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Soweto policeman shot dead

(278) AK-47 attack on SAP vehicle

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By Monica Oosterbroek

An off-duty policeman and another man were shot dead in Soweto in the early hours of the new year.

The policeman was shot dead yesterday when he went to investigate a gun battle outside his home in Protea Glen.

Police liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the battle broke out after a constable on duty stopped a suspicious-looking car.

A large crowd of hostile residents gathered around the constable.

When a man in the crowd fired several shots at the constable, the constable fired back, hitting the man in the head.

The constable went to contact the police radio station for assistance and when he returned, he found the body of the off-duty policeman

The Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit has begun an intensive search for the killer.

A woman was shot twice in the head and two policemen were wounded during an AK-47 attack on a police van about 300 m from the Soshanguve police station shortly before midnight on New Year's Eve.

Captain Marietjie Louw of the northern Transvaal SAP said three policemen investigating an undisclosed complaint left the police station together with a complainant, Gladys Makola, at about 11.10 pm, when an unknown man "threw something like a stone at the van".

Captain Louw said the suspect was with two others who immediately thereafter opened fire on the police van, wounding two policemen and Ms Mokola, who was sitting in the back of the van

Ms Makola was hit in the head and cheek Her condition was described as "very serious" Sergeant Thomas Ngobeni was hit in the left side of the body and Sergeant Johannes Mothimela was shot in the upper arm and ankle.

Another policeman, a Constable Matimela, escaped uninjured from the attack.

The injured were rushed to hospital

The motive for the attack is unknown and no arrests have been made.

— Pretoria Bureau.

Three injured in AK-47 attack

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TWO policemen and a member of the public were injured when gunmen fired at them with AK-47 rifles in Soshanguve, near Pretoria, on Tuesday.

The attackers escaped.

Police spokesman Captain Marietjie Louw said the attack happened about 300m from the Soshanguve police station.

The policemen were taking a complainant, Mrs Gladys Mokaba, in their van to the scene of an alleged crime when one of a group of three men threw something at the vehicle. The other two opened fire with AK-47s.

Mokaba was hit in the head and seriously injured, while Sergeant Nkabeni and Constable Motimela were also hit and injured.

They were taken to the Garankuwa hospital.

Louw said police were following up leads. - *Sapa*.

2 policemen killed in Soweto ambush

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Crime Staff

Soweto police last night launched a manhunt for the killers of two municipal policemen shot dead when their van was ambushed in Dobsonville.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the attackers opened fire on the van as it drove along Roodepoort Road. The slain policemen, both based in Dube, were on a routine patrol.

Their names will be released once their next of kin have been informed.

The attack came only hours after police announced a R25 000 reward for information leading to the conviction of anyone who murders a policeman.

In a similar attack in Katlehong, on the East Rand, on Wednesday, two SAP members were shot dead in their patrol van — and then set alight by a group of men.

East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber identified one of the dead men as Sergeant J B Mlokothi, of the Tokoza police station.

The other man, a constable, will be named once his next of kin — who live in Flagstaff, Transkei — have been notified.

The bodies were only recovered yesterday because an eyewitness waited until daylight before telephoning emergency services.

AK-47 cartridges were found on the scene

The latest attacks brings the number of SAP members killed this week in the Witwatersrand area to five. Close to 150 policemen have been murdered countrywide over the past year.

LABOUR

'Terror' campaign against Numsa officials

By DREW FORREST

THE National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) has claimed a systematic terror campaign against its officials, following a a string of recent shootings and threats on the Reef.

In one case, a death threat was made by an anonymous caller claiming to be from the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging.

Numsa said Springs organiser Jeffrey Khubeka narrowly escaped death in mid-December when three men in a grey Toyota, one of them white, shot at his car on the Dunottar-Duduza road.

His car was hit several times, as was another passing vehicle whose owner had been hospitalised.

Numsa lists other recent incidents, three involving Springs officials, suggesting a "systematic attempt to intimidate its officials":

●Springs official Pepsi Mahlangu was shot dead in kwaThema in July.

●In November Springs organiser Andries Malaudzi was warned by an organisation calling itself the "ASO" that he faced death if he did not resign from the union. His car was subsequently broken into and damaged.

●In September a nameless caller warned that the AWB would "get" Springs organiser Makgao Mlothshwa. The call was taken by the office administrator, Sibongile Skosana, whom the caller named and also threatened to kill.

Numsa said Johannes Mosia, chairman of its Western Transvaal region, was under threat from "elements associated with the KwaMadala Hostel" — a disused hostel occupied by Inkatha supporters at Iscor's Vanderbijlpark works — and had not been sleeping at home for weeks.

New year brings new hope for Thokoza

After a year of fear and killing in Thokoza, township residents celebrated the New Year with renewed hope for peace. By **WALLY MBHELE**

WHEN the clock struck 12 on Tuesday night, jubilant crowds of Thokoza residents thronged the streets and bade farewell to a year of agony in the township.

There were poignant scenes when even small children, who had been kept behind closed doors for months, swirled on to the streets.

Along the fences on Mazibuko Street, a human chain was formed, with the children in the chain holding lit candles, shouting "Happy new year, peace in Thokoza".

It was a peaceful dawn of 1992 after a year of political strife that tore the township apart.

"I wish my husband were still alive to witness this moment of hope," said a widow whose husband died from a hail of AK-47 bullets fired from a passing car in September last year.

Neighbours stood at the gates shaking hands, probably for the first time in months, offering compliments of the new season and expressions of hope for peace in the coming year.

Thokoza in 1991 was one of the flashpoints of political violence and assassinations that nearly wrecked the peace process in the country. It was characterised by a shocking level of assassinations, abductions, random killings and hit squad activities never before experienced on the Reef.

A commission to determine the causes of violence in this East Rand township was appointed under the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation.

Violence became endemic after the dramatic assassination on September 27 of a key campaigner for peace, Sam Ntuli, general secretary of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal.

Ntuli's murder in a hail of AK-47 rifle fire came only a day after he attended a high-level meeting with local Inkatha officials to seek ways of implementing the Peace Accord in the area. At his funeral, 18 people were killed by gunfire.

It was not the first violent incident: On September 8, 23 Inkatha Freedom Party supporters were ambushed as they marched to a rally at Thokoza stadium. There was sporadic violence for hours afterwards as hostel dwellers went on the rampage; but there were no further incidents until Ntuli's murder. Four other activists were killed in the next few weeks.

Residents were terrified. Few people, if any, were willing to walk around the street at night. When the sun set, most residents locked their gates.

But this week all that seemed to have passed into history. The year ended in style, especially in Mazibuko Street, where residents stood side by side as their children called for peace. Tyres were burned in celebration of the new year — not for barricades. As the celebration was ending, South African Defence Force Hippos moved between the crowd, sounding their hooters as they joined the celebrations.

Prince Mhlambi of the Phola Park Residents Committee reported a "peaceful and a happy new year" at the sprawling squatter settlement outside Thokoza, itself a scene of horrific clashes since the violence began. He attributed the new spirit of peace in Thokoza to the recently formed Thokoza Local Dispute Resolution Committee (LDRC).

The LDRC emanated from the Peace Accord and was formed in November by various community organisations, including Inkatha, the African National Congress, hostel dwellers and the Phola Park Residents Committee. It also holds regular meetings with the security forces.

In its first message to Thokoza residents, the LDRC issued pamphlets extending a hand of help to "the people of Thokoza to make our community a place where we can all be proud and happy to live". The pamphlets called on residents to make 1992 a year of "growing understanding and peace in Thokoza".

Two policemen die in 'brutal' attack

TWO Thokoza policemen were shot and burnt in their police vehicle on Wednesday night, in an attack on the SAP a spokesman described as the most brutal in years.

The murders bring to 148 the number of policemen killed in the past 12 months despite concerted efforts by the SAP to stem the number of deaths in the force. So far three policeman have died this year.

In Wednesday's incident, the killers allegedly stopped a police van on its way from Thokoza to nearby Katlehong and overpowered Sgt J B Mlokothi and an unidentified constable before seizing their weapons

The assailants forced them to drive a short distance into the Katlehong area before shooting them with AK-47s and burning their vehicle.

Police, who found 24 AK-47 cartridges on the scene, said they were baffled by the murder and horrified no one had come to help the policemen or report the incident.

PWV SAP Commissioner Maj-Gen Gerrit Erasmus extended his condolences to the families and colleagues of the two men and appealed to the public to help find the killers. An SAP spokesman said there was a R25 000 reward for information leading to the conviction of anyone involved in killing a policeman.

JONATHON REES

In other incidents reported yesterday, a civilian who wished to remain anonymous helped police foil an armed robbery, seize seven weapons and recover a large amount of cash on Tuesday morning.

Four robbers had held up TrustBank security guards in Denver and were followed by the civilian to a city parking lot, where he managed to arrest one of the robbers after calling the police, an SAP spokesman said.

When the suspect tried to flee the man shot him in the back, seriously wounding him. Police recovered a minibus, cash, two AK-47s, two .357 Magnums, a .45 revolver and two 9mm pistols. The other three robbers escaped.

Two robbers were arrested by a security guard and the SAP dog unit in another incident in Devland on Tuesday, but the robbers' made off with R122 000 in cash after holding up the Price Club.

Also on Tuesday, five armed men held up a Bree Street bottle store and made off with R12 000 in cash after shooting and wounding an employee.

In yesterday's unrest report, police said a man was seriously injured in Mandela squatter camp, near Hout Bay, after attackers drove a stake into his head.

Treating unrest victims adds to TPA's burden

PATRICK BULGER

HOSPITAL treatment for the victims of civil unrest costs the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) R16 000 for each patient, says Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough.

In his end-of-year address, Hough said unrest was adding to the already considerable burden that urbanisation placed on the TPA.

"At all levels of society, the influence of constant violence and states of unrest in our towns is felt. This situation has resulted, in particular, in an unforeseen and high rate of patient admission at casualty wards in hospitals, and has given the province an enormous additional financial burden to carry.

"It is estimated that this amounts to R16 000 per patient," Hough said.

He said a new dispensation for SA would not succeed if violence and anarchy continued.

Even without the violence, urbanisation was placing extreme demands on the TPA, Hough said.

He said the TPA had been responsible for settling 90 000 people in informal settlements and that 43 000 erven were being developed at present. But he warned that demands placed on resources would increase tremendously.

The PWV area would have to accommodate an additional 3,3-million people before the end of the century. This would require an extra 50 000ha of land (Soweto comprises 8 000ha and Johannesburg 50 000ha).

In the Transvaal alone, an extra 390 000 erven were necessary to settle people living in backyard shacks.

"The urbanisation process will, in the first place, require even more understanding and realism on the part of the existing communities in urbanised areas," Hough said.

Whoopie starts filming

Five cops shot dead on Reef

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JOHANNESBURG. — Five policemen have been shot dead in the past two days on the Witwatersrand.

The latest killings came last night when two policemen were shot dead by gunmen while patrolling in Soweto.

The policemen were in their van on the Roodepoort road in Dobsonville when they were ambushed.

On Wednesday night two policemen were shot dead while on duty in the East Rand township of Katlehong. Their bodies and patrol vehicle were set alight.

An off-duty policeman and another man were shot dead in Soweto early on Wednesday morning.

R25 000 reward

Two policemen and a member of the public were injured when gunmen fired at them with AK47 rifles in Soshanguve township near Pretoria on Tuesday night.

At least 144 policemen were killed in the line of duty during 1991.

Police have announced that they will give a reward of R25 000 for information leading to the conviction of anyone who murders a policeman and that special steps are to be taken to protect the police against such attacks. — Own Correspodent and Sapa

Police must go — PA-

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Slaying of Soweto SAP members defended as 'start of the revolution'

BRENDAN TEMPLETON and PRETORIA NEWS

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The South African Police condemned the killings as "cowardly", and the Democratic Party warned that assassinations could destabilise the political process.

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Peace committee threatened as parties bid to score points

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ABBEY MAKOE

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THE Soweto Peace Committee, set up three weeks ago by the National Peace Secretariat, is already at risk of disintegrating according to Tlhalefang Sekano, a top ANC member in the committee.

Although it was set up as a local non-party dispute resolution committee, political point-scoring between Inkatha and the ANC has already become a major feature in its deliberations, Saturday Star learnt.

Another major problem for the committee is that Azapo has dug its heels in over the inclusion of councillors, said Mr Sekano.

According to the National Peace Secretariat, the committee's job is not to investigate the causes of unrest and apportion blame. It is to try to prevent violence by resolving disputes.

However, at the committee's first sitting, Inkatha allegedly dropped a bombshell by demanding that the ANC apologise for having blamed it for the recent Dobsonville massacre in which nine people died.

The ANC refused. Mr Sekano emphasised that the ANC would not withdraw the charge.

Japhta Lekgetho, a member of the ANC-aligned Soweto Civic Association (SCA), and which is part of the committee, echoed Mr Sekano's sentiment.

He declared: "Come hell or high water, we have sufficient information implicating Inkatha in the massacre. We can't be expected to retract the charge."

Other members on the committee are the SAP, SADF, church groupings, the Soweto Chamber of Commerce, the Hostel Dwellers Association and the three councils of Greater Soweto. They, at least, are all believed to be keen to avoid any deadlocks.

Mr Sekano said Azapo attended only once and had since pulled out, protesting over the inclusion of "collaborators" in the committee — in this case the councillors.

He added that an invitation has been sent to the PAC, which may attend the next meeting to be held early this year.

Thus far, the National Peace Secretariat has successfully set up four regional committees in unrest areas. Four more are expected to be formed soon.

Those already active were in Germiston, Natal and in the Border/Ciskei area.

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Police slam 'cowardly' act

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The government and police yesterday reacted strongly to Thursday's murder of two Soweto policemen, for which the PAC's military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), has claimed responsibility.

"Apla should be too ashamed to accept responsibility for such a despicable and cowardly deed," police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said, adding that it was no great feat to lure policemen into an ambush and murder them.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel said he was outraged at the killings. He said the murder of policemen was "completely unacceptable ... irrespective of the origin or motivation of the killers".

Mr Kriel did not refer directly to reports that an alleged Apla member had telephoned the South African Press Association claiming that three Apla members were responsible for ambushing and murdering the policemen in Dobsonville, Soweto, on Thursday night.

The caller, identifying himself as Mr Carlson Zimbiri, is said to have told Sapa the "Azanian masses must be assured we (Apla) are going to wipe off the SAP".

Thursday's slaying brings to 150 the number of policemen who have been killed in the past 12 months: Five since the beginning of the year.

Mr Kriel said that in a country striving to establish the Rule of Law and a culture of democratic peace and tolerance, the lives of policemen and women should be considered sacrosanct.

He said the safety of SAP members was receiving the "highest possible priority", with members of the force receiving intensive training programmes teaching specialist skills to help them in life-threatening situations.

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ordered, wherever possible, to make use of bullet-proof vests, and members of the force had been told to use the "maximum appropriate response" to any threat to their safety.

"I have ... requested (the commissioner of police) to instruct every member of the SA Police that they are under no circumstances to regard themselves as targets," he said.

Sapa reports that Democratic Party spokesman for Law and Order Mr Peter Gastrow said the spate of police killings could have a serious destabilising effect and ought to be condemned.

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Conservative Party spokesman on Justice Mr Chris de Jager said the death sentence should be imposed for the murder of members of the police force.

Captain Van Rooyen said it would only be a matter of time before the "callous and cowardly criminals" who murdered the Soweto policemen were caught.

"The SA Police will not allow these attacks to deter them from performing their duties. In fact, it will only make (policemen) more determined to track down the killers and bring them to book."

Police deny claim that taxis were stoned by whites

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PRETORIA. — Several minibus taxis were stoned on the outskirts of Brits yesterday, but police and a man claiming to be a passenger gave vastly differing accounts of the incidents.

Rev William Sello Milese, 32, of the Apostolic Faith Mission, who claimed to have been a passenger in one of the vehicles, said several black commuters were injured when six Afrikaans-speaking white men clad in khaki outfits stoned four minibus taxis on the main road from Brits to Letalhabile township.

"That's absolute nonsense," said a Northern Transvaal police spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Willie Vlotman. He claimed a white child had been sitting in the bush next to the road shooting stones at passing taxis with a catapult.

He denied claims of injuries. Two windscreens of two vehicles were shattered and the child's parents had agreed to replace them, he said.

But Mr Milese claimed that at least two passengers had been seriously injured when hit by stones or shattered glass.

He alleged a heated argument had ensued between the whites and blacks after the taxis had skidded to a halt, claiming the Afrikaans-speaking men had hurled insults at the passengers.

The reverend alleged that one of the white men had left and returned with a revolver.

He said another taxi driver passing the scene had alerted the police. Four white policemen and one black officer, Sergeant Joseph Sikamva, had arrived on the scene a short while later.

He claimed police had taken statements from the armed white man, without removing his weapon, and from the drivers of all four vehicles, who had left all their passengers at the roadside and had followed police to the station in Brits.

He claimed police had not called in medical assistance for the injured.

The passengers, including the injured, were later picked up by other taxis, he said. — Sapa.

SACC condemns spate of bombings

THE South African Council of Churches this week expressed horror at ongoing violence, particularly the bombing of schools and public facilities, violent deaths, including the ambushing of policemen, and attacks on offices and homes of political activists. C\Press 5\11\92

The council expressed particular concern at the bombing of the Nelspruit Lowveld High School, the Christian Academy in Klerksdorp and the Lichtenburg Technical College.

"Clearly these are efforts to intimidate any movement toward non-racialism in the country, the SACC said."

Reports by CP correspondents and Sapa

Cops deny rightwing taxi stonings

RESIDENTS of Letlhabile near Brits claim they were injured when khaki-clad men stoned four taxis outside the town, while police deny the reports. CTimes 5/11/92

Rev William Sello Milese, 32, of the Apostolic Faith Mission, who said he was travelling in one of the taxis, said a group of white men stoned taxis at about 4.45 pm. (2.18)

Milese said at least two passengers were seriously injured. He said a passing taxi driver had alerted police who arrived at the scene. Everyone then went to the Brits Police Station.

Northern Transvaal police spokesman Lt-Col Willie Vlotman dismissed the claims as "absolute nonsense", saying a white child had shot stones at vehicles with a catapult.

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CP Reporters and Sapa

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Three die in political violence at weekend

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JOHANNESBURG. — Three people were killed in politically motivated violence in townships at the weekend, police said.

Two men were stoned and set alight at Reagile township, near Koster, Western Transvaal. One died. The other received serious burns.

The bodies of two men were found in Kagiso Hostel, Krugersdorp, early on Saturday morning, according to police. Mr Mthuma Ngema had several stab wounds. The other man, a Mr Molefe, had a bullet hole in the back of his head.

A policeman and his companion were injured in an armed attack in Kagiso late on Friday night. — Sapa

'Soweto suburb highly explosive' warning

There was a "highly explosive" sit[illegible]n in Zola Section 1, [illegible]ter an early morning [illegible]ade attack on the [illegible]al ANC executive [illegible] violence moni- [illegible]sion convener [illegible]arned yesterday.

Mr Mashele said Zola residents were bracing for further violence.

A grenade was hurled into the dining room of the house in Zola at 2 am yesterday, causing extensive damage but no injuries.

Mr Mashele claimed it was aimed at local ANC executive member Fikile Mavuso and local ANC Youth League executive member Nki Mavuso.

Police confirmed a grenade attack in Zola yesterday in their unrest bulletin — Sapa.

Courts may appoint 'lay assessors'

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By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The public may have a say in the judgment and sentencing of accused in South African courts for the first time from March 1.

This was revealed, along with other far-reaching legal reforms, by Deputy Minister of Justice Danie Schutte last night at the opening of a new small claims court in Boksburg.

Mr Schutte said courts could, with the introduction of the Magistrate's Courts Amendment Act on March 1, appoint "lay assessors" from the community from which the accused came. This would ensure that courts considered factors such as the culture and background of the accused.

In addition, active steps had been taken to implement the Short Process Courts and Mediation in Certain Civil Cases Act, which has been created to short-circuit lengthy civil court proceedings through cheaper, more informal means.

A date for the implementation of these courts and mediation channels would be announced soon, Mr Schutte said.

A small claims court was also to be opened in Soweto, where a strong need for such a facility had been expressed. There are 99 areas in which small claims courts have been instituted, serving 87 percent of the South African population.

Mr Schutte said small claims courts were being used increasingly by all races. At the Johannesburg Small Claims Court, 1 727 summonses were issued from June to December.

Of the 1 727 plaintiffs, 1 302 were black and of these 591 lived in Soweto.

"These statistics clearly demonstrate the need for the establishment of a small claims court closer to Soweto."

Police vow to hunt down PAC army

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The police are committed to "ruthlessly" and "mercilessly" hunting cadres of the PAC's military wing, the Azanian Peoples Liberation Army (Apla), inside South Africa.

This was confirmed yesterday by Law and Order Ministry spokesman, Captain Craig Kotze.

At the same time it was announced that a special police unit, comprising experienced detectives from various units, had been formed in Soweto to investigate attacks on policemen and to plan precautionary measures.

Attacks

In recent weeks Apla has claimed responsibility for various attacks on policemen.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said the policemen had been drawn from the murder and robbery unit, the motor vehicle theft unit and the firearm recovery unit of Soweto.

Colonel Halgryn said the unit would operate on a 24-hour basis. He asked the public to report information regarding planned attacks on policemen.

All information would be treated confidentially The Commissioner of Police had offered a R25 000 reward for information leading to the successful arrest of those responsible for these attacks.

The telephone number, which could also be used to supply information concerning the unlawful possession of firearms, is (011) 980-8321.

The unit had already had success after information was received about a minibus stolen in Johannesburg on Monday.

Colonel Halgryn said members of the special unit spotted the stolen vehicle in Diepkloof. They had ordered the driver to stop but the passengers started shooting at the policemen, who gave chase.

Two of the robbers fell out of the minibus as it went round a bend. One was killed in the fall and one fled. The bus then turned into a cul-de-sac in Nancefield. More shots were fired at the police who returned fire. A second robber died when he was shot by the police. A fourth man fled.

Soweto police have also arrested a murder suspect they had been looking for since October 1990 when he had allegedly shot and killed a policeman in Soweto.

PAC defence secretary Victor Seabelo Phama said this week that he felt satisfaction every time a policeman was killed.

Discussing the continuing campaign by Apla to assassinate policemen, Mr Phama, speaking on a Radio 702 talk show, said members of the SAP and SADF were "serving a master that has got a programme against the people.

"The history of the SAP and SADF is bad — there is no aspect of humanity about it," Mr Phama said.

Grenade attack on home

By JOE MDHLELA

A GRENADE rocked the home of Miss Hilda Mavuso yesterday, causing extensive damage to her Zola 1 four-roomed home.

Mavuso (38) believes the attack was politically motivated.

She said her two daughters, Fikile and Nki, are members of the African National Congress Youth League.

"I would appreciate it if my children are left alone to belong to a political organisation of their choice," Mavuso said.

Soweto tense after attack

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JOHANNESBURG. — The situation in Zola, Soweto, was "highly explosive", an ANC official warned yesterday, following an early morning handgrenade attack on the house of a local ANC official.

Mr Floyd Mashele said Zola residents were bracing themselves for further violence.

A grenade was hurled into the house of ANC executive member Mr Fikile Mavuso early yesterday. It caused extensive damage, but no injuries. CT 8/1/92

The attack was confirmed by police. — Sapa

Cast slams Apla over cop deaths

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THE Civics Association of Southern Transvaal and the ANC have criticised the Azanian Peoples Liberation Army, the PAC's military wing, for attacking and killing black policemen.

Both organisations and the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union have urged Apla to review its plan of killing black policemen because they were "the victims of circumstances".

Apla has claimed responsibility for the attacks and killings of at least five black policemen in recent weeks.

At a Press conference yesterday the PWV reions of Cast, the ANC, the SA Communist Party and

By ISAAC MOLEDI

Popcru condemned Apla for its action, saying the attacks on policemen were not a correct strategy.

The organisations said: "Our people have learnt that the majority of African policemen were forced by socio-economic conditions to join apartheid forces.

"There are different categories of policemen - those who share with us the common vision for a future democratic non-racial South Africa and those who wish to retain the status quo.

"The first category consists of potential allies in the democratic struggle and everything must be done to win them over to our democratic perspective.

"The latter consist of elements of hit squads which can never win the sympathy of our people. The two are different and tactics applied to them cannot be the same."

Cast general secretary Mr Dan Mafokeng said although the attacks on policemen could be seen as expression of anger and frustration against apartheid, it should be noted that there were black policemen who are part of the oppressed.

He warned that if the attacks continued this could cause a "swelling in the ranks of the rightwing elements"

"We are not yet convinced that an attack on black policemen is a correct strategy in view of the fact that the PAC gave its support to the National Peace Accord.

"If the vast majority of our people feel dissatisfied about a particular tactic being used, then that tactic needs to be reviewed," Mofokeng said.

Cast called for a meeting with the PAC and other organisations where policies that are relevant today and in the future would be discussed.

Popcru regional chairman Mr Peter Nkuna also said a meeting with the PAC and Apla was in the pipeline.

Police raided me says unionist

By MZIMASI NGUDLE

ABOUT 14 policemmen allegedly raided and ransacked the house of National Council of Trade Unions general secretary Mr Cunningham Ngcukana yesterday.

Ngcukana said yesterday that the police arrived at his home in Jabulani, Soweto, about 2am.

He claimed they searched the house without a search warrant, threatened him and damaged his property during the search.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed that Ngcukana's house was searched "following information received in the normal course of crime investigation".

He said Ngcukana was free to lay a complaint if he was not satisfied about the conduct of the police and the matter would be investigated.

Ngcukana said he was awoken by footsteps in his yard and when he peeped through thne window saw policemen "taking positions around the house".

He claimed they broke the back door. Five policemen entered the house while others stood guard outside.

Attacks on cops claim 135 lives

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Political Correspondent

POLICE had come under attack severely during 1991 when 135 SAP members were killed, the Minister of Law and Order said at the weekend.

Mr Hernus Kriel said special investigation teams had been established in Johannesburg and Soweto to probe the murders of policemen.

Special sharpshooters of the special task force would be deployed in high-risk areas and police would receive bulletproof vests and armoured patrol cars.

Kriel also announced a R100 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of people involved in the killings.

People with information should only identify suspects and the police would do the rest.

No formal testimony would be necessary so the informants would be protected.

Family accuses cops after father found in mortuary

Mystery death

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TWO East Rand brothers who have been in police custody in connection with the killing of two policemen returned home on Tuesday to find their father mysteriously killed.

Their family claimed that the man, Mr Wilson Nkomo, was shot dead by police two days after the arrest of his sons.

The police have denied knowledge of the incident.

Mr Kholekile Nkomo (25) and his brother Zandisile (22), of Khumalo Section in Katlehong, were arrested during a raid on their home on

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

Sunday morning

They were apparently questioned about the death of two on-duty policemen in Katlehong on New Year's Day.

Their father was not at home at the time.

On Tuesday, the two were released after they had paid bail of R300

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Mr Zandisile Nkomo . . . found father in mortuary.

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each When they returned home they found their 61-year-old father missing.

"We searched everywhere for him the whole of Tuesday," said Mr Moses Nkomo, another of the dead man's sons.

"We found his body at the mortuary on Wednesday after we had heard rumours that a man was shot dead by the police not far from our home on Tuesday morning

"On inquiring the police told us my father was seen shooting at them on Tuesday morning. They said they had to shoot him in the back because he was shooting back at them"

Police spokesman Captain Nina Barkhuizen said yesterday she could not trace any of the information about either the arrest of the two Nkomo brothers or their father's death.

Earlier police said they had arrested two men in connection with the death of the Katlehong policemen

Paulus Thembi (22) and Solomon Mahaso (33), both of Katlehong, appeared in the Springs Magistrate's Court on Tuesday. The case was postponed to January 21.

Zandisile said they met the two men mentioned by the police when they arrived in court on Tuesday.

He said his home was visited by soldiers on Friday night They said they were looking for guns that were used in the killing of the two policemen.

"They said we should wait outside while they searched the house," he said.

"On Sunday morning there was another police raid They said they found three spent catridges in Kholekile's room.

Apla chief speaks out on police killings

By WALLY MBHELE

THE South African Police and Defence Force are the first targets in the Azanian People's Liberation Army's programme of action against the "machinery of oppression", says its military commander, Seabelo Phama.

Speaking from his home in Harare, Zimbabwe, Phama told *The Weekly Mail* on Wednesday that Apla, which is the military wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, "must first look at the most important pillars of apartheid before we suspend the armed struggle".

The SAP and SADF "are harassing our people in their homes, on trains and in the townships. Apla's attacks are only directed against the main instruments of oppression and enemy agents," he said.

Asked who constituted "enemy agents", Phama, who is also the PAC's defence secretary, said all elements of the "SADF, Civil Co-operation Bureau, Askaris (former guerrillas turned security agents), and uniformed or plainclothes police" qualified.

Phama rejected a call made on Wednesday by the South African Communist Party, the Cosatu-aligned Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) and the Civic Association of South Africa (Cast) for the PAC and Apla to reconsider the tactic of attacking policemen.

At a joint press conference, the three organisations stressed that not all policemen were part of the violence orchestrated by the state: "Many share with us the vision for a future democratic, non-racial South Africa and are potential allies in the liberation struggle."

About 150 policemen have been killed in the past year. Apla has claimed responsibility for the recent spate of police killings on the Reef.

In a telephone call to the South African Press Association last Thursday, a man calling himself Carlson Zimbiri claimed responsibility for the ambush of two policemen in Dobsonville, saying the attack had been executed by three Apla operatives.

The attack came in the wake of an announcement by Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel offering a R25 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in attacks on police.

Phama told *The Weekly Mail* Apla's latest offensive was not aimed at scuttling the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) or the peace initiative. "Codesa is not part and parcel of our programme of action ... We are still watching and we are quite optimistic about it," he said.

But, he warned, "although we are optimistic, we are still very bitter against the regime".

Apla's operations were not only aimed at stopping the police from "being used by the racist regime", but also at decreasing any "machinery" supporting the government.

"With the recent implication of the police in the so-called African National Congress and Inkatha violence in the townships and on trains, we came to understand that the people behind this violence are the police. It became clear that it was high time we took action against them," Phama said.

In a radio talk show on Tuesday night, Phama said he felt satisfaction when he saw a policeman killed. But, he told *The Weekly Mail*, "Apla knows how to protect those individual policemen who give valuable information about the enemy to the liberation movement".

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bail.

"At first they were housed at the old police barracks in Ulundi. But they were undisciplined and broke a lot of furniture there. So General Jac Buchner (head of kwaZulu Police) had them transferred to the Mkuze camp. There they were trained by Luthuli to shoot. Luthuli would take them to Ermelo when they were needed to appear in court. I was told to run political education courses for them but lost interest when it became clear they only wanted to know how to shoot and kill."

There are other indications that Military Intelligence provided vital back-up for Inkatha during this period in the middle of 1990, when severe clashes between Inkatha supporters in hostels and township residents erupted as the Zulu nationalist movement made a concerted drive to counter the ANC's growth on the Witwatersrand.

Khumalo says that a hand-picked team of 20 Inkatha Youth Brigade members in the Transvaal attended a series of political education courses run by Military Intelligence in Pretoria at the time that Inkatha mounted its push into the eastern Transvaal and the hostels on the Reef.

Themba Khoza, Inkatha's youth leader in the Transvaal who is facing murder charges linked to an armed attack on residents of Sebokeng in 1990, helped select the group and also attended the courses.

The courses were run by Adult Education Consultations, which has been shown to be a front company for military intelligence.

"I was asked to help organise the course. It was run by the Adult Education Consultants but two people from Creed Consultants (a Military Intelligence front that has been shown to back Inkatha from its offices in Pinetown near Durban) also participated in the training," says Khumalo.

"The course included communications, leadership skills, political training and political mobilisation and was run over two consecutive weekends. At the time these military front companies were also looking at the possibility of designing political training courses for people in the hostels."

Repeated efforts to contact Khoza for comment were unsuccessful. An official in Inkatha's Johannesburg office said the Youth Brigade leader was busy moving offices and that it was not easy to reach him.

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The macabre incident, which accompanied a wave of violence that has swept the small township on the outskirts of Ermelo since the middle of 1990, was described in police reports at the time as the work of "unknown gunmen".

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and the ANC from Natal to the townships of the Transvaal — were arrested some time after the shooting by the South African Police in Ermelo and their weapons confiscated.

"I was told that the three Inkatha men were released soon after the arrests," says Khumalo. And, in a remarkable turn of events, *The Weekly Mail* has learned from other sources in the police that the weapons used by the Inkatha men in the Wesselton shootings were allegedly returned to the kwaZulu Police by the SAP some time after the event.

The head of police public relations in the Eastern Transvaal told *The Weekly Mail* that the allegations were being investigated and that the police would make every effort to provide a full reply.

Khumalo says the hit team operated in Wesselton with orders to ensure that the ANC's level of organisation in the township was not able to eclipse that of Inkatha. He knows this as he was personally involved in helping to mobilise support for the movement on a political front.

A leading member of the team that operated in Wesselton was Daluxolo Luthuli, a turned ANC guerrilla and commander of a team of paramilitary fighters who received extensive training from SADF intelligence officers. Luthuli is feared in many parts of Natal as a professional assassin.

Nhlabunzima Maphumulo, an anti-Inkatha chief who was gunned down outside his home at Table Mountain near Pietermaritzburg last year, complained just prior to his murder that a professional hit team led by Luthuli had been operating in the area.

Luthuli, who also goes by the clan name "Madlanduna", is allowed to sit in on Inkatha's central committee meetings and frrequently attends these as an observer.

The Weekly Mail has established from a source inside the police that at least five members of Inkatha's paramilitary team that was based at Mkuze are wanted by the SAP on murder charges that are not related to the violence in Wesselton.

The township of Wesselton was and still is the scene of heavy clashes between Inkatha supporters and members of the ANC. There have been frequent reports that Inkatha recruited members of a township gang called the Black Cats and used them extensively to attack and assassinate ANC activists.

Civic leaders from the area report that two people were killed and a number of residents assaulted in fresh outbreaks of violence involving the Black Cats over the Christmas period.

Khumalo says: "I know that young teenagers were taken from Wesselton to Ulundi for training. They came in about two minibuses. There were about 25 of them. Many of them were involved in a court case on murder charges related to the violence in Wesselton and were out on

A former senior official breaks ranks to reveal for the first time the inner workings of the Ulundi headquarters

Inside Inkatha



"I joined Inkatha because I wanted to work for the freedom of the black man. I left because I felt I was no more than an SADF agent"

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MBongeni Khumalo, once the powerful boss of Inkatha's Youth Brigade and an Inkatha Central Committee member, quit the organisation because he believed that it had become a vehicle for instigating violence against fellow blacks.

He was a highly regarded member, introduced to Inkatha members at rallies by Mangosuthu Buthelezi himself. Khumalo is the most senior Inkatha official to break ranks and reveal the inside manoeuvrings in the Ulundi organisation.

In today's Weekly Mail, he makes five key points:

Transvaal Inkatha leaders, including Themba Khoza, received training from Military Intelligence shortly before Inkatha's bloody push on to the Reef which sparked the violence of 1990.

A kwaZulu police officer, trained in guerrilla warfare and privy to Inkatha Central Committee meetings, led a gruesome attack on an ANC funeral in Wesselton. He was released, and the AK-47s used in the attack were returned to Ulundi (see article on this page).

