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Cops 'helped Inkatha raid'

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A CITY Press report alleging police complicity with Inkatha vigilantes who attacked the small Eastern Transvaal township of KwaDela from July 8, has been backed by affidavits to attorneys and sworn statements at a police station (278/90)

The affidavits contain the names of several senior policemen and municipal police who allegedly helped the vigilantes

KwaDela mayor NL Mkhonza has also been implicated. He was allegedly seen among the attackers and is said to have hacked one of the victims.

The affidavits tell how black and white policemen helped the vigilantes by breaking down doors, forcing entry and attacking families with all sorts of weapons. A policeman and a councillor are implicated by a witness in at least two murders

Police confirmed in the City Press report that they were investigating alleged police involvement in the attacks, which started on July 8 when several homes were attacked, and gained momentum on July 26.

However, the Middelburg police liaison officer said no evidence of SAP involvement could be found. C/Pres 1/9/91.

Mkhonza is Inkatha regional chairman and was accused of transporting the vigilantes from Wesselton, in Ermelo. Mkhonza confirmed that IFP members were driven to KwaDela after local ANC supporters "attacked our members".

The men who went on the rampage in the township were also allegedly housed in Mkhonza's "big" house and were let loose during the night.

He admitted housing the men but said they were there to protect him and other IFP supporters

Although it is common knowledge that some of the alleged attackers, including members of the notorious Amakati gang, were living in Mkhonza's house, residents say police have not raided the house for weapons or to question the alleged killers

The mob allegedly killed two women – one of them seven months pregnant – and left many others injured Rows of houses have been attacked, looted and gutted

Residents have claimed that Mkhonza let loose the vigilantes after he was stoned by youths who came to the rescue of a young woman he was assaulting in the street on July 30.

Mgiyelwa Mtsweni, 19, a Std 9 pupil, claims he heard a Casspir being driven past his parents' home and then heard a gate opening and a window breaking.

He saw two black policemen carrying containers, accompanied by the son of a local councillor and another man he did not know. They entered the yard

Soon afterwards a shack belonging to a tenant caught fire "When my brother and I ran out to extinguish the blaze, shots were fired at us and I saw one of the policemen holding a gun and shooting We were very frightened and ran back into the house The shack was destroyed," he said.

Jabulani Malinga, 29, claims a brick wrapped in paper was thrown through his window and he saw Mkhonza and another councillor run away

He found a note warning him that a bigger attack was imminent. He claimed he recognised the writing as Mkhonza's

A few days later, his house was set alight and his mother was gunned down Several members of the family were injured Malinga named the people who attacked his house, including white policemen

Most of the affidavits claim that before the attacks a police Casspir stopped at Mkhonza's house

Eastern Transvaal police spokesman Lt W Goesen referred City Press inquiries to police headquarters in Pretoria but at the time of going to press there had been no response.

Leah Nkumbule points to the spot where a man died after being ambushed by gunmen. Witnesses have implicated police in the raids.

Township mayors rule by remote control

By THEMBA KHUMALO

SEVERAL black mayors in the Transvaal are ruling their townships by "remote control" after they were forced out of their homes by angry residents.

Among these mayors are Prince Mokoena of Alexandra and Macdonald Mhlana of Katlehong who now live in posh white suburbs with their families.

Mokoena left Alexandra last year after irate residents razed his big house.

He believes this was the work of a few "radicals who were sent by Moses Mayekiso's Alex Civic Organisation". However, Mayekiso refuted Mokoena's claim, dismissing him as a "puppet".

A former Wits business school lecturer, Mokoena says he has tasted new life in a suburban flat where he lives with his wife. His three boys and a girl live in Umtata and Brits.

MAYEKISO ... Mokoena is a puppet.

Before he quit Alexandra he was a prosperous businessman who owned 35 minibus taxis. He also holds a plethora of approved but unused licences for starting a bakery, supermarket, bottle store, garage and stationery shop.

Why risk his life by refusing to resign as mayor – for which he says he earns a mere pittance?

"I'm prepared to die for politics. What's the point of resigning? People will think I'm doing so because I've made my fortune," says the mayor who has now found a political home in Inkatha.

"When Nelson Mandela was freed and just after the unbanning of the ANC most of us in Ucasa applied as members of that organisation, the PAC and Azapo.

"To our dismay the ANC hardly had the courtesy of acknowledging our applications and Azapo and the PAC asked us to resign as councillors first."

Inkatha accepted them readily.

Mhlana is trapped in the same predicament.

Also an Inkatha member, he now lives in Johannesburg after his four-roomed house in Katlehong was burnt downby residents last year.

The two mayors miss township life.

But unlike Mhlana, Mokoena finds it difficult to visit friends and relatives in Alex because they will be harassed as soon as he leaves their houses.

"I'm reduced to coming to Alex only to do my duties as the mayor and thereafter go back to the suburbs. It's frustrating," he says.

Six killed as Squatters flee camp of death

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Mshenguvillle erupts

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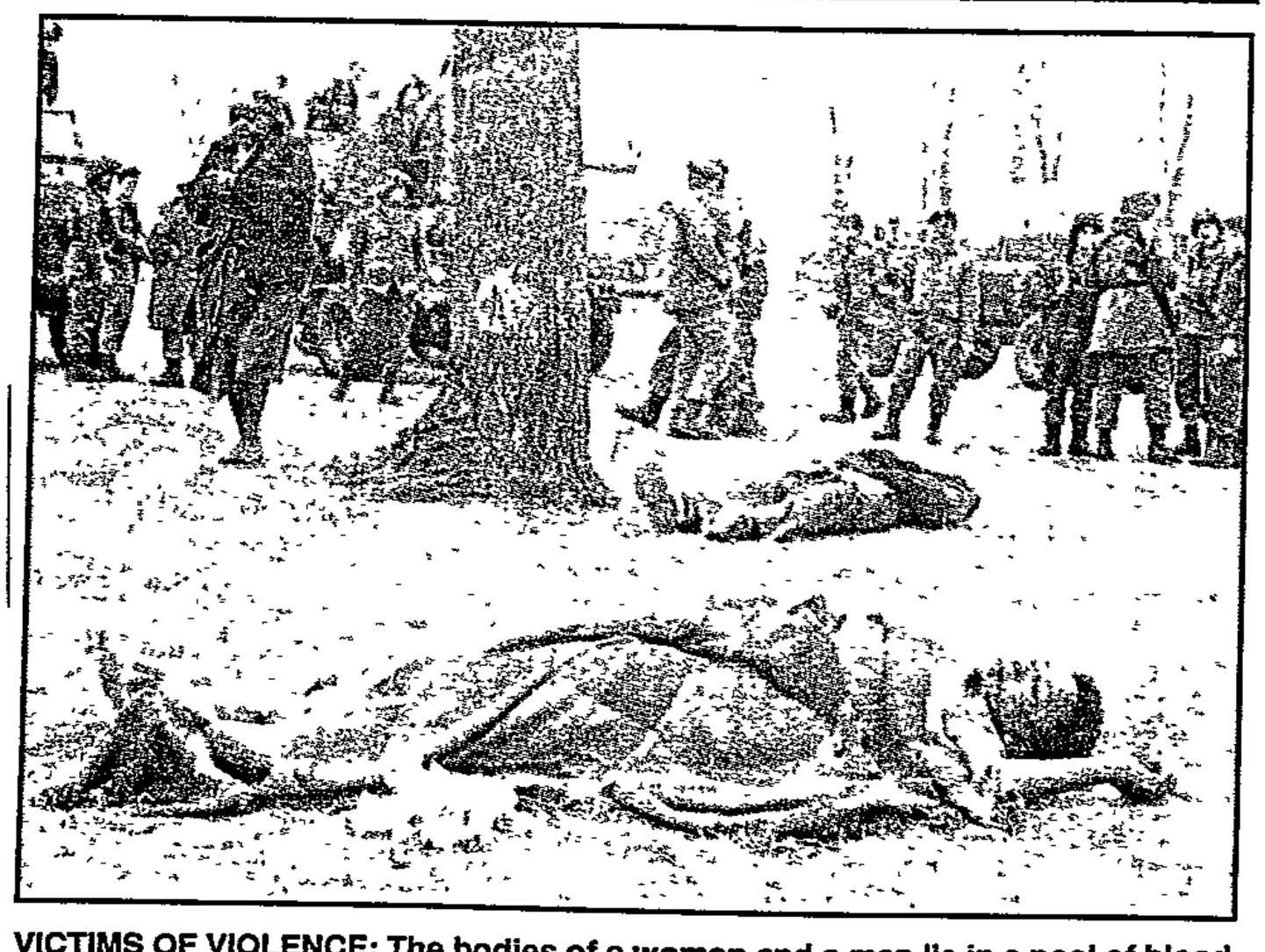

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE: The bodies of a woman and a man lie in a pool of blood on a soccer field at Mshenguville, Soweto. Pic: PAT SEBOKO

By SONTI MASEKO and ISAAC MOLEDI

SIX people were killed, several others injured and shacks burnt down when renewed fighting broke out at Mshenguville squatter camp in Soweto at the weekend.

A five-year-old girl, Sakhile Sogo, was among those shot and wounded at the violence-wracked camp yesterday, witnesses said last night.

The girl was shot twice in the stomach.

Mshenguville has been the scene of sporadic fighting since July and 30 people are believed to have died.

The camp has become a death trap for desperate squatters trying to flee but being prevented from doing so by men alleged to be supporters of Inkatha.

Some squatters said they were told to pay R40 before they could be allowed to leave.

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Six die in attack

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Yesterday some of the squatters started dismantling their shacks after the alleged Inkatha attackers left for a rally in Jabulani. Throughout yesterday people reported killed and injured in the clashes were still being received. Three bodies, including that of a woman, were found by police yesterday. Residents said they heard gunshots and screams on Saturday night. The woman's body was found naked and a skirt matching her jacket was found some distance away.

A spokesman for the Soweto police said they were hacked and stabbed and one body had a gunshot wound.

The fourth man was killed earlier on Saturday when the fighting started. He had come with another, who was seriously injured, to provide transport to squatters fleeing Mshenguville, witnesses said. The body of a man was found with a bullet wound in the area yesterday afternoon.

In Jabulani, where Inkatha held a rally yesterday, police reported that two shooting incidents near Jabulani hostel dwellers and residents near the hostel left four dead.

A man standing in a yard nearby died instantly from a stray bullet, Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said.

Yesterday afternoon, Ngobeni reported that two men were taken to Baragwanath Hospital after they were attacked "by a group of Zulus".

One was hacked with pangas while another was assaulted with knobkieries and then shot. A car was also set alight between Mshenguville and White City Jabavu.

Mrs Adelaide Plaatjie, a resident, whose shack was burnt out on Saturday, said she was prevented from leaving by men who demanded R40 before she could leave.

She said residents who did not pay the R40 protection fee were victimised and could not leave Mshenguville.

Soweto erupts in bloody violence

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JOHANNESBURG. — After a few brief weeks of quiet in Soweto, fighting erupted yesterday with mobs of men — allegedly Zulus — attacking local residents and damaging houses and cars.

At least four people were killed in shootings and several were taken to hospital after being shot, beaten or hacked with pangas.

The violence apparently started when the Inkatha Freedom Party held a rally in the Jabulani Stadium.

Police liaison officer for Soweto, Captain Joseph Ngobeni, said the clashes, which started at 2pm, pitted hostel dwellers against residents in Central West Jabavu — which is close to Jabulani.

In the first reported death in the clashes, Capt Ngobeni said a man standing in his yard was caught in the crossfire in a shootout between residents and the hostel dwellers.

In another incident shortly before 4pm, a man was shot and killed at Mshenguville squatter settlement in Mofolo Central, which is also near Jabulani.

The squatter camp has been rocked by constant violent clashes in recent months, allegedly between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

House attacked

Early yesterday morning police discovered the bodies of a man and a woman in the settlement. The couple had been shot in the head.

In another incident at 4.45pm in White City, a group of Zulus attacked a home and smashed about eight windows.

Last night Mr Siphiwe Thusi, the National Publicity Secretary of the ANC-supporting Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa), said his home had been attacked by a heavily-armed group of Inkatha supporters — carrying the movement's flag — but they left when neighbours arrived "in full force".

Mr Thusi alleged that before the attack two white men in a white bakkie stopped near the house, pointed at it and then drove away.

Capt Ngobeni said he knew nothing of the allegations.

At the Dube Railway Station two men, Mr Bob Bungana, 38, of Meadowlands, and Mr Anthony Khoza, 42, of Mofolo Central, were beaten with knobkerries and hacked with pangas, suffering serious wounds.

The situation appeared to have calmed down last night but police would continue to monitor the situation, Capt Ngobeni said. — Sapa

Pictures: AP

SCENES IN SOWETO ... Soldiers carry a man injured in yesterday's fighting to an ambulance (left). A policeman on guard in Mshenguville shanty town (centre). Inkatha members crouch near a railway line.

Violence-hit firm resumes operation

WILSON ZWANE

LANGEBERG Corporation and Canning's Boksburg factory, which closed down last week following violence which left seven people dead, is back in operation.

Langeberg spokesman Dev du Toit said at the weekend the factory was operating "at a reasonable rate" on Friday after more than 70% of the workers reported for work.

The factory stopped operating on Wednesday after workers belonging to the Cosatu-affiliated Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) said they feared for their lives.

At least seven people were killed and two seriously injured when fighting broke out between members of Fawu and Inkatha-supporting United Workers' Union of SA (Uwusa) more than two weeks ago.

Du Toit said Langeberg management had agreed to let the workers stay away until discussions on security between it and Fawu had been concluded.

But the workers had been told that they were free to come to work if they chose to do so, Du Toit said, adding "that is exactly what happened on Friday".

Langeberg management and Fawu were, however, still working on security measures, he said. BDay 2/9/91

Fawu's Ernest Buthelezi said the clashes began after Langeberg management dismissed Uwusa workers.

Uwusa spokesman Duke Sennakgomo said his union would soon negotiate the reinstatement of its members.

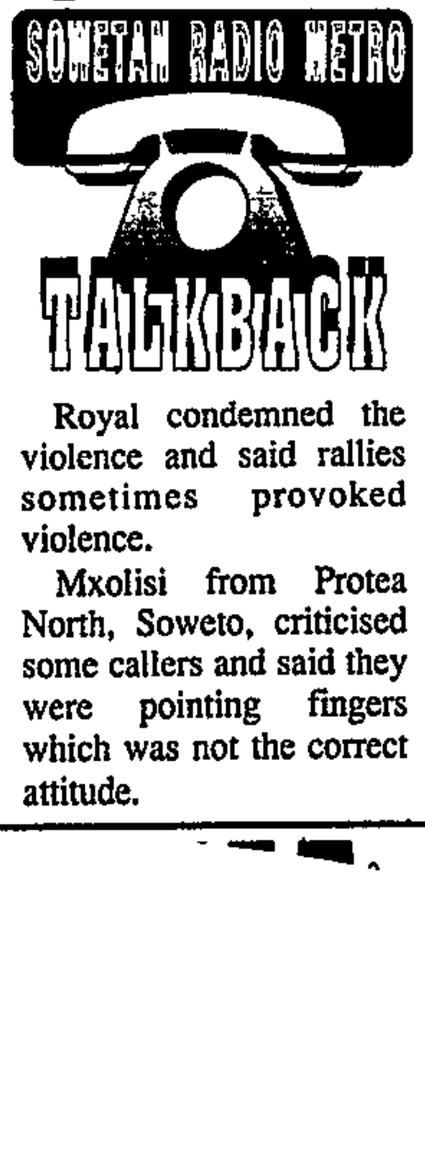
Mshengu violence

CALLERS expressed different opinions on the cause of violence at Mshenguville to the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback Show yesterday.

Weber from Meadowlands blamed Mr Ephraim Tshabalala for the violence at the squatter camp.

He suggested that the Soweto Council should relocate all squatters to Orange Farm.

Sibongile said the killings were destroying the nation. It was unheard of in history for black people to kill each other.



Royal condemned the violence and said rallies sometimes provoked violence.

Mxolisi from Protea North, Soweto, criticised some callers and said they were pointing fingers which was not the correct attitude.

He said the authorities should stop giving the IFP the right to stage rallies and not monitor them.

Vusi from Dube feels the IFP has stamped its authority in the area and it was time people admitted this.

He said it was beyond doubt that Inkatha was involved in the violence.

Richard from Mofolo said that since Mshenguville was started, people were forced to join Inkatha because the squatter camp was believed to be an Inkatha stronghold.

SH from Alexandra said it was time "people must defend themselves and their property".

He said if violence was needed to stop violence "then so be it".

Langeberg's reward

LANGEBERG Corporation and Canning has offered a reward of R10 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of people responsible for the killings of at least seven workers at its Boksburg factory. (278)

The factory was closed last week after members of the Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) said they feared for their lives. This followed fighting between members of Fawu and the Inkatha-aligned United Workers' Union of SA.

Mshenguville area still tense

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By ISAAC MOLEDI

THE trouble-torn Mshenguville squatter camp in Soweto returned to normal yesterday after fighting which claimed the lives of six people at the weekend.

Violence erupted at Mshenguville after a rally by the Inkatha Freedom Party at Jabulani Hostel on Sunday.

Although people in the area said yesterday that the situation was still tense, Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the camp was quiet and police were still patrolling the area.

There were incidents of isolated harassment of people in the squatter camp by a group of people wielding sticks, pangas and spears.

A Mofolo resident who had all windows of her house broken yesterday said they were still living in fear as the situation was still tense.

Langeberg reward

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A REWARD of R10 000 has been offered by Langerberge Kooperasie in Boksburg for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in the violence around the factory.

The violence left five people dead and three injured. Sowetan 3/9/91

Anyone with any information should contact Lieutenant Mike van Zweel at (011) 892-2964 or 892-2974 or 892-2980/1. - *Sapa*

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Mshengu talks falter

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A SIXTH round of talks to bring peace to Mshenguville squatter camp in Soweto foundered and broke down on Monday.

Police reported three deaths at the camp on Sunday. Scores of squatters supporting the African National Congress have sought refuge at a community centre in the township.

Mr Floyd Mashele, a leader of the Mshenguville Crisis Committee, said talks with local Inkatha leaders broke down on grounds they did not represent anyone at the squatter camp.

"The talks broke down because the leadership of Inkatha we are talking to does not have influence with the people on the ground. What we have definitely identified is that Inkatha is representing no one from Mshenguville," he said.

Mr Peter Magwaza, executive member of Inkatha's Western Transvaal region, said the meeting collapsed because of preconditions set by the Mshenguville Crisis Committee.

On Monday, he said, the Crisis Committee asked Inkatha to form a committee of five from the squatter camp with which to negotiate.

"They insist we must have a committee We are not happy with that because we feel we can go all the way to the people and address the people ourselves," he said. - *South African Press Association.*

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'Collusion' claim in township violence

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'CAPTURED' CAP ... ANC regional president Mr Christmas Tinto with the "captured" police camouflage cap and a canister found during Tuesday night's attack on the DM block squatter camp in Khayelitsha **INSET.** Mr Themba Mkrola, 54, of DM block who claims he wrestled with an armed policeman during the attack.

Staff Reporters

THE African National Congress yesterday claimed police "collusion" in the Khayelitsha violence and produced a cap they said had been taken off a riot policeman by "comrades"

"The clouding of the issues by saying it is a taxi conflict is now getting very thin and the dark hand is finally emerging," Mr Amos Lengisi, regional general secretary of the ANC, said at a press conference in Athlone.

He said he had visited the burnt-out site and spoken to residents where he saw three bodies with bullet and hack wounds among the debris in the wake of Tuesday night's destruction.

Mr Lengisi produced a police camouflage cap with the name O Sers H J Hendricks and the figure 615795K written on the inside. He claimed "comrades" had tried to "capture" one of the white (attackers) dressed in a camouflage uniform "for the world to see"

He said that in spite of consistent reports linking Khayelitsha violence to the taxi war, an ANC stronghold had been attacked, with "damning" evidence of police collusion

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Jan Calitz said last night that the cap belonged to a member of the police force "who, during the course of the night, attempted to arrest a suspected arsonist. While giving chase, he lost the cap

"However, the allegations (of police collusion) are seen in a very serious light and Colonel Leon Wessels, a senior detective, has been appointed by the Regional Commissioner (Major-General Nic Acker) to investigate the allegations."

He could "not comment any further until the correctness of the allegations have been investigated".

General Acker yesterday visited the strife-torn camp, which was reported to be "quiet" last night with no further reports of violence

Mr Lengisi said some 900 women and children had spent Tuesday night in and around the Khayelitsha Day Hospital where several people were treated for gunshot and panga wounds

Mr Lengisi said homes had been set alight from about 10.45pm by a group of people off-loaded from a bakkie and a Datsun Laurel in Zola Budd Drive

The ANC directed the Cape Times to an area in the fire-ravaged Site B, Khayelitsha, where, in random interviews, three residents at DM block supported ANC contentions that the police were involved

One of the men, all of whom claimed to be eyewitnesses, security guard Mr Themba Mkrola, 54, claimed he had wrestled with a man he said was an armed policeman and who had confronted him about 11pm in the burning stronghold of the ANC's Trevor Vilakazi branch

"I grabbed his gun and we wrestled," he said. "I kneed him in the groin and we fell to the ground with me on top Then someone chopped me from behind on the head with a panga and I fell before running away — they shot at me as I fled"

He had not taken any cap and did not know if anyone else had

The trio, found and interviewed amid the charred ruins of some 80 shacks, said a group of about 30 men had fired at residents before fleeing into bushes

The fire brigade and police had arrived later, they said

HOMELESS ... Mr Mlandeni Zwiti, 29, amid the charred ruins of his belongings at DM block squatter camp in Khayelitsha yesterday.

Pictures. BENNY GOOL

Three die in Soweto unrest

PRETORIA — Three people were killed in Soweto on Tuesday, police said in their unrest report yesterday

Two men died at Nancefield Hostel when a group shot at and set a truck alight, while at Nancefield railway station a man was hacked to death. (278) CT 5/9/91

The only other unrest incident reported by police happened in Ndaleni, near Richmond in Natal, where three houses were gutted by fire on Tuesday night.

According to an Inkatha statement the houses belonged to IFP supporters — Sapa

'Squatter camp must go'

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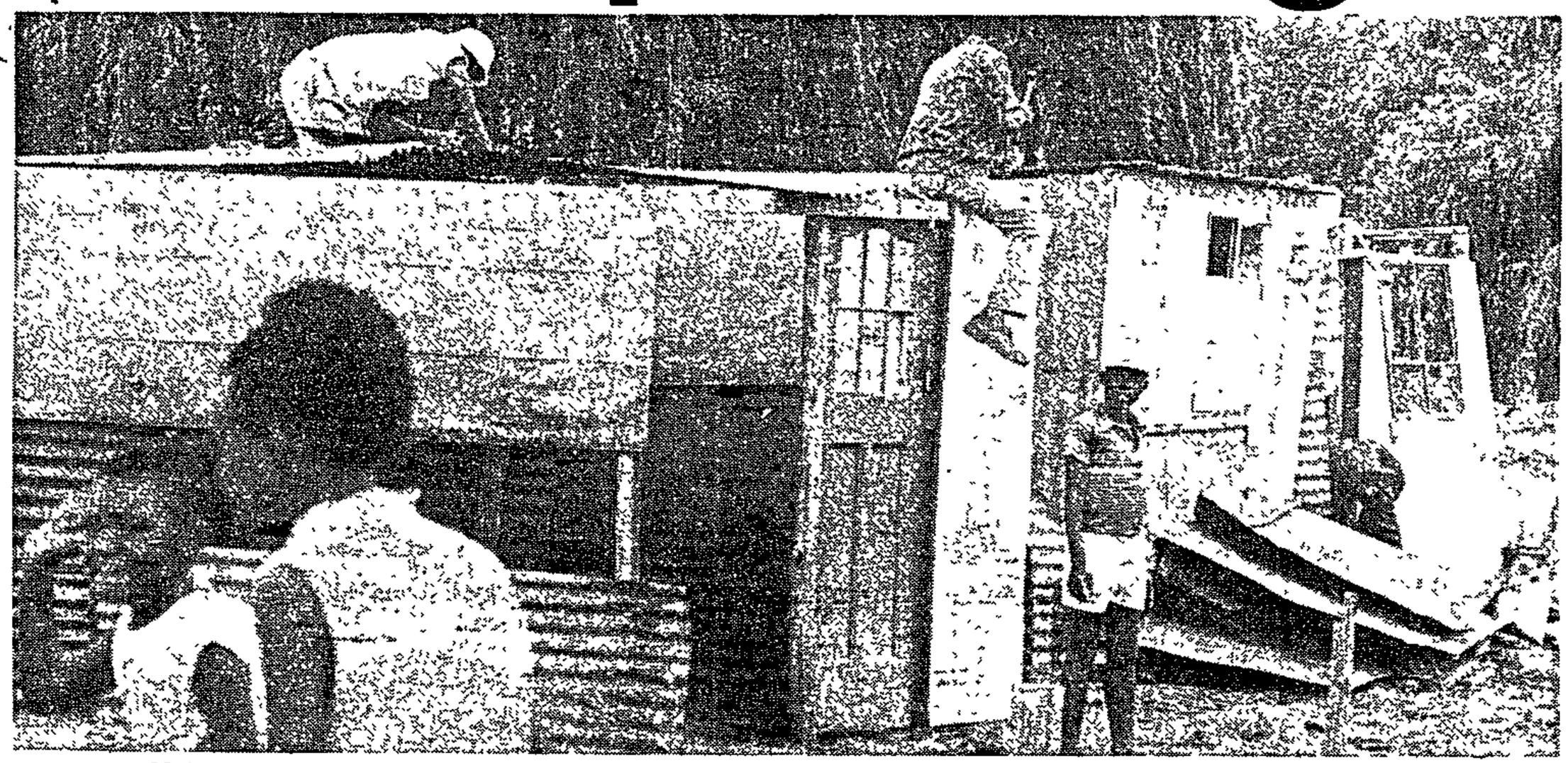
Violence in the camp leads to a rethink



Mshenguville . . . the Soweto council says it must go and the people be resettled somewhere else.

By ALI MPHAKI

MSHENGUVILLE must go.

This was confirmed by Soweto City Council's PRO, Mr Mojalefa Moseki, in an exclusive interview with Sowetan yesterday.

He said plans are already afoot to build an artificial lake and a playground for children once all the people in the area have been moved. This, he said, was agreed upon by the council and the Soweto Civic Association, following a series of meetings to resolve the squatter area problem.

"Although we have not set a definite deadline, the council continues to review the matter on a daily basis. No doubt the council will take further action whenever possible to expedite the matter," Moseki said.

A spokesman for the Soweto Civic Association, Mr Isaac Mogase, however denied that the association had had any meetings with the council about Mshenguville, and suggested they could have held talks with the Mshenguville Crisis Committee. Efforts to obtain comment from the committee drew a blank yesterday.

Moseki, on the other hand, warned that the council will have no option but to declare Mshenguville a national disaster and call directly for the State President's (FW de Klerk) intervention if TPA does not make land available to resettle the families.

He said there are about 2 000 unoccupied sites at Doornkop near Dobsonville, which the TPA is refusing to give to the Mshenguville people.

"We have had a series of meetings with the TPA over the resettlement issue of the Mshenguville people and they are not prepared to budge.

"The TPA has the capacity but lacks the will to apply it towards the resolution of this matter. In fact, we (the council) harbour a feeling that the TPA have never earnestly addressed themselves to the housing problem in Soweto," charged Moseki.

He said the council moved about 3000 families from Mshenguville to Orange Farm in 1989 and those remaining will have been allocated sites at Doornkop.

To his dismay, many people who were not on the original waiting list for sites at Doornkop are already living there.

He said there are about 1 500 families who had fled the area since fighting broke out in July this year. The council was concerned about their well being as some were housed at the Ipelegeng Community Centre in White City Jabavu.

"One would have hoped that, with the changing scenario in the country, the TPA would have extended their scope and settled the Mshenguville people. This means the responsibility for those people is ours (council) and all those interested parties. However, it is the TPA which takes a larger share of that responsibility," Moseki said.

The TPA's liaison officer in Pretoria, Mrs Magta du Toit, dismissed Moseki's allegations as "utter rubbish".

"Two years ago we moved the Mshenguville people and allocated sites for them in Orange Farm. It was the council's duty to see to it that no new people occupied the Mofolo land," she said.

Asked about the 2 000 sites at Doornkop, Du Toit said no stands were available, although not all the people were living there at the moment.

"Whether anyone would have liked it or not, there are simply no sites at Doornkop.

"The TPA, in agreement between the Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils, has been developing the Doornkop area and the allocation of sites is the responsibility of the councils. I don't know why the Soweto PRO should want to blame us," she said.

She added the TPA was, however, looking into the matter and were also looking at other land suitable for low-cost housing.

"Unfortunately, all this takes time and money," she said.

Ministers sued over teargassing

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Own Correspondent

The Ministers of Defence and Law and Order are being sued for R1,4 million by Mamelodi residents who were injured when security forces allegedly fired teargas into the local stadium last year.

A total of 122 residents have served summons on both Ministers, claiming they were injured last July when security forces blocked the main gates at H M Pitje Stadium and fired tear-smoke into a crowd attending a public meeting.

A test case involving one resident, Jeremia Tlou, is scheduled to be heard in the Pretoria Supreme Court on November 29.

Mr Tlou, who sustained injuries to his left ankle, is claiming R207 000 in damages from both Ministers.

The Ministers have indicated they would defend the action.

In the claim Mr Tlou, a truck driver, said he was at the meeting when security forces blocked the main entrance and fired tearsmoke into the crowd. He said the gate was the only entrance and exit.

Mr Tlou submitted that police broke up the meeting and he and other residents were forced to flee to avoid the effects of the teargas.

"The plaintiff accordingly scaled the high wall surrounding the stadium and, in the course of jumping from it, sustained a compound fracture dislocation of his left ankle," the claim said.

The 122 plaintiffs submitted that the injuries they sustained were due to the wrongful, unlawful or negligent conduct of the security forces.

Mr Tlou said as a result of the security forces' action he was now disabled. He had also suffered loss of earnings and his earning capacity was permanently diminished.

Alex family loses two of its sons to killers

THE Ntombela family of Alexandra has been distressed by the slaying of their two sons over the weekend in the township.

The two, Andries Mziseni and Joseph Ntombela, were killed at a shack settlement on the corner of Hofmeyer Street and 16th Avenue by people who knew the two, the family believes.

Witwatersrand police confirmed the killings this week.

In another, unrelated, killing the body of Mr V Ntsimbi of 5, 19th Avenue was found by police

By DON SEOKANE

with a bullet wound in the chest at 79, 3rd Avenue. Police said the motive for the killings was still unknown and investigations were continuing.

A relative of the two Ntombela brothers said the two were visiting their brother-in-law at 16th Avenue when they were confronted by a mob who accused them of being Inkatha members.

"They were beaten severely and left after being presumed dead. Joseph was taken to hospital but was certified dead on arrival.

"It seems they were attacked by people who knew them because initially they were staying in that area before the violence started.

"They decided to sleep at their place of employment until the violence subsided," the relative said.

Funeral arrangements for the two are still to be finalised but a family member disclosed that they would be buried in Natal probably next weekend.

Surge of violence, deaths linked to Inkatha unionists

Uwusa members, seen to be demonstrating their defiance after the Inkatha scandal, are blamed for the spate of random attacks on workers.
BY DREW FORREST

IN the immediate aftermath of the Inkatha funding scandal, a fresh wave of workplace violence has erupted involving Inkatha's labour wing, the United Workers Union (Uwusa).

Concentrated on the East Rand, the spate of incidents includes random attacks on workers in industrial areas, in which at least six have died and many have been injured. There are also repeated claims of forced recruitment and harassment and intimidation by Inkatha/Uwusa vigilantes.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions believes Uwusa is bent on demonstrating its defiance in the wake of the Inkatha scandal, details of which were first revealed by *The Weekly Mail* six weeks ago.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman also suggested that elements within Inkatha/Uwusa might be set on derailing the current church-mediated peace process. "We know that certain warlords and vigilantes went out of their way to sabotage the January 29 peace accord between Inkatha and the African National Congress," he said.

Uwusa general secretary Dumisani Dludla was contacted for comment, as was the union's East Rand representative, Duke Sennakgomo. Neither was available.

By far the most serious incidents have centred on the Langeberg Foods factory in Boksburg, where five workers, at least two of them members of Cosatu's Food and Allied Workers Union, have been killed in recent weeks.

Langeberg executive Des du Toit said the violence followed the paying off of about 150 seasonal workers who had come to the end of short-term contracts.

This had been given a "political meaning", and a large group of men had gathered at the factory on August 15 to demand the reinstatement of dismissed workers.

The Weekly Mail has a letter sent on Inkatha-letterheaded notepaper, addressed to the Langeberg managing director, demanding the reinstatement of dismissed Inkatha members and a ban "on the existence of any trade union on company premises". Fawu has an overwhelming majority at Langeberg and has long been recognised there.

The letter also calls for the suspension of production until the demands are met.

On the same day it was delivered, two workers were shot, one fatally, at the nearby Dunswart railway station. Another was killed the following day, and on Tuesday last week, three more were shot dead.

In addition, the home of the Fawu shop-steward committee chairman was attacked and partly destroyed. Fearing further violence, Langeberg workers stayed home on Wednesday and part of Thursday last week.

Uwusa's Sennakgomo has been quoted as blaming management "for allowing itself to be bullied by the Cosatu/Fawu/ANC alliance into driving out our members".

"We have tried to speak to them but they allowed the situation to get out of hand," he is quoted as saying.

Another storm-centre has been the Driehoek industrial area, near Germiston, where in response to a pattern of violence, intimidation and forced recruitment, workers in many factories came to work late and left early throughout last week.

Random assaults on workers in the streets of the industrial areas is also said to have provoked a spontaneous worker protest march on August 21. Days earlier, 11 Cosatu affiliates held crisis talks with the Germiston Chamber of Commerce at which it was agreed to set up a joint violence monitoring group.

The signs are that the violence is linked to an Uwusa recruitment drive. Arnold Blumenthal, managing director of Pan African Shop Fitters in Driehoek, said that until recently "we had only ANC supporters here. Since these other guys appeared, violence has cropped up".

He added that some employers had invited Uwusa into their plants "because the existing unions give them such uphill they can't carry on".

Wedge Steel managing director David Block confirmed his employees had complained to management about being attacked by "certain gentlemen carrying sticks".

An internal document circulated by Cosatu's Wits region lists the following incidents in Driehoek last month, for which it blames Uwusa members:

- On August 1 Benjamin Ramakgale, of Pan African shop fitters, is assaulted.
- In August Lucas Makotomela is prevented from leaving GB Engineering after working hours. He escapes with the help of a white foreman.
- On August 8 a group of workers from various factories is surrounded by armed men and threatened with violence.
- On August 16 Isaiah Maila of Current Electrical is attacked with knobkerries at the station.
- On August 20 Ramakgale is again assaulted.
- On August 21 male and female workers are attacked at random in the streets of Driehoek. Some are seriously injured and admitted to hospital.

The document also lists the fatal shooting of a worker at Rand Scrap Iron, in Germiston South, outside the factory gates on August 19.

The upsurge in Uwusa-linked violence receives specific mention in a recent Cosatu memorandum to the United Nations on political developments in South Africa.

"Since the Inkathagate revelations, attacks by Uwusa/Inkatha vigilantes on Cosatu members has intensified, particularly in industrial areas and factories," it says.

"Workers are forced to produce their membership cards, and if they are not members of Inkatha/Uwusa they are assaulted. Striking or balloting workers are attacked, or attacked simply for singing freedom songs. A number of Cosatu members have been injured or killed."

'Cops' beat up ANC man's wife

CP Correspondent

THREE men claiming to be policemen this week assaulted the wife of a northern Transvaal ANC leader after accusing her of being "cheeky like Winnie Mandela".

Makupane Diale, 50, the wife of ANC northern Transvaal executive committee member Nelson Diale, is being treated for swollen arms, head and waist injuries in the Jane Furse hospital in Lebowa.

Speaking from her hospital bed this week, Diale said she would "continue the struggle even if my whole family is wiped out".

She was at home in Ga-Masemola on Saturday afternoon when three men arrived and produced identification suggesting they were SAP members. They demanded to see her 30-year-old son John.

"I told them John was in jail somewhere in Pretoria. I did not know exactly where, but he was in jail for political activities.

"Suddenly, blows rained on me and the men accused me of being cheeky like Winnie Mandela.

"They ordered me and my 18-year-old son Kgabi to get into their blue minibus and drove away, threatening to shoot us if we dared allow our heads to be seen from outside.

She said that after being beaten with rifle butts and bottles, they were released at Mmakwabe village about 10 km away.

"It was already dark, so we had to find our way to the nearest house to get a car to the hospital."

Her son was discharged after being treated for bruises and swollen eyes.

A charge was laid with Nebo police on Sunday, she added.

Lebowa police liaison officer Capt ML Tlhomatsana said this week that police were looking for a blue minibus with false registration plates LEB 031442.

"We are doing everything to apprehend these culprits," he said.

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Inkatha Freedom Party supporters wait for permission to march through Tokoza after their rally was cancelled following a massacre that left 18 people dead in the township yesterday.

Pic: LEN KHUMALO

EIGHTEEN people were shot dead and 14 injured - some of them seriously - when unidentified gunmen opened fire on about 300 Inkatha Freedom Party supporters in Tokoza, on the East Rand, yesterday.

In Soweto, four people were killed in Mshenguville when an armed mob of Inkatha supporters, returning from a rally in Dobsonville, attacked residents

This incident took place at Mofolo Central barely three hours after the attack on IFP members at Tokoza.

In another incident on the East Rand nine people, including an eight-year-old child, were injured when Spoornet security guards fired birdshot at IFP supporters at the Pilot railway station in Germiston

The latest carnage comes less than a week before the scheduled signing of a "peace accord" between the Government, the African National Congress and the IFP.

22 die in savage attacks

Sowetan 9/9/91. (278)

By DON SEOKANE and KENOSI MODISANE

The massacre at Tokoza occurred when IFP supporters were marching to a rally at the local stadium

A spokesman for the police on the Witwatersrand, Colonel Frans Malherbe, confirmed the shooting in Tokoza and said the rally was later called off by IFP

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An Inkatha Freedom Party official negotiates with security forces following a failed rally in Tokoza yesterday.
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Bloodbath in Tokoza

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officials on the scene.

He said the shooting started about 10am when more than 300 IFP supporters were walking down Khumalo Street to the stadium.

"Initial police investigations revealed that three unidentified gunmen entered a house on Khumalo Street - the township's main street - with AK-47 rifles and fired at the unsuspecting IFP supporters.

"At least 45 empty cartridges were found on the scene. Security was immediately stepped up in the township after the shooting, with police supported by the South African Defence Force," Malherbe said.

The injured were taken to Natalspruit Hospital, Malherbe said. He said relatives of the dead should go to the Germiston mortuary to identify the bodies.

Tokoza was tense yesterday afternoon and some residents near the hostel expressed fears that there could be attacks during the night.

After the incident, IFP supporters, escorted by the security forces, marched along the main street to waiting taxis on the outskirts of the township.

In the second incident, Malherbe said, a large group of IFP supporters had alighted from a train at Pilot Station and were apparently on their way to the aborted rally when they were fired at.

He said motives for the shooting were still unknown and investigations were continuing.

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government, Inkatha and other groups were expected to sign a national peace accord.

"A situation in which 18 people are killed can be characterised as a national disaster, but it should not serve as an obstacle to the peace process," he said.

Inkatha Freedom Party's press spokeswoman, Ms Suzanne Vos, said the planned rally at Thokoza had not been organised by the IFP, but had been a rally of the Hostel Dwellers' Association.

"The majority of hostel dwellers in the Transvaal are members of the IFP. However, members of the IFP's Women's League had been caught up in the violence while they were travelling to the rally to sell food and snacks for fund-raising.

"These women witnessed men in black firing at people with automatic rifles. This was a barbaric act, and this violence must stop. All the more reason why the peace initiative must get off the ground," she said.

National Peace Initiative facilitator Mr Louw Alberts said the killings proved how vital the signing of the peace accord was.

About 320 people died in violence in Thokoza between August last year and April this year. However, the violence has decreased sharply since the SADF's 32 Battalion established a base there in April.

Members of the SADF and SAP were patrolling Thokoza yesterday and it was quiet by last evening.

The violence did not end in Thokoza, however. Incensed by the killings, alleged Inkatha supporters took to the streets in Tembisa, also on the East Rand, and Johannesburg, where they attacked commuters and hostel dwellers.

Police said two men were killed in central Johannesburg — at Park station in Wanderers Street — and two "Xhosa-speaking" hostel inmates were killed at City Deep hostel.

In another incident at the Kathlehong railway station yesterday nine people — six men, two women and one child — were injured when private security guards apparently fired at a large group of Zulu-speaking people, who had disembarked from a train. The "Zulu-speakers" were apparently terrorising commuters

In Soweto 13 people were killed and 16 injured — reports said two journalists were among the injured — in vicious clashes between residents and IFP supporters in Mofolo Central.

The fighting broke out after hand-grenades were thrown into an Inkatha group on their way back from a rally in Dobsonville.

A spokesman for the Thokoza Civic Association, Mr Sam Ntuli, called for a probe into the SADF, whose members, he said, were unable to prevent the massacre despite escorting IFP members to their rally in the township.

● Sporadic incidents of violence flared in Khayelitsha at the weekend and police discovered the bodies of an unidentified women and a man who had been shot.

Police said a number of homes had been set alight, causing extensive damage, but no casualties were reported from the squatters involved.

Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher said yesterday that allegations that a white man with a blackened face had participated in the attacks were being investigated by the police.

Call to press ahead with talks

18 Inkatha members slain in Thokoza

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THEO RAWANA and DAVE LOURENS

AT LEAST 18 people died when gunmen opened fire on a group of Inkatha supporters in Thokoza on the East Rand yesterday, raising fears of a renewed wave of township violence.

Inkatha's Thokoza secretary Abraham Mzizi told reporters that two men opened fire on members of the Hostel Dwellers' Association as they were marching to the local stadium to hold a peace meeting.

"About 16 of our men died immediately and several more were injured," he said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said that at about 10am three men came out of a house and shot at about 300 Inkatha followers, leaving 18 dead. A further 14 were taken to the nearby Natalspruit Hospital.

Malherbe said police found 45 empty AK-47 cartridges at the house. He could not say who was responsible for the attack, but said one man had been detained.

A tense situation developed later as Inkatha members, escorted by soldiers, marched down the main street from the vicinity of the attack, to their hostel.

Inkatha supporters, some armed with sticks, spears and axes, stopped and searched cars. Malherbe said police had stopped them doing this.

Mzizi's wife Gertrude, who was driving with him behind the Inkatha supporters at the time of the attack, said she saw a man in a long black jacket come out of the house holding an AK 47 rifle, blowing a whistle.

"As he blew the whistle, other men came from other houses and they also had rifles then they started shooting.

"My husband was driving and we were following a group of hostel dwellers to the stadium. The gunmen seemed to be firing at the hostel dwellers . . . many people fell. Shots also came our way. A bullet hit the door of our car and we fled," she said.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said although the attack was serious, it should not derail Saturday's peace conference at which the ANC, government, Inkatha and other groups were expected to sign a national peace accord.

"The peace initiative was convened to curb this type of violence and to bring about a climate of peace.

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In the most recent major outbreak of township violence, 23 Alexandra residents died in five days of fighting last month.

□ Police reported yesterday that two people died in other unrest at the weekend. A man was shot near Umkomaas, while the body of a woman with a bullet wound was found in Khayalitsha.

Whistle, then massacre

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A WHISTLE-blowing man wearing a long, black jacket and armed with an AK-47 rifle heralded an attack on hostel dwellers in Tokoza township yesterday morning, a witness said.

Ms Gertrude Mzizi, Inkatha Freedom Party Women's Brigade secretary in Tokoza, said she and her husband were driving to a township stadium in the morning to attend a meeting of the East Rand Hostel Dwellers Association.

"I had prepared food to sell at the rally . . . as my husband and I were driving along Khumalo Street, I saw a man in a long, black jacket come from a house . . . he had an AK-47 and I shouted to my husband: Look, look at that man there with the rifle..."

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The man then proceeded along the street, and started blowing a whistle.

"As he blew the whistle, other men came from other houses and they also had rifles; then they started shooting.

"My husband was driving and we were following a group of hostel dwellers to the stadium. The gunmen seemed to be firing at the hostel dwellers, many people fell. Shots also came our way, a bullet hit the door of our car and we fled," Mzizi said.

"As we drove I looked back through the window and saw people who had fallen on the ground. They were writhing in pain, many looked to be dead. It was a terrible thing."

As they drove away they encountered a group of hostel dwellers from Katlehong and were able to turn them back.

Mzizi said her information was that 18 people had died. In Pretoria a senior SAP spokesman, Major Reg Crewe, confirmed the death toll, adding that 14 people had been injured. - *Sapa*

Violence erupts in townships

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dwellers and Inkatha-supporting residents.

Residents of Kumalo Street last night feared revenge attacks from hostel dwellers and were preparing to move out.

Frightened residents claimed several men who were driving in a brown Toyota Cressida had vowed to return last night to get even with them to avenge the deaths of their colleagues.

A Natalspruit Hospital source said six of the dead had been certified dead on arrival while more than 20 others were taken there with gunshot wounds.

Witnesses said the attack took place as a large group of IFP supporters were moving and singing along Kumalo Street to attend a rally at the Tokoza Stadium.

"The first group of about 400 had passed the same way without incident. As this second and bigger group came past, we heard the sound of machine-gun fire. We went to investigate and saw two men armed with AK-47 rifles opening fire on the Inkatha people.

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"We saw men falling down one after the other, and others were fleeing in the direction of the rubbish dump. Then there was complete silence. The bodies of dead men were strewn over a wide area.

"It happened in seconds and the men went as swiftly as they had come," a man said.

ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu said he strongly condemned such action against members of the IFP.

"We appeal to all our people to remain calm and not allow this wanton act of provocation to result in even more bloodletting."

Mr Sisulu said such action would not curtail his organisation's commitment to the peace process.

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"All the more reason why the peace initiative must get off the ground," she said.

EX-BEAUTY QUEEN: Judy Nelson, Navratilova's attractive 40-year-old former lover.

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Clamp on East Rand strife areas

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Tokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tembisa, all on the East Rand, have been declared unrest areas after two days of carnage which left 65 people dead and at least 101 injured.

In one of his first actions since taking over the Ministry of Law and Order recently, Hernus Kriel said there had been promising signs of a change in attitude in recent months and "it is, therefore, unfortunate that these events have occurred ..."

The single worst incident of violence occurred in Tokoza on the East Rand on Sunday morning when gunmen killed 23 people and wounded 22 in a crowd of mostly Inkatha Freedom Party supporters on their way to a Hostel Dweller's Association meeting.

The massacre sparked off a wave of retaliatory attacks and at least 14 people were killed and 18 injured in Soweto.

Yesterday most schools in Mofolo and White City Jabavu, were deserted after teachers dispersed pupils early, fearing more possible attacks from Inkatha supporters.

Various cases of shots being fired at taxis and minibuses in the Orange Farm area near Vereeniging were reported.

Reef clamp

Security forces search a man at Phola Park squatter camp in Tokoza yesterday. The crackdown followed violence throughout the East Rand. Pic. LEN KUMALO

Four unrest areas as toll up to 69

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By KENOSI MODISANE and DON SEOKANE

POLICE have declared four East Rand townships unrest areas as the death toll from the violence on the Reef rose to 69 yesterday.

The decree, made by the new Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, affects Tokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tembisa.

A statement released by Kriel's office, however, put the official death toll at 57, with 84 people injured, in the weekend carnage.

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Clampdown on Reef

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Sowetan established that 12 people had died yesterday at different hospitals.

Eight survivors of Sunday night's attack on Mofolo and White City Jabavu in Soweto died at Baragwanath Hospital and four others died at Natalspruit Hospital.

Four bodies were found at Nancefield Hostel in Soweto.

Two corpses were found along the railway line at Dube, Soweto, yesterday morning. The victims had been shot dead.

Twenty-four train commuters were injured when they jumped from a moving train after allegedly being attacked in the coaches.

Three people died yesterday on the East Rand during a dawn attack on a Wadeville-bound train.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe confirmed that the bodies of three unidentified men were found at Wadeville Station.

He said the attack occurred about 5.30am.

Natalspruit Hospital superintendent Dr Norman Kernes said of the 24 injured people admitted on Sunday night, two were certified dead on arrival.

"A further two people died at the hospital, one on Sunday night while the other person died yesterday morning," Kernes said.

Malherbe said no incidents of violence had been reported during the day and that the situation in East Rand townships was quiet, but tense.

He said police supported by SADF members had been deployed in the affected areas.

In Tokoza, the Phola Park squatter camp was surrounded and searched by security forces who maintained a high profile in the township.

The Azanian Peoples Organisation yesterday sent condolences to all the families who lost their beloved ones. Azapo also wished the injured a speedy recovery.

Azapo president Mr Pandelani Nefolovhodwe called on the black community to crackdown on the perpetrators of "these inhuman deeds".

"The sooner black people unite, the better. People who are dying are workers just like ourselves. They are poor just like ourselves and live within the oppressed community."

The Soweto Council also conveyed its condolences to the bereaved families and urged the various political organisations to meet and resolve the crisis.

It urged Mshenguville residents to report any transgressions and said residents should co-operate with the police.

Sebokeng: Nine cops in court

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VEREENIGING. — Nine policemen appeared briefly in Vanderbijl Park Magistrate's Court on Friday in connection with murder following a report by the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into violence in Sebokeng last year.

The group, all from the Vaal Triangle and Krugersdorp areas, were due to appear in court yesterday but were instructed by the attorney-general's office to appear on Friday instead.

The commission was appointed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 last year in which at least 10 people died.

The nine policemen were not asked to plead.

ANC 'not involved in massacre'

Clampdown on townships as toll mounts

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NEW Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday declared four East Rand townships unrest areas, as the death toll from Reef violence since Sunday rose to 65.

Thokoza, Vosloorus, Kathlehong and Tembisa were declared unrest areas, with immediate effect, and a 9pm to 5am curfew was imposed. Kriel said President F W de Klerk had approved the renewal of the unrest status and curfew in Soweto, Dobsonville, Meadowlands and Diepkloof for a further three months.

Police said 51 people had died, with 58 injured, on the East Rand and PWV area since Sunday. Violence which spread to Soweto claimed 14 lives and injured 35.

In incidents yesterday, three people were shot dead and thrown off a train between Kathlehong and Wadeville. Four were injured. And 17 people were injured when they jumped off two Soweto trains after hearing rumours of an Inkatha attack, police said.

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East Rand townships and Soweto appeared calm yesterday, with a heavy security force presence. Kriel said SAP Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe had banned certain weapons in the East Rand unrest areas, adding that police reinforcements backed by SADF troops had been sent in to keep the peace.

JONATHON REES
and WILSON ZWANE

He appealed to leaders of political parties involved in the violence and residents of affected areas to remain calm

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa yesterday dismissed allegations by an Inkatha source, who declined to be named, that a trained ANC unit had been responsible for the Thokoza massacre. Mamoepa said all ANC forces were confined to base and had no instructions to go on offensive.

On Sunday night, Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza told Sapa that some Inkatha members had recognised the Thokoza attackers as "known ANC members".

Thokoza residents canvassed yesterday could not identify the three gunmen who shot at Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers with AK-47 rifles on Sunday.

One Thokoza woman said she was "running scared" after a hostel dweller was stabbed in her backyard by a known assailants. She said she had vacated her home for fear of revenge attacks.

In Natal, at least eight people died in weekend violence, police said.

□ The SA Institute of Race Relations said that until the weekend, township deaths in political violence had declined dramatically in the past three months. The average daily fatality rate had decreased from 10,2 in March-May to 4,8 in June-August.

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Unions, business and police in bid to halt East Rand violence

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VERA VON LIERES

COSATU said yesterday it would meet business leaders and police to try to halt a spate of violence against its members on the East Rand.

Cosatu Witwatersrand co-ordinator Alfred Woodington said the decision was taken at a meeting last week between the labour federation and the Germiston Chamber of Commerce and Industry, aimed at addressing the deteriorating situation in the area.

The parties committed themselves to maintaining good industrial relations and to strive for peace, while recognising that violence could destabilise the area.

They also agreed to include in the talks Sacob, the SAP, small business organisations, including the Golden Walk Traders Association, the Germiston Independent Traders and other trade union groupings, he said.

A tentative date for the meeting has been set for September 19. BDay 10/9/91

Cosatu strongly condemned an early morning attack yesterday on workers travelling between Kathlehong and Wadeville railway stations, Woodington said.

Meanwhile, Pepkor Group human resources director Piet Brand said yesterday a resurgence of violence in East Rand townships at the weekend had hampered efforts to reopen three strike-bound stores in the Pepkor Group, Sapa reports.

About 1 500 workers at 282 Pep Stores and Ackermans outlets have been on strike since Saturday.

Woman's hands were cut off

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WHEN an Inkatha member with an ugly bullet wound in the head arrived at Baragwanath Hospital at about 2pm on Sunday a doctor at the hospital became extremely worried.

"'I knew there was going to be trouble here.''

He did not have to wait long before his fears became true.

According to Ms Seugnet van Vuuren, a spokesman for the hospital, 57 people were treated at the hospital on Sunday, five had died on arrival and three died in resuscitation by the end of the day.

Yesterday 25 more people were treated at the hospital after being hacked, stabbed, shot, hit with sticks and flung or jumped off two trains travelling from Soweto to Johannesburg.

One of the injured, a young woman, was in a serious condition after one of her hands had been hacked off, leaving her '"physically and mentally scarred for life,'' according to the doctor.

"Her chances of earning a living are diminished. Her total outlook on life is now seriously affected,'' the doctor said.

Mr David Banda (38) said he was walking in White City just after 5pm when he saw people come running in his direction.

"There was wild shooting all over. People were screaming and running away. I think I heard a handgrenade or two explode moments before that,'' he said, from a stretcher at the hospital. - *Sowetan Correspondent*

Unrest areas declared

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In Natal, at least eight people died, seven others were injured and numerous homes were razed by fire in political violence at the weekend, police reported.

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said his organisation would still attend Saturday's national peace convention.

Sapa reports that Mr Mandela said: "If every party honestly adheres to the obligations, which are set out in that convention, then we should be able to control the violence, but only if everybody carries out his obligations seriously and honestly."

The national chairman of Inkatha, Dr Frank Mdlalose, said his party would also attend the peace convention, saying "what has happened is all the more reason for the peace process to work and be made to work. Our commitment to stopping the violence is absolute".

In London the British government said the violence underlined the urgent need for the peace accord to be signed by all parties on Saturday.

The general secretary of the South African Council of Churches and key mover behind the National Peace Initiative, the Rev Frank Chikane, issued an impassioned plea to political leaders to exercise the utmost restraint in the wake of the violence.

The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference said it hoped the senseless slaying of the hostel dwellers in Thokoza and the subsequent reprisal killings would not be allowed to derail the peace agreement to be signed at the weekend.

The Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) placed the blame for the Reef violence on the government. Own Correspondent, Political Correspondent and Sapa

Bid to sabotage peace talks, say ANC and IFP

'Agents triggered slaughter'

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By Andrew Walker, Esmaré van der Merwe and Kaizer Nyatsumba

Agents provocateurs have been blamed for deliberately starting the Reef township slaughter that claimed 72 lives in two days.

The ANC and Inkatha — main protagonists in the fighting in which 11 000 have died since 1984 — both believe the violence was provoked with the aim of derailing the peace process.

Sunday's faction fighting, sparked by two ambushes, came as major political parties were preparing to sign Saturday's historic, church-sponsored National Peace Convention.

Clergymen involved in formulating the peace pact are also convinced the latest surge of violence stemmed from unknown activists aiming to block the peace pact.

The spiral of violence was begun on Sunday by three black AK-47 gunmen who ambushed Inkatha members heading for a rally.

Firing their assault rifles into the cover of a house, they killed 23 and wounded 22, some of whom later died in hospital.

In the other attack, handgrenades were thrown at IFP men.

The ambushes led to a spate of retaliatory attacks by Inkatha supporters in Soweto, on the East Rand, and on trains, witnesses said.

Success of the campaign to set off township unrest was related by victims of attacks on commuter trains yesterday morning — passengers told of how rampaging gangs demanded to know where commuters were when the Inkatha men were massacred in Tokoza

And the handgrenade attack on Inkatha marchers in Soweto sparked immediate attacks on residents.

Decrying the ambushes as a transparent ploy by unidentified parties, the ANC and Inkatha have recommitted themselves to the national peace process

Both yesterday reaffirmed their commitment to this weekend's signing of the multiparty peace accord.

At a media briefing in Johannesburg, ANC president Nelson Mandela said the ANC had launched an investigation into the killings, but it was clear that the killers were not members of any political force.

"The suspicion is that this may be an attempt to derail the signing of the convention," he said.

He said the ANC would definitely sign the accord, and welcomed the IFP's an-

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'Agents triggered the township slaughter'

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nouncement that it, too, would not withdraw from the convention.

"We are the authors of the exercise to mobilise the country around peace and we attach great importance to the signing of the convention," Mr Mandela said.

IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said it was significant that "the latest and deliberately orchestrated carnage" had taken place only days before the peace convention.

It was clear the intention of the killers was to derail the peace initiative and to get the IFP not to sign the agreement, he said.

He said the attacks on IFP members, and similar attacks in Natal, had to be exposed for what they were: "barbaric acts designed to wreck the peace process".

The IFP leader said his party appreciated the ANC leadership's immediate reaction and comments deploring "this provocative savagery".

Walter Sisulu, deputy president of the ANC, appealed to people not to allow the Tokoza attack, a "wanton act of provocation", to result in further fighting.

"We reaffirm our commitment to the peace process, which we all have the responsibility to ensure is not derailed."

South African Council of Churches general secretary the Reverend Frank Chikane called on members of the community to exercise restraint and "the utmost political vigilance", by not allowing themselves to be used against one another.

Sowetan editor Agrey Klaaste asked in a special article this morning: "What type of people are we that we can allow two or three mad gunmen to cause so much damage to the nation?"

IFP Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza, who saw the Soweto grenade attack, said the ambushes were aimed at killing the peace accord.

Police said today they did not know who was responsible for the attacks. A special task force was investigating.

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Blood, murder and mayhem

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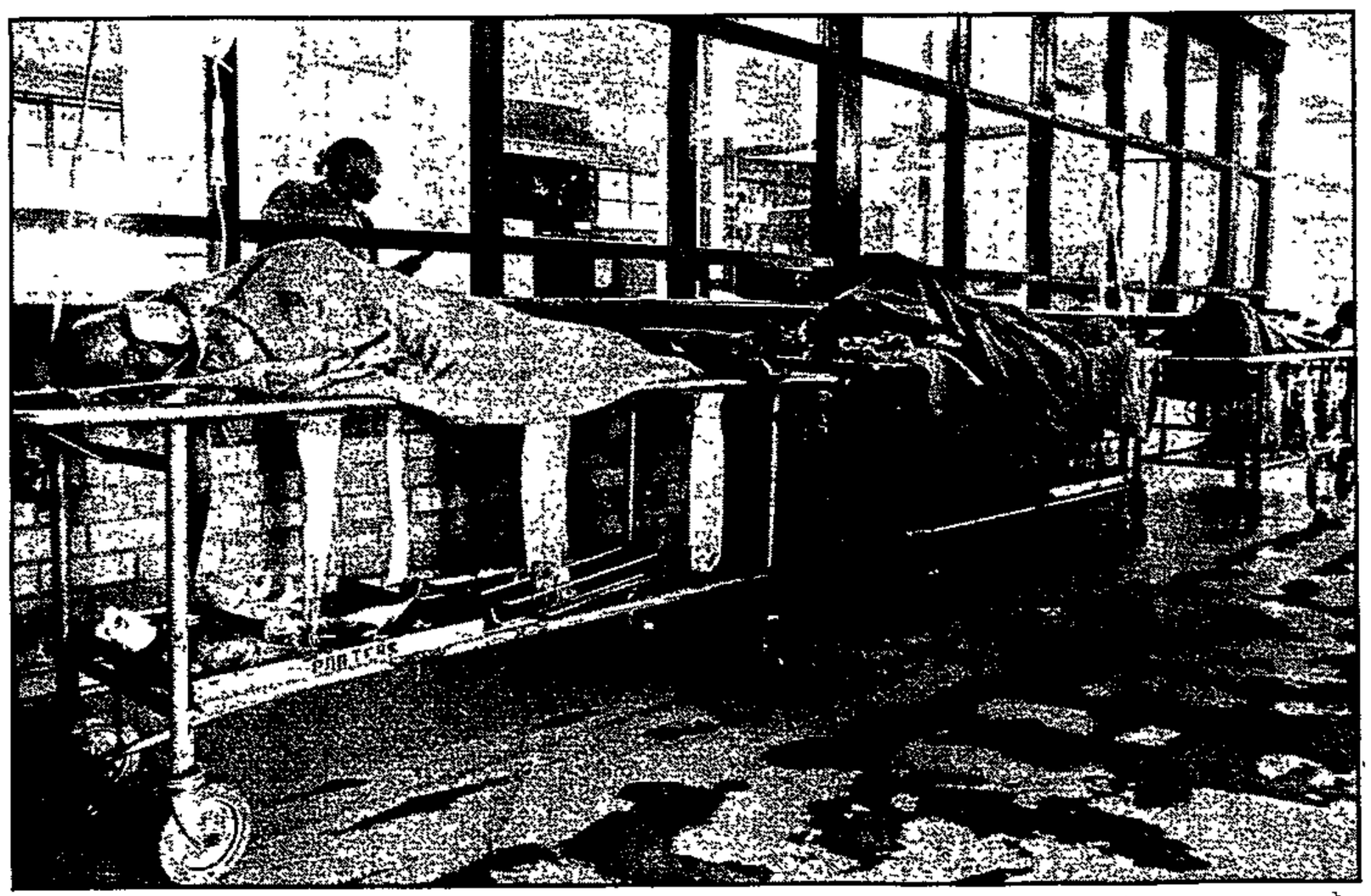
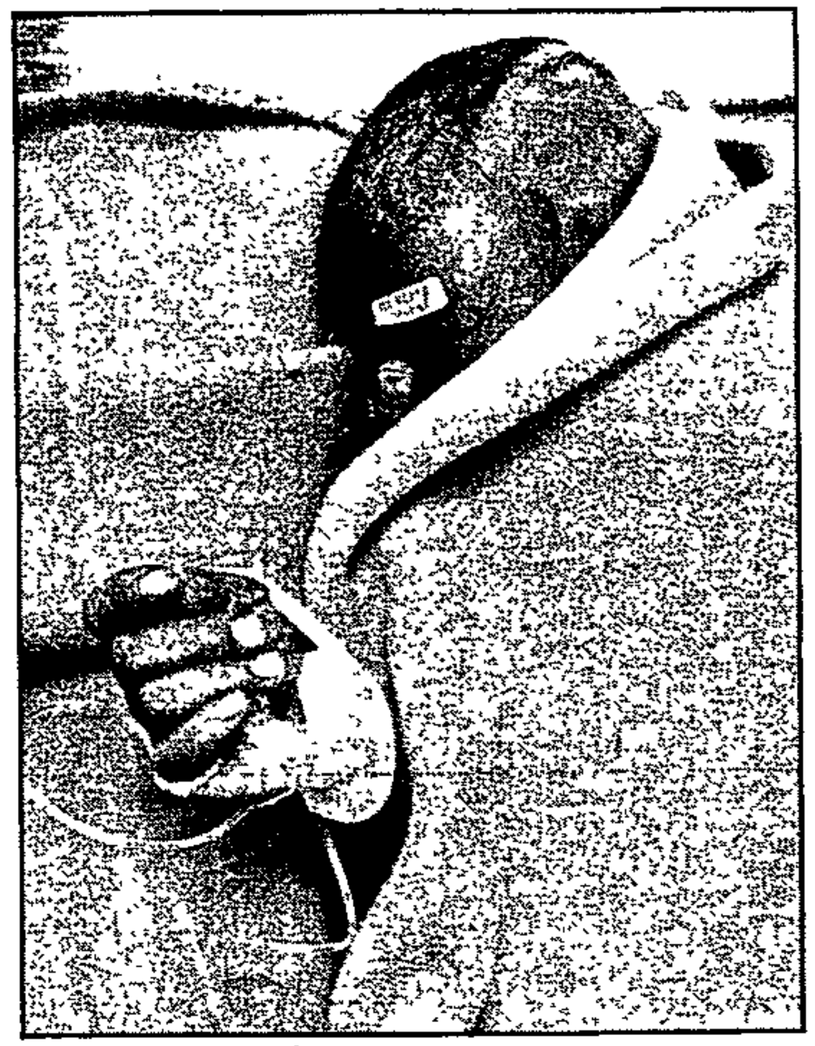
At least 57 people have been killed and 84 injured since running battles erupted on the Reef on Sunday. THABO LESHILO and ZINGISA MHKHUMA visit the hospitals at which the injured are being treated. 278



Chaos . . . victims of the Reef violence await treatment at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday. Pictures: Joao Silva



"Dringend-urgent" . . . reads the sticker on this man's head.

WHEN AN an Inkatha member with an ugly bullet wound in the head arrived at Baragwanath Hospital at about 2 pm on Sunday a doctor at the hospital became extremely worried.

"I knew there was going to be trouble here."

He did not have to wait long before his fears came true.

According to hospital spokesman Seugnet van Vuuren, 57 people had been treated at the hospital on Sunday — five died on arrival and three died by the end of the day.

Yesterday, 25 more people were treated at the hospital after being attacked on two trains on their way to work from Soweto to Johannesburg

They were hacked, stabbed, shot or hit with knobkerries Some were flung off the trains or jumped off to escape attack.

One of the injured, a young woman, was in a serious condition after one of her hands had been hacked off, leaving her "physically and mentally scarred for life"

"Her chances of earning a living are diminished. Her total outlook on life is now seriously affected," the doctor said.

A patient, David Banda (38), said he was in White City just after 5 pm when he saw people running in his direction.

"There was wild shooting People were screaming and running away I think I heard a hand grenade or two explode moments before that," he said from a hospital stretcher

His leg was in a cast He broke it trying to jump a fence in the chaos, which, he said, lasted until sunset.

Busisiwe Ngobeni (18) said she was at her aunt's home in Klipspruit when Inkatha members came marching down the street towards Nancefield Hostel at about 7 pm

A bullet fired by one of the marchers hit her in the thigh while she was inside the house.

Father of three Jacob Lecholo said he was travelling to work on train number 9317 which leaves Naledi at 5 30 am for Johannesburg

"Just as the train left Mzimhlophe Station a large group of Inkatha men entered my coach asking where we were when their people were killed in Tokoza"

The passengers said they knew nothing about the attack and pleaded with the men to spare them They started attacking the commuters

"They simply picked on you when your eyes met their gaze," said Mr Lecholo

He was hit in the head with a knobkerrie and one attacker stabbed him in the neck.

Piet Laka (24) said the attackers started assaulting commuters at random at Ikwezi Station.

"They entered the coach and twice shouted 'Viva' at us, waiting for a response. They immediately started assaulting us when we failed to respond."

He jumped off the train and injured his head and legs.

Maclowd Mkosana said the assailants who attacked the train on the Vereeniging — Johannesburg route had boarded the train at Orlando Station.

He had moved to another carriage when the men started shouting that they were looking for "comrades."

Many passengers ran into his coach to escape danger when the men started attacking them as soon as the train left Mlamlankunzi Station.

The train doors opened under the weight of the frightened passengers and many were flung off Mr Mkosana suffered injuries to his arms and legs.

At least 57 people have so far been killed and 84 injured since running battles erupted on the Reef on Sunday.

The violence began in Tokoza when gunmen unleashed a volley of AK-47 gunfire on a crowd of mostly IFP members on their way to a Hostel Dwellers' Association meeting, killing 23 and wounding 22

When The Star visited the Natalspruit Hospital, where most of the wounded were taken, the wards were full of men with gunshot wounds

A matron at the hospital said figures of how many violence victims were being treated at the hospital were not available.

One of the victims of the weekend clashes died while we were interviewing other survivors

Two Inkatha supporters from Iscor's kwa-Madala Hostel who were being treated for gunshot wounds, said that they did not see their assailants but alleged that the gunfire came from the nearby houses

The men also said they were not told what the meeting was about.

Khehla Kheswa said he was walking to the Tokoza Stadium, where the meeting was to be held, when he heard gunfire coming from some houses.

"I did not see who was firing on us because when the gunfire was heard there was confusion as people tried to flee. I ran across the road and never looked back.

"I saw people fall in front of me and I jumped over four bodies. I felt a burning sensation on my left thigh, and realised that I had been hit, but I kept on running until I reached the hostel," Mr Kheswa added.

Bheki Khumalo said he was also on his way to the meeting when he heard a cracking sound He received gunshot wounds to his chest, abdomen and right leg

"I would be lying if I said I saw anything It all happened so fast. I ran for my life even though I was hurt I hid in a ditch and I must have lost consciousness, because when I came to, two people were pulling me from the ditch," he said.

Unknown gunmen also attacked and shot people at random in Vosloorus on Sunday afternoon One of the survivors, Jacob Hlapholosa (40), sustained a gunshot wound on his leg while fleeing.

Mr Hlapholosa said he was forced to walk home after his car broke down When he went past Vosloorus he heard gunfire and saw people running "helter skelter"

"I did not see who was doing the shooting but I saw muzzle flashes and tried to run away when my feet gave in.

"The occupants stopped an ambulance and I was taken to the hospital," he said

Richard Nkosi said he was walking home when six men grabbed him and hacked his head with a panga before plunging a spear into his chest. They left him for dead, he said.

Mr Nkosi said he does not understand why he was attacked. □

Minister acts as violence continues

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He claimed many passengers leapt off moving trains at the first hint of trouble, often acting merely on rumours.

Several people were killed in attacks at stations and hostels last night. At least seven bodies have been found in Soweto since yesterday afternoon.

On the East Rand, where the violence began on Sunday, the townships of Tokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tembisa, were yesterday declared unrest areas by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel.

In one of his first major actions since taking over the Ministry recently, Mr Kriel made the declaration in Pretoria.

He said there had been promising signs of a change in attitude in recent months and "it is therefore extremely unfortunate these events have occurred ..."

The worst incident of violence occurred in Tokoza on Sunday morning when gunmen killed 23 people and wounded 22 in a crowd of mostly Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

They were on their way to a Hostel Dwellers' Association meeting.

Four East Rand townships were declared unrest areas yesterday while today violence across the Reef continued, bringing the death toll to 72 since Sunday.

Four more people were reported murdered in Soweto this morning. Witnesses said they saw the bodies of three people at Nancefield station and one at Dube station.

Long queues formed at bus and minibus taxi ranks this morning as commuters avoided catching trains in fear of a repeat of yesterday's violence on township rail routes.

A Spoornet spokesman reported at 8.30 am that "several incidents" had occurred on trains early this morning.

The spokesman was unable to provide details.

Township residents reported that stations were almost desertedalong the Naledi and Lenz lines to the city. Putco spokesman Alpheus Gcadashe said where possible, extra buses had been made available to transport extra passengers.

A Transnet inspector claimed railway workers had signed on today at Park Station, but then disappeared. He claimed trains were still running reasonably full.

Asked about security on the trains for commuters, he said armed plain-clothes guards patrolled the coaches but it was almost impossible to offer full protection on up to 14 coaches on a single train.

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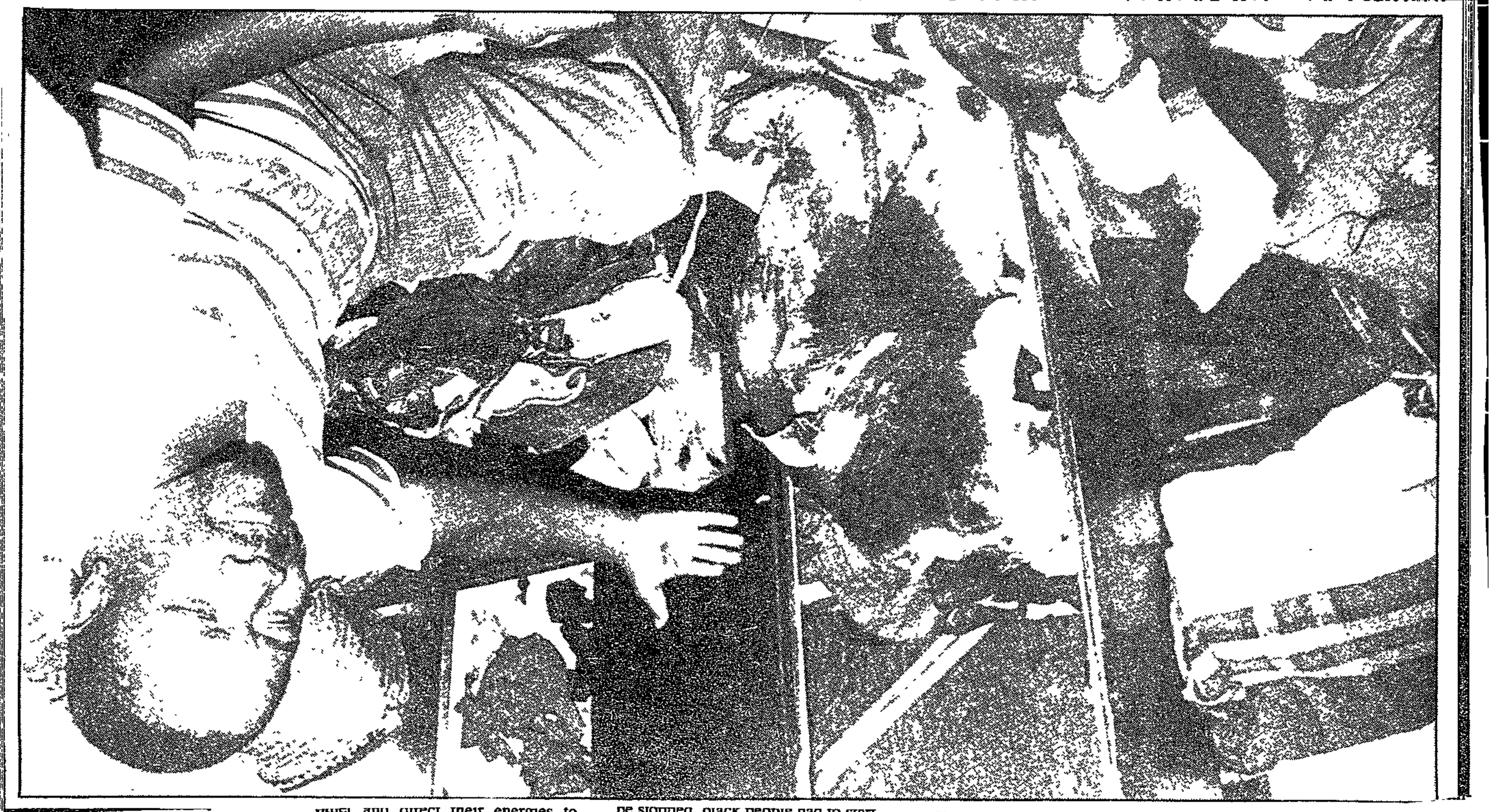

He, however, said blacks should stop acting as robots and ask themselves who provides the advanced weaponry used in these killings.

other and direct their energies to fighting the enemy."

A distressed Faith, calling from Diepkloof, asked why black life was so cheap.

be stopped, black people had to start respecting and loving one another irrespective of political affiliations.

"This violence is a shame for black people."

He appealed to people to stop the horrible killings that were destroying the black community.

Bheki also urged the ANC and IFP to sign the peace accord (due

"People have been killed in Swanieville and nothing has been done about it. The Government should stop protecting the perpetrators," she said.

WHY ME? A distraught Mr Elliot Motshweneng of Mofolo, Soweto, points to the bodies of his 15-year-old daughter Maletsatsi and 35-year-old wife Virginia. *See Page III.

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Enough! For God's sake, enough!

Some of the pictures on these four pages appeared in later copies of *Sowetan* yesterday. Because of their relevance to the crisis of violence we repeat them in this special appeal for peace today.

STOP THE SLAUGHTER

But... here's how it all began

PLEA FOR PEACE: An Inkatha supporter pleads with South African Defence Force members at a hostel in Tokoza on the East Rand on Sunday.

Pics: LEN KUMALO

Family grieves as 4 are killed

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MR ELLIOT Motsoeneng returned to his home in Mofolo Central, Soweto, from a stokvel to find his wife, young daughter, elderly mother and sister all murdered.

The soft-spoken 45-year-old I asked the police if I could go inside to see what was going on.

"I saw my dog lying in the yard, still chained. They had shot and stabbed it."

He entered the house and found the body of his elderly mother, Jennet, covered in blood. Terrified, he made his way to her bedroom to

Virginia, Motsoeneng's wife, was also dead. She too had been stabbed and shot.

Motsoeneng said he later learned that his three-year-old son Tisetso, his daughter Matsimela (7) and his sister's young son William and daughter Esther had survived the attack.

sense of Sunday's indescribably brutal attack yesterday.

He dreaded returning to his home which, he says, was torn apart by angry Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

"I arrived home about 3.30pm from the stokvel and from a distance I could see Inkatha people in the streets outside. Some were in my yard. The police were outside," he said.

"I was scared to go in. People were running away.

"When the Inkatha people shifted

Stabbed

"I saw my sister Joyce (26) lying next to the bed. The bed had been turned on its side. She had been stabbed and shot.

"Then I saw she was still breathing very slowly. Inside the cupboard I saw my daughter Jennet (16). She had been stabbed and her jeans were partly pulled down. I think she had been raped - my sister too.

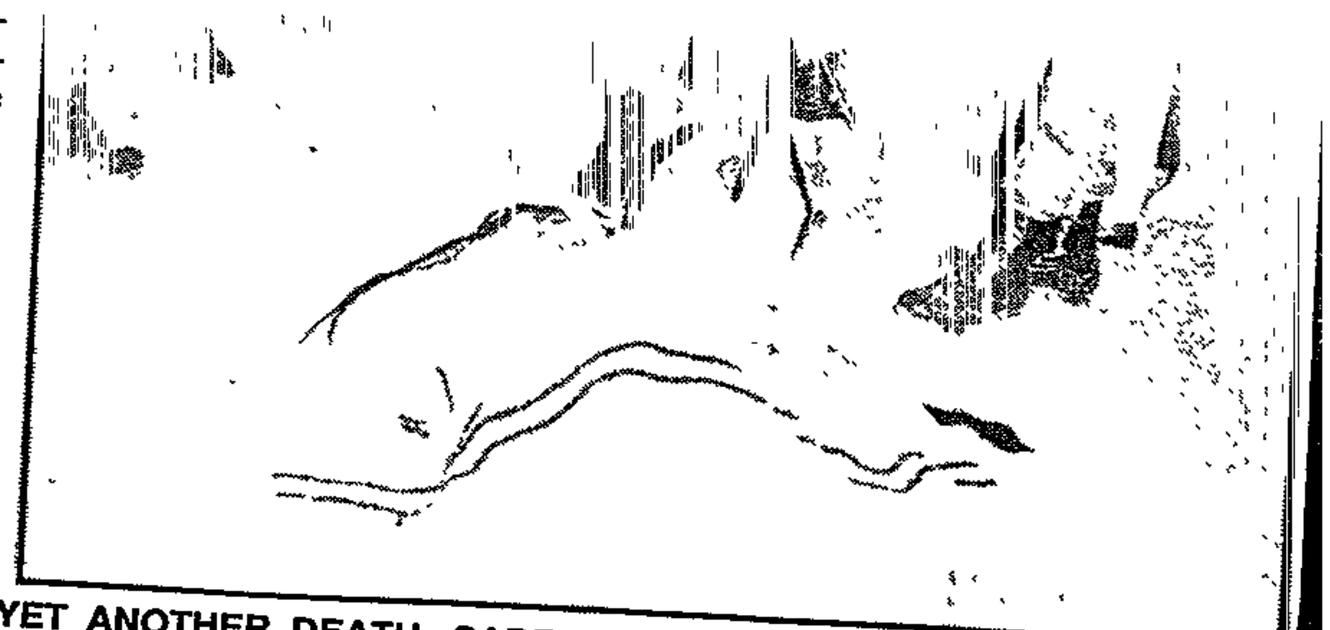
"After that I started to look for my wife. I found her behind a pile of blankets."

His other children, Cynthia, Francina, William and Sandra also escaped - they were at choir practice in Dube.

Motsoeneng said he married Virginia after his first wife died.

"Now they have killed my second wife. If I had another house I would chain my house up and go," he said.

The attackers stole the family's TV set, radio wall clock and some money from Motsoeneng's bedroom. They also broke cupboards, diningroom furniture and windows - *Sowetan Correspondent.*



YET ANOTHER DEATH: SADF members guard a victim of the killing spree in White City, Soweto, on Sunday night.

AT THE READY: Soldiers move in near a hostel in Tokoza after trouble flared up on Sunday.

COMMUTERS AMBUSHED: 11 DIE IN DAWN KILLING SPREE

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Reef bloodbath

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 11 people were killed early today when a car was ambushed on the East Rand, a commuter bus was riddled with bullets and blasted with a handgrenade, and a crowded railway station was sprayed with bullets.

In the Tokoza area, only kilometres from the car ambush, four people were killed and about 60 injured when a handgrenade was hurled into a crowded bus which was then riddled with AK-47 fire.

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Martina offers to settle with Judy

FORT WORTH, Texas. — Martina Navratilova made a settlement offer yesterday to former lover Judy Nelson who has filed a palimony lawsuit against her.

Ms Nelson emerged from a courtroom late yesterday and said she would consider the offer overnight before deciding whether to accept it and end her legal quest for a share of the nine-time Wimbledon champion's assets.

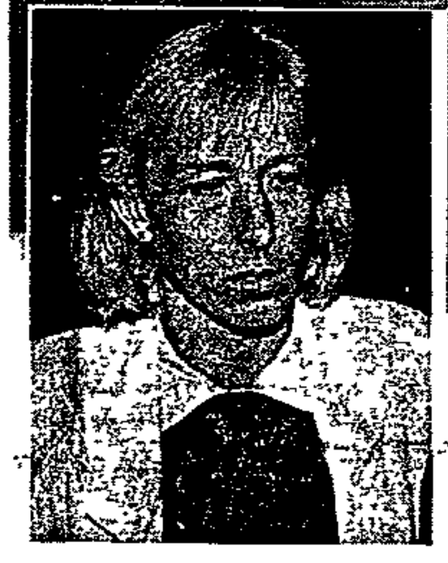
Ms Nelson, who had a seven-year relationship with Ms Navratilova, said both sides had compromised in trying to reach a settlement.

"Neither of us ever wanted this to happen. It has, and we're in it, and I think that we would both like to see the pain and the suffering stop so that we can both recover from it and get on with our lives."

Ms Navratilova's publicist said talks reached a halt after both sides could not reach agreement on non-financial aspects of the settlement. She declined to discuss those conditions.

"Court will resume again tomorrow morning," the publicist said. "It's more complicated than an offer on the table."

The publicist said she was "optimistic" both sides would come to terms.



LOVE MATCH: Judy Nelson, Martina Navratilova's former lover, smiles past her attorney's shoulder yesterday during a pre-trial hearing about the "non-marital cohabitation agreement" between Nelson and Navratilova. Inset: Martina Navratilova leaving court yesterday.

Ms Nelson said the lawsuit was about more than the millions of dollars she could win.

"It's about Martina honouring a contract, an agreement that she did honestly and that we both wanted," said Ms Nelson, a former beauty queen. "I really don't want to look at the dollars and cents of it. I mean it goes beyond that."

Ms Nelson met twice privately with Ms Navratilova yesterday, calling the discussions the first talks the two had had since ending their relationship earlier this year

Earlier yesterday, the women returned to a state district courtroom for the second day of a preliminary hearing in the lawsuit. Ms Navratilova's attorneys are trying to have Ms Nelson's attorney removed from the case. — Sapa-AP.

Dinkins shelves SA visit

The Argus Foreign Service

NEW YORK — The overpriced and ill-starred trip of New York Mayor David Dinkins and his huge entourage to South Africa has been postponed

The mayor, who was close to tears when he made the announcement today, said a lack of money had forced the postponement. But he vowed to make the journey "to show support for anti-apartheid forces"

He said he would tell ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela, who was to have been his host, that the trip was off

The mayor, who was to lead a delegation of 27 city officials and business representatives, — accompanied by a planeload of security men, journalists and TV cameramen — was to have visited Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town for talks with, among others, President F W de Klerk, Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

They were to have arrived in Johannesburg on September 18

But aides said today that only R600 000 had been raised, leaving organisers R750 000 short.

Today, recalling the work his deputy-mayor, Mr Bill Lynch, had done during the past few days of rioting in the New York borough, the mayor choked and fought back tears, stopping several times to regain his composure

Rape charge hangs heavy

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The second woman had gunshots in the stomach and thighs. She was airlifted to the Johannesburg Hospital after paramedics rendered emergency treatment at the scene.

The policeman who drove the car returned the fire with his 0,9mm service pistol.

And at the Angus railway station, near the Tokoza bus slaughter, six people were killed and many injured when gunmen sprayed early morning commuters with gunfire from the platform at about 6am.

"It was like war here," said an ambulance spokesman.

The latest deaths in the war which has raged across the Reef since Sunday's killing of 23 people in Tokoza brings the total death toll to well over 100.

In the Vaal Triangle early today, unidentified gunmen opened fire on three women travelling in a car in Sebokeng, killing one of the women, police said.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said the attack took place at 2am when a group of men surrounded and opened fire on three women travelling in a car near Sebokeng Hostel.

One of the women was shot and killed and two were unharmed. After they fired on the passengers the gunmen fled. Colonel Malherbe said police found four spent AK-47 and three 9mm cartridges.

Shortly after midnight, police found the body of a man with gunshot wounds in Kwa-Thema, near Springs, East

The mothers of the nation call for peace . . . but

More blood flows

Child rape accused out on R500 bail

By SELLO MOTLHABAKWE

THE alleged rapist of children in Soweto, William Dlamini, was yesterday released on bail of R500.

Dlamini (23), of Mzimhlophe, Soweto, appeared briefly in the Orlando Magistrate's Court on two counts of child molestation and

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THE death toll in the violence that has swept Reef townships during the past three days soared to 77 yesterday.

And women's organisations - the mothers and wives of the nation - yesterday added their voices to pleas for peace.

Five commuters were killed when they were thrown from a moving train in Wadeville on the East Rand yesterday morning.

Ten other commuters were taken to hospital with injuries.

In another incident, three elderly women were killed and one injured when gunmen ambushed a minibus in a dawn attack at Dube Station, Soweto, yesterday.

He said eight men travelling in a minibus carried out the attack.

"Police found the body of a woman on the scene. Two other bodies were found in the minibus at Meadowlands Police Station.

"The driver had apparently sped off to the police station after the attack," Soweto police spokesman Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said.

The dead women, all of Zone 9, Meadowlands, were

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yesterday identified as Mrs Johanna Motswa-gae (54), Mrs Lettie Malete (53) and Mrs Elisa Malatjie.

The injured woman, also a neighbour of the dead women, is Mrs Sannah Dibetsoe (52).

The driver of the taxi, Mr Jacob Mthimkhulu (47) said: "I had just stopped the cab when I heard gunshots. One of the passengers who was about to alight was hit and she fell to the ground.

"I took a dive on the floor of the car as more shots rained on the taxi."

Mthimkhulu, who escaped unhurt, said he sped off when the shooting stopped.

He said he was not aware that other passengers had been shot.

"I heard someone cough but was too scared to stop. I drove straight to the police station where I found that two women were lying dead in the car."

Mrs Topsy Tsotetsi (59), who was in the back seat with the women, said: "I heard gunshots and there were screams in the car. Lettie was in the middle and Johanna on the side where the firing came from.

Protected

"They both slumped over me and probably protected me with their bodies," a hysterical Tsotetsi said.

Meanwhile, armed police and soldiers were late yesterday deployed onto trains in the Soweto abd the East Rand.

Spoornet yesterday offered up to R25 000 for information leading to the arrest of people commiting crimes on trains.

Meanwhile, 28 people representing seven organisations began a sit-in at the Soweto Council chambers yesterday.

A spokesman said action would culminate in a march to the council chambes and Moroka Police Station on Monday.

The spokesman said the action would back demands that the Government address the violence.

The Interdenominational Prayer Women's League will hold a day of prayer for peace and reconciliation at Mshenguville on Sunday.

The main service will be held at Regina Mundi Church.

Agents of chaos

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AGENTS provocateur have been blamed for deliberately starting the Reef township violence which claimed 72 lives in two days.

Both the ANC and Inkatha - main protagonists in the fighting which has claimed 11 000 lives since 1984 - believe the slaughter was provoked with the aim of derailing the peace process

Sunday's faction fighting, sparked by two ambushes, came as major political parties prepared to sign Saturday's historic, church-sponsored National Peace Convention.

Clergymen involved in formulating the peace pact are also convinced the latest surge of violence stemmed from unidentified activists aiming to block the peace pact.

The spiral of violence was unleashed on Sunday by three black AK-47 gunmen who ambushed Inkatha members heading for a rally

Firing their assault rifles into the crowd from the cover of a house, they killed 23 and wounded 22, some of whom later died in hospital.

In the other attack, handgrenades were thrown at IFP men being escorted by police in Soweto later in the day

The ambushes led to a spate of retaliatory attacks by Inkatha supporters in Soweto, on the East Rand, and on trains, eyewitnesses said.

Success of the campaign to set off township unrest was related by victims of attacks on commuter trains yesterday morning

Passengers told of how rampaging gangs demanded to know where commuters were when the Inkatha men were massacred in Tokoza.

And the handgrenade attack on Inkatha marchers in Soweto sparked immediate attacks on residents

Decrying the ambushes as a transparent ploy by unidentified parties, ANC and Inkatha have recommitted themselves to the national peace process.

'Barbaric acts ... wreck the peace'

Both yesterday reaffirmed their commitment to this weekend's signing of the multiparty peace accord.

At a media briefing in Johannesburg, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said the ANC had launched an investigation into the killings, but it was clear that the killers were not members of any political force.

"The suspicion is that this may be an attempt to derail the signing of the convention," he said

He said the ANC would definitely sign the accord and welcomed the IFP's announcement that it too would not withdraw from the National Peace Convention.

"We are the authors of the exercise to mobilise the country around peace and we attach great importance to the signing of the convention," Mandela said

IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said it was significant that "the latest and deliberately orchestrated carnage" had taken place only days before the NPC.

It was clear the intention of the killers was to derail the peace initiative and to get the IFP not to sign the agreement, he said.

He said the attacks on IFP members, and similar attacks in Natal, had to be exposed for what they were "barbaric acts designed to wreck the peace process"

The IFP leader said his party appreciated the ANC leadership's immediate reaction and comments deploring "this provocative savagery"

Mr Walter Sisulu, deputy president of the ANC, appealed to people not to allow the Tokoza attack, a "wanton act of provocation", to result in more fighting.

"We reaffirm our commitment to the peace process, which we all have the responsibility to ensure is not derailed."

The South African Council of Churches' general secretary, the Reverend Frank Chikane, called on members of the community to exercise restraint and "the utmost political vigilance" by not allowing themselves to be used against one another

Sowetan Editor Aggrey Klaaste said: "What type of people are we that we can allow two or three mad gunmen to cause so much damage to the nation?"

IFP Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza, who saw the Soweto grenade attack, said the ambushes were aimed at killing the peace accord

Police said today they did not know who was responsible for the attacks.

A special police task force was investigating.

Face to face - Inkatha and the security forces. But what is the unknown quantity that is really behind the recent violence?

IT'S MAGIC TIME AT HIGHGATE

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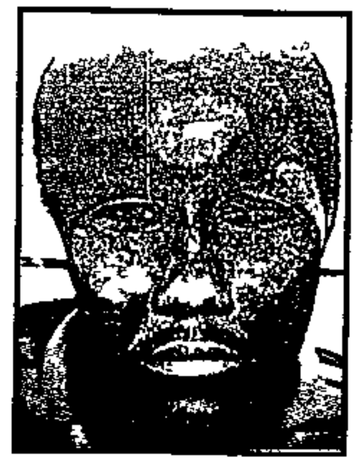
R25 000 reward for information on train attacks

Is there a Third Force?



A police identikit of one of the three gunmen involved in the massacre at Tokoza on Sunday. The man is 1,8 m tall, one-eyed, well built, partially bald and in his early 40s.

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The violence rocking the Reef yesterday claimed its 85th life since Sunday as debate continued over whether the killings were sparked off by agents provacateurs bent on torpedoing Saturday's peace pact.

The ANC and Inkatha — main protagonists in the fighting in which 11 000 people have died since 1984 — said they believed the violence was aimed at derailing the peace process.

Several peace initiatives between the ANC and the IFP this year, in addition to the Government-sponsored peace summit in Pretoria in May, have been marred by violent clashes. Some clashes appeared to have been between ANC and IFP supporters; but in others, allegations of Third Force involvement were made.

However, the Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday refused to implicate a Third Force or any organisation

"Officially, in the IFP we don't know We are not accusing the ANC," said national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose.

Both the IFP and the ANC have condemned the killings and reiterated their commitment to signing, along with the Government, the historic church-sponsored National Peace Convention on Saturday.

The violence spread to Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, last night. One man was killed and three people wounded when an unknown gunman fired shots with an automatic rifle between 7 and 7 30 pm, police said

However, a doctor at the Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic said

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Mandela positive on peace accord

By Shaun Johnson
Political Editor

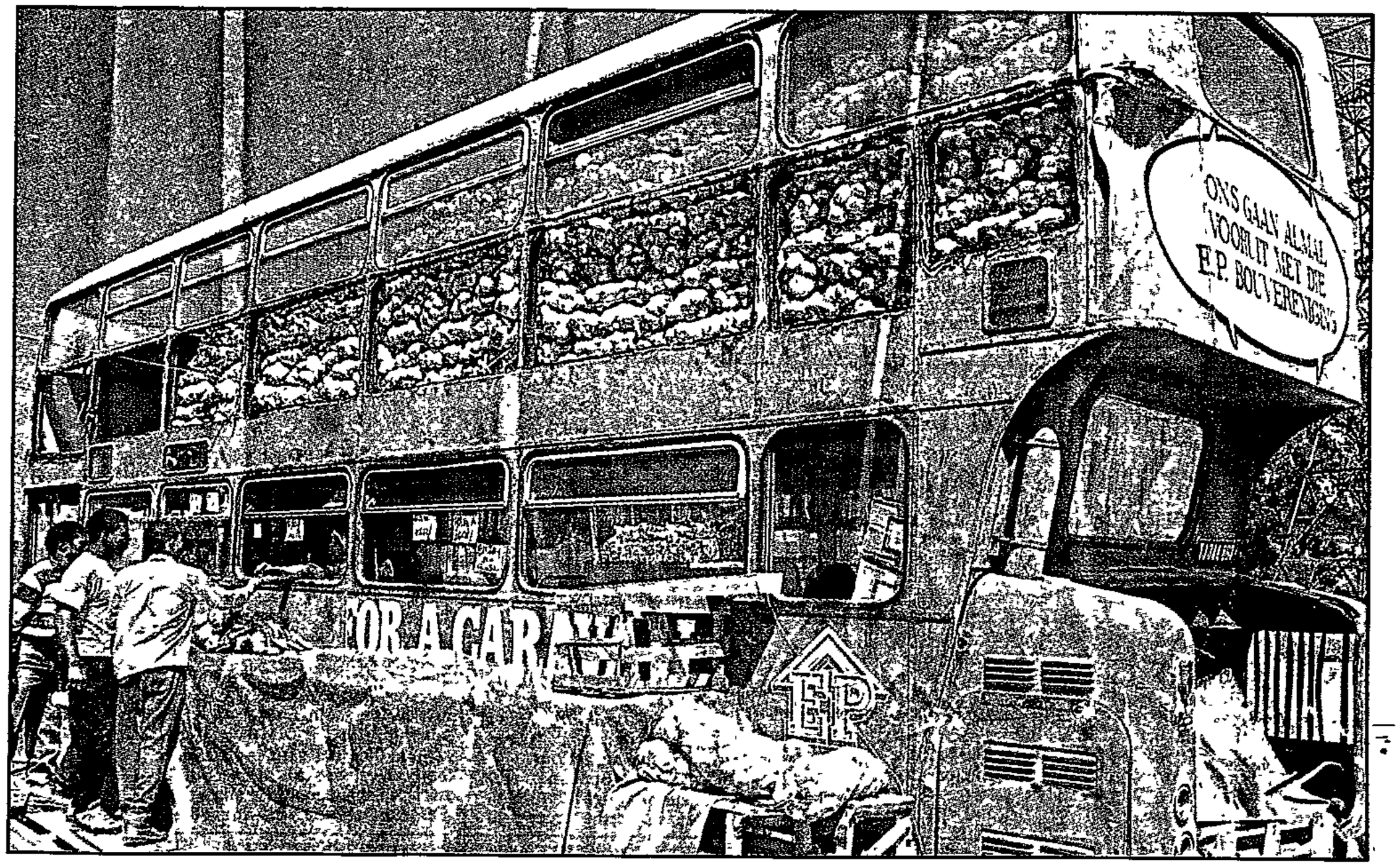
ANC president Nelson Mandela is optimistic that the historic National Peace Accord to be signed on Saturday can succeed in curbing violence, even though previous agreements have failed to do so.

Speaking in Johannesburg this week, Mr Mandela said the accord soon to be endorsed by the ANC, the Government, the Inkatha Freedom Party and other organisations was not comparable with peace deals which had been struck before, and had collapsed.

"There is a fundamental difference between bilateral and multilateral agreements, which this one is going to be."

"A convention which is being monitored by a number of parties is totally different to a convention which is bilateral ... Here we have the various political organisations which are going to monitor the convention. I think we have a better chance of succeeding," he said.

Mr Mandela's remarks came after intense speculation that the wave of renewed violence on the Reef would jeopardise the signing and



One-stop shopping . . . Sipho Motha prepares for business at his unique two-storey fruit and vegetable shop opposite the St John's Eye Hospital on the Potchefstroom Road. Picture: Joao Silva

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the Government, the historic church-sponsored National Peace Convention on Saturday.

The violence spread to Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, last night. One man was killed and three people wounded when an unknown gunman fired shots with an automatic rifle between 7 and 7.30 pm, police said.

However, a doctor at the Alexandra Health Centre

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and University Clinic said six people were admitted with gunshot wounds.

Police were taking strong steps to protect commuters after six people were killed and four injured in three attacks on trains between Reef townships and Johannesburg.

Police were searching and screening passengers for weapons at entrances to stations, said Metro services manager Koen van Niekerk. They were also riding shotgun on the trains.

Transnet is offering rewards of up to R25 000 for information leading to the arrest of people committing crimes on trains. Mr van Niekerk appealed to passengers to use the toll-free number 0801-110141 to report crime and vandalism.

Police yesterday released an identikit picture of one of the three gunmen who massacred 23 and wounded 22 people in Tokoza, on the East Rand, on Sunday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said police were looking for a 1,8 m-tall, one-eyed, well-built, partially bald black man in his early 40s. He has a very prominent forehead, a hooked nose and a small moustache.

The attackers escaped in a dark green 1970s Chevrolet Commando.

IFP Tokoza secretary Gertrude Mzizi told a press conference yesterday that a second ambush on Katlehong hostel dwellers on their way to the ill-fated Hostel Dwellers Association meeting in Tokoza had been narrowly averted.

Mrs Mzizi said a bystander alerted her to the attack and that she and her husband stopped the march, before rushing to the 32 Battalion camp for help.

Police are offering a substantial reward for any information that may lead to the arrest of the suspects. People are asked to contact Detective Sergeant Hennie Olivier at (011) 901-1715/6 during office hours or 901-1712/3 after hours.

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"There is a fundamental difference between bilateral and multilateral agreements, which this one is going to be."

"A convention which is being monitored by a number of parties is totally different to a convention which is bilateral ... Here we have the various political organisations which are going to monitor the convention. I think we have a better chance of succeeding," he said.

Mr Mandela's remarks came after intense speculation that the wave of renewed violence on the Reef would jeopardise the signing and implementation of the long-awaited peace accord.

But the ANC and the IFP reaffirmed their intention to attend Saturday's summit.

Mr Mandela said he recognised the difficulties involved in ensuring that an agreement among leaders was heeded by rank-and-file followers, but added: "If every party honestly adheres to the obligations which are set out in the convention, then we should be able to control the violence..."

"It is better in this situation to remain optimistic."

● A meeting to discuss the violence and other issues was held last night between President de Klerk and Mr Mandela. A statement issued in Pretoria said progress was made and "further discussion would take place in due course".

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Liberal age

LONDON — A row over gays and women priests is threatening possibly the gravest split in the Church of England since King Henry VIII founded it some 450 years ago.

Schism in the English state church, the mother church of the world's 70 million Anglicans, might have repercussions for the unwritten British constitution and even for the monarchy — the Queen is the head of the Church of England.

Yet a leading cleric has now caused a storm by saying that he can see no alternative — because traditionalists like himself will not be able to worship together with radicals who want to ordain women, solemnise homosexual "weddings" and call God "She".

Firing the first salvo from the pulpit on Sunday, the Venerable George Austin, Archdeacon of York, said: "It

Sniper shoots four in Alex

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police mobilised all available units on the Reef and rode shotgun on urban trains yesterday as they stepped up efforts to quell township violence which has left 84 people dead and 132 injured since the weekend.

Last night police confirmed a sniper had wounded four people in sporadic shooting in Alexandra. A doctor at the Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic said six people had been admitted with gunshot wounds.

Soweto's death toll since Sunday rose to 26 yesterday, with 53 injured. Yesterday men in a taxi opened fire with AK-47 rifles and 7,65mm pistols on early morning commuters at Dube railway station, killing three people.

Two men were hacked and stabbed to death in Katlehong yesterday and another was shot dead, police said. A man was hacked to death in Elsburg on the East Rand and eight township residents were stabbed and flung from a train between Germiston and Katlehong.

In what police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe described as a breakthrough, police released an identikit of a man Thokoza residents said was among a group of three that opened fire on hostel dwellers on Sunday, killing 24 people.

WANTED ... Police ID

The identikit shows a powerfully built, middle-aged man with one eye. He has a prominent scar beneath the eye socket, a protruding forehead and a crooked nose. The other two suspects were wearing brown overalls, Malherbe said.

Inkatha national chairman Mr Frank Mdlalose yesterday rejected speculation that third-force elements were responsible for the Thokoza attack which sparked the weekend violence and said there had been suggestions that ANC members had a hand in the killings.

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Unrest

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Three gunmen attacked a group of Inkatha marchers on Sunday, leading to retaliatory killings.

Speaking at a news conference where he produced two witnesses from Thokoza and Soweto, Mr Mdlalose said: "We have no evidence of a third force and until we do we will not believe it.

"Certain people would like to see Inkatha not signing the (peace) accord this weekend so that the world can accuse us of not wanting to be involved in the peace process," he said.

There were suggestions that ANC members had launched the attack but there was no proof yet, he said.

"I am not accusing them. We are being slaughtered and massacred, by whom we don't know. It is the intention of evil forces to prevent us signing the accord. Inkatha will be at the convention and we will be signing the accord," Mr Mdlalose said.

He said his organisation's commitment to peace was beyond dispute. He welcomed the immediate condemnation of the attack by the ANC leadership and said what was required was the final cessation of the armed struggle and the elimination of all arms caches.

ANC spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus yesterday said the ANC condemned the attack and was committed to restoring peace. "We in the ANC want Inkatha to sign the peace accord and start implementing it together," she said.

Mr Mdlalose said at least 50 Inkatha members were killed in the past three weeks in Natal, seven leaders were assassinated and other attempted assassinations had occurred in the lead-up to the signing of the accord. He said there was no evidence of retaliation or looting by Inkatha members.

A witness at the news conference said Inkatha members were ambushed.

The Inkatha Women's League secretary in Thokoza, Ms Gertrude Mzizi, said she saw the attack being launched from a house whose occupants were dedicated ANC supporters. She said she would recognise the man who leapt from the house with an AK-47 and blew a whistle to start the attack.

"I have seen him in ANC marches but I don't know if he is a member," she said.

Inkatha Youth League leader Mr Themba Khoza suggested the ANC was involved in attacking Inkatha after the rally in Soweto. He said police were monitoring the Inkatha march when grenades were hurled over their heads into the Inkatha group.

SAP 'stood by as my friend was stabbed'

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By Brian Sokutu (278)

The police could have acted to save the life of Thandabantu Elbina Manyamalala, who was beaten and stabbed to death by alleged Inkatha supporters in Crossroads, Soweto, on Sunday afternoon, according to a family friend who was with Mr Manyamalala at the time.

The 49-year-old father from Mofolo Village was among the 53 people killed during weekend township violence

Relating how Inkatha supporters killed Mr Manyamalala, Nolundi Sobethwa yesterday blamed the police for doing nothing to stop the attack.

"They watched the whole thing and could have done something if they wanted to," she said.

"It was about 4.30 pm when it all happened near Sizwe Stores, close to Mshenguville squatter camp. While driving we saw a group of armed Inkatha supporters approaching. Mr Manyamalala tried to turn the car after realising we would not be able to cross through the mob He decided to park the car outside the road and drive through later," she said.

When the group drew closer, Miss Sobethwa asked Mr Manyamalala to start the car but it was too late as the alleged Inkatha supporters had already started to smash the car's windscreen.

"Without saying a word, they beat Mr Manyamalala severely with knobkerries on his forehead. I cried for help but they would not stop until he fell on me Then one of them stabbed him to death with a long, sharp object," Miss Sobethwa said.

She alleges that she could see police sitting in nearby Casspirs.

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"When I ran away to them they just looked at his body without saying a thing. They did nothing to arrest the group, which never even ran away."

The attack on Mr Manyamalala was also witnessed by Boy George Mashinini, a freelance photographer with The Star. He took the photograph of Miss Sobethwa next to the blood-spattered car.

Mashinini said he was covering the IFP rally in Dobsonville and followed the group of Inkatha supporters back to Mshenguville afterwards.

"I followed the IFP supporters to Mshenguville — there were about 1 000. About 30 minutes later Juda Ngwenya, a Reuters photographer, pointed out a guy with a machine-gun.

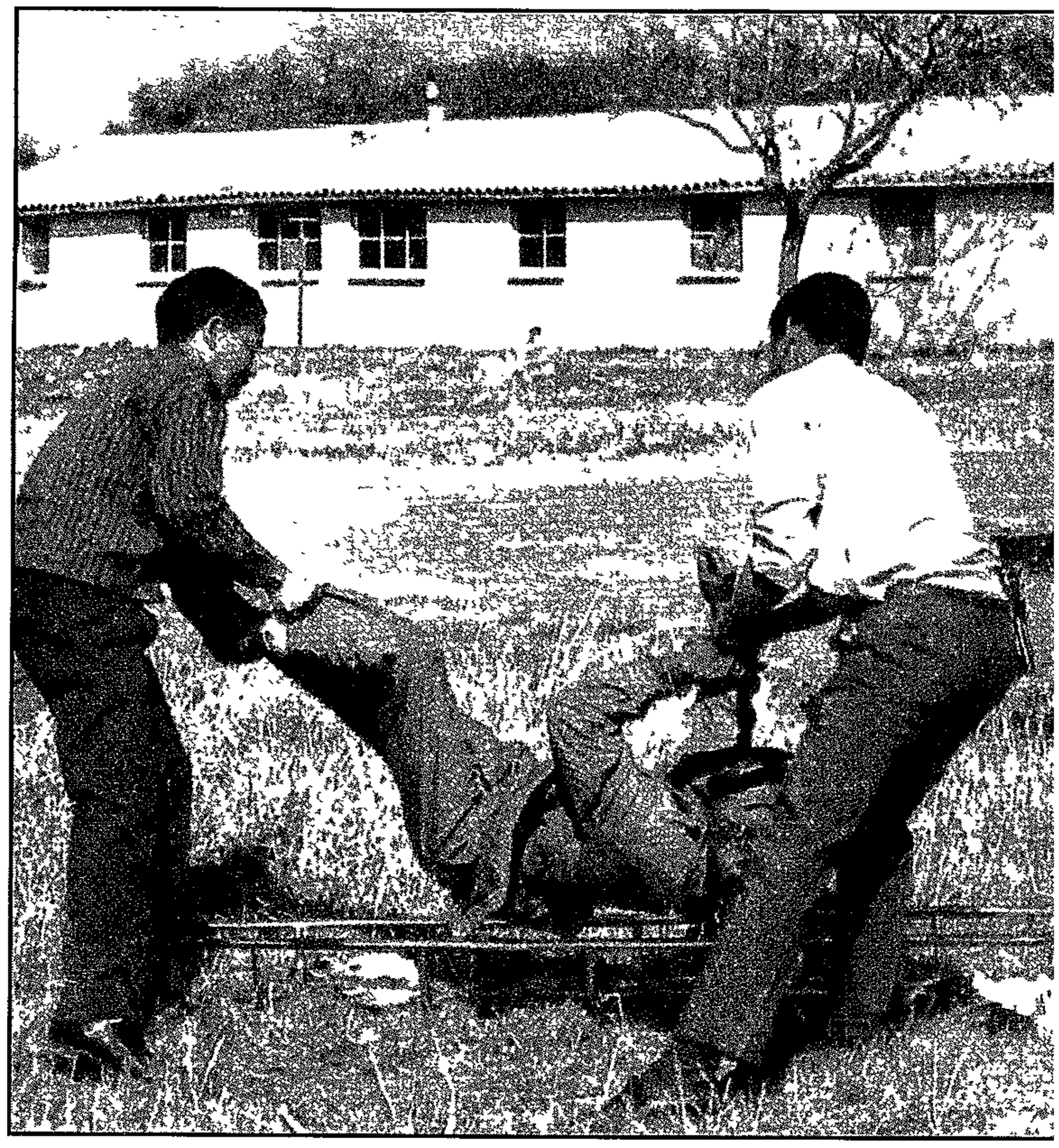
"I looked and saw he was carrying an AK-47 under a blanket. Then we followed them to Mofolo Central. They got among the houses at about 6 pm — there were maybe 100 altogether. The guy with the AK started to shoot.

"Then Inkatha started to go into the homes to kill. Each and every person they saw on the street, they were hitting with pangas, sjamboks and spears. They were killing people in front of the police. The police were just standing and watching," he alleged.

Mr Mashinini said he then went into the streets and photographed alleged IFP supporters attacking a man and a woman in a car — subsequently identified as Mr Manyamalala and Miss Sobethwa.

Responding to allegations by Miss Sobethwa and Mr Mashinini, Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Govinsamy Marimuthoo said: "I invite both complainants to our office and will make arrangement that they see the Soweto regional commissioner of police. It is only then that these allegations will be fully investigated."

● In a Page 1 caption on Monday, Miss Sobethwa was wrongly identified as Mr Manyamalala's wife



Carnage . . . plainclothed policemen put a victim on a stretcher outside Nancefield hostel in Soweto yesterday. In the latest flare-up of political violence in Soweto 26 people have died since Sunday, and 53 have been injured. Picture: Reuter

Tokoza families flee homes after threats

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By Zingisa Mkhuma

Two Tokoza, East Rand, families whose houses are claimed to have been used by gunmen wielding AK-47s to launch Sunday's attack on IFP members have fled, fearing a revenge attack after hostel dwellers vowed to kill them.

The attack, which residents said lasted for a few minutes, left 23 dead and 22 wounded. All were IFP supporters on their way to a hostel meeting at Tokoza Stadium.

Residents said the gunmen picked on the two houses to launch their attack because they were used as a passageway by people moving from one street to the next.

Attack feared

One of the houses belonged to the Lobane family, residents said. Nobody seems to know who lives at the other.

When The Star visited the house yesterday, its gates were locked and the passageway sealed.

Two other families living in nearby houses were also preparing to leave. They had heard that Inkatha was going to stage a peace rally on Saturday and fear that their homes could be attacked afterwards.

A neighbour of the Lobanes, Wilheminah Grass, described them as a quiet family, and said the house belonged to a elderly man who shared it with his son and daughter-in-law and their two children.

Mrs Grass said the family was last seen on Sunday packing and leaving.

She said her family were also leaving their home and everything in it.

Another woman, who refused to be named, said she came to her home only during the day to see if everything was in order.

"We are scared. We have never seen anything like this in our community. When will it end?"

Thelma Madi (20), who was held by the police for questioning, also fears for her life after some residents accused her of pointing out houses belonging to Xhosa-speaking people to police and Inkatha members.

She told The Star how she was approached by a man who wanted her to show him houses that were used as thoroughfares.

A few minutes after she did so she heard gunfire, and was told that people had been killed.

"My life has changed since Sunday. People are suggesting that I should leave the area but I can't, because if I do, my home may be burnt down."

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said any Tokoza residents who believed their lives were in danger should phone the district commanding officer, Colonel van Eck, at 515-341 or 515-347.

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She said that since the organisations were going to sign the peace accord on Saturday, there was no reason why the peace process should not start immediately, especially in the wake of the killings The accord bound parties not to make public accusations about other organisations, she said

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Four killed at taxi rank

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people were shot dead and four were wounded when a gunman opened fire on a crowded minibus at a taxi rank in the heart of Vosloorus on the East Rand today.

According to witnesses, the gunman boarded a minibus at the major rank in the township to be told by the driver that the vehicle was already full. The man refused to get off and, as the driver pulled away, the gunman turned and opened fire into the crowded bus with an AK 47 rifle.

Meanwhile Colonel Frans Malherbe, liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said that three people were thrown from a train along the railway line between Germiston and Johannesburg.

He said that a commuter was shot and seriously wounded at the Cleveland station and one was found shot and wounded at the Johannesburg station after having been attacked on the way.

As a continuing orgy of killing sweeps across the Reef, the ANC has warned that the country is plunging into war.

The Commissioner of Police has called on Reef township residents to help stop the slaughter.

ANC general-secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said that if the violence was not stopped immediately, it would "set in motion cycles of violence that would be uncontrollable".

"South Africa stands at the edge of an abyss. These events threaten to push the whole country over the edge, plunging us into a war of immense proportions."

He said the "seemingly random violence against the communities" showed a consistent pattern of attack and

communities" showed a consistent pattern of attack and elimination of ANC and community activists.

Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman Mrs Suzanne Vos said it was extremely sad that the violence was continuing despite numerous attempts to bring it under control. Both she and Mr Ramaphosa were optimistic, however, that the violence would not affect the signing of the Peace Accord on Saturday.

"One goes on and on condemning this barbarity and offering one's condolences to the bereaved families. This carnage has become overwhelming," Mrs Vos said.

Last night the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, appealed to the public to help bring the violence under control.

General Van der Merwe said: "The whole situation is unnecessary and uncalled for, particularly in view of the spirit of negotiation which exists at present. People should realise that the spiral of violence must now come to an end.

"To take the law into your own hands does not achieve anything and is counter-productive to the welfare of the community.

"The police reacted immediately by sending reinforcements to the affected areas on the Reef. We will not allow anarchy and chaos in our country."

In a strongly worded statement, the Congress of South African Trade Unions said last night that the violence "bore all the hallmarks of State and vigilante violence which have become familiar since August last year".

"Heavily armed vigilantes appear to be able to move about freely from one area to the next, spreading terror against unarmed civilians, without fear of being apprehended by the security forces. The whole way in which the violence has spread should leave little doubt that it is orchestrated by special units trained to carry out these acts."

Cosatu said it had made it clear that if the State failed to act decisively to stop the violence against workers, it would have no option but to embark on protracted national industrial action.

The ANC's PWV regional executive said yesterday that the situation in Tokoza had been deteriorating since Monday.

● An explosion rocked a fish and chips shop in White City, Jabavu, last night. A member of the SADF was cordoning off an area near the shop when he was shot minutes before the explosion, police said. He is in a critical condition in hospital. Three women who were sleeping in a shop next door were also injured, one seriously.

● The woman killed in yesterday's attack on a police car on the outskirts of Tokoza on the East Rand has been named as Maureen Minnaar, 52. She was a passenger in the car.

She was killed and Warrant-Officer Willem Grobler, 36, and his wife Terry, 36, were wounded when the policeman stopped to help a robbery victim.

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Bara like a war zone

By ISAAC MOLEDI

A BARAGWANATH Hospital trauma ward on Monday looked like a makeshift military hospital.

Victims of violence in Soweto occupied every conceivable space, sleeping in pairs on single beds.

Men and women from 18 to 71 years of age dragged their aching bodies to the nearby sinks.

Others groaned and twisted in excruciating pain while their equally tormented neighbours looked on helplessly.

Injured township residents slept peacefully next to hostel inmates. No trace of malice was apparent between the groups who two days ago faced each other as enemies.

Distraught people could not believe that the "nightmare" really happened.

Seventy-one-year-old Mrs Cynthia Mpetha of Mofolo South, Soweto, who had multiple panga, stab and gunshot wounds, could only be thankful that she was alone when "all hell broke loose".

She said after the rampaging mob entered her house, they began chopping and hacking her with pangas, axes and spears despite her frantic pleas for mercy.

She sustained several wounds on the head and stomach and a broken arm.

"Two of the men produced pistols and shot at me three times on the abdomen and on the thighs as I pleaded 'take all my belongings and leave me in peace'," she said.

"My child, I have never seen such horror. I do not know what could have happened if all my children and grand children were with me."

Most of the victims, who could not manage to utter a word because of the extent of their injuries, were those from Nancefield Hostel who were injured in a handgrenade attack.

Patient Fani Nzuza only managed to tell us he was shot on the buttocks.

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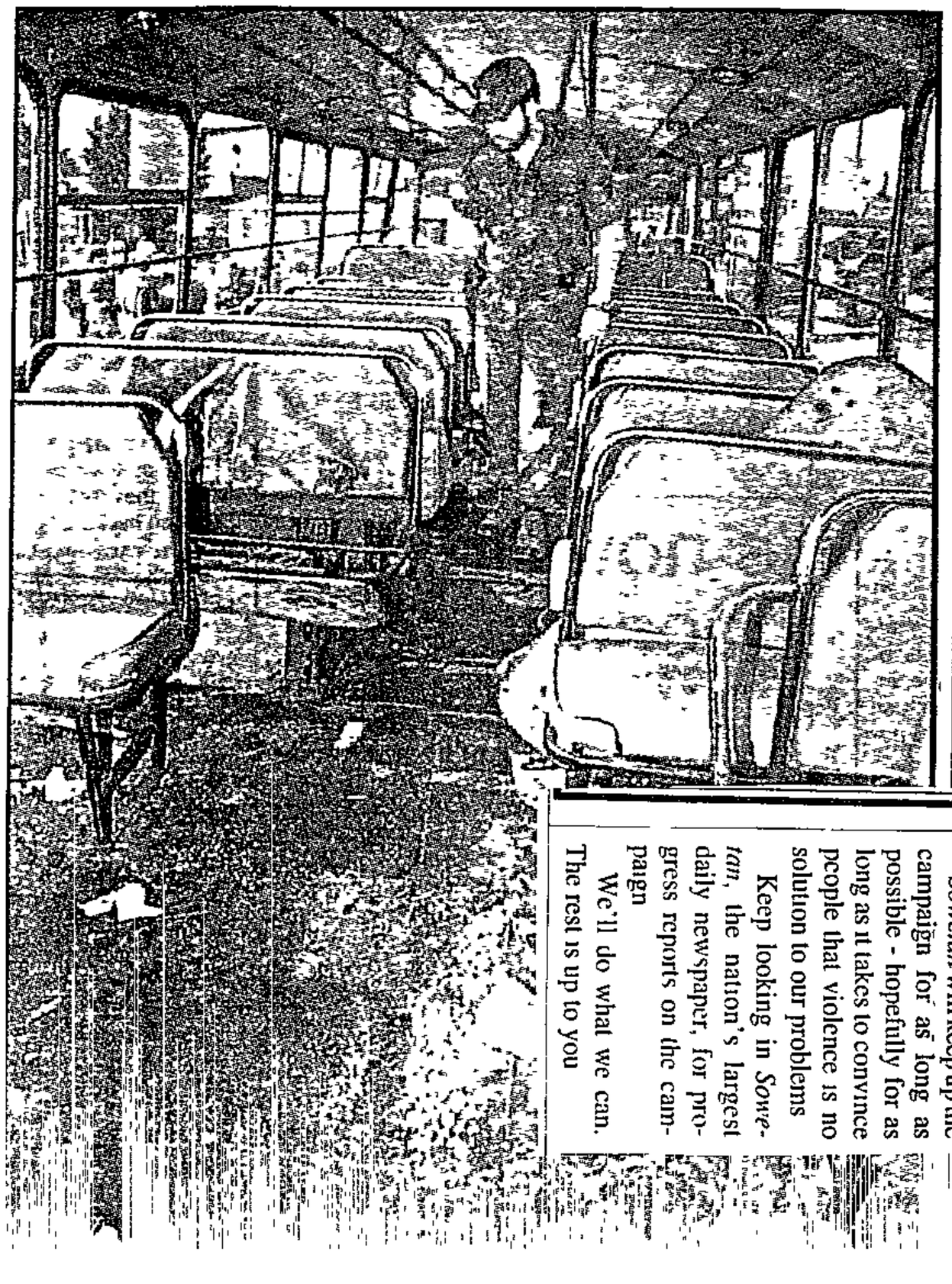

SOWETAN today throws its weight into a massive bid to help end the violence.

The slogan for the effort is: "We choose peace."

Sowetan's editor, Mr Aggrey Klaaste, said: "It's something we and other organisations simply must do.

"We must give ordinary people out there in the firing line the feeling that they are not alone in these terrible times.

"From that, I pray, will grow a national consciousness for peace and hope."

An aircraft towing a giant banner reading "We choose peace" will be circling Johannesburg, Soweto and trouble spots such as Tokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Alexandra between 7am and 8am today.

It will fly again between 4pm and 6pm today.

Be on the lookout for it.

Later this afternoon certain areas worst affected by the violence will be showered from the air with thousands of pamphlets, prepared by *Sowetan* last night, calling for peace.

The pamphlets will be dropped from the Radio 702 helicopter.

If you see the helicopter over your area today you will know it is there in the name of peace.

Pick up as many pamphlets as you can find and

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It's now time to choose peace

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pass them around. Their message is simple but vitally important: Peace is better than war.

Also from today thousands of posters, also prepared and printed by us, will be appearing on lamp-posts and windows. Their message is the same: We choose peace.

