happened to him, in spite of threats to "necklace" him if he dared report the incident.

Mr X alleged he was punched, kicked and sjambokked more than 40 times by youths "young enough to be my children".

His "crime" was that of having an affair with his neighbour's wife, an allegation he denies. He claimed his neighbour laid false "charges" for other reasons.

To write or not to write? The question kept flashing back, and I told him about numerous threats against my own life.

Late last year I was at the Mamelodi Community Hall to cover a major event when I was accosted by youths and accused of reporting about the peoples' court.

ELIAS MALULEKE on the horror of Kangaroo Courts



I was manhandled, thrown out of the hall and in the process, my camera and flashlight were damaged. I was also sentenced to 500 lashes which were to be meted out at a later date.

Since then youths have been seen lurking near my house.

I was also tipped off that I had been targetted by "comrades", which forced me to send my children away for their own safety.

On December 24 a group of youths accosted and tried to search myself and a friend.

They accused me of being against the comrades, the ANC, and progressive structures.

Later in the evening they assaulted me in a house and for allegedly reporting about the peoples' court. I had to receive medi-

cal treatment.

A week later I was asleep at home when there was a loud knock at the door.

When I opened it a mob of youths rushed inside. They forcibly took me to a school where I was "accused" on several "charges", including an attempted rape.

Fortunately I was well known to most of the 'comrades' who objected to my being punished.

A row erupted. Some suggested 50 lashes, others said 20 or 10 and one even suggested I should be brought in to work among the comrades to ensure I did not write about peoples' courts again.

In the end I received six lashes and a left hook on the chin for daring to rub my buttocks.

But who cared? No one. I reported both assaults to the police, but was informed it would be difficult to prosecute.

In the end I decided not to lay charges.

Mr X said he understood and, still shaking, he walked out.

7 killed ^{Capt} in latest ^{Trip} unrest ^{4/3/81} ^{776 0278}

PRETORIA. — At least seven people were shot or stabbed to death in politically motivated violence in the past two days, police said.

In the latest killing, police found the body of a man with hack wounds at Enkulu Ward near Izingolweni, Natal.

A man was stabbed and hacked to death overnight at Tembisa township, east of Johannesburg.

In a mob attack at Esikhaweni, Natal, a policeman was robbed of his pistol and stabbed to death on Thursday.

Also on Thursday night, unknown gunmen fired shots at a bus at Mphume, Natal, killing the driver.

Police found the body of a man who had been shot by unknown assailants at Umbumbula, Natal.

In two incidents at Table Mountain, Maritzburg, mobs attacked and killed a man and a woman on Friday, police said. — Sapa

18 killed, 13 injured in East Rand crashes

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Eighteen people died and 13 were injured in five separate accidents on the East Rand at the weekend.

In Hoedsig, Germiston, six people, including a two-year-old girl, were killed when two minibuses were involved in a head-on collision in Black Reef Road on Saturday afternoon.

Four more people later died in hospital from injuries received in the accident.

Rescue workers used steel cutting equipment to free the dead and injured from the wreckage.

The patients were transferred to the Natalspuit and Baragwanath Hospitals.

● In Bedfordview, three unidentified young men were killed when their car skidded on a patch of water and crashed into a concrete lamp post near the Gillooly's Farm interchange on Saturday.

An ambulance spokesman said the car was completely wrecked.

● In Kempton Park, a man, his wife and two youths were killed when their car crashed into the back of a truck transporting gas bottles on the R21 on Saturday night.

An ambulance spokesman said the accident happened near the Fietvel off-ramp after 7 pm.

The car burst into flames on impact and a passing motorist tried to extinguish the fire by pouring beer over the flames. The blaze was extinguished when another car driver used a fire extinguisher.

Two of the dead had been dragged from the wreckage when rescue workers got to the scene. They freed the couple who were trapped in the front of the vehicle.

A spokesman said the bodies were badly mutilated. Police are investigating.

● In Springs, a motorist identified as Gary McClosky was killed when his vehicle was involved in a head-on collision with a bakkie in Phoenix Road on Saturday night.

An unidentified woman was admitted to the Far East Rand Hospital with injuries.

● In Edenburg, two people were injured when their car went out of control on a bend, left the road and landed in a 10m-deep ditch yesterday morning.

An ambulance spokesman said the driver and his passenger, both of whom were seriously injured, were taken to the Johannesburg Hospital.

Zulu and Xhosa battle kills 24

JOHANNESBURG. — A battle between Zulus and Xhosas at a workers' hostel in the nation's largest black township of Soweto has killed 24 people and injured at least 15, police said yesterday.

The Soweto fighting broke out on Sunday afternoon after Zulus in the Meadowlands hostel apparently launched an attack on Xhosas in revenge for the earlier killing of a Zulu, police said.

The ANC's PWV spokesman, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, condemned the fighting, which "has left many hostel inmates displaced".

He said: "Yet again the impartiality of the police has come into question. The police arrived at the scene of violence and allegedly harassed the fleeing hostel dwellers."

A police spokesman denied the allegations, saying that when the police heard of the fighting they sent in a helicopter which saved "many lives".

In Richmond, Natal, on Saturday, veteran ANC member Mr Harry Gwala was fired on by a number of unidentified black gunmen while addressing a rally. He was not hurt.

Police declined to speculate on reports that the gunmen, who shot at Mr Gwala from the crowd, could be Inkatha members. — UPI

24 killed in Soweto hostel 'faction fight'

AT LEAST 24 people were killed and 12 injured in faction fighting at the Mzimhlophe hostel in Soweto at the weekend, police spokesman Col Jac de Vries said yesterday. B 10 am 5/3/91

De Vries said the fighting broke out between Zulu-speaking and Xhosa-speaking hostel dwellers on Sunday afternoon.

A Zulu resident said Sunday's fight was in retaliation against the killing of an Inkatha supporter by Xhosas on Friday.

Yesterday afternoon the hostel was quiet and being patrolled by Casspirs. But Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers said they would not sleep as they feared "Xhosas, who fled the hostel after the fighting may launch attacks on us at night".

It was claimed yesterday from different quarters that the fighting started because

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different residents objected to people wearing either Inkatha or ANC T-shirts.

Transvaal Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman Themba Khoza said the seeds of the weekend's violence were sown when Inkatha supporters were harassed after a rally at Jabulani. (278)

It was also claimed yesterday that the violence started after a Zulu demanded an ANC supporter remove his T-shirt.

Khoza said an urgent meeting between the ANC and Inkatha would be held today to prevent further violence.

Khoza said the peace process was still intact. "What the weekend's fighting has shown us is that there is still a lot to be

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Faction fight

done by leaders to filter down to members the meaning of the peace accord signed in Durban in January." B 10 am 5/3/91

The ANC's PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa condemned the fighting, which "has left many hostel inmates displaced".

He said: "Yet again the impartiality of the police force has come into question. Evidence has it that the police arrived at the scene of violence and allegedly har-

assed the fleeing hostel dwellers."

Police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn denied the allegations, saying when the police heard of the fighting they sent in a helicopter which saved "many lives".

Mamoepa called on Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to set up an independent commission of inquiry into the allegations of police partiality. (278) □ From Page 1

Left to die in toilet terror



These two bodies were among those police found yesterday morning after a bloody attack on a hostel in Soweto at the weekend.

Hostel horror: 24 die

TWENTY-FOUR hostel dwellers were shot, stabbed and hacked to death during a raid by armed men in Soweto at the weekend.

Seven of the 12 injured were still in a critical condition late yesterday. Five were treated and discharged. *Sowetan 5/3/91*

The attack took place on Sunday at the Concor section of Meadowlands Hostel where workers employed by Concor Construction are housed.

Soweto police said yesterday the incident was a revenge killing.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said "The attack was carried out by Zulus. It seems they were avenging the death of

By KENOSI MODISANE

another Zulu who was killed by unknown men at the hostel on Saturday.

Survivors of the attack, however, dismissed the police claim. They said their attackers had told them Xhosas should leave the area.

Brandishing *(278)*

Mr Zamide Katu (33), who was shot in the right elbow, said a mob wearing red headbands and brandishing sticks and assegais gathered at the gate about 2pm.

"They told the security guard at the gate they had come to drive Xhosas out of the hostel. There was chaos as people ran for cover

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when the men opened fire. Some attacked us with pangas and sticks," he said.

Katu said the men shot indiscriminately, hacked and stabbed everybody in the yard "while they shouted derogatory slogans that Xhosas should leave the hostel".

Mr Lawrence Sontshatsha (30) was shot in both legs.

"I was shot while trying to defend myself from the attackers, who were shouting that Xhosas should leave the hostel," Sontshatsha said.

Mr Nelson Sindelo, who manages the Concor block at the hostel, said yesterday: "The reports I have so far received from the survivors are that Inkatha members were responsible for the attack."

But Inkatha Youth Brigade spokesman Mr Themba Khoza dismissed Halgryn's and Sindelo's statements as "irresponsible".

"We do not need statements that will fuel the tensions. It is not only Zulus and Xhosas who have died. And it is also not only Inkatha or the ANC that suffered casualties. The black nation has lost," Khoza said.

The ANC and Inkatha will hold a meeting today to discuss the incident.

Yesterday the hostel resembled a battlefield as police removed bodies around the area.

Blood, grocery cabinets, lockers and suitcases with broken locks and blood-stained clothes bore witness to the vicious attack.

The names of the dead could yesterday not be established.

25 killed in hostel carnage

By Al-Ameen Kafaar
and Gien Elsas

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At least 25 people were killed and several injured — some seriously — when two groups of men clashed at the Mzimhlophe hostel in Soweto on Sunday and yesterday in what police described as a bloody faction fight.

Five more bodies were removed yesterday from the hostel in Meadowlands after continuous fighting, according to a Meadowland resident.

Fighting erupted on Sunday afternoon after an argument between Zulu and other hostel dwellers, believed to be Xhosas.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the

Soweto police, said the clash started at about 3 pm after a Zulu man had been murdered.

Fifteen men were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital but most of them were discharged yesterday.

A hostel resident said that shortly after the argument broke out hostel residents attacked each other with pangas, sticks and other weapons. Rooms were ransacked, furniture was destroyed and windows smashed.

The man said he believed the argument started after a Zulu demanded the removal of pro-ANC T-shirts.

A Meadowlands resident, who lives behind the hostel, said he was eating lunch when he heard

screams. It was followed by war cries, shouting and banging, he said.

No arrests have been made, according to police.

In reaction to the clashes, the ANC's PWV region said it was "horrified and completely shocked" by the incident, adding that the new outbreak of violence puts the role and impartiality of the SAP into question.

"Evidence has it that the police had arrived at the scene of the violence and allegedly harassed the fleeing hostel dwellers and also had the audacity to tell these (hostel) dwellers they should go back to the Transkei if they were incapable of fighting," spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa claimed.

'Copter saved many,' says SAP

By Monica Nicolson

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A police helicopter pilot saved many lives during fighting in Soweto on Sunday when he dispersed groups of warriors and directed police on the ground, an SAP spokesman said yesterday.

Recalling his mission at a press conference in Pretoria yesterday, Major Andre Goosen said he arrived at the Mzimhlope hostel, in Meadowlands, to see groups of Zulus and Xhosas engaged in a pitched battle.

"It was difficult to control the helicopter because of a violent thunderstorm, rain and strong winds — but I flew between trees and high tension wires into the area and managed to

disperse the crowd," he said.

Some combatants had climbed up a mine dump and were firing at one of the groups.

Major Goosen, through a loud-hailer, called on the groups to disperse.

He then landed the helicopter and got out to assist injured people.

"A Casspir waiting at the entrance could not find suitable roads into the area, but I managed to bring them in a safer way," he said.

Police have reacted with dismay to ANC allegations that the SAP were not impartial and had sided with the attackers.

Major-General Johan Swart, regional commissioner of Soweto, said police could not be held responsible for the inter-

necine fighting.

The intervention of the helicopter and follow-up police action had saved many lives.

"It is time the leaders of the warring groups stopped shifting blame on to the police and making them the scapegoat for their own failure to control their supporters," he said.

He rejected with contempt the "well-worn cliches and rhetoric" attributed to ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa.

"He is reported to have said that the SA Police were not impartial and, in fact, that members of the force had 'escorted the attackers'.

"I challenge Mr Mamoepa to substantiate these allegations in order that they may be properly tested."

JOHANNESBURG. —

Three more people were wounded at the Mzimpholope Hostel in Meadowlands, Soweto, on Monday night, according to police.

This follows last weekend's outbreak of violence which left 24

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people dead and at least 12 wounded in fighting. The three were wound-

ed in separate incidents, police said yesterday.

They had earlier been discharged from hospital after receiving treatment, mainly for gashes.

A police spokesman added that police were yesterday still patrolling the hostel, which was reported quiet. — Sapa

Inkatha, ANC vow to end fighting

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha and the ANC announced yesterday that they would forge closer ties in a bid to end violence after the deaths of at least 25 people at a Soweto hostel at the weekend.

After meeting here yesterday, representatives of the PWV regional branches of Inkatha and the ANC said their leaders would seek ways to resolve the Soweto conflict before it spread.

Two meetings, to be addressed by the parties' regional leaderships and which would involve residents of the Mzimhlophe hostel — scene of the violence, were scheduled for this week.

"The regional leadership of both the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party will also set up a joint hostel committee and a regional committee within 10 days," the groups said. Fighting broke out between Zulu and Xhosa hostel-dwellers on Sunday.

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PAC to stage Sharpeville re-enactment

JOHANNESBURG. —
The PAC is to re-enact
the 1960 anti-pass cam-
paign which resulted in
the Sharpeville massa-
cre on March 21, 1960.

It said in a statement
yesterday that the main
event would take place
in Sharpeville, near Ver-
eeniging.

A grave-cleaning cere-
mony at 8am on March 21
would be led by PAC
president Mr. Clarence
Makwetu.

He will then lead a
procession to the venue
where the massacre took
place.

Similar re-enactments
at venues of the 1960
march would take place
nationally. — Sapa

Winnie in court today: 'No witness'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela's trial is scheduled to resume in the Rand Supreme Court today with little hope that the state will be able to produce a key witness, allegedly kidnapped a week after the trial began.

The state was granted an 18-day postponement on February 15 to allow police to investigate the disappearance of 21-year-old Mr Gabriel Mekgwe.

His disappearance and the refusal of two other key witnesses to testify, out of fear for their lives, have damaged the prosecution's case against Mrs Mandela, 56, who faces charges of kidnapping and assault.

Police said their attempts to find Mr Mekgwe had been hampered by a lack of assistance.

"We have no witness (referring to Mr Mekgwe). Nobody helped us," police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday.

In an attempt to unravel the mystery surrounding Mr Mekgwe's disappearance, the police subpoenaed the Conservative Party's chief secretary, Mr Andries Beyers, and journalist Mr Patrick Laurence.

Mr Beyers, who had supplied information to the Patriot that Mr Mekgwe was kidnapped by National Intelligence Service members, refused to divulge the name of his source and had judgment reserved against him in Pretoria Magistrate's Court on February 22.

Mr Laurence, who reported that at the time of his disappearance Mr Mekgwe was seen leaving a Soweto Methodist Church manse with three ANC men, yesterday refused to reveal the identity of his source and was sentenced to 10 days' imprisonment, which is renewable indefinitely, by a Johannesburg magistrate.

Mr Laurence told magistrate Mr Hein Verhoef that he was "bound by the journalistic codes of ethics not to reveal his source."

In passing sentence, Mr Verhoef said the jail term should not be seen as punishment but rather "coercive pressure" to get Mr Laurence to reveal his source.

Mr Laurence, who works for The Star, was granted leave to appeal, but refused bail pending the outcome of the appeal.

The attorney-general of the Witwatersrand, Mr Klaus von Lieres, said he was disappointed at Mr Laurence's refusal to reveal his source.

"I think everyone who has an interest in justice is disappointed," Mr Von Lieres said.

He would not comment on the strength of the state's Mandela case without the testimony of its key witnesses.

The two men who have refused to testify, Mr Kenneth Kgase, 31, and Barend Mono, 21, face imprisonment if they refuse to testify. They have said they would rather go to jail than give evidence.

Death sentence

The witnesses are at the centre of the trial as they were among three of the youths who were abducted from the Soweto Methodist Church in December 1988 and taken to Mrs Mandela's home in Diepkloof where they were allegedly assaulted by Mrs Mandela and seven others.

One youth, 14-year-old child activist Stompie Moeketsie Seipei, was taken from the house a couple of days later and murdered by a former bodyguard of Mrs Mandela's, Jerry Richardson.

In August last year Richardson was sentenced to death for the murder of Stompie. He is currently appealing against his conviction and sentence.

Inkatha, (278) ANC bid to end clashes

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They also agreed to work together to facilitate the return of hostel dwellers who fled the hostel compound after the fighting.

Fighting broke out between Zulus and Xhosas on Sunday. Police said the clash was initiated by Zulu hostel dwellers in retaliation for the killing of a Zulu on Friday. A police spokesman said the hostel was quiet yesterday.

More injured in hostel violence

THREE more people were wounded at the Mzimphlope Hostel in Soweto on Monday night following last weekend's outbreak of violence which left 24 people dead and at least 12 wounded.

Soweto police liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the three were wounded in separate incidents.

They had earlier been discharged from the hospital after receiving treatment, mainly for gashes.

Halgryn said police yesterday were still patrolling the hostel which has been reported quiet.

Meanwhile, leaders of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party began talks in Johannesburg yesterday on the Mzimphlope Hostel violence, allegedly between Zulu and Xhosa hostel dwellers.

ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa has called on Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to order a probe into the allegations and warned that the violence "has the potential of spreading to other areas".

No arrests have yet been made. - Sapa.

Arrest over bomb

Parties join forces to end violence, blame 'outsiders'

By Shareen Singh

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The ANC and Inkatha yesterday jointly denied recent clashes were linked to conflict between them and agreed to establish structures to resolve violence.

The carnage at Mzimhlophe hostel in Meadowlands on Monday which claimed 25 lives was not a Xhosa/Zulu clash either, but involved outside forces, they said.

An ANC/Inkatha meeting for Meadowlands hostel dwellers would be held today and tomorrow, although the venues had not yet been confirmed.

They said a joint regional executive committee would be set up within the next 10 days to investigate who and

what was behind the violence and to find ways of resolving it.

The parties would work jointly in securing the immediate return of hostel dwellers.

Other organisations which wanted to be part of the initiatives to end violence were welcome to join the structures, Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said at the joint press conference.

Both parties were concerned that the peace agreement earlier this year between ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi would not be respected by people claiming to be Inkatha or ANC supporters.

They feared that the violence might spread to other areas.

Allegations of involvement by police and other elements in the violence would be seriously investigated.

While the ANC strongly blamed the police, Mr Khoza said Inkatha was not pointing fingers and would concentrate on getting its own house in order.

ANC spokesman Mr Amos Masondo said if whites were being killed, police would put an end to the violence.

Further meetings between the ANC and Inkatha would take place as part of a process to end violence, the organisations said.

VEREENIGING. — Inkatha's Transvaal leader, Mr Themba Khoza, has been ordered to hand his personal diary to counsel representing him at the inquest on the Sebokeng killings.

The order was made by Mr Justice Stafford, who is chairing the inquest into the death of 42 people in clashes at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4 last year.

Cross-examined yesterday, Mr Khoza said he was willing to hand over his diary in accordance with a request by Mr Anton Ackermann, deputy attorney-general of the Transvaal, who is leading all evidence.

However, his counsel, Mr Morris Basslian, objected, saying the diary might be incriminating to Mr Khoza.

Inkatha leader to hand over Sebokeng diary

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Mr Ackermann denied he had asked for it for this reason.

The diary covers the period July to September last year.

Before giving his ruling, Mr Justice Stafford said there was evidence that Mr Khoza had been seen at the hostels before the time he had said

he arrived there on September 4.

Others had testified that he had been at the hostel with a firearm and allegedly had shot and killed someone. In addition, arms and ammunition had been found in his car at the hostel.

Questioned later by Mr G Rautenbach, for the families of several of those killed, Mr Khoza said he had gone to the hostel on September 4 to help stop the fighting.

Asked how he reconciled this with earlier evidence by a police colonel that he had remarked "We (Inkatha) are prepared to die here in the hostel", Mr Khoza replied that he did not know if he had said these words to the colonel.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

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She then repeatedly punched Stompie while asking him about being a police informer. He denied it and she punched him. This kept on for a considerable time, Mr Kgase told the court.

Several people joined in the assault on the four after Mrs Mandela accused them of protecting Mr Verryn. "Pandemonium broke out, others came to help and I was severely punched for a long time. I can't remember how it stopped. Mrs Mandela was humming a tune and dancing to the rhythm. All of a sudden I saw her with a sjambok. She started hitting me with it."

Seipel was sentenced several days later by Richardson, who was sentenced to death for the crime in August last year.

Another state witness, a physician and long-time friend of Mr Verryn, Dr Martin Connell, rejected as "ridiculous" a suggestion from defence counsel Mr George Bizos that Mrs Mandela would contend she was only performing her "public duty" in trying to protect the four from sexual molestation.

Mr Verryn's only concern was to alleviate the plight of the indigent and homeless, Dr Connell said.

He said the allegation that Mr Verryn was molesting boys was "ludicrous".

Dr Connell described Mr Verryn as an "honourable man".

Chief prosecutor Mr Ian Swanepoel told the court that the second abduction of Mr Mekgwe would not be allowed to hinder the course of the case.

A report in the Johannesburg Star newspaper has linked Mr Mekgwe's abduction to the ANC.

The reporter, Patrick Laurence, was sentenced to 10 days' imprisonment on Tuesday for refusing to comply with a law obliging journalists to disclose their sources to police, but released on bail pending appeal.

Thirty journalists protesting in Durban against the arrest of Laurence were arrested yesterday in Johannesburg protesting journalists were dispersed by police. The Durban journalists, from three newspapers, were later released on bail. Police confiscated posters from about 50 journalists outside the Rand Supreme Court. — UPI, Sapa and Own Correspondent



AT COURT ... Mrs Winnie Mandela gives an ANC clenched-fist salute outside court yesterday after she appeared again on charges of kidnapping

Winnie's

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela repeatedly punched and whipped four people, including a boy of 14, and told them they were "not fit to be alive", a witness in her assault and kidnap trial alleged yesterday.

Mrs Mandela broke off the assaults at one point to begin "humming a tune and dancing", one of the alleged victims Mr Kenneth Kgase, 31, told the court.

"You are not fit to be alive," Mrs Mandela told the four before beginning to assault each in turn with her fists and a sjambok on the night of December 23, 1988, Mr Kgase said.

Mrs Mandela and her three co-accused have pleaded not guilty to all four charges of assault and four of kidnapping, which carry a maximum penalty of death. Four other accused jumped bail before the trial began.

Mrs Mandela 56 had ordered the four kidnapped that day from a Methodist Church hostel near her home in Soweto, as she believed they had been having homosexual relations with a Methodist minister, the Rev Paul Verryn, Mr Kgase said.

He and another of the four Mr Barand Thabiso Mono 22, had agreed to give evidence at the resumption of the trial yesterday after earlier refusing for fear of their lives.

They declined to testify after a third witness, Mr



SMILING WINNIE ... Mrs Winnie Mandela greets well-wishers at court yesterday

Gabriel Peto Mekgwe, 21, was abducted on February 10 during the opening stages of the trial. But they reconsidered after Mr Justice Michael S Stegmann adjourned the trial on February 14 to give them time to decide whether to testify or face renewable jail terms of up to five years for contempt of court.

Mr Kgase, Mr Mono, Mr Mekgwe and Stompie Moeketsi Seipel, 14, were taken to Mrs Mandela's house by "a gang of her people" and forced into a room where they were accused by a follower of Mrs Mandela of indulging in homosexuality, Mr Kgase told the court.

Several people took turns to punch, kick and whip the alleged victims in an assault that lasted "a long time" and left him with "lots of pain", Mr Kgase said.

Mrs Mandela started the beating after Mr Kgase had been questioned by Jerry Richardson, the former "coach" of the Mandela Football Club, concerning homosexual relations between young men who lived at the manse and Mr Verryn.

"He told me all he wanted was the truth," Kgase said. He had told Richardson, who was convicted last year of murdering Stompie, that he knew nothing of the homosexual allegations.

One of Mrs Mandela's co-accused, Mrs Xolis Falah, 36, had insisted that Mr Verryn had not another co-accused, Mr Katiza Cebekulu, and Mr Kgase had not seemed to care about it.

At a meeting attended by Mrs Mandela, the alleged victims and other members of the Mandela Football Club, Mrs Falah also alleged that Mr Kgase had homosexual friends, that Stompie was a police informer and that Mr Mekgwe and Mr Mono had homosexual relations with Mr Verryn.

Mr Kgase said Mrs Mandela had then grabbed him by the hair and asked him why "I said I didn't anything and she punched me in the eye."

He said Mrs Mandela hit him again and then turned her attention to Stompie and gave him the same treatment.

She then accused Mr Mekgwe and Mr Mono sleeping with Mr Verryn and also punched the

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Former Dale pupil is jailed for two years

PICTURE ROBERT BOTHA

EAST LONDON — A former Dale College pupil, Richard Bester, 18, was sentenced to an effective two years in jail and three other former pupils to suspended jail terms and community service for the death of a 70-year-old man on the school grounds.

Bester, leader of the "Kaffir Bashing Society" at the school, and the three minors, who cannot be identified, were found guilty of culpable homicide and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Their conviction was in connection with the death of Tom Ruiters, a vagrant who had been sleeping on the school grounds when the boys attacked him.

Bester has applied for leave to appeal against his sentence. He was sentenced to a total of three-and-a-half years imprisonment, 18 months of which were suspended. He was also sentenced to 18 months in jail on two counts of assault to do grievous bodily harm, suspended for five years on condition he was not found guilty of a crime involving violence against another person during that time.

The effective jail term is two years.

Bester was granted leave to appeal against the sentence and was released on bail of R300. His application for appeal must be lodged no later than March 22

The three minors were each sentenced to three years imprisonment for their part in Ruiters' death and to 18 months on two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The jail sentences were suspended in their entirety for three years on condition the youths were not found guilty of crimes involving violence against another person. They were to do 750 hours of community service over a period of two years.

Two of the boys were required to do their community service at the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the other boy at the Stutterheim Hospital.

Mr Justice Jennett described their actions as "detestable and filling one with revulsion". He said racism was an aggravating factor.

The court was told the school headmaster encouraged the assault by urging students to drive vagrants from the school premises. Bester had also seen his father using a truncheon on blacks.

The boys, who had pleaded not guilty to charges of culpable homicide and assault, killed Ruiters after playing truant from the school with the specific intention of "sorting him out". — Sapa-Reuter.

Special unit to probe violence

POLICE have set up a special unit to probe township violence.

Police spokesman Maj Reg Crewe said yesterday the unit had been formed following the weekend's violence at a Soweto hostel which left at least 24 people dead and 12 injured.

The unit would give its full attention to the hostel killings.

All available investigative techniques, including aerial photographs taken at the hostel, were being used to find those responsible for the murders, he said.

"The SAP gives the as-

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surance that everything possible will be done to bring the perpetrators to book," Crewe said, appealing to people with information to come forward.

Another police spokesman Lt Burger van Rooyen said the establishment of the unit underlined the police's desire to get "to the bottom of the matter as soon as possible".

The ANC's PWV Regional Office spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said while the organisation welcomed the

police move to investigate the Mzimhlophe hostel murders, it would be satisfied only with an independent commission of inquiry into the attack — particularly "into the police behaviour in that violence".

Mamoepa said the ANC had received allegations from township residents that when asked why they were not intervening to stop the fighting, police at the scene said "they were there to watch developments".

The allegations were denied by police.

Dogs, police and placards at picket protest for press freedom

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Scuffles broke out near the Rand Supreme Court yesterday as policemen with dogs confronted placard-carrying journalists who were protesting against the jail sentence imposed on Patrick Laurence of the Star in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act.

Protests were also held in Pretoria and Durban, where 30 journalists were arrested.

The lunch-hour picket in Johannesburg, which was organised by the South African Union of Journalists, was attended by more than 50 journalists, including representatives from the Media Workers Association of SA and the Association of Democratic Journalists.

A police major on the scene gave journalists five minutes in which to disperse.

When journalists grouped opposite the Rand Supreme Court, policemen on duty at the Winnie Mandela trial rushed over and tried to disperse them.

There were scuffles as some journalists resisted.

The protesters regrouped and started chanting "Free the press, free the press".

Some of the placards proclaimed: "Dark days for press freedom", "Section 205 strangles press freedom" and "Weg met 205" (away with 205). Police tried in vain to dis-

perse a barrage of local and foreign cameramen.

No-one was arrested.

Laurence arrived as journalists were dispersing.

He was released on bail from the Diepkloof Prison on Tuesday night following his sentencing to 10 days' jail for refusing to divulge his sources as demanded by a subpoena in terms of the Act.

Staff of the Pretoria News yesterday held a one-hour placard picket outside the newspaper's offices.

The demonstrators, who numbered about 20, displayed placards calling for the repeal of Section 205 and for the police to end harassment of journalists.

In Durban, about 30 journalists were arrested yesterday during a lunchtime picket.

About 10 of the journalists were from The Mercury, about 12 were from The Daily News and the rest were from The Sunday Tribune, Sapa was told.

About 100 journalists attended the picket, including many from Ifanga, Post Natal, City Press, UmAfrika and a number of freelance writers.

According to a police spokesman, 30 journalists had been arrested and would be released after being charged.

Similar pickets are planned in Cape Town, Maritzburg and Port Elizabeth later this week.

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The tooth and the word . . . Journalists demonstrating against the jail sentence imposed on Patrick Laurence confront a police dog handler outside the Johannesburg Supreme Court yesterday.

Picture: Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela hummed a tune and danced as four young men were being assaulted, a witness claimed in the Rand Supreme Court. Then she picked up a sjambok and began to lash them.

Mr Kenneth Kgase, 31, who had previously refused to testify, gave this evidence before Mr Justice M S Stegmann yesterday.

Mrs Mandela, 56, John Morgan, 61, Nompumelelo Falati, 18, and her mother, Xoliswa Falati, 36, have all pleaded not guilty to four counts each of kidnapping and four of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

When the trial resumed yesterday after a two-week adjournment, requested by the State to search for a missing witness, Pello Megwe, 22, State advocate Mr Jan Swanepoel, SC, said although Mr Megwe has still not been found, the remaining two witnesses, Mr Kgase and Thabiso Mono, 22, had nevertheless decided to testify.

The State had tried unsuccessfully to extradite three missing accused, a 17-year-old youth, Mpho Gift Mabelane, 19, and Sibusiso Brian Mabuza, 19, from Botswana (where they were seen at the Dukwe transit camp).

The fourth missing accused, Katiza Cebekulu, 22, had also not been traced. There was a warrant out for the missing four accused's arrest and the trials have been separated.

The State's case is that a group, acting on Mrs Mandela's instructions, kidnapped Mr Kgase, Mr Mono, Mr Megwe and Stompie Sepei, 14, from the Methodist manse in Orlando West, Soweto, on December 29, 1988, and assaulted them.

The four young men were taken to rooms at the back of Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof house where they were questioned by men who appeared to live on the property, Mr Kgase said.

They were questioned about sexual misconduct at the manse and told "an authority" had asked for the truth, Mr Kgase said.

Mrs Mandela came into the room and sat on a chair that had been put there "for Mummy". When she stood up she said they were "not fit to be alive", Mr Kgase said.

Then Stompie was accused of being a police spy. Mr Megwe and Mr Mono were accused of having slept with Mr Verryn. They all denied the allegations.

Mr Kgase said Mrs Mandela grabbed him by the hair and punched him twice in the face. She also punched each of the others twice, he said.

A second beating began with Mrs Mandela asking questions between her blows, he said.

"After that it was pandemonium," Mr Kgase said, describing a group assault in which the four young men were beaten by a variety of people. "I was punched for a long time and I don't know how it all stopped.

"Mrs Mandela was humming a tune and dancing to the rhythm. All of sudden I saw she had a sjambok. She started with me. I was struck several blows with the sjambok before she said anything."

The hearing continues. — Sapa.



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Winnie 'hummed and danced' during assault

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29 die in new township violence

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A FRESH outbreak of violence in Reef townships last weekend has claimed 29 lives. There were fears this week that it could reach the level attained during last year's faction fighting.

Last Sunday, 25 hostel dwellers were shot, stabbed and hacked to death in Soweto.

Four other people were hacked and shot to death in Tembisa the next day. Eight shacks and two vehicles were destroyed by fire.

Mr Lawrence Sontshatsha, who was

shot in both legs, said: "Transkei Zulus wearing red headbands arrived at our hostel dormitory and asked us to leave. Seconds later, they attacked us, using guns, pangas and other weapons.

"I was shot while trying to defend myself from the attackers, who were shouting that Xhosas should leave the hostel."

The ANC and Inkatha in the PWV region met on Tuesday to discuss the violence.

They said in a statement that a joint hostel committee and a regional committee would be set up within 10 days to monitor the situation.

The statement rejected allegations that the conflict was between ANC and Inkatha supporters or between Xhosas and Zulus.



VICTIM: Lawrence Sontshatsha, shot in both legs

'Blood in Winnie's jacuzzi'

JOHANNESBURG. — A man allegedly whipped and beaten by Mrs Winnie Mandela and her Mandela Football Club bodyguards told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he was forced to wash blood off surfaces at Mrs Mandela's home, including the jacuzzi.

Mr Kenneth Kgase said he and three other alleged victims, Mr Thabiso Mono, Mr Pelo Mekgwe and child-activist Stompie Seipei, had to clean up their blood after they were severely assaulted in a lengthy sjambok and fist attack started by Mrs Mandela on December 29, 1988.

Mr Kgase also claimed he was made to take part in the attempted murder of a former member of the notorious football team.

Mr Kgase told the court Mrs Mandela repeatedly punched and whipped himself and the other youths after they were abducted from a Methodist manse in Soweto. The beating was apparently because they refused to admit involvement in homosexual relations with a white priest.

Mrs Mandela, Mrs Xoliswa Falati, her daughter Miss Mompumelelo Falati and Mr John Morgan have pleaded not guilty to charges of kidnapping and assault.

Stompie's last day

Mr Kgase told the court that, during the week that followed the assault, Jerry Richardson, the former MFC "coach" who was convicted and sentenced to death last year for murdering Stompie, ordered him to hold down Mr Leratodi Ikaneng while Richardson stabbed the man twice in the neck with the blade of a pair of garden shears.

Another member of the MFC named Isaac had tried, but failed, to stab Mr Leratodi in the stomach, Mr Kgase said.

"Jerry got angry. He told Isaac to separate the garden shears. Isaac did so. Jerry snatched one of the blades and stabbed him in the neck. He asked

for the other blade, (and) said the 'dog' was not dead yet, and stabbed him again."

Mr Kgase said Mr Leratodi was left to die bleeding in a ditch but he learnt later that the man had survived.

Responding to a suggestion from defence counsel Mr George Bizos during cross-examination that he was a "publicity seeker", Mr Kgase said: "I have no resentment towards Mrs Mandela. I'm her victim."

Describing what was apparently 14-year-old Stompie's last day alive, Mr Kgase said he last saw the youth after Richardson told him to write his name and address on a scrap of paper because he was being taken home.

Stompie was beaten until he could barely move or eat, Mr Kgase said.

Mrs Mandela had "punched and whipped" the boy, and then turned him over to her bodyguards.

Stompie was found dead in Soweto a few days later with his throat slit.

Mr Kgase said that after Stompie was taken away, he, Mr Mono and Mr Mekgwe were made to sleep several nights on the floor in one of the back rooms of the Mandela home.

They were prevented from leaving and were told by Richardson they had to obey the rules of the house.

One of these rules was that Mrs Mandela could not be called anything other than "Mummy".

On one occasion, they were told to don gold tracksuits inscribed with the MFC logo, and then made to attend a funeral with other members of the "team".

A week after the abduction and assault, Mr Kgase was told by Richardson to guard Mrs Mandela's house. While the other guard was patrolling the front of the house he escaped by jumping over a back wall.

He took a taxi to Johannesburg city centre where he was helped by Methodist Church workers.

The hearing continues today.

● Police arrested six people in two separate incidents outside the court after they ignored warnings to disperse during the lunch adjournment.

— Sapa and UPI

Winnie witness 'was looking for publicity'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Kenneth Kgase, who claims that he was one of the people assaulted by Mrs Winnie Mandela, has been accused of being a publicity seeker who implicated her to "peddle" his story.

But he said: "I have no resentment towards Mrs Mandela, I am not here to implicate her, I am her victim."

Mr Kgase, 31, was extensively cross-examined in the Rand Supreme Court. He is the first complainant to give evidence in the trial.

Mrs Mandela, 56, her driver, Mr John Morgan, 61, Miss Nompumelelo Falati, 18, and her mother Mrs Xoliswa Falati, 36, all pleaded not guilty on February 11 to four counts of kidnapping and of assault to do grievous bodily harm.

Changed their minds

One of the complainants, Mr Pello Mekgwe, 22, was apparently kidnapped on February 10. Mr Kgase and the remaining complainant, Mr Thabiso Mono, 22, earlier both refused to give evidence saying they feared for their lives. But when the trial resumed on Wednesday the court heard they had changed their minds and would give evidence.

Mr Kgase described yesterday how he, Mr Mekgwe, Mr Mono and Stompie Seipei, 14, were kidnapped from the Soweto Methodist manse on December 29 1988.

Mr Kgase said Mrs Mandela was not present at that stage but the three other accused before court were there.

Once they reached Mrs Mandela's house, he said, they were taken into a back room where they were assaulted.

Mr Kgase described Mrs Mandela humming a tune and dancing while members of the group assaulted them and how she personally punched them and lashed them with a sjambok.

Yesterday Mr George Bizos, SC, for Mrs Mandela, questioned Mr Kgase

closely on a number of newspaper articles, which Mr Bizos later said showed Mr Kgase had not really been in fear of his life and was actually "a publicity seeker".

Mr Bizos reminded Mr Kgase that during the Jerry Richardson trial, Mr Kgase had asked to give evidence in camera.

Richardson was convicted of murdering Stompie and was sentenced to death on August 8 last year. He has appealed.

Two pages of the record of what Mr Kgase said during the Richardson trial were read out and Mr Kgase was asked if there was anything he wanted to change. Mr Kgase said he did not.

Then Mr Bizos read an article published in The Star on February 12 1989.

It quoted as its source "the escaper". The court has already heard that Mr Kgase escaped from Mrs Mandela's house on January 7 1989, but Mr Kgase denied that he was "the escaper" quoted in the article.

Mr Bizos put it to Mr Kgase that far from having any real fear for his life, he was a publicity seeker. "You have the right to say it but it is not what I am," Mr Kgase said.

The hearing continues.

THE ROAD TO EUROPE IS VIA AFRICA

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SA should forget about joining the Lomé Convention, the agreement under which the European Community grants trade and aid concessions to 69 developing African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.

Instead, says the SA ambassador to the EC, Bhadra Ranchod, SA should work towards signing its own trade and co-operation agreement — after it makes the necessary political reforms — with the EC. Such an agreement could call for the reciprocal opening of markets for specific products.

After the announcement last month that the EC will open an office in SA and more than double its aid for the country, speculation was this would pave the way for SA's eventual admission to the Lomé Convention.

But Ranchod says SA has little chance of being accepted. The sophistication of SA's infrastructure places the country firmly in the developed realm — at least in European eyes. Namibia was admitted late last year only after the rules were bent a bit.

The benefits Lomé countries receive from the EC are substantial. Almost all exports can enter the EC free of duties or quotas. As a result, the EC market comprises about 25% of all Lomé country exports.

Guy Guermeur, president of the board of administrators of the recently formed Brussels-based International Association for Co-operation and Development in Southern Africa, agrees that SA is not likely to be admitted to the Lomé Convention. Guermeur is a former top Lomé Convention official.

"Apart from SA being viewed in Europe as a developed country, Lomé privileges apply only to developing countries that were colonies in 1960," says Guermeur, speaking from Brussels.

"The way to cement future trade and investment relations is the tripartite route between SA, the EC and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC) countries. And, as the way for SA to Europe goes through Africa, the way for Europe to Africa will go through SA."

The reason is SA's close cultural, economic and historical links with Africa, as well as with Europe. "SA can become the vital link for three-way co-operation in the post-apartheid era," he says.

But before this can happen, SA's relations with the SADCC countries, which have already firmly established ties with the EC through Lomé, must first be normalised. And though EC investment sanctions have been revoked, trade sanctions against SA also must go. Once these conditions are met, Ranchod says, SA could follow the example of Chile, which entered into a trade agreement with the EC that opened new markets and garnered fresh investment.

There is another carrot: as soon as the groundwork for an agreement is laid, SA could benefit by taking part in EC development projects in the SADCC countries. In fact, Ranchod says, the EC has stipulated that a post-apartheid SA should help to uplift the SADCC countries.

Signing bilateral trade agreements with the EC and SADCC may not only benefit SA in the years ahead, it may also be necessary as the world increasingly divides itself into trade blocs.

"Membership of an economic bloc may become essential for any country wishing to expand its trade links in the Nineties and beyond," Ranchod says. "Apart from the EC and SADCC, we should look at the possibility of an Indian Ocean economic bloc. SA's 1m-odd people of Indian descent have cultural links with the Indian subcontinent, which has a massive domestic market, including 190m middle-class people."

Guermeur says an Indian Ocean bloc could lead to a similar tripartite relationship. "In view of the EC's close links with India,

panies have been pulling out of Francophone Africa. "The bank would prefer to finance African projects through SA."

SA is already co-operating with its neighbours on several projects. Last month SA, Mozambique and Swaziland agreed to develop jointly the water resources of the Inkomati river basin, which straddles the three countries. This will involve the building of two large dams on the river and launching of irrigation projects to provide jobs for the expanding population.

The SA Foreign Trade Organisation's Angela Self says a 10-person delegation from Safto's African Business Development Group has just returned from a fact-finding mission to Zambia. The purpose: to study a possible US\$10m upgrading of Zambia's inland harbour at Mpulungu on Lake Tanganyika.

"The best examples of regional development projects are the R5bn Lesotho Highlands Water Project and, to a lesser degree, the huge Cahora Bassa hydroelectric project in Mozambique (European companies are involved in both)," she notes.

Self also points out that as soon as the wars in Angola and Mozambique are resolved, massive infrastructure and development projects funded by the World Bank and other international agencies will be launched. SA could become deeply involved.

The increasing co-operation in the region will be underlined at a conference next week in Swaziland. Sponsored by BMW (SA) and the Quandt Foundation of Germany, supporters include Safto, the SA Chamber of Business and the National African Chambers of Commerce. Government officials and business leaders from SA, 14 African

states (as far afield as Tanzania, Ivory Coast, Senegal and Kenya), the UK, the US, France, Italy, Germany and the Far East will attend the three-day meeting in Mbabane. Top executives of various African agencies will also be on hand.

The purpose is to discuss the formation of a sub-Saharan preferential trade bloc. The topics will include mining, energy, manufacturing, education and training, transport, communications, inter-regional trade, funding, financing, tourism, conservation and inter-regional trade.

So the Nineties could be a decade of expanding trade for SA. "This development is part of the global changes taking place since the collapse of communism," says Barlow's Groeneweg.

"The same value system (democracy, free markets) are now being accepted globally. This is affecting our own reforms and also our growing links with Africa, Europe and the world."

Arnold van Huyssteen



South Africa Europe's trade bridgehead in Africa?

Madagascar and the Indian Ocean islands, SA could also fulfil a linking role with an Indian Ocean bloc because of its Indian Ocean location and its Indian population."

Barlow Rand director Ewert Groeneweg says the private sector in Europe is disillusioned with its investment in Africa. In view of the political change in SA, it is now taking a new look at SA's bridgehead role.

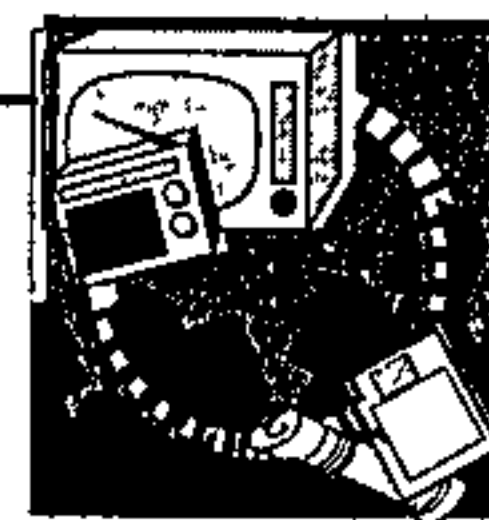
"The route for SA to Europe lies through Africa, and European businesses know that SA know-how would be invaluable for their investments in African states," he says. "Africa is also anxious for SA to fulfil this role because it is suffering economically."

An indication of the new European thinking on SA's role in southern Africa is the appointment of a counsellor to SA by the influential Paris-based Rothschild Banque.

The counsellor, Intratech MD Johan Erasmus, says the bank sees SA fulfilling a crucial connecting role in African economic development, especially since French com-

ADVERTISING STANDARDS

OUT IN THE OPEN



Last year was a difficult one for the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA), the ad industry's self-regulatory watchdog. Its banning of BMW's cheeky riposte to the Mercedes-Benz "Chapman's Peak" commercial resulted in some unfavourable publicity and brought its activities under the scrutiny of the Competition Board.

This, in turn, prompted the authority to revise its code of practice and constitution, both the target of criticism.

Now that it's over, what's changed? Not much. After a critical review by all member bodies, the code and constitution have been tidied up essentially to *maintain* the status quo, with one important exception: secrecy.

The issue of confidentiality was one of three important principles brought under the microscope by the Chapman's Peak affair. The authority banned the ad, then refused to explain, justify or even comment on its decision, citing the confidentiality clause in the code. Other participants were similarly enjoined to maintain this cloak of secrecy. One result of this was a barrage of criticism, much of it uninformed, which did considerable harm to the image of the authority and the ad industry.

A major justification for the confidentiality ruling was that, in certain circumstances, companies seeking to prove that a claim made in an ad was *not* misleading might have to disclose sensitive commercial information. But the ruling was applied to all matters referred to the authority.

The new constitution takes a significant step forward by saying that confidentiality will not extend to ASA findings. In other words, when the authority rules on a complaint, the public now has a right to know about it. However, members of the committees still undertake to keep secret all information provided to them, and public statements on rulings may be made only by senior officers or people delegated by them.

While the change is a positive one, much depends on how it is implemented. If the authority restricts itself to a terse statement that gives no details, and nobody else is allowed to comment, the public may be left as much in the dark as ever. Moreover, the authority says, disclosure will be made "with discretion, so as not to harm the industry or the advertiser." Some findings may not be publicised.

On the other matters highlighted by the Chapman's Peak furore, the authority has reaffirmed its previous stand. It still:

- ☐ Is firmly against comparative advertising in which comparisons are made between products by name;
- ☐ Opposes an advertiser taking advantage of the goodwill of another (as BMW did with



Siebert . the power to intervene

Mercedes) — though this *is* permitted if permission is given by the owner of the goodwill; and

- ☐ Maintains its right to intervene without a complaint being filed in matters concerning the code. On this point, the previous constitution was unclear. Some legal opinion argued that the authority's action in banning the BMW ad was unconstitutional because Mercedes had not complained.

Now the wording has been changed so that the constitution is unequivocal: the directorate, it says, shall deal with possible breaches of the code brought to its attention by a formal complaint *or in any other way*. The advertising properties committee's duty is to *consider all matters raised* under the "goodwill" clauses of the code.

Explains executive director Jack Siebert: "The authority needs the power to intervene if there is a code that is subscribed to by all advertisers. It must be applied equally and fairly by everybody. We can't make exceptions. If a matter is brought to the attention of the authority and it is clear that in the public mind there is a controversy, the authority must consider it."

"The authority will always act if there is any possibility that the majority vote within the body is being flouted by a minority, and when by letting that slide the goalposts will be moved."

Certainly there is a growing public interest in advertising, which suggests that the authority should act as a watchdog rather

than as a simple arbiter. Last year, Siebert says, the authority arbitrated on 1 027 complaints — a figure that has nearly doubled in four years. More than 80% of the complaints were from members of the public.

NEW ALIGNMENT

Ninth-ranked ad agency Klerck & White has merged with Cape Town-based P N Barrett in a major new alignment. The new group will be known as Saatchi & Saatchi Klerck & Barrett to put the well-known Saatchi name on the shingle of a local agency for the first time.

The new agency's billings have been put at R90m a year, which chairman Hennie Klerck believes will lift it to sixth in the local agency rankings. K&W has been associated with Saatchis for 10 years but the link has been low-profile because of sanctions.

Though Saatchis has no equity in the new company, its willingness to be associated so publicly with it is a sign of improving sentiment towards SA. "The merger strengthens our network at a time when SA is being re-examined internationally and viewed as a springboard to its north," says Richard Humphreys, CEO of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising International.

"We are committed to the new agency's growth and development. A strong Saatchi presence here is vital," Humphreys will visit SA in June.

Though there have been predictions of a consolidation within the ad industry brought about by economic stringencies, the merger has been entered into for positive reasons, Klerck says. "The needs of our clients brought home to us the importance of having strong operations both in the PWV and in Cape Town. We lost out on new business opportunities by not having representation in the Cape."

"When we approached Barretts, we found they were already contemplating an expanded presence in the PWV. The merger serves both our needs and we have an immediate structure in place."

The two agencies are "highly compatible," says Barretts MD Geoff Palmer, with no account clashes. "We have similar business and creative philosophies."

Another bit of consolidation has taken place at Barker McCormac, the agency with which K&W had a loose co-operation arrangement until last year. Barkers has incorporated its independent subsidiary, Michael Millsap & Associates, into the main Johannesburg agency. "We'll get greater strength from combining our resources," says chairman Alex McCormac. "In the present climate it makes a lot of sense."

Tony Koenderman

Sunday slaughter — 'because they wouldn't join Inkatha'

JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha supporters at Mzimhlophe hostel in Soweto had warned fellow-inhabitants who were not members of the movement to join — or face the consequences.

Twenty-four people were slaughtered at the hostel last Sunday.

This allegation was made this week by survivors of the massacre, in which people were shot or hacked to death with an assortment of weapons.

Freedom Party

The survivors said the early morning carnage was caused by members of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Speaking from his bed in Baragwanath Hospital, Mr Zamide Katu said the threat had been growing since the end of last year's Reef war between hostel-dwellers and township residents, which left about 800 people dead.

Mr Katu, 33, who has been living at the hostel since 1987, said an attack on non-Inkatha members seemed imminent after they refused to attend Inkatha peace rallies, from the beginning of the year.

"They (Inkatha supporters) saw us as back-stabbers because you are either for or against them.

"I've never seen a peace rally attended by people brandishing sticks and assegais. I would personally never attend a rally like that," said Mr Katu, who is Xhosa-speaking.

He was shot in the elbow by men "wearing red headbands" -- Inkatha followers.

Another victim was Mr Lawrence Sontshantsha. He was shot in the legs after an armed group of men chanting Inkatha slogans arrived at the hostel at 2am and ordered all Xhosa people to leave.

"Then there was a lot of stone-throwing and windows were shattered. People were shot and hacked with pangas."

A policeman — on duty at the time — said: "We were patrolling in a caspir when we saw a group of ... Inkatha members looking for one of their friends who was lost."

The policeman said they allowed the men to proceed. Soon afterwards "all hell broke loose".

Bodies were found in the nearby maize field and on a nearby hill.

Said one official source: "It shows that some were killed whilst they were running for their lives."

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Tienie Halgyn said police believed the attack was motivated by revenge after a Zulu was killed, in spite of denials from hostel residents.

Life went on normally at Mzimhlophe soon after the slaying.

The people staying there appeared hostile and unwilling to speak.

Some of the men — most are unemployed — were playing dice.

Many women, who started arriving last year after it was heard that the dwellings would become family units, were busy with house chores.

Attempts to gather information proved futile. Everyone claimed they were not there at the time.

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Witness in Winnie case questioned about sex

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JOHANNESBURG. — Defence counsel in Mrs Winnie Mandela's assault and kidnap trial failed yesterday to have a witness clearly support her pivotal defence, that she had protected and not abducted four black males to save them from a white minister's homosexual advances.

But witness Mr Kenneth Kgase, one of the four allegedly kidnapped from a Methodist Church hostel, acknowledged in the Rand Supreme Court he had heard an unconfirmed "story" that the Rev Paul Verryn had raped one of the male hostel dwellers in his care.

Mr Kgase, 31, denied firm knowledge of anyone being compelled to have sex with Mr Verryn and said he and others had been "comfortable" in the Soweto hostel.

"I cannot make a judgment on homosexuality" in the hostel, Mr Kgase told defence counsel Mr George Bizos, SC, during cross-examination in the trial's ninth day, after two days of telling how he and the three others had been punched and whipped by Mrs Mandela after forcibly being taken to her home.

Three in bed

Mr Bizos questioned Mr Kgase about his first night at the manse, when Mr Verryn and another man joined him in a double bed he was told to sleep on.

He agreed Mr Verryn's action of tickling him when the three men woke in the morning was strange. "I told him not to do it again," he said.

Mr Bizos suggested Mr Verryn had a habit of organising sleeping arrangements so newcomers spent their first night at the manse with the minister and Mr Tom Nkosi on a double bed.

Some newcomers would thereafter continue sleeping with Mr Verryn and Mr Nkosi while others would immediately sleep elsewhere, Mr Bizos said.

Mr Kgase said he had noticed this, but denied being aware of any homosexual interaction at the manse.

Mrs Mandela and three co-accused have pleaded not guilty to four charges of assault and four of kidnapping, which carries a maximum penalty of death. — UPI and Sapa

Police seal off tense township after 10 die in fierce ANC-Inkatha clashes

INKATHA BACK IN BLOODY ATLX

By JOGELYN MAKER, SYDNEY MOSES and DAWN BARKHUIZEN

POLICE last night sealed all entrances to Alexandra township as ANC and Inkatha officials struggled to defuse bloody fighting in which a man was necklaced and at least nine others shot dead or hacked to death.

A further 34 people were injured in battles between hostel dwellers and residents of a neighbouring squatter camp. Police and army reinforcements were rushed to the battle scene on the border of the Johannesburg suburb of Kew yesterday morning. The fighting erupted only two days after Inkatha's Mangosuthu Buthelezi made a tearful appeal for peace.

The violence puts new stress on the fragile peace accord signed five weeks ago by Mr Buthelezi and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela.

As armed gangs patrolled Alexandra's streets about 200 refugees, including sobbing women and children, sought refuge at the nearby Wynberg police station.

The ANC's Winnie Mandela visited the township yesterday afternoon to appeal for calm.

Last night the Defence Force encircled an Inkatha hostel called "Sandton City" and stood with weapons at the ready while inmates gave carcals from the windows.

Mistake

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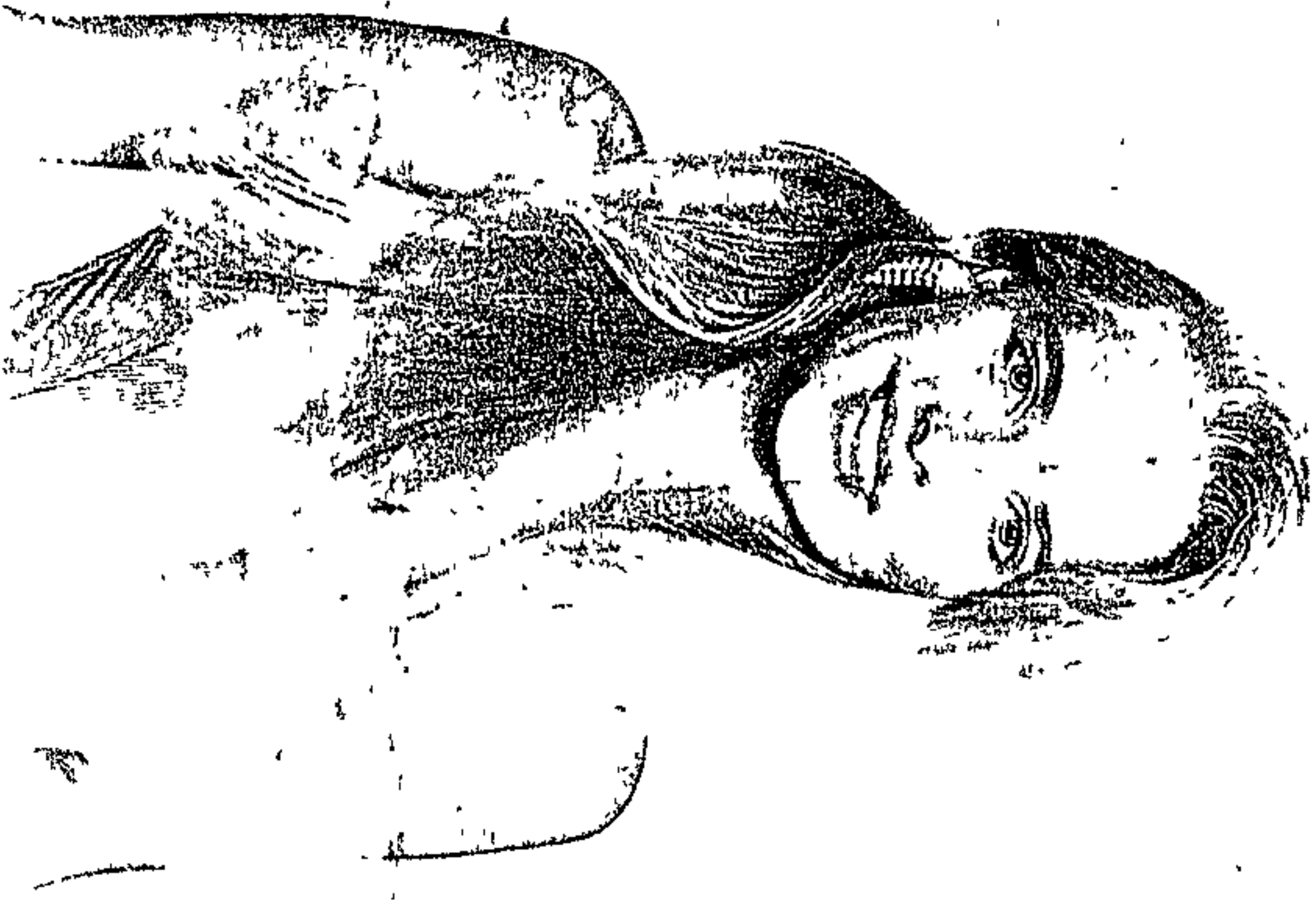
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Less than a kilometre away hundreds of Xhosas gathered. They, too, were heavily armed. Throughout the township small groups of armed men sat on street corners drinking beer.



BLOOD FLOWS: Shot man is led to ambulance in Alex yesterday. Picture: JAMES SOULLIER

It's Miss SA 1991 time and Jane is staking her claim



Police step in to probe state fraud as millions go missing

By DE WET POTGIETER

POLICE and the Auditor-General are probing corruption involving millions of rands in key government departments.

This week the Auditor-General ordered a probe into the financial affairs of the Bureau for Information after discovering that more than 26 under-qualified staff had been overpaid for four years.

Pretoria commercial branch detectives are also investigating charges of corruption, bribery and theft in the departments of Foreign Affairs, and Justice. This follows corruption uncovered in the departments of Education and Training and Development Aid.

The head of the commercial branch, Brigadier Martin Nel, confirmed his men were busy with the investigations — the latest of which involved Foreign Affairs. He said alleged fraudulent transactions involved officials in the department and outside contractors who "conspired" to defraud the department of "hundreds of thousands of rands".

The brigadier said the probe involved items "from paper clips to bulldozers".

Some Department of Justice officials and out-



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We take lovely Jane for dip in the mores: See Page 17



ANC faces struggle

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ANC faces struggle for power

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THE SUNDAY MORNING ASSESSMENT
 By Ezra Mantini

DIPLOMAT Thabo Mbeki and soldier Chris Hani are competing to become Nelson Mandela's successor as deputy president of the ANC.

With three months to go to the ANC's national leadership elections — the first to be held in the country in 30 years — the tempo has increased dramatically.

This week top ANC officials spoke widely on issues affecting the organisation — and the crucial national conference in June.

The main points to emerge are:

- There is a growing power struggle between Mbeki, the ANC's suave director of international affairs who is favoured by the moderates, and militant Chris Hani, chief of staff of the ANC's military wing and a hero of the hardliners and youth;
- A number of the old guard are likely to resign or be axed from the 30-member National Executive Committee in June;
- Undercurrents of racism have emerged, with some black opposition to the appointment of whites to senior posts;
- Rank-and-file supporters continue to demand more consultation between the leadership and the grass roots during negotiations;
- There are plans to boost the size of the 30-man NEC to lighten the burden on key members;
- Unhappiness has emerged with the nomination procedures for the leadership elections.

Contest

Sources inside the ANC predict that certain members of the old guard, such as ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu, secretary-general Alfred Nzo and treasurer Thomas Nkobi, are among those who will step down.

ANC president Oliver Tambo will retire because of ill-health and Nelson Mandela will be voted in as president, leaving the way open for the contest between Mr Mbeki and Mr Hani for the influential position of deputy president.

Those who favour Mr Mbeki feel he is the one most likely to bolster support among whites. But the hardliners believe Mr Hani is the one to retain the support of the youngsters in the movement.

The Sunday Times has established that a number of branches have already started campaigning for Mr Hani as deputy president.

Mr Mbeki declined to comment on the reports of the struggle. He did, however, express concern that sweeping old members of the NEC out

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Policemen and vehicles kept a barrier between the factions — Inkatha supporters from two hostels and predominantly ANC-supporting shack dwellers.

As senior police officers tried to arrange peace talks between Inkatha on the one side, and the ANC and the Alexandra Civic Association on the other, snipers from the Inkatha mob fired at ANC supporters. Police gave chase but failed to find the culprits.

Last night leaders of the warring factions agreed to an immediate ceasefire. After a 45-minute meeting at Kew police station, attended by the SADF and the security police, the two sides agreed that:

- All violence should end immediately;
- Inkatha should restrict its members to their hostel;
- ANC and the Alexandra Civic Association members refrain from attacking the Inkatha hostel.

Pangas

Both factions also asked the SADF to patrol the township and escort refugees to places of safety.

Earlier in the day, angry ANC supporters confronted police while Inkatha impis with sticks, pangas and dustbin-lid shields assembled near their hostels.

While an ANC member was attempting to persuade the angry crowd to move back to Alexandra stadium a man rounded a corner on foot and opened fire on the crowd, police and journalists.

As people screamed and dived for cover, mayhem ensued as about 10 policemen returned fire. With residents running in all directions, police gave chase, and, according to residents, a man was shot in the arm.

He was arrested, but no weapon was found in his

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'Alex conflict may explode any moment'

POLICE and army reinforcements were rushed to Johannesburg's Alexandra township late yesterday afternoon amid fears that a conflict between Inkatha and ANC supporters - which has so far left at least ten people dead - may explode. (278)

Earlier in the afternoon police had reported that they were attempting to identify the leaders of the two opposing groups to get negotiations underway to defuse the tense situation. (278) 10/3/91

Police were involved as mediators and maintained a heavy presence to separate warring factions.

SAP liaison officer Col Johan Mostert said police and troops were working to stabilise the "explosive" situation, and to keep the angry factions apart.

Another liaison officer, Col Frans Malherbe, said the aim was to get both factions to voluntarily disarm in terms of a negotiated end to the conflict.

Malherbe vehemently denied earlier allegations, police had sided with Inkatha in the conflict, saying the SAP had only arrived after the fighting.

Angry ANC-aligned residents had earlier confronted police as Inkatha impis carrying sticks, pangas and dustbin-lid shields assembled near their hostels.

Inkatha hostel dwellers said a Zulu had been killed in an Alexandra squatter camp on Friday night.

They said they were attacked when they went to investigate.

Bloodstains bear testimony to a passerby who was shot dead outside the hostel.

Among those killed was a man who was neck-laced.

At least 28 people were injured, police said.

A spokeswoman for the Alexandra clinic said at least 20 people had been treated there for injuries.

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Cops fear Alex may explode

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which included hack and stab wounds and several gunshot wounds.

Malherbe said the township unrest flared at about 5am when attacks were launched on various houses, with one dwelling gutted by fire.

At about 8.30am two large groups - each consisting of about 500 Inkatha and ANC supporters - were approaching the township stadium to hold rallies when police

confronted them and ordered them to disperse, he said.

ANC-supporting residents in a squatter section of Alexandra alleged the attack had been launched by Inkatha members approaching in four cars and a minibus.

Inkatha members had attacked without provocation, they alleged, shooting and hacking people with pangas and sticks.

The residents claim the attackers had come to de-

stroy squatter shacks, but said when residents grouped to counter-attack, police intervened and fired teargas.

Alexandra ANC branch organiser Paul Mashatile said security police had requested the ANC to attend a meeting with an Inkatha delegation at the stadium so negotiations on ending the violence could begin.

Meanwhile, 12 hunger-striking students in the DET offices in Alexandra said yesterday they had heard Inkatha was moving to attack them.

There was only one municipal policeman outside the offices and they feared for their lives, the Cosas students said. Sapa

Political comment and newsbills by K Sibilya, headlines and sub-editing by B Keswa, both of 2 Herb Street, Johannesburg.

Alexandra still simmering after 26 die in weekend fighting

THE death toll from weekend violence in Alexandra rose to 26 yesterday as the township simmered on the verge of a fresh outbreak of factional fighting.

Sapa reports police confirmed 26 deaths since violence flared on Friday night with the alleged necklacing of an Inkatha member. Injuries had topped the 50 mark.

The area, north of Johannesburg, remained tense yesterday. The township was cordoned off by a huge police and SA Defence Force presence which kept ANC and Inkatha supporters apart.

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WILSON ZWANE reports the fighting broke out on Saturday morning when Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers launched

attacks on the nearby Mandela Village squatter camp in retaliation for the alleged necklacing of an Inkatha member, police spokesman Col Johan Mostert said.

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Mostert said the situation was tense yesterday.

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Yesterday's police unrest, report said, two people were killed and two seriously injured yesterday morning when an explosion ripped through a home at Kuitloanong township in the Free State.

Sapa reports two children, aged six and four, were injured in a hand-grenade explosion at a creche in a Rietfontein home, in northern Transvaal, on Saturday night.

Police said a man was hacked to death at Inanda in Natal, and another four people had died in Natal since Thursday, where sporadic unrest was reported around the Port Shepstone area. Police on the South Coast were put on standby on Saturday night to prevent further clashes between ANC and Inkatha supporters.

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Own Correspondent

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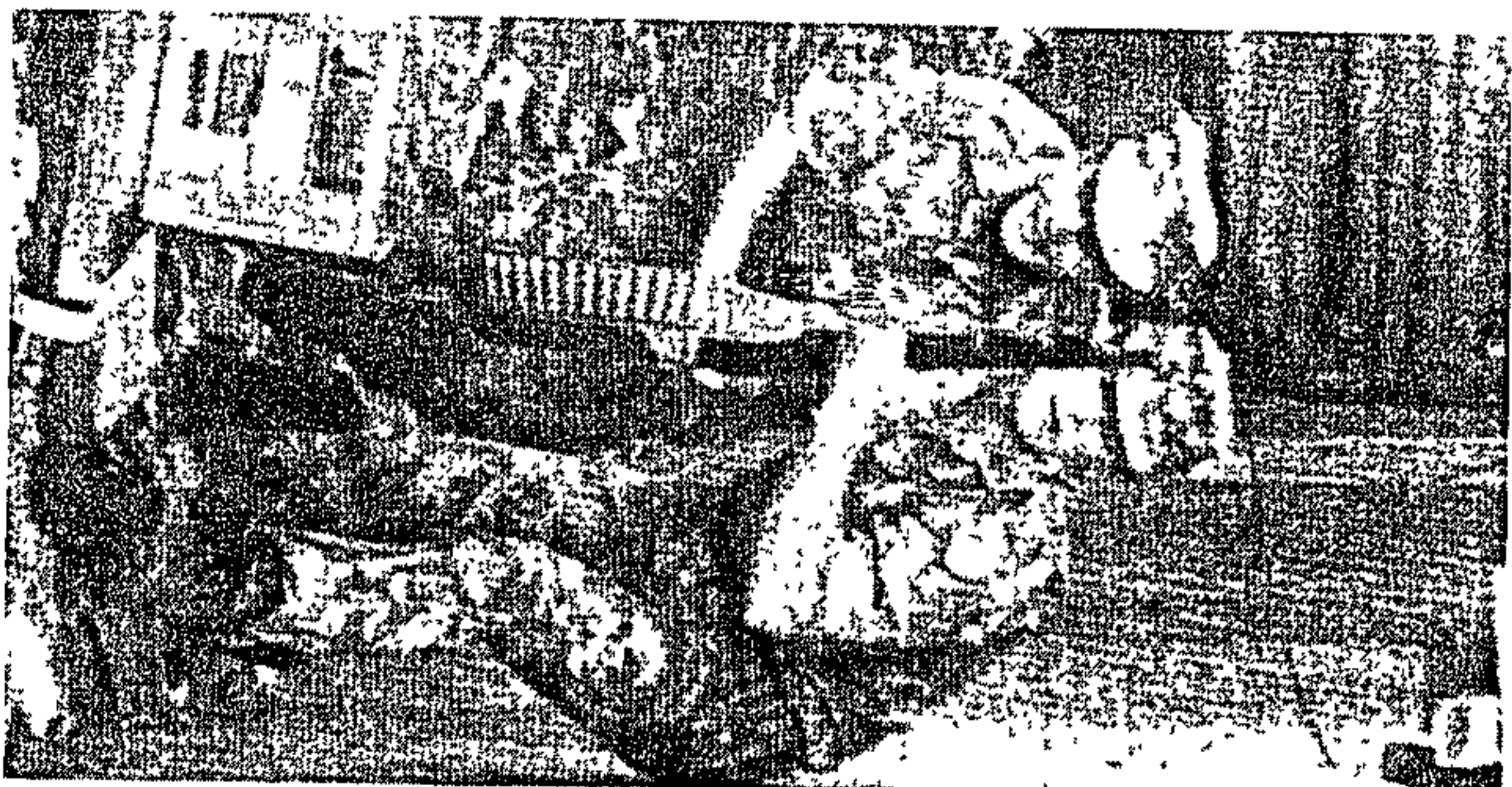
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Mr Obed Bapela, a senior official of the Alexandra Civic Organisation, said consensus had been reached that police would not confiscate weapons from the combatants.