Inkatha's top leadership received systematic secret instruction from Military Intelligence over two years in a bid to strengthen the organisation against the ANC. Inkatha leaders were ordered to attend by Buthelezi , on pain of dismissal.

The Defence Force and Inkatha collaborated in numerous anti-Mass Democratic Movement pamphlet blitzes in Natal townships, with the knowledge of Inkatha chiefs. Pamphlets were drawn up and printed by the SADF, then collected and distributed by Inkatha members.

Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi must have been aware of the massive and long-standing support given by both the South African Police and the SADF to Inkatha. Even less senior officials knew of these contacts.

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Policeman attacked

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A policeman was injured when a grenade was thrown at him in Sharpeville, near Vereeniging. (278)

Hand grenade wounds suspended policeman

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Vereeniging Bureau

A Sharpeville policeman, recently suspended from the SAP, suffered shrapnel wounds to his leg after a hand grenade was hurled at him by an angry mob in the township at the weekend.

Constable Samuel Tshabangu (23) is in a satisfactory condition at the Sebokeng Hospital following the attack.

According to the police, the attack took place after the constable and a group of his friends went to the Philadelphia Tavern late on Saturday night.

On their arrival at the tavern an angry crowd of about 30 people attacked and chased the policeman down Sanuku Street.

Someone in the group threw a hand grenade at Constable Tshabangu.

The blast shattered the windows of a nearby house and the windscreen of a parked car.

Constable Tshabangu was admitted to hospital with shrapnel wounds in his right leg shortly afterwards.

Police are investigating but no arrests have been made.

Constable Tshabangu was recently suspended from duty pending the investigation of various charges against him.

Man dies, 3 hurt in unrest

PRETORIA. — One man was killed and three others injured in unrest related incidents on Saturday, police said.

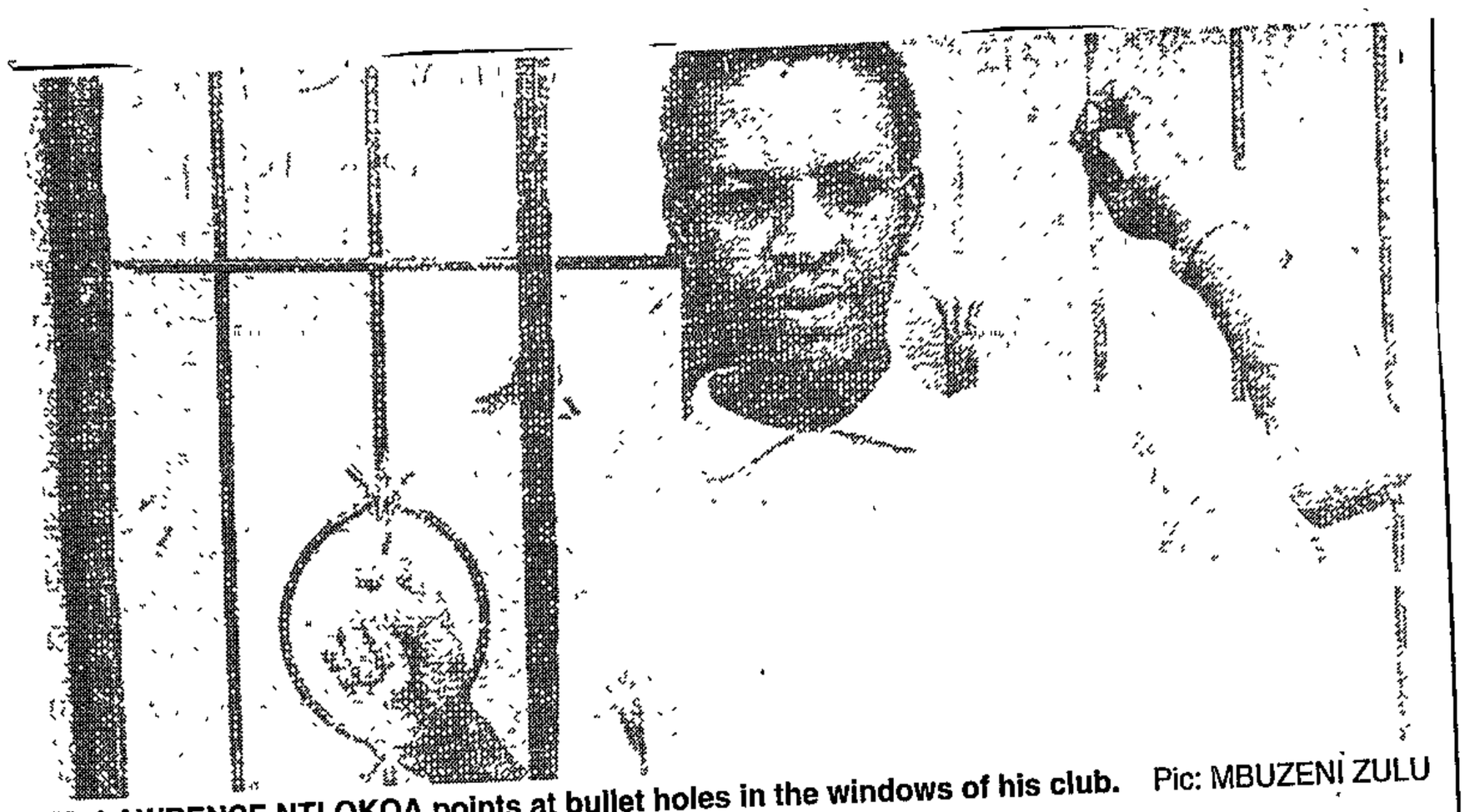
A shack and a house were extensively damaged when set alight in Guguletu.

In Kagiso township near Krugersdorp, a man was killed when a handgrenade was hurled at a private vehicle on Saturday.

A policeman was slightly injured and a house damaged when a patrol came under handgrenade attack in Sharpeville near Vereeniging.

Two men were wounded when gunmen opened fired in a beerhall in Daveyton near Benoni. — Sapa

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Mr LAWRENCE NTLOKOA points at bullet holes in the windows of his club. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Four injured when gunmen raid house

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

FOUR people were shot and injured - one seriously - when gunmen attacked and raided a house in Kagiso at the weekend

The incident occurred at the home of Mr Lawrence Ntlokoa, an executive member of the Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation.

West Rand police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester yesterday confirmed the incident.

She said Miss Constance Mabulala (26) and a friend, Miss Lucy Menci (26), were at a shebeen in Kagiso 1 with other friends on Saturday about 6.50pm

A group of about 10 men stormed into the house. One started shooting Menci was shot in the buttocks and another friend, Mr Dennis Galaouwe (26), was shot in the arm

Ntlokoa said he was not home at the time but according to eyewitnesses the men started shooting without provocation.

He said the four people were taken to Leratong Hospital. Yesterday, one was still in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

Ntlokoa said: "I am shocked by the attack. I am just grateful that no one was killed," he said.

Meanwhile Bester said a man was killed in a handgrenade attack in Kagiso on Saturday. She said the unidentified man was travelling in Babu Street when a brick was thrown into his car's front left window.

Seconds later a Russian-manufactured handgrenade was thrown through the broken window. The grenade exploded, killing the driver.

Seven hurt in Soweto clash

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Seven people were injured, one seriously, when groups clashed at New Canada railway station in Soweto yesterday evening.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni, a police spokesman, said the two groups attacked each other with kieries and pangas. One man was shot in the face with a shotgun. His condition was described as serious.

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The wounded were taken to the Baragwaneth Hospital.

No arrests have been made. — West Rand Bureau.

Attacks: Four more arrests

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday arrested four men in connection with recent terror attacks, bringing to seven the number of right-wingers arrested since early last week.

Police said the men were arrested near Pretoria and were being detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Although police refused to give further information about the men, police spokeswoman Captain Nina Barkhuizen confirmed their capture was linked to last week's arrest of three suspected right-wing bombers.

Boerekommando leader Mr Gawie Volschenk, Mr Carel van der Merwe and Mr Gerhard Roux were arrested in connection with the January 2 explosion at a primary school in the Northern Transvaal.

Sapa reports that Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging secretary-general Mr Piet Rudolph said he had been informed that one of the arrested men was a member of the all-white Mineworkers Union and was being held at Nylstroom.

Police killings: 278 12 PAC men held

Own Correspondent CT 16/1/92

JOHANNESBURG. — Police are holding at least 12 PAC members in connection with police killings allegedly carried out by the organisation's armed wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla).

PAC legal department official Mr Molife Litheko said yesterday in one case involving four men, the police had applied to the Free State Supreme Court for an extension of their detention.

Police said in court documents they were holding the men to obtain information on planned attacks on the SAP, the SADF and members of the public; the existence of weapons caches; the role of Apla cadres in terror attacks, and the aims of Apla training.

Mr Litheko said Messrs Velile Mxhosana, Lebogang May, Vultures Manung and a man known only as Derek were detained in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act following December 14 bombings in Mangaung township, Bloemfontein, and grenade attacks on the Batho police station.

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Goldstone praised for violence probe

JONATHON REES

PRETORIA — Widespread killings in taxi wars and violence on commuter trains will be investigated by a committee appointed yesterday by Mr Justice Goldstone as part of his national probe into violence.

Political parties and legal groups yesterday praised Mr Justice Goldstone for his hands-on approach to investigating violence through the Standing Commission of Inquiry into Violence and Intimidation, established last November in terms of the national peace accord.

The judge has, since his appointment as head of the commission, instituted five major investigations.

The latest probe, into taxi wars and train killings which have left scores of people dead in the last 18 months, will be headed by commission vice-chairman Adv D J Rossouw.

He will be aided by commission members G Steyn, advocate M Ngoepe from the Pretoria Bar, and former Association of Law Societies president L van Zyl.

The probe was launched following requests by the national peace committee and the Cape Town peace committee.

The probe is empowered in terms of the peace accord to investigate violence and matters related to it, and has the authority to make recommendations to government on what steps to take to end the killings.

Police said yesterday taxi wars had been a feature of SA for about 15 years, and occurred all over the country. In the latest incident two people were killed near Klerksdorp on Monday in a feud between rival taxi associations.

Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) acting national director Achmed Motala yesterday praised the judge's "head-on tackling of violence", saying it was crucial that violence be brought under control before a new government took over.

Mr Justice Goldstone saw the urgency of resolving the problem of violence, and had the support of LHR and other non-governmental organisations, Motala said.

The ANC yesterday welcomed the appointment of the committee as a long overdue development following police failures to stop killings on trains and at taxi ranks.

Spokesman Saki Macozoma said the new committee, and others like it, had to introduce witness protection measures to ensure people would not be frightened to give evidence.

He said Mr Justice Goldstone had an excellent human rights record and was seen by the ANC as a judge of integrity.

The DP and the CP also welcomed the probe. DP justice spokesman Dave Dalling said the DP hoped government and its security forces would not attempt to obstruct the workings of the committee by destroying evidence.

Police appealed for witnesses to co-operate with the commission by coming forward to give evidence.

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US can dial a donation to the ANC

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SIMON BARBER

WASHINGTON — Americans wishing to contribute to the ANC now need only pick up their telephones and dial 1 900 230 8880.

The call will cost them $5,95 (about R16), a portion of which will be sent to the Mandela Freedom Fund and will, they are assured, be used for charitable purposes. In return, they will hear a two-minute taped message from former congressman Walter Fauntroy expressing his "sincere gratitude".

A six-minute update on the state of play on Wall Street or in the top TV soap operas can be had for about the same price.

ANC president Nelson Mandela is understood to have provided his own message, but this has not yet been put on the service.

The number has yet to be publicised.

Callers are warned in advance that they must be over 18 to hear the message. This is to deter children making vast donations to the ANC.

Fauntroy, whom the ANC has retained as its Washington consultant, says that despite the founding of Codesa and the political progress it implies, SA's humanitarian needs "must not be overlooked".

Proceeds, he implies, will be used to reduce malnutrition, train doctors, nurses and teachers and provide new clinics, schools and textbooks.

When the message ends, callers are asked to give their names and addresses, to be placed on a mailing list which the ANC can use to raise further funds.

It is unclear what percentage of the R16 will make it to ANC coffers.

However, a spokesman for the ANC's Washington office, Wantu Zenzile, said "whatever comes in comes directly to us".

Nothing would go to Fauntroy's firm, Walter Fauntroy and Associates, which was already being paid a retainer estimated at $200 000 a year.

Two stabbed 'by pickets' in Industria

B1 Day 16/11/92

DIRK HARTFORD

TWO employees of Eureka DIY in Industria, near Johannesburg, were seriously injured when they were stabbed close to the factory yesterday.

SAP spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said the injured employees claimed that the attack was "carried out by SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union (Saccawu) members or supporters who tried to intimidate workers into staying away from work."

Opperman said a third employee had been beaten up.

A Saccawu spokesman said workers had picketed the factory since Tuesday. The union was unable to comment on yesterday's violence as it was unaware of what had happened.

However, Saccawu said 44 of its members at Eureka DIY had been arrested at Langlaagte station yesterday; 38 had been charged with disturbing the peace and each was fined R100.

Opperman said Saccawu had promised that its pickets, dismissed in December after a strike, would not interfere with customers or employees who wanted to work. "Saccawu even went so far as to threaten the police with legal action if any of its members were unlawfully arrested while picketing."

Police were investigating charges of intimidation and serious assault.

Union slated as 3 injured

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Crime Staff

Police have condemned the leadership of the South African Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union (Saccawu) after three workers were injured in an attack early yesterday at a plant in Industria, Johannesburg.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said two workers employed by Eureka DIY were seriously injured after being stabbed several times and a third was beaten up near the firm's premises.

He said that according to the injured workers and other witnesses, the attack was allegedly carried out by "members or supporters" of Saccawu who attempted to intimidate workers to stay away from work.

Captain Opperman said in a letter to the police yesterday: "The action of Saccawu members or supporters this morning at Eureka DIY is proof that the leaders of the organisation are unable to control any of its members and/or supporters," he said, adding that the union's leaders should take full responsibility for the attack.

Saccawu official Elise Stainbank said she could not comment on the police claims because she "had only heard through the grapevine" about the incidents.

The union had not responded to The Star's request for commentary on the allegations at the time of going to press.

Captain Opperman said the names of the seriously injured workers — who were taken to the J G Strijdom Hospital — would not be released until their next of kin had been informed.

Police were investigating charges of intimidation and serious assault, he added.

Convicted murderer acted for Inkatha in Driefontein

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A Driefontein chief convicted of murder has been trying for years to turn the area into an Inkatha stronghold.

By PHILIPPA GARSON

FORMER Inkatha official Mbongeni Khumalo, who made startling allegations about the links between the security forces and Inkatha last week, told *The Weekly Mail* how he was requested to help a certain Chief Samuel Yende turn Driefontein — a rural area in the south-eastern Transvaal — into an Inkatha stronghold.

The Weekly Mail visited Driefontein this week to verify his claims that Yende was behind the elimination of several African National Congress-aligned residents in the area and had links with a certain Gerry Mojoko, according to Khumalo "one of the most feared hit-squad men who was known to me and who had received extensive training".

When Driefontein inhabitants were threatened with forced removal in the early 1980s, Yende allegedly tried to get the area incorporated into kwaZulu under his chieftancy.

Although the people of Driefontein, who have title deeds to the land bought from white farmers by their ancestors in 1912, won a court settlement preventing their removal, Yende has persistently tried to get the area incorporated into kwaZulu by proving it to be an Inkatha stronghold.

Khumalo said he had visited Driefontein at Yende's request in 1989, where he saw "Gerry" emerge from his house. "I told him he must convene a meeting and identify people who were pro-Inkatha." But, Khumalo said, he lost interest when it was clear there was little or no support for Inkatha.

Yende's brother Lazarus, an ANC supporter, told *The Weekly Mail* the chief has obvious links with security forces and described how Yende was found guilty of murdering a youth leader who was sjambokked to death at the chief's home in May last year.

Yende was arrested for the murder of Themba Dlamini only after Black Sash lawyers intervened.

Yende was sentenced to three years' jail and is out on bail pending his appeal. Residents alleged he was behind the murders of several other youths over the past few years, whom he claimed were stealing from his store.

Lazarus also described how Gerry — who residents said frequently visits the area and struts around firing his gun into the air — attacked him in March 1990, tearing his ANC T-shirt and "promising to kill me if I did not resign from the ANC. He told me I could get a study bursary if I joined Inkatha".

Youths told how Gerry offered them boxing and karate lessons at Yende's house in December 1991, but instead lectured them on why they should join Inkatha.

One youth, Esmond Mkhonza, said Gerry had accosted him and a friend, Vusi Sibisi, during the December holidays, "threatening to shoot us for no reason. I managed to trip him and we took his gun away".

The two youths were arrested the next day and were taken to Piet Retief police station, where they were charged with attempted murder. Mkhonza alleges they were taken to a nearby forest and beaten by police (while "Gerry stood and laughed") before being imprisoned at Dirkiesdorp police station. Charges were dropped after the two appeared in court on January 6.

Driefontein ANC chairman Yunus Cajee said he discovered last year that Yende wanted to kill him when he was approached by a would-be hit-man recruit who told him of Yende's plans.

He added that Yende had made repeated attempts to turn the area into an Inkatha stronghold by calling meetings "which people from Ulundi came to address".

Cajee said the government's department of development aid had attempted to install Yende as chief of Driefontein, but had dropped the plan after the intervention of the Transvaal Rural Action Committee and human-rights lawyers.

In 1983 community leader Saul Mkhize, who spurred Driefontein's inhabitants to resist forced removal, was shot dead by police. His wife, Beauty Mkhize, told *The Weekly Mail* that Yende was behind his death because her husband was ruining the chief's plans to control Driefontein.

When *The Weekly Mail* visited Yende's home, his family regarded us with suspicion, questioning our motives. One of his three wives said he was away on business in Piet Retief. After his son gave us Yende's business telephone number, he ran back to the car and snatched back the paper on which the number was written, saying "we can only act on his orders".



Guilty of murder... Chief Samuel Yende

Evidence of mystery arrest

By PHILIPPA GARSON

EVIDENCE pointing to the arrest of a possible hit-man by police after the Thokoza massacre of September 8 has come to light at the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence and Intimidation.

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Sebokeng: Inkatha man denies charge

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Themba Khoza, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade in the Transvaal, yesterday denied any knowledge of the cache of arms and explosives found in his car after the Sebokeng massacre on September 4 last year.

Mr Khoza appeared in the Regional Court in Vanderbijlpark on charges of illegal possession of firearms, explosives and ammunition. He pleaded not guilty.

He said he had gone to the Sebokeng hostels on September 4 after being told there was fighting between ANC and IFP members there. He said he was sure that there had been nothing on the back seat of his car when he had got into it at his home in Soweto.

The case continues today. — Sapa

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UNREST AREAS (278)

THE Human Rights Commision report that on January 7, the minister of Law and Order withdrew Government notice No R 2848 of November 23 1991 which declared the magisterial district of Krugersdorp, including the township of Munsieville, an unrest area Wmcuf 17|11-23|11|92.

However, nine Reef townships remain unrest areas with a 9pm to 5am curfew. They are: Soweto, Diepkloof, Meadowlands, Dobsonville, Alexandra, Thokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tembisa.

Richmond is the only Natal township declared an unrest area.

Parliament for the people

By GAYE DAVIS: **Cape Town**

THE African National Congress will stage a "people's parliament" on Cape Town's Grand Parade to coincide with the opening of parliament next Friday — to be followed by a march to the House of Assembly where a notice demanding parliament's dissolution will be delivered.

Planned action by the Pan Africanist Congress, which intends kicking off its campaign against the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa) with a march through the city on the same day, is not expected to interfere with the ANC's plans, ANC officials said

The ANC is expecting thousands to attend its event and has laid on bus and train transport from the townships and Boland areas. ANC regional chair Alan Boesak appealed to employers to allow workers to attend. He said the event would demonstrate the ANC's commitment to Codesa, "which must lead to an iterim government ... and a constituent assembly".

Smaller demonstrations, including a picket outside the Union Buildings in Pretoria, were planned for other centres on the same day, national campaigns co-ordinator Ronnie Kasrils said.

"The ANC has designated 1992 as the year of democratic elections. We are developing campaigns around the country so that activity will continue after next Friday," he said.

Cape Town's City Council will permit the march but a magistrate's go ahead is still awaited.

Meanwhile, the ANC has condemned the government for proposing a new Bill which will impose a total ban on demonstrations around parliament. At present marches may be permitted by a magistrate.

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4 thrown off moving train

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A man died and three others were seriously injured after being thrown from a train between Crown Mines and New Canada stations. (278) ARG 18/1/72

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said a gang armed with knives threw the men from the train about 5am yesterday.

The name of the dead man has not been released. The injured passengers were taken to J G Strijdom Hospital where they are in a serious condition.

2 shot dead as taxi war simmers

By DAN DHLAMINI (278

A TAXI driver and one of his passengers were shot dead near Ventersdorp this week in what is feared to be the beginning of a taxi war in the Western Transvaal.

The killers of passenger Willard Mareko and driver George Tinini, 28, have not yet been arrested in spite of the police's clear description of the vehicle from which the fatal shots were fired.

The killings follow this week's burning down of a number of vehicles and homes in Jouberton.

According to the police, Tinini and his passengers were going to Rustenburg from Vryburg when he was forced off the road by a red Volkswagen Golf.

A grey Nissan Skyline also arrived at the scene and the occupants of the two vehicles told Tinini he should have offload his Vryburg passengers at Klerksdorp so that Klerksdorp taxi operators could take them to Rustenburg. C|Press 19/11/92

Tinini refused to co-operate and insisted on travelling to Rustenburg. When he was about 21 kilometres from Ventersdorp, the speeding Skyline overtook his minibus and shots were fired.

Western Transvaal Taxi Association president Thabiso Seekane strongly condemned the killings and the attacks on cars and homes.

He said his association was working flat-out towards forming a taxi security network to protect passengers and drivers, and solve the taxi industry crisis in the Western Transvaal.

He criticised greedy taxi owners for fuelling the violence because they wanted to monopolise all the taxi routes.

Goldstone inquiry welcome – ANC

THE ANC yesterday welcomed the Goldstone Commission's decision to investigate violent attacks on trains; the taxi wars and the role of the SADF in violence. CT Press 19/11/92

The organisation expressed concern about increasing violence in Natal. (278)

Both the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party have undertaken to set up local dispute resolution committees in Mooi River and Bruntville, Natal.

Reports by CP Correspondents and Sapa.

Police in shootout

Sowetan 20/11/92. (278)

POLICE and gunmen exchanged gunfire in Soweto yesterday when an SAP armoured personnel carrier came under fire, a spokesman said

In the latest of a spate of attacks on police, gunmen wielding AK-47 rifles opened fire on the police vehicle in Meadowlands about 5.15pm, Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said last night.

"Police returned fire. There were no injuries and no arrests."

Eight policemen have already died in ambushes this year and 135 officers were slain last year

Police have offered a R100-000 reward for information that could lead to the capture of the killers.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said police had arrested a number of Azanian Peoples Liberation Army members. The organisation has admitted responsibility for a series of recent police murders.

Mariemuthoo warned last night that police "would not hesitate to act mercilessly" against murderers.

"The SAP is here to maintain law and order," he said - *Sapa*

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IFP slams killings of black policemen

Sowetan 20/1/92 (278)

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday added its voice to those of organisations which have deplored the killing of black policemen.

Transvaal leader of the IFP Youth Brigade Mr Themba Khoza said the recent killing of policemen was should be condemned.

Addressing IFP supporters at Jabulani Hostel in Soweto, Khoza said: "We condemn the killings. Something must be done to stop this.

"We appreciate that Apla (Azanian Peoples Liberation Army), the military wing of the PAC, has its independent right to do what it thinks is correct, but we are appalled because the brutal killings are on our brothers.

"By so saying we do not want to interfere in Apla's affairs. However, we are on record as having said the armed struggle will not achieve its aims.

"Granted, police have killed our members as well. But to kill policemen, black policemen for that matter, should stop It is a fact that even if Apla can take over power, it will still need policemen. At the same time we call on the police to stop killing our people," Khoza said.

The rally approved a proposal that the IFP approach Apla or the PAC for an explanation on the killing of policemen.

Khoza also said the IFP was perturbed that provocations on its members were still going on in trains on the Johannesburg-Vereeniging line.

"ANC members are often seen heavily armed and police are doing nothing. We are afraid that if action is not taken, something is bound to happen," he said.

Mr Amos Mazibuko of the Hostel Dwellers Association said they were surprised that nothing was being done to improve living conditions at hostels.

Hostel dwellers attack residents

Sowetan 20/11/92 (278)

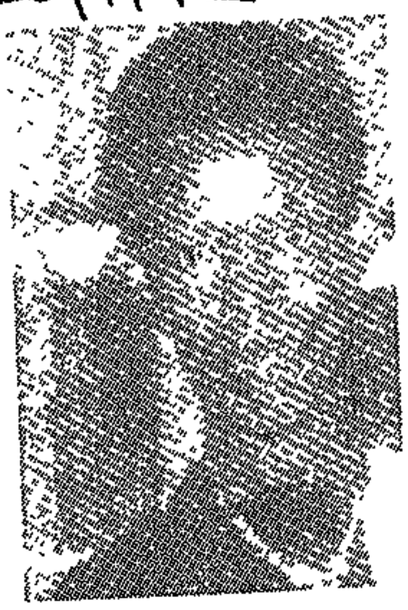
By KENOSI MODISANE

ARMED men from Soweto's Meadowlands Hostel attacked residents after an attempt by youths to avenge the deaths of two gospel choir members who were stabbed at the weekend.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo yesterday confirmed the incident

Witnesses at the scene of the attacks said yesterday a group of youths from the township had entered the hostel about 6pm.

One witness said: "They came running from the direction of the hostel and ran up Sanders Road towards Zone 3



MR VICTOR MABUSE



JOHANNES SEKWELE

"A group of armed men were hot on their heels but started attacking anyone when the youths disappeared into the township," he said.

The two members of the Orlando West Emmanuel Gospel Choir, Mr Victor Mabuse (20) and Mr Johannes Sekwele (22), were stabbed to death on their way back from a night vigil in Meadowlands on Saturday morning.

They both died at Mabuse's home in Zone 3, Meadowlands, to where they had apparently fled.

Mariemuthoo said a group of men from the hostel abducted a 15-year-old in Mzimhlophe and assaulted him

"At the same time another group was attacking residents in Zone 1, leaving a number of houses destroyed and six people injured," he said.

Mabuse's brother, Mr Bosman Mabuse, said: "We were awoken by a loud knock about 2am. When we opened the door, Victor ran straight to the bedroom screaming that he had been stabbed

"We attended to him while we waited for an ambulance, unaware that he was with Johannes who had collapsed outside."

Mabuse said he only discovered that Johannes was lying outside when he left to look for transport after waiting three hours for an ambulance.

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Elder kills church protester

Own Correspondent

A man died after allegedly being shot in a Soweto church during a protest on Sunday.

Tshepo Tumahole (23) and his friends were demonstrating against the minister in charge of the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa in Pimville.

The shooting apparently followed a feud between the youth guild and the minister, backed by church elders.

While the service was in progress, Mr Tumahole reportedly rolled in a tyre and placed it on a table in front of the pulpit.

David Tshatsinde said he entered the church and threw a rock at the minister.

The service then broke into pandemonium as parishioners tried to chase the protesters away.

A church elder armed with a gun shot Tshepo, Mr Tshatsinde said.

Unrest cops to appear in court

By IKE MOTSAPI

THE assault and attempted murder case against four of the five policemen against former members of the disbanded Welverdiend unrest unit will be heard in the Carletonville Magistrate's Court next week.

The four policemen made their first court appearance on January 16 and the case was postponed until Friday January 31.

The four are constables JS Moremi, PD Matolo, E Nkosi and KJ Lebakeng.

Moremi is charged with attempted murder.

Matolo, Lebakeng and Nkosi face charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The fifth policeman, Constable JF Oosthuizen will be prosecuted for common assault at a later date.

Suspended

The five policemen were among 11 who were suspended after *Sowetan* submitted affidavits to police headquarters in Pretoria by residents of Khutsong township, alleging they had been tortured, given electric shocks, assaulted. They also told of missing detainees who they said had been murdered.

A high-level police investigation followed.

The unit has since been disbanded.

The chairman of the local ANC branch, Mr Dan Dzeku and Ms Sally Sealey of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression helped the police to compile statements from witnesses.

The Attorney-General is still studying dockets relating to the other six suspended policemen.

Crazed killer mows down 9 in Ladysmith

Gunman runs amok

Sowetan 21/11/92

THE massacre in Ladysmith yesterday, in which at least nine people were killed by a crazed gunman, was sparked by an argument over the price of cattle.

The man allegedly shot his father, servants, and a man who had gone to buy cattle at the farm before driving into Ladysmith, where he opened fire at random, but killing only black people.

Eyewitnesses said the man used a 0.38 revolver and a high-velocity rifle, which he reloaded after the first salvo and continued to shoot. He was arrested after a wild chase during which a traffic officer was fatally wounded.

Earlier reports said 10 people had died and at least 20 people, including two policemen, were wounded. The condition of some of the injured was said to be serious.

However, a police spokesman in Pretoria told *Sowetan* yesterday afternoon they could only account for nine deaths, with 19 people injured, among them one policeman

He said extensive investigations are under way. It appeared, he said, the gunman had no particular targets, but shot at anyone The victims included whites and blacks.

He added that police were combing the area for further possible victims A firearm and a quantity of ammunition has also been seized

As the extent of the tragedy unfolded, stories of coincidences emerged, with one employee of a furniture shop shot while he went to put money into a parking meter.

Police were quick to dispel rumours that the killings were politically motivated, with the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, expressing shock and dismay on hearing about the tragedy.

He said he supported an appeal by the Minister of Law and Order that all sectors of the Ladysmith community remain calm and not overreact or take steps that could result in any form of conflict

The tragedy started early yesterday when the white gunman shot his father, stepmother, domestic servant and two farm labourers on a farm near Ladysmith.

Police said the gunman had had an argument over an amount of money paid for stock sold. He then went on the rampage and killed other people.

According to reports, the man rode into town after the shooting on the farm and setting fire to the homestead

Officer killed

In town, shortly after 9am, he opened fire indiscriminately at people in a busy arcade in Murchison Street near the OK Bazaar complex.

He then moved to an adjacent parking lot where he continued to shoot at people. Here six other people were killed.

After shooting at least four other people, he jumped into his car and sped off. A traffic policeman who heard the gunshots chased after him

The man then fired at the officer, shooting him in the head The officer also died.

The wounded were taken to the Ladysmith Provincial Hospital where all doctors and nursing staff had been put on alert.

● See picture on page 2

Mother, baby die in taxi slaughter

STAR 21/1/92

East Rand Bureau (278)

Three passengers, including a young mother and her six-month-old baby son asleep on her lap, were shot dead and seven people wounded in a bloody attack on a minibus in Springs last night.

Police said gunmen opened fire with AK-47 rifles, a 9 mm pistol, a .45 magnum and a 7,62 pistol on the minibus on its way from Bekkersdal to Transkei at 8.45 pm.

The bloodbath occurred when the minibus stopped at a service station in Springs Road, Wright Park.

The names of the dead mother and her child are unknown. The third victim, a woman, has been identified as Themba Maseko. All three died of multiple gunshot wounds.

The wounded are: Nomthandozo Nombeu, Archibald Xabanise, Petros Setlabe, Zwelixolile Sombana, Elizabeth Mtsweni, Handri Matumane and Mongezi Ncibi.

The injured were taken by ambulance to the Far East Rand Hospital, where they are being treated.

The gunmen fled in a red Toyota sprinter with an unknown registration.

4 thrown from Rand trains

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JOHANNESBURG. — Four commuters were admitted to hospital after being thrown from Johannesburg-bound trains yesterday morning.

A police spokesman said that at 6.15am on the Soweto-Johannesburg train, a fight broke out between passengers. Three men, two Xhosa and one Zulu-speaking, were thrown from the train.

They were taken to J G Strydom Hospital.

In another incident, at 6.55am on the train travelling from Orlando station to Farraday station, a Pedi-speaking man received head injuries when he was thrown from the train near Riverlea station. He was also admitted to J G Strydom Hospital.

● A man died after being shot in a Soweto church by an elder during a violent protest on Sunday.

Mr Tshepo Tumahole, 23, and his friends were demonstrating against the minister in charge of the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa in Pimville.

Spate of raids on taxis in Springs

STAR 22/1/92

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By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

Two people died and 10 were wounded in three separate attacks on minibus taxis in Springs over the last two days.

Police said the first attack happened at 5 pm on Monday when the driver of a minibus, Themba Maseko, picked up a passenger in Clydesdale Road, Daggafontein.

As he pulled off, a passenger got out, produced a gun and fired a shot, wounding a passenger, Alfred Zuke. Another two shots were fired, wounding Mr Maseko in the back. Both men were admitted to hospital.

Police found .45 cartridges at the scene of the shooting.

At 8.45 pm a minibus on its way from Bekkersdal to Transkei stopped at the Springs Taxi Association's service station in Springs Road.

Gunmen pulled up in a car and opened fire, killing an unidentified woman and a six-month-old baby and wounding seven passengers.

Police found AK-47 cartridges, as well as .45 magnum, 9 mm and 7,65 mm cartridges at the scene.

In the third attack, taxi driver Z T Zondo of the Springs Long Distance Taxi Association was stabbed in the face and shot after an alleged attack by members of the Springs Taxi Association at 6.30 am yesterday.

The attackers smashed the back window of his vehicle and punctured the tyres.

Shortly afterwards members of the Long Distance Taxi Association stopped another driver, B Makoena, a member of the Springs Taxi Association.

They wrecked his vehicle, smashing the windows and removing the seats.

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We have proof that police fired first shot at Ventersdorp, says AWB

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) has released photographs which it says prove the police were the first to open fire on people attending last year's National Party meeting in Ventersdorp — addressed by President de Klerk.

The pictures, taken from a videotape in the AWB's possession, show three men — two dressed in blue — sitting on the roof of the Ventersdorp Hotel. One is holding what the organisation claims is an automatic firearm.

One of the pictures, released to the media at an AWB press conference in Pretoria yesterday, shows a flash on the hotel roof — which, according to the AWB, was the first shot fired on the crowd below.

Violence broke out between rightwingers and police in Ventersdorp on August 9 when rightwingers arrived in droves to attend the NP meeting.

AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche said the videotaped evidence would be presented to the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence and Intimidation. It would be shown to the media in Ventersdorp on February 1.

"This is proof of the fact that the police are being misused as a private army for the National Party," Mr TerreBlanche said.

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the events of Ventersdorp had been gone through over and over again.

"But if there is any suggestion of police wrongdoing, evidence should be brought forward so that proper investigations can be undertaken."

● AWB general secretary Piet Rudolph yesterday said security policemen "spied on" the AWB during Day of the Vow celebrations last year.

Mr Rudolph said Brits AWB commandant Piet Judeel had been arrested last Wednesday by a plainclothes security policeman called "TJ" who had conducted the arrest under false pretences.

According to Martien Judeel, the policeman had arrived at their Pretoria home at about 10 pm and told her husband he was an emissary of Mr Rudolph's. He had told Mr Judeel Mr Rudolph wished to see him.

Mr Judeel had then disappeared with the man and never returned, but had later "smuggled out" a letter to his wife from his police cell.