Sowetan has also prepared tens of thousands of bumper stickers which are a personal commitment to ending the violence.

They simply read: "I choose peace."

Make your commitment to peace by coming to *Sowetan's* offices at 61 Commando Road, Industria West any time after lunchtime today. You will be given your sticker free.

Put it on your car, your taxi, your bicycle or even just a window of your house. Put them anywhere where other people can see them.

This will be a sign that you, along with all who wish to save this country, have rejected violence. This will be a sign that you have chosen peace.

Klaaste said: "It's time for people to move. So I make the appeal: Join us now. We have to do this together. Now is not the time to quit. If enough of us do come together, if enough of us do make the choice for peace right now, there's a chance that peace will become more than a dream."

Sowetan will keep up the campaign for as long as possible - hopefully for as long as it takes to convince people that violence is no solution to our problems.

Keep looking in *Sowetan*, the nation's largest daily newspaper, for progress reports on the campaign.

We'll do what we can. The rest is up to you.

'No winners' in spiral of violence

ANC pleads for peace as toll mounts

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WILSON ZWANE
and JONATHON REES

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa made an impassioned appeal for peace yesterday as violence claimed more lives on the Rand.

Ramaphosa, reiterating his organisation's support for the multiparty peace process, said in a statement the ANC was doing everything in its power to end the violence in which 97 have died and 153 have been injured since Sunday.

He said if acts of "naked terrorism" were not stopped immediatedly, they would set in motion "cycles of violence that will be uncontrollable. SA stands at the very edge of an abyss. These events threaten to push the whole country over the edge, plunging us into a war of immense proportions, a war in which there can be no victors."

The ANC claimed two of its department of information and publicity members, one of them national executive committee member Gill Marcus, had been the targets of an assassination attempt on Tuesday night.

In incidents of violence yesterday, a woman was killed and a policeman and his wife seriously injured when their car was ambushed by an armed gang near Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand.

Gunmen in a minibus opened fire on commuters at Angus railway station near Thokoza, killing two people and injuring six, and one woman died after a bus in the township was the target of a handgrenade and AK-47 attack.

Ramaphosa said the peace accord, due to be signed by the ANC, government, Inkatha and other groups on Saturday, was an important mechanism to control and investigate the violence.

"We remain firmly committed to signing the accord and ensuring that its provisions are adhered to and implemented. We call on all political organisations and peace-loving people in our country to do the same," he said.

BILLY PADDOCK reports the committee preparing for Saturday's peace convention was locked in meetings last night. A member of the organising group said it would be "burning the midnight oil" for the rest of the week.

He said all the major parties had reaffirmed their full commitment to signing the peace accord in the light of this week's violence.

The working group dealing with the sensitive issue of the carrying of lethal weapons at political meetings was also still working to reach full agreement, he said.

Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose, who is at the preparatory meetings, said yesterday his organisation would definitely sign the accord, despite "the intention of evil forces" to wreck the process.

Ramaphosa, describing the alleged attempt on Marcus's life, said she and colleague Nat Serache had discovered Marcus's flat in Berea, Johannesburg, to be under surveillance by four unidentified men on Tuesday evening. A door lock had been tampered with.

Marcus entered the building, and Ser-

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ache was approached by an armed man, signalling to others in a vehicle outside the building.

After the man cocked his pistol, Serache distracted him by pretending to have his own weapon and fled. He was pursued by four men but escaped.

The ANC claimed that when police "eventually" arrived to investigate the incident, they were abusive and would not clearly identify themselves. Several men in a vehicle were still watching the building when the police left, Ramaphosa said.

A police spokesman said these allegations were being investigated and a report would be issued later.

In the Phola Park ambush yesterday morning, W/O L W Grobler, 38, was attacked when he stopped to assist a motorist, Tommy Zalor, 36, who had been forced to a halt by a man wielding an AK-47. About 30 men armed with high calibre weapons fired at least 25 shots into Grobler's vehicle.

Grobler was shot in the arm and chest but managed to drive about 500m from the ambush. His passenger was killed.

The policemen was last night reported to be in a stable condition. His wife, T L Grobler, 36, was airlifted to the Johannesburg Hospital where she was in a satisfactory condition yesterday.

In Soweto, unknown gunmen opened fire on the Dobsonville hostel on Tuesday night, killing two men and a woman.

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Can leaders make peace accord stick at grassroots level?

BILLY PADDOCK

AS THE violence in SA appears to spiral out of control, with this week's clashes settling into a pattern reminiscent of the widespread Reef violence last year, can the signing of the national peace accord on Saturday by the ANC, Inkatha, government and many other organisations see the dawning of peace?

What makes this accord, to be signed at a huge convention in Johannesburg by, among others, SA's three most prominent leaders — President F W de Klerk, ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — anything more than just another piece of paper? Why should it not end up in tatters like the many other bilateral peace agreements signed in Natal?

All the major parties repeatedly recommitted themselves this week to signing the accord, saying it was clearly more necessary than ever before.

Since the adoption of the draft accord a month ago by the parties, they have demonstrated encouraging sentiment and a strong commitment to ensure that the agreements reached will be carried out.

The major question still hanging over the parties' leadership is whether their supporters at the grassroots will honour the leaders' sentiment and adopt the accord as their own or merely pay lip service to it

The accord's proposed mechanisms for monitoring and resolving disputes are remarkable in that they give substantial powers to parties and individuals. They include:

☐ A permanent, paid, multiparty national peace committee — with subordinate regional and local committees — to enforce codes of conduct for the police and political parties to try to prevent violence;

☐ A police ombudsman, who need not be a member of the SAP, to investigate complaints against the police;

☐ A standing commission of inquiry into violence and intimidation which will investigate all acts of political violence, with a form of indemnity available to witnesses. It also may, by warrant, enter and inspect any place and interrogate any security force member and seize documents and records,

☐ It is codified that the police are accountable to society and not to government;

☐ Political parties are forbidden from making any statements inciting violence or conducting any act that may cause violence;

☐ Various special police units each headed by a general to invesigate political violence and allegations of police misconduct;

☐ Special criminal courts to deal with political violence and prevent the easy granting of bail to alleged offenders; and

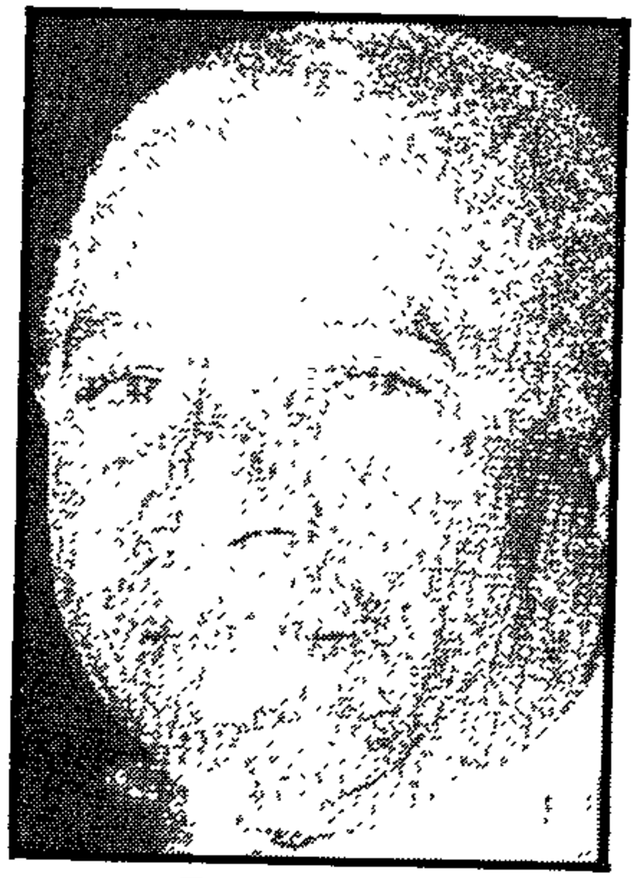
☐ The requirement that political parties refrain from violence or "war talk" and actively discourage members and supporters from carrying weapons to political meetings. On this issue the relevant working group is still meeting to work out a compromise because of the sensitivity surrounding the carrying in public of so-called cultural weapons.

None of the parties believes SA will wake up on Sunday to a new era of peace. They all say the accord will set in motion a process to combat violence.

A senior government member involved in drafting the proposals said this week the agreement was, in the main, a collection of principles that had to be developed and built upon in the field.

He acknowledges that there are mavericks within the security forces and all the political organisations who will not easily adhere to the accord. But if the mechanisms are used properly and with dedication, these members could be isolated and brought to book.

He says the independent police ombudsman and the standing commission are the teeth of the accord that will force parties to fulfil their commitments and discipline their members — "the only way to avoid the peace accord becoming another nice document in the filing cabinet".



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This sentiment is echoed by ANC NEC member Gill Marcus. She says if the ombudsman and the independent jurists properly carry out their investigations they will be able to publicise which parties are not upholding the agreements. The publicity of this non-adherence will be too embarrassing politically for the party concerned not to take strong action

The national peace committee, with its regional and local mechanisms enforcing the codes of conduct, will also be a key factor in devolving power and authority to where the violence is occurring and giving the accord the community legitimacy vital to its success, she says

Marcus says communities which are determined to have peace but have been reluctant to work with the police because of the legacy of suspicion and antagonism will now be able to identify with measures to stop the violence without being regarded as sellouts. Rival political factions will also be forced to work together and this may start a process of a more tolerant political ethos developing at grassroots.

Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose says the accord may not eliminate violence. But he is convinced that the regional and local problem-solving mechanisms will be activated swiftly to stamp out fu ther incidents.

He says he has faith in the follov up mechanisms. Inquiries into inc dents of violence and swift, hars punishment of offenders will demo strate that all parties will not tole ate members' breaches of the agre ments. This will filter down to th grassroots.

Mandela earlier this week ex pressed optimism about the accord ability to curb violence. Because it multilateral rather than bilateral a were previous agreements, it woul not collapse if one party pulled ou The other parties would exercis strong pressure on that party to ad here to the agreement.

However, he recognised the diffi culties in ensuring that the agree ments by leaders were heeded b rank-and-file members. On thi hinged the success or failure of th accord

According to ANC spokesman Car Niehaus, the organisation had insist ed that all regional council execu tives, branch executives and bran ches discuss the draft in detail. New proposals and changes filtered back and were discussed thoroughly by the NEC, for possible inclusion in the final accord.

This reassured branches that they were democratically consulted and involved in the drafting of the accord. A similar process of involvement at branch level will be instituted with the final accord, to ensure discipline from all members.

With all the parties working together in monitoring and enforcing the codes of conduct the hope is that any organised "third force" operations will be isolated and stopped

All parties agree that there is no effective way to stop mavericks or individuals hell-bent on walking into a group of people and mowing them down with automatic rifles. But they all say the aim is to prevent the second phase of the violence — retaliation and counter-retaliation — from taking place and developing into days of running battles. The mechanisms of the accord can achieve this, they say.

Saturday, September 14, will not be a dawning of lasting peace, but merely the firing of the burners to get the peace train started on its journey.

'Hope lies in prayer'

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THERE is nothing women can do to stop the loss of innocent lives except to search for their God, women told DJ Tim Modise during the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback Show yesterday.

Nono from White City Jabavu said women were shattered by the sleepless nights and felt it was enough.

"As women we are helpless and powerless," she said.

"Our hope lies in prayer. We must search for our God. Only the devil knows how women are drawn into this violence."

Penelope from Emdeni felt neither Mr Nelson Mandela nor Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi should be expected to stop the violence on their own.

"The Government must act," she said.

"There is one thing clear though - if whites were dying the Government would have intervened.

Powerless

"Women are powerless and many are killed inside their homes. The only thing we can do is to pray and search for God."

Anonymous from Eldorado Park said it was up to the community to get together to find means of quelling the violence instead of always calling on leaders, who are in the minority, to do something.

Bafana Nzima from Tembisa said the only way to protect women from being killed in their homes was for residents to stop those who used their homes as launching pads.

He quoted the Tokoza incident where gunmen used residents' homes.

"Those who want to fight must go to an open veld and fight it out," he said.

Jim from Molapo said there was nothing women could do about the violence.

"Women can do nothing about the violence. They are defenceless" - *Sowetan Reporters*.

Sinister hand at work - claim

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"THIRD force" involvement in the Reef violence emerged yesterday with claims that two white men ambushed commuters at a railway station on the East Rand - leaving six people dead and many injured.

Four other people died when a handgrenade was hurled into a bus near Mshay'azafe Hostel in Tokoza yesterday morning

Sapa reports that a Phola Park residents' committee spokesman said two white men, travelling in a white kombi, opened fire on commuters about 6am at Angus Station.

The violence, in which 100 people have died since Sunday in Reef townships, claimed its first white victim when gunmen ambushed a car driven by Warrant Officer Johan Grobler on the Old Vereeniging Road near Phola Park.

Grobler and his wife were injured. An unidentified woman passenger in their car died in hospital.

STAFF REPORTERS

Unidentified gunmen with AK-47 rifles and 9mm pistols opened fire on three women in a car in Sebokeng.

One of the women was fatally wounded. The others escaped unhurt.

The death toll in Soweto alone rose to 30 when two men and a woman were shot dead at Dobsonville Hostel on Tuesday night.

Another man was killed when he tried to escape from Merafe Hostel after being abducted by inmates.

He was allegedly being held by the inmates on suspicion of having taken part in killing a hostel dweller at the weekend.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the South African Council of Churches general secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane, will today visit townships on the East Rand.

Sowetan begins peace drive in Reef townships

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Vacated in fear . . . one of the houses from which Sunday's attack was launched. Picture: George Mashinini.

Tokoza killers first planned getaway route

By Zingisa Mkhuma (278) Star 12/9/91.

Two empty Tokoza houses mark the spot where the violence which has now claimed more than 100 lives started on Sunday morning

And an unwitting woman, used by three killers who gunned down Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, is now living in fear of her life.

The carnage started shortly after a local resident was approached by a man asking which houses were used as passages between the streets.

The young woman — whom The Star will not name — obligingly helped the stranger

She was briefly held by police for questioning after the massacre of the 23 Inkatha supporters, and had tears in her eyes as she described the day that changed her life

She said that minutes after she had pointed out the passageways she heard gunfire.

Three mystery gunmen had used the houses to ambush Inkatha marchers as they made their way towards a rally at the Tokoza stadium. They were mown down with AK-47 rifles.

The attackers made good their escape, using the passageway houses first as cover from which to launch their murderous assault, and then as a route to safety.

And now other residents have accused her of pointing out houses belonging to Xhosa-speaking people to the police and Inkatha members.

"My life has changed since Sunday morning. People are suggesting that I should leave the area, but I can't, because if I do, my home may be burned down," she said

One of the two houses used by the gunmen belonged to the Lobane family, residents said Nobody seemed to know who lived at the other house, which is locked and empty.

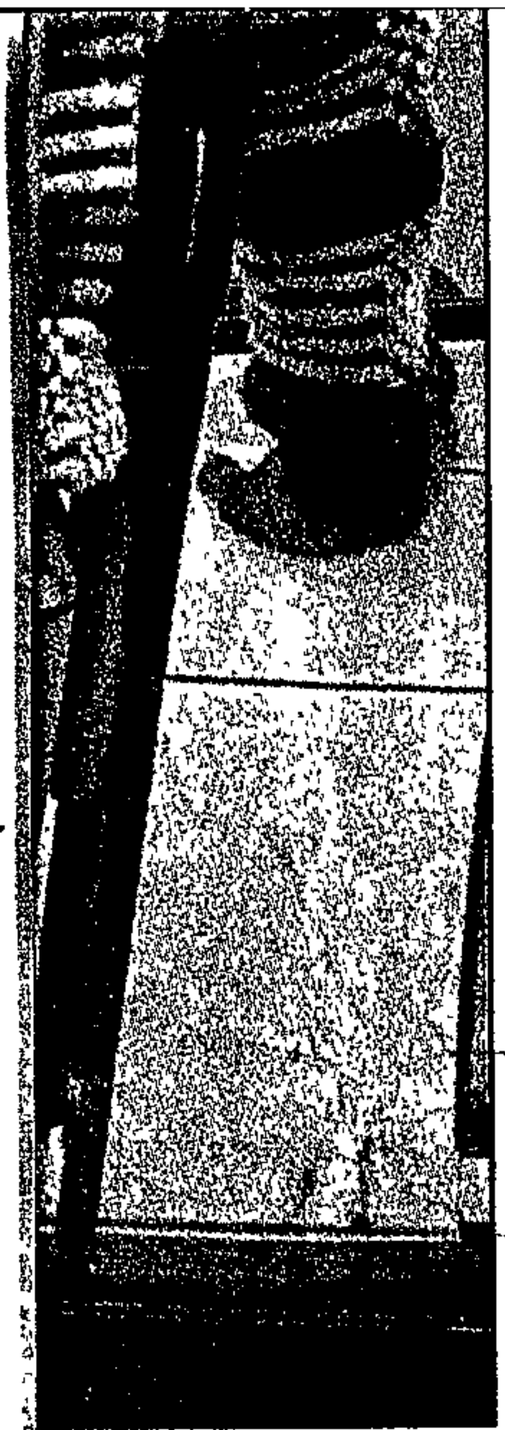
Two other terrified families living next to these houses were also preparing to leave.

A neighbour of the Lobanes, Wilheminah Grass, said the house belonged to an elderly man who shared it with his son, his daughter-in-law and their two children

Mrs Grass said the family was last seen on Sunday packing up their belongings and leaving after the shooting

Mrs Grass said her family was also leaving their home

● Any Tokoza residents who believe their lives are in danger are asked to phone the District Commanding Officer Colonel Van Eck at 515-341 or 515-347



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Pictures: Joao Silva

the corner of the stairs and saw Edward Maffa (a Star driver) lying on the ground and I thought he had been hit."

Mr Maffa was in fact unharmed and just taking cover from flying bullets.

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'Country plunging towards war'

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Staff Reporters

The ANC has warned the country is plunging towards war, while the Commissioner of Police has called on Reef township residents to help stop the slaughter.

ANC general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa said if the violence was not stopped immediately, it would "set in motion cycles of violence that would be uncontrollable". (278)

"South Africa stands at the edge of an abyss. These events threaten to push the whole country over the edge, plunging us into a war of immense proportions ...".

He said the "seemingly random violence against the communities" showed a consistent pattern of attack and elimination of ANC and community activists.

Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) spokesman Suzanne Vos said it was extremely sad the violence was continuing despite numerous attempts to bring it under control.

She and Mr Ramaphosa were optimistic, however, that the violence would not affect the signing of the Peace Accord on Saturday.

"One goes on and on condemning this barbarity and offering one's condolences to the bereaved families. This carnage has become overwhelming," Mrs Vos said.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe last night appealed to the public to help bring the violence under control.

Life goes on ... as armoured vehicles rumble through strife-torn areas on the East Rand.

He said: "The whole situation is unnecessary and uncalled for, particularly in view of the spirit of negotiations which exists at present. People should realise the spiral of violence must now come to an end.

"To take the law into your own hands does not achieve anything and is counter-productive to the welfare of the community.

"The SA Police reacted immediately by sending reinforcements to the affected areas on the Reef. We will not allow anarchy and chaos in our country.

"We once again appeal to all citizens of the affected areas to co-operate with the police and to assist us in bringing those responsible for the violence to book.

"An appeal is also made to all residents to refrain from over-reacting to rumours which are being spread.

"These rumours only inflame the situation and should be reported immediately. The police will then take the appropriate action.

"Information supplied will be treated in the strictest confidence. The SA Police is there for all the people of South Africa and we appeal to you, the public, to assist us in bringing an end to the violence."

In a strongly worded statement, the Congress of South African Trade Unions said last night the violence bore "all the hallmarks of State and vigilante violence which have become familiar since August last year".

"Heavily armed vigilantes appear to be able to move about freely from one area to the next, spreading terror against unarmed civilians, without fear of being apprehended by the security forces ... The whole way in which the violence has spread should leave little doubt it is orchestrated by special units trained to carry out these acts."

Cosatu said it had made it clear that if the State failed to act decisively to stop the violence against workers, it would have no option but to embark on protracted national industrial action.

The ANC's PWV regional executive said in a statement yesterday that the situation in Tokoza had been deteriorating since Monday.

"Taxis were diverted to the hostel and passengers were checked for marks that could identify them as being Xhosa-speaking people.

"Male commuters were made to take off their pants to check whether they were circumcised."

The ANC said it had warned the police — through liaison in terms of a structure set up in the Groote Schuur Minute — about impending violence.

'Unemotional' AK-47 gunman

Bus full, so passenger murders 4

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Staff Reporters (2+8)

A man whom a bus driver tried to turn away because the bus was full pulled an AK-47 rifle from beneath his jacket and riddled the vehicle with bullets today, killing four passengers.

Four others were wounded in the senseless shooting in the heart of Vosloorus on the East Rand

The latest outrage, along with further attacks on train commuters this morning, came as the death toll from massacres and fighting on the Reef since Sunday stood at over 100 and climbing.

Political leaders appear powerless to stop the killing.

Repeated calls for peace have been answered by continuing violence ahead o. Saturday's s.gning of a multiparty peace accord.

While the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, today called on township residents to help police stop the slaughter, the pattern of senseless attacks continued.

Both the ANC and Inkatha have said the attacks are aimed at deliberately blocking the accord.

The powerful Congress of SA Trade Unions blamed the authorities for not stopping the violence, and threatened nationwide industrial action

Today eyewitnesses told of the "emotionless" gunman who boarded a Putco bus at the major rank in Vosloorus this morning to be told by the driver that the vehicle was already full.

The man refused to disembark and as the driver pulled off, the gunman turned and opened fire into the crowded bus with an AK-47 rifle.

Four people died instantly and four others were wounded and ferried to hospital.

For the fourth day in a row railway commuters were targeted this morning

On the railway line between Germiston and Johannesburg, at least five people were seriously injured when they were thrown from moving trains or shot at while travelling to work.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said several attacks took place on the main railway line between Germiston and Johannesburg

Three people were thrown from the train along the line, one was shot and seriously wounded at the Cleveland Station and one was found shot and wounded at Johannesburg Station after having been attacked on the way

A cafe owner whose premises are near Cleveland Station said he heard two shots at about 6 am when he opened his shop

"At about 6 30 the police and everybody arrived The ambulance people drove into the station, so I couldn't see if anyone was injured.

"At about 7 am I saw two guys running down the road with pistols They ran into one of the factories and it seems as if they were being chased by the police."

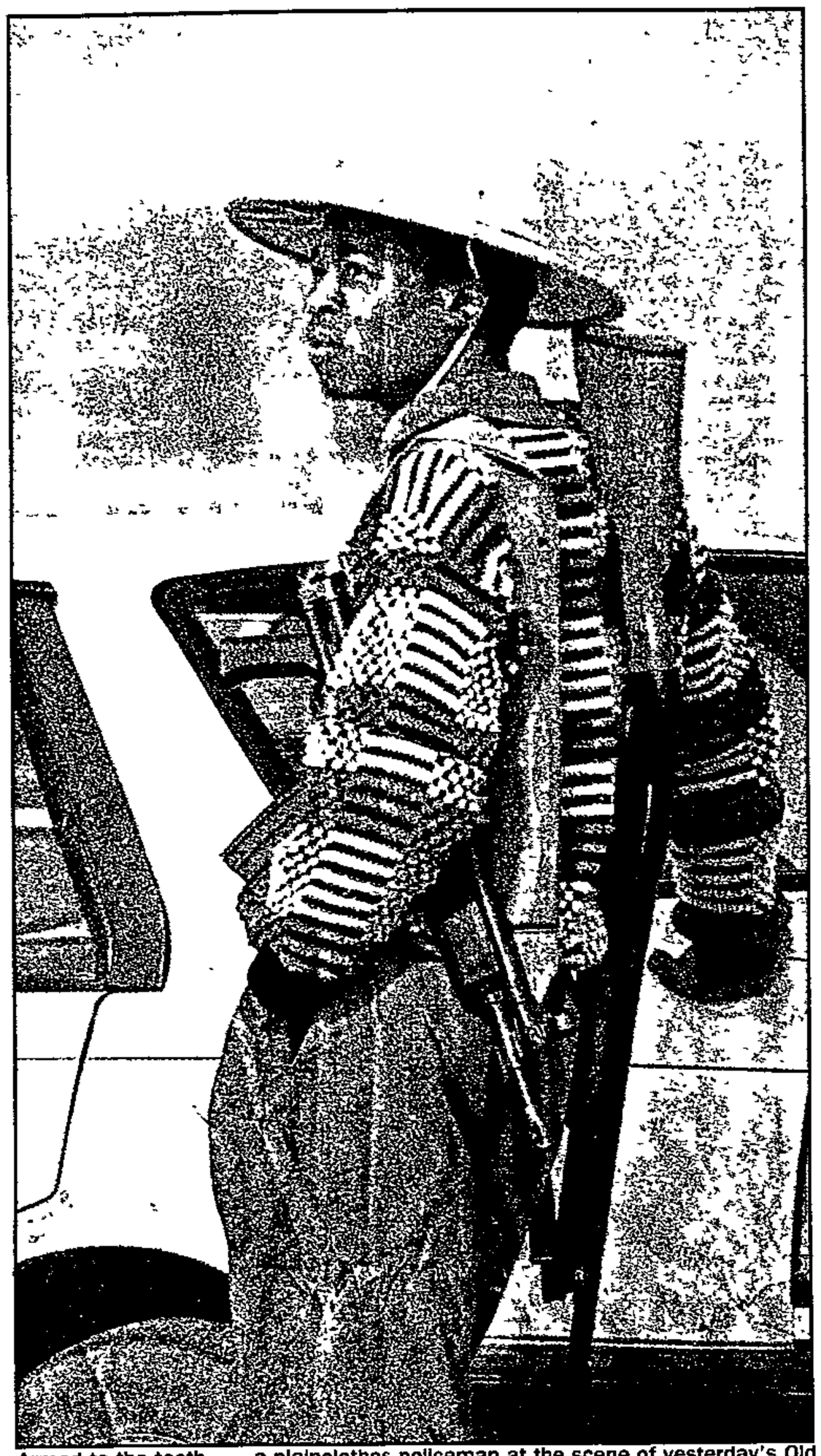
He said he then heard about four more shots.

In the station at about 8 am, commuters waiting for trains had no idea what had happened. Television crews, photographers and a large contingent of heavily armed policemen walked up and down the platforms, expecting more trouble

In Soweto last night, an SADF corporal was critically injured after being shot in the chest while investigating a bomb blast at White City Jabavu in Soweto

A police spokesman said the corporal was a member of a team cordoning off the area when he was hit by a sniper.

The explosion, at Makheta's Fish and Chips, injured three women.



Armed to the teeth . . a plainclothes policeman at the scene of yesterday's Old Vereeniging Road ambush in which a woman was killed and a policeman and his wife seriously injured. More reports — Pages 2 and 3. Pictures Joao Silva

Residents fear new rampage

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From Mono Badela
Johannesburg

FEAR flickers in the eyes of people in the Soweto townships of White City Jabavu and Mofolo Central as the weekend draws closer.

Reports to Cosatu, and persistent rumours, allege that this weekend crowds of Inkatha-backed hostel dwellers will invade their area.

People believe the expected attackers will kill those they find at home, and destroy and loot the homes of those who have fled.

Both the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party have called for restraint, and refused to let the latest mayhem derail the peace conference scheduled for this Saturday.

The wave of rumours was set off by the hurricane of political and criminal violence that swept through Thokoza, Soweto, Alexandra, Sebokeng and other Transvaal townships this week.

The situation is deteriorating rapidly into civil war, with more than 100 people killed, including women and children, and 98 others injured in clashes between Inkatha-backed hostel dwellers and township residents this week.

Thokoza, one of the biggest townships on the East Rand, has now been nicknamed "Little Beirut".

The carnage was sparked off by an ambush of Thokoza hostel dwellers on their way to the local stadium on Sunday. Unknown gunmen fired at them, killing at least 23.

Eight hours later, rampaging Inkatha supporters wreaked a terrible revenge on residents of Soweto's Mafolo Central township

On Wednesday, a hand grenade was thrown into a bus, people were gunned down on a railway platform and a white woman was shot dead in a police car.

Gunmen armed with AK-47s shot at the bus and flung a handgrenade on board. Four of the 60 passengers died and most of the survivors were badly injured, some critically.

At the Angus Railway station near the Thokoza bus shelter, six people were killed and many injured when gunmen sprayed commuters with gunfire at about 6 pm.

More atrocities are feared if the orgy of violence continues. At least 13 people died on Wednesday alone. There is no longer an accurate death toll.

Sporadic attacks continue in the area stretching from the East Rand to the Vaal Triangle and from Soweto to Alexandra. Police patrols are constantly picking up more bodies and wounded victims die in hospitals daily.

The violence claimed its first white victim on Wednesday. The as yet unnamed woman, who was a passenger in a policeman's car, was killed on the outskirts of Thokoza on the East Rand.

Warrant-Officer Johan Grobler and his wife, who were also in the car, were wounded in the attack. They had stopped to help a motorist who was being robbed on the old Vereeniging Road.

The political consensus this week was that the widespread killings were sparked off by agents provocateurs bent on derailing Saturday's peace conference.

ANC Secretary-General Cyril Ramaphosa said in a statement that it was increasingly clear that the purpose of "this horrific" violence was to create a climate in which signing the peace accord appears futile.

He said the death toll was mounting rapidly and that the situation was becoming extremely volatile.

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Last journey for massacre victim

FAREWELL: A neighbour pays his last respects to Mrs Virginia Motshweneng who was killed by IFP supporters in a Soweto clash

PIC: DYNAMIC IMAGE

The state's participation in this weekend's peace conference should be seen against a new government strategy of simultaneous negotiation and destabilisation, argues Dr Max Coleman of the Human Rights Commission. **HENRY LUDSKI** reports:

Government 'not serious' about peace

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THE GOVERNMENT is a reluctant participant in this weekend's peace conference with the African National Congress (ANC) and the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), according to Human Rights Commission (HRC) member Dr Max Coleman. The conference takes place against a backdrop of renewed violence on the East Rand.

"Don't trust their signature," Coleman warns of the government. "Only trust them when they are out of power."

A special report produced by the HRC last week accused the government of a "new total strategy" which puts the maintenance of National Party power ahead of peace accords and stability in South African townships.

The ultimate aim of the "new strategy" was the defeat of a divided liberation camp at the polls by an alliance of "moderate" forces made up of groups joined in a government-aligned Christian Demo-cratic Alliance.

"The government is not serious about this peace initiative but has been driven into a corner where it has no choice but to participate in the conference.

"This is because its new total strategy, more than anything else, was developed with the intention of winning at the elections. They could not refuse to participate in a conference which has the potential of pinning them down severely," said Coleman.

The HRC report said that out of the ashes of the government's old "total strategy" and state of emergency tactics has risen an "orchestrated onslaught" of community destabilisation which is responsible for the explosion of violence in certain townships since July last year.

The HRC report lacks conclusive proof of this claim, but it does substantiate its basic mistrust of the government's professed rejection of underhand tactics and double agendas.

HIT SQUADS, "dirty tricks", secret subsidies during the Namibian election and the Inkatha funding are all factors which make Coleman confident that it is only a matter of time before government corruption is exposed once more.

"I believe without a shadow of a doubt that it is just a question of time before proof of this conspiracy comes to light," said Coleman, who maintains that the HRC special report is backed by more than circumstantial evidence.

"There is a tremendous amount of evidence to support our claim that the state has embarked on a deliberate strategy of orchestrated destabilisation, and it goes beyond circumstantial evidence.

"We spoke about hit squads long before proof was found, and it was the same situation with claims of government collusion with Inkatha and their destabilisation plans in Namibia.

IT'S ALL COMING to the surface. I don't think much credence would have been given to our report if we had released it two months ago, before the Inkatha funding scandal," said Coleman.

The report is based on HRC monitoring for 12 month s from July 1990 of the activities of security forces, vigilantes, hit squads and the right wing.

The HRC says that the overall toll of the "new strategy" on township communities has been devastating. Over 3 000 have died, about 10 000 injured, over 8 000 arrested and tens of thousands displaced from their homes.

The HRC said that during the 12-month period monitored, a total of 2 640 vigilante-related deaths were recorded. "This represents 83 percent of all politically related deaths for the period and illustrates how devastating the vigilante component is, in relation to the overall violence directed at township communities," said the HRC.

The commission said that the general impression gained is that vigilante attacks in the Reef/Vaal complex are "far from haphazard or spontaneous".

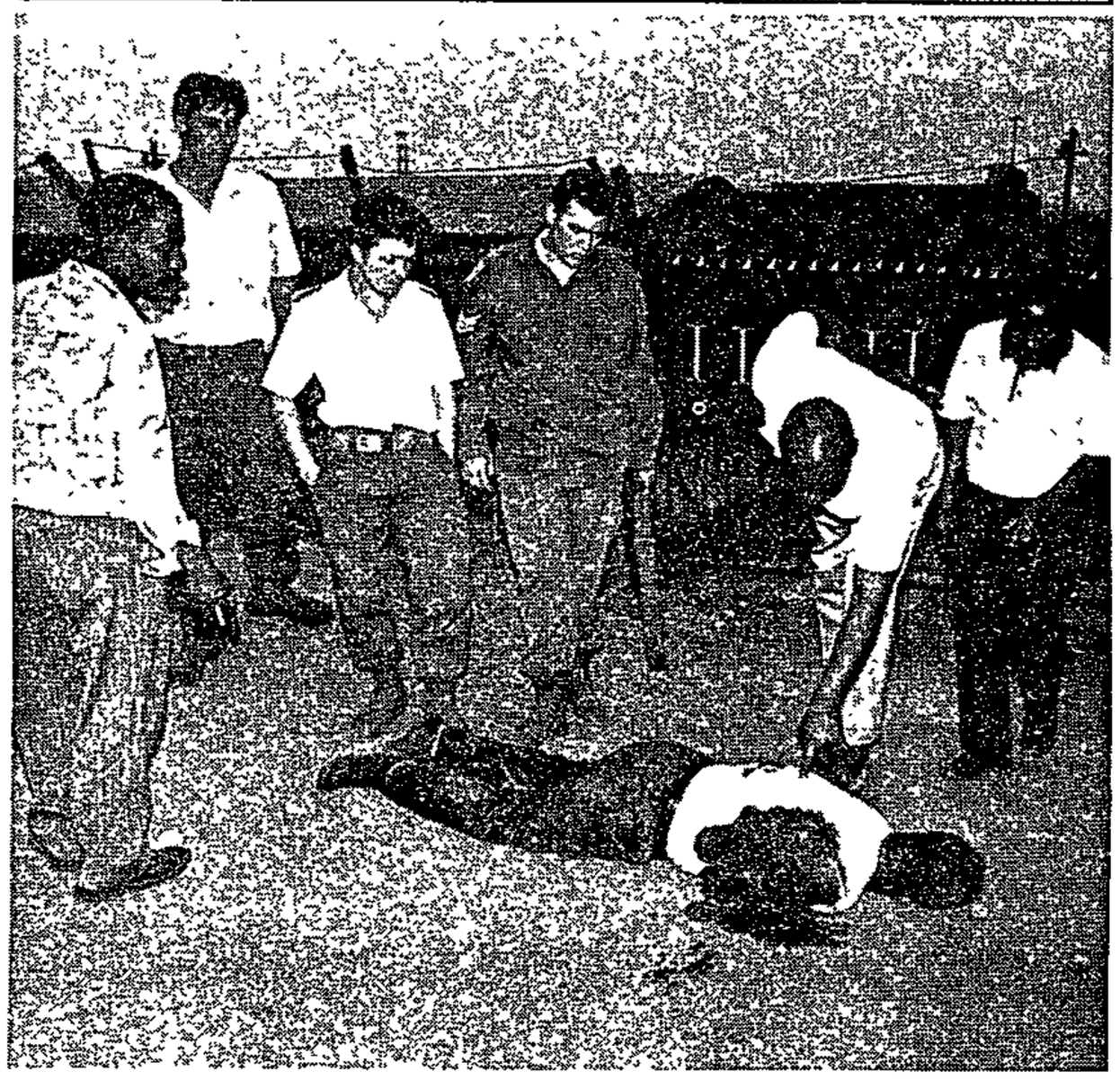
"There is a distinct appearance of planning and control, with the ability to move forces around the area and mount attacks at predetermined times."

The report states that there is overwhelming evidence to suggest that the government is addressing the threat of the loss of power by adopting a twin strategy of negotiating and destabilising simultaneously.

"It is a strategy which has already been rehearsed in Namibia with some success and in violation of an agreement requiring the South African government to be an impartial administrator in the transition process.

"How then can they be trusted to administer South Africa's transition to democracy?" said the HRC

GROUP	DEATHS	INJURIES
Security Forces	238	2248
Vigilante Related	2640	4077
Hit Squads	30	46
Right Wing	24	246
Uncertain	248	238
TOTAL	3180	6855



WHAT HOPE FOR PEACE? Inkatha members at an Alexandra township hostel, Johannesburg

PIC: DYNAMIC IMAGERS

Impi attack wipes out man's family

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From Mono Badela
Johannesburg

MR ELLIOT MOTSHWENENG of Mofolo Central, Soweto, returned home from a stokvel on Sunday afternoon to find his wife, young daughter, elderly mother and sister murdered.

Earlier this week, the soft-spoken 45-year-old driver was still battling to make sense of Sunday's indiscriminate attack.

He dreads returning to his home which, he says, was torn apart by angry Inkatha Freedom Party supporters

The raiders launched their blind revenge attack after at least 23 IFP supporters were shot down by unknown gunmen armed with automatic weapons in Thokoza township

"I arrived home at about 3 30pm from the stokvel and from a distance I could see Inkatha people in the streets outside Some were in my yard The police were outside," he told SOUTH

"I was scared to go in. People were running away When the Inkatha people shifted I asked the police if I could go inside to see what was going on

"I saw my dog lying in the yard, still chained They had shot and stabbed it"

He entered the house and found the body of his mother, Jeanette, covered in a pool of blood Terrified, he made his way to her bedroom to look for his children

"I saw my sister Joyce lying next to the bed The bed had been turned on its side She had been stabbed and shot

"Then I saw that she was still breathing very slowly Inside the cupboard I saw my daughter Jeanette She had been stabbed and her jeans were partly pulled down. I think she had been raped — my sister too

"After that I started to look for my wife I found her behind a pile of blankets"

Virginia, Motshweneng's wife, had been stabbed and shot.

Motshweneng said he later learned that his three year-old son, Tiseto, his daughter, Matsimela, 7, his sister's young son, William, and daughter, Esther, had survived the attack

His other children, Cynthia, Francina, William and Sandra, also escaped They were at choir practice in Dube Village during the killing spree

Motshweneng said the attackers looted his house and stole the TV set, radio, wall clock and money from the bedroom They also broke cupboards, dining room furniture and windows

This was the pattern of destruction, mayhem and killings carried out by the frenzied and rampaging Inkatha impis who ran amok and destroyed everything before them on their march back to the hostels following a rally at Mofolo Central

A Baragwanath Hospital spokesperson said 57 people had been brought in from the Mofolo area on Sunday night. Of these, five were certified dead on arrival and three died while attempts were being made to resuscitate them

She added that 24 others had been brought in by 8 30am on Monday after jumping off moving trains By Wednesday evening, over 100 lives had been lost in the Transvaal

'I found them in the room'

Photographs depicting the consequences of violence would not normally be published in SOUTH After considered judgment, the pictures on this page were chosen in order to create a greater public awareness of the tragic reality of violence in South Africa — and to emphasise the urgency for peace in our country — The Editor

Police did not stop killings—survivors

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SURVIVORS of last weekend's bloody clashes between Inkatha-backed hostel dwellers and township residents this week described in horrific detail how they narrowly missed being killed when Inkatha members attacked their homes

The residents blamed the police for their failure to prevent the brutal killings They claimed from their sick beds at the Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto that the mayhem in Mofolo Village, Soweto, took place in full view of the security forces.

"They had been escorting the hostel dwellers on their way to the Diepkloof Hostel when I was attacked," said 53-year-old Bartholomew Luhlunu who is recovering at Baragwanath Hospital after being hacked on his head and stabbed with a spear in his left shoulder-blade.

Luhlunu said he was stabbed with a spear inches from his heart

Speaking with difficulty Luhlunu told SOUTH that he was on his way

Bartholomew Luhlunu

home in Klipspruit when he met the rampaging Inkatha members.

"They attacked me wantonly and I had no chance to run away. They just swarmed all over me, clubbed me with sticks and hacked me on the head I do not know how I survived the onslaught. They were beating up everyone they came across. Passing cars were also smashed."

He said he was picked up by a passing mini-bus taxi and driven to hospital

Luhlunu has five children "They do not even know that I am here in hospital"

Israel Simelane

Another victim, Israel Simelane, a hostel dweller from Nancefield, Soweto said he was part of the marching Inkatha supporters when he was shot by someone he did not know

A driver, he is now nursing two bullet wounds — one bullet was still lodged in his chest and another bullet hit him on the left cheek.

He said he had been attending an Inkatha rally in Dobsonville and was marching back home His home is in Pongola in the Eastern Transvaal.

"I had been sent by my mother to buy articles in the nearby shops at Mofolo when a bullet hit my right thigh," said 10-year-old Sikhumbuzo Tshabalala

The schoolboy now finds it difficult to move about. He said after a day in hospital that the bullet was still lodged in his thigh

TOWNSHIP VIOLENCE

TERROR CAMPAIGN AGAINST REEF BLACKS

Commuters targeted

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Commuters have been targeted in a campaign of mass terror against black residents of the Reef.

More than 30 commuters have been killed and scores injured this week in planned attacks on trains, bus and railway stations, taxis, buses and mini-taxis.

Mini-bus taxis were deluged by passengers who on Monday abandoned trains after the first wave of attacks. Survivors of the initial attacks said they were the victims of reprisals for the slaughter of Inkatha members in Tokoza on Sunday

But subsequent attacks have been carried out without regard for the identity of victims and are widely seen as being aimed at creating turmoil ahead of the peace accord signing tomorrow.

After the train assaults early in the week, attackers extended their reign of terror to taxi ranks and buses.

Passengers were targeted in a dozen known attacks from the East Rand to the Vaal Traingle between Monday and yesterday.

Who are the attackers?

The violence was not the work of either the ANC or the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), according to political analysts.

The head of the University of the Witwatersrand's political studies department, Professor Alf Stadler, blamed the commuter-targeted violence on an obscure right-wing organisation which, although not supported by Pretoria, might have the sympathy of some people in government.

"I would exclude just random criminal elements, although they may be involved, and exclude any of the major political players — the government, the IFP or the ANC," he said.

"I wouldn't entirely exclude the possibility of a right-wing organisation we may not yet be aware of which could be co-ordinating attacks in the run-up to particular events, in this case the national peace convention."

Dr Dirk Kotze of the University of South Africa's political studies department said the idea of a third force being involved in the violence was now "more credible than ever before". This was more so because the violence was taking place before the national peace convention and both the IFP and the ANC had said they would sign the accord.

Dr Kotze said those perpetrating the violence could range from ex-Rhodesian Selous Scouts members, former Koevoet members, right-wing organisations opposed to the signing of the accord, groups not attached to any organisation or even dissidents within the ANC and the IFP.

South African Institute of Race Relations executive director John Kane-Berman said the attacks on commuters, dating back to last year, appeared to have been carried out by highly trained people. However, he did not want to speculate on their identity.

Political analyst Eugene Nyati, director of the Johannesburg-based Centre for African Studies, said he believed the perpetrators of the violence — including those who opened fire on IFP members at a rally in Tokoza on Sunday — were part of a government-linked third force.

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Police in arms search on Reef

JOHANNESBURG. — Police supported by Defence Force units have sealed off Phola Park, near Thokoza township east of here, in an attempt to stop the violence in the township.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said this morning that the operation, involving 1 200 policemen, began at Phola Park squatter camp, where shacks were being searched for firearms, ammunition and explosives.

He said it was obvious residents were "fed-up" with the senseless violence of the past week.

It was the duty of the police to protect citizens, and he appealed to residents of affected areas to co-operate and give information on killers and other "trouble-makers".

Information could be passed to the police anonymously.

Last night gunmen shot dead two municipal policemen in Tsakane and two people in a restaurant in Vosloorus in the latest outrages on the East Rand.

The death toll in the region since Sunday has risen to least 78, with 115 injured, said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe. — Sapa.

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FW pledges to stamp out township violence as death toll mounts

WILSON ZWANE

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FURTHER steps would be taken, if necessary, to stop township violence, President F W de Klerk said yesterday.

He said government considered the most recent wave of violence unacceptable, Sapa reports.

During a media address at the Union Buildings, De Klerk said government would leave no stone unturned to end the conflict. Steps had already been taken to declare certain townships unrest areas to enable security forces to take measures against the violence.

De Klerk said he believed the signing of the peace accord tomorrow could make an important contribution to peace if all parties honoured the letter and spirit of the agreement.

In incidents of violence yesterday, a driver and three passengers were killed when a man armed with an AK-47 riddled a Putco bus with bullets in the East Rand township of Vosloorus. Four passengers were injured, police said.

Several other attacks on commuters took place on a Johannesburg-bound train on the main line from Germiston yesterday morning. Four people were seriously injured — two thrown from a moving train and two shot. Later in the day another man was injured when he was stabbed and flung from a moving train between Johannesburg and Soweto's New Canada station.

More than 100 people have been killed and at least 150 injured since violence broke out in Thokoza on Sunday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said it was impossible to deploy policemen on all trains between Johannesburg and surrounding townships.

Yesterday's train attacks came after the announcement that policemen were riding shotgun on trains.

Putco MD Jack Visser said his company would maintain its services in Soweto "under all circumstances".

"We are running an essential service and we are going to maintain it," Visser said.

Bus services were, however, temporarily suspended in Vosloorus when drivers refused to travel into the township after the shootings. They were resumed after police promised to provide protection, Visser said.

Meanwhile, church leaders including Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and SA Council of Churches general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane visited victims at the Natalspruit Hospital yesterday.

Tutu said he was appalled at the "senseless" violence. He appealed to "whoever is perpetrating this, when we are on the threshold of a new and democratic SA, to stop it".

He added he was hopeful that the national peace accord would filter down to grassroots level where it would "have an enormous impact".

VERA VON LIERES reports the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) PWV area peace co-ordinator Richard Ntuli was allegedly detained and assaulted by policemen at his Katlehong home on the East Rand early yesterday.

Police said they would comment once an investigation had been launched.

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So senseless a slaying

By MATHATHA TSEDU

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SEVENTY-TWO year-old Mr Buti Peter Simelane worked for a large retailing store for 30 years before reuring in 1988.

A hard worker who opened the Simelane general dealer shop in Orlando East, he had looked forward to a happy retirement.

A year after he left his job he lost his sight but he carried on manfully. He sold his shop last month so he could rest at No 1 Mofolo home.

Last Sunday had been quiet and uneventful for Simelane. He had spent the day sitting in the lounge, listening to the radio news.

At about 5.30pm, the Inkatha brigade, returning from a meeting, passed their house. From experience, the family closed all doors.

The Simelane home was the first to be attacked when the group turned back and went on the rampage.

Fifteen-year-old Buti Simelane, the grandson of Simelane, told the story.

"Stones started raining on the house. I took grandfather to the kitchen. The house had been surrounded by the Inkatha men.

"I ran to the bedroom and hid. I heard the men chopping down the door. A fat man opened the wardrobe and found me there.

"He raised his spear. I pleaded with him. Another man came in and said he should leave me alone.

"They wanted to kill my aunt, Ntombi, but another man shouted from outside not to kill women, only men.

"They took everything from the house, including the TV, fridge, clothes and curtains. The things were loaded into a brown truck that looked like a police vehicle.

"In their haste to take our things, they forgot their assegais and they left an assortment of weapons in the house.

"Grandfather was not in the house at the time and I was concerned about him," young Simelane said.

The sight that greeted Buti was the horror of horrors.

Lying near the toilet was grandfather, dead.

He had been stabbed six times from the front and the back as he groped blindly for a place to hide.

A smart dresser known as 'Swanky" to his friends, grandfather's new shoes had been pulled off by the killers as he lay dying.

Simelane was one of the more than 100 people, who have not even been mentioned by news reports, except as a statistic of the ongoing violence.

Simelane will be buried tomorrow after a service at the Dube Mahon Mission.

Simelane was an old, blind man, an innocent victim who did not deserve to die so brutally.

Young Buti is traumatised. He stared death in the face on Sunday and survived only because one man said "No".

Innocent souls in the firing line

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TWO empty Tokoza houses mark the spot where the violence which has claimed more than 100 lives started on Sunday.

And an unwitting pawn used by three killers who gunned down Inkatha Freedom Party supporters is now living in fear of her life.

The carnage, which is still racking the Reef, started on Sunday shortly before 10am when a local resident was approached by a man asking which houses were used as "thoroughfares" between the streets of Tokoza.

The 20-year-old woman obligingly helped the stranger.

The young woman, who was briefly held by police for questioning after the massacre of 23 Inkatha supporters, tearfully described the day that changed her life.

Toddler

She held tightly on to her toddler son as she related how, minutes after she had pointed out houses used as passageways between streets, she heard gunfire and was later told many people had been killed.

Three mystery gunmen had used the houses to ambush Inkatha marchers as they made their way towards a rally at the Tokoza stadium. They were gunned down in cold blood with AK-47 rifles.

The attackers made good their escape, using the thoroughfare houses first as cover from which to launch their murderous assault, and then as passageways to safety.

On Monday the woman was questioned by police.

Inkatha

And now other residents have accused her of pointing out houses belonging to Xhosa-speaking people to the police and Inkatha members.

"My life has changed since Sunday morning. People are suggesting that I should leave the area, but I can't, because if I do, my home may be burned down," she said.

Gunmen

One of the two houses used by the gunmen belonged to the Lobane family, residents said. Nobody seemed to know who lived at the other house, which is locked and empty.

Two other families living next to these houses were also preparing to leave their homes in fear.

A neighbour of the Lobanes, Wilheminah Grass, said the house belonged to an elderly man who shared it with his son, his daughter-in-law and their two children.

Grass said the family were last seen on Sunday, packing up their belonging and leaving after the shooting.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said any Tokoza resident who believed their lives were in danger should phone the District Commanding Officer, Colonel Van Eck at 515-341 or 515-347.

Commuters in the firing line

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson

The prime targets in the wave of brutal attacks this week have been commuters.

A reign of terror has gripped trains, buses, stations and taxi ranks.

More than 30 commuters have been murdered since Monday.

Police were doing their utmost to ensure the safety of commuters and it was impossible for them to do more, said police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

He said a police unit was patrolling stations and certain trains.

A spokesman for Spoornet said there were 147 stations on the Reef. About 800 000 passengers are carried every weekday on some 1 000 journeys.

Passengers can call 0801-110141 (toll free) to report crime and vandalism on trains.

The week of terror for commuters included:

Monday

Two bodies found along the railway line at Dube, Soweto. The victims had been shot.

Twenty-four Soweto train commuters injured when they jumped from a moving train after allegedly being attacked.

Three people shot dead and thrown off a train between Katlehong and Wadeville on the East Rand.

Several taxis in the Orange Farm area near Vereeniging attacked. Guns, teargas and hand grenades were reportedly used. Police said two people were injured.

On another train near Wadeville, two men died when they were thrown off a train.

Tuesday

About eight gunmen in a minibus opened fire on early morning commuters at a taxi rank at Dube station in Soweto, killing three women and injuring a man. Other taxis were also shot at.

Three people were killed when they were thrown off a moving train near Wadeville. Ten others were injured.

Wednesday

A passenger was killed and a pedestrian run over when attackers hurled a grenade at a bus carrying about 60 commuters.

At Angus station in Tokoza, the occupants of a minibus shot at commuters, killing one man and seriously injuring six others. The bodies of two other men, presumed to have been shot by the same killers, were found about 40 m from the station.

One person died and two were wounded when gunmen opened fire on passers-by near Daveyton station on the East Rand.

Thursday

Three commuters and a bus driver died when a man who was asked to disembark from a Putco bus in Vosloorus produced an AK-47 assault rifle and opened fire on terrified passengers.

Three people were thrown from trains along the line, one person was shot and seriously wounded at Cleveland station, and one was found shot and wounded at Johannesburg station.

Making sense of Alex mayhem

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Violence in Alexandra in recent times has more of the hallmarks of a "hit squad at work" than that of conventional township violence, Dr Tim Wilson writes in the latest annual report of the Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic. CARINA LA GRANGE reports.

THE LEVEL of violence in Alex has always been high. Alex is a very human place, full of terrible, but very human, violence, the director of the Alexandra Health Centre, Dr Tim Wilson, writes in the centre's annual report.

His article was an attempt to make sense of what is happening in Alexandra so that primary health care workers could better prepare themselves to deal with a "new type of violence" which is very different from previous forms.

He said most, if not all, of the staff of Alex's Health Centre knew that 95 percent of the township residents were not thugs, racists or fanatics. The staff believed that people from outside Alexandra — deliberately and maliciously — moved among the people spreading rumours and inciting violence and hatred.

Because of the fertile soil (of disadvantaged people), they had succeeded, Dr Wilson said.

Blaming

One of the tactics of "agitators" had been to use thugs and criminals to spread fear and insecurity. Another had been to use the name of Inkatha as a threat and as a front for the activities of thugs and agitators.

In his examination of the causes of violence, Dr Wilson said recent debates had focused mainly on blaming or exonerating the ANC, Inkatha, the police or a "third force". These debates overlooked the fundamental causes of both the old and new violence in Alexandra.

These were "gross overcrowding, massive unemployment, appalling education, and years of corruption and neglect in the municipal administration.

"The people of Alexandra have been denigrated, impoverished and frustrated to the point of distraction ... It is widely believed that people are given money and even guns to attack either 'the other side' or simply ordinary passers-by

"And the evidence on the activities of agents of the South African Government in using Renamo to 'destabilise' Mozambique, in running the notorious Civil Co-operation Bureau inside South Africa, and in distorting evidence of attacks on the Alex Health Centre all makes people at least query the good faith of the SA Police.

"The apparent inability of the police to take any effective action against violent crime in Alex only makes things worse," Dr Wilson said.

He cited the "apparent latitude" given by the police to Inkatha, for example the March meeting of the party in the township after a week of "appalling violence and after Alex was declared an unrest area.

"... violence followed. The Health Centre and Sandton Ambulance Service were left to pick up the pieces. Who took the decision to allow that rally to go ahead?"

According to the annual report, more than 100 people died and 535 people were injured in Alex in political violence in March and April this year.

The "new wave" of violence started on March 8. In the next 72 hours, 233 people were treated at the centre. Violence flared again on March 17 after an Inkatha rally.

Dr Wilson said that in seven attacks between 1986 and 1989, the attackers had not been from Alexandra. The latest attacks were different.

"Why are these thugs behaving differently? They appeared to be white vigilantes attacking a symbol of resistance to apartheid. And are the new black thugs being used to attack a symbol of stability in an attempt to destabilise the society and impede progress towards a new and democratic country?

"Are primary health care facilities to be subjected to the same destruction as those in Mozambique? We know of no arrests, nor of any police action against that gang in Alex." □

Pessimistic Buthelezi lashes out at ANC refusal to meet Inkatha

Five days of Reef carnage leave at least 117 dead and 550 injured

Peace accord 'a farce'

Bullets fly . . a policeman sprints down the platform at Cleveland station yesterday as unknown gunmen open fire.

Picture: Stephen Davimes

the alleyways of Phola Park. 'That's why the police can't come and patrol on foot,' says one man

says Dan, a slender bearded man wearing a ranger's hat, a tightly-buttoned fire fighter's jacket and a pistol strapped around his waist.

Dan is an assistant commander of the Phola Park defence unit. A Matabele, he insists he is "Rhodesian". "The government are using Inkatha as their tools to kill the people.

"We hope the national peace convention (due for Saturday) works, but we can't trust them anymore. We have to protect ourselves. The police are not there for protecting people — they are there for killing people. They have shown from long ago that they are our enemies.

"We are African National Congress, the IFP have the support of the Boers," Dan says. "But where is our support? We need bullets for our guns, but we are running short and the ANC is not helping us."

The men say despite a resolution taken at the ANC's July conference, that Umkhonto weSizwe guerrillas would come and train defence units, there has been no such support.

Abel, another member of the unit, says: "For the moment, we don't complain about the ANC not helping us because they still need peace."

But Dan brandishes his pistol and says: "We are running short at the moment. If this runs empty and I have no bullets left, I will have to run away. We need what we need to feed what we've got.

"But I am not going to run away and leave my wife and children," he says, and adds with a chuckle: "Or my girlfriend".

The men describe how, since Sunday's massacre, several people have been abducted in taxis and taken into the grounds of Thokoza's remaining hostel — an Inkatha stronghold where many of the victims of the attack lived. There they have been questioned about their ethnicity; non-Zulus, especially Xhosa and Shangaans, have been taken out of the taxis and killed.

Whether or not this story is true, it fuels the paranoia and strengthens the fear of an impending attack. But the only signs of life across the Thokoza plain are trains passing on a nearby railway line, an occasional bus, empty except for the driver, and the rumble of police Casspirs.

An approaching car is stopped and the driver, a resident of Phola Park, reports that he has seen cars going into the hostel. There is intelligence from other residents that Inkatha is massing for an attack. The call goes out: the patrol must be intensified.

It is midnight now. The defence unit moves throughout the camp, rapping loudly on shanty doors, summoning the men to battle, warning that Inkatha is about to attack. Men stumble out wrapped in blankets, fatigue in their eyes.

Inside one of the tiny huts one sees, by the light of a candle, a row of small children sleeping on the floor snuggling next to one another for warmth. One of them peers fearfully at the commotion, wondering what is going to happen.

Now the rutted streets of the camp are filled with hundreds of armed men, waiting. But Phola Park is a fortress and the attack never comes.

It comes from another quarter. At dawn, the Angus railway station nearby is attacked by gunmen in a minibus who open fire on commuters — most of them from Phola Park, on their way to work. Three men are killed, six seriously injured.

At about the same time, a hand grenade hurled into a commuter bus outside the hostel kills one. It is also carrying Phola Park residents to work. The cycle of violence continues.

"A big, big fight is still to come," says Dan gesticulating wildly. "We can rather destroy the police stations. They are not there to help us."

Stepping through the pitch-dark alleys

Above left: A squatter defence unit moves towards a disused hostel after reports that kombis were seen dropping men in the area. But no kombis could be found

Left: His revolver at the ready, a patrol member explores a dangerous alley in the squatter camp

Top right: Wrapped in blankets against the cold, a patrol moves in darkness among the shacks

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As the Reef violence death toll soared to 117 since Sunday, with more than 550 people injured, Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi threw cold water over tomorrow's multiparty peace accord.

In a BBC interview on Wednesday made available yesterday, Chief Buthelezi said he doubted whether the signing of the accord by the country's main political groups would bring an end to the violence.

"I don't see any reason why this accord should work when the accord that we worked out in January with the ANC did not work," said Chief Buthelezi.

He said he doubted whether the accord would filter down to grassroots level

"I'm not signing because I believe it's going to work out, but if some people want it ... as some people clearly are very keen that it should be signed ... then I want to be part of that if it's part of the peace process."

He also accused the ANC of hypocrisy for being willing to sign the accord while not responding positively to requests to meet the IFP.

"Which of course I find farcical ... on Saturday in this grandeur of the hotel and with all the media there, there will be the signing of this thing when they are not prepared to talk to us"

Responding to Chief Buthelezi's comments, ANC executive member Saki Macozoma said last night that tomorrow's peace summit was the proper forum for parties to raise any doubts or reservations about the accord.

As to its possible success, Mr Macozoma said: "South Africans should do something about the shortcomings they discover, rather than abandon the ideal because of such shortcomings."

Last night top peace convention negotiators were locked in meetings to iron out, among other things, the contentious issue of cultural weapons.

Last night President de Klerk said the wave of violence, shortly before the signing of the peace accord, was unacceptable and the Government would leave no stone unturned to end it.

The East Rand townships of Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus had already been declared unrest areas to give the police wider powers to act against violence.

Speaking in Pretoria during a courtesy call on him by former Nigerian head of state General Olusegun Obasanjo, Mr de Klerk said he believed the signing of the peace accord could make an important contribution to peace if all parties honoured the letter and spirit of the accord.

In the latest acts of violence yesterday:

- Four bus passengers, including the bus driver, died when an AK-47-wielding gunman sprayed them with bullets.
- Three people were thrown from a train and one person was shot and wounded at the Cleveland station between Germiston and Johannesburg. Another was found with gunshot wounds when the train arrived at Johannesburg station.
- A man was stabbed and thrown off a train between New Canada and Johannesburg at about 5.15pm. He is in a satisfactory condition.
- A Star photographer and reporter were fired on when they went to investigate reports of trouble at the Cleveland station at about 8 am.

Yesterday the full horror of the five-day orgy of violence which has rocked the

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Peace accord a farce

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Reef was revealed during a survey of hospitals and mortuaries which found that at least 117 people had died and more than 550 treated for wounds.

The figures compiled by The Star also include police figures.

There is still no official toll however, as police patrols are reported to be picking up bodies from sporadic attacks from the East Rand to the Vaal Triangle.

Some victims sustained gunshot wounds and others were stabbed or hacked to death with pangas, knives, spears and other weapons.

The Natalspruit Hospital reported five deaths and 180 injuries. Police reported that 72 deaths and 111 injuries occurred on the East Rand alone.

Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital reported that two people died at the hospital and five others were certified dead on arrival on Sunday.

The hospital has treated 179 patients between Sunday and yesterday morning, a spokesman said Police confirmed that 30 people have died in the area since fighting broke out.

The Hillbrow Hospital treated 60 patients since Sunday and no deaths had been reported

Three deaths were reported at Alexandra Clinic and 22 people were treated for gunshot and stab wounds since Sunday.

- The IFP has cancelled two rallies it had scheduled for this weekend to mark the signing of the peace accord. The rallies were to have taken place in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, and at Ratanda township on the East Rand.

Buthelezi

'Big war' as men brandish

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crews, although he says they will continue to follow up all unrest reports.

Media people involved in covering the unrest, and interviewed by *The Weekly Mail*, agree that should this week's attacks provoke a general conflict in which the factions actually confront one another, the new war will be on a scale as yet unheard of. "Traditional" weapons — largely pangas, spears and axes — are still commonly carried, but the rifle and the gun, evident as never before, could mean that thousands instead of hundreds could die if the situation explodes.

As a photojournalist who has covered uprisings over the past eight years, I share and fear the view of a member of the Phola Park squatter camp defence unit that "a big, big fight is still to come". This is also an opinion held by many other civilians in the Thokoza and Katlehong town-

Blow by blow view of the bloodshed

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By BEATHUR BAKER

THE following is the chronology of flashpoints in the five days of terror which has engulfed townships on the Reef. At the time of writing, 110 people had died in the violence — and the death toll was still growing.

●In Thokoza on Sunday, three gunmen sparked off the fighting when they opened fire on a group of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters on their way to a Hostel Dwellers' Association meeting in the township at about 10am. In the attack, 23 people were killed and 22 injured. By Sunday night the number of people killed in the area had risen to 29.

In the course of the day, fighting spread to neighbouring townships of Katlehong and Tembisa. According to police, a total of 40 people were killed and 62 injured in the Witwatersrand

This included the deaths of 14 people in Mofolo, Soweto, when fighting broke out in the township. At Delmare station, two men were shot and one burnt alive in clashes between 300 African National Congress and IFP supporters.

In one incident, 14 people who had been injured in Soweto forced a Johannesburg Ambulance Department crew to drive them to Hillbrow Hospital, bypassing Baragwanath Hospital because they feared for their lives.

At the City Deep hostel two people were killed. In Katlehong, near Thokoza, nine people were injured when Spoornet security guards on the Pilot railway station fired at IFP supporters alighting from a train. The IFP supporters were reportedly terrorising other passengers.

At Park Station, Johannesburg, two men were attacked and killed. East Rand police reported one person killed in Vosloorus, two in Katlehong and two in Wattville.

●On Monday fighting on the Reef continued, increasing the death toll to 57 with approximately 84 injured.

Baragwanath Hospital treated 25 more people after people on their way to work from Soweto were attacked in two trains.

●On Tuesday 15 more people were reported killed, bringing the death toll to 72.

●On Wednesday 11 people were killed and 60 injured in Thokoza when a hand grenade was thrown at a bus near a hostel and shots were fired at a railway station crowd.

Another 10 people died in attacks, bringing the death toll to well over 100.

A South African Defence Force member died while investigating a bomb blast in White City Jabavu late on Wednesday night. Three women were injured in the blast.

At Daveyton station, one person died and two were wounded when gunmen fired at passers-by. And in Sebokeng, in the Vaal, shots were fired at three women travelling in a car, killing one

A Braamfontein-based police officer, his wife and another woman were shot at when they stopped to assist a motorist on the old Vereeniging road near Phola Park on the East Rand.

Both were seriously injured and another woman in the car died at Natalspruit Hospital. The woman, Maureen Minnaar, was said to be the first white person to die in the violence.

●On Thursday at 6am in Vosloorus near Thokoza four people, including a bus driver, were killed and four injured.

BUS CARNAGE ... One woman was killed when a hand grenade was hurled into this bus outside Thokoza hostel this week.
Photo: GREG MARINOVICH, AP

'Big war' to come as more guns appear in townships

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The violence is escalating and so is the use of firearms, reports photographer **KEVIN CARTER**, who has spent eight years covering township unrest

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I HAVE never witnessed so many guns being openly brandished as I did this week in Thokoza and Phola Park.

On patrol with the local defence unit in Phola Park, I saw people armed with an array of AK-47 rifles and handguns, complaining only of a shortage of ammunition.

I also witnessed groups of Inkatha supporters from the hostels in Thokoza, marching up and down the main street, and firing shots into the air.

"We have been waiting for the hostel to attack us since the attack on Inkatha on Sunday, but this time it will be different. This time we are prepared for them," says a man from a Phola Park defence unit, lifting his jacket to expose a revolver in his belt.

News crews are aware of the new danger. A WTN cameraman, Spokes Mashiane, was wounded in the leg by gunfire this week, and 702 news chief Mike Wills has called a halt to patrols of the townships by his

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violence.

In fact, the community there has recently negotiated a large sum of assistance from Jan Steyn's Independent Development Trust, and their priorities are reconstruction and development, not stoking the fires of a communal war.

An unprovoked attack on Inkatha hostel dwellers at this point from Phola Park would be unthinkable.

Not even the IFP has blamed the ANC, except briefly on Sunday night when Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman Themba Khoza alleged that Inkatha members had recognised the Thokoza attackers as known ANC members. Howevever, after being challenged, Khoza failed to substantiate the claim.

IFP national chairman Frank Mdlalose stopped well short of blaming the ANC. Local IFP officials were insistent, despite denials, that a Shangaan man had been arrested after the massacre.

The key to the attack and the ensuing violence is the motive, which political commentators have been unanimous in seeing as an attempt to scupper the national peace accord to be signed on Saturday.

The timing of the violence, a week before the convention, has been widely commented on.

The peace accord is designed to provide the launching pad for the all-party conference which would be the beginning of constitutional negotiations.

Thus, undermining the accord is not simply an attempt to destroy the peace but to block the entire process of transition to democracy in South Africa.

It is not the first time that significant progress in negotiations has sparked large-scale violence. The Reef violence last August erupted shortly after the signing of the Pretoria Minute, and has slowed the process of transformation ever since.

The Alexandra war in March this year was sparked by the signing of an historic local government accord between state representatives and the Alexandra Civic Organisation.

Political leaders insisted this week that they were determined to sign the peace accord and ignore attempts to disrupt it. However, as ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa pointed out, it is increasingly clear that the "purpose of this horrific violence is to create a climate in which signing the peace accord appears futile".

The danger is not that the peace convention will not happen, but that the violence will destroy the confidence of people in the townships so that the peace accord will be emasculated and worthless.

Even more frightening, the invisible hand behind the violence appeared this week to be able to turn it on and off like a tap. After the first wave of killings on Sunday appeared to have subsided on Monday, a new wave started on Tuesday with random attacks on commuters, designed to resemble Inkatha revenge killings.

"Within the space of a couple of days, the violence has been exported from Thokoza to 10 other areas, and has even spread to the Cape," said the Congress of South African Trade Unions in a statement.

The pattern of the carnage this week was so familiar that Cosatu questioned why the security forces were unable to learn from their modus operandi this past year to smash the networks.

"There is no doubt in our minds that intensive police undercover work could both smash these networks at their source and intercept the vigilante gangs in the course of their missions," the statement said.

The 'invisible hand' traces a

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PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK examines the reasons behind the outbreak of violence this week

A VICIOUS conspiracy was played out in Reef townships this week with the aim of sabotaging a constitutional settlement and moves towards democracy in South Africa.

The key to the fresh outbreak of violence is the identity of the three mystery men who ambushed Inkatha Freedom Party members on their way to a rally, killing 23 men and injuring scores of others.

Interviews with Thokoza and Phola Park residents from both sides this week revealed that what had ostensibly happened — that the African National Congress had attacked Inkatha — was extremely implausible.

The attack, which triggered a wave of retribution and further strategically planned attacks, was perpetrated by three highly trained gunmen who moved in on the IFP hostel-dwellers from three different directions.

It was well-planned, intercepting the IFP members in the main street of the township, Khumalo Street, shortly before they reached the stadium where the rally was to be held.

It had to have been carefully pre-planned because, as residents pointed out, it came out of the blue.

Thokoza and neighbouring Phola Park were the sites of bloody conflict between Inkatha and the ANC last year, but since then the township has become a model of co-operation between the two parties.

The Thokoza Peace Co-ordinating Committee, set up last December, has had remarkable success in bringing calm to what was once one of the most volatile townships on the Reef.

This would rule out motives such as revenge and the fear of marauding impis.

The assailants were unknown to the residents of Khumalo Street in the vicinity of the slaying, ruling out any possibility that the attackers were members of a local ANC defence committee who had gone berserk.

The attack was clearly designed to create the impression that the ANC was responsible — both because the victims were IFP supporters and because it was an ANC neighbourhood — and to inflame revenge attacks from the hostels.

Even though that section of Khumalo Street is strong ANC territory, local residents helped the police draw up identikits of the assailants.

In fact, police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe valued the co-operation of the residents so highly that he described their assistance as a "breakthrough in police relations with the community".

If it was an ANC attack, it would not have been sanctioned by the movement's leadership which have invested heavily in Saturday's peace accord and are aware township violence has cost the movement more than any other political force.

It would not have been planned by the local community who were so appalled by the killings they are helping police track the killers down.

Another possibility raised is that the gunmen were from neighbouring Phola Park, an ANC stronghold. However, Phola Park is highly vulnerable to revenge attacks and interviews with residents this week revealed that the very last thing on earth they want is a repeat of last year's

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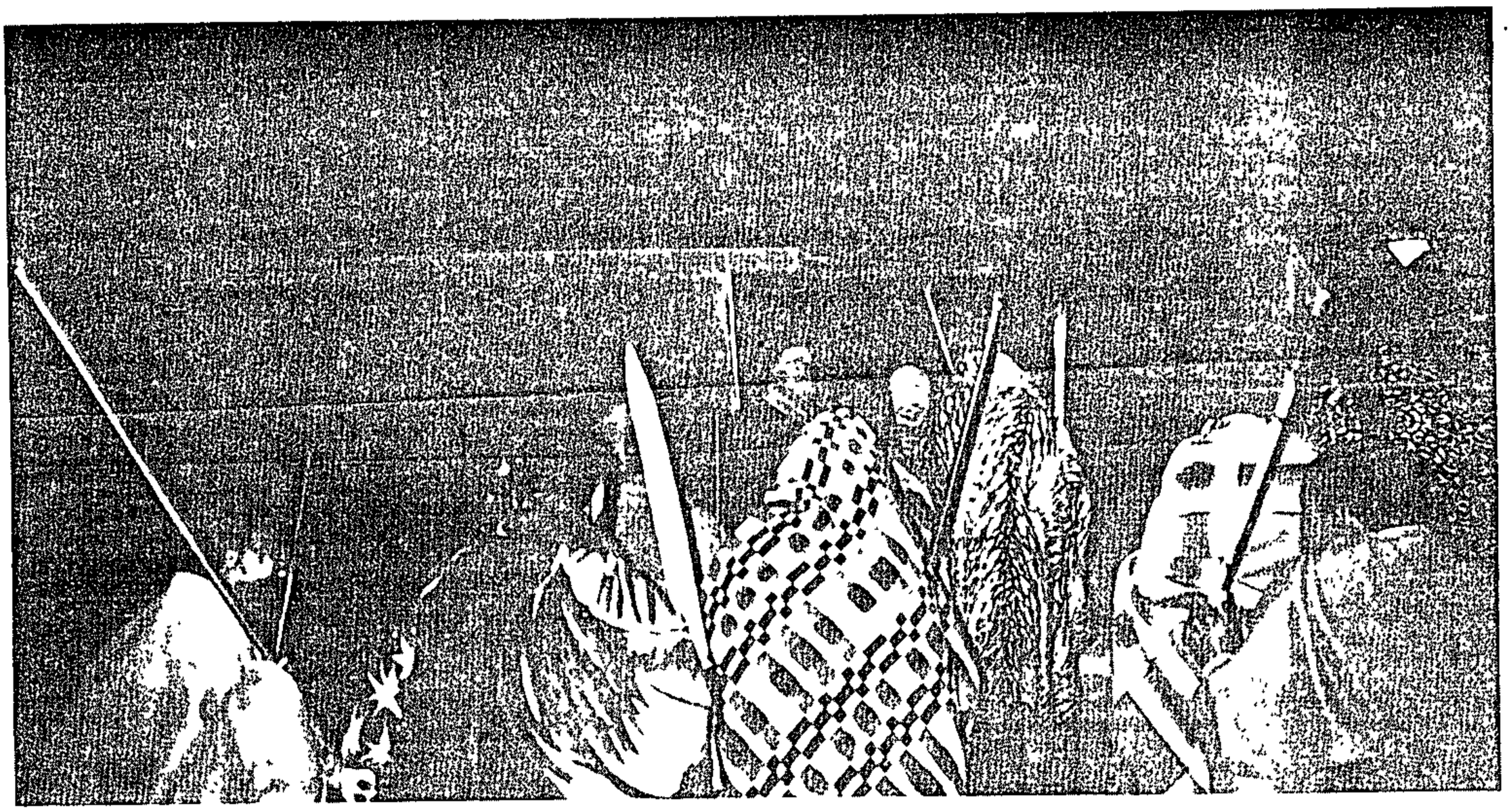
ships on the East Rand.

The sudden escalation of violence in Soweto and the East Rand this week, with attacks by gunmen on buses, taxis, cars and trains, is seen by many in the townships as a deliberate attempt to provoke a new war in the townships. 1319 - 19/9/91

"And if this new war comes," says the defence unit member, casually stashing his AK-47 rifle under his chair as we sit down to speak, "it will be a bloodbath like we have not seen before."

"It is a noisy all-night patrol, armed with sticks and two AK-47s. There is no quiet way to walk



On patrol at Phola Park

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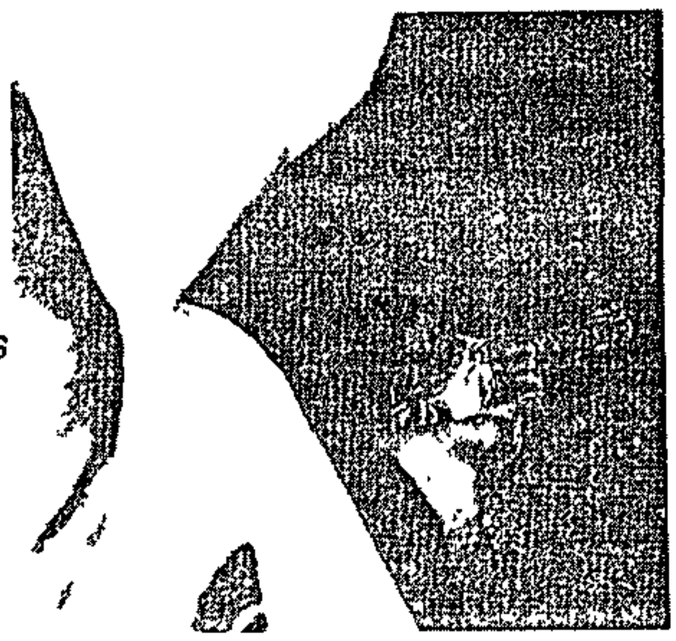
Terrified of retribution from the township across the plain, the squatters of Phola Park were in a state of battle readiness this week, with all-night patrols which every able-bodied male had to join. There were no teenagers in the militias, and there was no air of adventure. This was grim, frightening war. Three Weekly Mail staffers joined a patrol at the height of the tension on Tuesday night

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK and WALLY MBHELE with photographs by KEVIN CARTER



ACROSS a flat plain from the squatter shacks, the orange lights of Thokoza gleam in the distance Ever since the killing of 18 Inkatha Freedom Party members in Thokoza on Sunday, Phola Park has been bracing itself for a revenge raid across that barren ground

Local Inkatha supporters have blamed the massacre on sharpshooters from Phola Park, which they see as an African National Congress and Xhosa stronghold It is a claim rejected by Phola Park residents, but anticipating retribution, they have placed their local militia or self defence unit in a state of battle readiness.

We arrive at the squatter camp at 7pm — along with the last wave of shoppers and workers from town, scurrying into their shacks before the *de facto* curfew comes into effect A blanketed sentry flags us down He has been expecting us.

We wait more than two hours in the shanty headquarters of the Phola Park civic organisation while messengers go out to warn patrolling units to expect *abelungu* tonight

As we step into the darkness, the unit surrounds us We count at least two AK47s, carried by quiet, sombre men at the front and the back of the patrol

There are no teenagers in the units guarding Phola Park tonight, no air of adventurism about this undertaking. These are rural men, mostly from the Transkei, the youngest of them in their late 20s Their concern is to protect their wives, children and shacks in a place where they no longer trust the forces of law and order to do so for them

Ironically, these men from Transkei, as well as a sizeable contingent of Shangaans in Phola Park — many of them from Mozambique — share with the Zulu hostel dwellers a tenuousness in the city These adversaries are the most insecure sojourners in the townships, whose homes — the squatter camps and the hostels — have always been under threat.

The patrol is a dreary toil. There are about 10 men on foot in this unit. We encounter units with more men, some brandishing AK47s The rest carry a motley collection of spears, axes, pointed sticks and crowbars

Dogs bark and yap as we make our way through the backyards of the shanties. There is no electricity and we stumble through in the pitch dark Every 50m or so we pass a sentry post — "all's well, nothing suspicious to report". The vague outlines of the men, blanketed against the chill with their weapons aloft, is like a scene out of medieval Europe.

It is a noisy vigil There is no quiet way of passing down the alleyways of Phola Park. "That's why the police can't come here and patrol on foot," says one of the militia.

Most men in Phola Park get little sleep The women and children are in their homes before dusk, while their menfolk continue to tramp round the camp for most of the night Employed men in the defence units are allowed to go off at midnight, giving them a few hours' sleep before the dawn and another day of work

Last year, Phola Park was the centre of the bloody conflict on the Reef between Inkatha and the ANC. Inkatha supporters from the hostel came across the plain and attacked the camp — "killing us like flies", in the words of the men

A neighbouring migrant workers' hostel, which was an Inkatha stronghold, was physically torn down Hardly a brick remains

It has been peaceful in Phola Park since then The last thing the camp needs, the men say, is another war Even so, the community has taken steps to ensure their security, chief among them the setting up of the defence unit

A wizard was brought in from the Transkei in February, says one of the men, with special *muti* from the sea to ward off evil spirits and give them immunity from Zulu bullets. Ordinary people are not allowed to see the wizard, who sends instructions via people believed to have special powers.

One of his most solemn instructions is that the men must only defend the perimeters of the squatter camp and not engage in offensive action. "He gives instructions not to kill first," says one of the men.

A local peace initiative between the ANC and Inkatha members has prevented any serious outbreaks of violence for 10 months.

But suspicion runs deep in Phola Park — the patrols have never stopped "Even the South African government, we don't trust them,"

On call any time, anywhere

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TRISH BEAVER

LAST weekend in the bloody war zone of township violence, even the paramedics tending the injured became targets in the mass hysteria.

An ambulance was hijacked by victims of a Soweto grenade attack who refused to be taken to nearby Baragwanath Hospital. They ordered the driver to take them away from the violence to Hillbrow Hospital.

For these modern-day miracle workers, hooked on saving lives, this alarming episode was just part of a day's work.

The Saturday Star went out with an emergency response car manned by the Ambulance Training College (ATC). On call were trauma specialist Dr Gerald Dalbock and ATC divisional commander Tom Watson.

It is Friday night and they are busy checking equipment. The back of their Sierra is a miniature version of a hospital trauma unit.

The radio comes to life: "Alpha six, Alpha six ..." This is followed shortly by the details of a pedestrian knocked over in Newlands.

The trip is hair-raising. Some drivers move out of the way swiftly while others stay frozen.

The injured woman is lit by car headlights. She wails softly in a crumpled heap. Bystanders crowd around. Dr Dalbock immediately checks her vital signs, then she is examined for other injuries.

"She's lucky to be alive. She is drunk and wandered straight into the path of the car," said Mr Watson.

The next call comes through. A man has been stabbed in the chest in Industria. In a dimly lit medicine depot, a black man sits on a chair, blood seeping from a hole in his chest. As soon as the response car arrives he lies down, abandoning himself to their care.

ANGELS OF MERCY: Paramedics discuss the next move in the treatment of a shooting victim.
● Photograph: TOM EDLEY

He is lucky — no vital organs injured. A drip is inserted and an ambulance arrives to take him to hospital. Dr Dalbock says. "Just one inch lower and he would be gone."

It is just two hours into the patrol and the third emergency call is transmitted.

A white male has been hit over the head with a beer bottle.

We make it to Rosettenville in excellent time. Tall, lanky youths lounge outside a seedy flat. Inside a man sits on a kitchen stool, blood pouring down his face.

The patient is obstinately unco-operative. He refuses to sit still and wants to go back outside to get revenge on his attacker. His head is swathed in bandages and his beer-laden breath is overpowering. "He won't feel the pain until he sobers up," says Mr Watson.

Another call. Two students at Wits University have collapsed with a drug overdose. A harried barefoot student runs to the entrance and beckons the car frantically. After four flights of stairs they reach the flatlet. Two students lie prone across a small passage. They had been to a party and had collapsed.

The paramedics examine the pupils of the eyes. Gerald says to Tom: "There's evidence of dagga but there's something else here; I think it could be LSD."

One is a second-year medical student. His frail body shivers convulsively. The other, a drama student, is frozen rigid, locked in her own world of horror.

Next, at a motor accident in Oakdene, a man lies in the centre of the road, blood seeping from his nose and mouth. His head lies in a scarlet pool. No heart beat or pulse. He is clinically dead. The accident scene is cordoned off and the paramedics start immediate cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) An ambulance arrives shortly after to assist.

A bystander holds the man's legs in the air so that the blood is concentrated in the vital organs.

Onlookers stare and comment: "Leave him, he's dead" or "What a mess, he doesn't stand a chance". After three shocks with the defribrilator, a faint signal is picked up on the heart monitor.

After 10 minutes of CPR and injections of heart stimulants, the man breathes again. He has been brought back from the dead.

The paramedics' faces glow with triumph.

"I feel great," says Mr Watson. "I really feel like I'm on a high. If we hadn't tried he might never have had a chance. Sure, he might have severe head injuries, or die later due to complications, but we don't play God. We do our best and it paid off."

The shift ended at 2.30 am and the team answered five more calls before knocking off.

Can peace pact survive terror?

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JO—ANNE COLLINGE

BLOODIED Thokoza posed the question this week: How long can "peace" hold up among ordinary people when they are subjected to repeated attacks of faceless terror?

The answer has a direct bearing on the National Peace Accord, to be signed today. The accord, with its pyramid of national, regional and local dispute resolution committees, rests largely on the idea that the rank-and-file of political groups play a vital role in countering violence.

When gunmen killed 23 marchers of the Inkatha Freedom Party in Thokoza on Sunday, the horror of earlier conflict in the area was resurrected. Twice last year the community waged war on itself. The Phola Park shack settlement was sacked and nearby hostels virtually torn apart.

With each new terrorist attack people held their breath: Was this the spark which would lead to another local civil war?

By the end of the week, the general conflagration had not happened. Many people were dead. But not at the hands of neighbours.

Had the Thokoza Peace Co-ordinating Committee, set up by local parties, residents' organisations, churches and industry in December, made some progress?

Prince Mhlambi, vice-president of the Phola Park Residents' Organisation, says Thokoza is not yet safe from a mini-civil war.

"We were having a normal residents' meeting in Phola Park when news of the attack came. There are so many rumours — the person who brought the message said the IFP was shooting people in the township."

Residents of the shack settlement grabbed weapons to defend themselves. Some wanted to go into the township but were persuaded to await a report from a monitoring party.

"When we went out to monitor we found it was the IFP who were dead, who had been attacked," said Mr Mhlambi. The IFP contingent had been marching to a meeting of the Hostel Dwellers' Association when attacked.

The fact-finding was a vital part of the agreement reached by all members of the TPCC, said Mr Mhlambi. The various parties were to make immediate attempts to communicate with each other if any attack ruptured the peace.

The TPCC members have also agreed to respect freedom of assembly. "So although people in Phola Park were a bit scared about the hostel dwellers' meeting, we persuaded them there wouldn't be any problems and some of our people were even going to attend their rally," said Mr Mhlambi.

TPCC representatives had slowly built up political tolerance in their constituencies and recently all parties had functioned without interference. The parties had also united to confront the crisis of service provision and payment in Thokoza. But in the present crisis the TPCC had fallen short.

"One of the major principles is that both parties should immediately meet to discuss and investigate the problem. We started trying on Monday to get such a meeting but we had no success."

Abraham Mzizi, secretary of the IFP's Thokoza branch, said that he "found it a bit soon to go to a meeting". IFP members were too angry to consider the option.

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Reef gripped by five days of hell

Ray of hope in week of agony

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MALCOLM FOTHERGILL

PEOPLE still walked the streets. Shops were still open. The sun still shone. But beneath the tranquil surface of everyday life, the Reef this week was gripped by sadness and fear.

Again and again, terrorists struck, killing mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, the old, middle-aged and young.

By last night, over 120 people had died and more than 550 had been wounded in the five days of bloodshed.

Among the horrors:

- In Thokoza, three gunmen attacked people going to an Inkatha rally, killing 23 and wounding 22, and setting off more violence elsewhere.
- In Daveyton, gunmen opened fire on passers-by, killing one and wounding two.
- In Sebokeng, three women in a car were attacked, and one died.
- In Vosloorus, four commuters died in a Putco bus in a hail of AK-47 bullets, and a man and a woman were murdered in a restaurant attack.
- In Jabavu, Soweto, an explosion ripped through a shopping centre, and a defence force corporal was shot.
- In Mofolo Central, Soweto, four members of the Motshweneng family were slain in an attack on their home.
- In Tsakane, two municipal policemen were shot dead . . .

Some of those who died were shot. Others were hacked with pangas and stabbed with knives or spears.

Those especially at risk of being sent to their graves were commuters — more than 30 people on their way to or from work died and scores were hurt as trains, bus and railway stations, taxis, buses and minibus taxis came under fire.

Speculation continued that a mysterious "third force" was behind the bloodshed, but nobody has yet come forward with hard evidence of who the "third force" might be, or what it seeks to gain by blood-letting.

The most recent allegation, by Inkatha member Musa Myeni, is that one of three people arrested after the attack in Thokoza on Sunday said he had been paid R5 000 by a top man in an unnamed organisation to carry out the killings — but the police have denied arresting anyone in connection with those killings.

Yesterday 1 200 policemen, backed up by SADF troops, sealed off the ramshackle Phola Park squatter camp outside Tokoza in a search for weapons and explosives. Two AK-47 rifles were seized and three people were arrested, according to initial police reports.

As the week of bloody agony drew to a close, there was just one ray of hope — the signing today by the Government, the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party of a national peace accord.

If peace can indeed be won at a negotiating table, the accord might bring an end to the horror. Until it does, people on the Reef live with two emotions — grief for the slain, and fear for their lives and those of family and friends.

On the Reef today, you don't have to mix with bad company or live dangerously to be on the receiving end of a bullet or a knife.

All you need is to be alive, and unlucky.

3 more shot dead

Three people were shot dead and five injured after violence erupted again in Soweto last night.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said an unknown Dube hostel dweller was shot dead outside the hostel at about 5.30 pm. He said no further details were available and police were investigating.

Just before 8 pm a shooting occured at Mofolo Village and a youth, known only as Sibiso, was taken to Baragwanath Hospital with a bullet wound in his side.

Earlier last night two men, Piet Skosana (20) and a man known as "Star" were shot dead in Dobsonville. Police suspected the two deaths resulted from a suicide pact and were not related to the ongoing unrest.

Two other men known as Sipho and Power were admitted to Leratong Hospital in Orlando with injuries.

In another incident two people were injured when an explosion ripped through a section of the Mshenguville squatter settlement in Soweto. Police said the blast occurred at 8.45 pm. A man and a woman were rushed to the Baragwanath Hospital.

Ninety minutes later, shots were fired from a car driving through the squatter camp.

In another shooting, a police patrol came under fire at Dube hostel at about 9.30 pm. Seven policemen returned the fire but did not wound or arrest their assailant.

The violence in Soweto came hours before the signing of an historic peace accord by the Government, the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party in Johannesburg — Sapa.

Fighting: where do police stand?

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By SOPHIE TEMA

THE Ministry of Law and Order has been challenged to re-define the role of the police in situations of violence in the townships.

The call was made by various community and political organisations following a meeting with several top-ranking police officers in which the police allegedly admitted they were "too scared" to disarm Inkatha supporters.

On Friday, residents from trouble-torn Mshenguville staged a sit-in at the Soweto Council offices demanding protection from the violence that has plagued their area for more than two months.

Members of sympathetic organisations that took part in the sit-in were the ANC, Azapo, SACP, Omhle, Soweto Civic Association, Interdenominational Women's Prayer League, Muccor, Mshenguville Crisis Committee and some displaced Mshenguville residents.

PROTEST ... Mshenguville residents during their sit-in at Soweto Council offices, where they were seeking protection from violence. The want to get back into the township.■ Pic:TLADI KHUELE

The organisations want to meet representatives of the President's office, the Ministry of Law and Order, the Transvaal Provincial Adminstration (TPA) and the Soweto Council

Co-convenor of the Soweto Crisis Committee, Floyd Mashele, said: "This week we met police officials from whom we wanted to know why the police could not control the carrying of traditional weapons and the upsurge of violence in black townships.

"The three colonels all confessed that the police feared to disarm Inkatha because this could result in an outbreak of bloodshed in the country.

"The main objective now is to get the State President and Law and Order Minister involved to put an end to the violence.

"Our main aim is to get the people back to Mshenguville and a peaceful atmosphere must be created for this purpose.

Mashele said a mass funeral was being planned for Thursday for those who were killed in Soweto at the weekend.

He said already eight families had agreed to a mass burial and an appeal was being made to all those who lost their loved ones in the violence to phone Maluke on (011) 982-5810.

There will be a march from Ipelegeng Community Centre at 9 am to the Soweto Council offices and Moroka Police Station where memoranda will be presented.

Red Cross helps soften the blow

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By LULAMA LUTI

AT 6.30 on Thursday morning Odney Matji woke to the ringing of the telephone.

On picking it up, he learned that "the forces of evil" had struck again. This time an unknown gunman had opened fire on bus passengers in Vosloorus.

As usual, he rushed to the scene.

"Without even giving it a thought, I set out for the scene. Rushing to bloody scenes in and around the townships has become a part of my life," said Matji.

For the past 18 months, the 17-year-old Liverpool Secondary School student from Vosloorus, has been a Red Cross volunteer.

As a quartermaster of the Vosloorus Red Cross Youth Movement, he coordinates the work of other volunteers.

The ongoing violence that has plagued East Rand townships spurred Matji and a group of his peers to help out at the Natalspruit Hospital.

"I think last year's violence was the worst. We had to work around the clock, often leaving the hospital very late," Matji said.

"We don't have set hours of work. We are always on standby and, when there are no serious incidents, we hang around the hospital and help nurses."

According to Matji, the Red Cross trains volunteers to prepare them for relief work. He had completed a six-month course in First Aid and Advanced General Health Care. This enabled him to administer treatment before a patient is taken to hospital.

Matji said he had always wanted to help the community and working as a Red Cross volunteer had fulfilled that dream.

"I have always wanted to be a paramedic and, when I finish my matric, I am going to further my studies with the Red Cross Society," he said.

Matji believes there is a high level of youth involvement in violence. Encouraging them to do voluntary work by tending to the injured will help bring them to their senses, he said.

Meanwhile, while visiting victims of the bus shootings at the Natalspruit Hospital this week, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said that, if the violence did not stop, only cripples, orphans and widows would see the much-talked-about new South Africa.

"I would like to appeal to all the people to please, please choose peace and not violence; to choose humanity and not destruction," Tutu said.

DEVASTATION . . . A man sits glumly near a pile of rubble as troops patrol Soweto. ■ Pic: MIKE MZILENI

Blood let as pact is signed

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By SEKOLA SELLO

THE government, the ANC and Inkatha yesterday hammered out an historic peace accord aimed at ending the bloodletting which has claimed an estimated 10 000 lives in the past six years.

State President FW de Klerk, ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi signed the document binding them to tolerance. But will the peace treaty hold?

The signatories had every reason to be concerned that this accord did not suffer the same fate as other efforts made in the past between the ANC and Inkatha, only for the members to immediately engage in another orgy of bloodletting

The frightening possibility of this scenario repeating itself has been brought home since last Sunday, when more than 20 Inkatha members were brutally mowed down on their way to a rally in Thokoza.

Since then, more than 100 people have died in Thokoza, Vosloorus and Soweto.

Yesterday's accord, the culmination of several months of hard work, is important because, for the first time, the three major parties in this tragedy have signed it.

In the past, similar efforts aimed at ending the hostilities had one major flaw The agreement was either between Inkatha and the ANC, leaving out the government, or it was between De Klerk and Buthelezi, leaving out Mandela.

While the three-party agreement marks a milestone in attempts to stem the flow of blood, this unfortunately solves only one aspect of the problem. Many observers believe it will take more than an agreement among the ANC, Inkatha and the government to end the carnage

A major challenge facing the three leaders is to make the accord work. Will their message of peace, reconciliation and political tolerance filter down to the ANC and Inkatha followers who have been killing each other these past seven years?

Will the security forces and their covert operatives – accused by the ANC and other black political organisations of involvement in the violence – desist from their activities and respect De Klerk's wishes?

Commenting on the upsurge of violence a week before the signing of the peace accord, director of the Wits University-based Project for the Study of Violence, Graeme Simpson, said this underlined the need for decisions taken at the top to be transmitted to the grassroots membership

"Given the espousal of peace by the ANC, Inkatha and De Klerk, it does not make sense that they would support the sort of violence we have seen in the last few days

"However, what this recent outbreak of violence demonstrates is that what happens at the top does not necessarily filter down. This means a lot of hard work needs to be done at grassroots level."

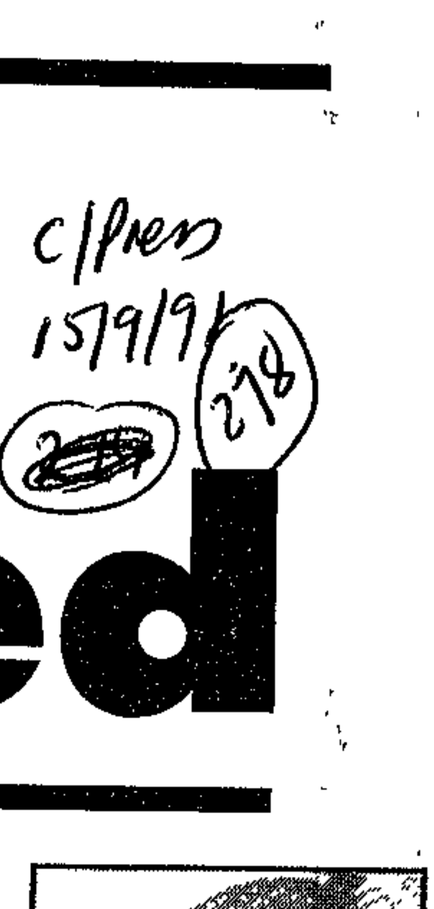
Simpson says unless all the parties involved in the bloodletting have control over their followers, the killings are not likely to end

"The recent killings indicate that the ANC, Inkatha and the government have no control over their members "

Another aspect being overlooked was that "even the government does not have control over its members engaged in covert activities".

"The other problem is

GRIEF . . . A Soweto student mourns the death of a school friend. ■ Pic: MIKE MZILENI



STUNNED . . . Elliott Motshweneng lost his mother, wife, sister and child.

...RNAGE . . . a policeman inspects a blood-spattered bus at Vosloorus, ...er a man opened fire on passengers with an AK-47. ■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE

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Stadler refutes claims that the violence could be orchestrated or that the security forces are involved. "If it was orchestrated, it would not be confined to one area but would be spread countrywide"

Adding a chilling note to the complex nature of the violence, Simpson says there are people whose "power, authority and wealth depend on war They depend on buying and selling arms; buying and selling assassins". These people, says Simpson, will do everything to perpetuate the killings.

Elements which thrive on continued fighting, says Simpson, may belong to the ANC, Inkatha and the government. They may also be mercenaries or warlords not affiliated to any organisation.

These people, he warns, will continue to trade in human misery to protect their material interests

Taking the message of peace to the people and stopping those who trade in death is the real challenge facing De Klerk, Buthelezi and Mandela

Two shot dead in pre-pact violence

AT LEAST two people were shot dead early yesterday before the National Peace Convention got started in Johannesburg, bringing the death toll since Friday night to 15 as sporadic incidents of violence continued on the Witwatersrand.

The latest killings occurred in Daveyton, on the East Rand, when an 18-year-old black man died after he was shot and stabbed by unknown people at about 3 am. Three spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene, said police liaison officer Maj Dave Bruce.

In another incident in the township, at about 6 am, two men were attacked by a group. One died in hospital of stab and hack wounds and the other was shot in the back and left arm.

Figures

Nine of the other deaths occurred in Soweto. Police figures reveal that at least 123 people have been killed since the outbreak of violence last Sunday.

A shooting incident in Dobsonville, Soweto, at about 8.30 pm on Friday left six people dead, according to Col Jac De Vries of the Soweto police. He said three others were injured in the attack

A Dube hostel dweller was shot dead outside the hostel at around 5.30 pm on Friday.

The body of a man was thrown off a train at Molapo.

In Soweto, two people were seriously injured during an RPG7 rocket attack on a house in Mshenguville and were taken to hospital.

Injured

An explosion in Mshenguville injured another two people. Police said the blast occurred at 8 45 pm.

In Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, a man was burnt to death on Friday night Maj Bruce said shots were also fired in the township and shacks set alight

■ Outside the Reef, two deaths were reported by police. A man was killed by police in Khayelitsha, near Cape Town, on Friday night after a group stoned a police vehicle.

■ Another death occurred at Brandville in Natal, where police reported a man was killed in a clash between suspected ANC and Inkatha factions

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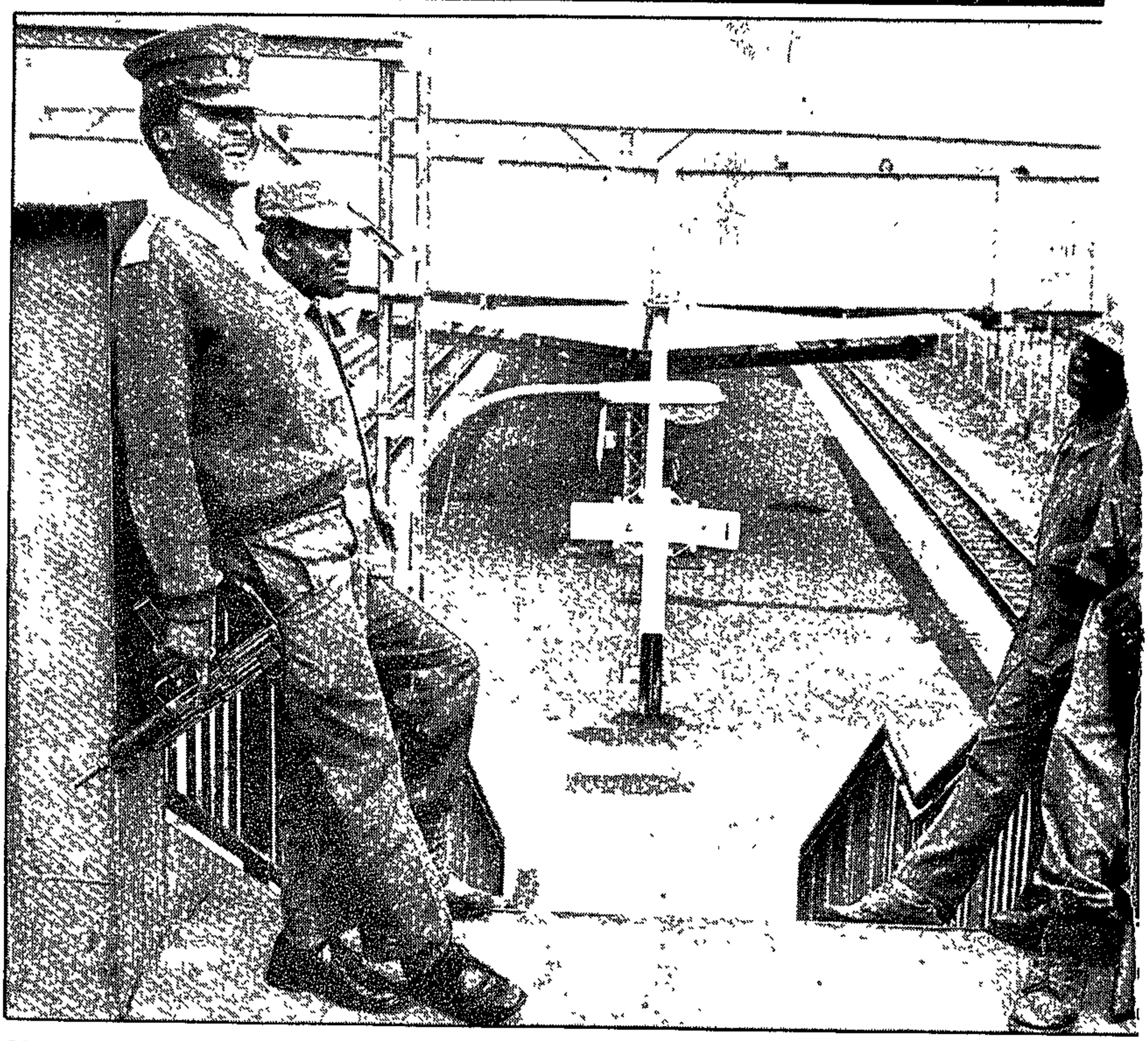

ON THE BEAT ... Police keep watch for trouble at Dube station. But the violence goes on. ■ Pic:

By DERRICK LUTHAYI and ERIC NAKI

ELABORATE plans for a lavish wedding celebration in December were mercilessly shattered last Sunday, when bullets, spears, pangas and knobkerries savagely ended the life of bride-to-be, Virginia Motshweneng.

Instead of wedded bliss, her intended bridegroom, Elliot "Tsitso" Motshweneg, will bury her, his mother Jeanette, his sister Joyce and daughter Maletsatsi Jeanette at Avalon cemetery this week.

The Motshwenengs, of 1358B Mofolo Central, are some of the victims of merciless killers who went on the rampage in Mofolo and White City Jabavu last Sunday.

Motshweneng told City Press that after visiting friends he met a group of Inkatha supporters near the Assemblies of God church They were armed with all sorts of weapons, singing war songs, chanting and ululating.

"Police could have easily stopped the bloodthirsty hoodlums, but instead they acted as their chaperones, fetching them from houses after they had killed people and escorting them out of the area," said Motshweneng.

"The police made no effort to stop the carnage and have not even bothered to take a statement from me or the other surviving members of the family I even gave them two spent cartridges which I picked up in the house and they told me that if I found more, I should keep them and they would come back later. They have never done so."

Motshweneng gave City Press three registration numbers of the police vehicles he claims were in front of his house and also the names of the two white policemen he gave the two spent cartridges to

This information was passed on to the police. Soweto police public relations officer Capt Joseph Ngobeni said they were busy with investigations He added that any clues found would not be divulged to the press, because that may hinder investigations.

Motshweneng said that when he got home, he saw two corpses outside the yard which he could not identify His young daughter Esther was standing at the gate bleeding profusely.

Next to the bodies were three police vehicles.

"I rushed into the house and found my mother lying dead in the kitchen. My sister Joyce was in the bedroom and she tried to call me but could not speak and dropped dead I looked for my wife but could not find her until I picked up Joyce and there she was, lying dead. My daughter was in the wardrobe also dead.

"In the backyard my dog had been shot and stabbed to death. I have now buried the dog in the yard and now have to bury my family. Why should all this happen to me? Life will be much better for us if all rallies can be stopped," said a sobbing Motshweneng

He added that police missed a great chance to end speculation that they worked hand-in-glove with Inkatha He said if they had taken statements immediately the survivors and eye witnesess would have given them clear pictures of the killers, which would have enabl good A Whi becc day moth but ir agwar ing wounc stoma unbor She

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the loss of her brother-in-law, Moses Mollo, who died instantly.

"God is great," said Jane Ngwenya, an elderly neighbour of the Mothapos who said the mob broke down all her doors and windows and ransacked her house.

"I was pushed to a corner and I stood helplessly as they ate all the food in the fridge. Before police came to order them out of the house they took away my R150 pension, blankets, radio and television"

December 16 would have been a joyous occasion for Ernest Muntu Kunune, who would have taken his new bride Letta to meet his family and relatives at KwaHlathi, KwaZulu. Both were bludgeoned to death in their bedroom and the killers made off with their television set, a hi-fi and blankets.

A bomb blast at Makhetha's Shopping Centre on Wednesday night sparked off fear of a renewed attack and many families sought refuge at Mofolo Clinic and Ipelegeng Community Centre.

Balfour Makhetha said the blast was caused by a limpet mine left at the door of his shop.

"I am suprised this happened because I am told there was a police roadblock a few paces away from my shop. I do not know who planted the bomb and for what reason. Damage done to my shop has been estimated at R250 000," he said.

Since the killings which shocked the country many organisations have voiced anger and dissatisfaction with the holding of so-called peace rallies.

This anger was voiced by chief executive officer of the Centre for Black Economic Development, Sam Moufhe, when he presented a R4 000 cheque to the family of a CBED member shot dead last week in Alexandra: "Please halt mass rallies for now – the 'third force' employs events such as rallies to ignite black-on-black violence."

SURVIVOR ... Tryphina Ngubane, one of the bus passengers who survived the attack by an unknown gunman in Vosloorus. Pic: TI... KHUELE

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WHY ME? A distraught Mr Elliot Mavhungeng of Mamelodi, Pretoria, yesterday in the bodies of his 13-year-old daughter Makwanani and 10-year-old son Virginia. See Page 10.

Enough! For God's sake, enough!

STOP THE SLAUGHTER

Some of the pictures on these four pages appeared in later copies of Sowetan yesterday. Because of their relevance to the crisis of violence we repeat them in this special appeal for peace today.

Horror piled on grief . . . the front page of the Sowetan this morning tells it all.

'11 000 killed since 1984'

The weekend fatalities have brought the death toll in political violence to nearly 11 000 since September 1984, says SA Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) director John Kane-Berman.

He said yesterday political violence had claimed an average of four lives a day over the past seven years.

He released figures for June, July and August — before the weekend violence — that showed the average daily fatalities had decreased to 4,8 against 10,2 in March, April and May.

One of the most striking differences between the 1976 violence and the 1980s unrest was the latter's intensity.

He said most of the 1976 fatalities appeared to have been inflicted by police, whereas the 1984-91 violence had been dominated by conflict between a variety of groups. — Sapa.

SAP find 7 AK-47s in hostel raid

Staff Reporter

Police uncovered seven AK-47 rifles and 104 rounds of ammunition while searching a hostel in Vosloorus on the East Rand on Saturday.

Police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said the AK-47s were fully loaded in a bag "as if they were going to be transported and used". A .32 pistol was also found in the vicinity.

Major Bruce said initial police reports indicated that six people had been killed in political violence on the Witwatersrand since Friday.

The mutilated body of an unidentifed man was found in Phola Park on the East Rand yesterday.

In Daveyton outside Benoni on Saturday, five men were injured when a hand grenade exploded on the roof of a private home; a man was shot and stabbed to death; one person was killed and another injured when they were fired on by a group of people.

An Inkatha Freedom Party supporter was killed and three injured outside the Selby Hostel, Johannesburg, on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, a man was killed and another injured when they were fired on from a hostel in Alexandra. Earlier, police found the burnt body of a man.

Police grab cache of loaded AK 47s in raid on Reef hostel

The Argus correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A possible massacre when police uncovered seven rounds of ammunition and 104 rifles during a search of a hostel in Vosloorus on Saturday, 13 people were killed in violence on the East Rand.

Accordingly to police spokesman Major Dave Bruce, "as if they were going to be transported and used".

The weapons haul was uncovered by members of the Germiston Crime Intelligence Service at the Zulu hostel in Vosloorus, following a tip-off. A 32-calibre pistol was also found.

No arrests had been made but "suspects had been identified", said Major Bruce.

The apparent violence said initial police indicated that six were killed in political violence in the wake of the Bruce Commission of Inquiry into Unrest.

Reef Youth Congress (Cayco) and the Vaal Youth Congress (Vayco) have been banned.

Major reports of violence on the East Rand since Friday.

People were killed in Bekkersdal on Friday, 13 in Vosloorus on Saturday, the police said.

Also on Saturday a man was shot and killed in Tembisa — following the murder of a Selby Hostel, Johannesburg, when they were attacked by a large group of men — also IFP supporters — were injured in Alexandra. Earlier, police found the burnt body of a man

Mine death toll now 16

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THE death toll at Winkelhaak mine near Evander in the Eastern Transvaal rose to 16 on Saturday night when an injured man died in hospital, a spokesman for the mine said yesterday.

Laing Geldenhuys said the dead man was one of the casualties of two "inter-group" clashes on Saturday.

In further developments early yesterday, employees attacked security personnel who were searching for more weapons after confiscating a large number on Saturday.

"The security personnel were forced to fire rubber bullets to protect themselves.

"A short while ago the situation at the mine was quiet but tense," Geldenhuys said.

"The first clash, which left five people dead and nine injured, took place yesterday at 3am at the mine's No 2 hostel.

"The second incidents, which left 10 dead and 25 injured, took place later yesterday afternoon at the mine's No 1 hostel."

He reported that a hospital spokesman said the injured were in a satisfactory condition. - *Sapa*

Another 16 die in carnage

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AT LEAST 16 people have died in the Transvaal and a number of policemen attacked in separate incidents since Friday, according to police reports.

Three people were thrown off a train in Soweto on Saturday afternoon at 5.15pm, according to Soweto police liaison officer Col Jac de Vries.

He said Mr Dick Monyele was injured and taken to Baragwanath Hospital. The other two men were not injured.

At Bekkersdal yesterday, two minibuses left the town and drove to a shop in Rietfontein.

About 26 passengers left the vehicle and sought out the shop's owner, a Mr Lazarus. One of the passengers shot him in the chest.

The police chased the vehicles but lost sight of one of them.

The other vehicle initially refused to stop, but when it did, 13 passengers jumped out.

A special constable fired five shots and a civilian fired four shots, police said.

A man was wounded in the thigh and 13 people were arrested and charged with attempted murder.

Yesterday morning, six to eight armed youths attacked Mr Jerome Jooste in Johannesburg. One of the attackers tried to shoot him, but the pistol did not go off.

Also on on Saturday, five men were injured when a handgrenade exploded on the roof of a private home in Daveyton.

At a hostel in Vosloorus, police recovered seven AK-47 rifles and 11 AK-47 magazines.

One revolver and 104 rounds of AK-47 ammunition were found in a vehicle outside the hostel.

At Inhlazani Station, Soweto, about six men fired a number of rounds at a member of the SAP.

They dispersed when the fire was returned.

On Friday, at Dube hostel in Soweto, shots were fired at police from a minibus.

They found a man's body, but the police say it is unknown whether he died as a result of police action or the attackers.

At Alexandra a police constable was attacked by eight men.

He was treated at the Alexandra clinic for a head wound. Two men were arrested.

In Jabavu, Soweto, an explosion caused R20 000 damage to a house. - *Sapa.*

Call for stayaway blasted

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By IKE MOTSAPI and MONK NKOMO

THE ANC, Cosatu and the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal have called for a two-day work stayaway from today to protest against the violence in black townships.

This comes less than 48 hours after the signing of the National Peace Accord on Saturday, in which the organisations were involved.

The work stayaway, called for the PWV region, "was also necessitated by the unwillingness of the State, some employers and various local authorities to take decisive action", according to Ronnie Mamoepa of the ANC's PWV region.

Azapo and the PAC have expressed reservations about the stayaway.

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said yesterday that the organisation did not see any contradiction between the signing of the peace accord and the proposed stayaway. "The stayaway will go ahead as planned".

"The ANC accepts responsibilty to provide leadership to the people as the situation demands.

"However, the ANC attaches great importance to local intiatives when it comes to responses to various crises, particularly the crisis of violence," he said.

But police have warned that such actions "were not needed at this stage because a lot of ground work for peace has been made".

Police public relations spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert called on people to "adhere to the law".

He said: "I call on responsible law-abiding citizens to refrain from taking part in illegal actions."

Azapo official Mr Don Nkadimeng said his organisation was not consulted on the matter.

PAC spokesman Mr Fortesque Mtimkulu appealed to the ANC and its affiliates not to "intimidate or harass our members when going around their daily business".

"We are shocked by these inconsistencies, especially after the signing of the peace accord by the National Party, ANC and Inkatha," he said.

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Mandela attacked over MK

While defending the carrying of "traditional" weapons by his supporters, Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday attacked ANC president Nelson Mandela for not dismantling the ANC military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK).

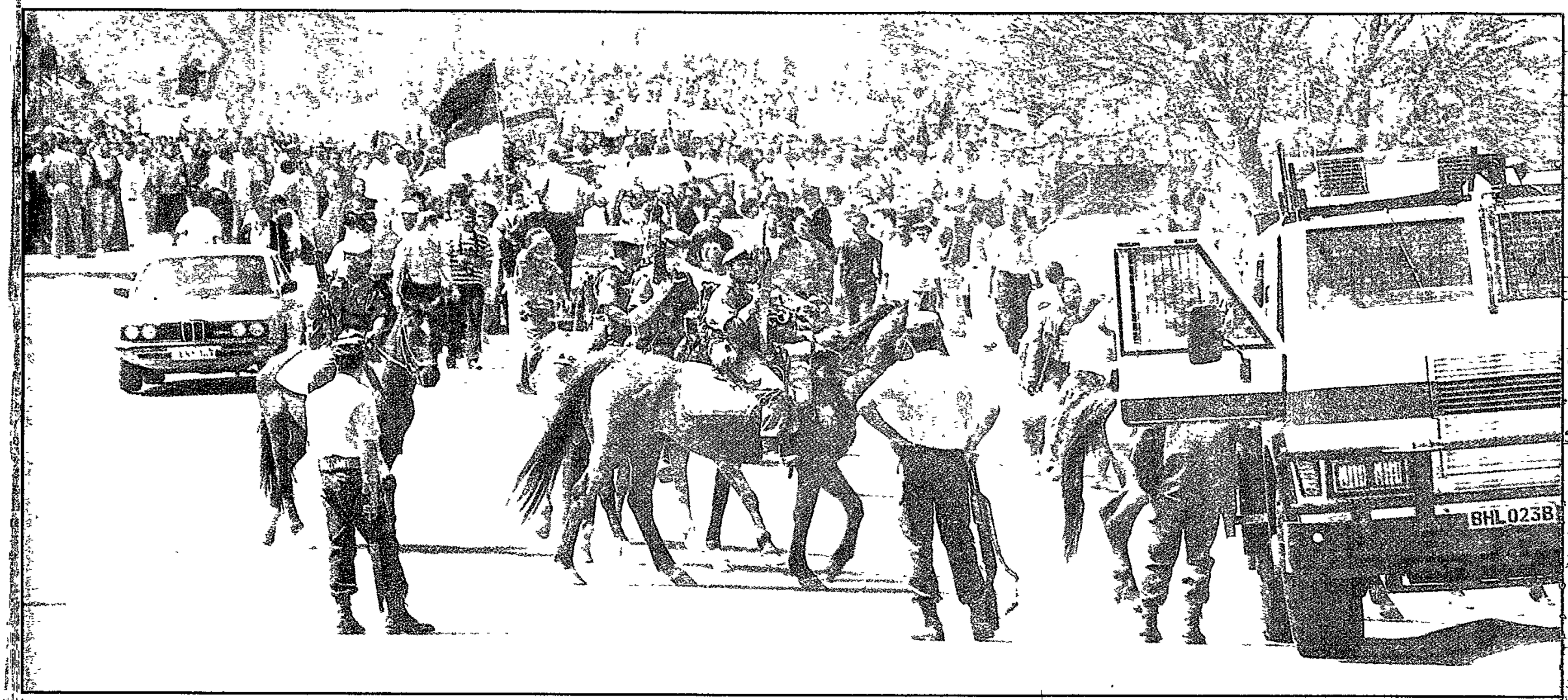
On Radio 702's "Newstalk", he said: "Mandela said his organisation would not dismantle Umkhonto we Sizwe. How can one then talk of peace when there are hundreds of arms caches around the country?"

On "traditional weapons" he said this was "not an issue". It was being discussed with the Government. He repeated he was "not optimistic" that the Peace Accord would work.

Mr Mandela was emphatic on Saturday, after signing the Accord, that a clause stating that "no private armies shall be allowed or formed" did not mean the ANC would disband MK.

Speaking on SABC-TV's "Agenda" programme on Sunday night, President de Klerk said he believed that MK should be disbanded as it was "not in the spirit" of the Peace Accord.

— Staff Reporter.



Face to face . . . police and SADF troops watch Soweto marchers protesting against murder and mayhem

Picture Stephen Davimes

Thousands march in protest over slayings

By Stan Hlophe

Thousands of Soweto residents marched yesterday in protest against last week's killings.

The march, organised by the Ministers United for Christian Co-Responsibility (Muccor), was led by MK chief of staff Chris Hani, Azapo's projects co-ordinator Lybon Mabasa, Winnie Mandela, ANC's Women's League president Getrude Shope and Muccor's Father Emmanuel Lafont.

Police in armoured vehicles and SADF men on horseback monitored the procession

The march started from Ipelegeng community centre, went via Soweto City Council headquarters and ended at the Moroka police station.

Marchers, mainly from White City, Mshenguville and Mofolo — where the latest wave of violence left at least 60 people dead — carried ANC and SACP banners and placards

After the march Mr Hani told the cheering crowd that peace would prevail only when the present "illegitimate" Government was removed from power

Mr Mabasa said most people were tired of dying and crying, and wanted peace

A memorandum was handed to town clerk Elizabeth Sithole and Soweto police liaison officer Colonel Jac de Vries Mshenguville Crisis Committee chairman Floyd Mashele insisted a response was expected within seven days

Part of the memorandum read "In the light of the ongoing violence, the community of Soweto has taken the decision that this counter-revolutionary violence unleashed upon our people by forces against democracy must come to an end

"The purpose of our march is to highlight the plight of the families of those who have been killed and the more than 500 who have been forcefully displaced from Mshenguville by Inkatha vigilantes after the launch of their branch"

A mass funeral for violence victims will be held at Regina Mundi at 10 am on Thursday.

Killed on train

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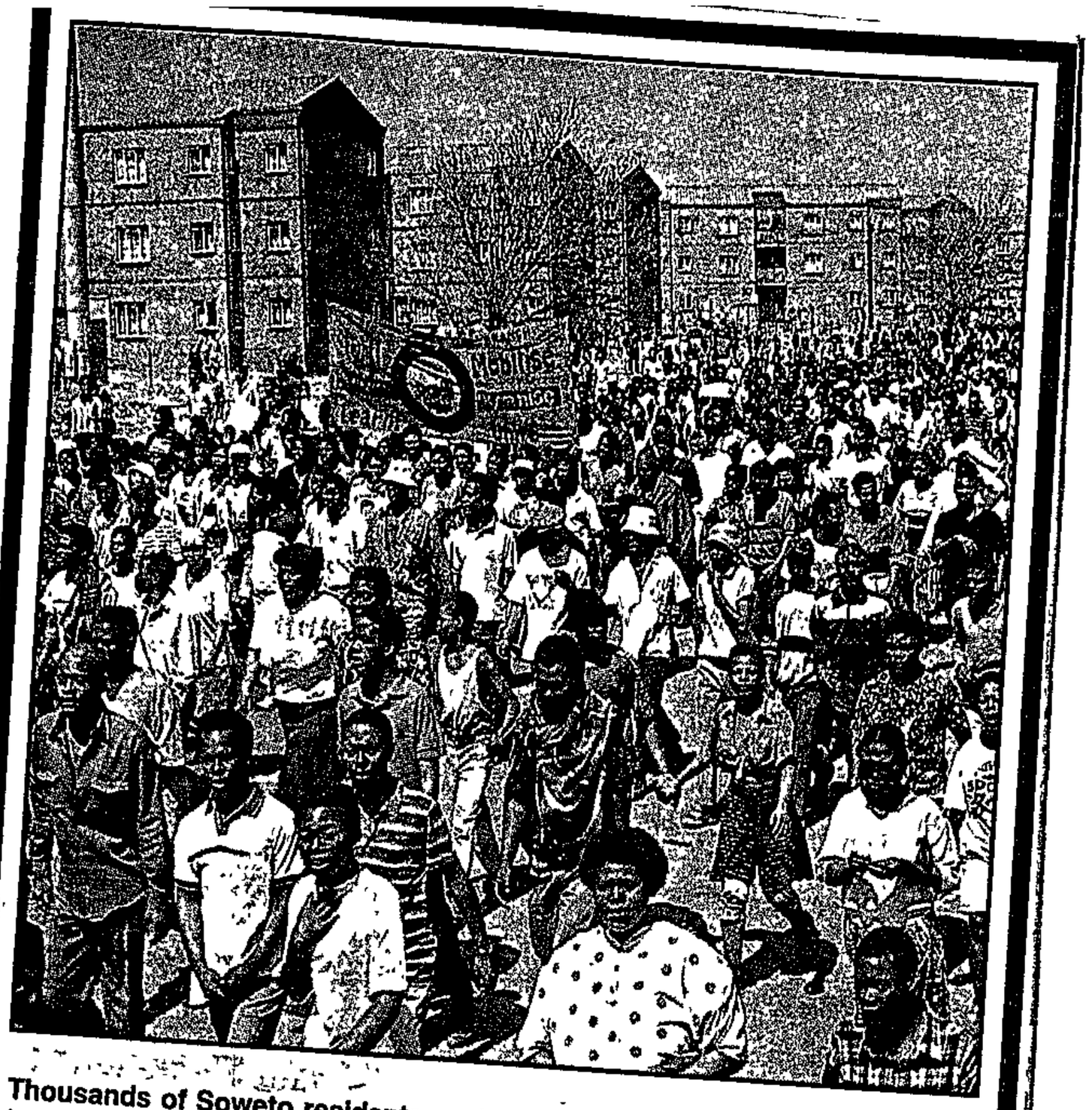
JOHANNESBURG — Gunmen shot dead a supporter of the Inkatha Freedom Party on a train in Soweto last night, the 10th man to die since Sunday.—Sapa.