Mr Molefe, ANC vice-chairman for the PWV region, said joint structures would be formed to monitor developments and implement the peace agreement.

Meanwhile Law and Order Minister Mr Adrian Vlok said the outbreak of violence in Alexandra will not be allowed to spread to other Reef townships.

Other steps, in addition to those already taken, will be considered if the fighting did not cease immediately, Mr Vlok said. — Sapa



COPS IN ALEX. — Policemen take cover during a shack-to-shack search in Alexandra township on Saturday. Picture REUTERS

ANC, Inkatha agree to halt faction fighting

JOHANNESBURG. — ANC officials have agreed with leaders of Inkatha to halt the bloody violence in Alexandra township, where at least 33 people have died since fighting erupted on Saturday.

Regional leaders of the two sides announced the results of their two-day intensive talks at a news conference at a police station near the township. Police also took part in the negotiations.

The ANC's Mr Popo Molefe said: "We collectively appealed to people in the township not to engage in acts of violence. We have approached the police to exercise restraint in the way they deal with the situation."

"It's a very difficult situation, but we are



ALEX VICTIM — A victim of the violence in Alexandra township at the weekend. Picture REUT

Alexandra death toll 36; violence flares in Soweto

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Faction fighting between ANC and Inkatha supporters left at least 36 dead in Alexandra at the weekend and the situation in the township remains at boiling point.

Violence also flared in Soweto and fighting claimed three lives late last night.

Today both ANC and Inkatha spokesmen called on their warring supporters to stop fighting as security force reinforcements moved into Alexandra and police patrolled Soweto trouble spots.

Violence in Soweto broke out at the Mzimhlophe Hostel in Meadowlands last night.

Colonel Tienie Halgryn, spokesman for the Soweto police, said fighting started when a Zulu-speaking man was hacked to death and his room set alight.

Two Xhosa-speaking men were injured in the clash, he said.

500 armed Zulus

They are being treated in the Baragwanath Hospital for hack wounds.

Two more bodies were found early today. Both men had been shot dead.

One was found in the hostel while the other was found nearby.

This morning a crowd of about 500 Zulus armed with an assortment of weapons gathered.

Their leaders were talking to police officers who were trying to persuade them to disband at the time of going to press.

At least 25 people died in bloody fighting at the same hostel last weekend when Zulus clashed with Xhosas.

In Alexandra, the situation today was "very volatile" said police.

A reporter today saw the body of a man who had been hacked to death overnight.

Another man who threw a petrol bomb at police vehicle was shot dead, said police.

This brought the death toll in the township to 36 for the weekend, with 53 wounded according to police. Medical workers said more than 280 people had been treated for injuries during the weekend.

Both the ANC and Inkatha have supported the use of troops to restore peace in the Sandton township.

Today troops surrounded the township's predominately Inkatha men's hostel.

The ANC and Inkatha last night hammered out a fragile agreement they hoped would keep the peace.

Today because of the volatile situation, many people were not at work, police said.

Sandton's Emergency Ambulance Service has been "shuttling backwards and forwards" solidly since Saturday, said a medical worker at the emergency centre in Alexandra.

ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party leaders today expressed concern over the eruption of violence between their members in Soweto, and vowed to work hard to bring the violence under control.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus and IFP leader Musa Myeni today committed their organisations anew to restoring peace.

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STANDING GUARD: A policeman stands guard over a worker as he clears his room in a hostel in Alexandra township and prepares to leave the area to escape fighting.

R850 000

home for Tambo?

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A BENONI woman who is allegedly intending to sell her plush home to ANC president Oliver Tambo for R850 000 is living in fear of her life.

Mrs Jill McQueen, who lives in an upmarket suburb overlooking a lake, said she had received several death threats from individuals and political organisations since word got around that she intended to sell her house to the ANC leader.

It was revealed yesterday that Tambo had visited four luxury houses overlooking a lake in the East Rand town with a view to buying one.

But there could be a snag. There are rumours that whites in the neighbourhood are opposed to Tambo's possible settlement in the area.

A man curiously asked *Sowetan* journalists yesterday if the report about

By SONTI MASEKO

Tambo moving into the area was true.

Reports said unknown benefactors were planning to buy the house for a massive R850 000.

McQueen confirmed that she had had negotiations with the Tambos. She said, however, that nothing had been finalised.

She had been harassed by unknown callers and political organisations.

Abusive

"A black man phoned me the other day and said he was calling from Lusaka. He said my life must be very cheap if I could deal with the ANC."

She was also visited by people from the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging who were "downright abusive and threatened my life".

McQueen said her house had not been put up

for sale. She was approached by Tambo who "liked the house".

She said she had also been visited by ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and Tambo's wife Adelaide.

"Adelaide just fell in love with me. I also liked her as a person. She is an incredible woman."

"She is planning to set up community services and I am interested in working with her because I am involved in fundraising."

McQueen said she was highly impressed by Mandela and described him as a "gentleman".

"Nothing has been finalised yet," she insisted and dismissed as "totally fictitious" the report that the house was to be sold for R850 000.

It is not clear whether the house is to be bought by an unnamed benefactor as it was claimed by the ANC or whether the Tambos were buying it themselves.



ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo and his family may soon move into this plush Benoni home.

Police separate combatants after 36 die in Alex

Fighting spills into Soweto

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It's war . . . armed with a weapon, an Alexandra man gathers with a group involved in this weekend's fighting.

Picture: Brian Hendler

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Two Xhosa-speaking men were injured in the clash, he said. They are being treated in the Baragwanath Hospital for hack wounds.

Two more bodies were found this morning.

This morning a crowd of about 500 Zulus armed with an assortment of weapons gathered in the township. Their leaders were talking to police officers who were still trying to persuade them to disband at the time of going to press.

At least 25 people died in bloody fighting at the same hostel last weekend when Zulus clashed with Xhosas.

In Alexandra, the situation today was "very volatile and tense," said police.

A reporter from The Star today saw the body of a man who had been hacked to death overnight. Another man who threw a petrol bomb at police vehicle was shot dead.

This brought the death toll in the township to 36 for the weekend, with 53 wounded, according to police. Medical workers said more than 280 people had been treated for injuries during the weekend.

The ANC and Inkatha have supported the use of troops to restore peace in the Sandton township.

Today troops surrounded the township's predominantly-Black men's hostel.

The ANC and Inkatha last night hammered out a fragile agreement they hoped would keep the peace.

Sandton's Emergency Ambulance Service has been

shuttling backwards and forwards solidly since Saturday said a medical worker at the emergency centre set up in Alexandra.

The matron at Alexandra Health Centre, where people are treated for urgent wounds before being taken to other hospitals, said four critical cases had been brought in this morning.

One person subsequently died. Since Saturday at 4.30 am up to today, 283 people had been treated. Of these, 53

had gunshot wounds.

ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party leaders today expressed concern over the eruption of violence in Soweto. ANC spokesman Gill Marcus and IFP leader Musa Mnyanti today committed their organisations anew to restoring peace in the affected areas.

A number of meetings between the two organisations' leaders were held at the weekend to deal with the situation in Alexandra and urged to deal with the situation in Soweto, they said.

Yesterday was marked by running skirmishes between ANC and Inkatha members at a hostel yesterday morning and another on a street corner mid-afternoon.

In terms of a peace agreement reached yesterday evening, the ANC and Inkatha called for SA Defence Force reinforcements to enter Alexandra, but asked police to exercise restraint. The agreement thrashed out at a meeting at Kew Police Station — also

covered assistance for people who had been left destitute as a result of the fighting, which began late on Friday night.

The outbreak of violence would not be allowed to spread to other Reef townships, law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in Cape Town last night.

In other reports of violence, two more bodies were found in the strife-torn Port Shepstone region, and two men were injured in a clash at Katielohong.

The agreement thrashed out at a meeting at Kew Police Station — also

Vlok declares six strife-torn townships unrest areas as death toll rises

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok last night declared six magisterial districts unrest areas as the death toll in Rand township violence since the beginning of the weekend passed 50.

He declared the magisterial districts of Soweto, Alexandra, Tembisa, Dobsonville, Diepkloof and Meadowlands unrest areas. In terms of curfew measures, residents must prove to police that they have good reason to be outside their homes between 9pm and 4am.

Vlok's announcement came after a ceasefire agreement between the ANC, Inkatha and the UDF-affiliated Civic Association

of Southern Transvaal (Casi) failed to prevent continuing outbreaks of violence in Alexandra yesterday.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the declaration of unrest areas had never solved problems in the past and would not now. Police should exercise maximum restraint. However, the ANC felt police had acted responsibly in their handling of the latest outbreaks of violence.

Security forces maintained a large presence in the township north of Johannesburg and in Soweto, where fighting claimed another six lives.

By late yesterday afternoon the Alexan-

LINDEN BIRNS

dra death toll since violence erupted at the township's Number One hostel on Friday had risen to 41, with 53 injured. The Alexandra Health Centre put the number of injured at 269 by midnight on Sunday.

Sapa reports four men were killed in unrest-related incidents in Tembisa early yesterday morning. Two men died in a shootout with police at Vusimusi Hostel, and the bodies of two more were discovered by police on the Etatani soccer field.

Police in Alexandra yesterday announced a ban on the carrying and display

of weapons in public. Alexandra Unrest Unit commander Capt A J Buitendag announced this while addressing about 600 armed Inkatha supporters at the hostel. Some Inkatha supporters agreed to remove their distinctive red headbands but rejected the call to leave weapons in the hostel.

Further clashes were also reported yesterday in Soweto's Meadowlands area following renewed fighting at the Mzimpholope hostel late on Sunday night.

Police shot and killed one man in Alexandra yesterday morning after he apparently threw a petrol bomb at a police

Unrest

The SADF's 21 Battalion maintained a strong presence in the hostel vicinity with armoured troop carriers and support vehicles. Troops armed with R-4 machine-guns were on guard around the hostel's perimeter, which was sealed by razor wire. Police Casspurs and army Buffels patrolled Alexandra's streets, which were still heavily barricaded by late yesterday morning. 610-114 3191

Alexandra Health Centre director Dr Tim Wilson said the "vast majority" of the 269 patients admitted to the centre between Friday and midnight on Sunday were injured in the unrest.

By late yesterday afternoon Wilson said the centre had been put back on alert and told to expect further ambulance loads of patients from fighting which took place after lunch.

At the hostel police escorted non-Zulu

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residents, who had fled during the weekend, to their rooms to retrieve belongings.

Police removed another body from the hostel complex yesterday morning while armed Inkatha supporters watched.

Meanwhile, in Soweto yesterday morning, police stormed the Meadowlands Presbyterian Church after shots were fired at an SAP patrol vehicle from the church.

Soweto police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn said pangas, a 9mm pistol, petrol bombs, empty bottles and petrol were seized when police entered the church.

"A huge number of youths ran away," said Halgryn.

Other East Rand, West Rand and Vaal Triangle townships, where most of last year's ANC/Inkatha and ANC/Azapo clashes took place, were reported to be quiet yesterday.

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vehicle. Shortly after daybreak the body of a second man was found. Frans Malherbe, SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe, said the situation in Alexandra was tense but relatively quiet during the day. A ceasefire agreement during a meeting between representatives of Inkatha, the ANC and Cast yesterday morning. Malherbe said all the representatives had promised to tell their supporters to stop fighting. Similar peace negotiations were being undertaken in Soweto yesterday.

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Curfew in six townships

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Political Staff

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, last night declared six unrest areas in Transvaal's violence-racked townships.

He said the action was being taken "in view of the distressing and completely unacceptable violence on the Reef over the weekend" and "in an attempt to prevent further bloodshed and destruction of property".

The areas are Alexandra, Tembisa, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Soweto and Dobsonville.

The violence was sparked by clashes between ANC and Inkatha supporters in Alexandra on Saturday and more than 45 people have since died as fighting spread to neighbouring areas.

The ANC responded to Mr Vlok's announcement by saying that "declaring unrest areas has never solved problems in the past and won't now".

Spokesman Ms Gill Marcus said that what was required from police was "maximum restraint". The solution to the problems in those areas was "addressing the situation on the ground, which we are doing".

However, she said, the ANC felt police had been with responsibility in their handling of the latest outbreaks of violence.

Notices of the declaration of the unrest areas was published in the Government Gazette last night.

A curfew will be imposed on the six areas from 9pm to 4am.

Mr Vlok said: "The curfew is a necessary measure

Shots fired from church in Soweto

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Shots were fired from a Soweto church on Sunday night at police investigating the deaths of four people in faction fighting.

The Presbyterian church also had been used as a shelter for making petrol bombs, a police spokesman said.

Representatives of the ANC and Inkatha and senior police officers were still trying to secure peace in Reef townships late yesterday. At least 45 people died and many more were injured in the violence at the weekend.

The ANC and Inkatha have agreed that police should keep warring factions apart until tensions between the two political parties can be defused.

Hundreds of hostel residents fled Alexandra yesterday. Violence had erupted there on Friday night after ANC supporters allegedly necklaced an Inkatha member.

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to prevent revenge attacks at night and to inhibit criminal elements from taking advantage of the unrest, as has already happened in Alexandra."

Mr Vlok is understood to have been considering

also declaring Port Shepstone, on the Natal South Coast, an unrest area after fierce fighting there recently. However, a police spokesman said the geographical situation there made it easier for violence to be contained.

Mr Vlok said in his statement last night that he welcomed the call by the ANC and Inkatha on Sunday for police to move into Alexandra and keep the feuding groups apart.

"Police intervention has once again been instrumental in containing the violence, especially in Alexandra over the weekend, and the SAP's approach in future towards ending any outbreak fighting between rival groups will continue to be impartial and impartial."

"I must stress, however, that only a dramatic change in the attitudes of those involved in the violence will result in lasting peace. The SAP and believe that discussion and dialogue are the only solution as violence settles nothing and only breeds further violence," said Mr Vlok.

He added that police would do everything possible to trace those responsible for the latest violence and bring them to justice.

Speaking on behalf of the ANC and the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO), Mr Popo Molefe slammed the curfew as an attempt to remove peace negotiations from the hands of the affected parties.

Asked why they had earlier called for more force in Alexandra, Mr Molefe replied that the community had made a distinction between the SAP, Police and the SADF.



FIRST AID . . . A doctor gives first aid yesterday to a victim of the bitter factional clashes in Alexandra township.

Picture: REUTER

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Four men were killed in Tembisa on the East Rand early yesterday — two of them in a shootout with police at Vusimusi Hostel.

As residents streamed out of Alexandra's hostel complex yesterday afternoon, policemen from four unrest divisions, supported by the army, disarmed them of assegais and "sharpened instruments".

Many of those fleeing could carry only a fraction of their possessions, leaving the remainder to be looted by gangs.

Outside the hostel, which police claimed housed more than 10 000 people, men waited to be escorted in by police to collect their most important possessions.

"I don't where I am going. I have lived in the hostel for three years and this is the worst fighting," said Mr Phillip Mamabolo.

In the hostel grounds Inkatha supporters lounged on the grass, saying they were ready to "meet violence with violence".

There was a strong security force presence in Alexandra, with military troop carriers and police Casspirs patrolling the streets.

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Reporter in Winnie trial subpoenaed

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Lawyers acting for Mrs Winnie Mandela have subpoenaed Star reporter Ms Pat Devereaux to testify about an interview she had last year with key state witness Mr Kenneth Kgase.

Mrs Mandela's counsel, Mr George Bizos, SC, told Mr Justice Stegmann yesterday that Ms Devereaux had been subpoenaed after attempts to contact her had proved unsuccessful.

Mr Kgase is one of four young men allegedly kidnapped and assaulted in December 1988 by Mrs Mandela and three co-accused who are appearing in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mrs Mandela, 56, Mr John Morgan, 61, Mrs Xoliswa Falati, 36, and her daughter Nompumelelo, 18, have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The court has heard that Mr Kgase, Mr Gabriel Mekgwe, Mr Barend Thabiso Mono and teenage activist Stompie Seipei were taken from the Methodist manse in Orlando West to Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof Extension home following claims that the Rev Paul Verryn had been sexually abusing youths at his house.

Mr Bizos cross-examined Mr Kgase about contradictions between what he was quoted as saying in the Devereaux article and his evidence in court.

Sexual misconduct

Mr Kgase told Mr Bizos some of the information in the article had not come from him.

Mr Bizos also cross-examined Mr Kgase about an article he wrote which appeared in the London Sunday Telegraph last year during the trial of former Mandela United soccer coach Jerry Richardson, sentenced to death for Seipei's murder.

Mr Bizos asked Mr Kgase why he had not mentioned in the article any of the allegations of sexual misconduct against Mr Verryn.

"I don't have an answer to that," Mr Kgase said. "I am going to suggest an answer," Mr Bizos said. "That you would not have wanted to say anything which reflected unfavourably on Mr Verryn."

Mr Kgase said this was not the case and he must have forgotten to put in the allegations.

Mr Bizos questioned Mr Kgase about remarks he attributed to Mrs Mandela in the Sunday Telegraph.

In the article Mr Kgase stated that Mrs Mandela had accused him of maintaining friendships with white people.

"For her to make racist remarks was a negation of her political life," Mr Bizos said. "This is false political propaganda to discredit Mrs Mandela."

Cross-examination continues today.

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Absenteeism follows Alexandra violence

VERA VON LIERES

INDUSTRIAL areas surrounding Alexandra reported widespread absenteeism yesterday after weekend violence in the township.

A random survey of companies in the Wynberg area showed attendance varied between zero and 100%.

Companies which reported partial work attendance or a total stayaway from

work included the Wynberg Group, Wynberg Brake & Clutch Centre and Wynberg Bearing Centre.

A spokesman for Dan Perkins Toyota Wynberg said although all employees had reported for work, the company was sending staff home early.

Management was work-

ing out contingency plans for today, he added.

Other companies in the area to report a 100% staff attendance were Wynberg Auto Services, Wynberg Exhaust & Accessories and Wynberg Motor Trimmers.

A spokesman for Wynberg Exhaust & Accessories said yesterday the company had also decided to send staff home early.

Kgase told Bizos some of the article had not come

Shot, hacked

The decision came after the death of at least 65 people in battles between Inkatha and ANC supporters in Alexandra and Soweto since Friday.

Police said that two inmates of Dube hostel were killed in clashes last night. Two other men, one shot and the other hacked, were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

Mr Vlok said in a statement that he welcomed the decision of the ANC and Inkatha at a meeting at Kew police station, near Alexandra, that police "should move in and keep the feuding groups apart".

Mr Vlok said only a "dramatic change in attitude of people involved in the violence would result in peace."

"Discussion and dialogue are the only solution, as violence settles nothing and breeds only further violence."

The ANC urged "maximum restraint" by police.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the organisation was generally opposed to the declaration of unrest areas and curfews, because this did not solve the problem.

"The role of the police should be decided in consultation with the people, with the necessary accountability that one does

Raind violence death toll rises Seventeen injured in fighting die in hospital

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The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. —

Seventeen more victims of the bloody violence in Alexandra have died in hospital, bringing the death toll in the township to 54.

Last night the government declared Alexandra, Soweto and other Reef townships to be unrest areas and ordered a 9pm-to-4am curfew.

The curfew followed the spread of faction fighting to another hostel, in Dube, Soweto, yesterday. No serious incidents were reported in Alexandra last night.

Mr Adrian Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, said he had decided on the curfew "in view of the distressing and unacceptable violence on the Reef".

Areas affected are Alexandra, Tembisa, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Soweto and Dobsonville.

not get when unrest areas have been declared," Miss Marcus said

In terms of such a declaration a police commissioner or regional commissioner can authorise police to seal off the declared area, enter premises and conduct search-and-seize operations without a warrant.

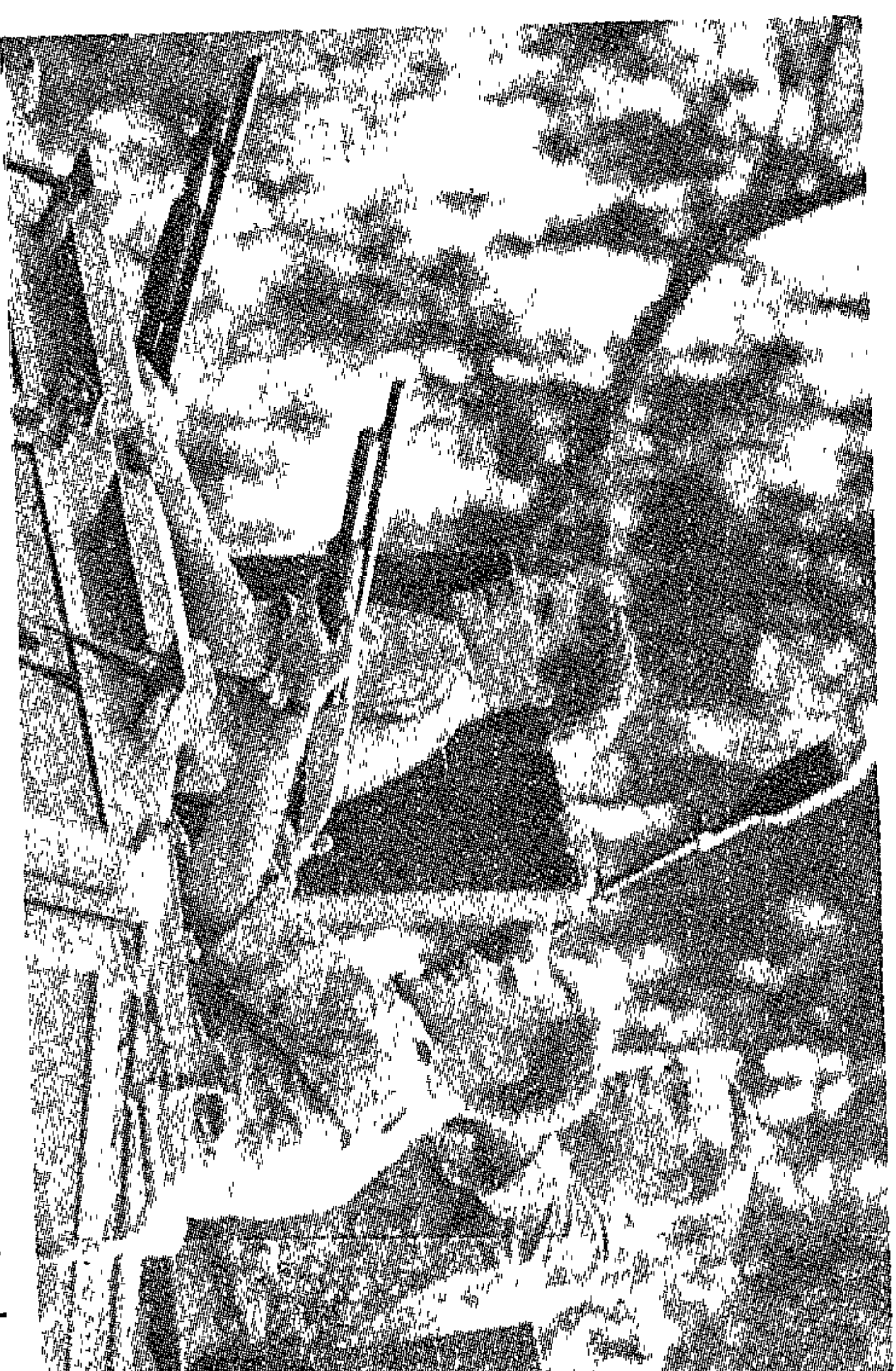
Yesterday police began disarming people in squatter settlements in Alexandra.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer on the Reef, confirmed that disarming began at 2pm. About 16 Inkatha members were disarmed.

In Soweto police confiscated petrol bombs, pangas and a gun from a church near the Meadowlands hostel, where five people died in an attack yesterday.

Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for Soweto, said a police patrol was shot at yesterday from the Presbyterian church near the hostel.

The police, entered the church and youths fled, leaving weapons.



TOWNSHIP VIOLENCE: Riot policemen armed with teargas and shotguns stand ready at Alexandra township outside Johannesburg where hundreds of police and troops have been deployed to separate warring factions.

VICTIM'S FOUR VIOLENCE



Caution: in crossfire

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RESIDENTS of the trouble-torn hostels in Alexandra Township and Mzimhlophe, Soweto, fled both areas as the death toll rose to 45 yesterday.

Scores of hostel dwellers at Madala Hostel in Alexandra yesterday sought police assistance to retrieve belongings from their rooms.

The men were among those trapped outside the hostel when fierce fighting, that has so far claimed 41 lives, broke out between residents and hostel dwellers at the weekend.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE and KENOSI MODISANE

Many of them later left the hostel with some of their belongings, not knowing where they were going to sleep.

Some of them told *Sowetan* they slept in the veld on Saturday and Sunday.

Major Ray Harraid of the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria said yesterday the death toll had risen to 41.

He said three people had died in hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the violence.

Another five bodies were found yesterday, apparently killed in the fighting on Sunday.

At Mzimhlophe, Soweto police found the bodies of four people believed to have died in faction fights.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the situation was still tense yesterday but calmer than on Sunday.

Patrolling

Police, assisted by the SA Defence Force, were patrolling the area.

Malherbe said they were planning to disarm all people found with weapons. They would also conduct block searches throughout the township to try to diffuse the situation.

When fighting broke out on Saturday

many hostel dwellers, who included Zulus, Xhosas, Sothos, Vendas and Tsongas, fled.

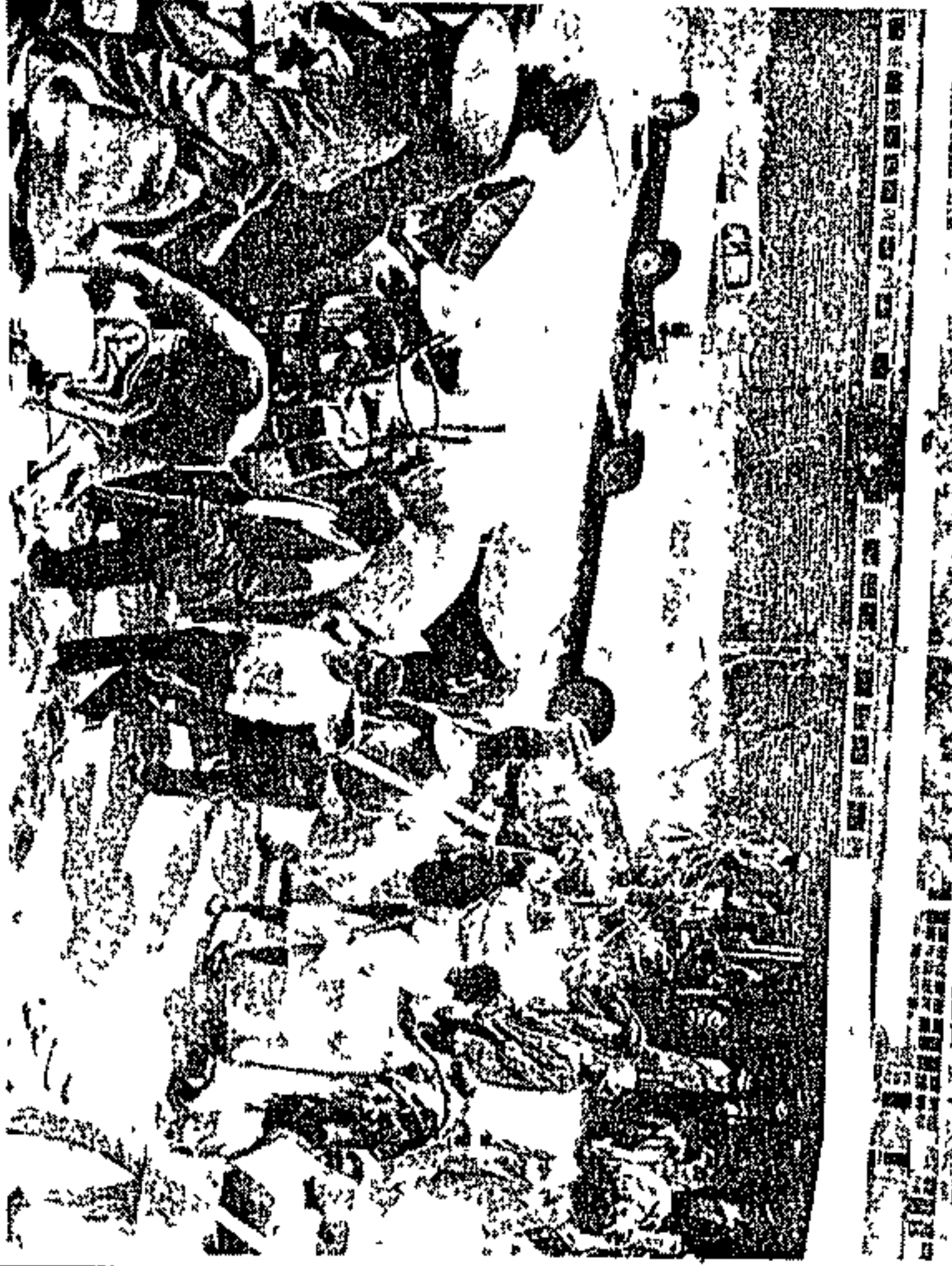
Many have been sleeping in the open or with friends or relatives in the township.

They have been afraid to return to the hostel to retrieve their possessions. They said they feared attacks from unknown armed men who had occupied the hostel.

Yesterday they pleaded with police to escort them to retrieve their belongings.

Mr Stephen Sebat said he was relieved to have retrieved some of his belongings. He said some lockers inside the hostel rooms had been broken and clothing and other items stolen.

Mass exodus from hostels of death



Fleeing for their lives ... Residents of Madala Hostel in Alexandra Township leave the hostel to escape the violence that has claimed 41 lives. Pic MBUZENI ZULU



Townships under curfew

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Urban war in heart of ghetto

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PATRICK LAURENCE visited Alexandra at the weekend, moving from ANC territory into the Inkatha-held hostel.

THE ZULU man stands up and says "Praise the Lord." Then he asks "Everything will be all right, won't it? We will get out of here, won't we?"

He is not making rhetorical statements. He is seeking reassurance.

There is not much you can say. You try anyway. You tell him you think the fighting is over.

It is mid-afternoon, Sunday March 10. You are in the huge hostel complex in Alexandra, a black ghetto sandwiched between rich suburbs in north-eastern Johannesburg, Alexandra, which had merci-

fully escaped the bloody conflict between pro-Inkatha Zulu migrant workers and African National Congress forces until the weekend, has been turned into a battlefield in the latest phase of the undeclared war.

At least 24 people have died so far. Bodies, however, are still being discovered. Before nightfall the death toll rises to 33.

The Zulu migrant workers inside the hostel carry an array of weapons, sharpened sticks, spears, axes and clubs. They wear red bandannas, identifying themselves as Inkatha loyalists. One man has a small Inkatha flag. It is stuck into his hair and flies proudly over his

head.

The men have been drinking beer. Empty cardboard cartons lie around the courtyard in which the men have congregated. Many have bloodshot eyes. Its effect seems to have been largely pacifying.

You can't be sure, however. Many men are angry and/or frightened. They feel besieged. Outside, at Alexandra Stadium, a pro-ANC force has gathered. It is armed with a similar as-

sortment of weapons. One man carried what looked like a bayonet fixed to a rifle.

A Zulu man gives his version of how the fighting started. A Zulu was necklaced, he says, his voice sharp with anger. Another asks "When can we go?" You refer him to the half dozen policemen guarding the entrance to the hostel. The policemen are determined to keep the Inkatha men inside the hostel for the moment.

Outside, a thin line of white policemen, rifles at the ready, stand between the entrance and a thicker line of black men. The black men are non-Zulu migrant workers. Having been driven out, they have come to collect their possessions from the hostel under police escort.

In a controlled operation they have been allowed through entry points in the razor wire cordon thrown around the hostel complex.

The police, having allowed you into the hostel "at your own risk", do not object when you walk to the waiting workers. A man identifying himself only as Dennis speaks to you.

He is a Sotho-speaker from Hammanskraal. He says the fighting started with the necklacing of a Zulu worker. But, he adds, the Zulus over-reacted.

A younger Xhosa worker disagrees strongly. "The trouble started, he says, when Inkatha zealots were brought into Alexandra from outside the area. He is very angry. "We knew a week ago that there was going to be trouble," he says.

A third man, who identifies himself as Matthew, is bitterly critical of the police.

"We have paid rent for our rooms, but we cannot stay there," he says. "Where are we going to sleep tonight? Can I

come and sleep at your house? The police should go in and disarm the Zulus and allow us back into our rooms."

The policemen stand in the hot afternoon sun, their faces impassive. "You men have got a difficult task," you say. "Someone has got to do it," a policeman replies.

A police helicopter drones overhead. Its pilot is undoubtedly keeping an eye on the ANC forces at the stadium. Armoured vehicles patrol the streets, manoeuvring between the rocks and boulders which were thrown across the roads at the height of the fighting. You leave the hostel and

drive to the stadium. People are tense and angry. Very few acknowledge your greeting. Most ignore you coldly. Some mock, calling you "baas".

Most people have left the stadium by the time you arrive there for a second time. But just outside, on the eastern side, a crowd of about 300 men wait in the sun. They are armed to the teeth, ready for battle. ANC marshals urge restraint.

The ANC chairman in Alexandra, Popo Molefe, has left in an effort to patch up the shattered peace accord with Inkatha leaders. In the midst of killing there are men of peace. □

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24 more deaths in Reef violence

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The death toll in the violence which ripped through Reef townships at the weekend rose by 24 to 69 yesterday as seriously injured victims died in hospital and police discovered more bodies.

Police yesterday described the townships as quiet after the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, declared six magisterial districts unrest areas and imposed a 9pm to 4am curfew on Monday.

Seventeen victims of the violence died in hospital while police in Soweto discovered seven more bodies.

Necklaced

The latest outbreak of violence is believed to have started on Friday night in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, when ANC supporters allegedly necklaced an Inkatha member.

President F W de Klerk said yesterday that the chronic fighting could derail negotiations on ending white minority rule.

He praised peace talks between black groups, but said the violence had to stop.

But ANC spokesman Mr Popo Molefe responded angrily to the curfew announcement, saying it denied the ANC and Inkatha the chance to settle their differences. — Sapa-AP



Wits University Centre for Policy Studies director Lawrence Schlemmer discussing the transformation of SA at the SA-German Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Picture CATHERINE ROSS

Peaceful change in SA predicted

PATRICK BULGER

REVOLUTION was not possible in SA and there would be a democratic transformation as both the ANC and government needed each other, Wits University Centre for Policy Studies director Lawrence Schlemmer told the SA-German Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Schlemmer said SA was an unlikely case for a stable democracy as it was an unequal, highly politicised and ethnically divided society. However, he believed democracy could be achieved.

He predicted revolution would be avoided by a professional civil service and a sophisticated defence force.

Societies undergoing transformation were full of examples of social contracts where protagonists became each other's gatekeepers — remaining in opposition but limiting damage to each other.

Government could not bring stability to

the townships without the co-operation of the majority-based movements.

And Nelson Mandela needed President F W de Klerk because he realised it was possible he could end up negotiating with somebody who was more hardline.

The NP would try to incorporate some of the CP in its new deal just as the ANC had to include Inkatha. This was necessary to consolidate constituencies and strengthen any agreement arrived at.

The question was whether the ANC — being more an alliance than a party — would retain coherence in its ranks.

Talks with a coherent ANC could produce a new constitution ready to be put to a referendum by late next year. Should the ANC lose its coherence the process could be delayed by up to two years, he said.

Calm descends on Reef townships after curfew

LINDEN BIRNS

VIOLENCE between Inkatha and ANC supporters had virtually stopped yesterday following the imposition of unrest regulations on Transvaal townships on Monday night.

Curfews were declared in six areas on the Reef after four days of fighting which left at least 60 people dead.

In Alexandra a soldier shot and killed a man at a squatter camp, Sapa reports. Police said the man was shot when he started running away after being arrested in connection with stolen goods. He was one of three people who had been arrested.

A man threw a petrol bomb at an SAP vehicle in Alexandra, but fled into a nearby shack settlement when police opened fire. In Soweto four more bodies were recovered by police in

Meadowlands and Dube early yesterday morning.

Soweto Police spokesman Capt Joe Ngobeni said the only other reported incident was the petrol bombing of a councillor's car at about 1.20am yesterday.

Witwatersrand Police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said the new unrest regulations gave police added powers to "stamp out for good" violence in Alexandra near Sandton.

Fighting which broke out in the township officially claimed 45 lives and left 53 people injured, although figures from the Alexandra Health Centre put the number of wounded almost 400% higher.

Malherbe appealed to all people who had been hurt to report how they had been injured in the unrest to a

special investigation team which had been set up at the Alexandra police station.

Late yesterday police in Alexandra were conducting door-to-door searches for dangerous weapons.

"Everything except traditional weapons — that is knobkerries and shields — we are taking away." He said this included any sharpened sticks or metal rods, pipes, axes, pangas, knives, spears and assegais.

The discovery of the four bodies in Soweto yesterday morning, brought that area's death toll to 10 since fighting resumed at the Mzimphophe hostel on Sunday night.

Ngobeni said although the affected townships were quiet, it was still too early to assess the effectiveness of the emergency regulations.

Planned student marches lead to chaos at schools

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SCORES of secondary school pupils in Atteridgeville and Mamelodi stayed away from classes yesterday amid confusion over planned protest marches, the Department of Education and Training said.

DET liaison officer Mr Geoff Makwakwa said yesterday he had received

By MONK NKOMO

reports that pupils at all Atteridgeville and Mamelodi secondary schools did not attend classes.

He said classes were also disrupted by unruly elements at Mmabafang Primary School in At-

teridgeville yesterday morning.

Makwakwa said the boycott followed a plan to stage protest marches in both townships.

The marches failed to materialise because the principals instructed to lead the protests did not turn up.

PAC deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke and PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander were scheduled to address parents and pupils at the YMCA hall in Mamelodi last night in an effort to resolve the education crisis.

Makwakwa said the 48 principals who were chased away by pupils about three weeks ago had not yet reported to their respective schools.

They were reporting instead to the local Teachers' Centre.



Mr Elias Motsoaledi inspects the damage.

Body at home²⁷⁸ of ANC^{Soweto} veteran

By KENOSI MODISANE 13/2/91

VIOLENCE in Soweto took a sinister turn when a mob attempted to dump the body of a dead man in the yard of a senior member of the African National Congress, Mr Elias Motsoaledi, in Mzimhlophe on Monday night.

The mob scaled fences and broke Motsoaledi's windows. Their plan was foiled when an alarm from a car parked nearby went off. The men then fled into the night.

"It seems the gang was very professional. They knew that throwing the body into my yard would create an impression that the man was killed in my yard."

According to witnesses, the gang then proceeded to Mvubu Street in Orlando West where they broke windows panes and left one man dead.

Ms Thoko Molokomme, of Orlando West said: "The men, who seemed to come from the direction of Mzimhlophe, grouped at the nearby sports ground."

Mr Cecil Mokoena, secretary of the local civic association, said the attack was an attempt to undermine the peace initiative reached between residents and hostel inmates.

"We have been told the attackers had disguised with red headbands to create an impression they were Inkatha members. We would like to appeal to residents to be vigilant towards such forces," Mokoena said.

The incidents apparently took place while residents and inmates were attending report back meetings on the peace initiative.

Inkatha West Rand representative, Mr Themba Khoza, yesterday appealed to police to do their best to bring the culprits to book.

"Whoever is behind this should know that he is not only killing Inkatha and ANC supporter, but many innocent people who belong to neither of the two parties."

Meanwhile, four other bodies were found in Orlando West, Dube and Meadowlands hostels yesterday, bringing the death toll in Soweto since the violence started at the weekend to 11.

Soweto police yesterday confirmed the incidents.

Alexandra death toll is now 54

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE
and Own Correspondent

SEVENTEEN more victims of the violence which has gripped Alexandra Township since the weekend have died in hospital, bringing the death toll in the township to 54.

The deaths of the 17 came shortly after the Government declared Alexandra, Soweto and other Reef townships unrest areas and imposed a 9pm to 4am curfew from Monday night. *Sowetan* 13/3/91

Sowetan yesterday found about 80 refugees from Mzimhlophe Hostel at Holy Cross Anglican Church in Orlando West.

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The group, which consisted of men, women and children, arrived at the church on Monday night.

The Rev Peter Lenkoe, the parish priest, said he had accommodated the group after they told him they were forced to leave the Presbyterian Church in Mzimhlophe for fear of an impending attack by Inkatha.

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Refugees at a church in Orlando West.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

17 more die in Alex (278)

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Mr Wilson Bebeza, a refugee, said police had arrived at the church and disarmed them of their traditional weapons and accused them of being involved in the violence.

Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for Soweto police, said police on Monday confiscated petrol bombs, pangas and a gun from a church near Meadowlands Hostel, where five people died in an attack yesterday.

The implementation of the curfew followed the spread of faction fighting to another hostel in Dube, Soweto, where two people were killed and two others injured yesterday.

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The Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said he had decided on the curfew "in view of the distressing and completely unacceptable violence on the Reef".

The areas affected are Alexandra, Tembisa, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Soweto and Dobsonville.

The ANC today urged "maximum restraint" on the part of policemen in the unrest declared areas following bloody clashes in those areas.

ANC spokesman Miss Gill Marcus said her organisation was generally opposed to the declaration of unrest areas and the subsequent imposition of curfews because this did not solve the problem.

Instead, these gave police wide powers and absolved them of any accountability.

The declaration of an unrest area in terms of the Public Safety Act provides the Government with sweeping powers to quell violence.

In terms of such a declaration, a police com-

missioner or regional commissioner can authorise police to seal off the declared area, remove people from the area and enter premises to conduct searches without a warrant.

Yesterday police began disarming people in squatter settlements in Alexandra.

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Winnie trial: Witness tells of row in kitchen

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.— The second witness who was allegedly present when Winnie Mandela and her three co-accused assaulted four young men, took the witness stand in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday afternoon.

Thabiso Mono, 22, testified before Mr Justice M S Stegmann.

Mr Mono testified he went to stay at the Methodist manse in Soweto because he was in trouble with the police in Potchefstroom.

He described a row over whose turn it was to wash dishes a few days before the alleged kidnap.

He said Stompie Seipei had been sent to call him, Mr Kenneth Kgase and Mr Pello Mekgwe to the kitchen. When they did not immediately comply, he said, Stompie was sent back again by Xoliswa Falati.

Mr Mono said that Mr Mekgwe told Stompie: "Voetsak, we said we would come."

Then, Mr Mono said, Xoliswa's daughter, Nompumelelo Falati, came into the sitting room and told Mr Mekgwe that she was "mean and small" and he (Mr Mekgwe) would "see what would happen to him".

Mr Mekgwe, the third surviving complainant, disappeared on February 10.

May be recalled

The first complainant, Kenneth Kgase, 31, was told he might be recalled for more cross-examination.

Mrs Mandela, 56, her driver, John Morgan, 61, Nompumelelo Falati, 18, and her mother, Xoliswa Falati, 36, have all pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

It is the State's case that four young men were kid-

napped on December 29 1988 by a group of people acting on Mrs Mandela's instructions and including the three other accused before court.

It is also alleged the four young men were assaulted at Mrs Mandela's home by all four accused and held there until Stompie Seipei, 14, was murdered on January 1/2 1989, Mr Kgase escaped on January 7 and Mr Mono and Pello Mekgwe were collected by Bishop Peter Storey on January 16.

Earlier, Mr Kgase was cross-examined at length by George Bizos, SC, for Mrs Mandela, on three statements he made to his attorney soon after his escape. Mr Kgase said he was told these statements were for his own protection, that the church wanted something in writing, and that he had not realised the statements would be given to the police.

The hearing continues today.

Clergy to help Alex refugees

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CLERGYMEN yesterday pledged to help Alexandra victims of violence.

The ministers, members of Alexandra Ministers Fraternal, visited about 200 refugees at the local police station, another group at a health centre and also spoke to residents at Madala Hostel where most of the 54 victims died.

The Rev Busani Ngubane, secretary of the Fraternal, said after the tour that they were pleased to have assessed the needs of refugees and hostel dwellers.

As a result, the ministers and the South African Council of Churches are going to work out details of how to provide relief aid.

"For starters, we will be providing food to both

**By NKOPANE
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the refugees and hostel inmates. We feel it is our task to assist everybody caught in this conflict.

"We will also be providing shelter in our churches to the refugees once we have ensured that there will be adequate security from the police.

Corpses

"We will be providing transport for those people who want to return to their homelands."

They also pledged to help transport corpses.

Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party is to hold a rally at the Alexandra Stadium on Sunday at 10am.

Mr Themba Khoza, chairman of the Inkatha

Youth Brigade in the Transvaal, said the rally had been planned last year, but had to be postponed several times.

Khoza said: "It must not be construed that we are holding this rally because of the latest developments.

"We believe we now have more reasons to hold it than before. We need to convey our stand to both Inkatha members and the entire Alexandra community."

He said permission had been granted for the rally and believed the latest violence was meant to detract from their rally.

Police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand Colonel Frans Malherbe said he has heard that Inkatha was going to hold a rally but they were still waiting to hear if permission had been granted.

Groups in bid to end Reef violence

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A MEETING of the joint ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party peace committee is scheduled for today to discuss the violence which has claimed more than 60 lives on the Reef.

Addressing members of the KwaZulu Legislative assembly, IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela had telephoned him this week to propose a meeting.

Buthelezi told Mandela he would be unable to attend because of the current session of the

assembly.

However, ANC representatives are to report back to Mandela on the meeting and IFP representatives to Buthelezi.

Meanwhile, journalists in Maritzburg have described as "deplorable" claims by ANC official Mr Harry Gwala at a weekend funeral.

Members of the media said remarks by Gwala, the ANC's Natal Midlands chairman, at the funeral on Sunday of assassinated Chief Mhlabunzima Maphumulo had incited mourners and intimidated journalists from performing their duties.

At Wadley Stadium,

Edendale, Gwala claimed the Press had been colluding with the Government and downplaying reports of attacks on ANC members.

His criticism of the media prompted a person from the crowd to shout "kill them".

One journalist said: "We felt humiliated and belittled."

Massacre

Gwala had questioned the media's version of the KwaShange bus massacre on February 10, when 17 IFP supporters returning from a peace meeting at Taylor's Halt, near Elandsdorp, were killed.

The ANC says the incident was sparked by IFP supporters and there was no ambush as reports had indicated.

A spokesman for the *Natal Witness* branch of the South Africa Union of Journalists said: "We as a union deplore the comments made by Mr Gwala at the funeral of Chief Maphumulo.

"We will have to consider whether in future it is in the interest of our members' personal safety to attend such events."

The Association of Democratic Journalists said it was in the process of registering an official complaint with the ANC.

Nelson urged release of Winnie captives

JOHANNESBURG. — ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela ordered from prison that two men allegedly abducted and assaulted by his wife should leave her home with his lawyer, one of the pair told the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mandela family lawyer Mr Ismail Ayob visited the house in early January 1989, after the alleged assaults. He said he was sent "by Nelson Mandela" to fetch the two that day, Mr Thabiso Mono said.

Mr Mono's description of the alleged abduction and assault by Mrs Mandela and her associates appeared to corroborate earlier testimony by Mr Kenny Kgase.

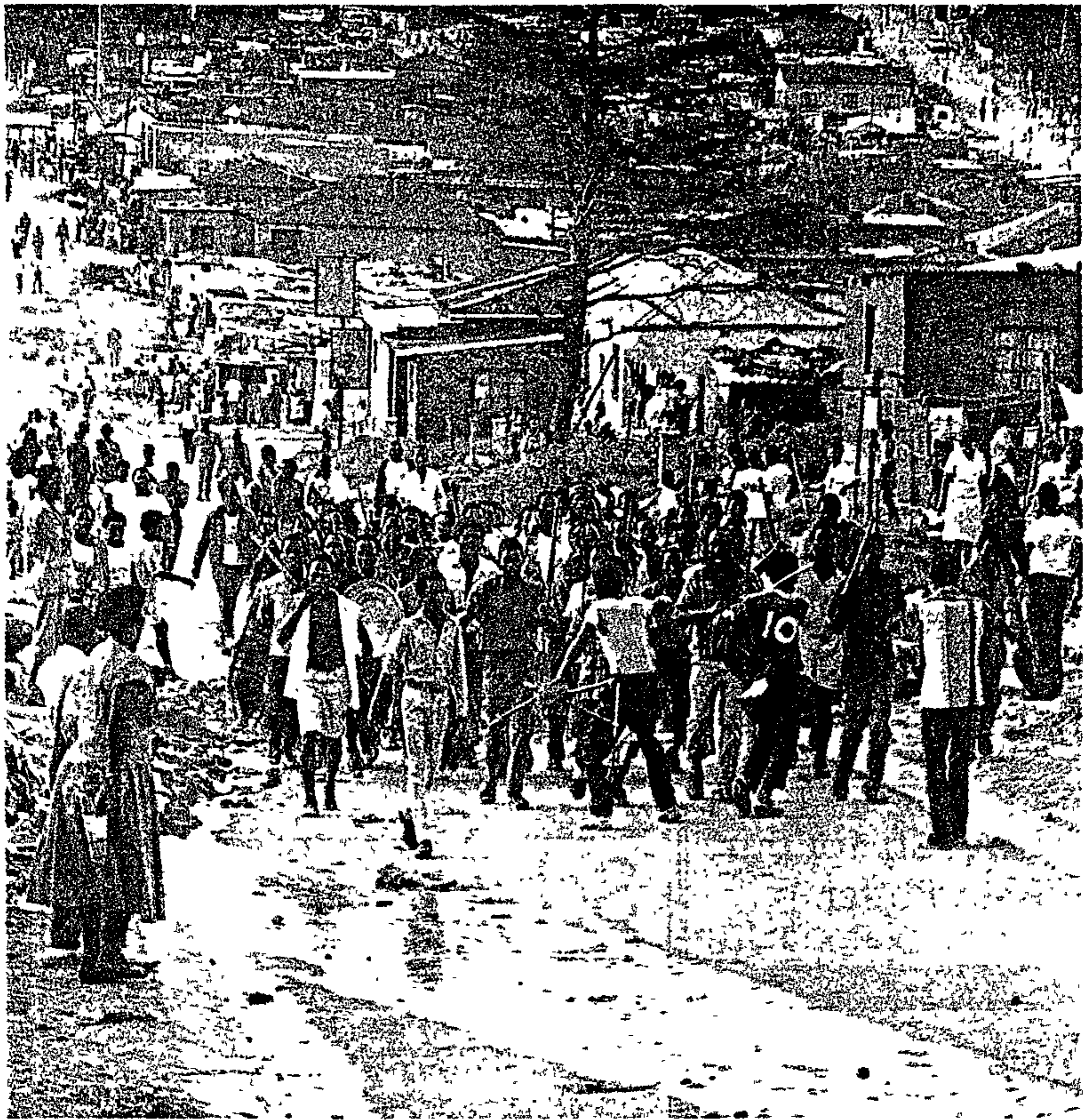
He described how Mrs Mandela slapped, punched and sjambokked all four alleged victims in the back rooms

of her Diepkloof, Soweto, house. Mrs Mandela's associates later joined in the assault, he said.

"Before the assault started, she said, in English, 'you are not fit to be alive,'" Tswana-speaker Mr Mono said through an interpreter. Jerry Richardson, convicted of the murder of Stompie Seipei, ordered the four to call Mrs Mandela "Mommy".

He said that soon after Mr Kgase's escape, Mr Ayob had visited the house. Richardson warned Mr Mono and Mr Pelo Mekgwe not to tell of the assault. They complied because they were scared of Richardson.

Mr Mono said Richardson had refused to allow Mr Ayob to take him and Mr Mekgwe away. Sapa and UPI



DEATH MARCH: Armed hostel dwellers on the move in Alexandra this week

PIC: FANIE JASON

Bid to end township carnage 278

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IN a bid to end the carnage in strife-torn townships on the Reef, senior members of the ANC's National Executive Committee held urgent discussions with the Minister of law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, on Wednesday.

They secured an undertaking from the two ministers that allegations of a "third force" operating in these townships, would be investigated.

The talks in Cape Town follow a bloody week of violence in townships on the Witwatersrand and Natal during which about 80 people died and hundreds were injured.

Most of the deaths in the Transvaal occurred at Alexandra township near Sandton. In Natal, 22 people have been reported killed in fighting between

Inkatha and ANC supporters in the rural areas near Port Shepstone.

The meeting was attended by the ANC's general-secretary, Mr Alfred Nzo, NEC member Mr Joe Slovo and ANC Internal Leadership Core member, Mr Walter Sisulu.

Sisulu said the ANC delegation had stressed at the meeting that the hostel system aggravated the situation.

They told the ministers that the ANC wanted a decision on the "primitive" hostel system and wanted it phased out and replaced with "civilised family units".

They were told at the meeting that "a Minister" had been appointed to investigate the system.

The delegation also raised the problem the ANC had with people moving freely in townships with dangerous weapons and not being disarmed.

"Minister Vlok undertook to go into the question and have further discussions on it at a later stage."

To illustrate their belief that a "third force" was operating in the townships, the ANC delegation brought a letter which had been posted to ANC sympathisers, ostensibly from Inkatha.

The letter, which states it is from the "Zoeloes" and ends "Long live Inkathas" threatens to kill people who are working for the ANC.

"We can see from the spelling that the letter is not from Inkatha," Sisulu said.

"We have asked for a thorough investigation to discover the source of the letter."

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Law and Order said the letter would be investigated.

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Sketch: GAIL IRWIN.

THE ACCUSED: The four people standing trial in the Rand Supreme Court this week are pictured, from left, Mr John Morgan, Mrs Nompumelelo Falati, her daughter Miss Xoliswa Falati and Mrs Winnie Mandela.

'Slapped and punched'

Winnie trial witness tells court of 'assault by Mummy'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Rand Supreme Court has heard how "Mummy" — Mrs Winnie Mandela — slapped, punched and sjambokked Thabiso Mono.

Slightly built, quietly spoken Mr Mono, 22, is the second complainant to testify in the trial.

Mrs Mandela, 56, Mr John Morgan, 61, Miss Nompumelelo Falati, 18, and her mother Mrs Xoliswa Falati, 36, have pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Mr Mono yesterday told Mr Justice M S Stegmann how after being held at Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof home for several days, attorney Mr Ismail Ayob arrived to question why he (Mr Mono) was there. Mr Ayob said he had been sent by Mr Nelson Mandela.

Describing the alleged kidnap of himself, Kenneth Kgase, Pello Mekgwe and Stompie Seipei, Mr Mono said a group of people forced them to leave the Soweto

Methodist manse on December 29 1988.

Among the group was Mr Katiza Cebekhulu, 22, who was due to stand trial with the other accused but who failed to appear.

Describing the situation in the manse before the kidnapping, Mr Mono said there had been rows with Mrs Xoliswa Falati and her daughter Nompumelelo about washing dishes.

"On December 29, 1988 a group of people arrived at the manse and took Mr Mekgwe, Mr Kgase, Stompie Seipei and me to Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof house by bus," Mr Mono said.

The group included Mrs Xoliswa Falati, Miss Nompumelelo Falati and Mr Cebekhulu. Mr Mono identified Mr Morgan as the bus driver.

At the house the four young men were separated and questioned. Stompie was accused of being an informer. The other three were accused of having slept with the Rev Paul Verryn.

They denied the allegations.

Mr Mono said Mrs Mandela came into a back room on the property and questioned them about the allegations while a group of people looked on.

He said "Mummy" slapped and punched his face and also hit him with a sjambok.

Mr Mono said "Mummy" was Mrs Mandela. Mr Kgase has already told the court they were ordered refer to Mrs Mandela only by this name.

Mr Mono said his body was trampled and he was thrown up into the air and allowed to hit the floor. His knees were struck with the heel of a shoe.

He said he saw Mr Morgan sitting on a chair and that Xoliswa and Nompumelelo were also present.

He was not sure when each person left the room because "I was being assaulted and was becoming dizzy".

The assault stopped when Richardson prevented a man called Scar from putting a plastic bag over Stompie's head.

The hearing continues today.

Demand for action to quell violence

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Political Staff

A HIGH-POWERED ANC delegation met Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Defence Minister General Magnus Malan last night to demand government action to stop the violence in Alexandra and Soweto.

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SITUATION 'GRAVE'

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MINISTER APPOINTED

The ministers had promised to do something and had pointed out that President De Klerk was concerned and had already appointed a minister to look into the problem.

This seemed to refer to Mr De Klerk's announcement last year that National Health Minister Dr Rina Venter would probe the hostel problem.

Mr Slovo said the delegation had again raised the issue of people marching through the township streets bearing "cultural weapons", which were actually dangerous weapons of "murder and assault" contributing to the "carnage."

To call these weapons cultural as the authorities had in the past was an insult to the word culture.

If the government wanted peace this was one thing it would have to resolve.

He said Mr Vlok had undertaken to look into this and hold further discussions with the ANC.

Police seek witnesses to Alex slaughter

Crime Staff Staff 14/3/91

A special police investigation team has been appointed to look into the deaths of more than 45 people in Alexandra during the recent unrest. (278)

Captain Jan Barnard, who is leading the team,

has made an urgent appeal to the community to assist the police in tracking down culprits.

Police are offering a substantial reward to informants and guarantee that their identity will not be disclosed.

Captain Barnard said

the task was difficult because witnesses were not coming forward and many bodies at the State mortuary in Hillbrow had not been identified.

Anyone who can help in the investigation is asked to contact Captain Barnard at (011) 882-9242.

ANC urges Govt to stop violence

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

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Mr Sisulu said the ANC also expressed concern that the authorities seemed unable to arrest the people responsible for serious incidents such as train massacres.

Star 14/3/91.

JOHANNESBURG. — Leaders of the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday renewed calls for tolerance among their feuding supporters after violence threatened once again to destroy a fragile peace agreement reached recently.

The organisations' latest call for tolerance came after talks here yesterday lasting five hours — five days after bloody clashes erupted in Alexandra township claiming almost 50 lives.

ANC and IFP leaders said at a news conference there was a criminal element fuelling the violence and announced the formation of commit-

ANC, IFP leaders call for tolerance

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tees to implement measures to restore peace in Alexandra as well as other townships in the Transvaal.

"Hostilities have gone on for a long time. We shall do our best to make our people on the ground understand the peace process and tolerate one another," Mr Joe Nkadi-meng, executive member of the ANC, told re-

porters. He led the ANC team at the talks.

"The insults and the fighting talk ... has to stop," added Dr Frank Mdlalose, national chairman of the IFP and leader of the Inkatha team.

The leaders avoided blaming each other for the violence, saying there existed a criminal element and attacked the media for always portraying the conflict as between the ANC and the IFP.

Chief of ANC intelligence Mr Jacob Zuma said the two sides would launch joint investigations into "the criminal element that has come in". — Sapa



MRS MANDELA AT COURT ... Mrs Winnie Mandela gives an ANC salute outside court yesterday. *CHT Tuit 15/3/91* Picture: REUTER

'Winnie beat me as I screamed'

JOHANNESBURG. — A witness in the assault and kidnap trial of Mrs Winnie Mandela said yesterday that she sang while beating him with a sjambok as he lay screaming on the floor.

Referring to Mrs Mandela, 56, as "Mommy", Mr Barend Thabiso Mono told the Rand Supreme Court she had beaten him and three others through the night of December 29, 1988, the day he claimed she ordered their abduction from a Methodist Church hostel in Soweto.

The four, including 14-year-old Stompie Seipei who was later murdered by Mrs Mandela's chief bodyguard, Jerry Richardson, had been ordered by Richardson to call her "Mommy", Mr Mono said.

Mr Mono, 21, said he had lain on the floor "screaming" and had heard Mrs Mandela "singing while she was hitting me with a sjambok".

Under cross-examination by Mr George Bizos in the trial's 13th day, Mr Mono denied that his evidence on Mrs Mandela's singing differed substantially from that of Mr Kenneth Kgase, 31, who gave an account of his treatment by Mrs Mandela last week.

Mr Kgase had said she was "humming a tune and dancing to the rhythm" between beatings.

"These things happened," Mr Mono said, after Mr Bizos told him Mrs Mandela would claim she had not been at her Soweto home the night the four were allegedly beaten.

Mrs Mandela and three co-accused, Mrs Xoliswa Falati, her daughter Miss Mompumelelo Falati and Mr John

Morgan, have pleaded not guilty to four charges of assault and four of kidnapping, which carries the maximum penalty of death.

Mr Kgase and Mr Mono both testified that Mrs Mandela ordered their kidnapping because she believed they were having a homosexual relationship with a Methodist hostel supervisor and minister, Mr Paul Verryn.

Mr Mono yesterday told the court he had spent his first night at the hostel in a double bed with Mr Verryn and another man.

He said the priest regularly invited black homeless newcomers to the church manse to spend their first night in bed with him and another man.

However, he denied knowledge of any homosexual misconduct at the manse.

Responding to Mr Bizos's persistent questioning, Mr Mono denied any knowledge concerning an allegation that Mr Verryn raped a male manse resident or that Stompie had complained of homosexual advances while living there.

Mr Mono said he did not know why Mrs Mandela and members of her Mandela Football Club bodyguard had assaulted them.

"I don't know why ... I was asked whether I slept with Paul Verryn and I denied it," Mr Mono said.

Later, while the alleged assault was continuing, all four admitted to homosexual tendencies, but only under duress, Mr Mono said. — UPI, Sapa

Inkatha disowns 'rooidoeke'

INKATHA yesterday disowned the notorious "rooidoek" vigilantes usually associated with the Zulu-based organisation. Inkatha vowed to help the ANC bring them to justice.

ANC and Inkatha leaders yesterday reached an agreement to identify and isolate rooidoeke who have been waging a terror campaign in Reef townships. The roving bands of hostel residents wear red headbands and commonly identify themselves as Zulus or Inkatha members.

Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose yesterday denied that the rooidoeke were Inkatha members.

"The red headband is not the uniform of Inkatha," Mdlalose said after senior Inkatha and ANC officials met to discuss recent violence in Reef townships.

The rooidoeke were prominent in the

PATRICK BULGER

weekend's violence at Alexandra township and are involved in virtually every large-scale township conflict.

ANC intelligence head Jacob Zuma said people hiding behind the cloak of Inkatha and ANC colours for their own benefit were going to be identified.

"We are in a better position to do joint investigations. We are aware that a criminal element has come into the violence. Our discussions are moving in a direction where we can start exposing such people."

The two delegations met under the chairmanship of Mdlalose and ANC national executive committee member John Nkadameng.

Nkadameng said the ANC would deal

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'Rooidoeke'

with people who were hiding behind its colours and fomenting violence.

In a joint statement, the two sides said the meeting reviewed and received reports on the implementation of their January 29 peace accord.

The latest Reef violence was discussed.

"The peace committee decided to establish a Transvaal peace implementation committee within the next few days and a

peace implementation committee for Alexandra township immediately."

The two sides called for an end to "war talk" and the use of inflammatory terms like "vigilantes". They appealed for the media to co-operate by responsible reporting and promoting a climate of peace.

Tolerance and mutual respect were vital if peace was to be long-standing, the two sides said.

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MURDER VICTIMS 'SEEN AS ANIMALS'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — An AWB member convicted of taking part in an attack on a bus in which seven black people were shot dead told the Supreme Court yesterday he had seen the victims as "a busload of animals".

Eugene Marais of Richards Bay was giving evidence in mitigation of sentence after being convicted of murder.

"I feel very bad about what happened. I shouldn't have done it. At the time I thought it was the right thing to do; now I know it was wrong. I feel as if I cannot live with myself," he said.

On October 9 last year Marais and two AWB members opened fire on a bus carrying black passengers. The attack was in revenge for an attack by black youths earlier in the day in which eight whites were stabbed, one fatally.

Marais said the AWB commandant of the Richards Bay area, David Petrus Botha, had told him to attend a meeting

and to bring his AK-47 rifle. They were joined by Adriaan Smuts.

When he was told of the plan to attack a bus, he believed the order had come from AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Marais told the court how his political affiliation changed from the NP to the CP to the AWB.

"I felt the CP was powerless. The AWB could do more for our land."

He also changed religions, eventually joining the Verboningsvolk.

Marais said he had become very interested in this group which believed all those people who were not Israelites, had not been made by God but by Satan.

"They believed that blacks were 'animals of the field'; animals that looked like people," he said.

The trial continues.

Mayekiso slams police over 'squatter removals'

WILSON ZWANE

POLICE were displacing hundreds of people to create a power base for vigilantes, Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) president Moses Mayekiso alleged yesterday.

Mayekiso said in an interview hundreds of squatters had sought refuge at ACO offices, churches and community halls after police evacuated them from their shacks in five sections of the township.

His organisation had received allegations that police had removed all non-Inkatha supporters from their shacks in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th avenues to make room for Inkatha "impis".

"By removing the people

from their dwellings the police want to create a power base for vigilantes. We deplore this and allegations that police have shot dead five people since violence erupted last Saturday.

"This makes a mockery of the role of police as law and order keepers. We demand an inquiry into the police behaviour," Mayekiso said, adding that a meeting with the SAP was being organised.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe denied police had removed people from their dwellings.

"The police — with the consent of Cast, ANC and

Inkatha — congregated Inkatha supporters at the hostel to prevent further killings of innocent people. At no stage did police remove people from their dwellings," Malherbe said.

He also denied allegations of police involvement in the recent violence that has left at least 47 people dead in the township, adding "police are there to protect lives and property and not to kill people".

Mayekiso said an Inkatha meeting called for this Sunday should be cancelled as it might cause violence to escalate.

But West Rand Inkatha leader Humphrey Ndlovu said the meeting would go ahead as planned.

Two shot during squatter camp clashes

LINDEN BIRNS

A POLICEMAN and a civilian woman were shot during clashes between unknown gunmen and police patrols in Phola Park squatter camp near Thokoza late on Wednesday night.

East Rand police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweek said that shortly after 11pm police travelling in a Casspir encountered what was thought to be automatic gunfire from a Scorpion machine gun.

Police fired back, but no one was hurt.

At about 11.25pm the same Casspir was fired on again with AK47s.

Sgt N S Erasmus sustained light injuries after a bullet grazed his nose.

Early yesterday, Phola Park Civic Asso-

ciation head, Prince Mahlangu, reported that police had shot and injured a woman in the squatter camp the previous night.

Van Zweek said police were trying to trace the woman who had not reported her injuries to the police.

Police said all Reef townships and squatter camps were quiet yesterday.

Meanwhile Sapa reports that a man was killed and another injured in a clash between a group of residents and comrades at Wesseltown township near Ermelo. One of the comrades had allegedly hijacked and torched a taxi. — Sapa.

Sandton's new mayor calls for help for strife-torn Alexandra

Star 15/3/91
By Jacqueline Myburgh

Sandton's new mayor, Ernie Sacks, last night called on Sandtonians to assist in a week-long collection of food, clothing and blankets for residents of strife-torn Alexandra township.

During his inaugural speech, the mayor launched an "Assist-Innocent-of-Alexandra" campaign, "on purely humanitarian grounds".

Mr Sacks said he was appalled at the number of innocent people in



Mayor Ernie Sacks . . . assist the Innocents.

Alexandra who had been affected by the violence.

A collection depot for

clothing, blankets and non-perishable food had been set up at the fire station in Linden Road.

Mr Sachs said "hundreds of people on our doorstep, many of whom work in our homes and businesses, are experiencing indescribable agony..."

He announced that he had adopted "Sandton Kaleidoscope" as his mayoral theme for the year in recognition of Sandton's rich variety of people, interests and activities.

Mass funeral for violence victims

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A COMMITTEE has been formed in Alexandra to arrange the mass burial of people killed in the violence that has so far claimed 61 lives in the township.

The Alexandra Relief Co-ordinating Committee was formed on Tuesday by representatives of organisations including the ANC, Women for Peace, Alexandra Civic Organisation, Cosatu and Cosas.

Mr Popo Molefe, the committee's publicity officer, said no date had yet been set for the funeral.

He said membership to the committee was open to other organisations,

By NKOPANE
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churches and businesses who felt they had a contribution to make.

The committee would, among other things, address the crisis in the township and help to identify families whose next-of-kin were killed or injured.

It would also provide aid and transport to mortuaries for bereaved families, collect and distribute food and arrange for alternative accommodation for destitute families.

The committee yesterday released names of



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seven victims of the violence.