The alleged letter stated that Mr Judeel had been abducted, blindfolded and hit on the head before being taken to offices of the security police.

"I have laid a complaint of kidnapping with the police," Mr Rudolph said.



Flashpoint . . . an AWB photograph which allegedly shows the flash of a police automatic weapon being fired.

● Reacting to Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel's appeal to right-wing leaders to restrain their followers from committing deeds of terror, Mr TerreBlanche said: "No people with self-respect would allow themselves to be intimidated if their security and right to self-determination are being given away over a conference table."

Addressing the question of Danie Odendaal, an AWB member who had allegedly been paid by the ANC to murder an ANC defector, Mr TerreBlanche said Mr Odendaal had become an AWB member through a postal application, but had been refused commando membership because of unanswered aspects on his application form.

● Sapa reports that Boerestaat leader Robert van Tonder yesterday said the Government's reform programme was a terminal threat to the existence of the Boers, and a lengthy freedom struggle would be the only way out for white rightwingers.

● The Government should allow AWB members to attend President de Klerk's meeting in Potchefstroom in three weeks' time if it wanted a peaceful meeting, Mr TerreBlanche warned.

2 die, 19 hurt in new wave of train attacks

Sowetan 22/1/92 (2/8)

By KENOSI MODISANE and Sapa

TWO people have died and at least 19 others injured in a new wave of attacks on Soweto trains in the past six days

The attacks have mostly occurred on trains travelling between Johannesburg and Soweto.

In the latest incidents yesterday, a man was shot dead at Johannesburg Station when a mob wielding sticks and pangas ran amok during the afternoon peak hour.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the body of an unidentified man was found at Nancefield Station in Soweto yesterday morning.

Police also said another man was stabbed and thrown off a moving train at Nancefield Station yesterday

Three policemen on a train patrol and six commuters were injured when they were forced to jump Station.

Mariemuthoo said the policemen and commuters were injured as they fled from a group of men armed with knobkerries, pangas and spears between Orlando and Nancefield stations.

In other incidents, three men were thrown from a moving train between Riverlea and New Canada station.

One of the victims sustained serious injuries

At Langlaagte station three men were injured when they thrown off a moving train.

Other incidents occurred at Mlamlankunzi, Orlando and New Canada stations where people were thrown or jumped off trains.



Victims . . . the bodies of two men at Westgate station. Picture: Etienne Rothbart

Two die in new train terror

Staff Reporters (278)

A renewed wave of terror has hit Soweto-Johannesburg train commuters.

Two men were hacked to death at Johannesburg's Westgate Station today, taking the toll from train attacks for this week to five dead and 21 injured.

As the toll mounted, security officials insisted that measures implemented last year, when bloody attacks on commuters reached unprecedented heights, were still in place.

Today's attack took place when the train, from Midway Station, arrived at Westgate at 5.40 am.

"We just heard people screaming in the back coaches when the train entered Westgate. There was pandemonium as people ran out of the station and women screamed uncontrollably," a commuter said. "I was so frightened I ran straight to work and did not wait to see what happened. I will never board a train again."

One of the dead men was identified by a friend as a Mr Mthembu, an inmate of the Jabulani Hostel, who had survived a previous train attack.

"He was a polite man who belonged to no political party," the friend, Fana Dlhomo, said.

Mr Mthembu was once beaten up and hurled off a moving train at New Canada Station. He died today of a hack wound in the back of the head. The other man had a hack wound on the forehead and lay face upwards in a pool of blood.

Last night at Johannes-

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Police attacked in new Reef train terror

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Shots fired at Stanford Station, police shot and wounded a man with a panga.

Police said that at about 5.30 pm a group of men armed with knobkerries and pangas ran along the railway line from Jeppe Station to Johannesburg when the train from George arrived at Johannesburg Station, the train pas-sengers moved to attack the group of men, one of the police said.

When the police fired shots to stop the attack, the train driver sped off.

Police said the man was attacked by a group of men armed with pangas and knobkerries on the platform.

He was arrested and has been admitted to the Hillbrow Hospital under police guard.

Police said the train was also delayed for about an hour when the group of men attacked the driver in the cab.

Police found a number of sticks and pangas.

When police searched the train they found a man with stab wounds and a panga.

He was also found at New Canada Station.

The man, who was found hiding in the toilet, had also been shot in the leg.

Police said the man was taken to Johannesburg Hospital under police guard.

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Family dies after limpet mine blast

A Tembisa family of four and their domestic worker were trapped and burnt to death when a limpet mine exploded at their home at Makulong Section today.

A police spokesman said a disagreement about the ownership of the property may have led to the explosion.

The dead are Douglas Ramvhubedzi (50), his wife Louisa (40), the children Chiphiwe (7) and George (2) and the domestic worker known only as Anna (22). — Staff Reporters.

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Off-duty cop killed; death toll now nine

CT 22/1/92 Own Correspondent (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — Another off-duty policeman was killed on Monday night, bringing to nine the number of policemen killed in South Africa this year, West Rand police said yesterday.

Assistant constable Mr Mojalefa Dennis Molese, Mr Molese, 30, and Mr Martin Letshabo died when shots were fired into a shebeen in Kagiso township, near Krugersdorp, on Monday evening. Miss Maria Lebake was seriously wounded.

Four off-duty policemen have died in attacks while five policemen have been killed in the course of duty since January 1.

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Scared Sowetans turn backs on trains

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Staff Reporters

As the death and injury toll from savage attacks on Soweto train commuters mounted, many Sowetans today turned their backs on the train service.

Taxis were swamped as commuters stayed away from trains hit by vicious gangs.

The rush to taxi ranks left many commuters stranded, with taxis unable to cope with the load

The death toll from attacks on commuter trains this week is six, with 23 injured.

In the past 18 months train killers have claimed almost 150 lives.

The latest attack was yesterday evening.

Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo of the South African Police said a man was stabbed and thrown off a train between Orlando and Mlamlamkuzi stations at about 6 pm.

He died on his way to hospital.

In a second incident, a man fractured his arm and leg when he was thrown off a train between Ikwezi and Naledi stations at about 6.30 pm.

He is being treated in Baragwanath Hospital.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni, liaison officer for the Soweto police, believed there were enough policemen available on metro trains in and out of Soweto.

Problems encountered by these policemen could, he said, be attributed to the fact that commuters were crammed into one compartment.

There are no interconnecting doors between compartments for the commuters to spread out.

The police, too, were restricted to the compartments they were in.

Police were undertaking daily patrols on trains and used metal detectors during peak hours at stations

Captain Ngobeni said if commuters spotted armed men on the trains they should alight at the next station and report the matter to the police.

"Stay calm and many lives could be saved," he advised commuters.

The captain added that many attacks were of a criminal and not a political nature.

Any person with information concerning train attacks could telephone either (011) 980-8321 or 980-8320 or 10111

Callers could remain anonymous.

Community leaders of concerned groups are invited to contact Captain Ngobeni.

He can be contacted at (011) 980-8126 during office hours

FOCUS EDUCATION

Sowetan 23/11/92

Chaos as pupils disrupt classes

By ALINAH DUBE

TEACHING came to a standstill in Mamelodi yesterday after a rampaging mob disrupted classes at all secondary schools.

Lieutenant Jan Crouse, Press liaison officer for the Northern Transvaal, said police were called to J Kekana Secondary School after receiving reports that pupils were refusing to attend classes because of overcrowding and the high failure rate.

"Two police vehicles sent to monitor the situation were pelted with stones but no serious damage was reported," Crouse said.

A spokesman for the Department of Education and Training confirmed that classes had been disrupted.

He said trouble started after pupils allegedly threw stones at policemen who retaliated by firing shots to disperse them.

Pupils then started disrupting classes at nearby schools.

This led to the disruption of teaching at all secondary schools in Mamelodi, the spokesman said.

But Crouse denied that police had fired shots. He said they took "no action at all".

Meanwhile, the DET spokesman said the department was trying to arrange a meeting of parents at Tiyelelani High School on Sunday.

Other DET schools in the Northern Transvaal were said to be quiet and busy enrolling pupils

Police watched as 20 armed men boarded (278) priests

STAR 23/11/92

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

Two Catholic priests have signed sworn affidavits alleging that they saw policemen stand and watch while 20 black men armed with pangas and axes boarded a train at Mayfair station on Tuesday evening.

This happened amid a new outbreak of train killings in the area in which at least two commuters were hacked to death and 21 injured.

The two priests, Peter Hortop and Michael Deeb, signed the affidavits before Johannesburg attorney and commissioner of oaths Nathan Norman Sher.

Johannesburg attorney David Pitman informed Democratic Party Houghton MP Tony Leon about the affidavits.

Mr Leon said that Mr Pitman had asked Soweto police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman and acting divisional commission Colonel Gous why the police had not acted.

Discretion

They told him there was no law under which the police could disarm 20 men carrying such weapons.

"The reason for this is that the police interpret section 2 (1) of the Dangerous Weapons Act to mean that it is not an offence per se to possess a dangerous weapons — although a police officer has the discretion to decide whether an offence has been or is likely to be committed," Mr Leon said.

He said that several Government proclamations and orders had had the effect of limiting the applications of the Dangerous Weapons Act and he called for a much clearer and narrower definition of the offence.

This should be taken up by the National Peace Commmittee, the Goldstone Commission and Parliament.

Father Hortop said in his affidavit that at about 5.55 pm on January 21 he was in his house in Central Avenue, Mayfair when he heard a noise outside.

He went to nearby Mayfair station where he saw about 20 black men standing on the platform. All were armed, with pangas, spears, thin metal pipes, axes and knobkieries.

A police van drove up. Two policemen in camouflage uniform walked onto the platform.

After calling his colleague Michael Deeb, he saw four more policemen armed with rifles or shotguns had arrived.

None of them spoke to the armed men or tried to disarm them. They merely stood and watched them, he said.

Ten minutes later when a train pulled in, the men got on board. "The policemen made no move to stop them, but moved behind them as if to shepherd them on board."

Father Hortop said Mr Deeb then asked one of the policemen if they had let the men on to the train.

He replied "yes". Mr Deeb told him there would be killing on the train. The policeman said there would not be as "we have our men on the train".

Mr Deeb confirmed this exchange in his affidavit and gave the registration number of the police van as BHF 284 B.

Approached for comment today, Captain Eugene Opperman said a full investigstion was in progress.

"I want to immediately stress that the police have to adhere to the laws of the country concerning the carrying of dangerous weapons in public places.

"I am very sure that if there was any immediate threat to any members of the public, the policemen concerned would have taken action," he said.

Five burnt to death in unrest

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JOHANNESBURG. — Five people were burnt to death yesterday and a policeman is fighting for his life after being shot while off-duty.

Constable M Madela, 29, is in hospital after he and his girlfriend, who died, were shot several times by an unknown gunman near Newcastle on Tuesday night.

The burnt bodies of five people — two women, two children and a man — were found in a razed house in Tembisa early yesterday. East Rand police said the house, a car and a minibus were gutted by fire.

In another incident a police patrol on Tuesday found three loaded weapons near a Springs taxi rank.

The KwaZulu police launched a manhunt for eight gunmen who are said to have killed seven people at Umbumbulu early this week. — Sapa

Train violence flares up: 3 die

(278) CT 23/1/92

JOHANNESBURG. — Three men died and seven others were admitted to hospital with injuries yesterday as the spate of attacks on commuter train passengers continued here.

The death-toll in train violence this week rose to eight and at least 145 people were killed in the past 18 months.

Police said the bodies of two men were found on a Westgate station platform on the West Rand Police suspected they were attacked on a train and then thrown off. A third commuter was hacked to death last night

Another man was found with head injuries at Crown station about 6.30am. He said he had been hit with knobkieries.

Two injured men were also found at Riverlea station shortly before 7am. The first told police he was attacked by a group of 12 men on the train He had hack injuries on his head. The second man suffered leg and head injuries. He had also been thrown out of the train by his attackers Both were admitted to the J G Strijdom Hospital

Several suspects were arrested in connection with the spate of train attacks but so far no one has been convicted.

During the past 18 months more than 700 people were injured in train violence.

This week, after a lull in attacks on train commuters, train violence broke out again and apart from the eight killed, 23 were injured.

A spokeswoman for Peace Action, an independent monitoring group, noted a definite increase in train-related violence since last week

The period from mid-November until the first week of January was "very quiet", a fact she attributed to the increased police presence on commuter lines

Armed

Monitors accused police of not doing enough to prevent attacks or to apprehend and convict attackers, a charge denied by the SAP.

The spokeswoman yesterday alleged policemen stood idle on Tuesday evening while about 20 armed men boarded a train at Mayfair station

Police say strategies implemented last year, including reinforcements on trains and stations, and helicopter patrols, are still in force

But with 641 trains moving through the Reef daily, it was impossible to have personnel on duty at every station and on every train, said SAP Witwatersrand spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

Law and Order spokesman Major-General Leon Mellet put the current wave of violence down to "gangsterism" and said. "We have little doubt the majority of incidents are criminally motivated."

SA Rail Communter Corporation director Mr Koos Meyer said the corporation was aware of the rising rate of violence, but added that safety of passengers was a police responsibility.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday police had sufficient staff on metro trains.

He said police efficiency in combating violence was hampered by overcrowding and the fact that there are no interlinking doors to allow police movement between carriages.

Meanwhile, Witwatersrand attorney-general Mr Klaus von Lieres said yesterday only one case against an alleged train killer was pending, resulting from the attack on Jeppe station last year However, some dockets may be outstanding. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

No convictions as train blitz resumes

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DESPITE the arrests of several suspects, no one has yet been convicted in connection with train attacks which have left at least 145 dead and more than 700 injured in the past 18 months.

Commuters, meanwhile, are again running a gauntlet of death as violence on trains returns after a seasonal lull, with seven dead and 23 injured so far this week.

Yesterday two men were found dead near Westgate Station at first light, Sapa reports. They had been hacked with pangas and were then apparently thrown off a train, police said.

Two other commuters were injured at Riverlea Station and a man at Nancefield was attacked by a mob with pangas.

Peace Action, an independent monitoring group, noted "a definite increase" in train-related violence since last week.

The period from mid-November until the first week of January had been "very quiet", a fact the group put down to increased police presence on commuter lines.

Monitors accused police of not doing enough to prevent attacks or apprehend and convict attackers, a charge denied by the SAP.

A Peace Action spokesman yesterday alleged that policemen had stood idle on Tuesday evening while about 20 armed men boarded a train at Mayfair Station.

Alleged killer Albert Dhlamini faces three charges of murder and nine of attempted murder in the Germiston Magistrate's Court today — more than three months after he was arrested by civilians during the October 9 attack on a commuter train between Katlehong and Wadeville which left three dead and nine injured. He is out on R2 000 bail.

After the murders on trains near Jeppe in 1990, police arrested about 10 people, most of whom were released when the case was temporarily withdrawn.

GAVIN DU VENAGE and JONATHON REES

It is understood that three people are still awaiting trial on murder charges in connection with attacks in which 49 people died in September 1990.

Police say strategies implemented last year, including reinforcements on trains and at stations, and helicopter patrols, are still in force.

But with 641 trains moving through the Reef daily, it was impossible to have personnel on duty at every station and on every train, said SAP Witwatersrand spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman.

Last year police began patrolling platforms and trains, and searching passengers for weapons, using metal detectors.

Law and Order spokesman Maj-Gen Leon Mellet put the current wave of violence down to "gangsterism", and said: "We have little doubt the majority of incidents are criminally motivated."

SA Rail Commuter Corporation director Koos Meyer said the corporation was aware of the rising rate of violence, but added that safety of passengers was a police responsibility.

Soweto police spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday police had sufficient staff on metro trains. In a prepared statement, he blamed the recent deaths on false alarms.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the organisation doubted whether the violence was due to criminal activity. "Gangsters may attack people, but what would be the purpose of throwing them from trains?".

Meanwhile, Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres said yesterday only one case against an alleged train killer was pending, resulting from the attack on Jeppe Station last year. However, there might still be some dockets outstanding.

TPA faces hard task over squatters

BDay 23/1/92.

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) today faces a tough decision on what to do about the North Rand squatters as groups of residents in the area vow to take drastic action if the shack dwellers are allowed to stay near their homes.

Residents of the North Chartwell area near Zevenfontein farm, where several hundred squatter families are staying illegally, warned yesterday that the squatters would be forcibly removed if the TPA allowed them to stay.

DARIUS SANAI

The North Chartwell Action Group is already "patrolling" the Zevenfontein squatter camp and preventing trucks loaded with corrugated iron — for building shacks — from entering.

And residents in nearby Diepsloot, where the TPA has proposed to move the squatters, warned yesterday there would be "armed resistance" if the squatters were relocated there.

The TPA said on Monday it would "probably" make a decision today on the fate of the squatters, whose numbers have risen dramatically recently.

The CP has given the TPA a 10-day ultimatum to remove the squatters.

An informed CP source said yesterday Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough had admitted to colleagues recently that the TPA "does not know where to put the squatters".

Local residents' patrols and barricades of the Zevenfontein settlement continued yesterday, although no violence was reported.

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White couple killed man, says maid

A DOMESTIC worker has made a sworn statement implicating her former employers in the alleged killing of a black man whose genitals and tongue were removed in their home.

By MONK NKOMO

The domestic worker, who insisted on anonymity for fear of reprisals, said the body of the man lay for about two weeks in a house in Spelter Street, Westpark, Pretoria, before it was removed on January 5 this year.

A group of whites in the neighbourhood, she added, were invited to the house to look at the corpse which was referred to as a "kaffir man".

In an interview with *Sowetan*, Mrs X said she overheard her employers saying: "We must kill these blacks. We have removed his private parts, his tongue and eyes. We want to see who Mandela is going to rule when he comes into power. We are not going to be governed by kaffirs."

The domestic worker, who is from Pietersburg, said: "I was scared to death. I overheard the madam say if I looked at the corpse or talked about the matter, I would also be killed."

Police spokesman Colonel Frank Alton yesterday said he was unaware of the incident but promised to investigate.

Mrs X was yesterday escorted by an official of the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents' Organisation to make a sworn statement that would be later submitted to the police to help in their investigations.

She said she was barred from cleaning the room where the corpse lay.

"I do not know the identity of the person killed. There was a terrible smell in the house but I pretended as if I knew nothing for fear that I might be killed," Mrs X said.

The white couple, she added, complained about the stench on January 4.

"The next day I heard their van driving out in the middle of the night. It returned after some time. I suspected that they had disposed of the body.

"The next day I was told to clean the room where the corpse had lain. The room had been sprayed with air fresheners to eliminate the bad smell."

Sowetan has furnished police with the address and registration number of a van used to allegedly dispose of the body.

Mrs X said she left her employers during the second week of January after the white couple had refused to pay her full salary.

"My bed is still there and they refuse me access to the premises to fetch it."

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Weapons in public by-law: police claims 'rubbish'

Staff Reporters

A Johannesburg by-law outlaws the bearing of weapons in public, and claims by police they could not act against armed men on trains and stations, were "complete rubbish" a human rights lawyer charged yesterday.

At least eight people have been killed in a renewed spate of attacks on trains and at stations during the past week, with tensions being raised by a war of words between Inkatha and the ANC over who was responsible.

"Section 73 of the Johannesburg municipal traffic by-laws states that it is strictly an offence to carry or have in one's possession in any street or public place a knobkerrie or any other weapon," said Lawyers for Human Rights regional chairman David Pitman.

He spoke out after allegations made by Catholic priests Fathers Peter Hortop and Michael Deeb that policemen not only failed to disarm and arrest about 20 heavily armed men at Johannesburg's Mayfair station on Tuesday, but allowed the men to board a train — resulting in scores of commuters fleeing in terror.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman commented at the time that "police had to adhere to the laws of the country concerning the carrying of dangerous weapons in public places.

"I am very sure that if there was any immediate threat to any members of the public, the policemen concerned would have taken action," he added.

His colleague, Colonel David Bruce agreed "The police can act in certain circumstances — we have the power and can carry out the law. But we enforce the law according to circumstances."

In today's climate, it could be "almost prudent" for people to arm themselves in certain circumstances, said Colonel Bruce. The courts might well decide, in certain circumstances, that people carrying weapons would not put them to dangerous use.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Jerry Ngobeni said yesterday the police had received information that people on station platforms were passing weapons to commuters through train windows. He added that witnesses were slow to come forward with evidence.

Mr Pitman said the killings made a mockery of police inaction.

"It is an outrage to suggest that there was no cause for disarming and arresting these people, seeing that half

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Weapons: police claims 'rubbish'

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an hour before this Mayfair incident took place a man was killed a few stations down the line by men armed in a similar fashion and in the light of the previous slaughter on the trains between Johannesburg and Soweto," he said.

In the light of the by-law it was "complete rubbish" to suggest that "the police had a discretion to decide whether an offence is being committed" when men armed with pangas, axes and other weapons took up positions on a Johannesburg station platform, Mr Pitman said.

"The only limitation on this (by-law) is that a person needing to carry a weapon for purposes of his occupation may do so for the time period that this work requires."

The Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday charged that police disarmed IFP supporters before they boarded trains and that alleged ANC supporters killed three of their members in two separate attacks.

Witwatersrand IFP secretary Humphrey Ndlovu warned that "the anger of the nation would explode" if the ANC did not stop attacking its members.

The ANC described Mr Ndlovu's statement as "irresponsible" and not in the spirit of the National Peace Accord.

PWV ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the attacks were the work of forces intent on disrupting the establishment of Conflict resolution committees and the Codesa negotiations.

It called on the IFP leadership to distance itself from Mr Ndlovu's comments.

● Yesterday hundreds of Soweto taxi commuters were left stranded as more train passengers resorted to taxis.

Soweto's taxi operators have been urged to put more taxis on the road in order to meet the increased demand for taxis as more people turn their backs on trains in the wake of the renewed killings.

Terror boards the trains again

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Fear stalks Johannesburg's stations following a renewed spate of attacks on Soweto-bound trains. Report by MONTSHIWA MOROKE and BRIAN SOKUTU.

A GROUP of commuters waiting for their train nervously watched about 200 men armed with knobkerries on platform 2 at Johannesburg's Park Station last night.

They were waiting for the Naledi, Soweto-bound train, number 9458. A group of policemen stood by monitoring proceedings.

As the train pulled in at 5.35 pm, most commuters waited to see what the armed men would do. Some people rushed forward only to pull back when they saw the men boarding the train.

"They do not normally board this train. Their train is 9448. Why are the police not boarding the train? This train will never reach Naledi without trouble," said a worried young woman.

She was among those who earlier told reporters that they were afraid of using the train after a man was killed on the same platform on Tuesday night.

"It is no longer safe to board trains," said another woman.

Her words reflected the mood of most commuters at Park and other stations in the wake of eight deaths and numerous injuries from a renewed spate of savage train attacks over the past week.

The Star spoke to commuters in at least four other trains which pulled into platforms 1 and 2.

Seated in the first-class coach, a grey-haired man said: "We are afraid we could be attacked at any moment. The police were inside the coaches on Monday and Tuesday, but they were nowhere to be seen on Wednesday and today.

"This train is empty. Normally it is so full that there is no standing room left. Most people have abandoned trains for taxis," the man said.

Asked by The Star why police allowed armed men on the platform and in trains, a policeman who did not wish to be named responded: "These people are going home. What they carry are purely traditional weapons."

Nowadays there are no metal detectors at platform entrances, as there were at the height of the train massacres last year.

Ticket examiners confirmed a sharp decline in the number of commuters, and taxi operators at Noord Street, Johannesburg's biggest taxi rank, reported a remarkable increase of commuters since Wednesday. □



Sudden death . . . the aftermath of a recent attack.

For the first time, an insider's

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Two young gangsters give an horrific account of how they were encouraged, equipped and trained to carry out violence against ANC-linked targets by the security forces. Their account provides a crucial missing piece in the jigsaw puzzle of what caused the violence which has rocked the townships. The gangsters have asked not to be identified for fear of retaliation against their families. Both the young men have been interviewed separately, at length, and their accounts confirm evidence provided by other sources

A Weekly Mail investigation by EDDIE KOCH and PHILIPPA GARSON

A PAIR of Black Cat vigilantes, members of a notorious gang that operates in the eastern Transvaal township of Wesselton, describe how white police officers used the gang to bomb the office of a human rights lawyer and helped orchestrate a string of murders, assaults and arson attacks.

And the very police officer responsible for some of these attacks, a Warrant Officer Van Zwiel, was appointed to investigate complaints against the Black Cats, say the dissident gangsters. They claim Van Zwiel helped to ensure few of them were charged for their crimes.

The gang members decided to speak to the press because they had been threatened by other Black Cat members for voicing criticism of the gang's activities and its close alliance with Inkatha. They are now in hiding in fear of their lives and their names have been changed to protect them. The gang is still operating in the township

"The Black Cats are harassing people today. They say they don't want African National Congress comrades in the township. At Christmas time they killed two people. One of them was an ANC member A few weeks before that they killed a man called December because he was a member of the ANC," says Themba, one of the defectors.

Other evidence supplied by the Black Cats confirm earlier *Weekly Mail* reports, based on testimony from high-ranking Inkatha defector Mbongeni Khumalo, that members of the South African Police in Ermelo released professional hitmen from Ulundi in August 1990 after they had been arrested for shooting up an ANC funeral and killing two of the mourners.

The two Black Cats tell how their gang was initially formed to counter a pro-ANC civic organisation in the area.

After suffering several defeats at the hands of the "comrades", 32 Black Cats were taken to Ulundi and then Mkuze camp, where they underwent military training. They returned with instructions to establish themselves as an Inkatha force in the area.

The younger of the two defectors, Themba, went for training. Lucas, in prison at the time after being convicted for possessing a homemade gun, missed the opportunity to be trained as a hit-man.

Both corroborate claims of police complicity in "black-on-black" violence in Wesselton and Inkatha's alleged "forced recruitment drive" in the Transvaal which began about two years ago.

The defectors also confirm allegations made by Khumalo, former head of Inkatha's Youth Brigade and member of the organisation's central committee.

And although the two Black Cats told their stories separately to *The Weekly Mail*, there is a startling consistency in their accounts.

Lucas recounts how white policemen picked three of the strongest Black Cats to petrol bomb the offices of lawyer Stephen Ngwenya as well as the shop, truck and homes of local businessmen in July 1990.

"Van Zwiel gave them a 9mm handgun and later rewarded them with vodka and cigarettes," says Lucas He describes how the gangsters were urged by local town councillors, police and Inkatha to attack members of the Wesselton Action Committee (WAC).

WAC became the enemy of the councillors after galvanising the community to boycott rents at the end of 1989 as a protest against alleged corruption being practised by the councillors.

The Black Cats were formed in early 1990, ostensibly to combat crime perpetuated by another gang in Wesselton, the Ninjas.

"But the main reason why the Black Cats were formed was to make conflict in the community. Although we claimed to be an anti-crime campaign we ended up committing the same crimes we were supposed to prevent," says Lucas

Instead of handing the weapons they confiscated over to the police, they stockpiled them at the home of their leader, Chris Ngwenya, where they spent most of their time strategising. A man called Sabata Zwane, known as "Jwi", also led the gang in several attacks.

In July 1990 the Black Cats fled to the municipal offices after being attacked by "comrades". There, together with two municipal policemen known only as Glen and Jomo, they discussed how to attack members of WAC

"(Noah) Mchobokazi (then a sports organiser at the council) was there He gave us a 9mm gun and axes ... Mchobokazi was the one telling us what we must do. He told us who we must attack (and that) we must divide into two groups."

Lucas alleges that two policemen, a Captain Botha and Van Zwiel were in constant contact with Mchobokazi, a known Inkatha member who visited the gang members several times at Ulundi and Mkuze.

He recounts how on the night of July 22 and into the next morning the Black Cats — named after the black whips they brandish — ran amok in the location, breaking doors and windows of civic leaders and known ANC supporters, and attacking several people with pangas, knives and axes At least eight were admitted to hospital

The Weekly Mail is in possession of affidavits made to lawyers by victims and witnesses at the time. Lawyers' attempts to get a restraining order on the activities of the gang proved futile. No arrests were made and the violence escalated.

After the attacks the members stayed for several days at the council offices where they were given money to buy food from Mchobokazi.

They then fled to the Ermelo office of the United Workers' Union of South Africa (Uwusa), Inkatha's trade union wing, where Mchobokazi handed over money to the local Inkatha strongman, Isaac Hlatswayo, for the membership fees

There, ongoing dealings allegedly took place with the police. Van Zwiel would either visit them at the Uwusa offices or call the leadership to the police station.

"We were staying in one office but the office was divided into two sections. Mchobokazi was there when Van Zwiel, Botha and one other came to speak to him ... they spoke secretly so we could not hear. They took three of us, Patrick, China and "Jwi" (who was killed in an AK-47 attack last year). They gave them each a 9mm handgun. We saw the guns."

Lucas alleges that the police came to fetch them in a grey private car. That night, on July 25 1990 Ngwenya's office was petrol bombed. Ngwenya reported the incident and a docket was opened, with Van Zwiel appointed as the investigating officer.

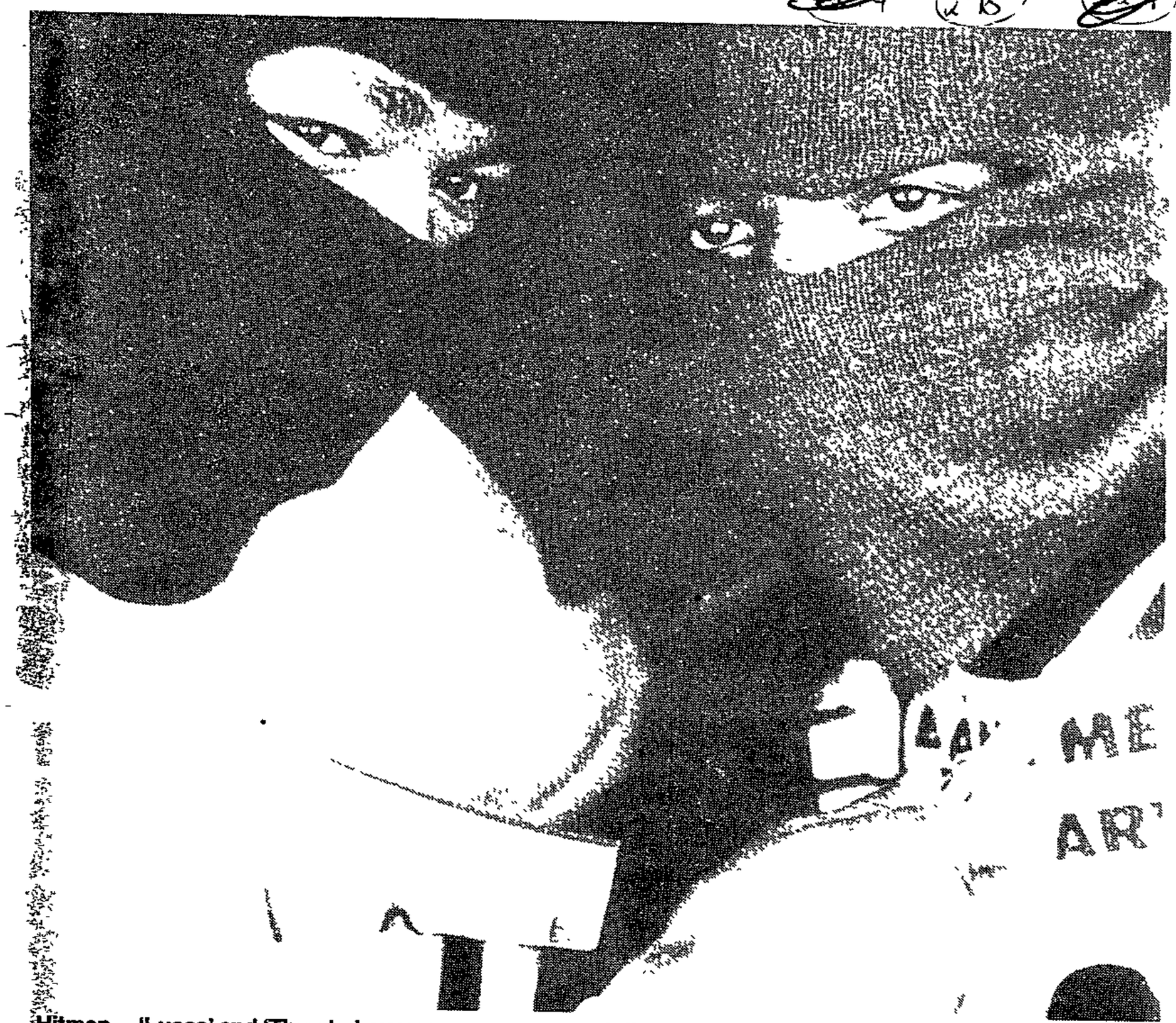
The three gangsters returned the same evening, say the Black Cats, with provisions given to them by the two policemen for their services

Lucas tells how Mchobokazi brought limpet mines to the Uwusa offices and how the two policemen fetched the same three gangsters several days later. As they departed they told the remaining Black Cats not to worry if they heard loud noises in the night.

On the night of August 6 explosives were thrown into Ngwenya's offices and the home and shop of two civic members were bombed with limpet mines. Ngwenya confirmed this in an

account of the Third Force

wlmail 24/1/-30/1/92.



Hitmen ... 'Lucas' and 'Themba', young gangsters who tell us how they were recruited to the 'Third Force'
Photo: KEVIN CARTER

affidavit made at the time.

On August 5 David Sibanyoni was shot dead One week later, on August 11, a gruesome gun attack took place on the funeral procession of ANC mourners carrying Sibanyoni's coffin.

In his disclosures to *The Weekly Mail*, Khumalo described how a col- [illegible] how members of a team of Inkatha hit-men, trained by the Department of Military Intelligence (DMI), had gone to the Wesselton funeral and ambushed the procession, opening fire on mourners and spraying bullets into the coffin

An Inkatha supporter, "Doctor" Hlatshwayo, was to be buried the same [illegible]

Lucas, who was with the team of hit-men — the "eight KZPs" — on that day, tells the inside story.

"Eight KZPs came from Ulundi in two cars. They were not wearing uniform. They came to the Uwusa offices the day before the funeral Three of them were called Mandlanduna, Zweli and Nhlanhla. They taught us Inkatha songs ... and told us they were going to shoot at the ANC funeral while we must stay at Doctor's house."

(According to Khumalo, Mandlanduna is a professional assassin trained by DMI at their base in Caprivi He, in turn, trained the Black Cats at Mkuze)

"The next day, August 11, we came from the Uwusa offices and went to Doctor's house We were singing We stood outside the house We saw the KZPs take positions on each side of the road to wait for the ANC funeral procession," said Lucas.

"Mchobokazi had an AK-47 and Jwi had a 9mm handgun. They joined the KZPs who had 9mms and pump guns and other guns like AK-47s, but shorter. When the funeral procession came past they started shooting. We were watching. The one carrying the flag fell near the coffin. The coffin was dropped.

"The one who fell, Jabulani Sibanyoni, was not dead The one KZP, (identified as Nhlanhla Khawula) ran forward and shot him in the head He opened the coffin and shot the dead body many times," he said.

That evening SADF troops arrested about 30 people, including the eight KZPs, and confiscated their weapons.

"A couple of days later they were all released and came to Chris' house. Chris told me that after the SADF left, Van Zwiel and Botha released them ... Chris told me the police did not take statements."

Khumalo told *The Weekly Mail* that after the kwaZulu hitmen were released, their confiscated weapons were also returned to Ulundi.