Thousands of Soweto residents yesterday marched in protest against violence in the townships. Memoranda were handed to the Soweto Council and the police, demanding that the Government address the violence immediately.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Thousands march

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

A MAN was shot and killed near Jabulani Hostel yesterday while thousands of Soweto residents were staging a protest march to demand that the Government address the ongoing violence.

In another unrest incident yesterday, a person was killed in Tokoza on the East Rand. Police could not provide further details.

The Soweto man, who was not part of the procession, had just walked past the hostel about 1pm. He was apparently followed and shot by men who allegedly ran into the hostel afterwards.

SADF personnel arrived on the scene shortly after the incident.

Yesterday's march was attended by thousands of residents who heeded the call by the ANC and its affiliates for a two-day stayaway.

The march was also joined by hundreds of schoolchildren.

Police and members of the SADF, some on horseback, monitored the march, which was led by ANC leaders Mr Chris Hani and Mrs Winnie Mandela, and Azapo's Lybon Mabasa.

It started at Ipelegeng Community Centre in White City Jabavu.

From there, the marchers proceeded to

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Death toll in mine clashes rises to 19

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THE death toll at Gengold's Winkelhaak mine, near Evander, has risen to 19 after further clashes at the mine.

Genmin said in a statement yesterday that, during the first clash on Saturday morning, five people were killed and nine injured.

"To prevent further loss of life, mine security personnel used teargas to disperse the crowd," it said.

Later on Saturday afternoon, 10 more people were killed and 25 injured in another clash between employees.

Two men subsequently died in the Rand Mutual hospital as a result of injuries sustained during one of the incidents.

Early yesterday morning, two more bodies were found in the veld near the mine.

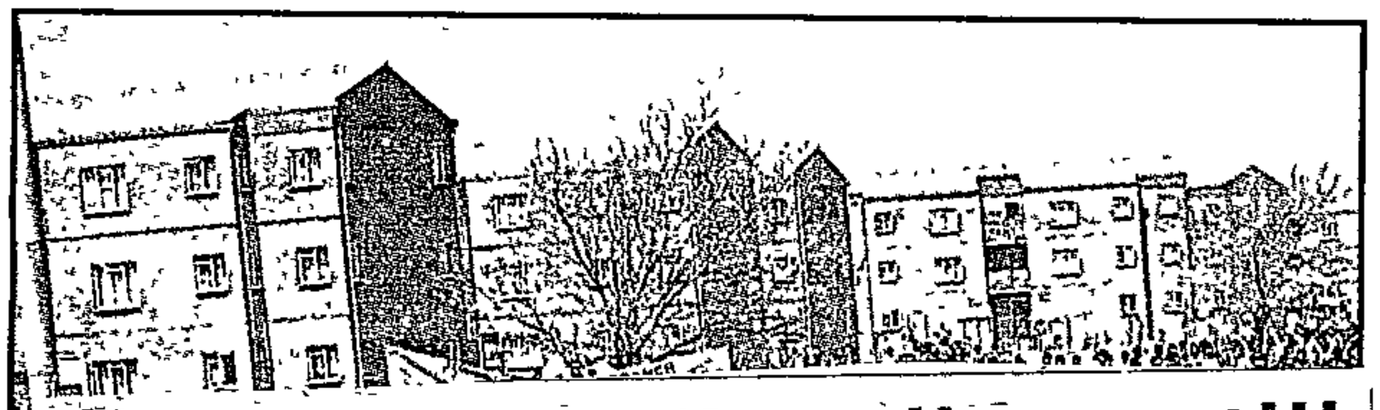
During the weekend, mine security officers kept the different groups of employees separated and searched the hostels for weapons. A large number of weapons was confiscated.

Yesterday morning, only about five percent of the early shift reported for work.

Some of the employees told management they were afraid their possessions would be stolen while they were underground.

To resolve the violence, a meeting between mine management, representatives of employee organisations and Government officials was expected to be held at midday yesterday. - *Sapa.*

The unburied dead



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37 bodies still lie unclaimed at mortuaries

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Elijah Radebe, Sipho Mokoena of Diepkloof, Jeremiah Mokotoane of Diepkloof, Albert Chilaluke of Klipspruit; a Meadowlands resident known only Letta; and Thusi of 365B Central Western Jabavu.

Requests

Undertakers are being inundated with requests for help from destitute families of unrest victims.

A top Johannesburg funeral undertaker, Mr Clive Guiness, said his parlour dealt with up to five such requests a week.

One such request was received from the family of Mr Derrick Lephoto (24) of Mapetla, who was killed at the Merafe Hostel in Soweto on September 1.

His sisters, Bamphrey (19), and Maria (26), are faced with the task of giving him a decent funeral.

● Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza said last night that an Inkatha member, Thulani Maphalala, was shot dead on a Naledi-bound train.

A police spokesman said the matter was being investigated.

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37 bodies are still unclaimed

Sowetan 17/9/91 (248)

AT LEAST 37 bodies of victims of the recent carnage on the Reef are lying unclaimed at Government mortuaries.

By THEMBA MOLEFE and KENOSI MODISANE

A spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, Major David Bruce, yesterday appealed to families whose relatives had been missing since the outbreak of the violence to help identify the corpses at Government mortuaries.

He said there were 23 unidentified corpses at Diepkloof Mortuary, 12 at Germiston and two at Boksburg

Meanwhile, 10 people who died in the carnage in Soweto, will be buried in a mass funeral at Avalon Cemetery on Thursday.

A service will be held at the Regina Mundi Church in Rockville at 10am

One of those to be buried is Mr Patrick Mothapo, whose wife Rebecca is still in an intensive care unit at Baragwanath Hospital. She was nine months pregnant and has lost the baby.

The others are Janet Motshwaneng, Virginia Motshwaneng, Joyce Motshwaneng and Jeaneth Motshwaneng, all from the same house in Mofolo;

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Hope for peace

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Sowetan staff writer THEMBA MOLEFE travelled to Kwadela, a community of 4 000 in the Eastern Transvaal which has been ravaged by factional strife. He saw the bitter fruits of violence - but he also found new hope for peace. This is his report.

Leaders of the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party, the warring factions in Kwadela, are prepared to talk to one another, they say, against the background of uncertainty.

And it seems the process for talking needs only a jolt

I spoke to both leaders, ANC branch chairman Mr Jeremiah Mashinini and IFP chairman and Kwadela's mayor, Mr Napoleon Mkhonza

"I have no problems talking to the IFP We have been trying that and have always hit snags, though," Mashinini said

Mkhonza said "I am prepared to meet the ANC to solve these problems

"We are a small community and we have to put an end to this conflict which is responsible for many of our people fleeing the township

Hidden

Kwadela adjoins the similarly small conservative one-horse town of Davel - pronounced *duwel*

The inhabitants of this township live in semi informal dwellings of brick and corrugated iron It is almost hidden from view among the tall, dry grass just off the N12 motorway between Ermelo and Bethal

It is in this rural township where many residents have fled their homes as handgrenades, petrol bombs and AK-47s rule the night

It is here where Mr Humphrey Mashinini (30) lost his seven-month pregnant wife Julia after his home was burned down by arsonists on July 8

Mashinini suffered serious burns and was discharged from Tembisa hospital only last week

His father, Mr Jeremiah Mashinini (59), the ANC leader, is a teacher at the only school in Kwadela, the Davel Public School, which caters for 1 125 children from lower primary to junior secondary

It was in his house that his son and daughter-in-law were attacked

Julia Mashinini was the sixth victim of the conflict since July It has accentuated a two-year war which originally broke out between community councillors and residents But residents on either side of the battle line say it is now between the ANC and Inkatha

There are distinct features of the conflict which I will outline, beginning with an incident which greeted me on my arrival there last week

Pupils at the Davel school were holding a meeting with their parents chaired by the principal Mr Solomon Nkosi

The issue was whether children of Inkatha-supporting families should be dismissed

The parents lost, as ANC-supporting pupils remained determined to keep them out Another meeting was scheduled for the weekend

Afterwards, I spoke to parents Mr Samuel Maseko and Mr Philip Mtambo, who were rather candid

"What we need here is a strong police outfit to root out non-residents," said Maseko

"People are killed and the police in Davel do nothing about it The township has been invaded by gangsters from Ermelo and they are responsible for this violence," he said

Mtambo said Inkatha vigilantes had been brought in from outside and were committing acts of violence with impunity

In fact eight residents, including Jeremiah Mashinini have submitted sworn affidavits to the ANC which handed them to the Department of Law and Order office

Mashinini's affidavit is direct He says the conflict centres around the role of community councillors in Kwadela and particularly that of the mayor, Mr Napoleon Mkhonza

Mashinini accuses Mkhonza of being responsible for the shooting of a resident, Mr Thembekile Sibanyoni, during September 1990

Mkhonza demanded proof that he was responsible for the shooting of Sibanyoni and said he would not elaborate on the accusation

Mkhonza is also the local chairman of the Inkatha Freedom Party and allegedly has around him a group of young vigilantes for protection

ANC supporters said the violence is spearheaded by a gang of youths called the Black Cats, who were brought in from Ermelo

The Black Cats have been accused of being employed by councillors in Ermelo's Wesselton township and were allegedly implicated in violent attacks in both Wesselton and Kwadela The two townships are 30km apart

Dismissed

Mkhonza dismissed claims he was protected by the Black Cats

In Kwadela I found some youths at Mkhonza's house but he was not present They said they were staying with Mkhonza and were from Ermelo

When I asked whether they were the Black Cats, one of them said "A cat is this small animal which always runs away from dogs" I laughed

Mkhonza later told me "I live with three youths who are members of the Inkatha Youth Brigade from Ermelo

"I have a neighbour whose house was attacked by ANC supporters There are three other IFP youths at his house as well No, I am not surrounded by vigilantes"

Meanwhile homes of Inkatha supporters, like Mrs Smomothi Mthethwa - a local inyanga - has been attacked

She showed me the shell of a house that had been the home of her son, July Mthethwa, which was also gutted

In his affidavit Jeremiah Mashinini alleges July Mthethwa was one of two people seen when the house of resident Mr John Blose was burned down

The other person allegedly involved in the Blose attack is Mr Telani Mthethwa, a police reservist

Smomothi Mthethwa's other son Viki (15) and grandson Sibusiso Zwane (14) have not attended school for a month

Viki said "We were told not to come there because we are unwanted, we are Inkatha"

The boy said he was even afraid of going to the store for fear of being assaulted

ANC youths also said they were afraid of wandering into Inkatha territory A small township but so divided

Colonel Johan Mostert of the SAP public relations division in Pretoria said senior police officers were due to meet yesterday to discuss action on the Kwadela conflict

He said investigations were under way and arrests would be made soon

I also met a Captain Kritzinger and his team of eight detectives as I wandered about the township The police officer said a full-blown investigation into the attacks had begun He also expressed hopes of making early arrests

However, it was the police who got a lashing from Mashinini

"The police have failed and I don t think they are serious about solving the problems here No arrests have been made regarding the attack on my house

"Even the policemen I mentioned in my affidavit, who were involved in some of the attacks, have not been apprehended yet

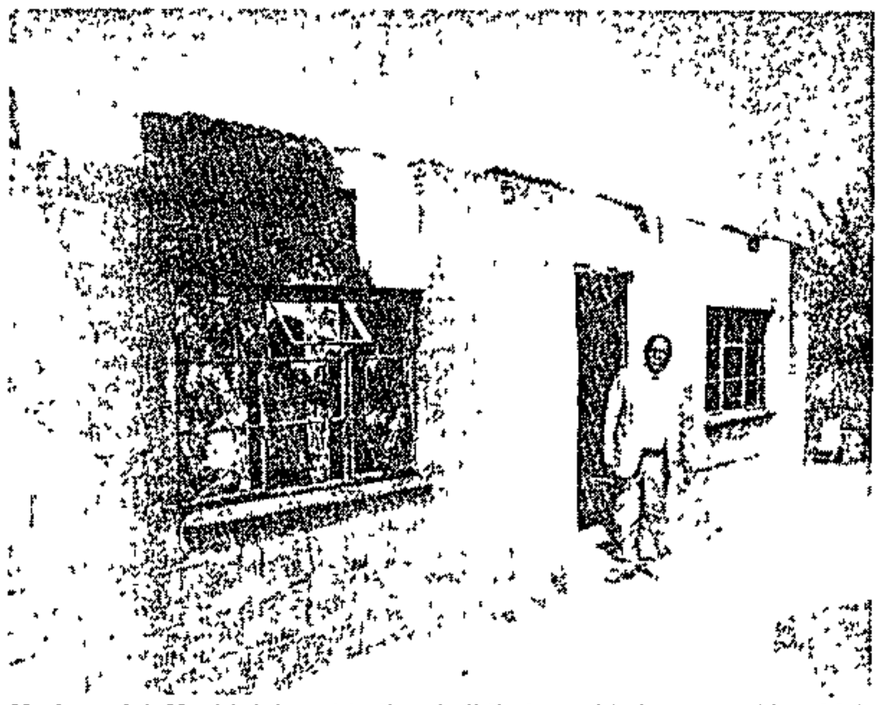
"The police can solve this problem, they have the information"

Mkhonza said the township s administrator, Mr SJ Swanepoel, was prepared to mediate between the two groups

Mashinini said he had met Swanepoel and said in his affidavit that Swanepoel was partial to the IFP

I left, wondering about this community A township where everybody knows everyone else, but where the conflict is tearing a tightly-knit society apart

If only the peace process could begin and save history dating back to 1951 when the township was established.



Mr Jeremiah Mashinini next to the shell that was his house and in which his seven-month pregnant daughter-in-law was killed Pics PAT SEBOKO

Disabled Mrs Duzo Sibeko and Mrs Linah Zwane outside their home which was destroyed because they allegedly support Inkatha

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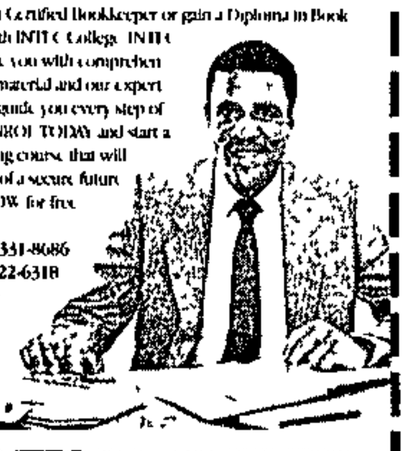

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Massacre trial off (278) CT 17/9/91 roll: 5 free

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Five men accused of being responsible for South Africa's worst train massacre were freed when the case was struck from the court roll yesterday.

This surprise turn came in spite of evidence linking the five Zulu hostel-dwellers to the killings.

Mr Martin Ngcobo, 49, Mr Basi Nkosingondile, 27, Mr Mmengela Magabane, 54, Mr Solomon Khumalo, 33, and Mr Mabinela Mazozi, 23, were arrested in September last year following two incidents: In the first, on September 6, armed men fired on a crowded Jeppe station taxi rank, killing six people. A week later armed men boarded a peak-hour Soweto-bound train and shot dead 15 commuters.

The five were charged with 21 counts of murder and 45 of attempted murder. They pleaded not guilty and were granted bail of R20 000 each.

State advocate Mr H J Broodryk said yesterday that police investigations were continuing and the matter could still come before court.

He said the case had been struck off the roll after a magistrate refused a request at the end of May for a further remand because police had not collected enough evidence for the hearing to proceed.

Dramatic drop in Reef unrest

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JOHANNESBURG. — There has been a dramatic drop in unrest on the Witwatersrand since the signing of the peace accord on Saturday.

Police liaison officer Major Dave Bruce said six people had been killed on Sunday. Two more died yesterday.

He said the sudden drop in violence compared to last week's carnage augured well for the future and could be ascribed to the Peace Accord as well as steps taken by police.

Yesterday's deaths occurred in Thokoza on the East Rand and in Soweto,

On Sunday the bodies of four men were found on the Witwatersrand. One of them, a man who had been hacked and stabbed, was found at Phola park.

The bodies of two other men who had been stabbed to death were found in Alexandra.

And Major Bruce said there had been only a few incidents of unrest on the Reef, and only two people had been injured.

In one incident at the George Goch hostel in Soweto, a man was shot in the leg. And in Alexandra, a man was wounded in a shooting. Police have arrested a suspect.

In other weekend unrest, KwaZulu police said they had discovered the body of a South African policeman at Thembalihle railway station in Kwa-Mashu early yesterday morning.

And a man was killed in an attack by three people in an Inkatha-ANC clash in Bruntville, Mooi River, on Friday. Police arrested three people.

At least 30 houses were attacked and gutted by fire in the Njobokazi area, near Mpumalanga in Natal, on Sunday.

In Chesterville, Durban, a man was wounded by unknown gunmen.

● The death toll at Gengold's Winkelhaak mine, near Evander, has risen to 19 as a result of inter-group clashes at the mine on Saturday, Genmin said in statement yesterday.

● The increased violence in Witwatersrand townships of past weeks has been deplored by the Gazankulu government. In a statement released yesterday, Chief Minister Mr Hudson Ntsanwisi said the leadership of the various groups in SA was being tested as never before. — Sapa

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60 armed men harass commuters

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Staff Reporter

About 60 armed Selby hostel dwellers harassed commuters at the Westgate railway station and bus terminus west of central Johannesburg early today.

Witnesses said about 60 men armed with shields, sticks and spears and wearing white headbands, left the Selby hostel and began threatening and chasing commuters at 6.50 am.

Nobody was injured. The group returned to the hostel after police arrived.

The chief officer of the hostel said a rumour that a hostel dweller had been killed at a nearby cafe infuriated residents at the hostel. He said there was no substance to the rumours and by 7.45 am everything was back to normal.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the body of a man was found at the Selby off-ramp on the M1 last night, but said the man had died of natural causes.

● An unidentified woman was shot dead in Alexandra township last night, police said today.

The bullet-riddled body of the woman was found at 9.50 pm outside her house in 2nd Avenue.

At the Phola Park squatter camp, on the East Rand, a policeman was shot in the leg after a routine patrol came under AK-47 fire at about 1.15 am.

Police returned fire but said they were unaware of anyone being hit. Phola Park residents, however, claim an unidentified man was shot dead by police.

A meeting between police and the residents association is scheduled for today.

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Warning from MP amid wave of violent crime

Joburg 'facing anarchy'

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Staff

Greater Johannesburg is headed for "a state of complete anarchy" as the wave of violent crime on the Reef continues unabated, Houghton Democratic Party MP Tony Leon said today.

His warning came as brutal attacks on householders, shopkeepers, banks, restaurants and motorists become daily events attracting little comment.

While the latest surge in politically motivated violence has abated, the crime wave of death, rape, robbery and assault by vicious crime gangs continues.

Among the attacks since Friday:

● A Randburg woman was tied to a tree and brutally raped on Saturday after she told two intruders she had no money for them.

● On Sunday morning a Highlands North man was driving through Alexandra, near Sandton, when a gang of about eight armed men surrounded his car. One of them tried to shoot him without question or reason, but his gun jammed.

● Mirriam Mngomezulu (18), a Dennilton, East Rand, schoolgirl is believed to have been abducted after going missing while on her way to visit her mother who works in Parktown.

● A dog saved the lives of a Lombardy East, Johannesburg, family who were being held hostage by two robbers on Sunday night. A family friend was shot and wounded during the siege.

● Three clients were injured when gunmen hit them over the heads during a robbery at the Rissik Street, Johannesburg, branch of Allied Bank yesterday.

Mr Leon said it was vital that "whatever plans (Minister of Law and Order) Hernus Kriel has about moving policemen from administration jobs back on the streets, be brought forward and implemented immediately".

He said there had been three plans to prevent and control suburban crime, and none of them had had any effect. The statistics suggested a complete breakdown of effective crime prevention.

Today he said the situation was spiralling out of control. "It is obviously getting so much worse."

A deterrent would be more policemen on the streets, "but we have seen nothing of the 10 000 extra policemen that were meant to have been provided".

He called on the police force to prioritise their duties.

Police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said the high rate of violent crime and unrest was due to political factors. "Unrest and crime both stem from unemployment, lack of economic growth, lack of housing and urbanisation. These are factors over which the South African Police have no control."

Mr Leon saw the lack of law and order as a failure of Government.

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Three die in Soweto unrest, police report

PRETORIA. — Three people were killed in Soweto violence yesterday, police said in their unrest report today. (278) ARG 18/9/91

They also reported that three men were wounded in a handgrenade explosion early today in the Fred Clark squatter camp in Soweto.

At Mshenguville squatter camp, a man and a woman were shot dead. In the same area a shack was set alight, causing damage but no injuries.

The other death in Soweto occurred at Morafe Hostel where police said a man was killed when he was attacked.

The unrest report included the two people killed yesterday — allegedly during violent clashes between police and squatters — at Phola Park on the East Rand. The deaths were reported yesterday.

There were no unrest incidents elsewhere on the Witwatersrand last night and early today. "This hasn't happened for some time," said police spokesman Major Dave Bruce. — Sapa.

Union blames Inkatha for attack at mine

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By Shareen Singh Star 18/9/91.

Security staff at Winkelhaak mine near Evander watched and aided an attack "launched by Inkatha members" last weekend in which 19 people were killed, the National Union of Mineworkers alleged yesterday.

The NUM says the attack was launched by "Inkatha members on non-Zulu speaking workers".

Gengold managing director Gary Maude denied the allegations made against Inkatha and mine security, saying the union was trying to make political capital from a situation which started off as a "drunken effort".

The NUM said the violence started on Saturday when Inkatha members attacked workers at No 2 Hostel, killing an "induna of the Hlubi clan and another worker".

A group of Inkatha members armed with guns and other weapons attacked workers at No 1 Hostel that afternoon, killing 10 workers "in full view of mine security", the union alleged.

The union claimed that mine security and Inkatha vigilantes blocked all the main entrances to the hostel and kept workers under siege.

Mr Maude said the violence started early on Saturday morning at No 2 Hostel after a worker was stabbed when he went to the room next door to complain about noise to a group of Sothos having a party.

The situation was expected to return to normal once work resumed today, Mr Maude said.

Residents and police hold talks

POLICE and members of the Phola Park Residents Committee met yesterday in an attempt to quell the violence in the East Rand squatter camp.

The meeting took place at Tokoza Police Station and was chaired by Democratic Party MP for Bryanston Mr Rupert Lorimer.

"The purpose was to improve relations between police and Phola Park residents," Witwatersrand police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said.

The get-together followed the wounding of a policeman, who was shot with AK-47 rifle in the camp yesterday morning.

Bruce also confirmed that police later found the body of a man with gunshot wounds about 300m from the scene of the shooting.

He said the possibility that the man was killed when police returned fire in the early morning attack was being investigated.

Police agreed to investigate thoroughly all complaints made to them, including the claim that a second Phola Park resident was shot dead by the police yesterday.

Bruce confirmed the second shooting incident. He said police fired shots when members of the force, who were collecting the body of the first dead man, were stoned.

It was also agreed that there would be regular meetings between Phola Park residents and the police and that lines of communication would be left open.

Copies of the National Peace Accord would be distributed to the community. - *Sapa.*

IFP shows rocket fired at squatters

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THEMBA KHOZA

By DON SEOKANE

A RPG-7 rocket - claimed to have been used at Mshenguville on Friday night - was displayed by Inkatha Freedom Party officials on Monday.

Mr Themba Khoza, Transvaal leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, said the rocket was found at Mshenguville, where two people were injured as a result of an attack on their members.

"When rockets are used against our members, then it shows the seriousness of the efforts to eliminate our members."

Khoza said the injured were Mr Dan Mabena and his wife, Elizabeth, and that they were taken to Baragwanath Hospital for treatment.

Asked about the nature of the attack and if there were suspects, Khoza said he was not pointing fingers at anyone.

"At this moment, what we can say is that the attack is not in the spirit of the Peace Accord which was signed on Saturday," said Khoza, adding that one of their members was killed at Westgate Station when they returned from Johannesburg where they had gathered to greet King Goodwill Zwelithini.

He later said police were informed of the rocket.

Violence snag for peace celebrations

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SA Press Association

THE "Reconciliation Day" celebrations, scheduled for Johannesburg on September 28, have been postponed indefinitely.

Organiser Mrs Cathy Makhene said in a statement the celebrations were postponed because of the violence that had swept large parts of the Reef for well over a week.

She said: "We have taken this decision reluctantly but the events of the past week leave us with no alternative

"A day of peace and celebration is not appropriate when so many have lost their lives and so many mothers and wives are in mourning for the deaths of their loved ones."

She nevertheless called on women to congregate in their own communities on September 28 to do something positive together to show they chose peace.

Positive spirit

"Join with us as we renew and redouble our efforts to create a new, hopeful, positive spirit that can lead us to the day of celebration and reconciliation we plan," Makhene said.

The celebrations were to have been organised by the Women for Peace and Reconciliation in South Africa organisation.

Phola Park squatters meet SAP

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police and members of the Phola Park Residents' Committee met yesterday in an attempt to quell the outbreak of violence in the East Rand squatter camp.

The meeting took place at the Thokoza police station, and was chaired by the Democratic Party MP for Bryanston, Mr Rupert Lorimer.

Early yesterday, a policeman patrolling in Phola Park was wounded by an automatic weapon.

Police returned fire, and the body of a man with gunshot wounds was later recovered nearby.

A second resident was shot later the same morning.

At the meeting, police agreed thoroughly to investigate all complaints made to them. — Sapa

2 men, woman die in Soweto attacks

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A man was killled in an attack by unknown men at Morafe hostel in Soweto, and a man and woman were killed when shots were fired at them in Mshenguville, Soweto, the latest police unrest report said.

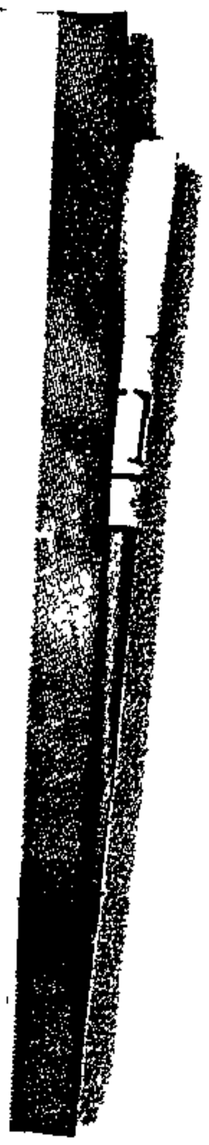
The police said that early this morning three men were slightly hurt when a grenade exploded in a shack at the Fred Clark squatter camp in Soweto.

The bodies of two men with bullet wounds were found at Phola Park squatter camp in Tokoza near Alberton, the report said.

Police reported that also in Mshenguville damage was caused to a house which was set alight.

There was extensive damage to a house set alight at Richmond in Natal.

Violence on the East Rand and in Soweto in the week before the signing of the national peace accord claimed 130 lives. It began with the killing of 22 Inkatha members taking part in a march. — Sapa, Staff Reporter.



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Unrest 'a lesser killer than crime'

POLICE say 22 000 people died violently in crime and traffic-related incidents in the 15 months to end-February this year, compared to 3 300 political or unrest-related deaths during the same period.

Public perceptions were that political violence was tearing SA apart. However, violent crime and other factors killed far more people than unrest, police spokesman Lt-Col Johan Mostert said yesterday.

Crime in SA was at its highest level, and the SAP, trying to combat crime and

JONATHON REES

violence, was overextended, he said

"Even if we deployed our entire force on the Witwatersrand, how can 103 000 policemen control 5-million people?" Mostert asked B1Day 19/9/91

SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said no section of SA's population had reason to regard the police as an enemy

The "new SA" was a myth. "What we need are new South Africans, bred and cultured to face the future with confidence and to work towards peace and prosperity for all."

The National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders, quoting police statistics, said crime had risen 40% between 1989 and 1990 However, it was difficult to differentiate between political violence and criminal activity in a society where the two were so linked.

Police statistics released earlier this year showed a 29% increase in murders between 1989 (11 750) and 1990 (15 1090)

Zulus quit after weekend clashes at Winkelhaak mine

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VERA VON LIERES

THE majority of Zulu workers at Winkelhaak mine near Evander — where 19 people died in two ethnic clashes at the weekend — had left the mine by yesterday, Gengold MD Gary Maude said. B1Day 19/9/91

Maude said most workers at the mine's No 1 hostel returned to work yesterday while workers at the No 2 hostel were expected to report for the night shift

There was no production on Monday and Tuesday following the violence which erupted on Saturday.

NUM acting general secretary Marcel Golding said that although the situation was "still very tense" miners were expected to return to work today.

Maude said most of the mine's 1 700 Zulus (out of a total workforce of 7 500) had asked to go back home and by yesterday afternoon, only about 600 had not been paid off. No Zulus or any other miners were still armed after security searches since the weekend.

He said the Zulus had left because they had tired of the violence.

Mine security had filled three two-ton trucks with weapons confiscated during searches at the mine

He added that the parties were working jointly to normalise the situation as soon as possible.

Reacting to the departure of the Zulu workers, Golding said last night that the NUM was not anti-Zulu. The union was committed to uniting workers irrespective of language. One of the main problems at the mine related to management's policy of recruiting workers from specific geographical areas, Golding said The union was also concerned about management's tendency to use police and mine security in industrial relations disputes

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Man is shot dead on train

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THEMBA KHOZA

AN Inkatha Freedom Party member, Mr Thulani Maphalala, was shot dead at close range in a Soweto-bound train on Monday night, Transvaal IFP spokesman Themba Khoza said.

Khoza said two men entered the train coach between Nhlanzane and Merafe stations and claimed they were looking for Zulus before they shot Maphalala.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries confirmed that "a Thabane Maphalala" died after being shot in the chest just after 6pm at Merafe station on Monday.

Khoza said Maphalala was the second member of the IFP to be killed since the signing of the National Peace Accord on Saturday.

"I wish to appeal to IFP members not to take the law into their hands and retaliate," he added.

Khoza expressed concern about the attitude of the police. He accused them of searching only hostel dwellers when they conducted body searches at Merafe station last Friday morning.

He said cultural instruments were confiscated in the search and this was not in line with the National Peace Accord.

Responding to the allegation, De Vries said he was not going to talk to "Themba Khoza" through the media. If he had any complaints about police action he should talk to the police. - *Sapa*

Five slain on Reef

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FIVE people were shot dead on the Reef this week as violence continued in spite of the signing of the Peace Accord last Saturday.

Police also reported that three men were injured in a grenade blast in Soweto.

The bullet-ridden corpses of two men were found at Phola Park squatter camp, Tokoza, on the East Rand and the body of an unidentified man with a gunshot wound at Merafe Hostel in Soweto.

A man and a women were found slain at Mshenguville, Soweto.

Police also said extensive damage was caused to a house at Mshenguville when it was set alight.

Three people were slightly injured when a grenade exploded inside a shack at Fred Clarke squatter camp in Soweto yesterday.

About 130 people have died since violence erupted in Soweto and East Rand before the accord was signed. - *Staff Reporter and Sapa.*

Three die in Soweto violence

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In the same area a shack was set alight, causing damage but no injuries.

The other death in Soweto occurred at Morafe Hostel, where police said a man was killed when he was attacked by a group.

According to the report extensive damage was also caused to a house in Richmond, Natal, when it was set alight. — Sapa

Some want to be alone

Proposals to eliminate migrant worker hostels as a means of solving internecine black violence are simplistic and will not work, argues Lawrence Schlemmer, director of Wits University's Centre for Policy Studies.

A system whereby hundreds of thousands of men live in overcrowded, barrack-like single quarters for months at a time between short trips home to visit their wives and families is indefensible. This system of hostel accommodation, however, is as old as industrialisation in SA. Despite decades of criticism from human rights agencies and welfare groups, until very recently hundreds of public and private hostels have been maintained, and new ones built.

Since the early months of 1991, however, calls for the dismantling of the hostel system have become more strident. The reason, as we know, has been the spate of lethal politically coloured violence that has erupted in the Transvaal, with hostel dwellers associated with the Inkatha Freedom Party and youths from surrounding residential areas as active participants and in many cases as visible aggressors.

Since the beginning of 1991 well over 500 people have died in this type of violence in the Transvaal.

The ANC has called for the urgent termination of the single-sex hostel system and local authorities in some instances have begun demolishing them. The Independent Development Trust has helped to fund the conversion of one hostel in Natal into family accommodation and further plans along these lines exist in the private and local authority sectors. It has become part of current popular wisdom that dismantling these hostels will reduce or eliminate the organised violence, or counterviolence, surrounding the hostel communities.

SA has known many poorly considered and hurried attempted solutions to social problems in the black townships, many of which have done more harm than good. The latest urge to dismantle the hostel system may be yet another. While hostels are manifestly inadequate institutions, they both contain and have created certain social realities that will not go away with the dismantling of the physical structure.

According to Prof Dan Smit, there are at least 380 000 public and private hostel beds in SA and the number of people who make use of these exceeds 1m migrant workers. Hostel inmates are not normally included in the calculations of the urban accommodation shortage in black communities; if they were, the effective shortage of shelter estimated now would double. This fact alone is a reason for caution.

Other relevant factors exist as well, however. In research conducted by me and other research conducted jointly with Prof Valerie Moller in the mid-Eighties, it became clear that a proportion of hostel dwellers preferred, and would be likely to continue to prefer, temporary single status in the cities in cheap hostel accommodation.

Personal interviews by trained black staff among representative samples of male migrant workers in hostels yielded the following indications:

- ☐ Some four out of 10 hostel dwellers considered the life to be the best way for single migrants to live in the city;
- ☐ Only about one-quarter of the hostel dwellers perceived themselves as urban or urbanising people;
- ☐ Only one to one-and-half out of 10 people on average expressed an existing or ideal preference for urban work and living; and
- ☐ At least half the migrants did not even feel that they would like their wives or rural female companions to join them in the city, or at least not permanently.

It was clear from the findings that migrant workers who wished to urbanise permanently, or who saw no alternative but to move permanently to the city, were already moving into shacks and private lodgings voluntarily. One might reasonably expect therefore that the perception among people who remain in hostels of their own accord as temporary, economically orientated sojourners in the city, has further crystalised and intensified.

Earlier surveys showed that among the reasons for this was the fact that the hostel migrants valued certain rural resources. Among Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers in the Transvaal, for example, at least six out of 10 had, or expected, access to their own rural land (2 ha-3 ha in most cases) and despite their youthful average age, at least 50% had cattle in rural KwaZulu.

The inevitable conclusion one must draw is that, notwithstanding the constrained, frustrating and unnatural conditions in the hostels, a substantial proportion of the residents prefer this mode of urban existence to making any significant investments in more stable urban accommodation. Their priorities are in the rural areas.

Other more recent results support this broad conclusion. In a March survey among black township residents, which included a special sub-sample of hostel dwellers, a stark polarisation of values and attitudes emerged between hostel migrants and other urban black people (see table)

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Support for:	Hostels (n101) %	Soweto (n330) %
Inkatha Freedom Party	71	10
ANC	12	43
PAC/AZAPO	—	20
National Party	7	17
Satisfied with leadership of Chief Buthelezi	69	12
Feel very close or close to:		
— Trade union	20	51
— Church	32	56
— Employer	50	41
— Street committee	8	31
— Current SA government .	49	64
— Civic association	10	29
— Cosatu	8	24

The hostel dwellers are not merely a category defined in terms of accommodation. They are in a sense social enclaves with a different political culture and different kinds of interests than the surrounding township dwellers. Clearly, simply dismantling the hostel system is not only complex in its implications for the residents, but may not remove the problem perceived to surround the hostels and their inhabitants.

What should be considered in particular is the fact that the hostel dwellers are so distinct in socio-economic interests and political orientations that they will remain enclaves even if their hostels are closed. Having been employed in townships prior to the programme of hostel construction in the Sixties and Seventies, and mindful of patterns of residential location elsewhere in Africa and the Third World, I would make the confident prediction that migrants will establish themselves in clearly defined and bounded concentrations within squatter camps.

Very recent experience in shack areas of Natal would seem to indicate quite conclusively that violence can erupt as easily between opposing concentrations of shack dwellers as between hostel dwellers and surrounding residential areas. Indeed, the phenomenon referred to as "warlordism" originated in shack areas.

In conclusion, therefore, what must be stated is that the policy dilemma around the future of hostel accommodation is more complex than much facile comment in the media would suggest. Hostels are a particularly unpleasant and artificial form of accommodation, and serious thought and research must be devoted to identifying appropriate options. If the motivation for destroying the hostel system, however, is largely or in part to fragment the militant cohesion of hostel communities, the policy will most certainly backfire.

Supreme Court action.

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Cynics attempt to undermine peace process

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Political Survey
BY GERALD SHAW

THE peace process in South Africa is moving ahead strongly again, impelled by the remarkable success of the National Peace Summit and buoyed up by the prospect of a multi-party conference before the end of the year.

What the country needs are more positive pronouncements on the way ahead, such as this week's assurance by Mr Cyril Ramaphosa that the ANC wants to get moving right away to restore stability to the country, giving the economy a chance to start growing again.

The ANC secretary-general reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to a mixed economy, with some State intervention, and said the ANC would not sacrifice growth for the sake of ideology.

It is plain that the ANC leadership's commitment to the National Peace Accord is serious and that they are looking with confidence to a multi-party conference getting off the ground before the end of the year.

This kind of public commitment to stability and growth is just what the country needs right now.

The potential threats to the peace are psychological as much as anything else.

Mutual trust

Given the momentum of violence which has built up in a decade of guerilla insurgency and counter-insurgency, it is unrealistic to expect all mayhem to cease at the stroke of a pen. At the same time resigned and negative statements by leaders discounting the chances of peace send all the wrong signals to the rank and file.

It is the cynics who pose the greatest threat to the process, declaring that all the parties contending for political power in this country will persist to the end in the clandestine use of force.

As this column has often argued, the chances of negotiation getting off the ground are remote unless there is a working level of trust between the parties. You cannot negotiate with someone you believe is out to destroy you. The National Peace Accord has set the scene for the political leadership to build the kind of mutual confidence which makes negotiation possible.

Of course the parties are right to be sceptical about the aims and strategies of their rival contenders for power and to question and probe every inch of the way. To achieve a worthwhile result, negotiation needs to be clear-eyed, searching and relentless. But there will be no headway unless the political will exists on all sides to reach a compromise.

There is a great deal going for this country, in spite of the cynics. We are richly blessed with outstanding public figures who are respected across the board, and are quietly building bridges of communication across traditional lines of ethnic enmity and division. Men such as Van Zyl Slabbert, Oscar Dhlomo and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, at last gaining the recognition at home which his outstanding qualities deserve, are giving it all they've got, and so are many others besides.

The fruits of their labours will become increasingly evident. Serious negotiations would not be so close if it had not been for Alex Boraine and Van Zyl Slabbert dropping out of party politics to launch IDASA and arrange the Dakar meeting between Afrikaner intellectuals and the ANC.

The Dakar conference was held in the face of intense hostility on the part of the Botha government, let it be recalled, and under threat that the South African participants would lose their passports!

The country's current political leadership is likewise of remarkable quality by any standards. Messrs Mandela and De Klerk are exceptional men and there are others among the older political leaders, such as Colin Eglin in the Democratic Party, who have qualities of wisdom, experience and drive which would grace a Cabinet anywhere.

In a younger group, Thabo Mbeki, Pallo Jordan and Cyril Ramaphosa on the ANC side — and Roelf Meyer and Leon Wessels in the NP — all have outstanding qualities which will be needed at leadership level in the new South Africa. Who doubts that such men can work together for the common good?

Already it seems likely that this country's first government under a new constitution will be headed by a multi-party Cabinet, the result of a political coalition between the NP and the ANC, who will almost certainly top the poll, and other parties who do well in a non-racial election. The key players realise that such a government is needed for a start at least to bolster confidence and get the economy going again. With any luck at all we could have a government of this kind in less than three years.

It will not be enough for the political leaders to pledge themselves to peace. The State has the primary responsibility to restore and maintain public order in a way which will make negotiation possible.

It is the duty of the State to isolate and bring to justice any elements in its own ranks and in the contending political groups who are found to be stirring up violence to thwart the chances of a negotiated peace.

Three train attacks in Jhb

JOHANNESBURG. — One person was killed and five policemen were injured in three incidents of violence on Soweto-bound trains during peak hour yesterday.

A spokesman said seven policeman were attacked after going to investigate reports of violence in a carriage. Five were injured, and they fired shots in response.

He said the attackers disappeared "amongst Zulu passengers".

In the second incident, Mr Themba Sithole, 24, was shot and injured in four places on a train between Inhlanzane and Merafe stations, police said.

Later, the body of a 17-year-old male was found south of Ikwezi station.

"The man had been killed and thrown off the train," police said.

Reacting to the first incident, Inkatha Freedom Party official Mr Humphrey Ndlovu said that six policemen had fired on Inkatha members after telling them the train was not KwaZulu and they did not want to see them on it.

Police rejected the claim. — Sapa

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Peace vows at victims' funeral

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By Stan Hlophe 20/9/91

Political leaders yesterday pledged to honour the Peace Accord and condemned the Government and Inkatha Freedom Party for destabilising the black community at the funeral of 10 victims of violence, including a baby, in Soweto yesterday.

The infant was stillborn after its mother, Elizabeth Mathoba, who is recovering in hospital, was hacked by thugs last week.

Thousands of mourners and supporters of various organisations at Regina Mundi church heard speakers calling for the formation of defence units and the arming of the community against vigilantes.

Police monitored the funeral procession from the church to Avalon cemetery.

ANC Welfare Department head Winnie Mandela told the cheering crowd that the National Executive Committee was committed to the Peace Accord.

Mrs Mandela assured the crowd that the ANC would do everything in its power to "protect and defend" the implementation of the Peace Accord.

But Mrs Mandela warned that the ANC would not tolerate the senseless killing of people by forces intent on destabilisation and promised there would be no more mass funerals.

She called upon Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treunicht, to be man enough to sign the peace accord.

Mrs Mandela said the ANC's signing of the accord should not be seen as a sign of weakness.

Azapo president Pandelani Nefolovhodwe also committed his organisation to peace.

He said, however, Azapo did not sign the Accord as it did not want to legitimise the Government.

He said that as long as the Government was in power there would be no peace in South Africa.

Floyd Mashele, chairman of the Mshenguville Crisis Committee, said those buried were victims of the Inkatha who had no respect for human life.

Mr Mashele urged the community not to allow further killings as enough had already died.

Kgabs Masonkutu, of the Soweto Civic Association, urged the comunity to intensify defence units in each and every street and house against the warlords and vigilantes.

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Violence not yet over, say E Rand hostel dwellers

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By Jacqueline Myburgh

Hostel dwellers on the East Rand believe that racial violence is far from over, according to interviews conducted among a group of them recently.

Three months after Lauren Segal, Research and Education Officer at the Project for the Study of Violence at the University of Witwatersrand, completed her research for a paper on hostel dwellers, their prophecies proved to be well-founded.

On September 8, 23 Thokhoza hostel dwellers were shot dead on their way to a meeting to discuss the destruction of the hostels.

In a paper entitled "The Human Face of Violence: Hostel Dwellers Speak", Ms Segal interviewed East Rand hostel dwellers, most of whom were Zulu-speaking and members of Inkatha.

She said the issue was particularly important because of the "resilient rural connection" amongst Zulu migrant hostel dwellers which had been cited as an important factor in the leapfrogging of the war from rural Natal into the urban centres of the Transvaal.

The cause of the violence, most hostel residents said, was a mystery.

"The fighting started because of rumours. In fact the whole things was organised by a bunch of criminals who went on spreading the rumour that the Zulus were going to attack the Xhosas," one told Ms Segal.

Forced

The paper depicts the hostel dweller as an outcast, living on the edge of society.

Responses from those interviewed indicate a feeling of alienation from their trade union (Cosatu-affiliate, Numsa), from urban politics and from township residents.

Of their relationship with township residents, hotel dwellers said: "Before the violence we used to sit down as friends ... the violence has stopped that."

They are forced to hide the fact that they live in the hostels because township residents say they are responsible for the violence.

The hostel dwellers resent the township youth. Unnecessary stayaways and boycotts were propogated by teenagers, not adults, they said.

The author expresses deep concern at mention by the respondents of foreign police being used to quell the violence.

Talk of "black troops from outside South Africa", "foreign troops from countries like Mozambique" and "foreign soldiers who can't speak all the South African languages" may be a sign of recognition that the SAP are incapable of stopping the violence precisely because of ethnic affiliations, she said.

All the hostel residents, with one exception, emphatically denied the claims of police support for Inkatha.

Recounting one incidence of Inkatha versus ANC violence on December 13 1990, however, it became clear that the hostel dwellers did acknowledge police complicity in the violence.

Casual references to "our police" and "helping their brothers" illustrated the apparant lack of neutrality.

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BED BY NIGHT

1 killed, 13 hurt in train attacks

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Crime Staff, West Rand Bureau and Sapa

Unidentified attackers terrorised commuters on several Soweto-bound trains last night, killing at least one person and injuring 13 others — including five policemen.

In the first incident, at Croesus Station near Industria, west of Johannesburg, five men were assaulted and thrown off a commuter train.

Major Dave Bruce, liaison officer for the Witwatersrand police, said the men were assaulted at around 6.30 pm and then flung from the moving train.

Passengers claimed an unknowm group of men had walked through the moving train, harassing and assaulting people.

Four seriously injured men were found by police on the railway lines and a fifth was later dropped off at Langlaagte police station. The injured were taken to the J G Strijdom Hospital.

Major Bruce said police suspected that the attackers were criminals, but did not exclude the possibility that the attack was politically motivated.

In Soweto, a youth died after being stabbed and thrown off a train, and at least six people were injured in three separate attacks.

Police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said at about 6:40 pm five policemen were attacked with knobkieries and sticks on a crowded moving train near Phomolong Station when seven SAP members went to investigate reports of trouble in the next carriage.

Three the policemen fired warning shots but their attackers fled.

However, Inkatha spokesman Humphrey Ndlovu claimed six policemen had fired on Inkatha members after telling them the train was not KwaZulu and they did not want to see them on it.

This was denied by Colonel de Vries, who said the policemen were protecting passengers from the attackers. He said the injured policemen were treated at Baragwaneth Hospital for minor injuries.

He said at 7.02 pm Themba Sithole (24) was shot on a train between Inhlazane and Merafe Stations. He sustained four bullet wounds and is in a serious condition in the Baragwaneth Hospital. He claimed his attackers boarded the train at Phefeni Station.

In the third incident a youth aged about 17, was stabbed dead and was thrown from a train. His body was found near Ikwezi Station.

IFP 'link' to mine deaths

Allegations of Inkatha-linked attacks have resurfaced in the wake of a number of clashes on the mines recently, reports **FERIAL HAFFAJEE**

THE death of 16 miners in factional violence at Genmin's Winkelhaak mine has again thrown the spotlight on the activities of alleged Inkatha-linked vigilantes in the workplace.

In a hard-hitting statement, the National Union of Mineworkers alleged an "Inkatha impi" was responsible for the clashes, which took place at the weekend at the Eastern Transvaal gold mine. The impi, said the union, "launched an unprovoked attack on non-Zulu speaking workers". Genmin hotly disputes this version of events.

The NUM also charged that two workers employed at Eskom's Kendal power station, near Witbank, had recently been killed by vigilantes linked to the Inkatha-aligned United Workers Union of South Africa, leading to a two-week closure of the station.

Five workers were injured in the August 26 attack, the union said, which had been carried out with AK-47 rifles and other weapons. It said the vigi-lantes were based at the Khuthala hos- the Witbank area.

lhaak, the NUM alleged that had continually tear-gassed workers, preventing them from forming self-defence units. Security also allegedly confiscated the weapons of all but Inkatha members.

Gengold managing director Gary Maude denied the Inkatha Freedom Party was behind the attack, saying that the clash started as a drunken brawl and escalated into "tribal conflict".

He also dismissed as "absolute rubbish" union claims that Genmin was "recruiting vigilantes as contract labourers to flush the union out of its mines".

Maude added that if the attackers were vigilantes, it was difficult to explain why they had asked to be paid off. By Wednesday this week, all Zulu-speaking workers at Winkelhaak had been paid off and left for their homes, he said.

The NUM alleges that vigilantes were also behind the death of 10 workers at Impala Platinum's Wildebeestfontein North and South Mines near Rustenburg last month. Implats management has repeatedly denied these allegations.

NUM's Jerry Majatladi

A set of proposals aimed at defusing the Winkelhaak conflict was tabled at talks between the NUM and representatives of the kwaZulu, Transkei and Lesotho governments this week. They include a short-term code of conduct for hostels and mine security and a body to monitor the activities of all parties, including mine security.

A worker rally to discuss the violence, addressed by NUM president James Motlatsi, took place on Wednesday evening.

In November last year, the Chamber of Mines and the NUM concluded an agreement aimed at ending a run of violent racial conflict on the mines.

Chamber representative Peter Bunkell said the accord had been successful in curbing racial conflict. A similar agreement could end the factional violence affecting mines in recent months, he added.

And in the climax to more than two years of negotiations, Anglo American and the NUM are on the brink of signing a code of conduct agreement aimed at rooting out mine violence on Anglo mines.

NUM spokesperson Jerry Majatladi said that a deal spanning all members of the Chamber and independent mining operations would be a more effective means of checking conflict than piecemeal agreements.

No arrests follow Reef violence

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ONE week after the violence on the Reef in which at least 129 people were killed in more than 10 incidents which left over 550 injured, not one person has been arrested.

This was confirmed by the police yesterday when they said 85 dockets had been opened and special units were investigating unrest related deaths.

Official figures stood at 85 dead (excluding those who died in hospi-

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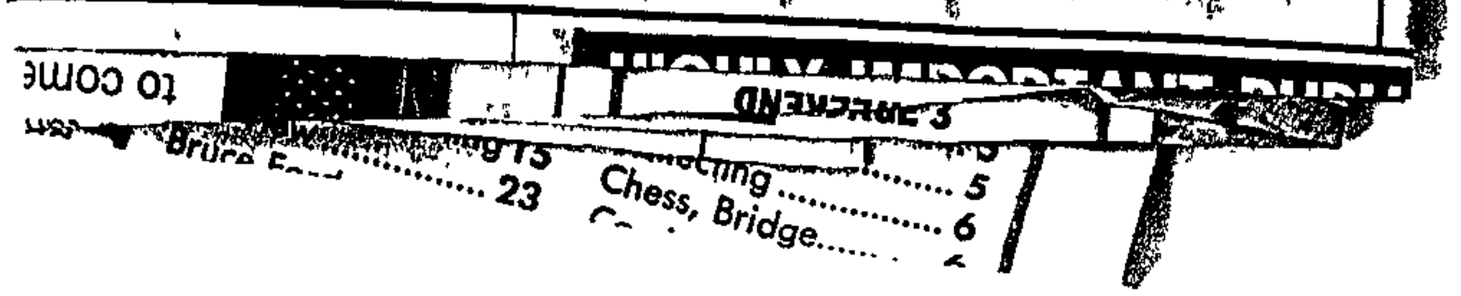
tals) with 146 injured.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said he could not give a breakdown of causes of death as some victims had died of injuries inflicted with sharp instruments which could not ascribed to specific weapons.

He said, while some police were being investigated as individuals, there was no evidence of "the so-called third force".

He added that since the signing of the Peace Accord there had been fewer incidents of violence.

A man was killed and five policemen were injured this week in a Soweto-bound train during peak hour in one of the isolated incidents of violence since the signing of the accord.



The CHILDREN of VIOLENCE

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It was another week of violence in Phola Park, the squatter camp south-east of Johannesburg: police patrols under fire, sniping, assassinations and plain murder. CHARLENE SMITH went in search of the children

IN the soft apricot glow of a sunset a band of Inkatha warriors, their headbands an assortment of torn plastic and rags, stalk down a rutted path, their fighting sticks at the ready, cardboard shields protecting their chests.

Suddenly, in a jumble of war cries and the tuk-tuk-tuk of AK-47 fire, ANC "sojas" leap from an alley between two shacks and after a dusty, confused battle put the "Inkathas" to flight with much yelling and laughter The most serious injuries are a few grazes. A thick layer of red dust and mud cakes little bodies.

The children of Phola Park are at play The game is only partly in jest. They dust their clothes and swat away flies hovering around runny noses. They compare weapons, made of wood or iron bars Some are carrying "AK-47s", others debate whether a Makarov or a Scorpion is the better weapon.

Dire

Some are trading bullets — some are spent and have been picked up from the streets, some are live and have been taken from other places In white suburbs it is marbles, here it is bullets. They differ in size and condition, but more important is the sort of cartridge — R-1s are scorned, AKs popular, and those from machine pistols have a certain cachet.

After 15 years of township violence there are still no adequate studies of the effect of violence on children. Every now and then, when violence escalates, a human rights group or psychologists issue a study that warns of the brutalisation of these children and the dire consequences for the future. But no programmes are helping people in such communities deal with post-traumatic stress or understand why children's eyes grow expressionless

In the cities, where armed gangsters shoot people for their cars or beat them up for their watches, where houses are ringed with razor wire and adorned with signs from armed-response security companies, the reports, and their warnings, have been forgotten. We're living the consequences of thinking the forgotten children would stay in the townships and hopefully disappear

They've come to the cities armed with knowledge of weapons and immune to the horror of death.

At some stage fear disappears too. In Phola Park, a mainly Xhosa squatter area of some 30 000 people close to Alrode in Alberton, when the "Inkathas" come — usually hostel-dwellers from the nearby Thokoza hostel — children either flee across the main road to Alrode and hide in the Catholic church in the coloured area of Eden Park, or cower in shacks, under beds with their mothers.

They lie low because bullets zinging through corrugated-iron walls have killed neighbours. Now many in Phola Park are building houses of concrete blocks from an adjacent brick factory Bullets can't penetrate these. Instead of windows, there are narrow slits that keep out the cold, and are just wide enough for the barrel of a rifle to fit through.

When the whistles of sentries streak across the night air warning of an attack, fathers and elder brothers leave with fighting sticks in their left hands and blankets draped over their right shoulders — often concealing guns clasped to their chests

If fighting is serious, as it was last year in August and December — or as it was last week — returning children lift the blankets covering corpses in the streets to see if their fathers or mothers are among the dead. The children's games become a prelude to the day when they will go out at night with blankets over their shoulders.

Sister Ethne, a Dominican nun at the local mornings-only free clinic, says depression is acute among residents of Phola Park. "Education is almost nil, there are children who can barely articulate. There is a whole generation of lost people here with no education. They are squatters: they can't get into schools, they have no opportunities."

Empty

The clinic, funded by the Alberton Industries Association, treats an average of 80 people a morning In August it saw 1 523 cases. The most common illnesses are gastro-intestinal, or sores linked to malnutrition The load on the clinic has increased since Natalsprut Hospital — about three kilometres away — began charging patients R10 a visit. In a community with at least 80 percent unemployment, R10 is wealth.

Phola Park is a close-knit community, with a strong commitment to self-help The community uses three prefabricated huts for literacy classes for children and adults The "school" is often locked and empty, reliant as it is on a few educated volunteers

There are three creches run by residents. Dirty babies crawl on swept sand floors; others lie on blankets. The few plastic toys are mostly ignored All those books about pre-school stimulation and Johannesburg City Health regulations about so many toilets for so many toddlers seem like guidelines from another planet. The creches are corrugated iron and hot.

One creche closed this week after its founder, Mrs Christina Thibidi, died. Mrs Thibidi was a legend in Phola Park. She organised women into self-help groups, begged food and old clothes from churches and gave hope where some believed it had no place. The shack in which she ran her creche was close to the open field separating the area from Thokoza, where hostel-dwellers and shack residents often fight. She was terrified she or her 16-year-old son would one day be killed in an attack; instead she died peacefully in her sleep

Miss Lucy Boniswa, 30, is a neighbour. She looks 10 years older than her years, she cries frequently, her hands tremble. She is a woman on the verge of a nervous breakdown Her 20-month-old son, Peter, kneels next to her, imitating her handwashing clothes in a plastic basin.

She, her boyfriend and their two children do not sleep in their home at night. "The children can't sleep in the house. We sleep under the bridge — we are frightened of fighting" The bridge is about 500m away in scrubby veld next to the main road to Alrode.

Miss Boniswa describes what happens when residents flee an attack. As she talks, her face freezes in terror, her eyes become wild, her hands tremble uncontrollably and the quiet cloudy weekday afternoon disappears as she relives an attack. It is terrifying to watch her

"The children hold their heads, they cry Mama, mama! People take things and run." She reaches down and grabs little Peter, throwing him on to her back, her eyes wide, sweat on her brow "I pick up my baby," she runs a metre, turns and comes back to whip a blanket off the line and throw it over the child. "I take the blanket, I take my child, we run."

Suffering

She runs part-way down the road, in the crazed, erratic style of the terrified. She suddenly seems to become aware of her surroundings again, and bursts into tears, her face bewildered Her children are quiet next to her

"All the time I cry because I don't know where I'm going I came here to look for a job because I don't have a mother or father My boyfriend is not working and I'm not working We are still suffering Three years not working

"That mother that died," she points to Mrs Thibidi's shack, "she gave me food. I don't know what we will do now The baby has not eaten all day today I can't go to Transkei, I will suffer"

At the taps down the road, about 30 people crowd together, waiting to fill drums from one of the eight taps Alberton industrialists installed in the area, and which serve 30 000 people. Huge powerlines stalk across this western perimeter of Phola Park, arrogant in their inaccessibility

The wait at the taps can be as long as four hours. Across from the taps is an extensive, never-ending pile of garbage, which, along with the torn razor wire — with plastic bags hanging off it, making it look like a bizarre washing line — forms the continuous outer perimeter of Phola Park. Children are playing on the garbage, some seeking cast-off scraps of food. Two girls have pulled down their panties and are defecating There is not a single toilet in the settlement.

For a time in 1988 there were chemical toilets — one for every 28 families — but after residents refused to pay a R50 levy they were removed. Everyone now uses the surrounding veld. The last garbage removal was also in 1988

Poverty depresses these people less than the violence they have experienced in the past year Mr David Mbele says his seven children don't sleep well. "They don't like it when they hear gunshots in the night. They cry and are restless On Tuesday a neighbour was shot by the security forces outside our shack. Now we are all very frightened."

Insult

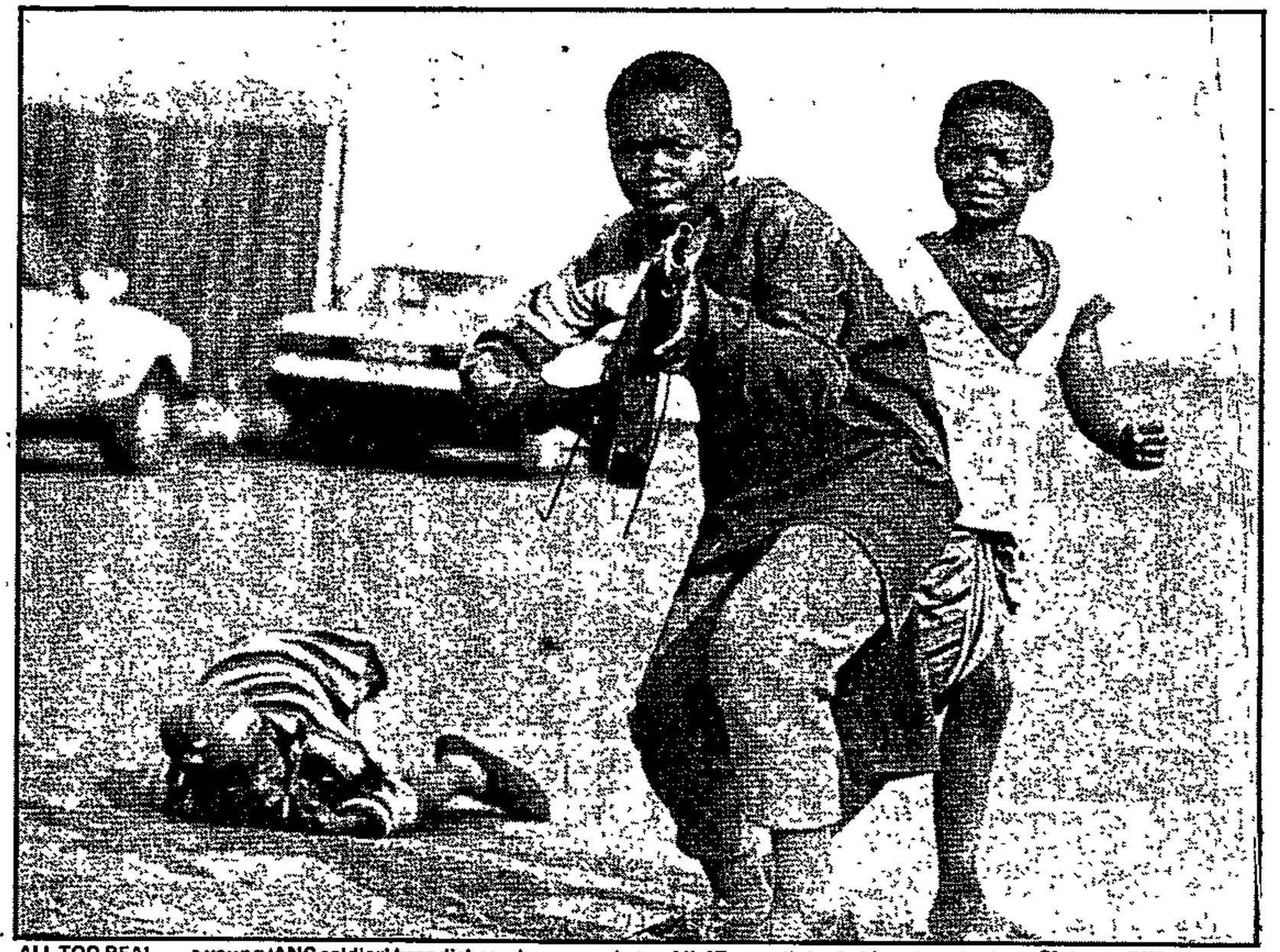
Mrs Dora Moshoeshoe, 42, says her five children don't like the violence because "the shooting makes too much noise and they can't study They also don't sleep nicely at night, they pray and pray"

As we leave Phola Park, three children aged about six don't hear the car driving slowly behind them. They suddenly become aware of it. A small boy notes the white driver and his face contorts with fury and fear He raises the fighting sticks he is carrying, adopts a combat position and yells an insult.

On the outskirts, a group of women and children with supermarket trolleys are searching the veld for wood. Suddenly a truck comes by loaded with scrap wood. A woman yells to others, and women and children race from their shacks Dust eddies as in the frenzy of poverty women and children pull out the best pieces of wood. One triumphantly leans on a piece good enough for a roof support.

All is not despair in Phola Park, however The Independent Development Trust has promised to subsidise the creation and servicing of 2 000 sites, at a total cost of R15-million, if residents can find and develop suitable land, for which they are now negotiating with the TPA and Thokoza town council

All is not despair, but here the children also show no joy



ALL TOO REAL . . a young 'ANC soldier' brandishes a home-made toy AK-47 as an 'Inkatha' foe plays dead Picture: JUHAN KUUS

3 die in unrest, 5 hurt storming police station

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PRETORIA. — Police found three bullet-riddled bodies and five men were injured during unrest, police said in a report today.

Two of the bodies were found at Wolhuter Hostel in Jeppe. The other body was found in Thokoza on the East Rand.

The five men were injured after storming the Greenwood Park police station, attacking policemen with knives and a home-made firearm.

Police fired several rounds, wounding five men. Two policemen were stabbed. A man was arrested and a home-made firearm confiscated.

In Jouberton extensive damage was caused to classrooms when a school was set alight.

Damage was also caused to houses and vehicles in a petrol-bomb attack in Vesanyawo, Stanger. — Sapa.

'Leaders need our support'

THERE was a call for peace and support for black leaders at the *Sowetan's* "Prayers for the Nation" yesterday.

Sowetan Editor Mr Aggrey Klaaste praised the role of women.

"Women are brave; they need respect," he said.

The service, at Regina Mundi church yesterday, was arranged by the *Sowetan* as part of its Nation Building campaign.

The Rev Joe Tshawane said leaders did not have the support of the people.

"People are looking at Makwetu and Mandela for the solution to the problems of this country, thinking that they are going to solve their problems for them. But our leaders need our moral support, we must rally around them".

The Rev Junior Motsei, a *Sowetan* sports reporter, said clergymen had contributed to the violence by not preaching "the name of the Lord".

ANCYL man found shot (278)

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By Monica Oosterbroek

A leader of the ANC Youth League, John Papo Manyakalle (21), has been found dead in his Soweto home.

A gun and empty cartridge were found next to his body on Friday morning. He had been shot through the ear.

ANC youth league (ANCYL) official, Vuyani Mabaxa believes Mr Manyakalle was murdered.

Police dispute this, saying they have found no evidence to support murder but it will be investigated.

...uman face behind media cliches

Hostels and their residents have often come under fire for their role in the continuing township violence, but hostel dwellers have rarely had the opportunity to put their side of the story. Researcher Lauren Segal spoke to hostel dwellers and came up with some surprising results. JACQUELINE MYBURGH reports.

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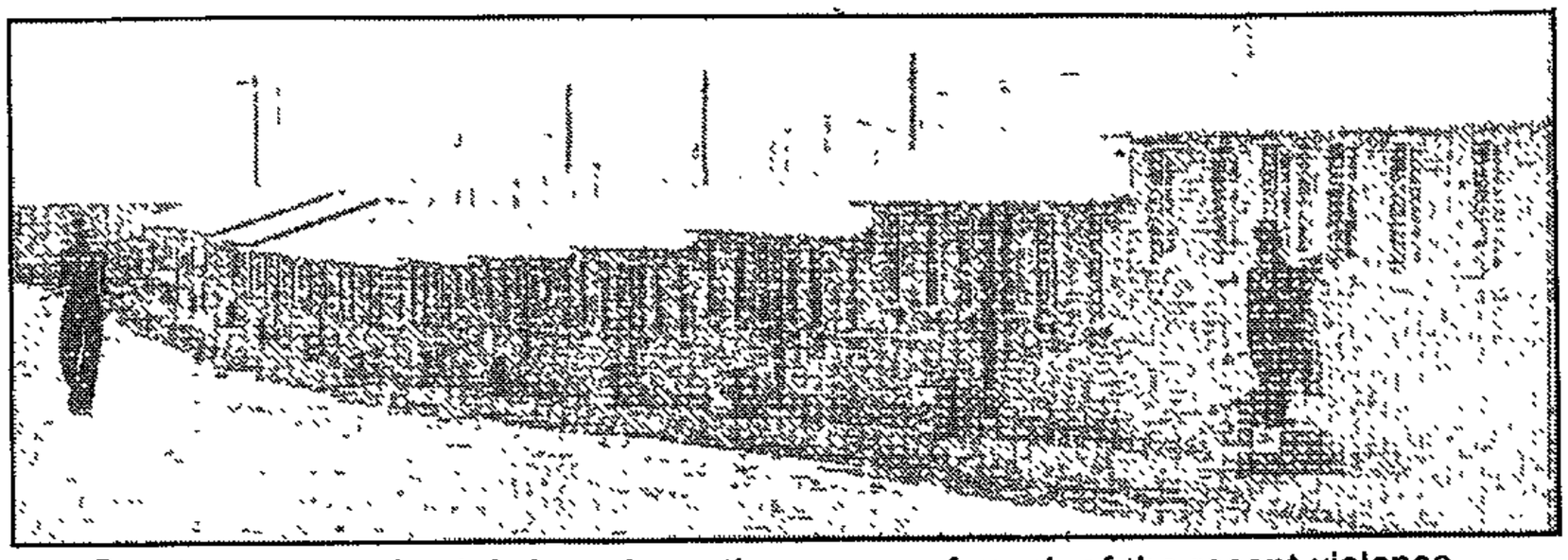

Danger zone . . . hostels have been the scenes of much of the recent violence.

WHEN A group of East Rand hostel dwellers told Lauren Segal a research and education officer at the University of the Witwatersrand's Project for the Study of Violence, that they believed the political violence in which they had been involved was not yet over, she did not realise how prophetic their words would be.

Three months later, on September 8, 23 Thokoza hostel dwellers were shot dead and 18 others were injured.

Ms Segal had been conducting research for a paper which would attempt to reveal who hostel dwellers really were. She says she wanted to go beyond the ubiquitous and cliched image of them as "impis moving through the streets of the East Rand townships beating their axes and chanting war cries" and discover the reasons for their violent actions

The result was a "kaleidoscope" of explanations, far more diffuse and complex than most media or political accounts portray, Ms Segal observes.

On their relationship with township residents: Hostel dwellers view themselves as members of the township community in spite of the fact that these feelings are not perceived to be reciprocated by most township residents.

"They (township residents) see us as animals. They say that we are the ones responsible for the violence that is taking place . . They don't even trust you even if you live alongside them," one said.

On political action: Township activists' neglect of the hostels came up repeatedly in the interviews and the issue of rent boycotts and stayaways has clearly drawn the battle lines between township residents and hostel dwellers.

The latter feel that they are never consulted about these matters: "We just see youth attacking us during boycotts and stayaways"

Affiliation to the local civic organisation is out of the question since it falls under the ANC.

"Another thing we cannot tolerate is being intimidated not to go to work during stayaways ... We come to Johannesburg to work, not for anything else," one said.

On Inkatha's role in the violence: The interviews did not offer a definitive view, but rather suggested that — intentionally or otherwise — Inkatha has been greatly strengthened by the violence.

Ms Segal observes that part of the explanation seems to be the labelling and identification of Zulus with Inkatha, irrespective of their genuine affiliations.

Another explanation is Inkatha's apparent readiness to mobilise along ethnic lines The party's major drawcard has always been its propogation of ethnic, cultural and, more particularly, Zulu values, she says.

On the nature of the violence: For most of those interviewed, the ethnic dimension of the conflict was beyond doubt "It wasn't political violence to us. It was Zulu and Xhosa violence," one said

Another remarked that what had started as fighting between Zulu and Xhosa had changed to ANC versus Inkatha.

On the cause of the violence: "It all started with silly remarks made by people against the Zulus, especially township children," the interviewees said.

Small issues "built up" into larger ones and "now we are fighting".

Some suggested that rumours, rather than any concrete events, were directly responsible for causing the violence

"In fact, the whole thing was organised by a bunch of criminals who went on spreading the rumour that the Zulus were going to attack the Xhosas," one said.

There has been strong evidence that rumours were part of an orchestrated campaign to sow divisions in the community, and this cannot simply be attributed to a "bunch of criminals", Ms Segal says

Many said they had no idea what had started the violence in their area, but all the hearsay explanations referred to a "woman dispute" between a Xhosa and a Zulu man

"That is how it started, until it grew bigger to an extent whereby so many people have died," one said

On police partiality: All the interviewees denied its existence. "That's an insult because the SAP has killed a lot of our people"

However, references by hostel inmates to "our police" and "helping our brothers" suggests an apparent lack of police neutrality, Ms Segal says

On their lives in the city as opposed to the country: The rural consciousness of these hostel dwellers is deeply ingrained Only one of the interviewees wanted to bring his family to the city; others complained that the city life was expensive and there was no freedom.

The city is not home to them, and hostel dwellers return to their rural homes as often as possible

On the youth: In terms of township politics, hostel dwellers categorically place the youth at the centre of their alienation from the township

"What makes the people from the hostel (dislike) the youth from the location is because of the unnecessary stayaways, unnecessary boycotts. If there is a consumer boycott in the location, you cannot see an adult standing on the road, you only see the teenagers who are the forefronters," one interviewee said.

On unions: (All those interviewed belonged to the Cosatu-affiliate, Numsa) The union was unanimously regarded as a beneficial force in the workplace. However, hostel issues were neglected by the unions, they said

On the abolition of influx control: Although they seldom expressed resentment towards the unemployed people who were in their rooms as a result of the abolition, there were undertones of the difficulties this caused, such as fighting and jealousy

"Many writers on the current political scenario suggest that the violence would not have occurred without a large pool of poverty-stricken and unemployed workers who were readily available as "soldiers' in the conflict," Ms Segal remarks

On the destruction of the hostels: Conditions in the hostels were uniformly expressed as disgusting, yet interviewees were adamant that they should not be destroyed.

The reasons given reflect the fact that hostel dwellers see themselves as temporary residents in the city

"Hostels are the cheapest place you can ever find If you get a room in a township, the householder will charge you about R120 a month for a small room. In the hostel you pay R15 a month and we know that we are here temporarily because our homes are in Natal." □

Key figures in probe arrested

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Carletonville police yesterday arrested a local ANC leader and a human rights activist who have been central in locating witnesses for the official investigation into the activities of the police unrest unit at Welverdiend.

Sally Sealey of the Johnnesburg-based Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR) and the ANC's Dan Ndzeku appeared briefly in court late yesterday and were granted bail of R500 each.

They will be charged with intimidating a police officer, a western Transvaal police spokesman said. Ms Sealey will also face charges of criminal injuria.

Frustrate

"We are extremely concerned by the arrests. Ms Sealey has been assisting police with an important investigation and we trust this is not an attempt to frustrate the investigation," a spokesman for the IBIIR said.

As a result of the Welverdiend inquiry 11 policemen have been suspended and the police station closed down. The inquiry was instituted in July in response to allegations that police were involved in the violent deaths of at least 17 youths from the township of Khutsong during 1990/91.

Some Khutsong residents who have given evidence to the commission have been arrested and charged with various offences since providing testimony. And 20-year-old Enos Mhlongo has filed a formal complaint with the police, alleging that one of the suspended policeman shot him outside a shebeen late last month.

Anti-violence protestors end sit-in

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A GROUP of activists who staged a sit-in at the Soweto City Council offices ended their 15-day protest against violence yesterday after talks with the authorities.

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The 30 activists acted to highlight political violence in the township's Mshenguville squatter camp, which has claimed a number of lives and driven out African National Congress supporters.

"The sit-in is over," said Mr Floyd Mashele, a leader of the settlement's crisis committee.

"We are now moving out of the Soweto chambers."

"We have got what we were demonstrating for. All our demands have been met. Therefore we feel it is now time we end the sit-in," he said.

The protesters met Transvaal Provincial Administration officials and city council representatives on Monday, he said.

Further information would be provided later after a report-back to residents who had fled the camp amid violent clashes.

They sought refuge at the Ipelegeng Community Centre, a short distance from the camp in Mofolo.

Cops say join IFP or else — claim

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Apren 24/9/91.

By THEMBA KHUMALO

SEVERAL Dobsonville residents have complained that local policemen told them to join the Inkatha Freedom Party if they did not want to be attacked by hostel dwellers.

Residents allege that police told them to join Inkatha when they went to report an imminent attack by hostel inmates on September 14.

Later that evening redheadbanded impis attacked houses, breaking windows and doors and assaulting people indiscriminately, the residents claimed.

Scores of people were wounded and their houses looted by the mauraders.

Among those who complained about the police was local resident, Medupe Mogole, who said his mother went to the police station to report the threatened attack and a policeman advised her to join the IFP.

She refused and the officer allegedly warned her against "bothering the police with reporting Inkatha attacks", and chased her out of his office.

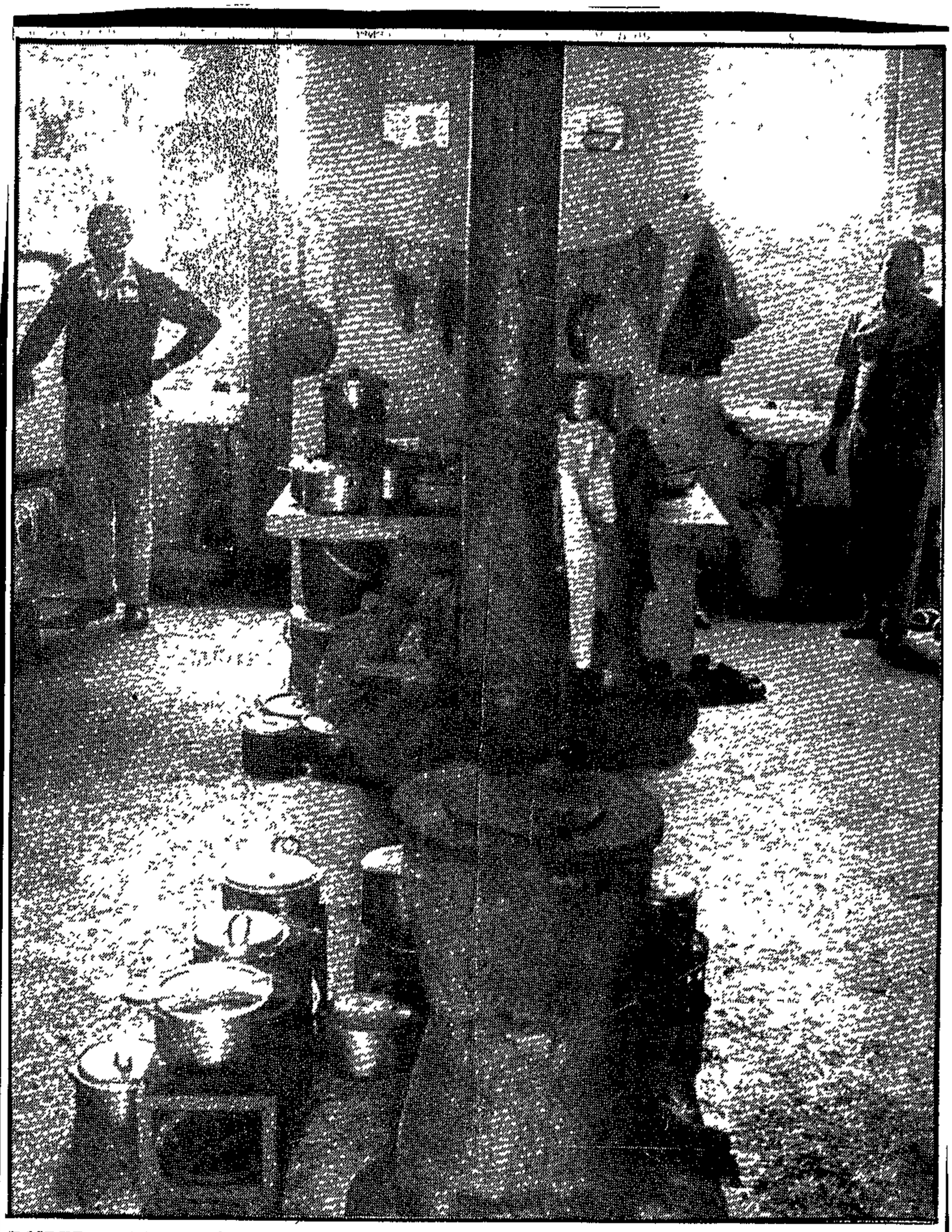
She fled to another part of the township and is terrified to return to her house.

SAP spokesman for Soweto Lt G Mariemoothu denied that the police were recruiting "agents for any political party".

"We are apolitical and we don't allow our members to indulge in politics.

"We are an impartial force and any policeman who violates our rules is dealt with."

Executive member of the Dobsonville Civic Association, Zacharia Modupe, said his organisation was investigating Mogole's allegations.



RAIDED ... The inside of Vanderbijlpark's KwaMadala Hostel where five Inkatha members were wounded when SADF soldiers allegedly opened fire this week. ■ **Pic: MIKE MZILENI**

5 hurt as SADF, IFP clash

Cipers 29/9/91

By SOPHIE TEMA

CONTROVERSIAL KwaMadala Hostel in Vanderbijlpark – dubbed a stronghold of the Inkatha Freedom Party by Vaal residents – was allegedly attacked by SADF soldiers this week.

Residents of the hostel claimed that about five IFP members were shot and wounded by soldiers raiding KwaMadala.

Cmdt Riaan Louw of the SADF's Media Liaison Section confirmed that SADF soldiers were involved in the incident, adding police were investigating.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Piet van Deventer said several charges of attempted murder and assault were being investigated.

The injured were treated in hospital and discharged, said IFP secretary Sipho Zondi.

An IFP member at KwaMadala hostel said a group of armed SADF soldiers arrived at the hostel and told a guard they were looking for someone.

He said the guard was still talking to some of them when he heard gunfire and saw hostel inmates running from their rooms. He said he saw the soldiers open fire.

Those injured were: Enos Zulu, Vincent Khanyile, Sipho Ntuli, Muntukhuluma Zungu and Nicholas Ntsele.

Vitus Mvelase, IFP central committee member, said: "We are still baffled by the actions of the SADF as we do not believe there was any reason for the shooting.

"If the SADF was looking for someone they could have approached us and we would not have hampered them in their duties."

'Vigilantes, hit squads killed Ntuli'

By Louise Burgers Star 30/9/97

The death of Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST) general-secretary Sam Ntuli, who died in a hail of gunfire yesterday, has been blamed on vigilantes or hit squads.

Police said Mr Ntuli (31) was driving down Khumalo Street in Tokoza at about 11 am when the occupants of a car travelling in the opposite direction fired about 12 shots at his car, killing him instantly.

A police spokesman said the motive for the killing was unknown, and no details were available on the number of assailants or the registration number of the car.

Mr Ntuli's death comes on the eve of important talks between CAST and the business sector over threatened bond repayment boycotts.

CAST president Moses Mayekiso said Mr Ntuli was assassinated by "forces acting against democracy".

"Sam was instrumental in fighting for the rights of the worker and had been involved in negotiations with the Government on living conditions," he said.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa called for an urgent and thorough investigation into the murder.

"The ANC condemns in strongest terms possible the brutal and tragic assassination of Sam Ntuli. South Africa is poorer because of this cruel loss of a courageous son of our soil," he said.

Mr Mayekiso said CAST had called for the post-mortem on Mr Ntuli to be carried out by a private pathologist.

Civic leader's death blamed on vigilantes

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The Argus Correspondent

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Cast president Mr Moses Mayekiso said Mr Ntuli was assassinated by forces acting against democracy.

"This is a blow against Cast. Sam was instrumental in fighting for the rights of the workers and was involved in negotiations with the government on living conditions.

"He was young and could have gone far. He was promoting peace through negotiations. He will be missed by Cast and residents of the Transvaal."

Mr Mayekiso said Cast had called for the post mortem examination on Mr Ntuli to be carried out by a private pathologist instructed by the family.

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"South Africa is poorer because of this cruel loss of a courageous son of our soil."

Mr Ramaphosa called on his people not to be provoked into revenge attacks. "We all have a responsibility to uphold the Peace Accord, despite this act of extreme provocation."

Mr Ntuli leaves his wife and a child.

Civic leader killed

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JOHANNESBURG. — Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary Mr Sam Ntuli was shot dead by unknown gunmen yesterday.

SAP spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said an occupant of an unmarked Toyota Cressida fired shots from an AK-47 rifle at Mr Ntuli as he stood in a street in Thokoza on the East Rand.

Mr Ntuli died instantly.

There were no reports of other injuries in the shooting, which took place about 11.45am.

Cast president Mr Moses Mayekiso yesterday blamed hit squads for Mr Ntuli's death, saying it could be linked to the "targeting" of the democratic movement's leadership.

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela claimed Mr Ntuli's murder was proof "that death squads still operate".

He said the ANC held the government responsible for "the culture of violence that has seized South Africa".

Ms Zora Ebrahim, national coordinator of the National Interim Civics Committee in Cape Town, said: "Sam was directly involved in many activities to improve the quality of life for ordinary people. In the course of this his life has been taken."

Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza yesterday said the IFP was "appalled" by Mr Ntuli's death, "more especially since the Peace Accord has been signed and all parties are trying to keep it working".

He said IFP supporter Mr Duma Mkhize was killed yesterday morning. — Own Correspondent and Sapa.

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Massacre: Man detained

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Police yesterday arrested and questioned 14 people — some of whom the ANC said were its members — in connection with the September 8 massacre of 23 people

One man is still being held and will be charged with murder, police said The others were released.

The Thokoza branch of the ANC Youth League said in a statement that it was indignant at the arrest of 11 of its members.

Police confirmed that the people referred to in the Youth League statement were the people who were arrested.

The Youth League condemned the arrests, coming so soon as they did after the slaying of Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary Mr Sam Ntuli in Thokoza on Sunday.

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Mr Ntuli had been engaged in talks with Inkatha Freedom Party members in Thokoza and he had written a draft accord which was designed to bring peace to the troubled area, Mr Dangor added.

However, Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze last night rejected the Cast allegations

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PATRICK BULGER

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Ntuli was engaged in talks with Inkatha Freedom Party members in Thokoza and he had already written a draft accord which was designed to bring peace to the troubled area, Dangor added.

Cast said in a statement the killers should be brought to trial, and the murder and harassment of civic leaders should be stopped.

LINDEN BIRNS reports that Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze last night rejected Cast allegations that yesterday's arrests, or the release of information about the arrests, was an attempt to divert attention away from the Ntuli murder.

"I can only say that the investigations and arrests are proof of our commitment to solving each and every crime and to the national peace accord," he said.

Reacting to the allegations that Ntuli's killers were linked to government, Kotze said that if Cast had any information on who murdered Ntuli it should pass it to the police for investigation.

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Ntuli killing: police given information

PATRICK BULGER

POLICE yesterday questioned a number of people who came forward with information on the killing of Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary Sam Ntuli, who was shot in Thokoza on Sunday.

Police said no arrests had been made in connection with the assassination.

Ntuli's death brings to at least 27 the number of government opponents who have died at the hands of experienced killers, whom the Human Rights Commission (HRC) last week alleged were professional hit squads in the pay of government.

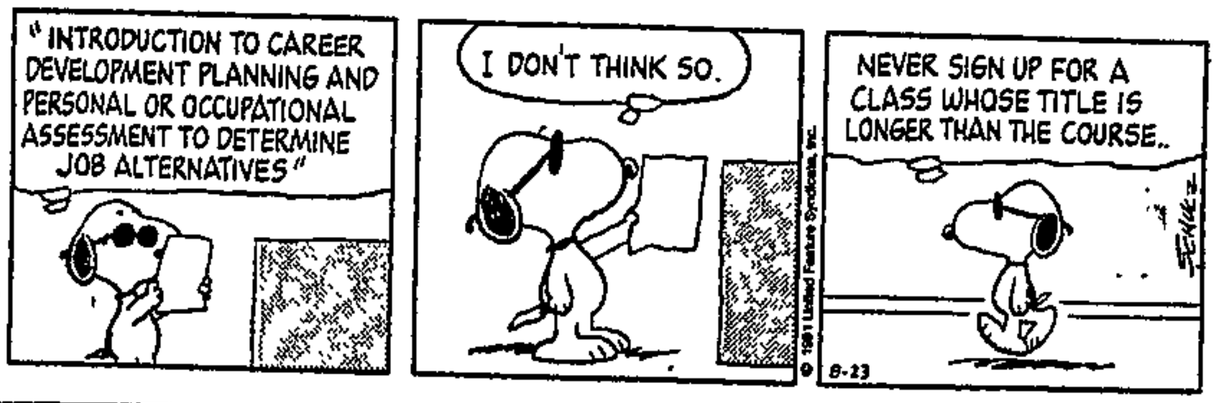
A police spokesman yesterday dismissed the HRC's claims. He said all allegations were investigated but as yet no information had been received to back up claims of hit squads.

Yesterday the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) — of which Ntuli was an organiser until earlier this year — said two of its organisers, Richard Ntuli and Mongezi Maputhi were being followed on a regular basis by unidentified men.

Numsa said it would urgently put the case before the Standing Commission on Violence.

THEO RAWANA reports ANC information director Pallo Jordan said the assassins were bent on sabotaging the peace accord.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz



4 at shebeen linked to Ntuli killing

By Stan Hlophe

The family of the assasinated general-secretary of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST) said yesterday they had no doubt that Sam Ntuli was killed by a hit squad or hired killers.

Mr Ntuli died in a hail of bullets on Sunday morning while driving down Khumalo Street in Tokoza on the East Rand.

Occupants of a car travelling in the opposite direction fired about 12 shots at the car, killing him instantly.

Mr Ntuli's father, James, said yesterday he believed the killers were hitmen. He recounted a "strange" occurrence shortly before his son's death.

Four men, unknown to James Ntuli, arrived at his shebeen.

"They bought two beers and, when offered glasses, they refused them. They consumed the beers like men who were in a hurry. They did not even finish their drinks."

Mr Ntuli said he was surprised by the strangers' unusual behaviour. They appeared to be on some sort of mission.

While the men were at the shebeen, Sam Ntuli drove off to a conference in Johannesburg.

"One of the men pointed at Sam while he was driving off. This made us more suspicious. I sent my son Bheki to follow these men but he lost track of them," said Mr Ntuli.

A short while later he was informed of Sam's death.

Mr Ntuli said his son's body was riddled with bullets and the car seats covered with blood.

"Witnesses said my son was confronted by occupants of a blue Toyota Cressida who pumped him with bullets. This goes without saying that these were professional killers who were hired to kill my son," Mr Ntuli said.

Earlier this year, Sam — who was also the Tokoza Civic Association chairman — narrowly escaped an assasination attempt when two handgrenades were thrown at his Mazibuko Street home, seriously injuring members of his family.

CAST president Moses Mayekiso has called for the speedy arrest of the assassins and an end to the violence that has gripped townships over the past month.

ANC president Nelson Mandela said the assassination was proof that death squads still operated. He blamed the Government for importing the death squads "that have been killing our brothers in Namibia".

Mr Ntuli (31) is survived by his pregnant wife Leah and five-year-old son Jabu. Funeral arrangements have not been finalised.

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8 hurt in attack on minibus

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

Eight passengers were wounded in an attack on a minibus in Tsakane near Brakpan on Sunday.

The SAP said seven of the wounded had been admitted to hospital.

Policemen found the vehicle abandoned.

They discovered that the minibus, a Toyota Cressida, had been stolen and had crashed after gunmen opened fire on the vehicle.

Three men have been arrested in connection with the shooting and police have taken possession of a firearm, cartridges and ammunition.

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Violence rocks W Tvl township

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Crime Staff

Police patrolled the strife-torn Reagile township, near Koster in the western Transvaal, yesterday after serious unrest at the weekend.

A police spokesman said there were at least 10 cases of arson, attempted murder and malicious damage to property in the township on Saturday and Sunday.

In the worst cases:

- A gang attacked two men who were standing on a street corner on Saturday afternoon. Abram Doy (21) was shot through the cheek and his companion, K K Moyo, was shot in the head. Both men were taken to the Leratong Hospital. Mr Moyo's condition was described as serious.
- An unidentified man was attacked by a gang armed with an AK-47 and pangas at about 9 am on Sunday. He was shot in the legs and his head was badly cut. He was admitted to the Leratong Hospital in a serious condition.
- A "prominent resident" of the township, whose name has not been released, was arrested yesterday when police found four AK-47s, a home-made shotgun and 26 rounds of AK-47 ammunition hidden in the ceiling of his house.
- Three houses were badly damaged in arson attacks yesterday morning. About R100 000 damage was caused.

Fewer unrest deaths since accord signed

Star 2/10/91

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

There has been a marked decrease in unrest-related deaths since the signing of the National Peace Accord on September 14, but police and the Human Rights Commission (HRC) cautioned yesterday that it was too soon to attribute the current lull in township violence to the peace initiative.

An estimated 163 people lost their lives countrywide last month and about 307 were injured, compared with 170 deaths and 278 injuries recorded by the HRC in August.

However, most of the deaths and injuries in September occurred in the first two weeks when Reef townships erupted and an estimated 126 people were killed and 266 injured.

In the last two weeks of the month — after the peace accord was signed — 37 deaths and 41 injuries were recorded.

A spokesman for the HRC said there certainly was no decline in hit squad activities, as demonstrated by the assassinations of .. ANC members in Natal on September 22 and the assassination of CAST general-secretary Sam Ntuli in Tokoza.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen said it was difficult to attribute the current relative lull in violence to the signing of the accord.

"There are times when violence decreases; then suddenly it flares up again. If things remain quiet for some time one might be able to say the accord has had an effect," she said.

In the first week of September, 61 people were killed and 93 injured, according to the HRC. The comparative figures for the second week were 65 deaths and 173 injuries, 19 deaths and 24 injuries in the third week and 18 deaths and 17 injuries in the last week of the month.

Mystery of Sam Ntuli's suspicious Zulu visitors

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A suspicious group of Zulu men visited the home of activist Sam Ntuli last Sunday morning. Minutes later he died in a fusillade of bullets. **WALLY MBHELE and GAVIN EVANS** report

MINUTES before Thokoza civic leader Sam Ntuli was murdered a group of "four traditional Zulus" visited his house, pointed at Ntuli when he left and departed in the same vehicle seen by witnesses at the scene of the killing.

This information was supplied to *The Weekly Mail* yesterday by James Ntuli, father of the slain African National Congress member, who added that the police had neglected to take any statement on this matter when he spoke to them on Sunday.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said Ntuli's father had been contacted and that the investigation was still proceeding. He said a statement had been taken from James Ntuli "two or three days ago".

Sam Ntuli, Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary, died when unknown gunmen fired a hail of automatic rifle fire at his car as he was driving down Khumalo street in Thokoza last Sunday.

The 31-year-old Thokoza Civic Association president was a key member of the ANC, a former National Union of Metal Workers organiser and one of the central figures in the peace negotiations with Inkatha, described by friends as a "man deeply committed to ending the violence in Thokoza".

The day before he died Ntuli had a meeting with local Inkatha officials to set a date for the implementation of the Peace Accord in the area.

According to James Ntuli and Cast activists, the assassins drove in the same a blue Toyota Cressida which had visited the Ntulis at their Mazibuko Street home only minutes before he was gunned down (although, according to the police, the killers were seen in a blue Ascona).

"I told the police about these traditional (from a rural area) Zulus who came looking for beer at my house and then left at the same time Sam left. While Sam was walking away they pointed him out to others, and then departed in the blue Cressida. The police refused to take that information when I supplied it to them," said James Ntuli.

Asked why the police declined to take the statement, Ntuli said "they seemed uninterested because I said I did not know the men".

He said the men told him they were from Thwala section in the neighbouring Katlehong township and that they were just visiting Thokoza.

"As they drank they remained silent and this made me feel very suspicious about them. And we were all surprised that they came here for a beer."

Sam Ntuli, according to his father, was still enjoying a bath in his bedroom and was not aware that there were "strange" people in the house.

At 11.10am a fourth Zulu man entered the house and called his three companions outside.

"They suddenly stood up at the same time that Sam was leaving and said we can finish the beer that was left if we wanted to. As Sam got into his car I saw one of the men pointing a finger at him from behind his back.

"I called the neighbours but both cars had left when neighbours came and we were not able to take down the car's registration number," said the old man.

However, James Ntuli could tell *The Weekly Mail* that the men were driving a blue Cressida, which travelled in the same direction as his son's car.

Twenty minutes later, a grim message came that Sam Ntuli had been killed in his car in Khumalo Street.

According to James Ntuli and Cast members, witnesses to the killing said the assassins fired a fusillade of AK-47 fire from a blue Cressida with no registration number travelling in the opposite direction. They then made a U-turn and opened fire again.

This was at least the third attempt on his life this year. On March 31 a group of Zulu hostel dwellers came looking for him at his home. When they did not find him they dragged two women into Mshayazafe hostel, where they were stabbed and shot. One of the women died.

And on February 2 a hand grendade was thrown into his home, injuring four people.

●Ntuli's funeral will be held at Thokoza Stadium at 9am on Monday.

REVENGE

Pupils' day of rage

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

Sowetan 4/10/91

FOUR Soweto youths were still missing yesterday after their homes had been looted and burned down by rampaging Sekano-Ntoane High School pupils.

The pupils, allegedly on a revenge campaign, were looking for the four in connection with the fatal shooting of their schoolmate, Mr Spencer Musi (22) and his friend, Mr Tankiso Mouloa (19) in Phiri on Tuesday night.

Musi and Mouloa were shot dead in an incident allegedly involving the four youths.

Arson

A Soweto police spokesman said they were "on the lookout" for a suspect in a murder case. Arson dockets have also been opened.

The father of three of the missing youths, Mr David Xulu, said he last saw his sons on Tuesday and had received reports that one of them may have been shot dead.

"I am confused and angered by the attack on my home but I am very anxious about my boys. All I know is

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19 white schools for DET

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AT LEAST 19 redundant schools, previously reserved for whites, are to be transferred to the Department of Education and Training.

This was announced in a joint statement yesterday by the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, and of Housing and Works, General Magnus Malan, the Minister of Education and Training, Mr Sam de Beer, the Indian House of Delegates acting Minister of Education and Training, Dr JN Reddy, and the "coloured" House of Representatives Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Tommy Abrahams.

The statement said 29 unused schools would be transferred within 30 days to the various education departments.

The announcement follows a decision by the Government earlier this year that all schools no longer required by the white education department should continue to be used for education as far as was possible.

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4 youths go missing in attack

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that they were involved in a fight somewhere."

The pupils allegedly petrol-bombed Xulu's home before ramming a hijacked truck into it.

A relative of the other missing youth said his nephew was a friend of Spencer's and was last seen a few minutes before the shooting.

"When we went to investigate the sound of gunshots we only found my nephew's takkies," he said.

"We do not know where he is."

The revenge attacks have been condemned by Soweto's South African Democratic Teachers Union chairman and Sekano-Ntoane teacher Mr Veli Mnyandu as "an unfortunate incident that should be quelled".

He said: "There is a need for collective discipline. Parents, teachers and church leaders should play their roles in disciplining the children."

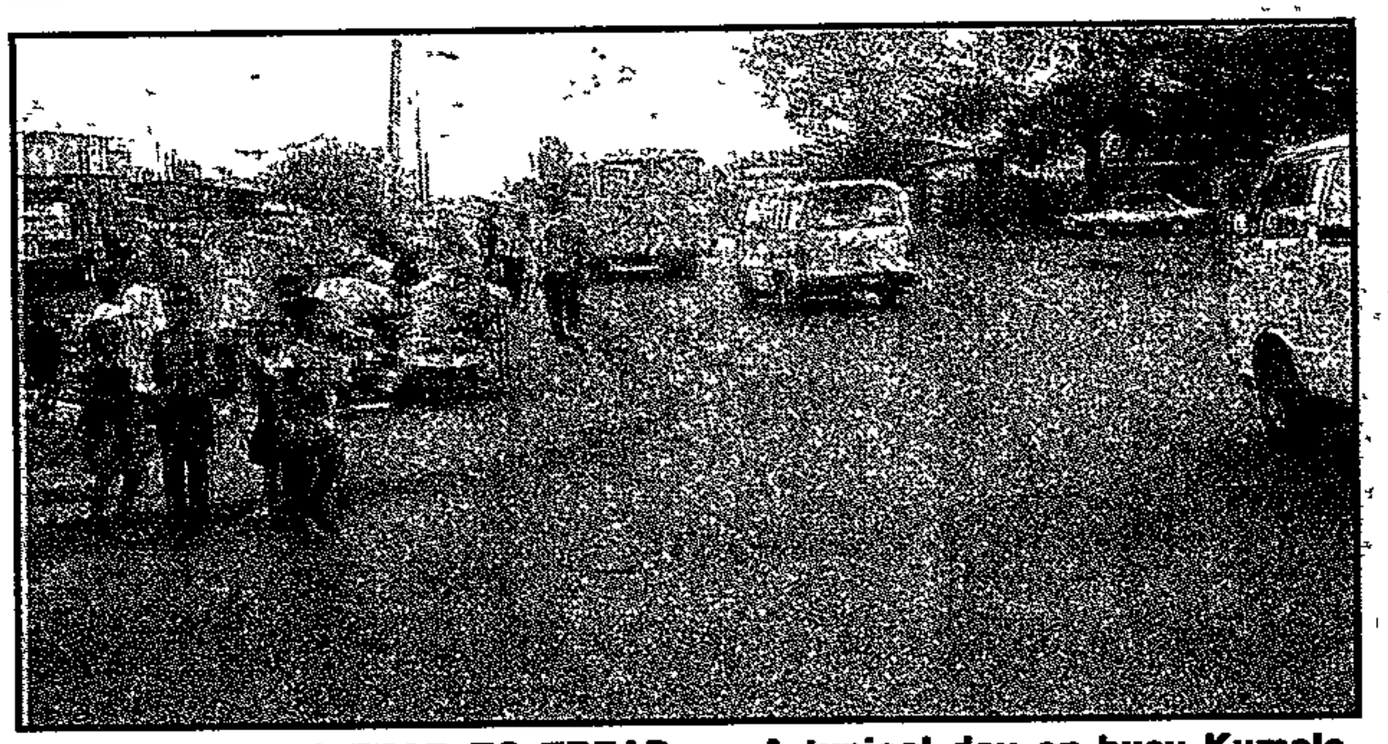
Mnyandu also called on students' organisations to address the situation and seek communication channels to prevent "such mishaps".

He added: "There should be effective structures to create understanding and be ready to intervene in actions similar to Wednesday's."

Sekano-Ntoane pupils made the headlines earlier this year when they hi-jacked and looted delivery vans to avenge the fatal shooting of schoolmate 16-year-old Maria Mokoena.

In another incident, Namedi High School pupils allegedly wreaked havoc in Zone 2, Diepkloof, when a car was burned and several houses damaged in a revenge attack against thugs who allegedly killed a pupil last week.

About three houses, said to be homes of the group which killed a schoolboy on Friday, were stoned and property damaged in the attack.



WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD ... A typical day on busy Kumalo Street. Suddenly violence will flare. ■ Pic: MIKE MZILENI

'Road to hell' where blood flows freely

By LEN KALANE

KUMALO Street is Thokoza's alley of death.

Some call it the road to hell.

Part of this 4 km strip of death was once a runway for a nearby airport before the township was established in the '50s. It is now Thokoza's main street.

The road also leads you to Phola Park, the notorious shackland which was the flashpoint of violence during pitched battles between ANC activists and Inkatha members early this year. Hundreds lost their lives in this squatter area.

The Phola Park battles would often spill over to Kumalo Street.

The street has become the battle zone of violence-plagued Thokoza.

Also in Kumalo Street is the "Mshayezafe" (beat him to death) hostel, which is thought to be an Inkatha stronghold. It is said that no enemy gets out alive once trapped inside.

Many people are known to have lost their lives inside the hostel's grey, drab dormitories.

Given this grim record, anyone who walks or drives down Kumalo Street does so at his own risk.

The street's latest casualty is Sam Ntuli, who died in a hail of AK-47 gunfire last Sunday.

It was also on a Sunday afternoon, early last month, that three men armed with AK-47 rifles walked calmly out of the yard of a house in Kumalo Street and shot at an advancing band of Inkatha supporters on their way to a rally.

The attack lasted for a few minutes after which 23 bodies and 22 injured people lay strewn on the tarmac. An ugly scene for a Sunday afternoon.

A few days later there was another Kumalo Street drama. Someone pretending to be boarding an early bus transporting workers lobbed a hand-grenade inside the bus. It exploded, killing four passengers and injuring several others.

The bus had stopped at a terminus next to the "Mshayezafe" hostel.

The bus drama on the morning of September 10 was followed by bursts of gunfire from the direction of the hostel, breaking the silence of dawn.

Kumalo Street is a very busy road in every sense – bustling with activity; so full of life, so full of death.

Paul Medupe Mpela, 79, has seen it all. His house is among the row of matchbox structures adorning the sides of the road. His just happens to be opposite the "Mshayezafe" hostel.

"This is Kumalo Street, my boy," he acknowledged. "Here, boys are separated from men."

But he is not afraid, he says.

"I was a toughie in my time. What I now see happening here does not scare me at all. Had I been younger I would have been part of it I would probably have been killed by now. My kids are grateful I have grown old."

But tough-talking Mpela admits it sometimes gets scary.

"The other day I saw four men going down at once under a hail of bullets. Their bodies lay for hours right in front of my yard. Now that was unbearable.

"You need guts to live in Kumalo Street – and guts I do have. I am not contemplating moving house," he declared.

FAMILY MAN ... Sam Ntuli with wife Leah and their son, Jabu.

Ntuli was an active member of the ANC Thokoza branch and was president of the local civic organisation, an organiser of Numsa and the secretary of Cast.

He was assassinated in dramatic style, in broad daylight.

A car drove past him, and he was blasted by a volley of AK-47 gunfire. Then the car turned around and another burst of gunfire was aimed at him before the car sped away. About 12 AK-47 bullets hit Ntuli, who slumped dead behind the wheel of his car. Another Kumalo Street tragedy.

Cast and other democratic organisations have said they will not rest until the perpetrators "of this dastardly act are apprehended".

A co-ordinating committee statement said: "In this regard we have begun our investigations. We reject with contempt the insinuation that the death of Sam Ntuli is not a political assassination."

Ntuli's memorial service will be held at the Thokoza Auditorium today at 2 pm. Speakers will include key ANC, SACP, Cosatu, civic and church leaders.

The funeral service will be held at the Thokoza stadium tommorrow at 9 am. Joe Slovo and Jay Naidoo are expected to speak.

Ironically, Thokoza stadium is in Kumalo Street.

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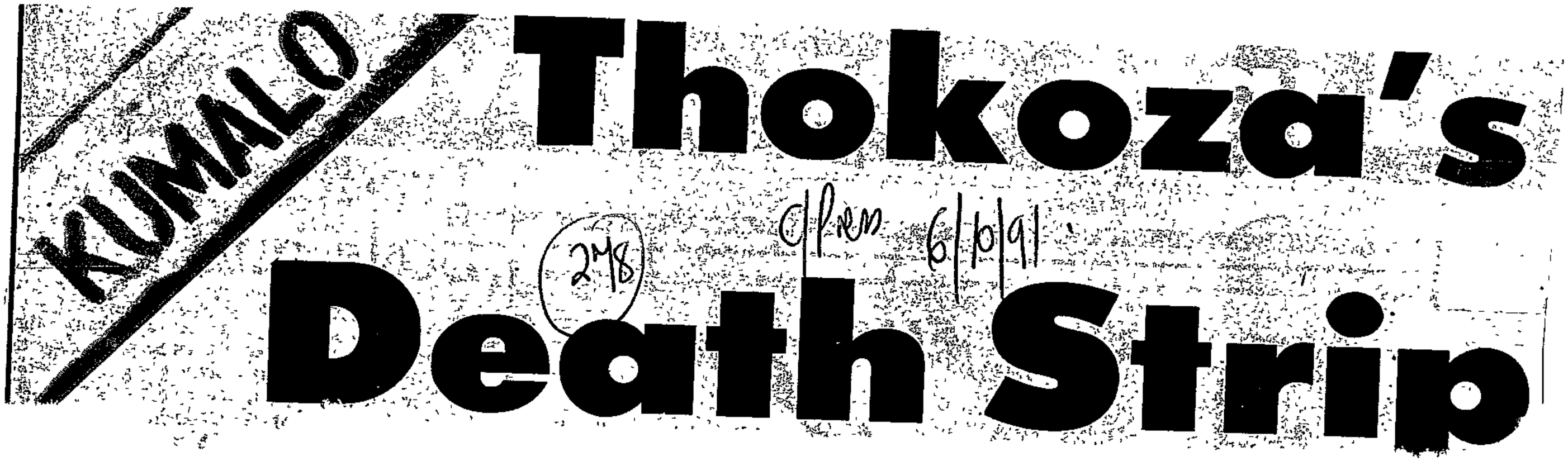
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'My husband often feared for his life,' pregnant widow

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AS murdered civic leader Sam Ntuli's widow grieved for her slain husband this weekend, she waited for the birth of their second child.

Leah Ntuli, 27, is nine months' pregnant. She was staying with her parents in Tsakane on the East Rand in preparation for the birth when she received news of her husband's assassination last Sunday.

Mr Ntuli, general secretary of the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal and chairman of the Thokoza Civic Association, was gunned down in a hail of AK-47 bullets, not far from the scene of the recent Thokoza massacre.

SHRAPNEL

The last time Mrs Ntuli saw her 31-year-old husband was the Thursday before when he visited her in Tsakane. Already the proud parents of a lively three-year-old son, Jabu, the couple, who were married four years ago, were counting the days to the birth of their second baby.

Instead, this week a shattered Mrs Ntuli mourned with her husband's family at her father-in-law's home in Mazibuko Street in Thokoza.

One front room of the tiny house had walls pocked with shrapnel and a shattered television set in one corner — evidence of a previous attempt on Mr Ntuli's life in February this year.

Five people, including Mr Ntuli's nine-year-old niece Mbali, were injured in the February attack when three unknown men hurled two hand-grenades at the house. Mr Ntuli was out at the time.

In March he had a second narrow escape when a group of hostel dwellers went searching for him. When they could not find him they dragged out two women in Mshayazafe hostel, killing one and critically injuring the other.

"My husband often used to worry that his life was in danger," said Mrs Ntuli.

"He did not mention his fear to me because he did not want to frighten me, but I used to overhear him talking to his friends."

Because his wife was away, Mr Ntuli spent Friday and Saturday sleeping at his family's home.

On Saturday, Cast president Mr Moses Mayekiso met Mr Ntuli and other officials to prepare for talks with financial institutions.

"He was a warm and diligent man who worked 24 hours a day," said Mr Mayekiso. "His death is a blow to the trade union, civic and political movements."

The same day, Mr Ntuli met local Inkatha officials to set a date to talk about implementing the peace accord in Thokoza.

"He hoped that peace could be restored," said Mr Mbongeni Radebe, of the Thokoza ANC Youth League, who saw him afterwards.

On Sunday morning Mr Ntuli was washing in the bedroom when four strangers, who said they were from Katlehong, arrived at the house looking for beers.

IN MOURNING ... Leah Ntuli with son Jabu **Picture: JOE SEFALE**

Report: CHARIS PERKINS ● Pictures: JOE SEFALE

His father, Mr James Ntuli, gave the men two beers.

"As Sam left, they suddenly stood up and went outside leaving the unfinished beer on the table," he said. "They pointed at him and then disappeared in a blue Cressida.

"I was worried and called the neighbours but we did not have time to take down the car's registration number."

Twenty minutes later, about 11.30am, 62-year-old Mr Ntuli learnt that his eldest son was dead. Witnesses said they saw the assassins in a blue Cressida open fire on Mr Ntuli with AK-47 rifles.

A police spokesman said 12 shots were fired from a blue Ascona. The police have offered a R20 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the assassins.

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Mr Ntuli's younger brother, 26-year-old Mr Fundile Ntuli, said he had always feared for Sam's life. "He told me he was afraid to move around. It seemed to me only a matter of time before he would be killed."

Mr Mayekiso said Mr Ntuli's "tireless anti-apartheid work" had made him an obvious target. "He was hated by the security police, by local councillors and by Inkatha," he said.

He predicted large stayaways on the East Rand on Monday, the day scheduled for the funeral. "People are touched and angered about his death," he said.

cess said she would fix it.
Later, Di was given a feathered cap and uniform and made an honorary scout.

Squatter shot dead on farm

By DE WET POTGIETER

A MAN was shot dead and another wounded in a shootout near a squatter camp this week.

The shooting took place after 10 squatters from the Majakaneng camp between Brits and Rustenburg allegedly attacked three 16-year-old school boys on a farm in the Bokfontein district while they were out hunting.

Police said that after the attack the owner of the farm accompanied the boys to the scene of the incident.

While he was at the scene he was allegedly attacked by two men with a chain. He shot and killed one of them and wounded the other.

Charges of murder and attempted murder were laid against the farmer who, in turn, laid charges of attempted murder. No one was arrested and the cases will be handed to the attorney-general.

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Money cause of killings - callers

OPPRESSED people who opened themselves to exploitation by accepting bribes to assassinate their own leaders should be wary of the motives of people not interested in peace in this country.

This was said by callers to the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback Show yesterday.

They blamed Government agents and "other forces" for master-minding the assassinations.

Some callers, however, blamed blacks for "being greedy for money" by accepting bribes from whites to kill their own people.

Alpheus of Soweto said: "Our people should stop being greedy for money. It is senseless and irresponsible for our people to open themselves to abuse by our enemies because we are the sufferers."

Morakile of Sebokeng said blacks knew who their enemies were.

"We should stop accepting bribes from them. They are the very people who do not want to accept changes in the country," he said.

He, however, said the "root cause" for this was unemployment which led to poverty.

This, he said, was created by apartheid.

Paul Ngubeni of Tokoza said: "People must learn from incidents like Ntuli's killing and should avoid being bought into carrying out these acts."

He said there should be grassroots campaigns to educate the people on issues in the country today.

Violence claims at least 18 lives

Chaos erupts in Thokoza after funeral

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JONATHON REES

AT least 18 people were killed in Thokoza township yesterday as violence flared after thousands of East Rand residents turned out for community leader Sam Ntuli's funeral.

Police and the SADF rushed reinforcements to the area last night. SAP spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said 18 bodies had been found by 7pm, and at least 12 people had been injured.

He said it appeared the occupants of an unidentified vehicle had driven around the township firing on mourners returning home from the funeral.

An abandoned AK-47 was found in the area yesterday. Opperman said no arrests had been made and the situation was tense.

Most of the victims had been shot or stabbed. Opperman told Sapa the "majority of the dead were Xhosas", and the bodies had been "scattered" throughout the township.

About 15 000 mourners at Ntuli's funeral heard militant calls for the establishment of self-defence units to curb the violence that speakers placed squarely at the door of government.

Ntuli, the general secretary of the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal, was gunned down near his Thokoza home by unknown persons eight days ago.

After the burial, thousands of residents streamed past Thokoza's two Inkatha-supporting hostels, brandishing an assortment of crude weapons and exchanging taunts with hostel-dwellers.

Scores of police and SADF armoured vehicles stood between the groups, but proved unable to prevent another upsurge of violence in the township where hundreds have died this year.

At about 5pm, a volley of shots sent residents running for cover, while a small group of armed squatters attacked five taxis. The body of a man was found nearby.

Police used teargas to disperse a mob that tried to stop them confiscating two licensed firearms outside the stadium.

At the funeral service, Umkhonto we Sizwe commander-in-chief Joe Modise called for firearm licences to be distributed to members of township defence units.

ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba told the cheering crowd that townships should once again be made "ungovernable" so government could not dictate the pace of the liberation struggle.

He castigated ANC members who allowed attacks on residents to succeed.

"We expect them to return fire with fire and bullets with bullets."

Speaker after speaker condemned the presence of police and the SADF in townships, saying government's security forces should be replaced by the ANC's defence units.

ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa repeated calls for an interim government, saying President F W de Klerk's government would continue to rule for not more than another year.

□ Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said yesterday members expressed their sympathy and condolences to Ntuli's family, Sapa reports.

...ense night in ..okoza and ..Katlehong after violence erupts

18 slain as Ntuli buried

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At least 18 people were killed and 12 injured when violence erupted in Tokoza and Katlehong on the East Rand during the funeral of slain East Rand civic leader Sam Ntuli yesterday

The situation at the Natalspruit Hospital was chaotic last night as injured people continued to be admitted after the violence.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said police had found 18 bodies by 7 pm, with a further 12 people injured.

He said the violence occurred after about 12 000 people left the funeral and marched from Tokoza to Katlehong. It has also been alleged that several of the mourners were shot from passing vehicles.

Yesterday afternoon The Star saw the bodies of nine victims being loaded, at the Tokoza police station, into a van bound for the mortuary

A senior policeman at the station, Brigadier Jaap Venter, said there had been "enough manpower" to maintain law and order during the funeral. He said the victims had been killed in isolated incidents.

Earlier in the day thousands of mourners packed Tokoza Stadium to pay their last respects to Mr Ntuli.

A heavy police and army contingent formed a human wall between the residents and anxious hostel dwellers as the throng marched from the stadium to the cemetery

Then the unidentified occupants of a minibus apparently opened fire on the unguarded people at the tail end of the march, wounding three men, two of whom died at the Natalspruit Hospital.

One man was killed later and more than 10 people were injured at the Katlehong/Tokoza taxi rank when a group of blanket-clad men opened fire on commuters returning from work.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said last night the organisation had eye-witness accounts that a minibus with armed men inside drove to the graveside and opened fire on mourners

"There were many policemen at the scene, some were in helicopters, but nothing was done to pursue the killers," Ms Marcus said.

Captain Opperman denied the charges "There was no firing near the graveside The incidents happened all over Tokoza We were there to protect mourners and we succeeded," he said

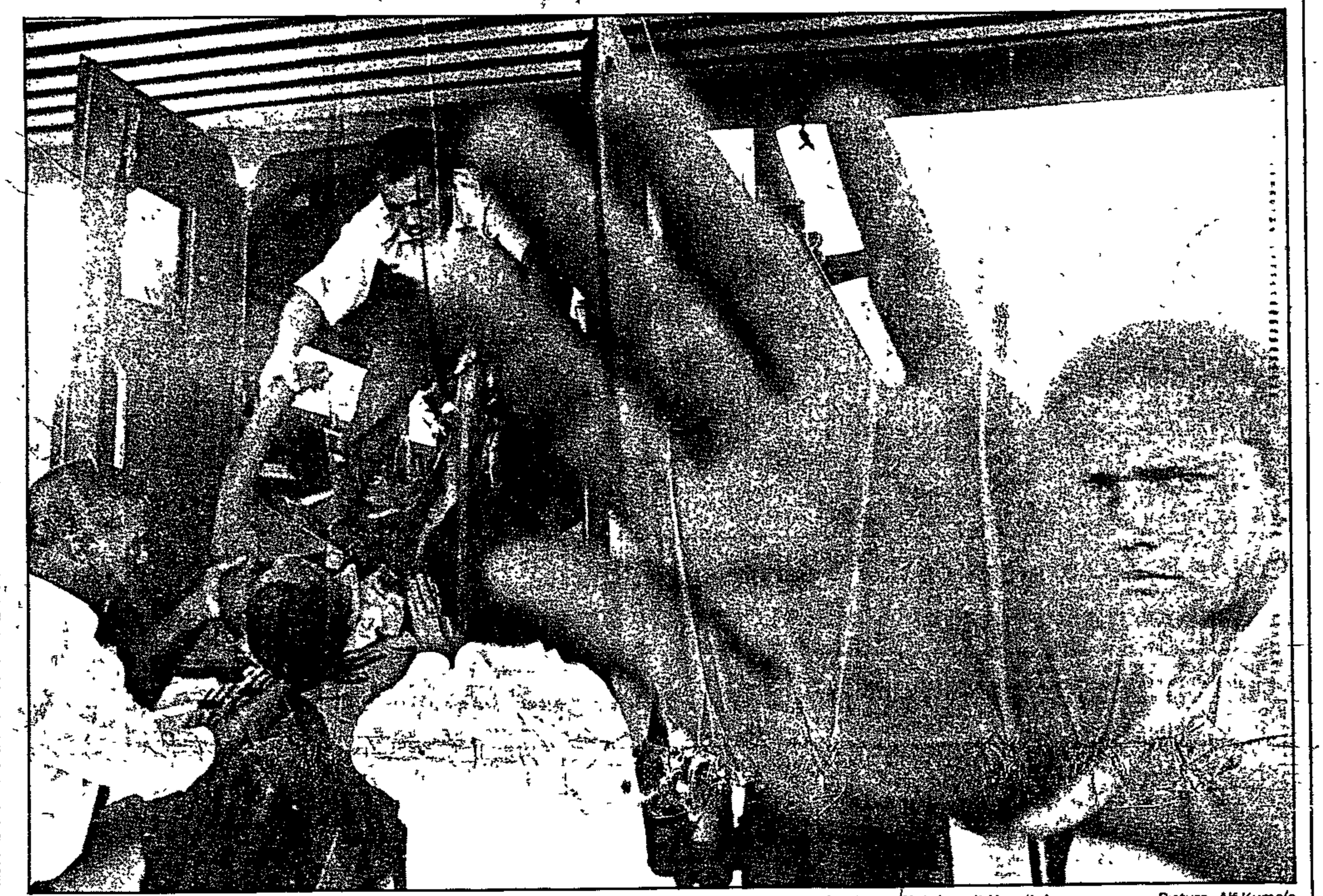
At the funeral speakers from the ANC Cosatu Nactu, Azapo and the SACP cast doubt on the Government's commitment to the peace accord, and blamed Mr Ntuli's murder on the "State's private armies"

SACP general-secretary Joe Slovo said "I want to send a message to President de Klerk that we refuse to live in the slaughter-house which is South Africa"

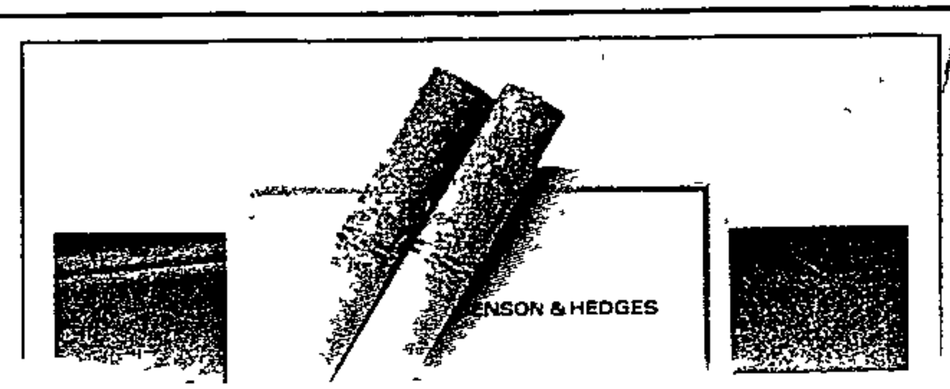
Speakers called for the mobilisation of street committees and the building of defence units, because the Government had failed to protect residents.