They are Alpheus Mkhize, Patrick Mkhize, Ambrose Mkhize (all brothers who stayed at M1 Hostel), a man known only as Kalambazo, a cleaner with the Sandton City Council, Mtshali, first name unknown and also employed by the Sandton City Council as a security guard, Simon

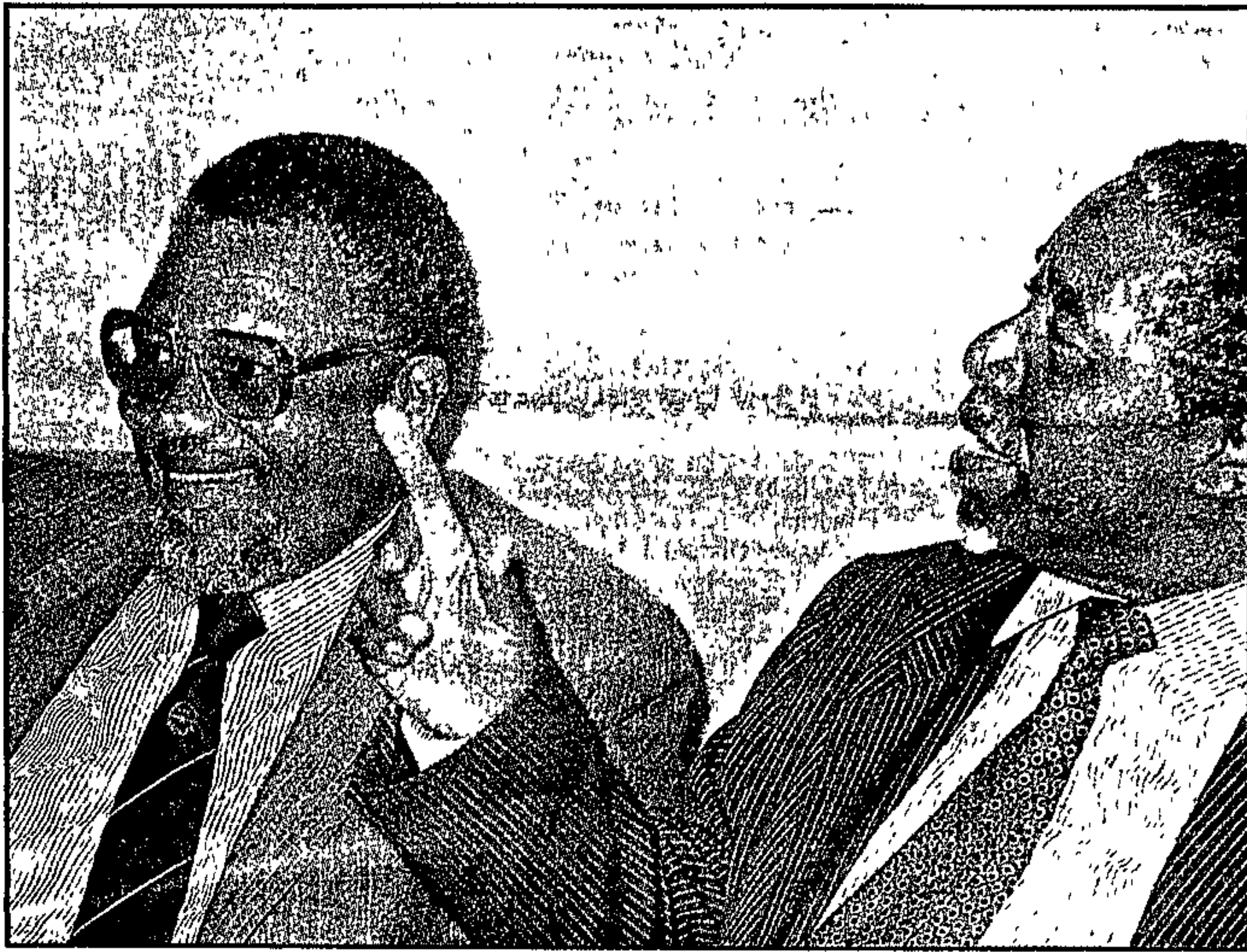
Dlamini, of 144 5th Avenue, Alexandra, and Teaspoon Mncunu of 14th Avenue, Alexandra.

"We appeal to families who have lost members to come to the offices of the committee at Ganda Centre, 1st Avenue, near the taxi rank. Alternatively they can telephone 786-8369 or 786-8364 or 786-2010.

"We also appeal to the public, people of goodwill, business people, churches and embassies to channel any aid in the form of blankets, clothes and money through the committee's offices.

"Contact people there are Joe Manana, Paul Mashatile or Richard Mdakane."

Gangs not ANC or IFP



IFP's national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose makes a point at yesterday's meeting. Co-chairing the talks was ANC national executive committee member Mr John Nkadmeng.

Picture: LEN KUMALO

'Third force' fears

THE armed gangs wearing red headbands who are wreaking havoc in Reef townships are neither ANC nor Inkatha Freedom Party members, the two organisations said yesterday.

This denial, especially by the IFP, strengthened fears that a "third force" was behind the conflict which claimed up to 60

By THEMBA MOLEFE

lives in Alexandra and Mzimhlophe this week.

Dr Frank Mdlalose of the IFP and Mr John Nkadmeng of the ANC suggested that the violence could be State orchestrated.

However, the source of the violence still remains a mystery. *bowetan 15/3/91*

At a Press conference in Johannesburg yes-

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Guns in minibus

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An ANC marshal has alleged that a blue minibus parked illegally outside the Rand Supreme Court yesterday had been seen in township incidents "where our people have been massacred". (216)

The marshal, who gives his name as Sam, said the vehicle, a Ford or a Mitsubishi, had different number plates on the back and front. More number plates and two AK-47s were under the seats. The front numberplate was ND 185305 and the rear one was ND 324333.

Sam said he asked a traffic officer if different number plates on a vehicle were illegal. The traffic officer began making out a ticket for the vehicle but did not complete it.

A SA Police spokesman said he could not comment on unsubstantiated claims but the police would investigate. — Staff Reporter.

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Violence is again threatening to consume Reef townships as it did last year when 4 000 people died in five bloody months. In the first three days of conflict in Alexandra and Soweto this week 56 people died.

The causes for conflict are difficult to pin down. Some Alexandra residents claim that for some weeks beforehand nonresident members of Inkatha visited the normally peaceful hostels and marched up and down chanting anti-ANC slogans and brandishing spears and pangas.

A Zulu man was necklaced on Friday, and this may have sparked violence: hostel dwellers then attacked two shack settlements. Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani says the ANC is trying to find out who the man was and who killed him.

Some residents claim that criminal elements began to take advantage of the conflict in Alexandra at one stage and began stopping cars and demanding to search them. The ANC deployed trained members to stop those activities and is concerned that the curfew is an attempt to remove peacemaking

that contribute to the violence and fuel it. Hostel dwellers and people living in shacks need security of tenure. There need to be ways found of stopping the massive urban migration at present, and encouraging some form of decentralisation and scientific farming methods in the rural areas."

Access to weapons is increasingly easy through arms smuggling from Mozambique and Natal, but also allegedly from some members of the security forces, township residents claim. And new legislation will still not prevent the carrying of so-called traditional weapons; hack wounds from pangas have been a primary cause of death in many Reef townships.

In contrast to last year's violence, there appears to be genuine co-operation between the ANC and Inkatha and no mud-slinging. As Hani suggests, the causes of the violence seem to have at least as much to do with unemployment, poverty and access to resources as to tribal or political affiliation. ■



Zulu warrior ... uneasy truce

from residents' hands.

Hani says the ANC is concerned about the violence and will investigate whether it was deliberately orchestrated by outside elements. He says that while the ANC is committed to finding peaceful solutions with Inkatha, monitoring commissions agreed to at the Durban Peace Accord on February 4 have not yet been set up in all areas to monitor and prevent violence.

He points out that the ANC and Inkatha alone cannot stop the violence. "There are extremely serious socio-economic conditions



Razor's edge ... going to the shops for a loaf of bread is no longer child's play — if you live in Alexandra

Photograph: KEVIN CARTER

By GAVIN EVANS

THE *Weekly Mail* has uncovered a frightening chain of events behind the violence which left at least 61 people dead in Alexandra this week.

It involves an explosive blend of black town council greed and fears, Inkatha aggression, and African National Congress indiscipline. And the ensuing violence has once again raised pointed questions about the impartiality of the police.

At the moment most of those involved seem to be passing the buck, but several hard facts, and several more conflicting allegations, stand out which suggest that no-one is blameless, but some are more to blame than others.

● A ground-breaking accord between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) scrapped the five-person, unelected Alexandra town council.

Significantly, it reversed a previous decision to hand over an important tract of land on the township's far East Bank to the council, and placed it temporarily under the control of the more trusted Sandton town council.

Several Johannesburg businessmen told *The Weekly Mail* that the Alexandra mayor, Prince Mokoena, an outsider who was brought in from the East Rand, had concluded agreements with developers for housing in the area. In addition to placing his job in jeopardy, the accord effectively rendered these agreements null and void.

According to ACO leader Moses Mayekiso, after the East Bank decision was reversed Mokoena told him: "Now we are going to hit you".

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"I asked him what he meant and he said, 'there are many ways'. A few days later the violence erupted."

Repeated attempts by *The Weekly Mail* to contact Mokoena at home and at work met with no success. His secretary said he had gone into hiding, and that his staff had no idea of his whereabouts.

In addition to having their jobs and development deals threatened, the councillors say they feared for their lives.

Earlier this month community members marched to Mokoena's house and dumped rubbish on his property, and several councillors had previously been threatened and attacked.

Inkatha Transvaal leader Humphrey Ndlovu confirmed that Mokoena and at least two other councillors were now Inkatha members.

● Mayekiso, however, says that while the accord, and the TPA-ACO decision to disband the council, might have been the spark which set off the violence, "it had been brewing since late last year".

"We believe that 'third force' elements, probably linked to the South African Police or the CCB, have been trying to destabilise the community."

Last year documents were revealed in the press showing that the shadowy Joint Management Committee — an arm of the National Management System disbanded by President FW de Klerk, was continuing to operate under a different name but with the same individuals in Alexandra.

Such elements are widely believed to have been behind the spate of vigilante attacks on ACO members in previous years, and are believed by ANC members to be close to the councillors.

● In recent months Inkatha has been recruiting aggressively in the hostels, which, unlike the situation in other townships, form an integrated part of the Alexandra community. This led to growing conflict within the hostels, and between hostel dwellers and others in the community.

Over the past fortnight ANC supporters say they were expecting an attack from Inkatha hostel dwellers. They say that outsiders were being bussed into the hostels to "stir up trouble".

● Inkatha says the reason for the violence was the necklacing of one of its members last Friday night.

"ANC supporters went to 18th Avenue and killed an Inkatha member,

Ntlanhla Nzuza, using the necklace method. They then went to 10th Avenue to search the house of another Inkatha member, but by this time the news had spread and the violence erupted," said Ndlovu, who has been involved in negotiations with the ANC in Alexandra over the past week.

"The whole situation was caused by ANC supporters. They were responsible because the first victim was an Inkatha member," he added.

ANC members in the area acknowledge the necklace murder took place but claim it was a revenge attack from certain community members for the murders of several ANC supporters in the hostels earlier that evening. No statement has been issued condemning the necklacing.

● ANC members accuse the police of playing a "blatantly biased role", disarming and shooting their members while refusing to disarm Inkatha.

"We have been demanding that the police and army disarm the Inkatha members in the hostel in the same way that they are disarming our supporters in the community, but they have done nothing," said Mayekiso.

"Most of the people killed in the violence have been our supporters in the hostels or next to the hostels. Several of these killings have taken place in front of the police and they haven't lifted a finger. They have also been shooting our people, which at least the army are not doing".

Inkatha members say they are satisfied with the role the police and army are playing.

The police have dismissed charges that they have shown any partiality.

Killing fields simmer in spite of calm facade

By WALLY MBHELE

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PROSPECTS for peace in Alexandra look remote — despite a lull in the violence, which has seen scores killed and hundreds injured this week. *W/Man 15/3-21/3/91*

As violence began to subside on Monday, I watched the police standing by as hostel dwellers took the law into their own hands.

Only hours after police announced that "with effect from 4pm anyone found in possession of dangerous weapons will be arrested", Inkatha loyalists poured out of the hostel rooms brandishing pangas, spears, firearms and assegais.

"Arrest them, arrest them," howled angry Alexandra residents as police watched the men.

As if in response, gunmen opened fire from the hostel windows.

Still, the police did nothing to stop the threats or move into the hostel.

In four days of observing events in Alexandra I saw no evidence of any attempt by the SAP to disarm Inkatha or search for weapons.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze yesterday told *The Weekly Mail* the SAP did in fact move "into this complex to disarm the residents after similar actions were carried out in other parts of the township earlier."

Inkatha has been in complete control of M1 men's hostel since Monday, and has imposed its own rules on the complex, creating a "frontline" against residents. In return, township residents have vowed to "drive the invaders out of the hostel."

Tension was heightened when non-Inkatha hostel residents who had fled the violence were forced to surrender their room keys, and charged amounts ranging from R1,50 to R10 before being allowed to fetch their possessions.

Kotze said police had no knowledge of such a scheme. He said where charges were laid or information provided, police would investigate. However, a former hostel resident who was unable to collect his possessions after refusing to pay a fee said police had refused to consider his complaint.

Asked how many people had been arrested for possession of dangerous weapons since the violence started, Kotze said: "None, except for one man who was arrested for brandishing an AK-47 on Wednesday."

While supporters of the African National Congress were this week accusing the police of complicity and reluctance to halt the killings, Inkatha supporters accused members of the defence force of bias against Zulus.

18 injured as group attacks Soweto train

JOHANNESBURG. — Eighteen people were injured when unknown assailants attacked commuters on a Soweto-bound train late on Thursday.

Most of the injured were treated for stab-wounds at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto and discharged.

A hospital spokeswoman said four of the injured — one of whom was "serious" — had been admitted.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said scores of commuters jumped off the train when it stopped at Kazerne station. The motive for the attack is unknown.

Captain Ngobeni also said a house in Soweto had been set alight early yesterday. No one was injured.

Police in Pretoria said an explosive device had been detonated at a hostel in Kannana near Klerksdorp on Thursday. — Sapa



ON TRIAL... Mrs Winnie Mandela leaves the Rand Supreme Court during a break in yesterday's proceedings of her kidnapping and assault trial, which focused on allegations of sexual misconduct against a Methodist minister. Pictures: REUTER

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Verryn allegations disputed

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Methodist Bishop Peter Storey, testifying in Mrs Winnie Mandela's kidnapping and assault trial, yesterday disputed defence claims that one of his ministers had sexual relations with youths at the Methodist manse in Soweto.

Bishop Storey, head of the Methodist Church in the Southern Transvaal, said the minister, Mr Paul Verryn, had informed the church in October 1988 of his concern over township rumours of sexual misconduct at the manse.

Two state witnesses, Mr Kenneth Kgase, 32, and Mr Barend Thabiso Mono, 21, have told the Rand Supreme Court they were abducted from the manse on December 29, 1988, and taken to Mrs Mandela's home. She allegedly accused them of engaging in homosexual relations with Mr Verryn, and assaulted them.

Bishop Storey said that while he was aware that Mr Verryn shared a double bed

with two other men, it was of no concern to him as the shortage of beds made this the "way many people live in Soweto".

"It was only a further indication, to me, of the degree to what extent Paul Verryn associated himself with the community he served," the bishop said, expressing awe at Mr Verryn's preparedness "to go that second mile".

Bishop Storey, who on several occasions during his testimony expressed absolute trust and admiration for Mr Verryn, said he found allegations by Mr Kgase that the minister had tickled him in the lower back had "uncomfortable implications".

Bishop Storey said a church inquiry into the allegations had exonerated Mr Verryn. Respected Soweto community leaders who interviewed about 12 former manse residents also declared rumours about Mr Verryn unfounded.

Police had declined to prosecute Mr Ver-

ryn, when they established that he had not been at the manse on the day Mr Katiza Cebekhulu — one of Mrs Mandela's co-accused, who has skipped bail — claimed he was raped by the minister.

Bishop Storey said Mrs Mandela, a Methodist, had never contacted him regarding the rumours of homosexuality.

Mr George Bizos put it to Bishop Storey that Mr Verryn "fondled" young male newcomers to the manse, and assured Mr Justice M S Stegmann that he would call former residents of the manse to verify his submission that Mr Verryn made "improper advances" on boys staying at the manse.

Although Mrs Mandela's primary defence is that she was not at home on the day the assault allegedly occurred, she has also told the court the four alleged victims had been brought to her house from the manse "to prevent the spread of homosexual practices amongst the youths staying there".

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Colonel averted a massacre

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ABBEY MAKOE

LIEUTENANT-Colonel Barry van der Walt had never been so close to death in 24 years of service with the police. Neither had he ever attracted so much media attention.

Television viewers watching the news reports of bloody clashes between Inkatha and ANC supporters in Alexandra last weekend saw the riot police chief and a handful of his men move boldly between the heavily armed factions.

It was a desperate attempt to stop further bloodshed.

This swift action — observers maintain it saved many a life — along with general police conduct during the emergency, attracted praise for the boys in blue.

Leaders' praise

The praise came particularly from the Inkatha leaders in the strife-torn township. The ANC was, however, sceptical.

But Colonel van der Walt, who's been injured three times during unrest, says he doesn't like being seen as a hero. "I've been attacked with knives, stones and spears and that, in a way, increased my understanding of how to deal with such situations."

This week, in an interview with Saturday Star, he described what met him when he arrived at the scene. "Both groups seemed set to take on each other. It was scary and it was dangerous," he said.

"Not only my life, but those of my men were at stake. Any decision taken without a wise calculation would have resulted in the loss of more lives, I'm sure."

The tall and heavily built 42-year-old policeman, who walks as though he's on drill, arrived in Alexandra on Saturday morning and spent the following 36 hours quelling the unrest.

He had to call on all his experience to deal with the crisis. "But when you're well trained you do not panic."

Apparently surprised that the press should be interested in him, the colonel stressed it was "my men" and not he alone who fought to bring the situation under control.

However, he revealed the "Alexandra incident" was the worst in his career. "I've never been so close to death."

His secret in quelling unrests? "First, I always get worried about the criminal elements. Their tendency to steal, loot and even assault other people serves as a recipe to aggravate the situation."

"Pick them up, lock them up and you're left with the unrest, which is really not that much of a headache to stop."

The final step in calming down the situation, he said, was to get the leaders of both groups to arrange a meeting at which they could resolve their differences amicably.

He showered praise on Inkatha's Themba Khoza and the ANC's Popo Molefe "who did a lot in controlling their followers".

Also lauded by Colonel van der Walt were some Alexandra councillors, whom he did not know by name.

Continued restraint

Musa Myeni, Inkatha leader for the Transvaal, said his movement appreciated the role played by police in "minimising loss of life", especially the boldness of Colonel van der Walt.

He further appealed to the police in general to continue to exercise "maximum restraint" and undertake normal patrols with impartiality.

However, Moses Mayekiso, head of the Alexandra Media Committee, established by the ANC, could "find no reason" to say the police were impartial.

He said the ANC had evidence that police killed three residents on Sunday.

Asked about the actions of Colonel van der Walt, Mayekiso declared bluntly: "That was just a publicity stunt. Police never do that on the ground."

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Carnage erupted in Alex after gruesome murder, say residents

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murder, say residents

ALEXANDRA residents believe that the gruesome murder of a hostel inmate in 17th Avenue last Friday night triggered the violence that left at least 61 people dead, scores injured and many others homeless.

Residents in 17th Avenue and surrounding streets told Saturday Star the death of Nhlamla Nzuza, an Inkatha member suspected of spying on ANC struc-

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tures in the area led to a spate of revenge attacks by angry hostel dwellers.

Jacob Masemola (not his real name), a resident of 17th Avenue, said he was watching television on Friday evening when he heard people singing not far from his parents' home.

He went outside to investigate and found that the singing came from a group of more than 100 armed youths who had gathered outside a shack.

"After a while some members of the group emerged from the shack carrying a sofa. On top of the sofa was a man (Mr Nzuza) who looked terrified. Some members of the group took weapons — sharp instruments

— from the man and stabbed him with them.

"They then doused the sofa with petrol and set it alight. The group sang and watched as the man burned to death. Satisfied that the man was dead, the group then disappeared into the night," Jacob said.

Police arrived at the scene about two hours later. He said he believed that after

the attack, friends of the murdered man ran to the hostel in 2nd Avenue to tell other hostel dwellers about the murder.

A spate of what is believed to have been revenge attacks by hostel dwellers followed. Residents who suffered most were those whose homes were in the immediate vicinity of the Madala Hostel. The violence did not reach the street where Mr

Nzuza had lived.

Jacob said Mr Nzuza and other hostel dwellers had moved out of the single-sex residence and had built shacks in the township or lived with their girlfriends or families.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman agreed with the residents. "We must make it clear that police suspect the incident

might have sparked the violence and investigations are under way in that regard," he said.

Transvaal Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman Themba Khoza also said he believed the murder in 17th Avenue had been the cause of the trouble.

When asked whether Mr Nzuza had been an Inkatha spy operating in ANC structures, Mr Khoza replied: "Even if he was

spying for Inkatha, nobody had the right to kill him."

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the reason for the spate of violence was not the real issue. What was the issue was that, "irrespective of what happened, people should seek ways of avoiding revenge. Communities should be concerned about communicating and stopping violence from escalating".

'DOGS OF WAR'

Soccer to kick free in months?

By VIVIAN REDDIAR

SOUTH AFRICAN soccer could have its first taste of international competition within a few months. *C/Sen 17/3/91*

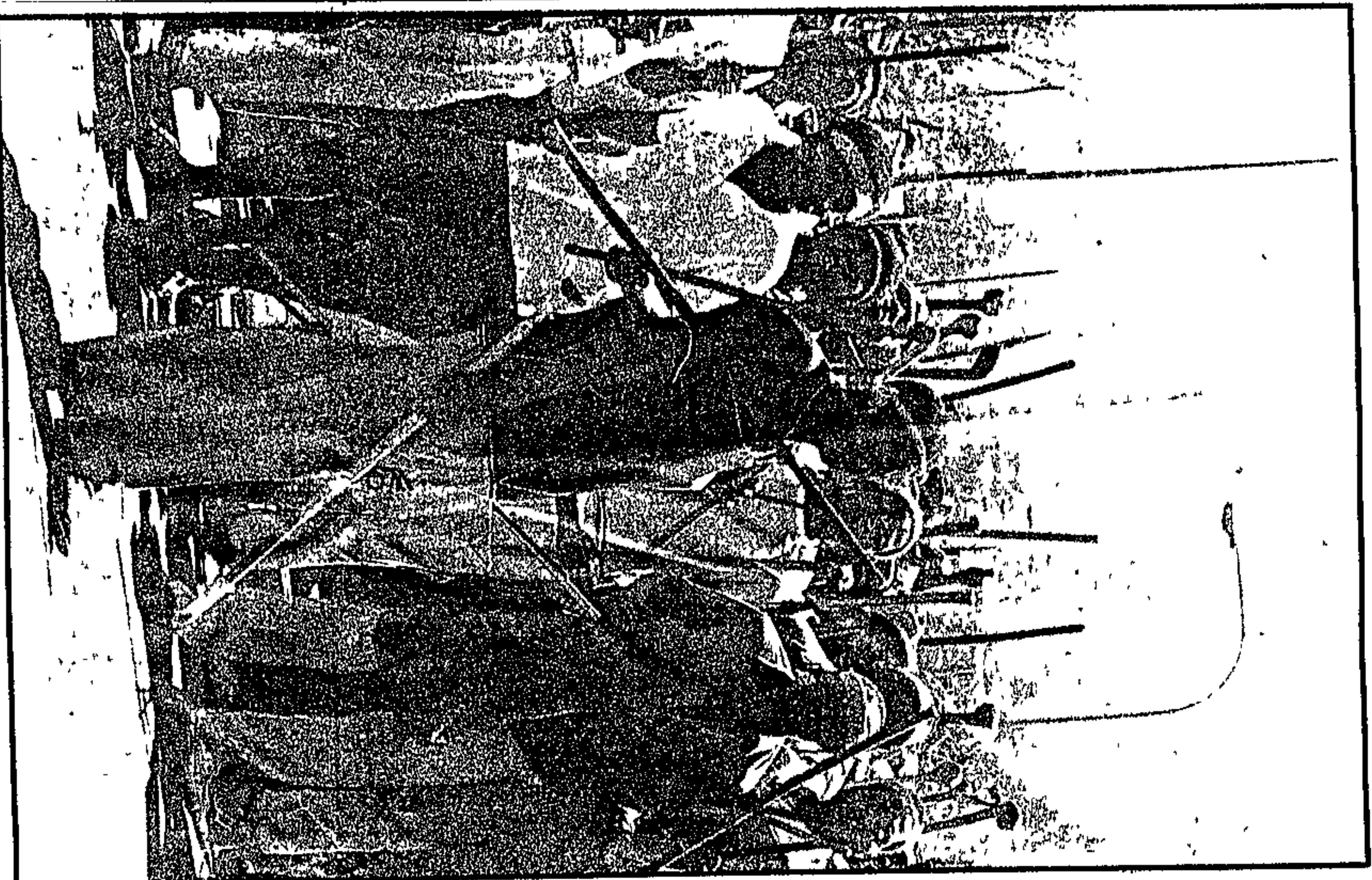
This could happen soon after the remaining apartheid acts are wiped off the statute books in the present parliamentary session, which closes at the end of June.

African sports administrators want to give South African soccer international competition before any other major South African sport - as soon as possible after sport sanctions are lifted.

The African officials who met in Botswana last week decided they would do everything in their power to make it possible. *City Press* has reliably learnt.

In the forefront of this move is a man who has been deeply involved in isolating South African soccer since the 60s. He is president of the Association of the National Olympic Committees of Africa (Anoca), Jean-Claude Ganga.

He will personally recommend to the African Football Confederation (Caf), which controls African soccer, to speedily recognise South



ON THE LOOSE

By LEN KALANE, SOPHIE TEMA and ELIAS MALULEKE

MYSTERIOUS red head-banded "dogs of war" have been unleashed on Witwatersrand communities.

But nobody knows who they are. And nobody knows why they are fighting or for whom.

It is against this background that chilling facts are beginning to emerge around the Alexandra and Meadowlands violence which left 68 people dead in the past week.

Inkatha this week discovered these notorious "rooidoke", warning the ANC truck them down and bring them to justice.

The police are also baffled. Spokesman Capt Henrietta Bester said yesterday police were investigating every possibility as to the identity of the gangs.

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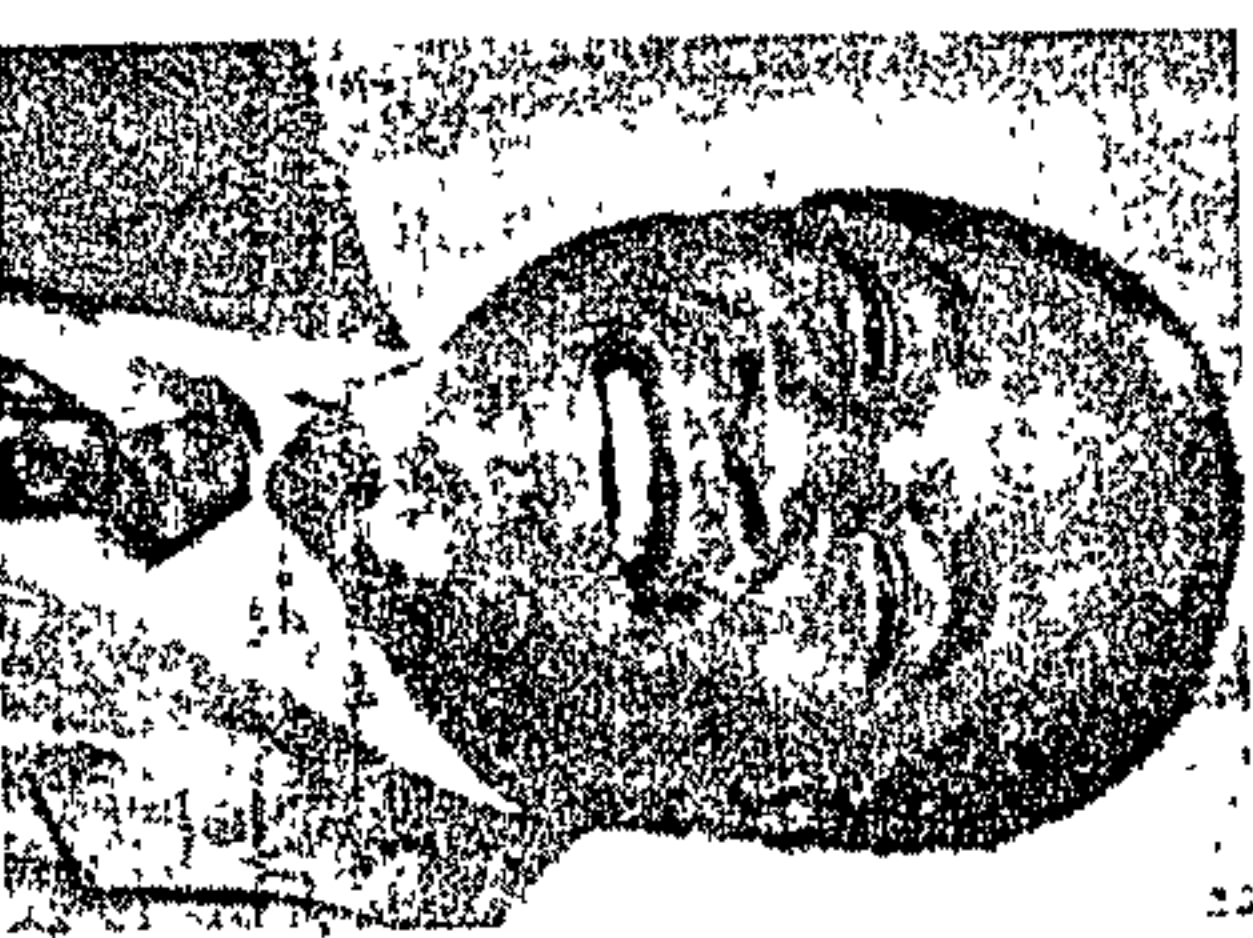
Cops baffled as Inkatha denies the 'rooidoke' are members

the list of more than 800 people, residing in the area, are wearing red headbands with Inkatha.

These gangs have themselves claimed to be members of Inkatha and have often gathered in their thousands at the organisation's rallies.

But this week top IFP officials, including its national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose, denied the bandits were their members.

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the lives of more than 100 people, residents have been wearing red headbands with Inkatha.

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As the drama of the unknown "rooidoeke" unfolds, a City Press investigation brought certain hard facts to the fore:

■ Police, with the help of the SADF, moved into Alexandra's Mens' hostel on Friday night and uncovered a large assortment of weapons, including sharpened iron-rods, so called "chopknives", pangas and several rounds of live ammunition.

This hostel accommodates 3 000 residents, most of whom have fled for fear of possible renewed fighting.

■ Allegations are surfacing that political rivalry between the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) and the Alexandra Town Council (ATC) is at the root of the blood-bath.

The mayor of Alexandra, Prince Mokoena, is missing and is believed to be in hiding.

Mokoena allegedly threatened members of the ACO and warned them he would "hit back" following an accord that established a joint working committee between the ACO and the TPA, which partly sidelined the council as a dominant force in the township.

The outbreak of violence started on Thursday night last week at an ACO meeting, in what was perceived as an attempt to eliminate top-ranking civic members - including Moses Mayekiso, Popo Molefe and the chairman of the Freedom Charter squatter camp, Samson Malinga.

Assault guards

guards, who are from the Transkei. Many others have been seriously injured by the men.

Maluleka's mother, Asath Maluleka, 39, said the guards had also killed her neighbour's son. They had beaten him for no apparent reason. "I am going to take legal action against Sibakhulu."

Last month the guards allegedly pounced on Lucky Makhubela, 20, as he walked past the supermarket. He was allegedly assaulted and acid was poured on his private parts. He died a week later.

Sibalukhulu said: "Most of these assaults take place when I am not in and to show my sympathy with bereaved families I help with burials."

SAP liaison officer Lt Mirinda Erasmus said police were investigating the latest incidents.

Wedding bells ring for Jake

ONE of the shortest figures in the boxing world, Jake Matlala, has been swept off his feet by Mapule Lehutso.

Matlala, the South African flyweight junior champion who is rated seventh by the World Boxing Association, was the "happiest man in the world" as he announced his plan to marry the mother of his five-month-old baby.

The wedding bells will ring on April 23 for the diminutive boxer who has thrilled countless fans with his feats in the ring.

Matlala's wife-to-be passed her matric last year and intends to study social work at university next year.



Matlala and Mapule tie the knot.



Dr Frank Mdlalose ... red is not an Inkatha colour.



LEFT: Soldiers move out to take up positions where they kept a watch on armed Inkatha supporters at yesterday's mass rally in Alexandra. RIGHT: Part of the crowd of Inkatha members leave yesterday's rally.

15 killed in Jhb violence

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 15 people died yesterday in the latest outbreak of violence here, nine in strife-torn Alexandra township where the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) staged a mass "peace rally".

The worst single incident occurred at George Goch Hostel, near the city centre, when six people were killed and six injured in fighting that erupted at 4pm, an hour after the Inkatha "peace rally" ended.

In Alexandra, three people believed to be Inkatha supporters were hacked to death while the IFP rally was in progress, after their minibus strayed to a stadium where members of the African Congress (ANC) had gathered, said Mr Obed Bapela, of the Alexandra Civic Association (ACO).

A group of IFP supporters reportedly abandoned the meeting and tried to launch a revenge attack on township residents after the minibus killings, but police and troops intervened and held the armed group back.

When the rally ended, security forces took positions along different routes in the township to prevent further violence.

However, a man was killed and another injured when a vehicle drove into a group of people who had apparently left the rally and were heading home, police spokesman Major Reg Crewe said.

Township residents scurried for shelter several times at the sight of advancing IFP supporters.

A man was hacked to death next to the stadium. A red headband and several bricks lay next to the body, which was covered in blood.

Security forces would not allow photographers to take pictures.

Witwatersrand police commissioner Major-General Gerrit Erasmus told reporters the dead

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man was an Inkatha supporter. He said he did not know who had killed him.

Asked by reporters why, in light of the violent and tense situation in the township, the rally was approved, Major-General Erasmus said permission had been granted 40 days ago before the current unrest had erupted.

There was further controversy after a local magistrate last week refused to grant permission to the ANC to hold a rally in Alexandra yesterday.

Asked why the ANC request had been turned down, General Erasmus said the two rallies could not be held on the same day. The ANC rally would be held next week, he added.

Also asked about the carrying of weapons by IFP supporters, General Erasmus told reporters police had instructed the organisers of the rally to disarm the crowd.

Major Crewe later told reporters that a man had been killed when police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets, and fired shotguns, to disperse a mob at a squatter camp where four shacks had been set alight.

The incident, at 3 45pm, occurred after the rally. He said it was unclear if any people were injured when the car was driven into the crowd.

Two hours earlier, Major Crewe added, two Zulus were attacked and killed near a squatter camp.

According to Inkatha spokesmen, the IFP had called the rally to foster peace in the township, still recovering from a week of violence that claimed nearly 50 people. The violence began last Saturday.

The ANC opposed the holding of the rally, but was unable to get it cancelled despite heightened fears of a planned attack by alleged IFP followers.

Mr Bapela said ANC supporters, whose application to hold a rally at the weekend was turned down by the authorities, had gathered at the Alexandra Stadium to prevent Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's followers from using the venue.

According to the ACO spokesman, the three people killed near the stadium had been attacked because of fears that the unknown minibus occupants were about to launch an attack.

Their deaths raised fears that large-scale violence could break out at any moment in the tense and troubled township. "We don't know what will happen in the evening," Mr Bapela said.

Major Crewe said last night: "At present the security forces are in control of the situation."

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Alexandra threatened by further violence

A NEW upsurge of violence, similar to that of the previous weekend, threatened to rock Alexandra yesterday when thousands of heavily armed Inkatha supporters marched through parts of the township.

Police discovered eight bodies during the day. *By Day 18/3/91.*

An Inkatha supporter was killed yesterday in a clash with residents of an ANC-supporting area near Alexandra's soccer stadium, where streets were barricaded.

More than 40 people died in violence in Alexandra the previous weekend.

Police and SADF personnel maintained a heavy presence in the township, north of Johannesburg, as thousands of Inkatha

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members streamed to a local stadium for a mass rally. The ANC earlier asked government to cancel the rally because of fears that Inkatha planned to attack residents.

Witwatersrand regional police commissioner Maj-Gen Gerrit Erasmus supervised SAP operations yesterday.

Police made little attempt to disarm Inkatha members, who carried spears, sharpened poles and axes, "If you want to disarm the people, you're welcome to do it yourselves," Erasmus told journalists.

He said police had set up roadblocks, but because of the large number of buses and

taxis streaming into the township, it had been impossible to search each one for dangerous weapons.

Inkatha supporters were ferried in from across the Reef and from Northern Natal.

One pistol-toting man was disarmed by troops. *(278)*

Alexandra mayor and Inkatha member Prince Mokoena said yesterday's rally was called to mourn victims of last week's clashes and to encourage Alexandra residents to join Inkatha.

Sapa reports that two men were found stabbed to death in Tembisa.

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16 dead in Rand Sunday violence

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PEACE RALLY

At least eight were killed in Alexandra where the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) held a "peace rally" to address the violence that had claimed 48 lives during the week.

It is believed most of those killed were members of the IFP on their way to the rally.

Police at George Goch hostel in Benrose are today trying to determine what sparked the violence just after 5pm yesterday.

Police and South African Defence Force personnel were rushed to Benrose but left lat-

er. The area was quiet last night.

In Alexandra a police spokesman said one of the dead had been shot and others died after being stabbed and hacked.

One man was battered to death with bricks. A red headband — which Inkatha members wear to identify themselves — was lying next to his body.

POLICE CORDON

Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) spokesman Mr Obed Bapela said three Inkatha members on their way to the rally were hacked to death by about 100 ANC members who had gathered near the stadium.

When they heard the news, thousands of IFP members with knobkerries, clubs, pangas and metal spikes tried repeatedly to break through a police and army cordon that cut them off from the rest of the township.

Although they were persuaded to return to the rally, organisers and police had great difficulty in dispersing the crowd after the meeting ended.

For over an hour armed and chanting groups of IFP supporters tried running up side streets to get into the township but were forced to return by heavily armed security forces.

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15 Killed in New Johannesburg

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AT LEAST 15 people were killed when fighting erupted at a city-centre hostel yesterday afternoon and in Alexandra.

Police spokesman Major Reg Crew said six people were killed and six injured, some seriously, when fighting broke out at George Goch Hostel, near Jeppestown, at 4pm.

He said police and troops had been rushed to the area to tighten security.

It could not be ascertained at the time of going to press whether the fighting was a continuation of the battles at Alexandra.

Crew said that at Alexandra a man was killed when police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets, and fired shotguns to disperse a mob at a squatter camp where four shacks had been set alight.

**BY MOKGADI PELA, NKOPANE
MAKOBANE and Sapa**

The incident, at 3.45pm, occurred after an Inkatha "peace rally" in the township yesterday.

Another police spokesman, Brigadier J Venter, Witwatersrand head of operations, said the body of a man was found in the area during the rally.

On hearing about the discovery of the body Inkatha supporters, carrying sticks and other weapons, tried to go to the scene of the incident near 12th Avenue but police stopped them.

In another incident, a man was killed by a mob when a vehicle drove into a crowd of people apparently leaving the rally.

Crew said another man was injured when the

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Knobkerries were in evidence during the Inkatha rally at the Alexandra Stadium yesterday. Gunfire was also heard while the meeting was in progress.

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Fifteen killed as unrest spreads

crowd turned over the vehicle and attacked the occupants.

Two hours earlier, Cewe added, two Zulus were attacked and killed near a squatter camp. Police earlier reported five people had died overnight on Saturday. Two of them were found in Tembisa on the East Rand.

two were found in Alexandra and one at Unkommas in Natal.

However Mr Obed Bapela, a spokesman for the Alexandra Civic Organisation, said three members of the Inkatha Party were hacked and stabbed to

death in the violence-torn township yesterday.

He said they were killed by a crowd of about 100 after they fled from a minibus that came under attack near the Alexandra Stadium.

Members of the African National Congress

had gathered at the stadium in an attempt to prevent their opponents from using the stadium for their rally, he added.

Meanwhile, a man died on arrival at the Alexandra Health Centre, the centre's administrator Mr David Robb, said last

night. He added that 26 injured people arrived at the clinic with lacerations, gunshot and stab wounds.

Addressing the crowd of thousands at the stadium, KwaZulu government official Mr Velaphi Ndlovu condemned the police raid on Friday at the Alexandra hostel as "dehumanising".

Meanwhile, Alexandra township's "mystery mayor" has been dragged into the debate over the causes of the bloodbath in the area, the *Star* newspaper reported yesterday.

It is claimed that an internal memorandum from the Inkatha-supporting mayor to his councillors has shed new light on the possible causes of the explosion of violence in the

In an official memorandum dated November 14 1990, the mayor, Prince Mokoena, whose bitter opposition to the ANC-supporting the Alexandra Civic Organisation is well known, told councillors he had been "allowing Inkatha into Alexandra ... because I am sick and tired of the civic organisation and the ANC".

In another development, IFP Transvaal leader Themba Khoza has written a letter to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, claiming that certain black members of the South African Defence Force and South African Police in Alexandra were attacking and harassing their members.

Violent clashes on Reef leave 18 dead and scores injured

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Eighteen people are known to have died and many have been left seriously injured in violent fighting which erupted in Alexandra, Tembisa and a Johannesburg hostel yesterday.

Six people died and seven were injured when fighting broke out at the George Goch Hostel near Jeppe, a police spokesman said.

Two more bodies were removed from Alexandra last night, bringing the township's death toll in the past 24 hours to 10.

The spokesman said there had been no reports of renewed fighting in either of the two places in the past 12 hours.

In Tembisa near Kempton Park, two men were stabbed to death and a woman was seriously injured.

In Alexandra, eight Inkatha members were killed — allegedly by ANC supporters — while on their way to an Inkatha Freedom Party "peace rally".

SAP spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said one of the dead was shot and others

died of stab and hack wounds. Eyewitnesses said attackers had crushed one man's head with bricks.

A red headband — which Inkatha members wear to identify themselves — was lying next to his body.

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Disperse

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They returned to the rally but organisers and police had great difficulty trying to disperse the crowd when the meeting ended.

For more than an hour, armed and chanting groups

of IFP supporters tried to run up side streets to get into the township.

The IFP meeting was controversial before it even started. The ANC demanded that the meeting be cancelled after an ANC application to hold a similar meeting was turned down.

A magistrate refused permission for the ANC rally because Alexandra had been declared an unrest area. The IFP rally was permitted because the IFP had received permission before the township was declared an unrest area.

Thousands of IFP members were bussed in from other townships for the rally.

Security forces were hard-pressed to control the crowd when Inkatha members started taunting residents who had lined a fence to watch the rally, the residents were told to disperse.

● In other unrest incidents around the country, police report that nine people were arrested, two men were slightly injured, a private home was set alight and another was damaged in a petrol bomb attack.

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Two men die in stabbings

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Two men were stabbed to death and a woman was seriously wounded in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, during the past 24 hours, police reported yesterday.

The house of Soweto city councillor Mr Benjamin Mthimkulu was petrol-bombed by several youths yesterday morning, police said.

Mr Mthimkulu was away but his son Vusi, who was on his way home, saw what was going and put the fire out, said the police.

The children fled.

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Inkatha to meet Vlok today

AN Inkatha Freedom Party delegation is to meet the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, in Cape Town this afternoon.

The follows a strong attack on the police and defence force yesterday by the IFP leader and KwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, for its role in the conflict in Alexandra.

Chief Buthelezi called for every policeman and every soldier to be withdrawn from Alexandra and replaced by a new and much more substantial police and army presence under hand-chosen commanders to ensure that "not one more person died in the conflict".

A spokesman for the Law and Order Ministry, Captain Craig Kotze, said yesterday that the presence of police and troops in Alexandra had prevented even greater bloodshed.

"The killings are therefore not a reflection of the attitude or capability of the policemen and troops to quell the unrest, but a reflection on the culture of intolerance which seems to have taken root in Alexandra and other townships.

"The real culprit is the belief that differences can be settled by an assegai or a petrol-bomb."

— Political Staff, Own Correspondent and Sapa

NEW Winnie evidence

From PATRICK COLLINGS

JOHANNESBURG. — The state yesterday said it had new evidence implicating Mrs Winnie Mandela in two alleged incidents of kidnap and assault committed weeks before those for which she is currently on trial in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Justice Michael Stegmann will rule today on prosecutor Mr Jan Swanepoel SC's application to introduce the new claims.

Mrs Mandela's counsel, Mr George Bizos SC, opposed the application,

saying that even if she were guilty of the charges, they would have no relevance to her present trial.

Mr Swanepoel said he had evidence that Mrs Mandela was part of a group who abducted two people from their home on September 26, 1988 and assaulted them at the Mandela home.

"They (the two people) were assaulted, inter alia, by being lifted up and dropped, and by having a plastic bag pulled over their heads. Accused 8 (Mrs Mandela) was present at some stage during the assaults," Mr Swanepoel told the court, adding that the

victims were released the following day.

Mr Swanepoel continued by saying Mrs Mandela was involved with the November 13, 1988 abduction of a 21-year-old Soweto man, who disappeared after being assaulted at her home.

Mr Swanepoel said the disappearance of the man was "similar to what would have happened" if the body of 14-year-old child activist Stompie Meeketsi Seipei had not been found.

Mr Swanepoel, who refused to disclose the identity of the victims, also

said the modus operandi in the previous assaults was similar to details provided by key state witnesses, Mr Kenneth Kgase, 32, and Mr Barend Mono, 21, about their abduction and assault.

Mr Swanepoel argued the "similar fact evidence" had sufficient relevance to be admissible.

Accusing the prosecution of presenting the new allegations "as an afterthought", Mr Bizos asked: "Why

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should Mrs Mandela face two serious charges without an indictment, without a summary of facts, and without the names of the witnesses?"

Mr Swanepoel said he would name the witnesses if his application to introduce the new evidence was successful.

Mr Bizos argued that the introduction of the new details was an attempt to back up the testimony of Mr Kgase and Mr Mono.

"What (the prosecution) is saying is that (they) may have problems with (the testimony of) Kgase and Mono, (and the court must now) listen to (their) better witnesses," he said.

Earlier in the day a police forensic expert, Major Johannes Claassens, told the court he had found blood samples on the ceiling, all four walls and curtains of a back-room at Mrs Winnie Mandela's house where she allegedly beat the youths allegedly in December 1988.

Major Claassens said that while the blood samples matched the blood group as one of the assault victims, Mr Gabriel Mekgwe, 21, he could not say whether the blood definitely came from Mr Mekgwe.

Mr Mekgwe disappeared a week after the trial began.

Sharpeville Day services planned

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THOUSANDS of workers are expected to observe the 31st anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings on Thursday.

Azapo has called for a national stayaway and invited other liberation

By **THEMBA MOLEFE** and **SAPA**

organisations to join it at mass rallies planned countrywide.

The PAC, ANC, Nactu and Cosatu are also lining up services throughout the country but have not called for a stayaway, saying March 21 was generally accepted as a holiday.

PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu will address a service in Sharpeville after the ceremonial cleansing of the 69 victims' graves in the morning.

The ANC is also plan-

ning a rally in Sharpeville.

In a joint statement yesterday, the ANC and Cosatu's Eastern Transvaal regions said they intended holding more than 50 rallies in the area on Thursday.

The PWV region of the ~~ANC~~ ^{ANC} is three rallies, to be held on Thursday to commemorate the massacre, will coincide with the launch of its signature campaign calling for the setting up of a constituent assembly ahead of negotiations.

PWV ANC publicity secretary Ronnie Mamoepa said SACP general secretary Joe Slovo will address a rally at the Sharpeville stadium, outside Vereeniging, while the ANC's national executive committee member James Stewart will deliver a speech at another rally at the Mamelodi Community Centre, in Mamelodi, Pretoria.

A third rally - to be held at Jabulani stadium - will be addressed by the ANC's treasurer general Thomas Nkobi.

The rallies will start at 10am.

Soweto home ⁽²⁷⁸⁾ bombed

SA Press Association

THE house of a Soweto city councillor was attacked and petrol-bombed by several youths yesterday morning, police said.

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Col J de Vries, of the Soweto police division, said councillor Benjamin Boy Mthimkulu was away when the attack occurred at about 10:30am.

"About 11 school children attacked the house and then threw nine petrol bombs inside. Fortunately, Mthimkulu's son, Vusi, was on his way home and saw what was going on. He managed to extinguish the fire."

De Vries said the children fled the scene before the police arrived. Police are investigating.

Reef violence death toll rises

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ANC regional chairman Mr Popo Molefe yesterday denied that people who killed the six

alleged IFP members belonged to his organisation. *Sowetan 19/3/91*

"We want South Africa and the world to know that just as much as President FW de Klerk does not take responsibility for the actions of every white person in this country, neither can the ANC be expected to take responsibility for the actions of every black person," Molefe said.

Intervene

Meanwhile, Inkatha Freedom Party leader and KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi has called for the direct intervention of the Ministers of Police and Defence after "disgusting" action by police and soldiers in Alexandra. Buthelezi, addressing the KwaZulu Legisla-

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... tive Assembly yesterday, said the IFP was making up a delegation to see Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok. *Sowetan 19/3/91*

The delegation would be headed by IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose and members of the Transvaal IFP.

Vlok is to see the delegation in Cape Town today.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the delegation would see Vlok about Buthelezi's demand that troops and police be withdrawn from Alexandra township.

What aggravated the situation was that there was "incontrovertible evidence" which could be backed by sworn statements that black members of the SADF in Alexandra were denigrating and threatening to kill him if he set foot in Alexandra, Buthelezi said.

He said the violence in Alexandra was the kind that posed the greatest threat to negotiations. - Sapa.



Crackdown . . . armed troops man a roadblock in Alexandra yesterday after a weekend of bloody clashes claimed the lives of at least 18 people. Picture: AP

Vlok to discuss 'quit Alex' call

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok is to meet an Inkatha delegation today to discuss Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's demand that police and troops should withdraw from strife-torn Alexandra.

Chief Buthelezi yesterday accused police and soldiers of bias against him and the Inkatha Freedom Party in the Alexandra fighting.

He yesterday told the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly he had incontrovertible evidence that black policemen were denigrating him and threatening to kill him if he set foot in the Reef township.

Inkatha members had been forced to undress and lie down and had been stamped upon by police and soldiers in Alexandra on Friday, he claimed.

"The KwaZulu government calls for the immediate removal of every policeman and every soldier now in Alexandra and their immediate replacement by a new and much more substantial police and army presence under hand-chosen commanders to ensure that no more people die in the conflict.

"I believe the situation in Alexandra has reached a crisis point in which direct approaches should be made to the Ministers of Law and Order and of Defence."

Chief Buthelezi said the violence in Alexandra was the kind that posed the greatest threat to negotiations.

The time had come to act with new determination and devote the resources needed to quell the conflict.

"The Government has the final responsibility of keeping peace and maintaining law and order.

"It must now do what is necessary to achieve these ends," Chief Buthelezi said.

Mr Vlok's spokesman, Captain Craig Kotze, said Mr Vlok would meet an Inkatha delegation in his Cape Town office today to discuss the allegations. He did not know who would lead the delegation.

The day the impis spilt beer — and blood

By Montshiwa Moroke

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The horror of what happened at the weekend at George Goch hostel — during which six people died and seven were injured — was recounted yesterday.

It has been alleged that the six were victims of a group of Inkatha members returning from Sunday's "peace rally" in Alexandra. The group apparently stormed a hostel beerhall and attacked more than 200 people.

Police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand Colonel Frans Malherbe yesterday said one man was shot and five stabbed and hacked to death. No arrests have been made.

A witness said the incident occurred at about 4 pm after the large group, armed with assegais, pangas, sticks and other weapons, arrived in minibuses

and went into the beerhall, chanting.

"Without any provocation, they started attacking customers. Terrified people left their drinks and ran for their lives.

"Some people managed to scale the high brick walls with security razor-wire. God knows how. Part of the razor-wire was removed from one section of the wall.

"There was blood all over the place and three bodies were left lying behind after the attack. I saw at least two people being taken away by ambulance," the witness said.

Workers were washing away the bloodstains yesterday at the quiet but tense hostel.

The witness said the men had also attacked other people outside the hostel building at random and also tried to enter the

George Goch stadium where a match was in progress between Kaizer Chiefs and Bosmont Chelsea.

"They fired two warning shots when they found the gates were locked and realised they could not go inside. One can only imagine what could have happened if they had got inside," said the witness.

The police were on the scene when the match ended and the fans left the stadium.

He said weekends were busy days for the beerhall but there was a lesser crowd than usual as many of the hostel inmates had left at about 10 am for the Inkatha rally.

The hostel dwellers could not identify the dead men because some of the customers also came from the City Deep compound and city flats.

Police identify 8 Alex victims

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POLICE yesterday released the names of eight of the more than 60 victims of the violence in Alexandra Township.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the identities of the other victims, either stabbed or shot, were still unknown.

The eight are: Belweni Mbenjane of 92 20th Avenue, Alexandra; Johnson Dani (26), of 65 Joseph Street, Highlands North; Jeremiah Malaea (34), of 165 50th Avenue, Alexandra; Fanie Mashishi (2), of 134 5th Avenue, Alexandra; Gesi Mbuko (33), of 30 15th Avenue, Alexandra; ST Majiyize, of 152 4th Avenue, Alexandra; Bhakuyise Khanyile (38), of 16 10th Avenue, Alexandra; and Alfred Peter (40), of 188 Oxford Street, Johannesburg.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Meanwhile, the Alexandra Relief Coordinating Committee was due to meet last night to finalise arrangements for the mass burial of some of the victims.

The functions of the committee, formed last week, include: helping to identify victims and their families; providing transport aid to the families; identifying corpses at the mortuary; collecting and distributing food; and assisting with accommodation for displaced and destitute families.

The committee has appealed to families who have lost members to come to its offices at Ganda Centre, 1st Avenue, near the taxi rank or telephone 786-8364.

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Unrest deaths: 2 men killed

JOHANNESBURG. — A man was shot dead at Thokoza near Alberton yesterday morning after overpowering a policeman and grabbing his R-1 rifle. *CN 7-11 20/3/91*
In other unrest-related incidents in the past 24 hours, police report that at Boboyi near Port Shepstone the body of a black man was found with stab and hack wounds.

At Khutsong near Carletonville, a private home was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

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Winnie trial: new evidence allowed

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Evidence implicating Mrs Winnie Mandela in incidents of abduction and assault prior to those for which she is presently on trial will be heard in the Rand Supreme Court, after a judge's ruling yesterday.

In granting the state's application to have the new details admitted as "similar fact evidence", Mr Justice Michael Stegmann said it was of "particular importance" that the trial should "ventilate all the issues relevant to the guilt or innocence of Mrs Mandela".

"It is important that there should be no room left at the end of the trial for speculation that a different outcome may have resulted if similar fact evidence had been excluded," he said.

Mr Justice Stegmann instructed the prosecution to immediately furnish Mrs Mandela's defence counsel with the names of the new witnesses, and indicated that a lengthy adjournment would be called before the new evidence

JOHANNESBURG. — The state yesterday told the Rand Supreme Court that witnesses called to provide evidence of additional kidnapping and assault incidents allegedly involving Mrs Winnie Mandela would be protected.

Prosecutor Mr Jan Swanepoel, SC, said he would apply for an court order to allow the seven unidentified witnesses to give their evidence in camera.

Last night the attorney-general of the Witwatersrand, Mr Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau, said he would consider the witnesses' situation later today, to see "whether any other measures (to protect them) would be called for".

was led, to allow the defence team time to prepare.

Mrs Mandela's senior counsel, Mr George Bizos, SC, said his client would deny knowledge or involvement in the new allegations of abduction and assault.

Mr Bizos earlier argued that the introduction of the new evidence would result in "overwhelming prejudice" against Mrs Mandela, would have no relevance to the present trial and

would result in the trial being "lengthy and messy".

Responding to Mr Bizos's argument that he new evidence would result in "extreme prejudice" against Mrs Mandela, Mr Justice Stegmann said the probative force of the new allegations outweighed the prejudicial effects such evidence would have against her defence.

"There is no reason why the defence cannot prepare a sufficient defence (during the adjournment)," he added.

During yesterday's afternoon session, Mr Hendrik Kruger, counsel for accused Mr John Morgan, argued over the admissibility of a statement made by him to police on February 22, 1989.

Although the contents of the statement were not revealed in court, Sapa reports the document states that Mr Morgan admitted being present when the December 1988 assault took place.

Mr Kruger disputed police claims that Mr Morgan volunteered the information without being threatened or offered anything.

The hearing continues today.

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Govt will investigate Inkatha allegations

Political Staff

THE government has undertaken to investigate Inkatha Freedom Party allegations that security forces in Alexandra were biased against the party's supporters and had treated some "roughly" during the recent violence.

The lack of sufficient protection had led to the deaths of Inkatha members during the violence, national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said here last night.

He was speaking after heading a five-man Inkatha delegation which met with Law and Order Minister Mr. Adriaan Vlok and Defence Minister General Magnus Malan yesterday.

Dr Mdlalose told a press conference after the meeting that his delegation had raised the "lack of impartiality" of the security forces in Alexandra and the "rough treatment" of Inkatha supporters during the search of an Alexandra hostel.

Dr Mdlalose said the authorities had promised to investigate the allegations.

Prisoners 'becoming impatient for freedom'

RELEASED ANC cadre Carl Niehaus said yesterday the ANC members still in jail were growing impatient to be released.

At a media conference in Johannesburg, Niehaus, who was released earlier in the day after serving nearly eight years in jail, said his "comrades" in prison were "extremely keen" to be released, Sapa reports.

The Broederstroom treason prisoners, Damien de Lange and Ian Robertson, were specifically mentioned.

He said government would be acting in bad faith if it did not release all political prisoners by April 30.

The former RAU student, who was convicted in 1983 for treason and sentenced to 15 years, said it was "wonderful" to be free, and in the short term he aimed to catch up on family relationships. He would then continue to involve himself in the struggle against apartheid.

He was still committed to the ANC's ideals, and he fully supported the negotiation process.

Niehaus was released at 10am on Tuesday, and he said he was only told on Monday night he was going to be freed.

He said his time in jail had been very difficult at first, but that "as things changed on the outside, it became easier on the inside".

Niehaus said this changed on February 2 1990, when President F W de Klerk unbanned the ANC. "I have been expecting to be released since then."

DARIUS SANAI reports that Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), while welcoming the release of political prisoners by government, has criticised the move as making only a "small dent" in the number of political prisoners still being held.

An LHR spokesman said all political prisoners, including 48 of the 342 convicted murderers on Death Row, should be covered by the Pretoria Minute.

A Justice Ministry spokesman yesterday warned the LHR and the ANC against being too hasty. She said all applications for indemnity were being dealt with individually and there was no danger of anyone being executed who could in future be pardoned as a political prisoner.

The ANC yesterday welcomed the release of political prisoners, but expressed concern at the sluggish pace of the process since the agreement with government on the release programme, Sapa reports.

It said it had also noted the alacrity with which the release of right-winger Piet Rudolph had taken place, and the speed with which government had acted with regard to indemnity for right-wingers.

The organisation called for the immediate and unconditional release of all remaining political prisoners.

The amnesty granted to 33 political prisoners did not negate the demand for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners, an Azapo spokesman said.

Red Cross fears Reef violence

MICHAEL HARTNACK

HARARE — Violence on the Reef was too dangerous for the International Committee of the Red Cross to try to establish "places of refuge" for innocent civilians, the senior Red Cross representative in SA said here yesterday.

Tony Pfanner, head of the ICRC delegation, said there were fears the Red Cross emblem would not be respected, and planned sanctuaries might become targets for attack.

In Soweto and on the Reef "the violence is so heavy that in some circumstances there is no limit to it."

"It is just simply too difficult to enter that area during ongoing violence," said Pfanner.

"We have got to be very, very careful and insist that the Red Cross emblem is respected," he told a Press conference on the eve of a five-day summit of ICRC delegates from eastern and southern Africa.

So far, the Red Cross had been limited to

aiding victims of the violence.

The ICRC delegate general for Africa, Phillip Gassman, said the century-old relief organisation planned to shelve its traditional "extraordinary discretion" and mobilise the world media against "donor fatigue", which now imperilled Africa's starving millions.

He cautioned against alarmist estimates that 23-million people were in danger from famine, but attacked Western governments for arguing "you cannot throw food at the problem every year".

High on the ICRC's agenda is the the Mozambique civil war, with more than half the population either displaced internally or in refugee camps in Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe and SA.

Gassman said the ICRC would review its role as a "facilitator" in bringing warring parties together for peace talks.

SAA eyes USSR, Eastern Europe

LINDEN BIRNS

SAA was investigating the possibility of operating regular flights to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and would probably fly three times a week to New York once the US reinstated its landing rights, CE Gert van der Veer said yesterday.

Van der Veer said in an interview that opening new commercial and trade markets in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union would be carefully monitored.

Once market and traffic volumes warranted it, SAA would apply for routes to these areas.

"We are in contact with East European and Soviet airlines, but there's no immediate market," he said.

Criticism

"For the foreseeable future we'll continue to interline with these airlines via our European destinations.

"We already have an interline agreement with LOT of Poland through Frankfurt," Van der Veer said.

He denied criticism that SAA would operate flights to the US, once the ban on the airline's landing rights was lifted, only for political status reasons.

"We are a profitable business; we fly to make money out of it.

"The latest statistics show that SAA carries more US-originated passengers now — through Europe — than it ever did before

the imposition of sanctions," he said.

American Airlines's SA spokesman Mike Tyler said although a bilateral agreement with SAA would be offered as a right to a US carrier, it was doubtful that this right would be exercised as SA represented a very small market.

"SAA will probably be the only party to operate on routes between Johannesburg and the US, as it really wouldn't be a worthwhile market for a US carrier," Tyler said.

Van der Veer said SAA would probably operate three flights a week to New York when the go-ahead to resume flights was given.

"Prior to the imposition of sanctions, SAA flew five weekly flights to New York, so we've no doubt of a market need," Van der Veer said.

He added SA's international civil aviation policy would come under review next month but it was unlikely that any meaningful liberalisation would take place on international routes to and from SA.

The focus would probably be on allowing new players into the market while maintaining the current bilateral agreement policy, rather than a complete deregulation, he said.

This was in line with international trends.

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Winnie Mandela, flanked by a Court yesterday.

Trial trio's indemnity hopes high

PRETORIA — The three right-wingers allegedly responsible for the Melrose House bombing in Pretoria last year had applied to President F W de Klerk for indemnity, but had not received a reply, the Pretoria Regional Court heard yesterday.

Regional magistrate W F Kruger granted a postponement to June 6 at the request of counsel for Jan Dirk Heyns du Bruyn, 37, of Krugersdorp, Gert Johannes Jacobus du Bruyn, 30, of Elandsrand, and Artur Detlef Guderian, 23, of Blyvooruitzicht.

Counsel for the defence J Roussouw indicated that in the light of the "perpetrator" (presumed to be extreme right-wing Orde Boerevolk leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph) being granted indemnity on Monday, the chances were his clients would receive similar treatment.

As yet, the three men have not been formally charged.

They face charges of sabotage and the illegal possession of an explosive device.

The charges are related to the explosion of a home-made bomb at Pretoria's historic Melrose House on May 23 last year.

The men's bail of R2 000 each was extended.

They have to report every Wednesday to their nearest police stations. — Sapa.

Alexandra mayor accused of 'importing murderers'

WILSON ZWANE

ALEXANDRA Civic Organisation (ACO) president Moses Mayekiso yesterday lambasted the township's mayor Prince Mokoena for allegedly fuelling instability by bringing in foreigners who "mercilessly murdered" residents.

Addressing a media briefing in Johannesburg, Mayekiso said his organisation condemned forces which wanted to reverse political gains made by Alexandra's people.

Alexandra has been the scene of intense factional violence in which more than 50 people have been killed over the past 10 days. Mokoena, who recently sought a home in Inkatha, had told the ACO leadership he would "hit the community very hard".

"There are also allegations that Mokoena facilitated the influx of foreigners into Alexandra," Mayekiso said. It was believed these "foreigners" included people from Mozambique, as some were overheard speaking Portuguese.

The importation of rooidoeke from the East Rand, West Rand, Natal and Mozambique was done behind the scenes, without the knowledge of political organisations, by the third force, which is manipulating structures and leadership of some political organisations.

"This shows how the supposedly progressive organisations are infiltrated by criminals to use innocent members to commit violence," Mayekiso said.

"ACO will intensify its campaign for the resignation of Mokoena and his council. People are staging a sit-in at Mokoena's offices and they have vowed to continue with their protest until Mokoena resigns."

Mokoena could not be reached for comment.

Cast denies trying to derail negotiations

THE Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) charged yesterday that it was not a front for the ANC and that its campaign to isolate black town councillors had the support of most residents in townships where it operates.

In a statement in Johannesburg, Cast denounced allegations that its isolation campaign was aimed

at derailing the negotiation process.

"Cast is on record as being supportive of the ANC initiative around talks with the government.

"However, we have also said that the pace and content of the talks must be dictated by the majority of our people.

"The campaign is one way of involving our people

in this process," the organisation said.

In a similar statement, former Daveyton mayor Tom Boya distanced himself from reports that his resignation was precipitated by intimidation from the ANC and Cast.

"The system of the black local authorities is bankrupt," he said. — Sapa.

'Winnie accused beaten' — claim

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A co-accused in Mrs Winnie Mandela's kidnapping and assault trial was bribed and beaten into making a statement implicating Mrs Mandela in various crimes, it was alleged in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Police denied the allegations, saying Mr John Morgan voluntarily made the statement which alleged Mrs Mandela, 56, had assaulted a youth — who had been abducted with three others — at her Soweto home.

The state has applied for the statement to be admitted as evidence.

Mr Morgan's counsel, Mr Hendrik Kruger, argued against the admissibility of the statement, saying Mr Morgan, 61, had been assaulted by three policemen before making the statement on February 22, 1989.

Mr Kruger alleged the assault had been witnessed by Captain Fred Dempsey, the chief investigating officer in Mrs Mandela's case.

The following day, the head of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit, Colonel Christiaan Oosthuizen, had promised Mr Morgan he would receive money, better housing and a gun licence if he made the statement and testified for the state, Mr Kruger said.

"When (Mr Morgan) refused to sign (the statement) before it was read, you (Colonel Oosthuizen) threatened him. He understood he would be assaulted as he was the previous day," Mr Kruger said.

He also put it to Colonel Oosthuizen that although Mr Morgan had signed each page of the statement, the contents had not been read back to him, and the policeman had subjectively interpreted Mr Morgan's words.

Colonel Oosthuizen denied the accusations, and



ACCUSED . . . Mrs Winnie Mandela arrives at the Supreme Court yesterday. Picture: REUTERS

said Mr Morgan had made the statement "on his own free will".

Although, Mr Morgan's statement has not yet been admitted as evidence, Colonel Oosthuizen read sections of it which implicated Mrs Mandela in the assault of child activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, who was later murdered by her bodyguard, Jerry Richardson.

In the statement, Mr Morgan is alleged to have said he drove a minibus in which Stompie and three other youths were abducted on December 29, 1989. The youths were later beaten at Mrs Mandela's house in her presence. The statement allegedly says that Mrs Mandela assaulted Stompie.

The trial continues today.



Mr Joshua Motha was shot in the hip



Mrs Lizzie Ntsala lost her right leg in the Sharpeville shootings

Scars still show of SA's double date with sorrow

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MARCH 21 is a double anniversary of tragedy when both the Sharpeville shooting of 1960 and a chilling carbon copy of that shooting at the Uitenhage township of Langa in 1985, is remembered.

At Sharpeville, 69 people were shot dead — many of them in the back — and 177 were wounded by police gunfire after a massive

anti-pass demonstration at the local police station.

At Langa, exactly a quarter of a century later, mourners were gunned down by police while on their way to a funeral in Kwanobuhle. The official death toll was 21, although community leaders said it was closer to 43 dead with scores injured.

Today the communities of Sharpeville and Langa still show their scars.

In Sharpeville you will find people like 72-year-old Joshua Motha and Mrs

Lizzie Ntsala, who was only eight years old at the time.

Mrs Ntsala was in hospital for seven months after the shooting and has lost her right leg.

Former bus driver Joshua Motha was shot on the hip.

"My injury has affected my life I cannot not do anything for myself. I cannot work because I cannot drive. So, now life is very difficult."

A former policeman James Mabusa, now a pensioner, was among the hun-

dreds of police trucked from various police stations along the Reef. He claims the shooting was planned and unlawful.

"You see, we blacks, we were given knobkerries and assegais. I could not stand the shooting."

"In fact I quarrelled with an Inspector Smit. I told him to stop shooting. He was shooting even those who were running away from the scene."

Another veteran of Sharpeville day, Joseph Thammae, 76, said although he was not a member of any organisation, he too participated in the march.

Dompas

"You see the dompas restricted our movements, you could not look for work where you liked. People hated the dom-book."

He was one of the lucky few who escaped unhurt.

Thirty years after Sharpeville the state president FW de Klerk ushered in a new era.

He lifted the bans on the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress and other political organisations, but life for the nearly 90 000 inhabitants of the township outside Vereeniging had not changed a bit.

"Although the government has 'abolished' the passes, I found very little has changed. We are still badly off," says Mr Thammae.

The police station where gun-toting policemen challenged the protestors is still there.

The only difference is that the police force has been reinforced by 'green-kitskonstabels' and municipal 'green-flies'.



PEACEFUL TOWNSHIP?: The police have moved into Sharpeville again, this time with their peace campaign which is not likely to impress residents

Fighting to stay at the bottom

Why are the migrants of Alexandria fighting to stay in appalling hostel conditions?
By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK and
WALLY MBHELE

EGAR Mhlungo is natively dressed and wears a white golfing hat with the logo of the Inkatha Freedom Party on it. He is the spokesman for a group of raggedy Zulu men gathered together under the watchful eyes of an armoured military unit in front of the M-1 hostel in Alexandra township, the scene of bloody fighting over the last two weeks in which more than 70 people have been killed. Mhlungo, 22/3-27/3/91, is a "single men's" hostel, built decades ago for migrants labouring in the factories and homes of Johannesburg, but with no legal right to bring their families to the city, respite a prison. Yet it is home to these men and their loyalty to such a place is surprising.