Lucas has disclosed how members of his gang, after suffering a defeat in a battle with "comrades", left the location in October 1990 for Ulundi, later to receive military training at the Mkuze military camp, which was run by a front for DMI

Lucas was close friend of gang leader Chris Ngwenya.

"Chris told me their trainer was Mandlanduna He trained them in the use of weaponry and lots of physical exercises to keep fit.

"A soldier called 'Sugar' went to Wesselton to 'man the fort' while the others were away. He is now a resident warrior who leads the gang. I saw his KZP identity card. His real name is Lucky Hlongwane," said Lucas.

According to Khumalo, Hlongwane is one of the Inkatha hit-men trained in the Caprivi Strip. His name has been linked to several attacks on Wesselton residents last year, including the fatal shooting of shebeen owner Zini Shongwe, the hand grenade attack on her home on August 20 1990 and the gunning down of a male nurse, Andries Maphosa, on November 5 last year.

Wesselton Extention, the newer part of the location now commanded by the Black Cats, became their headquarters "Welcome to Ulundi" graffiti is plastered on walls and sign-posts.

"When they came back (from Mkuze) they attacked people wearing ANC T-shirts and caps and took their clothes away. They would walk in groups harassing people and bragging about how they are Inkatha "

In August last year at the funeral of "Jwi" Zwane, five township residents were gunned down and killed by a busload of Inkatha members who came from Sowelo.

The Weekly Mail's evidence is to be presented to the Goldstone Commission into violence. See also editorial,
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Sharpeville grenade blast: 5 policemen hurt

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men were killed and five policemen injured, one seriously, in a handgrenade explosion and a shootout at a house in Sharpeville in the Vaal Triangle today.

Another person was wounded by a bullet in the crossfire and three others, two of them women, were arrested.

Four of the injured policemen — Constable Johan Penning, Sergeant Wynand Botha, Sergeant Toppie Scholtz and Sergeant Braam Greyling — were admitted to Vereeniging Hospital with minor shrapnel wounds.

The fifth, Sergeant Nic Coetzee, was treated and discharged.

The names of the dead have not been released.

Violence: Thousands shun trains

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JOHANNESBURG. — Thousands of Soweto commuters yesterday shunned suburban trains because of renewed railway violence.

They streamed to township taxis, which were unable to cope with the sudden demand, and many were left stranded.

Following a lull over the festive season, eight people have been killed and 27 injured in train violence on the Reef this week.

The ANC called on police to increase railway security, saying present measures were inadequate.

However, police said security measures implemented last year were still in place, but there were too many trains for each of them to be searched.

They said 641 trains moved through the Reef daily, with as little as three minutes separating them during peak periods.

Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said there were enough policemen available on Metro trains in and out of Soweto.

The problem was that commuters were crammed into separate compartments The absence of doors between compartments prevented them from spreading out and also restricted the movements of the police.

Police were making daily patrols on trains and using metal detectors on stations during peak hours, he said.

"If commuters see armed people in their coach they should alight at the next station and report them to the police. If they stay calm, many lives could be saved."

The ANC blames the latest train violence on forces wishing to hinder Codesa working groups and to scuttle attempts to set up dispute resolution committees. The police attribute it to "gangsterism".

Police spokesman Colonel David Bruce said it was "very difficult" to predict whether train attacks would increase in the near future.

At least 146 people have been killed and more than 700 injured in train attacks in the past 18 months.

Massacre

The ANC also called on the Inkatha Freedom Party to distance itself from allegations made by IFP Witwatersrand secretary Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, who blamed the ANC for the recent train violence.

Yesterday a Katlehong resident and IFP card-holder appeared briefly in the Germiston Magistrate's Court on three charges of murder and nine of attempted murder arising from a train massacre last year.

Mr Albert Dlamini, 29, pleaded not guilty to all the charges at a previous hearing. Bail of R2 000 was extended.

● In other incidents of unrest: A City Tramways bus driver escaped death yesterday afternoon after youths sprinkled petrol on him and his bus before setting the vehicle alight at Nyanga bus terminus; and 10 members of the KwaZulu police escaped unhurt from an attack by a group of men armed with AK-47 assault rifles at Mahlabathini, in northern Zululand, late on Wednesday night. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

THE MISSING LINK IN A MONTHS-LONG MYSTERY: HOW GROUPS OF PROFESSIONAL

How a small group of hitmen

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By EDDIE KOCH and PHILIPPA GARSON

TWO "Black Cats", members of a pro-Inkatha gang that holds the eastern Transvaal town of Wesselton in a grip of fear, have come forward to explain how professional hitmen are able to spread civil strife through a volatile township.

The history of the gang and reign of terror it has imposed on the people of Wesselton since the middle of 1990 provides a vital clue to the way in which mystery "third force" gunmen have been able to fan the violence that is now endemic in the Transvaal.

The evidence and the two Black Cat members are being placed before Mr Justice R Goldstone, who is heading a special inquiry into Military Intelligence involvement in violence.

The picture that has been pieced together from interviews with the Black Cat defectors, as well as a range of other sources in the military and Inkatha, looks like this.

Around October 1990, some "kwaZulu policemen" (known as KZPs) travelled from Ulundi to the township near Ermelo — where tension was running high because of a rent boycott and campaign by the African National Congress-aligned civic organisation to depose local town councillors — and recruited about 32 young boys and girls from the Black Cats.

These mysterious men from Ulundi were, in fact, part of a 200-strong paramilitary group trained for Inkatha in mid-1986 by the South African Defence Force's Department of Military Intelligence (DMI) at a secret base in the Caprivi Strip in the art of "offensive warfare" that included use of AK-47s, Browning machine guns and explosives.

After their training, the 200 DMI "graduates" were housed and paid by a military front organisation called Creed Consultants. One of their bases, a secret barracks near Mkuze in northern Natal, was run by Creed. In mid-1989 the "boys from the project", as they were called, were formally incorporated into the kwaZulu Police.

The "KZPs" took the Wesselton youngsters in two mini-buses to Ulundi, where they were housed in the old police barracks. The Black Cats stayed in the kwaZulu government offices for two months, where they received political education and generally "just loitered around".

"Some of us would go to the township to commit robberies because we needed money They gave us everything, but not cash. They even bought us cigarettes," says one of the defectors known as Themba.

Later the gangsters were transferred to the Mkuze camp and a select group of about 22 were put through an intensive course in how to shoot with AK-47s, 9mm handguns and shotguns. They were also taught how to apprehend people, search and detain them.

"One Sunday night while we were in Ulundi, Mashabane (the clan name for Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's former private secretary MZ Khumalo) said we were leaving for Mkuze," says Themba.

At a secret base in the Caprivi Strip in 1986, a 200-strong paramilitarygroup is trained in the use of AK-47s, Browning machine guns and explosives. These men form the core of what later becomes known as the 'Third Force' ...

The youths were driven to Mkuze in the sam two mini-buses. "We were met by Joyf Mtetwa (one of the 200 Caprivi Strip trainee We slept in barracks at Mkuze. The blankets c the beds were like those used in prison. The were RSA stamps on the beds," says Themba.

"Peter Msane taught us in English about lea ership. We once watched a video of *Shaka Zul* Msane also taught us practical skills, like how hijack people by covering their mouths a dragging them into cars.

"We were told how to rescue our comrades

KILLERS COULD REPEATEDLY TERRORISE TOWNSHIPS ... AND GET AWAY WITH IT

held a township to ransom

they were injured in fights, so we would not leave them behind for the enemy — the ANC. Our trainer, Mandlanduna, chose 22 people. He wanted to teach them how to shoot properly. He gave them camouflage uniforms and took them to a shooting range in the Lebombo mountains about 2km from the camp They learned to shoot with pumpguns (pump-action shotguns) and 9mm P38s (a make of handgun).

"They spent at least seven hours a day at the shooting range The girls and the young boys like me stayed behind, working in the garden. We never had to worry about food because we ate food from the police. There was writing on the boxes of food which said CID."

Mbongeni Khumalo, high-ranking Inkatha defector who was frequently stationed at the Mkuze camp, has confirmed the description of how the Black Cats were recruited and trained. Khumalo points out that Mandlanduna is the clan name for Daluxolo Luthuli, a turned ANC guerilla who was trained by DMI in Caprivi and is now, according to Khumalo, "a professional assassin".

Khumalo also confirms that Msane is an ex-Caprivi trainee and currently an official at Inkatha's Ulundi head office

When the two-month training programme at Mkuze was completed, the gangsters were given seven home-made guns *(qwashas)* and were taken back to Wesselton.

"The ANC was now afraid of coming to our area — Wesselton Extension," says Themba. "The training helped us to overcome the ANC. We were aware of strategies we were to use before we fought. We would plan our attacks."

Back in Wesselton, aided by some of the "boys from the project", the gangsters taught another group of some 40 Black Cats how to shoot.

"We met at the home of Chris Ngwenya (leader of the gang and a graduate from Mkuze) and we practised how to shoot with a .45 and a 9mm parabellum. I like the parabellum because it is very powerful," says Themba.

Lucas, the other defector, adds: "When they came back from Ulundi, they recruited a number of youngsters who joined the group. They offered them training in the use of guns. This was done at Chris' place, inside his house.

"They also offered me training. They had one AK-47, two 9mms and four *qwashas*. They gave us the weapons without bullets and showed us how to shoot. About 40 youngsters immediately joined them and we became a group of about 80."

The gang then went on the rampage. Backed by a handful of Caprivi graduates who routinely visited Wesselton as members of the KZP, including Mandlanduna, they attacked members of the ANC, bombed the offices of a local human-rights lawyer and participated in a grisly attack on mourners at the funeral of a victim of their violence.

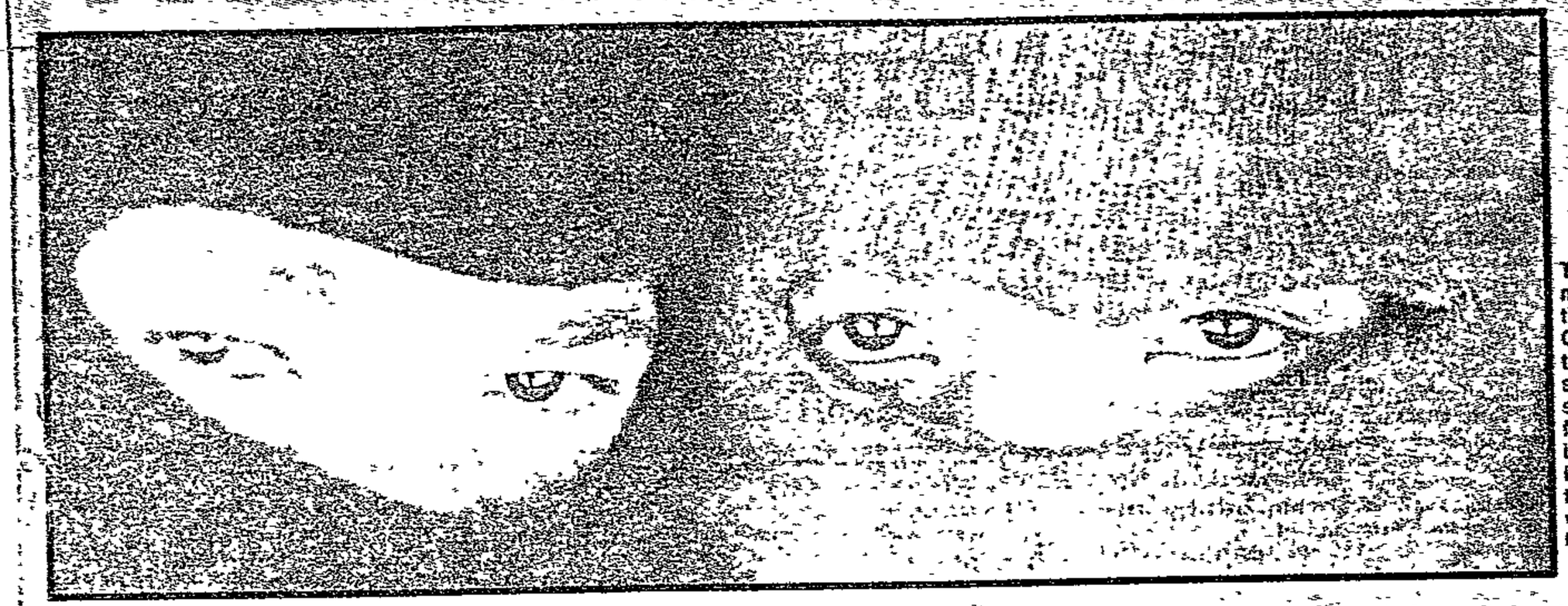
They received intensive backing from white police officers in Ermelo, who failed to arrest Black Cats involved in violence and went so far as to release kwaZulu policemen apprehended by the SADF (See accompanying story).

The manner in which the Black Cats were recruited and trained followed an "each one teaches 10" principle: small groups of professionals trained by the DMI teach a larger group of gangsters how to use firearms and then this group provides a bigger cohort of the gang with the rudimentary skills of killing In this way Inkatha obtains command over a three-tiered group of trained fighters to use in its contest with the ANC for control over the township, and the level of violence escalates dramatically.

The latest victims of the Wesselton violence were two residents, including a member of the ANC who was stabbed to death by gang members over the Christmas period.

And the Black Cats, acting in concert with men trained by DMI and imbued with a sense that they are immune from arrest, continue to terrorise the township.

THE THIRD FORCE



Two members of the 'Black Cat' gang lift the lid on the scandal of security force involvement in fanning township violence
Photograph: KEVIN CARTER

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HEY call their gang the "Black Cats". But these men are better known by another name ... the "hit-squads".

They carry out violent attacks on township targets, often in collaboration with the security forces.

The two men in our photograph were recruited from their township street gang by Inkatha and sent t o a secret base for training by Military Intelligence experts.

Returned to their homes, they used force and intimidation to build up an Inkatha presence in their Eastern Transvaal township. The violence their gang has been involved in continues to this day.

The story these men have told *The Weekly Mail*, corroborated by other sources in the course of a months' long investigation, finally pins down the mystery of township killings:

- *There is indeed a "Third Force".*
- *It is masterminded by the SADF, aided by the kwaZulu police.*
- *Its aim is to undermine the ANC and establish power bases for Inkatha.*

The vicious plan involves recruiting township criminals, giving them weapons and teaching them to kill, then using them to recruit others for acts of random violence.

Our "Black Cats" give explicit details of how this works. They describe, for example, how they were recruited to bomb a lawyer's office by a local policeman ... who then "investigated" the crime and found no evidence.

Teachers injured by mob in Katlehong

JOHANNESBURG. — Three white school teachers and a school principal were injured when they were attacked by a mob at Katlehong, near Alberton, on Thursday, a police spokesman reported yesterday.

The closure earlier this week of the Kwa-Dukathole Comprehensive School triggered violent attacks by gangs of pupils on the nearby Fumane Comprehensive Secondary and Siyabuyelo Secondary schools.

At 11.50am four youths wielding sticks and knobkerries broke away from a group of about 50 stone-throwing pupils and assaulted the Fumane teachers while they were drinking tea, according to the police spokesman.

The women were not seriously injured.

The spokesman said the same group, chanting "one settler, one bullet", then moved to the Siyabuyelo High School where they threw stones at the principal, Mr P.P du Plessis, slightly injuring him. No arrests were made. — Sapa

Police kill two men

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JOAHNNESBURG. — One of the two men shot dead by police in Sharpeville yesterday was charged with trying to murder a police officer, police said.

The two were shot dead soon after five policemen were injured when a handgrenade exploded among them in a house in Sharpeville at about 4.15am, a police spokesman said.

A third man was shot and wounded and another arrested.

Police said one of those killed was recently-returned ANC exile Mr Ephraim Lepiedi.

He recently appeared in court on a charge of attempting to murder a Sergeant Bernisman in Sharpeville on December 29 last year.

ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said the other person killed in the shooting was a member of the ANC Sharpeville branch, and named him as Mr Thabo Mosebi, 17.

In Cape Town, a passenger was hurt when four City Tramways buses were stoned at the Nyanga bus terminus yesterday, a spokeswoman for the bus company said. — Sapa

Police kill 2 after grenade attack

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SHAREEN SINGH

TWO ANC exiles who returned to the country a few months ago were killed by police yesterday after a grenade attack on policemen, police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said.

Captain Opperman said the grenade was thrown at the policemen when they went to a house in Sharpeville looking for suspects in murder, robbery and intimidation cases.

The suspects fled the house — one of them carrying another grenade. A policeman chased after them and the suspect with the grenade turned around and was about to pull the pin on the grenade when the policeman opened fire, said Captain Opperman.

One of the men who was killed was identified as Ephraim Lepiedi, a member of Umkhonto we Size. The other has not yet been identified. A third man, also a recently returned ANC exile, was injured. He was under police guard in hospital.

Mr Lepiedi recently appeared in the Vereeniging District Court on a charge of attempted murder of a policeman. He was released from custody about two weeks ago. ANC chairman for the Sharpeville branch, Siza Rani, said the ANC was taking statements from witnesses.

Cop train tactics trouble priest

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By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

A POLICE officer this week snubbed a Catholic priest who wanted to know why police had not disarmed a group of men getting on to a train.

Father Michael Deeb of Mayfair, Johannesburg, said he went to the police after the train had pulled out from Mayfair station on Tuesday this week and asked one of the policemen why they did not disarm the men before they boarded the train.

According to Deeb one of the police officers replied "Yes" when asked if they had let the men board the train.

When Deeb told him that there would be killings on the train, the policeman said there would not be as "we have our men on the train".

The policeman then told him that if he was not satisfied with the way they operated, he could take up the matter with their superiors.

Before Deeb could reply, the policemen drove off at high speed. He gave the registration number of the police van as BHF284B.

Deeb said he was called to the scene by Father Peter Hortop, who had witnessed the incident.

On his arrival there he saw about 20 men standing on the platform. All were armed with pangas, spears, thin metal pipes, axes and knobkieries.

A police van drove up to the station and two policemen in camouflage uniforms walked onto the platform.

He saw four more policemen armed with rifles or shotguns had arrived.

None of the policemen spoke to the armed men or tried to disarm them. They merely stood and watched them, he said.

"The policemen made no move to stop them, but moved behind them as if to shepherd them on board," he said.

Captain Eugene Opperman said police were investigating the matter.

The death toll from attacks on commuter trains this week is six with 23 injured.

Both priests have signed sworn affidavits with a lawyer detailing the incident.

Demo violence averted

CP Correspondent

A CAMPAIGN to defy municipal laws in the conservative north-eastern Transvaal town of Phalaborwa this week resulted in confrontation between AWB members and demonstrating blacks.

About 100 armed and khaki-clad AWB members, angered by the demonstrators' hoisting of the ANC Youth League flag, marched towards the protestors.

The 300 demonstrators were defying a decision by the town council to use a new taxi rank which has no facilities.

A 100-day consumer boycott in the town was suspended last Sunday at a heated meeting at Namakgale Stadium attended by a crowd of 10 000.

Phalaborwa Chamber of Commerce chairman Manie Kriel said the boycott committee had played an important role in diffusing what could have been an explosive situation between the boycotters and the AWB.



DODGING DEMONSTRATOR . . . a youth tries to elude police during a confrontation in Phalaborwa yesterday Picture: ROB HADLEY

Police use batons on chanting protesters

By DE WET POTGIETER

POLICE repeatedly baton-charged chanting protesters in Phalaborwa yesterday while armed members of the AWB's Wenkommando cruised the streets.

In another incident, a bus-load of chanting, placard-waving SACP supporters intent on protesting in the city centre were chased at high speed through the town by heavily armed police and traffic officials, after slipping past roadblocks sealing off the CBD.

Ignoring orders to stop, the bus turned around and headed out of town. Passengers tried to disembark but police forced them back on board and escorted them out of Phalaborwa.

Manned

The protests were sparked by a confrontation on Tuesday between AWB members and about 2 000 residents of the Lulekani and Namakgale townships. Sjambok-wielding AWB members threatened to "clean up" a taxi rank in the town centre.

Yesterday policemen armed with R4 rifles and shotguns manned all the entrances to Phalaborwa, while SADF soldiers and Gazankulu policemen manned a roadblock outside Lulekani.

Now it's feared that a crippling three-month consumer boycott called off this week could be resumed.

Hostel petrol-bombed

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Two people were seriously injured when a petrol bomb was thrown into a room at the Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto early today.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said unknown attackers threw a petrol bomb into the room at the married quarters of the hostel at about 12.50 am.

Wilson Nkomo, aged about 75 and an unidentified teenager, asleep inside the house, were badly injured.

They were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital. The house was extensively damaged.

At about 3 am police patrolling the area saw two houses in Zone 1 alight. The houses were badly damaged but nobody was hurt. Three suspects were seen running in the direction of the hostel.
— West Rand Bureau.

1 killed at station

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen armed with AK47 rifles opened fire on commuters at Germiston South station early today, killing an unidentified man and wounding six other people.

Police said the reason for the 6.30 am attack was not known.

The gunmen travelled in the train with other commuters but got off at Germiston South station and opened fire through the train's windows.

Four men and two women were wounded in the hail of bullets.

Two of the victims are in a critical condition. An ambulance spokesman said a woman was shot in the head and an elderly man in the chest.

● Attackers hurled a petrol bomb into a hostel in Soweto before dawn today and two people were seriously injured, police said.

Semitism — the latter for his portrayal of
nightclub owners in the 1989 hit Mo' Better Blues.

Lee hit out at the weekend against the accusations of anti-Semitism. "You can show black people doing anything you want, but as soon as a Jewish guy is shown doing something bad, it's, 'Hey, Spike, woah, better not touch that one'," he said.

SAP seeks counsel on stopping train gangs

GAVIN DU VENAGE

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THE SA Police and Johannesburg city council officials were consulting legal advisers at the weekend over claims that city by-laws specifically prohibit the carrying of weapons openly in public.

Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) last week challenged police statements that they could not legally confiscate weapons carried onto suburban trains.

LHR spokesman David Pitman said Johannesburg's municipal law "absolutely prohibits the carrying of knobkierries or any other weapon in public, unless the person is doing so in the line of duty".

He was reacting to reports of large groups of armed men boarding commuter trains unhindered by watching police last week. The reports came after a spate of killings on trains last week. Nine people died and scores were injured.

At the height of the train massacres last year, police said they were not permitted to confiscate weapons, other than unlicensed firearms, unless they were certain of a threat to public safety.

Pitman questioned police discretion on this matter: "How can they let a group armed with pangas and iron-tipped weapons onto a train when there have been more than 150 commuters killed? What more reason do they need to take action, with nine dead in the past week?"

"Even if the country-wide law does does restrict police, they still have the municipal by-laws to fall back on."

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"They have even suggested that it may be prudent to carry weapons in these times. What on earth can they be suggesting?" Pitman asked.

The Johannesburg SAP liaison office declined to comment on Pitman's statement, except to say legal advisers were being consulted on the matter.

Pitman said police legal advisers had a duty to report their findings to the public for scrutiny and, if necessary, challenged in court.

ANC PWV regional spokesman Ronnie Momeopa said: on Friday: "The ANC's position on this matter remains clear. We have called for a total ban on all dangerous weapons in public."

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SAP denies bias towards AWB

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By Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal Bureau

PHALABORWA — A police spokesman has responded to allegations that the actions of armed members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging were ignored, while peaceful black protesters were arrested during last week's heated confrontations in Phalaborwa.

According to news reports, a group of uniformed and armed AWB members had threatened to forcibly remove black commuters and taxi drivers from a taxi rank in Phalaborwa last Tuesday.

On Saturday, 121 protesters were arrested in the town's business centre before being fined and released.

"On the first occasion, we tried to take pre-emptive action by talking to both groups.

"Any steps against anyone would have resulted in violence," said Far North police spokesman Captain Cas Jones.

He said the approach had been successful, as everyone had been persuaded to disperse peacefully.

On Saturday, police had taken preventative measures by setting up roadblocks.

People going into town were asked to behave in an orderly manner.

"However, the disorderliness of protesters contravened certain municipal laws and made them guilty of disturbing the peace," said Captain Jones.

Dossier

Those arrested were given the option of fines and nobody was actually detained, he said.

A dossier on Tuesday's dispute had been opened and anyone, regardless of race, would be prosecuted if found guilty of any offences, he said.

Northern Transvaal ANC media officer Stan Mothimele said yesterday the police's "biased manner" was surprising as all parties in the country had committed themselves to the principle of allowing free political activity.

"We once more call on the SAP to promote peace and democracy instead of defending racist actions," he said.

In Namakgale township, residents have voted in favour of a renewed boycott of white businesses.

A petition handed to the SAP insists on the immediate disbanding of the AWB's Wenkommando.

It also demands that taxis and commuters be permitted to use the town's old taxi rank as there are inadequate toilet facilities at the newly created rank.

The town was quiet yesterday and business continued as usual after a tense weekend when taxi owners marched through the town.



Mr Dan Langa being treated by a Red Cross worker after he was stabbed at Meadowlands Hostel yesterday. Pic: JOE MOLEFE

Man fights for life after bomb attack

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A SOWETO man is fighting for his life at Baragwanath Hospital after sustaining severe burns in a petrol bomb attack on his home yesterday.

Mr Nelson Nkomo (75), of Meadowlands Hostel, his daughters Jeanett (19) and Caroline (9) and grandson Collin (8) were injured

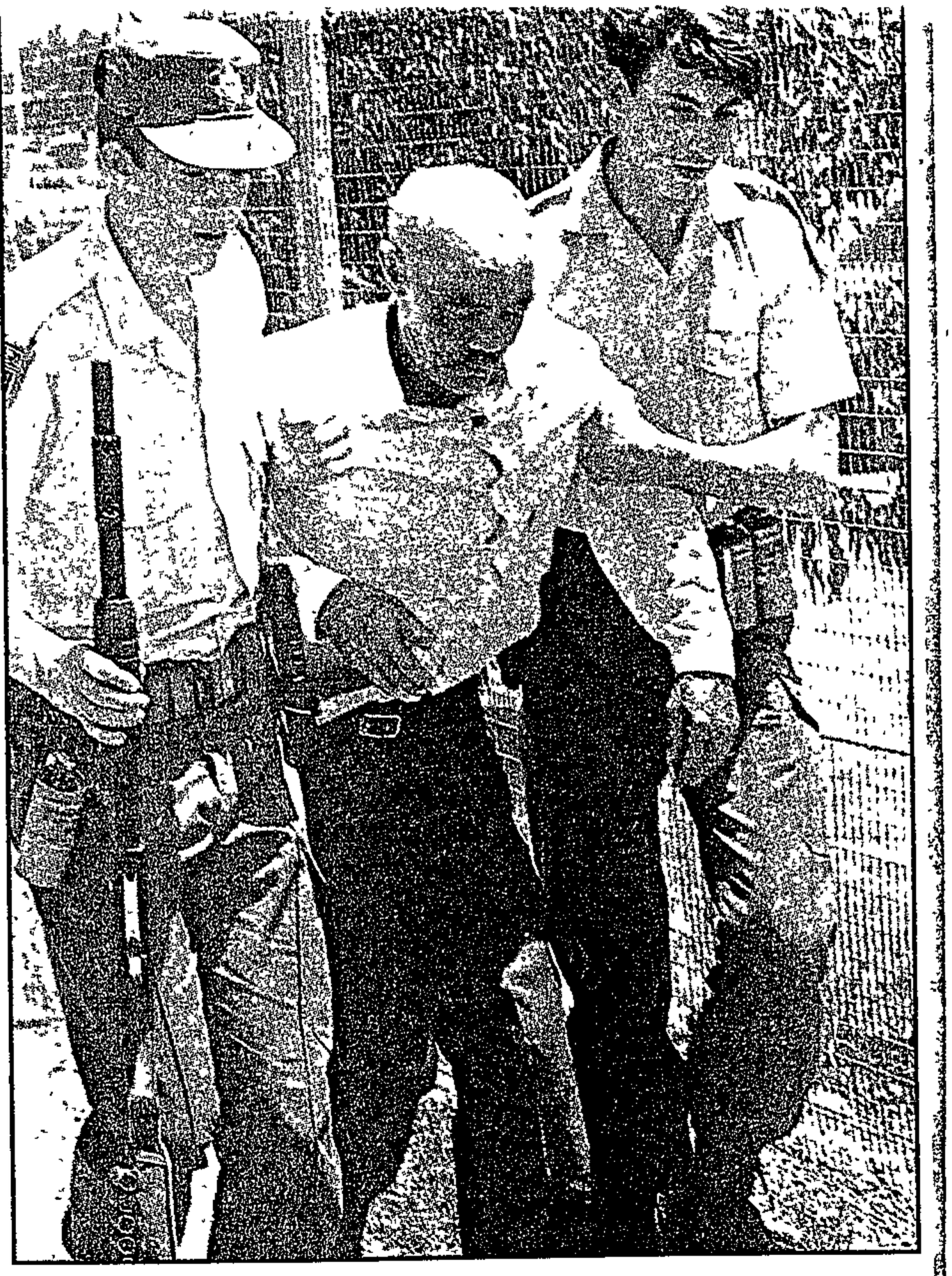
A hospital spokesman said Nkomo sustained 90 percent burns and doctors were battling to save his life.

The attack follows an ongoing fight between residents of Zone 1, Meadowlands, and families living at the nearby Meadowlands Hostel.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the attackers petrol-bombed a hostel room at dawn yesterday. Two people, one a little girl, suffered serious injuries in the explosion.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Constable MR Mashatola at 939 2011.



Mr Benard Buekas is being led into the police station by two members of the force. Beukas was shot in the legs and body by rubber bullets when police fired at a crowd of 3 000 at Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg PIC: VELI NHLAPO

Man killed in a day of mayhem

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Sowetan Reporters

A MAN was killed and scores injured in separate incidents of violence and mayhem in several black townships on the Reef yesterday.

In Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg, several people were shot and others, including PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander, arrested during a clash between police and residents.

There was confusion at several schools on the Reef when teachers embarked on a "chalkdown" strike, demanding the unconditional return of white colleagues who were chased out of schools by pupils on the East Rand last week.

Classes resumed at some of the schools which were closed last week by the Department of Education and Training.

Parents at Moruta-Thuto Primary School in Soweto resolved that classes be resumed.

However, the KwaDukathole Comprehensive School in the DET's Highveld region remained closed.

Early yesterday, gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles opened fire on commuters at Germiston South station, killing a 28-year-old unidentified man and wounding six others.

Two of the victims are in a critical condition. An ambulance spokesman said a woman was shot in the head and an elderly man in the chest.

Paramedics rendered emergency treatment at the scene before taking the wounded to the Natalspruit Hospital.

In another incident, a policeman was shot by

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PAC leader on violence charge

GAVIN DU VENAGE

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander appeared in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of inciting public violence.

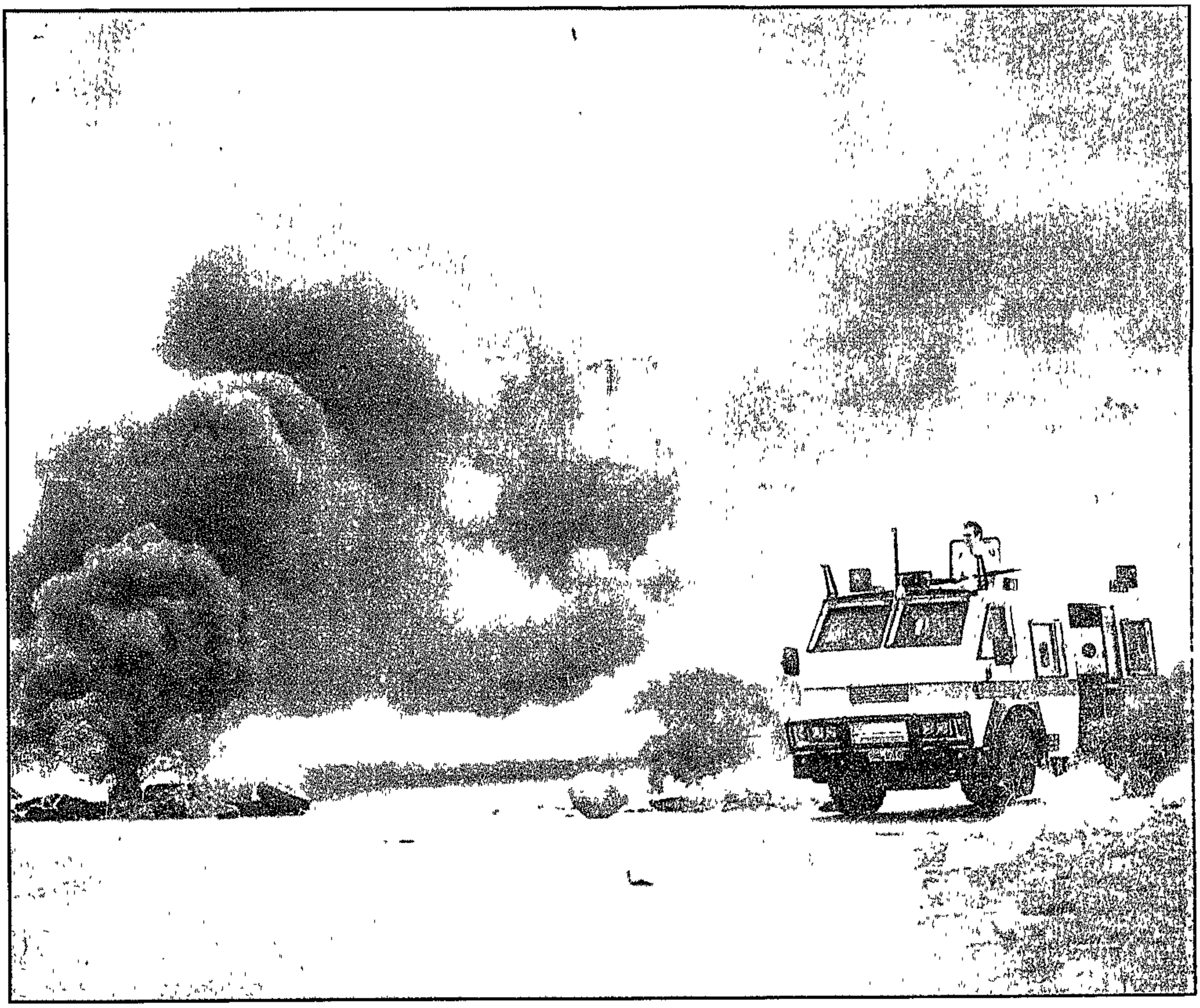
Earlier police had fired shotguns and teargas to disperse a 1 000-strong demonstration at Ennerdale township, south of Johannesburg. Alexander was not asked to plead and was released on R50 bail. He was one of 12 people arrested during a day of clashes between police and residents protesting against high service fees.

Residents claimed police shot them from behind and that at least six people were admitted to hospital with gunshot wounds. The shootings occurred when residents marched on the police station to demand the release of community leaders, among them Alexander, who had been detained earlier when residents gathered outside a sports stadium to protest.

Policemen had barred their way, in spite of the local development committee having authorised the meeting.

Police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said Alexander and 11 others were being charged with inciting public violence. He denied police had shot people from behind but said "the possibility exists that they were shot while turning to run".

Opperman denied police responsibility for the clashes.





Flare-up in the streets of Ennerdale

Above . . . a police riot vehicle slowly noses through burning barricades set up by residents in Ennerdale yesterday More than 30 people were injured when police fired rubber bullets and teargas to disperse residents gathered at the local stadium for a meeting to discuss rent and tariff problems.