The president of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal, Kgaps Mosunkutu, said residents had to have firearms to defend themselves from possible attacks

"In each street there must be a gun he said



No pictures here . . . a policeman tries to block the camera as bodies of men killed in Tokoza are unloaded at Natalspruit Hospital. Picture Alf Kumalo



MOURNER: A mourner with a home-made axe makes his way home after the funeral of assassinated ANC member and community leader Mr Sam Ntuli.

East Rand carnage as gunmen strike

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The latest Reef carnage was sparked by unidentified gunmen who opened fire from moving vehicles on crowds leaving the funeral of murdered East Rand civic leader Sam Ntuli.

Witnesses described how gunmen mowed people down without warning. Shootings and stabbings throughout the township yesterday left a known 18 dead and 12 injured, police said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the violence occured when about 12 000 people marched from Tokoza to Katlehong after the burial of Mr Ntuli, 31, who died last week in a fusillade of bullets.

A heavy police and army contingent formed a human wall between the residents and anxious hostel dwellers who stood in strategic positions as the throng marched past township hostels.

Then the unidentified occupants of a white minibus opened fire on the unguarded people at the tail end of the march, wounding three men, two of whom died at Natalspruit Hospital.

One man was killed later and more than 10 people injured at the Katlehong/Tokoza taxi rank when a group of blanket-clad men opened fire on commuters.

"Our leaders have signed the peace accord, but it seems nothing will really work with this violence continuing," said one taxi driver at the rank.

Yesterday afternoon nine bodies were sent from Tokoza police station to the mortuary. A senior policeman at the station, Brigadier Jaap Venter, said there had been "enough manpower" to maintain law and order during the funeral.

Today the area was calm.

Speakers at the funeral from the ANC, Cosatu, Nactu, Azapo and the South African Communist Party cast doubt on government commitment to the peace accord.

They laid the blame for Mr Ntuli's death at the doorstep of security forces and the state's "private armies" such as the CCB, hit-squads, vigilantes, foreign mercenaries and returning soldiers recruited from Koevoet and the Five Reconnaissance Regiment.

SACP general secretary Joe Slovo said: "I want to send a message to President de Klerk that we refuse to live in the slaughterhouse which is South Africa."

He said the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance was commited to the peace accord, but expressed doubt about the government keeping its word because "we deal with a structure infected with the past".

Speakers called for the mobilisation of street committees and the building of defence units because the government had failed to protect residents from armed attacks.

The president of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal, Kgaps Mosunkutu, said residents must be armed to defend themselves.

Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise accused the government of having embarked on a "sinister" strategy to keep the ANC talking of peace while it destabilised the organisation.

Three policemen murdered by gunmen on Rand

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Three policemen have been murdered and another wounded by gunmen on the Witwatersrand.

A Flying Squad constable was killed and his partner wounded when a gang with automatic weapons pumped bullets into their car in Corlett Drive, Illovo, last night.

Constable Steven Oosthuizen, 20, died of multiple chest wounds in Johannesburg Hospital and Lance-Sergeant J Jacobs, 20, was wounded in the chest and shoulder after investigating a robbery.

Five men with knives and automatic weapons broke into the Otto Street, Illovo, home of Mr William Liquorish at 7.30pm and held the family and friends at gunpoint.

They ransacked the house, stealing money, jewellery and two guns, firing shots inside the house and terrorising the family.

A servant escaped, set off a silent alarm and ran to a shopping centre to telephone the police.

First on the scene was Phillip Schoeman, 32, of Sandton Sentry, who answered an emergency call from the Liquorish family at 7.52pm. The Flying Squad arrived moments later and the fleeing robbers opened fire on Constable Oosthuizen and Sergeant Jacobs.

The gunmen jumped over a wall, ran to the Wanderers golf course and escaped. In a second murder Germiston traffic officer Richard Neil Cousins, 25, was gunned down by occupants of a minibus when he pulled their vehicle off the Black Reef Road in Alberton.

Officer Cousins was found by Officer Christiaan Kruger lying next to his motorcycle. He died in the Willem Cruywagen Hospital.

In Jabulani, Soweto, Detective-Constable B Lesiba was robbed and murdered by unknown assailants late on Sunday night.

Constable Lesiba had stopped his police vehicle next to a house when several shots were fired at him. He drove away but died behind the wheel two blocks away.

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18 killed after (27) Sam Ntuli burial

AT LEAST 18 people were killed and scores injured when gunmen opened fire from moving vehicles on mourners returning from Mr Sam Ntuli's funeral in Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said an abandoned AK-47 rifle was found next to one of the bodies picked up by police.

No arrests had been made at the time of going to press

Natalspruit Hospital could yesterday not comment on casualties admitted.

Opperman said the random shooting, which occurred throughout the township, had apparently started earlier in the day

He said police found six bodies between 11.30am and 6pm. This happened while Ntuli's funeral service was on at Tokoza Stadium.

"The heaviest casualties were reported in the evening when gunmen in moving vehicles indiscriminately opened fire at people from the funeral

He said 12 bodies were later found at different places about 7pm

"It is a bit confusing to tell if all those who died were from the funeral because the attack was widespread throughout the township," Opperman said.

Opperman said the violence occurred when more than 12 000 people left the funeral and marched from Tokoza to Katlehong

A large contingent of police and South African Defence Force members moved into the area.

"The area is very tense and a large number of police and the SADF have been sent in," Opperman said.

By KENOSI MODISANE and Sapa

DON SEOKANE reports that at the funeral itself at Tokoza Stadium speakers from different political, labour and civic organisations accused the Government of operating and sponsoring hit squads.

The funeral, one of the biggest ever held in the township, was attended by officials from the African National Congress, the South African Communist Party, the Azanian Peoples Organisation, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the National Council of Trade Unions and the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal

Speakers called for an interim government, a national strike against Value Added Tax and the formation of defence units

ANC general secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa told mourners that the national strike against VAT early next month would be President FW de Klerk's "worst nightmare"

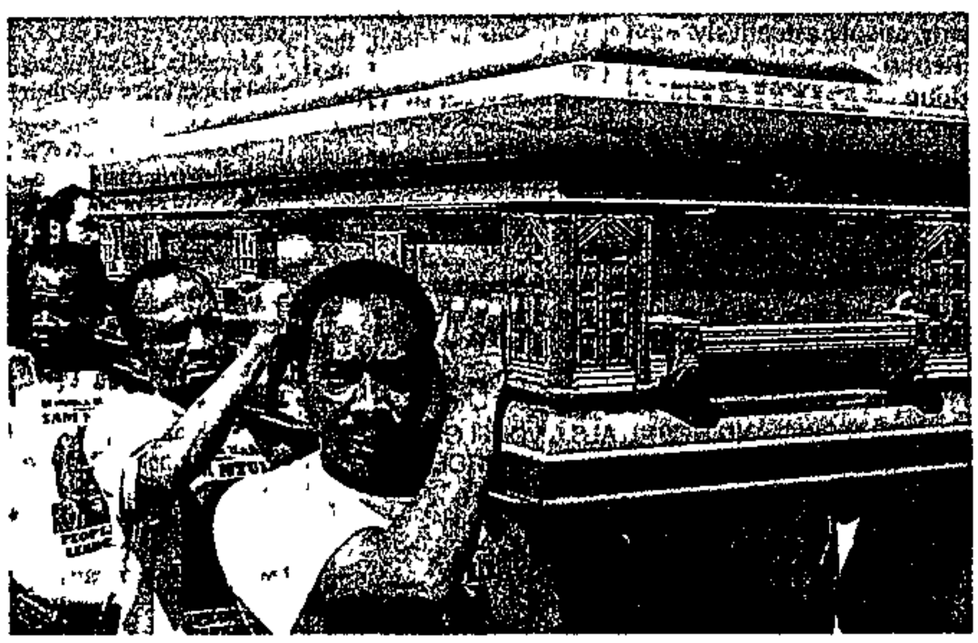
Paying tribute to Ntuli, he said "As we bury him today, we should bury De Klerk's government tomorrow".

Cosatu general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo appealed to the people to mobilise against VAT

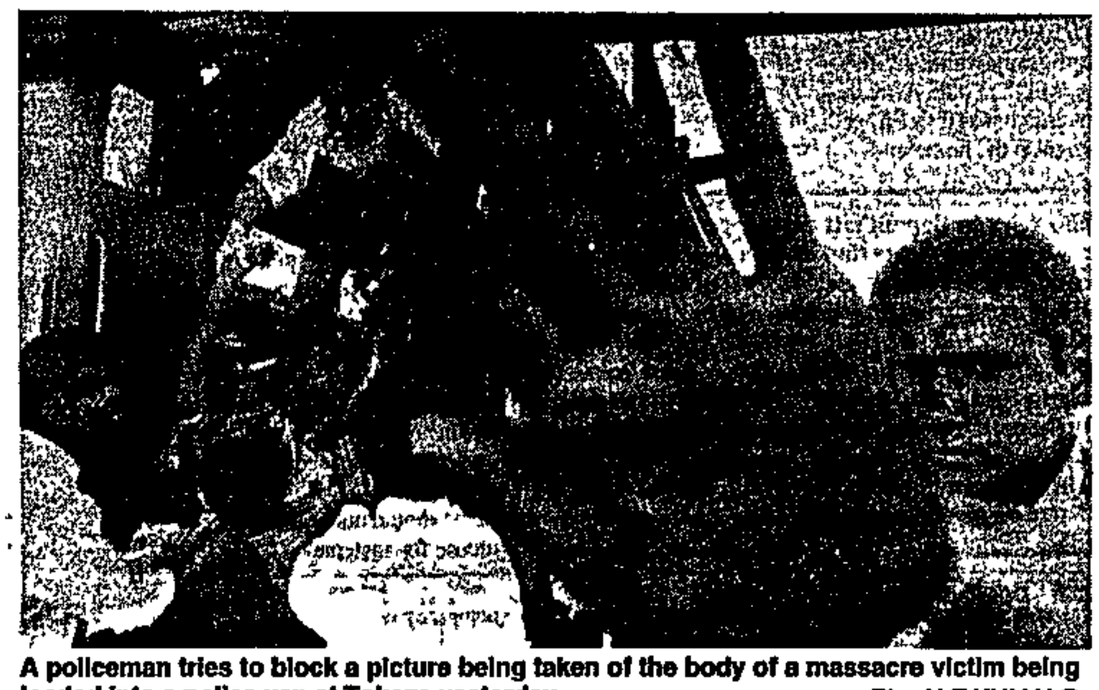
Civic leaders Mr Ali Tleane and Mr Kgabisi Mosunkutu reiterated the call for the formation of defence units

Tleane called on members of "liberation armies" to ignore all the agreements that had been signed with the Government.

Mosunkutu, who is vice-president of Cast, said each street should have a gun to defend the people



Mourners carry the coffin of slain civic leader Sam Ntuli at yesterday's funeral in Tokoza. The funeral was attended by leaders of political, civic and labour organisations and about 10 000 other people. Pic MBUZENI ZULU



A policeman tries to block a picture being taken of the body of a massacre victim being loaded into a police van at Tokoza yesterday Pic ALF KUMALO

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Urgent calls for end to Reef violence

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MAJOR organisations have called for a range of measures to stop the violence, including the immediate implementation of the National Peace Accord.

Meanwhile, the National Peace Committee structured last week to implement the accord was still trying to hold an urgent meeting to address the latest carnage in Tokoza which claimed 19 lives on Monday

By SONTI MASEKO and THEMBA MOLEFE

Mr Themba Khoza of the Inkatha Freedom Party said: "What has happened is a major reason for all political organisations to move quickly to implement the peace accord."

Khoza appealed to church, community and political leaders to refrain from making inciting and inflammatory statements.

A joint statement by the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal, the ANC and Cosatu said if the accord was to be of any value to the people on the ground, "killing talk" must stop.

The PAC's Ms Patricia de Lille said: "This again vindicates the position of the PAC that even though the peace accord was signed the violence still continues because the accord failed to identify the causes of the violence."

Azapo publicity secretary Mr Strini Moodley called on liberation movements to "move urgently towards the establishment of the Patriotic Front".

SAP public relations head Brigadier Bernie Mostert appealed to communities to co-operate more with the police.

Cops shot 4 at burial, ANC claim

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC and aligned organisations yesterday alleged that police had shot dead at least four of the 18 mourners killed after community leader Mr Sam Ntuli's funeral in Thokoza on Monday.

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These organised clandestine groups were not linked to to any of the Peace Accord signatories and were intent on disrupting the peace process, the source said.

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Death squads could be eradicated only with special security measures adopted by a new government acting under a constitution acceptable to the majority of the people.

There would be too much criticism and no effective community co-operation if the current government moved to stop the violence with the full force at its disposal.

It was therefore vital that constitutional negotiations got going and were completed as soon as possible, the source said.

DP Law and Order spokesman Mr Peter Gastrow said the Thokoza killings undermined the authority of the Peace Accord while it was still in its weakest phase — existing as a written document without its supporting structures in place.

The credibility of the Accord was further damaged the longer it took to institute the proposed standing commission of inquiry into violence, Mr Gastrow said.

Police accused of killing four after burial

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BILLY PADDOCK and JONATHON REES

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The ANC, Cosatu and Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) told a news briefing yesterday that police in two armoured Casspirs had acted with unknown attackers roaming Katlehong and Thokoza townships on Monday evening.

They claimed police tried to reduce the impact of their alleged role in the killing by saying people had died in isolated incidents

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Police

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Monday's deaths, they said, were characterised by the same professionalism evident in the assassination of Ntuli.

The killers were clearly professionals as most of the dead had been shot in the neck or head. AK-47, R-1 and R-4 cartridges had been found, they said.

The ANC said it remained committed to the peace accord. Spokesman Sakkie Macozoma said his organisation would not allow perpetrators of violence to push the organisation to abandon the accord.

Macozoma stressed the ANC was opposed to people carrying weapons, but said it was difficult to persuade people to lay down their arms when they were offered no security from attack.

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Opperman said there had been enough police on duty in Thokoza on Monday to handle "any eventuality".

Cosatu spokesman Amos Masondo said police were clearly not doing their job and had shown bias in handling the violence.

Cast vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkutu said police were clearly unable to carry out their work effectively. Cast, he said, would welcome people's militias if they were able to protect the community.

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Top clerics due in SA

PATRICK BULGER

A MAJOR church conference to examine the role of the church in SA's transformation would coincide with a visit by the general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), the director of the Programme to Combat Racism, Barney Pityana, said yesterday.

Pityana said the conference would be attended by church leaders from 20 countries, as well as representatives of all SA churches. It would also examine the relationship between the churches and SA's political movements.

The conference, scheduled for Cape Town later this month, will be addressed by WCC general secretary Emilio Castro and will concentrate on how the churches analyse the SA situation and how the international church community could co-operate with SA churches.

"It is significant in that the WCC is coming to SA for the first time since 1960," Pityana said.

Peace stamp

CAPE TOWN — Nearly 300 de gates will attend today's "t violence summit" — the m ambitious attempt yet to reso a protracted war which h claimed scores of lives, disrupt the local economy and caus endless hardship for towns residents.

Jointly organised by Cape T Mayor Frank van der Velde and glican Archbishop of Cape Town D mond Tutu, the summit could re in the setting up of a violence m toring commission in terms of national peace accord, it was pre ed yesterday.

Police Divisional Commissio General Nic Acker greeted this caution, saying he was still "awa NPA guidelines from Pretoria" would not rule out the possibili

He emphasised that a joint A police forum was already oper in terms of the Groote Schuur Mi

Among those attending the conference at the civic centre's be Cape Administrator Kobus

Firearms haul averted massacre, say police

JONATHON REES

SOWETO police say they averted a massacre at the weekend when public co-operation helped them to smash an arms ring and seize 11 AK-47 rifles, 13 loaded magazines and two VZOR Czechoslovakian machine pistols.

A further 17 illegal firearms were seized in the township last week after information was provided by residents, said SAP Soweto spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn.

A total of 375 AK-47 rounds and 45 pistol rounds were seized.

Halgryn said the tip-off had led police to a private home where the weapons were found. Three men were arrested and would appear in court today on charges of illegal possession of firearms.

He said police believed the suspects had planned further weapons deals, which involved a smuggling syndicate specialising in stealing cars on the Reef and trading them for arms in neighbouring states.

Police had worked 720 man-hours on the case and had travelled more than 6 000km, which included a trip to Natal to net three stolen vehicles, Halgryn said.

Members of the vehicle theft and firearms units in Natal had aided the investigation.

Halgryn said township residents were "sick and tired of the bloodshed" and were regularly phoning the police to provide information on illegal arms.

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soon have bulletproof compartments.

Brigadier Frik Kellerman, head of the Peninsula's Police Reaction Unit. Among others to attend are delegates

cord principles to the taxi war.

A date will be set for progress reports.

Cops shot 4 at burial, ANC claim

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC and aligned organisations yesterday alleged that police had shot dead at least four of the 18 mourners killed after community leader Mr Sam Ntuli's funeral in Thokoza on Monday.

Police immediately denied the allegations. Spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman appealed for eyewitnesses claiming police involvement to test their allegations in a court of law.

Meanwhile, a highly placed government source said yesterday that it was clear there were various well-organised and professional groups operating in townships, signalling for the first time government acknowlegement that a "third force" (or forces) might exist.

These organised clandestine groups were not linked to any of the Peace Accord signatories and were intent on disrupting the peace process, the source said.

The source said there was no effective mechanism in the Peace Accord to combat or detect these groups.

Death squads could be eradicated only with special security measures adopted by a new government acting under a constitution acceptable to the majority of the people.

There would be too much criticism and no effective community co-operation if the current government moved to stop the violence with the full force at its disposal.

It was therefore vital that constitutional negotiations got going and were completed as soon as possible, the source said.

DP Law and Order spokesman Mr Peter Gastrow said the Thokoza killings undermined the authority of the Peace Accord while it was still in its weakest phase — existing as a written document without its supporting structures in place.

The credibility of the Accord was further damaged the longer it took to institute the proposed standing commission of inquiry into violence, Mr Gastrow said.

Who was wearing the blankets?

Behind the killings

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THE mystery surrounding Monday's massacre in Tokoza and Katlehong deepened yesterday as victims gave different accounts of who was responsible.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE and DON SEOKANE

Some of the victims interviewed at Natalspruit Hospital said they were attacked at a taxi rank near the hospital by a group of blanketed men returning from the funeral of Mr Sam

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dead in taxi rank shooting

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JOHANNESBURG. — Four men, one an assistant police constable, were shot dead at a central Johannesburg taxi rank, police said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman, Captain Eugene Opperman said a small group of men armed with an AK-47 rifle last night opened fire on four people at the minibus taxi rank on the corner of Anderson and Berea streets, east of the central business district.

Three men died in the parking area while the fourth ran into a nearby restaurant. The gunmen followed him and shot him in cold blood, Captain Opperman said.

The gumnmen escaped on foot.

He said one of the three men who died in the parking area was an assistant police constable who was off duty and apparently visiting Johannesburg.

Captain Opperman said the names of the dead would not be released until their next of kin had been informed.

Police initially could see no political motive for the shooting, but preliminary investigations seemed to indicate the shooting was part of a faction feud, he added. — Sapa.

4 shot dead in AK-47 attack

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Four men, one an off-duty policeman, were gunned down in Johannesburg last night by unidentified assailants.

Police said three died in a hail of AK-47 bullets at a taxi rank in City and Suburban; the fourth was pursued into a restaurant and shot.

Police rushed to the area but the killers slipped away on foot.

Preliminary investigations suggested a "faction feud".

The names of the dead have not been released. — Crime Staff.

Urgent bid to debate carnage in Tokoza

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By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

The National Peace Committee was yesterday involved in urgent efforts to convene an emergency meeting of its executive to discuss Monday's carnage in Tokoza.

But a peace committee source noted that it was difficult to address the latest outbreak of Reef violence since the National Peace Initiative mechanisms to address the violence had not yet been set up.

Amid police suggestions that Xhosa-speaking people had been targeted in the vicious attacks, and unsubstantiated claims that two people had been abducted into Zulu hostels, the ANC and the IFP cautiously refrained from blaming each other's supporters.

But the IFP slated as "killing talk" remarks by ANC executive member Peter Mokaba at Sam Ntuli's funeral that "we expect them to return fire with fire and bullets with bullets".

IFP spokesman Suzanne Vos said she was extremely alarmed by this remark.

But she said no signatory to the peace accord would dream of jeopardising the multiparty efforts to stop the violence.

"This kind of killing talk does not help the ANC, the IFP or any political party. Neither does it help township residents, who deserve to lead peaceful lives without constant harassment, fear and threats to their lives."

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma responded tersely: "With regard to the killing talk, it is killing bodies that we are concerned about."

But he added that the ANC was reluctant to imply that the IFP had been involved in the latest outbreak of Reef violence.

He commented: "Of course this is a threat to the National Peace Initiative. As long as the violence continues, people will become increasingly frustrated. But the peace accord was put in place to try to prevent this kind of violence."

Mr Macozoma said it was understandable that there would be general impatience because the peace initiative's mechanisms to address the violence were not yet in place.

Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel yesterday urged people not to see the Tokoza slayings and other recent violence as evidence that the peace accord was failing.

"Don't see it in that spirit. The peace accord is still in the process of being implemented," he told The Star.

Mr Kriel implicitly criticised the organisers of the funeral when he said: "Are we not creating points of conflict with big political meetings, funerals and so on?"

The killings also sparked a verbal row between the ANC and the police because of the ANC's expressed concern at the police's inability to prevent the violence.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said her organisation had eyewitness accounts that a minibus with armed men inside had driven to the graveside and opened fire on mourners.

"There were many policemen at the scene, some were in helicopters. But nothing was done to pursue the killers."

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said: "There was no firing near the graveside. The incidents happened all over Tokoza. We were there to protect mourners and we succeeded."

Victim . . . Patrick Motaung (21) was injured when gunmen entered a neighbour's house and opened fire.

Pictures: Herbert Mabuza

Shot victims blame SAP, SADF

By Thabo Leshilo Star 9/10/91

Two victims of Monday's wave of violence after the burial of slain activist Sam Ntuli in Tokoza on the East Rand have claimed that the SAP and the SADF were responsible for some of the shootings.

A total of 18 people died and more than 20 were injured in the violence, the worst since the signing of the peace accord.

David Ndiniso (44), of Natalspruit, told The Star from his Natalspruit Hospital bed yesterday that he had been shot in the arm by the police after leaving a neighbour's house at about 3 pm. (278)

After being shot, Mr Ndiniso confronted the policemen, and asked them: "Why did you shoot me?" The police told him men had committed a robbery in the area a few minutes previously.

"I don't understand why they shot me," he said.

He was taken to hospital by sympathetic taxi drivers.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday emphatically denied Mr Ndiniso's story. He said Mr Ndiniso had to make a sworn statement and then the police would investigate.

Captain Opperman said he had expected accusations of this nature after the violence.

He added that it was peculiar that this particular incident had not been seen by the media contingent in the area.

Father of three and Tokoza resident, Velile Msinelwa (42), said he was part of a group which was injured when "SADF members fired on mourners" returning from their home to Phola Park at about 6 pm.

SADF Witwatersrand Command spokesman Major Andrias Jordaan said the army was not aware of the incident, but promised to investigate.

Patrick Motaung (21), also being treated in hospital for injuries suffered during Monday's violence, said he had gone to a neighbour's house at the Ramokonopi West section, Katlehong, when three gunmen entered and opened fire with rifles without uttering a word. Two people died. He and two others were injured in the attack.

Holomisa Park squatter camp resident Mninawe Luphuwane (36) said he was shot in the chest and back when two men travelling in a blue Toyota Corolla shot at people at a taxi rank in Katlehong.

Bonginkosi Makhubu (22) of Tokoza lay writhing in pain from a bullet wound in the head and could not speak to the media.

He was one of the first two victims to be brought to the hospital. An assistant nurse at Natalspruit was also killed in the violence, staff at the hospital said.

Acting hospital superintendent Dr Ron Mitchell said most of the 23 people admitted to the hospital had bullet wounds. One of them died and the rest were in satisfactory condition.

Illegal badge . . . this Riot Squad sergeant, photographed in Tokoza on Monday after Sam Ntuli's funeral, is wearing the shoulder flash of the Rhodesian Police Anti-Terrorist Unit, in violation of SAP regulations. Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the matter would be investigated.

Picture: Alf Kumalo

Police reject funeral violence allegations

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By Stan Hlophe

Witwatersrand ANC, Cosatu and Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST) leaders yesterday accused the police and unknown professional killers of being responsible for the massacre of 18 people in Tokoza on Monday.

They alleged at a press conference in Johannesburg that police in Casspirs had assisted the killers, in four private vehicles, in ambushing people returning from the funeral of CAST general-secretary Sam Ntuli.

According to the statement issued at the conference, more than 20 people died and 26 were injured in the attack.

One of the injured, Thembeni Shongwe, a distant cousin of Mr Ntuli, said he was attacked by Tokoza hostel dwellers while he and three others were on their way to the funeral.

ANC spokesman and NEC member Saki Macozoma said: "Quite clearly the police were actively involved in the attack on the mourners. Police also prevented people from fleeing into the hospital yard and pushed them towards the attackers.

"Afterwards police sought to diminish the impact and importance of the incident and argued that people died in isolated incidents. The view of the police must be rejected vehemently."

Giving a background to the massacre, CAST member Dan Mofokeng said about six people were attacked while on their way to the funeral. After the service, mourners were waylaid and ambushed at the Katlehong taxi rank.

As the mourners were moving in large groups across the taxi rank, armed men opened fire, and in the ensuing pandemonium people scattered and ran in all directions.

A second group of attackers emerged from the taxi rank and started shooting at the same fleeing group. A police Casspir moving from the direction of Tokoza to the taxi rank opened fire as well, he added.

The police Casspir that was on the scene remained and was later joined by four other Casspirs. Witnesses who had attempted to pick up spent cartridges had these confiscated by the police. Among these were R-1, R-4 and AK-47 shells, Mr Mofokeng alleged.

Responding to the allegations, police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said: "The people and the organisations who make these allegations must bear in mind that at the funeral and all over Tokoza there were literally hundreds of media reporters, photographers and television crews. Under these circumstances it follows that no policeman in his right mind would have committed these crimes.

"Furthermore the SAP has committed itself on various occasions to the peace accord, and sincerely hopes that the individuals and organisations making these allegations will also adhere to the accord by co-operating fully with police in their investigations and in arresting the perpetrators of these horrendous crimes by supplying police with relevant evidence which will also stand up in a court of law.

"We need statements under oath from people making these allegations to substantiate everything they say, so that the investigations can go forward in an attempt to stop this violence in the townships. The SAP cannot investigate cases on mere unsubstantiated allegations.

"The policing at the funeral and Tokoza was not an easy one because of the fact that it was estimated that 12 000 people attended the funeral. If the police had seen any person bearing a firearm, as is alleged, they would have — where humanly and practically possible — seized such a firearm and arrested the people bearing it."

Arms haul . . . Lieutenant Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police (left) and two policemen check the arms cache, which included 11 AK-47s. The cache was found after a tip-off, and members of a syndicate were arrested on Sunday.
Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

Police crack arms gang in Soweto

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By Glen Elsas
West Rand Bureau

A tip-off to the Soweto police last week led to the cracking of an arms syndicate and the recovery of 11 AK-47 rifles, 13 magazines, two machine pistols and three stolen vehicles.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said the township's people were tired of the senseless attacks and killings of innocent people.

Several pieces of information supplied by residents had led to the recovery of the arsenal, the exposure of the syndicate and the finding of the stolen vehicles.

The Firearm Unit, in co-operation with the Riot Squad and Vehicle Theft Unit, had worked together when they followed up the leads.

Three syndicate members were arrested on Sunday. They are said to have told the police they specialised in selling stolen cars and buying arms with the profits. These arms would then be sold again to all and sundry to be used in robberies and attacks.

The policemen worked intensively on the case, driving about 6 000 km and working 720 hours to expose the syndicate.

Train raid victims capture gunmen

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Staff Reporters

The death toll in violence on the East Rand over the past two days reached nine yesterday — but for the first time victims fought back and captured two gunmen who took part in an attack on train commuters.

Three people were killed and at least 10 were wounded when gunmen wielding AK-47s opened fire in a crowded train between Katlehong and Wadeville on the East Rand. One of the injured died later in hospital.

But brave passengers beat up and captured two gunmen and handed them over to the police.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said yesterday that the two assailants had been taken to Natalspruit Hospital.

It is understood they were later transferred to another hospital.

In another attack yesterday, a man was shot in the head and stabbed by men armed with handguns at a taxi rank in Springs.

Police also found the body of an unidentified man, apparently stabbed to death, in front of an unnamed hostel in Tokoza.

Three bodies with head and gunshot wounds were found by police at the Tokoza and Kwesini hostels on Tuesday, and the hacked body of a man was found at Tokoza.

Tensions rose when five men arrived at Natalspruit Hospital casualty section about noon yesterday and demanded to see a wounded man — said by victims to be one of the gunman who was overpowered.

The men were seen talking to security personnel.

Later about 10 policemen in camouflage uniform arrived and escorted the men off the premises.

It is not known if they were arrested.

Several of the men who were seriously wounded in the train attack were still in hospital late yesterday.

A hospital spokesman said that of the 12 casualties brought there, one had died on arrival and 10 others had been admitted.

One discharged

The spokesman said almost all of them had gunshot wounds. One person was treated and discharged.

One man, who was sitting on a bench waiting to be X-rayed, said he had boarded the train at about 6 am at Pilot station.

He said the "jikeleza" (roundabout) train left Kwesini station for Germiston about 6 am every morning.

"We went past Katlehong station without incident, but when we were opposite Morena Stores I heard a youth, apparently aware of an imminent attack by a group of men, saying: 'Do not run away.'

"Soon after that I heard about five gunshots. I turned to run away when I found myself face to face with a man pointing a firearm in my direction.

"There were women lying flat on the floor, but they were not wounded.

"I realised the only way out was to run on top of them. And as I did so some people were jumping out of windows.

"Some, who were being hit with sticks, would fall, then stand up to grapple with their attackers."

He said the men put up a brave fight — probably the fight of their lives.

The train attack came as the National Peace Committee announced yesterday that its executive would hold an urgent meeting tomorrow to discuss the latest outbreak of violence on the Reef.

John Hall of the National Peace Committee said in a statement that it was difficult for the committee to "do anything other than voice its concern to the authorities" at the latest spate of killings.

The National Peace Secretariat and the National Peace Commission have not yet been constituted, he said.

However, the various political parties had nominated representatives to serve on these bodies, which would be in place in 10 to 15 days' time.

Mr Hall said all signatories to the Peace Accord had expressed their deep concern and regret at the fresh violence.

Breakthrough in train death probes

POLICE said yesterday the arrest of two men after Wednesday's East Rand train attack, in which three commuters were killed and eight injured, was a major breakthrough in their investigations into that incident and similar train attacks.

"It's not every day that we get suspects from these type of incidents, and it will definitely help us in our investigations," SAP Witwatersrand spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said.

A security blanket has been thrown over information regarding the identities and political affiliations of the two arrested gunmen. They are being held under police guard at a hospital.

Opperman said the SAP was reluctant to release the identities or other information about the men for security reasons.

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The suspects were allegedly part of an armed gang which shot and flung commuters from a train travelling between Germiston's Katlehong township and Wadeville, southeast of Johannesburg.

A group of passengers apparently confronted the gang, forcing some members to flee. The passengers allegedly overpowered and beat two suspects, before making a citizen's arrest. The suspects were handed over to SAP members.

Opperman said the suspects were having

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physical difficulty speaking, but would be questioned when they could talk again.

Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze described Wednesday's incident as a good example of the type of community policing the SAP was trying to foster. He said while the security of train commuters was of great concern, the SAP could not be everywhere at once.

Sapa reports Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel told the Cape NP congress on Wednesday the SAP was investigating ways to involve township self-defence units in crime prevention.

"We are investigating whether we can make use of specific people in communities, who would be recommended by those communities. . . . This would give the so-called self-defence units in the townships an opportunity to become involved."

He said the SAP was looking at ways to make policing more visible. Special constables, the extension of municipal police, co-operation with traffic police, security firms and the extension of the SADF's civil defence section were being examined.

Kriel also told the congress police were aware of violent plans being formulated in right-wing organisations. He appealed to these bodies to halt their plans.

Urgent peace meeting

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JOHANNESBURG. — An urgent meeting of the Peace Committee executive has been called for today to discuss violence which erupted at the funeral of community leader Mr Sam Ntuli in Thokoza on Monday.

It is also understood that the meeting will examine complaints about members of parties and organisations breaking the terms of the code of conduct they signed by making inflammatory statements.

Among these are ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela claiming that President F W de Klerk was the chief warlord, and SACP secretary-general Mr Joe Slovo and Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal spokesmen casting doubt on the peace accord, saying that defence units must operate in townships and residents should arm themselves.

But the committee will not be in a position to take action other than to "voice its concern to the authorities", peace committee chairman Mr John Hall said yesterday.

In a statement, Mr Hall said tha neither the Peace Secretariat nor the Commission of Inquiry into Violence and Intimidation had yet been constituted. "It is difficult for the peace committee, at this stage, to do anything other than voice its concern," he said.

ANC spokesman Ms Gill Marcus expressed worry that the process of setting up structures was taking so long.

Mr Hall said his committee had nominated members to both bodies and hoped they would be in place within 10 to 15 days.

The regional and local monitoring and dispute-settling mechanisms could not be set up until the "enabling body", the secretariat, was in place and functioning.

Ms Marcus said it was imperative that the local and regional structures got going if the accord was to isolate perpetrators of violence. She complained that no publicity campaign had yet been started to carry the terms of the accord to the rank-and-file.

'Not yet distributed'

"What are people to do if some incident occurs in front of them? How should they respond and to whom should they report information? So far it is just a piece of paper.

"The SAP say they are going to have all their members sign the code of conduct, but the accord has not even been distributed to the security forces, and they will just operate as they have in the past," she said.

The day passengers turned the tables on a 'hit squad'

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For the first time in the recent history of 'hit squad' attacks, train passengers this week captured two men they said had just shot and hacked their way through the coaches. Who were they? LINDA RULASHE reports

THERE were scenes of pandemonium at Natalspruit Hospital's casualty ward on Wednesday morning when police tried to hustle away two alleged train attackers beaten up by passengers.

Hospital staff fired questions at the two, demanding to be told why they had attempted the attack.

A survivor, who was admitted to hospital at the same time, told *Weekly Mail* he heard one of the men say he had been "sent by the police".

But minutes after the alleged attackers had been admitted, a group of men later identified by hospital security as "an Inkatha delegation" arrived to negotiate with police for the transfer of the two to another hospital.

Weekly Mail journalists photographing the group were ejected from the hospital by police.

Interviews with survivors hours after the train attack elicited details of a routine trip to work that turned into a nightmare.

It was just after 6am when four men boarded the Germiston-bound train at Katlehong, according to witnesses. They immediately began shooting, hacking and stabbing their way through the train.

There was chaos as passengers tried to escape the massacre. Police said some of the dead and injured were thrown out of the train, or jumped off for fear of their lives.

One survivor, whose hands, head and face bore panga wounds, said he opened a window to escape the attack but when he saw how fast the train was moving he hesitated — and then he passed out.

Three passengers died and 10 were admitted to Natalspruit Hospital with serious injuries.

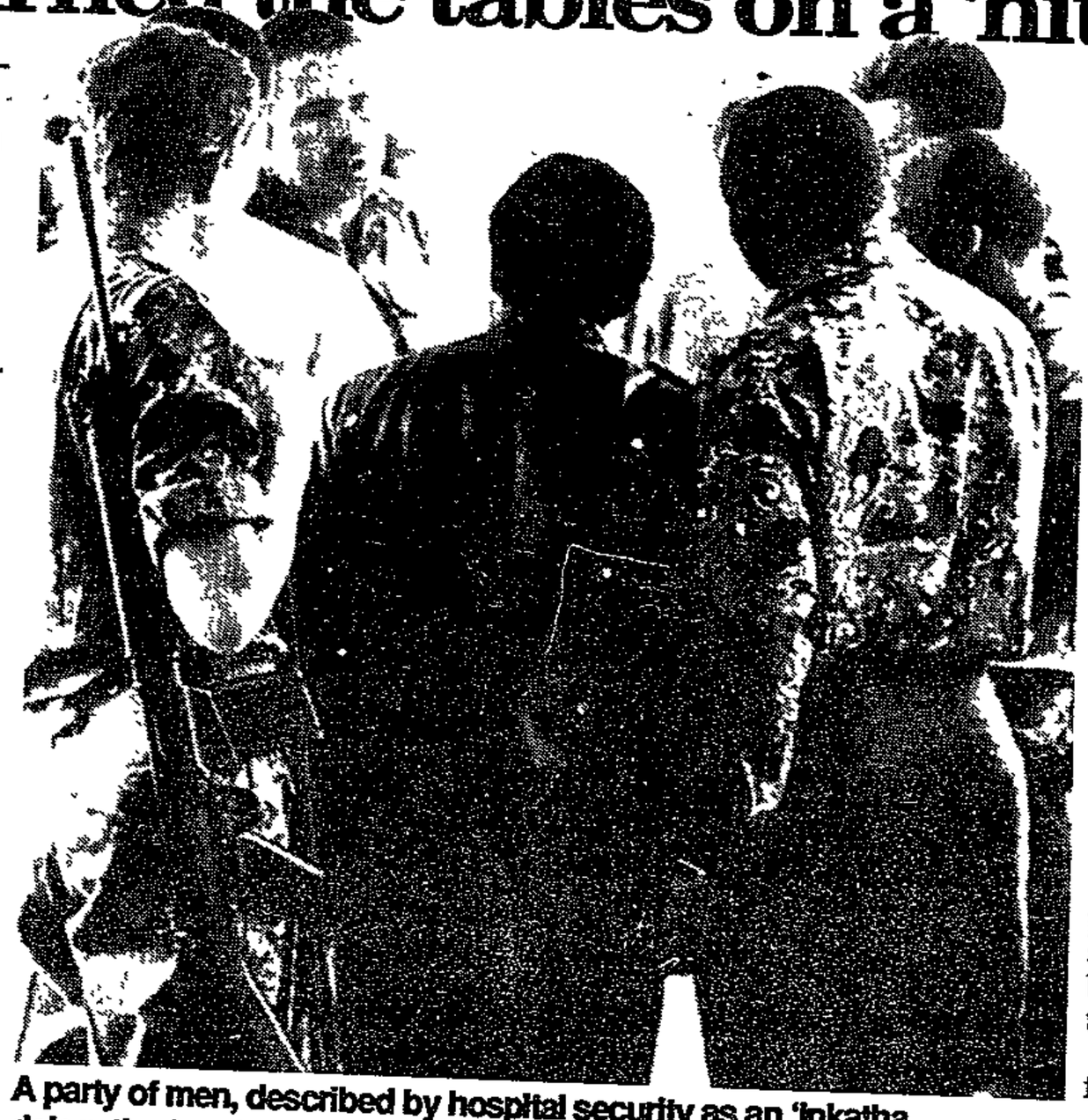
It was similar to other train attacks this year — except that this time, some members of the public decided to take matters into their own hands by assaulting two of the attackers, seriously wounding one.

The two were overpowered and handed over to the police at the next stop in Wadeville.

Another victim said: "I would have gone home to Natal for the long weekend after knocking off from work if this hadn't happened."

His hands were so swollen he could barely sign a consent form agreeing to talk to the press; one eye was swollen shut from a beating; his head, arms and hands were covered in cuts sustained when trying to defend himself from the knife and panga-wielding men.

The passenger who said he heard an alleged attacker say he had been sent by police had been shot and thrown off the train. The passenger, who asked to be referred to only as "Mr Lekhuwane", said the alleged attacker had been taken away by police before he could elaborate on his claim.



A party of men, described by hospital security as an 'Inkatha delegation', arrive at the hospital to negotiate on behalf of the captured attackers.

Photograph: KEVIN CARTER

He said one of the attackers had three guns in his possession at the time of the attack.

Liaison Officer for the Witwatersrand, Captain Eugene Opperman, said however that no guns had been found. He said the two were in protective custody in an undisclosed hospital.

Meanwhile, Inkatha has vigorously denied allegations that an Inkatha delegation visited the alleged attackers and that the organsiation arranged to have the two transferred to another hospital.

Inkatha's West Rand general secretary, Humphrey Ndhlovu, said that the perpetrators of the massacre were "definitely not" members of the Inkatha Freedom Party as their members were "disciplined".

Inkatha Central Committee member Musa Myeni said that according to information he had received from some survivors, the two alleged attackers were actually Xhosa-speaking. He said his sources told him that one of them was a "returned exile belonging to a certain military wing of an organisation". He also claimed eight of the victims were "card-carrying Inkatha members".

Inkatha national office representative Suzanne Vos said she resented Inkatha's name being implicated in the incident. "This sort of rumour-mongering must stop because this is what is killing people."

●In other incidents, the bodies of six more people were found in the East Rand townships yesterday.

Police found the bodies of three people in a burnt-out vehicle in Kathlehong and the bodies of two other people with bullet and stab wounds outside a hostel.

One body with stab wounds was found in Thokoza.

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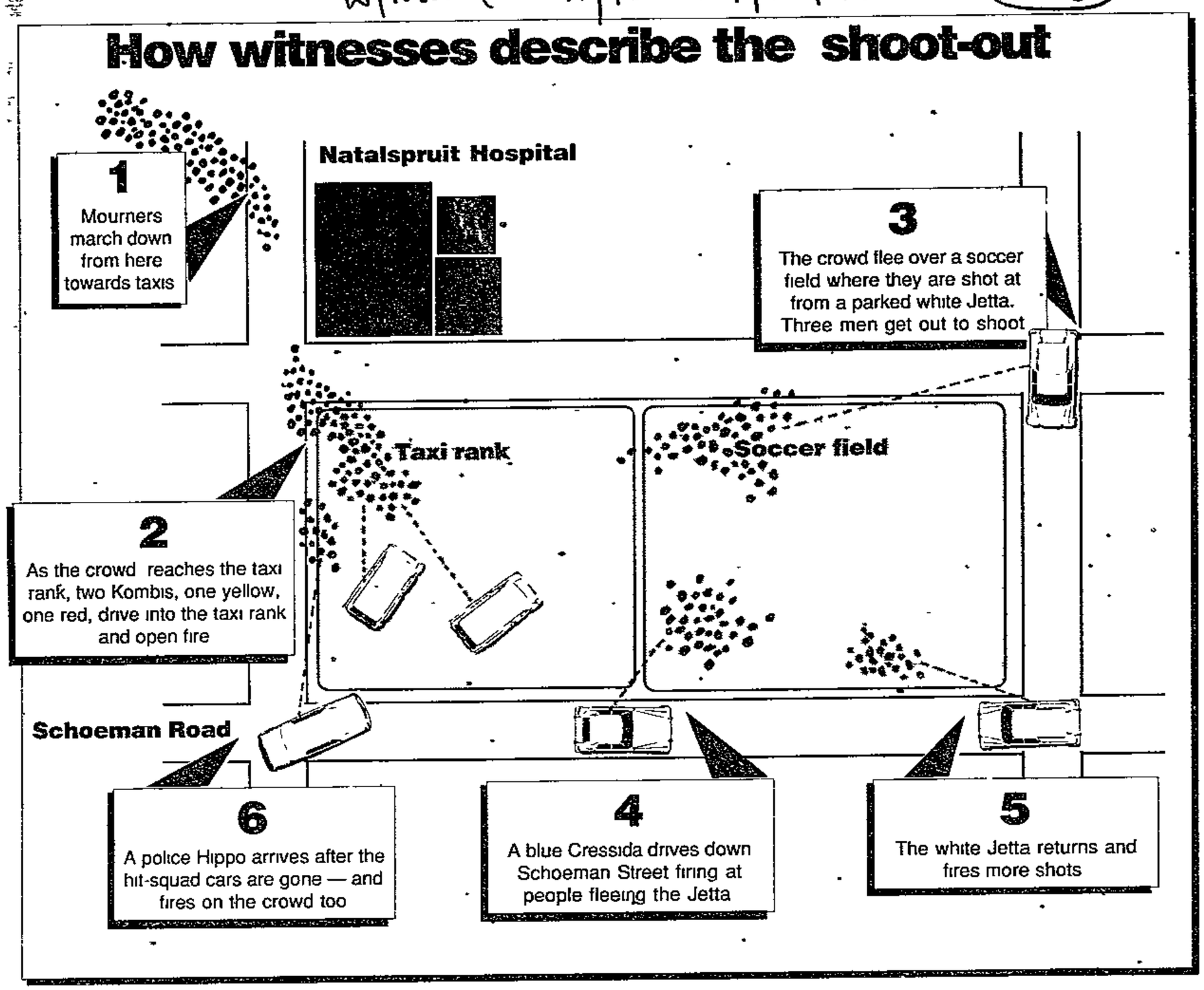
How witnesses describe the shoot-out



How the taxi-rank attacks happened, as pieced together from descriptions by witnesses. The official version disputes the presence of the yellow minibus and the police Hippo

tal yard, and I decided to flee to another section of the township but more bullets came from the taxi rank," he said.

The man said he recognised that shots were being fired from a minibus which had by then moved to the taxi rank and the occupants were firing from the back of the crowd.

"As we escaped towards Skhosana section," said Mpingane, "a blue Toyota Cressida emerged from the Schoeman Road, with occupants firing through the windows with AK-47 rifles." More people fell while others screamed.

Mdakane said he finally managed to escape to safety in Katlehong with a handful of other people from Holomisa and Mandela camps.

Two days after the shootings, the owner of the yellow minibus was traced to Thokoza hostel, where the vehicle is usually parked. The owner denied the allegations and said the bus was ferrying passengers from work when it drove past the funeral crowd.

Another survivor, Wilson Maxaku, who managed to take cover in a house in Skhosana section, told *The Weekly Mail* how he saw a white Jetta coming back and opening fire at random after ambulances had picked up the dead and injured.

"The Jetta came down Maphanga section and stopped at the corner of a four-way stop street. One man jumped off and began firing a fusillade of bullets at the people again," he said.

'People's leader' Ntuli's coffin is carried shoulder-high

He added that people, some of whom were coming back from work, scattered into the township. "Shots continued for a few minutes before the car drove off."

Maxaku said only minutes after the Jetta had left, he saw the occupants of a police Hippo firing at the people running away.

The man said besides shooting at the fleeing people, the Hippo also fired at those people who were trying to seek cover in nearby houses.

"I saw police shooting at the people who had fled to the house opposite from where we had taken cover," he said.

According to Maxaku, police in a Casspir drove directly to the house where he was hiding and confiscated spent cartridges that he had collected as evidence of the shooting.

When he tried to relate the story to the police, they accused him and other survivors of killing the people. At that stage more police cars arrived at the scene. A friend identified as "Richard" also had spent cartridges confiscated by the police.

"I then told black policemen who arrived in vans about what I saw. They then angrily shouted at the white police driving in a Hippo to come and pick up the bodies because they were also responsible for the killing."

Many people had fallen, others were groaning in pain, he said, adding that he recognised a man, Andile Ngqeme from Holomisa Park, as one of the casualties.

Maxaku said more police vans arrived while the police Casspir was still busy taking the casualties to hospital.

The men said although the police disarmed them on their way to the funeral and promised them protection when they returned, nothing was done to ensure they were safe after the funeral.

They said the police left immediately after they had passed the hostels in Thokoza's Khumalo street.

According to the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast), the majority of "those killed were shot from the neck upwards".

The killers were professionals, said Cast.

Bravery that deserves to be rewarded with the truth

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WHEN ordinary men and women risk their lives in the cause of peace, and succeed where the country's security forces have failed, what reward can they expect for their raw courage? This week, commuters on a train between Katlehong and Wadeville on the East Rand turned to face armed men who had already cut a bloody path through the carriages. They fought guns with bare hands; two of the gunmen are now in captivity.

By contrast, policemen with guns, patrolling in force in a township where trouble was expected following the funeral of slain civic leader Sam Ntuli, failed to intervene when a taxi rank in Katlehong exploded in a protracted orgy of shooting. At a time when the dead, the dying and the bereaved demand an answer they cannot even say whether they were there or not. "I cannot be certain that there was nobody there during the shootings," says Captain Eugene Opperman, South African Police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand. Why not?

Without offering huge rewards, without special squads, without commissions of inquiry — without doing a thing — the SAP has two possible train killers in its custody.

The police know their names. They know their faces. They can use them to track down their hidden masters — provided they want to. That is what South Africa owes those who risked death to apprehend these two men.

But the first reflex of the SAP, when the two attackers were admitted to Natalspruit Hospital, was depressingly familiar. There were no guns found on the captured men, said Opperman, which survivors contradict. "It might even come out that they tackled the wrong people," he said.

Just 48 hours before, police failed to make any arrests following protracted shooting at the Katlehong taxi rank. They said they are still unable — or unwilling — to say if their men were at the scene of the shootings or not. Surely this information is contained in the report of the officer commanding. Police say there is a report — it will come out when there is an inquest.

Some people who have evidence about the perpetrators of two earlier atrocities, the murder of Ntuli and the random slaughter of mourners at his funeral, have decided not to entrust it to the police, to the slow silent world of inquests, commissions and many-volumed reports which come out long after the dead have been buried.

Their hope is that the National Peace Committee, announced as it was with such acclaim, will extend its ambit beyond the Carlton Hotel and into the East Rand, and help force the truth out into the open.

The politicians must also reward those who fought the Katlehong train gunmen. The National Peace Committee must ensure that this time, for once, the truth comes out. They must insist that they too are allowed to question the captured gunmen. Ordinary men and women have fought with their bare hands for nothing less.

Top MK man is new ANC leader in PWV

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By IKE MOTSAPI

TOP Umkhonto we Sizwe commander, Mr Tokyo exwale was yesterday elected leader of the African National Congress' PWV region.

Sexwale received the support of 189 delegates out of a total of 197 during the region's elections at its conference at the Lenasia Civic Centre.

Other members of the executive are Advocate Mathole Motshega (vice-chairman), Ms Barbara Hogan (secretary), Mr Bavumile Vilakazi (deputy secretary) and Mr Cassim Salojee (treasurer).

Soon after his election Sexwale said the ANC had committed itself to peace and it wanted to make sure the National Peace Accord signed last month was a success.

"The ANC has been a victim of the violence that has been levelled against the community," he said.

"Most people have been thinking that this violence was directed at the ANC. That is not so. The violence has been directed at people in the community."

The conference also decided that the ANC's PWV region would convene a special conference on violence within a month.

Speaking on this afterwards, re-elected regional secretary Ms Barbara Hogan said they had decided that a separate discussion was needed to formulate strategies, especially on the National Peace Accord.

Hogan said the conference had dealt mainly with a "programme of action" to strengthen the organisation.

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31 die in unrest on East Rand

AT LEAST 31 people have died in unrest related incidents in East Rand townships this week.

Yesterday police reported that six people were killed in Katlehong near Germiston and another one in Thokoza near Alberton during Wednesday and early yesterday morning.

Police on patrol in Katlehong found five bodies inside the burned out wreck of a minibus early yesterday. Another body with bullet and stab wounds, and the similarly seriously injured minibus driver, was discovered close to the wreck.

Outside a hostel in Thokoza police found the body of a man who had been stabbed to death.

Seven women and 19 men were arrested at Maokeng, Kroonstad, yesterday following an illegal march. Police reported that they had to use teargas to disperse stone-throwers.

At Thabong, Welkom, a hostel shop was set alight causing extensive damage, while

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at Kakana near Orkney a minibus was set alight.

A police patrol was involved in a gun battle at Malagazi near Durban. After shots were fired at the patrol, police returned fire forcing the attackers to flee, leaving behind two homemade shotguns. Several huts were razed in the same area.

A policeman's house in Diepkloof, Soweto, was damaged after being petrol-bombed.

Sapa reports from Cape Town that two police stations were slightly damaged following explosions on Wednesday.

According to SAP spokesman Capt Hendrik Opperman, a Soviet-made M26 hand-grenade was thrown at the Khayelitsha police station at about 9.15pm. The grenade apparently blew a hole in the ground but caused little damage.

A limpet mine was discovered attached to wire screening at the Nyanga police station. The building was evacuated and bomb squad members defused the device.

Peace committee to meet on funeral

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AN URGENT peace committee executive meeting has been called for today to discuss violence which erupted at the funeral of community leader Sam Ntuli in Thokoza on Monday.

But the committee would not take any action on the matter other than to "voice its concern to the authorities", peace committee chairman John Hall said yesterday.

In a statement, Hall said neither the peace secretariat nor the Commission of Inquiry into Violence and Intimidation had been constituted. "It is difficult for the peace committee, at this stage, to do anything other than voice its concern," he said.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus expressed worry that the process of setting up the structures was taking so long.

She said there was "too much hot air being spoken" and too many people hailing the accord but not enough urgency directed at making it work.

Hall said his committee had nominated members to both bodies and hoped that they would be in place within 10 to 15 days.

The regional and local monitoring and dispute settling mechanisms, including extra justices of the peace and special courts, could not be set up until the "enabling body", the secretariat, was in place and functioning.

Marcus said it was imperative that the local and regional structures got going if the accord was to isolate perpetrators. She

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complained that no publicity campaign had yet been started to carry to the rank-and-file the terms of the accord.

"What are people to do if some incident occurs in front of them? How should they respond and to whom should they report information? So far it is just a piece of paper. The SAP say they are going to have all their members sign the code of conduct, but the accord has not even been distributed to the security forces, and they will just operate as they have in the past," she said.

It is understood that the delay in setting up the national structures, the secretariat and the commission, is at the Justice Department, which has to select repesentatives on the respective bodies from a shortlist prepared by the peace committee.

It is also understood that today's meeting will examine complaints about members of parties and organisations breaking the terms of the code of conduct they signed by making inflammatory statements. Among these are ANC president Nelson Mandela claiming President F W de Klerk was the chief warlord, and SACP secretary-general Joe Slovo and Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal spokesmen casting doubt on the accord, saying defence units had to operate in townships and that residents should arm themselves.

Six killed in attack on East Rand

Minibus mayhem

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SEVEN people were killed yesterday in the latest wave of violence at two East Rand townships, including six who were killed in a minibus.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

The charred bodies of five were found inside the minibus and another nearby, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

They were all shot and stabbed, Opperman said.

Three people, including the driver of the minibus, survived the attack. They are in hospital under police guard "as they are invaluable witnesses", he said.

According to unconfirmed reports last night, four other passengers in the minibus may have died of their injuries. The police and the Natalspruit Hospital were unable to confirm the additional deaths.

Another body of a man who had been stabbed was found outside a hostel in the neighbouring township of Tokoza.

Opperman said the motive for the minibus attack was still not known.

The attack, believed to have been made by men on foot, occurred in open veld outside Siluma View in Katlehong in the early hours of yesterday.

Residents said they

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heard gunshots and, on investigating, found the minibus on fire.

"Shooting was still going on when I went outside to investigate, and there were police on the scene," said a witness who stays next to the scene of the attack.

Yesterday's incident brought the death toll on the East Rand to 29 since Monday.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that 26 people, 19 men and seven women, were arrested after an illegal march at Maokeng in Kroonstad. Police used teargas to disperse the stone-throwing crowd.

At Thabong, Welkom, extensive damage was caused to a shop at a hostel when it was set alight.

At Malukazi, Durban, shots were fired at a police patrol. The police returned fire and the attackers fled, leaving two homemade shotguns behind.

In the same area dozens of families fled the area after several huts were razed.

Urgent bid for peace as killings soar

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Staff Reporters (278)

The death toll on the East Rand continues to rise amid mounting concern at the delay in the setting up of peace mechanisims meant to stop the slaughter.

A known 30 people have died in the last two weeks in the latest outbreak of East Rand slaughter.

Kruger Day victims included:

- Ten mini-bus passengers, who were killed when the vehicle was riddled with gunfire and petrol-bombed outside Katlehong.
- A man was shot dead and nine people injured in fighting at the Phola Park squatter camp, Alberton, at about 9,30 pm.
- Police came under fire while rescuing a driver trapped in his burning mini-bus in the same squatter camp at about midnight, said a police spokesman.

Urgent

Constable F R Rajelo was shot in the knee. The wounded driver was rescued.

An urgent meeting of the executive of the National Peace Committee has been scheduled for today.

But two of the organs meant to step in to resolve conflict have yet to be constituted.

The National Peace Secretariat and the National Peace Commission were expected to be in place in about 10 days, said NPC chairman John Hall.

All signatories to the National Peace Accord have expressed concern about the continuing East Rand violence, and the Minister of Defence, Roelf Meyer, is to visit Tokoza later today.

The spate of killings has again been characterised by attacks on vulnerable commuters.

In one of the worst attacks of its kind, the gang which attacked the mini-bus outside Katlehong early yesterday killed 10 people without mercy.

After riddling the vehicle with gunfire, leaving the interior of the mini-bus a bloody mess, the killers threw a petrol bomb aboard.

A police patrol later found five charred bodies in the mini-bus and seven seriously injured people, including the driver, were taken to hospital.

Four of the injured later died of burn and bullet wounds.

Another person was found stabbed and shot at the scene of the attack.

The motive for the massacre has not been established but police believed it was "unrest-related", said spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

Captain Opperman today described the heroic actions of train passengers who on Wednesday overpowered two gunmen as a major breakthrough in investigations into train attacks.

The two were part of a gang armed with AK-47s who gunned down commuters in a train between Katlehong and Wadeville, killing three and injuring 10.

They were beaten by commuters before being handed over to the police. They were taken to the Natalspruit hospital with serious injuries and later removed under strong police guard to a secret venue.

Captain Opperman said: "Its not every day that we have suspects in cases like this; we do not want them to be killed or removed by other elements."

Although police have refused to release the names of the attackers, a front page article in New Nation newspaper today identifies them as Albert Dlamini and Simon Ngomane. Mr Dlamini is said to have lived at the Tokoza hostel and worked in a steel factory near Germiston.

New Nation quoted Mr Dlamini as saying: "I want my R90 000 the Boers promised me ... I have already carried out my task."

Police refused to comment on the article.

New ANC PWV boss looks for peace

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter (278)

The new chairman of the ANC's powerful PWV region, Tokyo Sexwale, vowed yesterday to devote his energies to setting up effective structures to bring peace to the violence-ridden region. (607)

Addressing a press conference after the election of a new PWV executive, Mr Sexwale said: "Our task is to redouble our efforts and to network with all organisations involved to ensure peace."

Mr Sexwale said violence was not directly aimed at the ANC but at black communities as a whole

"The violence is hitting our people in trains, in beerhalls and in their homes irrespective of whether those are ANC homes. This is violence against the community." Star 11/10/91

A total of 197 voting delegates from 90 branches attended the last day of the region's annual general conference, set aside for the secret ballot elections of an expanded 20-member executive from 61 candidates.

Mr Sexwale, the ANC's special projects co-ordinator and an Umkhonto we Sizwe commander, was elected overwhelmingly with 189 votes in a two-way contest against J B Sibaanyoni. He succeeded Khalema Motlanthe who stepped down.

Former prisoner Barbara Hogan retained the position of general secretary with 189 votes in a two-way contest.

The position of deputy chairman, contested by seven people, went to Mathole Motshega (88 votes), that of treasurer to Cassim Saloojee (160 votes) in a three-way contest while Bavumile Vilakazi defeated three candidates to be elected deputy general secretary (87 votes).

National Working Committee members of the ANC were not eligible for election, and Winnie Mandela was the only National Executive Committee member to have stood for election. The names of the 15 additional members would be released later, media officer Ronnie Mamoepa said.

Former UDF activist Murphy Morobe, nominated as chairman and ordinary executive member, did not contest the election for unknown reasons.

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CPress 13/10/91

By S'BU MNGADI

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Whites involved, say witnesses

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Hippos and the minibus was now burning with the body of the man inside."

One of the cops braved the flames and dragged out the burning man.

An argument then ensued between the group and the police.

"Then I heard gunfire from the direction of the Hippo. We ran back to Eden Park," he said.

The following morning they returned to the scene and found the man's eye had been gouged out, apparently to remove a bullet.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said a police patrol found the minibus burning at 20 minutes past midnight.

The police were shot at from the direction of Phola Park and one policeman was hit.

Police returned fire, using rubber bullets.

The direction of Phola Park, early on Friday morning when shots were fired at the minibus, but missed.

There were five whites almost 50 metres up the road, one of them waving a torch.

"I heard two more shots. The windscreen shattered and a passenger on my left was hit in the head by a bullet," he said.

"I drove through the veld with lights switched off, but gunfire continued behind me until the vehicle came to a halt," he said.

The passengers left the injured man and ran to the police station at Eden Park.

Three white plainclothes men arrived and they returned to the scene.

"There were two police

1 000 honour Sam Ntuli

JOHANNESBURG. — Over 1 000 people gathered at the Thokoza Auditorium yesterday to pay tribute to slain general-secretary of the Civic Associations of the Transvaal, Mr Sam Ntuli.

The service took place a week after Mr Ntuli died of gunshot wounds after being ambushed near his home in Thokoza. (278 CT

Among the speakers at the service was Mr Gerry Cooney, DP councillor for Randburg, who praised Mr Ntuli's devotion to his community and called for an end to township killings. Mr Lungelo Mbalane from Azapo also addressed the crowd, as did speakers from Cast, Cosatu and Numsa.

HOW COULD IT HAPPEN?

LAST VOYAGE . . . Comrades listen to speeches by leaders who praised Sam Ntuli's commitment to the struggle. Pics: ANNA ZIEMINSKY

, COLLETTE CAINE, who worked closely with slain activist Sam Ntuli.

Police could have stopped Thokoza deaths

THE peace accord does not operate in Thokoza – at least it didn't on Monday when we buried Sam Ntuli.

Afterwards we read newspaper reports that the police and soldiers had been there in sufficient numbers to deal with "any eventuality".

That is true: there were enough looking down on us from the tops of their Casspirs to stop a small invasion.

But they did nothing.

They did nothing as mourners moving from the Ntuli home to the stadium 2 km away were taunted, insulted and threatened by men from the hostels.

Sam Ntuli's funeral procession began at the home he shared with his parents Led by the massive copper-coloured hearse that carried Sam's bullet-ridden body in its ornate brown and cream casket, we crawled along Khumalo Street, Thokoza's main thoroughfare.

Comrades along the way pointed out where Sam had been gunned down eight days before

For the first few hundred metres we were flanked by dozens of Thokoza youths, wearing lemon T-shirts with the words Sam Ntuli – struggled for peace, murdered by apartheid", echoing the T-shirts printed from the funeral of David Webster in 1988, and a stark reminder of how little has changed.

The street was thronged with ANC supporters holding clenched fists in the air, singing the praises of Umkhonto we-Sizwe and the martyrs of the struggle.

Then we reached the single-storey, shabby green and grey hostels lining the right hand side of the street, not 200m past the razor wire surrounding the police station.

There were still crowds of faces packing the sides of the road. But the clenched fists had vanished. In their place was a forest of sharpened spears, axes, knobkerries and sticks.

We were engulfed by a silent glowering hostility.

Then I saw the first AK.

I don't know who was more surprised, the wiry, tough-looking gunman or me, as our eyes connected through the car windscreen.

He had covered his AK in a checked blanket, but the tell-tale banana magazine was sticking out.

I looked away – straight at a second blanket-swathed triangular shape. I could feel his finger on the trigger under the dirty blanket – one squeeze of the trigger-finger and we'd die like Sam with rifle bullets ripping through the flimsy metal of our car.

My colleague whispered urgently that these people were pointing guns at us

I thought of my children – I really didn't want anything to happen that would make that finger squeeze.

There was none of the friendliness of the mourners who shouted out "Comrade Madam" showing on these faces.

The men on the hostel rooftop, in bunches of 10 and 20, swigging quart bottles of beer, were pointing to their wristwatches then drawing their fingers across their throats They would kill us later.

Dozens of faces were pressed against the broken panes of the hostel windows – some staring silently, others swearing, cursing the mourners' mothers, hurling insults

Men stood inside the closed hostel gates shouting threats they would kill people on their way back.

And the cops and the soldiers just watched.

It was the same all along the route. Soldiers, six or seven standing head and shoulders out of each armoured vehicle lining the 2 km route from the Ntuli home to the stadium, just watching.

In the stadium I spoke to friends who had travelled by bus from Soweto Travelling down Khumalo Street an hour or more after we did, they were still sworn at by men from the hostel. The police and army were still standing around watching

We heard later the predictions became horrific reality

Mourners were shot and ambushed Not in isolated incidents as the police claimed, but in carefully planned ambushes by professional assassins, some in unmarked cars

I saw what was predicted early on Monday morning. So did the police And they did nothing to stop it.

Until they do, we will continue attending funerals for victims of funerals Funerals for victims of this strange thing they call "peace".

FACE OF GRIEF . . . Sam Ntuli's wife, Leah, in mourning garb at the funeral.

31 die in bloody Thokoza

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

FIVE people were burnt to ashes and one died from bullet wounds after a Natal-bound minibus was ambushed by unknown gunmen in Thokoza on Wednesday night.

This brings to 31 the number of people who died this week following the funeral of Sam Ntuli on Monday.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman confirmed the incident.

Opperman said five charred bodies were found in the minibus by a police patrol on Thursday. Two seriously injured men, including the driver, were discovered lying outside the bus.

A man's body was found near the vehicle.

He said the two survivors were admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital where they were under police guard.

Cartridges fired from an AK-47 assault rifle were found at the scene and the police were investigating, he said. No arrests have been made.

Hostel men, cops in big shootout

SEVEN men were wounded in a dramatic shootout between police and inmates at Merafe Hostel in Soweto early yesterday, said police. (2-18)

Soweto police spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn said it all started when a murder suspect took police to the hostel to point out another suspect.

He had been arrested after a group of men armed with AK-47s attacked the house of a taxi operator in Phiri, Soweto. The taxi-operator's wife was killed in the attack. CP News 13/10/91

After the first suspect pointed out the other at the hostel, police took possession of a pistol and a home-made gun. Hostel inmates handed over the second suspect and then started shooting at police with AK-47s and other rifles.

"They closed the hostel gates and put up barricades so we could not leave. We had to return fire," said Col Halgryn. Police also fired teargas. – Sapa

Mayoress on arms charge

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By DAN DHLAMINI

A MASSIVE police dragnet two weeks ago has netted the mayoress of the trouble-torn Reagile township, near Koster.

The arrest of Blandina "Ma-strike" Rabotho on September 29 follows the discovery of an arms cache hidden in the ceiling of her home. The cache included four AK-47s, 37 rounds of ammunition, one self-made firearm which uses shotgun rounds, three Number 5 shotgun rounds and other types of weapons.

Rabotho, a nursing sister and card-carrying member of the Inkatha Freedom Party, was arrested a day after the funeral of relative Nana Mokwalao, that was conducted from her home.

Mokwalao, a young farm schoolteacher who was also an IFP member, was dragged out of a bus, assaulted, stoned and set alight by a group of youths three weeks ago.

Rabotho briefly appeared before a Koster magistrate charged with illegal possession of firearms.

She was not asked to plead and the case was postponed until November 8 for further investigations.

According to a western Transvaal IFP spokesman, JK Mojaki, Rabotho was elected mayor of Reagile in 1988 after ousting schoolteacher J Marota.

"She joined the IFP together with other western Transvaal councillors when they were intimidated and rejected by civic associations and after the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) had demanded that they resign."

When City Press tried to contact Rabotho this week Peter Kekae, who claimed to be a relative, said she no longer lived at her home in Reagile.

He said Rabotho, who feared for her life, was now residing in Vereeniging and would soon be moving to Bop because she has accepted a nursing post at Bophelong Hospital.

Jumping over bodies to get at the news

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Sefako Nyaka

ANOTHER nameless statistic in tomorrow's police "unrest report" — his face twisted to the side, his mouth showing blood and sand-covered teeth and his eyes staring, surprised, into emptiness — lay in Katlehong's Sibisi Street.

He had been fleeing from the attack on Sam Ntuli's mourners when he had been shot in the back.

A few metres away in Vile Street I saw three more bodies. Another was in the yard of one of the houses. All had been shot in the back.

The body of the man in the yard was half slumped across the small stoep and the garden. A journalist took papers from his car and asked the occupants of the house to cover the still bleeding body.

It's Monday afternoon and this is Katlehong, scene of countless senseless killings. By assassins? A third force? The police? I am shaking with anger. Why can't the police apprehend these brutes?

There is another short burst of machinegun fire. The small crowd that had gathered around the dead men scuttles for cover. I stand there riveted. I look around and a few journalists, cameras at the ready, jump into their cars.

I get into a colleague's car and we speed off down Letsoho Street before turning left into Msomi Street — towards the scene of the shooting.

Pangas

White City, Soweto. Naledi, Sebokeng, Alexandra. Since 1986 we have been jumping over bodies "to get to the news".

The cars halt at the edge of the soccerfield. Blankets, pangas and battle axes lie strewn on the soccerfield. There are more bodies.

Two ambulances and three casspirs arrive. Harsh words are exchanged between the occupants of the ambulances and the police. The ambulances drive away. A policeman grabs a gun from the back of the casspir. I freeze. He fires a round into the fleeing crowd that had earlier gathered around the ambulances. It is teargas and not more live rounds.

But already another policeman is taking aim. "Nee, nie 'n haelgeweer nie," (not a shotgun) his leader barks at him. He lowers his gun.

"Why did you have to fire teargas?" I ask. He felt threatened and intimidated, he tells me. I point out that at no stage was he or his colleagues threatened. A silent angry stare. I stand my ground.

His name is Warrant Officer Fourie, he tells me. And all he asks from me is to tell the crowd to move back so that his men can load the corpses into the casspir.

The policemen don rubber gloves and heave the dead up into the back of the casspirs, one of top of the other.

Outraged

Three bodies, with blankets tied around their shoulders, lie face down in the rubbish dump next to the pre-cast concrete wall. As the casspir reverses towards the bodies one of the huge back wheels stops on the foot of one of the corpses.

The crowd, and the police, are outraged. Fourie promises to beat up the driver of the casspir. He apologises and reverses again. More carefully this time.

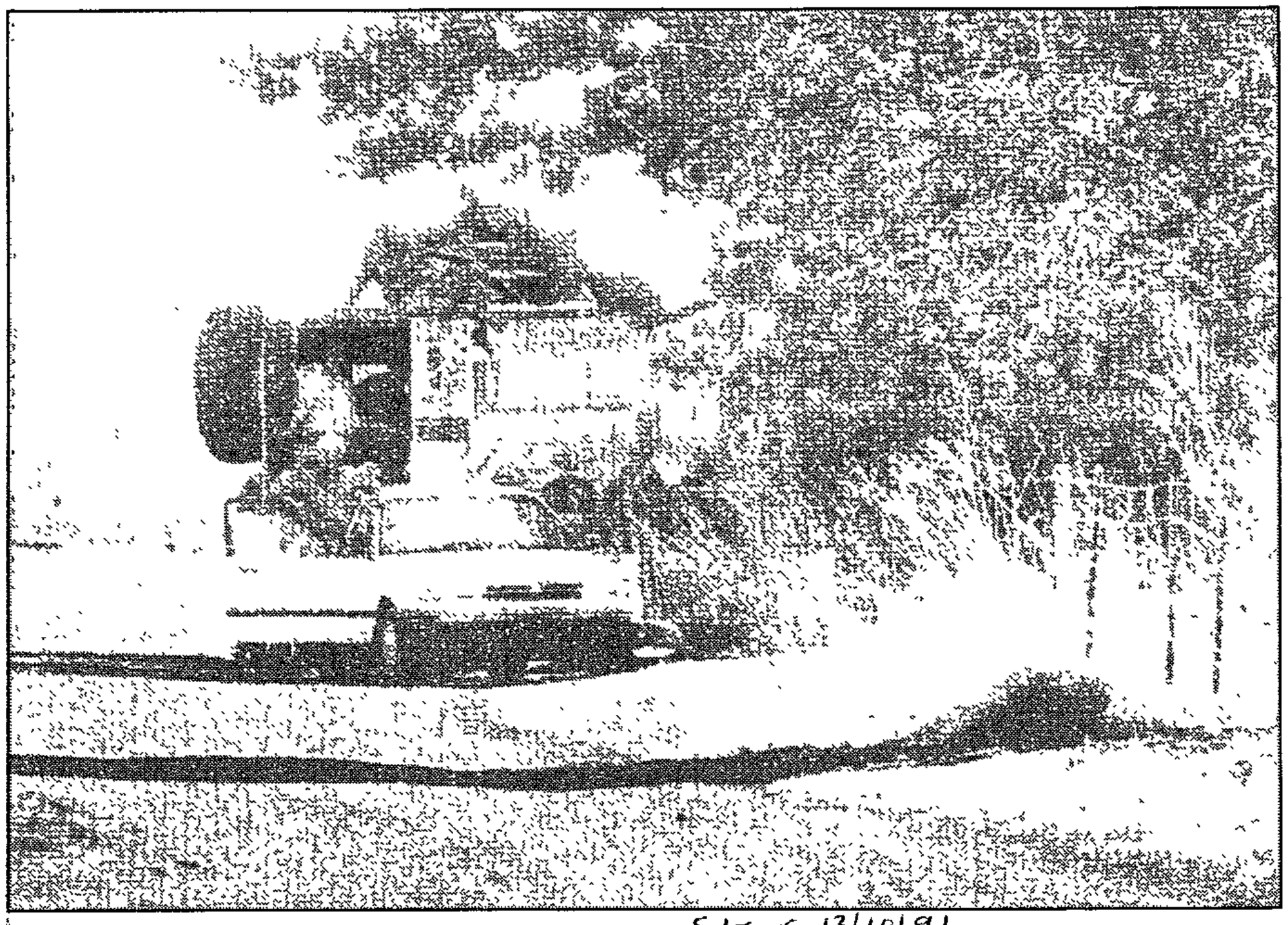
The body of a young man, covered in newspapers, is lying at the far end of Msomi street. Documents found next to him identify him as David Kunene, an operator at a factory.

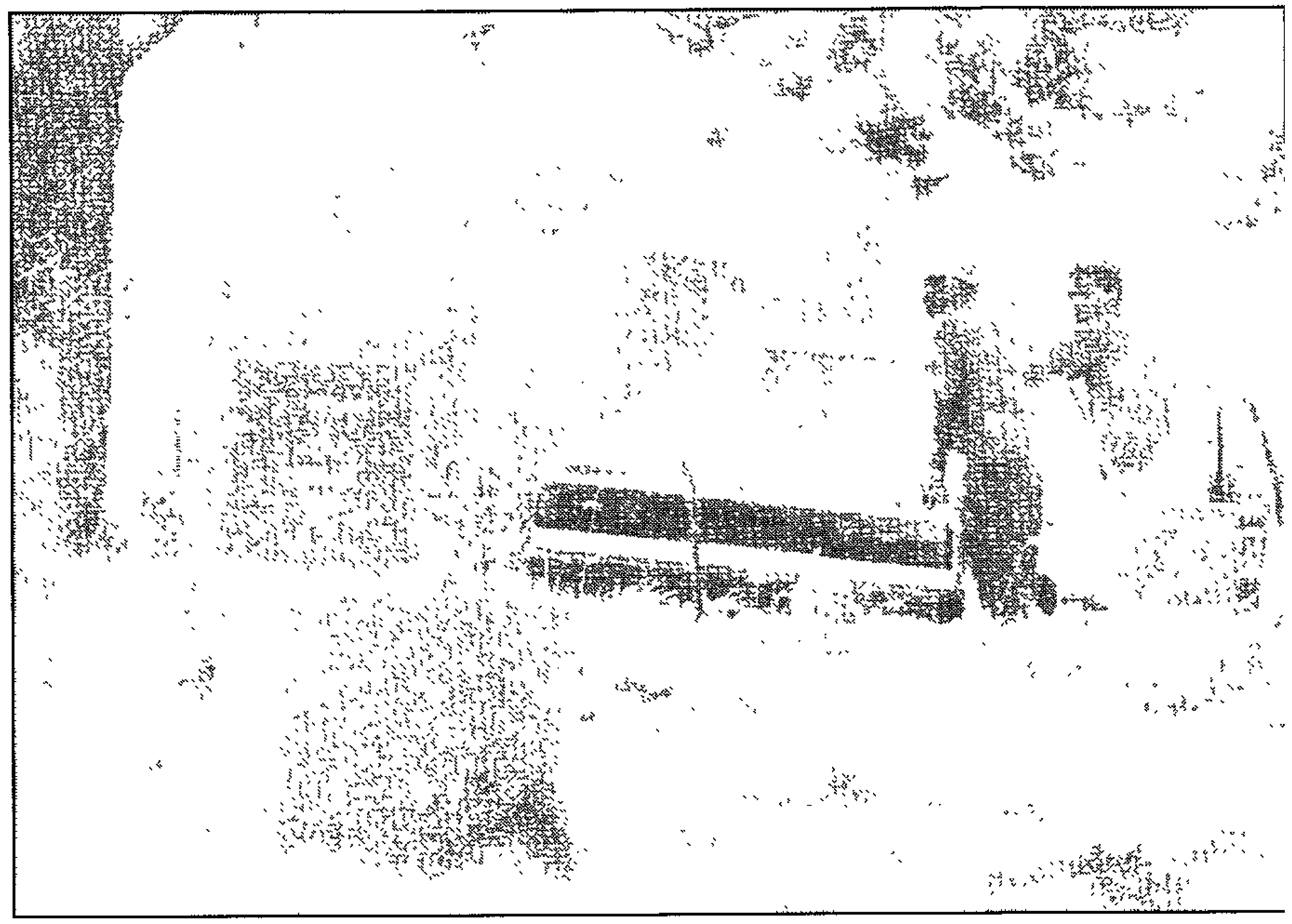
Kunene, a young migrant worker from Vryheid, had apparently been returning from work when witnesses saw him turn back and run from gunman in a Jetta sedan.

He was shot in the back and stumbled before falling outside one of the houses. He tried to stand up and run. A slightly greying middle-aged man in white shorts and a red sweater got out of the Jetta and walked towards the helpless man. He pulled the trigger blowing Kunene's brains out.

Driving back to Johannesburg I feel more anger and frustration welling up. There would be press conferences held and press statements issued condemning the violence.

And the daily police "unrest report" will account for the 18 dead in a sentence.





The SAP has been implicated in the attacks in Tokoza on Monday, which left 20 people dead and 24 wounded, by identification of a police car (pictured above right) by one of the wounded.

Police have confirmed that the car, a white Nissan Sentra, was an unmarked police vehicle.

Two young black men were photographed leaning on the car as they watched the Ntuli funeral from a vantage point in the cemetery.

Later the car and the two men were photographed alongside two police Casspirs (above left).

They are detectives with the Crime Information Service based in the East Rand. This has been confirmed by Witwatersrand police spokesman, Captain Eugene Opperman

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Cars are the key to discovering who turned the funeral into a slaughter

Eye-witnesses in Tokoza said four other cars were used by the killers to attack mourners.

The registration number of one of the four cars, a green Datsun Laurel, TRJ 370 T, links the killers with the May Day attack on a Natalspruit Hospital taxi rank in which six commuters were mown down and killed.

They were fired on from a brown Peugeot with the registration number, TRJ 370T.

After the May Day murders the police said the registration number was false.

This week police said the registration number of the white Jetta, LCV 325 T, whose occupants appeared to lead the attacks on Monday, is also false.

The death toll in the violence that was started by the attacks on the thousands of mourners making their way home after paying their last respects to Sam Ntuli in Thokoza on Monday stood at 45 last night.

In the confusion armed mourners turned on commuters waiting at a taxi rank and at least two people not involved with the funeral were murdered.

Ten minibus passengers were killed when their vehicle was riddled with bullets and then petrol bombed outside Katlehong on Thursday.

Other township attacks involving unmarked vehicles include:

- On April 7 1991, Emdeni ANC chairman Mandla Dlamini said gunmen travelling in four minibuses and two sedans — all without number plates — fired at 13 houses in the area. The number of casualities and amount of damage was not established.
- On May 7, in Tembisa, men in an unidentified minibus opened fire on residents, killing six people.

Pictures: Cecil Sol

From a funeral to a massacre

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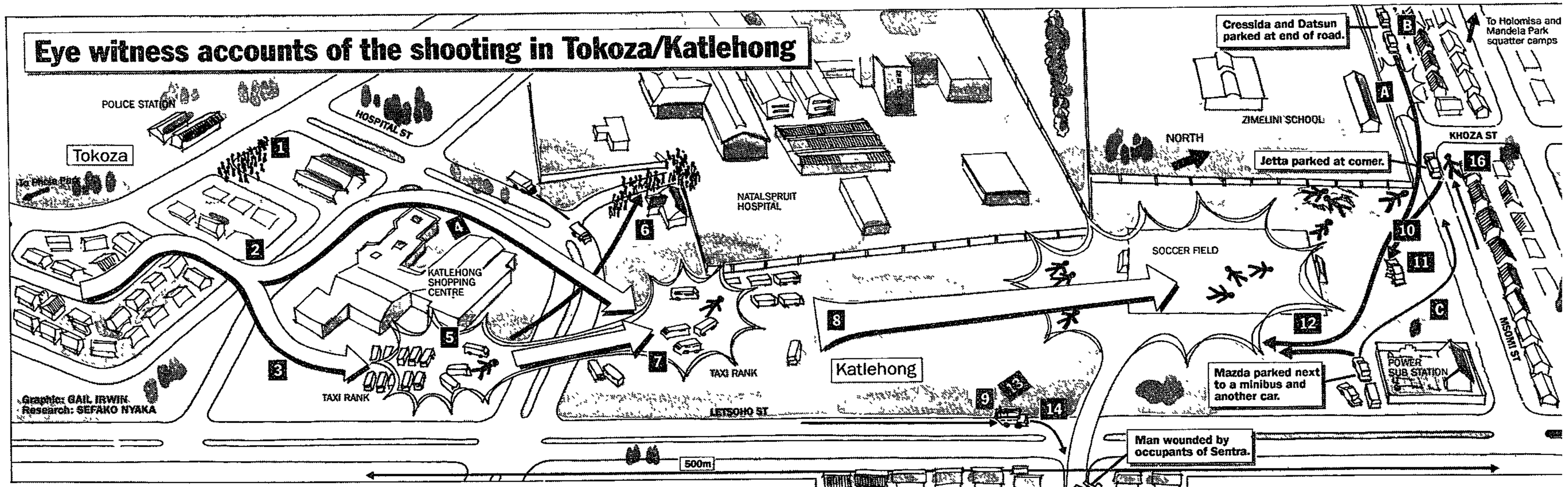

Monday, October 7

About 1000 mourners at Ntuli home after Sam Ntuli's funeral.

1. 4.45pm: Some 250 armed, blanket-clad mourners from Phola Park squatter camp dance in front of police station.

2. 4.55pm: Mourners split up after leaving Ntuli home.

3. Mandela Park group moves towards taxi rank.

4. Holomisa camp group moves around front of shopping centre while being watched by police in a Casspir.

5. 4.59pm: Shots fired in taxi rank. Opposing groups attack each other and smash taxis. Commuters and taxis flee as police fire at them from 100m away. **1 person shot dead.**

6. People stampede into hospital grounds for safety.

7. Fighting and shooting continues as groups reach next taxi rank. **Another person shot dead.**

8. 5.10pm: Mourners regroup and march to soccer field where they sit down to wait for others.

9. Casspir moves down Letsoho St.

10. At about the same time, the cars speed towards the field.

11. Four men with machine guns jump out of the Jetta and fire at the group

12. Men in the Cressida and Mazda fire as they speed around the fleeing mourners. **10 lay dead** as the cars depart.

13. Part of the panic stricken crowd runs down Sibisi St into Vile St.

14. Police in a Casspir follow.

15. Occupants in Sentra with no number plates, cruising in the area, are shooting them **5 people are shot.**

16. Just before the slaughter, David Kunene, walking home from work, is wounded then shot dead by men in the parked Jetta.

Carnage toll: 20 dead (2 in hospital), more than 24 injured.

Possible ambush plan

A. When the mourners move down Msomi Street towards the squatter camps they would be trapped in the confined space between the school precast wall and the houses with . . .

B. . . the Cressida and Datsun at one end and . .

C. the Jetta and Mazda closing in behind them.

A FINGER OF BLAME

Tokoza victim: I was shot by that man

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and Nomavenda Mathiane

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Captain Eugene Opperman confirmed that the men identified in a photograph by the victim as his attackers, are officers attached to the CIS.

Captain Opperman, shown the same photographs, said: "The men are from the Crime Information Service. It was a police car. It was with the Casspirs and other police vehicles in the vicinity the whole day. The car is brand-new and the number plates have been ordered. That is why it did not have number plates."

Escape

Yesterday police liaison officer Captain Peter van Deventer said he was aware the car had been at Tokoza.

He said normally police cars not issued with number plates would have a temporary SAP registration number displayed in the front and rear windows.

In a sworn affidavit made in his hospital bed, the wounded man, who asked not to be named at this stage, said he ran into Skosana section to escape the shooting.

"As I was running I noticed a white four-door vehicle in which were seated two black men, one of whom was driving, the other sitting directly behind the driver," his affidavit says.

"The vehicle was moving and both men were shooting at the crowd with automatic weapons. I saw at least two people fall as a result of the shooting. I saw no number plates on the vehicle."

He said he hid in a ditch with another man, but when he heard gunfire coming closer he tried to run away.

"As I stood up, I saw a man carrying an automatic weapon jumping over a nearby fence and running towards me. While in the ditch I had seen the white vehicle drive past a few metres away from where I was. I was able to see the two occupants clearly. The man who jumped over the fence and ran towards me, I clearly recognised as having been the passenger sitting behind the driver in the white vehicle.

Passed out

"As I saw the man running towards me I turned and fled. I was shot in the buttocks and fell face down to the ground. I tried to pull myself up but was unable to do so and fell on to my back".

The man said he passed out, but when he awoke he was being helped to a vehicle and realised he had been shot in the stomach while he was unconscious.

His allegation fuelled suspicions that the SAP is involved in "third force" killings in the townships.

When told that the men were accused of shooting people in Tokoza, Captain van Deventer said: "We deny all the allegations from all organisations and people making them.

"The people and organisations making these allegations should bear in mind that there were literally hundreds of media reporters, photographers and TV crews that were roaming the area of Thokoza and Katlehong and the vicinity of Kumalo Street.

"It is unthinkable that any policeman in his right mind and under these circumstances would commit any crime."

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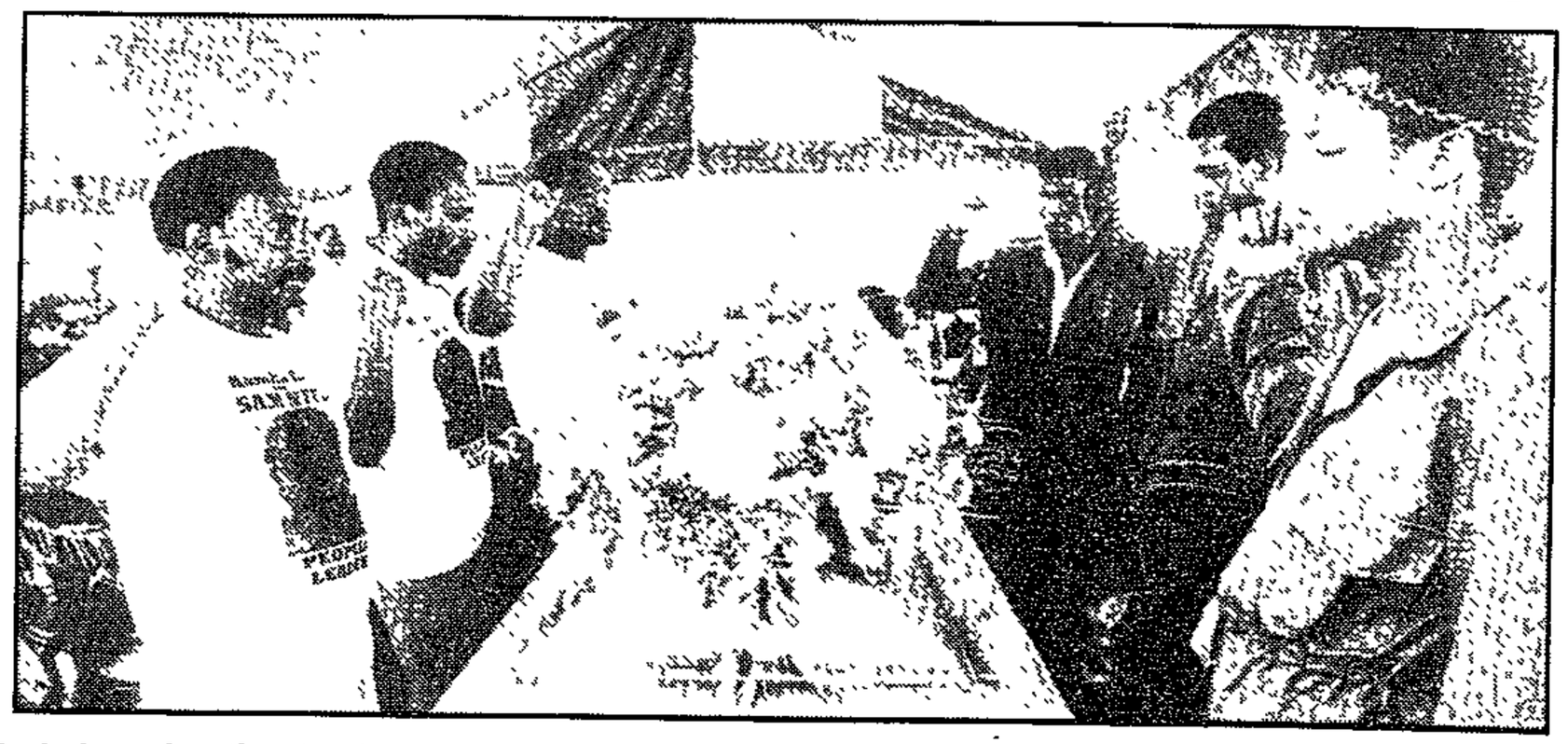
The desperate hours that turned Tokoza into another killing field



LONG before the Sam Ntuli's funeral ended there were already ominous signs of trouble.

At about **10 am**, after reports that two people had been shot on their way to Tokoza Stadium, Katlehong Civic Association chairman Oupa Thibeli approached the police to seek tighter protection for the mourners.

Throughout the four-hour proceedings at the stadium, more reports were received of people being abducted or attacked. Successive speakers anxiously warned the thousands of mourners of areas where attacks were happening and urged the crowd to stay calm.

Thembeni Shongwe never heard the warnings.

Escape

He was walking to the stadium past lines of soldiers standing between the Tokoza hostel and houses in Kumalo Street.

He face is now a mass of cuts and wounds he received while twice escaping from a group of men who tried to drag him and three others into the hostel.

"The men demanded that we accompany them to the hostel and when we refused they started pulling us. I broke loose and ran, but was caught a few steps down the road and dragged towards the hostel," he said.

"I broke loose again and the men followed me and started hacking, stabbing and beating me. I must have passed out because the next thing I woke up in hospital with this aching pain at the back of my head," Shongwe said.

His face is criss-crossed with slash and hack wounds. The 20 stitches on the back of his head are evidence of how close he came to death.

"But what worries me most is what happened to the people I was walking with. I pray God that they too were rescued," he said, clearly distressed.

Between **2 pm and 4.30 pm** mourners followed Ntuli's coffin to Tokoza cemetery. After the burial the crowd split, with about 1 000 going to Ntuli's home while a group numbering about 10 000 went to Tokoza auditorium where a traditional cleansing ceremony was held

The same ceremony in which mourners wash their hands was held outside the Ntuli home.

At **4.45 pm**, the group split up as people fled in panic after mistaking some hundreds of blanket-clad squatters, armed with pangas, axes and guns, for attackers

This misunderstanding thwarted the killers' plan to corner the mourners in a "killing ground", a confined area sandwiched between a concrete wall and houses in Msomi Street.

The Cressida and the Datsun Laurel were parked at the bottom end of Msomi street, while the Jetta was parked at the corner of Msomi and Khoza streets.

The Mazda 323, a minibus and another car were parked next to the power station at the corner of Letsoho and Msomi streets.

4.50 pm. A group of about 250 armed mourners from Phola Park danced in the street opposite the police station as they passed on the way back to their homes.

4.55 pm A group of mourners from Mandela Park moved towards the local taxi rank behind the Katlehong shopping complex, while those from Holomisa camp moved in front of the shopping complex, followed by a police Casspir.

4.59 pm Shots were heard from the local taxi rank behind the shopping complex. More shots followed and commuters ran in panic across open ground seeking safety at Natalspruit Hospital, about 50 m away

The attackers opened fire from behind and among the taxis, and groups of armed mourners attacked commuters and smashed the vehicles.

Albert Rakhomo is a taxi owner and driver who at **5.30 pm** offloaded some of his passengers at the hospital taxi rank and parked his car alongside other taxis.

"While passengers were boarding, a group of people wearing blankets walked past on their way to Maphanga section.

"I got into the car and was about to leave when I realised I needed two more passengers to make a full load. Leaving the engine on, I got off and canvassed for the two people I needed.

"Just then another group wearing blankets surrounded the taxi rank. Before I knew what was happening I was shot in the arm. I jumped and tried to flee but fell on top of someone lying on the floor

"As I lay on the ground one of the men wearing blankets unleashed a panga and aimed for my head. I moved but he got me on the lip and proceeded to slash whatever was in his way.

"People were screaming all over the place. Some were lying on the ground. I managed to jump into the car whose windows had all been smashed. I was bleeding and could barely see the way.

"One of our marshalls saw me and hopped in the car with me. I managed to move the car up to the hospital gates. The security guards helped me out and put me on the stretcher and took me to the casualty ward."

Although Albert has now been discharged from the hospital, he speaks with great difficulty. The panga tore his lips and broke his upper jaw He has to have his jaw wired to align his teeth

For the present he is unable to eat sold food.

When the trouble started, Albert's friend, also a taxi driver, fled from the rank. However, he did not realise that he was running towards the group that had walked past the taxi rank earlier on

Axe

The group attacked him with an axe, almost removing his ear. The police shot at them and one of his attackers dropped down and died on the spot.

He then ran towards Maphanga section, jumped the fence of the first house. Neither the owners of the house nor the dog were around. He got into the kennel and hid himself.

When the owners of the house arrived, they saw blood in the yard and followed the tracks to the kennel. They told him to come out and not to fear. They took him to the hospital and he has since been discharged.

Shots were fired from the police Casspir at the fleeing crowd at a range of about 100 m.

The crowd fled towards the Faraday taxi rank and more shots followed.

5.10 pm. The two parts of the crowd regrouped and marched towards the soccer field where they sat down waiting for other

This simple move may have saved many lives If, instead of regrouping to march back to the squattter camps together, the mourners had fled down Msomi Street they would have run into an ambush.

Shortly afterwards a police Casspir trundled down Letsoho Street and at about the same time the white Jetta, Cressida and Mazda drove up at high speed from Maphanga section in the opposite direction.

Four men brazenly stepped out of the white Jetta and opened machinegun fire on the group about 50 m away. Meanwhile, men in the Cressida and Mazda fired on the crowd as the cars zig-zagged at speed around the flanks of the mourners.

By the time the killers drove off, eight men lay dead, two of them in a rubbish dump nearby.

F1 and AK-47 cartridge cases were collected later by the crowd. Some people ran towards the concrete wall to shelter in the nearby Zimeleni school and the hospital.

Another group ran back past the Casspirs into Sibisi street in Skosana section. Police opened fire on them as they fled. The body of one man, shot in the back, was found sprawled in Sibisi Street and the bodies of four others — all with backwounds — were later found in Vile street in Skosana section.

There was more shooting at the soccer field. The shooting stopped at about **5.30 pm**.

There is no third force police

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Brendan Seery

IN the wake of this week's bloody killings on the East Rand and renewed accusations of security force involvement in a "third force", the police have vehemently denied that such a force exists.

And, promising that the police would conduct a "full and open investigation" into all acts of violence, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze revealed that crack police detective teams, commanded by Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, would spearhead the probes.

The units, which will carry out the investigations in terms of the Peace Accord agreement, are already "on the ground" and carrying out their work, but have not yet been officially constituted, said Captain Kotze.

Among the incidents the investigation team will look at, will be the attack this week on train commuters in Wadeville, Germiston, in which passengers overpowered two members of a gang of gunmen who shot dead three people and wounded 12 others.

The alleged gunmen were severely beaten by train passengers and then taken to the Natalspruit Hospital at Katlehong. Newspaper reports in Johannesburg quoted hospital staff as saying the wounded gunmen had claimed they were paid to carry out the attack by "the Boers".

Shortly after their admission to the hospital, they were taken away under police escort to another hospital, with police saying they had moved the men to protect their lives.

Democratic Party spokesman on Law and Order Tony Leon issued a statement warning the police that they should ensure that the alleged attackers were brought to trial.

He said that should the two men disappear or escape there would be "irresistible evidence" of collusion between the police and the "third force".

Captain Kotze said: "The State would obviously want to be the first to know if such a force existed. And all the intelligence machinery of the country — which is highly-regarded worldwide — has looked into this and found there is absolutely no evidence that there is such a force operating in a co-ordinated way with a specific aim in mind."

He's no killer

Witnesses Melikhaya Dladla and Mafini Siyaya.

— he is my brother

c/press 13/10/91

By LEN KALANE (278)

"OH, no! It can't be true. That's my brother and he's no killer," lamented Matsobana Komane as the Katlehong train "hit-squad" saga took a dramatic twist this week.

Matsobana is the elder brother of one of the suspected train killers, Simon Komane, who, together with Albert Dlamini, were overpowered by commuters during an attack which left three people dead on Tuesday.

Dlamini was reportedly heard saying he had been offered R90 000 for the "train job" by the "boers"

Both Komane and Dlamini, beaten to a pulp by enraged commuters, were first admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital. City Press has established that the two have been taken to the Modderbee Prison Hospital.

Police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman would not confirm their whereabouts He would also not confirm their identities, saying it was against the law

But the elder Komane yesterday charged: "It's all a mistake Not my brother. He's no killer".

He then told of the circumstances behind the ill-fated Katlehong train ride. His story was substantiated by two commuters, one of them Melikhaya Dladla, a close friend who was in the train coach when it all happened.

Suspect is ANC member, says friend

Suspect's brother Matsobana Komane.

Dladla and the younger Komane, both from Umtata, share a backyard shack in Katlehong and work for the same company, Melco Mining Supplies in Germiston.

They caught the train together that morning.

Said Dladla. "Before the train pulled out of Katlehong station seven men entered the coach As the train was beginning

KEEPING ABREAST OF TIMES ... Miss Durban finalists take to the ramp in traditional garb at the Durban City Hall on Friday night, where 18-year-old Clermont matric pupil Fikile Gumede was chosen as the city's representative in the Miss Black SA to be held in Johannesburg this year. ■ Pic: DESENI MOODLIAR.

By S'BU MNGADI

BLOOD flowed as guns, pangas, knives and other weapons were used on two

Blood flows

Seven injured in Soweto hostel shootout

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SEVEN Merafe Hostel dwellers were wounded and arrested on charges of public violence after a shootout with police at the weekend.

The incident took place when members of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit, accompanied by members of the Riot Unit, went to the hostel to investigate the killing of Mrs Jeminah Kwenaite, wife of Soweto Taxi Association deputy president Mr Andries Kwenaite.

Kwenaite's house was attacked by an armed mob last Thursday. During the attack, his wife was shot in the chest.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday that the police had arrested a Merafe Hostel dweller in connection with the killing.

The murder suspect took two policemen to the hostel at 5.30am on Saturday to point out others allegedly involved in the killing.

"In the first room at the hostel, police took possession of a pistol and a home-made firearm. The dwellers then forcibly released the murder suspect from the police. They also started shooting at the police with an AK-47 and other firearms.

"Police returned fire and used teargas. A large group of hostel dwellers started to barricade the streets inside the hostel and closed the gates to prevent the police from moving out.

"In the process, we arrested seven men who were wounded with birdshot. We also arrested another suspect in the murder case of Mrs Kwenaite. No police were injured."

Halgryn said the freed murder suspect was still at large. However, the second suspect will appear in court tomorrow.

SEXY THINGS
FOR SHY PEOPLE

ANC man shot dead by police

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JOHANNESBURG. — An ANC activist was shot dead by policemen in Soweto yesterday morning and at least 13 other people were killed and 33 injured in unrest-related incidents at the weekend.

Of this number, eight were killed and 12 wounded in the East Rand township of Vosloorus alone. An off-duty policeman was among the dead.

Seven men were injured in a shootout with police at Merafe Hostel, Soweto, on Saturday morning.

Police have confirmed that an ANC activist, Mr Vuyani Mbogxca, was shot dead by policemen in Soweto early yesterday.

Controversy surrounds the circumstances of the shooting, however, with police being unable to confirm claims by an ANC official that Mr Mbogxca was shot in the back.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said Mr Mbogxca was shot in the chest after he had allegedly opened fire on three members of the Soweto police flying squad who had been pursuing him on foot.

Whether he was indeed shot in the back or not could only be determined after a post-mortem was completed, he said.

The policemen had been patrolling the Diepkloof area about 8am when they saw a man carrying something wrapped in a newspaper. They stopped to investigate, but the man ran away, Colonel Halgryn said.

They chased him for about one kilometre when the man allegedly started shooting at the police, who returned fire.

A pistol of Russian origin and 35 rounds of ammunition were found on Mr Mbogxca's body, Colonel Halgryn said.

ANC Diepkloof branch secretary Mr Floyd Mashele said Mr Mbogxca, an ANC member of the Zone Six Diepkloof branch, had been seen walking home about 8am.

"A few minutes later he came running back. The police shot him in the back," he said.

Police found the body of a man who had been shot dead at Katlehong, near Germiston.

Two policemen were wounded by gunmen at Dambuza in Natal.

One of the policemen died later.

At Umbali in Natal a man was shot dead by two gunmen, and three men were wounded and four arrested when police used shotgun fire to ward off a stone-throwing and petrol-bomb attack in Umzinto, Natal.

A man was killed when gunmen fired a number of shots at a group of people at Phola Park, Thokoza. In another incident in the township, the body of a man was found with stab and hack wounds.

A shootout between police and inmates of Merafe Hostel in Soweto early on Saturday started when a murder suspect took police to the hostel to point out another suspect, Colonel Halgryn said. — Sapa

Alleged train killers moved 'for safety'

TWO alleged gunmen arrested last week by passengers on an East Rand train after they were overpowered and severely beaten have been transferred from Natalspruit Hospital to the Modderbee Prison hospital for their own safety, police said yesterday.

Captain Piet van Deventer said court proceedings against the men had started in absentia on Friday when a warrant for their continued detention was issued.

Although no formal charges had been formulated against the men, they must appear in court this Friday and might be charged with murder and attempted murder, Captain Van Deventer said.

The men were allegedly part of a group of four armed assailants who shot and stabbed train commuters, killing three and injuring 12.

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10 dead as police 'killers' row breaks

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THE National Peace Committee swung into urgent action on the Reef violence at the weekend, amid serious new allegations of direct police involvement in the mass slayings at the Thokoza funeral of civic leader Mr Sam Ntuli.

The Peace Committee moves came as a fresh wave of killings hit the Reef last night when 10 people — including two women — were gunned down and four seriously injured as a group of unknown gunmen opened fire in and around a Soweto tavern.

A police spokesman said the gunmen had entered the tavern and started shooting at patrons, killing four

Another six people died when the gunmen left the tavern and continued shooting randomly at passersby

Yesterday an SA Police spokesman expressed shock and dismay at a news report in the Johannesburg Sunday Star which claimed proof that two policemen were directly implicated in the massacre at the funeral of Mr Ntuli.

However, Colonel Frans Malherbe continued to deny that members of the force were involved in the killings, which left 20 people dead and 24 wounded

The news report came at the same time as a decision by the National Peace Committee on the recommendation of the Minister of Defence, Mr Roelf Meyer, ordering the interim peace secretariat urgently to set up a local dispute resolution committee in Thokoza

The interim secretariat was instructed urgently to contact community leaders in Thokoza to get this going. The secretariat is obliged to report back on developments on Thursday.

The Peace Committee also decided to set up immediately a team of lawyers to monitor the investigation into the two alleged assassins arrested by commuters during the train shooting between Katlehong and Wadeville last week.

In its startling news report yesterday, the Sunday Star quoted a man who was shot and wounded during the carnage as pointing out two policemen, who he said had fired shots from a moving car at mourners returning from Mr Ntuli's funeral

The newspaper also published a picture of a car and the two men whom the unnamed victim had identified as his attackers The victim had claimed in a sworn statement that he was shot by one of the policemen, in the buttocks and stomach.

The report said police had confirmed that the two men were policemen and that the unmarked vehicle, which had no number plates, was a police car.

Colonel Malherbe said police admitted that the two policemen and the vehicle were present in Thokoza throughout the day of the funeral He confirmed that the two men had been identified.

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He said police had been shocked and dismayed at the report as the special investigation unit investigating the killings — despite numerous requests — had not received any response or information substantiating allegations of police involvement.

"The SA Police regard these allegations in a very serious light."

He said Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman had not been informed about the allegations against the two men when he was shown the photograph by a reporter and asked to identify the men and the vehicle.

He strongly criticised the way in which the reporter and the newspaper had handled the matter, saying such important information should have been immediately reported to the police.

At a joint meeting of the National Peace Committee and the interim peace secretariat it was suggested that dispute resolution committees similar to the one which is to be formed urgently in Thokoza should be established in other flashpoint areas.
— Sapa, Own Correspondent

'Rookies' in thriller golf final

ST ANDREWS, Scotland. — South Africa's great golfing adventure ended in defeat at St Andrews yesterday when Sweden triumphed in the final of the 1991 Dunhill Cup.

The statistics may go down in history as two matches to one, but by far the most important result to come from the home of golf this week was the fact that the world is now ready to ac-

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ANC youth leader killed in Soweto

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A DIEPKLOOF executive member of the ANC Youth League was shot dead by police in Soweto yesterday.

He was Vuyani Mabaxa (21) of Zone 6, Diepkloof.

According to Mr Floyd Mashele, secretary of the branch, Mabaxa was confronted and shot by police

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

for "no apparent reason" while on his way home about 8am.

However, Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn denied the allegations and said Mabaxa was killed after he shot at police.

Halgryn said three Flying Squad policemen were patrolling in Zone 6, Diepkloof, when they saw a man with something wrapped in newspaper.

"When the police stopped, the man ran away. They followed him on foot for about a kilometre and then he stopped and fired at least 10 rounds at them. They returned fire.

Suicide

"Mabaxa was hit in the chest and killed. Police found a Russian-made machine pistol and 35 rounds of ammunition in his possession," Halgryn said.

Mashele said Mabaxa's death had angered the community.

He said Mabaxa is the second member of the ANC branch in Diepkloof to die in the past two weeks.

Papo Manyakalle, the interim chairman of the Diepkloof ANC branch was found dead in the toilet of his home with a firearm beside him. Police said he committed suicide.

Mashele said a witness to the incident had told him Mabaxa had started running after he was confronted and threatened by police.

Police chased him for about 500m and then shot him twice.

"We have information that he was shot by a black policeman who was in the company of two colleagues.

"Tests will be carried out and the post-morterm will show that he fired shots," Halgryn said.

Violence 'mocks' peace accord

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THE wave of violence on the Witwatersrand makes a mockery of the National Peace Accord signed last month, says KwaNdebele's Chief Minister, Prince James Mahlangu. Sowetan 14/10/91

Addressing a Press conference at Jan Smuts Airport after his three-week overseas trip at the weekend, Mahlangu said he was disgusted with what was going on on the Reef.

Mahlangu called on all the leaders who signed the Peace Accord to urge their followers to stop the violence.

Concerning the educational and labour crisis in the self-governing state, Mahlangu said the actions were ill-timed.

Mahlangu said KwaNdebele had an open-door policy and those who had problems were free to approach the government.

"I can assure you that I will look into the matter as soon as I have been briefed by my colleagues."

Mahlangu said he was impressed with what he saw during the three-week trip.

He also announced that KwaNdebele had, through the Port Elizabeth Technikon, signed an agreement with De Mans de Alle University in France.

The agreement would enable KwaNdebele students to study at the Port Elizabeth Technikon.

"It will greatly benefit KwaNdebele students who are interested in technical subjects."

The agreement will also enable De Mans de Alle University to send their lecturers to the technikon.

Dispute body for Thokoza

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BILLY PADDOCK

THE national peace committee at the weekend instructed the interim peace secretariat to urgently set up a local dispute resolution committee in Thokoza following last week's violence at civic leader Sam Ntuli's funeral.

The committee also decided to set up a committee of lawyers to monitor the investigation into the two alleged gunmen arrested by commuters during a shooting on a train between Katlehong and Wadeville last week.

Defence Minister Roelf Meyer recommended the committee be set up as a matter of extreme urgency. On Friday Meyer visited Thokoza and was briefed on recent events in the strife-torn township.

The interim secretariat was instructed to contact community leaders in Thokoza to get this going. The secretariat is obliged to report back on Thursday.

The joint meeting of the executive committee and the interim peace secretariat suggested that similar dispute-resolution committees be established in other flashpoint areas.

The legal committee — made up of lawyers nominated by the three principal signatories to the national peace accord, the ANC alliance, Inkatha and the NP — is to hold a watching brief for the peace committee as the standing commission of inquiry into violence and intimidation has not yet been set up. It was hoped the commission would be set up by the end of this week.

Three secretariat members were mandated by the joint meeting to devote urgent attention to setting up the permanent secretariat. The meeting also gave attention to other alleged violations of the peace accord that have so far been brought to the committee's attention.

LINDEN BIRNS reports that countrywide township violence during the weekend claimed the lives of at least 11 people, including an off-duty policeman, while at least 23 people were injured.

Eight people and the policeman were killed in Vosloorus and one man was killed in neighbouring Katlehong on the East Rand.

SAP Soweto spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn said police shot and killed one man armed with a Tokarov pistol yesterday morning after he had fired at police who were chasing him.

A man was shot dead by two gunmen at Imbali in Natal, while at Umzinto three men were wounded and four arrested after police used shotgun fire to disperse attackers armed with stones, petrol bombs and pangas.

Five men and a woman were injured when gunmen opened fire on a taxi in Nyanga near Cape Town.

At Thabong near Welkom two men were injured during a petrol-bomb attack on a shops.

Meanwhile Soweto police have stepped up patrols in Orlando West following an alleged shooting attack on the home of ANC president Nelson Mandela last week.

Halgryn said police had searched the Mandela premises, but could not find evidence of an armed attack.

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Defence Minister Roelf Meyer talks to 32 Buffalo Battalion members in Thokoza on Friday. He told them to establish calm and prevent further killings. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

New US trade ban 'is not serious'

LINDEN BIRNS

THE trade embargo prohibiting US companies from trading with SA's armaments manufacturer and procurement corporation Armscor, or any of its subsidiaries, was "no big deal", Defence Ministry spokesman Chris van der Westhuizen said yesterday.

On Friday the US announced it was banning trade between US businesses and the Armscor group after discovering that Armscor had been developing medium-range ballistic missile technology.

Although the Defence Ministry had not yet seen the documents outlining the sanctions, the embargo did not seem terribly serious, Van der Westhuizen said.

According to Jane's Defence Weekly's SA correspondent Helmoed-Romer Heitman, the new embargo will not have any meaningful effect on Armscor.

He said the US announcement was routine, and it appeared as if SA was merely being added to the US's list of countries with medium and long-range ballistic missile capabilities.

"There does not seem to be anything new that is not covered by the two standing UN arms embargos against SA."

It was unlikely that the embargo's objective was to punish SA for dealing with countries which the US did not like, he said.

Weekend reports suggested that the embargo might be a punishment for Armscor's sale of G-5 cannons to Iraq before the outbreak of the Gulf war.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz

Still on the beat

Mrs Elsinah Mabaxa, the mother of Vuyani Mabaxa, being comforted by relatives after hearing of her son's death.

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE two policemen implicated in the violence that erupted after the funeral of political activist Mr Sam Ntuli in Tokoza last week are still on the beat, police said yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said yesterday that although the two policemen had been identified and had also admitted they had been present in Tokoza on the day of Ntuli's funeral, they had denied allegations in the *Sunday Star* yesterday.

"We still deny these allegations until such time proper investigations reveal otherwise," Malherbe said.

The *Sunday Star* yesterday carried a front page report in which a victim

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No action against cops

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8 killed in East Rand violence

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EIGHT people were shot dead and 14 seriously injured in three separate incidents when gunmen attacked residents at Vosloorus in the East Rand at the weekend.

The Ntombela family at Khari Street in the township were attacked by gunmen who shot and killed two of their relatives and a neighbour and injured 12 others, including two babies, one 14-months-old.

A family spokesman, Miss Queen Ntombela, who herself was shot in the thigh, said the shooting took place about 9.45pm on Saturday.

She said there was a knock while the family were watching television. She opened the door and two men wearing balaclavas entered the house while a third waited outside.

The men, armed with an AK-47 rifle and a pistol, immediately opened fire on the family, killing three people and injuring 12 others.

Ntombela's sister-in-law Miss Martha Makganya (20), her sister Miss Lettie Ntombela (29) and neighbour Mr Lucky Twala (19) died on the spot.

Police found empty AK-47 rifle cartridges when they arrived at the Ntombela home 20 minutes later.

About 500 metres from the Ntombela home, a gunman stormed the house of Mr James Skosana and shot him dead.

By ISAAC MOLEDI

He also killed Skosana's wife Clementina and a friend, a Mr Maisela.

The Skosana family were also watching television about 9.15pm on Saturday night when they were attacked.

Skosana's daughter, Elizabeth, said Maisela had left the door open when he went to the toilet. "Apparently the gunman was waiting for the right moment to attack," a sobbing Elizabeth said.

A kombi and a car were seen outside.

Mr George Gamede and his wife Kelina were seriously injured in the attack. The Soweto couple was visiting the Skosanas for a weekend.

The two were admitted to Natalspruit Hospital.

In another incident at Vosloorus, a man was shot dead near Nguni Hostel.

Police said they found the bodies of three men and a woman with bullet wounds. Two wounded men were also found.

In another incident in the area, a man was killed and two others wounded when gunmen opened fire on a private car. A body of an off-duty policeman was also found with bullet wounds.

No arrests, after 33 die; no search

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have yet to make arrests following recent township massacres in which gunmen claimed the lives of 33 people.

No search has been made of Merafe hostel in Soweto, despite claims by residents that gunmen took refuge there after killing 10 people in a shooting spree in and around Mapetla's Tswelopele Bar Lounge on Sunday night.

SAP spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday that a lack of "substantial evidence" prevented police from searching the hostel.

He appealed to residents to come forward with descriptions of the alleged killers and to provide further information to aid the investigation, which was being hampered by a lack of leads. (278) CT 15/10/91

Vigil killing: Five in court

JOHANNESBURG. — Five men appeared in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday in connection with the killing of 14 people at a night vigil in Alexandra in March 1990.

Mr Gibson Mbatha, Mr Derrick Majozi, Mr Christopher Mbatha, Mr Petros Buthelezi and Mr John Zakwe were not asked to plead.

● Mr Obed Dlamini and Mr Simon Komane are expected to appear in Germiston Magistrate's Court on Friday in connection with the killing of three and wounding 10 East Rand train commuters last week. — Sapa

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Halgryn said investigations were hampered by a lack of hard evidence and leads, which he said could potentially be provided by Soweto residents.

In incidents yesterday, the bodies of two men with bullet wounds were found in Thokoza township.

SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said a probe into the killing of at least 20 people in Thokoza after community leader Sam Ntuli's funeral last week had begun on the same day. No one had been arrested.

Police had still not been able to find the bullets removed from the Thokoza victims. Malherbe accused medical staff at Natalspruit hospital of being "unethical" in their treatment of victims of violence.

Malherbe said senior police investigator Maj-Gen Ronnie van der Westhuizen would monitor investigations into allegations in the media that two policemen were involved in the Thokoza killings. The policemen had been questioned but would not be disciplined on the basis of the allegations.

Police have made no arrests in connection with the killing of three members of a family in Vosloorus on Saturday.

Police probe killing claims

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police are investigating claims that two policemen were involved in last week's Thokoza funeral massacre.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said the implicated policemen had been traced and while admitting to being in the area denied they had fired at mourners.

The Sunday Star published an article implicating two East Rand officers in the massacre which claimed 20 lives.

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Police probe attacks at camp

POLICE are investigating a possible link between two armed attacks on residents of the Rheeders squatter camp near Kloof Gold Mine in Westonaria on Sunday in which two people were wounded.

West Rand police spokeswoman Captain Henriette Bester said two men, aged 39 and 20, were arrested by the mine's security guards after a group of men allegedly started firing at residents after being dropped off by two minibus taxis near the camp.

Mr Tembiso Mabimbi was found with bullet wounds in both legs at about 4.30pm. The mine security personnel seized a 9mm pistol following the arrests.

Earlier on Sunday, Mr Xamgui Boni (28) was found shot in the back. Both men were admitted to Leratong Hospital.

Police suspect robbery was the motive for the attacks and have opened an attempted murder docket, Bester said. - *Sapa.*

Medical, hospital costs set to rise

Sowetan 15/10/91.

THE Representative Association of Medical Schemes yesterday announced an average 16 percent increase in its 1992 scales of benefits for doctors and dentists as well as for private hospitals and day clinics.

The increases - which take effect from January 1 1992, - come on the back of an eight percent hike granted by Rams on September 30 to compensate for the effects of VAT.

Other practitioners - such as psychologists and physiotherapists - get a straight 15 percent across the board.

The increases for private hospitals and day clinics average out at about 16 percent. At the top end of the scale in this sector is a 33 percent rise for intensive care units

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"The heavy costs of specialist (mainly imported) equipment, combined with the salary levels of highly skilled nursing staff, have placed a great deal of pressure on intensive care units in the past year - and it was clearly necessary for their needs to be addressed," Rams executive director Mr Rob Speedie said in a statement.

Although the average 16 percent increase for 1992 is more or less in line with inflation, Rams says it is gravely concerned that the total payout next year could go up by well over 20 percent because of persistent overutilisation/ overprovision of health care products and services.

"Rams figures show that this is certainly proving to be the case for the current year - so much so that some medical schemes had to implement interim increases," said Speedie.

"For the man in the street, private health care is becoming increasingly unaffordable with the passing of each year," Speedie added.

To illustrate the point, he said medical schemes will probably pay out an average of R275 a member each month for health care services in 1992, compared with R220 this year and R98 only four years ago in 1987.

"The unfortunate result of spiralling consumption will be an inevitable limitation on, or reduction in, the benefits granted by medical schemes as they strive to contain increases in their subscription rates."

Speedie noted that the cost of health care will rise by more than R1 billion to reach R7,6 billion in 1992.

Top union official ambushed, shot

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A TOP official of the National Council of Trade Unions was shot and injured in an ambush near Tokoza on the East Rand at the weekend.

Mr Boaz Mashele (45), national treasurer, was hit in the private parts when two armed men opened fire on him.

He is being treated at Natalspruit Hospital.

A hospital spokesman could, however, not comment on his condition.

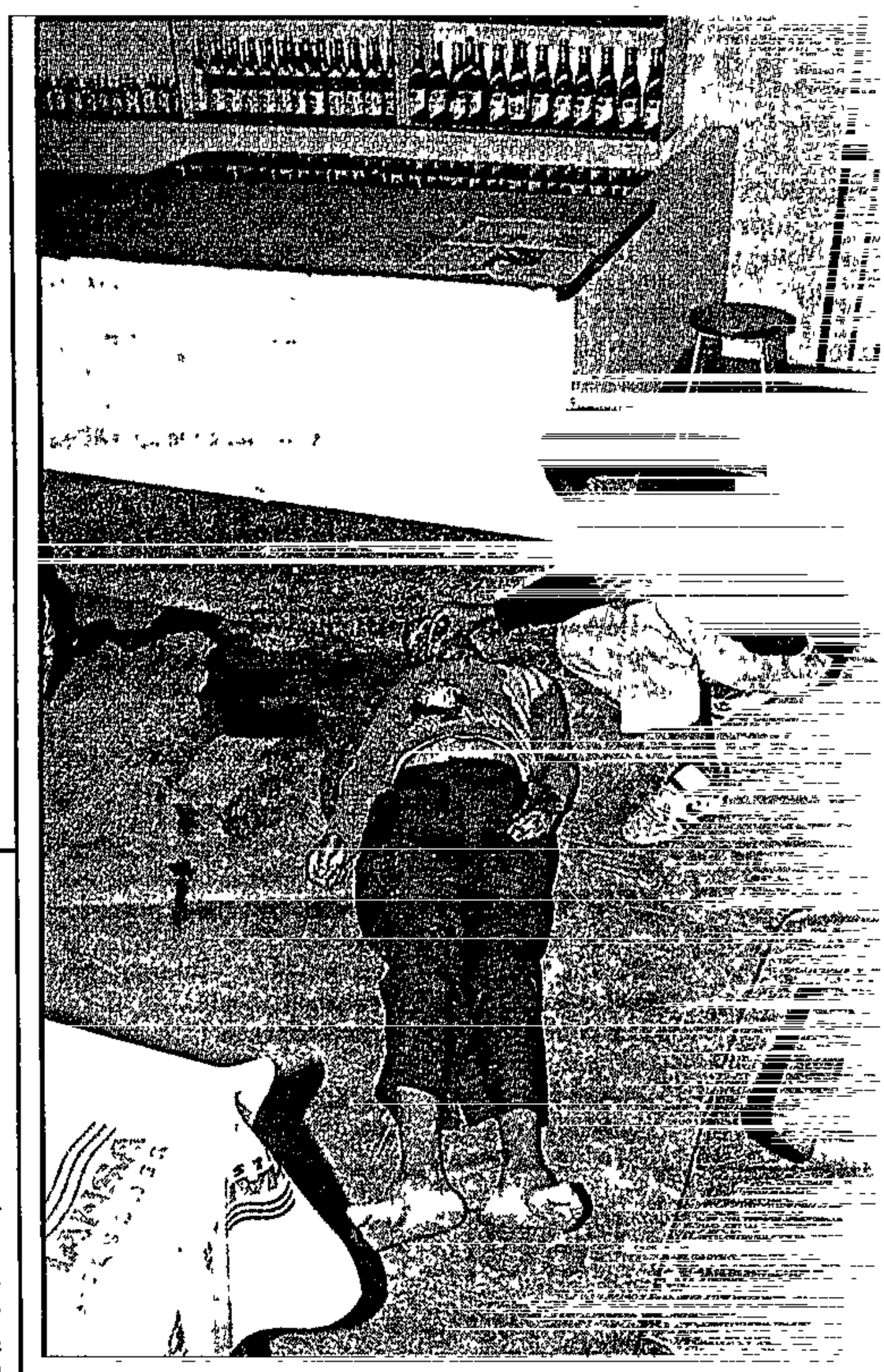
East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zwieel said yesterday the incident had not been reported to the police.