"We want to stay in the hostel until we die," says Mhlungo, proudly defying what anyone else would see as a hideous monument to the system of apartheid. "I have been here 10 years now," he adds. "I have no other place. I don't want my wife and three children to stay with me here. It is better for them to be home in Natal."

Mhlungo's men are all migrants from Natal. Most of them are unemployed. They are the worst victims of the system — the bottom of the economic pile in Alexandra, itself a little pocket of black poverty in the sea of Johannesburg's affluent white northern suburbs.

Yet these marginal and insecure men are at war with the surrounding community. From what Mhlungo and the other men are saying one reason is because they believe the township activists, the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO), are planning to flatten the hostels, to demolish their ice-hold in the city.

The killing started days after the ground-breaking Alexandra Accord was signed between the ACO, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the black councillors.



Peace rally... Heavily armed hostel dwellers at the Inkatha meeting in Alexandra

The agreement — which was the first of its kind in the country — provides for the phasing out of the black council, places township land on the Far East Bank under the control of the civic organisation for the first time and provides for the integration of Alexandra into a non-racial local government structure with the surrounding white areas.

Moses Mayekiso, ACO chairman, says hostels do not feature in a major way in the agreement, though it does provide loosely for the "upgrading and possible conversion" of the existing hostels. No-one, says Mayekiso, is to be chased out of Alexandra.

"Even those who don't want to bring their families will be accommodated in good housing," he says.

What then sparked the killing and this vehement backlash against the agreement? The question of who actually lit the match no longer counts. What matters is the puzzle of these migrant workers standing in the road. Mayekiso alleges that there is in-

volvement by the mysterious "third force" and that vigilantes have been fed into the township to attack and kill residents.

In all probability there is truth to this, but there are many township residents who believe the "third force" theory is a way of ducking the disturbing fact that neither Inkatha nor the African National Congress has control over its supporters.

Nor does it answer the question of how such extreme violence could become so familiar or what possessed the hostel dwellers to attack and kill their fellow residents, or for the youth to respond in kind, or vice versa, if that is the way it happened.

The ACO has tried hard not to leave the Alexandra hostel dwellers out of the picture, a mistake which organisations in other townships have made. They were members of the civic and were consulted about the negotiations. Even now, says Mayekiso, the Zulus occupying their hostel, having chased out members of all other ethnic

groups, remain members of the civic organisation.

The long-term solution to the problem in the hostel, says Mayekiso, is education, not displacing these people.

Alex mayor Prince Mokoena, himself an Inkatha member, appears to have been involved in whipping up emotions at the hostels. Hostel inmates say that Mokoena addressed them after the accord was signed and before the violence blew up, telling them that the hostels were to be knocked down.

Mayekiso accuses Mokoena of playing on ethnicity by telling the hostel inmates to kill other residents because "they're undermining the Zulus". But this does not answer the question of why people were responsive to this kind of muck-raking.

It doesn't help to ask Mokoena, which *The Weekly Mail* has been trying to do for two weeks. A trip to his offices, which have been occupied by community activists for the past two

weeks, partly explains why.

Around the brass nameplate announcing the "office of the mayor" are posters upon which are scrawled messages like: "Away with Mokoena — out of our hostels". It is a remarkably low-key affair. A few listless people sit around, in case he should dare to return, but the white town clerk goes on with his business on the floor below.

Mokoena did emerge from hiding this week to claim that the whole thing started out as a lovers' tiff — a Zulu and Xhosa man sharing the same woman. But both the hostel dwellers and Mayekiso denied that. As far as explanations go, though, it's no worse than the others being banded about.

It is a puzzle that sociologists, psychologists, and political analysts have all failed to answer. There is a gap to our understanding, something out there that defies all rational analysis — a monster which all our weapons have failed to slay.

Photograph: JUSTIN SHOLK

Councillors warn after bomb attack

SOWETO'S three councils "have power behind them", the Greater Soweto Council Committee warned yesterday. *Sowetan 22/3/91*

The committee was reacting to the recent petrol bombing of the home of a Diepmeadow councillor.

In a statement released yesterday, the committee said it took a serious view of the incident.

Statement

It repeated its statement made last month that "an injury to one councillor is an injury to all".

"We also would like to point out that people must follow the example of our leaders. Mr Nelson Mandela does not throw petrol bombs at President FW de Klerk or vice versa. Sapa

More die in strife-torn townships

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PRETORIA. — Four people were killed in overnight violence in strife-torn Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, police reported today.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the four bodies were found but police did not receive reports of fighting.

Wounded

In Tembisa township on the East Rand police found four more bodies. Two people were wounded, one in the leg and the other in the arm.

Police and army reinforcements were sent into Tembisa yesterday as the death toll in the township rose in two days of violence between hostel dwellers and residents.

Residents, who were too scared to identify themselves, said the trouble started on Thursday evening when men

with red headbands shot wildly in the street, killing an old man in his shack. His wife was hacked with pangas but survived.

During Thursday night the bullet-riddled bodies of four men were found by police patrols, said Major Ray Harrauld of the SAP's public relations division in Pretoria.

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He added police did not know what sparked the violence.

Residents in the Thiteng sec-

tion said one of the dead was an eight-year-old boy.

Most of the shack owners were at work during the incident. Damage amounting to thousands of rands was caused.

Gafael Mtaka, who came from Transkei, sobbed next to his burnt-out shack. He said he had lost all his belongings, including a "vast" amount of cash. "I banked my money inside this shack."

Baffled

Residents appeared baffled about what could have sparked the violence. But Nomathemba Mahlongana, also a shack owner, asked: "Where does Inkatha expect me to sleep?"

The ANC's Pretoria, Witwatersrand and Vereeniging regional office called for the withdrawal of security forces from Tembisa, claiming that a "third force" exacerbated the violence.

Tembisa death toll rises to 8^{Star 23/3/91}

ABBEY MAKOE, GUY JEPSON and ABEL MUSHI

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Violence stirs fears in Alex^{Star 23/3/91}

JOVIAL RANTAO
and
PAT DEVEREAUX

RESIDENTS of Alexandra, scene of violent killings a week ago, last night expressed fears of another outbreak of slaughter after a group of about 20 heavily-armed men — wearing red bandannas — kidnapped several Alexandra residents and stabbed two people to death. (276)

At the Alex clinic last night a wounded policeman was brought into casualty. His shooting was believed to be linked to the gang.

Hostel

Patients at the clinic said that at about 8 pm last night the gang had kidnapped several residents and taken them to the Madala Hostel where they were robbed, assaulted and stabbed.

Captain Eugene Opperman, of the Witwatersrand police, said security forces patrolling the area found the body of a man between 4th and 5th avenues. The man had been shot.

He said the situation at about 10 pm was calm.

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Embattled Alex²⁷⁸ mayor won't quit

By SYDNEY MOSES

ALEXANDRA mayor Prince Mokoena came out of hiding yesterday to announce that he was not going to quit — even though his office had been invaded by women members of the Alexandra Civic Organisation.

He said: "I am a mayor on the run and operating from exile after these ANC women took over my office."

"But one day they will be flushed out and I will return to my office."

Mr. Mokoena believed the strategy of using women to scare him out of office had been orchestrated by the ACO and the ANC.

He said he had been expecting petrol bombs or gunshots — not women.

"I believe the ANC wants to kill me. That's

why I am on the run," he said.

"I cannot resign because I am the backbone of the Urban Councils of South Africa."

"Members have vowed not to resign until the Black Local Authorities Act has changed or until our terms of office have expired."

"I am determined not to give in. They know that if I go, the rest of the councillors will follow," he said.

"My police force and the Transvaal Provincial Administration have not been able to take action so far because it appears some council staff are supporting these people. My town clerk even buys them chicken for lunch."

No ANC spokesman was available to comment about the alleged plot to kill the mayor.

Alexandra erupts yet again

STimes 24/3/91
Sunday Times Reporters

GUNFIRE crackled again last night in strife-torn Alexandra township near Johannesburg. Three men were killed and another three injured.

This brings to 17 the fatalities in political violence in Reef townships since Friday — and 68 since fierce fighting erupted two weeks ago between red-bandanned Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers and township residents.

Alexandra residents last night reported hearing gunfire, and an ANC spokesman claimed heavily armed groups of vigilantes were roaming the township shooting and pillaging.

Major Ray Harrauld, a police spokesman, confirmed the three deaths, but was unable to comment on reports of warring mobs in a

township supposedly under emergency curfew.

Five bodies with hack and stab wounds were found earlier in Alexandra and another two men were injured there early yesterday morning. Police reported four deaths in the township on Friday.

Two bodies with hack and stab wounds were found near the Vusimusi hostel in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, on the East Rand yesterday.

Major Harrauld said they had been killed on Friday. Police earlier reported three deaths in the area.

The renewed violence in Alexandra comes on the eve of a major ANC rally today. There are fears of revenge attacks for the death of nine

Zulus during last week's Inkatha rally. (278)

The stadium where today's rally will be held is next door to the hostels which house many opponents of the ANC.

In an urgent message yesterday, an ANC spokesman appealed to Inkatha to prevent violence.

The spokesman said the ANC was concerned at the tensions in the township.

● Nearly R1-million in bounty money has been paid out for the recovery of 70 AK-47 rifles, according to a police spokesman.

A total of R850 000 was paid to members of the public between January and March 15 this year who helped trace AK-47s.

A total of 370 other firearms were also seized during the period.

SADF slammed on Sebokeng deaths

By SOPHIE TEMA ~~278~~ (278)

AN SADF rifleman intentionally shot and killed a man outside Sebokeng Hostel on September 4 last year. C/P 24/11/91

Three other members of a group of 5 000 ANC supporters were found to have been killed outside the hostel after they were fired at by soldiers.

These were among the findings of Judge Eddie Stafford, presiding over the judicial inquest into the deaths of 42 people killed at the hostel.

Stafford said it was clear that rifleman John Booyens, who fired the first shot, intentionally shot

and killed Hamilton Golela. Stafford found no evidence suggesting that Booyens shot the man in self-defence.

Stafford said most of the men in the SADF were illiterate and immature, as was the case with Booyens, who was only 22 years old and had only reached Std 8 in school.

"Under these circumstances, this young man could well have panicked."

"But I cannot excuse his conduct especially, because this probably sparked off the other shooting on that day," said the Judge.

Stafford said he found that nei-

ther the commandant nor his two lieutenants who were there that day gave the order to open fire and added that even the SAP had sent a frantic warning to the SADF not to shoot.

Stafford said he found most of the evidence placed before him had been contaminated with perjury and this made it difficult to reach a concrete conclusion.

Stafford said he found the whole battle was sparked off by the fact that Inkatha was driven away from the hostel and this aggrieved its supporters and gave rise to the fighting that broke out.

It was a miracle that more people had not died after 162 rounds of ammunition were fired from 23 guns in about 22 seconds by SADF soldiers.

Responding to the findings, the ANC said military chiefs should bear the blame for the deaths of those killed by soldiers.

The ANC said the inquest's finding that the 38 other victims had probably died at the hands of Inkatha attackers could indicate Inkatha bore much responsibility for the violence that has hit townships on the Reef.

But it added proper mechanisms must be established to prevent any further massacres.

Lawyers for Human Rights said it was shocked at the finding that no one could be found responsible for the killing of 41 people that sparked severe criticism of the security forces.



Alexandra Civic Organisation sit-in protestors at the Council office of the mayor, Prince Mokoena. **■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE**

Armed guards to travel on trains

By SOPHIE TEMA

A 24-HOUR police guard has been introduced on black trains and stations in Johannesburg to protect passengers.

Police will travel on trains between Johannesburg and Naledi and some stations have been made safer by the installation of fences for better gate control. *Cipen 24/3/91*

The South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) this week made the announcement.

The SARCC was established in April

last year to assume responsibility for rail commuter services in view of the government's decision to deregulate the railways. *(278) (355)*

While the SARCC is responsible for the safe operation of railway equipment, the SAP are to take responsibility for the personal safety of passengers on trains.

Violence on trains, resulting in the deaths of scores of commuters, led to an exodus from the railways to minibus taxis.

BCM soldier buried with full honours

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GRAVE no 459 in Maokeng's new cemetery is still a fresh mound of soil.

It was, until Saturday afternoon, just another open grave waiting for its owner to claim and settle forever.

Its owner arrived at 3.15pm on Saturday, accompanied by a long convoy of cars, buses and police vehicles.

Mr Thabang "Cobra" Motlhodisi, a guerilla of Azanla, killed in a skirmish with security forces in Mahwelereng three weeks ago, was

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

given what organisers said was a military funeral.

Marshals of the BCM, dressed in jet black suits with golden epaulets and a red star, drilled in military style as speakers poured praises on Motlhodisi, who "killed himself rather than be captured and forced to compromise the struggle".

Maokeng township was turned into a huge guard of honour as thousands of people lined up streets along the 10km route to the cemetery, to ululate and salute the passing motorcade.

Azapo deputy president Dr Nchaube Mokoape told the multitudes that filled the stadium that Motlhodisi had conquered fear and laid down his life for the liberation of black people.

He said Maokeng residents should rename the local stadium to Thabang,

in recognition of the bravest of your sons, who loved life so much that he gave his own, to protect the struggle and also to make sure we can learn from him".

Security police brought a balacava-hooded man to the stadium when the funeral had got underway, Sapa reports.

The man, alleged by organisers of the service to be an ex-guerilla working with the SA Police, used binoculars to point out people.

The presence of the "hooded Askari" prompted comments by senior members of the BCM that the notorious Civic Cooperation Bureau (CCB) was still alive and bent on killing government's opponents.

National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu) official and Azanian People's Organisation member Mr Mutle Phasha told the crowd the advent of Azanla guerillas was a welcome step.



Another

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See how they live



Fans were kept on their toes during the Unity '91 Concert at the FNB Stadium on Saturday.

SA Press Association

FIFTEEN people were killed on the Reef yesterday in yet another bloody weekend.

Nine people were killed and four injured when about 40 policemen opened fire on 250 African National Congress supporters in Daveyton, Benoni, yesterday.

In the other incident yesterday, six people were killed and six seriously injured when five men armed with AK-47 rifles launched an attack at the Westonaria-Elsburg mine about 1am. The men had arrived in two minibuses.

Four miners and two women were killed.

In the Daveyton incident, police were allegedly attacked by a group which was holding an apparently unauthorised open-air meeting near the township's swimming pool.

Pangas

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the policemen had used their firearms to protect themselves.

One of the injured is a white sergeant who was knifed and slashed with pangas. He is in a critical condition at Boksburg Benoni Hospital.

Opperman said the incident was being investigated and details about what had led to the attack were not yet available.

He said those killed and injured at the Westonaria-Elsburg mine lived at the mine's married quarters.

No arrests have been made.

Police are investigating the possibility that the incident arose from faction fighting, but thus far the motive for the attack was unknown.

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night. Three others were injured.

Police spokesman Major Ray Harrold said the three bodies were found with bullet wounds only hours after five bodies were found with hack and stab wounds in the township.

Four people were killed on Friday in what is believed to be faction fighting on Saturday.

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11 killed, 29 hurt in attack on police

ELEVEN people were killed and 29 injured when about 40 policemen were attacked by ANC supporters allegedly holding an unauthorised open air meeting next to Benoni's Daveyton swimming pool yesterday, police said.

SAP spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said an unnamed white police sergeant, who was slashed with pangas when he was singled out for attack by the group of 250 men, was certified dead on arrival at Boksburg-Benoni Hospital. Two other injured policemen also required treatment.

Opperman said the policemen present had used their firearms to defend themselves. *B.W. am 25/3/77*

The shootings are being investigated and details of what kind of firearms were used

or exactly what had led to the attack, are not yet available.

Former Daveyton mayor Tom Boya said police had shot at least three people at what he said was an Inkatha rally at Sinaba Stadium at Daveyton.

Boya said he had three injured men in his car at the time whom he would take to Boksburg-Benoni Hospital.

In the another incident police said six people were killed and six injured in an attack at JCI's Elsburg, Westonaria, mine yesterday.

Five men armed with AK-47 rifles arrived in a minibus and shot and killed four mineworkers and two women, and seriously injured six people at about 1am.

Opperman said those killed and injured lived at the mine's hostels. — Sapa.

Sergeant slain

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Policeman hacked to death and 11 ANC members die in clash

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Twelve people died, including a police sergeant hacked to death, in a bloody clash between police and ANC supporters at Daveyton near Benoni yesterday.

Twenty-nine people, including two policemen, were reported injured.

The ANC supporters were holding an illegal gathering, apparently in response to an Inkatha rally nearby, a police spokesman said.

Police opened fire when about 200 ANC activists attacked them with firearms, petrol bombs, pangas and spears. The policemen feared for their lives, the spokesman said.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe said last night that he had appointed a team to investigate the incident as a matter of "extreme urgency".

He claimed the incident was the result "of an provoked attack on 53 SAP members".

According to the ANC, the dead included a nine-year-old girl.

Police arrived in Daveyton to investigate a suspected illegal gathering by ANC supporters. They were concerned that violence could flare up between the group and rival Inkatha Freedom Party supporters who were holding a legal rally nearby.

During the clash, a paramedic risked his life to drag the mortally wounded Sergeant J P van Wyk, aged about 24, from the angry mob.

Thabamemedi, who did not want to give his name, said it had been "an absolute nightmare".

He said that while the police and ambulance men tried to fend off an attack, shots were fired at them from the crowd.

"Assegas were thrown at us. I suddenly saw Sergeant Van Wyk trip and fall, as the angry mob moved towards us.

"He was surrounded and attacked with knives and pangas. I fought my way through the crowd to get to

him and managed to drag him into a police vehicle," the paramedic said.

Sergeant Van Wyk died before a helicopter could take him to the Johannesburg Hospital.

The ANC's Daveyton branch secretary, Mr Xolani Nduma, who arrived on the scene soon after the incident, described the shootings as unwarranted and senseless.

Mr Nduma said residents had gathered because they expected an attack in the wake of the Inkatha rally in the township.

He said the gathering, which was not officially called by the ANC, was ordered to disperse within 10 minutes by police.

Shortly after, while the group was still discussing the issue, the security forces returned and surrounded the group.

The police began shooting teargas, rubber bullets and live ammunition, Mr Nduma said.

Inkatha spokesman Mr Musa Kubheka said it was "dirty propaganda" for the ANC to claim his organiza-

tion was "in a habit of attacking people after rallies".

In his statement, General Van der Merwe said police were attacked without warning, "by a mob using petrol bombs, pangas, (and) spears".

"It is important to note that the SAP member killed in this incident suffered wounds inflicted by pangas and knobkerries. The two injured policemen suffered similar injuries," General Van der Merwe said.

ANC national executive committee member Thabo Mbeki said last night: "This sort of incident should not be happening."

In a speech delivered at UWC moments later, mentioned the deaths of both the ANC people and the policeman, and said: "So many people have died the Transvaal as the result of continuing violence these deaths and injuries cannot be anything of which we can approve."

It was important for the ANC to take up these sort of matters, "to ensure that we end the killings and the violence".

Six killed in raid on mine

JOHANNESBURG. — Six people were killed and six injured in an attack at the Westonaria-Elsburg gold mine on the West Rand yesterday, police said. Four miners and two women were killed and six people seriously hurt about 1am by five men armed with AK-47 rifles who had arrived in two minibuses. Police said all the dead and injured lived at the mine.

No arrests have been made.

Police said they were investigating the possibility that the incident arose from faction fighting, but so far the motive for the attack was unknown. Three men were killed and three injured in a shooting incident in Johannesburg's Alexandra township on Saturday night.

Police said the three bodies were found with bullet wounds only hours after five bodies were found with hack and stab wounds in the township.

On Friday police reported four deaths from what was believed to be faction fighting in Alexandra, and two people were injured in the early hours of Saturday.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation quoted residents as saying gunshots could be heard in the township late on Saturday night.

Spokesman Mr Obed Bapela said attackers were apparently roaming the township in a small band, randomly attacking residents.

On the East Rand two bodies with hack and stab wounds were found near the Vusimusi hostel in Tembisa on Saturday afternoon. They had been killed on Friday, police said. Police earlier reported three deaths from the area.

Police found the body of a man with stab wounds at Magabeni near Unkomaas on Saturday. — Sapa

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SADF men responsible for 4 Sebokeng deaths

Business Day Reporter

THE judicial inquest into the deaths of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel last year found that members of an SA Defence Force unit were responsible for killing four people.

Mr Justice Stafford found a Group 17 member, Rfn John Booysen, shot and murdered Hamilton Golela when troops opened fire on a crowd outside the hostel on September 4.

His findings have now been forwarded to the Attorney-General, Sapa reports.

The judge found that "on probability" Group 17 was responsible for three other deaths, although the inquest could not establish which individuals were responsible.

He could not make a finding on who was responsible for the deaths of the other 38 people, most of whom were ANC members.

A total of 19 people died from gunshot wounds, 13 were stabbed to death and 10 died from multiple injuries.

Mr Justice Stafford said he could now disclose the army had not shot and killed 11 people as rumoured in newspaper reports.

The SADF said on Friday it had taken note of the findings. A spokesman said the matter was now sub judice and he could not comment further.

The ANC said military chiefs should bear the blame for the deaths of those killed by soldiers.

"Responsibility for these deaths lies not only with the individual soldiers, but primarily with those leaders of the SADF... and the culture of violence engendered by the role played by the SADF," an ANC statement said.

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50 die in fighting

Policeman and two children among dead from Reef clash

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The Argus Correspondent

AT LEAST 50 people have died in fighting in the Transvaal and Natal.

In the worst incident, 12 people — including a police lance-sergeant and two children — died and 38 were injured yesterday when police and ANC supporters fought a pitched battle in the middle of Daveyton, near Benoni.

And a bloody weekend of fighting between rival factions claimed the lives of 38 people in the Transvaal and Natal.

Police announce special probe

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, announced last night that a special team of investigators had been established to probe the Daveyton shootings.

The ANC claims police surrounded 200-250 of their supporters who were protesting against an Inkatha Freedom Party meeting at Sinaba Stadium.

They then opened fire "with teargas, rubber bullets and live ammunition", the ANC said.

But police said that 53 officers were surrounded by an assegai-throwing and panga-wielding mob. Petrol bombs were also thrown.

General Van Der Merwe said in a statement from Cape Town that the probe was "being done as a matter of extreme urgency so as to obtain the necessary evidence for an inquest into these deaths".

The dead policeman was identified as Lance-Sergeant J P van Wyk. He was rescued from the crowd by a paramedic who dragged him to safety. But he died before a helicopter could take him to Johannesburg Hospital.

Sergeant van Wyk, 24, was married and his wife is pregnant with her first child.

Two other policemen were injured and are being treated at Boksburg-Benoni Hospital. They were not identified.

Township battles on the East Rand

At Tembisa, on the East Rand, four men died of gunshot wounds and 10 people were seriously injured, including an eight year-old boy, when fighting broke out in the Etafene section of the township. Police used teargas to disperse the crowd.

Two of the victims were aged 45. The others were 52 and 25 years old. Four other men over the age of 18 were wounded.

The boy had a bullet wound. A 16 year-old youth was hacked with a panga, a woman was shot and also attacked with pangas and police found a 36-year-old man with knife and gunshot wounds.

The injured were being treated at the Tembisa hospital.

Two bodies with hack and stab wounds also were found near the Vusimusi hostel on Saturday afternoon. They were killed, on Friday, said police spokesman Major Ray Harrald.

Police earlier had reported three deaths from the area.

Major Harrald said five bodies with hack and stab wounds were found in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, while a further two men were injured in the early hours of Saturday.

In another incident, three men were killed and three injured in a shooting incident there on Saturday night. Police had earlier reported four deaths from the township on Friday.

In the Western Transvaal, six people were killed and six injured in an attack at Westonaria's Elsburg mine yesterday.

Four mineworkers and two women — all of whom live at the mine — were killed, and six others were seriously injured when five men armed with AK-47 assault rifles opened fire.

The gang apparently arrived in two minibuses. The attack took place at 1 am. Police did not report any arrests.

Police looking for a motive said they were investigating whether the attack was related to faction fighting.

In Natal, police found the body of a man with stab wounds at Magabeni near Unkomaas on Saturday.

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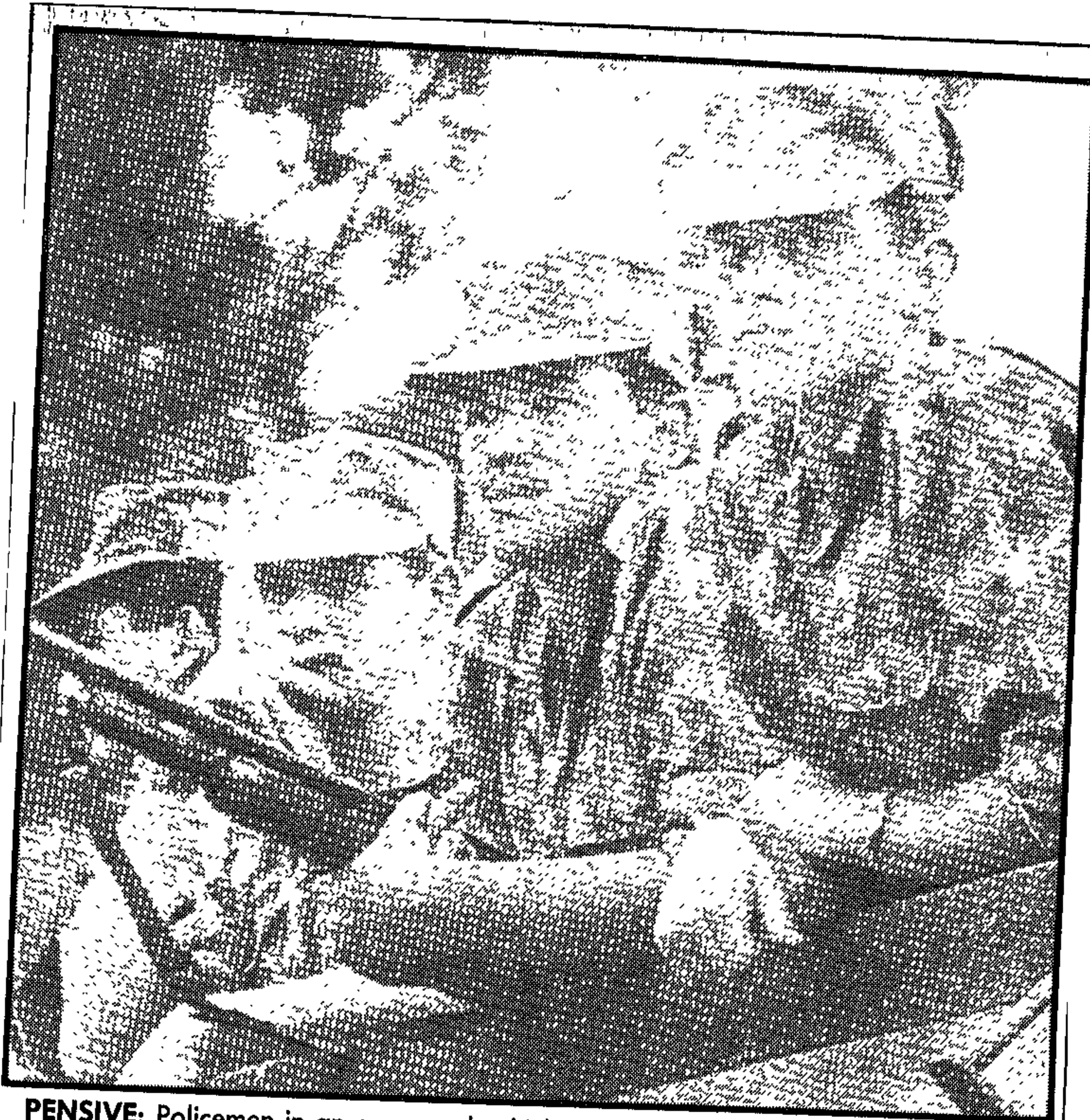
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VICTIM: Policemen remove the body of an ANC man shot dead at an illegal meeting in Daveyton.

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PENSIVE: Policemen in an armoured vehicle look at the scene of a clash between about police and African National Congress supporters in Daveyton. Police shot dead 11 people. A police sergeant was hacked to death.

Brave bid to save policeman

A PARAMEDIC risked his life to drag a mortally wounded riot police sergeant from the clutches of an angry mob of ANC supporters in Daveyton.

Sergeant J P van Wyk died after being **COURAGE** stabbed more than 11 times.

A paramedic, who did not want to be named, said the rescue bid was "an absolute nightmare".

He said about 20 policemen and ambulancemen tried to

From ANNA LOUW
The Argus Correspondent
in JOHANNESBURG

fend off about 300 ANC supporters protesting against a nearby Inkatha meeting.

"Shots were fired at us from within the crowd and the handful of policemen returned the fire while they waited for reinforcements," said the paramedic.

"Assegais were thrown at us. I suddenly saw Sergeant van Wyk trip and fall as the angry mob moved towards us.

"He was surrounded and attacked with knives and pangas. I fought my way through the crowd to get to him and managed to drag him into a police vehicle.

"The policeman was bleeding profusely from his wounds," said the paramedic.

Constable van Wyk died before a helicopter could take him to the Johannesburg Hospital.

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From The Argus
Correspondent
in Johannesburg

TWELVE people — including a police lance-sergeant and two children — died and 38 were injured when police and African National Congress supporters fought a pitched battle in the middle of Daveyton, near Benoni.

It was one of the worst outbreaks of violence involving police and ANC members since the organisation was unbanned last year.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has announced that a special team of investigators will probe the shootings which took place at lunch-time yesterday.

The ANC claims the police surrounded 200-250 of their supporters who were protesting against an Inkatha Freedom Party meeting at Sinaba stadium, and then opened fire "with teargas, rubber bullets and live ammunition".

The police said in an official statement last night that 53 officers were surrounded by an assegai-throwing and panga-wielding mob. Petrol bombs were also thrown.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said in a statement last night that "in the light of the tragic incident in Daveyton a special investigation team of detectives under the command of Deputy CID chief Lieutenant-General Jaap Joubert has been formed to gather all the facts."

"This is being done urgently to obtain evidence for an inquest into these deaths."

"I wish to stress that, on the information now available to me, today's incident was the result of an unprovoked attack on 53 SAP members who were apparently attacked without warning while attending to an illegal gathering by a mob using petrol bombs, pangas, spears and other weapons as they arrived at the scene."

"It is important to note that the SAP member killed had

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wounds inflicted by pangas and knobkerries. The two injured SAP members had similar injuries."

The policeman who died was identified as Lance-Sergeant JP van Wyk. He was rescued from the crowd by a paramedic who dragged him to safety but he died before a helicopter could take him to Johannesburg Hospital.

Sergeant van Wyk, 24, was married and his wife is pregnant with her first child.

Two other policemen were injured. They are being treated at the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital. They were not named.

Hospital superintendent Dr Louis Kaplan said 38 patients, mainly with gunshot and knife wounds, were being treated.

"Two of the patients are seriously injured," he said.

A 12 year-old boy had been brought to the hospital about 2pm but was dead on arrival, Dr Kaplan said, adding that a policeman (Sergeant van Wyk) who had been stabbed was also certified dead about the same time.

"We are very busy at the moment. The hospital is full," Dr Kaplan added.

One of the two children who died was named as 9-year-old Nomathamsaku Mat-solo.

Former Daveyton mayor Mr Tom Boya was one of the first on the scene. He drove three seriously injured people — including Nomathamsaku — to a clinic.

"She died on the way," he said last night.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said at the scene in Daveyton last night that the police had spoken to the groups leaders in an attempt to disperse the crowd.

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HOURS**



"At that moment the group surged forward, throwing petrol bombs and wielding dangerous weapons."

"They singled out a white police sergeant who was stabbed several times with sharp objects and hacked with pangas. He was rushed to hospital in a critical condition but was certified dead on arrival."

"The police had no choice under circumstances of imminent danger to their lives, to fire at the attackers who were metres from them," Captain Opperman said.

He said that afterwards police found a revolver, several petrol bombs, spears and sticks. These were shown to reporters. Also found were parts of a blood-soaked camouflage uniform which belonged to Sergeant van Wyk.

Captain Opperman said the police were investigating the possibility that the crowd was on its way to the Sinaba stadium where Inkatha supporters were holding a meeting.

The township was quiet but tense during the night with police vehicles patrolling the streets.

The police said in another statement last night that about 12 45pm yesterday, a group of about 200 ANC supporters were holding an illegal meeting on the corner of Sehoko and Sekala Streets, near the Daveyton swimming pool.

"Police arrived and warned the group to disperse."

"The group refused to disperse and attacked the SA Police members with pangas, spears, petrol bombs and firearms."

"The police were forced to defend themselves and used firearms, shotguns and tears-

moke to disperse the crowd."

"The crowd managed to single out a member of the SA Police and he sustained numerous hack and stab wounds. He died of his injuries. Two other members received injuries inflicted by pangas and knobkerries."

"In the ensuing battle 11 ANC supporters were killed and 27 ANC supporters were injured."

"The area is quiet at present."

"The SAP are investigating the incident."

The ANC has accused the police of provoking the attack.

The organisation claimed that the crowd involved in the battle were "a group of Daveyton residents who had gathered to discuss measures to ensure their safety" as Inkatha was holding a meeting at the stadium.

Xolati Nduna, secretary of the ANC's Daveyton branch, said eye-witnesses had told him what had happened.

He said the group, fearful when they heard of an Inkatha rally in the township, met in the veld to discuss ways of protecting themselves in the event of attack.

They were about four or five kilometres from the Sinaba stadium where the Inkatha rally was being held.

While they were discussing security, Mr Nduna said, the police arrived in Hippos and gave them 10 minutes to disperse. The leaders explained the purpose of the meeting and emphasised it was peaceful.

Mr Nduna added: "The leaders returned to the people to report back and while they were telling them what had happened, the Hippos surrounded the group and started shooting rubber bullets, teargas and live ammunition at them."

He was at home at the time but heard shooting and came running to find out what was happening.

He saw people fleeing.

Mr Nduna said that the no one from the Inkatha rally was involved in the shooting.

"I understand it went off smoothly," he said.

Sergeant, children among 13 dead

Urgent probe into township bloodbath

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The death toll from bloody clashes at Daveyton on the East Rand rose to 13 today with the death of an injured man.

Twelve people — including two children and a policeman — were killed when a battle between police and a crowd of ANC supporters broke out at about midday yesterday.

A total of 29 were injured in the clash, according to a police spokesman.

The fight followed clashes between ANC and Inkatha supporters, which left at least 10 injured.

The SAP-ANC clash was one of the worst outbreaks of such violence since the organisation was unbanned last year.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has announced that a team of investigators will probe the killings.

The ANC claims that police surrounded more than 200 of its supporters who

were protesting against an Inkatha Freedom Party meeting at Sinaba Stadium, and had then opened fire with "teargas, rubber bullets and live ammunition".

The police said in a statement that 53 officers were surrounded by a mob wielding assegais and pangas. Petrol bombs were also thrown, they said.

General van der Merwe said in a statement from Cape Town that "in the light of the tragic incident in Daveyton, I wish to announce that a special team of detectives under the command of deputy CID chief Lieutenant-General Jaap Joubert has been formed to gather all the relevant facts about the incident.

"This is being done as a matter of extreme urgency so as to obtain the necessary evidence for an inquest into these deaths.

"I wish to stress that, on the basis of information now available to me, the incident was the result of an unprovoked attack on 53 SAP members who were ap-

parently attacked without warning, while attending to an illegal gathering, by a mob using petrol bombs, pangas, spears and other weapons as they arrived at the scene.

"It is important to note that the SAP member killed suffered wounds inflicted by pangas and knobkerries. The two injured SAP members suffered similar injuries."

The policeman who died was identified as Lance-Sergeant J P van Wyk. He was rescued from the crowd by a paramedic, who dragged him to safety, but he died before a helicopter could take him to the Johannesburg Hospital.

Sergeant van Wyk (24) was married and his wife is pregnant with her first child.

Two unidentified policemen were injured and are being treated at the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital.

Hospital superintendent Dr Louis Kaplan said today 38 patients, most of them with gunshot and knife wounds, were being treated.

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13 die, 29 injured as
police, ANC clash

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"Two of the patients are seriously injured."

A 12-year-old boy had been brought to the hospital at about 2 pm but was certified dead on arrival, Dr Kaplan said, adding that a policeman (Sergeant van Wyk) who had been stabbed, was also certified dead at about the same time.

One of the children who died was identified as Nomathamsagu Mat-solo (9).

Former Daveyton mayor Tom Boya was one of the first on the scene. He drove three seriously injured people

— including Nomathamsagu — to the local clinic. "She died on the way."

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said in Daveyton that the police had spoken to the group's leaders in an attempt to disperse the crowd.

"At that moment the group surged forward, throwing petrol bombs and wielding weapons."

"They singled out a white police sergeant who was stabbed and hacked with pangas."

"The police had no choice, in imminent danger to their lives, but to fire at the attackers."

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Bloody Sunday . . . police remove an ANC supporter's body in Daveyton yesterday.

Picture: Reuter

38 killed in weekend of carnage

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At least 38 people have died and an unknown number have been injured in a bloody weekend of violence on the Reef and in Natal.

Apart from yesterday's carnage in Daveyton:

● Police found nine bodies in Alexandra on Saturday but did not know which groups were responsible for the killings, said Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe.

"It would appear that small groups were going around killing people. There were no large clashes."

On Friday night, residents told The Star a group of about 20 people wearing red bandannas kidnapped several residents and killed two.

● At Tembisa four men died of gunshot wounds and 10 people, including an eight-year-old boy, were seriously injured in battles in the Etafene section.

A 16-year-old youth was hacked with a panga, a woman was shot and police found a 36-year-old man with knife and gunshot wounds.

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38 die in bloody weekend

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Two bodies with hack and stab wounds were found near the Vusimusi hostel on Saturday afternoon. They had been killed on Friday, police liaison officer Major Ray Harrauld said.

● Two more bodies were found at the Elsburg Gold Mine in Westonaria following an apparently senseless shooting at the mine's living quarters on Sunday morning, bringing the number of dead to eight.

Captain Henriette Bester, liaison officer for the West Rand police, said two minibuses stopped at the quarters at about

1 am. Five men got out, opened fire and left.

Six people were injured in the attack and were treated at the Leratong Hospital. No arrests were made.

● In Natal, SAP spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said today three people, believed to be ANC supporters, were killed and 13 huts in the Murchison and Dikane were burnt.

It is believed that violence erupted during a peace meeting between Inkatha and the ANC which was disrupted by an armed group.

A man's body was also found near Umkomaas on the South Coast.

Crowd was provoked - ANC officials

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The ANC yesterday accused the police of provoking the attack.

The organisation claimed the crowd involved in the battle were "a group of Daveyton residents who had gathered to discuss measures to ensure their safety" because Inkatha was holding a meeting at the Sinaba Stadium. *Star 25/3/91*

ANC Daveyton branch secretary Xolati Nduna said the group met in the veld about 4 km from the stadium to discuss ways of protecting themselves from any attack.

Mr Nduna said the police arrived in Hippos and gave them 10 minutes to disperse. The leaders explained the purpose of the meeting and emphasised it was peaceful.

Mr Nduna added: "The leaders returned to the people to report back and while they were telling them what had happened, the Hippos surrounded the group and started shooting rubber bullets, teargas and live ammunition at them."

He was at home at the time but heard shooting and ran out to see people fleeing. Witnesses told him what had happened.

We were attacked with pangas, guns - police

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The police said in a statement telefaxed to The Star last night that at about 12.45 pm yesterday, a group of about 200 ANC supporters were holding an illegal meeting on the corner of Sehoko and Sekala streets, near the Daveyton swimming pool.

"Members of the police arrived and warned the group to disperse," the statement said. *Star 25/3/91*

"The group refused to disperse and attacked the SA Police members with pangas, spears, petrol-bombs and firearms.

"The police were forced to defend themselves and used firearms, shotguns and tear-smoke to disperse the crowd.

"The crowd managed to single out a member of the SA Police and he sustained numerous hack and stab wounds. He later died of his injuries.

"Two other members received injuries inflicted by pangas and knobkerries.

"In the ensuing battle 11 ANC supporters were killed and 27 ANC supporters were injured.

"The SAP are investigating the incident."

Govt given 'end violence' deadline

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The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) last night threatened to arm communities in reaction to the massacre in Alexandra yesterday in which 15 people were killed.

It said the Government had to act to end the latest wave of violence.

And in a further move, the police last night disclosed they were searching for a man who has been identified as having taken part in the shooting.

The Alexandra killings occurred at about 420 am when unidentified attackers opened fire on mourners who were holding a funeral vigil for Norah Jane Ramokgola, who was killed recently.

Twelve people — including a six-month-old baby and three brothers — were shot dead at the scene and another three died later in an Alexandra clinic.

At least 18 people were seriously injured. One of the dead was a six-month-old baby.

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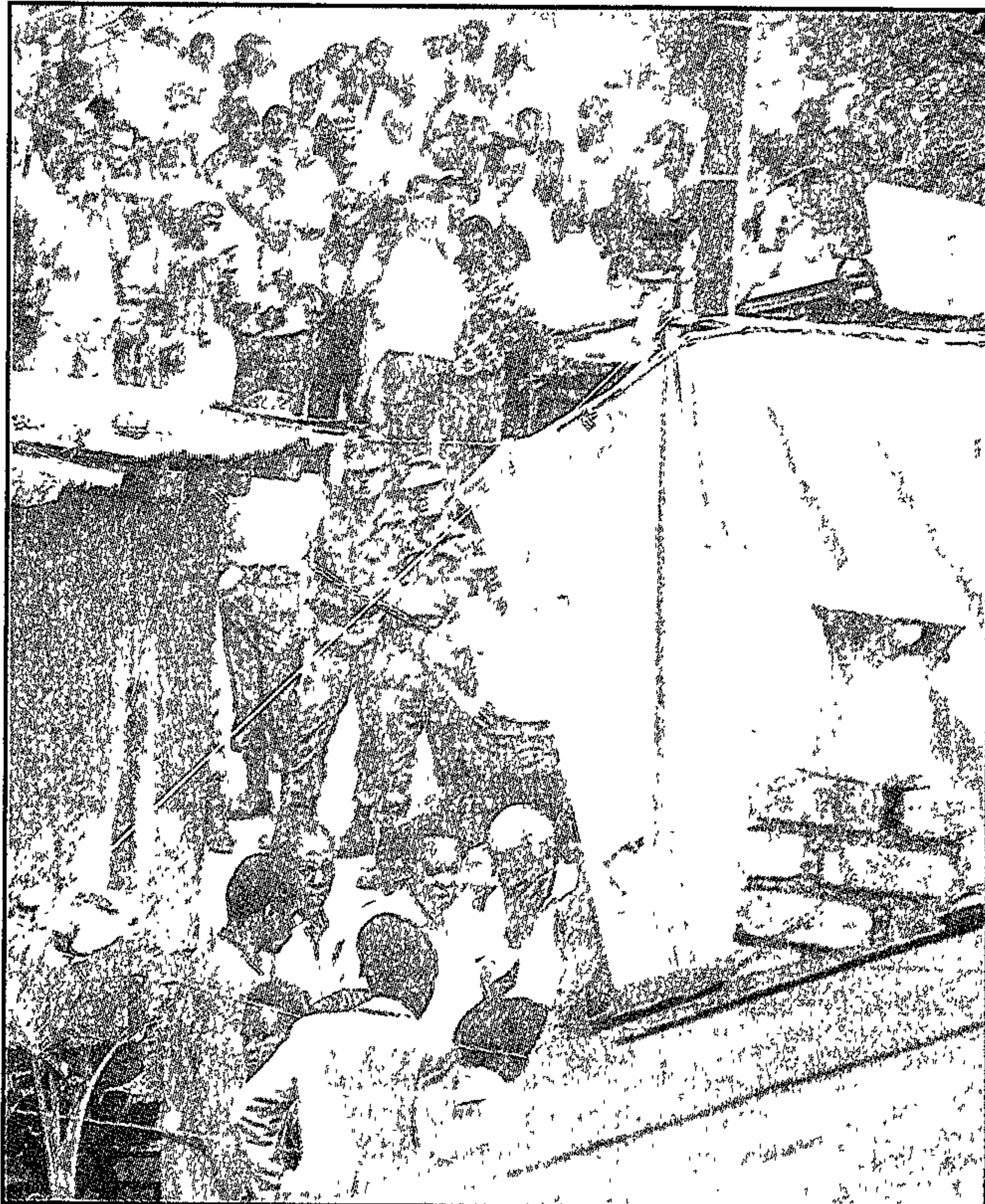
Seven members (including the brothers) of the Congress of South African Students are among the dead, Cosas publicity secretary Ncane Ntuli told The Star yesterday.

Two other members were seriously injured.

At a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, CAST president Moses Mayekiso told the Government his organisation would have no alternative but to yield to demands that communities be armed to protect themselves if the Government failed to stop the violence within two weeks.

It emerged at the conference that the "protective" means envisaged by the CAST leadership would centre around the formation of disciplined "defence units".

Massacre survivor Doris Ramokgola, a relative of Norah Jane Ramokgola, said the mourners had spent much of the night holding vigil in a tent, which had



Massacre . . . ANC leaders Joe Nhlanhla, Chris Hanl and Josiah Jele, watched by policemen and a media contingent, inspect the scene of the slaughter.

Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

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been erected on the property, before going indoors to sleep.

A group of "Zulu-speaking" men had burst into the house. "When they came, they knocked on the door, saying 'open'."

"We all ran into the other room but they just broke the door and came inside and started to shoot.

"I don't know when — it was maybe 3.30 am."

Mrs Ramokgola said she could not identify her attackers or the weapons they used in the attack, saying only that they had "talked Zulu".

She added "I was trying

to hide . . . to protect myself."

Another tearful mourner said "I put my hands together and prayed, begging them not to kill me."

Police found AK-47 cartridge cases, a 38 special revolver and .25-calibre cartridge cases at the scene.

In a statement, the police public relations division in Pretoria said the attackers had started shooting blindly at the mourners.

"One of the alleged attackers has already been identified and is being sought by the police," the statement said.

A delegation of several se-

nior ANC members, including Umkhonto we Sizwe chief Chris Hanl and ANC secretary-general Alfred Nzo, were at the scene of the shooting yesterday morning, after police, who had been combing the area for several hours, took down their cordons.

As representatives of the media gathered around the tent, an angry woman came out with a large rock in her hand. A policeman made her put it down.

Shortly afterwards, a policeman ordered journalists to leave or face arrest, saying Alexandra had been declared an unrest area.

Sapa reports that the Alexandra branch of the ANC criticised the police for not preventing the massacre.

The ANC chairman for the area, Popo Molefe, said that at midnight on Tuesday night, a group of about 200 "suspicious-looking" men had gone past the vigil home.

Those inside telephoned the police, who arrived at the scene but later left, he claimed.

Mr Molefe added "The police cannot explain this away."

"Alexandra has been declared an unrest area. Police are supposed to be patrolling the area. So there is no reason why they cannot have seen a group of 200 men patrolling the streets at that time of the night."

The ANC later said the attackers wore uniforms and used automatic weapons "which great expertise", which suggested thorough training.

Intensify

The police statement said: "The SAP responded immediately but there was no sign of such a group."

"The SAP were not approached to remain at the vigil or provide protection, but decided to intensify the patrols in the area," the statement said.

"One of the patrols had been in the area 10 minutes prior to the attack, but once again nothing irregular was found."

Police said it appeared that the attack was not of a political nature.

"The people who were attacked have no links with any political organisation," they said.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has ordered a special investigation into the shootings.

The team would consist of five black and five white police officers.

"The SAP deplores this senseless attack and will do everything necessary to bring those responsible to justice," the statement said.

The police request anyone with information to contact Brigadier Wally Snowball at (011) 23-4779.

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tised to accept what is totally unacceptable. "My friends, yes, there are many reasons why there is violence. "In periods of transition there is the violence due to the instability of transition, as we have seen in parts of Eastern Europe.

"Yes, South Africa has never really had a culture of tolerance. The government and its supporters have used das tardly and nefarious methods to deal with their opponents, ranging from the vilification of these, as still happens

on SATV and radio and government-supporting media, up to the physical elimination of people such as has now been confirmed through the death squads of such as the CCB. Consequently people have learned that those who differ with you are enemies and the only to deal with enemy is to liquidate them.

"Yes, that is all true. But it is not all the truth. "We black people must of course point to all the causes of violence I have pointed out and to

others that I have not referred to. But ultimately we must turn the spotlight on ourselves. We can't go on forever blaming apartheid."

● Mr Nelson Mandela's nine-hour official visit to Lesotho today is off, ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said last night. He said Mr Mandela had just returned from his holiday and had "a number of pressing matters to see to". Among the matters was the violence, especially in Alexandra, he said. — Sapa



PRAYER FOR PEACE ... Archbishop Desmond Tutu, right, and the Rev Colin Jones, Dean of Cape Town, at a special mass for justice and peace. Picture: ALAN TAYLOR

Tutu's plea after Alex killings

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu yesterday said there was something "desperately wrong" in the black community after the massacre of 15 people in Alexandra township.

Delivering a homily at a service for justice and peace, he said there was much to admire in black political organisations, "but there is much also which is not right".

"Some of those who belong to these organisations are totally undisciplined and you can't wage a struggle unless you are dedicated and disciplined," he said.

"Our organisations need to go back to grassroots and instil discipline from the lowest ranks up."

Archbishop Tutu said black South Africans "must of course point to all the causes of violence, but ultimately we must turn the spotlight on ourselves. We can't go on forever blaming apartheid."

He identified as causes of violence the process of transition; the government's lack of tolerance of opposition; economic deprivation; the migratory labour system, and "disgraceful" police behaviour.

"Yes, that is all true," he said. "But it is not all the truth. A lot of the violence is due to political rivalry. Political groups in the black community are fighting for turf and they do not seem to know, or certainly some of their followers don't seem to know, that a cardinal tenet of democracy is that people must be free to choose freely whom they want to support."

"It seems as if the culture of violence is taking root in our society. We are becoming brutalised and almost anaesthe-

Out of Control

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OF VIOLENCE
RETURNS*

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK
and WALLY MBHELE

WITH two massacres on the Reef within days, South Africa has entered one of its most dangerous phases since President FW de Klerk unbanned resistance groups last year and declared that "the season of violence is over".

Mass political murder has become endemic and violence has lurched almost completely out of control in the townships.

Negotiations between national political leaders on peace pacts and the outlines of the "new South Africa" are growing increasingly irrelevant to the reality on the ground.

And in Alexandra and Daveyton the actions of the police have once more been placed in question.

African National Congress internal leader Walter Sisulu warned this week that negotiations were under threat from the situation in the townships and charged that forces opposed to peace were working "with and without the security forces" to endanger the peace process.

On Wednesday distraught witnesses in Alexandra described how Zulu-speaking men armed with automatic rifles disrupted a night vigil for Foki Ramokgola — a victim of earlier clashes in the township — and killed at least 15 people.

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By JOHN PERLMAN

THIS is Willie M, potential medalist in the Olympics in Barcelona. Will he get a chance?

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The season of violence returns to the Reef

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Among those killed were seven student activists, including three members of the Congress of South African Students who recently took part in a hunger strike over education grievances.

Doris Ramokgola, a cousin of the deceased woman, described how she ran into another room and hid behind a door while the attackers, warning "we are going to kill you all", strafed the mourners with AK-47 fire. Some of those killed were sleeping in their beds. Among the 18 injured was a seven-month-old child shot in the stomach.

"I should also have died," said Ramokgola, who provided a coherent account of the events that was backed up by other eyewitnesses.

She said that some 200 shackdwellers who were seen coming from a nearby section controlled by Inkatha since the conflict of the past few weeks first visited the vigil at 9pm on Tuesday.

The police were called and, according to those present, were asked to protect the house from attack. Beatrice Mamapane, who witnessed the massacre, said police, who assured them they would watch the house, returned twice — once at 11pm and once at 1am. However, they were not seen again,



After the carnage ... Alexandra women surrounded by policemen outside the scene of this week's massacre

said Ramokgola, until more than an hour after the shooting, at 4.20am. "If the police had stayed here, this would never have happened," she said.

ANC leader Popo Molefe blamed police for the killings. Alexandra was declared an "unrest" area several weeks ago. Molefe said there was no

reason why the police could not stop a group of 200 men patrolling the streets, where a curfew is in force.

The Alex slaughter follows the massacre in Daveyton on Sunday where 12 ANC supporters were gunned down and one policeman murdered when police moved in against a crowd of "amabutho", or "comrades", who

were arming themselves to protect residents against the Inkatha launch being held at a rally down the road.

While police and residents disagree on who attacked first — the police or the "comrades" — the Daveyton Crisis Committee has condemned police for not honouring an agreement that was negotiated before the Inkatha

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launch between the police, the IFP and the local ANC-supporting civics. The agreement prohibited Inkatha members from marching to and from the stadium; provided for police to disarm Inkatha members carrying "non-traditional weapons" and said police would not interfere with residents as long as they kept away from Inkatha.

All of these, the crisis committee said, were violated by the police. Police have not commented on the allegations.

Both massacres are related to conflict between Inkatha and ANC supporters, which has continued to spiral out of control despite the January peace pact between ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Tension is high as the IFP, having recruited virtually all black councillors in the Transvaal, moves onto the offensive to set up branches in townships where it has never before been able to penetrate.

More than 100 people have died in factional conflict on the Reef in the past month and 400 people have died in political violence around the country since the beginning of the year.

According to government statistics, a total of 2 330 people died in unrest-related incidents last year, compared to 673 the year before. However, unofficial statistics put last year's figure at more than 3 000.

'Third force' allegations

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — In the wake of the Alexandra massacre the ANC has blamed a "third force" for township terror, while the Ministry of Law and Order blames opposing factions.

Twelve people were shot dead yesterday, according to police, and medical workers said a further three died later.

'Lukewarm' response

In a statement the ANC said it had warned the police of a planned attack on the Alexandra vigil but the police response was "lukewarm".

The ANC alleged that township violence was orchestrated by shadowy elements in an effort to destabilise the ANC and the peace process.

"The intended consequence of such a reign of terror is that the ANC and other progressive formations will not be able to organise people into a powerful body able to challenge the status quo," said the statement.

While the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) threatened to arm communities in reaction to the massacre, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet

said the "opposing factions" responsible and not the government had to bring the violence to an end.

Brigadier Mellet said the arming of communities would "only generate more violence".

Police said today that the death toll was 13, and denied that a six-month-old baby had died.

Reports yesterday said 15 people had been killed including the baby, and at least another 18 had been seriously injured.

Sapa reports that the Alexandra branch of the ANC criticised the police for not preventing the massacre.

ANC chairman for the area, Mr Popo Molefe, said that at midnight on Tuesday about 200 "suspicious-looking" men had passed the vigil home.

The police statement said: "The SAP responded immediately but there was no sign of such a group."

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The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has ordered a special investigation by a team of five black and five white police officers.

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Massacre Warning: 'We'll arm residents'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday warned it would arm residents if the government failed to stop violence in the townships.

Reacting to yesterday's early morning massacre of 15 people in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, Cast president Mr Moses Mayekiso said township civics would not hesitate to set up armed street or block defence committees unless peace was restored soon.

He said the weapons would be of a "deterrent nature which would make vigilantes think twice".

By yesterday afternoon 15 people — including three brothers — had died as a result of gunshot wounds sustained after a gang armed with automatic firearms attacked a Swazi family holding a mourners' vigil in their home early yesterday. About 13 others were injured.

"Civics must listen to the call of their communities. It's not just the ANC or Inkatha being attacked. What we have is vigilantes attacking the communities. The government has two weeks to stop the violence," Mr Mayekiso said.

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'Shadowy elements' organised violence

JOHANNESBURG. — The Alexandra killings confirmed a pattern of attacks which showed that "the violence is orchestrated by shadowy elements for the purpose of destabilising the ANC and the entire peace process", the ANC said yesterday.

"This is borne out by the fact that in this incident those who attacked the vigil wore uniforms. They also used automatic weapons with great expertise, suggesting thorough training."

The ANC said the police had been informed of threats to the family and to the vigil.

The response of the police was "lukewarm, and even after they were told there were armed people seen near the house they refused to send assistance until after the attack had taken place".

During the attack a member of the family had run to the Alexandra police station to report the attack, but still no action was taken.

The ANC also said there was a group of men, wearing red headbands, going around Alexandra assaulting, robbing and generally terrorising the community.

The Inkatha Freedom Party also condemned yesterday's shooting incident.

The IFP said the incident was "yet another act of senseless violence" and called on the police to do everything in their power to find those responsible. — Sapa



MASSACRE... The bodies of some of the 15 killed early yesterday morning at a funeral vigil in Alexandra. One of the victims was a seven-month-old baby.

Government was warned says civic leader Mayekiso

THE president of the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal, Mr Moses Mayekiso, yesterday put the blame for yesterday's Alexandra massacre squarely on the shoulders of the Government.

Speaking at a Press conference following the killing of 14 people at a night vigil in the township early yesterday, Mayekiso said Cast gave the Government two weeks to stop the violence or else black people would consider arming themselves in self-defence.

He said there were white people who were in command of a "third force"

which massacred blacks in Daveyton, Sebokeng and Alexandra.

Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday condemned the Alexandra killings and described the attack as "yet another act of senseless violence". *Sowetan 28/3/91*

The IFP called on the police to bring the culprits to book.

Mayekiso said Cast would call on "parties involved in negotiations with the Government" to reconsider their participation in the talks.

Alex massacre: threat to arm residents

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Survivors of yesterday's shooting said the police were called during Tuesday night after the gang made an earlier attempt to attack the vigil house.

Police spokesman Lt Nina Barkhuizen confirmed this, but said police had decided not to grant special protection to residents in the area as no evidence of an armed gang could be found.

"It was decided instead to increase patrols, and a police patrol did visit the house but left about 10 minutes before the shootings occurred," she said.

Red Cross worker Beatrice Mampane, who helped survivors in the aftermath of the attack, said police arrived on the scene about an hour and a half after the massacre.

Survivor Doris Ramokgole said she hid when armed men "banged on the windows

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and door and told us in Zulu to open up". She said she lost five family members in the attack.

Victims were taken to Baragwanath, Thembisa and Johannesburg hospitals, where many of them underwent surgery.

SAP Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe yesterday ordered that a special team be set up to investigate the shootings.

An ANC statement claimed the attack had been orchestrated by "shadowy elements" with the aim of destabilising the ANC and the peace process. It claimed the

attackers wore uniforms and used automatic weapons with "expertise suggesting they had undergone thorough training".

Inkatha condemned the attack and called on the police to find the perpetrators. It also called on communities not to launch revenge attacks as this would threaten negotiations.

Yesterday morning police in Alexandra threatened to arrest journalists unless they left the township immediately.

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Piet Skiet says COB planned arms theft

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Sunday Times Reporter

ED right-wing leader Piet Skiet says state security agents have infiltrated some right-wing organisations and are using them for their own ends. His first in-depth interview since granted indemnity by President de Klerk, Mr Rudolph said he had the arms heist at the SA Air Force headquarters in Pretoria last Easter instigated by the SA Defence Force's Civil Co-operation Bureau. He claimed that the plan was the brain-

child of a "police officer" who told him the stolen weapons would be distributed to members of the Inkatha Freedom Party. Mr Rudolph said he had reason to believe his Orde Boerevolk organisation had been infiltrated and used from the outset by "white Askaris" — agents of various security organisations. "The policeman who suggested the raid on the SAAF armoury gave me a key to

the arms safe and told me any weapons we took would find their way to Inkatha. "I became suspicious of the whole scheme after he gave me the key. I had a growing conviction that I would be shot by the very people who had helped me as soon as the weapons were handed over," he said. Despite his fears, he went ahead with the heist. Mr Rudolph handed the arms out to many OB members and, in spite of his call from prison to return them, only a

third of the weapons have been recovered, according to police. Mr Rudolph says he does not know where the rest of the arms are hidden or who has hidden them. Mr Rudolph said his six months on the run from police ended when he was betrayed by a fellow right-winger. "I have known and trusted him for years. I understand his motives for the betrayal and I've forgiven him — but I also know that no one within right-wing circles will ever trust this man again."

arranged trysts with his wife — "my beloved blue-eyed Breggie" — in the veld. "Life on the run was not all fear and tension, though. There were some hilarious moments, too. "I had a number of close shaves. The police often missed me by no more than a day, and once came within inches of me. "While I was visiting a doctor with another commando member, the police burst in, guns at the ready. "I hid behind the door and watched the cops run out of the back door in search of me. "I think one reason they did this was that the doctor just happened to be standing at the back door, calling his dog. "His name is also Piet!"

While underground, with a R50 000 bounty on his head, Mr Rudolph was sheltered, fed and often transported by more than 300 supporters who formed a tight network around him from April 13 to September 17 last year. He covered more than 15 000km while on the run, travelling as far afield as Namibia. "I never stayed in one place for longer than a day. The pattern was to eat something, sleep for a while and leave again within hours. Although he frequently altered his appearance with the help of wigs, false beards and moustaches, Mr Rudolph scoffed at reports describing him as a "master of disguise".

Hilarious

But he was in disguise when he visited the offices of *Vrye Weekblad* to deliver a personal message and when he held carefully



OUT OF THE RUNNING . . . ex-fugitive Piet Rudolph with wife Breggie. Picture: PIERRE OOSTHUYSEN

Drowning leads to boycott

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Outcry over death of unionist

By IKE MOTSAPI and
WALTER LUKHULENI

THE drowning of a Groblersdal unionist led yesterday to a work stayaway and boycott of white shops, resulting in the complete disruption of services in the town.

The protest actions were called by the South African Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union.

Mr Petrus Boy Njoma drowned last Tuesday, allegedly after being pushed into the Olifants River by a white colleague at Wanda Furnishers.

Police were yesterday busy trying to retrieve his body from the river but without success.

Tense

Lieutenant Oosteval van Niekerk, liaison officer for the eastern Transvaal police, said no arrest had yet been made and that police were investigating a charge of culpable homicide.

Mr Mathabatha Seema, regional organiser for Saccawu, told *Sowetan* yesterday that all the town's black workers participated in the stayaway and the town was tense.

Seema said workers had vowed to return to work only after Njoma's body was recovered.

He said: "The mood of the blacks here can be described in one word - outrage."

Mr Mikie Viljoen, regional

Fury over drowning of black

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and invited his two black colleagues to go on a fishing expedition at the Olifants River.

"On arrival at the river he asked them to join him for a swim."

"The two refused because they could not swim."

"He then swam alone. After the swim he got out of the water and started drinking."

"He then asked Njoma if any fish had been caught. Njoma said something was tugging at the line and that he (the white man) should investigate."

"After checking the line, the white man pushed Njoma into the river and continued to drink."

"Njoma's other co-worker went to report the matter to the police."

Saccawu accused the police of "dilly-dallying" in arresting the man.

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manager for Wanda Furnishers in Groblersdal, said his entire workforce had stayed away from work yesterday.

Mr Kaizer Thibedi, assistant general secretary of Saccawu, said a worker who had been present when the incident occurred reported the matter to the police.

Thibedi said: "Our information is that the three men went out to collect money owed to the store."

"After they had contacted some clients, the white man, who had his fishing rods with him, bought liquor



Goldberg with the Oscar she won as best supporting actress in the movie *Ghost* in Los Angeles this year. She is the second black woman to win the Oscar. The first was Hattie McDaniel in 1940 for her role in *Gone With the Wind*. See Page 13.



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Armed white held in Alex

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POLICE on Monday night arrested a white man armed with a R1 rifle and ammunition in Alexandra, the scene of the Reef's most intensive bloody faction fighting in recent weeks.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said no one knew what the man, Mr Charles Dery, (31) had been doing.

Dery, who was discovered by members of a police unit probing the recent unrest in Alexandra, appeared briefly in the Randburg Magistrate's Court yesterday and was remanded in custody until next Tuesday. - Sapa.

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police on Monday night arrested a white man armed with an R1 rifle and ammunition in Alexandra township.

Police said no one knew what the man, Mr. Charles Dery, 31, had been doing, but rejected suggestions of any possible secret, illegal motive for his presence in the township.

Mr Dery, who was discovered by members of a police unit investigating the recent unrest in Alexandra, appeared briefly in Randburg Magistrate's Court yesterday and was remanded.

Police yesterday also reported finding the body of a man with stab wounds in strife-torn township. They also shot dead a man who allegedly stabbed a constable on Monday night.

A man was killed and another injured in a gun battle between two groups in the Eastern Cape town of Berlin, near King William's Town, police said in yesterday's unrest report.

Firearms and ammunition were confiscated after the incident.

At Boklokong near Bethlehem in the Free State, a man was arrested after a petrol-bomb attack on a household.

Two men were arrested at Sharpeville, after stones were thrown at a police vehicle.

Meanwhile, controversy continues to rage over Sunday's shootings in Daveyton.

The Daveyton Crisis Committee and local priests yesterday condemned police for allegedly breaching an agreement setting out conditions for the Inkatha rally which preceded the clash between police and ANC supporters.

The committee claimed that an agreement reached between the Daveyton Civic Association, Inkatha, local priests and police was not observed. — Sapa

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Mistakes' in court

Winnie co-accused admits evidence was inconsistent

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A co-accused in Mrs Winnie Mandela's trial yesterday admitted in the Supreme Court that he had made numerous mistakes in his evidence on Monday.

Mr John Morgan said he was incorrect in saying that the head of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit had threatened him with torture if he did not sign an allegedly fabricated statement implicating Mrs Mandela in acts of abduction and assault. He also admitted that his evidence concerning the first time he was held by police for questioning was incorrect, as was his evidence concerning the morning detectives arrested him during their investigations into the murder of child activist Stompie Seipei.

Mr Morgan, 61, was giving evidence on the admissibility of his statement, which his counsel claims was made after he had been beaten and bribed by Soweto murder and robbery detectives.

The statement alleges that Mrs Mandela was one of a group of people who assaulted Seipei and three men after they had been abducted from a Soweto church manse on December 29, 1988.

Under cross-examination by prosecutor Mr Jan Swanepoel SC, Mr Morgan said the mistakes were due to his poor memory which "does not serve me, I forget easily".

Mr Swanepoel asked him how he could clearly remember details concerning his evidence that police administered electric shocks to his lower legs, and offered him bribes of money, a car, better housing and a gun if he lied and implicated Mrs Mandela in various crimes.

Mr Morgan replied he would never forget the pain, nor would he forget a promise of money, "because it is a good thing (which) makes one happy".

Mr Morgan apparently contradicted himself numerous times when recalling who had threatened him with electric torture if he did not sign the statement, allegedly fabricated by police to implicate Mrs Mandela.

He first told the court the investigating officer, Captain Fred Dempsey, had threatened him, then he attributed the threat to the head of the murder and robbery unit, Colonel Christiaan Oosthuizen.

Mr Morgan then reverted to his accusation that Captain Dempsey had threatened him, and Colonel Oosthuizen had tried to bribe him to sign the statement, but had not threatened him.

On Monday, Mr Morgan had said Colonel Oosthuizen had threatened him with more electric shocks if he did not sign the statement.

Earlier in the day, Mr Swanepoel insisted that Mr Morgan listen to a tape recording of his previous day's testimony, to prove he was contradicting him-

self on how long he had been detained by police for questioning in February 1989.

Mr Morgan had originally stated that detectives detained him for "many days" for questioning, but yesterday told the court he had been questioned for only 20 to 30 minutes before being taken home. He first tried to say the mistake was due to the way his counsel had lead his evidence, but later admitted it was his mistake.

"The answer I gave (on Monday) is a mistake," he said.

Mr Morgan also said some portions of his statement which he claimed police had fabricated were in fact correct, including a detailing how he had driven members of the Mandela Football Club to the University of the North, from where they were supposed to have been transported to Botswana to allegedly undergo military training.

During his cross-examination Mr Morgan told the court he had suffered hearing loss, and had bled from one ear after been beaten by detectives. At one point in the proceedings he demonstrated, on the interpreter, how police had beaten him.

He also testified that he told Colonel Oosthuizen Mrs Mandela was in Brandfort on the night the assault took place.

The trial continues today.

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Thirty-three people were gunned down in Alexandra township near here today while holding a vigil for a faction fight victim.

Police said 12 died at the scene. Three others died later at the Alexandra Clinic and 18 are being treated for gunshot wounds.

Survivors told medical workers they were gunned down without mercy when, at 4.20 am, three men with AK-47 rifles burst into a tent where the ANC-supporting Congress of South African Students was holding a vigil for a member who had been killed in faction fighting this week.

The attackers then waded into the mass of dead, dying and injured, hacking them with pangas and knives.

A Pretoria police spokesman said police had so far recovered 12 bodies from the area of the massacre.

Patrols stepped up

Mourners had told police armed men had been seen near the vigil. A police unit had responded but had not found the men. Patrols in the area had been stepped up, and one had passed the vigil just 10 minutes before the massacre.

Mr David Robb of the Alexandra Clinic said three of the victims admitted to the clinic after the shooting had died later.

Eighteen people were still at the clinic. All had bullet wounds and some had panga and knife wounds.

Mr Robb was told by survivors that the gunmen had entered the tent shouting: "You're ANC and were are Inkatha".

Mr Ncane Ntuli, publicity secretary of the Alexandra branch of Cosas, confirmed a group of people had been attending a night vigil for a Cosas member.

"After unidentified gunmen opened fire with AK-47 rifles terrified people scurried for shelter, but many were killed or injured by the gunfire."