Picture Herbert Mabuza

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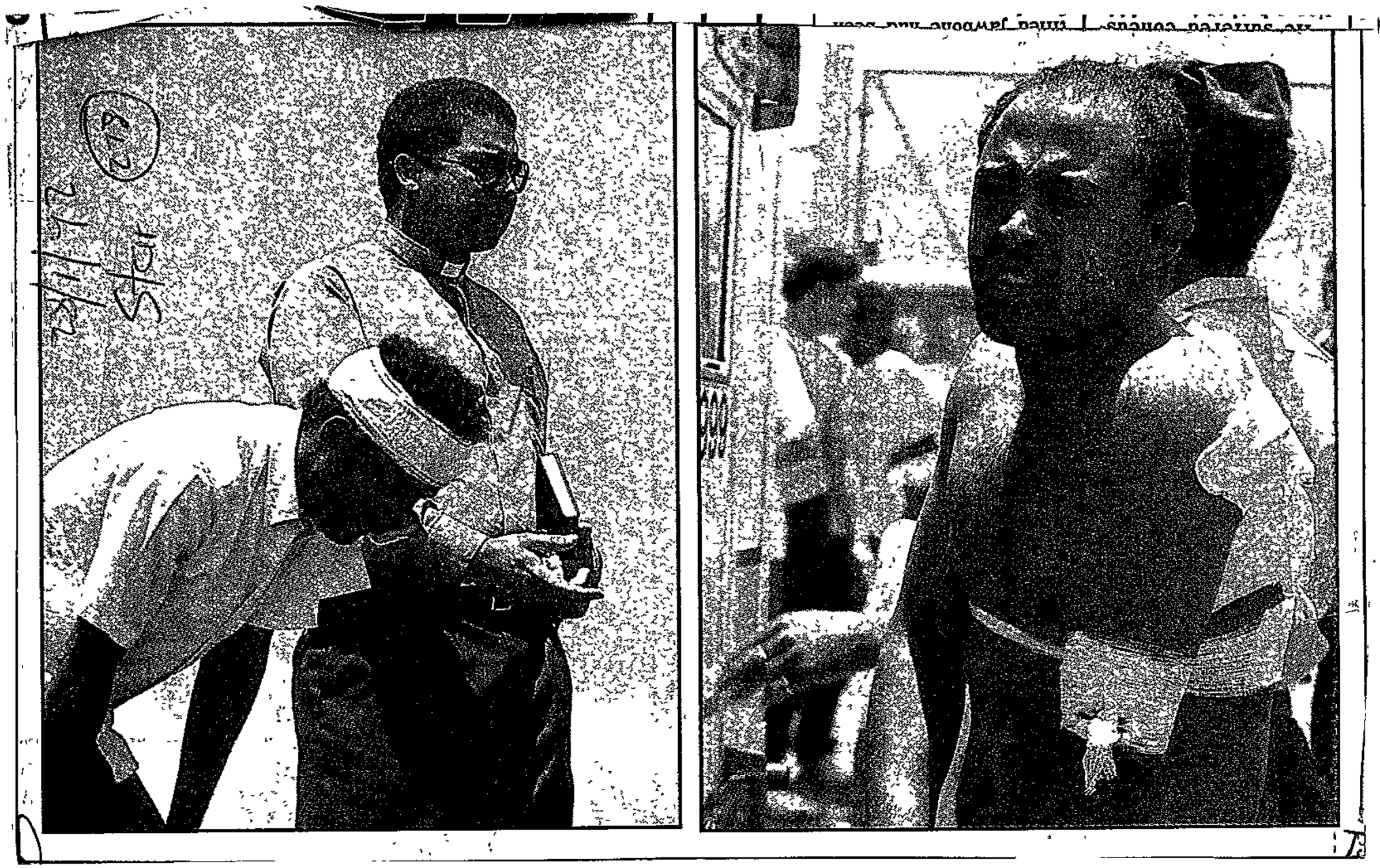
Left . policemen carry away Barnard Beukes (62) during clashes between police and residents Soon after Mr Beukes suffered a heart attack

Below left the Rev Des Hoffmeister begs the angry residents to avoid further confrontation with police Standing next to him is one of those wounded in the clash

Below right . . pain as a man climbs into an ambulance.

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Family hurt in one of five firebombings

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By Montshiwa Moroke and Abel Mushi

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Four members of a family were injured when five homes in Meadowlands, Soweto, were petrol-bombed early yesterday morning.

Residents and hostel inmates of Zone 1 blamed each other for the attacks, while other township residents said the attackers were Inkatha members

The injured are Nelson Nkomo, his daughters Jane (19) and Caroline (9), and his grandson Colin Mphiti (8), all of 645 Meadowlands Hostel.

A spokesman for Baragwanath Hospital said Mr Nkomo and his family were admitted to the burns unit Colin was treated and discharged. Mr Nkomo's condition was critical, and his daughters' condition "serious but stable".

The house was extensively damaged, together with the family's belongings.

Two other homes in the block of semi-detached houses and two others in the same street were attacked No one else was injured.

Zone 1 residents said the first attack took place at about midnight on Sunday, when Mr Nkomo's house was set on fire

Witnesses said they were awakened by noises and when they looked through their windows they saw the house in fire with armed youths wearing red T-shirts in the the vicinity

Other homes which were attacked belong to Jerry Mopereo (41) and Elizabeth Letlole (53). Both their families had fled from their homes at about 1 am, before they were attacked.

Mr Mopereo said it was the third time his home had been damaged since November, but that this time had been the worst He estimated damage to the house at about R13 000

Mrs Letlole said she and four other members of her household, including a four-year-old child, climbed over high fences to seek shelter with neighbours.

"We would have been dead if we had not run away from the house," she said.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said no arrests had been made. Investigations were continuing

● In another incident, a young Meadowlands Hostel inmate stabbed freelance journalist Dan Langa.

Mr Langa said he had gone to the hostel to confront a youth who had robbed his wife, Suzan, of a carton of cigarettes and about R100 in cash on Friday.

Mr Langa approached some hostel dwellers accompanied by reporters who were at the scene to report on the petrol-bombings.

A young man came forward, asked if Mr Langa was looking for him, and stabbed Mr Langa once in the back.



Knifed . . . Dan Langa is treated for a stab wound by members of the Red Cross outside a house in Zone 1, Meadowlands, yesterday. Picture: Herbert Mabuza

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Police arrest armed man at Johannesburg station

Police believe they may have made a breakthrough in the war of the trains.

At 6 pm yesterday police arrested a man carrying a panga and a sharpened rod at Johannesburg Station.

"When the man saw police in a coach he jumped through the window. Police jumped out and arrested the man," said Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Opperman said.

He said the man might help police in their investigations into train killings.

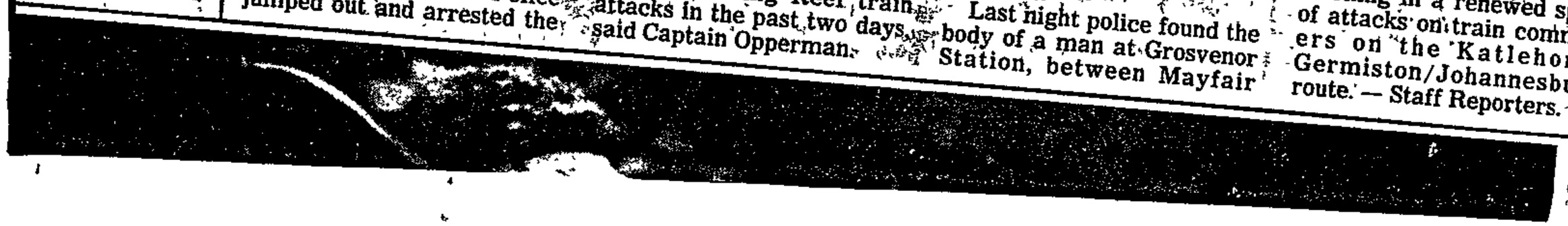
At least two people died, one was injured and another arrested during Reef train attacks in the past two days, said Captain Opperman.

Shots were fired from a train last night at policemen standing at the Wadeville station on the East Rand.

Three men were slightly injured when they jumped from the train after hearing the shots.

Last night police found the body of a man at Grosvenor Station, between Mayfair and Homestead Park in Johannesburg.

One person died and at least seven were injured, two critically, yesterday morning in a renewed spate of attacks on train commuters on the Katlehong/Germiston/Johannesburg route. — Staff Reporters.



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Diepsloot residents warn of bloodbath

DARIUS SANAI

RESIDENTS near Diepsloot yesterday warned of a bloodbath if the 4 000 Zevenfontein squatters were moved to the North Rand area by the TPA later this week.

The residents said they would not tolerate a rising tide of crime in their area if the squatters were allowed in.

They also said they blamed the TPA for the "mess", and said the squatters did not want to move to Diepsloot either.

But squatters on the Zevenfontein farm said yesterday most of them worked in the area, that there was no crime emanating from the squatter camp, and they would not mind moving to Diepsloot. Most also said they believed the TPA had tried its best to resolve the "difficult situation".

"We just want to go somewhere where we will be allowed to live," one said.

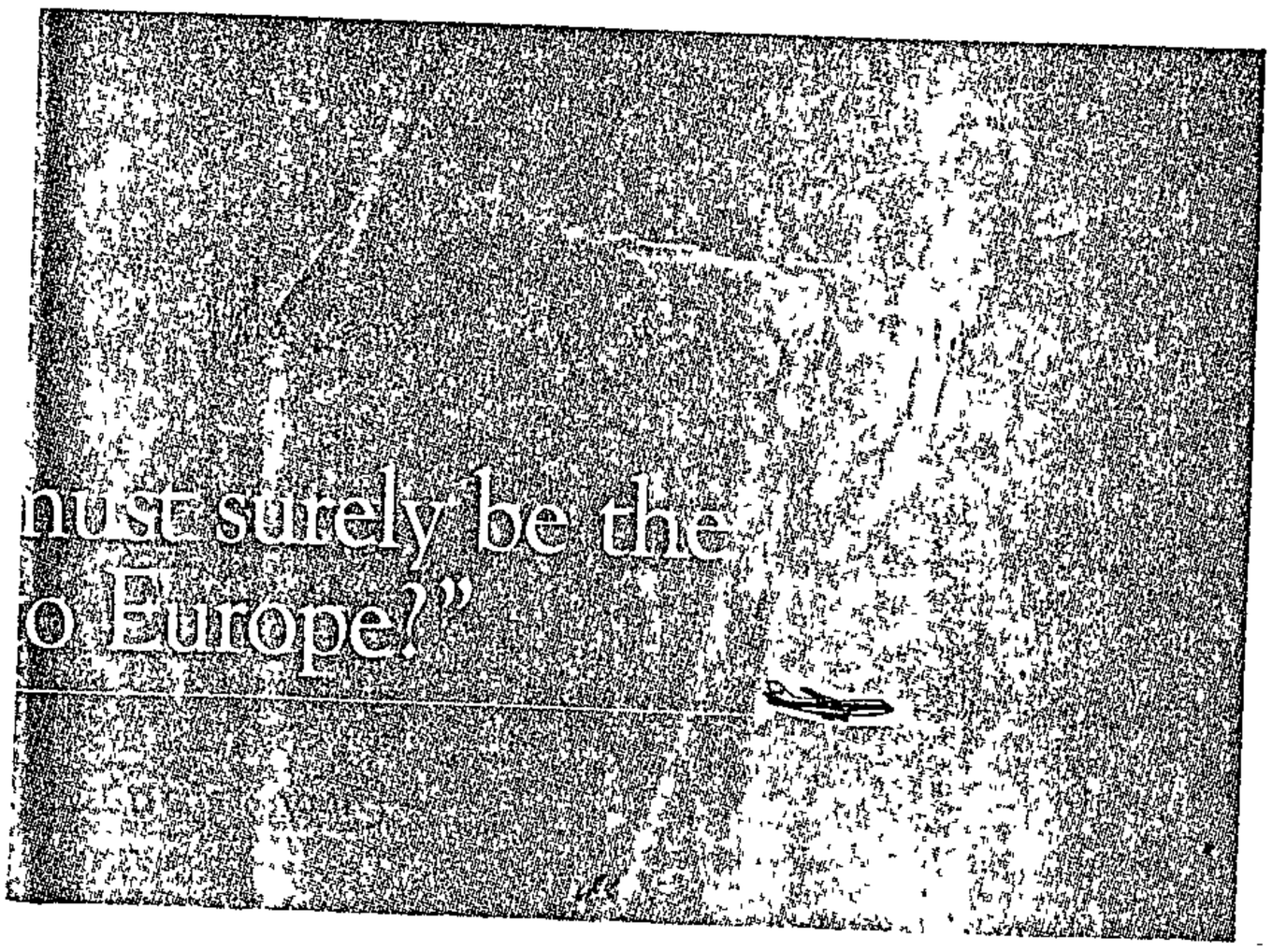
Most of the squatters said their greatest fear was that their building materials would be taken away if their shacks were demolished.

Over the weekend, local Zevenfontein residents once again issued an ultimatum to the squatters to move — but residents near the Diepsloot farm, where the TPA is proposing to move the squatters "temporarily", say they want to preserve their area as a rural "green lung".

Diepsloot residents gathered in a local estate agency yesterday spoke of their fear of escalating crime and overcrowding that would accompany an influx of squatters.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz





Man killed, 7 hurt in train attacks

A TRAIN commuter was killed by gunmen who opened fire from Johannesburg's President station yesterday morning, police reported.

A 28-year-old man was fatally wounded in the 7.15am attack. Police said they found no injured, but witnesses told police several other injured had fled.

The attackers, believed to be two men, disappeared.

And, earlier at 6.55am, on a train running between Wadeville and Katlehong, a policeman was shot by four men who removed his service pistol before throwing him off the train.

The injured policeman walked to a nearby road from where he called an ambulance. He is in a stable condition in hospital.

The same group apparently also shot at other commuters before alighting at Germiston West Station from where they began firing at passing trains.

Five men and a woman were injured An ambulance spokesman said the woman was shot in the head and an elderly man in the chest.

One man is in a coma at the Willem Cruywagen Hospital in Germiston, while the woman has been transferred to the Johannesburg Hospital.

Police found Makarov pistol cartridges at the scene, but the men were allegedly also armed with AK-47 rifles. — Sapa.

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Boycott: Ennerdale tense

11 appear after police and residents clash

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander and 10 other people have appeared in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court following clashes between police and residents of Ennerdale.

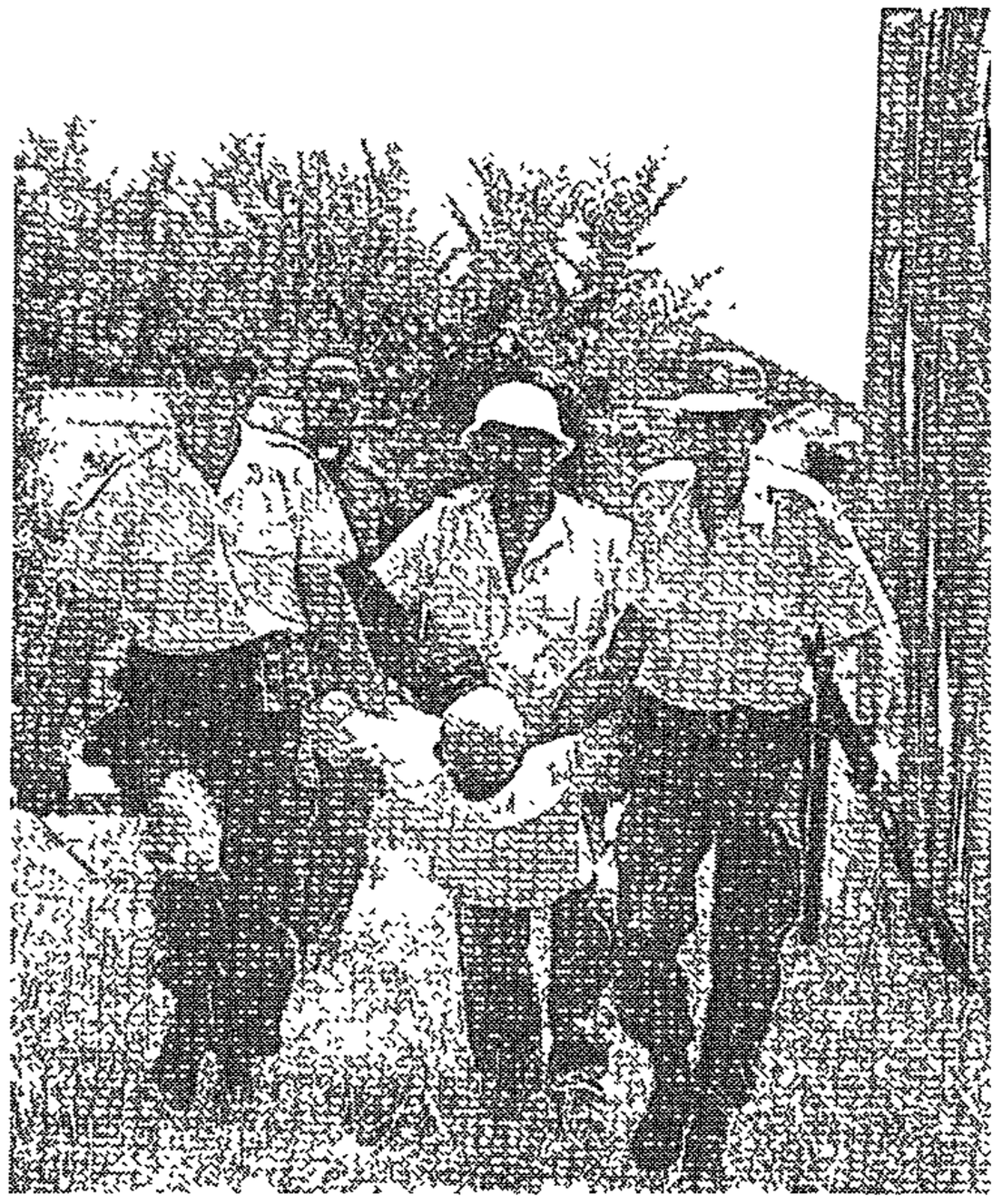
Mr Alexander and the others were not charged and were released after paying R50 bail each Charges against another person were dropped

Witwatersrand police spokeman Captain Eugene Opperman said Mr Alexander was arrested yesterday for "interfering with the equipment and or uniform of a member of the SAP" after trying to disarm policemen on the scene

More than 30 people were injured when police fired rubber bullets and teargas to disperse a large crowd which had gathered at the local stadium to attend a meeting to discuss rent and tariff problems

A nine-year-old boy was allegedly shot by police when a group were chased into the nearby Odine Primary School Schoolchildren ran out of the classrooms gasping for air after police teargassed parts of the





DEMONSTRATORS DISPERSED: Police open fire with rubber bullets and teargas to disperse about 500 demonstrators in Ennerdale township south of Johannesburg during a demonstration in protest against the local council's decision to cut off electricity to residents in a bid to make defaulters pay arrears for rent and services. RIGHT: Police carry an elderly man to a police station after he was shot during the protest action.

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Others, including an 86-year old man, were later shot after they had gathered outside the police station demanding that the arrested people be released.

According to Ennerdale and Surrounding Areas Civic Association official Mr Roger McCullog, permission for the meeting was granted by the Ennerdale Local Development Corporation.

However, Captain Opperman said permission to use the local stadium had been refused by the development corporation on Friday and police were asked to maintain law and order.

ANC official Mr Ronnie Kasrils told a crowd gathered outside the police station that the policemen's conduct would be brought before the National Peace Secretariat. He urged residents to lay charges against the SAP in accordance with the National Peace Accord.

"There shall be no peace in this community until those who have been unjustly arrested are released," Mr Kasrils told the cheering crowd.

"This has been the usual kind of Boer brutality. You were set upon and attacked in the most brutal way," he said.

Ennerdale has been hit by a power and water cut-off for over a week because of a boycott of rent and services payments by some residents who allege they were being overcharged.

Yesterday, hundreds of residents stayed away from work to attend a meeting to discuss the rent and services problem.

After dispersing from the stadium, they moved to the main roads entering the town and put up roadblocks. People upset with residents who went to work instead of supporting the community wanted to stop "scabs" returning to their homes.

Barricades of tyres and branches drenched in petrol were set alight.

Angry residents tried to frighten commuters away by hurling stones and abuse as the cars passed by. As night fell, the town was still tense with people chanting around the roadblocks.

Ennerdale residents said they did not understand why the police had become involved in a dispute between them and Ennerdale town council.

One woman, who pays a fifth of her salary every month for lights and water, said:

"We don't want to fight the police because are just a small and frightened group of people."

Mr Henrick Petrus has battled to pay his R250 light and water bill every month from his small tradesman's wage, but said he had not fallen into arrears. His head was wounded when police fired rubber bullets into the crowd.

Ennerdale is tense but calm

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By ISAAC MOLEDI

ENNERDALE was tense but calm yesterday after bitter confrontation between police and residents on Monday which left many people injured

More than 30 people were injured, six of them seriously, after police fired rubber bullets and teargas to disperse about 3 000 residents who were protesting against electricity and water cuts

Police allegedly blocked residents from entering Ennerdale Stadium to hold a protest meeting despite having been granted permission to do so last December.

The meeting was organised by the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association.

The area has been experiencing electricity and water cuts since last week because a joint technical committee (negotiating forum) consisting of a development committee, priests and Esca could not agree on tariffs.

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Esca chairman Mr Clifford Smith accused the development corporation of charging residents high rental and tariffs even though meters in some areas were tested and found to be faulty.

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New march planned on Phalaborwa

By MATHATHA TSEDU

TENSION has eased in Phalaborwa following the Saturday incidents in which 109 people were arrested for attempting a march on the town.

And with the old taxi rank that had unusable toilets still barred, local black leaders said yesterday a march was being planned for next week Saturday after which a decision on renewing the boycott will be taken.

One of the boycott committee members, Mr Eric Ngobeni, said a meeting at Lulekani township on Sunday had decided that the leadership look at ways of forcing the "conservative boers in the town to toe the line".

Barbed wire

Matters came to a head last week when the town council unilaterally closed a taxi rank and told people to use a new one that had no toilets. This angered the residents, who decided on a march in the town and the forceful use of the closed rank which was surrounded by barbed wire.

It was during the attempted march that police rounded up 109 people - 25 of them under age - and charged them with disturbing the peace. They were fined R30 each.

Ngobeni said options open to the community included a stayaway and renewing the boycott which was lifted last week after running for four months. Ngobeni however disputed reports in a newspaper yesterday saying the boycott had been reimposed

"We have applied for a permit to march in the town to protest against several things The outcome of the march and whether it takes place at all, will determine the next course of action. But for now, we are waiting for the magistrate to indicate whether the permit is granted," Ngobeni said

The town is controlled by the Conservative Party and the local AWB members have been infuriated not only by the boycott, but also by the move into formerly white areas of several blacks employed by the Phalaborwa Mining Company.

Two of the people who have moved into town have been attacked and their properties damaged

Six are killed in attacks

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SIX people died and scores were injured yesterday in violence on trains on the Reef and at a hostel in Soweto.

Three men were killed and 20 injured when armed men attacked commuters in separate incidents on trains between Johannesburg and the East Rand.

Another man was electrocuted when he climbed on top of a train in an attempt to flee from a mob assaulting passengers at New Canada Station near Soweto.

Two other commuters were seriously injured.

Three armed men opened fire on a car at Meadowlands Hostel, killing two passengers and injuring another.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said last night the three men were ambushed by gunmen at the Soweto hostel.

By KENOSI MODISANE

Two of the passengers in the car died on the scene and a third was admitted to hospital.

The attackers fled in the car.

A 17-year-old youth at the hostel was arrested for possessing a petrol bomb when police dispersed warring factions late yesterday.

Four youths were shot and wounded when police opened fire at a choir practising in the garage of a house in Diepkloof.

Witnesses said police were in pursuit of a suspect who had scaled the fence of a house in Zone 6.

Police could last night not confirm the incident.

Arrest could be break in train killings

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POLICE have arrested a man who they believe may help them in connection with their investigations into the ongoing attacks on commuters.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman told *Sowetan* yesterday that the arrest of the armed man on Monday night outside Johannesburg Station may be a breakthrough.

He said the man jumped off a train outside the station at about 6pm when he saw policemen in a coach.

He was arrested and police found a panga and a sharpened iron rod in his possession.

"We are concerned about the resurgence of train violence. We believe the man might assist us with further investigations connected with past attacks," he said.

The man is expected to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today.

At least nine people are reported to have been killed and about 30 injured in train attacks since last week.

In the past 18 months train killers have claimed about 150 lives and more than 700 people have been injured.

Many Soweto commuters have turned their backs on the train service and since last week, taxis have been swamped as commuters switch from trains hit by the vicious gangs.

Asked if police had stepped up train and station patrols in view of the fact that more people were dying in train violence, Opperman said policing would continue as it has since the start of the attacks in 1990.

He said one had to bear in mind that there are more than 150 railway stations in the Witwatersrand area alone, excluding Soweto.

There were also more than 900 trains moving through the region in one working day.

This, he said, made it extremely difficult to police railway stations and trains in a manner that one would like to.

"If you really want to police all the trains and stations in the region, you will need more than double the current number of policemen to be stationed in the whole region.

"This is not practical," he said.

Anyone with information about the attacks should phone 10111 or report to the station master of that specific railway station.

Those in Soweto can also phone either (011) 980-8321 or 980-8320. Callers are free to remain anonymous.

Community leaders with ideas on train safety and crime prevention, in general, are invited to contact Captain Joseph Ngobeni at (011) 980-8126 (office hours).

Bloodbath on trains: 5 killed, 24 injured

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Staff Reporter
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Five people died and at least 24 were injured, some seriously, in train attacks on the Reef last night and early today.

Last night's attacks began when a man was killed and two women and seven men were injured between Geldenhuys and Driehoek stations on the East Rand at about 6 pm.

A police spokesman said the victims had suffered hack wounds and head injuries. Most had been attacked on the train and then thrown off, but some had jumped off to escape their assailants, who attacked them with knobkieries and pangas.

Germiston fire chief Simon Barkhuizen described the attack as a bloodbath. He said the dead man had been decapitated in the attack.

About 10 emergency vehicles and a team of rescue workers tended to the injured before they were taken to hospital.

Police said four injured men were found at Johannesburg station at about 6.15 pm with hack and stab wounds.

Another injured man was found between Cleveland and Tooronga stations about 15 minutes later. He had broken his leg when he jumped from a train to escape the mob.

At New Canada Station in Soweto, a gang started attacking passengers at about 7 pm.

Police liaison officer for Soweto, Captain Joseph Ngobeni, said one man was electrocuted when he climbed onto the top of the train to escape his attackers.

Two seriously injured men were found lying on the tracks near the station. They had either jumped or been pushed from the moving train.

A commuter died and at least two were injured in a grenade attack on a Germiston-bound train at Lindela Station in Katlehong at 6,30 am.

Commuters were attacked near Booysens early today but details were not available at the time of going to press.

Two die in train attacks

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PRETORIA. — The latest police unrest report is dominated by five attacks on trains and at stations on the Witwatersrand on Monday, which left at least two people dead and 14 injured.

The SA Communist Party yesterday expressed its "outrage" at Monday's shooting and arrest of protesters at Ennerdale, and called for more political tolerance.

According to the police report, two gunmen fired from a train at President station on Monday, killing a man. The body of another man was found at Grosvenor station.

Four people were injured when they were thrown from a train at Park station, and unknown gunmen fired on police at Wadeville station.

Three people were injured when they jumped from the train.

Unknown gunmen also fired at passengers on a train between Katlehong and Wadeville stations.

A policeman was shot and injured, robbed of his firearm and thrown from the train. Five men and a woman were also injured in the attack. — Sapa

1991 political killings down by 28 pc

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Political killing dropped by nearly 28 percent last year, the SA Institute of Race Relations said in Johannesburg yesterday.

The number of killed in political violence declined from 3 699 in 1990 to 2 672 in 1991.

The executive director of the institute, John Kane-Berman, said the 162 fatalities recorded in December last year were the lowest monthly number since June, and the fourth lowest in the past two years.

"Despite the decline, 1991 was the second worst year of political violence that South Africa has experienced since the upsurge from September 1984. The total number of fatalities we have recorded since then is 11 910," Mr Kane-Berman said.

He added that the average monthly death toll over this period was 135. By contrast, an average of 44 people were killed monthly in the upheavals that began in Soweto on June 16 1976 and thereafter spread across the country. Between June 1976 and October 1977, 700 people died.

"The violence of the 1980s has thus been very much more intense than that of the 1970s. Indeed, in the single month of August 1990, 698 people died — as many as in the whole year and a quarter of upheavals after the Soweto shootings of June 1976."

Most of the deaths in the Soweto disturbances were at the hands of the police, Mr Kane-Berman said, whereas in the last few years conflict between rival political organisations had been a major cause of fatalities.

Mr Kane-Berman said deaths so far this year in political violence were running at about half the average daily figure for last year

"This is a promising start to the year but we must remember that figures in years gone past have fluctuated wildly from one month to the next "

Mr Kane-Berman added that the institute's most recent statistics were preliminary, and would be updated from time to time

Looking at unrest incidents, including incidents where there may not have been fatalities or injuries, he said

"So far this year, violent attacks on the police have averaged one a day while there have also been a number of violent incidents surrounding the reopening of schools in black areas. In addition, there has been a renewed spate of violent attacks on railway commuters." — Sapa.

Weapons search of commuters

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Tougher action to protect Reef train passengers went into full swing at Johannesburg station today when many commuters were stopped and searched for weapons by police assisted by the Defence Force.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe said yesterday nobody would be allowed to board any train while in possession of any object that could be used as a weapon.

The move was widely welcomed by passengers interviewed by The Star, although some felt it would be more successful if done on the trains as well.

Six people died and 34 people were injured in attacks on trains on the Witwatersrand and in Soweto this week.

General van der Merwe said that everything possible was being done to protect the lives of innocent commuters.

His statement followed comments on Friday that police had to use their discretion regarding the carrying of weapons in public and would only act if they felt an offence was being committed.

By-law

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6 pm. Police said most of the victims had suffered hack wounds and head injuries.

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At New Canada station in Soweto, two men were seriously injured when a gang attacked passengers.

● A man who was hacked in the face by a panga and thrown off a train at Industria this morning limped about a kilometre with a broken hip and ankle before he was helped

Distribution manager at National Pamphlet Distributors, Johan van Wyk, said the man arrived at his office with some of the staff at about 7 am, and told him he had just been at-



Tough new action . . . police search commuters for weapons at Johannesburg Station today. Picture. Etienne Rothbart

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Train killings: Nats accused

THE Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference has accused the Government of being responsible for the ongoing killing of innocent people on trains.

Addressing a Press conference at the end of a plenary session at the St John Vianne Seminary in Waterkloof, Pretoria yesterday, SACBC president Bishop Wilfred Napier said the violence sweeping the country was neither random nor spontaneous. It seemed well co-ordinated, he said.

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Ban on carrying of weapons on trains

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NOBODY will be allowed to board a train while in possession of any object that could be used as a weapon, unless it was a tool of trade, Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe said last night.

The tough new action comes after violent attacks on train commuters have left left 14 people dead and about 60 injured this week.

This week alone, six people died and 34 were injured in train attacks in the Witwatersrand and Soweto.

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Another injured man was found outside Cleveland Station 15 minutes later. He had broken his leg when he jumped off a train to escape the mob.

At New Canada Station near Soweto, two men were seriously injured when a gang attacked passengers about 7pm that same night.

A commuter was shot dead and six people, including a policeman, were injured when commuters opened fire with AK-47 rifles between Katlehong and Germiston stations on Monday.

The body of a man was also picked up with multiple injures on Monday morning.

Civic leaders and students stage sit-in

EIGHTEEN civic and student leaders began an indefinite sit-in at the Bekkersdal Town Council offices in the West Rand yesterday morning.

Bekkersdal Civic Association publicity officer Mr Motlogelwa Letlhake said the sit-in would continue until the council decided to meet them to discuss several local grievances.

At midday police armed with shotguns and teargas cannisters were negotiating with the protesters to leave the offices.

Letlhake accused the council of dragging its feet for over a year on the issue of repairs to several council houses which were damaged during political violence last year.

"Presently, there are nearly 90 people who do not have homes to live in," he said.

Letlhake said the council's planned meeting on February 11 to discuss bursaries for 82 tertiary students was too late as many institutions would have opened by then.

Bekkersdal residents were also angry at the council's decision to sell the local hostel to businesses.

Letlhake said no residents were consulted and only a short verbal notice was given for occupants to leave the hostel.

Administrative staff at the council offices said most of the officials left when the sit-in began, adding that the protest was peaceful and had not disrupted the functioning of the office.

The assistant town clerk refused to comment on the sit-in and referred inquiries to the town clerk, Mr Dirk Vermeulen, who could not be reached for comment.

Police comment was also not immediately available.

- *Sapa*

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Teacher burnt at ER school

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A LECTURER at Kathorus College of Education is fighting for his life at Johannesburg Hospital after he was beaten and set alight while teaching at an East Rand school yesterday.

Police said Mr Schalk Dippenaar (53) was attacked yesterday afternoon by a group of six men who burst into the class about 12.15pm and stabbed him on the head, threw petrol over him and set him alight.

Dippenaar was taken to Natalspruit Hospital where he was treated and transferred to Johannesburg Hospital.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

Three school vehicles and a Post Office van were also burnt during the incident. No arrests have been made.

Police and army personnel patrolled the area after white staff members were smuggled out of the school after the attack.

High schools in Katlehong have been plagued by racial problems since a group of Pan Africanist Student Organisation members chased away white teachers last week.

A principal had two ribs broken last Thursday while other white teachers were sjamboked.

Paso said in a statement yesterday it did not condone attacks on teachers, "be they so-called white or black".

"We wish to point out that in the Katlehong events there may be political motivations for the attacks and we put the blame squarely on the DET's employment conduct," said Paso.

Meanwhile, ALINAH DUBE reports that seven pupils were arrested in Soshanguve, Pretoria, this week after allegedly damaging a car belonging to a teacher.

The youths, believed to be pupils at Hlanganani Secondary School, are expected to appear in court soon.

Police also reported that the cause of a fire which gutted the house of a Mamelodi principal on Tuesday was an electric short circuit.

Mrs Priscilla Makhafola's house was burnt while she was away from home.

Light shines for Alexandra

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AT THE beginning of last year, Alexandra township was a shambles.

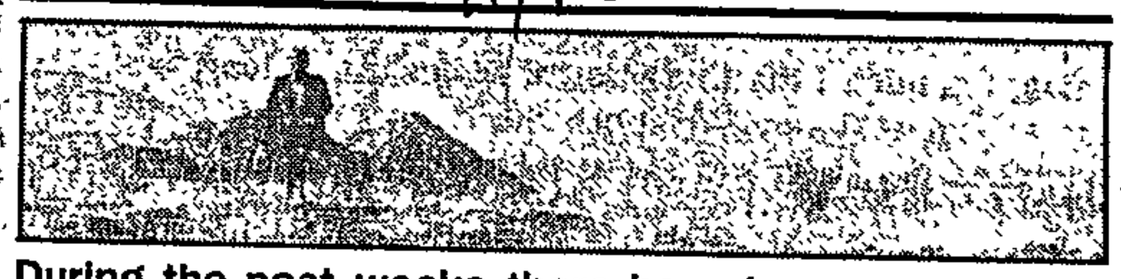
The township which had developed north-east of Johannesburg 80 years earlier was bankrupt, the administration was in a mess and residents were receiving poor, if not non-existent, services. Wracked by gangster and political violence, the township had grown into little more than a shanty town.