A union spokesman said Mashele was attacked when he stopped to inspect damage to his car after another vehicle had hit his from behind.

"The assailants from the car which had hit him from behind opened fire, hitting him in the private parts," union spokesman Mr Cunningham Ngcukana said.

The union has blamed the attack on the "agents of apartheid".

"We believe that the attack was perpetrated by agents of apartheid who are opposed to freedom and democracy," a statement released by the union said.



A man inspects the body of a woman, one of the 10 people killed on night when an armed gang opened fire on people at the Ts... Lounge in Mapetla, Soweto. PIC: LEN ...

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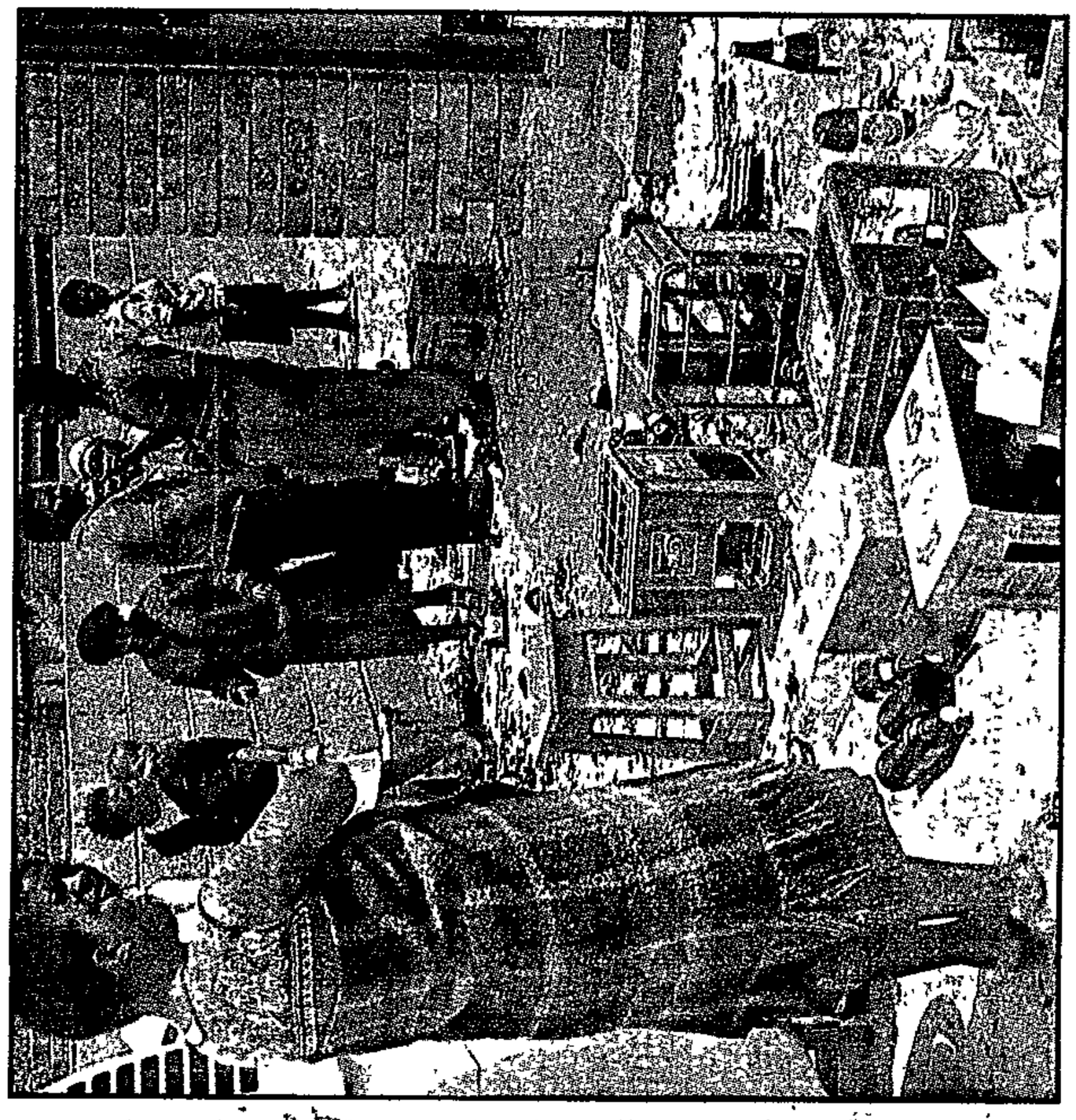

3 more die in Tokoza

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THREE more people were killed and two others wounded in Tokoza yesterday, bringing to at least 23 the number who have been killed in a week of political violence.

Police said yesterday they found two bodies with bullet wounds in Tokoza, scene of a post-funeral massacre last week which left 20 people dead and 24 wounded. The bodies were found at 1am.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said a wounded man and a woman were

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admitted to Natalspruit Hospital. AK-47 rifle and 9mm pistol cartridges were found at the scene.

However, it has been established that three people were killed and two seriously injured in Tokoza on Sunday night when gunmen attacked a house in which there were eight people

Those who died were a visitor, Miss Thandi Nkosi, and two neighbours, Mr Veli Skosana and Thembi Buyambo. They all had gunshot wounds.

Themba Hlatswayo and Robertson Swelani were seriously injured.

Another victim in Vosloorus has been identified as Mr Brian Mashazi, a teacher at Ekukhanyeni Combined School in Wattville

The latest deaths bring the weekend's death count in East Rand townships to 12. Ten people - three in Katlehong and seven in Vosloorus - were shot dead and 12 wounded in the two townships on Saturday

In Soweto, the death toll stood at 10 yesterday. Eight men and two women were shot dead and four others wounded when gunmen attacked patrons at a shebeen in Mapetla on Sunday night.

The possibility that hostel dwellers from Merafe were responsible for the carnage were being investigated, Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday.

Halgryn said four people died when about 30 gunmen opened fire in the tavern. The others were killed when the attackers moved down the street, shooting at random.

Halgryn said a variety of weapons were used, including AK-47 rifles, 9mm and 7.65mm pistols and .38 revolvers.

A total of 14 people were injured in the unrest-related incidents in Soweto since Friday Apart from seven people wounded in the tavern attack, seven Merafe Hostel dwellers were injured on Saturday during a shootout with police.

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Pupils run riot

Shebeen attacked in day of rage

Soweto 15/10/91 (278)

AFTERMATH . . . Shocked neighbours console Mrs Fikile Madupe, whose house was damaged by a rampaging mob of pupils in Meadowlands, Soweto, yesterday.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

By IKE MOTSAPI and PHANGISILE MTSHALI

MORE than 700 pupils went on the rampage in Soweto and Kagiso yesterday, damaging houses and cars in three separate revenge attacks.

In one attack at a shebeen damage was estimated at R25 000 after Meadowlands High School pupils had broken windows, looted and smashed three cars.

The pupils, armed with pangas, assegais, picks and sticks, stormed the shebeen in Zone 3 about 8.30am.

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2 captured after attack on train due in court this week

Star 15/10/91

By Montshiwa Moroke (278)

Two men are expected to appear in the Germiston Magistrate's Court on Friday in connection with an attack on train commuters between Katlehong and Wadeville on the East Rand last Wednesday.

The men are Obed Dlamini (29) and Simon Komane, both of Katlehong.

Three people were killed and at least 10 wounded when gunmen wielding AK-47 assault rifles opened fire in a crowded train. One of the injured later died in hospital.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel yesterday said the pair were to have appeared in court last Friday but because of their injuries they were remanded in absentia.

The suspects were allegedly severely beaten up when victims overpowered and captured their assailants and later handed them to the police.

Captain van Zweel said the men were being treated at the Modderbee Prison hospital and were in stable condition.

She said the police were still busy with investigations following statements made by eyewitnesses. There was a possibility of more arrests being made.

A murder charge was being investigated.

There were reportedly angry scenes in the Natalspruit Hospital's casualty section where the victims of the attack as swell as the suspects were taken for treatment. Police were quoted as saying the men had to be transferred to another hospital "for their own safety".

Captain van Zweel said anyone who was on the train and had information that could assist the police in their investigations should contact Lieutenant Nothling at (011) 824-1261 during office hours or 828-2024 after hours.

The southern Transvaal region of the Democratic Party has called on the police to ensure that the "citizen's arrest" of the two is brought to court.

The DP urged the police to ensure that the suspects are kept safely in detention and that they are prosecuted as soon as possible.

The DP commended the "courageous" commuters who fought their attackers and handed them over to the SAP.

The police had continually called for assistance from the public, and now that the public had responded, it was the SAP's duty to restore the public's confidence, the DP said.

● Investigations by The Star suggest that one of the men arrested, a bona fide member of both the ANC and the National Union of Metalworkers of SA, may have been arrested by mistake.

The man, Simon Komane, was known by other passengers as a regular commuter.

Commuters said they had apprehended only one person after a group of armed men opened fire in the carriage — yet two men had subsequently been arrested.

Police, family at odds over killing

By Zingisa Mkhuma (2M8)

Star 15/10/91

A police report last Monday, that a man whose body had been found near the Phola Park squatter camp in the East Rand was an unrest victim, has been disputed.

A relative of the dead man says the man was killed by the police and dumped at the squatter camp to make it look like his murder was unrest-related.

The family says:

The dead man's nephew, Simphiwe Mdhuli, claimed in an interview that his uncle, Cecil Mdhuli, was murdered by policemen from a "secret police farm" outside Tokoza.

Mr Mdhuli has the names of the policemen whom he believes are involved, and said the same policemen had harassed his family twice in the past.

Mr Mdhuli said the policemen broke down doors and brutally assaulted his uncle and a tenant at his house, before bundling Mr Mdhuli into a Casspir.

He said he came back from a nightclub in the early hours of Saturday to find one of the tenants of his Natalspruit house lying on the ground bleeding.

The injured tenant and neighbours had told him that they had seen policemen in camouflage uniform brutally beating his uncle as he tried desperately to ward them off.

"I retrieved a torn piece of cloth from the T-shirt that my uncle was wearing. A certificate that qualified him as a security guard was also torn into pieces," Mr Mdhuli said.

"I went searching for him in Katlehong and Natalspruit police stations and even visited hospitals. When I went back to Katlehong police station for the second time, one of the workers told me to have a look at the back of a mortuary van.

"I saw the bloodied body of my uncle. He had scars on his body and was still wearing part of the half-torn T-shirt he had when I last saw him."

Mr Mdhuli was married with seven children and was employed as a security guard at Natalspruit Hospital.

Lawyers for Human Rights are investigating the allegations and have taken sworn statements from the witnesses.

The police say:

Witwatersrand SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said police found the body of a man in Phola Park at about 11 am on Saturday.

Onlookers claimed he had been "taken" by SADF soldiers and that his body was later "dropped".

When police got to the scene, some people said the security forces had been wearing brown uniforms, while others said the vehicle they were driving was brown, Captain Opperman said.

SADF liaison officer Major Andreas Jordaan said SADF members had found a body and referred the case to the police.

Captain Opperman described the claims of residents and Mr Mdhuli as "unsubstantiated rumours" but said the police were conducting a thorough investigation.

Captain Opperman said: "There were many loose allegations and I challenge anyone who can supply the police with relevant information to come forward."

Told that witnesses to the assault and kidnapping were scared of reporting the police to other policemen, Captain Opperman said policemen were not above the law.

"We do arrest our own people and it takes a policeman to investigate charges against other policemen. If a policeman has done something wrong, he must explain to the police."

Tokoza shooting: SAP slates paper's claim

By Julienne du Toit 278 Star 15/10/91

The police are not going to suspend a policeman, pictured in the Sunday Star, claimed by a victim to have shot and wounded one of the survivors of the Tokoza funeral massacre last Monday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the SAP could not act on allegations in a newspaper, and that a sworn statement should be made to the police so that a case could be investigated.

"Ballistics tests must be done, and so on. The man who was shot is entitled to an investigation into his case and a hearing in court."

The policeman in the photograph had been identified by the SAP and denied he had shot at anyone.

Colonel Malherbe condemned the manner in which the Sunday Star handled the matter.

He said the police objected to the fact that Captain Eugene Opperman had been asked to identify the man in the photograph without being told of the allegations.

"The Sunday Star was sensationalist, just thinking of circulation and money," said Colonel Malherbe.

David Hazelhurst, editor of the Sunday Star, said that when police had been asked to identify the men in the photograph, the newspaper had been unaware of a possible link to the shooting of the complainant.

The newspaper had asked the police for identification because the man's unregistered car had been photographed next to a Casspir.

It was only later that it came to the newspaper's attention that a victim in hospital had described being shot from an unmarked car.

The newspaper had then taken the same picture to the wounded victim, who identified a men as his attacker.

Colonel Malherbe added that the police had been confronted with allegations that members of the force had fired shots at mourners.

Despite urgent requests for help to investigate these allegations, no one had come forward, and it was for this reason the police were shocked and dismayed when they read that the Sunday Star possessed a sworn affidavit.

The Sunday Star had refused to give the SAP this statement, he said.

Mr Hazelhurst said the Sunday Star had been specifically asked by the man not to hand the statement to the police but to the commission into violence to be set up in terms of the National Peace Accord.

Consequently, the affidavit had been given to the Independent Board of Inquiry.

The board also took its own statement from the wounded man on Sunday.

Colonel Malherbe said any person with information could contact the special investigation unit in Katlehong at (011) 901-1715/6.

Police stood by as killers ran off – witness

Star 15/10/91

By Stan Hlophe (298)

A witness to Sunday's massacre of 10 people in Mapetla, Soweto, yesterday accused the police of doing nothing to apprehend the gunmen who were later seen getting out of a minibus at the Merafe hostel, about 500 m from the scene of the killings.

Gordon Sokopo said that after the shooting he saw the gunmen get out of a minibus at the hostel while policemen looked on.

When Mr Sokopo and others asked the police why they did not arrest the men, a policeman allegedly replied: "We cannot follow them now that they are inside the hostel."

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn confirmed that police were on the scene after the shooting, but could not say why they could not take action against the suspects. He said the matter would be thoroughly investigated.

The gunmen killed four people inside the Tseolopele bar-lounge, and six more in the streets outside.

Seven people were injured, four of whom are in critical condition at Baragwanath Hospital.

According to witnesses, there were more than 20 gunmen in two groups. One group was in a white Nissan E20 minibus with the registration LFJ 365T; the other group was on foot.

The group in the minibus struck at the Tseolopele bar at about 7 pm, and the other group attacked people in the street.

Gloria Mafolo, a bar assistant, said the killers, without uttering a word, opened fire while she was serving customers.

"I immediately switched off the lights and ran to the toilet."

Lawrence Modise, a shop assistant who was outside when the gunmen arrived, said they fired on him without speaking.

"I ran into the shop. There were customers inside and we all scuttled for cover while bullets shattered the windows.

"We hid until the shooting stopped. When I got out, the minibus was gone. I then phoned the Flying Squad who immediately arrived."

Mr Mashinini, a taxi-driver who was shot in the leg while off-loading passengers near Merafe station, said he heard shots coming from a white minibus nearby.

Hundreds of pupils on rampage in revenge attacks

Own Correspondent (278)

More than 700 pupils went on the rampage in Soweto and Kagiso yesterday, damaging houses and cars in three separate revenge attacks.

In one attack at a shebeen, damage was estimated at R25 000 when Meadowlands High School pupils broke windows, looted and smashed three cars.

The pupils, armed with pangas, assagais, picks and sticks, stormed the shebeen in Zone 3 at about 8,30 am.

Fikile Madupe, owner of the shebeen, said she was confronted by angry pupils who damanded she should show them the killer of a schoolmate. The pupil died in police custody.

In Diepkloof, pupils at two local schools barricaded streets and set two cars and a lorry on fire after ransacking a house in the area.

Pupils hijacked cars as they marched on the house of slain ANC Youth League leader Vuyani Mabaxa. They were protesting against his death.

Eight Kagiso pupils were arrested when a mob attacked a house and stormed the police station after hearing the man they were looking for in connection with the death of a colleague was in police custody.

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2 more killed in Tokoza

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Star 15/10/91

Two people were shot dead and two were wounded in Tokoza early yesterday.

A police spokesman said the bodies of two unidentified people were discovered at 1 am, and a man and a woman were admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital with gunshot wounds.

Police found spent AK-47 rifle and 9 mm pistol cartridges at the scene of the shooting.

The motive for the attacks is unknown.

Also yesterday, four people were injured when they were thrown from a train near the Denver station in Johannesburg. Police said two men and two women were attacked by a group of unknown men armed with pangas and knobkierries. The victims were taken to the Hillbrow hospital.

In another unrest incident yesterday, a man was shot dead and his body set alight in Umbumbulu, Natal.

Police said a panel [illegible] carrying about [illegible] people was shot at by unknown attackers at Sawpits. The injured people were taken to hospital. — Crime Staff-East Rand Bureau.

Vigil slaying: Five in court

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Five men who allegedly massacred mourners in Alexandra at a night vigil for an unrest victim in March this year, pleaded not guilty in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to 13 counts of murder and 17 counts of attempted murder.

All gave Alexandra addresses as their place of residence.

Massacre at vigil: Five deny murder

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Five men, who allegedly massacred mourners attending a vigil in Alexandra in March, pleaded not guilty in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to 13 charges of murder.

Mr Gibson Mbata, 28, Mr Derick Majosi, 21, Mr Christopher Mbata, 30, Mr Petrus Buthelezi, 31, and Mr John Zwane, 31, all of Alexandra, also pleaded not guilty to 17 counts of attempted murder, housebreaking with intent to murder and illegal possession of an AK-47 rifle, other firearms and ammunition.

An application to hear evidence in camera was heard in camera. State advocate Mr Z van Zyl told Mr Justice H Daniels witnesses lives could be in danger if evidence was led in an open court.

The charges follow a vigil for Congress of SA Students (Cosas) member Ms Jane Ramokgola, who died nine days after being shot on March 11.

According to the indictment, the mourners were worried they would be attacked. They approached the police, who could not find any would-be attackers. The police sent regular patrols throughout the night.

At about 4.30am a group approached the mourners and opened fire on them. Mourners fled into the house, locking the door behind them. The State alleges about six attackers, including the five accused, broke down the door and stormed into the house.

They again opened fire, killing 13 people and wounding at least 17. Mr Buthelezi allegedly handed over the AK-47 rifle to the police, who also recovered a .38 revolver in Mr Zwane's room at a men's hostel in Alexandra.

The trial continues.

ANC/Inkatha conflict in Ipelegeng

WAR is looming between the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters in the western Transvaal township of Ipelegeng over service cuts.

This week the house of mayor Jonas Marumo, who is also local IFP co-ordinator, was burnt down – allegedly by ANC Youth League members.

Lights and water were cut on October 7 because residents owed the council R500 000. (278)

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Chaos at Soweto schools goes on

Sowetan 16/10/91 (248)

SCHOOLING came to a standstill yesterday at most high schools in Diepkloof, Soweto, as pupils took to the streets and had running battles with police for the second day running.

A house was burnt down in Diepkloof after Bopa-Senatla High School pupils mistook it for a policeman's home.

The pupils apparently attacked the house in retaliation for the death of ANC Youth League leader Mr Vuyani Mabaxa at the weekend.

Pupils at Namedi and Madibane high schools clashed with the police, who barred them from marching on Mabaxa's home in Zone 6, Diepkloof.

"No one will stop us from going to Mabaxa's home as Vuyani was a member of the Congress of South African Students and worked closely with us after leaving school," a spokesman for the pupils said yesterday.

Police fired birdshot and some drew their handguns as pupils pelted them with stones.

A police spokesman said the pupils had damaged two trucks and a police vehicle.

At Fidelitas pupils met on school premises while a police van stood guard outside the gate.

Yesterday was the second day of chaos as pupils left classes to "console and pledge solidarity with the Mabaxa family".

Massacre: five plead not guilty

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FIVE men who allegedly burst into an Alexandra township house and gunned down mourners at a night vigil for an unrest victim in March this year, pleaded not guilty to 13 counts of murder and 17 counts of attempted murder in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Gibson Mbata, 28, Derick Majosi, 21, Christopher Mbata, 30, Petrus Buthelezi, 31 and John Zakwe, 56, also pleaded not guilty to housebreaking with the intent to commit murder as well as to the unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

All five live in Alexandra.

Mourners were conducting a night vigil at the home of Jane Ramokgola who was murdered in the house earlier that month, when the five gunmen allegedly burst in and opened fire.

SUSAN RUSSELL

The so-called "Alexandra massacre" occurred at a time of widespread violence in the township.

According to the indictment, mourners, fearing they would be a target for attack, had asked for police assistance the night before.

Police visited the house, but found no sign of any attackers and left.

A number of patrols were also conducted in the area during the night.

Prior to leading evidence yesterday, prosecutor Z van Zyl applied for his witnesses to testify in camera.

Van Zyl told Mr Justice H Daniels he intended calling two categories of witnesses — individuals who had attended the vigil, and other Alexandra residents.

Van Zyl's application was opposed by defence counsel Vic Botha on his clients' instructions.

The State asked that the in camera application itself be heard behind closed doors to protect witnesses.

This application was not oppposed by the defence and Mr Justice Daniels allowed the main application to proceed in camera.

The application will continue today.

Police deny doing nothing

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JONATHON REES

SOWETO police yesterday denied allegations that they had done nothing while gunmen who killed 10 people in a township bar on Sunday night climbed out of a minibus at the nearby Merafe hostel. B1 Days 16/10/91

None of the attackers have been arrested.

SAP Soweto spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn appealed again for Soweto residents to provide witnesses and hard evidence to help police apprehend the killers.

He said he was on the scene of the shooting in Mapetla on Sunday night, "but residents could tell us nothing when I walked from house to house with journalists. Now, several days later, they make allegations to the media, but do not tell us."

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Township borehole battle rages

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

Battles raged around a single borehole in Schweizer Reneke's Ipelegeng township yesterday, with police and residents clashing violently as council officials tried to shut off the only water supply in the parched western Transvaal township.

All services to Ipelegeng — water, the removal of buckets of human waste and the supply of electricity — have been suspended in reaction to the rent and service tariff boycott.

A few days ago the Ipelegeng Civic Association activated a pump at a disused borehole on private property to ensure that residents had some access to water, said the organisation's attorney, Chris Watters.

But the town council decided that no water was better than water of uncertain quality and took steps to shut off the supply. Explained town clerk R Hattingh: "The water was unfit for consumption. It was brackish and unpurified."

She confirmed that the council sent workers into the township to dismantle the pump yesterday and that they had insisted on police protection.

According to regional police commissioner Lieutenant-Colonel Ben van Heerden, the move provoked a violent response.

"While the council workers were busy, 500 people started stoning them and the police. Police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd."

It is understood that five policemen were slightly injured.

Mr Watters said he had received reports that civic members later repaired the damage done to the pump during the morning. His clients described the situation towards sunset as very tense.

Relations in Schweizer Reneke were strained before the Battle of the Borehole. Last week residents mounted a three-day stayaway to protest against the cutting off of services.

According to Mrs Hattingh the township council owes the Schweizer Reneke council about R46 000 for services. It cannot meet this commitment because of the residents' rent/service tariff boycott.

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Ex-mayor's daughter burnt in reign of terror

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THE daughter of a former Diepmeadow mayor was badly burnt during an attack on her home yesterday as terror raids by school children continued to wreak havoc in Diepkloof, Soweto.

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Class-to-class raids

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

Pupils also scaled the high concrete walls of a neighbour's house and set it alight. They allowed the owner, a Mrs Myingane, to remove her three children, including a 17-day-old baby, before torching it.

Myingane's 12-year-old daughter, whose hair was singed as she fled for life through the flames, said: "My mother went outside to speak to pupils who had already scaled the wall.

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"There was nothing I could do," he said.

"Although I was armed I could not retaliate. I had to think of my family and there were just too many of them."

His neighbour, Mrs Kuki Nyalunga, said she fled after one of the boys threatened to stab her. Her son, who is a policeman, was not at home at the time of the incident.

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Police dismiss train gunman's claims

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday dismissed reported claims by one of two alleged gunmen, arrested last Wednesday by passengers on a East Rand train, that he was an innocent bystander.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said detectives were aware of the man's allegations, but were still charging him with participating in the train attack which left three dead and 12 injured.

"The final decision whether to prosecute (is with) the Attorney-General," Captain Opperman said.

The men are believed to be part of a group of four armed assailants who shot and stabbed train commuters before they were overpowered, severely beaten and arrested by the passengers.

The men are expected to appear in Germiston Regional Court tomorrow.

'Vigilante' attacks claim 72

JOHANNESBURG. — The Human Rights Commission yesterday said 72 people had been killed and 88 injured in "vigilante" attacks in Natal and the PWV region in the six days from October 7 to 13.

In its latest weekly "repression" report, the group said that elsewhere in the country three people were killed, 16 injured and 80 arrested.

● The PAC yesterday indicated that it would lodge a formal protest with the ANC following the death at the weekend of two Pan Africanist Student Organisation (Paso) members and the wounding of five others at Driefontein in the eastern Transvaal.

● Unidentified gunmen fired a number of rounds at schoolchildren at Umlazi township, outside Durban, yesterday. No deaths were reported and 11 people were arrested.

● Fifty Soweto pupils were arrested yesterday in connection with two house fires, one at the home of a township city councillor. — Sapa

Rampaging pupils torch five houses

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Pupils from two other local high schools, Namedi and Madibane, joined their protesting colleagues on Tuesday as they tried to march on the slain activist's home in Zone 6, Diepkloof.

Police stopped the march and fired birdshot as pupils threw stones at them.

The pupils have threatened to stage another protest march to Mr Mabaxa's home, despite a heavy police presence in the township.

Classrooms empty as pupils take to the streets

By HUBERT MATLOU

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A victim's story of a shebeen massacre

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By WALLY MBHELE W Mail 18/10 - 24/10/91

WHEN a stranger sauntered into the Tswelopele tavern in Soweto on Sunday night and put his hand into a pocket, the barmaid thought he was reaching for his money.

But it was not a beer he was after. Instead, he pulled out a pistol and began firing at the patrons. Moments later, a group of armed men joined him and another shebeen massacre was under way.

This account of Sunday's shooting in Mapetla, Soweto, was given to *The Weekly Mail* by one of the victims, Mmasethwana Ntho. The attack left at least 10 people dead and four wounded, three of them critically.

After the assault, the hit-squad ran on to the streets, launching an offensive against residents on their way home, inside shops and in their yards.

Ntho was shot in the abdomen and breasts and is in a critical condition at Baragwanath Hospital. She described how the first killer entered the bar at about 7pm:

"I was sitting at the counter with a friend, Gabriel Pelang, when a huge, dark man came walking towards us, searching his pockets. He pulled out a pistol and without a word shot Pelang in the head."

Ntho saw more armed men entering the bar as Pelang fell. "I ran to hide behind a fridge, but the man followed me. The place was filled with the sound of gunfire. As the man slowly came to where I had hidden, with a pistol pointed at me, I realised I wouldn't live to see the day out.

"There was a rain of bullets and I could hear bottles breaking and the stampede of people running for cover."

Ntho said the man fired at her without any hesitation. "Twice I tried to duck the bullets but he didn't miss. He turned and fired wildly on other people, and then turned back to direct more bullets at me."

After the shooting stopped, she saw a group of assassins searching inside the fridges, apparently looking for people who might have hidden there.

Ntho said it was clear the men "were there only to kill". Unlike similar attacks in the past, they did not loot, take any money from the till or remove liquor.

Another victim, Mebby Mnisi, told *The Weekly Mail* she was on the second floor when the assailants came in.

"I switched off the lights when I heard the first gun shots. Minutes later I saw two men carrying AK47 rifles enter," she said.

With a handful of other patrons, Mnisi crouched in the toilet. But she was hit in the head by rifle fire.

Other witnesses described how the gang went on the rampage afterwards, running amok in the streets and strafing residents with automatic rifle fire.

What struck the residents most was the chilling silence of the men throughout the attack, even as they shot their way back to the nearby Merafe Hostel.

Witnesses said they saw two white minibuses picking up some of the assassins at the street corners, while others marched on foot to the hostel.

Still in a state of shock, Simon Maqobane, who was shot in the stomach, said he was on his way home when the hitmen struck. He said people were "mowed down like flies" as they tried to run for cover.

The attack followed a heavy exchange of gunfire between the police and Merafe hostel-dwellers on Saturday, during which seven people were arrested.

In other incidents of violence this week:

- Nine people died and 12 were wounded when hit-squads with AK47 rifles raided homes in Vosloorus township on Sunday morning.
- ANC Youth League leader Vuyani Mabaxa was shot dead by police in Diepkloof on Sunday morning.
- Three people died in Thokoza on Monday when gunmen entered a house and fired on the occupants.
- Four people were injured at Denver railway station when men attacked commuters.
- A man was killed and two women were injured by 10 men who boarded a train at George Goch station.

Shed a tear for Khutsong

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THEY defy parental control, smoke dagga openly, tote guns and live by looting and robbing, but they say they do it in the name of Nelson Mandela and his ANC.

Mounds of fresh graves, the burnt embers of once-prosperous businessess and torched homes bear witness to the mindless violence that has torn apart Khutsong and other black communities in a fierce battle between rival gangs.

Gang warfare in this seedy township near Carletonville in the Transvaal is not simply hooliganism.

Violence is often committed in the name of one political group or another.

"Township gang warfare caused by a generation of youth brutalised by apartheid is very complicated," said Ms Sally Sealy of the anti-apartheid Independent Board of Inquiry

"In many cases it is caused by a rift between young and old township comrades. Gangs are formed and thuggery creeps in.

"In some cases it is caused by fighting between political groups and by police taking advantage of the fighting to set one group against the other."

Armed gangs

Many people have died in recent months as armed gangs go on the rampage across South Africa.

Rumours abound that police act in collusion with groups of unruly blacks who oppose the ANC, the old enemy of the security forces.

Instead of mobilising new members and consolidating their ranks, the ANC and other groups have been forced to concentrate on putting out the fires of sectarian strife and gang warfare

The ANC blames apartheid for the township gangs.

"Our whole system of education is not under our control It was the responsibility of the Government to create the conditions whereby we can appeal to the youth to discipline themselves, go back to school and concentrate on their studies," ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said earlier this year.

In Khutsong - "Place of Harmony" in Sotho language - one gang tortured another by cutting youths' ears with razor blades, forcing them to eat the flesh

Called "comtsotsis" - comrade-thugs in township slang - they are found in most black urban areas The gangs have fancy names such as the Zim-Zims, Gadaffis, Three-Million and Black Cats

Township gang fighting has contributed to the rise of violence in a country already torn apart by factional strife

The gangs are not affiliated to the ANC or other anti-Government groups, but they claim their actions are being authorised by anti-apartheid movements

The violence has not caught the public eye because it has been on a smaller scale than the warfare which has swept Transvaal and Natal townships in recent months.

"The comtsotsis have found real space for the expression of gang culture in anti-apartheid activities," a resident said.

Residents said trouble in Khutsong began in January last year, when two groups of youths broke away from the pro-ANC "comrades" in the township.

The first group called themselves the Zim-Zims and said they wanted to protect businessmen who were targets of community boycotts called by militants

A second group broke away when a community leader they supported was not elected to a new civic group.

Thus the Gadaffis were born.

The Gadaffis, according to residents, waged war against the Zim-Zims but also targeted innocent youths and set up kangaroo courts to discipline erring comrades.

The rivalry resulted in a chain of violent deaths as revenge attacks swept the township.

Khutsong became a no-go area at night. Many people, weary of the violence, fled.

Residents said the Zim-Zims collaborated with the police. They said security forces shot dead several Gadaffi members.

The ANC and other groups monitoring unrest, such as Sealy's Independent Board of Inquiry, stepped in and persuaded the groups to sign a truce

A number of policemen were suspended from duty and will soon be charged for misconduct after a joint ANC-Government inquiry found they took sides in the carnage.

Now other gangs are emerging in other townships across the country, reported to comprise youths who were active in an anti-Government insurrection that swept South African townships between 1984 and 1986.

Unemployment

They say these anti-apartheid shock troops are driven by unemployment and school boycotts to commit crimes such as looting

Their targets are shops belonging to suspected Government spies.

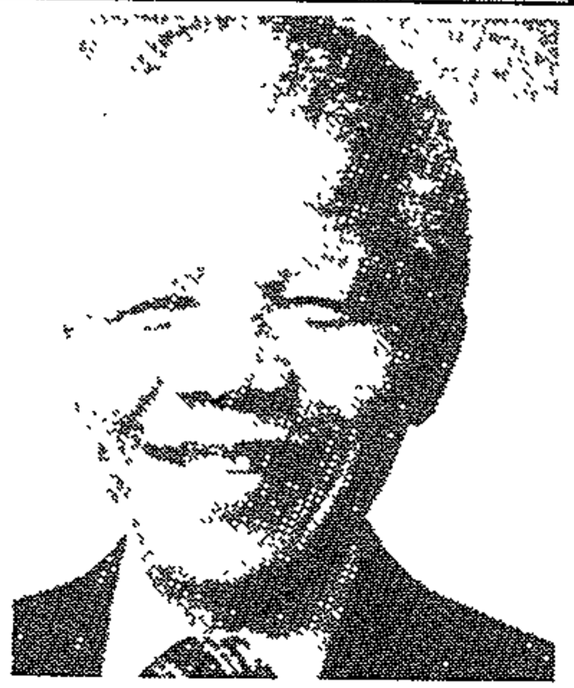
At the height of the 1984-86 uprisings, civic and union leaders, capable of imposing some discipline, were in detention and the comtsotsis had the run of the townships.

But when the ANC was unbanned and black leaders released from prison, the comtsotsis still resisted discipline.

They remain one of the most disruptive "wild cards" in South Africa's long, hard struggle for peace and political normality. - *Sapa-Reuter*

Gun-toting thugs kill and loot in name of Mandela

By RICH MKHONDO



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Still in committee (298)

Urgent steps are being taken by the interim peace secretariat to set up a dispute resolution committee in Thokoza — scene of last week's killing of 10 people at the funeral of civic activist Sam Ntuli. But optimism in the wake of the National Peace Accord seems on the wane.

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The problem is that the setting up of the accord's processes and regional structures, which promised to head off outbreaks of violence such as that at Thokoza, are in limbo.

"It's been a month already and time is running out; it should be seen to be doing things on the ground," says one of those involved in setting up the accord.

Reason for the delay appears to be that the key parties — government, the ANC and Inkatha — are still bogged down deciding on who should be at the helm of the secretariat, which would "carry the process forward." Though an interim secretariat has been established, with two representatives from each of the three parties, the question of who else should be on the nine-member body is still exercising their minds.

These matters apparently could not be resolved during the planning stage; were put aside to keep the initiative on track; and have now become a problem.

Another outstanding matter, which could well be linked to the delay in forming a secretariat, concerns its funding. It was agreed that government would provide the cash using public money; but it seems Pretoria is waiting for the secretariat to be formalised.

The role of the head of the peace secretariat should be distinguished from that of the (recently appointed) chairman of the national peace committee, who is outgoing Sacob chairman John Hall. His is more of a "monitoring and political overseeing" function, whereas the secretariat post needs someone who will get involved in the nitty-gritty of implementing local peace initiatives.

The peace committee and interim secretariat met last Sunday to discuss the Thokoza violence and capture of two alleged gunmen on a train between Katlehong and Wadeville, and other matters.

The interim secretariat was instructed to contact community leaders in Thokoza with the aim of setting up urgently a local dispute resolution committee. It also hoped that similar bodies could be established in other flash-point areas — something which should have happened immediately after the accord was adopted.

A committee made up of lawyers nominated by the three main signatories is also being formed to keep a watching brief on the Katlehong-Wadeville incident. The meeting said this procedure had to be followed, as the Standing Commission of Inquiry regarding the Prevention of Public Violence & Intimidation was in the process of being constituted. The lawyers would act for the peace committee until the commission could take over their work in about 10 days, a statement said. Other alleged violations of the peace accord were also considered.

For all the excuses, it is clear that once again fine words at top-level gatherings have been betrayed by a lack of action. ■

Peace committee's Hall
... monitoring role

The police killing that led to Soweto chaos

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Soweto schools exploded after the death of a Soweto activist. Police say he shot at them and they fired back. But witnesses say the youth was unarmed and had surrendered.

By **DREW FORREST**

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WHEN youth leader Vuyani "Mpinga" Mabaxa bled his life away next to a rubbish-choked stream in Diepkloof, Soweto, he left a long list of explosive questions unanswered.

His miserable death — from police bullets after a panic-stricken flight — was witnessed by a large crowd of neighbours roused by the clatter of gunfire. They challenge almost every particular of the police version of events.

Pandemonium has erupted in Diepkloof since the killing, with youths attacking police houses, storming schools and burning vehicles.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said Mabaxa was seen by a police patrol at 8am last Sunday with a newspaper under his arm. When stopped, he had fled and opened fire on the policemen, who had shot back and pursued him on foot. He was a killed after a kilometre-long chase, and a Russian-made machine-pistol and 35 rounds of ammunition were found in his possession, Halgryn said.

The incident is unusual in that it took place on a day when most of Mabaxa's neighbours were at home. Roused by the shooting, they poured out of their houses and witnessed the activist's last minutes, allegedly at close range.

The Weekly Mail spoke to a dozen people who claimed to have seen the

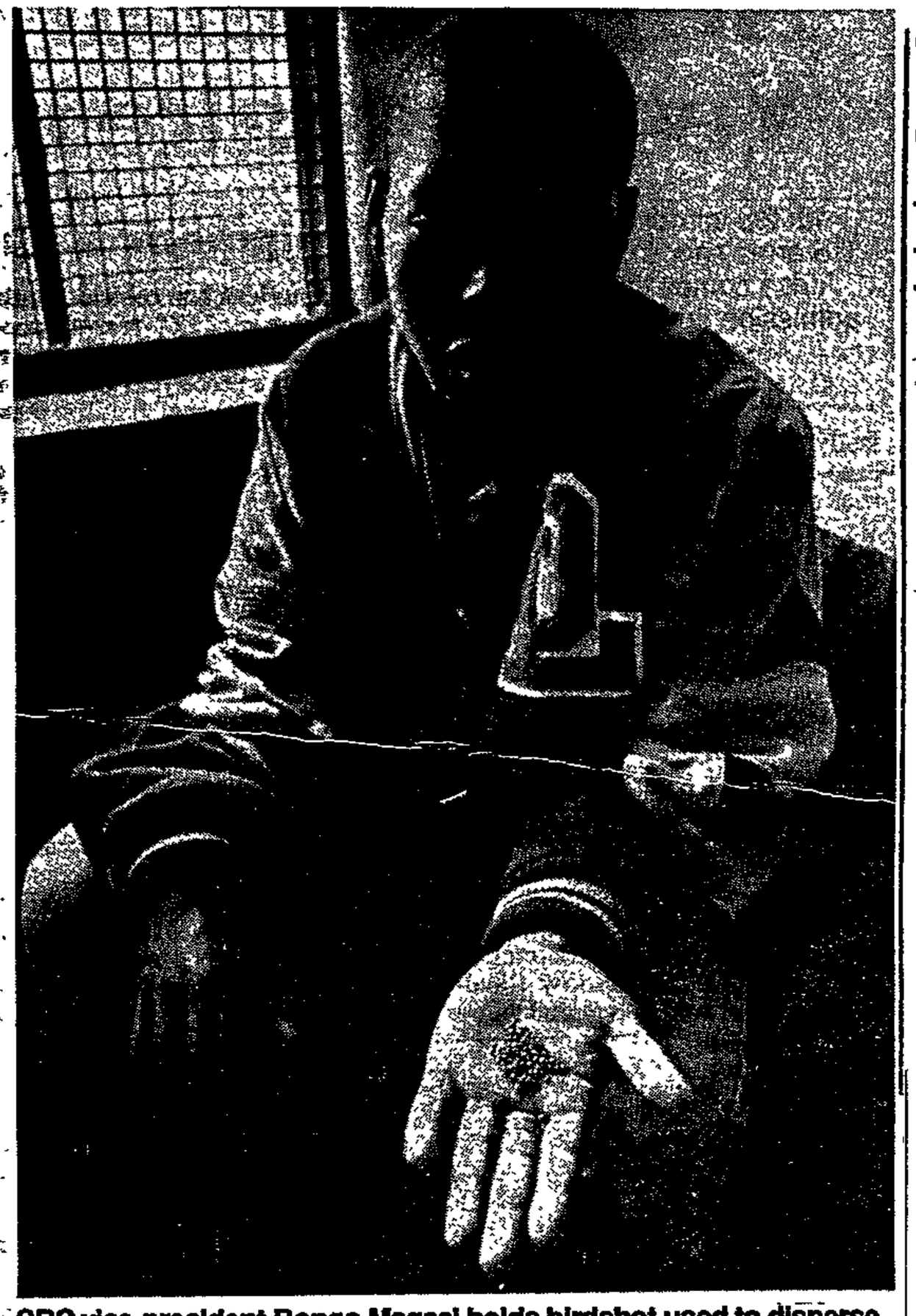
Robinson Mabaxa ... Mouring the death of his son

leged suicide, in equally mysterious circumstances, of his close friend and fellow youth activist, Papo Manyakalle.

Manyakalle was found shot in the head in the outside toilet of a private home three weeks ago, a 9mm pistol by his side. Friends insist he had no motive for killing himself.

As a spokesman for ANC Youth League in Diepkloof, Mabaxa had personally orchestrated a publicity campaign questioning the police account of the Manyakalle incident.

In addition, the South African Communist Party said the activist had visit-



SRC vice-president Bongo Magcai holds birdshot used to disperse pupils Photo: GUY ADAMS

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activists in Diepkloof are convinced

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The Weekly Mail spoke to a dozen people who claimed to have seen the incident, all of whom asked not to be named. They gave a largely consistent account, key features of which are as follows:

- Mabaxa is first seen sprinting down his home street with a powder-blue police minibus, registration number BHM 925B, in hot pursuit. Heavily armed policemen, three white, one black, are shooting at him. He is neither carrying a weapon nor returning their fire.
- Mabaxa turns left and flees through the yard of a house towards an open field crossed by a stream. Three policemen disgorge from the vehicle and follow him on foot, still shooting, while the vehicle reverses up the street to cut him off.
- Headed off, Mabaxa runs down to the stream, crossing the main road through Diepkloof. He turns to his pursuers and raises his hands, indicating that he wants to give himself up. The police respond with further shots.
- Mabaxa is wounded in the back; he staggers a few steps and collapses on the edge of the stream. The black policeman runs up and shoots him at close range as he is lying.
- In the immediate aftermath of the shooting, no weapon is seen near the fatally wounded activist. Police later produce a handgun which they say was in his possession.

The ANC has named the black policeman alleged to have delivered the final shot, claiming that he took part in raids on the Mabaxa house during the State of Emergency.

Robinson Mabaxa, Vuyani's 65-year-old father, told *The Weekly Mail* that when he was called to the scene of the shooting, his son was still breathing. Police had refused his request to transport the activist to hospital, insisting he wait for an ambulance, he said.

By the time the ambulance arrived — allegedly an hour later — Vuyani was dead. Police deny the old man's claim, and the various allegations of the witnesses.

There are other deeply troubling aspects of the Mabaxa killing. Among other things, it closely follows the action, the South African Communist Party said the activist had visited the SACP offices on the Friday before his death, where he reported that he was being followed by unknown people.

Robinson Mabaxa said that two weeks ago, a minibus had parked outside the house at 2am. From his window, he had seen a torch being turned on and off inside the vehicle before it pulled away.

Far-right elements bent on disrupting the strongly-organised Youth League branch in Diepkloof and sabotaging the peace process could hardly have chosen a better target.

Mabaxa — at 24, older than most local youth activists and one of the few to have matriculated — played a central role in launching the branch. He was also a card-carrying member of the ANC and the Soweto Civic Association, a full-time organiser of Cosatu's National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union, a member of the SACP's steering committee in Diepkloof and a part-time assistant at the Soweto Media Resource Centre.

With the violent death of two of their leaders in three weeks, terrified youth activists in Diepkloof are convinced that a systematic campaign is being waged against them.

Those who knew Mabaxa personally doubt he possessed a weapon or was capable of using one. According to Monique Marx, a post-graduate researcher at Wits University who had extensive dealings with him, he explicitly opposed the carrying of firearms by activists.

"This story that he opened fired on the police makes no sense," she said. "He was a key leadership figure, and far too disciplined to do such a thing."

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Accord at risk as 36 killed

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PRETORIA. — At least 36 people died and many others were injured in one of the bloodiest weekends of political violence that threatens to wreck the National Peace Accord.

JOHANNESBURG. — A man who allegedly saw police fatally shoot ANC youth leader Mr Vuyane Mabaxa, is expected to appear in Soweto Magistrate's Court today on charges of assault, resisting arrest, bribery and robbery.

An ANC official has alleged that police arrested Mr Allan Mbila because he witnessed Mr Mabaxa's death.

Police say Mr Mabaxa aroused their suspicion by carrying a parcel wrapped in newspaper. They shot him after he allegedly turned to shoot them. — Sapa

The deaths in Johannesburg, Natal and Western Cape townships pushed the unofficial unrest toll to more than 200 nationwide since the signing of the pact on September 14.

Police said 19 people died in Johannesburg townships, nine in the Western Cape and eight in Natal.

Three of the victims were policemen, two killed in Soweto and one in Natal.

Police arrested three men suspected of taking part in an attack on a Soweto tavern last week, one of the bloodiest attacks since the accord. Ten people died in a hail of gunfire.

Four people have been killed and scores injured in various conflict between the ANC and Inkatha in the Groutville area, near Stanger, since the weekend.

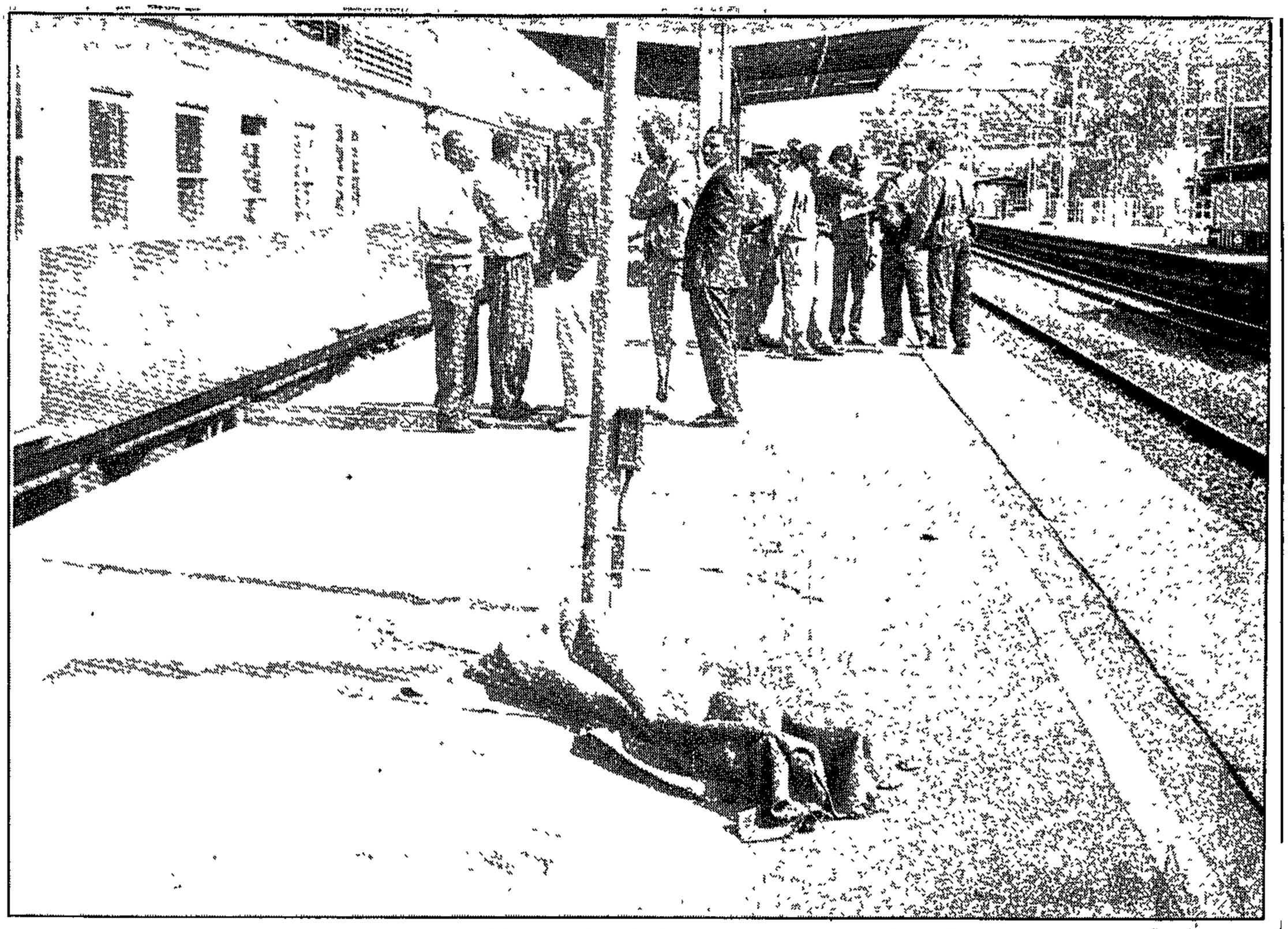
Yesterday gangs of up to 200 heavily armed men still patrolled the areas.

The latest outbreak of violence was sparked off on Friday night when two ANC supporters living in an Inkatha area known as Quba were killed

Inkatha and ANC supporters also clashed at Ntuzuma, north of Durban. One man was shot in the head. Police wounded another man apparently in an attempt to quell the fighting.

Police said a 19-year-old man raked a Hammarsdale, Natal, taxi rank with gunfire on Friday night, killing two people and wounding two others. A suspect has been arrested.

In the Transvaal a nurse, Miss Eva Mathala, burnt in an arson attack on her home by rampaging pupils, died in Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital on Saturday. She was the daughter of a former mayor of the Diepmeadow City Council, Mr Johannes Mathala. She died four days after the attack, which came amid rising tensions after the police killing of political activist Mr Vuyane Mabaxa. — Sapa and Own Correspondent



MURDERED ... The body of Johannes Tsotetsi lies on the platform covered with a blanket. ■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE

More attacks feared

By THEMBA KHUMALO

SURVIVORS of Thursday's train attack fear the assailants will continue attacking them unless police disarm them before they board trains at stations near Denver and Jeppe hostels in Johannesburg.

Johannes Tsotetsi of Natalspruit died after he and other commuters were attacked by about 20 Zulu-speaking men who boarded the train at George Goch station.

The men, believed to be from Denver Hostel, attacked commuters with an assortment of weapons and when the train pulled in at Jeppe jumped into another train heading in the opposite direction. They left behind Tsotetsi and six injured people.

Reuben Maphoto, who was travelling to work with Tsotetsi, said their assailants, speaking Zulu, warned him not to move as they stabbed commuters indiscriminately.

"They went for people standing in the aisle chanting freedom songs," he said.

Afterwards, Maphoto found Tsotetsi lying in a pool of blood with gaping wounds in his body and head.

Other commuters said armed Zulus at Denver, George Goch and Jeppe stations were a common sight. They often taunted commuters, saying they would "get them one day". The taunting often took place in front of police.

This was denied by police public liaison officer for the Witwatersrand Capt Eugene Opperman, who said no policeman would stand by as armed people taunted commuters.

He said an ANC member had claimed no police were seen during or after the incident, yet 12 other commuters stated that the police arrived after the attack and investigated the incident.

Alleged train killers in court

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TWO men who allegedly opened fire with AK-47 rifles on passengers on a crowded train – killing three and wounding 10 – appeared briefly in the Germiston Magistrate's Court this week.

Albert Dlamini, 32, and Simon Komane, 28, believed to be from Katlehong, face charges of attempted murder and murder.

They were not asked to plead and the case was postponed to November 4.

The two men were overpowered and beaten up by angry commuters on the train near Wadeville after allegedly opening fire on passengers two weeks ago.

During their appearance the accused complained that they had been assaulted by other prisoners at Modderbee Prison.

Magistrate JJ van Zyl ordered that special accomodation be provided for them.

Two more policemen shot as toll rises to 32

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Nomavenda Mathiane

TWO policemen were shot in the back in Soweto this weekend by assailants who escaped.

Flying Squad men on routine patrol in Mofolo North, near Ikhwezi station, saw a suspicious-looking man wearing a coat yesterday morning(sat) and tried to stop him.

Police liaison officer Colonel Jac de Vries said last night that constable Rommel LoydEagle (24) of Pietermaritzburg was shot in the back in an ambush while chasing the man, and died.

A policeman attached to the Rand Supreme Court, constable Job Ramaphe Mokgaphi, was shot in the back by unknown assailants while waiting for a taxi at Baragwanath Hospital rank at about 11.30 pm on Friday.

This means 32 police based in Soweto have been killed so far this year: up from 24 last year.

Countrywide, the number of policemen who have killed this year is 106."We have now become targets" said Colonel de Vries. He maintains that when they kept the ANC and Inkatha apart, the community appreciated the police force."Now we are the ones being attacked," he said.

Kagiso official's house is bombed

Sowetan 2/10/91

THE home of Kagiso councillor the Rev Ebenezer Daniels was petrol-bombed on Monday afternoon.

There was also an aborted attempt to attack the home of the township mayor, Mr Edward Moeketsi, on the same day.

Despite the attack Daniels was adamant that he would not resign as councillor and as chairman of the management council.

Moeketsi refused to talk to the Press. He also said he did not have to explain anything to the

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community as he owed them nothing.

"I am not accountable to anyone and do not owe anyone any explanation," he said, slamming his door shut.

Captain Henriette Bester of the SAP Public Relations on the West Rand said about 500 people threw stones at Daniels' house and set it alight.

Daniels estimated the damage at about R80 000.

The Krugersdorp Civic Association accepted responsibilty for the demonstration and the call for a stayaway.

But its publicity secretary, Mrs Nomvula Mokonyane, said they were not responsible for Daniels' house burning down.

"We are not responsible for the destruction of Daniels' house. We believe in resolving conflict through dialogue and therefore condemn the behaviour by marchers who destroyed Daniels' property," Mokonyane said.

Daniels said he could not understand the motive for the destruction of his home. He said he enjoyed a "fine working relationship" with the civic association and the ANC.

"I believe I have done a lot of good work for the people who elected me to my position as a councillor. The civic association has no right to suggest that I should resign. I have a constituency to report to," he said.

Police injure hostel gunman

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Sowetan 21/10/91

POLICE said they shot and wounded a 20-year-old man in Tokoza yesterday after they themselves were shot at.

Captain Ida van Zweel said the incident started when police in the East Rand township conducted a search of the Nguni Hostel.

While police were on their way back to a Casspir at around 12.45am, a group of 15 to 20 men opened fire on them, Van Zweel said.

Police have also confirmed a man was shot dead and nine others wounded when unidentified gunmen in a blue and white combi opened fire on inmates of the Selby hostel in West Street yesterday.

There had been about 15 men in the vehicle, of whom six were armed with firearms.

A man has been arrested and police had found ammunition shells on the scene.

Soweto nurse dies of burns

Sowetan 21/10/91

By KENOSI MODISANE

A YOUNG Soweto nurse who was severely burnt when rampaging schoolchildren set her home alight last week, has died.

Miss Eva Mathala, daughter of former Diepmeadow mayor Mr Johannes Mathala, died of third-degree burns at Baragwanath Hospital on Saturday.

A hospital spokesman confirmed Miss Mathala's death yesterday.

Miss Mathala was asleep in her parents' home when the attack took place on Wednesday last week.

The Mathala family could not be reached for comment yesterday. Police in Soweto could not comment on Mathala's death.

Meanwhile, two policemen were shot dead in separate incidents in Soweto at the weekend.

Constable Rommel Eagle (24) was shot in the back in an ambush while chasing a man near Ikhwezi Station, Mofolo, on Saturday morning.

A policeman attached to the Rand Supreme Court, Constable Job Mokgaphi, was also shot in the back by unknown assailants at the Baragwanath taxi rank.

The death of the two policemen has brought the death toll of Soweto policemen this year to 34, compared with 24 last year.

The number of policemen who have been killed throughout the country since the beginning of the year stands at 106.

Man gunned down in weekend of violence

B1 Day 21/10/91. 278

A MAN was killed and several people were wounded over the weekend in shooting incidents around the country.

A Merafe Hostel resident was arrested after two men, firing at a group of people from a minibus, injured one person at the weekend, Soweto police said yesterday.

Police spokesman Col J L de Vries said a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver, a 9mm pistol and eight rounds of ammunition were found on the man. He refused to identify the suspect, but said he came from Merafe Hostel and would appear in court soon.

One man was injured in the attack, the SAP official unrest report said.

Sapa reports that police confirmed a man was killed and two wounded when gunmen opened fire from a white minibus on a group of men in Vosloorus on the East Rand on Friday night.

Police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweel said about 8.30pm shots were fired from the minibus at a group of men standing on the corner of Pietso and Moagi streets.

Police found AK-47 and .38 cartridges on the scene, she said.

No-one had been arrested in connection with the shooting.

In Daveyton on the East Rand a man firing an AK-47 rifle wounded three men on Friday night.

Van Zweel said the men were hit in the legs in the street shooting. Police found AK-47 catridges at the scene.

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In Thokoza, a 20-year-old man was shot and wounded by police on Sunday morning after the police had been shot at, she said.

A group of about 20 men opened fire on the police as they were returning to a Casspir after conducting a search of the township's Nguni Hostel.

A policeman returned fire with a shotgun, hitting one man in the chest and legs.

The injured man is under police guard at the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital.

☐ Police have released the names of two police constables who were shot dead in Soweto in separate incidents on Friday and Saturday.

R L Eagle, 24, of the Soweto Flying Squad was gunned down while on patrol at the Ikwezi station about 8am on Saturday. Job Ramaphe Moagaphi of the Rand Supreme Court was shot dead at the Baragwanath Hospital taxi rank on Friday night.

The latest deaths brought to 32 the number of policemen killed in Soweto this year, compared with 24 police deaths in the sprawling township last year, said De Vries.

KwaZulu gives go-ahead for gill netting

B 10 Day 21/10/91

THE KwaZulu Bureau of Natural Resources has lifted the ban on gill netting at Kosi Bay's first lake. It is the first conservation organisation in SA to sanction the controversial fishing method.

Bureau director Nick Steele said the motivation was to help members of the local Tembi tribe supplement their daily food resources.

Gill netting has been outlawed internationally because of its devastating effect on fish populations.

Steele said bureau scientist Rupert Kyle had undertaken a year-long study into the effects that controlled gill netting would have on various fish species.

ANTHONY NDLOVU

He said the results of the bureau's study could have far-reaching consequences, as other conservation organisations might now consider following suite.

He said the study had indicated that selective gill netting in the reedy margins of the lake would have minimal impact on crocodiles and hippos. It would also not affect traditional fish-trapping by locals or game fishing in the lake.

Revenues

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The new Finance Department estimates for fiscal 1991/92 now envisage a budget deficit for the year equivalent to 3,9% of GDP, compared with a projected deficit-to-GDP ratio of 3,4% in the March Budget speech. Such an outturn — well above the 3% limit for this ratio recommended by the IMF — should not be interpreted as excessive fiscal stimulation of the economy, according to Barnardt, who forecasts a deficit:GDP ratio of 4% for 1991-92.

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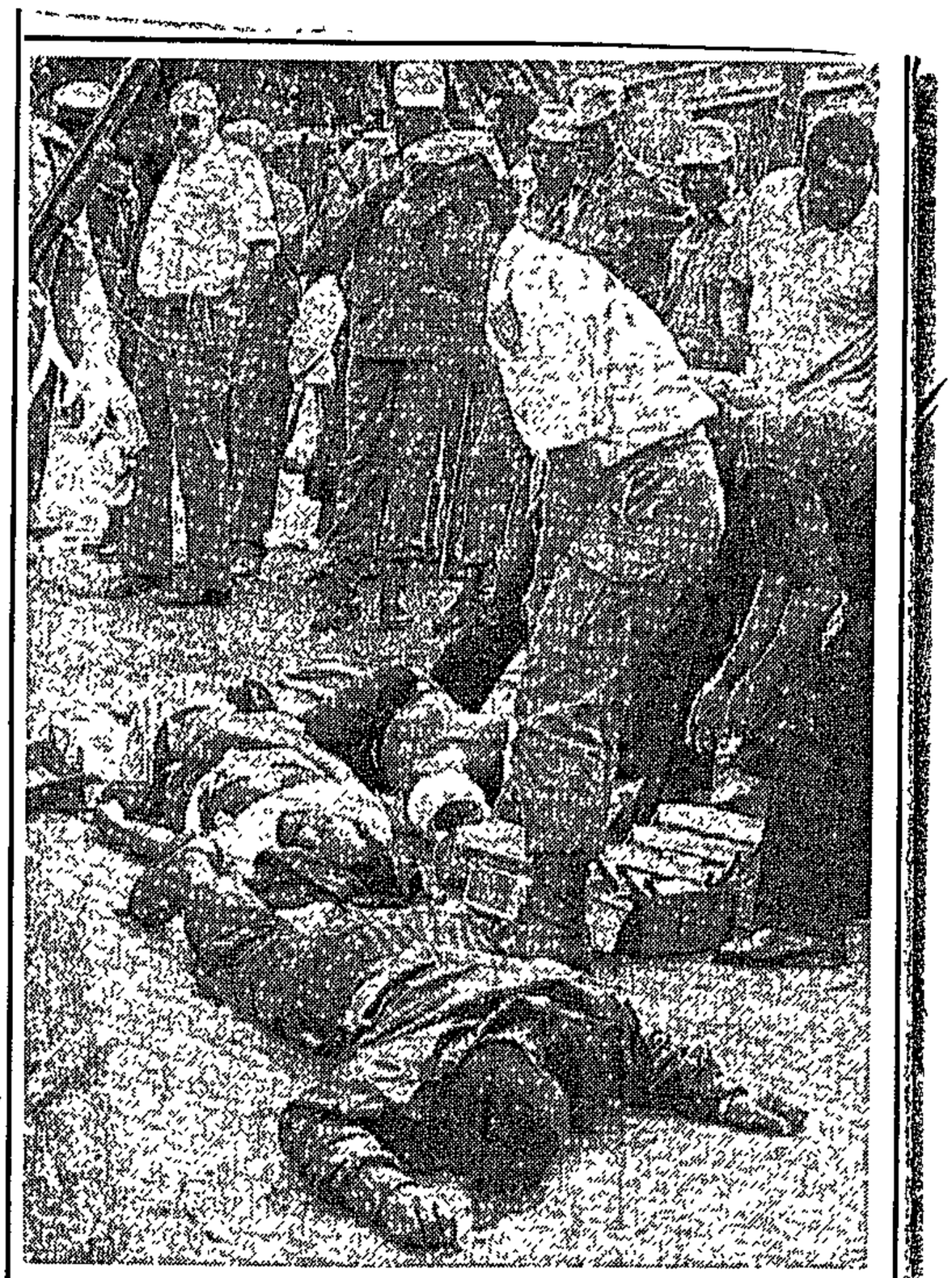
"Including strictly all government and government-related spending — such as that by the Independent Development Trust — would take the deficit-to-GDP figure to 4%. That is not aggressively stimulatory when you remember that government spending is only some 2% higher in real terms, while revenues are low because of the recession's impact on the tax base and not because of tax cuts."



GUNNED DOWN: Two people died and one was seriously hurt when gunmen opened fire from a train 'carrying only Inkatha supporters' as it pulled away from Phefeni station, Johannesburg, yesterday.

Two die as gunmen on 'Inkatha' train open fire

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two people were killed and one was seriously injured at Phefeni station when shots were fired from a moving train "full of Inkatha supporters".

Police spokesman Colonel Jac De Vries said the incident yesterday came half-an-hour after about 5 000 Inkatha supporters dispersed from a rally in Jabulani — about 6km from Phefeni station.

The crowds boarded Johannesburg-bound trains at two or three stations in the area.

"The train from which the shots were fired was carrying only Inkatha supporters," said Colonel de Vries.

"When large numbers of Inkatha supporters get on a train other people get off," he said.

The shots were fired as the train started moving off. Two men, who were killed instantly, were walking in the street

Two shot dead from train by 'IFP supporters'

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JOHANNESBURG — Two men were shot dead and another was seriously wounded by Inkatha Freedom Party supporters after a rally in Soweto yesterday afternoon.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said a train with IFP members returning to their hostels in Soweto and Johannesburg had stopped at the Phefeni station about 3.25pm. As the train pulled off, there was automatic gunfire from the carriages.

A man on the platform was seriously wounded and two people in the street flanking the station were fatally wounded, he said

Asked whether it was certain the shots were fired by Inkatha members on the train, Colonel De Vries said: "You can quote me on that."

Police also confirmed that a man was shot dead and nine others were wounded when unidentified gunmen in a blue and white combi opened fire on inmates of the Selby Hostel in West Street yesterday afternoon.

Meanwhile, a senior IFP official alleged last night that two supporters of his party had been stabbed and slightly injured when a group of Cosatu members attacked them with guns and other weapons at the Westgate station about 5.30pm

A man was shot and wounded by police in Thokoza yesterday morning after police had themselves been shot at, according to a police spokesman.

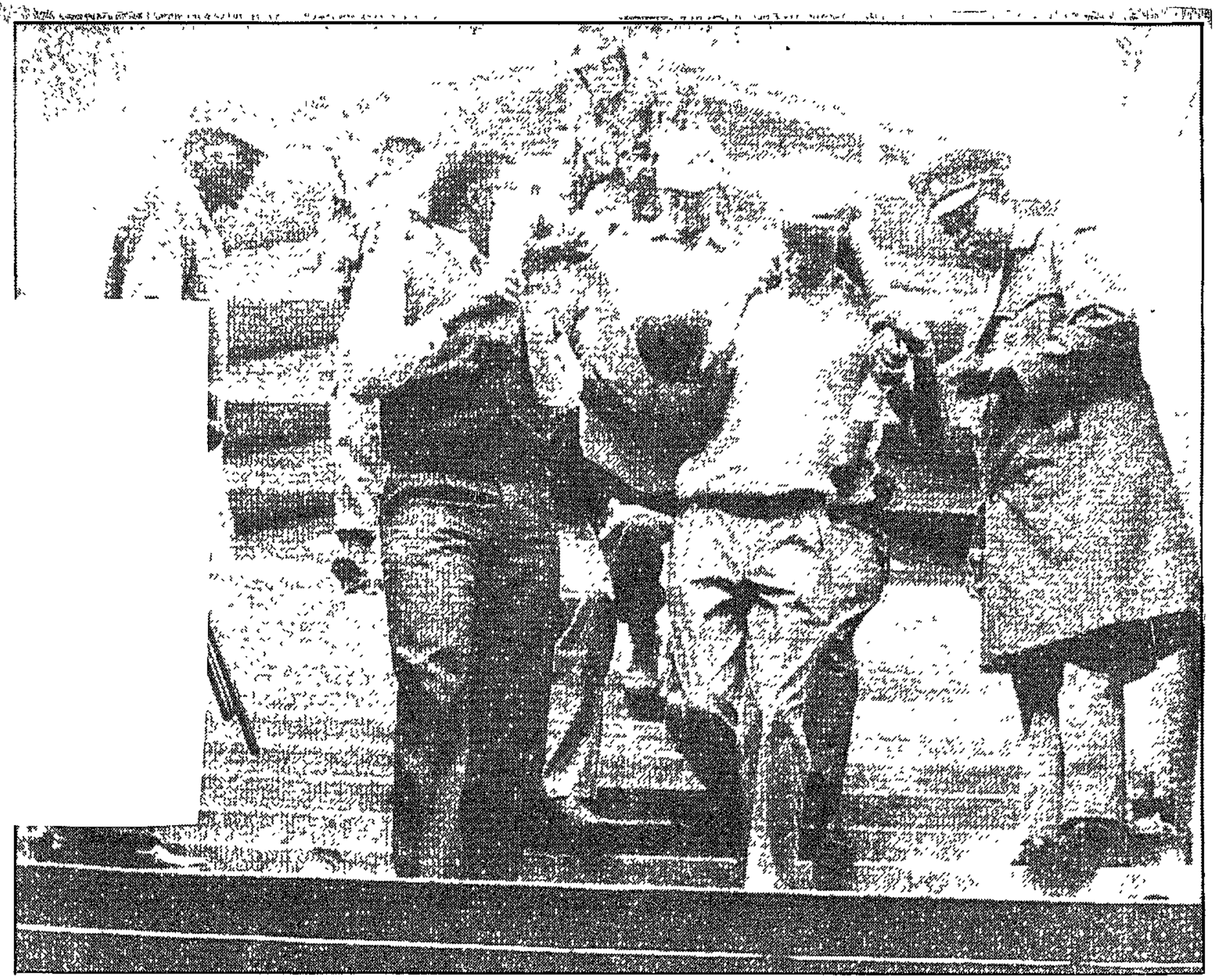
Captain Ida van Zweel said a group of men opened fire on police as they were returning to their Casspir after searching the Nguni Hostel.

A policeman returned fire with a shotgun, hitting the man in the chest and legs.

A Merafe Hostel resident was arrested after two men, firing at a group of people from a minibus, injured one person at the weekend.

Police spokesman Colonel De Vries said a Smith and Wesson revolver, a 9mm pistol and eight rounds of ammunition were found on the man. He would appear in court soon.

● ANC activist Vuyane Mabaxa, cut down by police bullets last week, was buried in Soweto on Saturday to gun salutes, tight security and militant speeches. — Sapa



Slain . . . members of the public help police to remove the body of one of two men killed at Pheleni station yesterday. The men were hit by shots from a moving train.
Picture: George Mashinini

2 killed as shots are fired from train

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Two people were killed and one injured at Phefeni Station yesterday afternoon when shots were fired from a moving train "full of Inkatha supporters", according to police reports.

Police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said the incident happened about half an hour after thousands of Inkatha supporters had dispersed from a rally in Jabulani, about 6 km from Phefeni Station.

The crowds boarded Johannesburg-bound trains at two or three stations in the vicinity.

"I can say without a doubt that the train from which the shots were fired was carrying only Inkatha supporters," Colonel de Vries said.

"When large numbers of Inkatha supporters get on a train, other people get off."

Shots were fired as the train started moving off from Phefeni Station.

Colonel de Vries said the bodies of the two men killed by the shots had not yet been identified. The wounded man, whose name has not yet been released, was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

IFP spokesman Suzanne Vos said she had read about the Phefeni shootings in the press only this morning and was therefore in no position to comment. However, she had "asked our people to investigate immediately," she said.

● Police also confirmed a man was shot dead and nine others wounded when unidentified gunmen in a blue and white minibus opened fire on inmates of the Selby hostel in West Street at about 4.15 pm.

According to the wounded there had been about 15 men in the vehicle, of whom six had firearms, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel.

She said a man was arrested and the wounded were taken to the Hillbrow Hospital.

● A senior IFP official last night said two of his party's supporters had sustained minor stab wounds after Cosatu members attacked them at Westgate station at about 5.30 pm.

Captain van Zweel said police had been informed about a stone-throwing incident at the station, but could not confirm the alleged attack. She said police had only found signs of stone-throwing when they arrived on the scene

IFP West Rand secretary, Humphrey Ndlovu, claimed the alleged attackers were municipal workers from the municipal compound near the station.

He alleged shots were fired, but that the IFP members had managed to escape. Police had arrived on the scene after the shooting, he said.

Mr Ndlovu called on all IFP supporters to remain in their hostels and to refrain from any retaliatory action. — Staff Reporters-Sapa.

Trucks burnt as pupils riot

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A DELIVERY truck and a Post Office van were set alight in Diepkloof yesterday as chaos by rampaging high school pupils in Diepkloof, Soweto, continued.

Classes grounded to a halt at high schools in Diepkloof after pupils threw petrol bombs at two vehicles during a lunch break.

Three pupils were arrested when police broke the gates at Namedi High School in Zone 3 as they pursued the suspects after the burning incident.

Police said a petrol bomb was also hurled at a South African Defence Force vehicle which arrived at the scene.

One of the arrested pupils was identified as a Standard 8 pupil at Namedi High School, who was arrested near a shopping centre in Zone 3 where the two vehicles were burnt.

The principal of Namedi, Mr JJ Lesele, said the pupil was arrested after the police forced their way into the school premises by breaking the lock on the security gates.

Police confirmed they had broken the gates and arrested three of four suspects pointed out to them by the troops.

The fourth suspect managed to get away.

Yesterday a police and army contingent patrolled the area.

According to the driver of the meat supply delivery truck, Mr Maviyo Twala, the pupils set the vehicle alight shortly after he had parked at the shopping complex, nearby Namedi and Madibane high schools, to offload the stock.

ANC youth leader

A passing Post Office van was attacked with stones and later set alight.

Diepkloof high schools have been plagued by disruption and unrest since the death of ANC youth leader Vuyani Mabaxa, who was allegedly shot and killed by police last week.

Mabaxa's death triggered a wave of protests in schools in the area as thousands of angry pupils engaged in running battles with the police.

Hospital 'favours ANC'

THOKOZA hostel residents have alleged that Inkatha supporters who are patients at Natalspruit Hospital are being mistreated by nursing staff.

Hospital authorities have agreed to investigate the claims.

Thokoza Hostel Dwellers' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo said yesterday that since violence erupted in the East Rand townships of Thokoza and Katlehong last year, hospital personnel had been hostile towards Zulus and Inkatha members.

On October 9 a Zulu hostel resident, injured in an attack on a Wadeville-bound train, was allegedly beaten up by nurses when he was admitted to Natalspruit Hospital, Mlambo said.

"The incident incensed us so much that we sought a meeting with the hospital administration to discuss it and other gripes we had about the hospital."

Other grievances the association raised with hospital authorities included the display of ANC posters in wards and use of the hospital as a "refugee camp" by township residents when violence erupted in Thokoza and Katlehong.

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"The hospital administration promised to look into our complaints," Mlambo said.

Natalspruit Hospital superintendent Dr Norman Kernes confirmed that he had met the Thokoza Hostel Dwellers' Association and had promised to investigate the October 9 incident "because it is hospital policy to treat patients without taking note of their political affiliations".

Kernes said the hospital would remove the ANC posters as they might create a perception that the hospital was favouring one organisation over others.

"The people who come to the hospital during unrest situations are not invited by us. But the hospital has adopted a sympathetic view, as these people come here under exceptional circumstances," he said.

Mlambo dismissed rumours that Zulu-speaking hostel residents had planned to attack the hospital to get even with staff members.

"We want peace, and the fact that we requested a meeting with the hospital administration to discuss our grievances is proof of that," he said.

Burnt out . . . police were soon on the scene after a Post Office van and a meat supply truck went up in flames at the Zone 3 shopping centre in Diepkloof, Soweto, yesterday after rampaging youths threw petrol bombs at the vehicles. Picture: Jacoob Rykliff

Rampaging pupils set truck, van alight

By Montshiwa Moroke and Phil Molefe (278)

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A delivery truck and a Post Office van were set alight in Diepkloof yesterday as chaos continued in troubled Soweto high schools.

Classes ground to a virtual halt at Diepkloof high schools after rampaging pupils threw petrol bombs at the two vehicles during a lunch break

At least three pupils were arrested after police broke open the gates at Namedi High School in Zone 3.

One of the arrested pupils was identified as Benjamin Moeketsi, a Std 8 pupil at Namedi High School, which is situated at the back of the Zone 3 shopping centre where the two vehicles were set alight

Soweto police said yesterday about 150 pupils had set the vehicles alight.

A police spokesman said an army patrol arrived at the scene and pupils threw petrol bombs at the army truck and then fled into the schoolgrounds, locking the gates behind them

The police arrived, broke open the gates and arrested three of four suspects pointed out to them by the troops

The fourth suspect managed to get away.

According to Mavivo Twala, driver of the meat supply delivery truck, the pupils set the vehicle alight shortly after he had parked it at the busy shopping complex to offload stock The Post Office van was passing by

Diepkloof high schools have been plagued by disruption and unrest since the death of ANC youth leader Vuyani Mabaxa who was allegedly shot and killed by police last week

Mr Mabaxa's death triggered a wave of protests in schools in the area as thousands of angry pupils engaged in running battles with the police

The week-long pandemonium has left one woman dead, four vehicles burnt and the house of former Diepmeadow mayor Johannes Mathala extensively damaged by fire

Four in court (278)

Four men accused of murdering an 18-month-old child and of attempting to kill her father and mother — all relatives of Nelson Mandela — appeared briefly in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. Ismael Madela (44), Patrick Thabane Mnguni (25), Meshack Ngubo (25) and David Zungu (30), all of Meadowlands, Soweto, face charges of murdering Gloria Mandela and attempting to murder her parents, Monde and Susan. They were remanded until February 10 next year.

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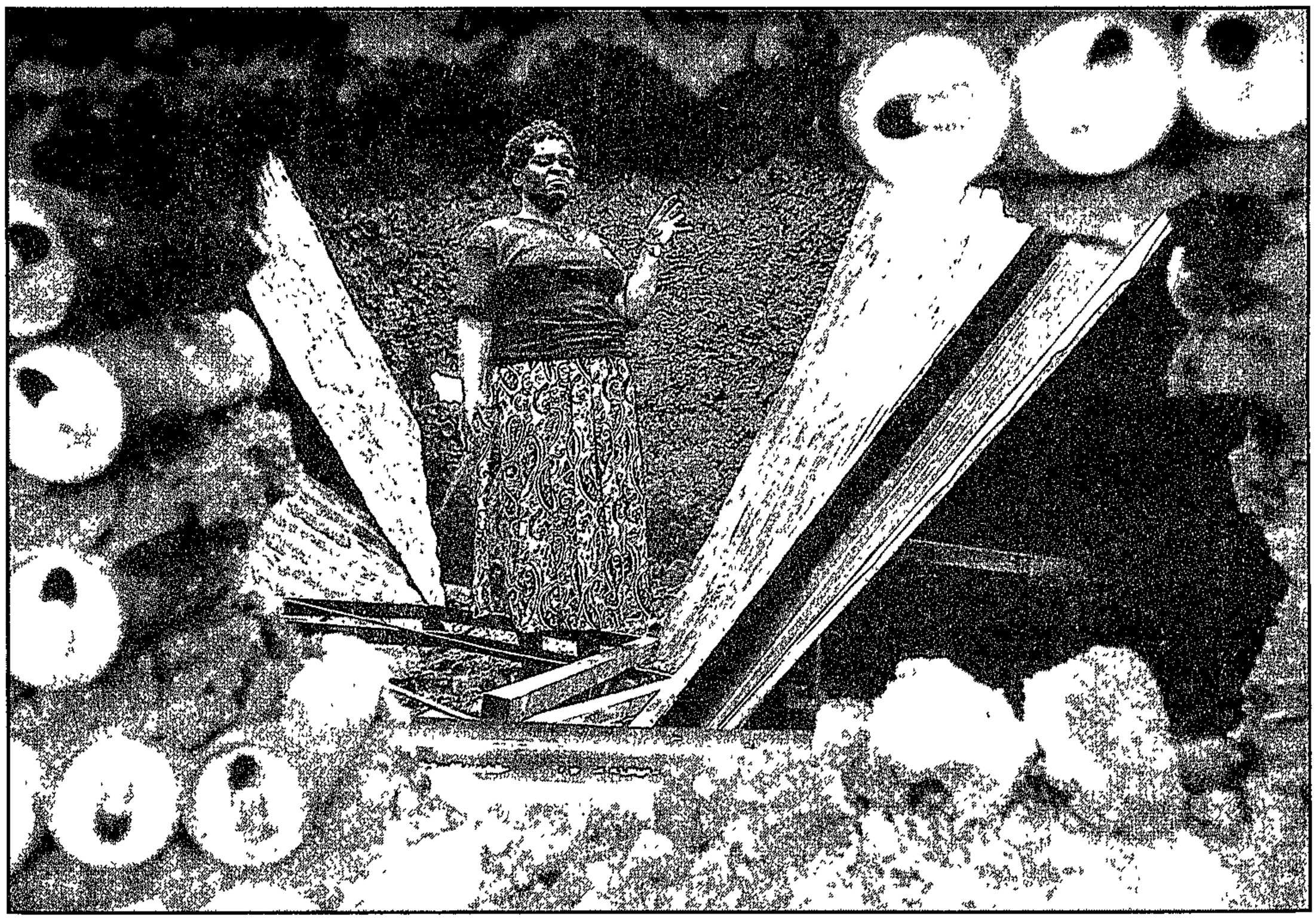

Razed . . . Linah Mabunda stands inside what was once her home, burnt down by unknown gunmen at the Madlakadlaka squatter camp in Kendal, near Ogies, at the weekend. Picture: Alf Kumalo

Squatters tell of killing and burning

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By Stan Hlophe (278)

Residents of Madlakadlaka squatter camp in Kendal, near Ogies, yesterday described how they were attacked by a group of unknown gunmen who left at least seven people dead and several injured, and burnt down a number of shacks.

The residents, who fear further attacks by the faceless killers, told The Star their ordeal started on Friday night and continued until the early hours of Sunday morning.

Several houses were burnt down and the occupants lost thousands of rands worth of goods and cash in the fire

Linah Mabunda, who lost all her personal belongings and furniture, said a group of about 30 heavily armed men shot two men dead on Friday night and burnt down two shacks

The group returned on Saturday morning and surrounded the tiny squatter camp Several rounds were fired and a number of shacks broken down.

Ms Mabunda said she and others fled as the gunmen moved from shack to shack

"Watching from a distance, I saw them bringing down my shack and pouring petrol A few minutes later it was burning They went to the next shack and did the same"

Daniel Zembe, a father of five, regarded himself lucky to be alive after the group first attacked his shack and then went for his neighbour

"We heard the shattering of glass and kicking of doors. In no time the shack was on fire and screams followed. Fortunately the occupants managed to escape, but had to watch all their property going up in flames.

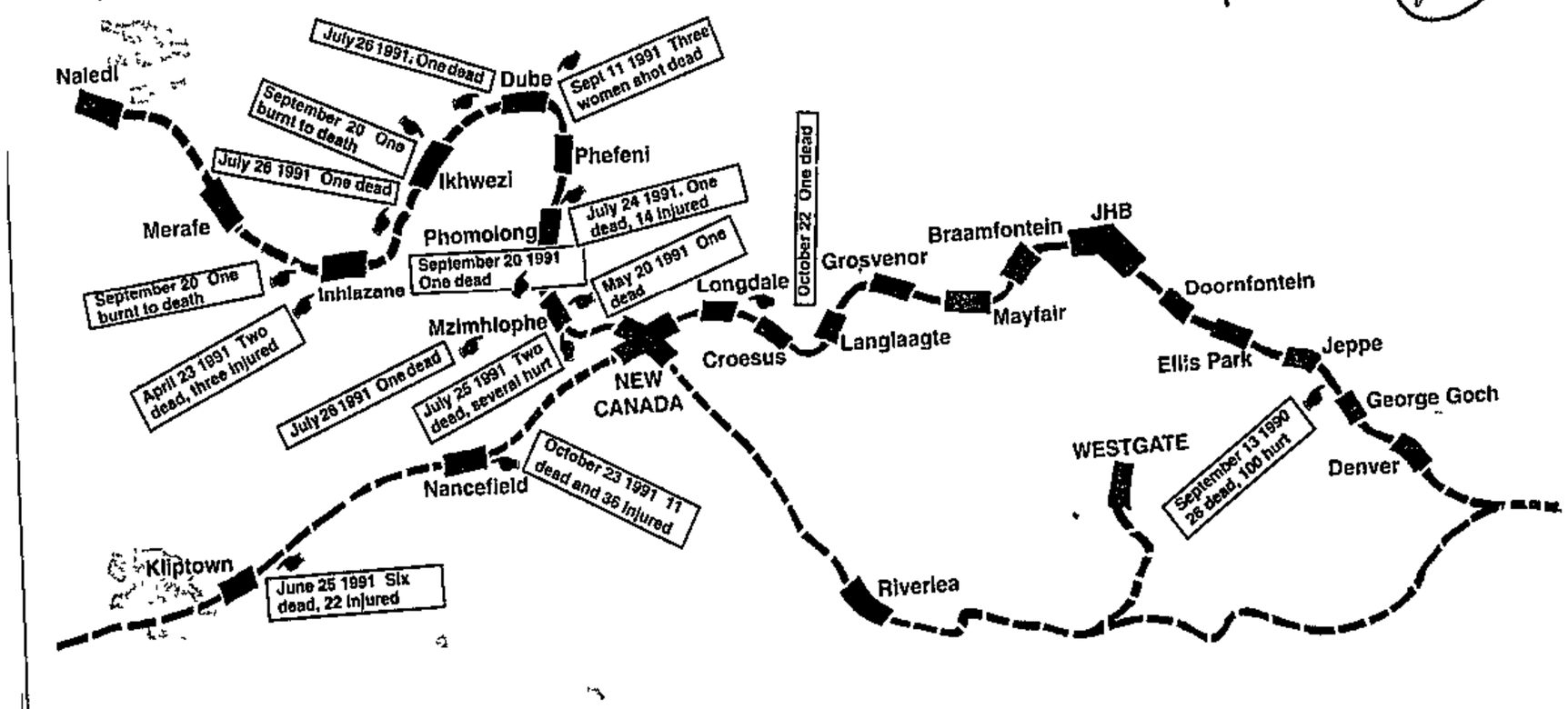
"We are still afraid that they might come back We only live here by day and by night we live in the veld," Mr Zembe said.

Police have launched a huge hunt for the killers.

● In an unrelated incident, the chairman of the Inkatha Youth Brigade on the East Rand was shot dead and another man injured by a group of unknown gunmen during an attack on the home of Phola IFP chairman W B Nyathikazi that caused damage estimated at R20 000

Tracing a trail of death

Soweto 24/10/91 (278)



ABOUT 100 commuters have died and scores have been injured since attacks on train commuters on the Reef began last year.

In Soweto yesterday, at least nine people died - some run over by a train - in the latest gruesome assault on unsuspecting commuters.

And on Monday three people were shot dead at Westgate station at about 7pm.

Another commuter was killed earlier that day when he was thrown out of a moving train between New Canada and Longdale stations.

The graphic above traces the trail of the train killers.

It excludes deaths that had occurred during 1990 and those outside the main rail routes to Soweto.

Soweto is tense as anger mounts

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By IKE MOTSAPI and
NKOPANE MAKOBANE

SOWETO was tense yesterday as hundreds of angry residents gathered at a soccer field in Orlando East to map out a plan to defend themselves against further attacks.

The emergency meeting followed the killing of between nine and 11 people during an attack on train passengers between Nancefield and Mlamlankuzi stations yesterday morning.

About seven members of the Orlando Defence Unit were arrested by police when they tried to counter the attack at Orlando Station.

Police confirmed that several people were taken into custody.

"How long should we suffer like this," asked a 60-year-old man who declined to give his name. "They might come after me if I identify myself."

One speaker called for the arming of train commuters "in order to shoot back when attacked".

At nearby Orlando Station a group of about 200 people shouted at police and accused them of "having a hand in the killings".

As two bodies were put into a police van the angry mob moved towards the platform to attack a ticket examiner who had been shouting at them.

The mob was dispersed by the police.

At 8.45am about 100 policemen travelling in eight Casspirs and seven cars assembled outside Nancefield Hostel where they conducted a search.

Heated words were exchanged between the police and hostel dwellers, who accused the police of siding with the African National Congress.

A Colonel van den Bergh warned Inkatha's Transvaal secretary, Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, to stop accusing the police of being against members of his organisation.

There was a large police presence at railway stations in Soweto last night.

On the prowl in unmarked cars

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Policemen in an unmarked police car with no registration or number plates were allegedly seen shooting at a crowd in Thokoza recently. The Weekly Mail has found that police often use cars without licence plates

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A *WEEKLY MAIL* investigation has revealed that the South African Police use numerous vehicles without registration plates in the course of their activities.

The finding comes in the wake of allegations in the *Sunday Star* last week that police in an unmarked car without number plates (Photograph 1) were seen firing on a crowd in Thokoza township.

In one 48-hour period this week, *Weekly Mail* journalists spotted six such unmarked vehicles parked outside Johannesburg police stations and the magistrate's courts.

The police responded to media enquiries about the unmarked police car that featured in the Thokoza violence by saying the car was "brand new and the number plates have been ordered from the Quartermaster".

Asked to elaborate on SAP policy in this regard, media liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman told *The Weekly Mail* this week: "Police regulations stipulate that all official vehicles must be fitted with number plates ... when a police vehicle without number plates is being used, a carton strip with an identification mark (number) on it, must be attached on the inside of the windscreen and another to the inside of the rear window. In both instances it must be clearly legible from the outside."

The car alleged to be implicated in the Thokoza massacre did not meet any of these requirements, as the photograph shows.

Other *Weekly Mail* photographs on this page show:

● A white Mazda 2,0, without front or back number plates or identification marks, and no license sticker in the window. It was parked in the "Official" parking area of the Johannesburg magistrate's court on Wednesday at 10am (Photograph 2).

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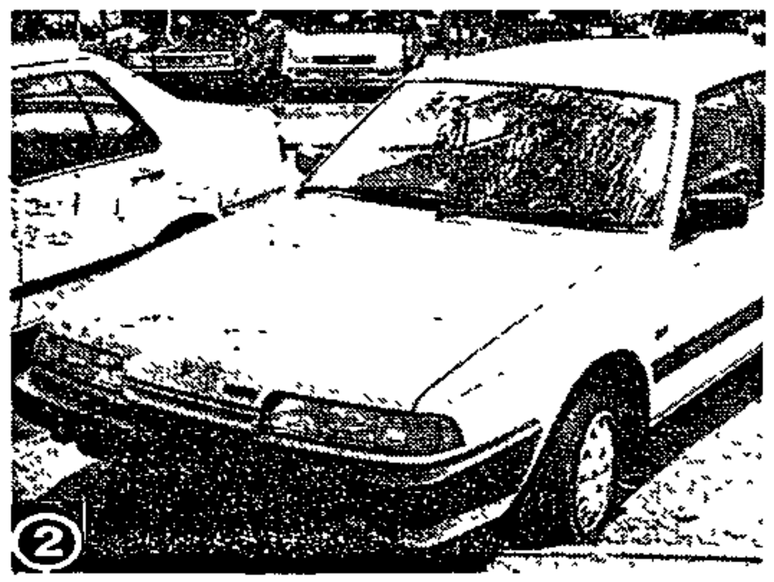

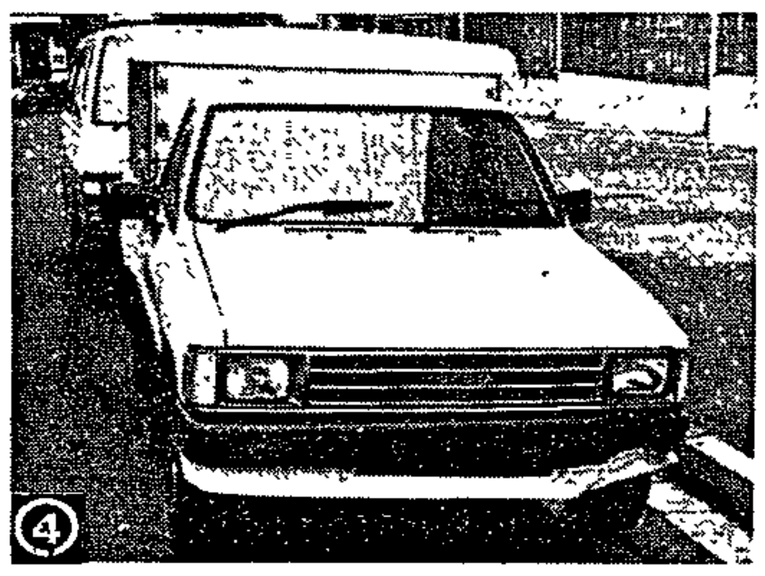

● A blue Ford Meteor, with no number plates. It did have a licence sticker in the corner of the windscreen, but no clearly visible registration marks in the windows. It was seen parking outside the Johannesburg magistrate's court yesterday at about 11.30am, after which two armed plainclothes men were seen alighting from the vehicle and entering the court building (Photograph 3).

● A yellow Toyota police van, with no registration plates, no identification marks in any of the windows and no license sticker. It was parked directly opposite John Vorster Square on Wednesday at 1pm (Photograph 4).

Another three vehicles were spotted on Tuesday without any number plates or registration numbers pasted in their windows. They were:

● A red Toyota Conquest, parked outsdie Hillbrow police station at 12.45pm. It was parked directly opposite the residence section of the police station.

● A white Toyota HiLux van, seen filling up at the Hillbrow police station petrol pump at 1.45pm. It was clearly a well-used vehicle. Two plainclothes policemen were using the vehicle.

● A red and black Ford Sierra XR6 was parked in the line of cars directly outside the front entrance of John Vorster Square at 2.30pm.

Besides these cases, this practice has been monitored over a period of four months, during which *Weekly Mail* journalists have observed police carrying out their activities in cars without any form of registration visible.

As early as June, a reporter approached a plainclothes policeman who had carried out an arrest outside the *Weekly Mail* building. The policeman had locked the suspect in the back of an unmarked car which carried no registration plates, nor a registration number of any nature in its windows.

The policeman said he did not have to explain this absence. He acknowledged he was stationed at John Vorster Square, which referred the reporter to the SAP public relations division. The media liaison officer on duty said that the car may have been a new vehicle that had not been issued with permanent plates.

The matter was not pursued further with the SAP at the time, but *Weekly Mail* reporters began monitoring similar cases.

In Hillbrow, blue Ford Meteors without any form of registration visible were regularly seen patrolling the area. On occasion, uniformed policemen were spotted in such vehicles, but the occupants were more often plainclothes policemen.

Asked to respond to the specific allegations contained in this report, the police said they "abide by their previous statements issued in this regard".

They refused to comment on the questionable feasibility of the police using so many "brand new cars", nor on the role of station commanders in controlling such apparent abuses.

"We are, however, prepared to add that the SAP has recently taken steps in an attempt to speed up the issuing distribution of number plates," they said.

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Nine killed in renewed violence

Wrangle over official stalls peace accord

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BILLY PADDOCK

POLITICAL squabbling over the nomination of one person to a key position is preventing the national peace accord from being implemented at grassroots level, a source close to the peace initiative said yesterday.

As parties to the accord wrangled over final composition of the peace secretariat, there were more killings on trains and at stations in Soweto yesterday.

At least nine people died and 36 were injured when armed gangs attacked passengers at stations and on trains in Soweto.

The ANC and Inkatha blamed each other's supporters for the killings. There have been more than 200 deaths in political violence since the signing of the accord on September 14.

The two mechanisms crucial to the implementation of the accord have still not been set up, despite the need for urgency expressed publicly by the peace committee overseeing the process and a resurgence of "revenge" attacks.

The source voiced concern that the "very thing the peace accord was designed to prevent — attacks and counter-attacks between parties — has resurfaced this week and the mechanisms designed to combat this are not yet in place because the politicians cannot agree on one person".

He said the four nominees of the political parties and the Justice Department official for the peace secretariat were not a problem. But of the four additional names put forward by the peace committee, one was regarded as unacceptable to one of the parties — believed to be Inkatha.

"This is delaying the whole process getting off the ground while people are dying out there," he said.

He said there were already signs that people at grassroots had lost faith in the ability of the accord to contain violence. Even signatories were not being careful enough in their public statements, leading supporters into believing they had lost faith in the accord.

The peace secretariat was designed to set up local and regional dispute resolution committees and special courts.

Twelve days ago peace committee chairman John Hall said the commission would be set up "within 10 days".

Hall was not taking calls yesterday "because he is being inundated with inquiries about the peace accord and what he is doing about it every time something happens in the townships", his secretary said.

JONATHON REES reports that the ANC and the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday called for an intensification of self-defence measures by township residents.

Cast deputy president Kgabisi Mosunkutu told a news briefing residents would be encouraged to "use whatever means necessary" to protect themselves.

The police said they could not accept responsibility for continuing bloodletting.

And Soweto SAP spokesman Col Jac de Vries said residents taking the law into their own hands was what caused violence. He appealed to political organisations to compel supporters to hand over "the criminals they harbour in their midst".

Police searched three peak-hour Soweto

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trains with no results yesterday evening. He said they were maintaining a "massive presence" at Nancefield hostel, the flashpoint of yesterday's violence.

SAP patrols were also riding on as many of Soweto's 600 daily trains as possible.

ANTHONY NDLOVU reports that Inkatha Transvaal leader Themba Khoza claimed ANC supporters were responsible for yesterday's deaths. He said ANC supporters prevented people from boarding and leaving a train as it stood at the Nancefield Station.

Addressing a media briefing in Johannesburg, Khoza also accused police of not being present at the scene and not fulfilling their promise to protect commuters.

He rejected a weekend statement by De Vries that Inkatha supporters had been responsible for the shooting and killing of two men from a moving train following an Inkatha rally in Soweto on Sunday.

□ Sapa reports that the first batch of policemen on the Reef to sign the code of conduct in terms of the national peace accord will do so today at a ceremony at the Diepkloof SAP base in Soweto.

‘Revenge sparked massacre’

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JOHANNESBURG — Yesterday morning's train massacre at Nancefield station in Soweto was believed to have been a revenge attack by Inkatha supporters.

Police said it appeared that the murder earlier yesterday morning of an Inkatha member living at the Nancefield hostel near the station triggered the attack on commuters by hostel-dwellers, in which about nine people were killed and 36 wounded.

But Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba Khoza blamed ANC supporters

"This clash occurred when a group of ANC supporters prevented people from boarding or leaving the train as it stood in Nancefield station," he said

The ANC has denied the charge and expressed its outrage at the incident.

The attackers, armed with guns, knives and pangas, started attacking the commuters at Nancefield station and continued their attack as the train moved between Nancefield and Orlando stations.

Some passengers jumped from the moving train in an attempt to escape their attackers.

Witnesses described people being hacked to death, bodies lying next to the railway line and injured people bleeding profusely from hack and stab wounds.

During follow-up operations a gunman fired at an ambulance from the direction of the Nancefield hostel.

Police returned fire and believe the gunman may have been wounded He was not found

Reinforcements

The regional commissioner of police in Soweto, General Kobus Malan, immediately ordered reinforcements to patrol the area, but police officers believe such a move will do little to safeguard commuters against future attacks

"The police have taken practical policing to the limit," said Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze, adding police did not have enough men to patrol the thousands of trains which travelled the PWV region each day.

The massacre raised the death toll in five days of violece to at least 45.

On Tuesday, armed assailants swept through a train approaching central Johannesburg from Soweto. One man died and another was injured. — Sapa

TRAIN CASUALTY . . . A nurse attends to a woman who was injured when assailants attacked terrified commuters at two stations in Soweto. Picture AP

Train killers: Cops 'helpless'

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JOHANNESBURG. — After nine people were killed in an attack on a Soweto train yesterday, a senior police officer admitted that there was little the force could do to stop train massacres.

"There is no solution, no solution in sight," Colonel Jac de Vries said after the attack at Nancefield station in Soweto, which left nine people dead and at least 30 injured.

The attack also sparked a war of words between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC, with the IFP blaming the ANC. However both organisations re-affirmed their commitment to the National Peace Accord.

Meanwhile yesterday afternoon shots were fired at another commuter train in Soweto but no one was injured.

Soweto's regional commissioner of police, Major-General Kobus Malan, said police searched three peak-hour Soweto trains with no results yesterday evening. He said they were maintaining a "massive presence" at Nancefield hostel, the flashpoint of yesterday's violence. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

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Pupils' row over their final marks

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By DON SEOKANE

SCHOOLING at Leolo Secondary School near Burgersfort has virtually came to a standstill following allegations that some teachers awarded girls additional marks in return for sexual favours.

About 200 Standard 9 pupils have threatened not to sit for the year-end examinations following disclosures of discrepancies in allocation of marks for Standard 9.

The pupils have demanded the dismissal of four teachers, who were responsible for compiling Standard 9 class schedules last year. Two of them were threatened with violence.

The school's principal was not available for comment.

A senior teacher and head of department, Mr Freddy Nkwane, dismissed the allegation of marks for sex favours.

Nkwane said the controversy arose because of irregularities.

"A solution was reached last Friday with the pupils who failed last year, agreeing that they would be allocated 12 percent to their examination marks.

"But on Monday they changed their minds. They demanded the dismissal of four teachers who were responsible for the schedules.

"They also demanded that those who failed Standard 9 last year should be allocated 30 percent to their final marks".

Nkwane said the school could not agree to the demand because that would mean pupils would only work for 10 percent since the passing mark is 40 percent.

On Monday a meeting was held with community representatives including vice-chairman of the Northern Transvaal region of the ANC Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, and the SRC.

Nkwane said the meeting ended in deadlock.

Sekoto show to open

By VICTOR METSOAMERE

AN exhibition of striking socio-politically-conscious drawings by Paris-based South African Gerard Sekoto opens at the Evengelical Lutheran Church in Pietersburg on Sunday at 11am.

The Sowetan bought the collection in order to display Sekoto's talents more widely in South Africa.

The newspaper realised with sadness that Sekoto's work had been ignored for decades because he settled in France more than 40 years ago.

The collection has so far been shown at several venues

Unrest taking toll on services - Hough

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IT costs an average of R16 000 to treat a victim of unrest violence, Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough said yesterday.

The thousands of frightened residents who occupy hospitals after fleeing from unrest situations were placing an additional burden on already overextended hospitals and personnel, he said.

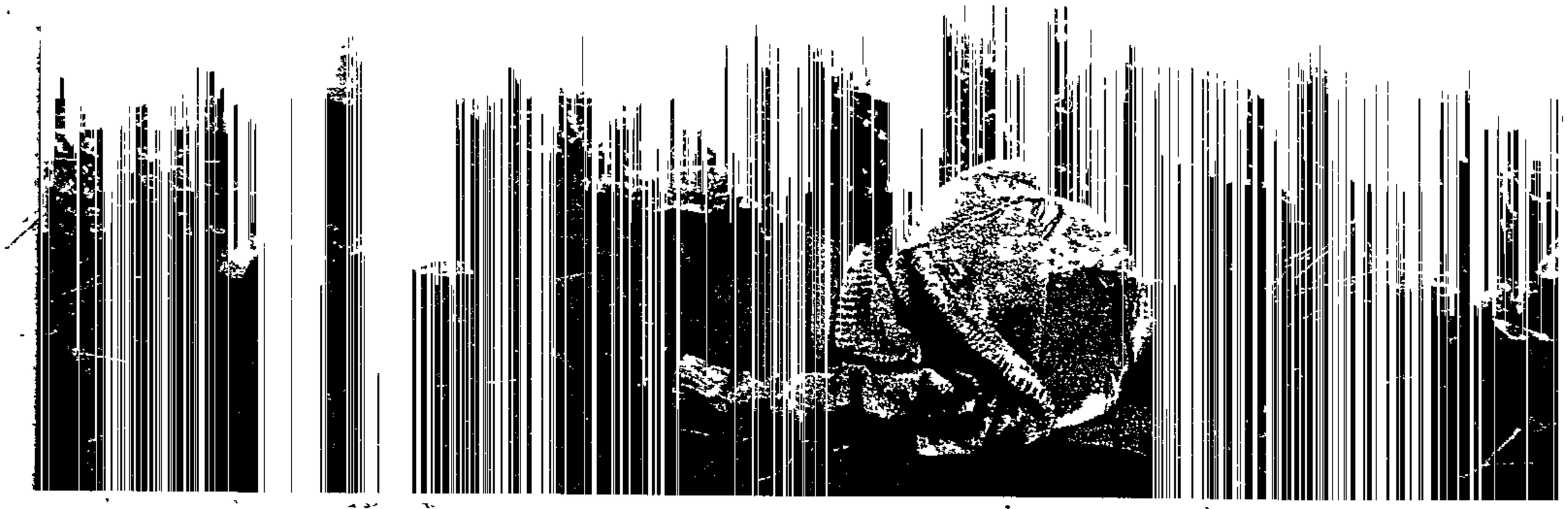
Hough spoke about the violence during the official opening of additions costing R4,9 million to Vereeniging Hospital.

Two new surgery theatres were installed and extentions made to the X-ray and central sterilisation departments. The additions were completed in February.

Limited number of nurses, unprecedented migration to the PWV region, the high birth rate and spiralling costs of treating unrest victims had all placed provincial hospitals under tremendous pressure and made budget planning difficult, Hough said.

South Africa now had one nurse for every 484 people. The ideal ratio set by the World Health Organisation was one nurse for every 416 people, he said.

Hough called on young women to join the nursing profession. "We need your diligence, enthusiasm and sparkle in our health services." - *Sapa.*



This unidentified man is one of the nine people killed yesterday when a train was attacked by armed men. More pictures pages 4 and 7. Pic: PAT SEBOKO

SLAUGHTER

Train massacre sets off a war of words

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A WAR of words has broken out between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC over responsibility for yesterday's Nancefield train massacre.

By IKE MOTSAPI and NKOPANE MAKOBANE

At least nine people were killed and 36 injured during an early morning attack on train commuters by a heavily-armed mob.

Of the injured, six are in a serious condition at Baragwanath Hospital, according to public relations officer Mrs Suegnet van Vuuren.

The attack started at the Nancefield station and continued as the train travelled towards Johannesburg

IFP Transvaal leader Mr Themba Khoza blamed ANC supporters for the incident claiming they had prevented commuters from boarding trains

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus rejected the allegations.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said, however, the attack on the commuters started after a hostel inmate was attacked at Nancefield station while on his way to work.

He said the man managed to flee back to the hostel but later died on his way to the Baragwanath Hospital.

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Witness tells of carnage at vigil

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — "These dogs are not yet dead", one of the Alexandra vigil massacre attackers said after a group of men (apparently Inkatha members) opened fire on defenceless mourners, the Rand Supreme Court heard. (278)

A witness, who may not be named as the trial is being held in camera, told Mr Justice Daniels she heard shots being fired in the dining room of a house where a vigil was being held on the night of March 26/27.

She and other mourners had fled to the bedroom of the house after a group of men attacked the vigil in a tent in the yard. The attackers broke down the door and continued the carnage, she said.

The trial continues.

War of words after Reef train massacre

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The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC has questioned measures adopted by the police and Spoornet to protect train commuters before the attack which left nine people dead and dozens injured.

Commuters jumped off moving trains and fled for their lives early yesterday during attacks at three stations on the Soweto-Johannesburg line.

Later in the day a huge security force contingent patrolled stations between Johannesburg and Soweto.

Commuters on three packed trains were also searched. No incidents were reported despite wild rumours that more attacks had taken place.

The killings raised the death doll in five days of bloodshed to at least 45, further rocking a fragile national peace accord.

More than 200 people have died violently since 24 political, community, church and labour groups signed the peace pact on September 14.

ANC spokesman for the Reef Mr Bavule Vilakhazi said yesterday: "The escalation (in violence) raises serious questions about security measures adopted by the police and Spoornet in protecting commuters."

He said the massacre came shortly before the Patriotic Front conference and the pending national strike on November 4 and 5.

"We reject the claims made that the attack was in retaliation for the killing of a Zulu," Mr Vilakhazi said.

Earlier Transvaal Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza had blamed the ANC for the killings.

"This clash occurred when a group of ANC supporters prevented people from boarding or leaving the train," he said.

The ANC denied the charge and called the attack — the second assault on rail commuters in two days — an outrage.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus called on Mr Khoza not to make hasty allegations, but to make use of the structures of the peace accord to resolve his differences.

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Peace group visits death scene

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A delegation of the National Peace Accord Committee expressed satisfaction at the heavy police presence on stations during peak hour yesterday, on a visit to the scene of the massacre in Nancefield.

Chairman of the peace committee Mr John Hall and two other members were escorted by police into the area.

While the group was standing around at Mlamlankunzi station, two gun shots were fired at them and at police patrolling the area.

Mr Hall said he recognised the magnitude of the task facing police in the townships.

He said there was a lot of criticism against the police but it was urgent that the police and the community should work closely together.

PETER FABRICIUS

16 die on trains since peace pact

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Yesterday's Soweto train attacks brought to 16 the number of people killed on trains since the signing of the National Peace Accord last month.

The latest attacks at three stations on the Soweto-Johannesburg line left at least nine people dead and dozens injured.

Since the Peace Accord signing on September 14, Reef trains have been targets for at least 11 attacks.

● Two people were killed and one injured at Phefeni station on Sunday when shots were fired from a moving train.

● A commuter was killed and others were hurt in an attack on a Randfontein train a week ago.

● On October 14 four people were injured when thrown off a train near Denver station.

● On October 19 four people died after gunmen opened fire on a crowded East Rand train. Nine others were hurt.

● On September 29 a policeman was injured when thrown from a train in Johannesburg.

● On September 26 men armed with knives stormed a train at Mayfair station and threw people out of coaches. Seven people were injured.

Yesterday, Soweto's Regional Commissioner of Police, Major-General Kobus Malan, said off-duty policemen had been called in to swell the number of those on patrol to stop further attacks.

Policemen 'won't be suspended'

By Thabo Leshilo

The two policemen allegedly involved in the bloody violence at the burial of Tokoza civic leader Sam Ntuli, in which 20 people died and at least 24 were injured, will not be suspended from the force, the SAP said yesterday.

"At this stage there is no evidence to warrant the suspension of the two policemen," Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said in response to a query from The Star.

The two East Rand Crime Information Services members had, together with "other persons", already been questioned, he said.

After investigations were completed a docket would be sent to the Attorney-General for his decision on whether to prosecute.

The captain declined to name the policemen, because their identity was "irrelevant to your (The Star's) report as it is."

Implicated

The policemen were implicated in the shooting by a victim, as related in a front page report published in the Sunday Star on October 13.

He claimed that he was thrown to the ground and passed out after one of the policemen shot him in the buttocks. On regaining consciousness, he realised that he had also been shot in the back while unconscious.

His allegations were denied by police.

Captain Opperman said a special SAP unit was investigating all the incidents of violence linked to the funeral.

The captain yesterday dismissed as unsubstantiated, claims that the alleged unorthodox action by the policemen were proof of police collusion in "third force" killings in townships.

"All these *viva voce* testimonies have been refuted so far, and many of the witnesses committed perjury in their effort to connect the security forces to a so-called third force," he said.

Man shoots at ambulance after attack

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yesterday both the ANC and Inkatha accused one another of causing the latest violence.

Police said the train attack followed the killing of a Nancefield Hostel dweller early yesterday.

Hostel inmates, in a confrontation with police after the train massacre, stopped them entering the hostel.

Police were pursuing a man who was wounded by them after he opened fire on an ambulance sent to help victims of the train attack.

Earlier, Themba Khoza, leader of the Transvaal Inkatha Youth Brigade, had blamed the ANC for the killings.

"This clash occurred when a group of ANC supporters prevented people from boarding or leaving the train as it stood in Nancefield Station," he said.

The ANC denied the charge, calling the attack an outrage.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus called on Mr Khoza to make use of the structures of the peace accord to resolve differences.

Police step up security at train stations

Star 24/10/91

By Thoraya Pandy (278)

A delegation of the National Peace Accord Committee expressed satisfaction at the heavy police presence on stations at peak hour yesterday during a visit to the scene of the recent massacre in Nancefield.

Chairman of the peace committee John Hall, Jay Naidoo (not Cosatu's general secretary) and Isaac Mahlangu were escorted by police into the area where an account was given of what had happened.

While the group was standing around at Mlamlankunzi station, two gun shots "from no where" were fired at the group and police patrolling in that area. "This just shows the difficulty we are faced with daily, and the delicate nature of the situation," said a police officer on the scene.

Commenting after the visit, John Hall said: "We felt it necessary to assess the environment commuters find themselves in, and the magnitude task of the police to control the violence in the township."

"Although there is a lot of criticism against the police, I have recognised an urgent need for the police and the community to work closely together," he added.

Mr Hall said it is the duty of the police to protect the community but, insisted that the community must also assist in its own protection.

Mr Naidoo said he was

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pleased and found it useful to see such a strong police presence during peak hours.

"The situation has become intolerable, we have suffered long enough and, out of this venture, we hope to find ways of addressing the problems," he added.

Mr Naidoo stated firmly that the committee was not launching its own investigation but was working with the police to bring about peace and stability.

The peace committee and the police met in Soweto after the visit to the stations to discuss issues relating to the safety of commuters.

Report apportions blame for violence

B/Day 25/10/91

ANTHONY NDLOVU

INKATHA and the SA Police were two major perpetrators of violence on the Reef, research figures released yesterday by the Community Agency For Social Enguiry (Case) show.

The report, which covers the last 12 months, said in a total of 601 reported acts of violence, responsibility was attributed by the media and monitoring organisations in 257 instances. In those, 370 aggressors were identified.

Case claims independence from all political parties and is funded by various foreign governments. Its board of directors includes ANC members.

Inkatha was held to be the aggressor in 190 acts of violence and the SAP in 84. Forty-six reports recorded the SAP actively colluding with Inkatha supporters in acts of violence and aggression. The ANC was reported to be responsible for 13 acts of violence.

The report said 87% of the 2 271 people killed in the period were general members of the community.

"The figures strongly suggest that the Reef violence is not, as has been widely suggested, a violent power struggle between Inkatha and the ANC. Rather, Inkatha and the SAP, frequently acting in concert, appear to have been carrying out a sustained onslaught against the black population at large.

"The aim seems to be to destabilise black South African life and to prevent the establishment of a normalised political climate," said Case senior researcher David Everatt.

He said Inkatha supporters had been held responsible for 20 of the 32 train massacres since July 1990 and added that in at least six of them the attackers fled to nearby hostels,

"Our breakdown of alleged police activity during the first year of Reef violence has shown that the police appear to assist Inkatha supporters in gaining control of hostels, and then complement Inkatha's use of those hostels as bases for launching terror attacks, not so much against ANC members as against the community at large.

"(President) F W de Klerk might be determined to enter negotiations; however, he seemed prepared to countenance reactionary formations hobbling his opponents on their way to the negotiating table.

"The violence could be turned off at times when it would damage the government; when F W de Klerk left for Europe in October 1990, the violence diminished dramatically. The same happened when Parliament opened in January 1991."

Our Durban Correspondent reports the SAP and Inkatha both rejected the report.

Cold war, then hell broke loose

THIS week's train massacre in which at least 10 people were killed and more than 36 injured was the result of an ongoing feud between members of Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress on Soweto trains.

Sowetan has established that supporters of these organisations have been waging a "cold war" against one another for several months now.

We have also established that two Johannesburg-bound trains - 9023 and 9025 - have been the scene of tension between the two rival groups.

Therefore, Wednesday's attack on both trains did not come as a surprise, according to commuters.

There are coaches which are singled out on the two trains called "Mzabalazo" (struggle), mostly used by ANC supporters and other non-aligned commuters, and "Dumani", apparently used by Inkatha members.

Train 9023 from Vereeniging is used mostly by people who are seen or said to be supporters of the

By KENOSI MODISANE and IKE MOTSAPI

African National Congress.

The other train, 9025, which starts its Johannesburg journey from the Nancefield station, is used mostly by people perceived to support Inkatha.

It is inside these trains that the war between supporters of the ANC and Inkatha has been waged

The first sign that "war" was going to overflow into the open came during the massacre at Kliptown station, where eight people were killed a few weeks ago.

Wednesday's early-morning attack came after weeks of tension, which had been building up on both sides.

On Tuesday, a man was killed when he tried to jump out of a moving train when members of the two feuding factions were engaged in a fight.

Inkatha has accused the ANC of starting the violence against its members. ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus, however, denied the allegations.

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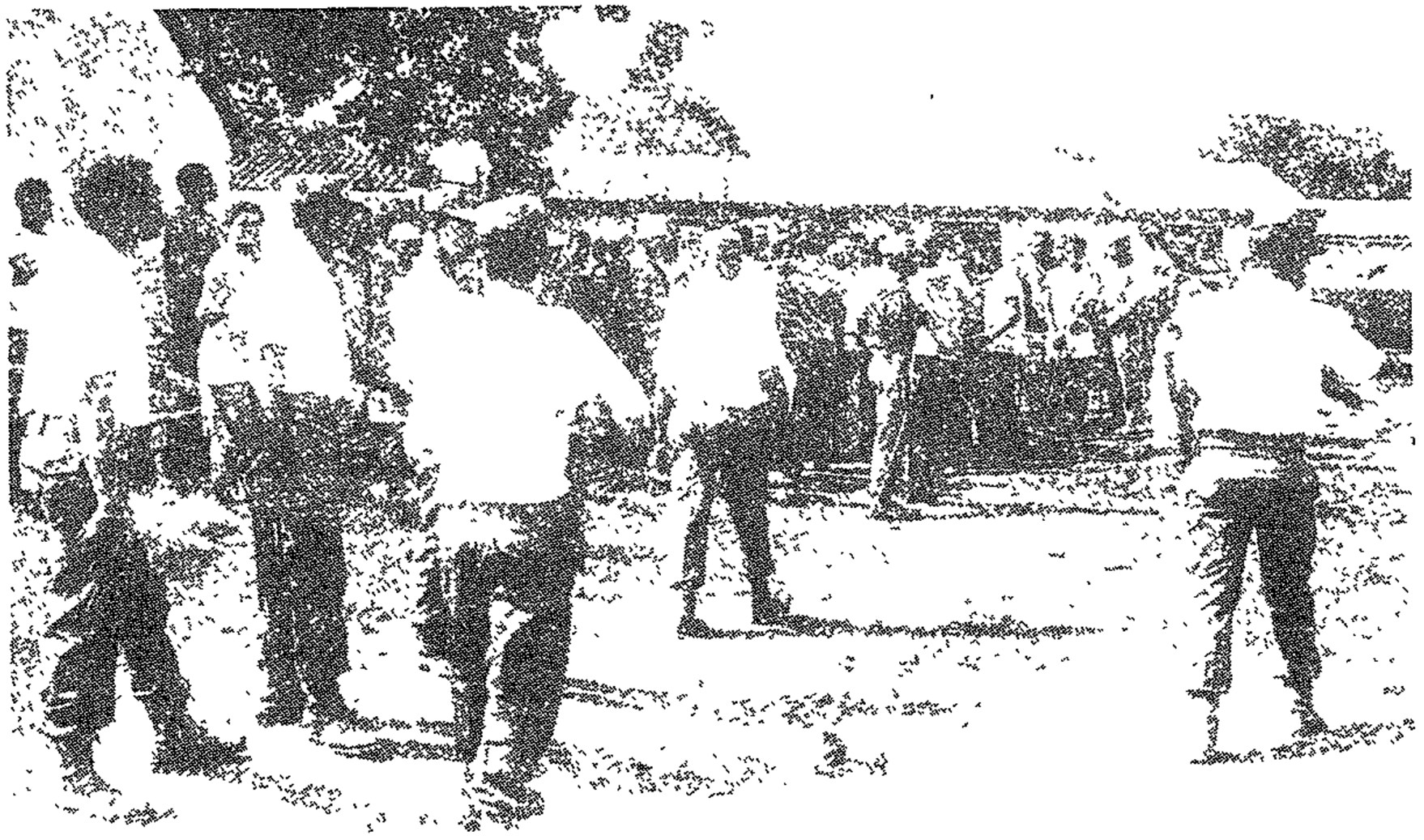

INSIDE: Police moved into the Nancefield hostel to search for weapons after an attack on a commuter train on Wednesday. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

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nesses accounts of the events:

Mr Selby Moloi of Senaoane, Soweto, usually boards train 9023.

He said: "On Tuesday the comrades were engaged in an argument with members of Inkatha inside the train.

"After a heated argument members of Inkatha promised that they would be prepared to fight the next day, meaning Wednesday," he said

Mr Jacob Kekana said he knew three other commuters who he said were known Inkatha members. He has commuted to and from work with the men for more than 10 years on the same train.

He refuted allegations by police that the death of an Inkatha member had sparked the attack

Kekana identified the two who allegedly led the attack as Bheki and Mfanenkosi, both believed to be inmates of Nancefield Hostel.

"The men who board the train at Nancefield station seem to be under the leadership of one Mangete, who was not present during the attack.

"They take instructions from him. He has on numerous occasions saved explosive situations on the train to work.

"The most outstanding contribution Mangete made towards peace on the trains is when he urged commuters to resume their church services in the coaches. These had come to an end after the first attack on commuters on the same train.

"Mfanekiso is known to be a troublemaker. He was instrumental in Tuesday's attack, when two people died."

The two were also seen at the scene of the attacks.

Mr Mesh Mkhize said a group of armed men, among whom were those he commuted with daily, boarded train No 9615 at Nancefield. They alighted at Orlando and Mlamlankunzi stations

"Others said we should be attacked while others said their targets were in 9023 and 9025."

He said the men had also mentioned that they would wait for the "Orlando defence unit" because they were giving them problems.

"It is also not true that they were avenging the death of an Inkatha member," he said.

Report blames SAP, Inkatha for violence

w/mail 25/10 – 31/10/91.

By FERIAL HAFFAJEE

THE African National Congress and other liberation movements are more often victims of violence than the instigators of it, says a new study released this week.

The report, by David Everatt of the Community Agency for Social Enquiry, damns the Inkatha Freedom Party and the South African Police — but exonerates the South African Defence Force.

It says the ANC, other liberation movements and even the SADF were each responsible for less than five percent of acts of violence. The aim of the violence is to "destabilise black South African life and to prevent the establishment of a normalised political climate", says Everatt.

"There is no way the ANC can translate support on the ground into membership in this atmosphere."

His research is based on media and monitoring groups' reports in the first year of Reef violence.

In 257 instances of violence involving 370 identified aggressors, Inkatha was responsible for 190 acts of violence and the SAP for 84 instances. Collusion between Inkatha and the police was reported in 46 of the 257 incidents.