Alexandra Clinic director Dr Tim Wilson said one of the injured had told him the victims had been singing when they were attacked by "a group of Zulus".

Attacker identified

Police said there were a total of 25 mourners at the vigil.

"One of the alleged attackers has already been identified and is being sought by the police," the statement said.

The police spokesman said AK-47 cartridge cases, a .38 special calibre and .25 calibre cartridge cases had been found at the scene.

"The police were never asked to remain at the vigil or to provide protection."

He said the attack did not seem to be of a political nature.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe had ordered a special investigation.

"The police deplore this senseless attack and will do everything necessary to bring those responsible to justice."

● Sapa reports the ANC has blamed the massacre on the police.

Alexandra ANC chairman Mr Popo Molefe said: "The police cannot explain this away. Alexandra has been declared an unrest area."

"Police are supposed to be patrolling the area. So there is no reason why they cannot have seen a group of 200 men roaming the streets."

He said Defence Force members had been withdrawn from Alexandra without the ANC being consulted.

33 gunned down in night massacre 15 die and 18 injured in Rand township attack

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15 murdered by AK-47 gang

Massacre at vigil in Alexandra

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By Al-Ameen Kafaar

In a bloody massacre 15 people were shot dead and at least 18 injured in Alexandra township adjoining Sandton early today during a vigil for a faction fight victim.

Police said 12 died at the scene and medical workers said three more died later at the Alexandra Clinic. Eighteen others were being treated for gunshot wounds.

Survivors told medical workers that at 4.20 am, three men armed with AK-47 rifles burst into a tent where the ANC-supporting Congress of South African Students was holding a vigil for one of their members killed in the faction fighting which has racked the township since the weekend.

Attackers then waded into the mass of dead, dying and injured and hacked them with pangas and knives.

A Pretoria police spokesman said police had so far recovered 12 bodies from the area where the massacre took place, a tent near the Alexandra Clinic.

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Mr Robb was told by survivors that the gunmen entered the tent and screamed: "You are ANC and we are Inkatha!"

The patients were from all ethnic groups, Mr Robb said.

Dr Tim Wilson, director of the Alexandra Clinic, said one of the injured told him that the victims had been singing in a tent when they were attacked by "a group of Zulus".

Police found AK-47 cartridge cases, a .38 special revolver and .25 calibre cartridge cases at the scene.

In a statement police said the attackers started shooting blindly at the mourners.

Police said there were a total of 25 mourners at the vigil and put the death toll at 12 with 13 injured.

"One of the alleged attackers has already been identified and is being sought by the police."

According to the police statement mourners had approached police warning of a pending attack, saying a group of armed men had been at the vigil.

"The SA Police responded immediately but there was no sign of such a group."

"The SA Police were not approached to remain at the vigil or provide protection but decided to intensify the patrols in the area," the statement said.

"One of the patrols had been in the area 10 minutes prior to the attack but once again nothing irregular was found."

Police said it appeared the attack was not of a political nature.

"The people who were attacked have no links with any political organisation," they said.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe has ordered a special investigation.

The team would consist of five black and five white police officers.

"The SA Police deplores this senseless attack and will do everything necessary to bring those responsible to justice," the statement said.

Police requested any one with information to contact Brigadier Wally Snowball at (011) 23-4779.

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9 family members killed in Alexandra

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NINE family members were among 14 people gunned down in coldblood in Alexandra Township yesterday morning during a vigil for another violence victim.

Of the nine, three were the sons of Mrs Jane Ramakgola (41) who should have been buried yesterday.

The dead family members established by *Sowetan* were:

Solly, Paul and Timothy Ramakgola (Mrs Ramakgola's sons); husband and wife Mr Daniel and Mrs Dolly Ndlovu, Miss Tiny Maphanga, Mr Pius Mkhize, Miss Rose Ndlovu and a relative from Katlehong.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said yesterday that, according to their records, there were 14 dead and 16 injured.

Earlier yesterday police said 12 people had died at the scene and three others later at Alexandra Clinic. They said 18 others were being treated for gunshot wounds.

The other victims are Sello Phiri and Mike Ndlovu, both members of the ANC Youth League, and Eric Yawa, secretary

**By NKOPANE
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of Cosas in Alexandra.

Survivors told medical workers at the clinic that they were attacked about 4.20am.

Three men armed with AK-47 rifles burst into a tent where a group of mourners was holding a vigil for Mrs Ramakgola.

She is one of more than 80 people who have been killed in the violence that has wrecked the township since early this month.

The attackers then waded into the dead, dying and injured and hacked them with pangas and knives.

A police spokesman said police had thus far recovered 12 bodies from the area where the massacre took place, a tent near Alexandra Clinic.

A spokesman at the clinic, Mr David Robb, said three of the patients who were admitted to the clinic after the shooting died later.

Robb said 19 people were brought to the clinic and some had since been transferred to Baragwanath and two other hospitals in Johannesburg.

All of them had bullet wounds and some panga and stab wounds.

Robb was told by survivors that the gunmen entered the tent and shouted: "You're ANC and we are Inkatha."

According to police, there were 25 mourners inside the house and another group of mourners was standing outside.

Police found AK-47 cartridge cases, a .38 special revolver and .25 calibre cartridge cases at the scene.



Church ministers of various denominations yesterday visited Alexandra Township, scene of the latest wave of violence. Leading the clergy is (from left) Father Ronald Cairns, a Catholic priest in Alexandra, the Rev Frank Chikane, secretary general of the SACC, and Bishop Patrick Mvemve, the Catholic Bishop of Johannesburg.



Relatives help a family member overcome by sorrow over yesterday's killings in Alexandra. Fourteen people were killed while attending a night vigil of Mrs Jane Ramakgola, another violence victim.

"One of the alleged attackers has already been identified and he is being sought by the police," police said.

The ANC yesterday said the family had earlier approached police for protection but the request was ignored.

Police yesterday confirmed they had been approached and warned of a possible attack. However, they dismissed a claim that they did nothing.

Alexandra ANC chairman, Mr Popo Molefe, said yesterday a group of about 200 suspicious-looking men went past the house where the vigil was being held.

The people phoned the police, who came to the vigil but later left, he claimed.

Molefe said: "The police have no point in explaining this away. Alexandra has been declared an unrest area.

Police are supposed to be patrolling the area. So there is no reason why they cannot have seen a group of 200 men patrolling the streets at that time of the night."

Alexandra residents had recently resolved to consult Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Defence Minister Magnus Malan in a bid to stop violence in the township, Molefe said.

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Swathed in bandages . . . a victim of an alleged police attack on Sunday in Daveyton lies in the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital while a police guard looks on. Twelve ANC supporters were shot dead and 38 injured in the skirmish.

Picture: Karen Fletcher

Police shot first, say ANC injured

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By Monica Oosterbroek (278)

Injured ANC "comrades"
 lying in their hospital beds yesterday vehemently denied they had provoked the police attack in Daveyton on Sunday in which 12 ANC supporters were shot dead and 38 injured.

A policeman was also killed in the skirmish.

Exhausted by their terrifying experience, dozens of men in the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital lay still and unresponsive.

However, when they were read the police statement faxed to The Star on Sunday night saying police acted only after SAP members were attacked by men wielding pangas, spears, petrol bombs and firearms, they sat up and reacted angrily.

Mthuleki France, a Daveyton resident, said the group had gathered because they were afraid of an Inkatha attack.

"Inkatha were meeting up the road and we believed they were planning to attack us. Our group of less than 100 people was quiet. We were not prepared for the police attack. No

teargas, no warning shots — they just started shooting," he said.

Mr France, who was shot in the head, shoulder and thigh, said he never saw anyone in the group attacking the police. But he admitted that some had weapons such as pangas, sticks and knobkerries for protection.

While he spoke, others in the ward nodded in support, but many said they were afraid to talk because of the large police presence in the ward.

Plainclothed and uniformed SAP members yesterday took lengthy statements from each patient while others guarded the doors.

Speaking quietly, keeping an eye on the police, Xolile Mxhosani said he saw the group while walking home and paused out of curiosity.

"Within 10 minutes the SAP arrived and started shooting.

"There were many policemen surrounding us. Then, bang-bang-bang. I felt pain in my leg where they shot me ... it was very frightening," he said.

Hospital superintendent Dr Louis Kaplan said several of the 36 people who spent Sunday night in hospital had been discharged.

'Order was shoot them all'

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 By Abel Mushi and Musa Mapisa

A policeman gave an order in Fanakalo to "bulala zonke" (shoot them all), Daveyton residents said yesterday, recounting the events in the East Rand township on Sunday.

The residents — predominantly ANC supporters — said they were holding a meeting to discuss how to protect themselves in the event of an Inkatha attack when the police arrived.

"They claimed the police did not give them enough time to disperse before shooting.

"Twelve people, including a police lance-sergeant, died and 38 were injured in the fighting.

"The gathering took place in the veld about 2 km from Sina-

ba Stadium, where an Inkatha Freedom Party rally was being held.

Sydney Ndumane said the police arrived aboard a Casspir personnel carrier and told the group's representatives to tell the residents to disperse within 10 minutes.

The policemen left and returned with more policemen before the 10-minute ultimatum had elapsed, he said.

"A white policeman, who was driving a Hippo, gave shooting orders in Fanakalo, saying 'bulala zonke,'" Mr Mdakane said.

"Then the police encircled us, fired tearsmoke, and started shooting," said resident Wilfred Mtshobane.

The policeman was struck by a panga as the crowd fought to get away, he said.

Unprovoked murder — ANC

Staff Reporters *SA 26/3/91*

The ANC yesterday blamed the police for "the savage and unprovoked murder" of 12 supporters at Daveyton on Sunday.

In another development, it is believed the Government is considering appointing a judge to hold an inquest into the deaths.

Thirteen people, including a police sergeant, are known to have been killed and more than 30 injured in the mid-day fight.

Under legislation introduced last year, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee can appoint a judge rather than a magistrate to conduct a general inquest into a series of related deaths. Mr Coetsee is expected to make an announcement soon.

Reacting to the killing yesterday, President de Klerk promised a proper investigation and said the Government was very concerned about the clash.

"What must happen in South Africa is that fighting factions must stop fighting and that all leaders must get their supporters actually using their energies for constructive purposes," President de Klerk told reporters at a ceremony during which he received the credentials of the new Italian Foreign Trade Minister to South Africa, Renato Ruggiero.

ANC secretary general Alfred Nzo yesterday told a Johannesburg news conference that the clash had endangered the negotiation

process. He said the police investigation into the incident should be suspended in favour of an independent commission of inquiry.

This was in reference to Sunday night's announcement by Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe that a top investigation team would look into the shootings.

In its statement yesterday, the ANC said it "unequivocally condemns the savage and unprovoked murder".

The ANC statement claimed that the police blocked off escape routes for 200-odd supporters who were holding a meeting.

It admitted its supporters were carrying "cultural weapons" (knobkerries and shields) — as were people attending the Inkatha rally at the Sinaba Stadium.

Rumours

It said people living in Daveyton had respected the right of Inkatha to hold a rally, even though there was a very small local presence of Inkatha. It was agreed at a meeting that Inkatha could bus in supporters and that they would be taken out of the township immediately after the event.

"During the week, residents expressed fears that after the rally, Inkatha would attack, and rumours of such impending attacks abounded," the ANC said.

Inkatha did not adhere to the agreement, the ANC added.

"Thousands of Inkatha supporters were brought in to the township and dropped at the hostels. From there, they marched through the township to the stadium, carrying arms including spears, axes and sjamboks."

The statement said that 5 km from the stadium, in an area known as Beirut which is predominantly Xhosa-speaking, approximately 200 men armed with "cultural weapons" gathered.

The ANC said police vehicles approached the group, and policemen held discussions with its leaders.

"They were given 10 minutes to disperse. While discussing this demand, the group leaders asked the men to sit on the ground."

"However, the police Hippo returned and drove up to the group as if it was going to drive into them. Stopping barely metres away, police came out of the vehicle firing into the men, who turned and ran in the direction of the nearby Roman Catholic church."

"However, another police vehicle came to the scene, blocking their flight path."

"It, too, opened fire and police came out of the vehicle and continued firing while encircling the men."

"It was in their efforts to escape this hail of bullets that the police were attacked."

The statement continues: "We demand an independent commission of inquiry into the violence across the whole country; that there be

an immediate and independent commission of inquiry into the massacre; the local community be allowed to identify the bodies; that the police involved in the killings be immediately suspended pending the findings of the inquiry; and explanation be given as to how 9-year-old Nomathamsanqa Motsolo was shot through the head hundreds of metres away from the scene."

An ANC man who was with the group, Mzwandile Matabeni, yesterday agreed that the group carried weapons as they were meeting to discuss defences against a rumoured Inkatha attack.

Condolences

He denied petrol bombs were in evidence or that police had any reason to open fire with live ammunition.

Benoni mayor Eddie Bourhill yesterday expressed condolences with the families of the dead, and called on various political factions in Daveyton to remain calm and avoid further bloodshed.

The Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) has blamed the Government for killings following Inkatha-ANC clashes countrywide.

In a statement yesterday, Contralesa alleged that the Government's "refusal" to disarm "roving bands of Inkatha followers" countrywide was the direct cause of the fighting.

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Stop the fighting, FW urges

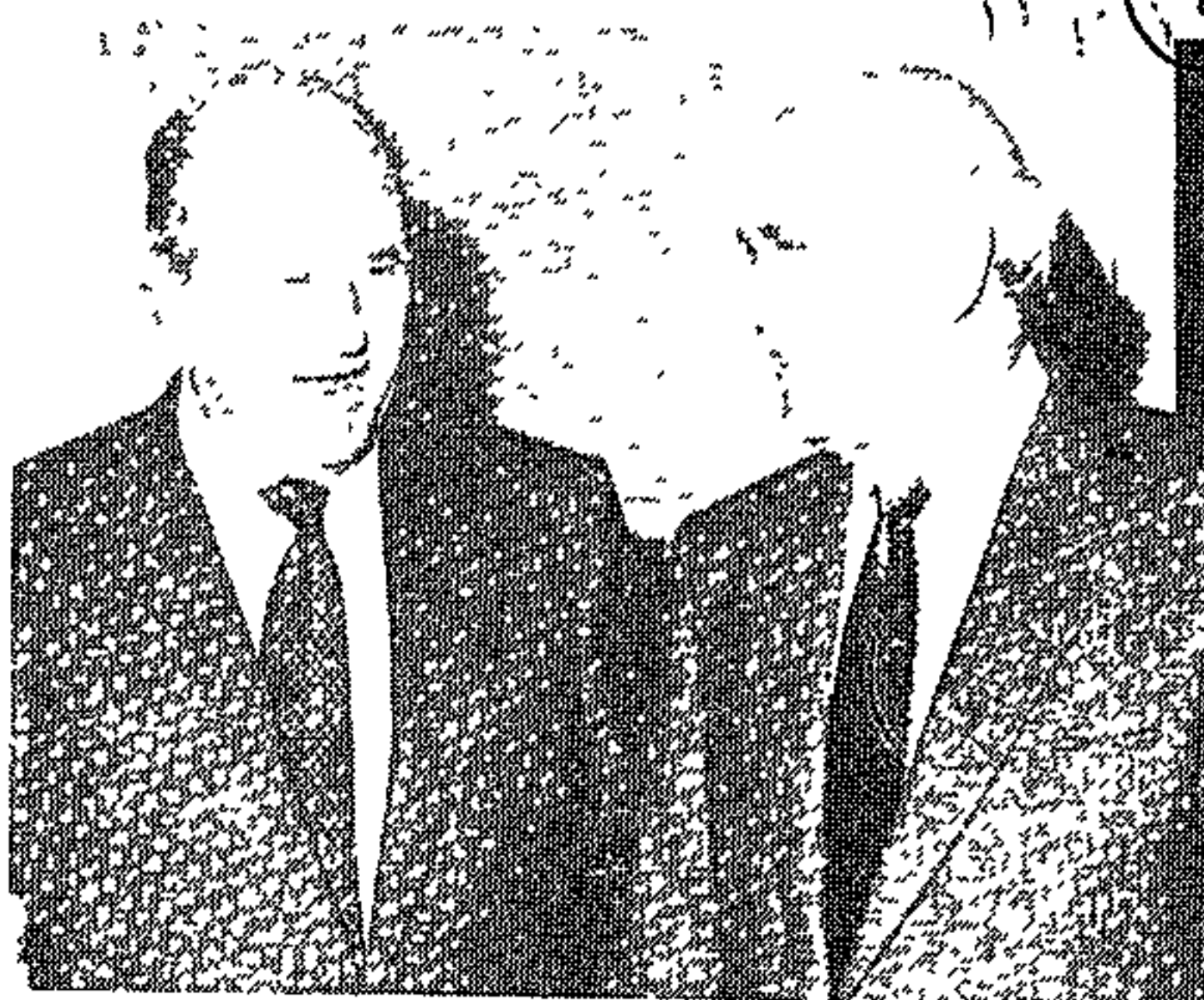
Political Correspondent
PRESIDENT FW de Klerk has urged all political leaders to stop the fighting between their supporters.

Their energies should be channelled constructively instead, he said.

Asked if he was worried that the fatal clash between the police and the ANC in Daveyton might undermine foreign investor confidence or domestic negotiations, Mr De Klerk said: "Obviously we are concerned when incidents like this happen.

"As you well know, such incidents are properly investigated to ensure that we ascertain where the blame lies."

Talking to journalists after a meeting with Italian Foreign Minister Mr Runato Ruggiero at Tuynhuys yesterday, Mr De Klerk said the essen-



ITALIAN TALKS . . . President F W de Klerk yesterday met Italian Foreign Minister Mr Runato Ruggiero at Tuynhuys.

tial character of violence had changed. The problem was now fighting between factions.

"We will continue, in an absolutely impartial manner, to restrict such

violence and we will continue our efforts to address, as we have done in the budget, the underlying causes which can be misused by those who would like violence to

continue," Mr De Klerk said.

"The violence issue is a serious one, but one I have no doubt we will continue to manage with good effect."

Meanwhile, the Conservative Party's spokesman on law and order, Mr Moolman Mentz, has said in a statement that his party is deeply troubled by the growing number of policemen killed and injured in black townships.

The time had arrived for the police to consider seriously if it was still justified for them to intervene in ethnic violence, he said.

● It is expected that a judge will be appointed to conduct an inquest into the clash between the police and the ANC in Daveyton at the weekend.

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Daveyton: Call for inquiry

JOHANNESBURG. — Two Daveyton residents involved in Sunday's clash with police that left 13 people dead yesterday denied the SAP's version of the incident, backing ANC claims that police opened fire without provocation.

Police, however, maintain that they were forced to defend themselves after a 200-strong group ignored an order to disperse and attacked them with guns, petrol bombs, pangas and spears.

Mr Mzwandile Matabeni agreed that the group carried weapons, because they were meeting to discuss defences against a rumoured Inkatha attack. But he denied there were any petrol bombs, or that police had any reason to open fire with live ammunition.

He alleged that the group fought back only after police had opened fire.

ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo said the clash had endangered the negotiation process, and called for an independent commission of inquiry.

By yesterday afternoon the SAP's Lieutenant-General Jaap Joubert, appointed to head an internal investigation team into the massacre, had barred all police spokesmen from commenting on the incident. Reliable government sources suggested that a judicial commission of inquiry would be appointed.

Mr Zenzele Mdutywa, also involved in the battle, said police had arrived in a Casspir and



Tutu in call for prayers for peace

THE Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, yesterday called for prayer and fasting for an end to violence in the week leading up to Easter.

He called for prayers for peace throughout Africa, but linked his call particularly to Sunday's killings in Daveyton.

"We are becoming brutalised when we give a sigh of relief that 'only five people' have died in the latest violence," Archbishop Tutu said. — Sapa

asked to negotiate with one of the men.

He and two others spoke to police, who gave the group ten minutes to disperse. While he was reporting back to the men another Casspir arrived.

Police then opened fire with-

out provocation, Mr Mdutywa alleged. "We had no alternative but to fight back."

One policeman was killed and two were injured. Twelve of the Daveyton men died in the clash, with others wounded.

ANC spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus said the organisation feared for the safety of the men who had negotiated with police, as they were allegedly being "hunted" by the SAP.

Mr Nzo said the ANC demanded the immediate suspension of policemen involved in the clash, pending the findings of an independent inquiry.

The local community had to be allowed to identify the bodies, and police should explain how a nine-year-old, Nomathamsanqa Motsolo, had allegedly been shot through the head while hundreds of metres away, he said.

Ms Marcus said police would not get residents to disarm if they allowed "10 000 armed (Inkatha) men to parade unhindered through Daveyton's streets".

ANC internal head Mr Walter Sisulu repeated calls for total disarmament of all parties, saying the government had either lost the power to stop violence, or did not want to do so.

Meanwhile, it is reported from Ulundi that Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi says hopes for peace between his organisation and the ANC are becoming slimmer by the day. He alleged that many Inkatha supporters had been killed by ANC members since his peace agreement with ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela. — Sapa

'Hot' reception in CP stronghold

By ELIAS MALULEKE

CITY Press this week visited Louis Trichardt, the Conservative Party-controlled town in the northern Transvaal.

It was here that a group of racist whites bashed the skulls of black tiny-tots and sjambokked them for picnicking in a municipal park last Saturday - prompting a consumer boycott which started on Wednesday.

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.

"The man is a bloody racist, I went to him once to hand him a written court order that he was not to handle a gun again and he said 'ek gaan hulle nou dood skiet want ek het nou die brief' (I'm gonna kill them now I have this letter)," said the policeman.

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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independent commission of inquiry into the massacre and violence across the country.

The organisation accused the police of provoking the attack and added that the negotiation process was endangered by the bloody clash.

ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo said the police investigation into the clash should be suspended in favour of an independent commission of inquiry. He also said police involved in the killings should be immediately suspended pending the findings of the inquiry.

Witwatersrand police spokesman, Captain Eugene Opperman has said police were forced to defend themselves with firearms and tearsmoke after the group allegedly ignored an order to disperse and attacked them with guns, petrol bombs, pangas and spears.

However, the ANC maintains that the 200 people involved in the battle were concerned residents, armed with cultural weapons, who had gathered to discuss measures to protect themselves in case of an attack.

The open veld where they met was a frequent meeting place for the group which comprised mainly Xhosa-speaking migrant workers. Five kilometres from where the group was, Inkatha was also holding a rally at Sinaba Stadium.

Police vehicles had approached the group and gave it 10 minutes to disperse. While discussing this police demand, a Hippo returned and drove towards the group as if it was going to drive into it.

Stopping barely metres away, police came out and fired into the men. The latter turned and ran in the direction of the nearby Catholic church. However, another police vehicle came on the scene, blocking the group's path. Police came out and also fired while encircling the men.

"It was in their efforts to escape this hail of bullets that the police were attacked. Residents, including former mayor Tom Boya, ferried the injured to hospital. Boya reported that two injured men were taken at gunpoint from his car by soldiers, and now appear to be unaccounted for.

"The local community has to be allowed to identify the bodies, and police should explain how nine-year-old Nomathamsanqa Motsolo was shot through the head while hundreds of metres away," he said.

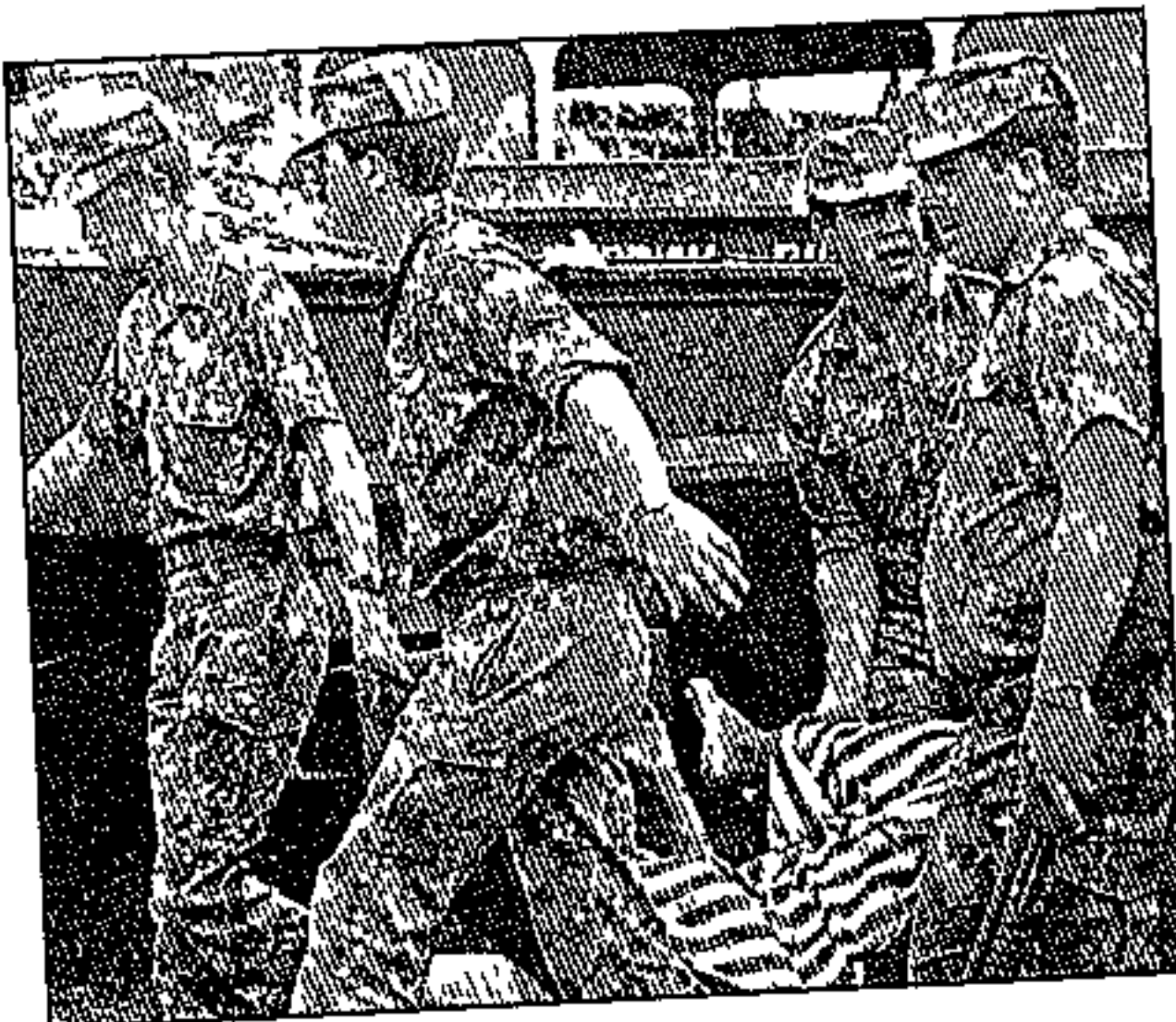
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Peace agreements between the police, ANC and Inkatha are in danger of breaking down — if they have not already collapsed —



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judging by recent violence in Reef townships.

In terms of the Groote Schuur Minute of May the police and ANC are supposed to consult each other at local level if either expects violence from either side but, at Daveyton last weekend, 13 people died after the ANC and police clashed close to a stadium where an Inkatha rally was being held.

In terms of a peace accord drawn up between Inkatha and the ANC in Durban on February 4, similar peace-making arrangements to those of the Groote Schuur Minute should be carried out. These were apparently observed at Daveyton but the ANC and Inkatha do not appear to have succeeded in getting the peace message to their supporters. The fighting appears to have been sparked by ANC supporters' fear of an Inkatha attack after the rally.

The ANC says about 200 of its supporters met on a field to discuss a feared Inkatha attack. The field was near the stadium where Inkatha was holding a meeting.

Perhaps some ANC supporters thought of making a pre-emptive attack. That also appears to have occurred to police who routinely guard stadiums where political groups have meetings.

Police say 200 ANC supporters attacked them. The ANC claims police acted provocatively and attacked its members. ■

WHERE ARE THE COOL HEADS?

The constantly rising death toll in townships is more than disquieting — it threatens the fabric of society and will, if it continues and intensifies, make reform itself irrelevant. Reform — as the Budget indicated — is predicated on the idea that stability and the benefits of economic growth should increasingly be available to all. But events like that at Daveyton on Sunday have the kind of chilling resonance that will make SA's well-wishers fear even more for the future.

At least 13 people died at Daveyton, including a policeman said to have been hacked and clubbed to death. The police say they were surrounded and attacked; the ANC claims its followers were provoked and fired upon. Whatever the truth — and a special team of detectives is to investigate the matter — the deaths contributed countrywide to an overall weekend toll of about 40 in political unrest. Over the period this is far higher than in, say, Yugoslavia.

The police were in place specifically to prevent bloody clashes between ANC and Inkatha supporters — both of whose "sides" frequently accuse the police of bias. The question of whether the issuing of live ammunition is appropriate cannot be easily answered outside the context of such situations, which resemble the most ancient conflicts in history in terms of motive and weaponry. The longer-term

danger for the police would be to become the object of universal mistrust and the target of community hate.

This would be to factionalise the police — to encourage them, in effect, to see individual situations in terms of survival necessitating swift and decisive action. All the police massacres of the past — such as Sharpeville — have been defended on this basis. Until Daveyton one had thought it was not a defence they ever wished to use again, and that their credibility in the townships had at least not been deteriorating. They will have to justify their actions.

Meanwhile, what do such events reveal about the depth of the "peace" pact between Inkatha and the ANC? The ANC's statement that the crowd was "a group of Daveyton residents who had gathered to discuss measures to ensure their safety" is *prima facie* ridiculous. An Inkatha rally was taking place in a nearby stadium and for the residents to have gathered in the veld bearing arms was not a prelude to a discussion.

The spotlight of blame should equally be brought to bear upon the ANC and Inkatha. The scale of Sunday warfare is increasing and shows a deplorable lack of leadership. The worse this lack becomes, the more the police can be expected to close ranks in all circumstances. ■

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Reef township smoulders

By PAT DEVEREAUX
Weekend Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Alexandra township was tense with sporadic violence as residents planned funerals for 15 people slaughtered at Wednesday night's vigil for an ANC supporter killed in faction fights.

A hand-grenade was hurled at a home early yesterday but detonated between the house and a squatter's shack. No one was injured.

Two people were killed in the violence — one hacked to death near a hostel and the other shot with an AK-47.

Police said they had arrested eight people for illegal possession of weapons and ammunition.

'Police indifferent'

No date has been set for the funeral of the vigil victims, but the Alexandra Civic Organisation was said to be helping family members with funeral arrangements.

Meanwhile, residents have warned that they would defend themselves against such attacks, claiming the police were indifferent to their plight.

Mr Moses Mayekiso, of the Civic Association for the Southern Transvaal, called for troops in the township and said a clean sweep, including the confiscation of arms, should be made at certain township hostels by the security forces.

Blaming police for their alleged lack of response during the vigil slaughter, Mr Mayekiso said

"Alexandra was declared an unrest area weeks ago and a curfew was in force.

"Police claim to be patrolling the area but somehow they do not apprehend the roving bands, some said to be as large as 200 people, which have attacked residents"

Police have denied this claim.

"The police were informed of threats to the family and the vigil by both the ANC branch and members of the family.

"These threats were reported in the Kew and Alexandra police stations and to police patrols that passed the house.

More impartial

"The response of the police was lukewarm, and even after they were told that there were armed people seen near the house they refused to send assistance until after the attack"

Mr Mayekiso said Alex residents believed troops were more impartial than the police when dealing with the conflict between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

Police liaison officer Captain Craig Kotze said police were investigating the massacre and the allegations that uniformed hitmen using AK-47 automatic rifles had butchered those at the vigil.

He dismissed the view that troops should be called into the township saying.

"It is out of the question to have troops brought in. It is the police force's primary duty to enforce the law.

"The military is purely a back up to the police force in this situation."

Judicial inquiry to probe Daveyton deaths

Weekend Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A judicial inquiry will be held into last Sunday's death of 13 people, including a policeman, at the East Rand township of Daveyton during a clash between Police and ANC supporters.

Transvaal Judge-President Mr Justice Eloff is to appoint a judge for the inquiry at the request of Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee.

Twelve ANC supporters were shot dead and policeman Lance-Sergeant P J van Wyk was hacked to death when police allegedly moved in on a crowd of "comrades" who were said to be arming themselves to protect residents against Inkatha members at a rally — where a new branch of the Inkatha Freedom Party was being inaugurated.

Police and residents disagree on how the clash started. The police have already launched an investigation un-

der the deputy chief of the CID, Lieutenant-General Jaap Joubert

Thirty five people were arrested in connection with the policeman's death and charged with murder, attempted murder (alternatively public violence).

Seventeen of those arrested appeared in Benoni Regional Court on Wednesday. Eighteen others could not appear as they were still hospitalised. The hearing was postponed to April 10.

Meanwhile, the Daveyton Crisis Committee has criticised police for not honouring an agreement negotiated before the Inkatha rally between police, the IFP and ANC-supporting civic groups.

The alleged agreement was that Inkatha members should be stopped from marching to and from the stadium, police should disarm Inkatha members and refrain from interfering with residents who stayed away from Inkatha members.

SPECIAL FOCUS ON TOWNSHIP VIOLENCE

Squatters tell of 'lagger of death'

Alex factions locked in razor-wire enclosure

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POLICE have locked warring hostel dwellers and squatters into a laager of death in Alexandra.

Squatters, encircled by police razor wire, say they are unable to flee from the aggression of the Inkatha-supporting hostel inmates who have laid siege to their camp.

And as the township continued to simmer this week in the wake of further violence, desperate squatters wanting to leave the camp levelled allegations of abduction, torture and murder against the hostel dwellers.

They said hostel inmates were engaged in a systematic, well-organised and brutal campaign against the squatters.

Squatters attribute the present "reign of terror" to a miscalculation by police, who have encircled the squatter camp and the hostel with razor wire in an attempt to quell the current unrest.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the razor wire was meant to seal off the hostel so that hostel dwellers could be restricted to their camp after unrest broke out.

When asked about the logic behind encircling the squatter camp with the hostel, Colonel Malherbe said he was not aware of this, but promised to investigate.

The wire has forced the squatters to share a yard with hostel dwellers.

Last Friday night, six men watching television were abducted in full view of their families and taken to the nearby hostel.

Later that night two of the men, Alex Shikambo and Foster Rikhisso, who are cousins, made a daring escape, by

ga, died from hack wounds in the same incident, squatters say.

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The other three could not be traced but they are believed to have escaped.

Johnson Malombo, one of the squatters, complained of the "red-headed thugs, who stole whatever they could lay their hands on during their raids."

Groceries and sometimes cooked meals, he said, were confiscated.

He also complained that his clothing had been taken.

Eric Makhubela said, although police vehicles were frequently seen, nothing was done to disarm hostel dwellers.

Escape

"They walked freely within the camp, brandishing assegais, garden forks and sharpened irons," he said.

The razor wire, he added, made it difficult for people to escape when they were attacked.

Chickens, complained Richard Mngomezulu, were stolen from the squatter camp.

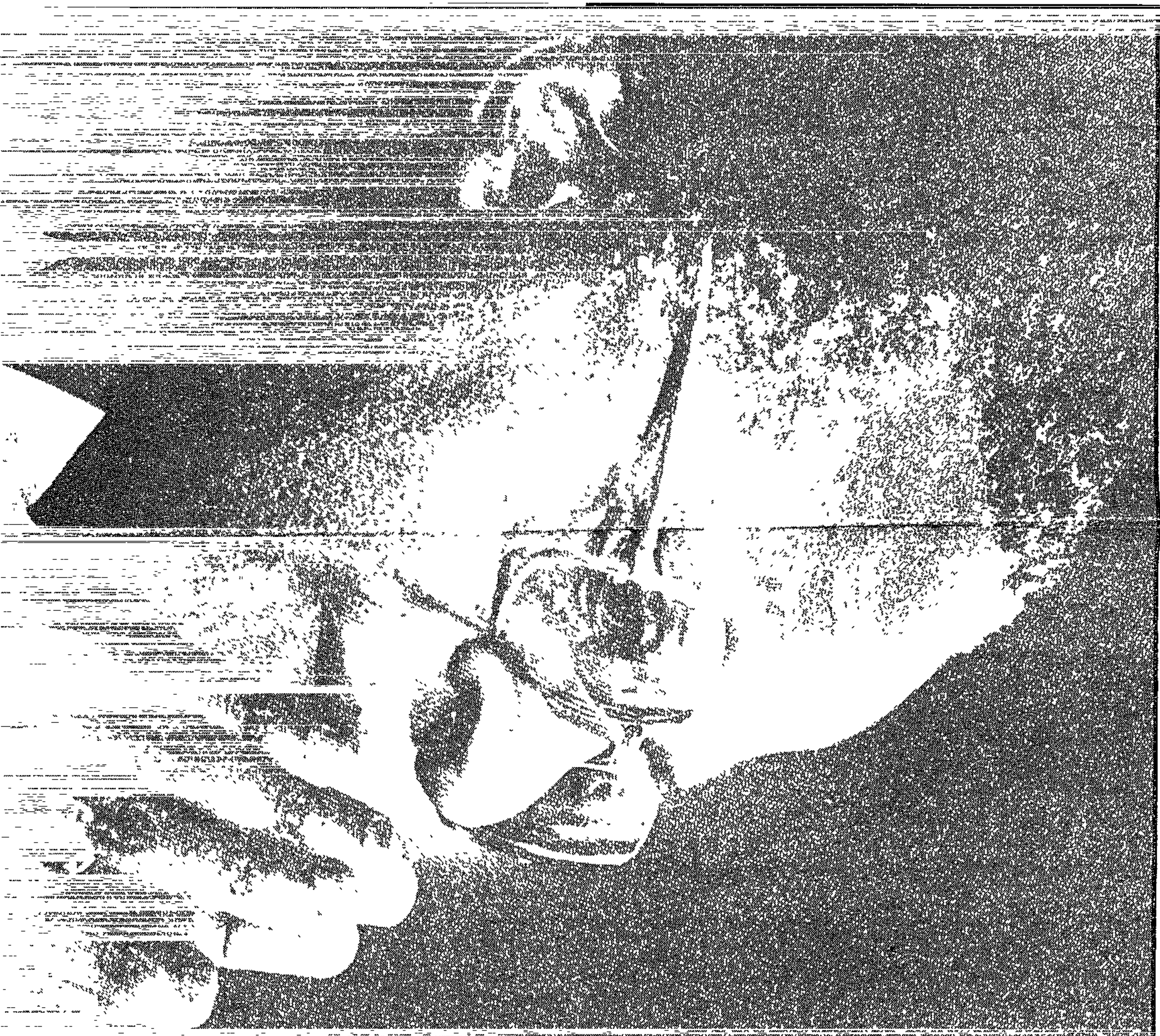
"Some shacks were half destroyed and their contents taken away," he added, pointing to the open roof of his shack stoep.

Other complaints were that Inkatha supporters forced squatters to sign up with the movement.

T-shirts bearing a portrait of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Inkatha president, were on sale for R10 in the camp.

Maria Bilankulu told of how she was this week accosted and "asked" by a group of hostel dwellers to "honestly" say which organisation — Inkatha or the ANC — was good.

After she explained she did not know the difference be-



Tutu in plea for a culture of tolerance

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CAPE TOWN — Something had gone "desperately wrong" in the black community, Archbishop Desmond Tutu told a congregation in St George's Cathedral this week.

Delivering a homily at a service for justice and peace, he said there was much to admire in black political organisations, "but there is much also which is not right". He went on to say "It seems as if the culture of violence is taking root in our society. We are becoming brutalised and almost anaesthetised to accept what is totally unacceptable."

"If this kind of violence that keeps erupting at regular intervals continues then, when the new South Africa dawns, there will be very few around to enjoy it and those who survive will do so only because they are tough, on the basis of the laws of the jungle: survival of the fittest, eat or be eaten, devil take the hindmost."

"There are many reasons why there is violence. South Africa has never really had a culture of tolerance. The Government and its supporters have used dangerously and nefarious methods to deal with their opponents, ranging from the vilification and pillorying of these, as still happens on SABC-TV and radio and Government-supporting media, up to the physical elimination of people such as has now been confirmed through the death squads of such as the CCB."

"Consequently people have learnt that those who differ with you are enemies and the only way to deal with the enemy is to liquidate them."

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"What has gone wrong is that we have seemed to have lost our reverence for life, when children can dance round someone dying the gruesome death of a necklacing."

"Something has gone desperately wrong when our leaders are not listened to by their followers. There is much to admire in our political organisations, but there is much also which is not right."

"Some of those who belong to these organisations are totally undisciplined and you can't wage a struggle unless you are dedicated and disciplined. Our organisations need to go back to grassroots and instil discipline from the lowest ranks up."

"It seems to me that we, in the black community, have lost our sense of 'ubuntu' — our humanness, caring, hospitality, our sense of connectedness, our sense that my humanity is bound up in your humanity."

"We are losing our self-respect, demonstrated it seems to me most graphically by the horrible extent of dumping and littering in our townships. Of course we live in squalor and in slum ghettos. But we are not rubbish."

"There are some things that I want to suggest we can do. The first is that all of us must help to develop the culture of tolerance: live and let live."

"Let us practise the motto, I disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. Let us learn to agree to disagree. Those who disagree with us are not necessarily enemies."

W now on the second floor of the five-storey hostel.

Torture

The men said they were tortured after a group of hostel dwellers had discovered they were not Zulu-speakers.

"After the leader of the team involved in the abduction had asked his mates inside a hostel room if they objected to killing us, we threw ourselves out through a window," said one of the men.

They were admitted to Tembisa hospital with multiple fractures.

Another captive, Dick Mhlan-

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and Magoda as "very tense".

However, Sifiso Nkabinde, chairman of the ANC branch in Richmond, said on Thursday that a third person — a comrade — was also killed in the conflict. Nkabinde, whose house in Magoda was burnt down recently, led the group and said their return was planned to "test the waters".

However, he said the reception they had received was predictable and "hostile", claiming that shots were fired near the buses before they had even entered Ndoleni.

Mr Nkabinde said one comrade and two Inkatha supporters were killed on Wednesday night after Inkatha supporters had launched an attack on a group at the Molo shop in Ndoleni. He added that police and security forces had failed to provide the returning refugees with any escorts or protection "as we had been promised".

Lieutenant Budhram denied this and said there was a strong contingent of SAP and SADF personnel in the area. — Sapa.

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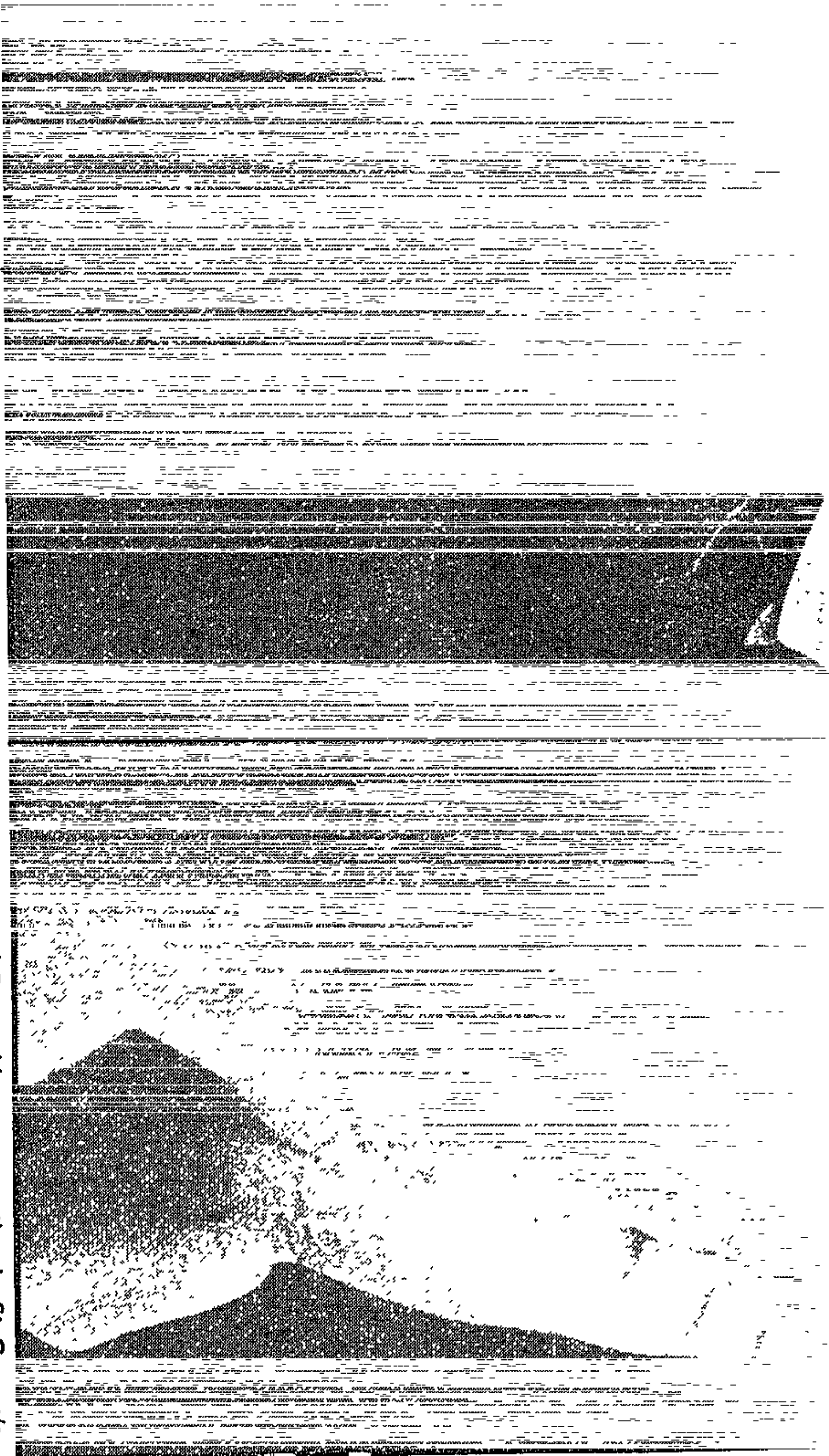
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Violence inspires Danelle's prayer for peace

OWN CORRESPONDENT

The bloody clashes in Daveyton so moved a nine-year-old Pretoria girl that she wrote a prayer for her mother asking God to bless Africa.

Danelle Drury, of Menlo Park, Pretoria, was awake a little later than usual on Sunday night and saw a television news report of the clash between police and ANC supporters in Daveyton during which 13 people, including two children and a policeman, were killed.

Her mother Liesel Elselen and stepfather Henne Swane-pool explained to her the political situation in South Africa.

The differences between the various groups and cultures and what was currently happening were all explained to Danelle.

Mrs Elselen said they spoke plainly to Danelle, and the next morning she was presented with a prayer.

Danelle, a Std 2 pupil at Brooklyn Primary School, said she could not give a specific reason for writing the prayer.

She says a prayer every morning and wrote one for herself after hearing her parents' explanation.

planation.

In her prayer, Danelle mentions "werdos", and explains that she meant Inkatha.

At the time she wrote the prayer, she could not remember the name of Inkatha so wrote of the party with the "wired" name.

Danelle loves writing and hopes to be a teacher, farmer and author in the future.

Here is Danelle's prayer as she wrote it for her mother.

Dear Heavenly Father, Hear your Children's cry for help. Oh God take Afrika up in Your Hands and bless her. Make her strong. God be with the ANC

and the other group of werdos.

Be with the CP the NP and the DP. Heavenly Father we pray for You to prevent civil war.

Lord, Nobody is wrong and nobody is right. We are just different in cultures. Oh God, Take up Afrika's problems. Help us to solve them because we have got to live together. We don't just have to live together we have to live together in peace.

Yes Lord we must live in PEACE. God, where there is life there's hope so please Father Help us to do what we can to make our country beautiful, rich and Fertile. Help us to work together as a nation.

Meanwhile, the Daveyton Crisis Committee criticised police for not honouring an agreement negotiated prior to the Inkatha rally between police, the IFP and ANC supporting civics.

The alleged agreement was that Inkatha members be stopped from marching to and from the stadium; police should disarm Inkatha members even those with "traditional weapons" and police would refrain from interfering with residents who stayed away from Inkatha members.

Daveyton deaths: inquiry to be held

PAT DEVEREAUX

A JUDICIAL inquiry will be held into last Sunday's 13 deaths, including that of a policeman, at the East Rand township of Daveyton during a clash between police and ANC supporters.

The Transvaal Judge-President Mr Justice C F Eloff is to appoint a judge for the inquiry at the request of Minister of Justice Koebe Coetsee.

Twelve ANC supporters were shot and policeman, Lance-Sergeant P J van Wyk, was hacked to death when police allegedly

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People must be free to choose whether they want to participate or not in boycotts, in mass action. That is an irreducible, incontrovertible aspect of democracy.

"It was an explosion waiting to happen, placing virile men in single-sex hostels with townshipships where they saw other men leading normal lives with their families. And these hostel-dwellers were alienated from those township communities."

"It is true that the police and the security forces have, on the whole, behaved disgracefully, being accused on all sides of a lack of professionalism as a totally unbiased peace-keeping force, and sometimes it might be true that some of them have sought to foment the violence."

"Yes, that is all true. But it is not all the truth. A lot of the violence is due to political rivalry. Political groups in the black community are fighting for turf and they do not seem to know, or certainly some of their followers don't seem to know, that a cardinal tenet of democracy is that people must be free to choose whom they want to support."

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"Something has gone desperately wrong in the black community. We black people must, of course, point to all the causes of violence I have pointed out and to others that I have not referred to."

"But, ultimately, we must turn the spotlight on ourselves. We can't go on forever blaming apartheid. Of course it is responsible for a great deal of evil. But ultimately we are human beings and have proved it in the resilience we have shown in the struggle for justice."

"We did not allow ourselves to be demoralised, dehumanised. We could still laugh, we could still forgive. We refused to be embittered at some of the worst moments in the struggle."

few husbands and wives around.

"Two, our political organisations need to put their houses in order, to instil discipline in their members, to adopt at least a minimum code of conduct that says these are the parameters beyond which we will not stray in conducting our political activity."

"Third, the authorities must disarm all groups. It is a nonsense, utterly unacceptable to speak about traditional weapons. Traditional weapons kill. And it is quite wrong to allow certain groups blatantly to move around armed."

"Fourth, let the police become a truly professional peace-keeping force that upholds the rule of law and order without fear or favour. And one hopes that they can begin to be flexible."

What happened in Daveyton was due to their insisting on the observance of a law that many of our people refuse to obey, that relates to meetings, and relates to demonstrations.

"Fifth, I urge that all political leaders stop their killing talk, stop their belligerent, bellicose utterances that incite others to violence whatever the intention of the speaker might have been. There is already legislation available and I urge the Government to use it."

"Sixth, I want to suggest that the municipalities, city councils, local councils, the churches, community organisations, political groupings, participate in a campaign with the people in the townships to clean up those townships. Perhaps our people may then begin to regain the self-esteem, self-respect and pride that they are losing."

"And, with others, finally I suggest that all of us, perhaps at midday, pause to pray not just for our country, for all of Africa. And there is a simple prayer that many of us use, and I would suggest that is a prayer that ought to be learnt by people everywhere. It is a straightforward prayer, composed by Trevor Huddleston:

"God bless Africa. Guard her children. Guide her rulers, and give her peace."

Grenade blast as Alex braces for funerals

PAT DEVEREAUX

ALEXANDRA township was tense with sporadic incidents of violence yesterday as residents planned funerals for up to 15 people slaughtered at Wednesday night's vigil for murdered ANC supporter Foki Ramokgola.

At 2 am yesterday a hand grenade was hurled at a private dwelling in the township but detonated between the house and a squatter's shack. No one was injured in this, the latest incident in the township violence.

Two people were killed in overnight violence, one being hacked to death near a hostel, the other being shot dead with an AK-47 rifle. Police said they had arrested eight people about 3 am for illegal possession of weapons and ammunition.

"More than the usual number" of police were patrolling the township last night after only one reported incident in the afternoon, said a police spokesman.

ANC, IFP leaders in talks

INKATHA Freedom Party (IFP) president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela were due to meet in Durban today to discuss the current violence in the country.

This was confirmed last night by Inkatha spokesman Suzanne Vos who said the two leaders would meet at 10 am at Durban's Royal Hotel.

Before Mr Mandela's trip to Durban he was expected to address a press conference at Jan Smuts Airport also on the violence.

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma confirmed that Mr Mandela would address the media at 7.20 am, before catching an 8 am flight to Durban.

No date has as yet been set for the funeral of the vigil victims, but the Alexandra Civic Organisation was said to be helping family members with funeral arrangements.

Residents this week threatened to defend themselves against future similar attacks, claiming the police were indifferent to their plight. Moses Mayekiso, of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal, called for troops in the township and said a clean sweep, including the con-

fiscation of arms, should be made at certain township hostels by the security forces.

Blaming police for failing to respond when Wednesday's slaughter was in progress, Mr Mayekiso said: "Alexandra was declared an unrest area weeks ago and a curfew was in force. Police claim to be patrolling the area, but somehow they do not apprehend the roving bands, some said to be as large as 200 people, which have attacked residents."

Police have denied the ANC claim that police were informed of threats to the family and the vigil by both the ANC branch and members of the family. However, Mr Mayekiso said:

"These threats were reported in the Kew and Alexandra police stations, and to police patrols that passed the house. The response of the police was lukewarm, and even after they were told that there were armed people seen near the house they refused to

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AK-47 automatic rifles
had butchered those at
the vigil.
He said: "It is out of
the question to have
troops brought in - it is
the police force's duty
to enforce the law."

Four due in court with Winnie skip bail

JOHANNESBURG. — Four men due to appear in the Rand Supreme Court with Mrs Winnie Mandela on Monday on charges of kidnapping and assault, have skipped bail, police said yesterday.

A warrant of arrest has been issued and a reward offered for information leading to their arrest, SAP liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn said at a media conference in Soweto.

Under their bail conditions, imposed late last year, the four were supposed to report to one of two Soweto police stations every Monday but had not been seen since December.

Harassment

Police believe the four — Mr Joseph Sithole, 18, Mr Katiza Cebkaulu, 22, Mr Mpho Mabalane, 19, and Mr Siby Siso Mabuza, 19 — are still alive.

Mr Cebkaulu was reportedly harassed late last year and, fearing for his life, had complained to the Attorney General, who ordered the investigating officer in the case to look into the matter.

Colonel Halgryn said police had waited this long to publish that the men had skipped bail because they had tried to catch themselves. — Sapa

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Inkatha men in court over hostel killings

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Twenty-one Inkatha members appeared briefly in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the massacre at the Sebokeng Hostel in September last year.

More than 40 people were killed during the attack. All the accused in the case, including Themba Khoza, leader of Inkatha's Transvaal Youth Brigade, are facing charges of house-breaking and theft, the

possession of stolen goods, malicious damage to property and the unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

At an earlier hearing, murder charges were dropped.

Nobody was asked to plead to the charges yesterday and no evidence was led before Magistrate G J Reynders during the brief hearing yesterday. The case was postponed to March 22. All the accused are out on bail.

Sebokeng massacre: 11 on trial

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All charges were yesterday withdrawn against Bhekumuzi Ngema (41), one of the 12 people arrested in connection with the recent Sebokeng massacre.

The other 11, who include a woman and a 17-year-old youth, all face charges of murder and attempted murder over the shooting at an ANC funeral vigil in Zone 7 almost three weeks ago.

No charges were put

to the group yesterday, and the hearing, in the Vanderbijlpark magistrate's court, was postponed to Monday when evidence in an application for bail will be heard by the magistrate, Mr G J Reynders.

The accused, all of Sebokeng and Evaton are: Zebuse Khuzwayo (32), Aubrey Myeni (23), Aaron Mtshali (21), D Mabote (21), Silwane Kubheka (37), Thomas Lokhzi (27), Joseph Ndlovu (53), Harry Mamatu

(19), Darkhi Chonco (23) and Janette Kheswa (19). The 17-year-old youth may not be identified.

According to police, 38 men, women and children died during the massacre.

The youngest victim was a 13-year-old boy.

Police took possession of 10 AK-47 rifles after the attack, but only two have been ballistically linked to the shootings.

J van Staden appeared for the State and Barry Roux will appear for the defence.



Damp demo . . . ANC members hold placards along the main streets of Hillbrow during a rushhour picket yesterday to highlight today's worker stayaway, which launches the organisation's mass action campaign. The ANC is demanding a constituent assembly, an interim government and an end to violence.

ANC picket in Hillbrow downpour

By Shareen Singh

Pouring rain did not dampen the determination of scores of picketers who demonstrated in Hillbrow's busiest streets in peak traffic yesterday as part of the ANC's mass action campaign.

The picket in Kotze and Pretorius streets was organised by the Hillbrow/Berea branch of the ANC to highlight today's stayaway call and the ANC's demands for a constituent as-

sembly, an interim government and an end to violence.

It also focused attention on some of the local community's grievances, in particular the closure of Joubert Park Laerskool, which was officially shut down yesterday.

Commenting on the closure of the school, an ANC spokesman for the region said this type of action, when there were thousands of children without schools, was evidence enough

that President de Klerk and the Government did not have the interests of the people at heart.

The ANC branch in the region had held a demonstration in December against the imminent closure of the school.

Such Government actions had made the people in Hillbrow/Berea more determined to demand a constituent assembly that would lay the basis for a new constitution and democratic order, the spokesman said

Local demands would not be met until national solutions had been agreed on, she added.

During the demonstration, the ANC gained several new members, who signed up on the spot and joined in the picketing.

An SAP spokesman said the picket was illegal but police would not interfere, apart from taking down the names of those demonstrating. A docket for illegal gathering would be opened against those involved.

MEN OF THE MOMENT



WALTER SISULU

CLARENCE MAKWETU

NELSON MANDELA

FW DE KLERK

All eyes on Cape Town

will be marching throughout the country to protest against apartheid laws and also demand that the Government agree to the establishment of a Constituent Assembly.

The question that comes to mind is: "Will the opening of this session by De Klerk be the last white Parliament?"

February 1 1991 has been declared "The Day of Reckoning - The First Step Towards A People's Parliament" by the ANC and its allies in their quest for black liberation.

The mass action campaign will kick off at 9am with a march led by ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu and PAC president Clarence Makwetu.

Members of the ANC, PAC and Azapo will meet at the Grand Parade and march through the centre of Cape Town before proceeding to the Parliament buildings.

Other places of activity are:

* Soweto: At 10am a rally will be held at the Jabulani Amphitheatre.

At 12 noon the people will march to the Moroka Police Station and the Soweto Council Chambers. Ahmed Kathrada and Elias Motsoaledi, both of the ANC internal leadership core, will lead marchers.

* Pretoria: At 8.30am a rally will be held at the Giant Stadium in Soshanguve followed by a march to the Union Buildings and the Soshanguve Magistrate's Court.

Another march will start at the Congress of South African Trade Unions' Pretoria's offices at 10am and will also proceed to the Union Buildings.

ANC executive member Joe Slovo, Josiah Jele and Albertina Sisulu will lead the marchers.

* At 11am there would be a mass meeting at Bophelong Stadium, Vanderbiljpark.

Another meeting will be held at the Banner Hall in Evaton at 10am.

World's eyes on Cape Town

SA on the march today

SOUTH Africa will today witness one of the biggest series of protest marches ever staged in the country. *Sowetan 17/2/91*

And in Cape Town President FW de Klerk opens an historic session of Parliament in which he must show the way to a settlement of the country's crisis.

Permission to march has been granted all but 12 towns.

Towns where marches have been banned are: Phalaborwa, Groblersdal, Potgietersrus, Izaneen, Louis Trichardt, Wolmaranstad, Stilfontein, Leeudooringstad, Orkney, Klerksdorp,

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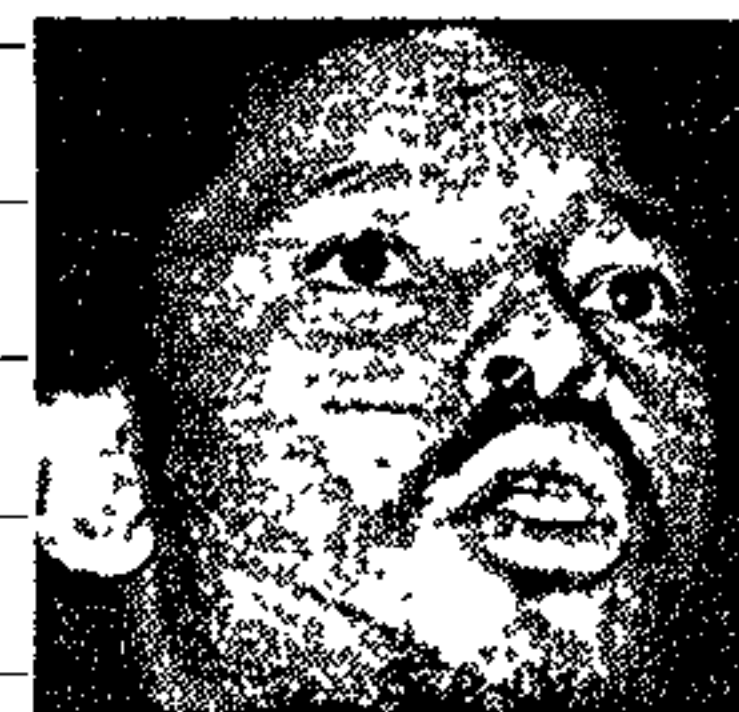
The Klerksdorp Town Council demanded a bank guaranteed cheque of R100 000 from the ANC to cover any damage and claims following the march.

The money had not been paid by late last night.

Rallies have instead been organised in the townships of places where marches have been banned. They will start at 10am.

As President FW De Klerk opens the first session of Parliament today thousands of people

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TERROR LEKOTA



ALBERTINA SISULU

* At 9am there will be a mass meeting at the Nguini Hall in Vosloorus while another one will be held at the Mehlareng Stadium in Tembisa at 10 in the morning.

* A rally will be held at the Roman Catholic Church in Kagiso at 10am.

Three hours later the people will march to the Kagiso Police Station.

* At 10am there will be a rally at Okwethu Pleasure Resort, Katlehong, while a mock funeral to "bury the apartheid laws" will be followed by a march to the Wattville Stadium near Benoni.

* Other rallies will be held at Duduza township, Nigel, Sinaba Stadium in Daveyton, KwaThema, the Border Region, Northern Cape, Transkei and Bloemfontein in the Free State.

ANC Free State coordinator Terror Lekota will lead marchers in Bloemfontein.

In Sasolburg permission has been granted for a march to the local police station.

The ANC has appealed for peace, calm and restraint during the marches.

Affluence a distant dream for most blacks

AMID the squalor of Soweto, 19-year-old Sipho dreams about a life of luxury.

"I wonder what it is like to live in Sandton," the black youth said about the wealthy town.

"I think the whites would be angry if they knew a black man was living next door," Sipho said with a smile.

Black expectations and white fears have been heightened dramatically by South Africa's year-old reform process and are putting the search for racial peace under mounting strain.

President FW de Klerk and Mr Nelson Mandela are under pressure to persuade their followers to trust reform rather than repression or revolution.

De Klerk is due to announce further reforms of apartheid at the opening of parliament today, continuing a process he began last year by freeing Mandela from jail, legalising black politics and starting negotiations with anti-apartheid forces.

Hysteria

But with black warfare ravaging townships and paramilitary pro-apartheid extremists sowing hysteria among whites, many commentators say prospects for peaceful change are gloomy.

"Anarchy spills wider by the day," said the *Sunday Times*.

"The shallow euphoria of a year ago has dissipated; in its place there is now a hint of despair."

Blacks, who outnumber whites by five to one, live in tribal reserves in the countryside or in spartan townships on the edge of white cities. Most whites live in affluent European-style suburbs.

Blacks have flocked to the cities in recent years, often housing themselves in shanty towns where crime and unemployment have become rife.

Some rightist whites have reacted violently, whipping or beating blacks who use amenities once reserved for whites.

"The fear we have is of an avalanche, where an ignorant ma-

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jority will take us into a black period of chaos," a white caller named Reg told a radio phone-in programme.

Soweto social workers say warfare among black political rivals is so intense that increasing numbers of youths do not expect to live long and turn to crime to grab what they can.

Sipho, who spends his days at Inkanyezi Youth Club amid the

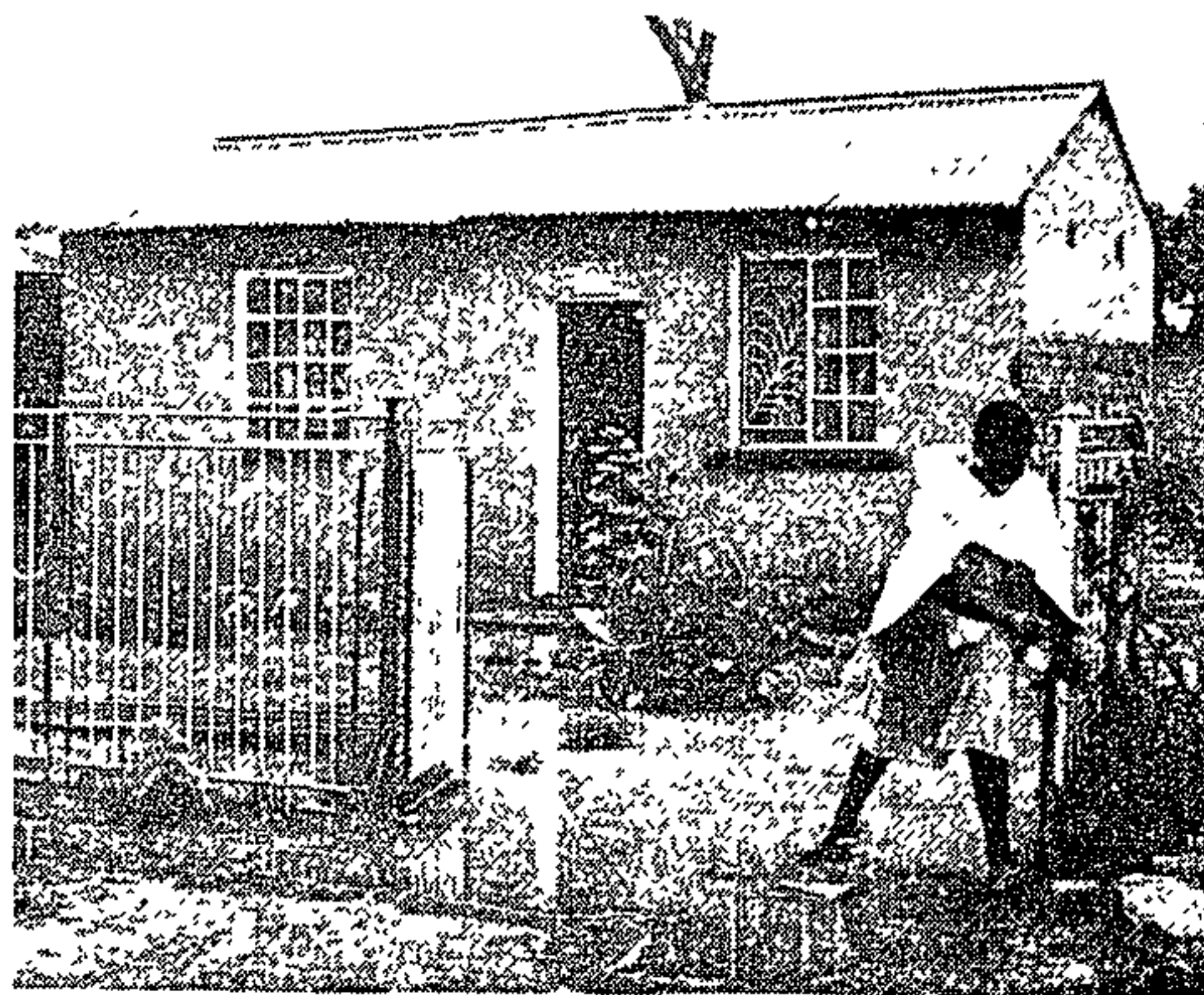
beyond our reach are now attainable. We can now make choices in our lives. But many feel the process is not moving fast enough," Gama said.

Blacks did not want to live in townships because the conditions were starkly inadequate compared with white areas.

"It's like looking at A and B," she said. "A is glittering, while B is just mud and overcrowding."

"Transport is poor, so we get up early in the morning and get home very late at night. It interferes with family life."

But even basic amenities may be too much to expect.



All townships lack the most basic amenities.

squalor and gang violence of a Moroka North slum, said a trip from Soweto to Johannesburg's bright lights was a major outing for which funds were saved days in advance.

There, amid glittering city skyscrapers, Sandton's Californian lifestyle seems tantalisingly close, but for impoverished blacks such affluence will remain a world apart.

Social worker Jane Gama said for most township folk the most urgent need was for basic amenities - tarred roads, street lighting, hot running water and regular refuse removal.

"Things that previously were

Business leaders say there is not enough money to extend even proper housing and sewerage to all 28 million blacks, a third of whom live in shacks.

"The expectations of black people are high and are exercising tremendous pressure on the fabric of society," wrote Harry Schwartz, the ambassador-designate to Washington.

The South African Chamber of Business said it would cost the equivalent of 20 billion dollars to create immediate parity for blacks and whites in health, education, housing and social services.

"The sheer magnitude of this challenge cautions against un-

realistic expectations and calls for creative responses," Sacob director-general Raymond Parsons said.

But many political analysts say business must play the main role in allaying black mistrust of white intentions.

"If the economy doesn't change gears immediately, the doors of hell will be opened," said political analyst Wimpie de Klerk.

"The key to political success lies in the immediate and dramatic improvement of the quality of life of the black masses," said De Klerk, who is the president's brother.