On the surface, it may look as if nothing has changed. People still live in shocking conditions and violence is a way of life.

However, a joint initiative involving the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) and the township's affluent "white" neighbours, the Sandton and Randburg councils, is gradually restoring some dignity and order to the notorious town.

The idea of forming a Joint Negotiating Forum (JNF) was first mooted in August 1990. By the beginning of last year, the Alexandra Accord was being signed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the Alexandra City Council (ACC) and the ACO — committing the three groups to forming the JNF and helping to plan the future of Alex.

Subsequently, Sandton, Randburg, the Development Bank, the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (RSC), Eskom, the Rand Water Board and Marlboro Gardens joined the JNF.



During the past weeks there have been accusations and denials that Sandton and Randburg councillors are secretly negotiating a joint administration with Alexandra. Whatever the future status of Alex, the co-operation is restoring some order to the dusty township. JACQUELINE MYBURGH reports.

The Modderfontein Town Council and the Sandton Federation of Ratepayers Associations (Sanfed) were granted observer status.

Since then, the Alexandra council was sacked and RSC chief John Griffiths was appointed administrator of the township. Sandton and Randburg took over essential services and by the end of last year concrete results could be seen.

At the outset, the JNF was intended to end service boycotts and address the issue of arrear services payments and negotiate new interim service charges, says Peter Gardiner, the chairman of the forum, who is also a Sandton councillor and director of Anglo American Property Services.

Also to be addressed was:

- Maintenance and expansion of basic services.
- Cleaning up the environment in the township.
- Supervision and control of services collection arrangements.
- Identification of further land for affordable housing.

The results? By the beginning of this year, 82 percent of Eskom's bills were being paid and there was a 37 percent increase in rental payments.

Relative peace had even returned to the hostels and the piles of rubbish on street corners were gradually being cleared by the Sandton and Randburg municipal services.

The Far East Bank development is a housing project in which the JNF acts in an advisory capacity. Almost 4 000 sites have been identified.

An agency agreement is being considered by the Sandton town council, in terms of which the council may co-ordinate and administrate TPA decisions with regard to the development.

Rationalisation of property ownership in Alex represents one of the most urgent issues for the JNF. The objective is the "return" of properties "expropriated" in 1963 when Government took the decision to convert Alex into a hostel town.

ACO secretary Richard Mdakane says conditions in the township have improved enormously.

"There are still shack settlements and Alexandra is still one of the poorest settlements in the country, but the collection of garbage is taking place on a regular basis.

Apart from physical changes to the township, Mr Mdakane says the new relationship between the three councils and the joint achievements have been vitally important.

Nobody is committing themselves on the question of complete amalgamation of the three towns, however.

Mr Gardiner says the members of the JNF are ultimately working towards a joint administration, but for the moment the work done by Alexandra and Sandton is merely providing the expertise. □

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Lecturer attacked, set alight

JOHANNESBURG. — A white senior lecturer at a black college of education was set alight yesterday.

Mr Schalk Dippenaar, 53, a head of department at the Kathorus College of Education in Katlehong on the East Rand, was set on fire by people not linked to the college.

It was the fourth attack on white teachers in Katlehong.

Police said six men stormed into Mr Dippenaar's classroom, hit him over the head with a blunt instrument. They then poured petrol over him and set him alight.

Mr Dippenaar suffered 40% burns.

Three vehicles at the school were damaged by the men.

No arrests have been made.

Mr Dippenaar is in a stable condition in the ICU of the Garden City Clinic here.

Five killed in train attacks

JOHANNESBURG. — Five people have been killed and at least 24 injured in train attacks on the Reef in the past 24 hours, while seven men were killed in fierce faction fighting in northern Natal yesterday.

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The issue of train violence will be on the agenda at today's meeting of the Greater Soweto Local Dispute Resolution Committee.

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Early yesterday, a man was found dead at Soweto's New Canada station and a person was killed and another seriously injured in a handgrenade explosion on an East Rand train.

The Commissioner of the Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said everything possible was being done to protect the lives of commuters. He said to achieve this, no weapons or other objects able to cause injury would be allowed on trains.

● At least seven people were killed and 12 others seriously wounded yesterday when groups from the Ncema and Mbondewane tribes, each around 300-strong, clashed near Ladysmith. (278)

● KwaZulu police are investigating three charges of attempted murder after two houses near Empangeni were attacked and an old man was shot and slightly wounded. — Sapa

Skhosana address a news

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Bldaily 30/11/92

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Teacher attacks condemned by all

Sowetan 31/1/92

By DANIEL MAINE and PHANGISILE MTSHALI

THE Government yesterday joined teachers and student organisations in condemning the recent spate of attacks levelled against white teaching staff at blacks schools, especially on the East Rand.

This follows the torching of a lecturer at Kathorus College of Education in Katlehong on Wednesday.

Mr Schalk Dippenaar (53) is fighting for his life in hospital after he was set alight in class.

Minister of Education and Training Mr Sam de Beer said he was deeply concerned about the safety of white staff at DET schools.

He said he was doing everything in his power to ensure their protection.

"We appeal to parents for their co-operation and support to ensure the safety and protection of our staff, buildings, pupils and students," De Beer said.

The South African Democratic Teachers Union condemned the attacks and called on those responsible to resolve their problems through negotiations.

"We are not satisfied with the DET's staffing policy but we cannot accept the abuse of persons as a method to resolve the issue," said Sadtu's Mr Randall van den Heever.

The organisation yesterday held a meeting with the Pan Africanist Students Organisation, which is allegedly responsible for the attacks, to discuss the issue.

The Congress of South African Students called on Paso to stop its members harassing white teachers and "destabilising education."

The president of Cosas, Mr Moses Maseko, appealed to pupils to return to their classes and urged them to resolve their grievances "through relevant structures created to handle such situations".

Paso's publicity secretary, Mr Eugene Motati, also condemned the attacks and dissociated his organisation from such actions.



SAM DE BEER



Police search commuters at Johannesburg's Park Station following a spate of attacks on Reef trains.
Pic: ETIENNE ROTHBART

Tougher action vow for trains

Sowetan 31/11/92 (278)

THREE men were killed and three others injured in train attacks last night as tougher police action to protect Reef passengers went into full swing yesterday.

This brings the death toll in train attacks this week to 10 and 37 injured.

Two men died when armed men attacked commuters at Boksburg station.

Two other men were seriously injured when they were thrown off a moving train near the station.

Police spokesman Captain Opperman said the attacks could have been carried out by the same mob.

The mutilated body of a man was found on the railway line between Katlehong and Wadeville stations yesterday.

Police said he had been hacked to death before being thrown off the train.

Hacked

In the second attack, a man was hacked in the face with a panga and thrown off a train in Industria yesterday morning. He sustained a broken hip and ankle.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe said on Wednesday night that everything possible was being done to protect the lives of commuters.

He announced a ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons on trains.

The South African Rail Commuter Corporation has also pledged to take drastic action to combat the rise in attacks on trains.

Steps to be taken include increasing security personnel and equipment on trains.

Managing director of the SARCC Dr JJ Nel said yesterday they would study the desirability of opening end doors on Metro trains.

The study is a response to complaints by commuters that the closed interleading doors prevent them from escaping from a coach if attackers enter

Meanwhile, police have agreed to step up body searches and introduce a "rail watch" in co-operation with the Soweto community to curb violence on trains.

Random

This follows a meeting in Johannesburg yesterday between representatives of the SAP, Spoornet and the Greater Soweto Dispute Resolution Committee, formed under the National Peace Accord.

Chairman of the committee Mr Charles Nupen said the police had also agreed to deploy more of their members at railway stations and to step up random searches "with immediate effect".

ties not to allow black journalists into his ward, which - died of his injuries in Mhluzi.

Teacher is shot dead on her way to work

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AN Alexandra teacher who died after being coldbloodedly shot on her way to work will be buried next weekend.

Miss Pauline Mogomane Dolo (25), a former teacher at Eastbank High School, was shot from behind by an unknown person on Wednesday morning. Her family said by yesterday police had not made any arrests.

Popularly known as Paula, she qualified as a teacher at the Soweto College of Education two years ago. Paula served on several committees, including the Alexandra City Council. She acted in a TV2/3 documentary.

She is survived by her son Thabang, three sisters and two brothers.

Paula will be buried at the Alexandra Cemetery at a time still to be decided.

The Black Cat order goes out: Kill them

Black Cat gangsters are under order to find and kill two dissidents due to testify before the Goldstone commission next week. **By EDDIE KOCH and PHILLIPA GARSON**

BLACK CAT boss Chris Ngwenya, leader of a criminal group that terrorises members of the African National Congress in the Transvaal township of Wesselton, has ordered the assassination of two dissident colleagues who spoke out last week about the gang's links with Inkatha.

Ngwenya ordered his men to "eliminate" the pair just days before they are due to give evidence at Justice Richard Goldstone's commission of inquiry into the violence that now sweeps the country, according to a third member of the gang who defected this week.

The three former gangsters have provided detailed evidence about how a band of Black Cats was recruited by Inkatha and given paramilitary training at a camp run by a front company for the South African Defence Force in preparation for attacks on members of the ANC who live in the township near Ermelo.

A team of lawyers, led by David Soggot SC, will have the three Black Cat defectors with them when they fly to Cape Town next week to present evidence and witnesses to the commission about the gang's violent activities in Wesselton and their links with Inkatha and a front company run by Military Intelligence.

The Weekly Mail has informed Justice Goldstone about the threats to potential witnesses at his commission's hearing next week and sent an urgent message to Police Minister Hernus Kriel asking him to ensure the safety of the witnesses.

Kriel's office replied by saying that requests for residents of Wesselton to be protected from the gang have been sent to the regional police commissioner in the eastern Transvaal.

According to evidence supplied by the defectors, the pro-Inkatha gang works closely with white policemen based in Ermelo and appears to have been protected by the very SAP officers investigating a string of crimes and killings in which they have been involved.

The third defector, who wishes to remain anonymous, this week said a hit squad assembled by the Black Cats was sent to Johannesburg this week in order to find and kill *The Weekly Mail's* informants.

Meanwhile, frightened civic members in Wesselton report that since the Black Cat dissidents went public with their story, there have been numerous instances of intimidation and death threats from the gang, which is attempting to prevent others from coming forward.

Gang leaders reportedly held a meeting late last Saturday night with the policemen from Ermelo police station implicated in the vigilante onslaught against township residents.

In the early hours of Sunday morning, a Wesselton resident, Morris Mthembu, was shot by unknown people in a white Nissan Skyline. And residents report that a white Jetta with kwaZulu registration plates has been patrolling the township.

According to one informant, the occupants of the car — two men from Ulundi, a hit-squad member known as "Sugar" who has been linked to several deaths in the township and a local Black Cat gangster known as "Papa" — are on a mission to assassinate three key civic members.

Police public relations headquarters have responded to *Weekly Mail* reports of the gang's collaboration with SAP members in Ermelo by saying the incidents are being investigated by "the Special Investigating Unit headed by Major-General Gloy and are at an advanced stage".

Major-General Leon Mellet, spokesman for the minister of law and order, said this week that allegations of police complicity in the intimidation of witnessses were serious.

"You are requested to make such evidence available to the Goldstone Commission or alternatively to the regional commissioner, to investigate. Should it prove to be true, the necessary action would most certainly be taken," he said.

Justice Goldstone's hearing, which will probe *Weekly Mail* reports of extensive links between the SADF's Department of Military Intelligence and a roving team of paramilitary hitmen from Inkatha who appear to have the support of some SAP members, begins in Cape Town on Tuesday next week.

Two teams of lawyers will address the commission and present it with military documents and at least six witnesses, including defectors from the Black Cats, former MI front operators and former Inkatha leader Mbongeni Khumalo.

The Weekly Mail's legal team is led by David Soggott SC, assisted by Paul Kennedy and instructed by David Dison. The ANC and the Congress of South African Trade Unions have instructed a team from Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom to represent them.

● The Inkatha Freedom Party this week submitted a 25-page "dossier of death" to the Goldstone commission, outlining "a campaign to assassinate IFP officials, particularly in areas of Natal". It gave details of the killing of 78 IFP officials and supporters and the injuring of another 75 since last September. ANC members were blamed for most of the incidents.

6 burnt as house is petrol-bombed

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SOWETO. — Six people were treated for burns after five petrol bombs were hurled at a house in Soweto today.

Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the six injured, four from the same family, were treated at Baragwanath Hospital for burns. None was seriously injured, he said.

The petrol-bombing occurred about 1.30am at a house in Thiawelo, Extension Two.

Two of the petrol bombs were thrown through a bedroom window and the others exploded outside, Captain Ngobeni said.

Those injured are the owner of the house, Mr Patrick Murindela, Mr Condri Boshoka, 38, Mr Shauny Boshoka, age unknown, Miss Prudence Murindela, 16, Rodney Murindela, 13, and Princess Murindela, age unknown. — Sapa.

Bus driver is shot dead in ambush

By KENOSI MODISANE

A BUS driver was shot dead and two others injured in a dawn ambush at a terminus at Orange Farm in the Vaal Triangle yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer yesterday confirmed the incident but could, however, not release the names of the victims. Soweto

The incident took place about 5am when the bus approached the terminus. A group of armed men opened fire on the bus, killing the driver instantly.

Minutes later a group believed to be the same which carried out the first attack ambushed another bus and attacked the driver. The driver was taken to hospital with serious injuries. 30/11/92

The Putco depot in the area could yesterday not be reached for comment.

The attack allegedly stems from an ongoing conflict between taxi operators and bus drivers in the area. 278

A witness at the scene said bus drivers had been warned by taxi operators not to transport passengers in the buses.

Police could, however, not confirm the man's claims.

Meanwhile, Soweto police yesterday reported an arson attempt and an incident in which a man was thrown off a moving train between Nancefield and Orlando stations.

Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said three men hurled a petrol bomb at a house in Zone 1, Meadowlands. No damage was done to the house.

Ngobeni said a 35-year-old man sustained serious head injuries when he was thrown out of a moving train at Orlando Station about 6.30pm.

Fatal train attack on Reef

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JOHANNESBURG. — The body of a commuter, believed to have been a victim of a train attack, was found on the Reef yesterday, and two women were shot dead and seven other people wounded in Natal.

Police said it was possible the commuter had been pushed out of a moving train and died of head injuries.

Police have said they will step up body searches at railway stations.

And after a meeting between the SA Police, Spoornet and the Greater Soweto Dispute Resolution Committee, the committee chairman, Mr Charles Nupen, said there were plans for a "rail watch" to promote community involvement in policing railway stations.

Sleeping family

In the attack at Dindi, near Elandskop, Natal, two women died and seven other family members, including a nine-month-old baby and a toddler, were shot and seriously injured this week.

Police said gunmen kicked open the door of the Thabethe home while the family slept.

● On Wednesday a white man was set alight and seriously injured near Germiston. Attackers hit him over the head with a bottle, sprinkled him with petrol and set him alight. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Attacks on white teachers 'part of the people's war'

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By Phil Molefe
Education Reporter

The Katlehong branch of the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation (Paso) said yesterday it saw attacks on white teachers at several schools in the area over the last few days as a "people's war between blacks and whites".

A member of the Katlehong executive committee of Paso said his organisation viewed attacks on white teachers as part of the liberation war.

Paso's national leadership said there were numbers of qulified but unemployed black teachers, but nevertheless the attacks were unjustified and were to be condemned.

But the Katlehong branch maintained "the attacks are good because white teachers in black schools are rejects in their own institutions.

"They are part and parcel of the enemy and some are members of the AWB who come to school carrying firearms."

The Paso leadership said the organisation was investigating the incidents.

The Congress of South African Students has also condemned the attacks.

The latest attack has left a Katlehong high school teacher fighting for his life in Johannesburg Hospital with 40 percent burns.

Schalk Dippenaar (53) was attacked on Wednesday by a group of six men who burst into the classroom, stabbed him, threw petrol over him and then set him alight.

Attacks on white teachers in Katlehong in the past two weeks have left four others seriously injured.

And a teacher at East Bank High School, in Alexandra, Pauline Dolo, was shot dead on Wednesday morning on her way to school.

The PWV region of the ANC said that while it condemned the attacks, most of the current crisis in Reef schools should be blamed on the DET.

"At the same time we recognise the indiscipline which has also set in amongst some students," said spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa.

DET director-general Dr Bernhard Louw said yesterday that white teachers in Katlehong had been temporarily withdrawn.

Violence in Ennerdale not just flash in the pan

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The violent clash between Ennerdale protesters and the police, which saw the police firing teargas and rubber bullets into an unarmed crowd, has a long history, reports ZINGISA MKHUMA.

THIS week's clash between the police and Ennerdale residents — which left 30 people injured — is a culmination of a drawn-out dispute between the residents, the Johannesburg City Council and the Ennerdale Local Development Committee over rentals and tariffs.

The dispute with the council centres on the residents' refusal to pay rent, demanding that the council fix the houses, most of which are said to be in a state of disrepair. In turn, the council has offered to sell off the houses at reduced prices, an offer rejected by residents.

One of those involved in the feud with the council is Najam Mohamed of Ennerdale Extension 5. The walls of the council house he has lived in for more than three years have developed numerous cracks.

On May 6 last year, Mr Mohamed's family was evicted for non payment of rent and was allowed back only after resuming payments. They are still in arrears and the council has instituted a court action against them and other defaulters.

The Ennerdale and Surroundings Civic Association (Esca), which initiated the rent and services boycott, insist that the council must reduce the selling price of the houses by up to 60 percent

Esca spokesman Clifford Smith said studies undertaken by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) recommended some houses be demolished and rebuilt

The management committee chairman of the Johannesburg City Council, Ian Davidson, has admitted that the CSIR found some houses defective, but said tests by the council showed defects were not as widespread as the CSIR reported.

Esca has also accused the Ennerdale Local Development Committee (ELDC) of not being "answerable or amenable" to the people by refusing to talk to residents about the halting of electricity to certain areas, which resulted in a services boycott.

Residents say they stopped paying the council rates after 15 electricity meters tested in the area were found to be faulty.

The ELDC reacted by cutting down electricity supplies to several houses in the area, a move which met with resistance, and police had to be called in several times.

Esca said the residents were willing to negotiate a flat rate with the committee and expected all the arreas to be scrapped, but after several attempts to meet the ELDC failed, residents decided to continue the boycott.

ELDC spokesman James Oliver denied that the body had ignored requests to meet the residents. He said a joint working group was formed between the ELDC members and Esca last year.

The working group drew up a document which some Esca members refused to endorse. Those Esca members who wanted to sign the document resigned from the organisation, Mr Oliver said

"Now new members sent us a letter requesting a meeting and we asked them to give us an agenda, but they have failed to do so," he said.

The residents hailed this week's demonstration as a victory for their cause They felt that they had at last managed to capture the attention of the authorities — and the world. □



Aftermath . . . some of the Ennerdale residents who were injured in a confrontation with the police on Monday.

Picture: Sean Wood

Police vow to step up security on Reef trains

POLICE have agreed to step up body searches and introduce a "rail watch" in co-operation with the Soweto community to help address train violence on the Reef. (278)

This follows yesterday's meeting in Johannesburg between representatives of the SAP, Spoornet and the Greater Soweto dispute resolution committee.

Committee chairman Charles Nupen said the police had also agreed to deploy more members at stations and to step up random searches "with immediate effect". B Today 31/1/92

"Political and community organisations undertook to consider co-operation between the community and the police in monitoring train stations, counselling constituents in conflict situations and establishing a 'rail watch' to promote community involvement in policing railway stations," Nupen said.

The police also undertook to investigate more effective methods of confiscating dangerous weapons at stations, and would look into providing a toll-free number at which complaints could be made and information given about criminal acts on trains.

Nupen said the Spoornet representative undertook to look into and report back on overcrowded trains and the permanent installation of metal detectors at commuter entrances to stations.

Another meeting would be held on February 10.

The ANC's PWV region yesterday welcomed the ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons on trains as announced by Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe on Wednesday.

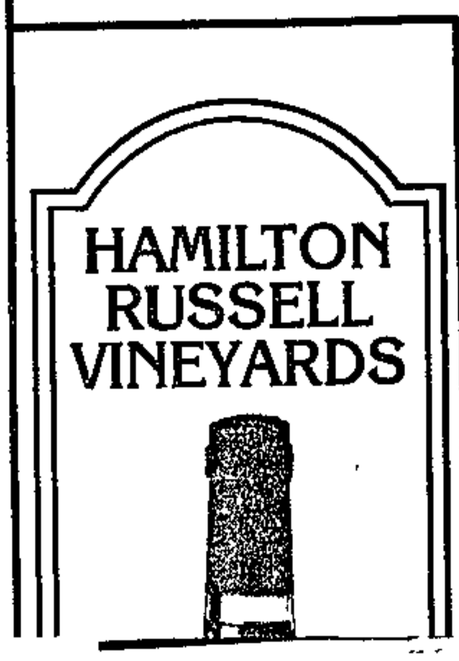
But the organisation said the ban was long overdue and fell far short of the demands of the people, "namely that the ban apply at all public places".

The ANC said an obligation now existed for the police to act.

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Come on, parents

IT WAS ironic that the attacks occurred in the very week that businessmen, politicians and educationists announced the launch of a R500-million "save our education" fund.

The key aspect of the fund is that projects must have the support and participation of the communities concerned. The parents of Katlehong should express a view about how much participation they want from the PAC student organisation.

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Victims of 'war'

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THE Katlehong branch of the PAC's student organisation this week justified the recent atrocious attacks on white staff at township schools as a "people's war between blacks and whites".

The statement was at odds with the PAC's national student leadership, which condemned the attacks as unjustified, but that does nothing to answer the central question: what is the PAC going to do about its Katlehong branch?

Or is it prepared to allow itself to be dragged into the same category as the rabid mass killers of late — those that believe it is open season on innocent people with a different skin colour?

Times 2/2/92

Different versions of incident – police

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STAR 3/2/92

A police car chase in Soweto which a resident claimed ended with the wounding of 15 bystanders, and an attempt by police to prevent a crowd from freeing suspects from police custody, were one and the same incident, police said yesterday.

According to Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo nine people were injured and not 15.

"Nine people were injured when police used rubber bullets and teargas to disperse a stone-throwing crowd attempting to free two suspects from police custody at the Kliptown squatter camp on Saturday afternoon," he said.

On Saturday, Kliptown resident Gladys Tshabalala said 15 people were wounded when three white policemen fired shots while chasing a car. She said the injured were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

Captain Mariemuthoo said police used teargas and rubber bullets on Saturday afternoon.

He said the SAP Internal Stabilising Unit received information about two suspected stolen vehicles in the Kliptown squatters' camp. Police followed the vehicles and, when the occupants jumped out and ran off, gave chase and arrested two suspects.

About 250 people gathered and demanded the release of the suspects, he said. One of the suspects was grabbed by the crowd and escaped.

Police dispersed the crowd after stones were thrown.

It was later established that both vehicles had been stolen, and a suspect was taken into custody. — Sapa.

Campaign against train deaths

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By MZIMASI NGUDLE

WOMEN in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal area have decided to launch a campaign to stop train killings and disruptions at schools.

The campaign, to be started by Inter-denominational Prayer Women's League president Mrs Mary "Masechaba" Mabaso, will begin with a regional meeting of PWV women at Sechaba Training Centre on February 8.

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Mabaso said three women's organisations had already pledged their support for the campaign.

She said she would be consulting with other women's organisations in order to marshall the strength of all women.

She said that women would ask for a train that would carry women from Soweto to the East Rand, and travel to violence-wracked areas in protest against the train killings.

She expressed concern that most of the victims were labourers.

"Moreover our children are left parentless and without any prospect of a decent education," she added.

Policemen on trial over Sebokeng deaths

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Vereeniging Bureau 4/2/92

The nine policemen charged with murder in connection with the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 1990 are to stand trial in the Vereeniging Circuit Court from June 1 to 19.

The charges against the policemen, all from the Vaal Triangle and Krugersdorp areas, followed a report by the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry appointed to investigate the shootings.

The policemen are: Lance-Sergeant Sean van Rhyn (26), Constable Willem Joseph John van der Walt (22), former Constable Gideon Johannes Joubert (22), Detective-Sergeant James van der Mescht (21), Assistant Constable Samuel Lesikara (28), Assistant Constable Oujan Mohoboko (22), Assistant Constable Peter Khumalo (31), Assistant Constable Immanuel Ratomo (26) and Assistant Constable Samuel Cekiso (29).

All are facing six counts of murder, one of attempted murder and an alternative charge relating to the negligent use of a firearm. None of them has pleaded to the charges yet.

The shootings were sparked after a 50 000-strong UDF gathering, which intended marching to Vereeniging on March 26 two years ago, was halted by police.

9 held after school attacks

Eight men and a youth of 17 were arrested yesterday morning in connection with attacks on teachers in Katlehong, near Germiston, police said. STAR 4/2/92

Nineteen white teachers were withdrawn from Katlehong schools last week after one teacher was set alight and one attacked.

SAP liaison spokesman Sergeant Andy Pieke said there might be more arrests and some of those held might be released. Court appearances were expected soon. — Staff Reporter.

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Pupils petrol bomb houses

Three houses in White City Jabavu were petrol bombed yesterday when Soweto pupils went on the rampage, causing damage estimated at R21 000.

Soweto police liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn said pupils from Hlengiwe Secondary School threw stones and petrol bombs at the three houses near the school.

He said the attack could be linked to the death of a 17-year-old Hlengiwe pupil who was shot on Monday.

A Soweto businessman, who owns a shop near the school, said yesterday the attack could have been sparked by a clash between pupils at two schools.

There have been no arrests. — Staff Reporter.

More deaths in train violence

JOHANNESBURG. — One man was found bludgeoned to death and another suffered head injuries as the wave of attacks on train commuters continued yesterday morning.

Police said a 32-year-old Xhosa-speaking man was found dead at Kwesini station, Kathlehong, yesterday morning. It appeared as if he had been hit with knobkerries and then thrown off the train.

At Riverlea station a 32-year-old Xhosa-speaking man was found suffering from head injuries after he had been thrown off a train.

At Lendela station, Katlehong, police fatally wounded a suspect who attempted to flee after being found in possession of ammunition.

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation has announced plans to meet Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe next Wednesday to discuss further security measures to stop the attacks. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Houses fire-bombed in Soweto violence

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JOHANNESBURG. — Three houses were petrol bombed yesterday in the Soweto suburb of White City, Jabavu, after pupils went on the rampage, causing damage estimated at R21 000.

A police spokesman said pupils from the Hlengiwe Secondary School threw stones and petrol bombs at the three houses near the school.

He said the attack could be linked to the killing on Monday of a 17-year-old Hlengiwe pupil who was shot by a group of men.

A Soweto businessman said the teenager's death could have resulted from a clash between youngsters from Hlengiwe and pupils from the Thesele Secondary School. He said classes were deserted as early as 9.30am yesterday, as a group of pupils took to the streets.

Houses and shacks were burnt down in renewed violence in Umlazi near Durban yesterday.

More than eight people have been killed and 120 shacks destroyed in attacks and counter-attacks between hostel-dwellers and squatters since early Monday.

Yesterday witnesses reported seeing at least 10 shacks burning in an ANC-dominated squatter area after lightning raids by armed gangs.

A war of words and accusations has erupted between leaders of the IFP and ANC while their supporters vacate the area in search of shelter. — Sapa

'NIS behind attacks'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The PAC yesterday accused the National Intelligence Service of sponsoring recent attacks on teachers at Katlehong schools, and of burning a Kathorus College of Education lecturer, but would not disclose how it had reached its conclusions.

A spokesman said yesterday a dissident PAC group, the "Revolutionary Watchdogs" were responsible for the attacks. Investigations had established that most members of the group were "on the state's pay-roll".

Meeting to quell train violence

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THE SA Rail Commuter Corporation are to meet Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe next week to discuss ways of quelling the renewed violence on Reef trains.

This was confirmed in a statement yesterday by the corporation's managing director, Dr Kobus Nel.

Body searches and metal detectors had been implemented in addition to security measures announced last year, which included the erection of security fencing and charge offices, improved lighting and access control, Nel said.

As many as possible random searches were being made, particularly in affected areas, to prevent dangerous weapons from being sneaked on to trains, and all dangerous weapons found were being confiscated.

However, with some 2,7 million commuters using 2 300 trains daily, the magnitude of the problem far outweighed the number of available policemen, he said.

Nel appealed to commuters to help both police and his corporation in their efforts to ensure safe trains.

Nel also expressed his condolences to the families and friends of the latest victims of train violence. - *Sapa.*

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Dissidents blamed for attacks

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Pan Africanist Students' Organisation has distanced itself from recent attacks on white teachers in Katlehong and blamed a dissident group which broke away from the PAC in 1990.

PASO publicity secretary Mr Eugene Motati said at a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday that those responsible for the attacks belonged to The Revolutionary Watchdogs, formed by disgruntled former PAC members.

PASO general secretary Lawrence Nqandela named the president of the National Council of Trade Unions, Mr James Mndaweni, as a leader of the breakaway group.

Mr Nqandela also said a student group led by Mr Shylock Mvelase, which claimed to represent PASO in Katlehong, belonged to the Watchdogs.

Mr Mvelase's group said last week that although they were not involved in the violent incidents, the attacks on white teachers were good because they were part and parcel of the "enemy".



Mrs Florence Luzipho assesses the damage to her house after pupils went on a revenge mission in White City Jabavu yesterday. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Soweto pupils go beserk

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By IKE MOTSAPI (278)

THE death of a Soweto pupil in a schoolyard yesterday triggered a reign of terror in which three houses were set alight, causing damage estimated at more than R20 000.

Seventeen-year-old David Mokopu Raboroko was shot in the neck during a break at Hlengiwe Secondary School in White City Jabavu on Monday.

Raboroko, of 1139C White City Jababu, was shot after an argument with a fellow pupil.

His body was later discovered behind the toilets.

Gunfire

Yesterday his angry schoolmates, and pupils from another school in the area, went on the rampage to avenge his death.

They damaged three houses during their search for the alleged killer, who is said to be a pupil at the school.

The houses of Mr Phillip Teba of 1247A, Mrs Florence Nozipho of 1229B and Mr B Donza of 1248B, all of White City Jabavu, were damaged.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo confirmed the incident.



GRIEVING MUM ... Florence Raboroko

He also confirmed that pupils from Hlengiwe High School damaged the three houses in what he described as a "revenge attack."

Mariemuthoo said residents reported hearing gunfire on Monday morning in the school premises.

Police were called to the scene where they discovered the body of Raboroko.

No arrests have been made and police are investigating.

Paso sets the record straight

Sowetan 5/2/92 (278)

THE Pan Africanist Students Organisation yesterday distanced itself from recent attacks on white teachers in Katlehong.

Paso said the disruptive acts were carried out by a dissident group which broke away from the organisation's mother body, the Pan Africanist Congress, in 1990.

Mr Eugene Motati, Paso's publicity secretary, said at a Press conference that the people involved in the attacks belonged to an organisation calling itself the Revolutionary Watchdogs.

Motati said investigations by Paso's special commission and the security department of the PAC had shown that no registered member of Paso or the PAC was involved in the attack on teachers.

"The formation of the Watchdog has its own leadership and a different programme from that of the PAC and attacks on teachers appears to be one of their strategies ...," he said.

Paso's general secretary Mr Lawrence Nqandela named said the dissidents were led by Mr Shylock Mvelase.

Seven held over Munsieville 'people's court'

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By Gien Elsas
West Rand Bureau

Seven people were arrested in Munsieville on Monday in connection with an alleged people's court operating in the township.

They are expected to appear in the Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court today.

Captain Henriette Bester of the West Rand police said a group of people attacked the owner of a Munsieville home with fists and whips on Sunday afternoon because the man had walked out of a people's court hearing and had refused to accept the court's authority.

He resisted the attack and the gang left with the threat that they would return.

At about 8 pm on Sunday the gang returned and, after stoning him, set his home and car alight causing damage estimated at about R35 000.

The name and address of the victim is being withheld to protect him.

Guards save computer technician from mob

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Black security guards saved a white computer technician from a chanting mob of students in Katlehong yesterday by locking him into a large safe at a fast-food outlet.

Dean Booysen of Pretoria owed his life to the guards who called the police after barring the outlet's doors.

A colleague, Wayne Everton of a Pretoria computer company, said Mr Booysen and two other technicians, Pretim Singh and a man he only knew as Petrus, were going to the Manu Technical College in Katlehong where they were to install a computer network system.

A mob of about 70 students suddenly appeared and gathered around the two vehicles.

Mr Booysen and Petrus were travelling in a bakkie and Mr Singh was driving behind them.

Mr Singh reversed his car and escaped. He was injured when the students threw a stone through his windscreen.

Mr Booysen and Petrus tried to swerve and avoid the mob but they closed in.

The two men jumped out and ran into a fast-food outlet.

"The security guards obviously realised that Dean's life was in danger because he was white," said Mr Everton.

Police arrived at the scene and escorted the two men to Katlehong police station. — East Rand Bureau.

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Cars stoned, burned as Katlehong school unrest continues to flare

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The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence is continuing at schools in Transvaal townships.

At Katlehong on the East Rand vehicles were stoned or set alight by pupils, reportedly members of the shadowy "Revolutionary Watchdogs".

The organisation, which the Pan Africanist Congress claims is a breakaway group collaborating with State security, is campaigning to have unemployed black teachers take their white colleagues' places.

A white teacher was seriously injured after being beaten and set alight by pupils in Katlehong last week.

Yesterday the Department of Education and Training announced that damage estimated at R650 000 was caused after a fire destroyed books at the Wallmansthal Secondary School in Soshanguve, near Pretoria.

Meanwhile more than 3 000 pupils from Katlehong schools resolved yesterday to ensure the protection of teachers.

Congress of South African Students (Cosas) national president Mr Moses Maseko said his organisation wanted to commit all pupils to ensuring the safety and protection of teachers.

"We must prevent criminal elements entering our schools to attack teachers and disrupt classes," Mr Maseko said.

Mr Maseko said that about 20 members of the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation (Paso) entered the hall and tried to disrupt the meeting.

"They started chanting 'One Settler One Bullet' but we chased them away," he said.

The ANC has condemned attacks on teachers.

"To prevent a teacher from teaching on the basis of their skin colour is racist, anti-educational and against the interests of students," the ANC said in a statement.

Cops conduct body searches on trains

Soweton 6/2/92.

By NKOPANE MKOBANE

SOWETO police, backed by members of the SADF, yesterday stopped two trains at New Canada station to conduct body searches in a bid to end the carnage on surburban trains.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni, spokesman for the Soweto police, said the operation was an ongoing process.

More than 15 people were killed and 30 injured on Reef trains in the past few weeks. In the past 18 months, train killers claimed almost 150 lives. More than 700 people were injured.

Because of the resurgence of train attacks, many Soweto commuters have turned their backs on train services and are now using taxis.

Ngobeni said no one was arrested during yesterday's operation on the Vereeniging-bound trains - numbers 9062 and 0677.

However, police found a spear, a toy gun, a hunting knife and a dagger in one of the coaches.