In a departure from previous patterns of violence, characterised as "ethnic conflict", attacks are now made on communities.

In a study of 1 460 people killed in the Reef violence in the past year, 1 274 were ordinary residents. They were from the community, squatters, non-Inkatha hostel residents, train commuters, and people at vigils, taxi-ranks and beerhalls.

The minority of those killed were members of the ANC, South African Communist Party, SAP and smaller political groupings — most were ordinary civilians.

"Allegations of police brutality and active participation in the violence have been made from the moment the violence began and have continued throughout the period of this study."

Everatt has recorded the various instances of police collusion. Some of these are: active participation in violence, failure to disarm IFP members, escorting IFP members to and from and partaking in looting with the IFP, attacking the community when it is counter attacking Inkatha, assault, theft and destruction of property.

He also says police responses have been less than convincing. Most inquiries are met with "flat denials", with police Captain Eugene Opperman once declaring himself "bored" by allegations of partiality.

Another startling aspect of Everatt's findings is his belief that the "Reef violence is subject to control. It seems to be switched on at key moments."

He points out that the signing of the Pretoria Minute in August last year "was followed by the highest single monthly death and injury figures for the whole period under study".

The violence casualties for that month were 598.

The Pretoria Minute marked the occasion when the ANC was officially tied into the negotiation process.

Yet when President FW de Klerk jetted off on his public relations mission to various European destinations just two months later, the violence declined to only 56 deaths.

Everatt concludes that "FW may be determined to enter negotiations: however, he seems prepared to countenance reactionary formations hobbling his opponents on their way to the negotiating table."

BOILING TOWNSHIPS: A FUNERAL WHERE THE TALK IS OF ARMED RESISTANCE ...

WAR CRY: *Diepkloof activists are spoiling for a fight after the police killing of a youth activist.* ***By DREW FORREST***

The terrible rage that bubbles in Soweto

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DO not be afraid little flock; it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom ...

The text — displayed inside St Margaret's Catholic Church in Diepkloof — is jarringly out of sorts with the occasion. White-hot anger, rather than fear, is the prevailing mood. And while the "flock" has its eyes fixed on the kingdom, it clearly expects it to grow from the barrel of an AK-47.

Packed inside the church are several hundred Diepkloof youth militants who have come to bury Vuyani Mabaxa, a key African National Congress Youth League leader shot dead by police a week earlier in controversial circumstances.

Witnesses claim Mabaxa, also a full-time unionist and South African Communist Party member, was gunned down in cold blood during a headlong flight from police pursuers. Police respond that they merely returned his fire.

Three weeks earlier, Mabaxa's close friend and fellow Youth Leaguer Papo Manyakalle was shot dead in what police hold was a suicide. Other local activists have been threatened and visited at home by mysterious armed men.

The service has all the ritual trappings of a political funeral at the height of the Emergency. A youthful guard of honour, in ANC colours with fists continuously raised, surrounds the coffin. At the front of the church droops a huge SACP banner, together with flags of the ANC, the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union and the Congress of South African Students.

But the rhetoric from the string of heavyweight speakers is far more bellicose than would have been possible under Emergency conditions. And running through it is a thread of implied discontentment with the ANC national leadership, represented at the service by deputy-president Walter Sisulu.

The immediate target is the police, and particularly the security branch at Protea police station, described in a speech by Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkutu as "uniformed vigilantes that cause chaos".

But just below the surface simmers acute frustration with the ANC role in the national peace initiative and the dropping of the armed struggle.

Days before the funeral, the Wits region of the Youth League and five other organisations reacted to Mabaxa's death in a statement urging ANC leaders to "review the suspension of the armed struggle" and questioning "the relevance of the peace accord, and whether the accord should continue or not".

Significantly, the relevant paragraph is deleted from a later version of the statement.

Inside the church, there are repeated calls for the avenging of Mabaxa's death and for his killers to be brought to book — "If the police want war, they will get war," warns postal unionist Floyd Mashele. Comrades are exhorted to turn the rhetoric of defence committees into reality; Mosunkutu urges "a gun in every street".

"We will not bury you alone!" trumpets a leaflet circulated among the mourners, which also announces that Diepkloof militants are to seek contact with Umkhonto weSizwe. One speaker warns darkly that although Mabaxa was deputy leader of the area defence committee, the (unnamed) commander is still at large and active.

The keynote was struck in an impassioned address by Youth League secretary-general Rapu Molekane, who, stressing that "victory was in sight", called on activists "to prepare their communities for the battles ahead".

"It is long that the young lions have been roaring," he said. "Now they must begin to bite."

The mood was sustained during the subsequent procession to the Avalon cemetery, during which shots were repeatedly fired into the air — despite a heavy police escort.

The killing of Mabaxa was custom-made to undermine any peace process in Soweto, where there were already signs of a low-intensity war between activists and the police.

But it also underscores the limitations, and mounting irrelevance of the national peace agreement. To Diepkloof activists who see themselves as sitting ducks in a systematic terror campaign, the pact evidently means very little.

Certain implementation mechanisms of the accord are in place, more or less on schedule. But as a recent edition of the journal *Southscan* points out, these largely concern long-term projects or the enforcement of the code of conduct for political parties, "increasingly a secondary element of the violence".

The current pattern is of assassinations and random terror by faceless killers, in which police have repeatedly been accused of acquiescing or taking a direct role.

The code of conduct for police — which in terms of the accord has to be signed by every member of the force — remains little more than a pious declaration of intent.

A police spokesman admitted last week that it had still to be printed, let alone distributed to South Africa's 115 000 policemen for their individual endorsement.

Youths' anger ... 'The young lions must bite' Photo: DREW FORREST

Inkatha, SAP caused 75% of violence — report

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JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha was responsible for half, and the SA Police for nearly a quarter of classifiable acts of violence on the Reef over the past year, according to a study released here yesterday by the Community Agency for Social Enquiry (CASE).

Of 601 occasions of violence reported between July 1990 and July 1991, responsibility was attributed by the media and monitoring groups in 257 cases. Of those, 370 aggressors were identified.

Inkatha was held to be the aggressor in 190 acts of violence, the SAP in 84 and the ANC in 13 cases.

The study was based on newspaper reports from Johannesburg newspapers across the political spectrum. The results were checked against each other and against figures published by monitoring organisations.

Other categories of the 370 identified aggressors — including the SA Defence Force, township youth and other liberation movements — were found to be each responsible for less than 5% of the 257 incidents.

The report said its figures strongly suggested that the Reef violence was not a violent struggle between Inkatha and the ANC.

Both the police and Inkatha yesterday dismissed the report as unscientific and biased. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

'Not enough SAP men for train patrols'

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Police say their inability to prevent train massacres on the Reef is due to the fact that they do not have enough policemen to patrol the hundreds of coaches which daily travel the Reef.

Senior police officers said at least two armed policemen would be needed in each coach as doors linking them are locked. This prevents a single group of policemen from patrolling an entire train.

Police liaison officer Captain Rubin Bloomberg said the fact that commuters packed the coaches also made it difficult for policemen to move through them.

He said the best chance of curbing the massacres was the ad hoc stopping and searching of trains.

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Train killers derail Peace Accord

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Armed thugs — allegedly Inkatha supporters — hacked a swathe of terror through a passenger train on Wednesday morning. This episode and several other attacks during the week threaten the National Peace Accord, reports WALLY MBHELE

THE fragile National Peace Accord was literally derailed this week as train killers raided Johannesburg bound trains, killing nine and leaving at least 36 people injured.

And amid renewed accusations that police have made no attempt to apprehend assailants in these incidents, the finger of blame points firmly at hostel dwellers.

Witness accounts suggest that Wednesday morning's horror attack appears to have been no isolated incident. It was planned like a military operation.

The latest attack, launched from the Nancefield hostel in Soweto, came barely two days after a senior Soweto police spokesman, Colonel Jac de Vries, accused Inkatha members of killing two pedestrians who were shot from a train on Sunday.

The accusation was refuted on Wednesday by West Rand Inkatha chairman Themba Khoza, who claimed the two men killed were card-carrying members of his organisation. Witnesses to the killing have however said the two men were not in any way connected to Inkatha.

Nevertheless, the incident marked the beginning of a week of horror on the trains. Trouble began brewing again on Tuesday afternoon, when commuters were sjambokked on their way home from work by men armed with traditional weapons. The incident set the scene for the next morning's carnage.

In one of the most shocking incidents following the killings, hostel residents fired on an ambulance that arrived to carry away the victims.

Police failed to apprehend a suspect, who staggered into the hostel grounds after he was shot when the police returned fire. The police moved into the hostel, but searched only one block. Armed men prevented them from moving further inside.

On Wednesday, Khoza laid the blame for the massacre squarely at the door of the African National Congress. He said the clash occurred when "a group of ANC supporters prevented people from boarding or leaving the train as it stood at Nancefield station".

Police reports said a fight was sparked by an attack on a Zulu hostel dweller who was on his way to the station. Soon afterwards the train violence erupted, said the police.

However, victims and survivors of the attack gave a different account. Most concurred that the assault must have been planned, as attackers were deployed not only at Nancefield but also at Orlando station.

Witnesses, including the police who patrolled the area after the attack, said the men were already waiting to launch an attack when the train arrived at Orlando station.

A survivor of the Wednesday attack, Beauty Moretsinyane, who suffered stab wounds, described the event from her hospital bed.

Upon the train's arrival at Nancefield station on Wednesday morning, she saw a group of armed men pouring into the coach, breaking windows and hacking at passengers.

In the ensuing pandemonium, people fled, others jumped out of the windows while many tried to escape on to the platform, where more armed attackers were waiting.

At Orlando station, a group of assailants was waiting at the platform when the train arrived. The attacks stopped only once the train reached New Canada station.

In the aftermath of the attack, bodies were strewn on the platforms and along the railway lines.

By Phillip van Niekerk

SOUTH AFRICA'S violence-wracked black townships are close to boiling point as residents respond with anger to the failure of the National Peace Accord and the security forces to protect them and bring peace. (278)

The Accord continued to disintegrate this week as violence in the form of taxi wars and random attacks on trains pushed the death toll since the ceremonial signing of the Accord to more than 200.

Speakers last weekend at the Soweto funeral of youth activist Vuyani Mabaxa, who was shot dead by the police two weeks ago, called for a review of the suspension of the armed struggle and angrily questioned the relevance of the accord while the carnage-machine churns on. (s/mail 25/10 - 31/10/91)

Hundreds of angry Soweto residents gathered at a soccer field after Wednesday morning's train massacre to plan how to defend themselves against further attacks.

These are but two incidents which show the rising level of anger and despair in townships such as Soweto and Thokoza, where the violence is as bad as it has ever been.

Even within the peace process, immense dissatisfaction is being felt at the stalling and the wrangling over who is going to sit on the committees.

In the wake of the ineffectiveness of the Accord, the African National Congress has started seriously to

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Forty five people have been murdered by unknown assassins in the past five days. Police seem unable to stop the killers. The mood in the townships is angry. One spark may ignite the streets ...

Mounting frustration

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examine a role for the international community in keeping the peace when the country enters the transition to democracy.

A paper by ANC constitutional expert Professor Kader Asmal, which has been widely circulated, proposes that the United Nations supervise and secure the impartiality of the security forces during the political transition. Though not official ANC policy, the proposal was discussed by the National Executive Committee meeting this week.

There is mounting frustration at the failure to penalise political parties, specifically Inkatha, for apparently violating the Peace Accord. The Accord specifically prohibits political parties and their members from involving themselves in the violence.

On Sunday a senior Soweto policeman, Colonel Jac de Vries, accused Inkatha supporters returning from a rally of being responsible for the slaying of two pedestrians who were killed when shots were fired from a train. "I can say without a doubt that the train from which the shots were fired was carrying only Inkatha supporters," he said.

On Wednesday nine commuters were killed and scores injured in attacks on trains from an Inkatha stronghold, the Nancefield hostel. The attacks were apparently in retaliation for an assault on a Zulu-speaking migrant worker on his way to a Soweto train station.

Instead of attempting to rein in or discipline its supporters, Inkatha chose instead to blame the ANC for the massacre.

Community Action for Social Enquiry released findings yesterday which show that half the violent incidents where responsibility has been attributed were due to Inkatha, the police were responsible for a quarter and other groups — including whites, the ANC and township youth — were responsible for much smaller percentages. The findings were based on reports from media or monitoring groups across the political spectrum.

At the same time, serious questions still surround the role of the police and their seeming failure to protect train commuters or to apprehend the culprits.

There is also intense frustration at the failure of the Peace Accord, which seems to have become bogged down in logistical problems, to get off the ground. Despite the urgency of the matter, police in the Witwatersrand area will only start signing the Accord's code of conduct today — six weeks after the Accord was reached.

Cops vow to work for peace

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE ongoing violence in South Africa had placed heavy demands on members of the South African Police, Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel said yesterday.

Kriel was speaking during the signing of the police code of conduct at the Diepkloof Riot Unit in Soweto.

The signing of the code of conduct was probably the first since various parties signed the National Peace Accord in Johannesburg a few weeks ago.

Kriel said all signitaries to the code of conduct had vowed to pursue peace. The police were, however, required to maintain law and order.

HERNUS KRIEL

He said it was necessary for them to be an example of impartiality and professionalism at all times.

"The high ethical code, which the police pursue, and the objective to protect all residents of this country, have been encapsulated in a code of conduct applicable to police countrywide," he said.

He said the signing demonstrated a willingness by police to elevate their tasks and objectives above political beliefs.

While the accord aimed at ensuring that police performed their tasks properly and impartially, it also provided for mechanisms which protected them against unfounded allegations and unreasonable demands.

"It is, therefore, necessary that each member of the SAP approach the accord and the code in this spirit. It is hoped that members will dedicate themselves enthusiastically in support of the accord and the code," Kriel said.

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Bafokeng battle moves to Jo'burg

AN endless feud between Bophuthatswana's President Lucas Mangope and the Bafokeng tribesmen of Phokeng, near Rustenburg, was taken to the streets of Johannesburg yesterday.

About 100 tribesmen held a placard demonstration near the homeland's consulate-general, demanding the safe return of their exiled tribal chief, his deported wife and the release of a prisoner on hunger strike.

Chief Lebone Molotlegi left the homeland after Bophuthatswana's abortive coup of 1988, while his wife Semana Bonolo Molotlegi was later deported because she was a Botswana national.

Chief Molotlegi is reported to be in Botswana while his wife is said to be on the Reef.

The tribe's spokesman, Mr Kebareng Bogopane, said there was a pending Supreme Court case whereby Mangope and Bafokeng acting chief Mr George Molotlegi, Lebone's younger brother, were expected to give oral evidence in the ongoing fight for the return of the exiled leader.

"Political" prisoner Mr Christopher Makgale, who is serving an 18-year jail term, has been on hunger strike since the October 8, Bogopane said.

The demonstrators, who gathered in central Johannesburg were mostly old folk, some standing with the help of a stick in one hand and a placard in the other hand.

Lunchtime Johannesburgers were treated to plenty of light moments with one placard comparing Mr Mangope's wife Leah and Mrs Molotlegi by declaring: "Leah Also Has No Right To Live In Bop".

The First Lady originally came from Potgietersrus in the northern Transvaal. One consulate employee reportedly whispered words of support to the demonstrators. The demonstrators allegedly came in five minibuses. - *South African Press Association.*

LUCAS MANGOPE

Violence costs R16 000 a victim

IT costs an average of R16 000 to treat one victim of unrest or violence, according to the Transvaal Administrator, Mr Danie Hough.

The thousands of frightened residents who occupy hospitals after fleeing from unrest situations placed an additional burden on the already over-extended TPA hospitals and personnel, he added.

Hough made the comments during the official opening of additions - at a cost of R4,9-million - to the Vereeniging Hospital.

Two new surgery theatres were installed, and extentions made to the X-ray and central sterilisation departments. The additions were completed in February.

Migration

The limited number of nurses, the unprecedented migration to the PWV region, the high birthrate and the spiralling costs of treating unrest victims have all placed the provincial hospitals under tremendous pressure and made budget planning difficult, Hough said.

South Africa now has one nurse for every 484 people - while the ideal balance, as set by the World Health Organisation, should be one nurse for every 416 people.

Sparkle

He called on young women to join the nursing profession: "We need your diligence, enthusiasm and sparkle in our health services."

- *Sapa*

Hundreds sign peace pledges

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By SONTI MASEKO

A peace pledge, initiated by the Lenasia-based publication, *The Indicator*, in support of and along the lines of *Sowetan's* peace campaign, is receiving strong support from residents.

Hundreds of people, ranging from school children to religious leaders, have signed peace campaign pledges aimed at promoting peace and combating racism, division and intolerance.

On Tuesday, all pupils at the Lenasia Muslim School and three branches of the Shri Gandhi Bharat Vidyalaya schools signed the peace pledge, which also outlines practical steps that can be taken to promote peace.

"It is the biggest response we heve had to any project of the newspaper," said Ameen Akhalwaya, Editor of *The Indicator*.

"Usually, readers respond in large numbers only when prizes are offered in competitions, but pledges are still pouring in, proving what we have always believed, that the vast majority of our country's people endorse simple, decent human values."

The publication has also introduced two slogans, "Freedom in Peace, Peace in Freedom" and "Let's Build On Our Magnificent Heritage" as part of its campaign.

The first slogan is aimed at "encompassing our belief that we are on the brink of achieving political freedom," said Akhalwaya. "We believe we can achieve that freedom in a climate of peace, and that we can enjoy peace only in a climate of freedom.

"The second is aimed at remembering that the communities we serve are part of a magnificent heritage developed over centuries."

The peace pledge encourages its signatories to take active steps in policing themselves and others around them to consciously avoid using abusive language or remarks about other people's colour, religious beliefs, lack of education or economic standing.

For example, it states: "If you are a parent or teacher whose children make abusive remarks about other groups, remind them that you have lived through a system which divided all our people in such a way that they started to hate one another.

"Encourage your children to invite to your home someone of a different colour, religion or economic status so that they can start to understand one another".

Slain 2 were party men, says Inkatha

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

INKATHA Freedom Party has claimed that two people killed at Phefeni Station on Sunday afternoon were card-carrying members of the party.

The IFP also said that, minutes before they were shot, both had been travelling on the same train that carried Inkatha supporters returning from a rally.

These disclosures were made by Mr Themba Khoza, Transvaal leader of the IFP, at a conference attended by local and foreign media in Johannesburg.

Khoza dismissed utterances by Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries that IFP supporters were responsible for the killing of Lindinkosi Dlomo and Ernest Makhaye.

Travelling

De Vries was quoted as saying: "I can say without a doubt that the train from which the shots were fired was carrying only Inkatha supporters.

"What the colonel failed to mention to the media is that the two men were card-carrying members who, minutes before being shot, were travelling on the train.

"They got off at Phefeni Station because the train was full. However when they jumped off it was not towards the platform, but towards the other track.

"They were then shot at, not by people on the train, but by assailants waiting for IFP members getting off the train.

THEMBA KHOZA, IFP Transvaal leader.

"These are the facts. You can check them and also check the names of the dead," he said.

According to Khoza, the IFP has been blamed wrongfully for violence by everybody whenever people are killed.

He said the IFP was being portrayed as perpetrators of violence and yet they were the victims.

"We distance ourselves from people who commit acts of violence, be it in our name, or in any other name. We call on the ANC to do the same," he said.

Study blames IFP and police

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By Thabo Leshilo

The Inkatha Freedom Party and the SAP are the main perpetrators of the violence on the Reef, according to research published by the Community Agency for Social Enquiry (CASE) yesterday.

The ANC was responsible for only 4 percent of attacks, while Azapo, the PAC and common criminals were the least involved in violence.

The figures, covering July 22 last year to July 31 this year, showed Inkatha had been responsible for 51 percent of the classifiable acts of violence. Police were reported to have been responsible for 23 percent.

The figures were compiled by CASE researcher Dr David Everatt and are based on reports by Johannesburg newspapers, the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, Lawyers for Human Rights, the Centre for Legal Studies and the Human Rights Commission.

"They reveal that there are two major perpetrators of violence on the Reef: supporters of the IFP and members of the SAP," he said.

Other perpetrators were whites (with darkened faces and wearing balaclavas) and vigilantes, 5 percent each; township youths and squatters, 3 percent each; the community and the SADF, 2 percent each.

Azapo, the PAC and criminals each accounted for 1 percent of attacks.

The "onslaught" appeared to be directed at ordinary citizens — not ANC members, he added.

The police last night emphatically denied "all allegations of partiality".

Witwatersrand spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said police had received the report and it was being studied. "The police will issue a more relevant and detailed statement at a later stage."

The police would never favour "any one of the parties, organisations or individuals involved in the current conflict".

● CASE was founded in 1987 as an independent programme for social and political research by Professor Mark Orkin, of the Wits University Business School. He is its director. According to senior reseacher Sipho Pityana, CASE was totally independent of any political organisation despite having key ANC members on its board of directors.

"The political affiliation of the board members is irrelevant. Our integrity should be judged on the basis of our scientific conclusions — not the political merits of our board members."

The organisation has, so far, been commissioned by, among others, the Dutch Reformed Church, Weekly Mail, foreign embassies and the United Nations. It is funded by various foreign governments.

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SAP says why search was halted

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By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter (218)

The police had not called reinforcements to Nancefield hostel on Wednesday after the nearby train attack because they had "good reason to believe" the gunman they were pursuing was no longer there, Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze claimed yesterday.

The police's decision to leave the hostel when confronted by armed hostel dwellers has sparked a wave of outrage from residents and political parties demanding to know why the gunman — who shot at police at the scene of the train attack — was not apprehended.

The gunman opened fire on the police shortly after the train attack and was then followed by them to Nancefield hostel. Police searched parts of the hostel, but obeyed when told by angry hostel dwellers — reported to have been IFP supporters — to leave without completing the search.

Captain Kotze could not say which information had led the police to believe that the gunman had left the premises.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma described Captain Kotze's explanation that the gunman had left as "twaddle".

Captain Kotze said: "The object of the operation was to arrest that specific man. Why surround the place afterwards if he is no longer there?"

He said the police had to deal with a hostile crowd and could not simply "mow them down" in the search for one man.

He accused the Inkatha Freedom Party of having no control over its supporters and of having breached the National Peace Initiative in terms of which all political parties agreed to co-operate with the police to quell the violence.

Asked whether the police would have reacted in the same way if policemen instead of commuters had been killed, he said: "We would have reacted in exactly the same way. The policemen did what they could. If they insisted, there could have been another massacre. There could have been any number of AK-47s in there."

Mr Macozoma said the incident had not been the first of its kind. In March, police had abandoned a search for weapons at another hostel when hostel dwellers opened fire on them.

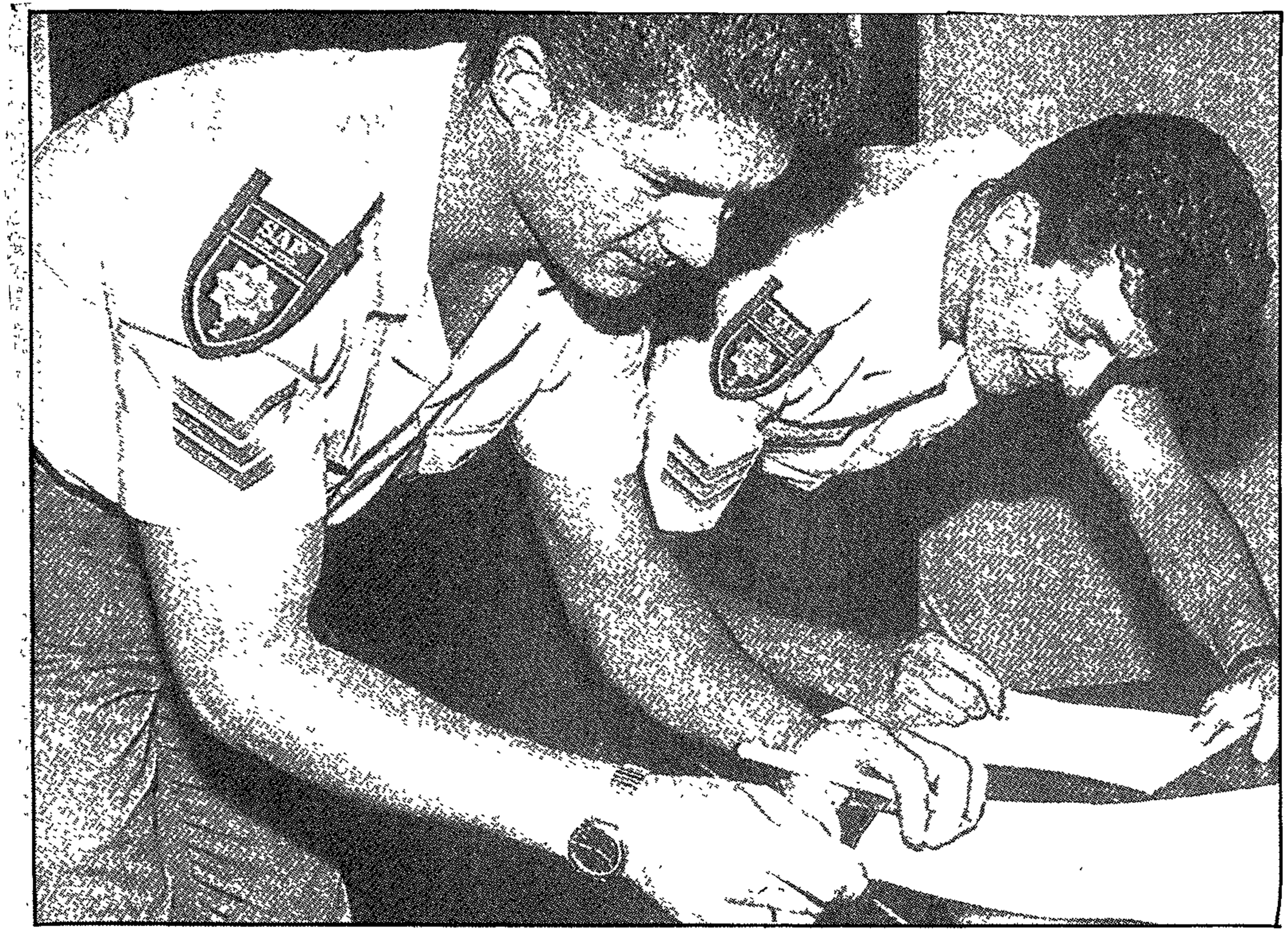
"Police cannot abdicate their responsibility. This incident goes a long way to show the lack of impartiality.

"I am not saying they should have shot their way into the hostel. But they must find ways of doing their job properly.

"If they needed reinforcements they could have stayed there to wait and make sure no one left the hostel. Or they could have worn bullet-proof clothes or negotiated with the hostel dwellers. To just walk away is not on."

IFP spokesman Suzanne Vos said it still had to be established whether the hostel dwellers were IFP supporters.

But she praised the restraint of the police. She said hostel dwellers were hostile towards the police because of raids during which "the police wake them up in the middle of the night".



Sign here . . . two of the first batch of SA policemen put their names down at a Soweto ceremony to reinforce the National Peace Accord's code of conduct. Picture: AP

SAP, army to step up security

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By Brian Sokutu

A combined SADF and SAP force is to step up security at all Soweto railway stations, it emerged from a meeting at Soweto police headquarters yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the Defence Force, the SAP, Spoornet and the SA Commuter Association following train massacres at Soweto stations this week.

However, the police had told the Spoornet delegation, represented by general manager on security Cas Badenhorst, that they had insufficient manpower, according to Spoornet spokesman Durma Bosman.

Asked by The Star to elaborate on what measures security forces would introduce and when, Soweto police spokesman Colonel J de Vries said:

"We can't elaborate at this stage.

"The meeting, which was fruitful, involved planning.

"We'll do all in our power to step up security."

Ronnie Mamoepa, ANC PWV region spokesman welcomed the meeting.

He said the meeting would be fruitless if the issue of sufficient security measures was not addressed.

Train attacks 'outrageous'

JOHANNESBURG. — The Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression yesterday said it was outraged at the number of attacks in trains and at railway stations in the greater Johannesburg area, suggesting that police were not willing to curb the attacks. CT 26/10/91

In a statement, the board said that since January this year there had been on average at least two attacks a month on trains in the area. — Sapa 278

Train killers strike again

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The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — At least seven people were shot or stabbed to death and dozens injured as hundreds of commuters jumped off moving trains and fled for their lives during another massacre on the Soweto line early today.

A Spoornet spokesman confirmed that at least five bodies were found at Nancefield station and another at Orlando station, but witnesses said that "dozens" of bodies were strewn along the railway line at several stations.

A reporter saw two bodies at Orlando Stadium

Witnesses said one of the victims had been caught and hacked to death by a gang as he tried to flee

The second Orlando victim had been shot in the chest

Commuters at Orlando station said passengers on the Soweto-Johannesburg train had fought back against the attackers, as was the case on the East Rand earlier this month when commuters overpowered two gunmen

A shocked commuter, speaking from Kliptown station, said at least a dozen people strewn along the line appeared to be dead Many more were standing around bleeding profusely

"Blood is flowing everywhere People are cut and shot to bits. Some bodies are in pieces," he said

Another commuter, identified only as Ronnie from Chiawelo, said he saw "lots" of bodies lying around the Nancefield station. He huddled in a corner listening to people screaming When the train slowed down at Orlando station, he jumped out of the window and ran away.

Soweto police were patrolling the lines, picking up bodies and looking for others

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said first reports indicated that the attack might have been a retaliation for the murder of a Zulu man on the old Potchefstroom road earlier

The man was killed while passengers were in the car. The passengers escaped and ran back to their home at Nancefield hostel, a source said.

Several shots were fired from the hostel Soon after this commuters were shot and stabbed at Nancefield, Orlando and Mlanlankunzi stations.

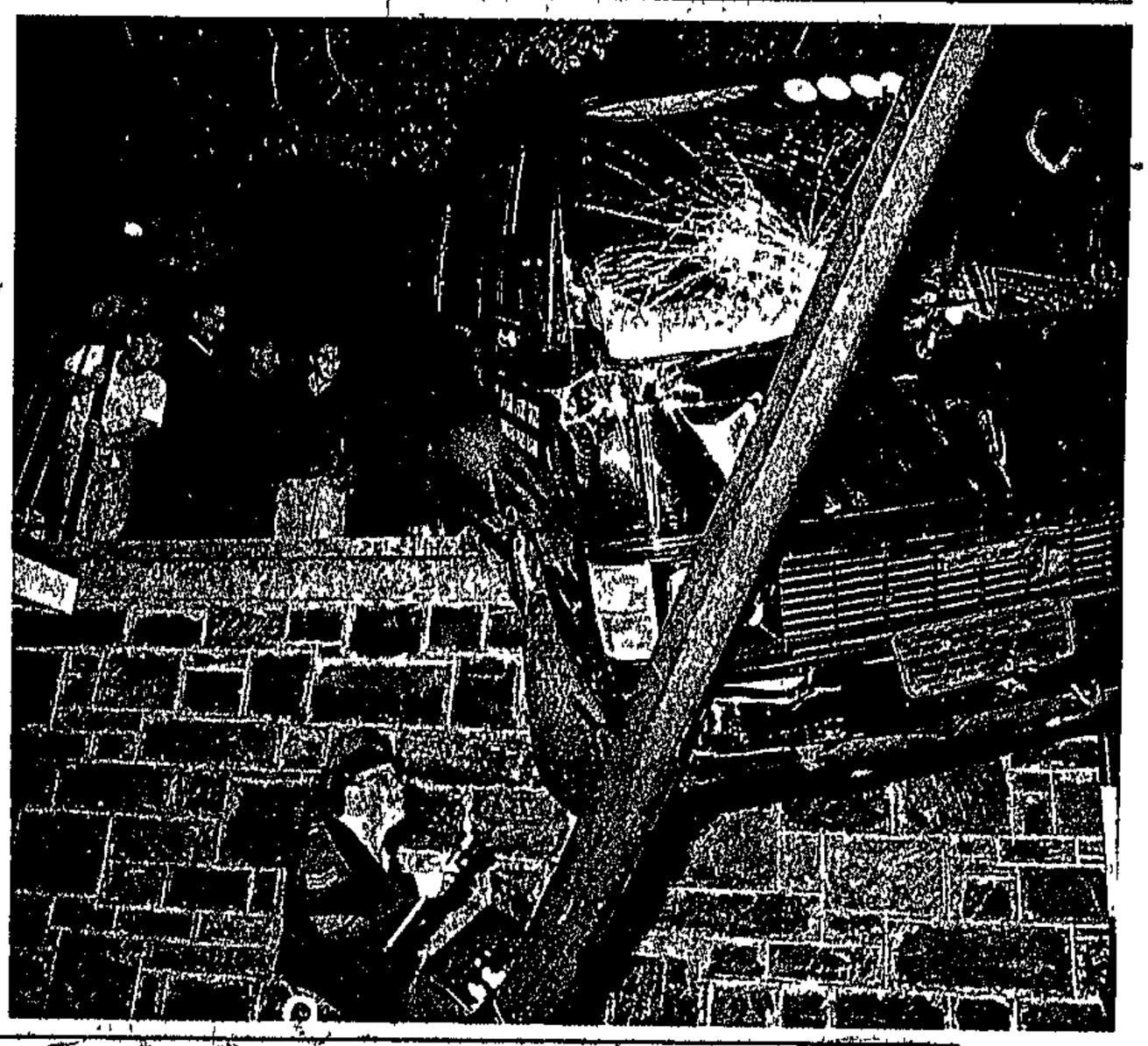
At least 24 people have been admitted with stab wounds to Baragwanath Hospital

● Eleven men were arrested and a shotgun was seized after five taxis and 12 shacks were set alight in Khayelitsha

A police spokesman said a minibus taxi was set alight in Site B, Khayelitsha, about 10pm yesterday

About 10 minutes later 12 shacks and four taxis were set alight in the same area, allegedly by members of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association

A security force patrol fired at 11 suspects driving off in a bakkie. The men were arrested and the shotgun was seized.



Taxi man hunted down by killers

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GRIEVING: Relatives of executed former taxi driver Mr David Habe, cousin Mrs Nolist Tshuku, left, and sisters Miss Nomafoko Habe and Miss Cynthia Habe, at their home in Nyanga after they heard of the killing.

VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

A FORMER taxi-driver, Mr David Bherana Habe, fought his attackers and tried to escape across a river before his execution

The body of Mr Habe, 38, a former Western Cape Black Taxi Association member, was found on Monday in a quarry near Macassar He had been shot twice and two 7,65 mm calibre cartridges were found next to his body

The killing was the latest blow to the peace initiative to bring an end to the bloody taxi war between Webta and its rival organisation, Lagunya

Mr Atwell Mangwana, one of Mr Habe's cousins, said Mr Habe was attacked by Lagunya members with knives and axes while he was standing near traffic lights in Khayelitsha on Sunday afternoon

Mr Habe tried to escape, but the Lagunya members caught him, forced him into a vehicle and drove away, Mr Mangwana said.

"David's brother reported it to the police, but by the time the search began we suspected Mr Habe was dead We just wanted to find his body.

"We checked mortuaries and were referred to one at Somerset West, where we saw his body with a bullet hole behind the ear and another in the heart," Mr Mangwana said.

"My cousin left the taxi business last year after almost three years," he said

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Stop-start violence 'orchestrated'

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AL-AMEEN KAFAAR

TRAIN and political violence on the Reef appears to be orchestrated to coincide with major peace initiatives, according to a report released by the Community Agency for Social Enquiry (CASE).

The report, which was released recently, went on to say that the violence can apparently be turned off at times when it might be damaging to the Government.

Examples given by CASE date back to August last year, shortly after the ANC committed itself fully to negotiations and suspending the armed struggle.

During August and September, 46 people died and more than 120 were injured during three separate attacks in Soweto.

Significantly, according to CASE, violence diminished dramatically during October. This was just after President de Klerk had embarked on his European tour, according to the report.

During February, approximately at the time of the peace accord between the ANC and IFP, four people were killed and 41 injured in three separate attacks in Soweto and Langlaagte.

The attacks increased last month, just before the signing of the National Peace Accord. During September, 17 people were killed in seven separate attacks in Soweto and on the East and West Rand.

During October, just before the planned formation of the patriotic front, 12 people were killed in attacks on the East Rand and in Soweto. The list of attacks since August last year is as follows:

- August 1 1990 — one dead and six injured at Soweto station.
- August 16 — four dead and 31 injured at Jabulani.
- September 7 — six dead, 14 injured at Jeppe station.
- September 12 — two dead after an attack between Jeppe and Benrose.
- September 14 — 26 dead, more than 100 injured on three trains between Braamfontein/Mayfair and Jeppe/Ellis Park.
- September 24 — seven dead at Riverlea and two unconfirmed deaths.
- February 1 1991 — two killed, 10 injured when gunman attacked commuters on their way to a joint ANC-IFP rally at Jabulani.
- February 4 — one dead and 14 injured between New Canada and Langlaagte.
- February 13 — two killed, 17 injured in rampage near Langlaagte station.
- April 23 — four killed, 11 injured during an attack near Inhlazane station in Soweto.
- May 20 — one dead at Mzimhlope.
- June 25 — six shot dead at Nancefield station, 18 injured.
- July 25 — two hacked to death, 14 injured after an attack at Phomolong station, Soweto.
- September 8 — three killed at Johannesburg (Park) station.
- September 10 — three killed, one injured at Dube station.
- September 10 — six killed and four injured between Johannesburg and Reef townships.
- September 11 — six killed at Angus station on the East Rand.
- September 13 — three killed on Soweto line.
- September 20 — two killed and 13 injured (including five policemen) in three separate shootings on trains.
- October 9 — three shot dead, 10 injured on train between Katlehong and Wadeville on the East Rand. Gun jammed and one attacker arrested.
- October 23, a few days before formation of the patriotic front — nine killed and scores injured during attacks at three Soweto stations.

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Diary of train attacks

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- Aug 16 1990 **1 dead 6 injured** at Jhb Station
- Sept 6 1990 **6 dead 14 injured** at Jeppe Station
- Sept 11 1990 **1 dead, several injured** between Braamfontein/Jhb
- Sept 13 1990 **26 dead, 100+ injured** between Jeppe/Benrose
- Sept 14 1990 **15 injured** on 3 trains between Braamfontein/Mayfair and Jeppe/Ellis Park
- Sept 20 1990 **5 injured** at Jeppe Station
- Sept 8 1991 **2 dead** at Jhb Station
- Sept 9 1991 **6 dead, 4 injured** between Jhb/Soweto
- Sept 20 1991 **1 dead, 13 injured** between Jhb/Soweto

Total: 91 dead (2 unconfirmed), more than 340 injured

Graphic: GAIL IRWIN

East/West Rand

- Aug 5 1990 **1 injured** towards Randfontein
- Sept 18 1990 **5 injured** near Krugersdorp
- Sept 20 1990 **1 injured** near Krugersdorp
- Oct 2 1990 **4 injured** West Rand
- Oct 18 1990 **15 injured** between Birchleigh/Van Riebeeck
- Feb 13 1991 **1 injured** near Van Riebeeck Station
- June 11 1991 **4 injured** in separate attacks Kempton Park
- July 1 1991 **12 injured** Katalo Station near Germiston
- Sept 11 1991 **6 dead, 12 injured** Angus Station, East Rand
- Oct 91 1991 **3 dead, 10 injured** between Katlehong/Wadeville

Soweto
Meadowlands West
Sept 10 1991 **3 dead 1 injured**
March 5 1991 **Several injured**
May 20 1991 **1 dead**
New Canada
Feb 13 1991 **2 dead 17 injured**
N1
Sept 24 1990 **7 dead**
Riverlea
July 25 1991 **2 dead several injured**
Mzimhlophe
Meadowlands East
Orlando East
Phomolong
Babsonville
April 5 1991 **10 injured**
Ikwezi
Dube
Zondi
Mofolo Central
Phefeni
July 24 1991 **1 dead 14 injured**
Aug 16 1990 **4 dead 31 injured**
July 25 1990 **1 dead 29 injured**
Feb 14 1991 **15 injured**
Jabulani
Dube
April 23 1991 **2 dead 3 injured**
Inhlazane
Moletsane
Jabavu
Nancefield
Klipspruit
Oct 23 1991 **9 dead Many injured**
Tladi
Merafi
Sept 11 1990 **1 dead**
Mapetla
Moroka
Phiri
Senaoane
Orlamini
Pimville
June 25 1991 **6 dead 22 injured**
Kliptown

Little progress despite hefty rewards

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TRAIN attacks since August last year have left more than 80 dead. But not a single attacker has yet been convicted and police are no closer to discovering the reasons for the attacks.

Despite substantial rewards — R50 000 from the Sowetan newspaper and R25 000 from Spoornet — for information leading to arrests and convictions, nothing concrete has been uncovered that could lead to an arrest and conviction.

Five men were arrested last year in connection with the September massacre of 23 people at Jeppe station. But they were released on May 28 after police had difficulty getting witnesses to come forward with information.

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In June this year, after the killing of six people on a train travelling from Johannesburg to Soweto, the Sowetan announced its reward.

The day after the reward was announced, the paper said in an editorial that readers who called in were reluctant to supply their names.

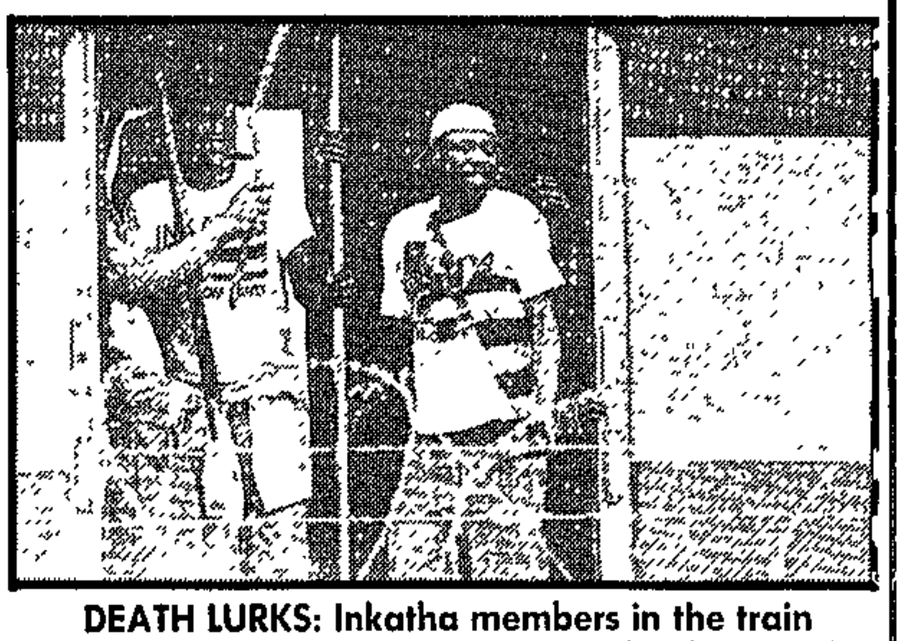
According to the editorial, their reluctance stemmed from their belief that the police would do nothing with the information.

They also feared they would be harmed if seen to be informing on others, the editorial said.

A man claiming to be a former SADF operative made allegations that four highly trained members of Five Reconnaissance Regiment had carried out the June attack.

Felix Ndimene named the men who allegedly executed the attack. According to Mr Ndimene the attackers had been instructed not to talk because they could only speak Zulu.

The allegations were denied by the SADF. Police are continuing with investigations.



DEATH LURKS: Inkatha members in the train from which two young men were shot last week.

Train's clattering wheels hide fatal gunshots

IT'S 3.15 on a Sunday afternoon. Two young men emerge from a tunnel at Soweto's Phomolong station, heading slowly towards Orlando West after a visit to relatives in nearby Dube.

As they walk, a train flashes past in the background.

Its wheels disguise the sound of gunshots fired from one of its crowded carriages. The train clatters past and the two young men lie dead.

Eric Dlomo and Ernest Makhaye become two more senseless casualties of a seemingly senseless conflict.

MUSA MAPISA

According to the police report, the train that the shots were fired from was full of Inkatha supporters returning from a rally in Jabulani. Ironically both the dead men were Zulus, from Kranskop in Natal.

Religious

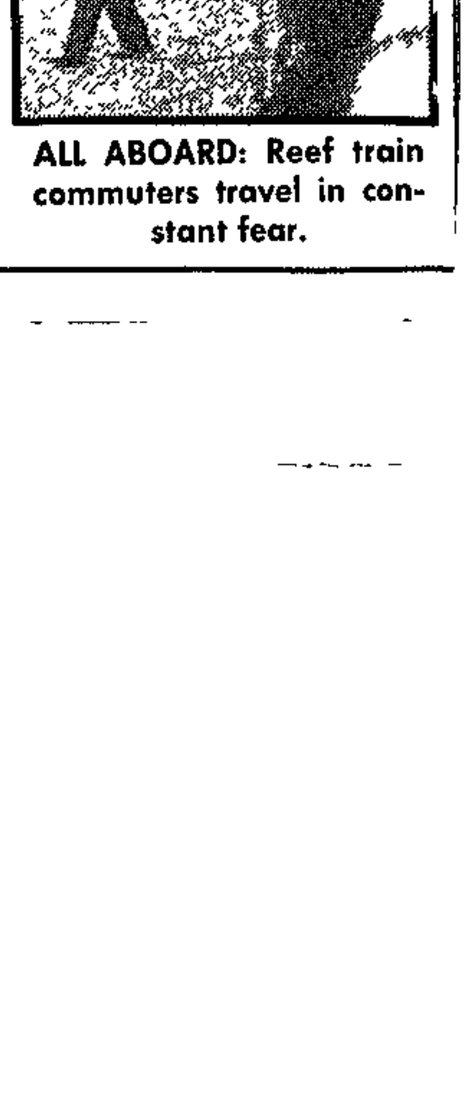
Mr Makhaye was a security guard and Mr Dlomo a clerk. Both worked at the University of Witwatersrand.

Mr Dlomo (34), a deeply religious father of two, was a member of the Lutheran Church. He did not belong to any political group. According to his uncle, Abednigo Makhaye, he had no interest in politics

Ernest Makhaye (33) had been in Johannesburg from Natal for only a week. He had returned to pay the last portion of lobola, and was to be married next year.

He too had no interest in politics, say relatives

Death and violence, especially on trains, were ever-present realities to people like Mr Dlomo, Professor Denzel Russel of the Centre for Continuing Education at Wits said this week.



ALL ABOARD: Reef train commuters travel in constant fear.

SAP's 'unsafe' excuse greeted with disbelief

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AL-AMEEN KAFAAR
and MUSA MAPISA

THE STATEMENT by a top policeman this week that police could not patrol peak-hour trains because it was "unsafe" has been met with scorn by most political parties.

The Inkatha Freedom Party and the Conservative Party said the police's fear was a clear sign of how close South Africa was to being ungovernable.

Strong criticism of the statement came from the Democratic Party and ANC. The DP described the remark as unbelievable and the ANC said the excuse was feeble.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said the admission was a "scandal of high proportions" that could lead to the Government's downfall.

He said the 30 recorded attacks since August last year had occurred mostly during rush hour. Seventy people had been killed and 259 injured.

"The excuse that it's too dangerous for policemen to go on trains at peak hours is a feeble excuse and indicative of police attitudes," he said.

"If it's dangerous for policemen, how much so for ordinary people? The fact is that police commanders have no intention of putting an end to the violence.

"Many policemen are brave patriots. They are committed to the principle of serving and defending people against violence, and they must be allowed to do their jobs."

LEON: Patrols needed.

VOS: State has obligation.

BEYERS: Police not scared.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze repeated Colonel Tienie Halgryn's remark that it was impossible for the police to patrol during rush hours, adding that the police had done everything in their power to prevent attacks and protect commuters.

He said it should be remembered that the police were hampered by severe practical limitations. "It is impossible for the police to exercise normal duty in overcrowded conditions."

DP spokesman on law and order Tony Leon said the situation as "unbelievable". Proper patrolling should have been implemented after the first attacks, he said, adding that it appeared the police were failing in their responsibility to protect commuters.

He hoped the National Peace Accord Committee would compel the police to take more stringent action.

CP spokesman Andries Beyers said it was accepted that it was dangerous to patrol overcrowded coaches, but he doubted if the police were scared to do so.

He said it appeared that officers were being prevented from performing their duties properly and were scared of disciplinary action if they performed their duties effectively.

IFP spokesman Suzanne Vos said the remark was a reflection of the desperation the police experienced with train attacks. She said the State had an obligation to protect commuters.

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PEACE TRAIN IS HIJACKED

PEACE CALL ... Soldiers put up a poster which says, "Give peace a chance", but the random slaughter of train commuters just goes on and on.

By THEMBA KHUMALO and MONWABISI NOMADOLO

TERROR and despair have replaced the premature optimism of the National Peace Accord (NPA), signed two months ago, as violence continues in the trouble-torn townships and on the trains.

It seems there will be no easy walk to peace.

And the ANC and IFP leaders are once again at each other's throats with accusations and counter accusations over the slaughter.

Nearly 200 people have been killed since the signing of the accord on September 14.

The renewed war of words between the two organisations came in the wake of the Bloody Wednesday morning train massacre in which 13 commuters were butchered, allegedly by IFP supporters from the notorious Nancefield hostel in Soweto.

The police say nine people died and 26 were injured, six of them seriously.

The ANC put the number of the dead at 13, saying nine bodies were found at Nancefield, and four at Orlando.

The ANC and IFP called press conferences within hours after the attack and blamed each other for the killings.

The ANC said the attackers came from the Nancefield hostel.

The IFP said the attackers were armed ANC supporters.

"In all attacks, the assailants waited for commuters to board the train and then started attacking with an assortment of weapons, which included firearms, spears and pangas," the strongly worded ANC statement said.

Soweto police liaison officer, Colonel Jac de Vries, said Wednesday's attack was sparked by the death of a Zulu inmate of Nancefield who was found stabbed in his car. He died while being taken to hospital.

Asked why the police were unable to arrest the train attackers, he said police were usually not in the trains when attacks took place, and the killers made sure there were no policemen around before going into action.

The police were unable to guard all the trains because there were so many of them, he said.

He would not say why plainclothes policemen were not posted in trains to protect passengers.

The ANC said the government had "massive state machinery at its disposal" to enable it to prevent such events happening.

The organisation said the attacks came at a time when the democratic movement was bracing itself for the Patriotic Front conference in Durban, and the planned strike on November 4 and 5.

The attacks were aimed at demobilising the masses against the strike, and terrorising those who supported the PF.

The Transvaal leader of the IFP Youth Brigade, Themba Khoza, denied allegations that IFP supporters were responsible for the Wednesday attacks.

He said the attacks came after a bloody fight between ANC and IFP supporters.

However, his version of the massacre differed from those of the survivors, the police, the ANC and Cast.

DEATH RIDE ... Commuters (above) would rather stand in endless queues at the taxi rank than take the death train. A lay preacher (below) pleads for peace on a moving train.

Another pointless death in Soweto

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Fear and the railway line divide residents of the Nancefield hostel from their neighbours. Charlene Smith talked to them, while inside the hostel a widow lit a candle . . .

LESS than two years ago Nancefield hostel-dwellers and Sowetan neighbours used to visit each other for parties, visit the same doctors and buy at the same stores. Now they are mortal enemies.

Residents who live across the railway tracks from Nancefield hostel regularly walk to the end of their streets and stare across the bare veld and tracks that divide them, looking for signs of an impi massing.

A stranger entering Nancefield hostel is heralded by whistles blown throughout the vast hostel complex of about 15 000 men.

Fear is so thick across the empty expanse of veld and railway line that separates Klipspruit township from Nancefield hostel that it almost suffocates.

Even soldiers who patrol the area and nearby Nancefield railway station never alight from their armoured vehicles.

A resident says: "The violence is difficult to predict; you can be alive one minute and dead the next."

Like most residents, he is too terrified to give his name or be photographed. Many residents won't even express their fears, saying they are frightened someone will see them talking to the press and will kill them.

On Wednesday morning an armed impi attacked a commuter train at Nancefield station, killing 10 and injuring 36. In an unusual step, the police liaison officer for Soweto, Colonel Tienie Halgryn, placed the blame for the massacre at the feet of Inkatha.

Some commuters say the attack has its roots in train rivalry between political factions. In the unique culture of Soweto trains, some coaches are used for church services or stokvels, while others are used by political organisations. Often, commuters say, rivalry spills over into killings.

On November 12 three Nancefield residents, charged with 25 counts of murder and attempted murder for earlier train attacks, will appear in the Johannesburg magistrate's court. The hostel has been blamed for many attacks over the past year.

It is easy to portray all hostel-dwellers as villains. However, fear, corrosive fear, affects both sides and makes for a willingness to take up arms.

Political allegiance is, in fact, less likely to get you killed in Soweto than being employed.

Vigils

One-and-a-half million commuters travel between Soweto and Johannesburg each day in the equivalent of rolling coffins. Not even the police patrol inside the trains; they stand in groups at railway stations or watch commuters from perches high above armoured ratels or casspirs.

Soweto, which used to have a vibrant social life, is watching its back. The enemy, unseen, is everywhere.

A small private clinic is across the railway tracks from the hostel; 95 percent of its patients are hostel-dwellers.

But, the staff say, they are too frightened to speak to their own patients. On more than one occasion the sight of advancing impis, or being caught in crossfire between residents and hostel-dwellers, has meant that they have had to close the clinic and flee.

Doreen Ndzoyi, 27, has worked at the clinic for two years. She says she feels "very insecure".

"Recently two small boys aged about 13 were walking across the veld when they were shot. Even children are not safe."

Gloria Sono, 27, a nurse at the clinic, says some patients are too frightened to attend the clinic any more.

At the tiny library next door, neither the librarians nor students studying for matric exams want to discuss the violence. They lower their eyes and say they are too frightened. "We don't want to die."

Joe, the middle-aged owner of a construction company, is altering a nearby house. He won't give his surname. He was born in the area, and lives there with his wife, four children and parents. He is angry about the continuing violence.

"The leaders do not fight, they do not die. We are the ones who are dying. I think this is beyond their control."

He points to a long train as it rattles past, no faces visible at the windows. "The trains are going empty to town because people are getting killed. When these people (he points to the hostel) come from rallies, if you stand in the yard, they ask if you are watching a circus or zoo. They stone you or shoot you."

Frightened

However, a matric schoolboy, his arms weighed down by a pile of books, says he believes hostel-dwellers "are our brothers; they have been manipulated by other forces".

His friend, Mona Khoaeane, 18, stands next to him sucking a yellow ice. Her aunt was killed in violence in Sebokeng, she says.

"Sometimes when I'm studying at night and I hear shooting, I am frightened. I am worried that a bullet will come through the window into my head. I can't study, I'm afraid of the guns."

Beatrice Lchabeng, 62, stares across the railway track, arms folded over a blue apron. In their home her common-law husband, Wales Lefafa, 63, a retired driver, is discussing the violence with two friends across a plastic-covered dining-room table.

They have lived in the area since 1966, when old Pimville was demolished and residents were relocated here. Mr Lefafa says:

"It is politics that has put us in this big mess. We black people used to live peacefully. We used to go to Nancefield and eat with them; they used to come here. Now we fear each other."

Black storm clouds have gathered over Nancefield hostel. Chickens peck in piles of garbage, and tall kikuyu grass grows in small patches.

At the entrance to Lefateng hostel, the sister hostel to Nancefield, and the one immediately bordering the Nancefield station, offal-sellers have huge, fly-buzzing piles of udders, hearts and intestines displayed on wooden slat tables under plastic awnings.

Sebangane Gasa, 50, the Inkatha organiser for the two hostels, sits morosely in his hostel unit on blue-velvet-covered benches. He has lived at Nancefield since it was built in 1958. His two wives and nine children live in Nkandla, Zululand.

On Thursday morning he and Inkatha leader Musa Myeni went to Protea police station to complain about the police raid on the hostel after the massacre.

Police, he says, kicked down doors and stole money. "We don't like black policemen coming here; they cause trouble. The white police are better."

He is depressed by the violence. "I'm mixed in my head now; it's not all right. People are always coming to fight. People killed one of my people at the station yesterday."

Near the back of Nancefield hostel, about seven rows from the entrance, past the boxing academy, the beerhall, the car wrecks used for barricades, the muti-sellers and a child holding a tin cup to catch rain from a leaking roof, is the block where Pumlane Mongoma, 23, lived.

His widow has the vacant face of grief. The cubicle he lived in, three metres by three metres, and shared with another inmate, has been cleared of furniture. It is dark and gloomy.

Sophie Thukwana, 19, Mongoma's widow, sits on the concrete floor, her legs stretched in front of her, a blanket wrapped round her and a scarf on her head. Women mourners line the wall. They all reflect on a small white candle flickering in front of her.

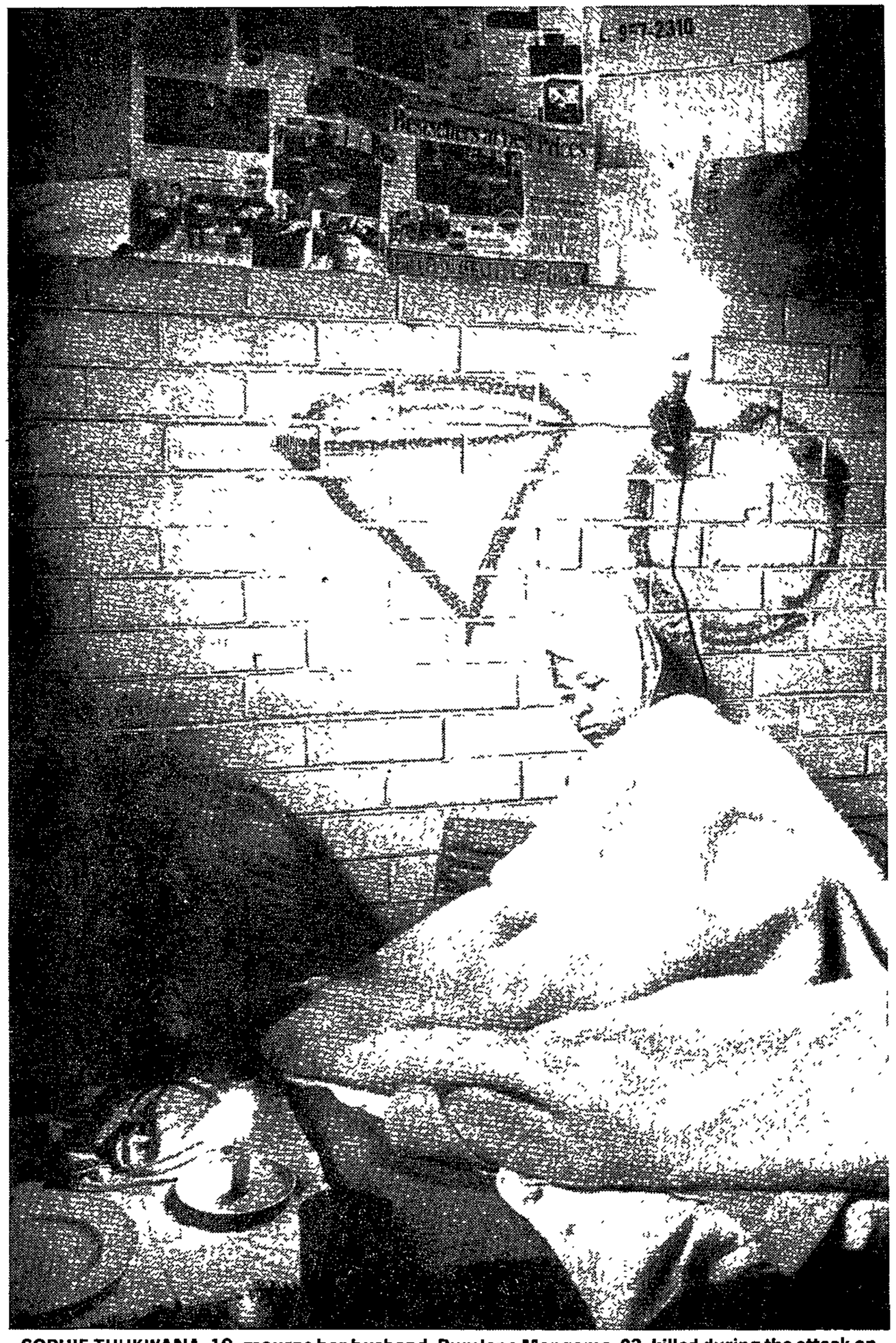
Her man left her, she says, at 6am on Wednesday to go to work and at 2pm she was told of his death.

Simon Ntshangase, 27, who lives in a unit nearby, and was a long-time friend and fellow Inkatha member of Pumlane, said Pumlane apparently walked to the station with a friend and boarded a coach. He denied they had been part of the attacking group.

"A group of men, ANCs, came to Nancefield station and when they finished attacking, Pumlane came back here. He had been hacked on his head and shot on his left side. He wanted a car to take him to hospital."

A car was found, but it ran out of petrol halfway to hospital. Pumlane died.

It was a pointless death, but that could be the epitaph for nearly 8 000 victims since 1985.



SOPHIE THUKWANA, 19, mourns her husband, Pumlane Mongoma, 23, killed during the attack on a train at Nancefield station on Wednesday Picture: JAMES SOULLIER

KILLING FIELDS . . . Riot police patrol a Soweto station after Wednesday's bloody massacre. Pics: TLADI KHUELE

No witnesses back IFP version

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

VICTIMS and witnesses of the "Bloody Wednesday" Nancefield massacre have blamed IFP supporters from Nancefield Hostel for the station attack which left 13 people dead and at least 36 wounded.

The IFP, however, has denied these allegations, claiming ANC supporters "prevented people from boarding or leaving the train as it stood at the station (Nancefield)" and that this had sparked "a fight".

There were no eyewitnesses to support the IFP's version when City Press interviewed survivors at Baragwanath Hospital.

Gabriel Shabalala, 41, from Dlamini in Soweto, said the train was attacked by men who came from the direction of the hostel armed with spears and knobkerries and wearing Inkatha T-shirts.

"Some men were lined up on the platform and started attacking without any provocation," Shabalala said, adding the men spoke Zulu. He was struck on the head and stabbed in the back.

Maki Maluleke, 28, of Chiawelo, suffered serious head and neck injuries and a broken arm.

She said heavily-armed men stormed the train as it came to a halt.

Police said the men were from Nancefield hostel, and had gone to avenge the death of an inmate who had been stabbed earlier.

David Chauke, 32, of Orange Farm, was stabbed on the head and had his ear nearly ripped off during the attack.

"I managed to jump out of the train on to the rails. Another train came in the opposite direction and I had to lie flat until it passed," Chauke said.

Emina Sithole, 48, of Evaton, a mother of five who works at the Johannesburg Hospital, was beaten with a knobkerrie and stabbed with a spear after the Zulu-speaking men boarded the train.

"I wanted to run but I could not," she said and started crying She lost her bag and money during the pandemonium.

Another victim from Rockville, who refused to be identified, said the men were from the Nancefield hostel.

Hacked on the head with a panga, he managed to escape when the train reached Orlando station.

■ MEASURES to safeguard commuters on trains are to be discussed by the Transnet, the police and the SADF soon, reports **SOPHIE TEMA**.

At a meeting held between the three groups this week discussions were held on what measures could be taken and how to implement them.

On Thursday, several trains were stopped at Soweto stations and

Six held after shootout

Sowetan 28/10/91

POLICE have arrested six people for allegedly shooting at them at Mshenguville squatter camp in Soweto at the weekend.

By NKOPANE NKOBANE

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said four people were arrested on Saturday and two others yesterday.

Mariemuthoo said the attack took place at 5pm on Saturday shortly after a person was attacked by people when some squatters were trying to move out.

"Our men were on the scene patrolling as usual when they were suddenly fired at. They returned fire and two of those arrested were later admitted to Baragwanath Hospital with birdshot wounds.

"No policemen were injured, but four people were arrested. Two men were arrested for pointing firearms at police; one for assault and a woman for public indecency."

Two more people were arrested yesterday in connection with the attack on the police on Saturday.

Meanwhile, four people were shot and wounded at Alrode near Tokoza in the East Rand on Saturday.

A witness said the four were trying to board a taxi about 3pm after work when they were waylaid by three men.

"The attackers did not say a word to their victims until after the shooting. Then they were heard saying: 'Bafowethu asihambeni. Sesiwenzile umzebenzi' (gents let's go. We have done the job)."

The victims are operators at Screenex Wire Waving Manufacturers in Alrode. They all live in Tokoza.

A spokesman for the East Rand police said yesterday they had no report of the incident.

Inkatha, SAP are blamed for deaths

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INKATHA was responsible for half, and the police for nearly a quarter of classifiable acts of violence on the Reef over the last year, according to a study released in Johannesburg by the Community Agency for Social Enquiry.

Of 601 incidents of violence reported between July 1990 and July 1991, responsibility was attributed by the media and monitoring groups in 257 cases.

Of those, 370 aggressors were identified.

"The figures reveal that there are two major perpetrators of violence on the Reef. Supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party and members of the South African Police," senior Case researcher Dr David Everatt said at a Press conference.

Inkatha was held to be the aggressor in 190 acts of violence, the SAP for 84 and the African National Congress for 13.

The research also showed the targets of violence were rarely identified as ANC members, but appeared to be ordinary citizens.

Of 2 271 people killed, 87 percent were general members of the community.

The study was the result of a content analysis based on newspaper reports from Johannesburg newspapers across the political spectrum.

The results were checked against each other and against figures published by monitoring organisations, including the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, Human Rights Commission and Lawyers for Human Rights.

Other categories of the 370 identified aggressors - including the SA Defence Force, township youth and other liberation movements - were found to be each responsible for less than five percent of the 257 incidents of violence.

The study said it was not uncommon for a single incident to reveal more than one aggressor.

In 46 of the 257 cases of violence direct collusion between members of the SAP and Inkatha was reported.

The report said its figures strongly suggested the Reef violence was not a violent struggle between Inkatha and the ANC.

Onslaught

Rather, the IFP and the SAP, frequently acting in concert, appeared to have been carrying out a sustained onslaught against the black population at large.

"The aim seems to be to destabilise black South African life and to prevent the establishment of a normalised political climate," Everatt said.

One reason could be that opinion polls overwhelmingly revealed that support for the ANC since February 1990 stood at 70 percent, the study suggested.

A monthly breakdown of deaths showed: 44 people had died in July 1990, 598 in August, 356 in September, 56 in October, 157 in November, 237 in December, 74 in January 1991, 21 in February, 203 in March, 162 in April, 269 in May, 39 in June and 55 in July.

A corpse at the roadside. A familier sight after township attacks. A report last week claimed that Inkatha was held to be the aggressor in 190 acts of violence, the SAP for 84 and the African National Congress for 13.

"It is difficult to believe that the sharp monthly variations . . . are random," Everatt said.

The figures suggested the Reef violence was subject to control and seemed to be switched on at key moments.

"For example, no sooner had the ANC been tied into the negotiation process via the Pretoria Minute and suspended their armed struggle in August 1990, than there followed the highest single monthly death and injury figures for the whole period under study."

More significantly, the study said, the violence could apparently be turned off at times when it could damage the Government.

When State President Mr FW de Klerk left for Europe in October 1990 the violence diminished dramatically.

Allegations of police bias, brutality and active participation in the violence had continued throughout the 12 months of study, and was often accompanied by reports of collusion between the SAP and Inkatha, the report said.

Media reports of the alleged police role in Reef violence included 42 of active participation, 32 of failure to disarm Inkatha members, 25 of escorting IFP members from an attack and 17 of assisting the IFP in an attack.

Hostels were central to the Reef violence and to the strategy of destabilisation which the figures strongly suggested was being carried out by Inkatha and the SAP, the report said.

The onset of the Reef violence was signalled by a series of attacks on Sebokeng Hostel which began on July 22 1990 and rapidly spread to the East Rand, Soweto, the West Rand and Alexandra township, acording to the report.

"In each case non-Zulu hostel dwellers were driven out of the hostels which became armed fortresses from which attacks were launched against the surrounding communities," the report said.

The media had recorded the deaths of 42 Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers and five injuries. Non-Inkatha hostels had suffered 213 deaths and 147 injuries.

Attacks on squatter camps launched from Inkatha-controlled hostels accounted for at least 915 deaths - 40 percent of the total death toll of 2 271 for the period.

In addition, while Inkatha supporters had been held responsible for 20 of the 32 train attacks since July 1990.

In at least six cases the attackers fled to nearby hostels - in particular to Nancefield Hostel in Soweto, according to the report.

Hostel-linked train attacks had resulted in at least 42 deaths and 188 injuries. - *Sapa*

Body found after clash

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A BODY of a man was found by police after teargas was fired into a crowd which refused to disperse in Soweto yesterday.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the incident happended at a soccer field near Mshenguville.

He said a group of people had gathered at the field about 12 noon.

"Police ordered the group to disperse but they refused to do so," he said.

"Police then fired teargas canisters towards the crowd. The group then dispersed. Police later found the body of a man," Mariemuthoo added.

He could not confirm an exchange of fire between some of the residents of Mshenguville and the police last night.

Unconfirmed reports said at least three people were injured and several were arrested.

Mariemuthoo could also not confirm reports that "terrified" people were seen leaving Fred Clarke, a housing area next to Nancefield Hostel.

Late last night families were seen leaving the area.

ANC leader shot dead in car theft

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By ISAAC MOLEDI

DEPUTY chairman of the ANC's Soweto branch Mr Basil Zuma was shot dead at the weekend by three gunmen apparently following his car in Pimville.

Zuma (30) of Orlando East was also secretary of both the Orlando East branches of the ANC and the civic association.

Zuma's, fiancee Ms Tonko Tibe and friend Mr Thato Matjila had gone to Pimville to pick up friends with whom they were supposed to go to the movies.

A witness said Zuma had just parked his car outside a Pimville house when a car pulled up alongside. Three men in the car demanded keys to Zuma's Toyota Conquest, but he refused to hand them over.

The men fired shots at Zuma, hitting him in the chest.

Zuma's fiancee fled to a nearby house while the gunmen hurled the injured ANC official onto

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the ground before speeding away in his vehicle.

Mr Andrew Peterson and wife Pauline said they had all planned to go to a movie on the night of the incident.

An Orlando east ANC official, Mr Rubi Mathang, said Zuma was among the marchers who picketed the Protea police station on Saturday to protest against deaths in detention. The incident has been reported to the police.

ANC PWV media officer Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said his organisation was conducting its own investigation as it could not discount the possibility of political assassination.

"Of late, activists, particularly those from the ANC, have been targets of assassinations and harassment," he said.

2 Azapo members stabbed at school

Sowetan 29/10/91

By ALI MPHAKI

TWO members of the Azanian Peoples Organisation were stabbed at a high school in Bekkersdal yesterday, almost disrupting matric examinations.

The incident follows rumours of a renewed clash between the Inkatha Freedom Party and Azapo.

By late yesterday the township was tense but last night no further incidents were reported.

Pupils at Kgothalang High School, where the stabbings occurred, said order was restored after protracted talks between members of the two organisations. 2718

"I thought we were not going to sit for our exams when the fighting started in the morning," a matric pupil said.

Ex-Inkatha member's revelations

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A FORMER Inkatha Freedom Party member told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday the organisation was responsible for the violence in Alexandra.

The State witness, who may not be identified and is giving evidence in camera, was testifying in the Alexandra massacre trial.

Five IFP members and supporters are facing 13 charges of murder, 17 of attempted murder and one count of housebreaking.

It is alleged that at a funeral vigil on March 27, the five sprayed mourners with bullets from an automatic rifle, leaving 13 people dead and scores wounded.

The witness told Mr Justice H Daniels he had resigned from Inkatha because he believed the party was responsible for the violence and the killings in Alexandra.

"I saw Accused One (Mr Gibson Mbatha) in one of the IFP meetings I attended. The meeting was organised by the local (IFP) branch and Accused One was with the leaders of the local branch.

"At the funeral vigil, where 13 people were killed, I saw Accused One carrying a big object with two hands.

"Accused One passed me and went in the direction of the house. I started hearing gunfire." - *Sapa.*

Move to end carnage on Soweto trains

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE South African Rail Commuter Corporation is to install metal detectors at entrances of several Soweto stations before the end of this week in an effort to curb the ongoing violence on the trains.

Mr Coen van Niekerk, the corporation's marketing manager, announced this during a media tour of stations on the East Rand and Johannesburg yesterday.

He said the detectors would be installed at some stations on a trial basis.

Van Niekerk said discussions with the police would continue at a high level to try and stop the violence.

He also announced that the capital programme to improve security at stations, which was originally planned for five years, would now be reduced to three years.

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"This means that all the security structures which were supposed to be in place by the end of March 1995, will be completed by March 31, 1993.

"The ultimate goal is to provide adequate police protection 24 hours a day on 250 of the corporation's 370 stations, including a charge office on each of the stations.

"The rest of the stations will be patrolled regularly. Stations will be further safeguarded by erecting security fences, improving lighting and ensuring stricter access control."

About 60 stations countrywide have already been upgraded at a cost of about R10 million, and another R18 million will be spent in the current financial year on another 157 stations.

Peace accord swings into action

Team probes violence in Thokoza

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BILLY PADDOCK

THE peace commission chaired by Mr Justice Goldstone acted swiftly yesterday and appointed a committee to investigate the violence in Thokoza — the first probe into violence since the accord was signed.

The committee, made up of two members of the commission and an attorney, will begin its public inquiry on November 18 to investigate the seven weeks of violence in Thokoza that started when gunmen killed 23 Inkatha supporters on September 8.

The incident threatened to derail the peace process.

Following the signing of the accord, isolated incidents of violence erupted in the township on the East Rand, including the assassination of Civics Association of Southern Transvaal leader Sam Ntuli. At his funeral gunmen again fired at mourners, killing at least eight people.

Last week further violence flared and for the first time since the accord was signed, there were revenge killings between Inkatha and ANC supporters, taking the number of people killed on the East Rand since the signing of the accord to more than 200.

In a statement yesterday, Mr Justice Goldstone said the Commission of Inquiry into Violence and Intimidation had held its inaugural meeting on Monday and yesterday — just days after the members of the commission had been announced — and discussed its mandate.

The commission had decided it would not normally become involved in hearings of local or regional incidents or issues. This should be left to the local or regional dispute resolution committees to be set up by the peace secretariat.

But because these had not yet been formulated and it had become necessary to hold a public inquiry into the Thokoza violence, this committee had been set up in concurrence with Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee.

"Inquiries will be held by the commission itself only in respect of public violence or intimidation being conducted or alleged to be conducted on a national level," the judge said.

He said that in order to fulfil the wide mandate given it, the commission as a whole would generally make "appropriate requests to the regional or local dispute resolution committees when they have been established".

He wanted to emphasise the independence of the commission "and in particular its independence of government, the legislature and any political party".

The commission's task would be to direct and co-ordinate the gathering of facts relating to public violence and intimidation "committed to achieve any particular political aims", he said.

Contact would be made with people and organisations that might have factual knowledge of incidents and they would be invited to make the information available to the commission. Once the peace accord was fully implemented and the local and regional monitoring mechanisms were in

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place, these bodies would also be a primary source for the commission.

Mr Justice Goldstone stressed that no member of the commission would be allowed to have any contact with the media. Where appropriate, decisions taken by the commission would be conveyed by the chairman or vice-chairman.

All commission hearings would be in public with usual court rules applying to the media. The commission would, however, hold hearings in camera if it considered this to be in the public interest or for the safety of a witness.

The judge said the Thokoza inquiry would be chaired by commission member and Pretoria advocate Msakazi Sithole, who would be assisted by fellow commissioner Newcastle attorney Lillian Gugu Baqwa and Johannesburg attorney Raymond Tucker.

Relevant information may be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag x858, Pretoria.

Family denies Inkatha links

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE family of two men who were killed at Phefeni Station in Soweto this month have denied that the men were card-carrying members of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Transvaal leader of the IFP Mr Themba Khoza claimed after the killings that the men, Mr Eric Lindinkosi Dlomo (34) and Mr Ernest Makhaye (46), were card-carrying members of the party.

The men were employed by the University of the Witwatersrand at the time of their deaths - Dlomo as an assistant administrator and Makhaye as a security guard.

Khoza also claimed that minutes before they were shot the men had been travelling on a train that carried Inkatha supporters returning from a rally.

He dismissed claims by Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries that IFP supporters were responsible for the men's killings.

A relative of the men, Mr Abednigo Makhaye, yesterday said the two were sub-tenants in Dube.

On that Sunday, Dlomo came to their place and left with Ernest to visit a cousin in Phefeni.

"They at no stage boarded a train. They were shot while walking along the railway line. Our family knows nothing about them being IFP members.

"We are surprised as to where the IFP gets this. To my knowledge the two never attended any IFP gatherings," he said.

De Vries was also quoted as having said: "I can say without a doubt that the train from which the shots were fired was carrying only Inkatha supporters."

Khoza yesterday claimed that the men had alighted from the train at Phefeni Station because it was full. However, they jumped off not towards the platform, but towards the opposite track.

Trial told of Inkatha attacks

A STATE witness in the trial of five men accused in the Alexandra massacre told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he still carried an Inkatha Freedom Party membership card.

Under cross-examination the witness, who may not be named, said he still had his IFP card "although I am no longer an IFP member because of their violent approach".

"I saw local IFP members assaulting people in the streets. I also heard people screaming.

"People were saying party (IFP) members were responsible for the killings in other areas on the Reef," the witness told Mr Justice H Daniels.

Five IFP members and supporters are facing 13 charges of murder, 17 of attempted murder and one of housebreaking.

It is alleged that on March 27 the men sprayed mourners at a funeral vigil with bullets from an automatic rifle, leaving 13 dead and scores wounded.

Not guilty

The accused - all from Alexandra - are Mr Gibson Mbatha (31), Mr Derrick Majozi (21), Mr Christopher Mbatha (31), Mr Petros Buthelezi (31) and Mr John Zwake (56).

They have pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The trial continues today. - *South African Press Association.*

Staff members of the Pick 'n Pay Southgate branch celebrating the supermarket's first birthday.
Pic: VELI NHLAPO

Probe into violence in Tokoza

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THE commission of inquiry investigating violence has appointed a committee to probe violence and alleged intimidation in Tokoza on the East Rand since September 8.

This was announced in a statement on Tuesday following the inaugural meeting of the commission in Pretoria on Monday and Tuesday.

The body, headed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, is formally titled the Commission of Inquiry Regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation.

The inquiry into the Tokoza unrest is to be chaired by Advocate S Sithole, a member of the commission. It will commence hearings on November 18 at a venue still to be announced.

"Any member of the public who has information relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry is asked to provide a written statement to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X858, Pretoria 0001 ''

The statement also said the inaugural meeting of the commission decided to "emphasise the independence of the commission and in particular its independence of Government, the Legislature and any political party''.

The commission would try not to "become involved in hearings concerning local or regional incidents or issues''. This would be left to regional and local committees.

The commission intends to investigate "violence or intimidation being conducted or alleged to be conducted on a national level''.

People with knowledge of violence and intimidation would be contacted by the commission and the public would also be invited. - *Sapa.*

Police and IFP hit out at study

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THE South African Police and the Inkatha Freedom Party have repudiated a study claiming they were to blame for most violence on the Reef.

The study, released by the Community Agency for Social Enquiry, contended that the IFP was responsible for half and police for nearly a quarter of classifiable acts of violence on the Reef over the past year.

Inkatha was held to be the aggressor in 190 acts of violence, the SAP in 84 and the ANC in 13.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said: "We have received the document in question last Thursday and are still studying it. The police will issue a more relevant and de-'ailed statement at a later stage."

Opperman said it was important that the public took note of the fact that the researchers stated in the document that "the research findings are a systematic collation of accounts in publicly available media". That statement, he said, spoke for itself.

"We emphatically deny all allegations of partiality," he said.

"The SAP is committed to the National Peace Accord and would do everything humanly possible to stop the violence and senseless killings."

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

IFP spokesman Ms Suzanne Vos said her party believed the Case study was a propagandist exercise "dressed up in academic finery to fulfil a political purpose".

"One needs only to look at the organisation which conducted the research to see that it is closely aligned to the ANC.

"Its eight directors include John Samuel, who is head of the ANC education department, Saki Macozoma, ANC national executive member, Mark Orkin, ANC researcher, as well as rabid anti-IFP monitor John Aitchison."

Vos also criticised the study's methodology. She said of the 601 incidents of violence mentioned, in only 257 was an aggressor identified.

"This very small sample is even more problematic as more acts of violence are unreported in newspapers than reported."

She said another problem with the study was that it failed to differentiate between self-defence, revenge and other forms of violence.

"The vast majority of incidents in which IFP supporters appear to be involved are responses to other violence such as intimidation and coercion."

Police, IFP criticise Reef violence report

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By Thabo Leshilo (248)

The Inkatha Freedom Party and the police have criticised as inaccurate and unscientific the findings by the Community Agency for Social Enquiry (CASE) which claimed the IFP and police were the main perpetrators of the Reef violence.

The board of CASE includes senior ANC members. Its findings, released by Dr David Everatt last week, said Inkatha was responsible for 51 percent of the Reef violence, the SAP for 23 percent, while the ANC was responsible for only four percent of the violence.

However, the police yesterday released a statement challenging these figures and producing their own statistics.

Dr Everatt further claimed the findings proved the Reef violence was not a war between the ANC and the IFP but a war waged by the SAP and the IFP against the black population.

He said of the 2 271 people it found to have died in the violence from July 22 1990 to July 31 this year, 87 percent were ordinary black workers. The aim was to destabilise the black community, he said.

A statement from SAP headquarters in Pretoria said: "It is the respectful submission of the SAP that the CASE researcher did not use any scientifically recognised method to come to all the conclusions and assumptions published in the report."

It said police studied 643 cases of violence between February 2 1990 and July this year. In 143 of the cases both the aggressor and the target were identified by police as politically connected.

An analysis showed that 40 percent of these attacks were carried out by Inkatha members/supporters, 56 percent by ANC members/supporters and the rest by PAC/Azapo members/supporters.

Aggressor

Of these attacks, 73 percent were directed against political opponents and 22 percent against security forces.

In 168 of the cases only the aggressor was identified as politically connected. In 12 percent of these attacks Inkatha was identified as being the aggressor, 86 percent of the attacks were carried out by ANC members/supporters and the remaining two percent, by other individuals and organisations.

Of these attacks 65 percent were aimed at innocent people, 11 percent at local government authorities, 13 percent at security forces and five percent at schools. The rest were committed by ordinary criminals.

It was not possible to identify either the aggressor or the victim in 331 of the cases as being politically connected. In 89 percent of the cases violence was aimed at innocent people, six percent at security forces, two percent at local authorities and two percent formed part of ordinary crime.

"Part of the solution to the unrest is for people to stop blaming each other and to rather find a peaceful solution to put a stop to the violence," the police statement said.

IFP spokesman Senzo Mfyela has called the CASE study a "propagandist exercise dressed up in academic finery to fulfil a political purpose.

"Of the 601 incidents of violence referred to, only 257 purported to have identified an 'aggressor'. In other words, 57 percent of the incidents have no aggressor attributed to them"

He said acts of violence against the IFP were almost invariably unreported, skewing impressions even further, and pro-ANC "monitors" and journalists did their utmost to ensure any attack on the ANC was reported.

Attributing aggression to Inkatha was also simplistic in that it failed to differentiate between self-defence, revenge and other forms of violence.

Referring to the monitoring groups on which the study relied — Lawyers for Human Rights, the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, the Human Rights Commission and the Centre for Legal Studies at Wits University — he said they were all pro-ANC and anti-IFP.

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Soldiers to patrol E Rand troublespots

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By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

Scores of soldiers will begin patrolling "troublespots" on the East Rand this Christmas in the first anti-violence military operation on such a large scale on the Witwatersrand.

According to Colonel Koos Laubscher of Group 41 based in Germiston, national servicemen from six East Rand Commando units have been called up for December 1.

They will patrol white as well as black residential areas in an effort to combat crime and violence, which is expected to escalate over the Christmas period.

This follows the success of the deployment of members of the Rietfontein Commando from May in the Bedfordview and Edenvale area — where the crime rate dropped by 25 to 30 percent as a result, Colonel Laubscher said.

Members of the Alberton, Germiston, Kempton Park, Atlas, Rietfontein and Modderfontein commandos have been called up for 60 days.

They will patrol shopping centres, railway stations, taxi ranks, factories, mining hostel complexes and other expected troublespots.

National key points in the various East Rand towns would also be scanned on a 24-hour basis, Colonel Laubscher said.

"It is a pro-active measure, not reactive. We will be protecting everyone, black and white, from violence and crime in the area," he said.

Asked whether he expected a degree of non-attendance at the call-up, Colonel Laubscher said this problem was widespread.

"But in this case, it will involve national servicemen working to protect the areas they live in. That makes a big difference," he said.

Failing to respond to call-up instructions has become an increasing problem for the SA Defence Force, according to SADF spokesmen.

An SADF statement said the July 1991 reporting percentage was 94,4 percent of the previous August 1990 intake.

A spokesman said actual figures could not be released.

Chief of the SADF General Kat Liebenberg said at a press briefing recently that the growing non-attendance of camps was largely the result of the economic situation.

Rationalisation meant many people were afraid of losing their jobs and were therefore applying more frequently to the Exemption Board for deferment.

About 10 percent more deferments were granted in July compared to January this year, he said.

General Liebenberg added, however, that failure to attend camps did not occur with every unit, and he had been told of turnouts above 90 percent in some cases.

The latest unit known to be affected by substantial non-attendance is the Pretoria Highlanders Citizen Force unit.

It is reported that only about half of the members called up reported for duty.

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Cops find 4 men hacked to death

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POLICE yesterday discovered bodies of four young men who had been hacked and shot in a vlei in Meadowlands, Soweto.

Police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the bodies of the men, three aged about 20 and one 17, were found about 10.45am in Meadowlands near the Soweto Highway.

"The bodies were all shot and hacked, and it appears they met their deaths this (yesterday) morning. At this stage we do not know the motive for the killings," he said.

The Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit are investigating.

Meanwhile, Soweto police are offering a R20 000 reward for the arrest and conviction of 11 people killed in a tavern attack in Mapetla more than two weeks ago.

During the attack, four people were gunned down inside Tswelopele Tavern, while the rest were shot in the street.

"We appeal to people with information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible to come forward," he said.

According to Halgryn, three suspects were arrested in connection with the incident. They have since appeared in the Soweto Magistrate's Court and convicted on charges of possession of ammunition and unlicensed firearms.

"We first arrested the three men in connection with murder but, because of lack of evidence, they could only be convicted of illegal possession of firearms. The men are still to be sentenced," he said.

Six hurt in minibus attack

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

SIX people were wounded in an attack on a minibus driving past Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand shortly before midnight on Wednesday.

Police said shots were fired at the minibus about 11.55pm.

All six passengers - five men and a woman - sustained leg injuries in the attack.

They were taken to the police station by members of the East Rand Riot Unit. They were later treated at Natalspruit Hospital.

On Tuesday another taxi was damaged when Phola Park residents fired shots at it on the same road.

No one was reported injured.

SA'S PSYCHE: *Is there hope for peace in a society where violence is normal?* ***By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK***

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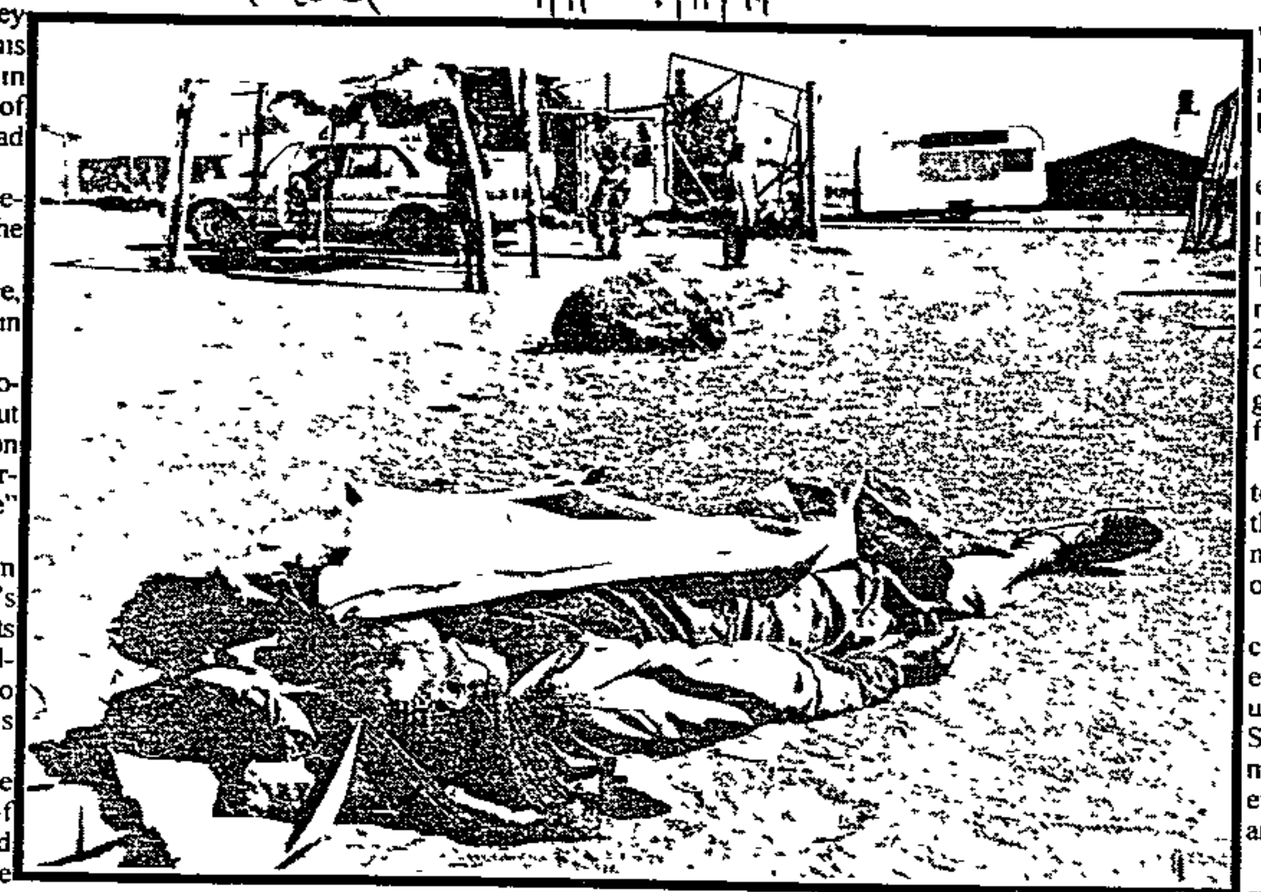
That's the entire population of a small town the size of Lydenburg.

A daily look at crime reports in the newspapers leads one to the depressingly easy conclusion that there is something psychotic in the collective mentality of this country.

Last week, on the same day that hostel dwellers twice attacked Soweto trains bound for Johannesburg, massacring nine people and injuring scores others, a 17-year-old Soweto school pupil, Phillip Khumalo, tried to blow his father up with a hand-grenade He had just got the pin off when he himself was blown sky high.

On the same day, 18-year-old Richard Bester was released on parole after spending less than four months in jail. Bester, the leader of the Kaffir-bashers secret society at Dale College, had been convicted of beating to death a 70-year-old tramp found on the school grounds



A shabby death for one more victim ... 22 000 people have been murdered in 15 months
Photo. KEVIN CARTER

Stories like this seem to corroborate the notion of a uniquely South African pathology, the heart of darkness scenario that put crime writer Rian Malan on the best sellers lists.

But our corrosion is moral rather than organic. Trapped in the mental ghettoes that apartheid created, South Africans are selective in their condemnation of violence.

The moral tone was set decades ago by the physical violence that has always accompanied apartheid, either in the form of forced removals, daily abuse of Africans or the *kragdadige* iron fist crushing all dissidence.

The people who implemented these policies went to church on Sundays and imagined themselves to be God-fearing.

Most whites ignored the fact that Pretoria was supplying and backing Mozambique's rebel movement, Renamo. They had no way of knowing that the same AK47s that reduced the peasantry of Gaza province to beggary in the slums of Maputo would one day be used to hijack the BMWs of Sandton.

Those on the left who advanced noble reasons for not condemning necklace killings — or still advocate the wholesale slaughter of Inkatha members as a means of ending the war — are guilty of as great a moral lapse

They miss the real lesson of those who are reaping the social dislocation and violence that apartheid sowed in the form of an unprecedented crime wave: peace is indivisible. You cannot make war, even by silent proxy, and sleep easily at night.

Political parties put forward two solutions this week to the violent crime wave — better policing and a longer-term socio-economic uplift-ment. Indeed, both are essential.

The temptation to steal will remain as long as there are so many riches next to such grotesque poverty. We are not unique — it happens like that in Brazil and other developing countries

Burglary in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, for instance, has become almost political, justified as a means of redistributing wealth

"There is a sense in which the wave of wanton killing in the northern suburbs is not unrelated to the township violence· these killings have a dimension to them that has as much to do with vengeance as with crime," says Storey

But socio-economic conditions on their own don't create crime, even if they offer explanations. For a start, most poor people are not criminals.

Drink, drugs, the collapse of the family and parental discipline and the availability of weapons go some way towards an explanation. Putting 57 000 criminals — released in the amnesty earlier this year — back on the streets doesn't help either

There is also the low level of personal esteem that apartheid has created For many, the only route to achievement has become a perverted sense of masculinity. The same machismo that drives the jack-rollers to aspire to rape every woman under 26 years of age in Soweto drives a car-load of drunken boilermakers from Welkom to go on a trail of lynching any blacks they find on the streets of their town after dark.

But ultimately it is what Vogelman refers to as the social endorsement of violence that has to be dealt with if a peace movement in South Africa is to have any chance of success

Vogelman says we should be seeking to close down the avenues people use to endorse violence by making it socially unacceptable He points out that most South Africans are non-violent "An enormous amount of caring and compassion exists There is another level of creation and interaction that is not often pointed to.

"In looking for solutions, we have to examine those communities that aren't as violent to understand why"

But the lead and the example has to come from the politicians Storey spelled that out in clear terms this week.

"The African National Congress can deal with their little bully boys in Lydenburg who blocked Democratic Party supporters in their school from writing exams and burned some of their homes They can expel the local ANC representative who refused to lift a finger to stop it.

"President FW de Klerk can stop ignoring the mounting evidence of security force implication in hit squads, ferret them out of their shadowy hiding places and bring them to trial

"The Inkatha Freedom Party can nail a couple of the warlords who are walking free, boasting of the murders they have committed, and hand them over to justice."

The majority of South Africans want peace because they are potential victims — the elderly who cannot walk to the shops without being assaulted, women who are the victims of rape and abuse, people who just want to get on with their lives

There is a desperate need to create a countervailing culture of non-violence in South Africa. But to do that, violence has to be seen as an absolute wrong, and the use of force sanctioned only in the most extreme cases when no other remedy is available.

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He now speaks of "mass endorsement of violence" — a more helpful concept in getting to grips with why exactly South Africa has become one of the most violent societies in the world.

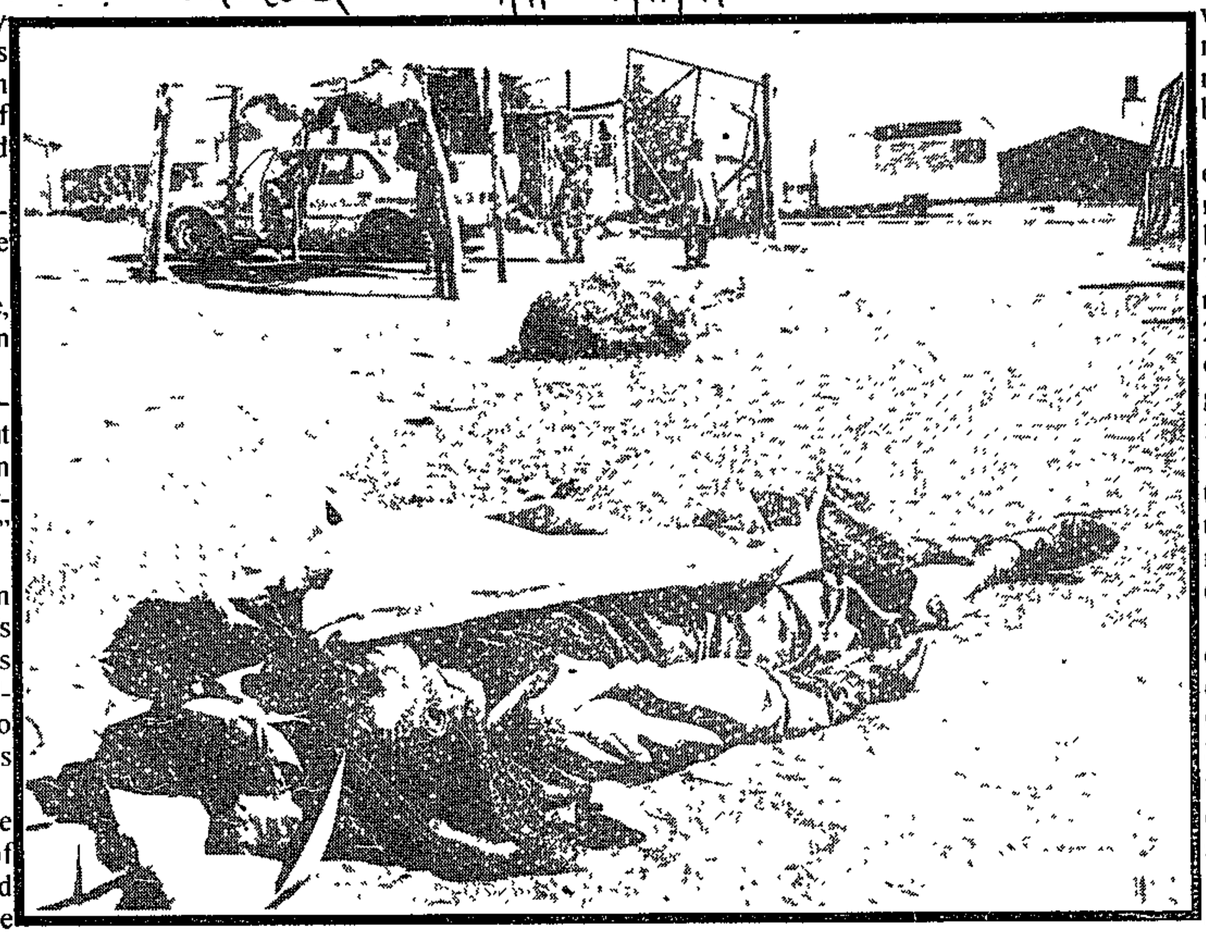
The ever-rising, mind-numbing statistics on rape, robbery and murder are becoming commonplace. Colonel Johan Mostert, of the South African Police, says that 22 000 people were murdered in the 15 months to February this year.

That's the entire population of a small town the size of Lydenburg.

A daily look at crime reports in the newspapers leads one to the depressingly easy conclusion that there is something psychotic in the collective mentality of this country.

Last week, on the same day that hostel dwellers twice attacked Soweto trains bound for Johannesburg, massacring nine people and injuring scores others, a 17-year-old Soweto school pupil, Phillip Khumalo, tried to blow his father up with a hand-grenade. He had just got the pin off when he himself was blown sky high.

On the same day, 18-year-old Richard Bester was released on parole after spending less than four months in jail. Bester, the leader of the Kaffir-bashers secret society at Dale College, had been convicted of beating to death a 70-year-old tramp found on the school grounds.



A shabby death for one more victim ... 22 000 people have been murdered in 15 months
Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Stories like this seem to corroborate the notion of a uniquely South African pathology, the heart of darkness scenario that put crime writer Rian Malan on the best sellers lists.

But our corrosion is moral rather than organic. Trapped in the mental ghettoes that apartheid created, South Africans are selective in their condemnation of violence.

The moral tone was set decades ago by the physical violence that has always accompanied apartheid, either in the form of forced removals, daily abuse of Africans or the *kragdadige* iron fist crushing all dissidence.

The people who implemented these policies went to church on Sundays and imagined themselves to be God-fearing.

Most whites ignored the fact that Pretoria was supplying and backing Mozambique's rebel movement, Renamo. They had no way of knowing that the same AK47s that reduced the peasantry of Gaza province to beggary in the slums of Maputo would one day be used to hijack the BMWs of Sandton.

Those on the left who advanced noble reasons for not condemning necklace killings — or still advocate the wholesale slaughter of Inkatha members as a means of ending the war — are guilty of as great a moral lapse.

They miss the real lesson of those who are reaping the social dislocation and violence that apartheid sowed in the form of an unprecedented crime wave: peace is indivisible. You cannot make war, even by silent proxy, and sleep easily at night.

Political parties put forward two solutions this week to the violent crime wave — better policing and a longer-term socio-economic upliftment. Indeed, both are essential.

The temptation to steal will remain as long as there are so many riches next to such grotesque poverty. We are not unique — it happens like that in Brazil and other developing countries.

Burglary in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, for instance, has become almost political, justified as a means of redistributing wealth.

"There is a sense in which the wave of wanton killing in the northern suburbs is not unrelated to the township violence: these killings have a dimension to them that has as much to do with vengeance as with crime," says Storey.

But socio-economic conditions on their own don't create crime, even if they offer explanations For a start, most poor people are not criminals.

Drink, drugs, the collapse of the family and parental discipline and the availability of weapons go some way towards an explanation. Putting 57 000 criminals — released in the amnesty earlier this year — back on the streets doesn't help either.

There is also the low level of personal esteem that apartheid has created. For many, the only route to achievement has become a perverted sense of masculinity. The same machismo that drives the jackrollers to aspire to rape every woman under 26 years of age in Soweto drives a car-load of drunken boilermakers from Welkom to go on a trail of lynching any blacks they find on the streets of their town after dark.

But ultimately it is what Vogelman refers to as the social endorsement of violence that has to be dealt with if a peace movement in South Africa is to have any chance of success.

Vogelman says we should be seeking to close down the avenues people use to endorse violence by making it socially unacceptable. He points out that most South Africans are non-violent "An enormous amount of caring and compassion exists There is another level of creation and interaction that is not often pointed to.

"In looking for solutions, we have to examine those communities that aren't as violent to understand why."

But the lead and the example has to come from the politicians. Storey spelled that out in clear terms this week.

"The African National Congress can deal with their little bully boys in Lydenburg who blocked Democratic Party supporters in their school from writing exams and burned some of their homes. They can expel the local ANC representative who refused to lift a finger to stop it.

"President FW de Klerk can stop ignoring the mounting evidence of security force implication in hit squads, ferret them out of their shadowy hiding places and bring them to trial.

"The Inkatha Freedom Party can nail a couple of the warlords who are walking free, boasting of the murders they have committed, and hand them over to justice."

The majority of South Africans want peace because they are potential victims — the elderly who cannot walk to the shops without being assaulted, women who are the victims of rape and abuse, people who just want to get on with their lives.

There is a desperate need to create a countervailing culture of non-violence in South Africa. But to do that, violence has to be seen as an absolute wrong, and the use of force sanctioned only in the most extreme cases when no other remedy is available.

Four men shot, hacked to death

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Staff Reporter Star 1/11/91

The bodies of four young men who had been hacked and shot in a swamp in Meadowlands, Soweto were found by police yesterday after an anonymous telephone tip-off.

Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the bodies of the men, three aged about 20 and one 17, were found at about 10.45 am near the Soweto Highway.

"The men were all shot and hacked and it appears they died yesterday morning," he said.

The Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit is investigating.

Meanwhile, Soweto police are offering a R20 000 reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible for killing 11 people in a tavern attack in Mapetla more than two weeks ago.

During the attack, four people were gunned down inside Tswelopele Tavern, while the rest were shot in the street.

"We appeal to people with information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible to come forward," he said.

Colonel Halgryn said three suspects were arrested in connection with the attack. They have since appeared in the Soweto Magistrate's Court and were convicted on charges of possession of ammunition and unlicensed firearms.

"We first arrested the three men in connection with the murder but, because of lack of evidence, they could only be convicted of illegal possession of firearms. The men are still to be sentenced," he said.

Massacre witness 'terrified'

JOHANNESBURG. — The Rand Supreme Court yesterday heard how terrified a former Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) member was after he witnessed the killing of 13 mourners at a funeral vigil in Alexandra on March 27. (13) (278) CT 2/11/91

The former IFP member, now a state witness who may not be identified as he is giving evidence in camera, was testifying in the Alexandra massacre trial.

Five IFP members and supporters, all from Alexandra township, are facing 13 charges of murder, 17 of attempted murder and one count of housebreaking.

It is alleged that at a funeral vigil on March 27, the five sprayed mourners with bullets from an automatic rifle.

The witness told Mr Justice H Daniels that after he was called to see what had happened to the mourners, he left for Natal because he feared "that I might be the IFP's next target because of my association with Mrs Jane Ramokgola's family".

The accused, Mr Gibson Mbatha, 31, Mr Derrick Majozi, 21, Mr Christopher Mbatha, 31, Mr Petros Buthelezi, 31, and Mr John Zwake, 56, have pleaded not guilty to all charges against them.

The trial continues on Monday. — Sapa

A wheels goes by on PEACE TRAIN

Township trains are for playing, praying, drinking — and dying

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THE little-known sub-culture that flourishes on suburban township trains has been overshadowed by the spread of political violence. ABBEY MAKOE reports.

MOST people, especially white South Africans, use trains merely as a mode of transport to their workplace.

But there is a different view of trains among black South Africans. For them trains have become a more intimate part of their lives, a place to play or a place to pray.

On a train to Soweto you can buy a meal or a beer, talk politics or religion or, more recently be killed.

Black commuters spend a lot more time in trains than the average motorist stuck in the 5 pm gridlock on the M1, often boarding a train to work before light and alighting from another after dark.

In the process they get to know one another, even make friendships that last. Over the years this camaraderie has aided the emergence of the train sub-culture.

As the sub-culture gained momentum, it resulted in certain carriages taking on a character of their own as they were frequented more and more by people with specific interests.

For example, many thugs met each other for the first time on trains and began to congregate in a specific coach called *dumane*.

It is either the last or the first, depending on the direction the train is going. Drinking alcohol on trains first started in *dumane* — making ordinary commuters fear it.

Before the escalation of political violence on the trains, *dumane* used to be associated with such things as throwing people off the train while it is still moving.

Strangers who found themselves in *dumane* would be mugged and their belongings "confiscated" by the occupants. Many women have been raped in the *dumane*.

Other practices that characterised life in *dumane* were gambling and smoking dagga.

Policemen never used to enter the *dumane* alone because resisting arrest there was fashionable — a way of gaining "respect".

Originally, *dumane* was a check point for hawkers, known on the trains as smockers.

A LIFESTYLE ON WHEELS: Certain carriages take on a character of their own.

'Be famous'

Dumane continues to be the most notorious coach. It is an appropriate name. In Zulu it means "be famous".

Another coach, called *esontweni*, is used for church services. It is usually frequented by elderly people who do not want to mix with disrespectful youths.

The emphasis there was on singing, and young people, particularly females, attended for their love of singing gospel songs.

There is no fixed coach for *esontweni* as there is for *dumane*. Church goers simply congregate in any coach which then becomes known as *esontweni*.

The *mzabalazo* coach is the one frequented by activists. This coach existed long before the unbanning of political organisations and was influenced by the popularity of trade unionism.

Occupants would normally be people working for the same company, or at least working in the same area.

There was discipline in *mzabalazo*. There would always be a leader of the coach and any unruly elements were dealt with by issuing *banning orders*.

Some young people would go into the coach for their love of political songs while others would go inside with the sole purpose of politicising commuters. Unlike *dumane*, *mzabalazo* is not found on every train.

First class coaches also existed: in fact as well as in folklore, the actual first class coach. It's counterpart was the *third class* coach.

Occupants of *first class* would be people working for insurance or banking companies — clerks in the big business around town. Nursing sisters were also a familiar sight.

This coach was very peaceful. Curtains hung in the windows and security was tight. It was the one coach one could sit and read a paper or a book.

In this coach individualism was espoused.

Then came the *shebeen* coach, which was also not to be found on every train.

It was mostly occupied by delivery people, messengers and cleaners — those people who occupied what some might call the lower rungs of life.

MAKING A CONTRIBUTION: Pretoria advocate Solly Sithole says he is honoured to serve on the commission.

Solly seeks to unravel truth's twisted skeins

OWN CORRESPONDENT

A BIG man with a big mission: that is Msakazi Nteku Solomon Sithole, better known as Solly Sithole, the Pretoria advocate who has been appointed to the Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence and Intimidation.

"My mission, in terms of the Act establishing the commission, is to seek the truth about political violence, the causes of the violence and who is responsible for the violence.

"It is an honour for me to serve on the commission, and it is the one contribution that I can make to the peace initiative in this country.

"I believe there are great challenges lying ahead in seeking the truth about the causes of political violence."

As chairman of the subcommittee investigating the recent violent clashes in Thokoza, Mr Sithole will be at the head of the team trying to unravel allegations and counter-allegations about just one of the outbreaks of violence in Transvaal this year.

"We have already started meeting to prepare the ground for the hearings, which we expect to start soon after November 18," he said.

Mr Sithole was born in Pretoria on June 14 1941. He went to St Peter's Primary School and Lady Selborne High School in Pretoria before obtaining a BA in political science and philosophy at Unisa.

The University of the North was his next stop, where he completed B Juris and LlB degrees He lectured in law at the University of the North for 15 years, before returning to the city of his birth to practice law. He was admitted to the Pretoria Bar in 1988 and has been a practising advocate, specialising in human rights cases, since then.

He prizes his independence as a practising advocate, which he believes won him his seat on the commission.

"If the commission had been a full-time job, I would not have taken it.

"I will remain an independent, self-employed advocate."

Fears as SA braces for VAT strike

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STAFF REPORTERS

SOUTH Africans are bracing themselves — and stocking their cupboards — this weekend in preparation for what is expected to be the country's largest nationwide general strike next week.

There are widespread fears that violence and intimidation will come close on the heels of the strike — called in protest against the introduction of VAT — but its main sponsors, the African National Congress and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, are co-operating closely with the South African Police to try to nip any unrest before it spreads.

Cosatu assistant secretary-general Sam Shilowa said this week that liaison structures, from national, regional and local levels — comprising senior police and Cosatu officials — had been established.

While Cosatu will monitor the response to the stayaway and the number of people going to work, the police have been asked to keep a strong presence at "flashpoint" areas such as hostels, railway stations and townships where violence might break out.

Frequent communication between the police and Cosatu is planned to ensure swift action against anyone involved in intimidation and violence.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman confirmed the liaison with Cosatu. He said the police were planning to patrol in areas with a reputation for violence.

"We are also taking special precautions to protect commuters. Our aim, together with Cosatu, is to ensure that people who want to go to work are not intimidated," Captain Opperman said.

In spite of the special precautions, reports of intimidation came from Soweto earlier this week with reports of people travelling in cars with loudhailers warning them not to go to work.

According to the South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) the threats were made to residents all over Soweto.

Fears

SAIRR spokesman Moira Campbell said they were not able to disclose how many people had heard the threats but said the people who informed them about the threats were "very" reliable sources.

She said their sources did not report the threats to the police because of fear for reprisals.

"The identity of the intimidators is unknown to our sources but the threats were made in Zulu, Tswana and Sotho," she said.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the police had not received any complaints of intimidation from Sowetans.

He said the loudhailer matter was being investi-

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9 pc Eskom increase 'a boost for industry'

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KAIZER NYATSUMBA
Political Staff

SOUTH Africa's giant electricity supplier, Eskom, yesterday announced its tariff increase for 1992 would be 9 percent — 5 percent below the predicted inflation rate.

It said that by keeping its increase below inflation, it would be providing an effective reduction in the real price of directly supplied electricity over the next five years of 20 percent.

Eskom believes the move will make SA industries more competitive in the international market.

Announcing what he described as a "precedent-setting compact" with electricity consumers at Megawatt Park, Sandton, yesterday, Eskom general manager for finance Dr Mick Davis said the five-year pricing agreement came on top of a 13,7 percent reduction over the past five years.

He said the benefits of the

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Star deliveries during strike

DELIVERIES of The Star are expected to be disrupted by strike action on Monday and Tuesday. To alleviate the disruption as much as possible, The Star will be produced as a morning paper on those days.

Street sales will be limited, and readers who normally buy their Stars on

Strike

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gated but their task was made difficult by the reluctance of residents to come forward.

"The police are however patrolling Soweto 24 hours a day and we are on the lookout for these intimidators," Colonel Halgryn said.

Most suppliers have made special plans to ensure essential services will be available during the strike.

Another area expected to be hard-hit is refuse removal — especially in Johannesburg's suburbs. Residents whose rubbish is collected on these days have been given addition bags to be collected the following week.

Most major chain stores plan "business as usual" operations.

A Checkers spokesman said it had made contingency plans and the stores would be "open as normal". Workers who did come to work would be strengthened with casual staff for the day.

All OK Bazaars stores will trade during the strike and a Pick 'n Pay spokesman said "every single store will be open as normal".

SA Chamber of Baking deputy executive director Nic Alberts said the public could expect to find bread — even if not in the normal large quantities.

Catering, Restaurant and Tearoom Association executive director Frank Swarbreck said members were going to "try to keep going where they could".

The Johannesburg transport department will not cancel any bus routes.

Women in VAT protest

THE Receiver of Revenue was on the receiving end of a petition from about 400 anti-VAT protesters in Johannesburg yesterday.

Cosatu Women's Forum Witwatersrand regional chairperson Joyce Kgoli handed the petition to Deputy Receiver Jan Labuschagne, warning him to deliver it to the Receiver and the State President and reply promptly "or we will nag you ceaselessly!"

Earlier police reinforcements raced to the march's assembly point to assist an officer who was threatened by an angry mob.

The officer had arrested a taxi driver, and the crowd was demanding his release.

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Trio to probe Thokoza unrest

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By CATHY STAGG

THREE South African lawyers have the task of ensuring the success of the first public inquiry into violence in terms of the National Peace Accord.

Two of them are members of the newly appointed Standing Commission on Violence and Intimidation chaired by Appeal Court judge, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone. They are Pretoria advocate Msakazi Solomon Sithole and Newcastle attorney, Lillian Gugu Baqwa.

The third member of the commission is Johannesburg attorney and former managing director of the Perm, Mr Bob Tucker.

Members of the Commission on Violence and Intimidation were named last week.

They met on Monday to discuss their mandate.

On Tuesday Mr Justice Goldstone issued a statement saying that although the commission would normally confine itself to political violence or intimidation conducted or allegedly conducted at a national level, there was a need to investigate the Thokosa violence.

Instead of waiting for the local and regional committees to be set up by the peace secretariat, the three-person committee was appointed, with the concurrence of Justice Minister Kobie Coetzee.

It will be chaired by Mr Sithole.

Mr Sithole said although he was probably the first black man to chair a judicial fact-finding commission, he had "no problem taking this kind of job".

He pointed out that more than 23 of the major organisations in the country had taken part in the National Peace Accord and had asked for the appointment of commissioners to hold inquiries into the violence.

"It is what the people desire. Someone has to do the job and my contribution shows I am for peace. I regard it as an honour and a duty," he said.

Uncertainty

"Everyone is sick and tired of the violence that has gripped our country."

Miss Lillian Gugu Baqwa said she had mixed feelings about her new role, but she always approached a new venture with trepidation.

"Violence is a sensitive issue, but I want to participate because I want to contribute towards the solution," she said.

Asked if he had mixed feelings about taking part, Mr Tucker said, "None at all".

"There is patently a great deal of uncertainty about the different roles of the different players in the violence and this must be settled and confidence built," he said.

The committee will have its first hearing in Pretoria on November 18.

People with information about the Thokoza violence should send it to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X858, Pretoria 0001.

The commission will follow court rules, with public hearings. Howver, evidence in camera will be considered to ensure the safety of witnesses.

No photographs will be allowed.

One dead in hostel shooting

Sunday Times Reporter

ONE PERSON was killed and another seriously injured when shots were fired from an Alexandra hostel yesterday afternoon.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said two men emerged from the Madala hostel at 5pm and started shooting indiscriminately at people. They then retreated into the hostel. (2/18)

He said: "The shooting is aimed at undermining efforts by the Alexandra anti-VAT Co-ordinating committee to mobilise people for a meeting this afternoon." S/Times 3/11/91

He said the ANC feared more attacks on the Reef to coincide with the nationwide general strike tomorrow and Tuesday. 3/11/91

"The ANC condemns all forces planning violence," said Mr Mamoepa.

Police are investigating.

Gunmen strike in Reef attacks

PRETORIA. — Unrest on the Reef claimed six lives on Saturday, according to the official police unrest report released in Pretoria yesterday.

Two people were injured in the violence which was marked by several incidents where unknown gunmen opened fire on buses, police vehicles and township residents

One of the worst-hit areas was Katlehong township outside Alberton on the East Rand

In one incident a man was injured when gunmen fired at a bus, and in another, police found the body of a man who had bullet wounds.

Also in Katlehong, a man was shot and killed by a gunman. Police arrested a man

At Thokoza, also near Alberton, police found the bodies of two men — both with bullet wounds.

At Alexandra north of Johannesburg, the death toll in unrest rose to two after unknown gunmen reportedly opened fire on people in the township.

On Saturday ANC PWV spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said two men emerged from Alexandra's Madala Hostel in 4th Avenue and began shooting indiscriminately before retreating into the hostel.

At Orlando West in Soweto, eight men were held after a group fired on a police vehicle. At Power Park a man was arrested in a similar incident.

The only unrest incident reported outside the Reef occurred in Khayelitsha when a taxi was set alight. — Sapa (278) CT 4/11/91

Gun aimed at ANC man

JOHANNESBURG. — An African National Congress official was slightly injured when his car overturned after a gun was aimed at him.

An ANC spokesman said Mr Tokyo Sexwale, the organisation's PWV regional chairman, was driving along the Heidelberg Road to an ANC meeting in Johannesburg when a car with three occupants pulled alongside.

One of the men produced a gun and aimed it at Mr Sexwale, causing the ANC man to swerve his car to the right.

An on-coming car forced him to swerve back to the left and his car overturned.

It was not immediately known whether the gunmen fired any shots at Mr Sexwale.

The spokesman said the incident fell "within the pattern of recent attempts on the lives of ANC members".

The incident had been reported to the police. — Sapa.

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Whites aimed guns at us, say youths

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By Zingisa Mkhuma

Two ANC Youth League members were allegedly intimidated and threatened with death by white occupants of a minibus in Soweto yesterday for wearing ANC and SACP T-shirts.

The men said they were on their way to a branch meeting to discuss the National Peace Accord in Meadowlads Hall when they were stopped by the men in a white Nissan minibus.

Mandla Skosana said the same minibus had stopped next to him and one of the occupants had pointed a gun at him and threatened to kill him if he was seen wearing the T-shirt again.

The men had ealier ripped off Sipho Makama's ANC T-shirt after they made him turn around to enable them to read the incription on the back of the shirt, Mr Makama told The Star.

Tension grew when people standing outside the hall spotted the minibus driving past several times.

Speakers inside the hall urged the community to stand up and defend themselves.

Said one speaker: "The Accord was initiated by the ANC to bind all other signatories to follow the peaceful road, but unfortunately the Accord cannot ensure peace."

9 die in weekend unrest

By Bronwyn Wilkinson (278)

At least nine people, including a policeman, were killed in unrest-related violence at the weekend. Star 4/11/91

A policeman was killed and another seriously injured in Klipspruit, Soweto, when unknown gunmen fired at a police vehicle with AK-47 assault rifles and 9 mm pistols.

According to early police reports, the dead policeman was 20-year-old Constable Martin Johannes van Wyk.

Constable M M Tuge (29) was admitted to Johannesburg's Garden City Clinic.

A man claiming to be the commander of the PAC's military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army in the PWV region, yesterday claimed responsibility for the shooting as well as for "several other unreported police deaths in the area during the past four days".

Violent attacks were worst on the East Rand, where at least six people died on Saturday.

Two people were left dead in Kempton Park after a racial argument. A man was shot dead in Katlehong.

Also in Katlehong, a man's body was found and two more were found in Tokoza.

Gunmen killed two men in Alexandra.

In Orlando West, Soweto, police arrested eight men when a group of people fired several rounds at a police vehicle.

Police said the townships were quiet yesterday evening and said there had been no reports of unrest-related violence since Saturday night.

Train attack suspect gets R2 000 bail

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Albert Dlamini, who faces charges of murder and attempted murder arising from an attack on train commuters, was released on R2 000 bail yesterday after a brief appearance in the Germiston Magistrate's Court.

Mr Dlamini, 29, was beaten and handed to police by commuters on October 9 after armed attackers killed three people and injured 11 on a Germiston-bound train.

The case was postponed to December 5.

Charges were withdrawn yesterday against Mr Simon Komane, 32, an ANC and Numsa member, who was arrested with Mr Dlamini after being injured by the armed attackers.

The ANC said yesterday Mr Komane was shot, stabbed and beaten in full view of five policemen who allowed the attackers to walk away.

His lawyer, Mr Thabo Molewa, said Mr Komane's arrest and his month in custody were "unpardonable", adding that his client had not received satisfactory medical attention. Police said several passengers had named him as an attacker. He was, however, not pointed out at an identity parade.

Train attack charges dropped

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — One of the two men arrested after an attack on train commuters on the East Rand early last month has had charges against him dropped. ARG 5/11/91

At a press conference yesterday, ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said Mr Simon Komane had been "mistakenly apprehended" on October 9, the day of the attack.

Mr Komane's lawyer, Mr Thabo Molewa, said his client was released after witnesses had come forward to identify him as a victim of the attack.

Behind Soweto's fortress of death

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Nancefield hostel in Soweto has played a pivotal role in the train attacks which have plagued township residents in the past year. THABO LESHILO examines the evil that lurks behind the hostel's concrete walls.

IT WAS built simply to house migrant labourers, but today Soweto's Nancefield hostel is a "fortress of death" to those living in its proximity.

The hostel reeks of death ... of bloody conflict between hostel dwellers, township residents and roaming gangs seeking refuge behind its razor wire.

Violence has always been a daily feature of life at the hostel — built in 1958 to house cheap migrant labour — but the nature and intensity of that violence has changed.

In the past, fighting at Reef hostels was reflected as faction feuds between the various Msinga tribes of Natal; now the conflict is between the inmates of the Inkatha-held single-sex hostels and township residents.

The hostels have lain at the centre of the Reef violence since it broke out in July last year, according to the Community Agency for Social Enquiry.