He said black support for the reform process would collapse unless there were concrete improvements in their lives - township amenities, wages, transport - during 1991.

Boiling

"The pressure cooker of expectations is boiling," said Rand Afrikaans University professor Nina Overton.

Opinion polls show blacks, though angry about township poverty, are optimistic about the future of race relations while whites are gloomy.

"Whites have more to lose from reform. Blacks have more to gain," Overton said.

The prospect of having a black neighbour makes most whites uneasy and a good many furious.

"The prevailing emotion among whites is fear," novelist Nadine Gordimer told a literary symposium.

"(It is) fear of retribution for all that has been done to blacks by whites' forefathers; for all that the whites themselves have done by their own actions and for their own silence, their turning away with closed eyes," she said.

"I believe we must create material justice before we can hope to eliminate the kind of violence that has become a tragic habit in South Africa," Gordimer said. - *Sapa-Reuter*

Mixed response on Reef to work stayaway call

The Argus Correspondents, JOHANNESBURG.

There was a mixed response on the Reef today for the joint ANC-PAC call for a massive work stayaway to back demands for a constituent assembly.

Trains to Johannesburg from East Rand townships carried few passengers this morning, but many Sowetans went to work as usual.

A Spoornet spokesman said Soweto trains were 70 percent full, while East Rand trains were 10 percent full.

Warning

Meanwhile the Ministry of Law and Order warned that people who took part in illegal marches during today's ANC-PAC mass action and stayaway campaign that it could lead to conflict between protesters and police.

Organisers expected thousands of people countrywide to take to the streets in protest marches in support of demands for the establishment of a constituent assembly.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said that by last night "permission had not been sought or granted for more than half of the planned marches of which police have knowledge".

Towns which have banned marches are Potgietersrus, Louis Trichardt, Tzaneen, Phalaborwa, Middelburg, Witbank, Ermelo and Groblersdal.

Permission was also given the thumbs-down in Klerksdorp when the town council demanded a R100 000 public indemnity policy from the local ANC office if the march was to be held.

The ANC was unable to come up with the money and, even though it complied with other conditions, permission was refused.

In Middelburg, activists have sworn they will go ahead with their planned march in defiance of its banning.

The call for the marches and stayaways have been met with condemnation from business organisations and a counter-call by Inkatha for people to ignore the FWV stayaway.

The SA Communist Party, the trade union federations Co-

satu and Nactu and the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal have come out in support of Constituent Assembly Day.

Today the streets of Johannesburg were markedly quieter, but far from deserted.

Taxi drivers reported loading just under half the usual passengers.

Taximen said business was very slow for a Friday when practically everyone came in because of payday.

"We are also busy bringing in shoppers at the month's end but this was not the case today," said one.

Fewer buses

Buses from the townships were also half-empty and fewer buses were running.

In the Pretoria townships of Soshanguve, Mabopane and

Winterveld few residents appeared to have heeded the stayaway call and most went in to work this morning.

Primary schools in Soshanguve reported good attendance and buses in Atteridgeville ran as normal.

However, a number did heed the stayaway call, with very few black taxis running in central Pretoria today while Putco buses were scarce.

In Brown Street, from where the march on the Union Build-

ings is to take place, there was little early activity.

The stayaway appeared more effective on the East Rand, where many township residents stayed away from work.

In Tembisa many people did not go to work. Railway stations were empty and few taxis operated.

A joint rally by the ANC and PAC was to be held at the Mehlareng stadium later today.

In Kattlehong a heavy police presence was reported. Police patrolled the township while a few taxis were seen carrying people to work.

No taxis operated in Vosloorus but Putco buses were reported to be carrying commuters to town.

The situation in Thokoza was reported to be quiet and few people were going to work.

In the Eastern Transvaal towns of Middelburg and Witbank the power, coal mining and steel industries reported a 100 percent workforce.

In Natal, the African National Congress message that there would be protest marches only in Natal today and no stayaway appeared to have filtered through to ANC supporters at grassroots level.



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MARCHING CROWD: Part of the crowd of an estimated 15 000 protesters walk Strand Street on their way to Parliament to present a petition calling for a constituent assembly.

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Inkatha members in court over killings 276

VEREENIGING. — The Transvaal leader of Inkatha, Mr Themba Khoza, was one of 21 people who appeared in the Magistrates' Court here yesterday in connection with a shooting incident at a Sebokeng hostel in September last year.

More than 40 people were killed during the attack.

Those appearing, all members of Inkatha, face charges of housebreaking and theft, possession of allegedly stolen goods, malicious damage to property and unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

They were not asked to plead and no evidence was led. All are on bail and the case was postponed to March 22.

● Eleven people, including a woman and a youth, appeared in Vanderbijl Park Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the murder of at least 38 mourners at an ANC funeral vigil. No charges were put and the case was postponed to Monday when an application for bail will be heard. — Sapa

LHR demands full investigation of Phola Park attacks

By WALLY MBHELE 11/21/2011

LA WYERS for Human Rights (LHR) has called for an investigation into the involvement of "other parties" in September's attacks that wrecked the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park.

In its report — entitled "Phola Park Community under Siege" — based on 30 sworn affidavits from a collection of more than 150 taken soon after the attacks on Phola Park, LHR says the picture that emerges "is disturbing and leads to some pertinent questions regarding the nature of that attack".

The report was released to the press only a week after two policemen were killed in Phola Park, near Thokoza.

In September, more than 80 people died and shacks were razed, some with people inside. Scores of victims were admitted to Ntshongweni Hospital, while more than 1 500 took refuge at the

Catholic Church in Edenburg.

According to LHR, a number of substantial claims have emerged in the affidavits. "It would appear from the affidavits that even if police were not directly involved in the attacks on Phola Park, they were not consistent in their attempt to prevent the violence and destruction of shacks," says the LHR.

Of the 30 affidavits, 20 refer to whites who had attempted to disguise themselves by putting a black substance on their faces and wearing balaclavas. "These people were seen working closely with the attackers and are often referred to in connection with setting the shacks alight," the report adds.

One affidavit refers to Inkatha, SADF and police collusion in attacking Phola Park residents.

"Over and over again the affidavits allege that the police shot at them ... and

consistently tried to get them to return to Phola Park when they had fled in fear of their lives," LHR charges.

In its conclusion, the report notes that it would be foolish to ignore the stormy history attached to Phola Park as one of the reasons for the attacks.

Violence which may not initially have been group rivalry in nature is now surfacing in many areas on the East Rand, the report says, adding that questions which arise from the affidavits need to be answered and those responsible be made accountable for the attacks.

"Undoubtedly, the longer these questions go unanswered in the same way that questions relating to similar incidents in other areas receive no response from the authorities, the closer we move to total anarchy," said LHR.

The document concluded by stressing the need for an investigation, adding

that "though clients are not prepared to release their names to the police, we believe they would be willing to testify before the commission of inquiry".

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police would welcome the opportunity to study "these claims and hope that LHR will urge its witnesses to come forward so that the evidence can be taken and verified".

However, in the past it has been the SAP experience that the overwhelming majority of such claims were completely unsubstantiated and seemingly given to the media for propaganda impact, said Kotze.

● A report by the Washington-based human rights group, Africa Watch, last week urged the US government to call on South Africa for a public investigation into the role of security forces in township violence.

It's the Great Trek-tor

There was something tragic about the day of the Groot Trekker as farmers drove their vehicles into Pretoria's streets in protest.

By CHARLES LEONARD

It was the "Boere" versus the boere: white policemen against white farmers. And the battlefield was within shooting distance from the statue of Paul Kruger on Church Square in Pretoria.

When several thousand farmers moved into a rainy Pretoria the thought that they might be arrested by men who could be their brothers or sons must have been very remote.

"How can you do this to people who put food in your mouths," an old farmer, on the verge of tears, shouted at the police when they roughly bundled a farmer into a police van.

With the streets of Pretoria blocked off and the capital in chaos, the two forces squared up for the first time of Tuesday morning in Church Street. The farmers refused to heed the police call to remove their vehicles.

The seven-minute period — in which they had to get into their vehicles — expired and the police stormed them. For a few seconds the farmers were stupefied when they saw their men being arrested.

"Fokken Mandela se lot mag maar betoog, hoekom nie ons nie?" (Mandela's bunch are allowed to protest, why not us?) a young farmer asked. Soon afterwards he disappeared into the back of a waiting pick-up with other molesmakers (troublemakers).

There were a few brief scuffles between the two groups and more than 200 farmers, including prominent rightwinger Manie Maritz, were arrested.

Police and army tow-trucks then started removing the farmers' trucks, bakkies, caravans and tractors to clear the way for emergency vehicles.

Slowly the policemen's enthusiasm waned and the farmers were asked to *asseblief* remove their vehicles otherwise they would be arrested, "*baie dankie*".

Some batons were swung and the odd whiff of teargas had farmers and curious by-standers scurrying for shelter, but there was none of the venom one associates with marches where batons fly, blood flows and people get killed.

By late morning, after the last arrest, the farmers either headed for the watering holes or made braais in Church Street.

The policemen walked down the street with their dogs and chatted to farmers as they moved their vehicles. Then a few uniformed members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging appeared on the scene.

At one o'clock the revolution went on lunch. Three policemen in riot gear went into The Navigator pub to use the toilet. The roles were already changing. An elderly farmer, sitting at one of the tables, shouted at the three: "When you come into a place like this you take your hat off!" Guiltily they all replied "Sorry oom!" and wiped their blue hats from their heads.



State theatre ... Unlikely scenes in Pretoria as Boere faced boere

Photos: JUSTIN SHOLK



Hang them ... A display of farmers' anger in Pretoria's streets

By three o'clock the farmers — at least those who were not entrenched in the pubs — were assembled en masse in front of the Union Building to hand their demands to President FW de Klerk.

He did not show up and farmers vowed if FW did not arrive and listen to their grievances they would remain in the city for "at least a week".

People milled around after it was

heard that the Conservative Party leader, Andries Treurnicht, and 18 of his caucus members would fly from Cape Town to listen to the angry farmers.

The hard feelings between the farmers and the police had disappeared. One smiling farmer thanked the police for their patience and added: "So by the way, have you got a speedcop we can braai?"

Some farmers started getting restless.

"I wonder what my farmhands are doing," one said to his neighbour.

As the sun set, Pretoria's residents came to witness the "carnival" in the city centre — and were treated to traditional farmers' hospitality in the darkening city. The scene was reminiscent of Herman Charles Bosman's *nag-maats* in Zeerust.

Between a row of trucks a crowd clustered around a familiar bearded face. AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche was in a jovial mood. He promised a barefoot boy that he would teach him how to ride a horse.

He turned around and saw a friend whom he embraced boisterously: "Jou bliksem!" Then he recognised the second man and embraced him too: "My Here, wat maak jy hier?" (Lord, what are you doing here?)

He grinned and said: "I am the only politician who still farms as well."

Then it was our turn to greet "The Leader" as he is affectionately known. TerreBlanche at first could not hear where we were from.

"Weekly Mail, Mr TerreBlanche, we met in Louis Trichardt."

His "blow torch" blue scorched: "I know you! I am not talking to you! You wrote that nasty article about Commandant Sannie van der Merwe (WM January 25 1991)! You are as rotten as Beeld! Tell your editor I am going to close down that little newspaper of yours! I don't want to talk to you! Scram now!"

A glaring and jeering crowd formed a half moon around "The Leader".

We left the AWB braai.

Five hundred metres down Church Street a *tiekedraai* trio strummed their banjo and two guitars while farmers and their wives did a nifty *langarm* dance.

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DELICIOUS IRONY: A Pretoria resident hands out bags of free maize to farmers. Another irony was that good rains fell . . . but farmers weren't at home to take advantage of them.

NORMALLY mild-mannered South African farmers flexed their muscle for the first time this week — and won a victory of sorts by paralysing the country's capital in a dramatic show of force.

Protesting against high prices, interest rates and the possible abolition of white land tenure, 10 000 white farmers — some accompanied by their families, including babes-in-arms — defied the Government, their agricultural unions, and the people of Pretoria by barricading themselves across 14 blocks in the city centre.

Rude shock

Everyone who woke up on Tuesday morning was in for a rude shock.

They found streets out-of-bounds, intersections clogged with vehicles, militant farmers fighting the police. Church Street, said to be one of the longest main streets in the world, was a shambles with farmers braaing their food, dancing, drinking and generally turning it into a giant playground.

It was the biggest such demonstration in the city's history and showed

how easy it was — if you are white — to wreak havoc on everyday lives by simply parking trucks, bakkies, combine harvesters, caravans and tractors across intersections of many roads. And it was effective.

Traffic jams ruined the chances of getting into the central business district and businesses say they have lost millions of rands as a result.

Tens of thousands of civil servants found their way to work blocked by khaki-clad demonstrators, and black workers and pedestrians, after an initial hesitancy, stood open-mouthed on the pavements to see something they had never thought would happen in their lifetime.

What they saw will live in folklore — white men fighting white men, boere seun versus boere seun on the streets of Pretoria.

The farmers came from all over the Transvaal, Free State and Natal to tell the Government that its agricultural policies were not helping them clear a R15 billion debt built up largely as a result of drought and interest rates

They demanded, but failed to get, the presence of President de Klerk to accept a petition listing their grievances.

As, with delicious irony, the rain poured down, police clashed with the demonstrators on two street corners and arrested 200. Apart from one or two farmers, the arrested people clamoured without fuss aboard police vans and were ferried to local stations. All were released later, but may face charges.

There were teargas canisters sprayed in the faces of some farmers, others were victims of blows from batons. Others, still, fought back with a vigour reserved perhaps only for the wrestling ring.

Nightmare

As a spectacle, Pretoria was appalled. The city had tolerated African National Congress, Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, Conservative Party and general right wing demonstrations over the past year or so, but it was not prepared for this week's events.

For many it was a nightmare come true. Never in South African history had the farming community taken on the police, and they had learned their lessons well. There were scuffles

and bloodied heads, but in the main the farmers learned from their colleagues in Europe that to protest also meant meekly accepting arrest.

Being arrested was a bull point. They were taken away in police vans to the cheers of hundreds of supporters — as well as bemused passersby, some of whom got a little too vocal and were arrested as well.

Farmers told Saturday Star at the height of the demonstration: "We have a plan. We are not here to be beaten back by the police or the city council." But whatever plan was in the offing appeared to fail by the wayside on Wednesday when, with precise timing, thousands climbed into their vehicles and made their way home. They felt their point had been made.

Politics hijacked the proceedings to such an extent that even the AWB felt comfortable in coming out of the closet, but the real irony was that it rained for most of the time the farmers were in town.

At a time when they should have been hard at work on the lands, they were in a town far away from the plateau.

As one said before leaving for home: "Hell, man, we should be home. The rain is blerry lekker."

People's Court 'judge' detained

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JOSEPH MOLOBI, the "judge" who presided over a people's court in Alexandra, outside Sandton, was detained by police this week along with 11 other members of the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO).

A police spokesman said they were being held under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act.

Two of the detainees, Obed Bapela, publicity officer of the local ANC branch, and Mzwanele Mayeki so, executive member of ACO, were former Alexandra treason trialists.

Mr Mzwanele is the brother of Moses Mayekiso, ACO president, who was the chief accused in the treason trial.

Mr Molobi (43) whose highest qualification is matric, had no legal training and relied on his understanding of the township way of life to make decisions.

In interviews before his arrest, he said he only handled petty cases. More serious ones were referred to the police. "We do not fine or flog those found guilty," he said.

The ACO and the ANC Youth League condemned the detentions and said police should stop harassing activists.

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ANC supporters attacked on Soweto train

JOHANNESBURG. — Unknown black assailants attacked a group of ANC supporters on a train here yesterday, throwing them from the carriages and killing one and injuring at least 10, police said.

The victims, on their way to a political rally at Jabulani stadium, were thrown from the train near Inhlazane station, police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said.

"We are not sure who is responsible, although some witnesses are blaming Inkatha," he said. The single death had probably been caused when the person was thrown "head first" out of a carriage.

Baragwanath Hospital reported 14 injured people were admitted after the incident, but a spokesman said some could have caused their own injuries by jumping from the train to escape the attackers.

The ANC condemned the attack, saying irrespective of the motive it was "inconceivable".

Transvaal Inkatha youth leader Mr Themba Khoza angrily denied the reports that ANC supporters were attacked. He said ANC supporters had attacked passengers coming home from work. The IFP had not yet established whether the deceased was an Inkatha member, he added. — UPI, Sapa

DET shuts Transvaal school

PRETORIA. — A So shanguve school has been closed by the Department of Education and Training (DET) following "totally unacceptable" conditions there, DET regional chief director Mr Job Schoeman said here yesterday.

He said there had been widespread vandalism amounting to an estimated R1,4 million in damage to buildings, furniture and equipment at the Central Secondary School.

There had also been "unruly behaviour of pupils and a total disregard for any form of discipline and authority", he said, adding that some pupils had been enrolled with forged documents. — Sapa

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Massacre: Inkatha bail plea

By SOPHIE TEMA

INKATHA Freedom Party members this week testified in support of a bail application by eleven people charged with the mass murder of 37 men, women and children at the Sebokeng funeral vigil last month.

Originally 12 people – 11 men and one woman – were arrested after mourners were gunned down at a Sebokeng vigil for the murdered ANC activist, Christopher Nangalembe, on January 12.

The 12 appeared before magistrate G Reynders in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court, where charges against one of the accused, Bhekumuzi Ngema, were withdrawn.

Beullah Kubheka told the court she was a member of the Inkatha

Freedom Party and office-bearer of the United Workers Union of South Africa (Uwusa) and requested the court to release the 11 accused into the care of the Kwa-Madala Hostel in Vanderbijlpark.

Kubheka, wearing a Uwusa T-shirt, said her home and those of the accused were burnt down by people who accused them of being Zulus and Inkatha supporters.

Her house was burnt down before the January 12 incident, while those of the accused were destroyed after it.

Kubheka said five of the accused were her relatives and there was silence in the courtroom when she said Thomas Lushozi – one of the accused – was her cousin's son.

She said Lushozi's mother was killed and set alight after allegations that Inkatha people were responsible for the vigil massacre.

Kubheka said the homes of the accused were set alight by angry mobs in revenge for the deaths of the people who had died at Nangalembe's vigil.

She assured the court that if the accused were released on bail and confined to KwaMadala, there need not be any fear of their lives being endangered because of the tight security in the area.

Vanana Zulu, a supervisor at Iscor, told the court he was chairman of the hostel committee and a member of Inkatha, and was giving evidence in support of the request by Kubheka on behalf of the accused.

The application proceeds tomorrow.

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TWO FACES OF THE LAW

'One justice for blacks and another justice for whites'

By ELIAS MALULEKE

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WHEN black marchers take to the streets, authorities take the hard line, but when 10 000 white farmers blockade central Pretoria as they did this week, the protest turns into a braai and a street party. *City Press 3/2/79*

A bystander, Philemon Sehlathle, was bitter. He said: "It would have been teargas and live ammunition for black protesters. This is justice South African style."

Pretoria's Ismael Dawood said that several days earlier, local pro-Iraq Muslim protesters had been given three minutes to disperse after staging a protest in the city. "This is what is meant by a new South Africa. One justice for blacks and another for whites," he

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said. Many black residents of Pretoria said police had dealt leniently with the protest, claiming that had it been the ANC or PAC, police would have used violent action to end the occupation.

Although Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok took a swipe at the farmers, police were seen sharing jokes with the protesters.

City Press reporters saw a policeman tucking into braatted meat given to him by a farmer.

This week's massive 28-hour siege of the city was to protest against the farmers' sorry financial state, brought about, they say, by the government.

Farmers are also concerned about proposed amendments to the Land Act, which reserves 87

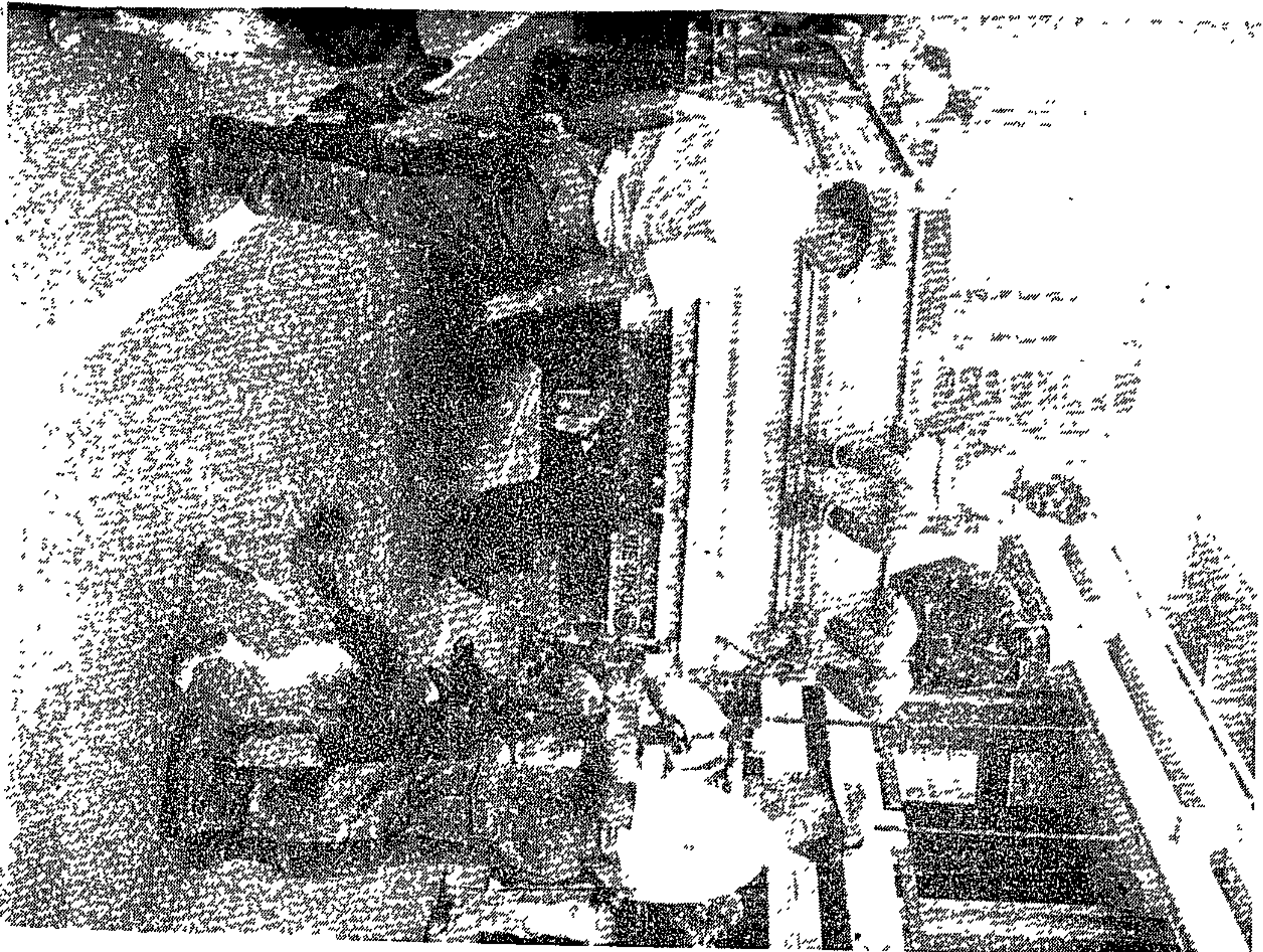
percent of South African land for white ownership.

By early Tuesday morning thousands of farmers in tractors, harvesters, other agricultural machinery, bakkies and trucks had blocked off major roads in the city and refused to move.

Thousands of commuters were late for work as traffic snarled for 10km in all directions from the city centre.

Fights flared between police and about 200 farmers were briefly arrested. A Supreme Court order was served on protesters declaring their presence illegal.

But by Wednesday night, jubilant farmers were having a huge street party in Church Street with braaing and drinking going on into the early hours of the morning.



Mass action by farmers ... although Pretoria was besieged and traffic brought to a standstill, these white protesters got away with it.



The violent side of peaceful protest ... South Africa is internationally renowned for its draconian methods of stamping out resistance.

Mandela trial hinges on missing co-accused

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The long-awaited assault and kidnapping trial of Mrs Winnie Mandela is expected to begin later today amid speculation it could be postponed due to the disappearance of four of her co-accused.

Mrs Mandela, 56, and seven co-accused are scheduled to appear in the Rand Supreme Court on charges arising from events in December 1988 which led to the death of 14-year-old activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei — and the demise of Mrs Mandela's status as "Mother of the Nation".

The eight face four charges of assault and four of kidnapping, which carries a maximum penalty of death. Lawyers have observed, however, that the Mandela case, if proved by the state, would at most draw jail terms.

In August last year a former bodyguard of Mrs Mandela, Jerry Richardson, was sentenced to death for murdering Seipei. Richardson is currently appealing against his conviction and sentence.

Mrs Mandela was "relaxed and ready" yesterday, said a member of the Mandela household, who declined to identify himself, in a telephone interview.

The case has been complicated by the disappearance of four of the accused, who jumped bail in December last year and have not been traced by police. Witwatersrand attorney-general Mr Klaus von Lieres has said the trial could be postponed if the four are not found by today.

Further muddying proceedings are allegations that two of the three key witnesses have been surreptitiously employed by the

ANC, of which Mrs Mandela is a senior official.

Mr Von Lieres said last week a newspaper had told him two witnesses were working for the ANC. He said if this was correct, it would be "highly improper" but would not affect the case.

The reports have been dismissed by the ANC.

Mrs Mandela, who has welcomed the trial as a chance to "clear my name", has retained one of South Africa's best-known human-rights lawyers, Mr George Bizos, as her chief counsel.

Mr Bizos defended Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC's deputy president, in 1963 before he was convicted on charges of plotting to overthrow the government. — Sapa and UPI



Mrs Winnie Mandela

Khayelitsha school row resolved

By CHRIS BATEMAN

CONTROVERSY at a newly-constructed primary school in Mandela Park, Khayelitsha, whose opening was stopped a fortnight ago by angry local civic association members, appeared resolved last night.

The school, built by the SA Housing Trust, (SAHT), will begin registration of 400 pupils this morning after agreement was reached over the appointment of teachers and the principle of consultation with the community.

Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA) chairman Mr Michael Mapongwana said last night that problems had been ironed out at a lengthy meeting on Thursday with officials of the Department of Education and Training (DET) and the SAHT.

The DET has approved funds for six teaching posts and all candidates have been approved by the local civic zone, which will also be consulted on candidates for three further posts and school uniforms, Mr Mapongwana said.

The local civic zone will decide this week whether the former principal of Malizo High School in Khayelitsha, Miss Constance January, or a former Hermanus school principal, Mr E Tsholobe, will take charge of the school.

Meeting 'constructive'

It was reliably learnt that the civic is not unanimous on either candidate and that further candidates might be sought this week.

Mr Mapongwana described the meeting with the SAHT and DET as "sound and very constructive".

He said the DET had realised that "everything must be done with proper consultation" and had agreed on applying this principle in future.

He added that the "arbitrarily-chosen" official name of the school, Ebulumkweni, had been changed to Nomsa Mapongwana Primary School in honour of his late wife, killed late last year during an assassination attempt on himself.

Mr Willie Immelman, SAHT co-ordinator for Khayelitsha, confirmed Mr Mapongwana's version of the outcome of the meeting but was unable to confirm the new name of the school.

"In future we'll go through them (the civic) — we basically didn't go through the right channels," he said.

A DET spokesman was unavailable for comment last night.

Burst of faction fighting in Bekkersdal claims two lives

AT LEAST two people were killed and five injured in renewed faction fighting in the West Rand township of Bekkersdal at the weekend, a police spokesman said yesterday.

And in the East Rand township of Thokoza, five people — including an infant — were injured on Saturday night when two hand grenades were thrown at the house of Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary Sam Ntuli.

Capt Henriette Bester said fighting in Bekkersdal began on Saturday afternoon and continued through the night until 4am yesterday.

"Two people were killed

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and five were injured. Two of the injured are in a critical condition at a hospital.

"Eighteen houses were also destroyed by petrol bombs," Bester said.

The police were investigating allegations that the Bekkersdal fighting was sparked when Azapo supporters attacked ANC members, she said.

One of the injured in the attack on Ntuli's home, a nine-year-old girl, sustained shrapnel wounds and was in a serious condition in Natalspruit Hospital. The others, including the infant, were treated for slight injuries.

Also at the weekend, 32 black people were arrested after a clash between whites and blacks at a hotel in Krugersdorp, on the West Rand.

The clash occurred on Saturday morning when two men — one black and one white — began fighting in front of the Majestic Hotel, Bester said.

"It is alleged that when three men came to the assistance of the black man, the white man ran into the hotel for reinforcements," she said.

However, the whites withdrew from the scene

when the police arrived.

"The 32 arrests were not in connection with the white-black clash but were in connection with attacks on police when they arrived on the scene to investigate," Bester said.

The police could not say whether or not it was a racial clash as their investigations were hampered by the "apparent unwillingness" of witnesses to come forward and co-operate with the police.

Another police spokesman Maj Ray Harrauld said despite incidents of township violence being reported from several areas, mainly in Natal and the northern Cape, police did not believe there had been a particularly severe outbreak of violence over the weekend.

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2 die violently as Bekkersdal erupts

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TWO people were killed and 18 shacks petrol-bombed and burnt to the ground in another weekend of violence in Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

West Rand police spokesperson Captain Henrietta Bester said one victim was hacked to death and the other shot dead while being dragged from his house.

She said violence broke out on Saturday afternoon and continued into the night until the early hours of yesterday morning.

Police confiscated a handgrenade and made two arrests, Bester said.

Last night the situation in the township was still very tense, she said, adding that police were patrolling the area to curb further violence.

Twelve of the razed shacks were burnt in a row at a squatter area called Spooktown.

Five people - four with hack wounds - had been admitted to Leratong Hospital in Kagiso and two were in a serious condition, she said.

Police had still not established the cause of the violence, but witnesses alleged that it began when members of the Azanian People Organisation attacked ANC supporters, Bester said.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

However, residents who spoke to the *Sowetan* yesterday claimed that trouble began when armed members of the Bekkersdal Youth Congress abducted local youths from taxis at the main taxi rank. One person was killed at the rank in that incident.

Sowetan also received reports that the owner of Witbank Tavern, Mr Dodo Molefe, was shot and wounded on Saturday - ostensibly because two of his sons are adherents of the Black Consciousness Movement. He was rushed to Leratong Hospital.

Winnie in court today

Mrs Winnie Mandela is due to stand trial with seven others today in the Rand Supreme Court on charges of kidnapping and assault.

The charges arise out of events leading to the killing of a Tumahole teenage anti-apartheid activist Moeketsi Stompie Seipei.

Four others who are to appear with her are missing and warrants for their arrests have been issued.

Joint PAC, ANC rally

By MONK NKOMO

RACISM, colonialism and imperialism must be replaced by a democratic order in South Africa, ANC and PAC leaders said at a joint rally in Pretoria on Friday.

After an historic march through the city, ANC secretary general Mr Alfred Nzo and PAC deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke, told a crowd of about 10 000 that a constituent assembly should be formed and a new democratic constitution drawn up.

SA Communist Party leader Mr Joe Slovo chanted: "Viva ANC and PAC!" saying the march was for democracy and majority rule.

It was "the year of the struggle for people's power", he said.

"The process has begun and there is no turning back.

Publicity secretary of the Atteridgeville branch of the ANC Mr Ronnie Mamoepe described the joint march as historic and as "the beginning of serious communication".

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Whites began hotel brawl, says manager

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KRUGERSDORP. — Although only black people were reportedly arrested, white patrons started the fight at the Majestic Hotel in Krugersdorp on Saturday morning, the hotel's manager has alleged.

Police said 23 people — 14 blacks and nine whites — were injured, and 32 blacks — 27 men and five women — were arrested after fighting broke out between black and white patrons early on Saturday morning.

One of the injured, a white woman, was stabbed in the back, according to a nurse.

Hotel manager Mr John Joubert said fighting started after four white men, on their way to the Victoria Hotel close to the Majestic Hotel, harassed two black men walking to the Majestic. They then returned to the Victoria to fetch more people to attack the blacks at the hotel.

Police spokeswoman Captain Henrietta Bester said she was not sure of the reasons for the fight, but when police arrived at the scene they were attacked by the blacks, while the whites ran away. — Sapa



Witnesses . . . Vernon Rooskrantz and his sister-in-law Anne Rooskrantz point at the spot where Anton Rooskrantz was shot dead.
Picture: Herbert Mabuza

Political (278) feud at root of killing, says family

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The family of Anton Rooskrantz (34), who was shot and killed in Toekomsrus on Saturday, believe he died because his brother is a political activist.

The family claimed that a member of an alleged vigilante group came to Anton's house on Saturday afternoon and there was a scuffle.

Another brother, Vernon, said yesterday the visitor shot Anton in front of his wife and three children and also fired at Mrs Lucy Roman, their sister, but missed her.

Although it was not clear what caused the fight, Vernon Rooskrantz said he believed the friction stemmed from the fact that his brother Gerrith was the chairman of the Toekomsrus Crisis Committee (TCC) and an ANC activist.

Vernon said he believed that Anton was a random victim of the vigilantes.

TCC spokesman Oscar Oliphant said a vigilante group held a meeting recently where it resolved to attack supporters of the TCC.

Captain Henriette Bester, liaison officer for the West Rand police, confirmed yesterday that a man was shot and killed on Saturday. She said police arrived at the scene but an angry crowd would not let them through and the crowd set fire to a local councillor's house.

The police then fired tear-smoke and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd and they doused the flames.

One policeman was struck when someone in the crowd threw a stone at his head.

Yesterday at about 3 am a shack in the same street was set alight and destroyed.

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2-man street brawl led to racial fracas

By Abel Mushi
and Glen Elsas

Saturday's bloody racial clash in Krugersdorp was started when a white man complained that a black man had photographed him, a victim of the fighting claimed yesterday.

At least 25 people were injured and 32 arrested when a brawl, initially involving two men, developed into a major battle.

Norman Mokwena, speaking at the Leratong Hospital near Kagiso, said the white man had objected because he had been included in the photographs the black man was taking of his girlfriend.

He believed the white men had planned the attack because "a number of white men joined in and attacked blacks with sticks and bottles, hurling racial abuse at us".

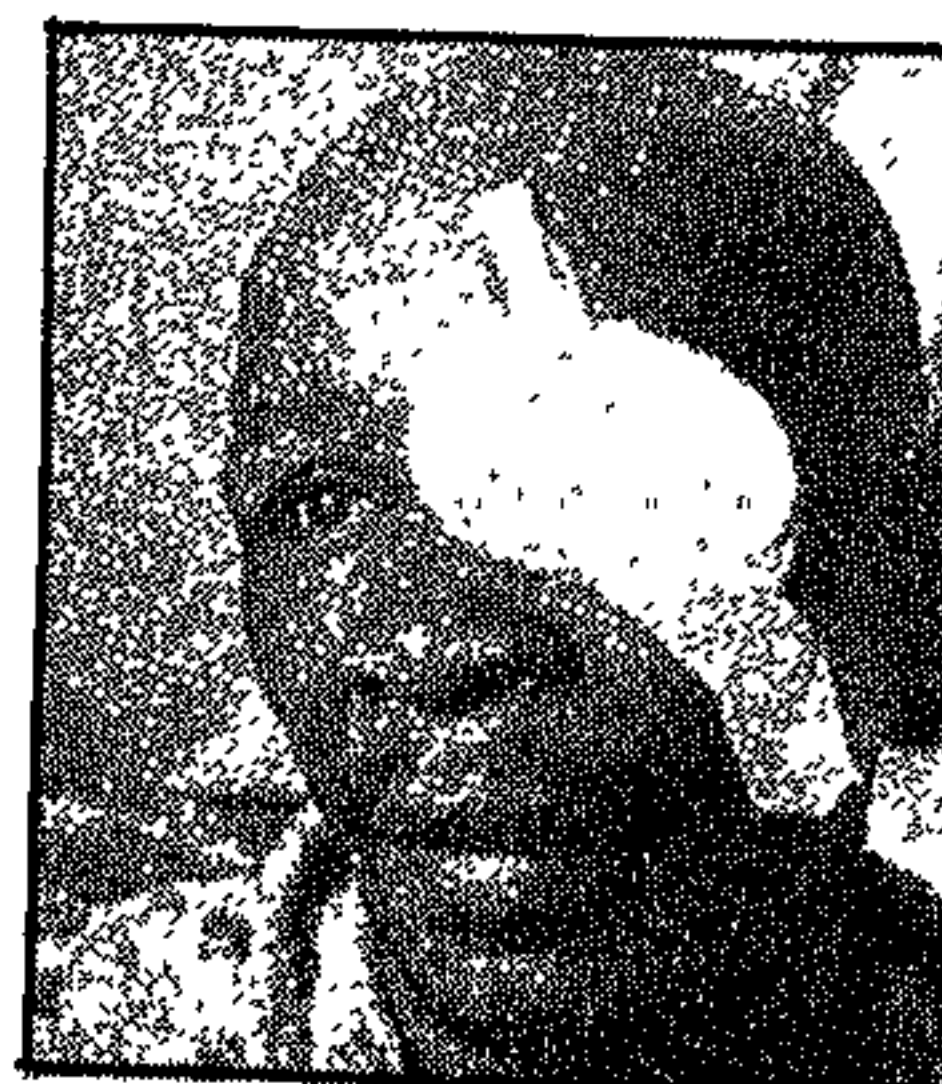
Mr Mokwena said he was having drinks with friends at about 2.15 am when the incident happened.

"A white man hit me on the head with a bottle and I fainted," he said. "I woke up in hospital and don't recall much of what happened."

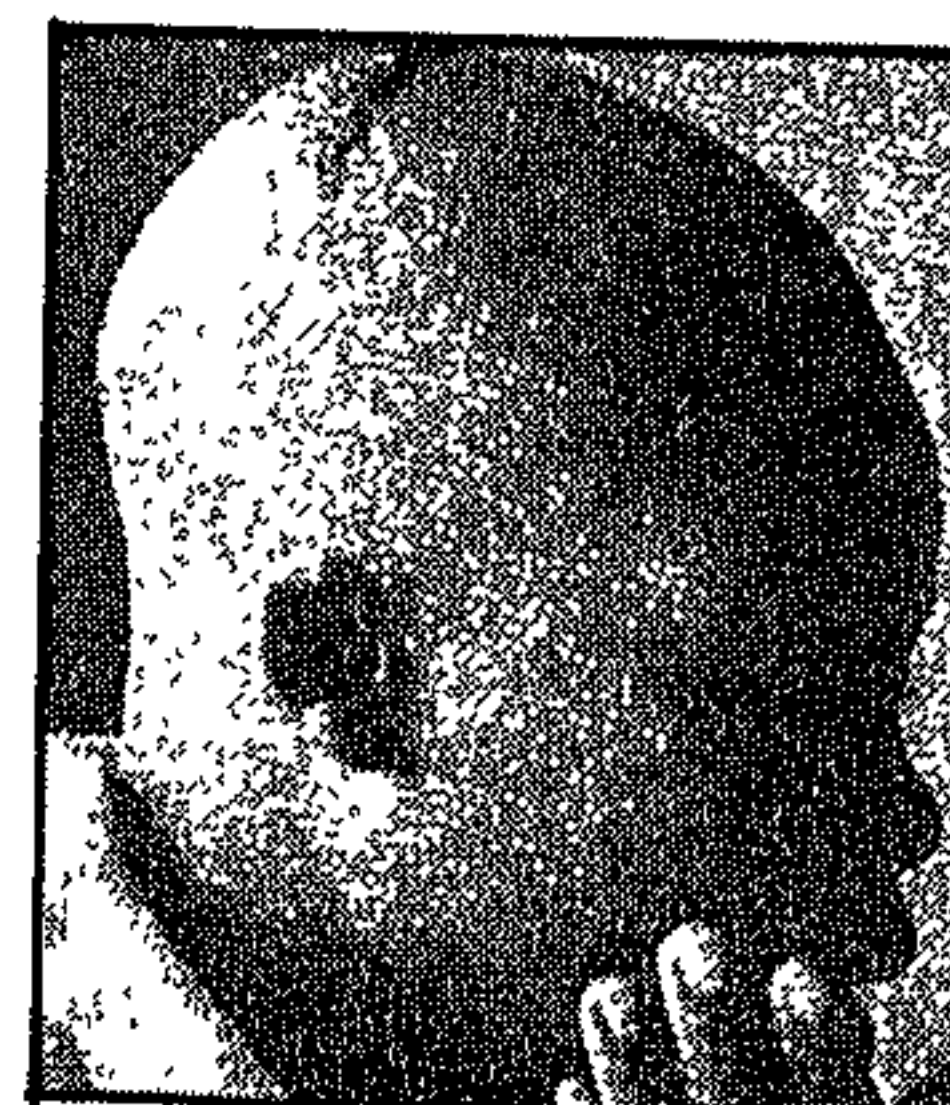
Phillip Mokolobate (30) of Munsieville said he was in a passage in the Majestic Hotel when he was confronted by four white men who started taunting him with racial insults.

"One of the men said to me: 'Krugersdorp is a white town. What are you kaffirs doing here this time of the night', and they started punching me."

"I passed out when I was hit by something heavy on the head," he said, adding that he too woke up at the hospital.



Phillip Mokolobate . . . white men beat him until he was unconscious.



Norman Mokwena . . . attacked while he was drinking with friends.

West Rand police said investigation into the brawl was being severely hampered as the witnesses were not willing to come forward to make statements.

Police said the fight started between two people outside the Victoria Hotel opposite the Civic Centre in Commissioner Street at about 1.30 am.

One man fell to the ground and three others apparently ran to defend him. The man's assailant ran into the hotel to get re-

inforcements to help him.

While he was inside, Reinette Botha, who was outside the hotel, was first kicked by one of the men and then stabbed in the back as she was bent double from the pain.

The man and his friends came out of the hotel and apparently saw the woman lying in the street. They saw her assailants enter the Majestic Hotel about a block down the road and went after them.

One of the men entered the Majestic and later came out, bleeding profusely. A crowd had gathered outside and was exchanging blows. The man climbed into a beige or white Toyota bakkie and chased through the crowd.

A policeman had been called to the scene when the fighting first broke out but he could not get close to the area without reinforcements.

When more policemen arrived, the white men involved withdrew and the black people started throwing stones and bottles at the police from inside the Majestic Hotel.

The police entered the building and arrested 27 men and five women.

The woman who was stabbed was discharged from Paardekraal Hospital in Krugersdorp on Saturday. Fourteen people were treated and discharged from Leratong Hospital after the incident. The first man injured in the fighting outside the Victoria Hotel is apparently in satisfactory condition.

Captain Henriette Bester, liaison officer for the West Rand Police, has appealed to anyone who saw what happened or who was involved in the fracas to telephone Detective Constable Tertius Stapelberg at (011) 665-3300 office hours.

Two killed, homes razed in violence ^{Star 4/2/91} 278

Two people were killed and 18 shacks gutted by petrol bombs in another weekend of violence in Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

West Rand police spokesman Captain Henrietta Bester said one victim was hacked to death and the other shot dead while being dragged from his house.

She said violence broke out on Saturday afternoon and continued into the night until early yesterday.

Police confiscated a hand grenade and made two arrests. Last night the situation in the township was still very tense, she said, adding that police were patrolling the area to curb further violence.

Five people — four with hack wounds — had been admitted to Leratong Hospital in Kagiso and two were in a serious condition, she said.

Police had not established the cause of the violence, but witnesses alleged it began when members of the Azanian People's Organisation attacked ANC supporters, she said.

However, residents claimed the trouble began when armed members of the Bekkersdal Youth Congress abducted local youths from taxis at the main taxi rank. One person was killed at the rank in the incident.

Reports said the owner of Witbank Tavern, Dodo Molefe, was shot and wounded on Saturday — ostensibly because two of his sons support the Black Consciousness Movement.

In Tokoza, five people, including a young girl, were injured when two hand grenades were thrown at the home of Sam Ntuli, general secretary of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal, on Saturday night.

Nine-year-old Mbali Ntuli sustained shrapnel wounds and was in a serious condition in the Natspruit Hospital, said Captain Bester.

Police had launched an investigation — Staff Reporter-Own Correspondent.



Mrs
Mandela

Winnie's trial: Lawyers clash

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Winnie Mandela's trial on charges of kidnapping and assault started yesterday with a clash between the State, her defence team and counsel for the other accused.

While the lawyers argued, hundreds of people unable to squeeze into the court milled about outside the Rand Supreme Court.

Although eight accused are listed on the indictment, only four were present.

One of the first orders made by Mr Justice M S Stegmann was to issue a warrant of arrest for the missing four: Kaitiza Cebekhulu, 22, Mpho Gift Mabelane, 19, Sibusiso Brian Mabuza, 19, and a 17-year-old youth. Their bail was provisionally forfeited to the State.

The four accused before court, Mrs Nomzamo Winifred Mandela, 56, Mr John Morgan, 61, Miss Nompumelelo Falati, 18, and her mother, Mrs Xoliswa Falati, 36, were not asked to plead.

Mrs Mandela's driver, Mr John Morgan, is represented by Mr Hendrik Kruger, instructed by Ms Kathleen Satchwell, who also instructs Mr Hentjie Joubert, who is appearing for Nompumelelo and Xoliswa Falati.

Mrs Mandela is represented by Mr George Bizos, SC, Mr Dikgang Moseneke and Mr Pius Langa, instructed by Ismail Ayob.

INSUFFICIENT DETAIL

The three defence teams argued that the indictment did not give enough detail to enable them to prepare a proper defence.

The State's case is that Mrs Mandela instructed the seven other accused to fetch child activist Stompie Seipei and three other young men who had been living at the Soweto Methodist manse and detain them at her Diepkloof home, where they were later assaulted.

The defence teams said that as the State intended relying on common purpose, each act committed by each accused, including the missing four, affected the others. More particulars were needed.

The State said that due to the violence and the length of the assaults, and the number of people who took part, it was impossible to list each act of assault.

The indictment states that the assaults took place in outside rooms at Mrs Mandela's home. On January 1/2 1989, Stompie was taken out of one of the rooms by Jerry Richardson, the indictment states, and murdered.

Mr Justice Stegmann allowed the State to amend the indictment.

The State will reply to the arguments raised by the defence teams today. After that it is expected that the four accused before court will be asked to plead.



LEFT: Mrs Winnie Mandela and Mr Nelson Mandela leave the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. RIGHT: Supporters of Mrs Mandela outside the court.

Drop Winnie's case

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JOHANNESBURG — Defence lawyers yesterday asked a Rand Supreme Court judge to quash some or all of the charges in the "Winnie Mandela trial" which began yesterday.

Mrs Mandela and three others were not asked to plead as defence lawyers argued they did not have sufficient information about the charges.

"It seems that the state is seeking to make Mrs Mandela responsible for the acts of others," her chief defence counsel, civil rights advocate Mr George Bizos, SC, told the Johannesburg Supreme Court, arguing that kidnapping charges against his client be dropped.

Mrs Mandela, 56, Mr John Morgan, 61, Ms Xoliswa Falati, 36, and Mrs Falati's daughter Miss Nompumelelo Falati, 18, are all charged with four counts of kidnapping and four counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Neither the state nor the defence teams yesterday asked for a postponement despite the disappearance of four other accused: Mr Joseph Sithole, 18, Mr Katiza Cebekhulu, 22, Mr Mpho Mabelane, 19, and Mr Sibusiso Mabuza, 19.

Mr Justice M S Stegmann yesterday ordered warrants for the arrest of the four missing men and that their bail be provisionally forfeited.

The charges arise from the alleged abduction of four youths from the Rev Paul Verryn's Methodist manse in Soweto in 1988. The state alleges the youths were taken to Mrs Mandela's home where they were hit, kicked, trampled on and sexually abused.

Mr Mandela followed proceedings in the packed court room shoulder-to-shoulder with a number of the ANC's national executive committee members, including SA Communist Party chief Mr Joe Slovo.

ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo and Umkhonto we Sizwe chief-of-staff Mr Chris Hani.

Also present were Cosatu secretary-general Mr Jay Naidoo, UDF executive member Mr Popo Molele and Professor Fatima Meer, who wrote Mr Mandela's official biography.

Appearing calm and reserved in court, Mrs Mandela shunned her usual khaki combat-style garb for a skirt and jacket in the black, green and yellow of the ANC. More than 800 of her supporters sang and danced outside, watched over by dozens of policemen and court security men. Mr Bizos, arguing in pre-trial session, said the charges did not provide "full particulars" of the four assault and kidnapping charges faced by each of the eight accused, particularly those against Mrs

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AT COURT . . . Mrs Winnie Mandela and Mr Nelson Mandela arrive at court yesterday. *Cape Times 5/2/91* Picture REUTER

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Mandela. He said there was no indication in any of the documents of how she deprived complainants of their liberty.

Mr Bizos described the state's allegation that Mrs Mandela had made common cause with the actual perpetrators and was thus guilty in terms of the common purpose doctrine, as a "formalistic short cut".

Mr Bizos conceded that there were sufficient particulars regarding the assault charges.

Mr Hentie Joubert, appearing for Mrs Falati and her daughter, and Mr Hendrik Kruger, for Mr Morgan, both applied for all charges to be withdrawn.

The state is expected to reply to the defence lawyers' submissions today. — Own Correspondent, Sapa and UPI

Comrades make room for kingpins

JOHANNESBURG. — Comrades occupying a whole bench in the Rand Supreme Court during the opening of the Winnie Mandela trial were asked to give up their seats for the top echelon of the ANC and did so — some with reluctance.

"Comrades, comrades, stand up and make room for the leadership," exhorted an ANC official.

Just behind them sat a row of women wearing yellow turbans and green and black dresses —

ANC colours — stoically trying to make sense of an afternoon of tedious and complex legal argument.

A whole row was set aside for the Mandela family and friends.

The press contingent, anxious for legal fireworks, jotted down every word of the proceedings vigorously, but soon rested their pens and stared blandly at the speakers.

For a number of foreign pressmen, the workings of South Afri-

can court procedure had to be gleaned from local journalists around them.

Artists from the BBC and the SABC were busy throughout, sketching profiles of the main actors in the trial.

Six court orderlies and two officials of the Bureau of Information saw to it that nobody stood or sat in the aisles of the court, a regulation which has not been applied to previous major court cases.

Right join forces for Pretoria march

JOHANNESBURG. — The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and the Herstigte Nasionale Party are planning a joint march in Pretoria later today to protest against the government's planned repeal of the Group Areas Act.

The chief magistrate of Pretoria, Mr Willem Burger, has granted permis-

sion for the march.

The city council has stipulated that not more than 2 000 people may participate and measures must be taken to ensure that the march will be "peaceful and orderly".

It also stipulated that no speeches may be made before or during the march. — Sapa



POWER ... Mrs Winnie Mandela salutes the crowd outside the Rand Supreme Court on the second day of her trial. An application to have to charges against her and her co-accused quashed was dismissed by the court yesterday. **RIGHT:** A woman is helped away after police baton-charged part of the crowd who blocked the road.

Pictures. REUTER

Baton charge!

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday declined an application to have the charges in the Winnie Mandela trial quashed, while outside the court police baton charged a crowd of supporters.

Mr Justice M S Stegmann yesterday rejected defence lawyers' assertions that the charges brought against Mrs Mandela and three others were "gobblede-gook", but ordered the state to provide defence teams with additional information.

Police yesterday afternoon confirmed they had dispersed about 100 ANC supporters outside the court here while an unruly crowd mobbed Mrs Mandela during her trial recess.

Earlier reports said up to 1 000 people were dispersed when the police intervened to prevent chanting and dancing in the street.

Police said that shortly before 1pm Mrs Mandela emerged from the court building and walked across the street to her defence team's offices.

As she stepped into the building, the large crowd followed her, singing, chanting and dancing.

Police warned the group to disperse before baton-charging them, a police spokesman said.

Mrs Mandela, 56, Mr John Morgan, 61, Mrs Xoliswa Falati, 36 and Miss Mompumelelo Falati, 18, have yet to be formally charged with four counts of kidnapping and four counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Defence lawyers expanded yesterday on their applications to quash the charges, saying the charge sheet did not have enough information about the acts the accused were alleged to have committed.

Advocate Mr George Bizos, SC, for Mrs Mandela, said the state was asking the judge to interpret the dribs and drabs it had provided.

Assistant attorney-general Mr Jan Swanepoel, SC, maintained the accused had been provided with sufficient information to prepare their defence.

He said that since he had found it possible to set out, in sufficient detail, the case against the accused, the application for the charges to be quashed should fail.

— Sapa

I saw friend killed at hostel, says witness

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

A Sebokeng woman yesterday described how a group of alleged Inkatha supporters attacked and killed a family friend on September 4 last year.

She was giving evidence at the inquest into the death of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel. The inquest, chaired by Mr Justice E Stafford, is being held in the Supreme Court in Vereeniging.

Kathorina Villkazi

said she had watched from the window of her hostel room as the group of about 50 men first chased the man, identified as Naleli Simon Lesake, before four of them attacked him.

One of the men had a "long axe" with which he hit Mr Lesake over the head.

Mr Lesake fell and two others stabbed him with spears. Another man, armed with a sharp object, also stabbed him.

She said she knew three of the four men.

The hearing continues.

Inkatha 22 may still face murder charges

Staff Reporter

Inkatha's Transvaal Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza and 21 others could still face murder charges in connection with the massacre at Sebokeng hostel in September last year, according to Lawyers for Human Rights chairman, Jules Browde.

Murder charges were dropped in October and a judicial inquest into the massacre was appointed by Transvaal Attorney-General Don Brunette.

The men formerly accused of murder are now

facing charges of house-breaking and theft, the possession of stolen goods, malicious damage to property and the unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

Mr Browde said the murder charges had to be lifted to allow the Attorney-General to appoint an inquest.

The Attorney-General told The Star he had personally asked Mr Justice Stafford to undertake the inquest in terms of the new inquest court rules which allow for judicial inquiries to be held.

Angry PTA in Soweto

By IKE MOTSAPI

MORE than 100 angry parents and teachers demonstrated yesterday for the removal of a Soweto principal accused of misusing school funds.

After a 30-minute demonstration, they went to the Johannesburg office of the Department of Education and Training to submit a petition demanding the resignation of Mrs Hilda Grootboom, principal of Moruta Lower Primary school in Meadowlands. *Soweto 6/2/91*

The parents and teachers, members of the Parents and Teachers Association, said they were shocked that Grootboom defied a suspension.

PTA spokesman Mr Abe Lekoaletswe accused Grootboom of refusing to hand over incriminating documents.

"She does not want to submit financial statements so that allegations against her could be investigated," he said.

Grootboom said yesterday that she had returned to the school at the request of teachers.

She further denied the allegations of financial impropriety. "I do not handle money at all," she said.

Bail ruling today

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A DECISION on the bail application of 11 people arrested in connection with last month's gruesome Sebokeng night vigil slayings is expected today.

Charges against the 12th suspect, Mr Bhekumuzi Ngema (41), have been withdrawn.

The bail application hearing has been going on since last Thursday.

By DON SEOKANE

The 11 accused, including a woman, appeared before Mr G Reynders in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court.

They have all not been asked to plead.

Mr Willem Basson, an employee of Iscor who is also in charge of a hostel where most of the accused were allegedly stay-

ing, told the court that the hostel was solely for people working for the company.

The State argued that most of the accused had no fixed addresses and were unemployed.

It argued that the possibility existed that they might skip bail or become victims of revenge attacks since some of them had already had their homes burnt.

Warrant Officer Marius de

Jager, who was called to support the State's opposition to the bail application, said three of the AK-47 rifles allegedly used in the killings were still missing.

De Jager said if the accused were granted bail they might interfere with the investigation of the case.

The defence, led by Mr Barry Roux, requested bail to be fixed at R1 000 each.

Security forces go into Bekkersdal

THE army moved into Bekkersdal township on the West Rand yesterday to help quell the violence that has gripped the area.

The death toll since Saturday rose to eight yesterday after police discovered four more bodies.

And as a sequel to the slayings, residents in the township will embark on a stayaway tomorrow to highlight the killings, rape and destruction of properties in Bekkersdal.

An organiser of the stayaway said school-children had been invited to join the stayaway

By MOKGADI PELA

"as they are the ones who are dying".

Police liaison officer for the West Rand, Captain Henrietta Bester, said the four bodies were found on the perimeters of the township.

The men had been hacked and shot.

When the Sowetan team visited the area yesterday, the only high school in the area, Kgothlang, had been deserted following al-

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legations that unknown men had threatened to destroy the school with landmines if classes went on.

Bester said six people were injured, 18 houses gutted by fire and two arrests made since Saturday when violence broke out.

The names of the deceased have not been released as their next of kin have not been informed.

Six people were admitted to Leratong Hospital with severe hack wounds. Two of them are very serious, Bester said.

Meanwhile, a delegation of residents in the area met representatives of the Azanian People's Organisation, the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress to organise a mass stayaway for tomorrow.

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Police disperse ANC followers

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THE SA Police confirmed they dispersed about 300 ANC supporters outside the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg while an unruly crowd mobbed Mrs Winnie Mandela during her trial recess yesterday.

Earlier reports said up to 1 000 people were dispersed when the police intervened to prevent chanting and dancing in the

street. Sowetan 6/2/91

Captain Eugene Opperman said that shortly before 1pm, Mandela emerged from the court building and walked across Pritchard Street towards the building housing her defence team's offices.

As she stepped into the building, the large crowd followed her, singing, chanting and dancing.

"Police warned the group of about 300 supporters that their gathering in the street constituted an illegal gathering and that they are causing traffic congestion.

"The warning was ignored. Police then dispersed the group by means of a baton drill."

No injuries were reported and no arrests were made.

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Bekkersdal death toll rises to nine

JOHANNESBURG. — The death toll in Bekkersdal, the West Rand township where the ANC and Azapo have been fighting pitched battles since Saturday, rose to nine yesterday.

Police found the body of a man near the Bekkersdal clinic yesterday morning after hearing shots near the township clinic. The man had been hacked and stabbed.

Three policemen were slightly injured yesterday morning when mobs attacked township patrols with stones and assegais. Police fired on them with tear-smoke, rubber bullets and birdshot, a police spokeswoman said.

Mobs also set fire to two cars and 14 shacks.

Police found two handgrenades and arrested one man.

Azapo blamed the violence on the ANC, saying yesterday that it was bent on "taking over" the West Rand township. The ANC in turn accused the police and a "third force" of fomenting violence.

The ANC said it would send a delegation, led by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani, to Bekkersdal today in an attempt to restore peace.

● Police seized a large quantity of arms and ammunition and stolen goods while searching a hostel at Katlehong on Monday night. — Sapa

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Policemen to be prosecuted for murder after shootings

Political Staff

POLICEMEN are to be prosecuted for murder in the shooting of demonstrators at Sebokeng on March 26 last year.

Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee announced this in parliament yesterday.

He also announced inquiries into the scores of deaths during the political violence in Tokoza/Katlehong and Tembisa last year.

The prosecution of the policemen involved in the Sebokeng shootings flowed from the recommendations of the Goldstone Commission of inquiry.

Earlier Deputy Law and Order Minister Mr Johan Scheepers told parliament that 14 dossiers about po-

lice action had gone to the attorney-general following the Goldstone report.

Nine internal police inquiries had also been launched following the Goldstone recommendations.

Mr Coetsee also announced in a Press statement yesterday that that he had appointed regional magistrates to conduct inquests on the wave of killing in Tembisa, Tokoza and Katlehong between August and December last year.

Mr Coetsee invoked new legislation which allows him to order general inquests on related killings. It is the first time that regional magistrates have been appointed to conduct multiple inquests.

Open schools policy 'consistent'

Political Staff

THERE is no contradiction in government policy on admitting other races to white schools, a spokesman for Education and Culture Minister Mr Piet Clase said.

He was responding to queries about Mr Clase's speech on education in parliament this week saying white racial exclusivity in schools was unacceptable although other criteria such as language could be used.

In the same speech he defended those white schools who had voted

against admitting black pupils.

He said Mr Clase's remarks about racial exclusivity being unacceptable were "guidelines on government thinking in a new education dispensation".

"Until such a dispensation is established, the present system remains," he said.

It was not clear when the government would introduce the new education dispensation. Some believe it will come this year; others think a new law will be passed when a new constitution is formed.

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Political Staff

POLICEMEN are to be charged with murder in the wake of the findings of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the March 1990 Sebokeng shootings, the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, announced yesterday.

Speaking during the debate on the State President's speech, the minister said this decision had been taken by the Transvaal attorney-general Mr Klaus von Lieres.

The question of the Sebokeng shootings was raised by Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer on Monday. A total of 281 people were shot, 127 of them in the back.

Dr De Beer said Mr Justice Goldstone had found there was "no justification for the shooting at all".

● Sapa reports that two regional magistrates have been designated to hold inquests into incidents in which people were killed in the East Rand townships of Tembisa, Thokoza and Katlehong during the latter half of last year.

Prepare to use force, right-wing leaders say

By Julianne du Toit

Blacks on their way home from work in Pretoria edged along the pavement, well away from an AWB and Herstigte Nasionale Party march through the city last night.

The march was preceded by a meeting at the City Hall, during which three prominent right-wing leaders rejected negotiations and called for violent resistance to reform.

Only about a hundred supporters joined the "Wenkommando" in its march up Paul Kruger Street, but the City Hall was filled with about 1 000 people who had come to listen to HNP leader Jaap Marais, AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche and Commandant-General Servaas de Wet.

Some of the khaki-clad supporters were armed with batons and pistols.

During the meeting, commando leader Commandant de Wet urged supporters to join and "fight like the farmers" and to stop sitting on the fence.

Mr TerreBlanche echoed this sentiment and urged people to struggle against the Government and its policies.

Mr Marais issued his strongest call yet for right-wing unity, vowing that the HNP would fully support Conservative Party candidates if they resigned their seats in Parliament to force a general election.

He added that rightwingers should be prepared to resort to violence rather than "capitulate" at the negotiating table.

Mr Marais said he expected President de Klerk to announce a general election in the first half of this year. This would be the catalyst for right-wing parties to form a united front against President de Klerk's "renegade government".

If Afrikaners wanted their own homeland, they would have to be prepared to "shoot it free" and defend it with force.

The march and meeting were uneventful except for an AWB supporter who ran behind a press photographer trying to kick him and take the photographer's film away. The photographer escaped unscathed.

Pupils expel 31 school heads

PUPILS chased 31 principals from their schools in Mamelodi, Pretoria, on Tuesday, a Department of Education and Training spokesman said yesterday.

DET regional chief director Mr Job Schoeman said the pupils' action had been influenced by the local branch of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union.

"Mindful of the disruption of education in

By MONK NKOMO

1990 and the resultant dismally poor examination results, this shocking development bodes ill for thousands of pupils and the Mamelodi community," said Schoeman.

He urged organisations to co-operate to normalise schooling.

In another development yesterday, the Azanian Students Convention condemned the unruly behaviour of pupils at the Central

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Principals chased away

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Secondary School in Soshanguve, Pretoria, which has been closed indefinitely following the estimated R1,4 million damage to the school building, furniture and equipment. *Schoeman 2/2/91*

"The lack of discipline and disregard for authority should be uprooted. It is the work of those who have always believed in creating a crisis simply to fly their ideological flag," Azasco's publicity secretary Mr Sipho Maseko said.

The unruly behaviour of these pupils, he added, had given the DET a reason to indefinitely close down the school since Monday.

A meeting between DET officials and parents is scheduled to take place at 10am on Sunday to discuss the fate of about 3 000 affected pupils.

In a statement released yesterday Azasco added: "The unwise call of pass one, pass all - one of the factors that led to the closing down of the school - smacks of irresponsibility and ignorance. In the liberated society we are fighting for, there is no room for people with quick-fix passes."

Maseko also condemned "white liberals who encouraged black students not to go to school last Friday and instead, to be involved in the protest march for a Constituent Assembly while white students are at school and not involved in such initiatives".



Ms Beula Khubeka of the Inkatha Freedom Party with Mr HG Stopforth, who appeared on behalf of the 11 people arrested in connection with the Sebokeng night vigil slayings. Khubeka had supported the bail application by the accused.

Pic: LEN KUMALO

No bail for 11 suspects in Vaal vigil terror killing

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A VANDERBIJLPARK magistrate yesterday refused to grant bail to 11 people arrested in connection with the Sebokeng night vigil killings.

Passing judgment on the bail application, Mr G Reynders said the court had taken into account the number of charges the accused were facing and the fact that further charges of attempted murder were pending.

Warrant-Officer Marius de Jager testified that in addition to 38 charges of murder, the accused may face 12 further charges.

Reynders said there was no guarantee the accused would not skip bail since nine of them had no fixed addresses and were unemployed.

Many of the accused had said they would stay at the KwaMadala hostel, run by steel company Is-

cor, where they were previously living.

The magistrate said he had no guarantee that Iscor would allow them to return given the charges against them.

Earlier, Mrs Beula Khubeka, a parent of one of the accused and relative of three others, had said she believed the defendants would stay at the hostel.

Khubeka said she was herself staying at the hostel following the burning of her house.

An Iscor representative, Mr Wilhem Basson, who oversees the running of the hostel, told the court that accommodation was strictly for male workers of his company.

The accused are to remain in custody until February 22 when the trial begins.

DON SEOKANE

Bekkersdal: A bleak place to die

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REPRESENTATIVES of the ANC, PAC, Inkatha and Azapo will today lead a "march for peace" in strife-torn Bekkersdal as the death toll in the violence rose to nine yesterday. 20welen 7/2/91

Leaders of the organisations will later address a rally at the local stadium.

In an impassioned plea yesterday, the leaders urged their supporters to stop the "senseless killings" and work together towards the attainment of black liberation.

Mr Themba Khoza, leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, who will represent Inkatha, said: "Everything has to be done towards achieving

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in this area.

Mr Saki Macozoma of the ANC's department of information will lead his group's delegation.

He said the killing of innocent people should come to an end.

"But I want to warn the other forces involved to desist from continuing with these brutal acts of terror that have left many families destitute," he said.

Azapo said it was aware of the killings of its members and supporters since December last year.

"Azapo has a moral duty to protect its members," the organisation said.

Mr Carter Seleke, assistant general secretary of the PAC, confirmed that his organisation would be represented at the march and rally.

The death toll rose to nine when the body of Mr Mahlomola Makgamathe, of Gana Section, Bekkersdal, was found with stab wounds yesterday.

West Rand police liaison officer Captain Henrietta Bester said three policemen were injured when police patrol vehicles were attacked with stones and assegais by rampaging mobs.

Police-fired teargas in a bid to disperse the mob.

A house was attacked with petrol bombs and several shacks set alight.

There are differing versions to the causes of the violence in the area.

During interviews with residents, these allegations were made:

* The violence started when miners, who had allegedly joined the ANC, erected shacks on open land in the township.

The miners, former members of the NUM, stayed in a section called Mandela camp.

They allegedly do not tolerate anyone who holds a different political ideology. This appears to be strengthened by the allegation that dynamite sticks are reported to be used during night attacks.

* Azasm members, others claim, started the violence following the launch of the local branch of the ANC Youth League last year.

They are said to have threatened members of the ANCYL at the only high school in the township which is said to be in a Black Consciousness Movement area.

The violence is said to have started on the Monday after the weekend launch of the ANCYL when members of the youth league were prevented from writing examinations last year.



The body of Mahlomola Makgamathe lies in the street in Bekkersdal where nine people have been killed since the weekend. Pic ROBERT MAGWAZA

At the entrance to the West Rand township of Bakkersdal stands a large road safety sign with the slogan: "It's dead stupid to cross this line". In this God-forsaken township wracked by factional warfare and senseless violence the well-meaning advert is sadly ironic, more like a sinister warning to those who may be enticed by the "Welcome to Bakkersdal" placard nearby.

For a year now the township has seen spiralling conflict involving youths who guard the roads at night, attacks on houses — often with dynamite — and scores of murders.

Since the weekend at least eight people have died and many others lie in the Leratong hospital with gunshot and hack wounds. Yesterday Bakkersdal residents stayed away from work and school to mourn the dead.

Underlying the violence is multifaceted factional warfare so complex that even residents have given up trying to make sense of the mayhem that governs their lives.

While on the surface the endless battles appear to be between African National Congress supporters on the one hand and Azanian People's Organisation and Pan Africanist Congress on the other, several other dynamics are at play, hopelessly confusing the issue and making peace seem an unattainable goal.

The war has become a territorial battle between Uptown (the Azapo/PAC stronghold) and the ANC sections, Skierlik and the Mandelaville squatter camp. Most of the fighting seems to take place in "Ghana", the zone midway between the two areas and in two other squatter camps with predominantly ANC support, Silver City and Spooktown.

Residents say the conflict has to some extent been hijacked by gangster elements masquerading as political activists and is complicated by vigilante groups — many of whom live in the hostels of surrounding mines — who are drawn into the fray to wage war on criminals and protect their "homeboys" caught in the conflict.

The trouble began early last year when the ANC began to actively recruit members and make inroads into what has been predominantly an Azapo/PAC stronghold since the early 1980s.

When ANC stalwart Thapello Seoka returned to his home town after 12 years on Robben Island early last year, he motivated the youth to form the Bakkersdal Youth Congress (Beyco).

"Before Thapello arrived we were part of the United Democratic Front structures, but when he came back he spurred the whole thing to life and, using his ideas, we launched the youth congress," says local ANC member Joe Mofolo, adding that the Azapo/PAC and UDF supporters had co-existed relatively peacefully until then.

When Beyco was launched in February the "Azapos" allegedly launched an attack at the meeting, which led to retaliation, murders on both sides and a spiral of revenge and retribution.

Mofolo sighs when asked how many lives have been lost, saying his organisation has lost count since all the records were destroyed when Thapello Seoka's house was burnt down in November. Seoka, who has been charged for several offences including murder, has jumped bail and is on the run.