"The operation, the third by a large contingent of police in Soweto, for the first time involved women police. The women were roped in after we became aware that in some instances women also harboured weapons," he said.

Anyone with information concerning attacks on trains is asked to phone 10111 or report to the station master of that specific railway station.

Those in Soweto can also phone either (011) 980-8321 or (011) 980-8320.

All calls will be treated with the utmost confidence.

Probe told of Black Cats' terror reign

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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A member of the "Black Cats" — an Inkatha vigilante group — told the Goldstone Commission on Public Violence yesterday of a reign of terror unleashed on the black township of Wesselton, near Ermelo.

The youth, who may not be identified, said one attack was carried out on a lawyer's office at the suggestion of a policeman stationed in Ermelo.

Another man, known as Sugar, who claimed to be a KwaZulu policeman, had trained and supplied the group with arms and taken part in attacks on ANC supporters.

Feared

The youth said in his evidence-in-chief, which was read into the record by J J du Toit, an advocate for the commission, that a policeman, one Van Zweel, suggested they burn the office of lawyer Steve Ngwenya.

Questioned by Mr Du Toit, he said he longer took part in the Black Cats' activities.

Asked why he did not go to the police, he said: "In fact, I feared if I made any report to the police, before the end of the day people in the community would know I had been there. Police would simply inform the Black Cats."

The youth, who arrived at the hearing in the NGK Synod Hall wearing a balaclava, said the Black Cats started as an anti-crime "campaign" in Wesselton in 1990.

Some Black Cats began robbing people they were searching and leaders of the Wesselton Action Committee called on them to stop their activities.

In the middle of 1990 members sought refuge in the Ermelo offices of the Inkatha-aligned trade union, Uwusa.

"An Uwusa official, Isaac Hlatshwayo, promised Black Cats leader Chris Ngwenya that we would be given help in our fight against Civic supporters if we joined Inkatha."

Mr Hlatshwayo also arranged for a group of Inkatha men to come from Ulundi to "attend and protect" the funeral of a Black Cat held on the same day as that of an ANC member.

"The ANC was shot at by the Ulundi men, including Nhlanhla, Cyril, Chief Nthungwa and Themba Zulu."

Two people were killed. One, Jabu Sibanyoni, was shot at close range by Nhlanhla.

Thirty-two Black Cats were taken by Inkatha to Zululand for training in August 1990. They stayed at Ulundi for a while before moving to Mkuze training camp which was run by Daluxulo Luthuli, Jay Mtetwa and Peter Msane.

Inkatha officially launched itself in Wesselton in February last year — soon after the group returned to the township.

The Black Cats, who had since become Inkatha members, continued fighting "the comrades" in Ermelo.

"We used pangas, knives and homemade guns as well as various firearms brought in by the man known as Sugar. Sugar carried an SAP card and a KwaZulu police card."

He said Sugar trained Black Cats members to use automatic firearms.

"Sugar and other Black Cats carried out attacks on civic leaders and comrades, often with guns . . ."

He said the Black Cats got the upper hand in Wesselton, where they forcibly evicted people from hostels and replaced them with Inkatha supporters. They also assaulted and tore clothing off people wearing ANC emblems.

Questioned by David Soggot, representing the ANC, Cosatu and the SACP, he said he knew that Sugar was a KwaZulu policeman.

"But he carried a SAP identity card. He used to tell us he was a KwaZulu policeman operating in Natal. But we did not believe this because he had two IDs."

Mock funeral to mark end of local authority

THE tottering Ennerdale local authority faces yet another challenge from residents who plan a mock funeral this weekend to mark its demise.

At an emotion-charged civic meeting in the township on Wednesday night, residents resolved to march to the offices of the Ennerdale Local Development on Sunday with a coffin and hold a mock funeral.

At least 30 people were injured when police last week fired on residents and arrested others, including PAC publicity secretary Benny Alexander during a meeting to protest against increased payments in water and electricity in the township.

After a report-back on a meeting held on Tuesday with local authority officials, residents voted for the rejection of the local authority's electricity flat rate offer of R100.

"The flat rate should be affordable even to the poorest residents and pensioners do not have to pay anything," a resident told the meeting amid loud cheers.

Echoing a call made earlier by Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association chairman Mr Clifford Smith for the resignation of councillors and the incorporation of Ennerdale into Johannesburg, Alexander told the meeting: "We want Ennerdale to be incorporated into Johannesburg and later we must control Johannesburg."- *Sowetan Correspondent*

Attack: DET shuts school

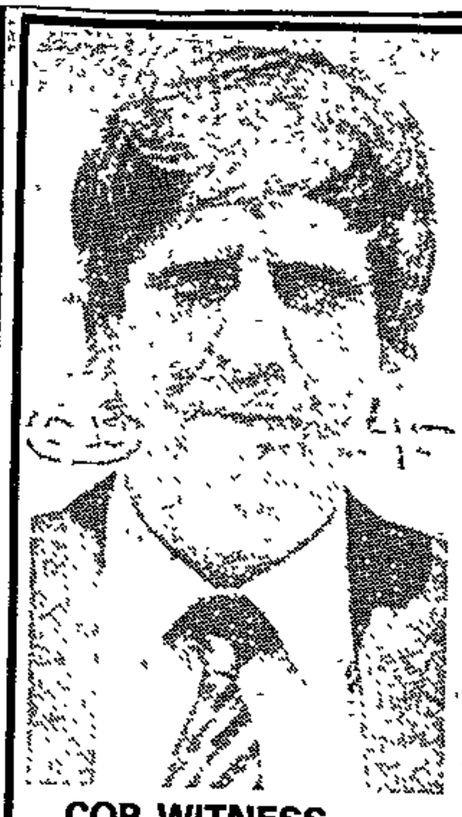
JOHANNESBURG. — Authorities yesterday shut down Kathorus College of Education in Katlehong until February 14. (278)

A white lecturer was last week attacked and seriously injured at the college. CT 7/2/92

In addition, Dr Bernhard Louw, DET's director-general, yesterday ordered 50 white teachers not to return to the strife-torn Katlehong schools until further notice. — Sapa

Cop 'never suggested fire'

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COP WITNESS ...
W/O James von Zweel

Staff Reporter

AN Ermelo detective yesterday denied he had encouraged members of an Inkatha vigilante group to set fire to the offices of a local attorney.

The allegations were made by two members of the vigilante group, the Black Cats, to a Goldstone committee hearing this week.

Detective Warrant Officer James von Zweel told the Goldstone committee yesterday that he had never suggested the Black Cats set fire to the offices of Wesselton attorney Mr Steve Ngwenya in 1990.

Yesterday a former member of the Black Cats, "Mr B", who entered the hearing wearing a balaclava and gave evidence in camera, said the detective had visited the group on the day Mr Ngwenya's offices were burned.

Another Black Cat member, "Mr A", on Thursday told the committee that a policeman, one Von Zweel, suggested they burn the office of Mr Ngwenya.

Yesterday "Mr B" said in his evidence in chief that three members of the Ermelo police, WO Von Zweel, one Botha, and another man came to the Inkatha-aligned trade union Uwusa offices to talk to Black Cat leader Mr Chris Ngwenya.

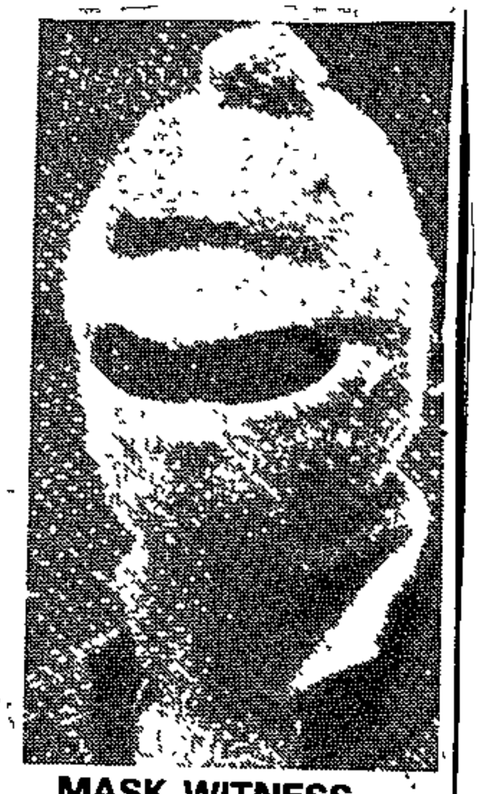
"They were friendly with him and spoke to him often. On one occasion I saw them speaking in the next office to three Black Cat members, Jwi, Patrick and China. I saw them go out and return late that night with bottles of liquor, cold drinks and cigarettes.

"I heard the next day that the office of a lawyer, Steve Ngwenya, had been set alight and gutted."

WO Von Zweel denied visiting the Uwusa offices where the Black Cats had been staying on that night. He said he had a good relationship with Mr Ngwenya.

Earlier the Black Cat witness identified as "Mr B" said that in May 1991 he met someone called "Sugar" and noticed he had an identity card with his photo, the SA Police emblem and the title "Special Constable".

"Sugar" had planned activities of the Black Cats and trained members in firearms and had led some of the Black Cats in carrying out armed attacks on people aligned to the ANC, he said.



MASK WITNESS ...
Ex-Black Cat

Balaclavas, Black Cats and Bad Potatoes

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By EVELYN HOLTZHAUSEN

A GROCERY list of words and names ranging from "bad potatoes" and "rotten eggs" to "Jeyfluid" and "Sugar" was used to describe youths involved in acts of violence in Kwazulu and the Eastern Transvaal to a committee of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry which sat in Cape Town this week.

The "bad potatoes" were the undisciplined members of a 200-strong team of hand-picked Zulu youths sent for specialist SADF training in the Caprivi area. Others were described as "rotten eggs".

"Jeyfluid" was the nickname of a member of the sinister Ermelo township gang known as the Black Cats. "Sugar", the commission heard, is Sibusiso — alias Lucky Hlongwane — who allegedly carried a joint South African Police and Kwazulu Police identity card.

He is said to have dispensed arms, pangas and knives to the Black Cats who, the committee heard, acted as a roving Inkatha-aligned, anti-ANC hit squad.

These offbeat names, particularly Jeyfluid, brought smiles to the four-man committee appointed on Tuesday "as a matter of urgency" by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, chairman of the Standing Commission into the Prevention of Public Violence.

The committee, which sat throughout the week in the NG Kerk's Synodal Centre in Queen Victoria Street, comprises Mr Justice Goldstone, Mr Niel Rossouw, who is vice-chairman of the commission, Mr Gert Steyn, a member of the Commission, and Johannnesburg attorney Seun Moshidi.

The committee was appointed to inquire into the whereabouts and activities of the 200 youths allegedly trained as Kwazulu VIP bodyguards at Hippo base in Caprivi in 1986. It is also looking into the activities of the Black Cats, who committed acts of violence from their base in Wesselton, near Ermelo in the Eastern Transvaal.

The former acting national youth organiser of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, Mr Mbongeni Khumalo, said the group, comprising "men with short hair" who had been trained by the SADF at Hippo, travelled to Ulundi each month after their return to Kwazulu, where they were paid an average of R900 each in cash.

Mr Khumalo said Inkatha President Chief Buthelezi's personal secretary, Mr MZ Khumalo, was responsible for recruiting and organising the group. He referred to the men as the "boys from the project" and handled their payments personally.

The deputy commisioner of the Kwazulu police, Brigadier Sipho Moses Mathe, confirmed that the 200 youths, hand-picked by Mr MZ Khumalo, has been sent for training at Hippo by Military Intelligence in 1986.

Some of them, though not officially members of the Kwazulu Police, had been issued with police appointment cards.

Brig Mathe denied under cross-examination by Mr David Soggott, SC — appearing for the ANC, Cosatu and the SA Communist Party — that the appointment cards had been issued to help them in hit-squad activities.

Two "turned" Black Cats — who arrived for the hearings wearing balaclavas to hide their identities but gave evidence unmasked as Mr A and Mr B — said the gang had been formed in 1990 to fight crime.

Later they began robbing people they had searched for weapons, leading to complaints by local civic associations about their activities.

Mr A described how houses of civic association members had been burnt and how ANC supporters had been killed in attacks by the Black Cats, sometimes aided by Inkatha members from Ulundi.



BLACK CAT . . . 'Mr A' with Advocate Paul Kennedy and Mr David Soggott, SC, after giving evidence Picture: TERRY SHEAN

He told how the office of a lawyer, Mr Steve Ngwenya, had been set alight. This was at the suggestion of a member of the SAP, whom Mr A identified only as "Van Zweel".

Mr A said the Black Cats eventually gained the upper hand in Wesselton, evicting people from hostels and replacing them with Inkatha supporters.

On Friday Detective W/O James Meiel Wilhelm von Zweel denied in his evidence that he had colluded with the gang to perform acts of violence.

Cross-examination of the witnesses by laywers acting for the SADF, the SAP, the Inkatha Freedom Party — represented by Advocate Louis Visser, SC, and Mr Soggott — was postponed until the committee reconvened in Pretoria on Tuesday, February 25.

● Witnesses who are not affiliated to any group, and who saw violence — either in Thokoza last September or in connection with train violence or the taxi wars — can arrange to meet the chairmen of the committees investigating these incidents.

The phone number to make an appointment to speak to Mr Solly Sithole regarding the Thokoza violence is 012-3204640/1/2.

Mr Niel Rossouw, who chairs the committee investigating the taxi wars, can be contacted by phoning 021-235508.

Battle rages in Soweto

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Explosions as residents and hostel dwellers clash

Staff Reporters and Sapa-AFP

Soweto became a battlefield last night as Meadowlands residents and hostel dwellers fought each other with AK-47 rifles and hand grenades.

The township was like a tinder-box with a thin line of police and soldiers keeping massed hostel dwellers away from residents.

The police commander on the scene, a captain who did not give his name, said all his men could do was "try to keep them apart".

Asked if there had been any effort to negotiate a truce, the captain said the two sides "won't even talk to each other".

Last night's clashes follow the death of at least eight people in violence around the hostel on Saturday, which also left 14 injured and 12 houses damaged

A camera crew of Visnews television news agency said a gunman opened fire with an automatic weapon yesterday evening on a contingent of police and 400 hostel dwellers in Meadowlands.

At sunset, the hostel group took cover and police returned fire with assault rifles.

Under cover of darkness, renewed fighting broke out and several explosions — believed to be hand grenades — were heard and seen in the residential area.

According to witnesses, people living near the hostel gathered their children and ran down the road in fear of their lives. Some went to the houses further away but others took refuge in the nearby veld.

Some men disguised themselves as woman to surreptiously escape the areas where fighting was taking place.

Gangs were allegedly seen breaking into the abandoned houses and removing goods

Residents put up makeshift barricades of large stones in a bid to protect themselves against attackers.

Police tried to control the fighting by patrolling the dark streets, shining large spotlights mounted on the back of vehicles down streets and alleyways.

It was not known how many people were killed or injured in the attack.

Conflicting reports were received about the renewed clashes.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn confirmed there had been an attack from the Meadowlands hostel in Zone 1 at about 3 pm but claimed that, by 7 pm, no injuries or fatalities had been reported.

He later said reports of fighting were "rumours"

However an unidentifed Baragwanath hospital offical said "lots of people" had been admitted "with gunshot and stab wounds"

He said he understood there was chaos in Meadowlands and more casualties were expected. He said he had heard that houses were being burnt and people were being stabbed next to the hostel at Meadowlands.

Colonel Halgryn said police were in control of the situation in the township and the admissions to the hospital were not unrest-related.

Colonel Halgryn said Saturday's violence occurred at

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Soweto turned into a battlefield

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about 6 pm when hostel dwellers and residents of houses in the immediate area surrounding the hostel started attacking each other.

A policeman, Constable du Preez, was also hurt when a stone hit him on the head.

The police had to use tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse the crowds after nine houses were ransacked and damaged when the rampaging mob entered them. Three houses were set alight.

At about 10 pm on Saturday an uneasy calm had been restored.

Secretary of the ANC's Meadowlands branch Louis Ramono was also injured.

"Saturday's unrest started when mourners returned home after the funeral of one of the hostel dwellers who had been killed in a petrol bomb attack about two weeks ago," Mr Ramono said.

He said the mourners were very emotional and started attacking houses close to the hostel. He and several others went to try to restore order and he hit with birdshot fired by the police.

"I went to a doctor as Baragwanath Hospital was too full and too busy for me on Saturday night," Mr Ramono said.

He claimed that a number of residents living near the hostel were moving out of the area which had been the target of several violent incidents in the past month.

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Six die as blood flows in Soweto

SOWETO. — The man's bludgeoned corpse lay face down, rivulets of blood on his back stiffening into scarlet stripes.

Five police patrolmen placed a blanket over the half-naked body and then stood guard to wait for a mortuary truck.

The unidentified man was one of six people killed on Saturday night in Soweto's Meadowlands district.

He had been clubbed and knifed to death in a piece of waste ground separating a hostel for migrant workers loyal to Inkatha Freedom Party, and homes of township residents loyal to the ANC.

There was no sign of the pistols, hand grenades and knives used overnight as youths in shabby clothes stared at each other and exchanged taunts across no-man's-land.

A truck full of police stood guard among 12 fire-blacked houses set alight in the fighting.

A canning factory foreman, who declined to be named, opened the front door of a neighbour's house, gutted in a petrol-bomb attack. Blackened furniture lay in a mangled heap.

"Every night there is shooting here," said Mr Elias Gumede, 42, whose house had been gutted and looted in the latest battle.

He had been happy when he bought his four-roomed house for R51 000 in November, but had not taken much notice of the property's risky position on the edge of no-man's land, 30 metres from the hostel.

"Now I'm not happy any more. I feel so cross," he said, pointing at roof and wall sections burnt to a black crisp.

"They took my TV, my amplifier and my fridge — they even ran off with the meat still inside it. Now I don't know where my family will sleep tonight."

● Police confirmed last night that fighting had broken out again yesterday afternoon, and an unidentifed Baragwanath Hospital offical said: "Lots of people are being admitted with gunshot and stab wounds."

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said police were in control of the situation and the hospital admissions were not unrest-related. Police had fired teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot on Saturday in an attempt to end the fighting. — Sapa-Reuter

Commission wants more witnesses

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry has appealed to members of the public to come forward and give evidence in the proceedings.

The commission was appointed to look into violence and intimidation and how these could be prevented.

Mr Justice RJ Goldstone, the commissioner, said committees of inquiry established by the commission are disappointed that few people have come forward to provide information

"This is especially so in the case of the Tokoza inquiry, where there must be a substantial number of eyewitnesses to the violence which occurred there late last year.

"Witnesses are not obliged to give evidence in public. Private and confidential meetings with members of the committee can be arranged," he said.

Appointments can be arranged with the commission's counsel, Mr JJ du Toit, or Mr T Pretorius at (012) 320 4640.

Apart from the Tokoza inquiry, the commission would also like to receive information concerning taxi and train violence and intimidation. Such information can be conveyed to the same counsel.

Six die, four injured in Soweto clashes

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SUSAN RUSSELL

SIX people were killed and four injured at Meadowlands in Soweto during clashes between hostel dwellers and residents at the weekend. BBaily 16/2/92

Police used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to stop the fighting, said spokesman Col Tienie Halgryn. He described the situation in Meadowlands yesterday afternoon as "quiet". He was not able to say what had caused the violence.

Twelve houses were damaged, he said.

An ANC spokesman claimed hostel residents went on the rampage after the funeral of a hostel dweller.

Sapa reports that at least eight people died in political violence in Natal at the weekend.

Imbali ANC leader Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya was shot dead in the Maritzburg city centre on Saturday night in what an ANC source described as an assassination.

Earlier, KwaZulu legislative assembly member and local Inkatha leader Winnington Sabelo was killed when men entered his shop in the Durban township of Umlazi on Friday and gunned him down.

Rampaging mob slays 8, injures 14

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By KENOSI MODISANE

EIGHT people were killed, 14 others injured and 12 houses set alight when hostel dwellers attacked residents in Meadowlands, Soweto, at the weekend.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn yesterday confirmed the Saturday night incident and said one of the injured is a policeman.

A Baragwanath Hospital spokesman said yesterday. "One person died on admission on Saturday evening and the two others died in the surgical wards. Only three are still in the hospital and the rest have been discharged"

Threats of the attack were sent out at Avalon Cemetery when residents of Zone 1 at the funeral of Mr Sello Mathloko, who died last week in a skirmish between the two factions, were told by mourners at the funeral of a hostel dweller - also a victim of last week's fighting - that his death would be avenged

"Some armed men among the mourners taunted us during the service and said they were coming back for us," a witness at the scene said.

Most of the houses destroyed during the raid were looted before being set alight.

Mr Phineas Hlongwane (50), who sustained a bullet and stab wounds, said: "They broke down the door and pounced on me and my wife before fleeing with furniture and other valuables."

Hlongwane's wife Josephine was discharged from hospital yesterday.

Ms Matilda Tshoaedi, whose sister Joyce (39) died in the attack, said: "The mob came to my sister's house and demanded she give them money so that she should not be harmed.

"She gave out R500 Some of the men left but others helped themselves with valuables in the house before fleeing"

Her sister tried to flee but another group shot at her.

"They later hacked, stabbed and trampled over her body as she lay on the ground," Tshoaedi said.

The body of another victim, Mr Chucks Bogopane (34), was found with gunshot, stab and hack wounds in the veld next to the hostel.

He was apparently overcome by the mob when he tried to escort his family to safety.

The names of the other victims were not available yesterday.

Another witness, Mr Jeffrey Mathekga, whose house was looted and his car windows smashed, said: "This is the worst attack of all the skirmishes between residents and hostel dwellers since the first time we fought in 1976."

Hostel dwellers and the residents have clashed periodically since 1977 when the men-only section was destroyed

One year of peace

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By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE community of Bekkersdal yesterday celebrated one year of peace in the township.

Paul Nel Hall was packed to capacity to hear representatives of the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian People's Organisation.

The Inkatha Freedom Party, which had also been invited to the peace anniversary, did not send representatives.

The anniversary was organised by the Bekkersdal Civic Association.

It started on Thursday with "prayers for peace" by the Manyano Women's Union, representing different church denominations.

On Friday there was a clean-up campaign by pupils from all schools in the area.

Unity

Saturday, dubbed "sports for peace" was taken up by events such as tennis, volleyball, boxing, karate, athletics and soccer.

All speakers emphasised the need for unity and peace and residents were called upon to exercise political tolerance.



People from different organisations and church denominations came together at Bekkersdal on the West Rand yesterday to celebrate a year without political violence in the once trouble-torn township. Manyano Women's Union members display peace slogans.
Pic: LEN KUMALO

They were told that the enemy was apartheid and all efforts should be directed at it.

BAC publicity secretary Mr Motlogelwa Letlhake said that the whole community was overjoyed that there had been no major political upheavals in the area in the past year.

He said this followed a peace rally on February 7 last year addressed by leaders of the ANC, IFP, Azapo and the PAC.

"We decided to come together to solidify the current coexistence.

"We believe this gesture can show other communities elsewhere that people of different political affiliations can live side by side.

"This is the right moment in view of the fact that the country is striving for a peaceful settlement," he said.

Train violence report knocks police, Spoornet

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By Mike Siluma (278)

The Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR) has criticised the police and Spoornet for their failure to stem the tide of violence against train commuters, which has claimed more than 100 lives and left at least 550 injured in the past 18 months.

In a special report on train violence, entitled "Blood on the Tracks", compiled mainly from media and police reports, the IBIIR said that despite promises to curb violence, the police and Spoornet's response to the violence was "at best poor".

"After 18 months and 30 attacks, there has as yet not been a single conviction. This from a police force which claims to be one of the best in the world ... the SAP took 13 months to come up with a tactic which satisfied commuters: the searches (of passengers and trains).

"While the announcement .. banning the carrying of weapons is to be welcomed, it is a mystery as to why this was not done when the attacks first started," the IBIIR said.

Spoornet's attempt to control violence by locking interlinking carriage doors and providing metal detectors came too late and was, the IBIIR charged, 'by no means satisfactory".

On the pattern of train attacks, the IBIIR noted that although there had been some incidents on the West Rand and Pretoria lines, nearly all the attacks took place on the Soweto-Johannesburg line.

Many attacks had occurred at stations near to inner-city or Soweto hostels, and there had been numerous reports of attackers running to hostels after these attacks.

Despite the violence's ostensibly political nature, in most cases the victims appeared to have been chosen at random.

"If any particular group of commuters can be said to have been targeted, it is those who hold church services in the carriages ... As far as other victims are concerned, they cover the entire spectrum of black commuters. Young and old, male and female, supporters of all political parties and representatives of all the ethnic groups have fallen victim to the violence," the IBIIR said.

It added that the weapons used were generally those that could be hidden before the attack began, such as pangas, knives and handguns. But AK-47 assault rifles had been used on at least two occasions and a hand grenade once.

Welcoming last month's decision by the Goldstone Commission to investigate violence on commuter trains, the IBIIR said it would forward its report to the commission.

The board said it felt "the whole issue of train attacks and the safety of commuters should be made one of the highest priority and that effective countermeasures should be speedily developed and implemented. If this is not done, the carnage on our trains will continue."

Reacting to the IBIIR report, a Rail Commuter Corporation spokesman said he could not comment fully on the report without having seen it.

He emphasised, however, that measures taken by the corporation to make trains safer could achieve results only with the co-operation of the public and the media.

He reiterated the corporation's view that commuter safe ty was, ultimately, the responsibility of the police. The corporation would do everything possible to help.

Measures already taken included installing metal detectors and security fencing, as well as improving access control and lighting and establishing police charge-offices at many of the affected stations.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Reg Crewe rejected the IBIIR's criticism, saying the SAP had, in fact, made a number of arrests in connection with train attacks.

"Although the police can arrest the alleged perpetrators, it is up to the courts to convict them. It is also the courts which set bail ... It would seem that no matter what the police do, it is not enough to satisfy certain people. The SAP is doing its utmost to safeguard commuters and is concerned for their safety," said Colonel Crewe.

Killing (278) on trains: Report slams police

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The Argus Correspondent

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18 die in bloody battles

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JOHANNESBURG. — At least 18 people died and more than 20 were injured as violence flared on the Reef and in Natal.

Three days of violence in Meadowlands, Soweto, left a trail of destruction with at least nine people dead and 16 injured since Friday night.

And in Natal, a prominent Midlands ANC leader and four members of one family were among nine people killed at the weekend.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said unrest started on Friday evening when a hand grenade was thrown into a room at Meadowlands Hostel married quarters, injuring two people.

On Saturday about 6pm hostel dwellers and residents living nearby attacked each other. Six people were killed and 16 injured.

One of the injured was declared dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital while two died of their injuries yesterday. All had been shot.

Nine houses in Meadowlands were ransacked and extensively damaged when rampaging mobs trashed them on Saturday.

Three houses were set alight on Saturday night, two were burnt down and one destroyed by an explosion last night. Another house was set alight about 5am today.



DRESSED AS WOMEN: Men in Meadowlands dressed as women to escape being attacked by hostel dwellers.

Police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse the crowds.

Mr Louis Ramono, secretary of the ANC's Meadowlands branch was injured in crossfire as he tried to calm the crowds.

In Natal, Mr Skihumbuzo Ngwenya, an Imbali ANC leader and member of the Midlands Regional executive committee, was shot dead in Maritzburg's city centre.

Mr Ngwenya left a restaurant about 9.30pm on Saturday and was shot dead in his car. He had been to a meeting with colleagues of the Maritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness (Pacsa), visting US businessmen and other officials.

Mr Ngwanya's death comes soon after an attack on Imbali's Inkatha leader Mr Abdul Awetha. Mr Awetha survived an attack on his vehicle last week, but three children he was taking to school were shot dead.

Umlazi's Inkatha leader, Mr Winnington Sabelo, was shot dead by two men at his shop on Friday night.

Yesterday, four family members were killed when a bakkie carrying eight people was ambushed at 8.30pm in the Taylor's Halt area outside Maritzburg.

In other incidents of violence in Natal, the bullet-riddled body of a man was found at Ininwe Reserve near Empangeni. A girl was killed and another wounded in Manshana Reserve, also near Empangeni, when gunmen opened fire on people attending a funeral on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, a man was killed at Inanda near Durban when a gunman stopped a taxi and shot one of the occupants, and Mr Gumbuza Nabtha was shot dead outside the Windsor Hotel in Maritzburg late on Saturday.

Emergency talks called

ANC, IFP join hands for peace

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An emergency meeting of the ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party and other organisations is scheduled for later today in Meadowlands to discuss ways of bringing peace to the battle-torn township.

The meeting is being held under the auspices of the Greater Soweto Dispute Resolution Committee (GSDRC), a structure set up in terms of the National Peace Accord.

Nine people died in bloody violence and a number of houses were destroyed when residents and IFP supporters from the Meadowlands hostel clashed at the weekend.

A local dispute resolution committee is to be set up today in the flashpoint township, where many lives have been lost and houses razed in sporadic battles between township residents and hostel dwellers over a period of more than 15 years.

Many of the houses are now empty after their owners fled to safer places elsewhere in Soweto and further afield.

Floyd Mashele of the ANC PWV region said the decision to hold today's meeting was taken at a session yesterday of the GSDRC, held at the Lutheran Church in Jabavu to discuss the bloody killings on Soweto trains.



Dr Antonie Gildenhuys . . . peace committee "needs more teeth".

The IFP was represented at the meeting by West Rand leader Humphrey Ndlovu and Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza.

"I am optimistic that today's meeting will bear fruit," said Mr Mashele, urging the warring factions to commit themselves to peace.

He said the situation remained "quiet but tense" in Meadowlands following the latest outbreak of violence.

Other organisations represented on the GSDRC are Uwusa, Cosatu, Soweto City Council, Diep-Meadow City Council, Dobsonville Town Council, Ministers' United for Christian Co-Responsibility, Reformed Independent Churchs Association, Sadtu and Cosas.

The committee was formed on January 20 and is chaired by Charles Nupen, of the Independent Mediation Services for South Africa.

Government sources yesterday revealed high-level concern that the ongoing violence could derail the National Peace Accord and have a direct impact on the Codesa negotiations.

Both the ANC and IFP yesterday strongly condemned the latest killings and expressed concern that "professional hitmen" might have been responsible for the assassinations of Inkatha Freedom Party member Winnington Sabelo, and ANC member Skhumbuzo Ngwenya in Natal last week.

National Peace Secretariat chairman Dr Antonie Gildenhuys said the committee would have to increase its efforts, change tactics if necessary and "get more teeth". The role of "facilitation and mediation" would have to be expanded.

In Natal, where at least 100 people have died this year — eight of them at the weekend — a top-level Peace Accord meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

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Desperate ploy . . . men from Meadowlands donned dresses to avoid being attacked. Picture: George Mashinini

ANC-IFP in joint peace moves

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It will be attended by members of the Peace Secretariat, the Executive Committee of the Natal KwaZulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee and Deputy Minister of Justice Danie Schutte.

Co-chairman of the Natal/Kwazulu dispute resolution committee M C Pretorius said attempts to speed up the Peace Accord's provisions in Natal would receive top priority "because of the upsurge in violence".

The ANC yesterday said the violence revealed a suspicious pattern. "The past weeks have seen escalated train attacks, ambushes — including incidents where innocent children have been killed — and conflict between residents and hostel dwellers.

"It is no coincidence that this violence rages as the Codesa working groups meet. It has been the pattern all along that as negotiations or peace efforts bear fruit, the violence ferociously erupts," the ANC said in a statement.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said all organisations should make a commitment and work harder to end the violence.

Kim Hodgson of the Inkatha Institute's violence monitoring group said the selective targeting of Natal leaders working to put the peace process in operation had the hallmark of "professional hits".



A woman walks past police vehicles in Soweto on her way to work yesterday. Fighting in the area left nine dead at the weekend. Picture AP

Hostel dwellers wanted in peace talks

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ADRIAN HADLAND

THE ANC has called for the active involvement of hostel residents in regional peace initiatives in the wake of violence at Soweto's Meadowlands township at the weekend.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Witwatersrand-Vaal regional peace committee on Friday, ANC representative Floyd Mashele said "Most incidents of violence have been planned or orchestrated from hostels Something has to be done."

One of the new committee's main objectives should be to investigate restructuring of the hostel system, he said

Violent clashes in Meadowlands over the weekend, allegedly between hostel dwellers and residents, left nine dead and 21 injured. It was reported that handgrenades and AK-47 rifles were used Police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn said yesterday violence had abated.

A statement issued by the National Peace Committee said the regional committee was established to "co-ordinate efforts to combat violence, establish local dispute resolution committees in the area and develop, with the National Peace Committee and local peace committees, strategies for socio-economic reconstruction".

Mashele said it was most important that hosteldwellers as well as political parties, regional services councils and civic organisations were involved in the peace process.

Sapa reports a top-level meeting aimed at speeding up implementation of the peace accord in Natal townships and to address violence there has been called in Durban tommorrow.

Deputy Minister of Justice Danie Schutte is expected to attend.

In Umlazi, scene of a week of fighting — with at least eight deaths — between Unit 17 hostel dwellers and residents of the Ekuthuleni shack settlement, violence and tension continued yesterday.

At least three buildings were petrol bombed and 30 others damaged in an attack on Unit 17 early yesterday with police intervening to prevent retaliatory attacks by hostel dwellers later.

Hundreds of policemen and soldiers, on foot and in armoured vehicles, patrolled the volatile area.

Reef's day of horror

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A MAN was castrated and a 12-year-old girl raped and killed as violence spread to Vlakfontein squatter camp - bringing the death toll in the PWV area to 15 yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said fighting at the squatter camp, situated between Lenasia and Ennerdale, broke out on Sunday night.

And Soweto police announced that three more victims of the fierce fighting which broke out in Meadowlands on Friday died yesterday. Eight others died in the violence at the weekend.

Twelve-year-old Magauta Sebogodi, a Standard 2 pupil at Sweetwater Primary School, was abducted by a mob who attacked the squatter camp on Sunday night.

Her body and that of Mr Samuel Letidi (51), who had his genitals cut off, were found about 3km from the camp yesterday morning

The bodies of two other men, whose identities could not be confirmed, were also found on the outskirts of the camp.

The number of people injured was not available at the time of going to press. But a police spokesman said the "number could be high".

By KENOSI MODISANE

Opperman said the fighting was between Inkatha and ANC supporters in the camp. He could, however, not comment on the cause of the skirmish.

In Meadowlands, a man was yesterday hacked and set alight at a taxi rank in Zone 1 near the hostel.

Put out the fire

The man was saved by the intervention of police who put out the fire and took the injured man to hospital.

Police came under strong criticism yesterday from residents who claimed they were aiding hostel dwellers in their attacks on residents in Meadowlands as the fighting continued.

A house was destroyed by an explosion yesterday morning. And another house was set alight. No injuries were reported in these incidents.

Residents said police had fired teargas in their direction but did not try to disperse the hostel dwellers.

Police must pull out, say township folk

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POLICE were yesterday embroiled in a row with Meadowlands residents over allegations of partiality in dealing with the violence.

But police said they would not heed the demand to pull out in favour of the South African Defence Force.

Security forces yesterday searched the hostels for property allegedly stolen during the violence.

The African National Congress also announced it had arranged to meet Inkatha Freedom Party today in a bid to restore peace in the township.

Violence erupted in the area after a funeral of an IFP supporter on Saturday, according to the ANC.