Senior researcher David Everatt says more than 915 Reef township residents have died in clashes with hostel dwellers between July 22 1990 and July 31 this year.

Because of their proximity to stations — in particular Nancefield — the hostels have also played a major role in train attacks which started last July.

So far, the two bloodiest train attacks since the Jeppe train massacre last year were carried out by men who later sought refuge at Nancefield.

This was possible because the hostel was built like a fortress, says Dr Everatt.

In June, six people were murdered on a Johannesburg-bound train at Orlando station. The killers got off at Nancefield and fled into the hostel. Nine more commuters died after inmates at the hostel attacked trains at nearby Nancefield station.

Soweto City Council is worried about the thousands staying at the hostel illegally. Though official figures reflect an occupancy of 40 percent, it is estimated that the number of people living in the 7 603-bed hostel is closer to 15 000.

The link between hostels and train attacks has fuelled demands for hostels to be demolished, converted into family units or patrolled by police.

The IFP has rejected this call as an attempt by the ANC to weaken the organisation.

Inkatha spokesman Suzanne Vos has said: "The ANC has a hidden agenda and an ulterior motive in wanting to abolish the hostel system. They know hostels are Inkatha strongholds."

Council spokesman Mojalefa Moseki does not believe a permanent police presence at the hostels will stop the violence.

"Violence is not only at hostels. It manifests itself in many ways — look at the Cape taxi war. One should look beyond hostels dwellers as merely perpetrators of violence. To make for a quicker resolution of the problem, hostel inmates should be seen as a part of Soweto. We should work together with them to end the scourge of violence."

While various organisations and political bodies call for solutions, the violence continues and people keep dying. □

Our men claim they killed policeman – PAC

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By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Staff

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PAC secretary for defence Victor Phama yesterday confirmed that local cadres of his Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) had claimed responsibility for the shooting of a policeman in Soweto on Saturday.

Mr Phama said from Harare, Zimbabwe, that Apla commander in the PWV, codenamed "Karl Zinbiri", had telephoned him about the attack.

Constable Martin Johannes van Wyk was killed and Constable M M Tuge of the Soweto Flying Squad was injured when they were shot at with AK-47s from a white Toyota Corolla.

Constable Tuge is in a "very serious" condition in the Garden City Clinic in Johannesburg.

Mr Zinbiri telephoned Johannesburg newspapers at the weekend claiming responsibility for the shooting. He also claimed Apla was responsible for killing two policemen in Katlehong on Friday and for a clash with police in the same township on Wednesday night. However, police denied any deaths in Katlehong on Wednesday and Friday.

Mr Phama said Mr Zinbiri and other members of his unit were acting under instructions, and the aim of the attacks was "to make it a point that even if we do go for talks, we are not going there to be disarmed".

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said he took note of the PAC's claims, but police investigations would show who was responsible for the shooting. The PAC, he said, had in the past taken responsibility for incidents for which it was not responsible.

"It is surprising that an organisation which attended the National Peace Convention and witnessed the signing of the Peace Accord should still speak of an armed struggle," he said.

The police are offering a R20 000 reward for information leading to the successful arrest and conviction of those responsible for shooting the policemen. Anyone with information is requested to phone Warrant Officer Dick Diedrichs at (011) 980-8104/8108/8300 ext 234 or (011) 766-3086 after hours.

● A policeman, identified only as Constable Buthelezi, was shot in the neck and seriously injured by unknown gunmen outside the Dobsonville Post Office on Sunday night.

Car rolls as ANC leader swerves to avoid gunmen

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Staff Reporter (8980) 278

ANC PWV regional chairman Mosima "Tokyo" Sexwale yesterday described his "miraculous" escape from gunmen who attempted to assassinate him on the Heidelberg road on Sunday.

Mr Sexwale, an Umkhonto we Sizwe commander, told a Johannesburg press conference that his car overturned and rolled a number of times when he tried to avoid being shot.

He said he was driving on the Heidelberg road to an ANC PWV regional negotiations meeting when a white car with three occupants — one coloured and two whites — followed him and then pulled alongside.

One of the men produced "a double barrel gun" and aimed it at him, he said.

Mr Sexwale said he swerved to the right when he realised he was about to be shot. There was a car on his right, so he swerved back to the left, and the car overturned.

The matter was reported to police at John Vorster Square, and a docket had been referred to Boksburg police.

ANC's 'Tokyo' tells of brush with death

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His car rolled as killers moved in

Political Staff

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Negotiations

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One of the men produced "a double-barrel gun" and aimed it at him, he said.

Sexwale, who said he had "a miraculous escape" and sustained minor injuries, told the Press conference he attempted to apply brakes and swerved to the right when he realised he was being shot at. There was a car on his right and so he swerved to the left again, and overturned.

He said the car he was driving was "a complete wreck".

The three men in the white car, whose registration number he could not take down, drove away.

Sexwale said he reported the matter to police at John Vorster Square.

ANC PWV regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said Sexwale's attempted assassination could not be separated from the recent assassination of activist Sam Ntuli and similar assassination attempts on ANC members Barbara Hogan, Gill Marcus and Nat Serache.

Mamoepa said the ANC condemned "the callous and dastardly attempt".

Attacks mount on IFP men

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AN Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade leader was shot dead at Mbalenhle, near Secunda on Monday, an IFP official said yesterday.

IFP West Rand secretary Mr Humphrey Ndlovu said AK-47 and 9mm cartridges had been found at the scene after the shooting of Mr Mbhekiseni Gwala (32).

Inkatha was postponing all planned meetings on the Reef this weekend because of Gwala's death, Ndlovu said.

Meanwhile four Inkatha members were killed in separate attacks in Natal at the weekend, according to IFP violence study unit head Mr Kim Hodgson.

An IFP organiser at Umbumbulu, Mr Nfunzelwa Ngcongo, was killed and a friend was seriously injured when a group of people opened fire on Ngcongo's house on Saturday.

Two of the attackers were killed when the two men returned fire.

Hodgson said another IFP member, Mr Goman Makhurubu, was stabbed to death in Ngwelezane, outside Empangeni, at the weekend.

In the same area, two IFP Youth Brigade members were seriously injured after being assaulted by a group.

In Greytown's Nhlalakahle township, IFP member Mr Patrick Mkhize was killed and an unidentified IFP member was killed in a grenade attack in Glebelands Hostel in Umlazi this weekend, Hodgson said. - *Sapa.*

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20 killed in 2 days

striker shot dead

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Making a united stand

Residents of Daveyton on the East Rand yesterday joined millions of people countrywide in a united stand against VAT.

A DEMONSTRATOR was shot dead by police during an anti-VAT march in Daveyton, near Benoni, yesterday.

By ALI MPHAKI, IKE MOTSAPI, MOKGADI PELA and Sapa

The death of the man, who was killed after allegedly pointing an AK-47 rifle at police, brings to 20 the number of people killed since the beginning to the two-day national strike on Monday.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, liaison officer for the Witwatersrand police, confirmed yesterday's shooting. No further details were available.

Fifteen miners were killed on Sunday night at the President Steyn Mine in Welkom during a fight that broke out between pro-strikers and those opposed to the protest action.

Two workers were killed and 16 others were injured at the Western Deep Levels mine at Carltonville yesterday.

There were three reported incidents at the mine during which mine security personnel used rubber bullets.

A body of a domestic servant, Mrs Phumzile Mkhize (27), was found in the veld near Richmond yesterday morning.

At Mfakathini in Edendale, Mr Walter Ndlovu (39), was stabbed to death while on his way to work yesterday morning

Yesterday thousands of people marched to various police stations, where they presented memoranda calling for a review of VAT.

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ANC man shot dead at offices

An ANC official was killed and another seriously wounded after being attacked by unidentified gunmen outside the ANC offices in Alexandra this morning. ANC Youth League secretary Mike Maile claimed that the assailants crossed the road towards the offices at 8.30 am and fired on the two officials standing outside. The gunmen escaped.

Train murder suspect on bail

Staff Reporter (BBB) (278)

A man who is facing charges of murder for allegedly attacking passengers in a train on the East Rand last month was granted R2 000 bail by a Germiston Regional Court magistrate on Monday.

Albert Dlamini (29) appeared before Mr P J van Zyl. The case was postponed to December 5. Charges against co-accused Simon Komane were withdrawn after it was learnt he was a victim and not a perpetrator of the attack.

At a press conference earlier this week, ANC PWV regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said Mr Komane was a member of the ANC and the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa), and had been "mistakenly apprehended" on the day of the train attack on October 9. Star 6/11/91

He had serious head injuries after being among those attacked by three armed men on a coach filled with ANC and Coasatu members.

Mr Komane was detained for a month at Elsburg police station before being transferred to Modder B police station and released on Monday.

Police film young bystander being whipped to join illegal protest march

West Rand Bureau

Police yesterday filmed a man whipping a bystander in an apparent effort to get him to join an illegal march in Spooktown, near Bekkersdal, in Westonaria.

About 200 protesters marched through the Spooktown squatter camp.

A shirtless man, believed to be one of the organisers, whipped a young man who stood and watched.

Several young children formed part of the protesting group, under the leadership of the ANC's Patrick Modingwe.

Mr Modingwe asked the crowd to disperse after police told him the march was illegal. The ANC official complained of police harassment.

Anyone who was intimidated by the protesters during this march is asked to contact Warrant Officer Wessie van der Westhuizen at (011) 762-5592.

● A crowd of people marched on a new shopping mall in Kagiso yesterday because the shops had electricity while many houses in the area did not.

ANC activist found murdered

ANC activist and Cosatu worker Phumzile Mbatha was found murdered after being abducted, by armed men travelling in a minibus, from her Tokoza home on the East Rand yesterday. According to residents, Ms Mbatha's body was found near a school in Tokoza.

An inspiring moment in the so-called boiling pot

Man of peace . . . Themba Khoza commits himself to uphold the National Peace Accord.

Nancefield hostel wanted to sign copies of the Peace Pledge. Did they mean it? DENIS BECKETT and photographer KEN OOSTERBROEK went to find out.

When the Nancefield Hostel asked for a thousand Peace Pledges to sign at a mass meeting, that seemed no problem. Far from it; a pleasure. And so, in the end, it was. A pleasant occasion and an inspiring one. But it didn't feel like that as night drew in on Friday.

Weekend and month end. A grim wet dusk with streets hooting and overheating in a freak traffic jam. The eve of a general strike The omens were not propitious.

At The Star there was hard, if belated, thinking about the wisdom of the expedition. Concerns were dual. One school of thought had it that the hostel, focus of the latest train massacre, could itself be bad news.

Break

The other, that white men entering Nancefield with Inkatha leaders would look to watching eyes like the "Third Force" come to whip up trouble. The dark road home could hide an ambush like a haystack could hide a needle.

And yet ... if not now, before the tensions of the strike, then when?

Inkatha's Themba Khoza waxed eloquent on the keeping of promises. The hostel was waiting, he said. They wanted to commit themselves to peace. They wanted outsiders there, to judge whether here were bloodthirsty barbarians waiting for a chance to break heads. These were troubled people; they should not be let down.

Khoza carried the day. It was a nervous ride to Nancefield. Once there the flavour changed wholly to something like a Sunday picnic.

"Tension in the hostels is at boiling point," said a report the next morning. Not Nancefield. Tension was as boiling as iced tea

The hottest moment of the night was when a man built like a wrestler got wrought up. It turned out he was an induna from Merafe Hostel, and was cross because the Nancefield people were using up all the peace pledges He wanted a pile to take back to Merafe.

"Hostel" connotes a building, which is wrong in Nancefield's case. It's a hundred buildings or more, long low barracks covering several hectares on two sides of a main road.

The venue of the peace meeting was the Boxing Academy of Soweto, a hall in the hostel grounds. The hall is labelled in bright neon lights, of which only half are working so it shines its identity into the night as "ACADEMY OF TO".

When we arrived, there were 11 people in the hall, five of them children, dancing Zulu dances and singing Inkatha's brand of freedom songs.

Wires had crossed, it transpired. The meeting had been called for two hours earlier, and had now dispersed. There was a runaround to get it reconvened.

An organiser, Humphrey Ndlovu, explained: various men of rank had to be invoked, and moreover only about half the hostel were Inkatha members. The rest, he said, were sympathetic — "all the people say they don't like the ANC telling them not to work" — but Inkatha couldn't just call them out.

The hall filled slowly. Men trooped in wearing anything from immaculate suits to threadbare greatcoats to a few pairs of pyjamas — most carrying kieries, many with spears and axes.

It was an education. Whenever Inkatha appears at peace meetings brandishing weapons, this is taken as proof of malign intentions. Yet here in their very back yard, at an occasion oozing harmony and harmlessness, they were *still* carrying weapons, thinking no more of it than an Englishman taking his walking stick to the bar.

It wasn't sinister but it was incongruous. When the crowd reached some 400, Themba Khoza stood on a chair and demanded: "Do you want peace?"

"YES" bellowed the crowd, and the hall looked like a gigantic porcupine as a bristle of sticks and spears punched out from the crush of humanity.

Khoza took the assembly word by painstaking word through the Peace Pledge. At the end of each sentence there was the same wild applause and the same porcupine imitation. Khoza said that by signing the pledge they were promising not to shoot and not to stab — regardless, he emphasised, of how much provocation.

He spoke mainly in Zulu with summaries in English. His speech was emotional and so were the cheers of his audience.

Whether the spirit stays intact when it comes to the crunch is another matter, but it was movingly clear that, in the hall, this was genuine. These hard men weren't acting. They wanted peace. Many had tears flowing down their cheeks.

Stampede

And Themba Khoza, often branded as the arch-villain ... well, his speech was far too clear, far too unequivocal, to leave any possibility that he could return to that crowd once the outsiders were gone and say "Hey, I didn't mean it."

He spoke peace in categorical terms and then led the signing of the pledges, which promptly became a stampede. Amid thunderous dancing and singing — equal part anti-Pretoria and anti-ANC — peace pledge forms were distributed and hundreds of Nancefield men were signing them.

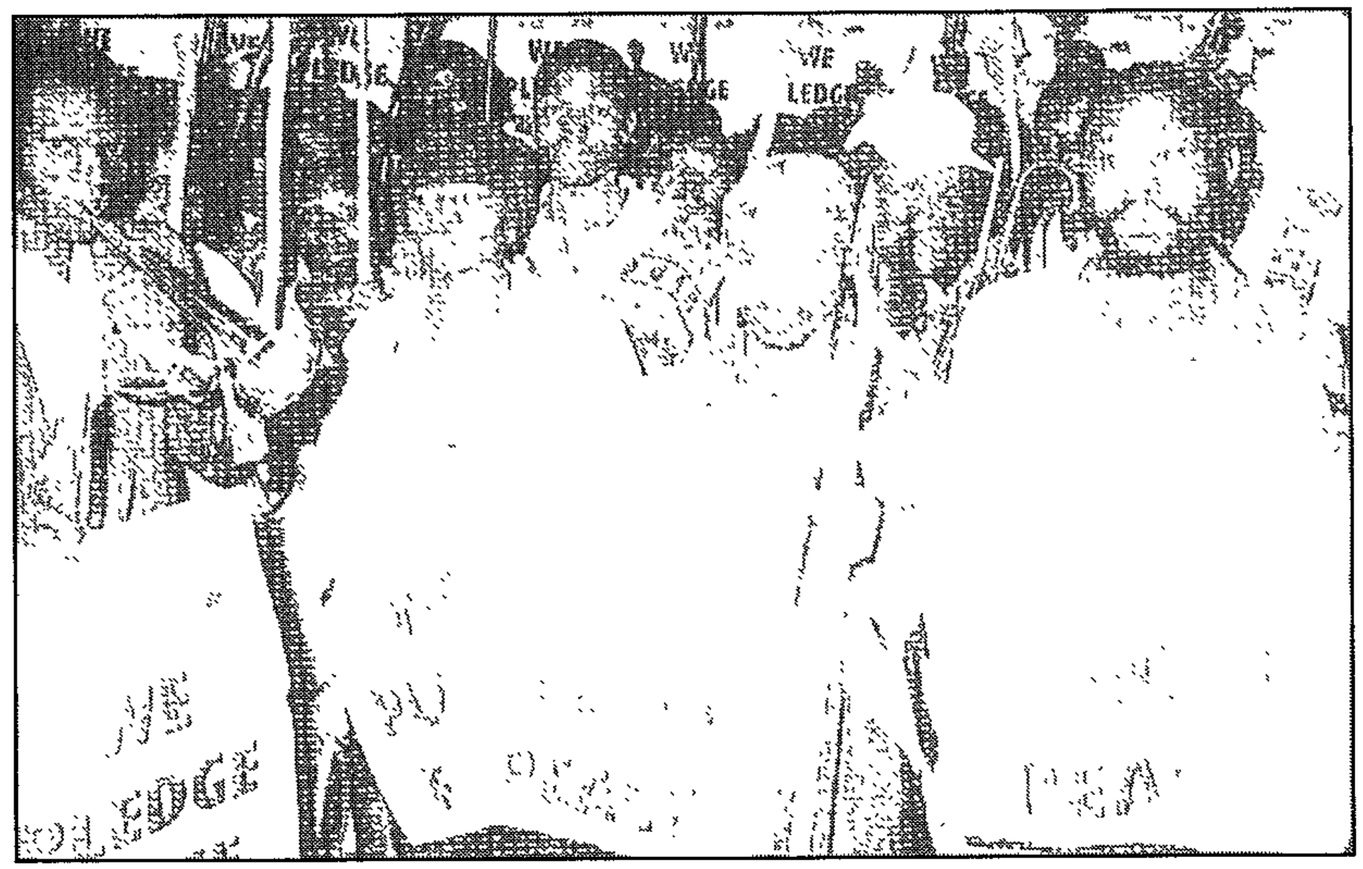
They were signing on the floor. They were signing against their neighbours' backs. They were signing with calligraphic flourishes. They were signing Xs. They were signing.

When they could find something to sign with. Pens! That was the problem. Masking tape was accounted for, and the walls were filling up with Peace posters. But nobody had thought of pens. There were forms all round the hall and only about 50 pens in sight. I donated mine to the cause, with a twinge. It had sentimental value but the need was pressing.

The signing went on. The songs went on. Some of the difficulties made themselves clear: one man coming up to say why didn't the ANCs sign the same promise, only half mollified by the assurance that we are working on it. Another man ominously declaring that troublemakers deserved to go to hospital.

Then some 600 signed pledges were delivered — some enthusiasts having done a whiparound among the barracks — and there was an emotional farewell to the visitors.

We were stopped on the way out. A man rushed forward with a clutch of weaponry in one hand, holding out my pen with the other.



Warriors for peace . . . residents of Nancefield hostel, armed with their cultural weapons, after signing peace pledges at a mass meeting.

ANC man gunned down in Alexandra

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TWO Alexandra Township men, one a leading member of the African National Congress in the area, were gunned down outside the organisation's offices early yesterday morning.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The activist, Mr Makhosi Jama of 13th Avenue in Alexandra Township, was also a member of the Alexandra branch of the South African Communist Party and the Alexandra Civic Organisation

The other man, Mr Fihl'okwakhe Nxumalo, is said to be from Bergville in Natal.

An ACO spokesman, Mr Richard Mdakane, said the two were killed by two gunmen who later allegedly ran in the direction of Madala Hostel.

Mdakane said Nxumalo died instantly while Jama was certified dead on arrival at the Johannesburg Hospital

A police spokesman on the Witwatersrand yesterday confirmed the shootings

"A man with a 38 revolver opened fire at two men and one died on the scene and the other was rushed to hospital We have not yet established the motive for the killings and Bramley police have opened a murder docket," the spokesman said.

A joint statement released yesterday by the ANC and ANC-aligned organisations condemned the attack

The statement said Jama was about to enter the ANC's offices in Alexandra Township when the attack took place. It said the killings followed a spate of attacks on local residents in the past few days.

"The attacks are a clear orchestrated plan by wellknown vigilante groups and the police to destabilise the township

"There is mounting anger in the township about these indiscriminate killings The National Peace Accord is being undermined by both these groups

We call upon residents to defend themselves We also urge the police to search the hostels concerned and arrest the culprits," the statement said.

Jama is the second activist to be killed this week by unknown assailants

On Tuesday Miss Phumzile Mbatha, an ANC activist and Cosatu worker, was found murdered after she was earlier abducted from her home in Tokoza in the East Rand

She was killed after returning from a protest rally in the township against VAT She was among 24 people known to have died during the two-day national strike.

Former exile found dead

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By ALI MPHAKI

A RETURNED exile allegedly arrested by policemen at his fiancee's home in Soweto on Sunday was found shot dead in the Zuurbekom veld on the West Rand two days later.

The body of Mr Tsietsi "TC" Miya (30) of Dube was discovered on Tuesday, his family said.

Miya, who came home last year after leaving the country in 1976, was staying with his fiancée in Mapetla.

Possible witness

His mother, Mrs Violet Miya, said she was told police raided the home of her son's fiancee in Mapetla about 6.30am and left with him.

She said "police" told people in that house that Miya was being taken for questioning because "he was a possible witness in a case involving his friend."

When Miya did not return on Monday, the family began making inquiries at police stations in Soweto, with no success.

She said the body of her son was discovered by a farmer in Zuurbekom. The farmer alerted the family after finding an address in one of the man's pockets on Tuesday.

The family rushed to the scene, only to be told that the body had already been moved to the Diepkloof Government Mortuary.

"We went to Diepkloof, where I identified my son's body," Mrs Miya said. "He had a gunshot wound in the head."

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said they were investigating the matter.

Miya, who was a mechanic, will be buried on Sunday at noon after a funeral service to he held at his No 19 Dube home.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers and five sisters.

ANC man killed in Alex shooting

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JONATHON REES

GUNMEN shot and killed an ANC member and his friend in Alexandra, and men armed with crude weapons killed one man and injured 11 in an attack on a train yesterday morning, police said. 278

Jama Makhosi and a friend were attacked while waiting outside the ANC office in the township.

Police could not, however, confirm a second killing of ANC Youth League executive member Phumzile Mbatha, who the organisation said was shot and killed in Thokoza on Tuesday evening.

The ANC accused police of leaving Mbatha "in pain and unattended in a pool of blood" when they arrived on the scene. She was the fourth ANC member to die on the Reef in five weeks, the ANC said.

Police said the incident brought the death toll in the township this month to eight. A spokesman denied ANC allegations that police and Inkatha were destabilising the township.

SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe accused the ANC of contravening the national peace accord by using the media to report incidents of violence.

Malherbe said that in the train attack about 10 Zulu-speaking men boarded a train at George Goch early yesterday and assaulted commuters with pangas, knobkerries and assegais.

And ANC Cape executive member Mxolisi Petane was arrested yesterday at the ANC's Woodstock office in connection with the fatal shooting of a taxi owner. Last month a police sergeant was arrested in connection with the same case.

Breakthrough hailed as IFP, ANC meet

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Special Correspondent (278)

The formation of a peace committee in the trouble-torn Tokoza township following a peace conference attended by both the ANC and the IFP has been hailed as a major breakthrough in efforts to bring peace to the area.

The community has been beset by violence since August last year.

Representatives of the two organisations met under the chairmanship of Professor Nicholas Haysom and Advocate Paul Pretorius.

Youth groups, civic associations, taxi and educational associations, representatives from the hostels and from the Phola Park settlement also attended.

A statement said: "The second day of the conference was also attended by members of the SAP, the SADF and local leaders in Alberton."

Professor Nicholas Haysom . . . chaired peace conference.

The parties endorsed the principle that no intimidation would be tolerated.

They agreed to set up a local dispute committee in terms of the National Peace Accord, consisting of a nine-person group responsible to a forum composed of two representatives of the 19 organisations invited to the conference.

The working committee will comprise representatives from the ANC, the ANC Youth League, the IFP, the IFP Youth Brigade, Tokoza Hostel, Tokoza churches, Tokoza Amalgamated Taxi Association, Phola Park and Tokoza Chamber of Commerce.

The first meeting of the committee will take place next Wednesday.

The National Peace Committee will attend this meeting, and pamphlets will be issued to inform residents of the resolutions.

Next Thursday the committee will meet with representatives of the SAP and the SADF to establish procedures.

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Residents aid police in arrests

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By Glen Elsas
West Rand Bureau

Co-operation from the residents of the Diepkloof Squatter Camp in Soweto led to the arrest of 11 suspects who are believed to have terrorised residents for several months.

Deputy Regional Commissioner of the Soweto police Brigadier Isak Minnaar praised these residents for coming forward after a man had been murdered at the squatter camp on Sunday.

The residents pointed out the suspects to police. They were arrested and a gun and ammunition confiscated.

After these suspects were arrested, the residents burnt down four of their shacks. The police intervened and, after talking to the residents, peace was restored.

Police are investigating the suspects' involvement in other crimes. They ask anyone who has possibly been a victim of this gang or who has had first hand experience with them to phone the Orlando police at (011) 935-1002.

● On Tuesday, police received information that a man was on his way to Soweto with instructions to shoot the first policeman he saw. The Firearm Unit confronted the man who pulled out a gun. Police shot and fatally wounded the man.

Slain activist not kidnapped - ANC

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THE PWV region of the African National Congress has refuted as untrue reports that suggests ANC activist and Cosatu worker Miss Phumzile Mbatha was abducted before being killed

Mbatha was killed on Tuesday after returning from a protest rally against VAT.

Spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said the truth was that Mbatha was waylaid and shot at near Mkhathizwe Primary School in Tokoza Sowetan 8/11/91

He said the ANC found it disturbing that the police who went to investigate the murder left her in pain and unattended to.

"This emphasises the inhuman side of the SAP. We condemn this cowardly act

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

which was committed by hired assassins and enemies of our people," he said.

Mbatha was the fourth activist to be killed since the death of Mr Sam Ntuli, former general secretary of the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal.

Meanwhile, police said yesterday they had taken note of a statement by the Alexandra Civic Organisation and other ANC-aligned organisations regarding the spate of killings in the area.

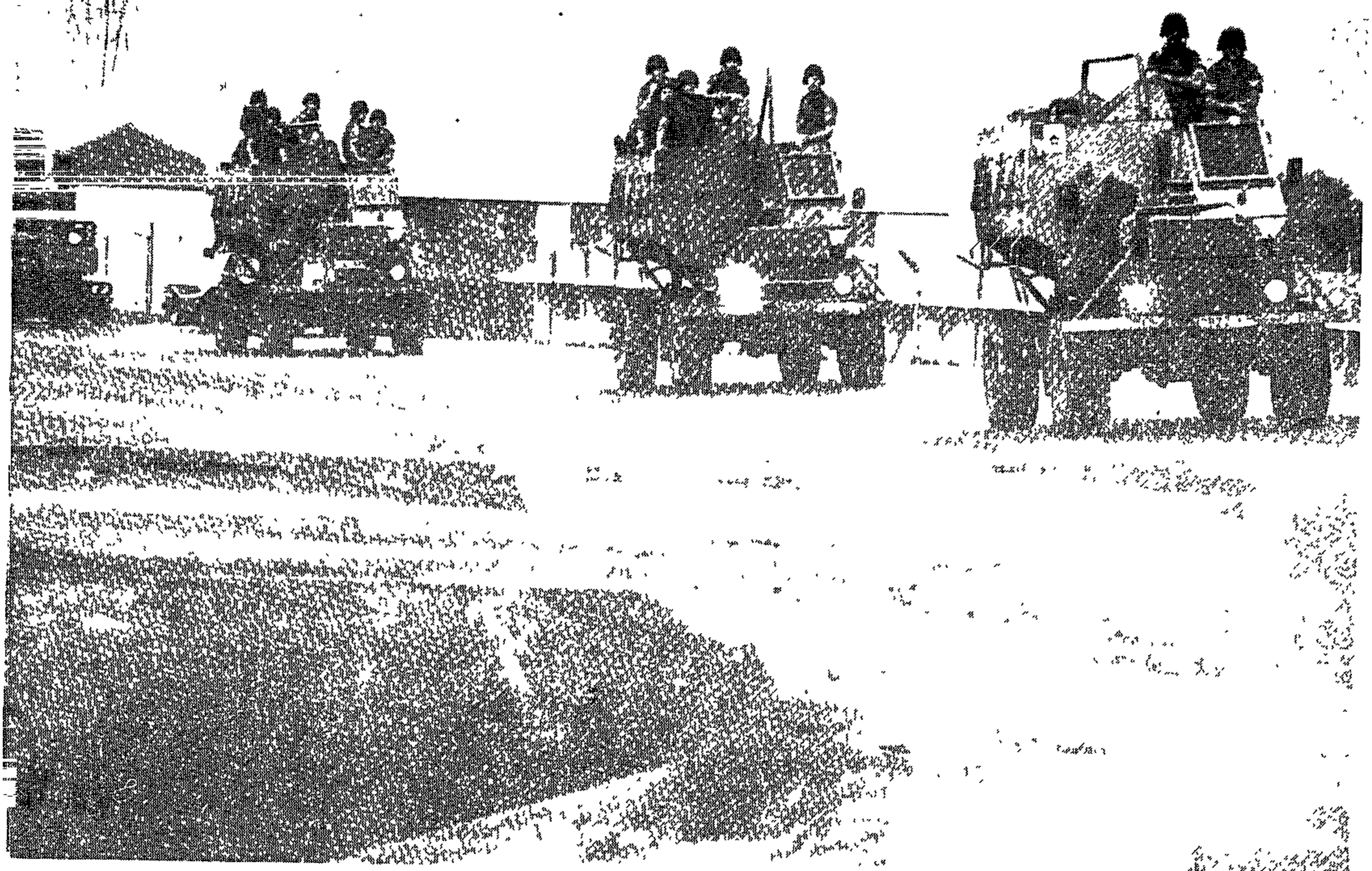
A spokesman denied that police were colluding with the Inkatha Freedom Party to destabilise the township.

PAC man buried tomorrow

A 21-year-old PAC member who was shot dead while being sought by police will be buried in Soweto tomorrow.

Mr Bheki "Mafatshe" Tshabalala's funeral service begins at 10am at his home, 1523 Jabulani, and the cortege leaves for Avalon Cemetery at 1pm.

Police were looking for Tshabalala in connection with the murder of a policeman. Sowetan 8/11/91



Police and soldiers were out in force in Soweto, but despite numerous allegations of intimidation, no arrests were made Photographs: GUY ADAMS

The only explosions were Guy Fawkes crackers

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Remember, remember, the Fifth of November gunpowder, treason and plot...
DON MATTERA tells how the strike turned into one long Guy Fawkes celebration ..

IF YOU lived outside of Soweto, and you had earlier been listening to the vitriol of the SABC-TV and its surrogate ethnic radio news bulletins, you could have been too scared to visit family or friends. Heaven forbid that any tourists watching television should venture near that "cauldron of intimidation and coercion", if Big Brother's mouthpiece could help it.

But in fact the opposite was true.

Soweto, Diepkloof and Eldorado Park became spectacles of paint, polish and colourful pageantry on Tuesday — the second day of the stayaway — thanks to Guy Fawkes Day.

There was a spirit of joviality and festivity as young and old took to the dusty and garbage-ridden, toilet-spewing streets in a tradition of revelry that went back many years — commemorating Catholic dissident Guy Fawkes' failed attempt to blow up the British parliament.

And there were no explosions in Soweto, Eldorado Park or the very volatile Diepkloof, as scores of police and South African Defence Force vehicles scoured and bruised the township roads in search of the "invisible" intimidators — the kind President FW de Klerk and his pals were castigating from the TV screen and the radio.

Instead well-disciplined, T-shirted and flag-carrying comrades ran and toyi-toyied through several Soweto townships. Cries of "Viva Cosatu; Viva ANC," mingled with the jocund and youthful abandon and shouts of "Auntie shee penny for the Guy Fawkes".

Celebrating Guy Fawkes Day in the black townships is a historical tradition, and a highlight of South Africa's teeming cosmopolitan areas before the bulldozers of apartheid moved in. The inhabitants of District Six in Cape Town, Cato Manor in Durban, and people living in Alexandra township, Vrededorp, Newclare, Western and Sophiatown, changed the political significance of the event to one of revelry and makeup. Fireworks displays were only a small part of the whole Guy Fawkes fanfare.

In Sophiatown particularly, it was, like Christmas Day, a time when grudges and hostilities were set aside, and urchins and orphans received food and money. Tin-rattling crowds of young and old danced and sang through Kofifi, filling the place with generosity and warm camaraderie. Guy Fawkes Day was like some kind of poultice against the pain of that day.

In Soweto, Meadowlands and other townships this week, the people again gave generously. Some blared car-hooters while others flung coins and gave cakes and sweets to the sea of ebony faces before their gates.

Kids dressed in rags and oversize dresses, pants, and coats — as a nation divided unto itself raved about man-hours and rands lost.

Even the police — in their varied shapes and shades of black and pink, and armed with the weapons of war and death, smiled at the happy crowds in Orlando West Extension (Nelson Mandela's neighbourhood) as their rivetted hippos crunched the streets.

I saw no anti-VAT activists intimidating the two couples who boarded a Baragwanath-bound taxi. Instead there was a display of quiet dignity and respect for all as people lapped up the blazing sun of an unforgettable day on the calendar of resistance.

In Eldorado huge groups of playful boys and girls smeared polish on each other and many unwary passersby. There was no anger, but the joyful acceptance of people in harmony and patriotism to calls by their leaders for unity in action.

In one corner of the Extension Two sportsfield, a family with picnic basket attracted attention with their music and food. Two drunks raised their wine bottles in salute: "Hey Mattera, wannee gaan Cosatu nog a-stayaway stage? Ons enjoy onself bleddie lekker!"

And later, as the stayaway sun set in Soweto, scores of young men dressed as girls, stopped in front of the car. They rattled their tins. We threw what we had. Tins are better than guns, and for the record, Tuesday November 5 in Mandela's Orlando West Extension area, and in other Soweto townships, I didn't see guns — except of course, those of the cops and the soldier-boys...

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Despite waved sticks and clenched fists, this march on Soweto's Protea police station was without incident

Exile's death: Cops arrested

Soweton 8/11/91. (278)

THREE black policemen were arrested yesterday in connection with the murder of a Soweto man who recently returned from exile.

The body of Mr Tsietsi "TC" Miya was found in an open veld in Zuurbekom, outside Soweto, on Tuesday.

He had been shot several times in the head.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, chief liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the three policemen, who were all stationed in Soweto, would be charged with murder.

In a statement, Halgryn said police had found that Miya (30) of Dube, Soweto, was a drug dealer.

He said investigations by the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit revealed that the three policemen also dealt in drugs.

By ALI MPHAKI

Miya returned home last year after leaving the country in 1976. He lived with his fiancée in Mapetla.

His friends last saw him alive on Sunday morning, when a policeman came to fetch him from his girlfriend's home.

Farmer

His family came to know about his death on Tuesday after a Zuurbekom farmer alerted a friend. The farmer found a phone number on the body.

The family got to the scene, only to be told Miya's body had been moved to a Government mortuary.

Miya, who was a motor mechanic, will be buried at Avalon Cemetery on Sunday. A service will be held at his Dube home, starting at 9am.

The cortege leaves for the cemetery at noon.

Civics to speak 'with one voice'

WILSON ZWANE

TOWNSHIP civic organisations were about to set up a national umbrella body following the removal of obstacles, National Interim Civic Committee (NICC) general secretary Sithembiso Radebe said yesterday.

He said problems, such as a lack of funds and the "unpreparedness" of many regions, had been holding up the launch of a national civics federation. B|Day 8|11|91.

"All those problems have been resolved and the launch will definitely take place in February next year," Radebe said.

The NICC would facilitate the launch.

The national body was bound to have an impact on local government negotiations as it would enable township civic organisations to speak with "one voice", he said.

It would provide civics with a forum where they could exchange strategies and develop a coherent policy on local government issues.

The foundation for the federation was laid at a conference held in Bloemfontein in May.

The conference was attended by civic delegates from the Transvaal, eastern and western Cape, Border and Free State.

In another development, Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) general council was expected to elect a new general secretary tomorrow to replace slain Sam Ntuli.

Ntuli died in a hail of bullets in the East Rand township of Thokoza two months ago.

Mangope may free 103 prisoners

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TIM COHEN

THE remaining 103 Bophuthatswana political prisoners are likely to be released in batches over the next few months, a Bophuthatswana government source said yesterday.

Although there was no formal agreement that the prisoners would be released in this staggered fashion, the source said it was likely that they would all be free in a matter of months.

About six weeks ago the first batch of 19 political prisoners was released and three weeks later a further 18 were released. The source said there were signs that another group would be released soon.

President Lucas Mangope, who faces opposition from conservatives in his Cabinet on the issue, said at the time the first batch of prisoners was released that consideration would be given to releasing the remaining prisoners over time.

It was thought at the time that the process would take considerably longer than is now envisaged.

The release of the prisoners is the main stumbling block holding up the lifting of EC sanctions against SA.

The Danish government vetoed an EC decision to lift some sanctions because SA political prisoners were still behind bars.

About 20 of the prisoners, most of whom took part in an abortive coup attempt, are engaged in what appears to be a rotational strike, the source said.

One of the prisoners, Bushy Molefe, was in a serious condition although he had recently been removed from the intensive care unit.

The source said the release of the prisoners to some extent depended on their own actions. Hunger striking prisoners would not be released because this was not considered "good behaviour".

Bid to set up Thokoza peace committee

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WILSON ZWANE

THE PAC and Azapo have refused to join a peace committee to be set up next week in Thokoza. (278)

The committee will be formed under the national peace accord and was proposed last weekend at a conference convened by the Alberton Industries' Association.

Azapo president Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said Azapo would have nothing to do with structures set up under the peace accord.

A PAC official said since the PAC was not a signatory to the accord it would not join the committee.

If this wanted man is caught, what then?

In two massacre trials the state has not opposed bail for men accused of wanton slaughter. One has already disappeared. By LINDA RULASHE

THIS man is suspected of being a train killer. The police want your help in tracing him, following a vicious attack on train commuters last month. But if you do help them find him, what are the chances he will be effectively prosecuted? What are the chances he will even remain in jail?

In two massacre trials in the past 10 days, men accused of participating in attempts at wanton mass-slaughter have been given bail — without any opposition from the state.

In the most dramatic case, the alleged train killer who was caught by commuters in a landmark fight-back incident three weeks ago has been released on bail of R2 000.

And a man who was accused of participating in a massacre of shebeen patrons in Sebokeng in August failed to arrive in court after being granted bail (see report on page 14).

Albert Dlamini was granted bail of R2 000 after allegedly attempting to kill commuters on a Germiston-bound train. He was apprehended by angry commuters together with another man, Simon Komane, after three men boarded the train at Katlehong and began shooting, hacking and stabbing their way through the coaches.

Charges were dropped against Komane, an activist in the African National Congress and National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, when witnesses identified him as a victim rather than an attacker.

Numsa organiser in the Witwatersrand, Alfred Woodington, said Dlamini's bail "did not make sense" considering the arrest was the key to the investigation of a whole range of related cases.

He added: "The amount is an insult to the brave people that apprehended Albert Dlamini. It will also discourage people from handing over these men to the police in future."

Due to appear again on December 5, his bail conditions are that he report to the charge office at Cleveland police station every Friday between 6am and 9am.

Dlamini has been positively identified by witnesses at an identification parade and by Komane, who said Dlamini used a butt of a gun to strike him at the side of the head.

When the train stopped at Wadeville station — the next stop — Komane tried to escape by running out, but the attackers caught up and set upon him with knobkerries and blunt objects. He was also stabbed on the head, shoulders and stomach.

When Komane appeared on Monday, his face and body were still bruised and his jaw seemed askew. Arrangements are being made for him to undergo an intensive medical examination and brain scan.

Woodington said police had been "unenthusiastic" at times when massacre cases were reported to them.

The most serious of these cases, he said, took place on October 31 at 5.15pm, when about 10 Zulu-speaking men carrying knobkerries boarded a train at Danswart station and started harassing passengers. They walked up and down the carriages, asking for ANC members or Xhosa-speaking people.

When people began disembarking at East Rand Station, a Transkeian, Cosmos Mbense, was held back and his foot jammed into a train door.

With the rest of his body hanging out of the train, Mbense was dragged along the platform as the train moved along. However, according to police reports, Mbense's leg got caught when he tried to jump and he then fell under the train, which led to his death. No arrests have been made.

Woodington said: "We told the police we knew the men and could point them out, but they insisted they wanted names instead. How could we if we didn't know them personally? We were prepared to co-operate but the police showed little enthusiasm for the case."

Liaison officer for the East Rand, Lieutenant Wikus Weber said if Woodington or anyone else were perturbed about the way the police handled the case, they should report it, together with the name of the policeman concerned.

The effectiveness of the National Peace Commission's ad hoc committee of lawyers which is monitoring this case is also in question. The commission's chairman, John Hall, was "surprised" not only at Dlamini's bail application, but also that he had not received any report back from the ad hoc committee.

Last week, when *The Weekly Mail* enquired about the slow movement of the case, which has been seen as an opportunity for the commission to probe the heart of the string of train massacres, Hall had expressed satisfaction in the manner in which the case was being handled.

● The identikit was issued by police this week in the wake of an attack on October 17 when 10 men boarded train No 0036 at George Goch station. According to the SAP, the men, all Zulu-speaking, "got into the *mzabazazo* or ANC carriage armed with pangas, knobkerries and assegais. As soon as the train started to move the men started to attack the passengers indiscriminately".

Eleven people were injured, and one passenger, Johannes Tsotsetsi, fatally wounded.

The attackers jumped off the train while it was still in motion and ran away.

The suspect in the identikit is 1,8m tall and appears to have a false right eye. He has been seen in the vicinity of George Goch hostel.

Anyone who wishes to pass on information that may assist in the investigation can contact Detective Constable Lunnuburg at (011) 291733 or at home on 473-1019.

Taxi rank enters IFP, ANC 'war'

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WEEKLY MAIL REPORTER

HIGH-RANKING Inkatha officials publicly violated the fragile Peace Accord on Sunday at a meeting they called at the Jeppe hostel for taxi owners and operators.

The meeting was open. Everybody present heard top officials say Inkatha is determined to keep the Natal/kwaZulu routes — "because Sabta now flirts with the African National Congress, and they no longer care about us". If anything had to be corrected, it would be done by themselves — not the South African Black Taxi Association, the meeting heard.

Talk was hostile and daring. Moreover, it seemed to come from the table tc the floor.

Violation No 1: "I am not against anybody in particular," said Inkatha Freedom Party hostel branch secretary, Bheki Nzimande, "but you owners must see to it that your drivers don't annoy us with their ANC stickers on their taxis.

"We won't hesitate to alight from a taxi bearing such a sticker — and shoot at that driver," he said, to loud applause.

He claimed a Meadowlands taxi had had its windows shattered because it displayed ANC stickers.

He said all the taxi ranks around Jeppe station were there at IFP's suffrance because "that area belongs to us".

Violation No 2: Nzimande said they "are at war with the ANC, not by choice, but because the Xhosas are killing us".

More tough talk came from the much-feared Merafe hostel "platoon commander", introduced only as Sibisi.

"I am not afraid to die for what I believe in, because, after all, even the one who kills me is himself not immortal. He is not armoured."

The crowd roared its approval.

The meeting had started on a note of hostility to the few pressmen who dared to venture into the hostel.

"All this violence we see around us is caused by the media who write lies about the IFP," said an induna from Mahlabathini indentified only as Dubazana.

None of those present, it seems, knew or wanted to abide by article (iii) of Chapter 2 of the National Peace Accord, which deals with the code of conduct for political parties and organisations.

Although the organisers had invited taxi drivers operating short routes between Reef towns and townships, this gathering was not for them. It was aimed at those who operate between the Reef and Natal/kwaZulu.

The main concern was the escalating number of attacks on Natal-bound taxis.

"More and more Zulus are killed in taxis on their way home," said Dubazana, who co-chaired the meeting.

Again the blame was put on the ANC, not on feuds between rival operators, a possibility that had been raised earlier on.

It it had been the intention of the conveners of the meeting to convince the taxi people that the ANC was responsible for the attacks, it worked. As the meeting came to an end sections of the gathering were vowing "not to sit by and watch our people killed".

"Hey, those people are ruthless neh?" remarked one non-Zulu-speaking tax owner as they prepared to leave.

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Weighing up the intimidation factor

VESTED interests pose a major obstacle to gauging the extent of intimidation during the stayaway.

It is fair to assume that collective action of this magnitude entailed more "enforcement" than labour admits, but President FW de Klerk's assessment — that "large numbers of people did not take part voluntarily" — is an overstatement.

Although there is some justice in police claims that it is hard to monitor intimidation, the absence of hard evidence weakens the case.

Other than on the mines, the only reported instances are alleged assaults on bystanders during a West Rand anti-VAT march and the sabotaging of two rail lines, on the East Rand and in the Western Cape. The fatal shooting of an Inkatha youth leader in Secunda may or may not be stayaway-linked.

South African Institute of Race Relations director John Kane-Berman has suggested that fear instilled by past intimidation was a factor. There is undoubtedly truth in this — some Soweto residents surveyed by *The Star* said they feared for their lives, although most insisted they chose to stay home — but it is hardly an indictment of the strike.

The Labour Monitoring Group's estimate of a significant drop in the stayaway response on day two — from 81 percent to 68 percent — indicates that workers had some freedom of choice. That many township youths, traditionally the main stayaway "enforcers", were attending school may have reduced levels of intimidation.

The mining industry is the clearest exception: 17 miners were killed and 88 injured on Anglo American's President Steyn and Western Deep levels gold mines, while another died at Gold Field's Doornfontein operation. Both groups allege that non-strikers were attacked by colleagues supportive of the stayaway.

Labour action on the mines is frequently violent: — harsh living and working conditions have created a uniquely volatile workforce.

Low education levels among a largely migrant workforce and the isolation of workers may also serve to undermine trade union discipline and influence. **DREW FORREST**

APARTHEID BAROMETER

UNREST VICTIMS (278)

The Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic treated 28 people with gunshot wounds and 52 others for injuries resulting form assaults and stabbings — from Saturday until Tuesday, according to the Centre's acting director, Dr David Robb.

Eight people seen on Saturday and another eight seen on Tuesday "were known to be related to political violence," he said.

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SASH REPORT ON UNREST

The Black Sash Unrest Monitoring Group overview report on violence in Natal says about 1088 have died in unrest situations in the province this year. A further estimated 350 homes have been burnt down, affecting the lives of about 3 500 people. (2978)

Schools have been burnt down or disrupted for significant periods of time in KwaMashu, Umbumbulu, Malukazi, Richmond and other areas.

The report says the NatalMidlands towns of Mooi River and neighbouring Bruntville are the worst hit this year, "with at least 55 people dead, scores injured and over 40 homes razed.

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HUNGER STRIKERS (FOE)

There are 21 political prisoners on hunger strike in the homeland of Bophuthatswana, according to the Human Rights Commission.

One of them is former Bophuthatswana Defence Force soldier, Bushy Molefe, who has been on a fast since September 23. He is serving an eight-year jail term for his part in the 1988 coup attempt.

The hunger strikers are hospitalised in the Bophelong and Thusong hospitals, the report says.

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REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION

Ciskei military ruler, Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, has declared a State of Emergency throughout the territory.

This will enable any police commissioner in Ciskei to arrest/detain any person deemed a threat to state security. A policeman can also search premises, if he "is of the opinion that it is necessary for public safety, and maintenance of public order".

Press freedom may be restricted and "distribution and sales of printed matter can be prohibited by the Commissioner of Police".

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More die in quiet war on activists

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Assassinations of African National Congress activists continue unabated, with the police seemingly unable to bring the culprits to justice. But, reports BEATHUR BAKER, Inkatha members are now also increasingly under fire

THE quiet war against the African National Congress, which has seen an average of one activist a week murdered by hit squads over the past 18 months, continued this week with two bloody killings.

At the same time, attacks on Inkatha activists have increased dramatically.

Since the assassination of ANC-aligned civic leader Sam Ntuli in Thokoza a month ago, three more activists have been shot by mystery assailants in Thokoza and one in Alexandra.

None of the killers has been apprehended.

On Wednesday, the ANC produced a witness to the killing of activist Phumzile Mbatha in Thokoza the previous day.

The witness, whose name has been withheld, was walking with Mbatha and another companion across the veld near Mkhthizwe Primary School when Mbatha was shot.

An uncanny suspicion that they were being followed prompted Mbatha to look over her shoulder.

"At about 6pm three of us were on our way to a friend. As we crossed the veld Phumzile told me to check if someone was following us so I bent down pretending to tie my shoelace. A man approached and I recognised him as one of two strange men I had noticed earlier standing near our house. As I got up he was standing right next to Phumzile."

According to the witness, the man asked Mbatha for her name and address. Before she could finish her sentence he pulled out a gun at fired three shots at Mbatha, who tried to stagger away. The gunman followed and fired two more shots as she fell.

The attacker turned the gun on a third person, but when the witness picked up two bricks to defend them, the gunman ran to a nearby hardware store, where, it is alleged, he met a companion.

Three policemen arrived at the scene shortly before 7pm and found Mbatha still alive. But, according to the witness, "on hearing several gunshots go off nearby they cocked their guns and left us there".

At 9pm another group of policemen arrived, but Mbatha was long dead by then. The witness had returned to his house to call an ambulance in the meantime and noticed a second stranger standing not far from the fence of his home. When asked why he did not attempt to approach the man, the youth replied "the man was standing watching with his hand inside his jacket as if he had a gun".

By the time the second group of police arrived and crowds had gathered around the scene, the man had disappeared.

The witness describes the assassin as a tall, fair man who was definitely not from the area.

"We find it disturbing that on arrival at the scene of the crime, the police van left this courageous woman in pain, unattended in a pool of blood," an ANC spokesman said.

The police responded on Wednesday: "The SAP to date has not been able to confirm that the body which was found last night is that of Nophumzile Mbatha, as nobody to date has identified the body on the scene and/or the Germiston Mortuary."

On Wednesday morning, yet another ANC activist was killed, this time in Alexandra. Jama Makhosi, a well-known member of the local branch, was shot outside the Alexandra ANC offices.

The gunman is alleged to have fled to the nearby Mdlala Hostel in Alex after killing Makhosi and Fihlokwakhe Nxumalo — who has been identified as a relative of Simon Nxumalo, chairman of the Alexandra branch of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

According to ANC publicity secretary for Alexandra Obed Bapela, Makhosi and Nxumalo did not know each other, and he speculated that Nxumalo had been caught in the line of fire.

The ANC believe that the killings indicate "a pattern of orchestrated attacks by unknown death squads who continue to elude the police".

The police, in turn, accused the ANC of not passing on information it had which could assist in solving the murders.

"Despite media reports which allege very clearly that the ANC posseses information which could assist investigations, the ANC has not contacted the police to date," said Colonel Franz Malherbe, regional chief of police public relations for the Witwatersrand.

"We find it very strange that these abovementioned organisations now see it fit, only after their own members have been gunned down, to release these distorted facts to the media."

Meanwhile, the IFP has also come increasingly under fire.

Youth Brigade Leader Ndlovu Gwala (32) was shot dead at Mbalenhle, near Secunda, on Monday, according to IFP West Rand secretary Humphrey Ndlovu. He said AK47 and 9mm cartridges had been found at the scene after the shooting.

According to Kim Hodgson of the IFP violence study unit, another four Inkatha members were killed in Natal at the weekend:

- An organiser for the IFP in Natal, Nfunzelwa Ngcobo, was killed on Saturday when a group of people opened fire on his house.
- Goman Makhurubu was stabbed to death in Ngwelezane, outside Empangeni.
- In Greytown's Nhlalakahle township, Patrick Mkhize and another unidentified IFP member were killed in a grenade attack in Glebeland Hostel in Umlazi.

Bail may be forfeited

By STAN MHLONGO

ONE of the accused in the Sebokeng tavern massacre — where five patrons were killed and 10 others wounded by AK47-toting gunmen in July — has been ordered to appear at the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court on November 12 or risk forfeiting bail and being arrested.

This follows the failure of Daki Choncho to join his co-accused, Thabo Mofokeng, before magistrate J van Staden on October 29 on five counts of murder and 10 of attempted murder.

The trial is a sequel to the attack by two gunmen who burst into Erika's Tavern in Sebokeng Zone 7 and opened fire on patrons at about 9pm. Mofokeng was the first to be arrested and initially appeared alone in court on August 24.

After Choncho's arrest in September he was granted bail of R1 500, which he subsequently paid and was released.

Mofokeng, as accused number one, was granted bail of R3 000, and told the court he would manage to pay that amount. But he failed to raise the money and has spend two months in jail.

The magistrate postponed the trial until November 28, when he will decide whether to send the case to a higher court.

Sergeant

No-Name 'klaps' us around a bit

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MONTY NARSOO joined a small march through Johannesburg — and ended up being beaten and detained. What alarmed him was how much his captors seemed to enjoy their power

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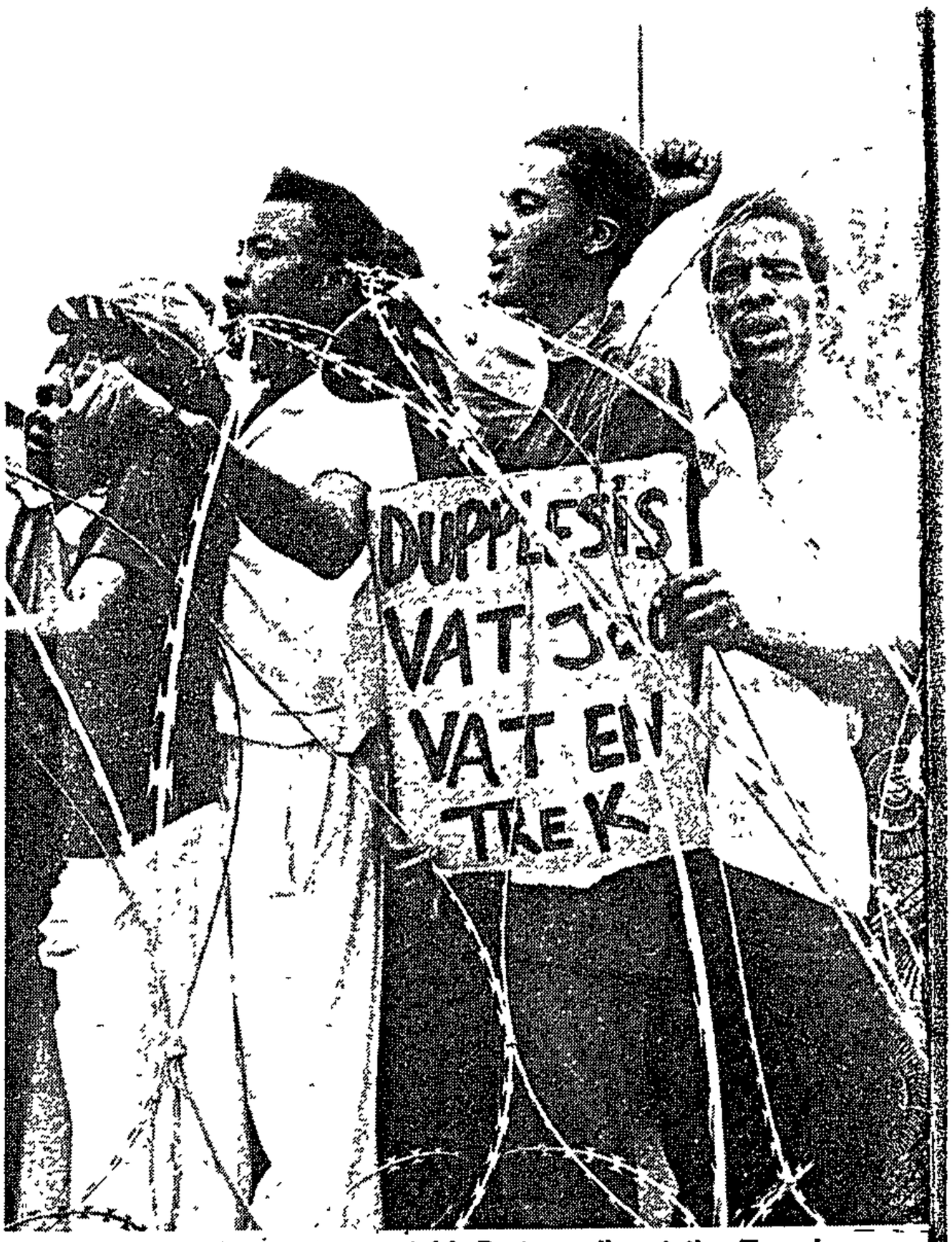
THE police boot that thudded into my back during the anti-VAT demonstration this week marked not only my back but the 10th anniversary of the last time I was assaulted by police. Has much changed since then? In terms of police behaviour, it seems, not much.

The march was small and reasonably disciplined. I did not see any press-ganging of spectators and, in fact, demonstrators patiently waited at traffic lights. I was there with a Brazilian friend who wanted to take pictures so I watched the march from various vantage points. There was no police interference except, from time to time, when the traffic police warned marchers to stay off the street — an order they immediately obeyed.

The march went on its merry way from Highpoint in Hillbrow, down Edith Cavell Street to Bok Street in Joubert Park, where it was stopped. After brief negotiations between police and organisers, the organisers told marchers they should return to Hillbrow in pairs. Before the marchers could move, the police announced they were giving them five minutes to disperse.

There was some confusion, but in the end the crowd began moving along Bok Street and up Wanderers back to Hillbrow. The police charge came from the north end of Wanderers Street.

I was well away from the police charge when suddenly my little ponytail was grabbed and I was flung to the ground. Lesson number one: don't wear a ponytail at demonstrations. As I stumbled into the dust I was kicked a number of times in the back. It seemed to me that the kicks were aimed at my kidneys. I was halfway underneath a white kombi which contained a number of policemen and the "arresting officer" continued to beat me.



VAT protesters demonstrate outside Protea police station Tuesday
Photo: GUY ADAMS

I tried to lift myself. He hauled me up and pushed me towards a police van. It was then that I noticed that he was not wearing a name tag.

At the Hillbrow police station there were a number of police officers who were not wearing name tags and refused to give me their names when I asked for them. I dubbed one Sergeant No-Name Brand when he claimed he had lost his name.

No one said I could not have medical attention; numerous requests met with the response that a doctor would be there in 15 minutes. When I was finally released six hours later, no doctor had arrived. Similarly, requests for water and visits to the toilet were delayed for inordinate amounts of time. The same device was used when we wanted to know why we were being detained or arrested. The excuse in this instance was that a senior officer would be coming soon.

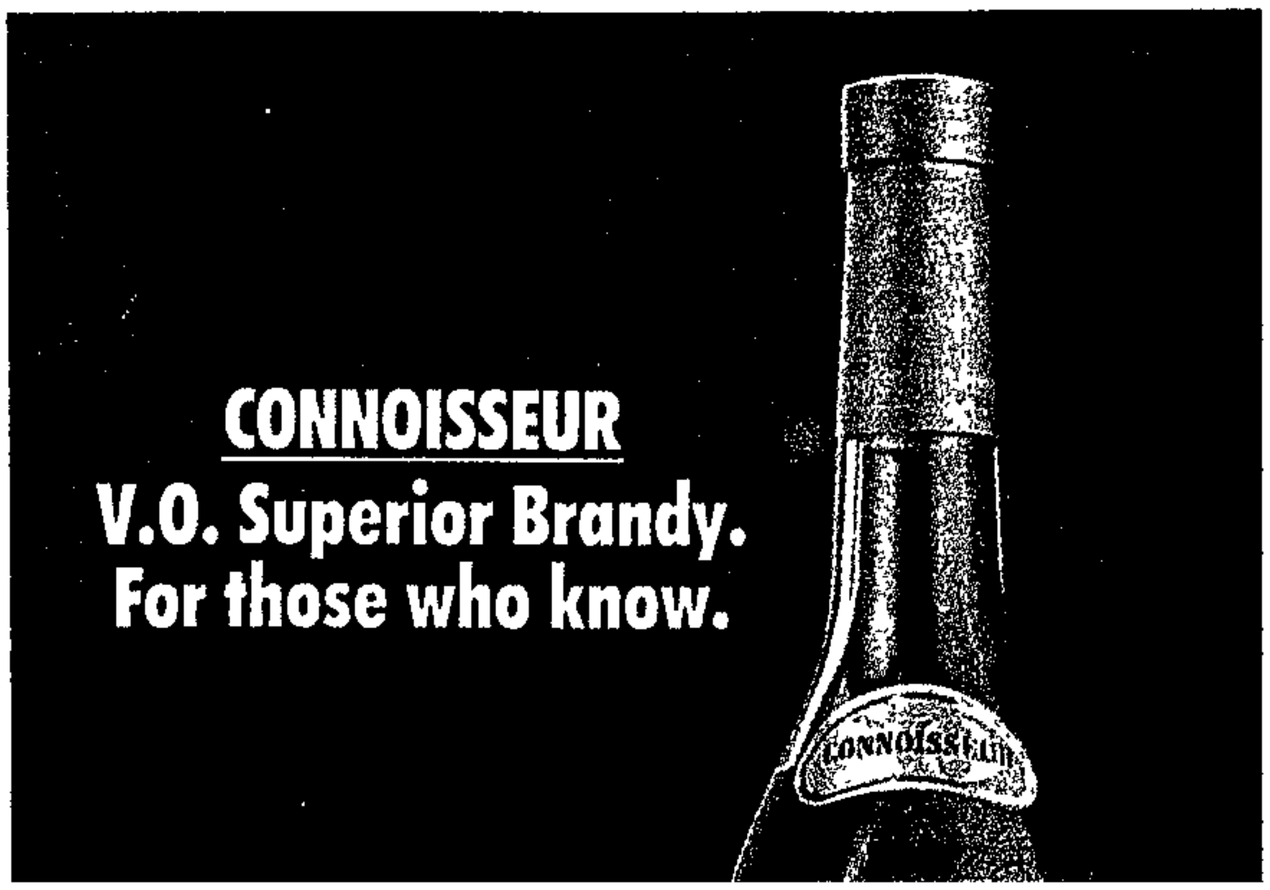
The attitude of the policemen was perturbing. They seemed to enjoy their enormous power over us; their rudeness when they spoke to us, the way they insulted and undermined people, and the apparent glee on their faces when they delayed requests brought back vivid memories of my treatment at the hands of the police in 1981.

The idea that citizens have a body of rights and that these rights must be respected were absent.

What was also surprising was the good-natured way — albeit with some isolated grumbling and resistance — detainees handled the various humiliations. Our lawyer said we should look at the matter pragmatically even though some of us may have been klapped around a bit. In the broader scheme of things, this incident was a minor one. The general strike was an overwhelming success, there had been very little evidence of intimidation, and very little violence, with the exception of Welkom.

But this culture of authoritarianism and the policemen's lack of respect for our rights and ourselves holds great dangers for the future. We will have to ensure that a future police force is not a haven for thugs and petty tyrants.

●Police had not responded to a request for comment at the time of going to press.



STATE THEATRE

Three policemen held after Soweto murder of returned exile

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Own Correspondent

Three black policeman were arrested yesterday in connection with the murder of a Soweto man who recently returned from exile.

The body of Tsietsi "TC" Miya was found in an open veld in Zuurbekom, outside Soweto, on Tuesday. He had been shot several times in the head.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, chief liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the three policemen, who were all stationed in Soweto, would be charged with murder.

Colonel Halgryn said police had found that Mr Miya (30) of Dube, Soweto, was a drug dealer.

He said investigations by the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit revealed that the three policemen also dealt in drugs.

Mr Miya returned home last year after leaving the country in 1976. He lived with his fiancee in Mapetla. His friends last saw him alive on Sunday morning, when a policeman came to fetch him from his girlfriend's home.

His family learnt of his death on Tuesday after a Zuurbekom farmer had alerted a friend. The farmer found a phone number on the body.

The family arrived at the scene, to be told Mr Miya's body had been taken to a Government mortuary.

Mr Miya, who was a motor mechanic, will be buried at Avalon cemetery on Sunday. A service will be held at his Dube home, starting at 9 am.

The cortege will leave for the cemetery at noon.

2 ANC men held for 'hostel attack plan'

JOHANNESBURG — Two ANC members have been arrested and arms seized after police probed an alleged plan to attack a hostel in Soweto.

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Soweto regional police commissioner Major-General Kobus Malan said the two arrested ANC members belonged to the organisation's Klipspruit youth wing. They were arrested in connection with "a planned attack" on the Merafe Hostel in Soweto, which houses mainly Inkatha Freedom Party supporters

General Malan said investigations also led to the discovery of "a detailed plan" of the hostel. The arrests had prevented a bloodbath, he added. — Sapa

...ume in a bid to get the night staff to return to work.

Two killed in unrest

PRETORIA. — Two people were killed and a woman was injured on Monday by gunmen at Kwazinie Station in Kathlehong, according to the latest police unrest report. (278)

A man and a women were injured yesterday evening when fighting broke out on a Johannesburg train travelling between Langlaagte and New Canada stations.

In Kuruman, Northern Cape, police cordoned off a street yesterday and detained several people for questioning on the fifth day of a consumer boycott.

On Monday 15 people were arrested for taking part in a placard demonstration in Cape Town. — Sapa

Patrolling of trains 'selective matter', says SAP after investigation

Where have all the policemen gone?

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ABBEY MAKOE

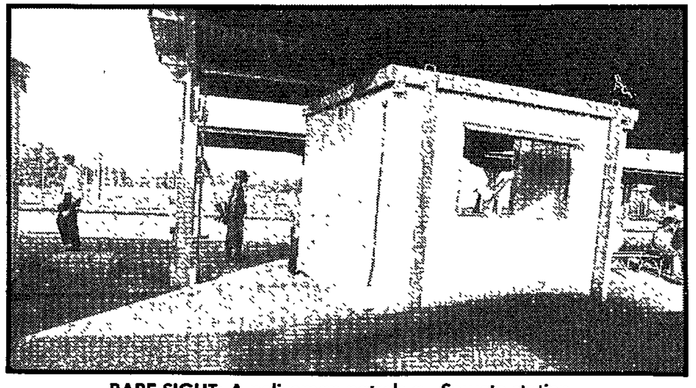
THE much-publicised police patrolling of township rush-hour trains seems to have been virtually discontinued within days of being implemented, a Saturday Star investigation has found.

Last Monday, two days after the Saturday Star revealed that police could not patrol rush-hour trains because, in their words, "it was unsafe", a media contingent covered police on a massive search for weapons in the trains.

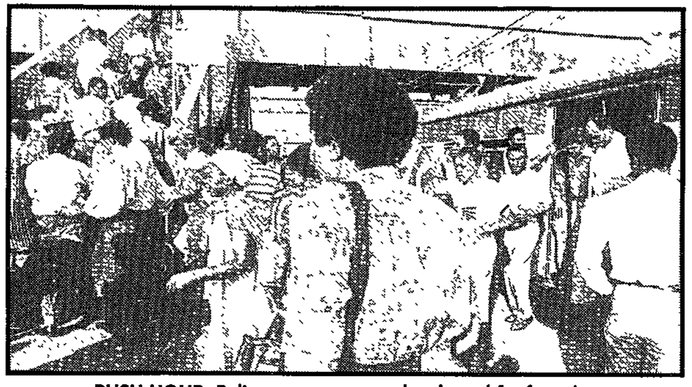
But by the end of last week, the police presence inside trains had faded, with the few police evident during rush-hour restricting themselves to patrolling on platforms.

A Saturday Star survey of the SAP's presence on the trains over the past two weeks has indicated:

- The searching of train commuters for weapons lasted for no more than four days.
- During that period some police on trains never searched passengers for weapons.
- Many trains — probably most trains during the rush hours when attacks took place — were not searched nor patrolled by police.
- Police at one station were found playing "staff-rider" which involves hanging on the train doors and jumping in and out on the platform while the train is moving.



RARE SIGHT: A policeman patrols a Soweto station.



RUSH HOUR: Police weapons searches lasted for four days.

A diary of the Saturday Star reporter's ride on the trains was compiled as follows:

Wednesday, October 30: Train 9168 leaves Johannesburg station for Soweto. A number of police in groups of between six and 12 move from one carriage to another.

They do not search passengers but do confiscate a knobkierrie from a middle-aged man who was carrying it openly.

There are police in every third carriage.

Thursday October 31: Train 9448 pulls out of Mayfair shortly after 5.30 pm to Naledi.

An inspection "in loco" reveals that there is no policeman in the train However, police can be seen on the platforms of other stations as the train proceeds to Naledi.

Sipho Johnson, a regular commuter, says he had never seen police inside the train, "and I travel by this train every day".

Friday November 1: Police presence on the stations has decreased. There is no sight of a policeman as train number 9160 leaves Johannesburg.

The train is heading for Nancefield, the scene of the recent massacre.

As the train arrives at Orlando station, there are nine uniformed police on the platform

They move away from commuters getting off and assemble at the far corner of the platform, watching people.

November 4 and 5: Most people who usually use township trains join the VAT strike, and most trains that do run are empty.

Wednesday November 6: Train 9035 leaves Nancefield station at 7.05 am, heading for Johannesburg.

There is no sight of a policeman inside the train.

Thursday November 7: Train 9170 leaves Johannesburg for Kliptown. It is 5.50 pm. A walk through all the carriages proves the absence any police inside

Two commuters, Joseph Mlambo and Johannes Mokwena, say they have never seen the police inside the train.

"I have read about police patrols on trains in the newpapers," says Mr Mokwena, "but I have never seen one."

When approached for comment on the apparent lack of police patrols so soon after last weeks large display of force, police liaison officer Colonel Jac de Vries said policing was a selective procedure "Police do not visit every home, bank or even street every day".

He said that police have never claimed to ride every train every day, and emphasised that police continue to patrol stations and trains.

Colonel de Vries revealed that, since the campaign to search for weapons in the trains had begun, not one person had been arrested in connection with possession of dangerous weapons on trains.

Two ANC youths arrested

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GIEN ELSAS

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TWO Klipspruit ANC Youth League members were arrested on Thursday in connection with an alleged planned attack on the Inkatha-held Merafe Hostel.

A large quantity of arms was confisticated, Soweto police regional commissioner General Kobus Malan said yesterday.

'God saved us from death'

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By DAN DHLAMINI AND MONWABISI NOMADOLO

FORMER Embalenhle mayor Edward Mosia and his family narrowly escaped death last week when AK-47 bullets smashed into their home near Secunda.

The soft-spoken Mosia, a karate instructor, resigned his mayoral post last year because of pressure from the residents and fears for the security of his family.

Last week an unknown assailant shot 29 bullets at his house.

A devout Christian, Mosia blamed the incident on rumours

"People should refrain from making false allegations simply because I'm a former mayor and therefore associated with the system," he said.

Fighting back tears, he said his wife and children were lucky to escape alive.

"God's love and mercy" saved them, he said

However, his eldest daughter Nombuso, 13, was not so lucky.

She sustained minor injuries when bullets grazed her head and one arm

Her father said she was taken to a doctor and treated for her injuries

Eastern Transvaal police spokesman Colonel TJ Mahlangu confirmed the incident but said no arrests had been made

Mosia said he held several meetings with different organisations in the area to explain his position

He suspected the attack was linked to a rumour that he tipped off police about an arms cache in a house in the township

Mosia said he was not even aware arms had been recovered from the house

"I want people to understand that I'm standing with them during this hour of need," he said

"The Lord knows that I'm innocent

"Just because of that false rumour, which was not even confirmed, I nearly lost my life and my wife and three children could have been killed."

Plan to attack Merafe hostel foiled

By SOPHIE TEMA Cipher 10/11/91

A PLANNED mass attack on the Merafe hostel was uncovered after police arrested two members of the ANC Youth League in Klipspruit this week.

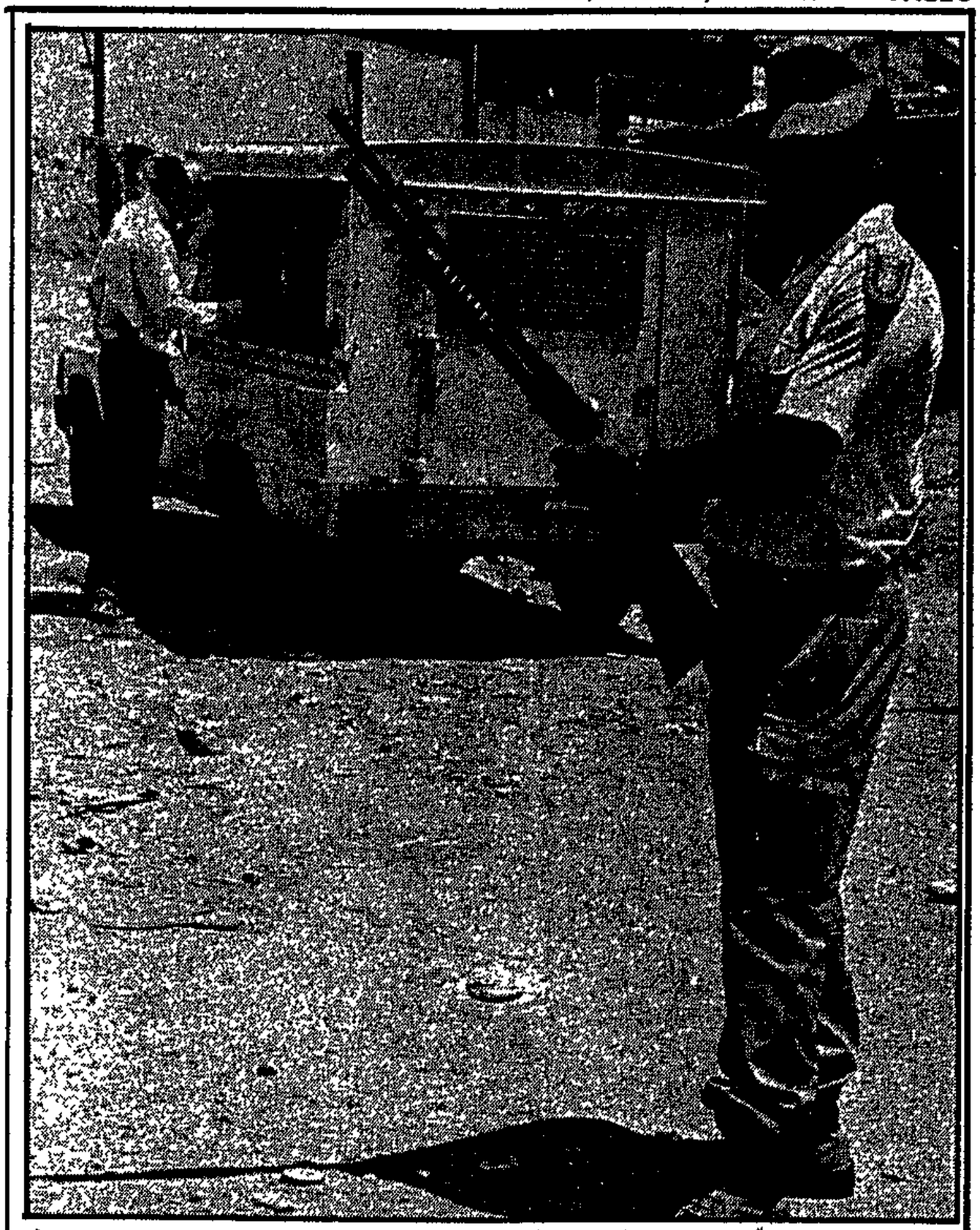
A quantity of arms including AK-47 rifles, ammunition, hand-grenades and a machine pistol were confiscated.

Police Regional Commissioner Maj-Gen Kobus Malan said the planned attack could have had serious repercussions had police not acted promptly.

The two league members face a charge of murder, a sequel to the death of Klipspruit woman Teresa Tshabalala, who was allegedly killed as a suspected "sellout". (278)

Police investigations led to the discovery of a detailed plan of the hostel – occupied mostly by Inkatha members.

After Tshabalala was murdered, police visited a Klipspruit home where an AK-47 magazine had been found on October 8. Three suspects fled. A bag containing arms and ammunition was recovered. The next day one of the three, Anthony Pule, committed suicide, Malan said.



DEATH SITE ... Police guard the accused at the scene of the vigil massacre while the court inspection is carried out. ■ Pic: SIPHIWE MHLAMBI

Judge tours massacre site

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE (248 C Press 10/11/91)

A RAND Supreme Court judge this week made an *in loco* inspection of the scene in Alexandra township at which 13 mourners were massacred at a vigil early this year.

Judge Daniels, with his tape-recorder in hand, watched as a witness pointed out where he saw the alleged Inkatha attack on mourners.

The inspection was requested by advocate Vic Botha for the defence, who wanted to ascertain whether the identification of a person was possible in the light cast by a mast lamp about 120m from the house and from the house itself.

Opposite the Alexandra Health Centre the witness pointed out the spot from which he said he saw Inkatha members approach seconds before the attack.

He said he was sitting in a car with a friend when he saw Gibson Mbatha leading a group of men he had spoken to opposite the Buy By Bazaar, a few paces away from the place where the night vigil was held.

Mbatha had driven his car close to where the vigil was held, and walked up and down outside, the witness said.

Mbatha, 28, is appearing with Derick Majosi, 21; Christopher Mbatha, 30; Petrus Buthelezi, 31; and John Zakwe, 56, all of Alexandra hostel.

They have pleaded not guilty to 13 counts of murder, 17 of attempted murder, possession of firearms and ammunition, and housebreaking with intent to kill.

Another State witness this week told the court that during the night vigil mourners sang hymns and freedom songs.

When the freedom songs began she heard a shot. Mourners began to run into the house.

At about 1 am she heard someone kicking down her door.

She heard someone telling the man who kicked the door to stop because he was attacking the wrong place. Later, she heard a man tell mourners that they were not fighting and should open the door.

"If you do not open the door you won't like the manner I will use to open it," she heard him say. Rapid gunfire followed.

The case continues tomorrow.

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25 miners die in new violence

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men had been arrested as the death toll from violence at Welkom's President Steyn mine rose to 25 yesterday, Free State police spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Johan Fouché said.

The violence, apparently between Basotho and Xhosa men, broke out at the mine's Number Four Shaft on Friday night. Fifty-one miners were injured, two seriously, in the incident.

"Two men were arrested on Saturday in connection with the incident and further arrests could be expected," Lt Col Fouché said.

He would not give details on the arrested men.

It was the second incident of violence at President Steyn's Number Four Shaft in seven days. The first occurred last Sunday when a group of predominantly Xhosa-speaking miners supporting Cosatu's anti-VAT strike tried to stop Basotho miners from going to work.

Fifteen miners were killed and 39 injured in that incident.

No access

Anglo American spokesman Mr James Duncan said the mine management and the NUM held talks with the leaders of the warring factions at the weekend in a bid to defuse the situation.

He would not disclose results of the talks, however, saying that would be prejudicial to investigations by the Standing Commission on Public Violence and Intimidation headed by Mr Justice Goldstone.

Anglo has asked the commission to investigate the November 4 incident

"The situation at the mine is tense but calm and the management has refused access to the scene because it is believed that the tense situation could be exacerbated by the presence of journalists and cameramen," he said, adding that mine management was investigating the cause of the incident.

Mine security backed by police were at the scene and it was hoped that miners would report for last night's shift, he said.

The NUM could not be reached for comment.

Police release indentikits

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

POLICE have released identikits of two suspects, a man and a woman, in two separate incidents of train and station attacks.

In one incident on October 17, a group of 10 Zulu-speaking men climbed onto train No 0036 at George Goch Station at about 7.40am.

They headed for a "mzabalazo" (or ANC carriage) armed with pangas, knobkieries and assegais. As soon as the train moved, the men started to attack passengers indiscriminately and 11 people were injured.

One passenger, Mr Johannes Tsotetsi, was fatally wounded. The attackers jumped off the train while it was still in motion and ran away.

An identity kit of one of the suspected attackers, seen in the vicinity of George Goch Hostel, has been compiled. He is described as 1,8 metres tall and has what appears to be a false eye on the right.

Anybody with information can contact Detective Constable Lunnuburg at (011) 291-733 or at home at 473-1019.

In the second incident on October 28, Mr Bizabakubu Sithole was confronted by a group of men and women on the concourse of Johannesburg Station at about 6.30am.

He was assaulted with steel pipes, kieries and pangas and was left bleeding.

An identity kit of a Zulu-speaking female suspect has been compiled. The woman is described as 1,68 metres tall, light in complexion and about 35 years old. She has been seen in the Denver Hostel area.

Anybody with information can contact Detective-Sergeant Mokhola at 29-1733/4/5, extension 7 or at home at 410-6102. People supplying information can remain anonymous.

Black NP chairman threatened by rival

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By MONK NKOMO

FORMER Atteridgeville community councillor Mr Joseph Tshabalala, now local chairman of the National Party, yesterday said he had been threatened with violence by a member of a rival political organisation.

Tshabalala told *Sowetan* he had received threats that his local NP office was going to be burnt down.

Tshabalala, who served as Atteridgeville's mayor for four years, said the threats followed his intensive campaign in the township which had netted about 6 000 members.

He was going to report the matter to the police and the special commission of inquiry investigating intimidation and violence in the country. He knew who had issued the threats. Tshabalala was lauded by President FW de Klerk on Friday for making history by being the first black delegate to address the NP Congress in the Transvaal.

Asked why he had joined, Tshabalala said: "I have worked within the perimeters of their perceptions for a long time as councillor and mayor. I also looked around for a political party I could join but found none except the NP.

"I have found a political home, especially after racial doors were kicked open and apartheid laws scrapped. I also joined the NP to help strive for a just system of law where all people will be treated equally."

Addressing the Congress on Friday, Tshabalala opposed a motion by the Bryanston constituency for the establishment of regional peace maintenance units to fight political violence.

Asked about the NP's chance of winning elections in Atteridgeville Tshabalala, who was re-elected branch chairman at the end of the Congress on Saturday, said: "The Atteridgeville seat is safe for the Nats."

Tshabalala added that they had 4 000 members in nearby Laudium, more than 3 500 in Mamelodi and about 800 in Soshanguve.

Alex massacre is recalled

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By SONTI MASEKO

A WITNESS told the Rand Supreme Court that, moments before 13 people were murdered at the night vigil in Alexandra earlier this year, she had voices say: "Shoot us, where are your weapons".

Then sounds of a rapid succession of gunfire followed, the witness who may not be identified told Mr Justice H Daniels yesterday.

The witness, who was sleeping in a house next to where the massacre took place, said she assumed the words were uttered by the gunmen.

Five men have pleaded not guilty to killing 13 people and attempting to murder 17 others at a night vigil in Alexandra on March 26 this year.

They are Mr Gibson Mbatha (28), Mr Derrick Majozi (21), Mr Christopher Mbatha (30), Mr Petrus Buthelezi (31) and Mr John Zakwe (56).

They also pleaded not guilty to housebreaking with intention to murder, possession of a machinegun, pistol and ammunition.

The judge has ruled that the proceedings be held in camera to protect the identities of certain witnesses who fear for their lives.

The protection was yesterday extended to a woman who the judge said appeared extremely anxious and fearful, although her evidence was not incriminating any of the accused because she never identified them.

The witness who attended the night vigil said she was shot on the left ankle, below the right knee and on the left thigh and admitted to hospital for three weeks.

She told the court that she never saw the attackers because she had consumed some alcohol.

Survivors hide after shack raid

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By IKE MOTSAPI

SURVIVORS of an attack at Mshenguville, Soweto, where a woman and her three-year-old daughter were killed, claim police are reluctant to arrest some of the suspects.

The two survivors, a man and a woman who witnessed the gruesome killing of Miss Ntombikhona Ngcobo and her baby, Nokubonga, on September 21 are in hiding, fearing for their lives.

They allege in affidavits submitted to lawyers and police that they know the suspects and have informed the police of their whereabouts.

The survivors claim that some of the culprits are still on the loose and that police are doing nothing to arrest them.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said they were investigating the allegations.

In the affidavits, Mshenguville resident Mr Robert Dube says: "This incident happened in my shack in Mshenguville, Soweto, wherein my girlfriend, Ntombikhona Ngcobo, and our child, Nokubonga (3),

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were murdered.

"I and Elizabeth Gaza were seriously injured.

"I make this affidavit for the perusal and attention of the Regional Commissioner of Police, Witwatersrand, the Commissioner of Police, Pretoria, the Minister of Law and Order, Pretoria, and the station commander, South African Police, Mofoka Police Station, for although the matter has been reported to the police and two of the culprits are in the process of being charged with murder, I still feel that the police are very reluctant to pursue this matter to its lawful end.

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"Although reasons for my belief that the police are reluctant to pursue this matter will clearly appear in this affidavit, I wish at this stage to refer to four incidents which make me to be convinced that the police are reluctant to pursue the matter."

Dube went on to describe the events of that fateful day.

"I was hit with a knobkierie and stabbed with an assegai. I lay down on the floor pretending to be dead. I saw one man also stabbing my girlfriend with an assegai.

"At that juncture I smelt petrol. My girlfriend and child were killed and I want these people to be charged for what they did."

Govt, ANC urged to curb crime wave

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DAVE LOURENS

DP MP for Houghton Tony Leon last night called on government and the ANC to take action to end "a terror" of lawlessness, saying residents of Johannesburg's northern suburbs were "as mad as hell and they're simply not going to sit back and take any more".

Speaking at an anti-crime protest rally in Saxonwold, Leon said: "Criminal lawlessness has engulfed our suburbs and constituencies, creating a new terror quite unlike anything previously experienced.

"The piety of certain political figures and Cabinet Ministers has become sickening. Hand on heart, political leaders praise peace, deplore violence, sign peace accords and score debating points. But the slaughter in the suburbs goes on.

Petitions

"Two months ago the Minister of Law and Order promised us bobbies on the beat — where are they?"

Sapa reports DP leader Zach de Beer expressed confidence at the meeting that renewed investment, rising employment and a falling crime rate would result the minute SA implemented a new constitution.

Residents at the meeting were given petitions demanding immediate steps from government. These included the deployment of a more visible police presence in the suburbs.

According to information provided to the DP by police, 6 000 more policemen were needed in the Witwatersrand region.

The petition called for the SADF to assist police in crime prevention. Leon said the urgency of the situation now required that national servicemen be drafted directly into the police and be given preliminary training before being put on the streets as part of a special police task force to combat crime.

Residents were also urged to join the demand for the major municipalities to be used to assist the police.

Johannesburg North MP Peter Soal urged residents to enrol as police reservists.

Leon said government was obliged to act to end crime, but also sharply criticised extra-parliamentary organisations for their role in the violence.

Leadership figures had to end their moral double bookkeeping. "An appalling recent example of this is the PAC. Their so-called army recently took responsibility for the killing of two policemen in Soweto last weekend. And their local secretary-general, Benny Alexander, simply refused to deal with the matter."

The ANC also had to step in and end its silence and inaction over the current lawlessness, Leon said.

De Beer said crime and the economy formed a vicious, two-way circle.

"This year, we are told, only one in every 10 work-seekers will find a job. Others may find some, probably part-time and very low-paid, employment in the informal sector. For the rest, crime becomes quite an attractive option."

The high crime rate today was "part of the price we are paying for the apartheid years".

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Ivory Park gives peace a chance

In a burgeoning new town between Johannesburg and Pretoria they aren't waiting for war to break out before they start calling for peace. They're getting the precautions in place while the going is good. By Denis Beckett. (248)

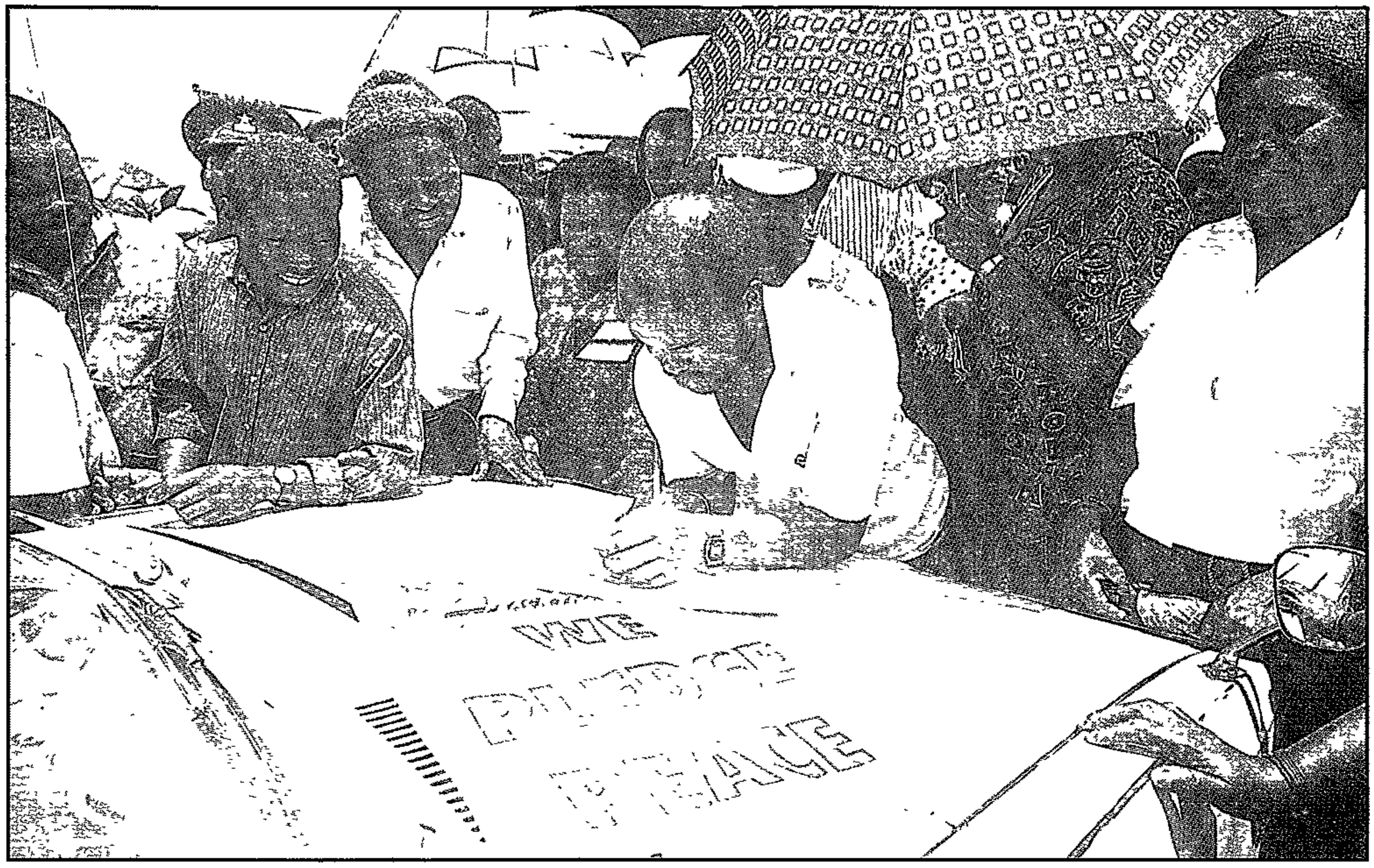
Sam Songo carries weight. You see that right upfront. It's not just the suit — pinstripe, and eyecatching in the Ivory Park environment if a touch scuffed by boardroom standards. It's manner.

Here's Sam at a megaphone on the back of a bakkie, giving 2 000 of his followers a pep-talk on peace. His lieutenants tug at his sleeve to alert him to a visitor keen to inject a point of information. Sam bestows on all concerned an icy look that says loud and clear. "Visitor or not, point of hammers and nails, and built.

That was a year ago. Now, Ivory Park is the size of a town. In fact, three times the size of the nearest "real" town, Halfway House. It has 14 000 dwellings, some 85 000 people, nestling in reasonable tranquillity

Jobs are scarce, water is short, incomes are low, and the potential for conflict is high. But the reality of conflict . that's something else.

Sam Songo, whose domain covers the bulk of the area, is proudly PAC. The leaders of the two smaller sections lean more towards the ANC.



Pledging peace . . . residents of Ivory Park sign peace pledges. Picture: Jacoob Rykliff

whatever, he can wait".

Sam Songo is pretty much the father of Ivory Park. He created it in the way the legendary Sofasonke Mpanza created Orlando East 45 years ago. He mobilised thousands of landless people, and led them to land.

The first patch of land was a place called Oakmore, east of Tembisa. The stay was brief. After a flurry of court actions the bulldozers geared up, and it was goodbye to Oakmore.

So Sam rallied the multitudes once again. They took what was left of their zincs and boards over to the west of Tembisa, and got out their

There are Inkatha pockets all over.

So far political headbreaking has been close to nil, political houseburning absolutely nil.

The leaders sit jointly on the Co-ordinating Committee, along with a lucky-dip of outsiders — residents of surrounding white and coloured suburbs, provincial and municipal officials, volunteer experts in anything from literacy to infant nutrition.

In both pigment and politics the committee contains as wide a diversity of South Africans as is to be had. Not all are imbued with love and altruism. Some wish Ivory

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Park had never come into being, or had been an elite area as was once proposed.

The common denominator is the view that Ivory Park *is* there, for good or ill and it is blessed with a controlling body where private political agendas are sunk beneath a common interest in stability and order and progress.

Headway has been strong. Plots are laid out; roads are graded; street committees administer order. The cardboard walls are slowly giving way to permanent buildings. There are already thousands of gardens and vegetable patches and hundreds of tiny businesses.

Yet the road ahead is long. There is almost nothing in the way of health care, of schooling, of formal policing, of regular employment.

What there is plenty of, is threat. Peace is fragile. There have been conflagrations — not "political", true, but does that matter in the mortuary? There have been ominous taxi skirmishes. There is a looming problem over a more basic matter: bowel movement.

Ivory Park has two kinds of loo. One has a flushing-tank; you pull a chain and there you are. You replenish your tank every day or two, but you have mechanical support at the moment that matters. The other kind, you fill your jam tin and flush manually.

There's unhappiness. Grumblings are heard. Is this favouritism, or what? Jealousy is palpable. Violence is possible.

And then, how long will the holiday from politics last? Deep down everybody knows that some day the spirit of tolerance will be put to a hard test. No one's too sure it will pass.

Sam Songo, like the other leaders, wants a prophylactic. He doesn't want to wait until there's blood in the streets and then start pleading for peace.

That's why he is standing on the bakkie speaking to what looks like an umbrella plantation.

Sam lays on Peace with a heavy-duty trowel while the umbrellas chant assent. Then with a flourish Sam displays the "We Pledge Peace" poster, like a mayor unveiling a plaque.

There's deafening applause. Sam signs the first peace pledge and calls for allies. Thousands of anxious hands converge on the bakkie. The forms could as well have been banknotes.

A pile of rolls of air-freight tape turn up. The committee commandeers these and sets up a central signing point on the bonnet of a convenient car. A huge queue forms, stretching patiently into the middle distance and chanting "Peace, Peace". People collect posters and tape as they sign.

A young man comes up with eyes ashine to say: "Everybody will sign. Ivory Park will be the peace leader of South Africa."

SIBONGILE KHUMALO

Concert of sacred music plea for peace in our land

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By ELLIOT MAKHAYA

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- *Sowetan Correspondent.*

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By ALI MPHAKI

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IFP threatens to establish own army

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By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Staff

The Inkatha Freedom Party might consider establishing its own private army if other organisations such as the ANC continued to have private armies, IFP central committee member and Transvaal leader Musa Myeni warned yesterday.

At a press conference in Johannesburg, Mr Myeni said his party was aware of "continued efforts" by some organisations to recruit young men for military training inside and outside the country, and that the IFP was "the major target" of this training.

Military training, Mr Myeni said, was given to new recruits in countries such as Uganda, Cuba, Libya, Tanzania, Angola and Transkei.

Accept

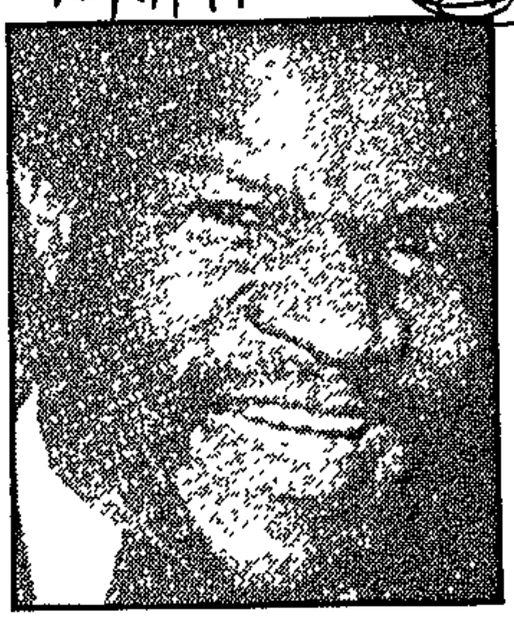
He called on the Government to "accept the consequences of this military training" and challenged South African Indian leaders to say where they stood on the Indian government's recent decision to provide military training to ANC recruits.

The IFP leader said many other organisations, including the Conservative Party and "maybe even the National Party", had their own private armies, and asked why the IFP could not do the same.

"The IFP has a right to defend itself Its options are being narrowed and (we) cannot be bystanders for too long.

"We may have to match every step taken by other major players," Mr Myeni said.

He said that since the signing of the National Peace Accord,



Musa Myeni . . . Inkatha a major target.

the IFP had "experienced gross violations of its integrity, dignity and the very physical existence of its members" in at least 16 incidents in the Transvaal alone.

These incidents, he said, ranged "from irresponsible public statements to killings and aborted massacres", and he held the ANC-SACP alliance and black policemen responsible for most of these incidents.

Mr Myeni, who accused black policemen of being biased against the IFP and in favour of the ANC, said his party had evidence of policemen brutally killing IFP members "as though they want to please those who have declared war on the IFP".

He said the IFP had, without success, sought an urgent meeting with Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel. The IFP had consequently warned that any confrontation which took place between the police and the IFP would be Mr Kriel's responsibility.

"Our people have had enough. These political policemen, guilty of political hatred, should never think that our people are afraid of them. Our people have so far been trying to be decent, giving authorities the respect we always preach.

"If the State cannot deal effectively with its own undesirable elements, our people reserve the right to defend themselves at whatever cost. We therefore demand that bad elements within the police force be removed or else they would be matched at their game," said Mr Myeni.

He called on the head of the Commission on Violence and Intimidation, Mr Justice Goldstone, to investigate the continued training of "military operatives" in and around the Reef and Transkei, the "aborted massacre" of Merafe hostel dwellers by youths alleged to be ANC members at the weekend, and other incidents submitted to the commission.

Spoke

Asked to comment yesterday, ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said Mr Myeni's statements "spoke for themselves". She said the ANC, a signatory to the Accord, respected the right of every organisation to exist and espouse its policies.

"Musa Myeni has clearly spelt out IFP policy for all who are willing to listen," said Miss Marcus.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said it was strange that the IFP, a signatory to the Accord, had chosen to go to the media with the allegations instead of placing them before the police and the Commission on Intimidation and Violence to be investigated.

Mr Myeni's allegations, Brigadier Mellet said, were serious "and one would expect a reasonable organisation to back them up with evidence".

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Statements filed on Tokoza killings

By Montshiwa Moroke 278

The man who alleged that policemen shot at mourners returning from the funeral of civic leader Sam Ntuli in Tokoza filed two statements with his attorneys yesterday.

Mninawe Luphuwane had been opposed to making a statement to the police and was then subpoenaed in terms of section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act "to testify before a magistrate and give details of the crime which details are referred to in the Sunday Star of October 13".

He appeared yesterday before Mr J J Erlank in the Alberton Magistrate's Court, where his attorney Johan Scholtz requested that the matter stand down as his client was willing to make a statement.

Mr Luphuwane, who was shot and wounded in the attack in Tokoza on October 7, made a full statement in chambers and Mr Scholtz later obtained a further supplementary statement.

The statement is expected to be referred to the Transvaal Attorney-General for his decision.

Mr Luphuwane previously pointed out two men in a photograph taken on the day of the funeral and alleged that they had fired at mourners from a car without licence plates.

In a sworn statement made earlier, he had claimed he had been thrown to the ground and had passed out after a policemen had shot him.

His statement implicated the officers attached to the Crime Information Services in the killings, in which 20 people died and more than 24 were injured. Police spokesmen rejected his allegations but promised an investigation.

Restrictions in Alex lifted

Business Day Reporter

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday lifted unrest area restrictions on the magisterial district of Randburg, which includes Alexandra township, after police said violence in the area had declined significantly.

The announcement of the withdrawal was carried by a special Government Gazette yesterday.

A police spokesman said restrictions still remained in force in eight other townships on the Reef — Soweto, Dobsonville, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Kathlehong, Vosloorus, Thembisa and Thokoza.

Samwu general secretary Mr John Ernstzen presenting a memorandum to Johannesburg town clerk Mr Graham Collins.
Pic: PAT SEBOKO

Marchers want the police to be impartial

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By IKE MOTSAPI

JOHANNESBURG's CBD came to a standstill yesterday as more than 30 000 municipal employees took to the streets in protest against alleged police partiality.

The workers, who are members of the South African Municipal Workers ' Union, said police had failed to bring to book people behind acts of intimidation and violence.

The march started at 9.30am at the union 's Johannesburg offices in Fox Street and proceeded through Rissik Street to the civic centre in Braamfontein, where a memorandum was handed to town clerk Mr Graham Collins.

Collins promised Samwu general secretary Mr John Ernstzen that the council would study the union's demand and that a response would be forwarded to him later.

The marchers then proceeded to the John Vorster Square police station, where a memorandum was handed to a Brigadier Venter.

Venter did not want to discuss anything with the organisers of the march but ordered them to move away from the police station "as soon as possible."

Addressing the workers, Ernstzen said: "We protest to the Johannesburg City Council and the police against the persecution of our workers at the Van Beeck Hostel, the terror to which they are subjected, the assaults which take place and the killing of our workers."

Ernstzen quoted instances which he said were about Samwu members who were assaulted and killed.

He said the workers demanded:

* An end to bias or partiality;
* An end to a terror campaign against Samwu;
* Impartiality and neutrality by police and the army;
* All those implicated be investigated and prosecuted;
* Police stop assaulting workers; and
* Police adhere to the code of conduct contained in the National Peace Accord.

Shooting at station

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COMMUTERS waiting to board a train exchanged gunfire with passengers in a passing train at Johannesburg Station yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said a group of about 200 men, who he described as Zulus, were waiting to board a train on platforms one and two when a passenger in a passing train fired at them.

One of the Zulus returned fire but no one was injured, he said. 278

Azayo's Thami Mcerwa shot in Soweto and car hijacked

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THE president of the Azanian Youth Organisation, Mr Thami Mcerwa, was shot last night and his car hijacked as he entered his home in Dlamini, Soweto.

According to initial reports, Mcerwa (29) was opening the gate of his home when a gunman opened fire, seriously injuring him. He was rushed to Baragwanath Hospital.

Azayo said last night that Mcerwa had been a victim of "State-orchestrated attacks and those of rival ideological groupings'' since 1984.

In 1984 he was attacked by students belonging to a rival ideological group at the University of the North and in 1986 during the feud between the UDF and Azapo his home was attacked with hand-grenades.

Last year he was attacked by students of a rival grouping at Glen Thomas residence for

By MOKGADI PELA

students at Baragwanath Hospital after addressing a meeting.

He has been detained several times under security legislation and at the time of being shot was working for the Food Beverage Workers Union.

Condition

Azayo deputy-president, Mr George Ngwenya, warned that the "political programme to eliminate the Black Consciousness Movement", had started.

His condition was not known by late last night.

5 hurt as Zulus return train fire

JOHANNESBURG. — Five commuters were wounded on a Soweto-bound train when a group of Zulus returned fire on passengers in a passing train at Johannesburg station yesterday afternoon. (278) CT 14|11|91

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt Wikus Weber said Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto had confirmed that five people who were travelling on the train were admitted to the hospital with bullet wounds.

Earlier, Lt Weber said a group of about 200 Zulus were waiting to board a train when a passenger in a passing train fired at them. The Zulus returned fire.

One Zulu man was arrested for illegal possession of a firearm. A .22 revolver was confiscated.

Twelve people have been arrested in connection with the shooting at a taxi rank near Durban's Victoria Street market late on Tuesday, in which two women were shot dead. — Sapa

Wattville burial for PAC man

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By Isaac Moledi

A MEMBER of the Pan Africanist Congress in Wattville, Mr Lionel Veli Nkosi, who was stabbed to death at the weekend, will be buried at the local cemetery tomorrow.

Nkosi, popularly known as "Tavero", was killed while on his way home last Sunday.

The cortege will leave for the cemetery at 1pm.

IFP warns over attack at station

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By JOE MDHLELA

THE Inkatha Freedom Party might take the law into its own hands if ANC members continued to attack their people, West Rand spokesman Mr Humphrey Ndhlovu said yesterday.

Ndhlovu also urged the Government and Spoornet to discourage followers of the ANC from singing freedom songs and holding rallies in trains.

Ndhlovu's reaction was triggered by an attack on commuters at Johannesburg Station on Wednesday.

He claimed two IFP members were killed when shots were fired at an Inkatha group on the platform.

"We are not going to fold our arms and watch our people getting killed by people calling themselves members of the ANC. We are going to retaliate if this madness fails to stop," he said.

The ANC's department of publicity and information said the ethnic motivation placed on the shooting at Johannesburg Station only served to inflame emotions in an extremely volatile situation.

The ANC's Ms Gill Marcus said the claim by Ndhlovu that the ANC was responsible for the shooting was illegitimate.

"The ANC condemns this lawlessness unequivocally. This indiscriminate attack on a group of innocent men is unacceptable in any civilised society," she said.

Isolate train gunmen - ANC

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SA Press Association

THE African National Congress yesterday expressed its "deep sense of shock and horror" at the shooting incident in which five people were injured at Johannesburg station on Wednesday.

According to police reports, gunmen opened fire from inside a train at about 200 Zulu-speaking men standing on two station platforms, resulting in at least five people being injured. Sowetan 15/11/91

In a statement the ANC said it condemned the lawlessness unequivocally.

"This indiscriminate attack on a group of apparently innocent men is unacceptable in any civilised society. The alleged ethnic motivation of this heinous crime will only serve to inflame passions in an extremely volatile situation," it said.

"It is the responsibility of all who seek peace and freedom to uphold the letter and spirit of the Peace Accord the better to isolate and expose the perpetrators of violence from whatever quarter."

The ANC said it found it "incredible" that after all the killings and death on the trains, the SA Police still had not taken adequate steps to ensure the safety of commuters.

Inquiry starts on violence in Tokoza

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By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The Tokoza violence of September 8 this year is to come under the spotlight today at the first meeting of a committee of the Standing Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence and Intimidation.

The commission is also currently meeting with all parties concerned with the recent violence at Welkom's President Steyn mine, where up to 76 miners were killed in clashes.

In a statement, commission chairman Mr Justice Goldstone said parties included the National Union of Mine Workers, the police, the Free State Attorney-General and Anglo American.

The commission had sent out over 500 written requests for information on public violence and intimidation.

However, the commission wished to stress that it had only five members and that in order to carry out its mandate effectively, it would have to rely on information from other reliable sources, including court proceedings.

"It cannot possibly itself inquire into every incident of political violence," Mr Justice Goldstone said. The commission was in no way intended to replace normal State structures and mechanisms such as police investigations, judicial inquests and prosecutions by attorneys-general.

The fact that the commission had found it proper to investigate the Tokoza violence should not be seen as a precedent for a variety of committees of the commission to investigate every situation of violence which might arise in future, he said.

Mr Justice Goldstone further warned that in terms of the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation Act, it was a criminal offence to anticipate the proceedings or findings of the commission in a manner calculated to influence such proceedings or findings.

"In no way does the commission wish to inhibit the free flow of public information. Indeed, media debate and discussion can only assist it in the performance of its functions," he said.

Legitimate discussion of matters of public interest which were the subject of the commission's proceedings was not suspended.

cide after a shoot-out at Noenieput on the Namibian border. — Sapa.

in Taipei yesterday for a three-day visit. He was accompanied by Nationalist Chinese President Lee Tong-Hui, left. Picture AP

Violence probe team focuses on Thokoza

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TIM COHEN

MORE than 500 written requests for information had been sent out by the commission of inquiry into prevention of violence and intimidation, commission chairman Mr Justice Goldstone said yesterday.

The commission would meet in Pretoria today on violence and alleged intimidation in Thokoza since September 8, he said in a statement.

Meetings were being held to discuss violence at the President Steyn gold mine in Welkom with the NUM, the SAP, Anglo American representatives and the Free State Attorney-General.

After these meetings the commission would be in a better position to consider what steps should be taken.

Mr Justice Goldstone stressed that the commission did not wish to inhibit free flow of information. "Indeed, media debate and discussion can only assist it in the performance of its functions".

He pointed out that the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation Act prohibited anticipation of the proceedings at an inquiry or the findings of a commission in a manner calculated to influence such proceedings.

Subject to these provisions, it would not be an offence to discuss a matter publicly.

The commission consisted of only five members and could not possibly look into every incident of political violence, he said.

"The Commission was in no way intended, nor has it the power of authority, to replace the normal state structures and mechanisms such as police investigations, judicial inquests and prosecutions by Attorneys-General," he said.

Meanwhile VERA VON LIERES reports that about 150 mineworkers returned to the No 2 shaft at the President Steyn gold mine yesterday.

Anglo American said about 300 employees from the shaft had indicated that they wanted to return to work.

Another 300 had said they wished to leave the mine.

"Management has indicated that those who choose to leave will have to resign," Anglo said.

Sapa reports mine management held talks with NUM and other employee representatives on Wednesday.

Anglo spokesman James Duncan said management had agreed to hold further talks yesterday and, depending on the outcome of discussions, "we hope to have a full return to work thereafter".

Flitestar adds another route

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LINDEN BIRNS

FLITESTAR, SA's new domestic airline, began scheduled flights yesterday between Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth, and expanded its Johannesburg-Durban service from four to five return flights a day.

This followed the arrival earlier in the week of the airline's fourth Airbus A320 from the manufacturers in Toulouse, France.

Flitestar also announced supplements, enabling passengers booked to travel Economy Class on off-peak flights to be upgraded to Business Class.

On single flights to or from Johannesburg, passengers pay R14 for the upgrade if flying to or from Durban; R21 if they are coming from or going to Port Elizabeth; and R28 if they are flying to or from Cape Town.

The airline is offering a corporate discount whereby companies who spend more than R50 000 a year on Flitestar tickets will earn discounts of from 5% to 9% on gross revenue.

Vrededorp points the way to reconciliation

PEACE TRAIN

VREDEDORP — white, Right and tough — is not the place to expect heavy emotion over the commitment to peace. DENIS BECKETT reports on a surprising meeting. (2/8)

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PASTOR Marcus Jacobs only wanted to help. That's why he set up Satisfaction Guaranteed Ministries, and why he is now setting up a youth movement in Vrededorp.

And it's why he invited the local police chief and the bank manager and the junior city council along with youth groups of every colour and creed to the opening and asked them to sign The Star's Peace Pledge.

He only wanted to help — but it didn't work quite according to plan. The occasion turned into a verbal brawl between revivalist Christians and philosophers of liberation.

The revivalists came up with lines like "since the Hindus are going to hell, how can we work with them?". The liberationists were into "critical analysis of the structural elements of cross-cultural communication".

The revivalists plonked a bewildered orphan on stage as Exhibit Number One of the war for minds and souls. Debate raged over the child's head while a couple of hundred guests contemplated the mustard and paper tes laid o before them hoping

GETTING INTO THE PEACE ACT: White Vrededorpers, including the chairman of the Vrededorp Residents Association, Mrs J Hanekom (centre), join a many-hued surge of peace enthusiasm at Vrededorp's civic hall.

● Photograph: ALF KUMALO

they'd see the hot dogs before their stomachs imploded.

Then the Peace Pledge came up and changed things. When Mr Jacobs called for signatories, there was a surge of common cause. People could identify with the Peace Accord, which does not tell you not to argue — only to allow the other person another view.

Melting pot

The affair showed how far we are from united. It also showed how far we are from where we used to be.

Vrededorp is no hotbed of liberalism. The south end, where Satisfaction Guaranteed thunders its Sunday message, is something of a melting pot. The north, where the meeting is, is as white and Right as you get.

Katjiepiering Street is the place moviemakers choose for poor-white documentaries. Not long ago a dark complexion here in the Jan Hofmeyr Hall, except over a broom, would have led to rapid ructions.

Now we have the chairman of Vrededorp's ratepayers appealing to a mainly coloured youth group to do more to encompass whites.

Here, too, are a handful of curious Vrededorp Afrikaners peering at first suspiciously from behind the door, then moving cautiously inside, then clapping to the beat of Gloria Rajah's homemade songs about harmony in South Africa, then taking seats, only to be bamboozled by the sight of two multiracial cliques squabbling furiously about who can work with whom.

Then comes the signing of pledges. The silent majority flood forward, the Vrededorpers well in among them, proclaiming peace with gusto and oblivious to the doctrinal bickering. Finally the rival ideologues follow — sulkily.

Unity. Do we need it? Not really. Rather, the ability to dissent without disrespect. A blow has been struck in Vrededorp.

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Injured man tells of earlier attack on 'massacre train'

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ABBEY MAKOE

A VICTIM of yesterday's train attack at Braamfontein station survived a similar attack on the same train three weeks ago and last night branded it "a train of massacres".

One man was hacked to death and seven others injured in the early morning attack.

Hillbrow Hospital authorities allowed the Saturday Star to interview two of the injured on condition that their names were withheld.

Speaking from his bed last night one victim said Train 9019 from Soweto to Johannesburg was the same one in which nine people were killed between Nancefield station and Orlando three weeks ago.

"Now I've survived a second attack. It would take a real fool to return to the same train," he said.

He said a group of people burst into coaches yesterday, hacking and shooting at commuters and shouting "shaya!" — Zulu for "hit".

He said he threw himself out of the train, which had stopped at the platform, breaking his ankle.

The other victim, a hostel dweller, said he had lived in Nancefield for about 30 years He expressed shock at the continuing violence in the trains. "I don't intend going back to the trains unless poverty drives me back," he said.

He suffered injuries to the waist and leg when he fell off the train and "other people trampled on me", he said.

Last night, a police spokesman said that shortly after the incident three people had been arrested for possession of an axe, a panga and a fire-arm.

Alleged attacker 'an IFP member'

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ABBEY MAKOE

AN alleged train killer — two weeks after being released on R2 000 bail — says he is to have an important meeting with Inkatha Central Committe members in Ulundi next weekend.

In an exclusive interview with the Saturday Star, Albert Dlamini threatened legal action against the press for reports concerning his alleged role in the killing of two people on a train last month.

He first hit the headlines early last month when he and another man, Simon Komane, became the first alleged train killers in the country to be arrested — after being caught and beaten by commuters after the attack on the train in which they were travelling.

The attack occured between Wadeville and Katlehong stations. Two commuters were killed and eight others injured after a stream of bullets was unleashed at passengers aboard the train.

Mr Dlamini complained bitterly about the way in which the press covered the incident, but would not specify which reports maligned him. "I'm meeting with Themba Khoza and Musa Myeni this coming week," he said.

As part of his bail conditions Mr Dlamini is required to report to Cleveland police station weekly. "Next week I'll come to sign early in the morning and leave for Ulundi, where I'm meeting with top Inkatha officials," he said.

Asked whether at the time of the incident he was an Inkatha member, he paused and said: "I've always belonged to Inkatha. Actually, I don't want to talk to you press people," and turned away.

Despite the seriousness of the offences he was charged with, the State did not oppose a bail application for Mr Dlamini (29), of Block C Mazibuko hostel, Katlehong.

Humphrey Ndlovu, IFP's West Rand secretary, initially failed to confirm or deny Mr Dlamini was an IFP member. "I don't know the man. There's nothing I can say until his branch confirms that he is a member of the IFP or not," he said.

When asked about a meeting between Mr Dlamini, Mr Myeni and Mr Khoza, he said he would have known if such a meeting was on the cards. "It is untrue."

He declined to answer further questions.

Mr Myeni was said to be out of the country while Mr Khoza was said to be too busy with funeral arrangements of an Inkatha member to respond inquiries.

PAC man stabbed, torched

A MUNSIEVILLE Pan Africanist Congress supporter was murdered last night, allegedly by 10 ANC supporters who stabbed him several times and then set him alight.

Police spokesman for the Witwatersrand Captain Henriette Bester said the group trapped the man about 5.45 pm at House 27 in Munsieville, west of Johannesburg.

She said the man was stabbed in the head and chest with a garden fork before he was set alight.

She said a man was arrested after the attack.

PAC and ANC officials in Munsieville said fighting was still continuing two hours after the killing, which happened when clashes broke out between members of the two organisations. — Staff Reporter and Sapa.

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IFP 'can't afford' counsel for Thokoza investigation

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THE Inkhata Freedom Party (IFP) says it cannot afford to pay for legal representation at the inquiry into the wave of violence in the East Rand's Thokoza township.

But says a fair decision on the causes of the violence is impossible without its input.

The financial plight of the IFP emerged at the opening session of the Committee of the Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation yesterday.

Other major organisations such as the African National Congress, Cosatu, the Thokoza Civic Association, as well as the family of the late Mr Sam Ntuli, were represented at the meeting by legal council.

Mr Max Mosselson, for the IFP, requested the two-week postponement at the opening session, but this was rejected by the committee.

He said the IFP was "financially embarrassed" and needed time to raise funds for legal representation.

Committee chairman Advocate S Sithole also read into the committee's record a letter addressed to him from IFP central committee member Ms Suzanne Vos.

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She stated that the issue of IFP not being legally represented "may well jeopardise our efforts to persuade our constituents that they must support and actively assist us all in implementing each and every provision entailed in the (Peace) Accord".

Mr Sithole ruled that the IFP had had three weeks to raise money yet there was "no evidence that the IFP had taken specific measures to raise funds".

It appeared the IFP was not prepared to get permission to use "US Aid" funds at its disposal, he said.

However, an IFP spokesman said last night the party could not use the US Aid funds to pay for legal representation at the inquiry as the funds are earmarked for the negotiation process.

Clarifying the IFP position, Ms Vos said the allocation of the funds was for a specific purpose and could not be used to pay for the party's legal fees.

In terms of the IFP agreement with US Aid, the funds would be used for training for the negotiations process, she added.

Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Curren made an offer to find sponsors for the IFP to be legally represented until the date it had asked the proceedings to be postponed to.

"It is apparent that the Thokoza inquiry is an urgent matter and that the situation is critical," Mr Sithole said.

At least three people were being killed in the township daily according to information available to the committee and the time delay sought by the IFP did not weigh up against the urgency, he added.

Counsel for the committee Mr J J du Toit, who will be assisted by Mr J P Pretorius in leading evidence, said they would kick off with events surrounding the September 8 massacre near the sports stadium in Thokoza which claimed 23 lives and injured 17 others.

The killing of Mr Sam Ntuli, 21 days later and his funeral which cost the lives of 23 people and injured 22, has also been earmarked for Tuesday and thereafter witnesses will be called.

Necklace death violates ANC, PAC truce

JOHANNESBURG. — Fighting erupted last night between African National Congress supporters and Pan Africanist Congress members in Munsieville, west of Johannesburg, a day after a truce to end a long-drawn feud.

At least one person, believed to be a member of the PAC, was reported killed in the clashes that erupted at 5 pm.

Police said that about 10 men stormed a house in Munsvielle, seized an occupant, stabbed him with a garden fork and set him alight. The man died in the blaze.

PAC claimed the necklaced man was one of their members.

Police spokeswoman Captain Henriette Bester said calm returned to the township after an arrest by the SAP. — Sapa.

Fight between ANC and PAC

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Police said about 10 men stormed a house in Munsvielle, seized a man believed to be a PAC supporter, stabbed him with a garden fork and set him alight. The man died.

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Train attack: Cops arrest 3

JOHANNESBURG — Police here arrested three men yesterday following an early morning gun, axe and machete attack on commuters travelling by train between two Johannesburg stations, police said.

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The attack was the third on commuters in Johannesburg in three days. Police said three men found in possession of a revolver, an axe and a machete were arrested when the train stopped at the next station following the attack.

ANC condemns Munsieville killing

THE ANC has condemned the violence that broke out between its members and the PAC in Munsieville on Friday afternoon. C/Pens 17/11/91

In the clash between the two organisations student teacher Abner Mongwagelwa, 22 – a PAC supporter – was stabbed to death with a garden fork and then set alight. (278)

An ANC member said the fighting broke out a day after the ANC and PAC had agreed that PAC members who were driven out of the township last year would return.

Even whites fear the AWB

By JOCELYN MAKER

UNLIKE other white businessmen in boycott-stricken Phalaborwa, motor mechanic Willie Struwig, 27, is doing just fine.

Mr Struwig lives and works among the town's blacks.

Four months ago he arrived in Phalaborwa with his wife Truir, 25, and their baby son, to start a new life. They could not find a house to rent so the Struwigs moved into a black-owned rest camp on the border of Namakgale township and he set up a car repair business.

He is happy living and working among blacks, but he lives in fear.

"I am terrified that the AWB will kill me and my family when they find out I am not being boycotted," said Mr Struwig.

"It's time for everyone to realise that this war must end. I am only a mechanic who wants to survive."

"The people are friendly and there is no tension between us. I want to live in peace and don't want to become embroiled in politics."

He said he had no fear when he and his family visited black friends and many were good to them.

Chaos

"I am more afraid of the white man. I am sure I will be hounded out by right-wingers in the same way they attack blacks who live in the white suburbs.

"This country is in chaos and we should all get down to making it the best place in Africa."

Mrs Struwig said her black neighbours were good to her family.

"There is another white man who lives here and he is just as happy."

3 Slain in raid

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AT LEAST three people were killed and six seriously injured when gunmen opened fire with AK-47 rifles on a group attending a party at a house at Vosloorus in the East Rand last night.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI and KENOSI MODISANE

A caller from the scene of the incident said gunmen travelling in a kombi shot at revellers who were in the yard of a house in Mokgako Street.

However, police said gunmen in a taxi shot at a stationary taxi near the house, triggering off a full-scale search by the SAP and the South African Defence Force

The six injured were taken to Natalspruit Hospital.

Meanwhile three Soweto policemen were shot in an ambush when armed men opened fire on their vehicle near Weenen in Natal at the weekend.

Suspect

Eastern Natal police spokesman Captain Hamilton Ngidi said the three policemen, Lieutenant H Beukes, Sergeant AL Kent and Constable H Tsosane, of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Squad, were admitted to Grey's Hospital in Maritzburg.