Each faction accuses the other of instigating the violence and labels opposing youths as "thugs" while considering their own constituency to consist of "disciplined" members.

While both groups may in principle be opposed to the government and imposed local authorities, the desire for political control effectively blurs all common goals.

An organisation called the Bakkersdal Environmental Awareness Committee (BEAC) consisting of ANC, PAC and Azapo members, formed to

In this senseless hell, death is a way of life

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Hounded by destruction ... Pensioner Margaret Seoka comforts her son, Daniel, brutally hacked in a skirmish in Bakkersdal last weekend

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

A family whose ties fan the flames of war

THE Seokas in Bakkersdal are a family torn in shreds by political division and the violence which haunts the township.

Speaking from her gloomy little shack in Mandelaville, Margaret Seoka, a pensioner and mother of nine, says simply: "It's heartbreaking." While one of her sons, Thapello, was the local ANC leader, another, Isaac, was Azapo chairman. Both have fled the township. Another son, Jacob, an ANC supporter, is in jail for public violence and a fourth, Daniel, is recovering from severe hack wounds he sustained during a skirmish last weekend, not because he is politically affiliated, but because he is a Seoka.

When Margaret's house in Skierlik was targeted by arsonists last November, she was forced to move to Mandelaville shanty town. "Haal, from a house to a shack," she exclaims. The same day her son Isaac's house was burnt down in a retaliatory attack and he now lives elsewhere with his wife and children. "I have nothing now, it is very difficult, very sad," he told *The Weekly Mail*. Appealing for unity and peace

bring peace to the area and solve the housing shortage and other residents' grievances, initiated a rent boycott in June last year.

ANC supporters regard BEAC as an Azapo/PAC organisation and refuse to co-operate. "They used to invite us to their meetings to discuss the condition in the location and wanted us to form a united civic association. But they wanted to absorb us, not form a joint committee, so we refused. They had already taken the decision that

residents stop paying rent and service charges without consulting us and sections of the community."

While Mofolo supports the view that the councillors are part of the "apartheid machinery", the way forward is not to bypass them but to negotiate, he says. As a result, Mandelaville squatter camp was secured through negotiation for shackdwellers who previously lived in backyard squalor, provided the squatters paid

Isaac believes a "third force" is fuelling the violence which unity talks may otherwise have curbed.

An active ANC member and leader of the local women's league, Margaret Seoka has been politically involved since 1982. But she did not anticipate that her family would be divided by factional war and her sons persecuted. "When Thapello came home it was hell with him and Isaac," she says. Thapello Seoka is a wanted man by both the law and the faction from Uptown who want him dead. Many have labelled him a thug, but his mother vehemently denies this, saying he returned from Robben Island a disciplined member of the ANC.

But more than anything, she wants to see her sons make peace. "I don't know where Isaac is. I want to see him again. He is my child. I have tried to get both my sons to come together but they wouldn't."

If they did, they may help bring peace to the area, she believes. But meantime she lives in fear, herself a wanted person. "The Azapo people said they want my head, because Thapello is gone."

Thus Mandelaville became an ANC stronghold, and several local ANC leaders refused to support the boycott.

Azapo now alleges that the councillors have sided with the ANC group and are in fact running a "third force" of vigilantes — entrenched miners who are unemployed and "who have become like criminals" and others who don't ANC T-shirts but who are "politically ignorant" — to wage war against the residents of Uptown.

The story goes that councillors paid bail for some miners who were charged with murder.

The councillors have left their office but are still in control of the council and operate from elsewhere, says an Azapo source. *The Weekly Mail* was unable to track any councillors down to respond to the allegations.

The ANC supporters allege however that various black policemen living in Uptown have aligned themselves with Azapo and have recruited the Basothos or "Russians" to protect them. The Russians allegedly launched an attack on Mandelaville in November killing four people. "In retaliation, the squatters launched an attack on the Russians, burning their shacks and killing about 11 of them," says Mofolo, adding that many have left the area.

But according to Bakkersdal resident and BEAC member Joe Seremane, who served six years on Robben Island in the 1960s for PAC activities, vigilantes are still fighting on both sides in what has become a territorial gang-war led by thugs claiming the status of political activists. Seremane, who works at the South African Council of Churches, says he is not politically aligned. He explains the conflict as a complex situation fuelled by crime against the older migrant labourers who are shackdwellers.

When "homeboys" living in the area are attacked by opponents or robbed by criminals which, he says, happens often on weekends when people get drunk, they recruit their friends on the surrounding mines to wage war on the culprits.

Even Inkatha has entered the bizarre battle terrain, and former Azapo supporters have switched their allegiance in support of those Zulus they see as more war-like, seasoned enemies of the ANC, says Seremane. Residents say Inkatha became involved a few weeks ago when one Nkosi, an Azapo supporter with Inkatha connections, was killed. According to residents, flags of both organisations flew side by side at his funeral.

While the conflict may have started as a political struggle for control of Bakkersdal, it has become little more than an anarchic mess.

"The people of Bakkersdal have been denied the opportunity of political debate, which is conducive to a climate of intolerance, rumour and witchhunting," Seremane says.

Crime is more rife in Bakkersdal than any other township he knows. "When someone tries to rob you, you blow the whistle, which actually means they, the other side, are attacking you." And so the warfare can erupt because of the actions of a single pickpocket.

Police have been criticised from both sides for failing to put a stop to the carnage, and allegations abound of delayed police intervention. "They come when it is all over," says Seremane.

The local high school, situated in Uptown, has become a site of struggle. According to a source connected to the school, parents must frequently accompany their children to school and many pupils from the opposing area, Skierlik, are prevented from attending classes. Often students bring pangas, guns and other weapons into the classrooms.

This week the school was closed after a bomb scare.

People's houses are being randomly attacked and looted in this "isotisi" war, the source says. "They make use of explosives from the mines. The elderly and young women are raped ... terrible things are happening here and many have been forced to flee."

According to the police the main reason for the conflict is the power struggle between Azapo and the ANC. Many of the people so far arrested have criminal backgrounds, a police spokesman says, adding that the most prevalent crime in the area is unrest-related. Allegations about police partiality have been investigated and "remain unsubstantiated", according to the spokesman.

—GANGS HIJACK THE STRUGGLE

THE African National Congress faces one of its greatest threats as dissident political factions, frequently linked to ruthless gangs of “comtsothis”, wage a bloody war against ANC activists across the country.

This week saw a unique pact between the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress. The agreement commits the rival movements to a common campaign for a constituent assembly and joint efforts to stop sectarian clashes between their members. But it does little to address the deep-rooted problems that have ripped apart the social fabric of many black townships.

Take Bekkersdal near Randfontein. Bitter sectarian strife between the ANC and the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) escalates as local gangs enter the fray.

In Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, the local ANC branch is torn by dissension as former “comrades” form themselves into a criminal gang that, with apparent support from Inkatha, wages a bloody war that culminated in the massacre of 45 people at a funeral vigil in January. Shatile is a part of Lebowa in the East-

Youth ‘comtsothis’: Can the ANC ride the tiger?

rades’ plot to kill the chairperson of the pro-civic organisation (see below).

Komga in the Eastern Cape: a battle between rival PAC and ANC factions splits the volatile township and fills the casualty ward of the local hospital.

Around the country the ANC, instead of mobilising new members and consolidating its ranks, is being called on to put out the fires of sectarian strife. Organisers, already overworked and stretched to the limit, are forced to throw the bulk of their time and energy into quelling interneccine battles.

Andrew Maphelo, senior organiser for the ANC PWV region says: “Since the violence broke out I would say that 99 percent of the new branches have not been visited regularly. What we have been doing is crisis management rather than building a powerful network for the organisation.”

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In attempts to ‘make the townships ungovernable’ the ANC often turned a blind eye to excesses of the militant youth. It now battles to bring them under control.

By EDDIE KOCH and SARAH BLECHER

And it is the renaissance of a familiar township scourge, organised gangs of unemployed township youths, that runs like a thread through each of the trouble spots.

These people are part of a social grouping that formed a class ally during the insurrections that took place between 1984 and 1986. Youngsters, who in normal times respond to unemployment by resorting to crime, became the shocktroops of the struggle.

They are the ones who carried the twin baton of a ANC strategy at the time:

“people’s war” and “make the townships ungovernable”. For these people, the fight was for freedom, power, and loot — or a combination of these.

Civic and trade union leaders, capable of imposing some discipline over their young compatriots, were in detention and excesses by the “young lions” of the townships were at best overlooked and at worst condoned.

The link between common crime and political struggle that characterised these times is graphically expressed by the activities, documented by ANC officials, of the gang of supposedly ANC-aligned youths — “comtsothis” — in Khutsong that called themselves the Gaddafis or the G-squad.

“They burned houses at random; stole door frames, windows, and geysers; burned people; sliced off ears, forcing

people from reporting to police, operated own courts; forced shebeen owners to give them free liquor; forced shop owners to give them free food; hijacked taxis, and collected protection fees from households,” says an unofficial report on G-squad activities.

When the ANC was unbanned last year, and forced to don the respectable cloak of a government-in-waiting, leadership could no longer afford to overlook the indulgences that frequently accompanied political activity.

Says Michael Cross, researcher into youth culture at the Wits University Education Faculty: “Gangsters can do things like throw petrol bombs and hijack cars that normal people must be first taught to do, so there was a real space for the expression of gang culture in the struggle.”

But there is an inherent contradiction between the discipline required by political struggle and the unruly behaviour of isothis. “As leaders began to emerge in the mass democratic movement (after the abolition of the Emergency and the unbanning of the ANC) the isothis resisted discipline and began to organise themselves as gangs.”

Pangas, axes and forks — all used to kill in the name of the 'struggle'

By EDDIE KOCH

LAWRENCE MOGAKANE, chair of the civic association in the Eastern Transvaal township of Shatale, was driving home one night before Christmas when he came across a mob armed with pangas and knives intent on burning down his house.

A group of youths loyal to the civic leader routed the attackers, badly injuring some of them in the process, and explained that the mob's leaders were a group of former "comrades" who now said they were "Pan Africanist Congress" and opposed to the activities of civic leaders in the township.

"The problem began in 1985 when there were a number of muti murders in the township. Rumour spread that a local bottle store owner was responsible and his shop was burnt down. The bottlestore owner was killed and a big struggle began," says Mogakane.

An organisation called the Mapulaneng Crisis Committee was formed to organise the township and calm the volatile situation but most of the leadership was arrested almost immediately.

"The youth took advantage of the situation. There was a lot of unemployment. When bottle stores were burnt the boys helped themselves. Or they would go there and demand liquor free of charge. If not it would be burned in the name of the struggle. Or they would go to a certain business and say 'Hey! It's alleged that you are involved in muti murders and this shop is going to burn. But if you pop out a hundred bucks then we will see what we can do'.

"Taxi drivers always lived in fear as these guys demanded free rides into town and demanded a little pocket money for the day too.

"When we came out of jail we decided that we couldn't just accept that. Business people were beginning to rebuild their businesses and we had to put the boys under some kind of discipline.

"There were those who understood and accepted the rules but there were also those who realised this discipline thing would mean they are not going to get any more fruits.

"In the beginning we found it difficult to organise meetings. If you call a workshop you find a handful of people come. But call a meeting and say you are going to burn a witch and there will be thousands.

"They were hungry for action. They think if you are not burning anything then you are not an activist.

"When some of those arrested for killing the bottle store owner came out of jail, the hooligans saw their chance. They attacked a taxi driver and set the car alight. They burnt bottle stores and stole the liquor.

"When the African National Congress youth tried to discipline them, they said 'No. We are Azapo-PAC'. The strange thing is we have never seen any Azapo or PAC meetings here. They never had any presence at all.

"The community decided that these gangs must be punished, especially one of them whose father was a policeman and gave him a 9mm revolver to shoot with. The youth here gave him about 300 strokes with a sjambok.

"After that they got armed — pangas, garden forks, spades, axes and all sorts of weaponry — and decided to attack my home."

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Stop the killings!

IN an historic bid for peace and unity, leaders of rival organisations came together on Thursday to appeal to residents of the West Rand township of Bekkersdal to end factional violence which has torn the community apart.

A huge crowd streamed into the local stadium to hear leaders from the African National Congress, Azapo, Pan Africanist Congress and Inkatha appeal for peace.

The obvious rapport between different political leaders helped calm the tension in the stadium, where local residents — who have waged war against each other for the past year — sat alongside their former enemies.

Since the weekend, factional violence which has been raging for months in the township has claimed a total of 10 lives. Two bodies were discovered yesterday morning.

But there was a strong black consciousness tone to the speeches, mostly aimed at a common enemy, the "whites in Pretoria and Cape Town".

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Now hear this... Winnie Mandela — watched by members of the SAP — makes a plea for peace during yesterday's unity rally in war-torn Bekkersdal. Photo: JUSTIN SHOLK

Stop the tsotsis!

DISSIDENT political factions, frequently linked to ruthless gangs of "comtsotsis", are waging a bloody war against local ANC activists in townships across the country.

ANC organisers, already overworked and stretched to the limit, are diverting most of their time and energy into a losing battle to quell internecine battles.

● In Bekkersdal, near Randfontein, bitter sectarian strife between the ANC and Azapo escalated this week when local gangs entered the fray.

● In Sebokeng near Vereeniging, the local ANC branch is torn by dissension as former "comrades" form themselves into a criminal gang — "comtsotsis".

● In Khutsong near Carletonville, an ANC-aligned youth group has split into a pair of warring gangs.

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AS LEADERS UNITE FOR PEACE

In a killing field, leaders unite for peace

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Leaders from the ANC, PAC, Azapo and the Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday shared a platform and called on the residents of war-torn Bakkersdal to unite.

PHILIPPA GARRON reports

In a historic bid for peace and unity high-profile leaders of various organisations came together yesterday to appeal to the residents of the West Rand township of Bakkersdal to put an end to the factional violence which has torn their community apart.

Thousands of supporters from opposing factions streamed into the local stadium to hear leaders from the African National Congress, Azapo, the Pan Africanist Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party appeal for peace and urge residents to unite against the common enemy, "the whites in Pretoria and Cape Town".

Since the weekend, factional violence which has been raging for months in the township has claimed a total of 10 lives. Two bodies were discovered yesterday morning.

Winnie Mandela, flanked by the ANC's information chief Pallo Jordan, and Umkhonto weSizwe chief of staff Chris Hani, smiled and clapped frequently in support of the speeches, all of which were tinged with the language of black consciousness.

Followers of the different organisations cheered each other's leaders when they appealed for unity and an end to the violence.

An obvious rapport between the different political leaders helped calm the tension in the stadium, where local residents — who have waged war against each other for the past year — sat next to their former enemies.

In an emotional appeal for peace, Hani, turning often to face the Azapo and Inkatha sections of the crowd, said "We are all black people who are oppressed. We are not oppressed by other black people. Who is the enemy? The whites from Pretoria and Cape Town are the enemy of the black people you have nothing whatsoever but you are fighting yourselves. Did we go to Robben Island for years so we could kill each other?"

Hani said people from all organisations had sacrificed their lives, not for their political groups but for the "oppressed people." He stressed the futility of "strongholds", adding that criminal elements must not be allowed to hijack the liberation struggle.

Hani said the time was right "to take power from the white man".

Azapo national project co-ordinator, Lybon Mabasa said the struggle did not



Smiles all round ... Calling for peace in a war zone yesterday were (left to right) the ANC's Winnie Mandela, Popo Molefe and Pallo Jordan hugging Inkatha's Themba Khosa

Photo: JUSTIN SHOLK

belong to one organisation.

"Your knives are misdirected if aimed at (our organisations). Your knives should be aimed at Pretoria ... If we waste our energy on each other when the real enemy confronts us we will have no strength," he said.

Mabasa said later that none of the leaders were naive enough to think one joint rally would bring peace. He said this was the first of many joint initiatives to come. "We are looking in terms of joint programmes and activities to help ease the tensions here." This strategy had brought peace to Maokeng, near Kroonstad, which had also been gripped by similar factional violence, he said.

Both the PAC's national executive member Carter Seleke and Inkatha Youth Brigade Transvaal leader, Themba Khoza, stressed the need for blacks to bury their differences.

"We must disappoint whites by not killing each other. Let's direct our energy against apartheid," said Khoza, stressing the need for true democracy.

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Your knives are misdirected ... MK leader Chris Hani at yesterday's Bakkersdal unity rally

Photo: KEVIN CARTE

Enemies unite in rally against 'Boers', GOVT

BEKKERSDAL. — The ANC and Azapo, who have been fighting one another in the West Rand township of Bekkersdal, joined forces with the PAC and Inkatha yesterday in a rally where leaders blamed the "Boers and apartheid government" for the violence.

Yesterday police said the death toll since new fighting broke out on Saturday had risen to 11.

The rally was an attempt to bring peace to the township. It was attended by Mrs Winnie Mandela and Mr Chris Hani, chief of staff of Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Earlier outside the stadium where the rally was held, the situation was volatile, with a faction of the ANC squaring up to a faction of Azapo, PAC, and Inkatha members.

Mrs Mandela told the rally: "It is healthy for us to have political differences. But what we are not going to allow is for the Boers to exploit them."

A joint monitoring committee charged by the ANC, Azapo, PAC, and Inkatha to monitor violence in Bekkersdal will meet on Monday and start implementing a peace process. — Sapa



BEKKERSDAL RALLY . . . Mrs Winnie Mandela and Mr Chris Hani lead a crowd in Bekkersdal yesterday. Mr Theinba Khoza, the Inkatha leader in Transvaal, also attended the rally which was an attempt to bring peace to the township.



An ANC supporter holds up an umbrella while, from left, Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani, Winnie Mandela and Inkatha Youth Brigade Transvaal leader Themba Khoza join in singing Nkosi Sikelel' Afrika after yesterday's peace meeting between the ANC, Inkatha, PAC and Azapo in Bekkersdal township. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Township rejoices as peace declared

LINDEN BIRNS

afternoon. "Now people are able to visit one another again without fear of any more fighting."

He said the boundaries were set up initially after clashes over the influx of squatters to the Mandela Park settlement.

Sapa reports that leaders at yesterday's peace meeting blamed the violence on the "Boers and the apartheid government".

ROBERT BOTHA reports tempers became frayed as thousands of supporters of the various parties waited two hours for their leaders to arrive.

However, they were placated by the church ministers.

Addressing the crowd inside the stadium, Winnie Mandela, wife of the ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, called for political tolerance. "It is healthy for us to have political differences. But what we are not going to allow is for the Boers to exploit our differences."

Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani, Inkatha Youth Brigade Transvaal leader Themba Khoza, the PAC's Carter Seleke and Azapo's Lybon Mabaso all repeated the call for unity and reconciliation among the opposing factions.

Hani also called for students to go back to school.

A joint monitoring committee to deal with violence in Bekkersdal was introduced at the rally.

JUBILANT residents celebrated in the streets of Bekkersdal township late yesterday after a peace meeting between top-level delegations from the ANC, Inkatha, PAC and Azapo.

Police found three more bodies in the West Rand township, bringing to 12 the death toll since fighting broke out between ANC and Azapo supporters on Sunday.

SAP spokesman Capt Henriette Bester said police found the hacked body of a boy, aged about 12, on Wednesday night, while two other bodies — one hacked and the other decomposed — were found in the township yesterday morning.

At yesterday's meeting in the local stadium, leaders of the various parties agreed the fighting should stop.

Parading

An organiser of the peace meeting, the Rev Thato Modipa of the Bekkersdal Anglican Church, said the meeting had been a "great success" and that a second round of leadership talks was due to take place on Monday morning.

"People are parading through the township's streets and driving around hooting at each other in jubilation."

The Rev Meshack Sekorobele of the Gospel Betheside church said boundaries separating various faction-aligned areas of the township had been torn down during the

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CERTAIN policemen are to be prosecuted in connection with an incident in which demonstrators were shot in Sebokeng on March 26 last year, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee has announced.

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Life is a perpetual hell for Bekkersdal people

THE ongoing violence in Bekkersdal has puzzled, frustrated and angered not only that township's community, but all peace-loving South Africans.

There have been impassioned pleas from various organisations to the residents to stop the horror, but this seems to have fallen on deaf ears.

In the past weeks, *Sowetan* has been inundated with telephone calls and letters from people venting their anger that nothing seems to be done to stop the bloodshed in the township.

One angry caller said this tiny township on the West Rand was ignored completely by the media, except when there was violence. He pleaded that something be done to restore peace in the area.

As promised by this paper's editor, *Sowetan* this week sent reporters to Bekkersdal to find the cause of the violence which this week alone claimed at least nine lives.

Deaths

Last November, there was a week when, in six days, 25 people were killed in the area.

One reader said the coverage of the township had generally been uninformed, sometimes misleading, if not sensational and biased.

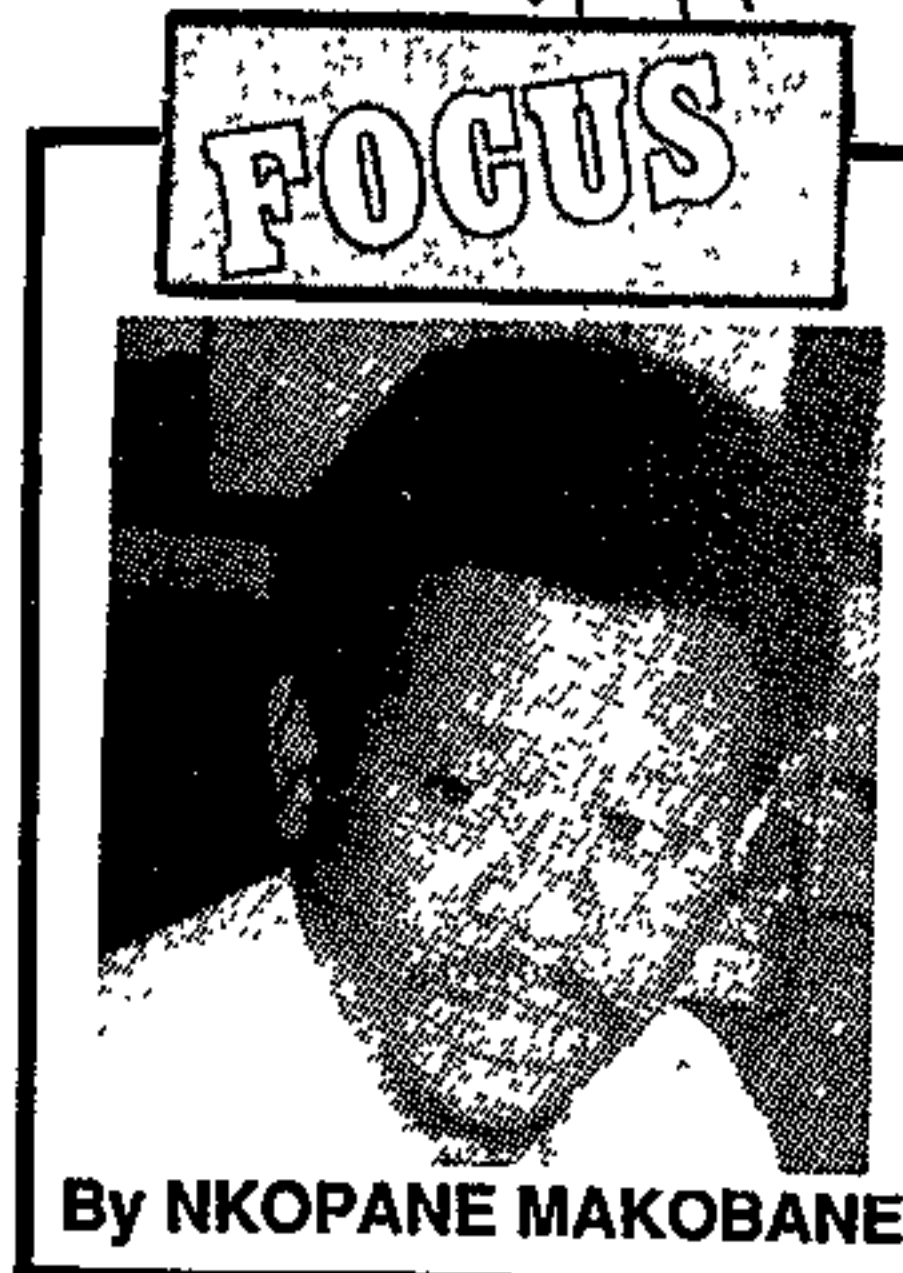
Without defending the media, it is true that trying to obtain the facts, particularly in places engulfed by violence, is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

In addition, those who are prepared to talk prefer doing so only on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals. As a result, one is never sure whether one is being told the whole truth or whether some vital facts are hidden.

Nevertheless, after talking to several residents, I was left in no doubt that life in this township is grim.

"We are living in a perpetual state of hell," one resident said.

During the interviews, what really sent a chill up my spine were the acts of terror and the



By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

manner in which people have been killed. Residents said slayings can happen any time, any day. At weekends, they brace themselves for the worst.

Bodies that have been hacked and or shot, they said, are usually found in the streets or veld. There were cases where people were made to drink petrol and then set alight.

Some have been abducted, never to be seen again. Creches and schools are from time to time disrupted and pupils and teachers beaten up.

Houses and cars, including those of policemen, have been burnt because their owners allegedly took sides.

Chilling

In one chilling incident last November, mourners were beaten up at one night-vigil when they refused to hand over the corpse to alleged ANC members. At the same night vigil, BCM member Robbie Nkonyane was shot dead and a tent set alight.

In committing these acts of terror that have left many families destitute, the culprits use petrol-bombs, pangas, A-K47s, palm guns, shotguns, handgrenades and mine explosives.

Local activists say more than 300 people have died and scores of houses and tin-shacks burnt since violence erupted early last year.

They said in the past two to three weeks would pass without a single funeral in this township of

just over 100 000 people, but now every weekend they bury two or three violence victims.

Many residents say problems in Bekkersdal started immediately after February 2 1990 when political organisations were unbanned. Black Consciousness Movement adherents will tell you that the launch of the Bekkersdal Youth Congress disrupted the former easy-going life in the township - formerly a stronghold of BCM.

However, Beyco members counter by saying the BCM affiliates, the Azanian Students' Movement, started it all by trying to interfere with its launch towards the end of February.

Conflict

Although when conflict started it was between Beyco and Azasm, it has now spread and become too complex to explain. In most cases it is difficult to establish the cause of violence. There are allegations and counter-allegations as to who is actually responsible.

Some residents maintain the fight is no longer among supporters of political organisations such as the ANC, PAC, Azapo or Inkatha, but is waged by some thugs using these organisations as a cover.

Another group say though they do not think genuine members of the ANC are involved, they believe two local councillors have ganged up with elements purport-

ing to be ANC members and are engineering the chaos in the township. These councillors have since fled the township after their houses were burnt.

Others argue that the violence is perpetrated mostly by residents of Mandela Park - a squatter camp established last September. It is inhabited mostly by retrenched mineworkers who are former members of the National Union of Mineworkers and are now linked to the ANC.

On the other hand, the Bekkersdal Environmental Awareness Campaign has blamed the continuing violence on lack of housing, poor health services and unemployment.

A spokesman said recently: "This is not just haphazard violence, but an expression of the oppressed people deprived of the most ordinary human rights."

There is another view that a "third force" of conservative whites may be fuelling the conflict by supplying former miners with dynamite. Residents are baffled as to how these miners acquire explosives when security at the mines is known to be tight.

Some residents, although they hate it, said they saw no alternative except that a strong security presence be imposed in the area. They added that with leaders of liberation movements striving for peace and closer co-operation, it was imperative that they visit the area and hammering home this message to their followers.



The people of Bekkersdal are exposed to many dangers apart from senseless killings. The council is unable to collect rubbish which piles up every day in illegal dumps like this.

Inquests to be held on killings

TWO magistrates have been designated to hold inquests into incidents in which people were killed in last year's violence on the East Rand.

Minister of Justice Mr Kobie Coetsee said in Cape Town yesterday that Mr VE

Janse van Rensburg had been appointed to look into deaths arising from events in Tembisa between August 19 and December 6 last year.

Mr JD Pretorius had been designated to investigate deaths in Tokoza and Katlehong between August 13 and December 13 last year. - *Sapa*.

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ANC chief of staff Mr Chris Hani said: "Let us dis-appoint the white man by displaying maximum unity. Let us organise and take power from the white man. Whites are laughing at us as we brutalise one another."

Hani added that the enemy of black people were the whites in Pretoria and Cape Town.

IFP's Themba Khoza said: "Whites marvel at blacks molesting one another. I ask you to stop this unnecessary spilling of blood and come together as children of one family. We must disappoint whites by not killing each other."

PAC's Carter Seleke said: "We have come here to preach a gospel of peace among the oppressed."

IN A historic peace initiative, the leaders of Azapo, ANC, IFP and PAC addressed thousands of people at a rally in Bekkersdal yesterday.

The leaders gave emotional messages of peace and unity, saying blacks should stop killing one another and direct their anger at "the white people who are responsible for our oppression".

The rally at the local stadium followed violence which has ravaged the West Rand township since Saturday.

By MOKGADI PELA

Twelve people have been killed, several injured and more than 18 houses razed.

Azapo's projects co-ordinator Mr Lybon Mabasa said: "When you direct your knife against an Azapo or ANC member you are not advancing the struggle for liberation."

And Mrs Winnie Mandela said the people should be suspicious of whites "hovering among us" who pretended to be messengers of peace.

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Winnie in court

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr. Nelson Mandela accompanied his wife Winnie to the Rand Supreme Court here today for the first day of her trial on charges of kidnapping and assault.

Witwatersrand Attorney-General Mr Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau told reporters he was still considering whether to go ahead with the trial of Mrs Mandela and seven co-accused because four of the defendants were still missing.

Police hopes

Mr Von Lieres confirmed that the four had not been traced in spite of police hopes of finding them at the weekend.

Mrs Mandela and the others are facing trial following the abduction and assault of four Soweto youths late in 1988.

Mrs Mandela's bodyguard, Jerry Richardson, was sentenced to death last year for the murder of one of the abducted youths, 14-year-old Stompie Mokheisi Seipei.

Bodyguards

The ANC leader and his wife arrived at the court accompanied by about 25 ANC members and bodyguards.

Many reporters and Press photographers were on hand to meet them outside the court.

— Sapa



ARM IN ARM: The Mandelas arrive at a previous court hearing — at Soweto Magistrate's Court in September last year. Mrs Mandela appeared in the Rand Supreme Court today.

Bekkersdal peace rally calls for unity among blacks 278

By Stan Hlophe *SH 8/2/98*

The slogan, "Peace among the Africans and war against the enemy", was emphasised at a peace rally called by four liberation movements at the Bekkersdal Stadium on the West Rand yesterday.

The rally, attended by the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress (PAC),

Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) and Inkatha, took place in the wake of violence that left at least 10 people dead as a result of rivalry between the movements.

More than 5 000 supporters of the four movements were addressed by ANC chief of military staff Chris Hani; ANC head of social welfare Winnie Mandela; Azapo projects co-ordina-

tor Lybon Mabasa; PAC assistant secretary-general Carter Seleke; and Inkath Youth Brigade chairman Themba Khoza.

They all called for peace and unity among blacks and urged political tolerance among the supporters of various organisations.

Mr Hani blamed apartheid for the Bekkersdal violence. He said liberation movements had

been banned for 30 years and now the Government was "reaping the fruits of repression". He urged Inkatha, PAC, ANC and Azapo supporters to practise political tolerance.

"There should be no room for intimidation. We must bury the hatchet. Let bygones be bygones and build unity."

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Cops to be charged over Vaal shootings

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But it's a slim hope. All appeals so far have fallen on deaf

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had risen to R67,5 million — an increase of 181 percent in two years.

And that was only the begin-

pushed back to December, and the estimate soared to R110 million.

Bleeding people dream of peace

CHURCHGOERS in Bekkersdal on the West Rand are not praising the Almighty anymore. Nor are they singing hymns at the top of their voices.

And preachers no longer talk about John the Baptist or Solomon's wisdom.

In this small township — founded to accommodate migrant mine workers — all anyone talks about is peace.

From a distance, Bekkersdal looks very peaceful. But it is only as you draw nearer that you notice the burnt-out shacks, the ruined houses, the barricades across streets.

Terrified, despondent

The few residents who plucked up the courage to speak to Saturday Star did not know what had sparked the violence that has caused all this destruction and which, according to police, had left 100 people dead and scores more injured.

Terrified and despondent residents spoke of men from the "Mandela Park" squatter camp (which was started by retrenched mineworkers), dressed only in their underwear and brandishing weapons, attacking residents at night.

"Mandela Park" is known to be an ANC stronghold. But the majority of Bekkersdal residents are members or supporters of the Azanian People's

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Organisation (Azapo).

A local teacher said he believed that the root cause of the violence was crime. He claimed that men from "Mandela Park" have been the ones who initiated attacks and township residents had merely retaliated.

Priests from churches in the area, with the help of a monitoring committee, have been involved in a desperate peace mission to stop the carnage.

The priests believe this is a power struggle between political organisations because they have sought audiences with the ANC, Azapo and Inkatha, in an effort to find a solution.

Said Father Joseph Mokoena (not his real name), a priest who led the delegation: "When this fighting started, no one wanted to get involved in this fight because we feared for our lives and safety of our property. We then realised that something had to be done because the situation was deteriorating by the day."

Father Mokoena said the only solution would be if leaders of the implicated political organisations, would come to Bekkersdal and call their supporters or members to order.

On Thursday, leaders of Azapo,

ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party and the Pan Africanist Congress addressed a joint rally and pleaded with Bekkersdal residents to end hostilities.

Azapo was led by Lybon Mabasa, the ANC was led by Winnie Mandela, Chris Hani and Pallo Jordan, the PAC was represented by Carter Seleke. Themba Khoza spoke for the IFP.

Strini Moodley, Azapo's publicity secretary said the investigations indicated that an element, which claims to be ANC, are railroading people in the "Mandela Park" to launch attacks on Bekkersdal in order to eliminate Azapo.

Shady element

"The war in Bekkersdal is not between Azapo and ANC now, it is more a war between this shady element from Mandela Park and residents of Bekkersdal," Mr Moodley said.

Captain Henriette Bester, police spokesman for the West Rand, said police, with assistance from the army, have been deployed in the area and were manning round-the-clock patrols in the area.

She added there were allegations and counter allegations that either ANC or Azapo members had initiated the attacks. "Police have tried very hard to defuse the situation."

Kutlwanong 11 in the clear

By DAN DHLAMINI

THERE was jubilation in the Odendaalsrus Magistrates' Court this week when four murder charges were dropped against 11 of the 34 Kutlwanong residents charged with the murder of four whites.

The appearance of

Philip Matela 25, and 33 others, including 18-year-old pregnant Annah Makinitane, is a sequel to the gruesome death of four Odendaalsrus whites.

They were hacked to death and set alight – allegedly by Matela and the others – after going to

Kutlwanong township during a drinking spree on September 29 last year.

The charred remains of Shelley Basson, Anthony Casey, Michael Bel-
lelie and Basie van Niekerk were retrieved from the shell of their burnt-out car in Kutl-

wanong's Mshenguville squatter camp.

This week Magistrate Ellen van Heerden withdrew the four charges of murder against seven minors aged between 15 and 17; and those against Petrus Diale, 19; Gabriel Molefi, 24; Petrus Ntsane, 33; and Johannes Kole, 35.

The accused have not yet been asked to plead. Makinitane is out on R50 bail while the minors were released into the custody of their parents. Matela and the remaining accused were granted bail of R300 each.

Van Heerden has issued warrants of arrest for Mandla Dlamini and Abel Sekete who failed to appear in court.

The case was postponed to March 5.

No bail for 11 vigil massacre accused

By SOPHIE TEMA

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A BAIL application by 11 people arrested in connection with the Sebokeng night vigil massacre was turned down by a Vanderbijlpark magistrate this week.

Magistrate G Reynders told the 11 people facing 37 murder charges that he took into account the fact their lives were in danger and their homes had been burnt down.

Reynders added there was no guarantee they would not skip bail, since nine of them had no fixed places of abode and were unemployed.

He said most of the accused had told the court they were too scared to return to the townships, and preferred to go back to the KwaMadala Hostel where they lived when arrested.

He told the accused Iscor housing manager STW Basson had told the court the KwaMadala Hostel was solely for Iscor employees. Regular raids were carried out to remove illegal residents.

Reynders said he also considered the fact the accused were facing a number of

charges and may also have to face charges of attempted murder as there were still about 12 seriously ill people in hospital from whom statements had to be obtained.

Warrant officer Marius de Jager, who supported the State's refusal of bail, said the police were still searching for three assault rifles which they believe were used during the vigil attack.

He said police had recovered 10 AK-47s, of which two were ballistically connected to the shootings.

Earlier, Buetah Kubheka, a relative of five of the accused, told the court it was safe for the 11 people to take up residence at the KwaMadala Hostel, claiming an Inkatha delegation had obtained permission from Iscor.

Kubheka said she was a member of Inkatha and a United Workers' Union of South Africa (Uwusa) office-bearer and was herself staying at the hostel as her house was burnt down.

The accused will remain in custody until February 22, when the trial starts.

BLOOD, GUTS AND A PEACE TREATY

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Old enemies shake hands in Bekkersdal

By SANDILE MEMELA

A PEACE treaty was agreed upon amid the smell of death in Bekkersdal this week.

With shacks still smouldering and people nursing the wounded, high-profile delegations from the ANC, Inkatha, Azapo and the PAC came together for the first time to hammer out a peace agreement.

Umkhonto weSizwe chief of staff Chris Hani told 15 000 people at this week's peace rally "This self-destructive conflict makes us the laughing stock of white people."

Azapo's Lybon Mabasa said the struggle was not monopolised by one particular organisation, but belonged to all suffering people.

"Our enemies are people who keep us in squatter camps and drive around in hippos to instigate violence in our communities. It is totally wrong for us to fight among ourselves as this shows the misdirection of our anger."

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said the internecine violence at grassroots level was an embarrassment to leadership.

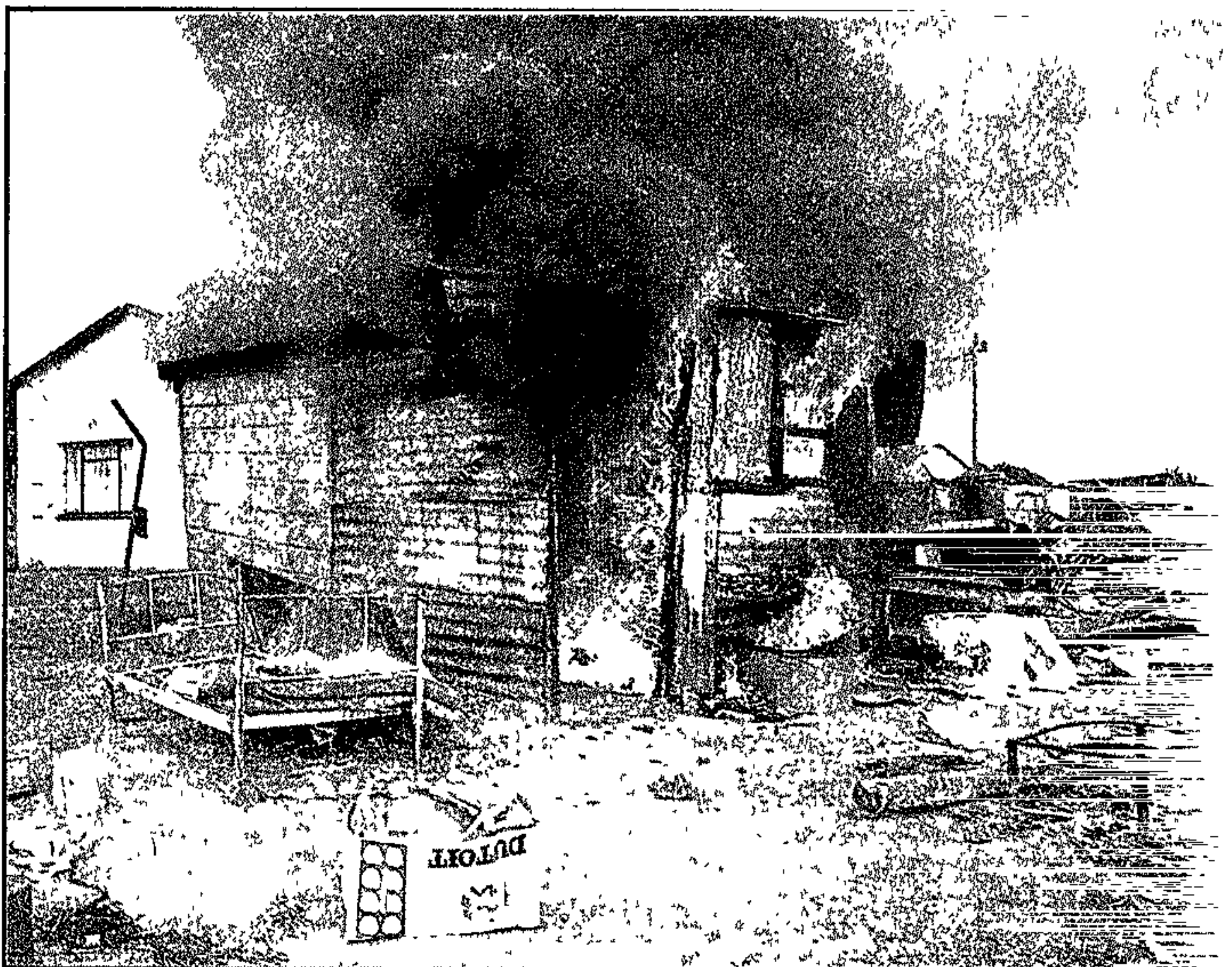
"Leaders do not kill each other and the people's attempts to solve differences by violence is a complete waste of time. Leaders have set an example that we have to learn to live together and it is time the masses followed suit."

The PAC's Carter Seleka said people had to seriously consider his organisation's gospel of "peace among Africans and war against the enemy".

"What has happened in Bekkersdal makes us realise the importance of the slogan. The carnage that has wrecked this community has tarnished the image of the liberation movement."

After Thursday, the day of the peace treaty, calm seemed to have returned to the small West Rand township.

In the past 10 days, at least 10 people died, 32 houses were attacked and scores of people injured in political



In the name of politics ... a Bekkersdal dwelling bursts into flames during 1988 clashes in which 10 people were killed and scores injured in the last 10 days.

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Champions of peace ... leaders of rival political organisations at this week's 15 000-strong peace rally were the ANC's Chris Hani, Inkatha's Themba Khoza, Azapo's Lybon Mabasa, the ANC's Tokyo Sixwale and Winnie Mandela.

'Kom vers' resented

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OPEN warfare swamped the Bekkersdal area after the ANC established itself in the Mandela squatter camp next to an alleged Black Consciousness stronghold.

Residents told *City Press* the National Union of Mineworkers hatched the idea of establishing the camp for migrant workers, who could then live a decent family life instead of existing in isolation.

But the plan was a disaster. Mandela camp has apparently become an ANC stronghold and most of the violence has been directed at, or unleashed from, the settlement.

Squatters say local residents have expressed resentment at this development and are said to have declared war against "kom vers" – a derogatory term for people who come from afar – and have resolved they will not be allowed to live in peace.

This was followed by armed attacks on the shackdwellers aimed at destroying the Mandela camp.

Community leader and founder member of the squatter settlement, Douglas Mqina, said most residents in Mandela squatter camp were from the Transkei, Ciskei, Venda, Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland, Botswana and Zululand.

Also, the migrant labourers, who have been shackdwellers and lodgers in Bekkersdal for many years, are up in arms about exorbitant rents charged by township landlords.

Thousands of squatters flocked to Mandela camp last year when the settlement was established to avoid confrontations with Bekkersdal landlords.

Mqina said "Since we founded this camp, we have been attacked by elements

from the community who lost shackdwellers and boarders who provided them with a nice income

"The situation has degenerated and police have exploited the in-fighting to pursue their own agenda."

Mqina said the camp was established after Azapo failed to secure land to accommodate thousands of people living in township houses.

When the Azapo bid failed, a rent boycott was launched to force authorities to address the shortage of residential land.

Mqina said shackdwellers resorted to packing their belongings and starting a new squatter camp alongside Spooktown and Silver City when the rent dispute started.

Since the Mandela squatter camp was built five months ago, its residents have not known peace.

One killed as fighting rages

in Bekkersdal

VERA VON LIERES

ONE person was killed during renewed fighting between ANC and Inkatha supporters in Bekkersdal township at the weekend despite a peace meeting between top-level delegations from the warring factions last week.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Johan Mostert said yesterday firearms, explosive devices, spears and knives were used during the clashes.

He said one Inkatha member was killed and an unknown number of people were injured.

At last week's meeting, leaders of the ANC, Azapo, Inkatha and the PAC agreed to end violence.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepe said yesterday he did not believe the weekend clashes would threaten peace initiatives.

Mamoepe said the peace initiative should be seen as a continuing process, and that the various organisations needed to encourage unity.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports three incidents of unrest were reported in Natal where ANC and Inkatha leaders recently agreed on another peace accord.

Police spokesman Capt Burger van Rooyen said a private home near Maritzburg was shot at and petrol-bombed, but no-one was injured in the attack.

Audit details massive misuse of state funds

LESLEY LAMBERT

CAPE TOWN — The Auditor-General's report for the 1989-90 financial year tells taxpayers a fascinating tale of corruption in government departments, bungled attempts at graft and chaotic financial management.

According to the report tabled in Parliament on Friday, investigations by Auditor-General Peter Wronsky's office and police uncovered multimillion-rand frauds and irregularities in the film industry, the SA Defence Force and the Department of Education and Training during the period under review.

Substantial losses relating to theft, administrative errors and unauthorised expenditure were reported in various other government departments.

Police investigations into multimillion-rand irregularities in the payment of subsidies to the film industry exposed material deficiencies in a contract between the SADF and a film company, Wronsky reported.

Financial losses written off during the 1989-90 financial year included an amount of R57 985 stolen by a former official of the Department of National Education who

had since been sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

The Department of Foreign Affairs wrote off R25 888 — R11 776 of which was attributed to overpayment of a former official's housing subsidy. The amount was not recoverable.

Similarly, various deficiencies in computer-assisted administrative procedures resulted in the payment of double pensions to members of the House of Representatives and double salaries amounting to R1,7m to examiners employed by the Department of Education and Training.

Salaries

An SADF official incurred unauthorised expenses of R62m on fictitious quotations and orders placed against fictitious tenders. Of this amount, the official assigned payments of R13,3m to himself. He was suspended and the R13,3m was recovered.

The Prisons Department spent an unauthorised amount of R1,4m, part of which was attributed to the "adjustment of salaries of non-

whites arising from an incorrect interpretation of the measures for the elimination of salary disparities." The adjustment had not been budgeted for.

Investigations were being conducted into the control and supply of stores of the Department of Education and Training, the irregular use of state funds by private suppliers and outstanding GST.

Possible cases of bribery and corruption by officials in the Department of National Health and Population Development responsible for the purchase and distribution of emergency food supplies, were also being investigated, as were alleged irregularities in the SA Development Trust.

Local authorities came under strong criticism by Wronsky who said: "Generally viewed... the finances of this important level of government are chaotic and warrant serious attention by all concerned."

Wronsky said he had been unable to furnish unqualified audit opinions on the SA Development Trust and the SA Medical Research Council. He was also unable to express audit opinions on the activities of the J L B Smith Institute of Ichthyology and the National Housing Fund (blacks).

Ciskei leader thanks SA for 'prompt help'

UMTATA — Ciskei military ruler Brig Oupa Gqozo, who survived a second coup attempt on Saturday, said junior and non-commissioned army officers supported the bid. He thanked SA for prompt support. Rebel soldiers led by Col Andrew Jamangile launched their attempt at 7am, trying to enlist the support of soldiers at an army base, he said in a statement.

"In the ensuing shooting, three of the dissidents were seriously wounded and are presently under guard (in) hospital," he said.

"The ringleader, Col A M Jamangile, tried to escape, but as a result of a follow-up operation by the security forces (he) was arrested at a house in the Tyutyu village near Bisho."

From Johannesburg it is reported that military authorities confirmed the SA Defence Force had offered "limited" assistance in stabilising the situation in Bisho shortly after the incident.

A number of officers had been detained, while the injured were admitted to the Cecilia Makiwane hospital at Mdantsane, authorities said.

The SA government said it was monitoring the situation closely and was in close contact with the homeland government.

East Cape News Agencies reports that residents of Skobeni village, which borders the military base, saw a "white-skinned man" escape from the base, steal a car in the village and drive off. Brig Jamangile is reported to be of fair complexion.

The atmosphere in Bisho was tense and confused on Saturday morning. Soldiers were running around, and a cartload of nervous and heavily armed soldiers threatened to shoot journalists if they saw them in the area again.

The roads past Parliament, the presidential palace and Radio Ciskei were blocked off, and armed soldiers were guarding the buildings. — Sapa.



About 2 000 people from Tokoza and Vosloorus marched to the Alberton council offices on Saturday demanding the restoration of electricity to affected East Rand townships. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

2 000 protest power cuts

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AS 2 000 people protested township power cuts on Saturday, the East Rand Civic Associations reiterated its readiness to resume talks.

The protestors marched to the Alberton council to present a memorandum tabling the East Rand communities' demands.

Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal secretary-general Mr Sam Ntuli said after the march that the protestors raised the strongest outcry when they realised that a traffic

DON SEOKANE

official was dispatched to receive the memorandum.

Ntuli said they had expected a town clerk or someone more knowledgeable about town councils to receive the memorandum.

He said that the sending of a traffic official spoke "volumes about the attitude of the Alberton council".

The memorandum stated that the East Rand town council continued to exert their weight forcibly by committing barbaric acts such as failing to provide water and electricity.

Restored

"We believe that if electricity supply could be restored to the affected townships, it would be in the interests of every-

one," the memorandum said.

"It is the only peaceful way in which the rent-boycott impasse could be resolved."

Tokoza township has been without electricity since last December.

A consumer boycott of white-owned business in Alberton was introduced to pressurise the Alberton council to negotiate the power cuts.

Boycott thwarts Tembisa mayor

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JOHANNESBURG. — A conference called by Tembisa mayor Solomon More to find a solution to the township's R7-million electricity debt, failed dismally when only 50 people turned up on Saturday.

Mr More had invited political and community organisations to help find a solution to the services boycott and to set up a special committee to represent Tembisa at the negotiating forum set up by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The ANC's branch in Tembisa called for the conference to be boycotted.

Mr Mathole Motshekga, ANC branch secretary and a member of the ANC local government committee, said the boycott reflected residents' rejection of black local authorities.

"Residents will settle for nothing less than non-racial and democratic local government structures."

He said the ANC believed the conference was the first step in implementing the Thornhill Commission's report, which recommended setting up local government forums. — Sapa

Missing Mandela accused: Police react

PRETORIA. — The lead article in a Sunday newspaper describing the sneak appearance at the Rand Supreme Court last Tuesday of one of Mrs Winnie Mandela's co-trialists (who has jumped bail) allegedly makes a joke of calls by the police for social responsibility, according to an SAP spokesman.

In a statement from Pretoria yesterday, Col Johan Mostert said the police were "shocked and dismayed" at the article, which describes how a press photographer snapped Mr Katiza Cebekhulu, one of the accused, on the steps of the court.

"The cheeky runaway moved brazenly among the court crowd, making no attempt to hide his presence or his identity. That was where the Sunday Times photographed him on Tuesday morning," the report said.

In his strong reaction, Col Mostert said: "The article makes a joke of the call to responsible newspapers... that community members should assist police to maintain law and order," the colonel said.

Asked for his comment, the editor of the newspaper involved, Mr Ken Owen, said: "I don't see that it calls for any comment." — Sapa

New talks to save Bekkersdal peace

THE ANC and Inkatha yesterday pledged to try to save a peace pact in Bekkersdal township, where violence erupted again at the weekend.

A fresh round of talks were to be held last night to review the situation after fighting on Saturday night killed an Inkatha supporter, the ANC said.

Inkatha alleged yesterday that thousands of ANC supporters, armed with an assortment of weapons, attacked mourners returning from a funeral of a member

slain in previous political clashes.

Sapa reports that peace talks on Thursday last week between senior leaders of the ANC, Inkatha, Azapo and PAC led to a peace accord — following a series of violent ANC-Azapo clashes.

“Despite the fact that there has been renewed fighting, the peace initiative remains on course,” ANC regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepe said in a statement yesterday.

Inkatha West Rand section said the incident

retary Humphrey Ndlovu said his organisation was “still sticking to the peace pact. We want to keep the peace.”

LINDEN BIRNS reports that in Vosloorus on the East Rand police seized 83 AK 47 bullets, eight 7,65mm bullets and a 7,65mm magazine.

A police vehicle was damaged by stone-throwers in Kraaifontein near Cape Town. One man was arrested and a member of the SAP slightly injured in the incident.

Beer price rise shocks Fedhasa

FEDHASA was shocked by SA Breweries’ announcement at the weekend of a 9,7% average wholesale price increase for beer, Fedhasa executive director Fred Theobald said.

MATTHEW CURTIN

would cushion “the immediate impact on

Council hostels to get R120m facelift

THEO RAWANA

THE Johannesburg City Council will spend R120m on a programme to upgrade hostels and provide family housing for its 12 000 employees, housing director Ken Cunningham-Scott said yesterday.

Cunningham-Scott could not say when the scheme would be completed, saying this depended on land becoming available.

He said a recent survey among the workers (including those employed in Randburg), showed that the majority preferred the dormitory system, which provided for eight to 10 workers sharing one dormitory in the council’s 15 hostels.

But since about 30% of the workers would prefer family housing — and indications were that more would also want this in future — the council had started identifying land for this form of accommodation, Cunningham-Scott said.

Land next to Soweto’s Power Park had already been earmarked for this purpose, he added.

Cunningham-Scott said most employees qualified for the council’s housing subsidy.

In the past three years R2,4m had been spent on upgrading mostly hostel recreational facilities. A scheme to accommodate visiting wives at all hostels had proved very popular since it started four years ago.

About R2,8m would be needed for 89 houses at Olifantsvlei farm.

“It is the council’s goal to eventually convert all hostels into (single-queaters) bachelor-type units in order to provide more privacy and a higher standard of living for the residents.”

“However, the rate at which the hostels can be converted will depend on the acquisition of additional land for family accommodation,” Cunningham-Scott said.

The planning department’s architectural branch was at present working on layouts for the first bachelor units in the Van Beek Hostel, work had already started on the conversion of the Old Transit Camp (part of Selby Hostel) and R25 000 had been provided for the upgrading of the old quarters of the City Deep Hostel.

The council report to the management committee pointed out that no violence occurred at the council’s hostels during the recent unrest. “This can possibly be attributed to the high standard of accommodation, good social and recreational facilities and protection available to all residents,” it said.

Bekkersdal: parties bid to halt violence

By Stan Hlophe

Star 12/2/97.
The ANC, Inkatha, the PAC and Azapo held an urgent meeting in Bekkersdal on the West Rand last night to try to find ways to quell the violence.

The talks followed the death of an Inkatha supporter in a clash at the weekend.

The ANC delegation was led by Popo Molefe and Andrew Maphethu, the Inkatha team by Themba Khoza and regional secretary Humphrey Ndlovu, and the Azapo team by regional organiser Phambili Ntloko and Molathlehi Thlale.

The leaders maintained that in spite of the fighting, the peace initiatives were on course. A peace rally was held last week to bring warring factions together.

Bid to save ANC, Inkatha peace pact

Sowetan 12/2/91 (278)

THE African National Congress and its former foe, the Inkatha Freedom Party, yesterday pledged to save a peace pact aimed to bring peace to Bekkersdal.

A weekend clash between the two groups in the township posed serious questions.

A fresh round of talks was due to be held last night to review the situation after fighting on Saturday night killed an Inkatha supporter, the ANC said.

Peace accord

Inkatha alleged yesterday that thousands of ANC supporters, armed with an assortment of weapons, attacked mourners returning from a funeral of a member slain in previous political clashes.

Peace talks last Thursday between senior leaders of the ANC, Inkatha,

Azapo and PAC, drew up a peace accord following violent clashes that claimed more than 10 lives.

These battles pitted the ANC against Azapo combatants.

"Despite the fact that there has been renewed fighting, the peace initiative remains on course," Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, the ANC's regional spokesman, said in a statement yesterday.

"Tonight representatives of the PAC, ANC, Azapo, Inkatha and the violence monitoring group of that area, will be meeting.

"We recognise that peace cannot be a product of a single event," he added.

Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, Inkatha's secretary on the West Rand, said his organisation was "still sticking to the peace pact. We want to keep the peace".
- Sapa.

Mamelodi: inquest (2/2/91)

*9 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Justice:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 3 on 23 June 1987, the Attorney-General has reached a decision regarding the inquest into the deaths of the persons killed in Mamelodi on 21 November 1985; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that a decision will be reached; if so,
- (2) whether the inquest has been held, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) what were the findings?

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B15E

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) Yes.

(a) and (b) fall away

(2) Yes

(a) The inquest commenced on 11 January 1988 and was finalized on 22 June 1989

(b) The magistrate found that the responsibility for the deaths of the deceased concerned was not determinable

In view of the magistrate's finding the Attorney-General, Pretoria, has returned the docket to the South African Police with the request that the whereabouts of one of the witnesses who disappeared, be established. This witness has as yet not been traced.

*10. Mr J J Walsh—Finance. [Question standing over.]

*11. Mr J J Walsh—Development Aid. [Question standing over.]

Amending of legislation

*12. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice. **12/2/91**

Whether any legislation amending the (a) Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, and (b) Public Safety Act, No 3 of 1953, will be introduced in Parliament during the current session; if so, when in each case; if not, why not?

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE. **12/2/91**

Further to the Pretoria Minute the Government has now had the opportunity of considering the repeal, on the one hand, of certain provisions and, on the other hand, the review of other provisions of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982. A further announcement in this regard will soon be made and legislation to amend the said Act will be introduced during the current session of Parliament. The review of all other legislation, which may have a bearing on security matters, is still receiving attention.

Formula funding policy

*13 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education **12/2/91**

(1) Whether any universities or technikons are to receive in respect of 1991 the full amount which they should receive under the formula funding policy administered by his Department; if not, why not,

(2) whether any of these universities or technikons are to receive less money from the State in real terms in 1991 than they did in 1990 in terms of the amounts determined by his Department, if so, which of these institutions,

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

B29E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.

Since the Minister of Finance has not submitted the Draft Budget Bill for the 1991-92 financial year to Parliament yet, the figures are not presently available

13(1) Falls away

13(2) Falls away

13(3) Falls away.

Certain teachers' union: negotiation

*14 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education. **12/2/91**

(1) Whether he and/or any education departments in the Republic have recognized for negotiation purposes a certain teachers' union, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for

the purpose of his reply, if not, why not; if so, (a) subject to what conditions and (b) what is the name of this union,

(2) what other national teacher organizations are currently recognized for negotiation purposes in education,

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

12/2/91 B30E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.

(1) No Discussions are being conducted with all interested parties of which the teachers' union, the name of which has been furnished to my department, is one, in order to formulate criteria with a view to recognition for the purposes of negotiation

(a) Falls away

(b) Falls away

(2) Falls away

(3) No

Cape Peninsula: additional teaching posts

*15. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training **12/2/91**

Whether any additional teaching posts have been created at existing (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in the Cape Peninsula in 1991, if so, how many in each case, if not, why not?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

(a) Yes, 46

(b) Yes, 19

Budget: amount spent

*16 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Training **12/2/91**

Whether the non-recurrent sum of R150 million and the education portion of the special sum of R1 billion set aside in the 1990 Budget have been spent; if not, (a) why not and (b) on what items are they to be spent; if so, (i) what total amount has been spent to date, (ii)(aa) on what and (bb) where was it spent and (iii) what persons and/or organizations were con-

sulted prior to spending it?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

Yes

The amount of R150 million has been allocated as follows

To the Department of Education and Training R73,950 million

To the six Self-governing Territories on Vote Development Aid R76,050 million

Of the amount of R1 000 million the following amounts have been allocated to education for Black people

To the Department of Education and Training R337,500 million

To the six Self-governing Territories on Vote Development Aid R337,500 million

The amount of R73,950 million as well as R150,009 million of the amount of R337,500 is being spent in the 1990-91 financial year by the Department of Education and Training

The amount of R337,500 million is being used for the reduction of backlogs in school buildings. The spending of the amount is being distributed over two financial years, namely R150,009 million in the 1990-91 financial year and the balance of R187,491 million in the 1991-92 financial year

(i) The full amount of R73,950 million was spent in the current financial year

Of the amount of R337,500 million, R150,009 million is being spent in the current financial year.

(ii) (aa) The amount of R73,950 million was spent as follows:

Operational expenditure R72,713

School buildings R1,237 million

The amount of R150,009 million is being spent as follows during the current financial year.

Reduction of backlogs in school buildings R122,00 million

Replacement and provision of school-books R28,000 million

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY



Illegal demo . . . A group of protesters looks on as one of the De Deur squatters arrested on Friday enters the police station to face charges of illegal squatting. Police arrested 242 protesters during the demonstration at the police station yesterday. Picture: Jacob Rykloff

By Stan Hlophe
and Melody McDougall

240 arrested as Weiler's Farm squatters protest

De Deur police yesterday arrested 242 squatters from the Weiler's Farm squatter camp, south of Johannesburg, during protest action outside the local police station.

The squatters were protesting against the arrest on Friday of 50 other squatters at Weiler's Farm on charges of trespassing during the SAP's Operation Thunderbolt.

The 50 appeared in the De Deur Magistrate's Court yesterday. Fourteen paid R50 admission of guilt fines. The other 36 are still in custody

and will appear again on February 25.

The 242 arrested yesterday — 154 men and 88 women — will appear in court today, charged under the Act prohibiting protest gatherings in or near a court building.

Bail was set by the police at R50 per person, but all 242 people were still in custody by late yesterday afternoon.

According to a police spokesman, the group was ar-

rested after allegedly refusing to obey a request by the local station commander, Lieutenant Louw Riekert, to disperse.

Police and Transvaal Provincial Administration officials raided Weiler's Farm on Friday. About 20 shacks were destroyed.

One of those arrested yesterday was Basheer Lorgat, general secretary of Opera-

tion Masakhane for the Homeless, who led the demonstration.

Early yesterday, Mr Lorgat and two squatter representatives asked Lieutenant Riekert for an explanation of Friday's raid.

Before his arrest, Mr Lorgat told The Star that Lieutenant Riekert had blamed TPA officials.

"This is a clear breach of contract by the TPA, which had assured us that it would under no circumstances demolish shacks. This has all been done under the guise of (the SAP's) Operation Thunderbolt," Mr Lorgat said.

School hits out at vandals

PUPILS and teachers at Etwatwa High School in Wattville struck back at a group of youths who tried to disrupt classes at the school this week.

Eight youths were arrested after a chase through the township following an attack on the school. One man and two women - prominent local residents - were also later arrested in connection with the incident.

A witness said the youths arrived at the school in a minibus on Monday. When they found the gates locked, they stoned the school buildings, injuring one pupil and smashing windows.

Enraged pupils and teachers stormed out of their classrooms in pursuit of the attackers. Residents also joined the chase.

Eight youths were caught and brought back

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

to the school.

Police arrived and they were arrested.

Later, police rounded up the three adults who are alleged to have engineered the disruption. *Sowetan 13/2/91*

The witness said the youths had been sent to disrupt classes because the principal refused to accept some pupils for supplementary examinations next month.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel confirmed the arrests, saying that the youths, aged between 14 and 17, later pointed out the three adults.

All 11 arrested are to face charges of mali-

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School hits at vandals

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cious damage to property.

Van Zweel said damage to the school was estimated at R700 and included 17 broken windows.

DET Highveld region chief director Mr JH Booysen also confirmed the incident.

"A minibus arrived at the school and its passengers started stoning the school.

"The pupils retaliated by chasing and apprehending the culprits who were brought to the school.

"Subsequently a number of people were picked up by the police," he said.

Earlier this month teachers at Etwatwa were pelted with eggs and the principal's car was damaged by pupils.

Classes were suspended and teachers did not go to school for several days because they feared for their safety. They instead reported at the circuit office. Classes resumed on February 5.

Winnie's trial faces collapse

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Own Correspondent JOHANNESBURG. — The assault and kidnap case against Mrs Winnie Mandela faces collapse today.

A hushed Rand Supreme Court heard deputy attorney-general Mr Jan Swanepoel, SC, say late yesterday that the abduction of a key witness had left two other witnesses unwilling to give evidence.

"The witnesses are too scared to testify and may therefore refuse to testify," Mr Swanepoel said.

One of them, Mr Kenneth Kgase, is expected to take the stand today to make certain unspecified statements.

Lawyers speculated he might refuse to give evidence for which he could be jailed for two years.

This follows the disappearance of a third witness, Mr Gabriel Pelo MeKewe, on Sunday night from the Orlando West Methodist Church.

Police have launched a massive search for the youth and late yesterday released an identity of a black man who might have had a part in the alleged abduction. Mr MeKewe apparently left the church hostel "with three African National Congress men," according to a Johannesburg newspaper report yesterday.

Crowd dispersed

A smiling Mrs Mandela was greeted when she left the court by supporters carrying posters featuring a picture of a young Mr Nelson Mandela hugging his even younger wife.

Captions read: "My wife was harassed by the state for 30 years, now I am here to give her my support" and "Stop harassing our mother Winnie Mandela".

Mr Swanepoel told Mr Justice Stegmann that attorney Mr Geoff Brandender, for Mr Kgase and Mr Barand Mono, had informed him the two were too scared to testify and might refuse to do so.

Mr MeKewe, Mr Kgase, Mr Monagan, 61, Mrs Xoliswa Palati, 36, and her daughter Miss Nompumelelo Palati, 18, have pleaded not guilty to four charges of assault and four of kidnapping.

Former Mandela United soccer coach Jerry Richardson was found guilty last year of murdering Stompie.

Mr Kgase was to have been called as the first state witness on Monday, but the trial was postponed until yesterday after Mr Swanepoel told the judge of Mr MeKewe's disappearance.

Mr Swanepoel said yesterday he would produce forensic evidence of blood samples taken from the walls, curtains and even ceilings of two of Mrs Mandela's outside rooms where the four youths were allegedly held for a number of days.



"Is there a witness in the house?"

Crack of dawn



ACCUSED No 8... Mrs Winnie Mandela arrives at the Rand Supreme Court yesterday on the fifth day of her trial—which now faces collapse as two of the witnesses are too scared to give evidence following the kidnap of a third witness on Sunday night.

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Winnie: Justice system questioned

Political Staff

THE disappearance of certain of Mrs Winnie Mandela's co-accused and the alleged kidnapping of a key state witness called into question the "basic efficacy of our entire justice system," MP for Houghton Mr Tony Leon said yesterday.

At the very least, he added, "we urgently require a witness protection scheme — not involving involuntary detention — to reassure potential witnesses they can testify against power-

ful figures who might instill fear in persons who are called to testify".

Mr Leon said the Ministry of Justice should immediately accelerate any proposals it was considering in this regard.

He added that without commenting on the "merits of the case" concerning Mrs Winnie Mandela and others which were currently before the Rand Supreme Court, there were "certain related aspects" which were cause for "profound concern".

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Inkatha 'shouts' at Sebokeng slaughter

VEREENIGING. — "Inkatha is here — Xhosas and Pondos come out," people allegedly shouted in Zulu after shots rang out at the Sebokeng Hostel on September 4.

Mr Māliwa Mggalelo, giving evidence before Mr Justice Stafford at the inquest into the deaths of 42 people at the Sebokeng Hostel, said yesterday that after he had heard the gunfire and shouting, he ran from his room and saw a number of people running in different directions.

He found two "bodies" and picked up one of the men, who was still alive. As he did so, he saw six or seven men — some in balaclavas — running towards him. A "much larger group" of men with weapons and red headbands followed at some distance. Mr Mggalelo fled.

Mr Sikroba Godlithole said in affidavit that a bullet had entered his window before "something like a bomb exploded" in his Block B, Hostel 2 room. The hearing continues today. — Sapa

2 killed in attack on Soweto train — claim

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least two people are believed to have been killed and several injured when a group went on the rampage on a Johannesburg-bound Soweto train today.

An eye-witness said that trouble began yesterday and continued this morning when a group boarded the train and terrorised passengers.

The blood-spattered witness, who arrived at the offices of The Star to tell her story, said at least two people were killed when they either jumped or were thrown from the moving train between New Canada and Langlaagte stations.

She said the attackers were

"Zulus" with pangas and knives.

Police were investigating but were not immediately able to confirm the reports.

A spokesman said police had been travelling beside all the lines to the New Canada station for more than an hour but could find no trace of bodies or injured people.

"We are baffled by the apparent rumours but we are still looking, just in case it is true," said Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn. No dead or injured people had been reported at Baragwanath Hospital.

A spokesman for Transnet security confirmed the incident but could not provide details.

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Mr Mgqalelo said shortly after he heard gunfire and shouting, he ran out of his hostel room and saw a number of people running in different directions. [He ran along a wall and jumped over two bodies.] "I saw a group of people running away from the gate and saw a group of people running towards the gate."

Mr. McGale said he fled among a crowd in the direction of Zone 13. Someone behind him fell and when he looked behind him, he saw the group heading in the direction of Block H. A while later he could hear shots being fired.

He said his wife, a woman and two men were in the room who were hurt in the blast. He said he found three bodies lying outside. Another witness, Gibson Jaca, said in one of three affidavits that he saw two people being shot and then chopped with pangas. Mr Jaca said he later pointed out 14 men at an identification parade.

'Hospital guards shot worker' (278)

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

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East Rand Police are investigating the alleged shooting of a hospital employee by a security guard at the Natalspruit Hospital on Monday.

Police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweel said a former hospital employee staged a demonstration on the hospital premises and demanded to be re-employed.

Two hospital security guards tried to remove him from the premises. There was a struggle and a shot went off, hitting the man in the leg.

Captain van Zweel said she

was not aware of the police being summoned to the hospital.

A shop steward of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu), who did not want to be identified, said the employee, Isaac Mmotong, was shot by one of the security guards when he went to the rescue of a colleague who was allegedly being assaulted by the guard.

He said the trouble started when Dan Nyawo, an employee at the hospital, staged a sit-in in the office of a Mr de Wet and demanded promotion and a housing loan.

"Mr de Wet locked Mr Nyawo in his office, but later returned with two white security guards. They ordered Mr Nyawo to leave but when he refused, one of the security guards allegedly pointed a gun at him."

He said Mr Mmotong was admitted to the hospital under police guard.

The superintendent of the Natalspruit Hospital, Doctor Norman Kernes, could not be reached for comment this morning.

Workers at the Natalspruit Hospital downed tools yesterday in protest against the alleged shooting.

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Tiny town gives new meaning to savagery

Political intolerance seems to be at the basis of the violence which has wracked the West Rand township of Bickersdal. Mixed with socio-economic problems, they form an explosive combination of factors which have caused the death of at least 13 people in the township over the past two weeks, writes **Mono Badela**

IN spite of repeated peace bids, this township, about 50km west of Johannesburg, continues to bleed.

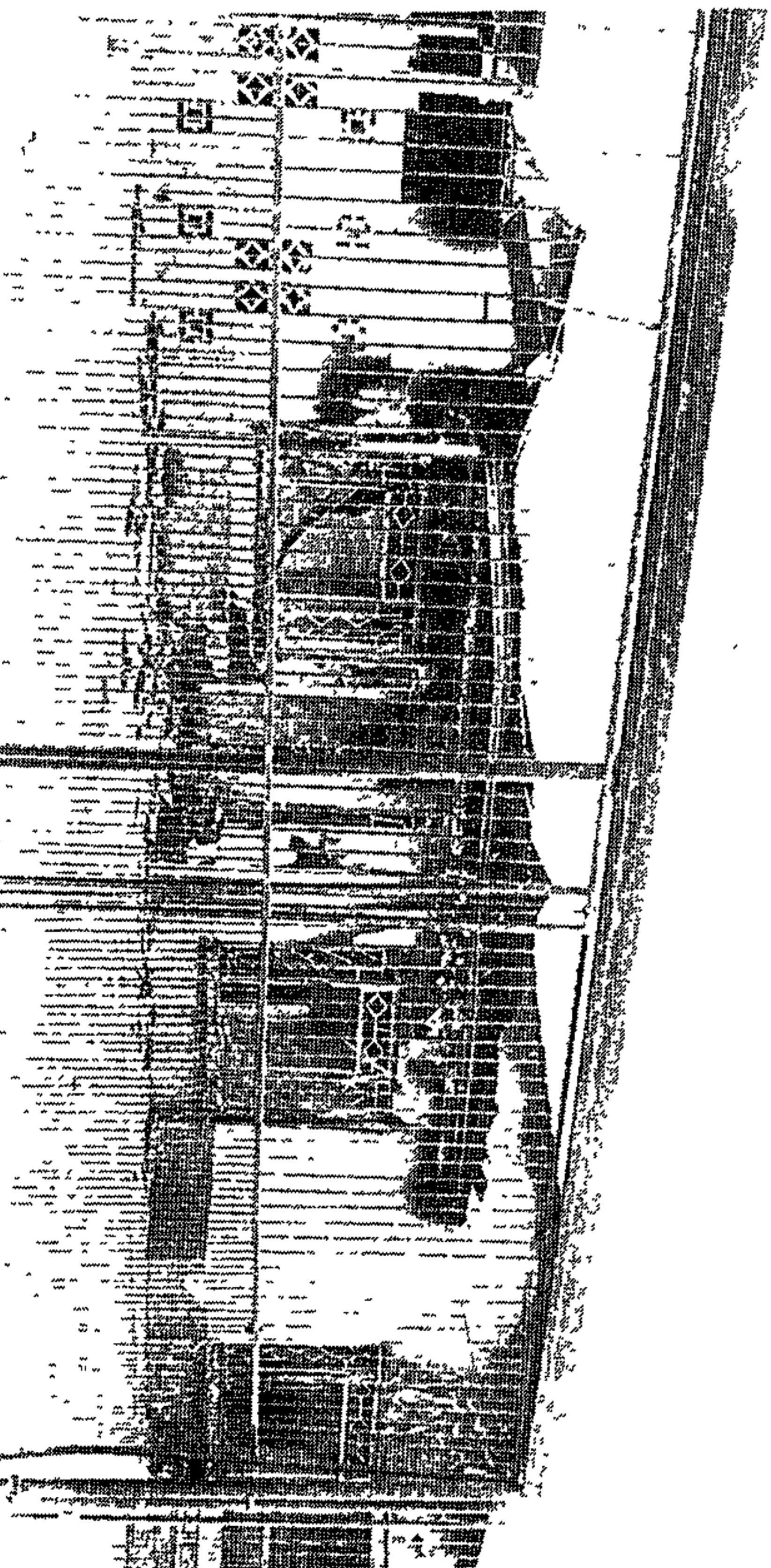
A person was killed during renewed fighting between ANC and Inkatha supporters in the township at the weekend.

The fresh violence erupted just days after leaders of rival political organisations came together last week to end factional fighting which has torn the community apart.

In the preceding week, at least 12 people were killed.

Social problems

Socio-economic problems coupled with "negative competitiveness" among political groupings are the main causes of the violence, according to Mr Joe Seremane, a former Robben Island prisoner who now heads the Dependents Conference of the South African Council of Church (SACC).



DESTRUCTION: A destroyed home of a shop owner who was accused of being an ANC sympathiser

"As this is a small township, those who support rival political organisations are easily identified. Innocent people are also caught in the crossfire."

Residents of the township are "punchdrunk" of the violence.

They say in November last year 25 people died in a six-day orgy of violence.

They now expect slayings to happen "any day, at any time."

Hacked bodies were usually found in the streets or veld.

Others, were forced to drink petrol and then set alight.

Some were abducted and never seen again.

The young are not unaffected. Creches and schools are from time to time disrupted and pupils and teachers beaten up.

Seremane said since the outbreak of



SACC fieldworker, Joe Seremane

violence about 18 formal houses had been set alight, including that of policemen and councillors.

FIG: DYNAMIC IMAGES

He said double the number of shacks had been destroyed in Mandelaville.

In one bizarre incident last November, mourners were beaten up at a night vigil when they refused to hand over a corpse to alleged ANC members.

A joint visit by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu to the area late last year failed to stem the violence.

Vuyisile Ndebeni, a fieldworker employed by the SACC and an executive member of the Bickersdal Environmental Awareness Campaign said peace prevailed for two to three weeks after Vlok and Sisulu had been to the area.

"But on Christmas Eve violence erupted again.

"Some strongholds or artificial boundaries now exist. In Bickersdal if you are in Azapo section of the township, there's no way that you can go to

another section."

Classrooms are divided with pupils from a section of the township not allowed to attend school in another section.

Ndebeni said a criminal (isotsi) element worsened the violence.

Community councillors also entered the fray after residents embarked on a rent boycott.

"They have sided with one group and have added a new dimension to the violence," said Ndebeni.

Ndebeni said unemployment in the Mandelaville squatter area was as high as 70 percent.

Lack of housing

He said socio-economic factors such as the lack of housing and facilities must be taken into account when peace initiatives were undertaken.

"There's no sense in leaders calling for peace if the socio-economic conditions remain the same."

Seremane said Bickersdal township was established in the early 1940s.

"For us, who grew up here, it has been a long history of deprivation.

"The bucket system was been in operation here until two years ago.

"There has been a terrible backlog of housing and other amenities."

Seremane said although the clashes between members of the Azanian Students Movement (Azasim) and the Bickersdal Youth Congress began in 1988, the worst conflict arose since the unbanning of organisations like the ANC and PAC.

Last weekend the ANC's chief of staff Mr Chris Hanu told more than 5 000 people at a joint rally apartheid should be blamed and that political tolerance should be practised.

But for the time being, political rivals believe the best place to bury the hatchet is in each other's back.

Pupils fend off attack on school

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Teachers and pupils at a Benoni school abandoned classes on Monday to repel an attack by suspected hired hooligans.

Pupils chased the attackers, seized them and handed them over to the police before resuming lessons. A 14-year-old pupil was assaulted. Charges have been laid with the police.

The incident at Etwatwa High School in Wattville led to the questioning of at least three leaders of the local civic association, including its chairman. They were pointed out as the alleged planners of the attack by 11 youths, who were arrested.

Police charged the 11 youths with public violence. They appeared in court on Tuesday and their case was adjourned to March 20, police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweek said. The youths, aged between 14 and 17, will remain in custody.

Civic leader Vincent Francis yesterday said teachers at the school had been embroiled in conflict with pupils over their refusal to readmit those who had failed matric examinations and others who wished to write supplementary exams.

Stones

A source at the school, who refused to be named, said the entire teaching staff of 49 and the majority of the 1 500 pupils had responded when the attackers began hurling stones at the school building, shattering several windows.

"When arrested, they told police they were recruited by civic and education co-ordinating people," the source said.

Mr Francis denied that the attackers had been hired. He said a group of pupils launched the attack "in protest against the decision not to admit them".

He alleged that teachers informed police that the attack had been planned by prominent members of the community.

Mr Francis said teachers had spurned efforts by the local branch of the National Education Co-ordinating Committee to resolve problems at the school, and blamed "conservative teachers" for the trouble.

The source at the school said teachers had questioned the impartiality of the civic leaders and the NECC members to settle the conflict. — Sapa.

Principal and teacher dismissed after clash

PARENTS at the Hlomphanang High School in Soshanguve, have dismissed the principal and a teacher following personality clashes between the two which affected progress at the school. *Sowetan*

This was announced yesterday by a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training who said the clash was so serious that the teacher had apparently served papers on the principal for alleged defamatory statements. *14/2/91*

The DET spokesman said the deterioration of relations between the

By MONK NKOMO

principal and the teacher affected and retarded progress at the school.

"An urgent parents' meeting was called and it was resolved that both academics be fired from the school as their personality clashes were affecting the education of the pupils". *(278)*

He added that both teachers were presently reporting at the local circuit office. *(278)*

Although the school was running normally, inspectors were doing their utmost to resolve the matter amicably with the

parents concerned, said the DET spokesman.

He also reported that pupils reported for classes in Bekkersdal on Tuesday after weeks of violence in the area.

Hundreds of pupils boycotted classes at the Mosupatsela High School in Krugersdorp on Tuesday after a pupil was allegedly arrested on charges of arson.

The situation in Mamelodi seemed to be normal although the 35 principals, who were chased away by pupils last week, are still reporting at the local Teachers' Centre.

No one to blame for shoot-out deaths of 3

A JOHANNESBURG inquest magistrate yesterday found no-one criminally responsible for the deaths of three men in a shoot-out between police and army units in Soweto two years ago. (S2) 276

The magistrate, Mr CG de Lange, said after all the conflicting evidence he was unable to find anyone responsible by any acts or omission.

More than 20 witnesses testified in the inquest, which began over a year ago.

A post-mortem had established that Ramonne Pule (36), Max Nene (22) and Iven Ntshintila (29) had died of multiple gunshot wounds from R4 rifles.

They died at a house in White City Jabavu on December 15 1988 after police stormed the house where the army were staked out, allegedly waiting for ANC "terrorists". - Sapa. Sowetan 14/1/91

Anger over school case

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THE chairman of the Wattville Concerned Residents Committee yesterday denied that he and two others were involved in disrupting classes at Etwatwa High School this week.

Mr Abie Nyalunga and two women, Miss Thoko Hlatshwayo and Miss Flora Dada, were taken by police after classes were disrupted at the school on Monday. They were released after questioning.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel confirmed that

By NKOPANE
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the three were temporarily detained.

She also said eight youths appeared in court on charges of public violence on Tuesday in connection with the school disturbances.

Their case was postponed to March 20.

Nyalunga told *Sowetan* that the WCRC and the Wattville Education Co-ordinating Committee viewed the incident in a serious light.

He said they had referred the matter to their

attorneys.

"My committee and the WECC never at any stage instigated pupils to engage in acts of intimidation.

"I also want to point out that I was never arrested by the police but went to the police station voluntarily to clear the allegations," he said.

He added that he found it ironic that the two organisations should be accused of disrupting schooling in the area when they were the ones who had spearheaded the "back-to-school campaign".

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Winnie trial casts doubts over future of justice in SA

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — The proceedings at Mrs Winnie Mandela's trial have cast doubt over the future of South Africa's judicial system, according to commentators in two leading British newspapers.

The Johannesburg correspondent for The Times said attorney-general Mr Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau's claim that any attempt to intimidate witnesses would be dealt with by "the

fullest vigour the law can command", had been "ignored with impunity". "The law's response has been negligible, and a mockery is being made of the South African judicial system."

The Daily Mail said the trial had "dangerous ramifications for the whole country".

"And the truly awesome aspect of the whole situation is that the mighty power of the old regime cannot and will not act against it," the Mail added.

"Increasingly, the ordinary people of South Africa — both blacks and whites — are asking why everyone in power seems to be turning a blind eye."

"And the answer is that President F W de Klerk, with his dreams of a new, united South Africa, cannot afford to upset the applecart, however rotten."

"Whatever the anathema of apartheid, and the need for it to be destroyed, there will be no easing of racist attitudes if a future black

government fails to replace it with true democracy and an impeccable judicial system.

"ANC behaviour in the Winnie Mandela case holds out little hope that justice will emerge unscathed in this trial. The events of the last few days signal that South Africa under black rule might be no better than it is under white rule."

"The nightmare ahead is that it could conceivably be a great deal worse ..."



JUSTICE FOR ALL . . . Mrs Winnie Mandela arriving at court yesterday with Mr Nelson Mandela at her side. Events at her trial are causing British commentators to question the future of justice in South Africa.

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Two won't testify against Winnie

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two young men allegedly kidnapped and assaulted by Mrs Winnie Mandela and three co-accused yesterday refused to testify against her, saying they feared for their lives if they did so.

Mr Kenneth Kgase and Mr Bar-end Thabiso Mono said they had decided not to testify following the apparent kidnapping of another key witness, Mr Gabriel Pelo Mekgwe, on Sunday night.

Mr Justice M Stegmann will rule today on whether the two have a justifiable excuse for not giving evidence.

The three witnesses, together with teenage activist Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, were allegedly kidnapped from a Methodist manse in Orlando-West and taken to Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof Extension home, where they were allegedly assaulted in December 1988.

Mrs Mandela and her co-accused have pleaded not guilty to

the charges.

Deputy attorney-general Mr Jan Swanepoel, SC, told the court yesterday that the state's case rested on the evidence of the three.

Mr Mono and Mr Kgase, like Mr Mekgwe, are under subpoena and face prison if they refuse to give evidence.

Yesterday they told the court that despite having fears they had given evidence at last year's trial of former Mandela United football coach Jerry Richardson about the alleged kidnapping and assaults.

'Lives at risk'

Mr Mono and Mr Kgase said they had been prepared to give evidence in the present trial until the disappearance of Mekgwe. Both said they believed Mr Mekgwe had been kidnapped.

They both said they realised they could be sent to jail for refusing to give evidence but faced the risk of losing their lives after the trial was over if they did.

Asked by Mr Swanepoel under

cross-examination if he had implicated Mrs Mandela in the assaults during evidence at the Richardson trial, Kgase replied he "won't talk about that".

Mr Paul Kennedy, who is acting for both, argued that in the circumstances his clients had a "justifiable excuse" in law for refusing to testify.

Their residual fears, he said, had now been heightened to an unbearable degree.

Mr Swanepoel said he had great sympathy for the two but they had not established a justifiable excuse for failure to testify, he submitted.

Referring to Mr Kgase earlier, Mr Justice Stegmann said the matter threatened the very foundations of the system of justice and could not be tolerated.

He also asked the media to adhere to the spirit of the sub judice principle after an objection from Mrs Mandela's counsel, Mr George Bizos, SC, about "speculatory" reports linking "an organisation of which his client was a leading member" to Mr Mekgwe's disappearance.

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Winnie 'witness' phones from Harare

JOHANNESBURG. — A man claiming to be Mr Gabriel Mekgwe — a key witness in the kidnap and assault trial in which Mrs Winnie Mandela is a co-accused — allegedly phoned Sapa from Harare yesterday.

"I am Gabriel Mekgwe. I have a message which I want to have published in newspapers," the man told Sapa reporter Mr Andrew Lefoka.

Mr Lefoka, who reported on the murder trial of Mandela United football club coach Jerry Richardson last year, in which Mr Mekgwe testified, said the voice of the caller was similar to Mr Mekgwe's.

Asked what the message was, the caller said "I am prepared to meet Swanepoel anywhere in the world except in South Africa. I am in Harare now and I feel very safe."

Mr Jan Swanepoel is the state advocate in the trial.

Mr Mekgwe said he preferred not to meet Mr Swanepoel in South Africa "because I believe in South Africa I'm not safe. I know if you don't want to give evidence in South Africa you can be detained."

But Mr Mekgwe said

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he was not prepared to give evidence in Mrs Mandela's trial because he would not like to betray his fellow "comrades" CH- 14/2/78

Asked how he reconciled this with earlier reports in which he was quoted as saying he was prepared to testify in the "Winnie trial" because what he had said in the Richardson trial was the truth, he said most of the things that appeared in the newspapers were "from the state and not from me".

However, Mr Mekgwe urged other witnesses to proceed with giving their evidence in the trial. Z 78

He said he left South Africa on Sunday night at about 10.30pm. Before he left he had been at the Soweto home of the Rev Paul Verryn of the Methodist Church, he said.

Mr Verryn had not been at his home at that time and he had found "some boys" there.

He refuted reports that he had been abducted from the Soweto Methodist Church by alleged ANC officials, saying he left the country voluntarily and went straight to Harare.

Mr Mekgwe hung up midway through the interview.

On Tuesday afternoon Mr Swanepoel was quoted in news reports as saying he had been led to believe that Mr Mekgwe had telephoned from outside South Africa and said he was well.

However, as far as the police were concerned there was a prima facie case of kidnapping, he said. — Sapa

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JOHANNESBURG. — Teachers and pupils at a school east of Johannesburg abandoned classes on Monday to repel an attack by suspected hired hooligans.

The incident at Etwatwa High School, Wattville, led to the questioning of at least three senior leaders of the local civic association, including its chairman. They were pointed out as the alleged planners of the attack by 11 youths later arrested by police.

The youths were charged with public violence. They appeared in court on Tuesday and their case had been adjourned until March 20, a police spokeswoman

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**Pupils repel
attack by
'hooligans'**

said. The youths, aged between 14 and 17, will remain in custody.

Civic leader Mr. Vincent Francis said yesterday teachers at the school had been embroiled in conflict with students over their refusal to re-admit students who had failed matric examinations and others who wished to write supplementary examinations.

He denied the attackers were hired. — Sapa

aying down the law, Toughman-style

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He's 23, lives in a two-bedroomed house with his mother and five brothers and dreams of being a lawyer.

EDDIE KOCH and SARAH BLECHER interview a Carletonville comrade

TOUGHMAN, as he likes to be called, fears for his life in Carletonville's primitive dormitory township of Khutsong.

Comisotsi criminals, vigilantes and the police are all part of it. Last year one of his close friends was gunned down by the police while trying to burn a "sellout's" vehicle, and he doesn't want the same fate, he explains in a mixture of Sotho and English.

"I'd like to live outside Carletonville, like in the middle of the city of Johannesburg," he says wistfully, adding, almost as an aside, that life is boring in his hometown.

"They say we're about 140 000 people here and there's only one sports field, but we all go to practice, even though most don't make the team, because there's nothing else to do. They opened up the dam resort but sometimes if you go there the rightwingers from Carletonville attack you because they don't want blacks there. I tried once and they threw teargas at me.

"There's one tennis court but it has grass growing on it and there are no movies. Some of us do boxing and karate. And it stinks here because we still use buckets for toilets."

But it will be at least two years before Toughman has even an outside chance of making a new life for himself.

He's 23 now, but having just completed the first month of Standard Nine, he has at least another two years at school.

Hardly surprisingly, he is an ardent advocate of the slogan "pass one pass all", which is painted on the walls of his litter-covered school where the 2 000 pupils seem to attend classes sporadically.

"We had no school for six months because of harassment and no-one



Toughman ... an ANC member, although he doesn't yet have his card

was able to go through the whole syllabus — so it would be unfair to pass only some," he explains, stressing that he blames the Department of Education and Training.

Now the boys are back in class, without their uniforms, most wearing loose fitting baggy trousers down to mid-calf level, a few with fancy shoes, trenchcoats and caps. They all smoke in front of their teachers, but few seem to have cigarettes. Most of the girls are still in their tight school pinafores.

Toughman describes himself as a "middle" student, but is sure he will get his matric one day. And after that? It's a question he hasn't really thought of before.

His lugubrious eyes light up and he laughs at what is evidently a new idea: "I'd like to be a lawyer one day. I think I would be able to do that."

For the moment though his sense of identity comes from being an activist of the Congress of South African Students, though his school has yet to form a Students' Representative Council.

"I am also an ANC member," he says

proudly, "though I don't yet have a card."

"We are all ANC," he adds, pointing to his increasingly interested classmates around him.

Only the boys and young men are present. The girls, it seems, go straight home after school. There are even fewer recreation facilities for them, and there is an ever-present fear of rape. Only last week the one of their female classmates was viciously attacked by "Gadafis" comisotsis and left for dead, they say.

Outside of the school grounds Toughman's family participates in the activities of the local street committee. He lives in a two-bedroomed house with his mother and five brothers. Only one brother works (on the mines, like most other men in the area) so he puts the bread on the table for all.

The street committee helps combat crime, which Toughman bravely claims has been eliminated by the comrades' efforts, but later admits is still an enormous problem.

"If someone commits a crime we discipline him according to his mistakes.

For example we try to speak to the person about the problem. If he goes on with it we beat him — give him a few lashes, usually six

"But if it's something very serious, say like a rape where there's been a witness, then he will be punished more severely. He must feel the pain. We'll give him more lashes," he says, noting that it "sometimes works" in discouraging criminal behaviour, even though the ANC opposes it. Some of the culprits are criminals who pose as comrades, known as the Comisotsis or the Gadafis, but Toughman admits the comrades' success in routing these elements is limited.

"They mainly come from the squatter camps and most of them don't come to school. So when we're in class they go to the shops in the townships and the houses and they force people to 'donate' money to the comrades, when all they are really doing is stealing."

But Toughman admits he is scared of these elements.

"I can't go and speak to them about this because they would assault me. You don't know when they will visit

you and they steal under the nose of the comrades."

One of the activities the Comisotsis are still involved in — and which he says the comrades have now stopped — is the looting and burning of delivery vehicles.

"We used to do it because the police would use private vans and taxis to come and get us. We are still being harassed by them. We don't know if they are police or hit squads or vigilantes, but they come at night and they assassinate our people."

"The police say they are coming in the name of law and order to finish off crime. They come to do things against the people, and they don't come in police vehicles. That is why we were burning these vans and trucks. But today it's only the Comisotsis, not the comrades."

Last March Toughman and his friends were involved in "taking action" against a person who used to lend the police his vehicle to search for comrades.

"It took three days — we burnt his house and burnt his car. Then on the Monday we thought it was that guy but when the car got too close we realised it was the police and they shot my friend dead."

"I saw him falling to the ground when they started shooting. I just tried to run and hide, but I felt very sorry. They later threw him into a Hippo."

"I think the police are murderers because they don't make law and order in the township. They should be neutral."

Toughman says the police are supporting the vigilantes (which he also calls Azasms) and the comisotsis.

"Why is it that when we are detained we are held for months, but the comisotsis are released without charge after a few days and the vigilantes are never arrested? From what the police have shown me I can't trust them."

Toughman could trust a police force of an ANC government, and thinks the street committees and ANC defence committees should play this role in the interim, though he admits he doesn't know whether his township has a defence committee.

Problems in the ANC ... Sectarian violence tears a village apart, while in Carletonville a young comrade talks

AFRICAN National Congress branches in different parts of the country are being torn apart by bizarre forms of internecine conflict — including attempts by local leaders of the movement to murder each other.

In Tornado, an aptly named village 80km west of Pretoria, rival executive members of the ANC branch have mobilised their own personal armies of thugs and threatened to kill each other.

The formation of an ANC branch in Tornado, otherwise known as Moderspruit, in September last year was the first ever in Bophuthatswana. It was hailed as a breakthrough against the campaign of repression unleashed

Tornado ripped apart by ANC's war

by homeland leader Lucas Mangope against his political opponents.

Since then the social fabric of Tornado, battered by successive waves of sectarian struggles, has been ripped apart. Residents now describe a microcosm of political fragmentation.

The homeland's Emergency Regulations forbid the holding of public meetings without permission — which has been denied each time this branch has applied to hold a meeting.

"The ANC has had a lot of experience as a banned organisation. But the prob-

The village of Tornado has become a microcosm of political fragmentation as warring ANC factions threaten to kill each other. **By EDDIE KOCH and SARAH BLECHER**

lem is that we aren't able to share this experience because we can't call a general meeting," said Andrew Mapheto, ANC regional organiser.

The ANC has now suspended the activities of its marshals in the village af-

ter residents complained of killings and terror by lawless youths acting in the name of "the struggle".

ANC officials explain that because the community did not trust the local police, justice in the township was meted out by the marshals — who abused their position.

Taxi organisations from the nearby community of Bapong, who are also ANC supporters, have been involved in a bloody war with the "comrades" from Tornado.

An executive member of the Tornado

ANC branch, Vero Mashabella, was murdered last month after being caught trying to rob the home of a prominent taxi owner in Bapong.

The circumstances leading to Mashabella's death are being investigated by police but already they have unleashed a wave of paranoia and mutual recrimination in local activist ranks.

After giving Mashabella an official ANC funeral, factions within Tornado's leadership swapped mutual allegations that they had been responsible for the death of their comrade. Each camp mobilised a coterie of armed youths and threatened a civil war that was only averted by the intervention of the ANC's regional office.

'ANC reputation on trial'

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — The Guardian newspaper, torch-bearer of the liberal left in British politics, yesterday urged Mr Nelson Mandela to distance himself "very fast, very openly" from the "deeply disturbing" Winnie Mandela affair.

The newspaper said in an editorial: "The reputation at stake in the Rand Supreme Court is not that of Winnie Mandela — but of the ANC."

Friends of the ANC abroad had been "appalled by the evidence of intimidation of witness against Mrs Mandela", it said.

"When the original scandal broke two years ago, leading anti-apartheid

activists in South Africa condemned the Mandela United Football Club and criticised her for complicity in a 'reign of terror'."

Since then, however, her critics in the ANC had been silenced and she had been promoted to leading positions in the organisation.

Allegations of kidnapping and intimidation were given "added credibility by the behaviour of the witnesses in court".

"For the sake of South Africa's future, and the ANC's, Mr Mandela and his advisers need to distance themselves, very fast, very openly, from this deeply disturbing affair," the Guardian said.

Passenger shot dead in train terror

JOHANNESBURG. — One passenger was shot dead and a second was flung from a train in separate incidents on the East Rand on Wednesday.

Police are investigating the fatal shooting of a Katlehong commuter by a security guard on a passenger train passing through Germiston on Wednesday.

The unidentified man was killed instantly when he was shot in the head with a shotgun.

In Kempton Park a commuter, Mr P. van Tonder, 19, was thrown off a passenger train.

An ambulance spokesman said the injured Mr Van Tonder was found next to the railway line at 4pm.

Mr Van Tonder is being treated for fractures, lacerations and abrasions in Kempton Park Hospital. — Sapa

'I don't blame Mrs Mandela' — Stompie's mother

PARYS. — In contrast to previous statements expressing bitterness towards the ANC, Mrs Manaki Seipei yesterday displayed her apparent solidarity with the organisation, and condemned the government for her son Stompie's murder in 1988.

"We in Tumahole (the township near Parys in the Free State) blame his death on the racist regime and we say the people shall decide the fate of this racist regime that rules our country through the barrel of the gun," according to a statement reporters were told was compiled by Mrs

Seipei and the ANC.

It was read out at a press conference in the Parys township, with Mrs Seipei present.

She is apparently a member of the ANC and posed with her membership card after the conference.

Answering questions about the trial of Mrs Winnie Mandela, she said: "It has been painful, but her (Mrs Mandela's) pain won't relieve mine. I do not blame Mrs Mandela as a person."

Mrs Seipei allegedly contacted the ANC

because she was being harassed by the press.

"She felt that we (the ANC) should always be present at an interview so that she cannot be misquoted," the joint statement said.

"We in the ANC and other community structures feel that the death of our comrade Stompie is being used by the media to try to harass our comrade Winnie Mandela, her husband comrade leader Nelson Mandela, and ultimately the ANC." — Sapa

Sebokeng evidence 'based on hearsay'

By Melody McDougall 278
Vereeniging Bureau

A witness admitted in the Vereeniging Supreme Court yesterday that a statement in his affidavit that SADF soldiers shot "at least 11 people" dead at the Sebokeng hostel last year was based on hearsay.

Nelson Hloniphile was testifying at the inquest into the deaths of 42 people at the hostel on September 4.

The inquest is being chaired by Mr Justice E Stafford.

Mr Hloniphile, who told the court he was an ANC supporter, said that when soldiers fired shots, he and others ran away. On returning to the scene, he had heard that 11 people had been killed.

Asked under cross-examina-

tion by counsel for the SADF, B W Burman, SC, why he had not pointed out earlier that his allegation was based on hearsay, Mr Hloniphile replied: "I was present when the shooting took place. I did not count how many people were struck. On our return we found people had died. They weren't (lying) there before the SADF fired."

During the hearing, Mr Justice Stafford remarked that, from evidence presented, it had been established that so far one person had died as a result of the army's firing.

According to Mr Hloniphile, the shooting occurred after many people had gathered outside blocks F and D and on the tarred road outside the hostels.

He said some SADF vehicles

arrived and parked next to the hostels

Soldiers started advancing towards the residents gathered outside the hostel. People at the corner of hostel 1, block E, were told to sit down, which they did.

Mr Hloniphile said a senior SADF officer wearing a green beret walked in front of the troops before he took a teargas grenade and flung it over the heads of the people. The grenade landed behind them, next to a police Casspir.

He said that after it exploded the "commander" turned around and soldiers started firing at the people sitting down.

Under cross-examination, the witness said he had not been told that the Casspir had been attacked by a crowd and petrol thrown over it.

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People's Court shows 'thieves'

I AM at a People's Court in Rockville, Soweto, seated on the floor

There is no space in the crammed sitting room of this large house. Everyone is there to decide the fate of two young boys accused of house-breaking and attempted theft.

For a while, it seems as if the decision as to whether the boys will live or die will be left to the mob.

"Kill the bastards," demands an elderly man seated on the carpet.

Deafening roar

The room of 120 to 150 people erupts into a deafening roar.

The crimes are alleged to have taken place at the house now being used to accommodate the People's Court.

It's almost 8.15 pm and the boys, both aged 13, are tired. The hearing has been going on since about 6 pm.

"Comrades, we're running out of time. Please let's finally decide what we do with these boys," said a man in his 50s whom I called "The Speaker".

The boys were allegedly caught

"red-handed" at 8 am and have been locked in a garage all day.

Residents of the area had come back from work to see "the thugs responsible for several thefts in our neighbourhood".

Commotion erupts again, this time threatening to get out of hand. "Order! Order please, comrades!" pleads a man in his late 30s.

Order is restored, allowing a man I labelled "The Kicker" to take advantage of the silence. "If you don't allow us to kill these little criminals, then at least allow us to chop their fingers off!"

The crowd roars again. "The Kicker", living up to his name, delivers a powerful blow to the jaw of one of the boys, much to the dismay of the few local civic association leaders present.

Most of those present in the cigarette smoke filled room are men — except for a woman seated behind me. Their ages vary from 16 to 60. Outside other women are ululating, rejoicing at the "remarkable" capture of the "thieves".

Said "The Speaker": "Comrades, let's not be controlled by emotions

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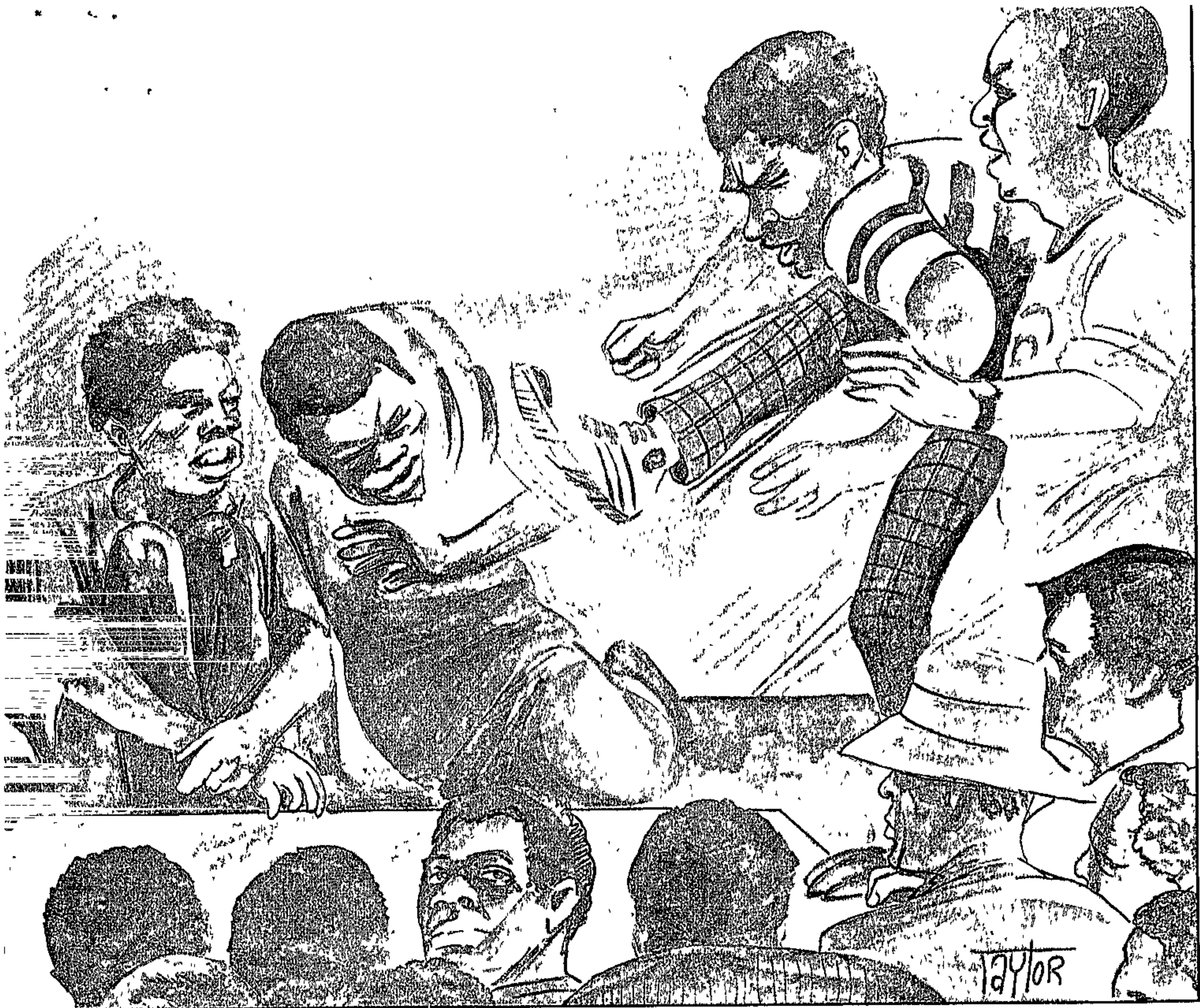
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The two boys, dressed in tat- tered clothing, are now obviously losing hope that they will survive this ordeal. Seated close to each other on the carpet, their bodies are visibly shaking and their eyes are wide in faces swollen from re- peated assaults.

The "court room" has grown tense, the mood is pensive. The at- mosphere is funereal.

"The Visitor" reveals his stand- point: "Comrades, although I'm a member of the 'civic', I also work for the ANC's Health and Welfare department. I doubt whether these boys have had something to eat. Besides, it is clear they are minors.

Near blows

"I'm not against anyone wanting these boys killed" — but before he can continue he is interrupted by another elderly man in the far corner. "Then we must start by putting out their eyes!"

It now emerges that not every- one in the room is in favour of the death penalty and an argument ensues between those for and against killing them. It becomes so

heated that there is a real possibil- ity of them coming to blows.

"Order! Order! Comrades!" shouted the now familiar voice.

"Gentlemen," proposes a man in his late 50s. "I suggest their knees be broken."

Another heavy roar of approval.

"The Visitor" snaps "I and all civic leaders dissociate ourselves from the killings, comrades! But, mark my words, we are going to monitor the killings. Here's how we start: anybody participating must first write down his name and address, otherwise you won't do anything to these boys."

The owner of the house is asked to pronounce on whether the boys should live or die?

"Gentlemen" — He pauses for what seemed like an interminable length of time. "All I want is my goods back."

"I agree that police be called to take these boys to whoever they sold my clothes to. They (the po- lice) will decide what to do with the boys afterwards."

The police are called. They ar- rive at 9.40 pm. They drive away with the shaking boys, the house owner and a few neighbours.

Jeppie killings accused cannot raise their bail

By MARTIN
NTSOELENGOE

FIVE Inkatha members facing 21 counts of murder and 47 of attempted murder are in a further dilemma — they cannot raise the R100 000 bail and their party won't pay for them.

The five are charged with the Jeppie train massacre in which 21 people were killed and 47 were injured when a gang attacked commuters between Jeppie and Ellis Park stations in September.

Some of the passengers were hacked, some shot and others thrown off the moving train.

Inkatha Freedom Party youth leader Themba Khoza told *City Press* this week that his organisation was aware of the R100 000 bail but did not plan to pay for the men.

Asked whether the party had financial problems, Khoza said it was "not a question of money, but that IFP has no plans on the question of bail".

He blamed the Press for making "unnecessary noises" when funds

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were collected at the Jeppie Hostel for the bail.

The men were refused bail from the time of their arrest in September to January, when they were each granted bail of R20 000 but were unable to pay it.

The five are Martin Nqobobo, 49; Basi Nkosingondle, 27; Manyebo Magubane, 55; Solomon Khumalo, 33; and Mandla Majozi, 23, all of Jeppie Men's Hostel in Johannesburg.

'Crazed kid' in roadblock knife attack'

By SANDILE MEMELA

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BEKKERSDAL residents were angered this week when a mentally retarded young man was shot by SADF soldiers after he allegedly attacked them with a knife.

Teko Motingoa, 18, was shot a few metres from his home on Thursday morning soon after walking into the streets carrying a knife.

The youth was seen lying on the ground for about 45 minutes before he was taken away for medical attention at Leratong Hospital in Krugersdorp.

The incident was confirmed by Capt Henriette Bester of the SAP, who said an unknown black male attacked and injured two members of the army with a knife at a roadblock in the area.

"When they were attacked they had to defend themselves. Shots were fired and the man was injured," said Bester.

His grandmother Sophie Motingoa said the youth was washing dishes in the house when he saw soldiers patrolling next to his house.

"The last time I saw him was when he walked into the streets. The next moment I heard three shots and on going out to investigate I saw him lying in the street with lots of armed soldiers next to him," said Motingoa.

Bester said the situation in Bekkersdal was normal at the time of the incident.

A *City Press* team found the youth writhing on the ground and throngs of soldiers and police guarding him.

The street was cordoned off and people were not allowed near the scene.

Eyewitnesses told *City Press* that resentment had built up against the presence of the soldiers in the townships after they allegedly harassed residents and subjected them to body searches.

Kgotso Thekiso, 26, said he was robbed of R30 by soldiers who also confiscated his penknife after searching him.

"It has become obvious that the soldiers are not here to maintain law and order but to rob residents under the pretext of maintaining law and order," said Thekiso.

"Should any resident have trouble with the army or police they are requested to report to the local police station or go to Krugersdorp," said Bester.

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Peace-loving pastor

By SANDILE MEMELA

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THE Rev Paul Vilakazi of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bekkersdal is a man of peace in a valley of death. He finds it frightening — but he's not going to give up.

When he arrived at the beginning of the year he was thrown into the deep end of the turmoil that tore apart this small community. Now his leadership of concerned residents striving for a normal community life in the area is bearing fruit.

Vilakazi has been a pastor for the past 14 years and has ministered to congregations in the Free State, the East Rand and Soweto. The former Sunday school teacher graduated from the RR Wright Seminary at Wilberforce in 1976. For six years he was a pastor in Soweto.

Today Vilakazi will lead a thanksgiving ceremony at the local stadium from 8am to pray for continued peace and brotherhood among the residents.

"The aim of the sermon will be to restore peace and healing. Residents will be urged to appreciate the progress made in restoring normal community life in the area," said Vilakazi.

Hundreds of people including youths, women's groups and representatives of political organisations are expected to attend.

This will foster a new era of tolerance Vilakazi helped create a fortnight ago when leaders from the ANC, PAC, Azapo and the

Working for normal life in a valley of death

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Inkatha Freedom Party shared a platform and called on township residents to unite.

"On my first day here I saw violence and conflict. I was very frightened but I knew that I would have to stick it out and try to help stop the bloodletting," said Vilakazi.

The soft-spoken pastor's church is in Pan-yapanya street, the boundary that separates a Black Consciousness stronghold and the Charterist camp.

For over a year the church has tried to stop the power struggle involving youths from the ANC and Azapo.

Since Vilakazi's arrival his church has become the nucleus of the community and attracts leaders from across the political spectrum wanting to formulate strategies to bring peace to the area.

While the dark brown church building looks desolate on a weekday, frantic peace efforts are being made inside the building by

leaders of the various parties

The daily activities of Vilakazi include attending long meetings with leaders from student organisations, women's groups, political parties and concerned residents who want permanent peace.

He is determined to achieve that objective. "Throughout the world Bekkersdal is now known as a community torn apart by war. This is the image I would like to see removed from people's minds," he said.

"One does not do this for glory, but to see peace and respectability brought back to the community."

Vilakazi said the peace process was going well, after frequent consultations between local and national leadership on developments.

"There is no doubt that a healing process is underway."

He said that after the recent rally the physical demarcation that separated the community into Azapo and ANC camps had been done away with.

Vilakazi is no stranger to saving lives and bringing peace into the hearts of men. In 1985 he was involved in plans to get a reprieve for the Sharpeville Six who had been sentenced to death for the murder of a councillor.

"I have been given the opportunity to preach sermons that go beyond political affiliation. The community is now looking forward to peace and stability and deserves a new life."



Rev Paul Vilakazi... pushing for peace and normal community life in Bekkersdal.

Three thrashed for ignoring stayaway

By DAN DHLAMINI

SHOCKWAVES are rippling through the Jouberton township of Klerksdorp following the "sentencing" of three men to 50 lashes each by a people's court — for ignoring a stayaway call.

Simon Mathapo, 63; witness Jimbo Gaje 59; Ishamil Kraai, 38; and Sakie Mokone, 37; told *City Press* this week they went to work on February 1 — the day of the national stayaway to protest at the opening of a "racist" Parliament and to call for a constituent assembly.

The scarred victims told *City Press* they were rounded up by comrades at 3am two days later and taken to a shack at Nyamazane squatter camp where the dimly-lit people's court was in session.

Youths who said they were comrades accused them of not supporting the stayaway call.

"We were tried, found guilty and

summarily sentenced to 50 lashes each with sjamboks by boys younger than my sons. We were not given a chance to state our case," said Mathapo.

"We had read in the newspapers that the stayaway was optional and no meeting had been held in Jouberton to tell people not to go to work."

Together with his colleagues, he was booked off work for four days by a doctor as a result of his injuries.

Mathapo said that after he was sentenced, his trousers were pulled down and he was forced to lie face down on a drum. His hands and feet were held while he was given more than 70 lashes.

Buckets of cold water were poured over the victims after the lashings. They were then forced to toyi-toyi while singing a song about themselves being "sell-outs".

Residents would not name the court "officials".

Mathapo said that after the punishment they were warned that if they laid charges with the police, comrades would burn their houses. It was difficult to identify their assailants because the lighting in the shack was poor.

Tyron Thomas, a spokesman for the ANC regional office, which organised the stayaway in Klerksdorp, denied the organisers were involved in any people's court.

He said the ANC condemned such actions, which might have been perpetrated by thugs posing as ANC members.

Thomas said members of the campaigns committee would not involve themselves in brutality.

He urged the victims to report at the ANC office so the matter could be thoroughly investigated.

No one to blame for shoot-out deaths of 3

A JOHANNESBURG inquest magistrate yesterday found no-one criminally responsible for the deaths of three men in a shoot-out between police and army units in Soweto two years ago.

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More calls for mass action

THE Pimville branch of the Soweto Civic Association at the weekend called for the intensification of mass action to force councillors to resign.

The call came after a 10-man Pimville delegation was allegedly snubbed by Soweto town councillors on Saturday.

According to the deputy president of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal, Mr Kgabisi Mosunkutu, the delegation had arranged to meet councillors at Pimville council offices on Saturday morning.

They were to receive a response on their calls for the councillors to resign.

The councillors did not turn up and instead allegedly sent a junior council official and 20 policemen to present a statement to the delegation, reiterating their refusal to step down.

This official said councillors, including Soweto mayor Mr Oscar Maseko, were unable to attend the meeting.

SCA members later claimed to have seen Maseko slip out of the council offices shortly after the delegation had left.

Maseko could not be reached for comment. - Sapa.

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TAXI CHAOS: A police Casspir stands guard as hundreds of taxis block the entrance to the Bloed Street taxi rank early today.

Taxi drivers block rank, clash with police

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Angry taxi drivers and passengers clashed with police in Mamelodi today.

Hundreds of taxis blocked the entrances and exits to the new Dr Savage Road taxi rank to protest against the closure of the Bloed Street rank over the weekend. By 7am nearly 150 taxis were stuck in the chaos.

The Bloed Street rank was barricaded with welded railway sleepers yesterday, making entry impossible.

Members of the Defence Force and the police riot unit equipped with teargas, rubber bullets, shotguns and R-4 rifles were deployed at both ranks to enforce the closure.

Police and SADF tow trucks were used to remove the taxis, towing away at least three and damaging two. The rest of the drivers eventually moved their own vehicles voluntarily.

In Mamelodi, protesting drivers refused to take passengers to Pretoria. Police fired teargas in an attempt to disperse the crowd of about 200 which gathered outside the Mamelodi municipal offices.

'VERY DISAPPOINTED'

Members of the Pretoria United Taxi Association (Puta) were "very disappointed" with their association, which they felt had "sold out" to the Pretoria City Council.

"Put a could see that the rank was far too small," a member said. "Why did they agree to the move? We definitely don't support them."

Put a chairman Mr Enos Makena said that his association had "no choice but to comply with the council".

"We do not agree with the move but we lost the court battle to stay in Bloed Street. Legally we do not have a leg to stand on. We will welcome any other organisations which wants to take up the struggle," he said.

Bitter taxi owners were blatantly unhappy with the move.

Warring groups meet in Bekkersdal

A second meeting between the leadership of warring anti-apartheid organisations in Bekkersdal will take place in the strife-torn Krugersdorp township tomorrow.

The publicity secretary of the ANC's PWV region, Ronnie Mamoepa, said in a statement yes-

terday that the ANC's PWV regional executive committee will send a delegation to a meeting with the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) and the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) in an attempt to bring inter-organisational violence to an end. — Political Staff.

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'Expelled' principals are chased away again

THE 31 Mamelodi high school principals who were "expelled" by pupils about three weeks ago, were again threatened and chased away when they reported for classes on Monday.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training yesterday said the principals were warned by pupils not to return to their schools until certain demands had been met by the DET.

These include the reinstatement of dismissed teachers, the immediate supply of furniture and textbooks, employment of the teachers, renovation of schools and the immediate provision of extra classrooms. *Yowefen 20/2/91*

The 31 principals reported for classes on Monday following negotiations with local branches of the ANC, PAC, Cosas and the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) last Thursday.

The PAC, in a statement released yes-

By MONK NKOMO

terday, said issues highlighted at Thursday's meeting revealed that the principals were chased away by members of Cosas, some of whom were not even pupils. (225) (278)

"The principals said there was no order in schools as both teachers and students did as they pleased."

It was also clear that the local branch of Sadtu, which viewed the action as a tactical mistake, endorsed the action, the PAC said.

DET's Regional Chief Director, Mr Job Schoeman, yesterday refuted claims that teachers in Mamelodi were dismissed.

"This issue involves one teacher who was temporarily appointed only until June last year. He was not reappointed," Schoeman said.

Shots were fired at random, inquest into shootings told

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

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A group of men wearing blue overalls and white headbands fired shots at random at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4 last year, the inquest into the shootings was told yesterday.

The group, armed with a variety of weapons, then lobbed an object (thought to be a hand-grenade) into one of the hostel rooms in block H where it exploded. Later two bodies were seen lying inside the room.

This evidence in an affidavit by Petros Dzanibe, a hostel

dweller, was presented yesterday at the judicial inquest into the deaths of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel on that day.

He said the group set fire to his car.

Michael Mphalala, a hostel dweller who said he was an ANC supporter, said in an affidavit that a group of 100 people, armed with assorted weapons, gathered outside his window. They were hacking at people on the ground.

Later he saw soldiers arrive. They stood in a straight line shoulder-to-shoulder. The soldiers started firing "without any apparent reason".

Alex people in march for classrooms

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ABOUT 5 000 Alexandra pupils and teachers marched on the local inspector's office to highlight the shortage of classrooms in the township.

The march was organised by the local branch of the Congress of South African Students.

Cosas publicity secretary Mr Ncane Ntuli said they had to highlight the plight of pupils because nothing was being done to address their grievances.

Among demands in the memorandum were that:

- * New schools should be built;

- * High overcrowding in schools should be alleviated;

Confusion

- * The Parents-Teachers-Students Association should be recognised and management councils should be disbanded as they did not represent the community and the students; and that

- * The issue of Eastbank High School should be resolved.

The Department of Education and Training should also clear the con-

By DON SEOKANE

fusion regarding which school between Realogile and Eastbank High would be accommodated at the new school premises being built at Eastbank.

Ntuli said Eastbank High School pupils were still housed at the old premises of MC Weiler Primary School and at the Eastbank community hall.

Alexandra schools' inspector, Mr Gordon Kadangure, was given until February 28 to give a response from the education authorities.

Disarm, pupils told 2782

POLITICAL organisations in Wattville, Benoni, have met to discuss issues surrounding disruption at the local high school.

Thirty-one delegates from the ANC, PAC, BCM and their affiliated organisations gathered at the invitation of the Wattville Education Co-ordinating Committee.

The meeting resolved that teachers and pupils should stop carrying weapons into the school, teachers should stop using pupils to fight each other and urgent attention should be given to 17 pupils who were refused admission to the school this year.

The delegates also called on police to

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

stop harassing WECC members and on teachers to stop expelling and victimising activists.

The meeting followed last week's clash between teachers and pupils at Etwatwa High School over pupils allegedly sent to the school to disrupt it.

Eleven youths have since appeared in court on charges of public violence in connection with the incident.

Members of the WECC and the Wattville Concerned Residents Committee were questioned by the police for instigating the disruption.

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Too few policemen, inquiry hears 278

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By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

If the SADF had not arrived at the Sebokeng Hostel on September 4, the SAP and Inkatha members, who were trapped in a hostel square, would not have left there alive.

Sebokeng municipal policeman Openant Kolokoto said it was also his opinion that there were too few policemen to control a large and angry crowd which was surging forward towards the square that morning.

This evidence in an affidavit by Mr Kolokoto was yesterday read out

at the judicial inquest on the deaths of 42 people at Sebokeng Hostel.

Mr Kolokoto said he and other municipal policemen went to the Sebokeng Hostel after he received a radio message that there had been shooting at the hostel.

On arrival he saw an angry crowd of about 2500 at the hostel.

According to Mr Kolokoto, he later saw the army arriving. Soldiers moved forward and two or three stones were thrown at them from the crowd. He was sure that the soldiers opened fire as a result of the stones thrown at them.

Another witness, Peter

Fetile, yesterday described how he hid in a wrecked car at the hostel and watched a group of men with "automatic weapons" fire at fleeing people on September 4.

The men were all wearing brown overcoats, balaclavas, white headbands and gloves. A second group, dressed in the same way, also had weapons which they were firing through windows into hostel rooms.

When these two groups moved away from the scene, another group of between 30 and 40 came running through a passage and chanted: "The whites are on our side."

Buthelezi to speak at rally in Soweto

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THEO RAWANA

INKATHA president Mangosuthu Buthelezi will address a rally in Soweto to mark the Transvaal launch of the peace agreement reached with the ANC in Natal, the Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday.

Inkatha Transvaal leader Themba Khoza said yesterday the rally was intended to inform members of the resolutions taken at a summit between Buthelezi and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela in Durban last month.

The two leaders agreed to an immediate halt to hostilities at the January 29 meeting. A joint declaration issued afterwards called on Inkatha and ANC supporters to desist from vilifying each other's leaders.

Khoza said joint visits to strife-torn Natal areas by Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose and ANC southern Natal chairman Jacob Zuma were part of that agreement. Visits to Umgababa and Maritzburg were forerunners of joint rallies that would be held countrywide.

Buthelezi intends telling followers tomorrow not to retaliate even under extreme provocation.

Inkatha members were alarmed at the killing of three Inkatha people at Bekkersdal recently and "are distrustful of the ANC overtures of peace", Khoza said.

"The party and the president remain bound by the Royal Hotel resolutions and are committed to informing our people to remain calm and to exercise restraint.

"We are fortunate to have a highly disciplined membership which will not take the law into its own hands. We understand the ANC's problem — that with its undisciplined cadres, it is difficult to control members on the ground.

"However, we hope the ANC will take immediate action and inform their members of the peace resolutions."

He said the rally would show that Transvaal people wanted peace and work and were tired of those who advocated war, sanctions and strikes. "We will show by our

numbers that this country wants investment from the US, Britain and the EC."

WILSON ZWANE reports that Zuma said the ANC's was taking steps to ensure that the ANC/Inkatha peace resolutions were filtering down to the grass-roots level.

"We have given our first report on the peace agreement to representatives of our branches in southern Natal. That report is being vigorously disseminated to our members. And we are going to call a meeting to which all peace-loving people, not necessarily ANC members will be invited. At that meeting we will send the message of peace to the people," he said.

He also said the ANC was looking into ways of raising funds for the restoration of schools and houses damaged during the violence.

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Attacks

A Maritzburg unrest monitor, Radley Keys, said there was still hostility between ANC and Inkatha supporters, despite the signing of the peace accord by the leadership of both organisations.

"We still have attacks by large groups and some of these attacks are terrorist in nature — people are abducted, murdered and dumped in the veldt.

"We still hear allegations by the ANC supporters that Inkatha peace rallies are nothing but smokescreens for its recruiting campaign. On the other hand, Inkatha supporters are alleging that the ANC is not committed to the peace agreement.

"Some people want to gain lost ground while others want to retain gained ground. There is revenge and counter-revenge. No magic wand will eradicate this. But it will help if the criminals, who have been perpetrating violence, are arrested and charged. That will make people on the ground see that the law is functional," Keys said.

Schools

**36 pupils
arrested
in swoop**

erupt

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Police stand guard as parents and pupils at Monde Lower Primary School, Katlehong protest against the disruption of classes by teachers.
Pic: LEN KUMALC

THIRTY-SIX pupils were arrested in a pre-dawn swoop in Soshanguve, Pretoria, yesterday in connection with the damage to the home of an alleged murder suspect.

By MONK NKOMO
and PHANGSILE MTSHALI

In Alberton, demanding the expulsion of In Katlehong, police arrested about 80 teachers who had occupied the Department of Education and Training's circuit offices

Schools erupt

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School.

Colonel Frank Alton, liaison officer for the northern Transvaal police, yesterday confirmed the arrest of 36 pupils of Hlomphanang High School.

He said more arrests were expected to be made soon. Soweto 22/2/91.

This was after a group of pupils went on the rampage last Friday and attacked the house, setting it alight after hearing that a pupil who lived there was involved in the murder of another pupil, Tsantsi Bonoko, the previous day.

Bonoko was a Standard 7 pupil at the school.

The pupils are expected to appear in court today.

Classes were disrupted at many schools in Katlehong when hundreds of teachers demanded the expulsion of Monde Lower Primary School principal, who they accused of misappropriating school funds.

At the same time, parents and police stood guard, saying they wanted to protect the principal.

They said she had had their approval to collect funds from pupils.

On Monday 11 teachers, with other Sadu members, locked the gates without our knowledge and consent," a delegation of the Monde school interim committee said.

"They accused the principal of misappropriating funds and called for an end to the soup kitchen which we, as parents, voted for.

Sadtu (SA Democratic Teachers Union) Kathorus branch deputy chairman, Mr Mandu Chiloane, said the sit-in would go on until the principal was expelled.

Meanwhile, pupils at Hofmeyr High School in Atteridgeville were boycotting classes yesterday.

In Khayatsong, Carletonville, police found an assortment of weapons, including pangas, inside classrooms at the troubled Badirile High School.

In Tokomstus, 120 residents yesterday gathered at the local high school demanding the reinstatement of a teacher who was allegedly discharged.

Because of the inconvenience caused by renovations and the building of additional classrooms, pupils have also demanded that, instead of them moving from class to class, "it should be the teacher who should move about while they sit in one class", said the DET spokesman.

A DET spokesman said the pupils were demanding the scrapping of subjects such as music and the dismantling of the school's management council.

College boys wait to know fate over 'kaffir bashing' killing

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 FOUR white schoolboys who beat to death an elderly drunk during a night foray by their 'kaffir bashing society' hung their heads as East Cape Attorney-General, Dr Jan d'Oliviera, described their crime as "detestable".

In East London on March 6 the boys — two of them aged 15 when they flung Tom Ruiters, 70, over a fence and savagely beat him — will hear their fate from Mr Justice Michael Jennett.

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Before the trial of Richard Bester, 18, and three minors was adjourned for sentence, the court heard that violence at their former school, Dale College, was institutionalised and, to some degree, sanctioned by the headmaster.

It also heard that racism was entrenched at King William's Town's finest school and had also flourished in the Bester household where Richard obtained in February a truncheon used in the as-

sault. Dr d'Oliviera described the boys' actions in two assaults and a killing as "detestable" and "filling one with revulsion" and said racism was an aggravating factor.

The court was told that

two of the boys — including Bester — were from broken homes and that all were sincerely remorseful and had suffered greatly.

It was argued that their moral blameworthiness was reduced by "institutionalised violence" at Dale College and by the "irresponsible and ill-con-

sidered" statements of headmaster Michael Andrew.

Shortly before three assaults by the Frank Joubert hostel Kaffir Bashing Society at the end of last February, Mr Andrew told the school assembly that scholars must take a two-by-four plank to vagrants found on the premises.

The boys, who pleaded guilty to culpable homicide and to two counts of assault with intent, killed Mr Ruiters after bunking out of the hostel with the specific intention of 'sorting him out'.

Suicide

Mr Andrew Lang, Bester's attorney, drew attention to "the powerful evidence of the racial modelling" by Bester's father whom the boy had seen using the truncheon on blacks at his home.

His parents divorced in 1980 and he grew up with a father who was absent from home for periods of up to 18 months at a time. His father remarried but Bester's stepmother later committed suicide.

"The evidence is of a boy craving for approval by authorities and his peer group," said Mr Lang.



GANG LEADER ... Richard Bester and his father, also Richard

By BILL KRIGE

Inkatha man denies having unlawful arms

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By Melody McDougall
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Prior harassment of Inkatha hostel dwellers and the murder of a number of the movement's supporters in Sebokeng could possibly have given rise to events at the Sebokeng hostel in September last year.

This evidence was led yesterday by Themba Khoza, Inkatha's Transvaal leader, at the judicial inquest on the deaths of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4.

The inquest is being chaired by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford.

Mr Khoza told the court that on September 4 last year the majority of the hostel residents were ANC supporters or sympathisers.

Before this date Inkatha supporters did reside there, but some left because of fighting between the two groups.

Asked by Mr Justice Stafford what the group of Inkatha people — who were trapped in a square at the hostel and later arrested by police — had been doing at the hostel early on September 4, Mr Khoza said his first impression was they had come to fetch their belongings.

He added their version was that they had been attacked first at a house they were

staying in near the hostel.

According to a statement by Mr Khoza, which was read out earlier yesterday by counsel for the state Anton Ackermann, Mr Khoza denied allegations that he had been in possession of unlawful firearms on September 4. (The weapons were allegedly found in his car).

He said he arrived at the hostel at about 6 am on the day in question after hearing "conflict had broken out".

He immediately saw that the situation was dangerous and hastily parked his car, but did not lock it. While he was trying to help stabilise the position at the hostel, police asked him to remove his car, which he did.

Sometime later a mob started crowding around the car. Because he was afraid the vehicle may be damaged, he called out to someone in his group to move it.

He then threw the keys to somebody, but did not see to whom. The keys were subsequently returned to him.

After the army had dispersed the crowd, he got into his car to leave, but was approached by police, who searched it. Mr Khoza stated he knew nothing about the firearms found in the car.

The hearing continues today.

Cops attacked in rightwing rampage

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POLICE fought pitched battles with about 300 rightwing demonstrators intending to march to the Pretoria Central Prison after a protest meeting on Church

Square.

A policeman and several journalists were assaulted by baton-wielding rightwingers after the police had fired several teargas canisters to disperse the illegal

march.

According to reports, a black man was attacked by khaki-clad rightwingers at the station. However, police could not confirm the incident.

The rightwingers, who had attended a "unity" meeting addressed by leaders of various rightwing parties on Tuesday night, wanted to deliver a television set to rightwing detainees in the prison in Potgieter Street.

The organisers had received permission to hold a meeting on the square, but not to march to the prison.

Havoc broke out soon after Afrikanerweerstandsbeweging leaders Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche and AWB General Servaas de Wet had warned the government that "all hell would break loose" unless rightwing detainees were released.

During the meeting, Vrouekommando leader

AWB General Sannie van der Merwe announced that the organisation had bought a television set for the 40 rightwing detainees being held at the prison.

Members of the audience demanded that the set be delivered to prisoners after the meeting. AWB leader Mr Terre'Blanche acceded to the request and led the demonstrators to the western entrance to Church Square.

Police formed a cordon at the western entrance to the square, trying to stop the march. A police officer told Terre'Blanche that the intended march was illegal and ordered the crowd to disperse.

While Terre'Blanche was still arguing with the officer, policemen sprayed teargas into the crowd.

The crowd, aided by several AWB members

on a bakkie, surged forward, breaking through the cordon and running down Church Street.

At this point at least one gun shot was fired, but no-one was injured.

The police reformed their cordon at the intersection with Bosman Street and threw three teargas cannisters in the direction of the marchers. One cannister was hurled back, landing among the policemen.

In the ensuing chaos, several reporters, photographers and onlookers were affected by the gas as it spread down Church Street and into side streets.

At the PSA Youth Centre in Vermeulen Street, members of the Metro Emergency Services were called out to assist an unidentified woman who was blinded by teargas. She was treated on the spot and discharged.

Bloody blow to peace

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From Mono Badela
Johannesburg

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THE bloodbath that resulted in the death of more than 60 Alexandra township residents since the weekend has been described as the worst in recent years.

The outburst of political violence in Alexandra is the most severe blow yet to the fragile Inkatha-ANC peace accord hammered out in Durban on January 29.

The ANC's director for International Affairs, Mr Thabo Mbeki, in an interview with SOUTH, called for an end to the single men hostel system as a matter of urgency.

"There is an urgent need to move away from the hostel system and provide family homes for workers in all the townships," he said.

Mbeki believes that organisations like the ANC, Inkatha and others need to set up a permanent joint committee to prevent further outbreaks of violence.

"If such mechanisms were operating in Alexandra on Saturday morning, it would have put a stop to the fighting at a very early stage."

Mbeki said police in the townships should not be allowed to work on their own.

"The police should work with the structures set up by the people, because if they work unilaterally there will always be the outcry that they side with one or the other warring group."

Mbeki said the ANC continued to support peace initiatives with the Inkatha Freedom Party.

"Obviously we have to continue talking," he said.

Until now Alexandra has remained free of the bloody feuding which has cost hundreds of lives in Transvaal townships since August last year.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has declared six magisterial districts including Soweto unrest areas.

The ANC believes such action has not solved the problems in the past and will not do so now.

ANC spokesperson Ms Gill Marcus said the movement deplores the action and asked police to exercise restraint.

The general secretary of the Soweto Civic Association, Ms Pat Lephunya, said the scrapping of the hostel system was the only answer to the violence in the Reef townships.

Young lions in Alexandra interviewed this week said meetings had been held at which peace was discussed between warring groups and the police, but to no avail.

"We are talking a different language with the police. I feel it is up to the community. The only solution for us is to retaliate if we are to stop the killing," the activist said.

The director of the Alexandra Health Centre, Dr Tim Wilson, said this week's violence was comparable to that of 1986.

"I think it is the same sort of scale except that it is much worse than anything in the five years in between," he said.

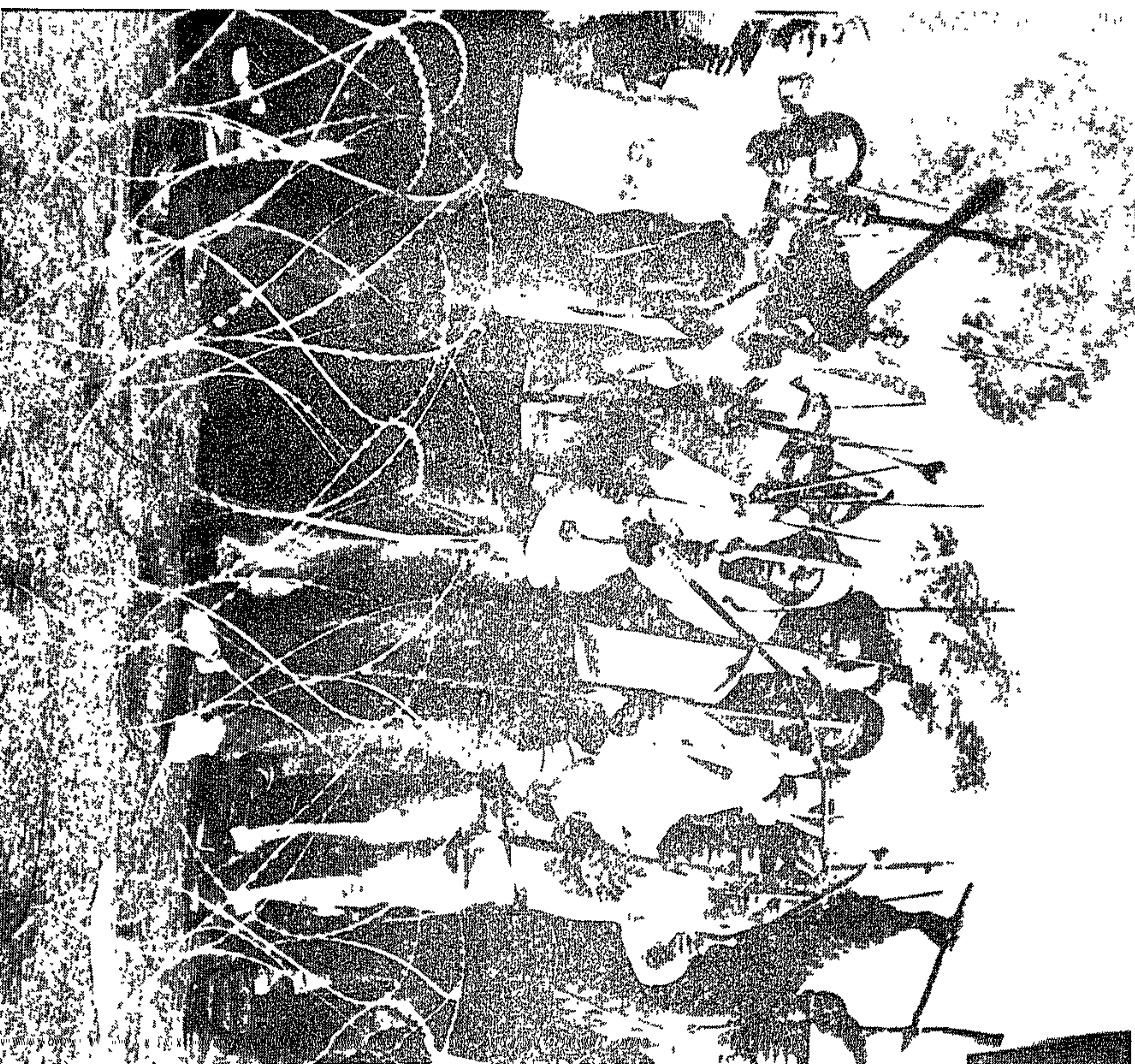
He said when he drove through Alexandra on Friday there was nothing that suggested that a major catastrophe was to hit the township.

The situation in Alexandra has been very tense specially since Saturday.

The SADF's 21 Battalion maintained a strong presence in the hostel vicinity with armoured troop carriers and support vehicles.

Police Casspirs and army Buffels patrolled Alexandra's streets, which were still heavily barricaded.

Meanwhile, hundreds of residents have fled the violence.



BARBED: Armed Inkatha members chant slogans from behind a razor-wire fence at the single men hostel in Alexandra township.