"They were returning to the Weenen police station with a murder suspect when shots were fired at them," Ngidi said.

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THE MAN WHO BEAT THE KU KLUX KLAN: Louisiana governor Edwin Edwards proclaims victory over arch-racist and former KKK Grand Wizard David Duke at a celebration on Saturday night in the United States. Story on page 6.

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He added that the suspect, also from Soweto, had gone to point out other suspects to the policemen.

The policemen were investigating a case of murder which took place in Mofolo, Soweto.

A hospital spokesman yesterday described the policemen's condition as stable.

Meanwhile, a policeman was shot dead during an investigation in Sakhile township, Standerton, on Saturday morning.

Constable PM Chauke (26) died when a gunman opened fire while he was investigating reports that an armed gang was terrorising residents near the local community hall. No arrests have been made.

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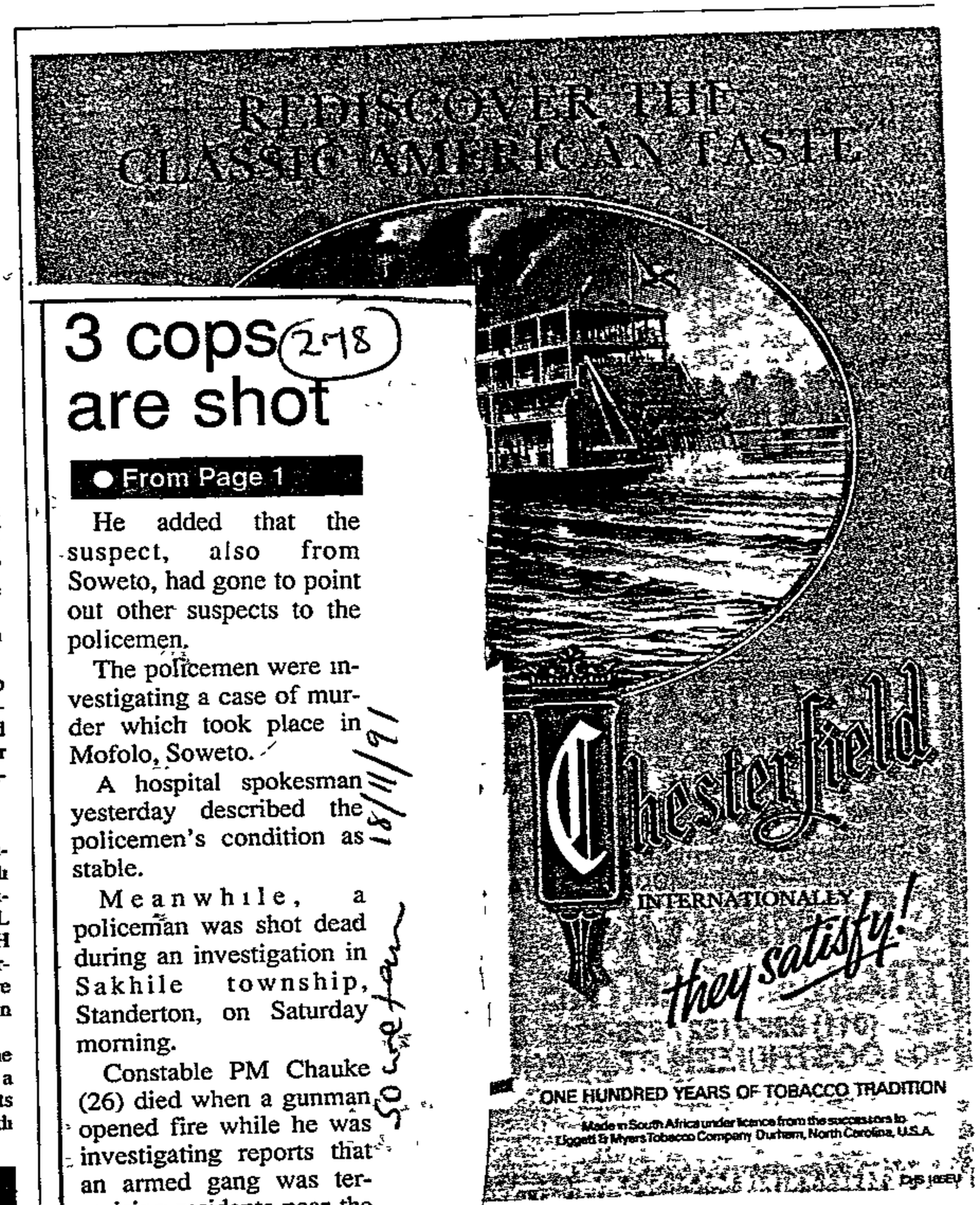

Student teacher is killed in WR clash

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A PAC supporter in Munsieville, Krugersdorp, was stabbed to death with a garden fork at the weekend, allegedly by 10 ANC supporters who then set him alight.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said the group trapped the man, identified as student teacher Mr Abner Mongwagelwa (22), about 5.45pm on Friday at a house in the West Rand township.

Bester said the man was stabbed in the head and chest with a garden fork before his assailants set him alight.

She said one of the men was arrested shortly after the attack. The police had the situation under control, Bester said.

But PAC and ANC officials in Munsieville said fighting was still continuing two hours after the killing, which happened when clashes broke out between members of the two parties.

PAC officials said ANC members rampaged through the township, hacking and stabbing opponents. He said the PAC member reported killed was hacked and a petrol-filled tyre was put around his neck and set alight.

The official said fighting erupted a day after Thursday's truce between the ANC and PAC to resolve a long-standing feud.

According to the truce, PAC members driven out of the area during last year's violence were allowed to return to the township. - *Sowetan Reporter and Sapa.*

Alex folk forced to pay for burials

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Unknown men claiming to be IFP members have been forcing Alexandra residents to pay money towards the costs of the funerals of people who died during the recent two-day national stayaway, according to an Alexandra resident. Star 18/11/91

The man, who asked not to be named, said "four mean-looking men" came to his house on Thursday evening and ordered him to give them money to cover the costs of the funeral of those who died during the November 4-5 stayaway.

He told The Star he gave the men his last R10, and they told him they were IFP members.

"They demanded to see my ANC membership card. I told them I did not belong to either the ANC or any other party or organisation," the man said.

IFP West Rand leader Humphrey Ndlovu denied that his party's members were involved in the incidents. Criminal elements were taking advantage of the conflict between the ANC and the IFP, and this kind of thing was happening elsewhere.

"Criminal elements use our name and the ANC's name to terrorise communities. Those four men were not IFP members but fly-by-night criminals."

Nairobi calm after police break up anti-govt rally

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NAIROBI — Calm returned to the capital city yesterday, a day after police arrested opposition leaders and broke up a pro-democracy rally in a show of force that analysts say will do little to improve Kenya's already blemished image.

Long praised for its stability and relative posperity in a region rife with civil wars and economic disasters, Kenya in the last year has slipped from its vaunted position.

Scandinavian countries have suspended aid to the east African country following allegations of massive corruption among senior government officials, and the United States is considering following suit.

Kenya's reputation has been further tarnished by damning testimony before a judicial commission investigating the 1990 slaying of Foreign Minister Robert Ouko suggesting the involvement of two of President Daniel arap Moi's closest associates.

Government accusations of US involvement in Saturday's banned meeting sought by the recently formed Forum for the Restoration of Democracy opposition group strained already tense relations between Kenya and the US.

"We're not going to be in a hurry to do them any favours," US ambassador Smith Hempstone said.

"It's pretty outrageous, really," he added.

US moves to tie financial aid to democratic reforms and good human rights records have irked Mr Moi's single-party government, which on Saturday claimed the US Embassy had "masterminded and abetted" Kenya's opposition movement.

Mr Hempstone dismissed the charges as "utter fabrication".

Kenya has been a single-party state under the Kenya African National Union since a constitutional amendment in 1982 and Mr Moi has vigorously rejected local and Western pressure to adopt multiparty politics.

He argues that political pluralism would breed conflict among the east African nation's approximately 40 tribes.

In his 13 years as president, Mr Moi has regularly detained government critics and used force against those challenging his rule.

Although he said last week that multiparty politics might be possible by 1994 if change were peaceful and gradual, his government's actions to block Saturday's rally offered little evidence to support his professed softening of position.

Security forces used teargas, bullets and baton charges to disperse thousands of demonstrators who took to the streets after opposition leaders seeking to hold the meeting were arrested. One person reportedly died in the clashes when trampled to death by a mob being chased by riot troops.

The unrest was largely contained in an area around the proposed Kamukunji meeting site in central Nairobi and did not spark off widespread riots, as happened when police used similar force to break up a similarly banned meeting in July last year. — Sapa-AP.

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14 injured in train attack

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JOHANNESBURG. — Fourteen people were injured in a train attack by assailants who hid their weapons in umbrellas before boarding a train in Soweto early today.

Police said that when the attackers boarded the train at Kliptown their umbrellas — with the weapons inside — automatically caused the metal detectors placed at all station entrances to emit a sound.

Most of the people injured hurt themselves when they jumped off the moving train between Mlamlankunzi and New Canada stations. None of the injuries are serious, according to the police spokesman. They are all in Baragwanath Hospital.

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Three killed, six hurt, as gunman blasts taxi

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JOHANNESBURG. — Three people were killed and six injured in Vosloorus on the East Rand when an unknown gunman opened fire with an AK 47 from a moving taxi on the occupants of another, stationary, taxi.

Captain Henriette Bester, for the Witwatersrand police, said police and army personnel had been deployed in the township and were launching a "full-scale search."

Captain Bester said the attack had taken place at about 8.30pm in the 2989 Mokgako Section. The injured had been taken to the Natalspruit Hospital.

The identities of the dead and wounded were not yet known to police.

Meanwhile, Vosloorus Civic Association publicity secretary, Mr Keith Montsisi, claimed three people were shot dead and five hurt when an unidentified man with an AK-47 fired on people at a party in the township shortly after 8pm.

He said the wounded had been taken to Natalspruit Hospital.

Captain Bester said Mr Montsisi must have been referring to the taxi shooting, saying police had received no reports of other shootings in Vosloorus at that time of the night.

Police insisted those killed and wounded had been occupants of a minibus taxi and not, as claimed, people attending a party.

Mr Montsisi conceded he had not seen the incident himself, but had received several reports from residents and alleged witnesses who had.

According to them, the gunman had emerged from a white minibus that had driven slowly past the house where people were enjoying themselves in the garden.

After the shooting the minibus had raced away.

"We in the civic association have had enough of killings in Vosloorus. In the past four weeks 17 community members have met violent deaths of this nature," Mr Montsisi said.

He blamed a so-called "third force" which he alleged was "shooting people at random".

DP delegates allege ANC intimidation

CAPE TOWN — ANC supporters had burnt down houses belonging to black DP members, attacked them and prevented them writing exams in Transvaal and Free State townships, delegates to the DP's national congress said at the weekend.

Despite the public tensions within the party over some MPs' links with the ANC, the DP emerged from its two-day national congress convinced that it should remain an independent force and that it would grow next year.

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Hillbrow MP Lester Fuchs said he had seen how DP members were prevented from writing exams at Mashasheng near Lydenburg because they belonged to the DP. Also, the DP chairman's house had been burnt down.

Welkom delegate Rhett Kahn said DP members had been attacked in Thabong in Welkom and the houses of two members'

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DP delegates

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had been burnt down in another township nearby.

The group of MPs strongly opposed to closer links between the party and the ANC suffered a setback at the congress.

Although the congress discussions were free of blatant tension, it was clear that these MPs had little support.

Delegates made it clear they had had enough of the public conflicts between MPs and that they rejected alliances or coalitions with other political groupings at this stage.

On Saturday morning Fuchs threatened to bring caucus tensions out into the open.

Fuchs said he was "most perturbed" by his colleagues' statements that "the aim of the DP should be to take our membership into the ANC, that the DP should be in alliance with the ANC, that DP members should be at liberty to accompany their spouses or children to ANC functions and that the DP should join the ANC in asking the US to threaten to reimpose sanctions."

DP leader Zach de Beer said in his closing address: "The DP comes closer than any other substantial political group to being able to achieve trust to the left and to the right. Here lies the unique nature of our contribution to peace and to recovery." Delegates gave him a standing ovation.

14 injured as umbrella ploy defeats detectors

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POLICEMEN armed with metal detectors were deployed at Soweto stations yesterday in a bid to halt the train carnage.

But 14 people were injured when weapons hidden in umbrellas were smuggled aboard a train.

The ploy to beat the multimillion rand train security campaign launched yesterday enabled men to get aboard commuter trains armed with pangas and knobkerries.

Fourteen commuters were injured in fighting aboard a moving train yesterday morning, said police.

It was not clear whether those who smuggled the weapons through the metal detectors had planned to attack commuters, or carried the weapons for protection on the violence-ridden trains.

The decision to use the metal detectors is part of a grand plan announced by the South African Rail Commuter Corporation to speed up its security programme.

Thousands of black Reef commuters have stopped using trains because of the daily attacks on passengers.

Sowetan Correspondent and NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Referring to yesterday's violence, Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said the armed men boarded the train at Kliptown Station about 6 15am.

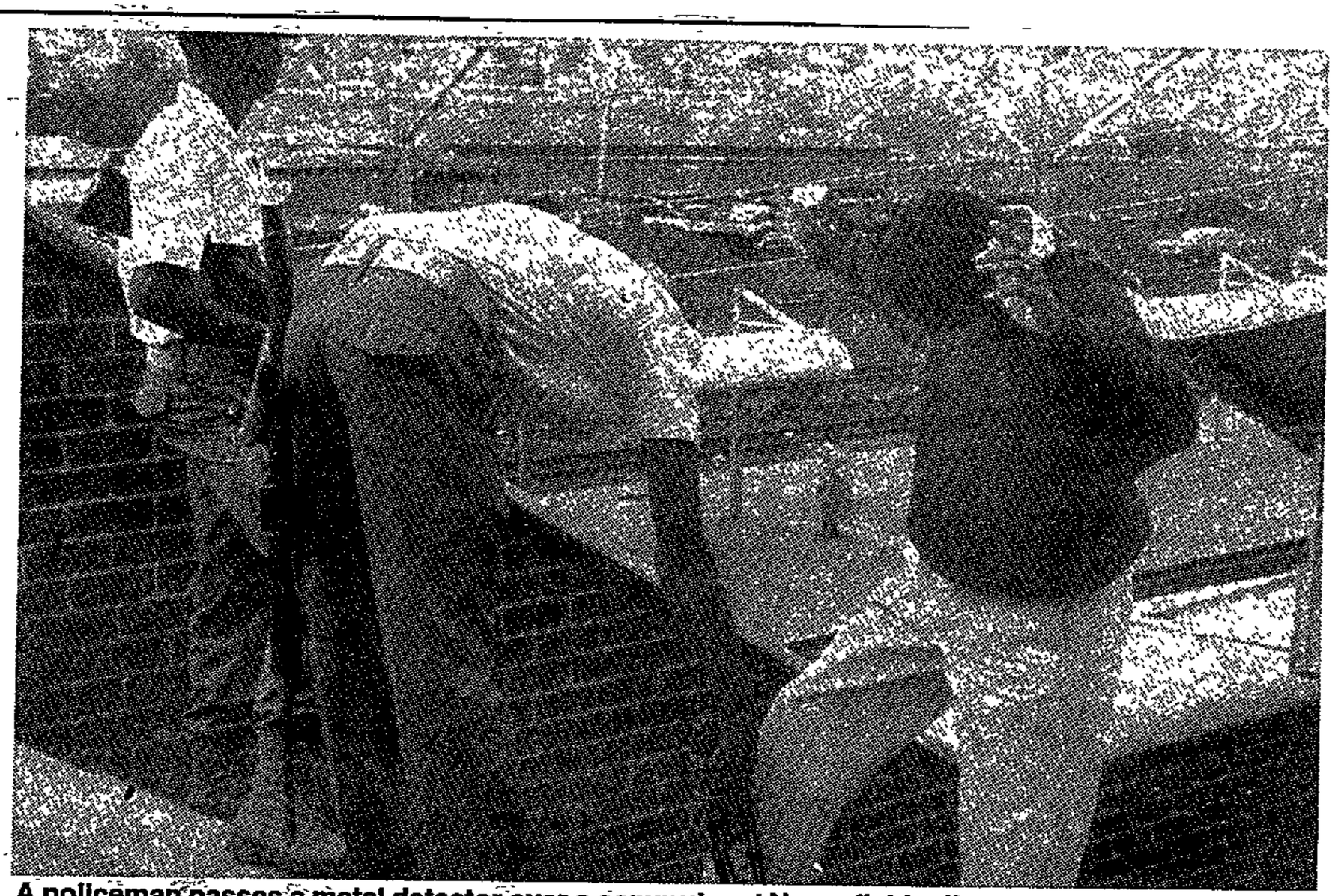
Police believe they had hidden their weapons, including pangas and knobkerries in umbrellas, which automatically cause the hand-held metal detectors to emit a sound.

Mr Coen van Niekerk, marketing manager of the SA Rail Commuter Corporation, declined to comment on the attack, stressing that the devices were being operated by the police.

The ultimate goal was to provide adequate police protection around the clock at 250 of 370 stations.

A spokesman for Baragwanath Hospital said they treated about 14 people for bruises.

None of the injured was serious.



A policeman passes a metal detector over a commuter at Nancefield railway station yesterday. The detectors have been introduced in Soweto in an attempt to curb train attacks. Pic: PAT SEBOKO

Victims drop 'like flies' in stokvel raid

By Abel Mushi and Anna Louw (278)

Victims of Sunday's attack on party-goers at a Vosloorus home dropped "like flies" as an unknown man fired at them with an AK-47 rifle, witnesses said yesterday.

The death toll in the attack on a stokvel party has risen to seven. Seven others are being treated in hospital for gunshot wounds

Anton Mashiloane, speaking from his bed in Natalspruit hospital yesterday, said.

Running

"We were having it nice on the lawn when all of a sudden I heard shots and saw people falling like flies

"I lay on the ground playing dead until the shooting spree was over I then got up and started running aimlessly like a madman without really knowing what I was doing."

Mr Mashiloane said he did not see the assailants

Stokvel host Benedict "Ram" Modikwa said about 50 AK-47 and 7,65 mm spent cartridges, as well as pieces of home-made bullets, were picked up at his Mokgakose Street home after the attack.

He said two men had arrived at the house in a white minibus with a blue stripe at 7.30 pm. Random shots were fired at a group of about 50 people attending the stokvel.

The attack lasted between three and five minutes, after which the men raced towards the local men's hostel, The Star was told.

Police said a man got out of the minibus and opened fire at the guests who had gathered in the front garden.

Some of the guests fled to the back of the house.

The minibus drove off as the gunman continued firing shots at the house.

Six of the dead have been identified. They were Toffy Mokgotlong, Tshidi Molotswa, Make Ramokgali, Lucky Mnguni, Daniel Sipong and Kokkie Moropeng.

The seventh victim was an unidentified man from Soweto.

Police have launched an intensive search for the gunman. Anyone with information can contact (011) 901-1715.

● Also in Vosloorus, police found the bodies of two unidentified men at Kwezine Hostel on Sunday morning

One of the victims had been shot four times in the head and set alight.

The other man was shot in the chest.

Police have opened murder dockets and are investigating

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By Guy Jepson Thabo Leshilo and Glen Elsas (278) Star 19/11/91

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Searching for firearms . . . a policeman uses a portable metal detector to frisk a commuter at a Soweto station. Picture: Joao Silva.

Weapons haul made at barracks

JOHANNESBURG. — Police made a sizeable weapons haul in Mayfair, Johannesburg, on Friday at a barracks used by Transvaal Provincial Administration guards. (278) ET 19/11/91

Witwatersrand police said seven men were arrested in connection with the arsenal, which comprised three AK-47 assault rifles, a 7.65mm pistol, AK-47 and .22 revolver ammunition and knives.

A computer and dagga were also found. — Sapa

14 hurt in train attack, 18 more die in unrest

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JOHANNESBURG. — Fourteen people were injured in a carefully planned train attack between Mlamlankunzi and New Canada stations in Soweto early yesterday.

The attack came as police reported that at least 18 people had died in unrest in the past 24 hours.

Police said the attackers had boarded the train at Kliptown and had hidden their weapons in umbrellas, which automatically cause the metal detectors placed at all station entrances to emit a sound.

Most of the injured hurt themselves when they jumped off the moving train.

None of the injuries was serious, police said. The wounded are all in the Baragwanath Hospital.

In Vosloorus seven people died and six were injured when unidentified gunmen opened fire on party-goers on Sunday night, Mr Keith Montsisi of the township's civic association said.

Unconfirmed reports said seven people were admitted to hospital.

Mr Montsisi said the shooting began at 8pm when a minibus pulled up outside a house where Mr Ram Modikoe was having a party.

Also in Vosloorus three other people were killed and six were injured when unknown gunmen fired a number of rounds at a private vehicle.

And in Alexandra the body of an unidentified man who had been hacked to death was found yesterday — on the same street corner where another man died on Saturday.

Five people have been killed in Imbali, near Maritzburg, police said.

In other weekend unrest the charred body of a woman was found in Thokoza, and in Tigane, Hartbeesfontein, a grenade was hurled at a number of people at midnight on Sunday. Four were hurt. — Sapa

Teamwork key to Peace Accord

By MATTHEW KENTRIDGE

IN THE interval since its signing, much scorn and opprobrium has been heaped on the National Peace Accord.

In fact, the Accord is a remarkably comprehensive document. The cumbersome clauses are pregnant with opportunities; possibilities abound for giving weight and substance to the concept of peace.

But these opportunities can be grasped only if the parties involved make the break from conventional, ossified attitudes in favour of an approach which welcomes creative thinking.

For most policemen, the townships are hostile, alien environments.

They have little stake in bringing peace to these areas, and little respect for the communities they are supposed to be protecting. They reserve their particular antipathy for activists and community representatives, regarding them as radical deviants and the instigators of violence.

Township residents, in turn, have an even lower opinion of the police, seeing them as the embodiments of oppression, injustice and deceit.

The funeral of CAST secretary-general and Tokoza activist, Sam Ntuli, provides a graphic illustration of this mutual lack of trust.

Mr Ntuli was murdered six weeks ago by anonymous assassins. Tension in Tokoza was running high, and the police deployed a large monitoring force in the expectation of outbreaks of violence at the funeral.

In the event, when violence did occur, neither the police nor the funeral organisers were prepared for it. Three cars with false registrations pulled up alongside the cortege; gunmen opened fire on mourners and escaped in the ensuing chaos.

A joint agreement on a roadblock along the funeral route would have sufficed to prevent the tragedy.

The Peace Accord makes provision for this kind of co-operation. The Police Code of Conduct stresses the need for community participation in policing the townships. Elsewhere, the Accord acknowledges the right of township residents to form self-protection units (SPUs), but insists that they liaise with the police.

The killings at the Ntuli funeral are an indication that on the Reef at least, the chief cause of violence has shifted from political rivalry between the ANC and Inkatha to the actions of the "Third Force".

In February the Third Force attempted to sabotage the Royal Hotel Peace Accord between Inkatha and the ANC by embarking on a series of assassination attempts against political leaders in Natal. The same pattern was repeated in March in Alexandra; and the recent violence in Tokoza was clearly instigated to wreck the National Peace Accord.

Working together, the police and the SPUs have the potential to create a security net so tight that not even Third Force operators can slip through.

The police and the SPUs have access to different, complementary skills and capacities. The SPUs have an unparalleled knowledge of terrain. They know the areas under threat and can fairly assess the likelihood of violence.

The police, on the other hand, have massive back-up at their disposal. They bring training, vehicles, arms and detection skills with them.

For police-community co-operation to succeed, however, the police must stop regarding the SPUs as dangerous private armies in-the-making, and see them as allies committed to the same goal. If this requires a major shift of mental gears for the police, it entails an equal change of attitudes on the part of the SPUs, where co-operation with the police still carries the stigma of collaboration and the smell of the necklace about it.

This mental logjam can be cleared by bringing in an outside facilitator from the National Peace Committee to establish liaison structures.

Moreover, the probability that some rogue members of the SAP form the core of the Third Force should not be allowed to destroy these efforts. The old fallacy which holds that because some policemen are villains, all policemen are not to be trusted, must be recognised and cast out.

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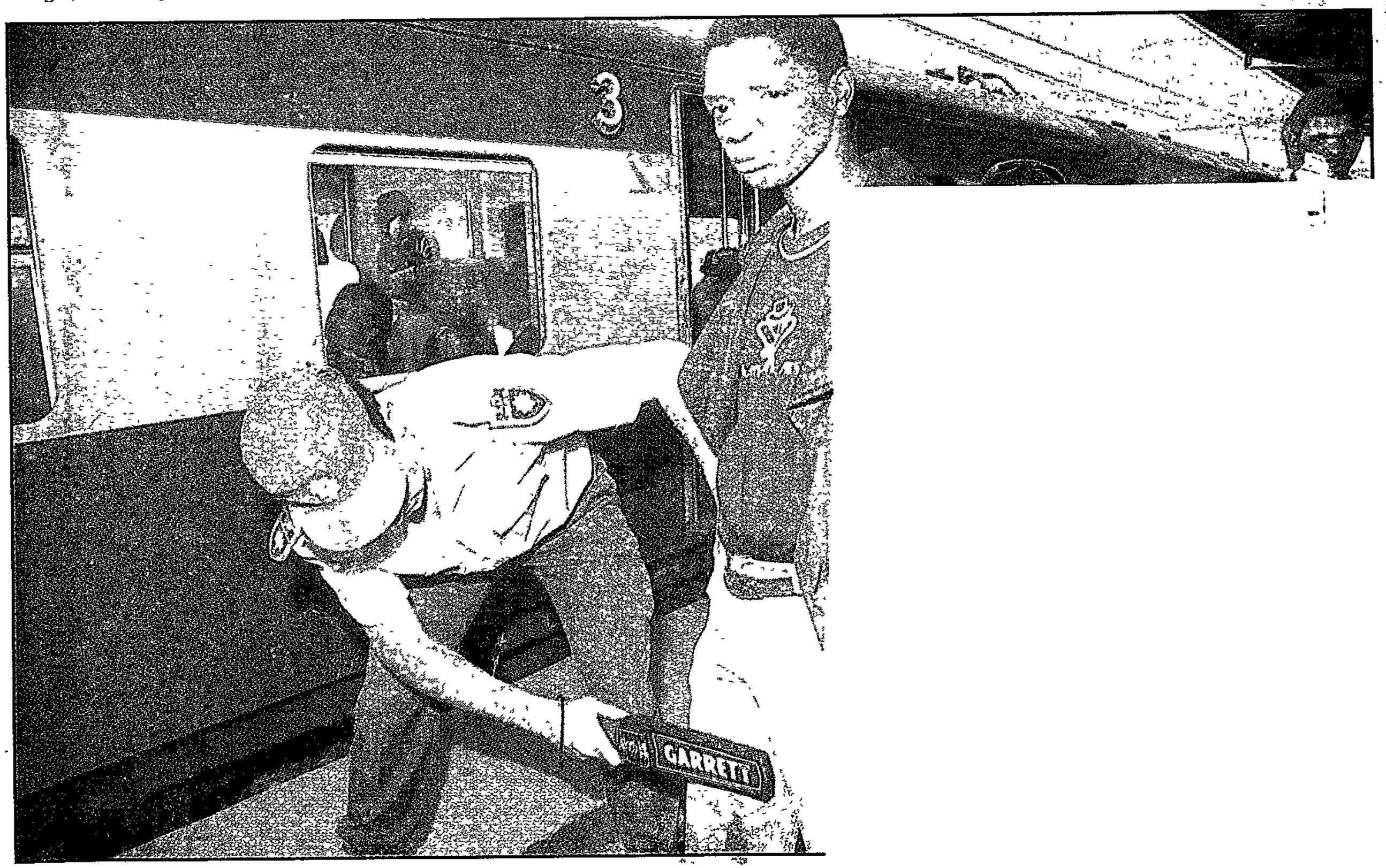

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ANC-PAC violence condemned

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By Kaizer Nyatsumba
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The ANC yesterday condemned the latest outbreak of violence in Munsieville, Krugersdorp, and said it would act against any of its members allegedly involved in the violence.

The conflict, involving ANC and PAC members, has resulted in the death of PAC supporter Abner Mongwagelwa.

In a statement yesterday, ANC PWV regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said his organisation condemned the latest round of violence as an act designed to seriously undermine the peace process.

He called on members of the two organisations to "bury the hatchet, close their ranks and internalise the principle of political co-existence".

"To us, the unity of our people should be paramount in our activities, and the principle of political co-existence should be our guide in our daily political chores," he said.

Mr Mamoepa said the ANC was looking into allegations made against its members in the township and, if found to be true, action would be taken against those responsible.

He said the ANC had decided to hold an urgent meeting with the PAC's West Rand region to discuss the violence.

He said the two regions had met on Thursday to discuss the return to Munsieville of PAC members who had left because of the violence last year.

The meeting, which resulted in the return of some PAC members at the weekend, resolved to establish regional communication channels between the two organisations.

Mr Mongwagelwa (22) was stabbed in the head and chest with a garden fork, then set alight, on Friday afternoon.

● Two ANC activists yesterday entered their 25th day on hunger strike at the Krugersdorp Prison, Mr Mamoepa said.

He said Stanley Wanyane (27) and Bathandwa Godlo (24) had been detained on September 27 after a shootout with a traffic officer.

They were demanding access to a private doctor, visits, to be granted bail and to be allowed to further their studies.

Taxi patronage picks up after train attacks

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TRAIN massacres had given the SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta) a shot in the arm, Sabta public affairs director Mike Ntlatleng said yesterday.

Ntlatleng said that in the past six months there had been a 6% increase in the number of commuters using minibus taxis in the PWV area, particularly between Johannesburg and surrounding townships.

SA Rail Commuter Corporation marketing manager Coen Van Niekerk confirmed yesterday that over the same period 5,4-million commuters (10%) had deserted trains countrywide in favour of other modes of transport.

Ntlatleng said of the increase in taxi commuters: "A factor in this phenomenal growth has been the violence on the Reef trains. The people feel it is not safe to travel by train anymore".

However, the scenario was different in the western Cape where the number of Sabta commuters had plummeted sharply because of the taxi war in the region, he said.

Van Niekerk said the drop in train commuters was most keenly felt on the Reef — which had been hit by a series of train massacres this year.

He added that as part of his corporation's commitment to making trains safe,

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more than R250m had been allocated for a programme aimed at upgrading security arrangements at 370 metro stations — the majority of them in the PWV area.

The programme would include improved lighting, security fencing and access control gates and would be completed in March 1993.

Putco MD Jack Visser said his company had not been affected. "Our passenger volumes have been very stable," he said.

Sapa reports that the provision of portable metal detectors at Soweto train stations was part of a joint pilot project in an effort to make rail travel safer for commuters, Van Niekerk said.

He said the corporation had provided police with 50 metal detectors.

They would be used primarily at nine stations near hostels in Soweto "where the problems are".

Soweto police liaison officer Col Tienie Halgryn said although metal detectors had been in use at some stations for a few weeks, yesterday they were in operation at all Soweto commuter stations.

He said police had to use their discretion as it was impossible to search every passenger during peak hours when trains were waiting to leave.

Gunman kills 7 in Vosloorus

SEVEN people died and seven are believed to have been injured when a gunman opened fire on revellers at a party in Vosloorus on the East Rand on Sunday night, police said yesterday.

East Rand police said a minibus pulled up outside the party and a man armed with an AK-47 climbed out and fired on partygoers, who fled around the corner of the house. The man continued firing at the fleeing people before driving off.

Police said they found a number of AK-47 cartridges on the scene. No arrests have been made, but an intensive search has been launched for the gunman.

In Soweto yesterday, 15 commuters were injured after they leapt in panic from a moving train when a fight broke out in a carriage between men who police said may have smuggled crude weapons through platform metal detectors.

In another incident in Vosloorus, police said they found two bodies at the Kwesine

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Hostel yesterday. One had been shot in the chest, while the other victim had been shot four times in the head and burnt.

On the West Rand, a man living on an industrial site near Roodepoort was arrested on Sunday when police, acting on a tip-off, raided his house and discovered an AK-47 rifle and ammunition.

In Alexandra, police yesterday found the body of a man who had been hacked to death. The body was at the same site, outside a hostel, where police had found another body on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that the ANC and PAC are to hold urgent talks after a clash in Munsieville, near Krugersdorp, on Friday when a PAC supporter was killed. The ANC said yesterday it would look into allegations made against its members, and take disciplinary steps if necessary.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz

Thokoza probe to start today

JONATHON REES

A COMMITTEE investigating the causes of violence in Thokoza township on the East Rand gets down to business in Pretoria today.

Officials involved in the investigation said the committee would begin by viewing videos to get an overview of the violence before calling witnesses to give evidence on specific incidents.

Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) had agreed to provide bridging finance to Inkatha, some civic organisations and individuals needing legal representation LHR director Brian Currin said.

Inkatha spokesman Suzanne Vos said if Inkatha could not raise money for legal counsel it might be forced to withdraw from the hearings.

The committee was appointed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone's Commission of Inquiry into Violence and Intimidation established in terms of the national peace accord.

Hearings would be open to the public, officials said, adding that the Thokoza committe would sit for as long as was necessary to determine reasons for the violence since September 14.

The committee is chaired by Adv S Sithole and includes Lilian Baqwa and former Perm SA MD Bob Tucker.

Ex-Minister testifies in dairy industry court clash

LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — Greater representation on the Dairy Board should be given to smaller distributors, former Agriculture Minister Greyling Wentzel said in the Cape Town Supreme Court yesterday.

He was giving evidence in the civil case brought by Homestead Independent Dairy against the Minister of Agriculture, the Dairy Board and the National Marketing Council to have the system of milk levies scrapped.

Homestead claims the levies are unfair because they are used to subsidise big producers of milk powder and butter.

It says being forced to pay the levy is contributing towards its financial downfall. It has to pay the Dairy Board 6c on every litre of milk it buys but is not part of the board's subsidy or surplus removal scheme because it does not produce milk powder or ...

Wentzel said small milk distributors had to be regarded as an essential part of the dairy industry as they were able to penetrate areas inaccessable to the larger distributors.

He said he believed proper consideration had been given to all objections to the new system before he approved it in June 1988, after a 16 to 17 month delay.

"The Dairy Board assured me that it had met all the objections of people who had made representations. I accepted the Dairy Board's word that they had solved all the problems."

Wentzel said the National Marketing Council had regarded as valid the objection made by some distributors to paying the stabilisation levy even though they did not own any processing facilities and could not participate in the Dairy Board's surplus removal scheme.

He said he had warned the Dairy Board the impression would be created that levies were subsidising butter and milk powder factories.

At the time strong objections to the system were raised by the Northern Milk Distributors Association (NMDA) which represented many of Transvaal's smaller distributors.

Allegations were made that the Dairy Board did not always act fairly towards small distributors. Wentzel regarded these allegations in a serious light and was prepared to consider an independent investigation into them.

Regarding allegations that levies undermined the financial viability of Homestead, Wentzel said if a dairy reserved levies until the time of payment it would survive. However, if it used the 6c to achieve market penetration, it could experience financial problems when the time came for it to pay accumulated levies to the Dairy Board.

SAP three to give evidence in Harare

MICHAEL HARTNACK

HARARE — Zimbabwean prosecutors flew three SAP officers to Harare yesterday to testify against a senior PAC official charged with complicity in a massive drug smuggling conspiracy.

It is the first time since Zimbabwe's independence in 1980 that SA policemen have come to Zimbabwe to give evidence.

Brig Heinrich Strauss, commanding officer of the forensic science laboratory in Pretoria, and Col Piet Gouws, head of the laboratory's ballistics section, are expected to enter the witness box today.

Lt Werner Pretorius of the Johannesburg narcotis bureau began his evidence late yesterday on the first day of the trial of Ramudi Michael Maphai, 31, deputy head of the PAC's Harare bureau, and Indian national Chandrakant Ajmera, 45.

The two men have pleaded not guilty to attempting to smuggle 948kg of mandrax through Zimbabwe. Prosecuting counsel Ian Houston said the drugs, destined for SA, had a street value of more than R40m.

Brollies hide train-gang pangas

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Police had been supplied with 50 metal detectors to stage station checks in Soweto.

Liaison officer Colonel Jac de Vries said no one was permitted to take a firearm aboard a train without permission. Not included were pangas, knives, sharpened sticks and a host of "traditional weapons".

"The metal detectors can prevent firearms from being taken on trains. The other weapons we cannot do anything about unless the guy shows criminal intent," Colonel De Vries added.

Police said 14 passengers were injured yesterday in fighting aboard the Soweto train, most when they jumped off while it was moving.

... sentenced to 20 years for murder and 14 for rape.

Nine years for rape will run concurrently with the sentence for murder and he will effectively spend 25 years in jail.

Members of this court were not at all surprised that the pupils at the school (Kelokitso High School) expressed their disgust at what had happened and searched for the perpetrators," he said.

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Vosloorus party death toll now 7

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By THEMBA MOLEFE

THE death toll in the Vosloorus massacre on Sunday night, when gunmen wielding AK-47 rifles mowed down a group at a party in the East Rand township, has risen to seven.

Four bodies were found in the yard of the house in Mokgako Street and two people died on the way to hospital. The seventh person died at Natalspruit Hospital.

The names of those who died were released yesterday by relatives. They are Khokhi Marupeng, Toffee Mogohlane, Lucky Mnguni, Dan Sepeng, two girls aged 15, whose names were given as Shunki Chokoe and Maki, and an unknown seventh man.

Witnesses yesterday described how three men travelling in a blue and white Toyota Hi-Ace coolly stopped the car, walked up to the gate and shot at people who were drinking in the house.

A 12-year-old boy who said he lay flat on the ground as a stocky black man fired a rifle at the revellers said:

"I fell flat on the grass as this man shot at us.

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I was with my friend Bobo. It was the first time I saw a gun and dead people."

Yesterday police said gunmen in a taxi shot at a stationary vehicle near the house, triggering off a full-scale search by the SAP and the SADF.

However, survivors said people were shot at without provocation and no one had fired at any vehicle from the house. Four bodies were discovered in that yard yesterday.

Activist attacked again

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AFRICAN National Congress activist Nomvula Mokonyane (28) has escaped a fourth attempt on her life - this time by knife-wielding assailants who have promised to strike anytime.

Mokonyane, of the ANC PWV region leadership, said yesterday two youths confronted her as she was going home on Friday, trailed her to the taxi rank and grabbed her on arrival in Kagiso, Krugersdorp.

She said the driver of the taxi foiled the bid and the assailants calmly walked away, hurling threats to kill her anytime. Six other passengers were in the taxi at the time.

Mokonyane said her assailants were members of the ANC Youth League known to her.

The ANC Committee on Violence has taken up the matter and Essop Pahad, a high-ranking SA Communist Party official, said he had approached the authorities in a bid to highlight Mokonyane's case.

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Explosive device

The incident was one of a series of attempts on Mokonyane's life.

In previous attacks, an explosive device blew up in her home and the attackers fired shots at her. - *Sapa*.

Police help commuters back into the train after searching for weapons.

Massive search on Soweto train

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Sowetan 20/11/91

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

SOWETO police yesterday shunted a train to a side rail track between Nancefield and Kliptown stations and carried out a search through all the coaches.

Backed by members of the South African Defence Force, the strong police contingent searched commuters on train number 9062 from Johannesburg to Residensia at 5pm as part of their new campaign to curb violence on trains.

Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said "the unannounced measure", which took commuters by surprise, was one of many that would be implemented by police in their crime-prevention drive on trains.

"Although we are aware that this may have caused a little inconvenience, we are hopeful the measure will send a message to those responsible for the ongoing train attacks.

"The exercise is sure to keep the culprits in suspension," Ngobeni said.

Major Steve Olivier, who was in charge of the operation, told *Sowetan* that no weapons were found on commuters and no one was arrested during the 15-minute search.

Only knobkerries or sticks were found and the owners were left to go.

"We are happy that everyone was well behaved. We shall continue with this operation if and when we deem it necessary," Olivier said.

A group of women interviewed during the operation said they welcomed any effort by the police to curb violence on trains.

Probe 'too sensitive to tell commission'

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PRETORIA. — The police investigation into the death of a senior member of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal who was shot dead in Thokoza earlier this year was at such a sensitive stage that no information could be provided to it, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation heard yesterday.

Captain Rudolph van Olst of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Unit said yesterday he had been called to the scene of Mr Sam Ntuli's shooting on September 29.

Information had been received that a gang called the Bad Boys could have been involved in the shooting. The members of the gang had been killed in a shootout with police, and a blue Opel Rekord, which matched the description of the vehicle used by Mr Ntuli's killers, had been consfiscated. — Sapa

Police questioned about September Thokoza killings

JONATHON REES (278)

POLICEMEN were yesterday closely cross-examined by legal representatives of Inkatha and the ANC on their activities in Thokoza township on September 8 when 16 hostel residents were killed by unknown gunmen while on their way to a rally.

The questioning of the policemen formed part of the first day of a probe into violence in the East Rand township by a sub-committee appointed by the standing Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence and Intimidation.

Lt Josias Smith, who commanded the SAP riot unit in Thokoza on September 8, told the committee police had not expected "problems" and had planned a a low-key presence. B1Day 20/11/91

They expected about 8 000 people to attend the Thokoza Hostel Dweller's Association rally.

The committee heard, however, that a letter from the THDA asking for permission for the rally had said 20 000 people would attend.

Smith could not explain how a letter from the Thokoza Town Council — approved by the Germiston security police — which granted permission for the rally was dated two days earlier than the hostel dwellers' association's letter.

The council's letter specified that no weapons were to be carried.

Lt Hendrik Chalmers, from the Dunnotar Unrest Unit, said he understood that the spears, shields and knobkieries were "ornamental traditional weapons", but conceded that they were carried in contravention of the law.

Counterfeiting charges dropped against SA man

LINDEN BIRNS

MIDRAND-based businessman and airline executive Hendrik Frederick Delport said yesterday the US Justice Department had decided not to pursue charges against him relating to counterfeit banknote smuggling.

In an interview yesterday Delport claimed he had been released on bail after the FBI realised he was an unwitting courier of counterfeit dollars.

"They let me go on condition that I remain clean for the next five years," he said, adding that the FBI had launched a full-scale probe into the people who allegedly set him up.

A US-based director of a company which Delport did business with allegedly asked Delport to carry a sealed envelope containing documents to the US.

Delport said on arriving in Pittsburgh he passed the envelope to the director, who opened it and gave the contents — what appeared to be dollar notes — to a third person, apparently a government agent.

"The next thing I knew I was arrested along with the company director," Delport said.

Delport and the company director were charged with possessing $57 900 in counterfeit notes.

Delport said the money had nothing to do with African International Airlines (AIA), of which he is the GM, but was related to a construction development project.

A Business Day report yesterday confused African International Airlines with a Swazi- and SA-registered company called African International Airways.

Delport also rejected allegations, made by a source close to a leading airfreight company, that 'all was not well with African International Airlines". The source indicated that a contract to train African International Airlines technical staff was cancelled. Delport showed Business Day the contract, which he said was still being honoured.

Court rules against 'whites only' parks

BLOEMFONTEIN — Decisions to exclude races other than white from several Carletonville parks in 1988 and 1989 could not be justified in terms of the Separate Amenities Act of 1953, the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein found yesterday. B1Day 20/11/91

The Carletonville Town Council's decision to reserve parks in the white residential area and opposite the civic centre was not a proper and "bona fide" execution of the discretion granted it under the Act.

Although the Act was repealed, the validity of the decisions under the Act had to be tested because it was relevant to the order for costs that had been granted against Gert Petrus Jacobs, who was mayor, and against the town council. (2515)

Mr Justice Botha, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice Mr Justice Corbett, Mr Justice Smalberger, Mr Justice Milne and Mr Justice Nienaber, dismissed an appeal by Jacobs and the council, with costs. The council had been over-hasty and irresponsible, the judge said. — Sapa.

Man's plea to stop 'cop' rumour

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

A SOWETO man, whose house was burnt down last month after he was mistaken for a policeman, has appealed to people responsible for spreading this unfounded rumour to stop.

Mr Thomas Munyangane, a father of three who stays in Zone 3, Diepkloof, was one of four people, including the former Diepmeadow mayor, Mr Jacob Mathala, and at least two policemen whose houses were attacked and set alight by a group of rampaging school children.

The former mayor's daughter, Miss Eva Mathala, suffered third-degree burns when the attackers set her home alight and later died in hospital.

Munyangane, who is a neighbour to Mathala, was not home when the attack took place. His family - his wife, a 12-year-old daughter and a 17-day-old baby - escaped injury. The attackers allowed them to leave the house before it was torched.

After the incident, the attackers reportedly apologised to the family, saying they had set the wrong house alight.

"However, I am concerned that word is still going around by some individuals that I am a policeman. I am a computer operator with Nedbank in Sandton," he said.

To prove his story, Munyangane showed this reporter a letter issued by his employers during the State of Emergency confirming that he is employed by the bank.

He believes that some people could have mistaken him for a policeman because he works night shifts and is often home during the day. Furthermore, because of his shift work, he carries a citizen band radio in his car.

"Some people may have mistaken the CB radio for a police two-way radio. I am in fact a member of the Soweto CB Radio Club. We normally use these CBs to help each other in case one's car breaks down - just like the taxi people do," he said.

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Babies no one wants

WOMAN

ALMOST six months after the legalisation of transracial adoptions a harsh reality hits the many boys and girls waiting for adopters in children's homes - nobody wants them.

By PEARL MAJOLA

As time passes after the amendment to the Child Care Act and no parents of any race come forward to adopt them, the "little hopefuls" are fast losing their dreams of loving parents, families and homes they can call their own.

"We are still living in apartheid South Africa and it's going to take time for people to come forward and take children of other races," said Johannesburg Child Welfare Society's adoptions manager Mrs Marionka Manias

"Besides, average adopters want children whom they would have had if they could. It is a special kind of person who can deal with a trans-racial or a special-needs adoption (where the baby has some deficiency), and these two areas are where the need is great."

Director of the JCW Dr Adele Thomas now says there might be grave psychological problems facing these children in their lives

"Their ability to bond decreases over time while their capacity to love and trust is severely damaged," she said.

But where do all these babies come from?

"Apart from abandoned children, who constitute about 80 percent of the children in waiting, there are those who have to be given up because they are from extramarital affairs," explained Manias.

Problem

"Others are born of mothers who come from families that just cannot afford to feed an extra mouth Teenage pregnancy results in an enormous problem."

The irony of the South African situation is that while there are many black babies waiting for adopters, there are many white couples waiting for adoptees. The few black adopters available want babies of a specific sex.

"Girls are more in demand than boys We have black couples waiting for newborn black girls when there are about 10 boys waiting for adopters at Othandweni in Soweto," she said.

"There are white couples waiting for white babies of any sex and sometimes they wait up to four years to get the babies they want. None of the adopters, black or white, are keen to take the special-needs babies

Manias cited possible solutions to the problem of adoption here

Abandoning

"Mothers should stop abandoning their children. If they find themselves with unwanted pregnancies, it is best for them to come to us on time so that we can counsel them and try to solve the problems that cause abandonment in the first place.

"Another solution would be a grant for adoptive parents This would assure prospective adopters that even if they lost their jobs they would still be able to provide for their children

"A lot of money subsidises institutions and foster care More goes into hospitals where some of the abandoned children are kept This money would serve a better purpose if it was spent on adoption grants because adoption is permanent," she explained.

"We need to improve family planning and educate the youth in order to limit unwanted and teenage pregnancies Education is also needed to reassure people that it is okay to adopt a child who is unrelated to you"

The JCW appeals to all concerned to help find suitable adoptive parents and staff from the adoptions department is willing to visit communities and conduct seminars on adoption for interested couples

Further information can be obtained by phoning the adoptions department at 331 0171, or visiting them at Liberty Life Brokers Centre, 112 Main Street, Johannesburg.

What drives a woman to turn away from her little children and leave them in a park without food or anyone to care for them? These three boys were abandoned at Vanderbijl Park in Turfontein, Johannesburg, about two weeks ago with only a bag of clothes next to them. They are being kept at the Johannesburg Hospital which is appealing to anyone who recognises them to contact the hospital's social worker, Ms Matsie Mokgabudi, or the public relations officer, Ms Jenny Gilwald at 488 4911.

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Blast rocks Munsieville police station

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A BLAST rocked the Munsieville, Krugersdorp, police station yesterday as members of the local riot unit fired rubber bullets to disperse about 4 000 demonstrators.

The group were demonstrating against electricity cuts in the township.

West Rand police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester said the protesters tore up the national and police flags as tempers flared during the demonstration at the township's offices, adjacent to the police station.

No one was reported injured in the explosion. Explosives specialists immediately combed the scene to establish the type of device used in the blast.

Bester also reported no casualties during the police action to halt the demonstration. An activist who took part in the protest confirmed that no one had been injured.

The activist, Ms Nkapi Mokowe, said 4 000 people took part in the demonstration to back demands that electricity be restored to the township.

Non-payment of services

Power was cut about two weeks ago because of non-payment of services.

Mokowe said protesters fled and others jumped over the fence to escape the rubber bullets and teargas. Other protesters fell down and scrambled up to safety, she added.

Bester said police fired rubber bullets moments after the

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A policeman surveys the aftermath of the blast at the Munsieville police station.

Demonstrators tear up flags

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demonstrators tore down the flags and the explosive device blew up.

"The group tore down the SAP flag and the national flag from the flagpoles and destroyed the national flag by tearing it to pieces.

"Shortly thereafter an explosion was heard behind the police station," she said.

In the ensuing clash, the residents hurled stones at police vehicles, damaging one slightly, she said.

Mokowe, a local civic association official, said scores of policemen arrived at the scene in vans, minibuses and cars soon after the demonstration began about 8am.

She said the singing and placard-carrying protesters marched on the council premises to meet the administrator.

"The police came inside the yard and started shooting rubber bullets and teargas as we sang and waited for the administrator," Mokowe said.

The admininistrator could not be reached for comment.

Bester claimed protest organisers had intimidated residents to stay away from work.- *Sapa.*

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Black commando platoon is slammed by the ANC

PLANS to create a black commando platoon to be based in townships at Vanderbijlpark in the Vaal Triangle have been condemned by the African National Congress as "irresponsible and provocative". Sowetan 21/11/91

The South African Defence Force expects to sign up about 40 black volunteers to form the core of a "hearth and home" unit following a recruitment drive begun several weeks ago.

The men, about 20 of whom live at Iscor hostels at Sebokeng, are mostly Zulus.

South Sothos, Xhosas and Tswanas are also represented, according to Major Andreas Jordaan of Witwatersrand Command, to protect their own residential areas as well as national key points and industrial installations.

In a statement yesterday, the ANC said the recruitment programme "can only contribute to further tension and violence in these communities". The SADF, it said, should stop the recruitment campaign immediately. - *Sapa*

Dark day Mamelodi will never forget

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ON November 21 1985 Mamelodi residents staged a march to the local town council offices to protest against, among other things, rent increases and restrictions placed on funerals.

But what started out as a non-violent demonstration ended in a bloodbath.

Thousands of residents who had marched to and gathered outside the local town council offices that morning were confronted by security forces who opened fire on the crowd - estimated at more than 50 000.

Wounds

Pandemonium broke out. Teargas and rubber bullets were fired at the people, mostly elderly.

At the end of that day 13 people, including two-month-old Trocia Ndlovu, had been killed. Some of them died of heart failure, others of gunshot wounds.

Those who died were: Trocia Ndlovu, (2 months), Mrs Mirriam Mello (65), Mrs Sarah Tefo (63), Mrs Anna Gomba (54), Mrs Elizabeth Msiza (45), Mrs Salome Mabena (48), Mr Jacob Buti Masanabo (32), Mrs Thoko Beauty Malaza (24), Mr Dipuo Masombuka (19), Mr Jerry Shikwane Ngwatle (19), Mr Jacob Songo (19), Mr Jacob Mavimbela and Mrs Magdeline Mlambo (69).

Hundreds were injured, scores were maimed.

The police version was that the crowd had displayed open hostility

They said abuse was hurled at them and the mayor at the time, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, who tried to address the crowd from a Casspir.

Political and community-based organisations rejected the police version and said no threats were made to any of the security forces members or Ndlazi. The local civic association condemned the "unprovoked action" and immediately called for a rent boycott in protest against the killings.

FOCUS

By MONK NKOMO

After a lengthy inquest hearing at the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court, the presiding magistrate, Mr JN Pretorius, ruled on June 23 last year that he was unable to make a finding and referred the evidence to the Attorney-General.

Pretorius said it was difficult to determine whether the deaths were brought about by any act or omission amounting to an offence on the part of any person.

Tragic

Those of us who remember the aftermath of that tragic day think of the pile of clothes and shoes next to the council office's fence.

The pile told a story. A story of defenceless people who had enough of this country's apartheid laws - laws that even barred you from burying your loved one with dignity. Laws that ordered you when and how to bury your dead.

Struggle

It was the worst of times.

Those who died that day - November 21 1985 - will always be remembered as martyrs in the struggle for justice and equality in this country.

Once this place was vibrant ... now a ghost town

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Seven people died when three gunmen indiscriminately fired on people at a party. *Sowetan* staffer THEMBA MOLEFE gives a chilling account of how gunmen calmly fired with AK-47s at a group of men, women and children at a "kitchen party" in Vosloorus on the East Rand at the weekend.

By THEMBA MOLEFE

RELATIVES and friends of the Modiko family stand outside their home in Vosloorus after the attack.

THE Modiko family of 2989 Mokgako Street were hit with such sudden ferocity that left them, their relatives and neighbours concluding: this is the work of professional terrorists.

It all happened when about 50 people were having a party in the front yard. Some were dancing to the sound of music booming from speakers perched on each corner of the front wall in typical township style. The grog was flowing and everyone was carefree.

As always, children were mingling with the adults. Mr Benedict Modiko was the host. The only male in the "kitchen party" stokvel, it was his "round" as the eighth member.

All went well until just after 7pm, when a blue-and-white Toyota Hi-Ace combi pulled up on the pavement and parked parallel to a minibus taxi belonging to Mr Lucky Mnguni. Everyone gyrating and jumping up and down as he fired the AK-47, said survivors.

Mnguni, whose taxi prevented the two other assailants from getting straight shots from inside the Hi-Ace, was killed. Actually, his combi became a necessary obstruction and therefore became a shield, saving lives.

Pretty Mabena (16) who was walking on the street at the time, was shot through her right thigh

those who tried to put the violence racking Vosloorus into perspective.

Among these residents was the brother of one of those killed and who did not wish to be named. "They might come after me, you know. One death is enough in my family," he said.

Also present, but briefly, was a 12-year-old boy who gave his name. Later he returned and was almost hysterical as he begged not to be quoted or his picture used in the newspaper. His parents had threatened to thrash him with an electrical cable, he said.

The boy is one of the

who live at the hostel. Yes, there was terrible fighting between us at the time. But I don't think this is true any more.

"The people behind this terror use different tactics, like this old Hi-Ace which they know is popular among hostel dwellers," Benedict argued.

The brother of the young man killed on Sunday said: "The conflict between hostel dwellers and township folk is being exploited by someone bent on sowing terror among blacks.

"We are now caught in the throes of terrorism which masquerades as black-on-black violence."

The violence had a distinct pattern, the residents said.

On November 1 this year two young men, Mr Edwin Nkgothe and Mr Thomas Selepe, both 19, were shot dead by unknown gunmen. They were among a group of youths playing a game of dice on the stoep of a shopping complex housing a fried chicken outlet.

Dubbed the "Chicken Licken Killings" in Vosloorus, this incident was not covered in the Press.

And the "terror" is having an effect on the ordinary folk in Vosloorus.

Elderly Mrs Justina Modiko told a group of women who came to sympathise: "We cannot even throw a birthday party for our grandchildren any more because we dare not be seen as a group."

This was echoed by a prominent local businessman who also visited the Modikos': "All shops now close at 6.30pm at most. We are afraid anything can happen after dark."

No arrests have been made yet in the Mokgako Street massacre. Neither have the killers of young Edwin Nkgothe and Thomas Selepe been found.

Indeed, like many other Reef townships, Vosloorus looks like a ghost town after dusk. Gone is the vibrant air so characteristic of black township life, especially at the weekend.

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thought the three occupants had come to the party and did not suspect any danger. Everyone was there, even some off-duty police detectives who were friends of a friend had been there earlier.

Many of the revellers were sitting on the lawn when they heard the first brief sound of gunfire. Some thought the children were playing with fire-crackers.

It was not to be. A stocky black man wearing bottle-green overalls left the combi, stood at the gate and calmly fired at the revellers. He was but survived.

The man who fired from the gate did not even bother to conceal his face. The Hi-Ace did not speed away after the shooting which lasted about two minutes. The overall-clad killer simply walked back to the car and the trio coolly drove away as they had arrived. Death and wailing remained behind.

On Monday I sat with Modiko, who received neighbours at irregular intervals.

Some sat with us but said nothing and left. Others asked questions and left without waiting for answers. There were also survivors and he saw people falling and dying. It was the first time he saw a gun and dead bodies, he said.

"My friend Bobo saw the man's face, the one who fired from the gate," the boy said and left.

Said Modiko: "The violence in Vosloorus reached a climax on November 11 1990 when 54 residents were killed in just one hour of fighting. This happened when the township was suddenly blacked out by a power cut.

"We said we were being attacked by the Zulus and Inkatha supporters

Blasts as SA, police flags torn down

Staff Reporters (278)

A special constable was slightly injured yesterday when about 1 000 angry Munsieville residents gathered at the Krugersdorp township's municipal offices to protest against electricity cut-offs 15 days ago because of non-payment of accounts

Protesters tore down the South African and police flags and Riot Squad members used rubber bullets to disperse the crowd

A mini-limpet mine and hand grenade explosion occurred at the nearby police station Star 21/11/91.

A man and a woman were arrested after allegedly assaulting the special constable They are expected to appear in court tomorrow

Munsieville owes the Krugersdorp Town Council hundreds of thousands of rands in outstanding electricity payments

The violence seems to have been partially triggered by residents' desire to hand a letter of demands to township administrator Bill Greyvenstein, including a complaint about the supply of electricity to the municipal offices and the nearby police station while the rest of the Krugersdorp township has been left without electricity

West Rand police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said about 1 000 placard-wielding residents gathered at the municipal offices and tried to kick open the doors They moved to the adjacent police station and tried to break open doors there

The crowd was warned to disperse

The group then tore down the police and South African flags and tore up the national flag

An explosion was then heard behind the police station Police determined that an S1 hand grenade and a 158 mini-limpet mine had been detonated

Aftermath . . . a municipal policeman assesses the damage caused by the limpet mine blast. Picture: Alf Kumalo

Mr Greyvenstein last night said Munsieville's civic association — the Civics — had held meetings with residents nearly every second night since the power cut Residents had formulated a list of grievances and demands and wanted to hand it to him yesterday.

Mr Greyvenstein said the situation was "fairly volatile" and that residents were upset that the police station, municipal clinic, hall and offices had electricity while they did not

These two buildings, where the two blasts took place, are supplied with a power plant

The Civics proposed that the flat rate for electricity be increased by R10 to R40 a month and that the additional money needed be obtained from the Munsieville business sector

The Krugersdorp council responded by saying it would reconsider its decision to cut the power supply once residents had addressed the matter of arrears Until such time, the council could not supply power as Munsieville was deep in debt

Mr Greyvenstein said 800 of the 1 000 houses now had individual meters He was hard at work arranging for the other 200 houses to be metered as soon as possible

When The Star visited the scene yesterday, the situation was tense Doors were broken, and broken glass lay scattered at the entrance to the municipal offices

41 demos held after disrupting tennis tourney

Star 21/11/91

By Philip Zoio and Dave Beattie

Police last night arrested 41 demonstrators at the Standard Bank Arena in Johannesburg after they disrupted the opening match of the World Doubles Tennis Championships for almost an hour.

Scuffles broke out as spectators joined the police in removing the demonstrators, representing the PAC, Azapo and the Tennis Association of South Africa.

At a media conference afterwards, Tennis South Africa chief Chris Ngcobo said security would be stepped up, although he did not expect further trouble.

"Unless they have a nationwide campaign going, which is unlikely, I seriously doubt that they can drum up enough support in the Transvaal region to endanger the tournament."

But one of demonstrators vowed: "There will be more. And they will be bigger"

As play in the international event started, the demonstrators sat in small groups inside the main stadium, appearing to be innocent spectators.

With Canadians Grant Connell and Glenn Michibata leading 5-4 in the final set against Americans Patrick Galbraith and Todd Witsken, a man got up and blew a whistle. Responding to the signal, the protesters got up and threw bags of sand and seeds on to the court.

The players immediately walked off.

Irritated tennis fans booed at the chanting and toyi-toying demonstrators, who were forcibly removed by plainclothes policemen and tennis security officials, assisted by members of the audience.

It was almost an hour before the courts could be cleared and play resumed

Outside the stadium, the demontrators continued arguing with the police.

One demonstrator said. "If you want to remove us, you'll have to kill us"

Police reinforcements arrived and the men were bundled into a police van

Mr Ngcobo said he had been expecting a disruption following a warning by organisations opposed to the lifting of the sports boycott.

He said. "These people have a right to disagree with what we are doing. Our security people were told to keep a low profile, and although some demonstrators were identified as soon as they entered the arena, we allowed them to make their point.

"They have now had their show and we expect no further problems."

He said the demonstration had been "a minor show of force" and the tournament was held in South Africa with the blessing of the majority of South Africans.

After the match, winners Connell and Michibata said the disruption did not deter them and they were never concerned about the possibility of physical danger.

"We were warned beforehand that there was a possibility of this happening, so we were prepared," Connell said

A police spokesman said the 41 people were arrested and charged with creating a public disturbance. They were taken to the Jeppe Police Station in Johannesburg.

They were given the option of paying a R50 admission of guilt fine or appearing in court today.

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s . . . plainclothes policemen, spectators and tennis security officials clash with demonstrators at the World Doubles npionships in Johannesburg last night.

Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

Blasts hit Rand police station

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JOHANNESBURG. — Blasts hit the Munsieville police station, near Krugersdorp, yesterday as a police riot squad fired rubber bullets to break up a demonstration against electricity cuts by at least 1 000 protesters, police said.

An SAP special constable was slightly injured in the conflict which started soon after 8am when demonstrators began protesting against their electricity being cut off 15 days ago because of non-payment of accounts.

A police spokeswoman said protesters tore up the national and police flags at the municipal offices next to the police station.

The spokeswoman said police used rubber bullets to disperse the angry crowd after a handgrenade and mini limpet mine exploded behind the police station, causing no injuries and little damage.

The spokeswoman said the crowd then stoned police vehicles. Shortly before 11am a group attacked Special Constable Derrick Dlamini, 24, whose nose was broken. A man and woman were arrested.

Police said the tension eased after heavy rains forced the residents back into their houses.

'Identify with township residents'

By Brian Sokutu

Amid the continuing wave of violence on Soweto trains, conscientious objector and Anglican minister Douglas Torr has made an impassioned plea to whites to identify with Reef township residents.

Addressing a Peace Action gathering in Johannesburg this week, Mr Torr said it was important for whites to build contact with the traumatised black township community because "the human face of whites is very important there"

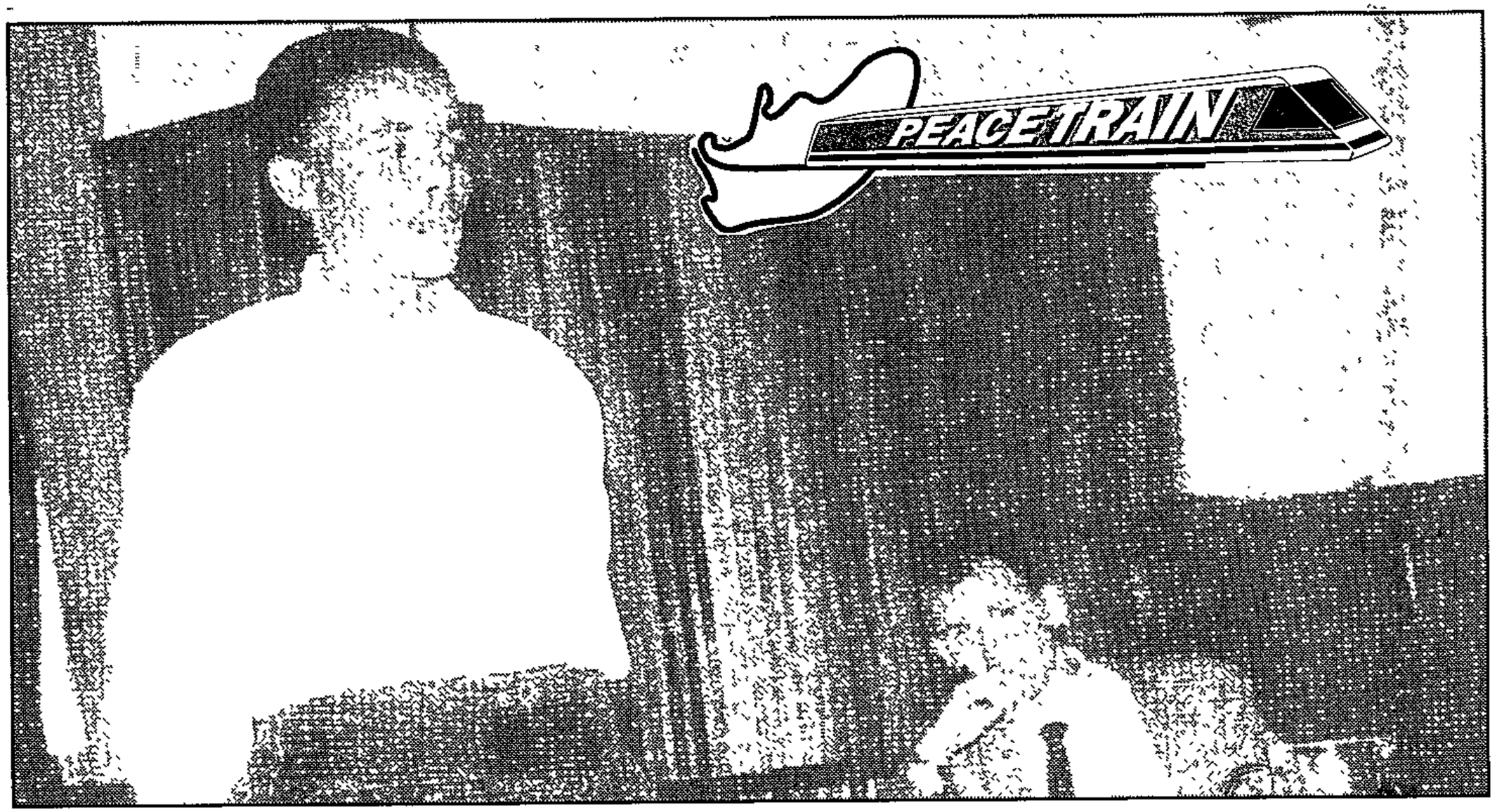
He urged whites to join Peace Action, a recently formed violence monitoring group.

"We have to be there in our numbers to counter violence through monitoring, co-ordinating relief and giving people psychological counselling," said Mr Torr.

He said white residents had to "step in to assist township residents and not wait for politicians to sign peace accords".

Maria Maoba, a member of the Ministers' United for Christian Co-Responsibility (Muccor), described life in Soweto as traumatic.

She said: "Experience of violence has changed attitudes and behaviour in the townships. It has dehumanised people in Soweto.



Working together . . . Maria Maoba addresses the Peace Action meeting while Dr David Everrat looks on. The mostly white audience was urged to play a role in trying to curb the violence. Picture by Herbert Mabuza

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"When you see someone being attacked next to your house, you lock yourself inside because of fear. It could be your brother or your neighbour.

"And if you phone for police you could be tracked down by the killers because they know the houses with telephones"

Community Agency for Social Enquiry (Case) senior researcher Dr David Everatt said the township violence was not between the ANC and Inkatha but orchestrated by "paid Renamo agents inside the country".

"This is pure Renamo-style destabilisation and not a political battle between Inkatha and the ANC."

He said the victims were ordinary citizens who did not belong to any political organisation.

Spiralling crime brings fear and anger

Seshego is no longer carefree

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Seshego has been hit by spiralling crime. MATHATHA TSEDU of our Pietersburg Bureau, takes a closer look at the problem.

BONANI "Bondela" Phothwane smiled as he strolled from school last Thursday afternoon.

A matric pupil at Mohlakaneng High School, Seshego, Pietersburg, he had been studying biology that afternoon in preparation for exams the following day.

He had remained at school until about 3pm when he started the short journey home.

Bondela, as he was called by his friends, was accosted about 300m from his home at 483 Zone 1 by a thug who plunged a knife into his neck.

He was rushed to the nearby clinic where nurses, seeing the profuse bleeding, sent him to a doctor next door. The doctor and his assistants battled for half an hour before an ambualnce arrived to take the boy to hospital.

BONANI PHOTHWANE

But it was too late.

His death is a tragedy. It was the end of an ambition he had to become a teacher and a useful member the community.

He was also a keen, self-taught motor mechanic and barber. Many a Seshego youth can attest to his ability to cut hair.

The son of sales representative Mr Johannes "Skipper" Phothoane and his teacher wife Rachel, Bondela (20) became yet another tragic statistic in the growing violence sweeping the once peaceful township.

The saying that Seshego is good at night is fast becoming history as people remain indoors after dark. Thirtysix people have died violently during the past six months.

Gone are the days when carefree people would drink at the Zone 1 hotel and criss-cross the footpath to Zone 3. With the emergence of gangsters such as 21 Jump Street, Zebra Force and others, those who try to walk the streets at night do so at their peril.

The community is becoming very concerned as evidenced last week when two people who had been stabbed to death on the same night were given a combined funeral service which attracted nearly 5 000 people.

Speaker after speaker, from the local taxi association representative, Mr Eddy Mabina; Sabta representative Mr Eddy Dikgale; to civic association chairman Mr Robbert Mningi, decried the increasing stabbings to resolve problems.

"They are our children. We have given birth to thugs who are now finishing each other off. Are we going to just sit around and mourn their deaths or are we going to do something? The knife is out to kill and we must stamp it out," Mabina said.

Mningi said parents must get involved and admit to what their children's are doing.

"It is the responsibility of all of us to talk to our children. We must not let them become street children. Parents mustn't say they don't know where their children have been sleeping - they must make it their business to know," Mningi said.

Revenge

The speakers cautioned against revenge.

The warning followed an incident a week earlier when people returning from a burial set a scrapyard used as a tavern on fire.

The mourners claimed that the victim was stabbed at the scrapyard. But the owner, Mr David Teffo, denied that the man had been stabbed there.

Police spokesman, Captain LM Tlomatsana, said police had discussed the growing violence which was worrying.

He said a 19-year-old had been arrested for the murder of Bondela and would appear in court again on Tuesday.

He said police were looking at various ways of improving policing of the township to safeguard the residents and their property.

"The apathy towards the formation of youth gangs and the availability of liquor and drugs, are contributing factors to crime.

"Several options are open to us which will be implemented soon. We welcome the spirit of the community who want to help us curb crime," Tlomatsana said.

A social worker said unemployment and laxness in schools were contributory factors to the growing crime. Calls for an end to it would not help without employment to keep people busy.

As the community grapples with the problem and hopes for peace to return, Bondela will on Saturday do his last mile -another young person who died too soon.

Crime 'corroding' quality of life

Star 22/11/91.

By Thabo Leshilo

Soweto's high incidence of crime was corroding the community's quality of life and playing havoc with residents' insurance premiums and the provision of essential services, Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Philemon Makhetha said this week.

Speaking at the launch of the Soweto Anti-Crime Initiative, a community organisation created to combat the crime menance in the township, Mr Makhetha said crime in Soweto was unacceptably high.

This was reflected by the growing prison population of young people, loss of life and property.

According to figures released by the police last month, Soweto accounted for an eight percent increase in murders reported in South Africa this year and showed an overall 0,02 percent rise in serious crime compared with last year.

Figures for the first quarter of the year indicate that 414 rapes, 319 murders, 344 attempted murders, 1 114 housebreakings, 292 robberies, 762 armed robberies and 1 1219 "plain" thefts were committed in the area.

This year alone, 34 policemen have been killed in Soweto — more than double last year's figure.

Various speakers cited the high unemployment rate in the township as an important contributory factor to violence and crime.

Unrest ties up 30 pc of police – Van Eyk

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Staff

Star 22/11/91

About 30 percent of the police force was deployed in unrest areas — and this aggravated the manpower problem in trying to cope with the soaring rate of suburban crime, deputy commissioner of police General Mulder van Eyk has said.

Speaking at a public meeting on crime in Randburg and Sandton last night, he said it would only be when the Peace Accord was fully implemented that these policemen would be able to return to normal crime prevention duties.

The Democratic Party's Bryanston MP, Rupert Lorimer, who chaired the meeting, said communities needed to know what increases could be expected in police manpower.

General van Eyk said about 7 000 policemen were due to graduate from police colleges at the end of this month.

● A Domestic Servants Watch has been formed in at least four Johannesburg suburbs.

The branch commander of the Crime Investigation Service at Parkview police station, Captain Martin van Niewenhuizen, said information from domestic workers had frequently helped the police to catch burglars red-handed.

Man to sue police after arrest of son (15)

Star 22/11/91

By Zingisa Mkhuma

A Midrand father has lodged a complaint and intends taking legal action against police for arresting his South African-born teenage son whom they suspected of being an illegal immigrant.

Patrick Mabena accused the police of violating the rights of his child when they arrested his son Luvuyo (15), a Std 7 pupil at Sandown High School, on Wednesday.

Mr Mabena said the police ignored Luvuyo's pleas that he had been in Soweto and lived with his parents a few blocks away from the spot where he was arrested.

He was kept in custody for almost three hours, Mr Mabena said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said the boy was detained for only 15 minutes.

Captain Bester said the boy looked older than 15 and had told the police he was born in Harare, which gave them reason enough to arrest him.

Mr Mabena said Luvuyo was stopped by the police at about 4 pm. He denied that his son had told them he was born in Zimbabwe.

"When I got to the police station, the police insisted that I produce his ID book or birth certificate," Mr Mabena said.

Burial for slain PAC member

By ISAAC MOLEDI

A PAN Africanist member Mr Abnar Mongwagelwa of Keiskama Street, Munsieville, Krugersdorp, who was allegedly killed by African National Congress supporters last weekend, will be buried at the local cemetery tomorrow.

A funeral service will be held at his home and the cortege leaves for the graveyard at 2pm.

All regions and branches of the PAC throughout the country are expected to attend.

For more details concerning transport arrangements, mourners can call Mr Tumediso Modise. at (011) 836-0407 or (011) 836-0442.

Inkatha: ANC is to blame

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THE Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Violence and Intimidation was told yesterday there was no chance of peace in Tokoza unless political parties in the township changed their attitudes.

The secretary of the Tokoza branch of the Inkatha Freedom Party, Mr MA Mzizi, told the commission that the African National Congress and the Tokoza Civic Association were blocking the peace process by using delaying tactics.

He said that at all peace meetings the two organisations had adopted the attitude that any decision would not be binding because they first had to consult their constituencies.

Inkatha also blamed the ANC and the civic association for the killing of 16 IFP members in the township in September.

Mzizi rejected suggestions that people or organisations who wanted to keep apartheid alive could have been behind the killings.

"It was the people from Phola Park who did it. They know exactly who the killers are."

He refused to accept a suggestion by counsel for the civic association, Mr David Dison, that it was rumours such as these which caused the violence.

"Rumours have a habit of becoming fact in Tokoza," Mzizi said.

He also rejected a suggestion that Inkatha members had triggered the violence in Tokoza by marching through the township armed with "traditional weapons".

He said Zulu "traditional weapons" formed part of his habitual attire. "Even when you go to propose love you carry your spear and your shield." - *Sapa.*

Will British Sgxabai be the gay Biko?

Is the death of a prominent gay activist in KwaThema 'a family affair' or a result of a gay-bashing murder that threatens the whole community? **MARK GEVISSER** looks at the life and death of British Sgxabai

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"WE are lucky in this township. There are many of us and people know us, so we get little harassment. I have told my family that I am gay and I'm lucky, because they accepted me. I'm also lucky, because I have never been attacked for being gay."

THESE were the words of British Sgxabai, chairperson of the kwaThema Chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Organisation of the Witwatersrand (Glow), when I interviewed him a year ago.

Exactly one year later, last Monday, he died. He had initially been admitted to hospital in August for surgery after a stab-wound in the head. He was discharged three weeks later, but never recovered, and so was readmitted at the beginning of this month.

Mystery surrounds his death: no post-mortem seems to have been performed, and the Far East Rand Hospital in Springs has recorded his death as due to "generalised body pains and weakness". And while his family claims he had been ill since he was stabbed in the head after an anonymous mugging in February or March, Glow says it has evidence that he was fatally assaulted by a relative because he was gay.

Galvanising point ... Glow activists and family members bury a gay 'soldier'

Photograph: ANDREW SESSIONS

"I went to see him just before he died," says one Glow activist, "and he told me that he had been very ill since the relative attacked him with a garden fork in June. He told me that, after he had returned from an Aids education workshop in Johannesburg with T-shirts and condoms, the relative assaulted him because he went with other men."

And so, on Saturday, the 38-year-old activist, who was responsible for an astonishing level of gay organisation in the township, was buried, by two groups of people who came together in the strange, tense union of a funeral: his family, and over 100 gay people, white and black, who marched from Sgxabai's home to the cemetery behind a Glow banner.

"It was an unsettling combination of a traditional family affair and a political protest," says Glow co-ordinator Tanya Chan-Sam. She says that, at first, the family "was nervous about our presence" but that, after the funeral, which Glow paid for, "the priest came up and thanked us".

Co-ordinator Simon Nkoli adds: "I think Sgxabai will be for us what Steve Biko was for all black people and Hector Petersen was for students — a tragic symbol of our oppression."

Speaking at the funeral, Nkoli told the 500-odd mourners that "we were all wearing Glow T-shirts for the same reason that other activists wear ANC T-shirts at a political funeral" and that "we are burying a soldier".

Certainly, Sgxabai's death serves as a critical galvanising point for gays and lesbians, who see the constant physical danger of assault as their most pressing issue.

"We see on average four to six victims of harassment a month," says the director of Gasa/6010, a gay counselling service in Cape Town. "Almost all the incidents are unprovoked and almost all cause long-term trauma in the victims."

He says that gay-bashing is not taken seriously enough by South African authorities. "In Holland, for example, a special police unit called the Homopolizei has been established to deal with harassment of gay people, and in Britain there are joint monitoring groups of police and gay organisations."

But here, he says, "while we get ardent commitment from the top brass, it just doesn't filter down to the men on the beat. So, not surprisingly, victims of gay-bashing rarely go to the police. Often they are ashamed, and they don't know who to turn to."

Glow intends launching a British Sgxabai Fund to assist victims of anti-gay violence with legal and medical costs. But the 38-year-old activist who was buried this weekend is far more than an empty vessel; a useful symbol. In a community where homosexuality is strictly taboo he has, in fact, been something of a hero.

"He is the reason why Glow is so strong in kwaThema," says Thoko Khumalo, a middle-aged woman known as Ma Glow, because she has opened her home to the 80-odd Glow members of the township. "He was everyone's father; everyone's brother. He organised all our events. He went to the Glow meetings in Jo'burg and brought information back to us."

Perhaps most importantly, he initiated Aids education in kwaThema. he was in the midst of a safer-sex training programme at the Township Aids Project in Soweto when he was wounded, and he ran weekly safer-sex workshops in kwaThema.

"He understood the politics of being gay," says one young gay KwaThema man, who, like the rest of the gays in the township, is angry and confused.

"We have had it quite easy here," he says. "We have always been welcome in the shebeens, but now we are scared. Perhaps others will see what has happened to British and do the same to us."

He is not sure, however, how to proceed. "We all know exactly who is responsible, and at first we wanted to go out and get revenge, but now we don't know what to do. We can't even go to the police. It's up to the family to do that. It's a family affair."

Goeie Môre from United Nations man in Johannesburg

The United Nations recently opened its first mission in South Africa. **HUBERT MATLOU** spoke to its top official, Kallu Kalumiya

A GREETING of *"Goeie môre"* is normal at Sanlam Centre in Johannesburg, but is off-key when it ushers you into the United Nations' first official office in South Africa.

Particularly when one considers that

central role in the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the South African government in September 1991, he was appointed chief of the UNHCR mission in South Africa.

He drew contrasts with Namibia and Uganda, where returnees were given seeds and agricultural tools to start a living in the lands. "In South Africa returnees have no land to

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Talks on violence held in Vosloorus

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

The Vosloorus Civic Association (VCC) and the police agreed at a meeting in the township yesterday to establish a committee to monitor violence in the township and work towards the arrest of perpetrators.

District Commissioner of Police in Germiston Brigadier Frans Coetzee and head of the CID in Germiston Brigadier Frans Wilmans met the VCC.

In a statement after the meeting, Brigadier Coetzee said the parties had discussed the unrest in Vosloorus and the need for co-operation between the police and residents to curb it.

He said a further meeting between the police, the civic association and other interested groups would be held on December 10.

The committee will consist of members of various political organisations in the township.

IFP blames ANC for massacre

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The Goldstone Commission into the Prevention of Violence and Intimidation yesterday heard there was no chance of peace for Tokoza, on the East Rand, unless the attitudes of the township's main political groups changed.

The secretary of the Tokoza branch of the Inkatha Freedom Party, M A Mzizi, told the commission that the ANC and the Tokoza Civic Association were actively blocking the peace process using delaying tactics.

The IFP also blamed the ANC and the civic association for the massacre of 16 IFP members by unknown gunmen on September 8.

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Rejected

Mr Mzizi rejected suggestions that people or organisations who wanted to keep apartheid alive could have been behind the killings.

"It was the people from Phola Park who did it

"They know who the killers are," he said.

He refused to accept a suggestion by counsel for the Tokoza Civic Association, Dave Dison, that not a single shred of evidence existed to substantiate such a claim.

Mr Mzizi also rejected a suggestion that IFP members had triggered violence in Tokoza by marching, armed with traditional weapons, through the streets of the township.

He insisted that Zulu traditional weapons formed part of their habitual garb.

"Even when you go to propose love, you carry your spear and shield," he said.

Mr Mzizi will continue his testimony to the commission today. — Sapa.

Slain PAC man's home 'attacked'

Staff Reporter and Sapa

The family home of murdered Munsieville Pan Africanist Congress member Abner Mongwageloa was besieged by a mob on Wednesday night, claimed PAC regional secretary Tumediso Modesi yesterday.

He said the mob chanted anti-PAC slogans and pelted the house, in the Krugersdorp township, with stones.

Speaking in Johannesburg, Mr Modesi said the crowd was led by the same man and his followers who had threatened the Mongwageloa family before and after the activist was killed, and who had also warned that there would be no funeral.

PAC information was that the members of the group were known ANC supporters, he claimed.

"The funeral (of Mr Mongwageloa) is going to take place. The PAC will defend its members.

"Our information is that they are highly intimidated," he added.

However, a West Rand police spokesman said that police had patrolled the house on Wednesday night and had noticed no incident.

No complaint had been lodged.

Mr Mongwageloa was murdered on Friday with a garden fork, and his body set alight.

Mr Modesi said ANC president Nelson Mandela had suggested a meeting today after ANC supporters in Munsieville allegedly indicated that there would "be serious trouble" during the Mongwageloa funeral, which is scheduled for 10 am tomorrow morning.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma confirmed that such a meeting had been mooted "to prevent the possibility of violence".

SETTLING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD QUARRELS

LESS than 15 minutes from the northern suburbs, but worlds apart in experience and living conditions, the community of Alexandra has also notched up a victory for community initiative.

In a modest office of the local shopping centre, the country's first community dispute resolution centre got off the ground last month. Heralded by some as the "first legal people's court", it is the successor to the people's courts which mushroomed in the mid-1980s. These courts dispensed an informal community justice, tackling community problems with community members sitting as judges.

The Alexandra Justice Centre is not a court, stipulates Felicity Steadman, of the Community Dispute Resolution and Resource Centre. It is a mediation and arbitration centre set up by the community with help from academic and practising lawyers. Because it is not a court, it does not pass verdicts. It mediates between parties, helping them to reach a mutually acceptable settlement.

Mediators are drawn from the community and are professionally trained. Working mothers, office and factory workers, unemployed fathers, taxi drivers and a teacher all offer their services as mediators. (2978)

Steadman says the scheme has taken off and people come in off the streets to have their disputes settled. The system is cheaper and quicker than the courts and is run by the community. It is intended to ultimately place control of the Alex Justice Centre in a community-based trust.

In one of the cases before a mediator, a resident complained that she had caught her neighbour sprinkling water on her roof. Interpreting this as a sign of witchcraft, she laid a complaint.

Before a mediator, the neighbour explained that it was in fact protective water to drive away evil spirits. Both parties left, satisfied with the outcome.

The centre's dispute procedure has drawn richly from African customary law. An *umululeki* — Xhosa for one who gives advice — is the major player in the centre. In this case, he is Ben Dhlomo, the registrar of the centre.

Dhlomo categorises disputes, sees which should go for mediation and which should be sent to lawyers and advice centres.

While the Alexandra project is the most ambitious attempt at formalising the system of informal justice, hundreds of less-sophisticated people's courts still operate around the country, says University of Stellenbosch lecturer Jeremy Seekings. W|Mail 22/11 - 28/11/91

They are run from community halls or the homes of street committee members. Whereas they were banned under the State of Emergency in 1986, they now have the tacit support of the police, says Seekings. They take up local issues as well as small civil issues. In Cape Town's Gugulethu township for example, four courts exist, says Seekings.

3-pronged bid to halt carnage on trains

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GUY JEPSON and ABBEY MAKOE

THE South African Police, African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party are poised to set up a joint monitoring task force in a bid to end the carnage on Reef commuter trains.

Well-placed sources disclosed last night that the plan — which emerged during a series of behind-the-scenes meetings in Soweto this week — was geared towards a voluntary ban on the carrying of all weapons on trains on the Witwatersrand.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Jac de Vries told Saturday Star that at one station in Soweto, commuters had already begun voluntarily turning in their weapons.

If the initiative proves successful, it could result in the establishment of a forum which will serve as a de facto sub-structure of the local and regional dispute-resolving committees provided for by the National Peace Accord.

Much, however, depends on the ability of the delegates to win the confidence of their supporters, many of whom live in daily fear of being attacked on trains.

There were suggestions last night that although the modus operandi of the proposed monitoring group had yet to be worked out, it was not inconceivable that police, ANC and IFP monitors would ride trains and monitor stations together.

Another scenario could entail ANC and IFP monitors reporting outbreaks of violence or the carrying of weapons to policemen waiting on platforms.

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ingly delicate one, an agreement to end the carrying of all weapons on trains is the logical outcome of the activities of the proposed joint monitoring task force.

In a cautious statement yesterday, the ANC said its delegation had proposed at one of the meetings that all organisations concerned with the escalating violence be invited to participate in the discussions.

The delegation also noted that proposals should fall within the National Peace Accord.

Colonel de Vries said the police were "very excited" about the prospects of the joint monitoring initiative and its implications for the carrying of weapons.

Although the initiative had been born in Soweto — where 33 people have been killed and a further 182 injured in train attacks so far this year — the initiative would have implications for commuters across the Reef.

IFP spokesman Suzanne Vos said any measure adopted to save the lives of commuters should be applauded. "I sincerely hope the whole exercise will end the carnage. People have suffered too much. The terror must stop."

The plan to set up the task force emerged this week after top Soweto police officers met separately with senior ANC and IFP officials. Spoornet security officials and representatives of the Commuter Corporation were also involved.

"It is envisaged that a joint monitoring group to address the problems on trains and to try to find solutions will be brought into being," Brigadier Sakkie Minnaar, acting regional commissioner of the Soweto police, said yesterday.

In a statement, Brigadier Minnaar said reaction from all parties to the discussions had been positive, and there were "indications that such a monitoring group would soon be established".

Earlier this week police reportedly said that in terms of section 12 of the Legal Succession of Transport Services Act of 1989 they could not stop commuters carrying weapons on to trains — with the exception of firearms — "unless the guy shows criminal intent".

However Saturday Star's legal advisors say that under section 20 of the Criminal Procedures Act, police are empowered to seize any weapon.

Hundreds of policemen sign pledges

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WHEN Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel and Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe signed The Star's Peace Pledge last month, it set in motion a train of events which culminated in hundreds of peace pledges arriving at The Star.

It was not just the fact that 10 members of the SAP's Vehicle Theft Unit in Vereeniging had signed and sent in their pledges, but that the Unrest Unit at Chamdor in Krugersdorp, the Boksburg police station, the Crime Investigation Service at Vanderbijlpark, and John Vorster Square police had all decided to commit themselves to peace, and particularly express support for the Peace Train.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the minister was keen to associate the police with any attempt to promote peace, and it was clear that individual policemen had taken the cue from the commissioner.

"What needs to be remembered is that the police have as much need for peace as the community itself," said Captain Kotze. "For that reason, we will support any local or community effort to bring peace to our country — over and above our commitment to the National Peace Accord," he said.

Policemen at all levels have signed the pledge — an indication of efforts at that level to bring awareness of the police involvement in the Peace Accord and the code of conduct for the police.

It is also, he said, a demonstration of the general desire for peace at all levels of the police force.

Peace through community spirit

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THE spirit of togetherness created by community-inspired occasions is perhaps the best way of bringing peace to our troubled townships.

This is the view of the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Co-ordinating Committee, and the motivation for its annual Atteridgeville Expo to be held from Monday to Saturday next week.

The week-long programme starts with a careers awareness campaign aimed at the youth of the township. There will be exhibits from various educational institutions, including private colleges and technikons such as Wits and Northern Transvaal. There will also be entertainment, and various television and music personalities will be present to address the youth, according to the organisers. The venue is the Community Centre.

On Thursday, at the Atteridgeville Super Stadium, there will be the annual prayer meeting, with the theme "Let peace prevail forever". The first prayer meeting last year was arranged at the height of unrest in the townships. "The violence in the townships is still at the same levels, and it is becoming more and more necessary for us to rededicate ourselves to fighting for peace," said spokesman Orphi Mojapelo.

She said various ministers of religion had been invited, as well as members of the various mothers' unions from different churches, and the community at large. "We would like to see all those who are available on Thursday afternoon to join us so that we can all get on to the peace train," said Ms Mojapelo.

Local business

The final part of the programme is an exhibition by local business people from the formal and informal sectors. There will be stall exhibitions, flea markets, a beauty contest and food for sale.

Organisations involved in the planning of the occasion include the various welfare organisations in the township, including Nicro, Child Welfare, TPA social workers, and community organisations.

SIGNING UP: Domestic workers, "terrified by what is happening in our country", sign the Star's Peace Pledge at St Luke's Church, Orchards, where they gather every Thursday to improve their skills. ● Photograph: ALF KUMALO.

Munsieville an 'unrest area'

MUNSIEVILLE township on the West Rand has been declared an unrest area in a notice in the Government Gazette.

The township has been the scene of violence since last week after the killing of a PAC supporter.

The police asked ANC and PAC members to exercise restraint during the funeral yesterday of a PAC supporter who was allegedly necklaced by an ANC mob.

Mob kills four in Sharpeville

By ELIAS MALULEKE

AT least four people were killed yesterday when an alleged Inkatha mob, on its way to bury a member of the organisation, went on the rampage and attacked residents of Sharpeville in the Vaal.

Joseph Khanye, 40, was attacked in his yard by the mob and stabbed. He ran away and scaled a fence but the mob followed him into a neighbour's yard where he was repeatedly stabbed. He died on the spot.

Khanye, of 2374 Mareka Street, was unemployed. He was alone at the time of the attack.

According to his neighbour, the mob was not provoked.

Further down the road, in Phomolong Section, the mob attacked an eight-year-old girl, who was also stabbed to death. She died on the spot.

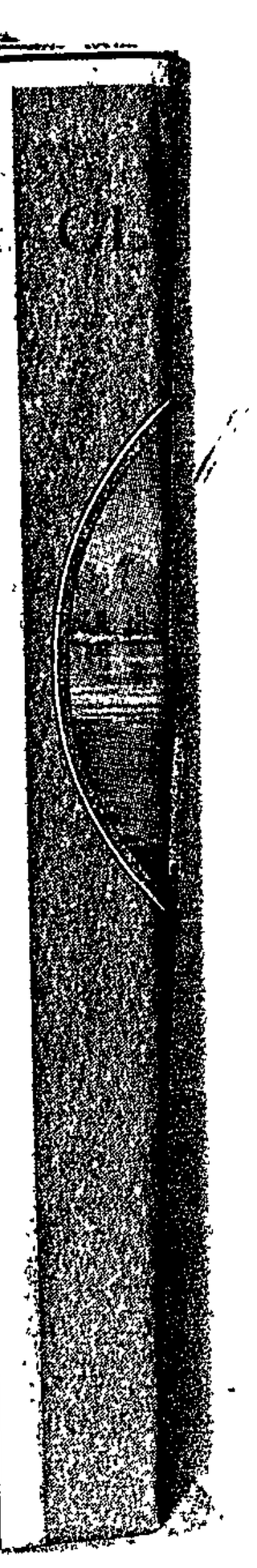
Two unidentified men were attacked in the same area. They were repeatedly hacked with axes and pangas. One was admitted to hospital in a serious condition and the other is said to have died on the spot.

Residents also alleged that police opened fire and killed an 11-year-old youth in Vuka section. At the time of going to press, police comment was not available.

Two other people were killed on Friday in Moloi Avenue where there was a night vigil for Inkatha member Tompie Vilakazi, who was also allegedly killed last Sunday by "comrades".

Residents said there was wild shooting in the night and it is not clear who fired the shots that killed the two.

When City Press arrived at the scene yesterday, the police were seen escorting a group of heavily armed men with red headbands to the Kwa-Madala hostel where the trouble is said to have started.



Mandela now in

Taxis in convoy after attacks

By ELIAS MALULEKE

COMMUTERS between Mamelodi and Lebowa are complaining that they are delayed because minibus taxis are travelling in convoys for security, instead of leaving the ranks separately when full.

They claim they are forced to wait in packed taxis for hours until at least seven are full.

"It is worse than waiting for a bus. The worst part is that we are not allowed to leave the taxis once we have boarded," one angry commuter said.

A City Press reporter this week observed how eight taxis travelling the same route left the Mamelodi taxi rank together, followed by a minibus-load of security men.

Alpheus Oupa Uonae, a spokesman for Boseka Boejela Taxi Association (Bobta), said lone taxis risked being ambushed by rival taxi operators.

Clashes between members of Bobta and rival taxi operators in Lebowa over the control of routes and the Groblersdal Taxi Rank have claimed the lives of at least 25 taxi drivers this year.

Eastern Transvaal police spokesman Col TJ Mahlangu said police were doing everything possible to solve the problem.

Cast activists on 'death list'

Cape Times 24/11/91. 276

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE names of several civic activists are said to be on death lists circulating in the townships.

Names of executive members of civic associations and other political organisations are believed to have been compiled by hit-squads living in some local hostels.

The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) said this this week that death threats have been received by several of its members.

Cast alleged its president Moses Mayekiso, deputy president Kgabisi Mosunkutu, and head of the housing department, Mahommed Dangor, received a number of telephone death threats soon after civic leader Sam Ntuli was assassinated.

Cast Education Officer Nomvula Mokonyane last week escaped an assassination attempt at a Kagiso taxi rank – the fourth so far.

Three armed men had threatened to kill her "at any time".

Speaking at a press conference in Johannesburg this week, Mokonyane said the men, who were known to her, trailed and confronted her at the rank, grabbing her clothes.

But the bid was foiled when a taxi-driver intervened.

She said her assailants hurled threats and named other civic association members who they vowed to "get even" with.

Later that day five conspicuous-looking men in a car were seen skulking around the Mokonyane home. One of the characters was seen peering through binoculars and taking photographs.

In a statement Cast further claimed the Tembisa home of East Rand Civic Association chairperson Ali Tleane was the target of an attack on Monday last week by members of the SADF.

Tleane escaped uninjured but the house was severely damaged.

Other civic members who are alleged to have received death threats are Ike Genu, Ben Ntsimane and Thiza Moiloa.

Cast deputy president Kgabisi Mosunkutu said the incidents had been reported to the ANC's Committee on Violence. This was after they were reported to the police who had not responded positively.

Cast slammed the police for doing nothing to investigate the incidents.

The association claimed that hostels in Tokoza, Vosloorus and Dobsonville had been turned into bases for hit-squads.

Cast called for:

- The State to stop using criminals for murdering township residents.
- Colonel Tienie Halgryn, Jack de Vries, Eugene Opperman and Frans Malherbe to resign.
- Black policemen and the community to monitor violence in the townships.

Reef unrest area declared

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PRETORIA. — Munsieville in Krugersdorp on the West Rand has been declared an unrest area in terms of a special Government Gazette notice published in Pretoria on Saturday.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel also imposed a 9pm to 4am curfew on the township.

A special police constable was slightly injured on Wednesday when about 1 000 angry Munsieville residents gathered at the township's municipal offices to protest against electricity cut-offs because of non-payment of accounts. — Sapa

Man killed after IFP attack

Sowetan 25/11/91

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE and Sapa

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A SHARPEVILLE man died and three residents were injured when Inkatha Freedom Party members - on the way to a funeral - attacked them.

The dead IFP member, who was allegedly killed by ANC supporters last week, was Mr Tombi Vilakazi.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel confirmed the incident yesterday. She said Joseph Khanye (44) died after he was stabbed in the arm and chest.

No one has been arrested in connection with Saturday's attack.

In Soweto, police found the body of a man with bullet wounds in the boot of a car on Saturday morning in Zondi.

In Denver, Johannesburg, two people died and another was wounded near the hostel on Saturday.

In Sharpeville, two policemen - Constable NJ Hadebe and Sergeant MA Motsoane - were injured in a shootout with a group of youths in Sharpeville.

No arrests have been made.

At Constantia (Kroonstad) about six people attacked a car causing extensive damage.

Tokoza 'calm' before September 8 attack, probe told

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The situation at Tokoza on the East Rand had been calm and stable before a surprise attack on a group of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters on September 8, claimed the lives of 18 people, the Goldstone Commission into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation was told yesterday.

Captain Leon Steyn, the officer responsible for the planning of police actions in the area, testified that on the day in question the police expected no trouble and were planning to keep a low profile.

For that reason the police also did not act against Inkatha members carrying cultural and other weapons despite the fact that the Tokoza Town Council had placed a ban on such weapons being carried on that day.

The police officer on the scene had the discretion to act and, rather than provoke a reaction from the marchers by confiscating their weapons, he allowed them to continue.

A few weeks later, however, the police confiscated weapons carried by ANC supporters to the funeral of a leader of the Civic Association, Sam Ntuli.

Captain Steyn said on October 7, the day of the funeral, the situation was completely different from September 8.

On the day of the funeral, the violence which had erupted since September 8 caused such tension that the police had to maintain a high profile to prevent bloodshed.

"I still believe had we not done so, a lot of people would have been killed on that day."

Despite this, Captain Steyn said most people who died in unrest related incidents in the township, died from bullet wounds. Cultural weapons had played a very small role in the violence. — Sapa.

NECC general secretary Ihron Rensburg has slated the schooling plan, saying no effort was made to consult extra-parliamentary organisations on the matter.

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Task group to investigate ways to end train killings

A SPECIAL monitoring group to look into ways of preventing attacks on train commuters was in the pipeline, Soweto police spokesman Col Jac de Vries said at the weekend.

De Vries said the group would comprise representatives of the ANC, Inkatha, Spoornet and the SA Rail Commuter Corporation.

"Discussions with the ANC and Inkatha on the matter are progressing well and the indications are that the group may be established in the near future," he said.

It is understood the group will propose a ban on the carrying of any weapons, including traditional weapons, on trains.

WILSON ZWANE

The ANC delegation which met police in Soweto last week said the monitoring group's proposals should fall within the context of the National Peace Accord.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said her organisation was in favour of strong measures to ensure the safety of commuters.

If the measures were taken in consultation with communities ... and were seen to be working, they would go a long way in addressing the problem.

Inkatha spokesman Sue Vos said measures aimed at preventing killings on trains had the full support of Inkatha.

Alex - a festering sore

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The angel of death that hovers over Alexandra

THE Angel of Death hovers over the squalid township of Alexandra, east of Johannesburg.

The township, with a history of gangsterism stretching over decades, gave South Africa some of the most weird and shady characters.

It also gave this country some of the finest educationists, sportsmen and musicians.

The one gang leader who comes to mind is Lefty Mthembu, whose reign of terror is still fresh in the minds of the residents as if it happened only yesterday

Yet it happened in the 1950s. Colleague Joe Thloloe, recollecting some of the incidents, remarks: "Under the pretext of protecting the community from attack by the Spoilers Gang, Msomi's equally notorious gang led by "godfather'' Shadrack Matthews unleashed the worst reign of terror known in the history of the township.''

Protection

He did not only extort protection fees from his victims, he and his men shot, killed, maimed and burnt victims in the most vicious attacks against residents, Thloloe said.

"It was only in the late 1960s that peace returned to the township.

"The Msomi Gang were rounded up in 1960. Matthews and a few of his henchmen were sentenced to death and others jailed for long terms.

"The Spoilers lingered on for a few more years, before shooting it out among themselves. It then petered out,'' says Thloloe.

Despite the crime, the township did not lag behind in producing good sportsmen.

By JOE MDHLELA

Boxer Joas "Kangaroo'' Maoto was just one of the finest athletes to be produced in the area. He dominated the boxing scene in the 1960s and 1970s.

Music

There was also the late Zakes Nkosi, one of the best saxophonists in the country. He was a household name whose music is being played even today.

Director of Alexandra Health Centre Dr Tim Wilson makes this observation about Alexandra: "The level of violence in Alex has always been high.''

Despite the violence, the township is a very humane place, argues Wilson.

"The people of Alexandra have been denigrated, impoverished and frustrated to the point of distraction,'' he says.

Wilson's remarks are fresh and relate to the present time. But they cannot be treated in isolation as if they do not form part of the total thread.

One has to look at the history of the township for the last three decades to connect the violence of the past with the violence of the present.

Wilson echoes the sentiment, saying the past explains the "the new violence''.

He is also aware of the other violence unleashed by the Spoilers and Msomi gangs It made people talk in whispers and barricade their homes.

But the violence in the township has now taken other forms. To be able to understand its magnitude, one has to know its causes.

Those who wish to justify the violence invariably want to take the simplistic view.

Priests

Wilson suggests that "the gross overcrowding, massive unemployment, lack of education and years of corruption and neglect'', are contributory factors for the escalating violence.

"The apparent inability of the police to take any effective action against violent crime in Alex only makes things worse,'' Wilson says.

Statistics put the number of people who died in Alexandra during March and April at 100. At least 535 were injured during the same period.

Local priests are concerned at the unending violence in the township. Without wanting to suggest that the violent attacks were perpertrated by the Inkatha Freedom Party, they seem to be concerned about the fact that it emanates from the hostels

"We had two people dying on the day the Peace Accord was signed in September. The corpses were picked around the hostel area,'' one priest says.

Acting director of the centre, Mr David Robb, has a chilling tale. He says besides the "armed camp'' they believe is being used to train hostel dwellers on combat tactics, Inkatha followers have annexed the hostel and have ejected those who do not share their political beliefs.

When this suggestion was put to a Witwatersrand police spokesman he said: "There might be some truth in this claim. I would suggest that the

Alexandra ... very humane but extremely violent. The area has a long history of violence - from the many gangs that gripped the township in terror to the new political violence - linked mostly to the squalid living conditions.

residents report the matter to the police in the area so that a surprise raid could be carried out.''

The spokesman said this was a civic matter. Police would only act when incidents of intimidation were reported.

Between November 2 and 5, 28 gunshot wounds and 52 stabbings were treated at the clinic.

'Police exaggerated Daveyton evidence'

STAR 26/11/91

By Susan Smuts (2 18) (GEN)

Police exaggerated their evidence and "generated a version" of events to justify the killing of 12 ANC supporters in Daveyton on the East Rand on March 23, a Rand Supreme Court inquest heard yesterday.

David Soggot, SC, appearing for the families of the dead, argued before Mr Acting Justice B O'Donovan that a crowd of about 200 Daveyton residents had gathered to protect themselves from a possible attack by Inkatha supporters.

The court had to decide between the police claim that they were attacked by the crowd, and the residents' claim that a policeman fired into the crowd after the 10 minutes it was given to disperse had expired.

Between six and eight people attacked a policeman, Jan Petrus van Wyk, who died on the scene. Other policemen "unleashed a massive fusillade of bullets into the crowd ... killing 12 and injuring 37", Mr Soggot said.

The police claim they opened fire because they wanted to save Lance-Sergeant van Wyk's life and to defend their own lives. Mr Soggot argued that the police could not have saved his life as he might have been struck by a bullet aimed at his attackers. Instead, they fired into the crowd either as a deterrant to the attackers or punitively and vengefully.

The police exaggerated the attack on Lance-Seargeant van Wyk, he said. Their claim that the crowd had attacked them was undermined by the fact that bodies were dispersed over a wide area.

He rejected the police version that a "magical fluid" was sprinkled on the crowd.

"The attempt on the part of the police to suggest that the residents, having had muti ... had become imbued with the spirit of kamikaze warriors is to be rejected. Police evidence that bullets and gunshot had no effect on the supposed attackers, so they kept coming forward, is, in the light of the havoc caused to the dead and the injured, not acceptable."

The judge is expected to make a finding tomorrow.

Gunman kills doctor in her home

Own Correspondent (278)

An East Rand doctor was shot dead on Sunday night in her home in Wattville, Benoni, by a man with an AK-47 rifle.

Dr Lindiwe Mbambo, of Lekwepe Street, was shot dead in front of her sister's two-year-old daughter at about 8 pm.

Her husband, Lawrence Mbambo, co-ordinator of the Benoni branch of the ANC and publicity secretary of the Wattville Concerned Residents' Committee, was not at home when the attack took place.

Speaking at his home yesterday Mr Mbambo said his wife had come to visit him for the weekend and was to have returned yesterday to Madadeni Hospital, where she worked as a dentist.

He said he was told about the killing by a neighbour who had heard gunshots. STAR 26/11/91

He said his wife was in the kitchen and her sister was in the dining room when the gunman entered the house.

The gunman told them not to move and then shot Mrs Mbambo. Her sister and her sister's daughter were unhurt.

Captain Ida van Zweel, of the East Rand police, confirmed the shooting and said investigations were continuing.

The chairman of the Wattville Residents' Committee, Abe Nyalunga, said he believed the motive of the attack was to intimidate the civic leadership.

Policeman killed in Kwa Mashu

NINE people, including one policeman, died in unrest incidents reported by the SAP and Kwazulu police (KZP) yesterday.

Police said a man was killed and two injured in White City, Soweto, on Sunday when a group attacked them with sharp objects.

JONATHON REES

One woman was killed and four injured in Alexandra township.

The KwaZulu police reported seven deaths. An off-duty SA policeman died after being shot six times in the chest in Kwa Mashu.

HIV-positive women 'need abortion option'

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — SA was on the verge of an "AIDS precipice" and it could only be a human response to offer HIV-positive women the option of abortion, Baragwanath Hospital obstetrics consultant Dr James McIntyre said yesterday

Speaking at a legal and ethical workshop on AIDS hosted by the HSRC, McIntyre said in SA abortion was legal where there was a risk of serious illness for the unborn child.

This appeared to fit the case of HIV infection, McIntyre said, adding that terminations were already being performed in some cases.

The World Health Organisation (WHO), along with most AIDS workers had backed recommendations that pregnancy terminations be a choice for HIV-positive women, he said.

According to WHO estimates, of the more than 10-million people infected with the HIV virus, 3-million were women and 500 000 to 1-million were children.

About 90% of all infected women were in Africa where heterosexual transmission accounted for 80% of all positive HIV cases.

In contrast, McIntyre said, in the US heterosexual transmission accounted for only 6% of all AIDS cases.

Most HIV-positive women treated at Baragwanath were under 25 and unmarried.

McIntyre said many women knowing they would die within 10 years would not want to give birth to a child.

This was particularly so when they had no husband or other support. Many women were refused services during pregnancy by private practitioners who had tested them for HIV and referred them to state hospitals when the test was positive.

Cops went too far

Sowetan 24/11/91 (248)

Hundreds of bullets fired judge finds

POLICE had used excessive force in their handling of African National Congress supporters during a clash in Daveyton, Benoni, which resulted in 12 people being killed, a judge said yesterday.

Rand Supreme Court judge Mr Justice B O'Donovan made this finding at the end of an inquest into the deaths of 12 people during a clash between about 200 ANC supporters and the police on March 24.

Thirty-seven other people were injured and a policeman was killed during the clash.

The finding will be referred to the Attorney-General for his decision.

Justice O'Donovan also ruled that a group of six residents who were part of the crowd and had taken part in the brutal attack on a policeman, Lance-Sergeant Jan Petrus van Wyk, were guilty of murder.

Making his finding, the judge said the only issue was whether, on a balance of probabilities,

By SONTI MASEKO

the deaths of the 12 were brought about by an act or ommission amounting to an offence on the part of any person.

"The one feature in my mind which is of decisive importance is the enormous number of the rounds of ammunition fired by the police.

"It appears to me that the policemen involved in the incident were guilty of an excessive use of firearms in their defence and exceeded the limits of self-defence," the judge said.

The police version was that a policeman had fired teargas to disperse an unlawful gathering and the crowd had then launched an attack on Van Wyk, badly injuring him.

The police then moved to rescue Van Wyk and were forced to withdraw from the scene. In the process they were forced to fire at the crowd in self-defence.

Justice O'Donovan said while this version

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Judge hits at police

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may be accepted and the fact that the whole incident had lasted "only a minute or two", it failed to explain why it was necessary for the police, acting in self-defence, to have fired more than 250 rounds of ammunition.

He had taken into account the fact that the policemen directly involved in the incident had not had the chance to correctly weigh their decisions before acting and that they had to make the decisions in a moment of crisis.

"However, I am still of the view that the slaughter of numbers of persons exceeded the limits of self-defence," he said.

On the evidence put on behalf of the residents, Justice O'Donovan said he took an unfavourable view of the fact that there was "not a single resident" who was prepared to admit he recognised any of the assailants who attacked Van Wyk.

"To disclaim any knowledge of the attack on Van Wyk simply cannot be true," the judge said.

The version put forward by the residents that Van Wyk had driven his Casspir at high speed towards them, jumped out and with another policeman fired blindly and injured two residents was "inherently unlikely".

He said it also did not correspond with the contents of the radio signals between the police, which in his view supported the police version to a limited extent.

He disagreed with the submission by counsel for the police Mr Hattingh that all members of the Xhosa tribe in the area - the terminology he used to describe the residents - should be found guilty of the common purpose of murdering Van Wyk because the incident did not satisfy the criteria laid down in law.

Justice O'Donovan said he regretted that there was no finding on the death of an eight-year-old girl who was struck by a bullet.

Evidence was that the calibre of the bullet was of a size which did not match those used by the police.

"One is troubled by the extraordinary coincidence of an innocent person being shot by a handgun about the same time as the fracas involving the residents.

"The truth must be known at least to the person who fired the shot and who has chosen to say nothing about it," he said.

Justice O'Donovan's finding means that the policemen involved in the shootings could be charged with murder or culpable homicide.

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Police may be charged

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Weapons search

The police then decided to form a cordon and search the crowd for weapons. According to the police, two shots were fired before the cordon was formed, and the crowd stormed the police.

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Residents hit out at police

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THE Wattville Concerned Residents Committee has accused the police of not doing enough to apprehend those responsible for the murder of residents.

Sowetan Reporter

WCRC spokesman Mr Abe Nyalunga said the slaying of Dr Lindiwe Mbambo on Sunday night was the fourth attack in a month on the homes of WCRC leaders.

Mbambo's husband, Lawrence, is an ANC official and civic leader in the area. Nyalunga said other attacks had been at Tamboville and Dlamini Street, Wattville.

Nyalunga said all the police did was to collect statements. He said junior police officers were assigned to these murder investigations.

He also accused the police of doing nothing to ensure the security of Wattville residents.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said the East Rand Murder and Robbery squad was investigating Mrs Mbambo's killing.

Responding to allegations by the WRCC, Van Zweel said police were still continuing with investigations into the killings.

She said some of the murders had not been brought to the attention of the police and they had records of only four murder cases in the past three months. No arrests had been made.

The WCRC is due to meet police representatives today to discuss the attacks.

"We are involved in talks with the Greater Benoni Forum and we cannot continue to do so while there are forces out to destabilise the negotiations by killing families of civic leaders," said Nyalunga.

Wattville resident and member of the WCRC, Mr Josia Khumalo, said Wattville was no longer safe.

Mamelodi shootings: woman gets R260 000

By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

A 25-year-old victim of the Mamelodi shootings, Marjorie Thoko Mahlomuza, who still has a bullet lodged in her head, is to receive R260 150 in damages from the Minister of Law and Order.

This was confirmed yesterday by Ms Mahlomuza's legal representative, Benedicta Monama of the Legal Resources Centre in Pretoria.

Ms Monama said her client was shot in the head on November 21 1985 — the day thousands of Mamelodi residents took part in a protest march against high monthly rentals and called for the resignation of local councillors.

Ms Mahlomuza, who is unemployed, was a Std 9 pupil at Mamelodi High school at the time of the incident.

A letter from the office of the State Attorney in Pretoria, dated October 29 1991, confirmed the settlement, stating that she is to receive R260 150 "in full and final settlement of her claims, without prejudice and without admitting liability".

Ms Mahlomuza had claimed R389 552 in damages.

She claimed R20 000 for pain, suffering and shock; R80 000 for disability and loss of amenities of life; and R1 250 for special damages in respect of past and future medical expenses. For past and future loss of earnings, alternatively loss of earning capacity, she claimed R43 374 and R244 928 respectively.

Police killing of Daveyton 12 probably unlawful

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inquest judge

POLICE who shot 12 people dead during a confrontation with Daveyton residents earlier this year exceeded the legal limits of self-defence and were probably guilty of murder or culpable homicide, an inquest judge found yesterday.

Mr Justice B O'Donovan, who heard the inquest in the Rand Supreme Court, also found that six unknown Daveyton people who killed Sgt Jan van Wyk were probably guilty of murder.

The judge said a record of the inquest proceedings would be sent to the Transvaal attorney-general, who will decide whether to prosecute.

The deaths occurred on March 23 after police gave about 200 Daveyton ANC supporters 10 minutes to disperse from a field where they had gathered while Inkatha held a rally in the township.

Van Wyk and 12 Daveyton people were killed. Another 37 people were injured. An eight-year-old girl walking nearby was also shot dead.

The judge said according to the evidence the ammunition which killed her was not the same calibre as that used by the police. No evidence had been placed before him on which he could make a finding in respect of her death, he said.

SUSAN RUSSELL

According to police witnesses, the crowd attacked after Van Wyk climbed out of a Casspir and another policeman fired teargas at the crowd.

Daveyton people testified that the Casspir drove at high speed directly towards the crowd. Van Wyk jumped out and fired, and two people fell.

Mr Justice O'Donovan said he accepted the police evidence, but added: "What this version fails to explain, however, is why it was necessary for the purposes of self-defence for the police to fire more than 250 rounds of ammunition.

"It appears to me that the police involved in the incident were guilty of excessive use of firepower in their defence.

"In stating this view I must of course give due weight to the fact that a state of mayhem existed. Members of the police directly involved would not have had the opportunity to carefully weigh up the pros and cons of the action they should take."

However, making all possible allowances, the judge said, he still held the view that the police had exceeded the limits of self-defence.

He said he took a more unfavourable view of the evidence of the Daveyton people. "Not a single resident was prepared to admit he recognised any of the assailants who attacked Van Wyk." In the light of evidence that Daveyton was a closely knit community this simply could not be true.

He also rejected their evidence that Van Wyk had shot down two people after the Casspir had driven towards the crowd at high speed.

Two killed in train attack

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TWO people were killed and two others seriously injured when assailants attacked commuters on a train travelling from George Goch to Soweto last night.

Police said the bodies of two unknown men were found at Langlaagte Station. They were found after the attackers stormed the Nancefield-bound train.

One person was stabbed and beaten to death on the platform while a second was run over by the train after being thrown off.

By ISAAC MOLEDI

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Ida Van Zweel said the two injured men were stabbed and hit on the head.

She said the motive for the killings was still unknown.

She could not confirm reports that three men were arrested at New Canada Station in conenction with the incident.

Three held after train slaughter

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Three men were arrested after two people were killed and two were seriously injured in attacks on train commuters on the Reef.

The men were arrested at the New Canada station, Soweto. Three guns, including a home-made rifle, were confiscated.

A police spokesman said the attacks happened on a train travelling between George Goch Station in central Johannesburg and Nancefield Station, Soweto about 6pm.

Two people were killed at Langlaagte Station near Homestead Park by a gang who rampaged through the carriages.

One person was stabbed and beaten to death on the platform while a second was run over by the train after being thrown off.

The motive for the attacks has not yet been established.

3 hurt in attack on ANC man's home

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI, KENOSI MODISANE and Sapa

THREE family members were wounded when unidentified gunmen opened AK-47 fire at the house of an ANC official in Wattville on the East Rand on Wednesday night.

Mr Diza Putini, the chairman of the ANC's Benoni branch, was wounded in the left arm, his wife Winifred was shot in the face and son Gordon was critically wounded in his body and legs during the attack.

Family spokesman Mrs Matshidiso Phelane said the attack took place about 9pm.

"There was a knock at the door and suddenly bullets rained through the window when Gordon peeped through," Phelane said.

She said Gordon had sustained eight bullet wounds in the stomach and one in the chest.

Mrs Putini and Gordon (19) were admitted at Benoni/Boksburg Hospital in a "fairly serious" condition. Gordon was still in an intensive care unit yesterday.

Mr Putini (63) was also admitted with a bullet wound on the left arm. He was discharged from hospital yesterday morning.

Police public relations officer Captain Ida van Zweel said they had a report that a group of people attacked the house at Dube Street, leaving damage estimated at R2 500.

She said eight AK-47 automatic rifle cartridges were found on the scene.

The ANC PWV branch has hit out at the police demanding that "the perpetrators of this violence be brought to book".

"We condemn these systematic attacks on members of the ANC in particular and the community in general," the spokesman, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, said.

"This marks the second attack this week on ANC activists' homes, the first being on the house of Dr Lindiwe Mbambo on Sunday November 24.

"We are appalled that since March 23 1990, a terror campaign has been unleashed against the people of the East Rand. We suggest the perpetrators of this violence are highly trained as the attacks seem to be systematic and are carried out with military precision."

Speedy train arrests are greeted with caution

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By WALLY MBHELE

IN what could prove to be a dramatic breakthrough in apprehending train killers, swift action by police led to the arrest of three suspects at Nancefield station in Soweto after a bloody attack on Wednesday.

At about 6pm on Wednesday, a group of armed men swarmed through the passenger coaches of a Soweto-bound train, leaving at least two people dead and two injured.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said he could not confirm the involvement of the arrested men in the attack, but he acknowledged that they were arrested on the platform at Nancefield in possession of "dangerous weapons".

"We are investigating the possibility that they were involved. They are not directly linked to this specific case," he said.

Opperman's statement contradicted earlier reports that the men were arrested in possession of three firearms, including a homemade rifle, at New Canada station in Soweto.

Peace Action, an organisation which monitors train violence on the Reef, greeted the "speedy arrests" with caution, saying it hoped the people arrested were "not the wrong people". A spokesman told *The Weekly Mail* that police had in the past arrested the wrong people on station platforms, leaving the assailants to get away unhindered.

"It will be very important to see when these people appear in court and whether bail is opposed. The media has a role in following these cases and seeing whether anybody will be charged," the spokesman said.

The latest arrests come only a month after the uproar over police failure to apprehend train assailants came to a head.

On October 9, for the first time in the history of the train attacks, irate and unarmed East Rand commuters from Katlehong township captured a man they said had shot and hacked his way through the coaches.

The man was severely assaulted and was handed over to the police. The question being asked was, if unarmed civilians had managed to capture the culprit, why had armed police not responded?

Opperman told *The Weekly Mail* yesterday that the police had since identified some problem stations and that security had been stepped up in these areas.

He pointed out that there are 158 railway stations on the Reef and that in Johannesburg alone the police have to cope with 1 118 trains.

"Unfortunately, we cannot always be there when the attacks happen and we still need an extra 6 776 policemen to effectively control the situation," he said.

The police were doing their "utmost best under these difficult circumstances," he added.

According to East Rand police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweel, the Wednesday evening attack began between the notorious George Goch and Nancefield stations.

She said the bodies of two people were recovered at Langlaagte station. One had been stabbed, while the other was apparently thrown out of the train before it ran over him.

The two injured men were found at Longdale station. One had been stabbed in the back before being thrown from the moving train. The second broke his right leg when he leapt from the train after being knocked on the head, she said.

Missing ANC youth found in police morgue

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By PAUL STOBER

ON September 20, Floors Titus, a 21-year-old member of the African National Congress Youth League in Bronville, disappeared. Six weeks later a friend found his body in the police morgue in Kroonstad, 50km from his home.

Despite Titus' identity document being on the body, the police had made no attempt to contact the family.

Chairman of the ANC branch in Bronville, Lionel Dukes, inspected the body. He said: "Titus looked as if he had been tortured with a baton. He was beaten so badly that one of his eyes was hanging out. He had a gunshot wound in the right temple." The state pathologist said the cause of death was a gunshot to the temple.

At the time of Titus' disappearance, members of the ANC reported that a number of houses in the area had been firebombed. In one case, the house of the civic chairman, David Theys, was allegedly bombed by an Inkatha member, Simon Monareng.

Monareng was caught by the police in a car allegedly rented by a Bronville councillor, Phillip van Wyk.

According to Dukes, "the car contained an arsenal which included a rocket launcher". Monareng was charged with "damage to property" and released on R200 bail.

Dukes said there were no direct links between the attacks and Titus' death.

● In the latest attack on ANC activists on the Witwatersrand, the chairman of the Benoni branch of the ANC, Diza Putini, and his family, were wounded during an attempt on his life last Wednesday night.

Two men allegedly knocked on the front door of Putini's house in Wattville and then sprayed the house with bullets through a window.

Putini's wife and son have been admitted to the Boksburg Benoni Hospital in "a fairly serious condition", according to the branch deputy chairman.