Police said they had not yet established the cause of the violence.

Police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries visited the troubled area yesterday afternoon. He heard residents calling for the police to withdraw because of alleged their partiality.

"No. We are not going to go away. (Due to) the circumstances that we work under, we can hardly be popular," he told reporters at the scene.

ANC regional officials toured the area to investigate the cause of the violence. They, however, urged police to remain in the area.

De Vries also pledged a 24-hour police and army presence.

A spokesman for the ANC, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, said: "We must call on the police to remain because the situation is tense."

ANC regional official Mr Floyd Mashele appealed for restraint from the warring sides.

"We call upon the people of Meadowlands to be calm even under this difficult moment. We call on the police not to be seen to be taking sides," he said.

He also said a local dispute resolution committee would be set up on March 4, but expressed fears the violence could jeorpardise the attempt.

After touring the area, Mashele said: "We are completely disheartened by these brutal attacks executed upon our people. We believe this is totally inhuman."

"At the end of the day we must count how many people have fallen," he said, adding: "Inkatha should exercise restraint upon its membership."

Army trucks rambled through the area while helmeted soldiers in combat gear kept the township under strict surveilance. - *South African Press Association.*

Senior assistant editor **Joe Latakgomo** sees grim history repeating itself in Meadowlands

First fathers, now the children

STAR 12/2/92.

WHAT children? There are no children here, declared a woman as I asked her what the response of the children in the area has been to the attacks by hostel inmates — a situation which usually excacerbates violence

She did not mean that there were literally no children.

What she meant, she explained, is that those who should have been just children have been exposed to so much violence, virtually from the crib, right through their school lives up to the present.

Heaven knows, the woman added, these children have been through more than most of us had gone through in our lifetimes.

Like many of the residents of this part of Meadowlands, memories of the first attacks on them by hostel residents in post-1976 were still vivid. Then, men who had frequented some of the shebeens in the vicinity, indeed, who had fairly firm relationships with the folk from the township, seemed to just turn against anyone who was not a hostel resident

At issue had been what hostel residents described as their right to refuse to participate in a work stay-away.

Reports claimed that the weekend before the planned stayaway, the then chief of the police in Soweto had gone to address the hostel residents and asked them whether they had come all the way from Zululand to stay away from work.

Police protection was promised to those who would go to work, and because of the contract nature of the employment of most of the hostel residents, many decided not to heed the call for a work stayaway

Those who did go to work, also did so well-armed.

On their way to work, they were simply taunted by youths But it was on their return that they were attacked as they alighted from trains at Mzimhlope station

The hostel residents had to run the gauntlet of residents, and finally by the time they reached the hostel, the three sons of a resident on the main road had been killed

It was this killing that sparked off furious clashes.

That Tuesday night, residents further away from the hostel, fearing a spread of attacks from the hostel dwellers, banded together to help protect those closer to the hostel.

They wore white headbands to identify themselves, while those who remained at home barricaded themselves

The fighting went on through the night, and remains one of the bloodiest clashes between residents and hostel dwellers Daily, the death toll mounted.

At one point, a figure of 48 was suggested, most of them township residents



Police and armed hostel-dwellers . . the seeds of suspicion were sown years ago.

For the first time, then, the role of the police was being questioned, and their impartiality doubted

By the Thursday, calls had gone out to Chief Buthelezi to intervene He did so at a meeting on the Sunday, and for the first time that week, calm returned to the area.

Since then, residents have tried to mend the broken relationships, and the shaky truce held

While the hostel dwellers and township residents did not quite hold each other's hands in love, their relationship was one of tolerance of each other, of respect for each other's rights as individuals and residents entitled to the same facilities and amenities in the township.

Today's youth were but babies when the violence first flared in their area They grew up in an atmosphere of distrust of the hostel residents

Some talk of fathers, mothers or brothers they will never know

And the question is- what would have happened had the police not gone to address the hostel residents and encourage them to defy the stayaway call?

The answer will never be known.The problem is that the first seeds of distrust of police in dealing with residents-hostel dwellers matters were sown

The peace held — until the death two years ago of Meadowlands mayor Joseph Khumalo, who was also an official of Inkatha. He was gunned down during the campaign to force councillors from office

Following his funeral, there was a brief clash between hostel dwellers and residents.

The focus of resident-hostel dwellers clashes has, over the years shifted from Meadowlands and Dube Hostels to Nancefield Hostel, from whence several attacks have come.

Residents of nearby Klipspruit have borne the brunt of these attacks, and there have also been suggestions that attacks on trains, most of which have occurred between Nancefield Station and Orlando, were carried out by hostel dwellers from Nancefield.

But this week, after a lull in resident-hostel dweller attacks, violence has once more broken out between the Meadowlands Hostel dwellers and township residents.

"We don't know why they attacked us," said one resident "They just descended on us, and before we knew what was happening, they were hacking, beating and stabbing us. And then they set our houses on fire," he said

Nobody seems to know why the violence started Some suggest that the attacks followed a funeral of a hostel resident who was killed in the township

Both the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress believe that "professional hitmen" are responsible for setting off the attacks.

They believe it is an attempt to derail Codesa, and in line with other previous attempts every time a peace initiative was under way

Other residents believe that the attacks were sparked off by the killing, in Natal, of Inkatha leader Winnington Sabelo, who was gunned down in his Umlazi shop Mr Sabelo was involved in local peace initiatives.

ANC leader in the area, Skhumbuzo Ngwenya was killed in an apparent revenge attack

Once more, the element of a "Third Force" has been mentioned There is also an element of disillusionment with the National Peace Accord, which, in the view of many ordinary township residents, has failed to deliver peace

Meanwhile, residents around Meadowlands are waiting (and, perhaps, planning)

The tragedy continues to play itself out. □

ANC, Inkatha call for peace

THE African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday called for a ceasefire and an end to the conflict that has already claimed at least eight lives in Meadowlands, Soweto.

Another "broader meeting" has been scheduled to take place soon.

Mr Floyd Mashele, a member of the local dispute resolution committee, said the meeting, also attended by IFP's Mr Themba Khoza and Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, decided to call for a meeting which would inlcude a broader representation. Sowetan 12/2/92

"Yesterday we only met to normalise the situation in the area. But we will be meeting within the next three days to decide on implementing peace agreements," Mashele said. (278)

Meanwhile, the SADF maintained a heavy presence in the area while police yesterday reported no incidents.

However, a youth was injured when a mob attacked him in Zone One yesterday.

Stay in Meadowlands, SAP, SADF urged

STAR 12/2/92

By Thabo Leshilo
Political Staff

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Leaders of the ANC and Inkatha, who met in Meadowlands, Soweto, yesterday in a bid to restore peace to the battle-torn township, have appealed to the SAP and the SADF to remain deployed in the area to prevent further bloodshed.

The situation remains tense after clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents left nine people dead, scores injured and several houses destroyed at the weekend.

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Another meeting will be held within three days.

Reading a joint statement from the two delegations, ANC leader Kgaps Mosunkutu urged the warring factions to co-operate with the police and the army to ensure peace.

ANC regional executive member Floyd Mashele said the local ANC branch, the civic association and the SA Democratic Teachers Union were meeting elsewhere to discuss solutions to the violence.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said that, in the absence of the ANC affiliates, the meeting could not determine what had sparked off the weekend violence.

He was accompanied by an Inkatha delegation from the Meadowlands hostel as well as IFP West Rand leader Humphrey Ndlovu.



Headline news . . . ANC and IFP leaders examine a newspaper article on the weekend killings in Meadowlands. Attending yesterday's peace meeting are Humphrey Ndlovu (left), Themba Khoza, Kgaps Mosunkutu, Floyd Mashele, Ronnie Mamoepa, and Father Emmanuel Lafont of the Greater Soweto Dispute Resolution Committee.

Picture: Alf Kumalo

In a statement released before the meeting, the ANC's PWV region blamed the violence on the IFP

A visit by PWV regional leaders to Meadowlands on Monday had revealed that large quantities of ammunition and heavy-calibre weapons had been "delivered at the local hostel" on Sunday, the statement claimed.

"To us, such moves do not contribute towards restoring peace in the area, but are designed to perpetuate the cycle of violence."

Inkatha spokesman Suzanne Vos denied the allegation and challenged the ANC to produce proof. "It is the large quantities of arms in the possession of the ANC which does not bode well for the peace process," she said.

"There has been proof that the ANC has large quantities of weapons in Soweto," she added, quoting news reports about two ANC Youth League members being arrested in connection with an alleged plan to attack Merafe hostel in November

A large quantity of arms, including AK-47 rifles, grenades and a machine pistol, were seized and subsequent police investigations led to the discovery of other weapons.

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executive committee, we reserve our comment. If we say anything now it might be misinterpreted in some quarters," he said.

Mr Hough, in announcing the decision on Monday night, made it clear that the TPA had not submitted to pressure from Bloubosrand residents.

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The Administrator added that the squatters would stay in Zevenfontein for the moment, but their resettlement in an area not yet identified had to be completed by July 31.

The TPA had been granted power of attorney over the Zevenfontein property enabling it

of Randburg and the council, decided to invite the Alexandra Civic Organisation, the Randburg Chamber of Business and the Randburgse Afrikaanse Sakekamer to send representatives to future talks.

Town planning proposals will be addressed at the next meeting on February 25.

Executive director of urbanisation Ann Bernstein said the task group should be headed by a Supreme Court judge with two deputies representing land owners and the landless.

The task force should report back to the State President within a six-month deadline.

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region, and would not resolve the problem of land identification, Ms Bernstein warned.

Some positive solutions would have to be found, or else the consequences could be stark, said Urban Foundation executive director of housing Jill

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By Thabo Leshilo
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Commuter's face ripped off in fall

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A COMMUTER was mutilated almost beyond recognition when he was thrown from a moving train near Longdale station yesterday.

By KENOSI MODISANE and Sapa

The unidentified man was thrown off a Johannesburg-bound train under the bridge near Longdale station about 6.30am. The flesh from his face was ripped off, making him almost unrecognisable.

Police in Soweto and Johannesburg could yesterday not confirm the incident.

And in Natal, as the spate of violence in the province and on the Reef continued, a woman was killed and eight people injured in an ambush on a bus near Table Mountain outside Maritzburg early yesterday.

Maritzburg police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said the bus was travelling on the Hlanzeni Road near Table Mountain when gunmen opened fire, killing Mrs Ntombi Mbeje (48) and wounding eight others.

The injured in the Maritzburg bus attack were taken to Northdale Hospital, where three were in a serious condition, one was stable and four were treated and discharged, said Budhram

The driver, Mr Philip Dube, drove about 2,5km after the 5.15am attack before a punctured tyre forced him to stop.

Budhram said Dube's "cool head' probably prevented more casualties

The bus was carrying 65 passengers to work.

Police found 13 empty AK-47 cartridges and two shotgun shells. Three unused petrol bombs were also found at the scene.

In other incidents in Soweto, two security guards were shot and injured during a robbery in Dube and a youth hacked and stabbed in Meadowlands.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said a group of men armed with AK-47s shot and wounded two Fidelity guards at the Standard Bank in Dube

A youth was rescued by police when he was attacked by a mob in Zone 1, Meadowlands. He had allegedly been confronted and accused of being among a group which attacked residents at the weekend.

Meanwhile, the ANC's Natal Midlands branch has dismissed as "absolute nonsense" Inkatha Institute allegations that ANC "combatants" had carried out the attack.

Midlands deputy chairman Mr Reggie Hadebe said: "Inkatha knows that the ANC does not have a policy of ambushing innocent commuters in buses. There is no evidence the ANC is involved and we challenge Inkatha to supply evidence."

Call for township patrols

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ADRIAN HADLAND

THE ANC and Inkatha have asked the SADF and SAP to continue patrolling conflict-ridden Meadowlands after weekend violence left nine dead and more than 20 injured. BIDay 12/2/92

Both organisations urged their supporters to co-operate with the security forces.

At a meeting yesterday the ANC, led by PWV regional representative Floyd Mashele, and Inkatha, under regional secretary-general Humphrey Ndlovu, sought the continued presence of troops and police in the area.

A joint statement said their presence was necessary because the situation remained tense.

The attempt by the two parties, under the auspices of the Greater Soweto Dispute Resolution Committee, to bring peace to Meadowlands, was delayed yesterday as representatives of some local structures did not turn up. Another meeting has been scheduled within the next two days.

Mashele said all parties agreed that hostilities should end. He said some residents claimed the SAP had turned a blind eye during the disturbances. "The SAP should remain but they should serve the whole community," he said.

Police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn said there had been no new incidents of violence in Meadowlands yesterday, but most residents had chosen to stay indoors.

Three schools in Meadowlands Zone 1 — Thutolore High School, Tswelelang and Tshereletso primary schools — were closed yesterday as a result of the conflict.

NEWS SERVICE/PEACE TRAIN

Bekkersdal comes back from the brink of hell

STAR 13/2/92

By Nkopane Makobane (278)



Bekkersdal on the West Rand, once one of the worst trouble spots in the country, is a changed place.

Just more than a year ago, this township was a scourge to many.

However, February 7 1991 became a turning point for the township's population of more than 100 000.

On that day, in a historic peace initiative, leaders of Azapo, the ANC, IFP and PAC addressed thousands of people in Bekkersdal.

Ravaged

The leaders gave emotional messages of peace and unity, saying blacks should stop killing one another and direct their anger at the oppressor.

The rally followed inter-organisational violence that had ravaged the township since early 1990. At least 300 people had been killed, dozens injured and scores of houses razed.

Bekkersdal was once "hell", people who know it will tell you. At times, slayings were an everyday event. At weekends, residents buried their dead and braced themselves for the worst.

Bodies that had been hacked or shot were found in the streets or veld. People were made to drink petrol and then set alight.

Some were abducted, never to be seen again.

Houses and cars, including those of policemen, were burnt because their owners allegedly took sides.

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BCA publicity secretary Motlogelwa Letlhake said inter-organisatoinal violence in the township started around March 1990.

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Solution

Mr Letlhake said by July 1990, about 90 people were dead.

It was at this stage that the National Union of Mineworkers' (NUM) West Rand region chairman, A Mpondo, the Bekkersdal Informal Business Association (Biba), Bekkersdal Environmental Awareness Committee (BEAC), church ministers and a number of individuals came together to seek a solution.

"Follow-up meetings were held despite the continuing violence and hostile environment. The participants were hopeful and regarded the task as a challenge.

"High risks were taken and sacrifices were made. People took time off from their work and other commitments. The causes of violence were addressed fully during the meetings," he said.

Mr Letlhake said one breakthrough came when the peace initiators got executive members of Azasm, Beyco and the PAC to join in.

This culminated in all parties producing a binding document, dubbed the "Bekkersdal Draft Resolution", on November 12 1990.

The document was released to the public a few days later and ultimately won the support of the people.

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Preparations were made and the community was to meet at a peace rally at the local stadium. In the days after the rally, people came to realise there was no need for revenge attacks. They became aware that they could unite and live together.

In the following weeks an idea to form a joint forum was mooted. Its basic task was to monitor the peace process, bring all parties together and ensure that the peace message and tolerance was well conveyed to the residents.

The forum was later named the Inter-organisational Forum (IOF), and comprised local ANC, PAC and Azapo and Inkatha representatives.

The IOF met four times between March and August 1991.

The Bekkersdal Civic Association was launched on December 15 1991 and most of its executive committee members were the people who formed the IOF.

The civic's task is to carry the peace process along rather than wait for hostilities to erupt. Hence wide consultations were done to prepare for the peace anniversary programme.

And last Sunday, the community of Bekkersdal came together to celebrate one year of peace.

The Paul Nel Hall was packed with people who came to hear representatives of the ANC, Azapo and the PAC. The Inkatha Freedom Party, which had also been invited to the peace anniversary, did not send a representative.

Campaign

The anniversary programme had been organised by the BCA. It started last Thursday with "prayers for peace". On Friday there was a cleaning campaign by pupils from all schools in the area and on Saturday, "sports for peace".

Speakers re-emphasised the need for unity and peace. Residents were told the enemy was apartheid and all efforts should be directed at it.

Mr Letlhake later said in an interview the whole community was overjoyed that in the last year there had been no major political upheavals in the area.

PEACE PLEDGE

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Mob kills policeman

JOHANNESBURG. — A policeman was shot dead by two unknown attackers in Tembisa on the East Rand yesterday — the 24th policeman to have been murdered this year.

Police said Constable M W Mphafudi, 43, a uniformed court orderly, was grabbed by two men and dragged to a railway line. A shot went off and the attackers fled, leaving him with a fatal bullet wound in the head.

Police later found the constable's pistol had been stolen and believe he could have been shot with his own weapon.

Constable Mphafudi leaves a wife and six children. — Sapa

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ON THE WARPATH: IFP members march through Bekkersdal during a funeral of one of their members killed in the township last year. Peace has since returned to the township.

War and PEACE

NKOPANE MAKOPANE reports on how peace has come to Bekkersdal

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In committing these acts of terror which have left many families destitute, the culprits used petrol-bombs, pangas, AK-47s, hand guns, shotguns, handgrenades and explosives.

Violence victims

During the peak of the violence, no weekend would pass without a funeral in the township. It became the norm to bury two or three violence victims.

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Letlhake said the whole community was overjoyed that in the last year there had been no major political upheavals in the area.

"We believe this gesture can show other communities that people of different political affiliations can live side by side,'' he said.

Stations upgrade plan

JOHANNESBURG. — Security upgrading at 370 railway stations would be completed two years ahead of schedule in an urgent response to attacks on township trains, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation said yesterday.

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Police have given the R250 million plan their full support and have pledged to deploy personnel at stations once these have been upgraded.

Corporation managing director Mr Kobus Nel met SAP Comissioner General Johan van der Merwe yesterday to discuss a co-ordinated response to train attacks.

The cabinet-approved security plan — to be completed by March next year instead of the originally envisaged March 1995 — includes installation of lighting, access control points and temporary police bases at every station in South Africa.

Police have denied "dragging their feet" in investigating attacks on Witwatersrand train commuters.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said: "No police force anywhere in the world can solve a case when much-needed evidence and information is lacking. Crime prevention should be a joint effort between the police and the public." — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Shot men dispute cops' story

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By KENOSI MODISANE

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POLICE and survivors of last weekend's shooting in Vosloorus in which three people were killed yesterday differed in their account of the events surrounding the incident.

Three other people were seriously injured when police opened fire on a vehicle in the East Rand township.

An East Rand police spokesman yesterday confirmed the incident.

He said police opened fire on a Dodge Colt car after attempts to stop it had failed. Three other passengers in the car, overloaded with nine passengers, escaped injury and were arrested.

He told *Sowetan* the police opened fire when the driver stopped and fled to nearby Inyoni Park.

However, the two survivors of the shooting yesterday denied the police version of the incident.

Speaking from their hospital beds, Mr Pule Pedi (26) and Mr Fannie Lehata said the vehicle had stopped when two policemen opened fire.

Pedi, who sustained a bullet wound on the right leg, said: "Two white policemen gave a signal for the car to stop. They got out of their car, and started shooting at us."

Lehata repeated Pedi's statement. He said police opened fire without provocation

Lehata's brother, Robert (34), has been discharged from hospital.

The three men were kept under police guard at Natalspruit Hospital until yesterday.

Search for peace

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THE African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party will continue their efforts in search of peace and stability in the strife-torn township of Meadowlands, Soweto, today. 278

The organisations' representatives will meet at the Bapedi Hall in Zone 3 to discuss the violence which left nine people dead at the weekend

Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, a spokesman for the PWV region of the ANC, said the meeting was a follow-up to the one convened by the Greater Soweto Dispute Resolution Committee on Tuesday. - *South African Press Association.*

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Finding a hostel peace

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KENOSI MODISANE reports on how the bloody violence at Mzimhlope Hotel differs from other hostel fighting

THIS WEEK's bloody war between Meadowlands residents and inmates of the adjoining Mzimhlope Hostel is different from other hostel battles on the Reef.

Unlike other hostels, this one has been converted to house families And in some special way, it has become part of the township

The brutal attacks, in which houses went up in flames and people were hacked to death, have been described as the worst since the first pitched battles between residents and the hostel dwellers in 1976

Sleepless

Though Inkatha and the ANC have now come together in search of peace under the auspices of the Greater Soweto Dispute Resolution Committee, there is still doubt whether this was a fight between party supporters

Residents in the township, who still spend sleepless nights barricaded in their houses, have however welcomed the move to bring the desired peace

The reasons for last week's attack still remain a mystery - except reports that they were revenge killings for the death of a hostel inmate

Eruption

But deep down, township residents in the firing line, those whose houses face the hostel, know very well that the reason for the sudden eruption of violence lies in squabbles between the *tsotsi* element and an unruly lot from the hostel

This has been going on for some time now and the whole bloody saga has been blown out of proportion and turned into a hot political potato

Political in the sense that the *tsotsi* element and the unruly hostel lot have sought refuge with youth brigades of the different political parties

Fear

Ask any township resident who Kalakajane is; and any hostel resident who Mpandlana is The mere mention of these two characters evokes fear in both Meadowlands residents and their neighbours in Mzimhlope hostel

Kalakajane is doing a stretch in jail and the feared Mpandlana is roaming the streets, a free man The names of the two are always on the lips of hostel dwellers and township residents at meetings or whenever a rape, robbery or serious crime has been committed

Mystery

Township folks have friends in the hostels and hostel people have relatives in the township Children from both the hostel and township go to the same schools and play together

But still it remains a mystery why there was a sudden surge of violence by people so close and intimate to each other

The cordial relationship between both sides started in the early 70s, when Meadowlands residents welcomed homeless squatters from Kliptown who were housed in the area after devastating floods

Relief

The arrival of the squatters brought relief to residents One section was turned into units for single migrant male labourers and the other a transit camp which housed the squatters.

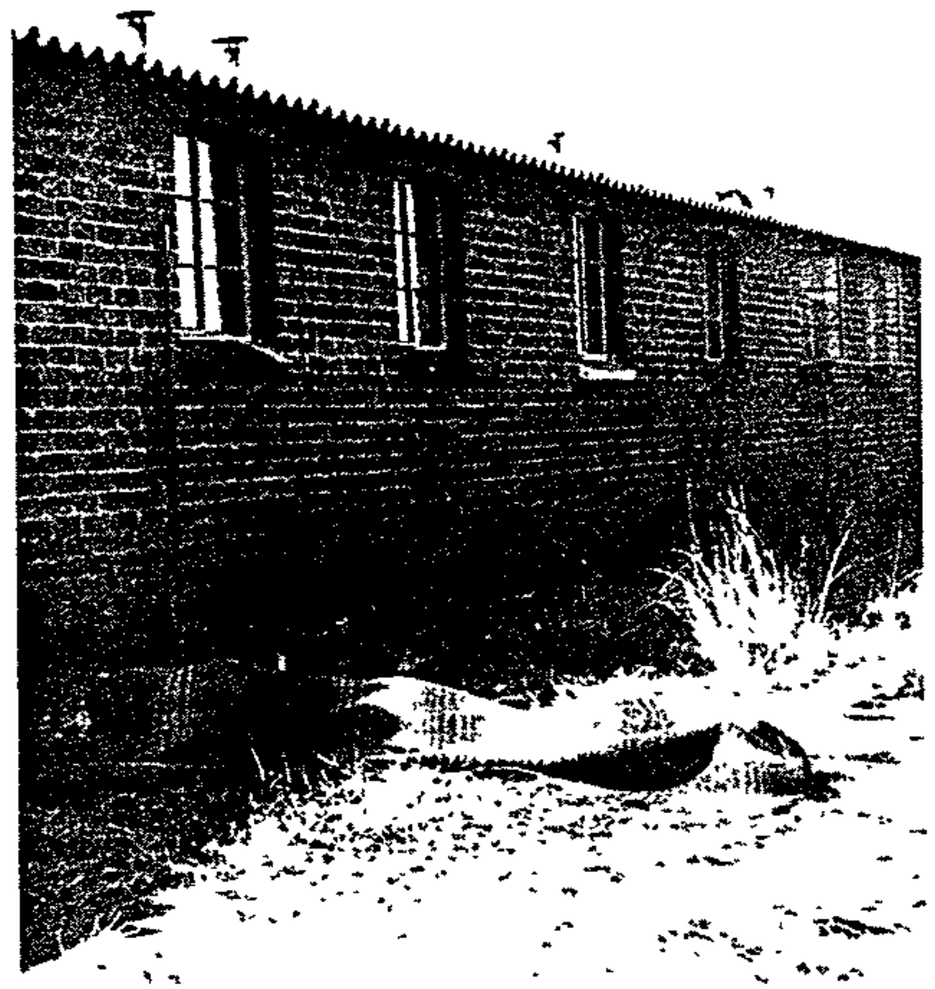
In later years the hostel was turned into permanent family units - informally called Zone One extension and later officially called Zone II

The "initial" hostel was destroyed during heavy fighting between inmates and students in 1976.

The students had tried to force the hostel inmates to join stayaways and demonstrations against the Government. The men in the hostel refused to participate

Police protection had been promised to those who went to work, and because of the contract nature of the employment of most of the hostel residents, many decided not to heed the call for a work stayaway

On their way to work they were taunted by youths But it was on their return that they were attacked while alighting from trains at Mzimhlope railway station The hostel residents had to run the gauntlet of residents and finally, by the time they reached the hostel, the three sons of a resident on the main road had been killed.



A victim of violence lies dead outside the hostel.

It was these killings reportedly sparked off the clashes

Residents banded together to help protect those closer to the hostel They wore white headbands to identify themselves, while those who remained at home barricaded themselves

The fighting went on through the night, and remains one of the bloodiest clashes between hostel inmates and residents.

Later that week, calls had gone out to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to intervene He did so at a meeting on the Sunday and, for the first time that week, calm had returned to the area.

Since then, residents have tried to mend the broken relationships and Maintain a shaky truce.

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Cop escapes kids' attack

JOHANNESBURG. — A Soweto policeman escaped unhurt after being attacked by a mob while stuck in a traffic jam in Soweto yesterday.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said a crowd of children in Zone 5, Diepkloof, had set a woman's car alight after ordering her out.

Colonel Jac de Vries, district commanding officer for Soweto East, was caught in traffic behind the burning car. The children spotted the police car, saw Colonel De Vries in his uniform, and began throwing stones. CT 14/2/92

The policeman manoeuvred his car onto the shoulder of the road and managed to get away. — Sapa



Inkatha leaders Mr Themba Khoza and Mr Humphrey Ndlovu at the peace meeting yesterday.

PIC: MBUZENI ZULU

ANC, IFP talks hit snags

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By KENOSI MODISANE

HOPES for an end to the bloodbath in Meadowlands, Soweto, faded when the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party reached a deadlock during their talks in the township yesterday.

An eight-hour meeting held at the Bapedi Hall in Zone 3 was adjourned after the two parties could not reach a consensus on the number of representatives to sit on an interim peace committee.

The meeting was convened to address the carnage that had claimed at least nine lives since last week.

Yesterday's talks failed to address the issue but concentrated mainly on IFP and ANC structures in the hostel and the township.

The IFP had insisted that three representatives from each side should form an interim committee while the ANC remained adamant that there should be four from each group, after moving from an initial proposal of five.

Representatives from the township and the hostel agreed that another meeting should be held at the same venue today.

It is expected that the meeting might bring about the formation of a local dispute resolution committee. The committee is due to be launched in the area on March 4.

Police action during the clashes came under a strong attack from both parties. They agreed that police partiality in times of crisis should be investigated.

A pile of placards, which called for the continuation of the conflict, were found strewn outside the venue. The placards called on residents to ignore calls for peace.

The IFP was led by Mr Themba Khoza and Mr Humphrey Ndlovu while the ANC team was led by Mr Floyd Mashele.

ANC, IFP in joint push on violence

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THE African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party last night formed a joint working committee to look into ways of resolving the conflict between battle-scarred Meadowlands residents and hostel dwellers.

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A number of houses were also destroyed when the residents and IFP supporters from the hostel attacked each other with AK-47s and hand-grenades during running skirmishes.

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Many of the residents have fled their houses and sought refuge elsewhere in Soweto. The residents have blamed hostel-dwellers for looting their houses and have demanded that their goods be restored as a matter of urgency.

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- The committee would be responsible for ensuring peace in the area until the responsibilities were transferred to the established LDRC.

Soweto train attack: 2 held

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men were arrested on Thursday night after four people were injured in a train attack in Soweto, police confirmed. 278

It was reported here two of the victims jumped off the moving train and two suffered hack and stab wound.

The incident led to attempted revenge attacks by residents of two hostels. CT 15/9/92

However, the police intervened and after learning of the arrests the residents returned home peacefully. — Sapa

Meadowlands peace committee

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC and IFP yesterday agreed to set up an Interim Steering Committee for the restoration of peace in Meadowlands, Soweto, following recent violence in the area. (278)

The ANC said the committee would consist of three members from each side. The meeting also resolved that the police and SADF should remain in the Meadowlands area. — Sapa CT 15/2/92

Many have fled the violence, but for those left behind even the church doors are locked

The despair of Meadowlands

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BRENDAN TEMPLETON describes the night he spent in Meadowlands this week.

EVEN God seems to have turned his back on Meadowlands.

After nine people were killed in the Soweto township last weekend, terrified residents started sleeping in nearby schools and churches to escape the ever-present fear of more attacks from neighbouring hostel dwellers.

But now, even there, the doors and windows are locked to those who seek sanctuary.

The Dogs of War might have been quiet when I slept there on Wednesday night, but tension was thick in the air when darkness fell.

A pall of despair embraced the area this week. Houses bordering the Meadowlands "Sputnik" hostel looked as if they had been uprooted from a war zone and transplanted there.

Corrugated iron covered most of the windows — the majority of which had been smashed — doors had gaping holes in them, and a few gutted houses bore mute testimony to the mindless violence which swept the area a week ago.

It was a sad, much-repeated South African tale I heard from all the people I spoke to about the troubles which have plagued the area since violence erupted there again last year.

They have no confidence in the far-removed attempts by Inkatha and the ANC to find a peaceful solution, and it is clear that, amid their bitterness, there is no place for reconciliation.

Residents want the hostels demolished and their inhabitants moved away. All blame the police of colluding with the [illegible]



"LIVING LIKE AN ANIMAL": [illegible]an Gabaitumele is angry that he has to board up his windows to feel safe. ● Photographs: GEORGE MASHININI



NOWHERE TO GO: Norman Mokhomo has me his children out of the simmering neighbourho

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Lydia Kgosimotswedi is in her 70s. She sees no use in talking with the people from the hostel: "They say we must make peace. But how do you make peace with people like this?

"Peace is deaf. That peace will be there only as long as it suits the hostel people."

For her, November 19 1958 was a proud and happy date. It was the day the construction of Zone 1 was completed and residents were allowed to move in.

Houses in those days were even scarcer than today, and she lavished loving attention on her home and garden. Her pride and joy is a healthy "yesterday-today-and-tomorrow" bush. But her future looks grim.

The war with the hostel dwellers can be traced back to the 1976 uprising, when friction rose between the men in the hostel and residents. Not from the area, the hostel dwellers were disinterested in community issues, particularly the stayaways.

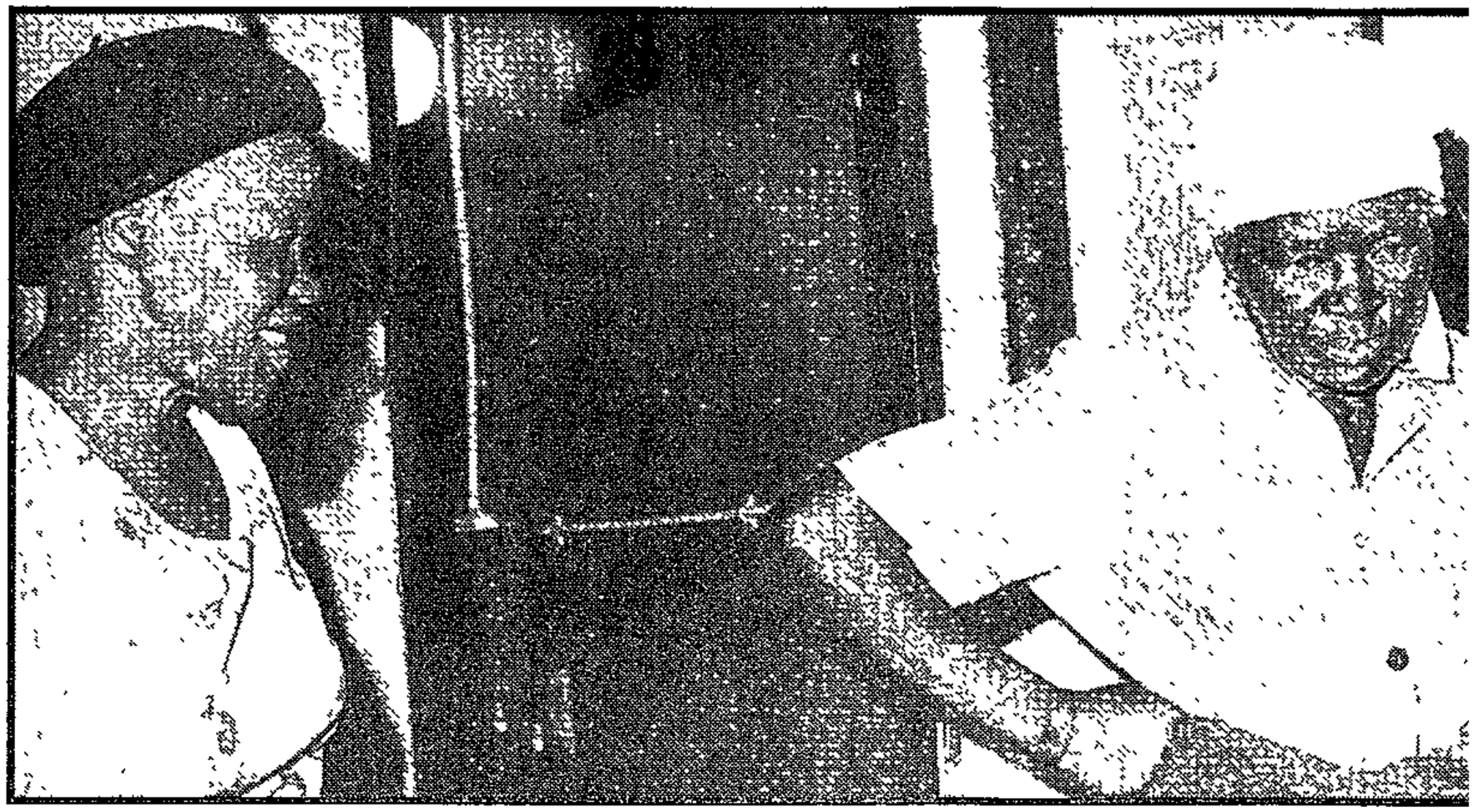
It was often said that they were used by the police to attack residents who took part in stayaways. Police always denied the allegations.

This did nothing to alleviate suspicion, and the friction between those in the hostels and residents has continued, occasionally welling up into the kind of violence seen last weekend.

The latest spate of violence took place after the funeral of a man killed by a petrol bomb thrown through a hostel window.

Mrs Kgosimotswedi now sleeps alone in the house, as her daughter has been too afraid to return home at night since the last attack.

"If I wasn't old like this, I would move out of this house," she says.



UNCERTAINTY: Paulina Mabalane (left) and Lydia Kgosimotswedi worry about their future.

Her tale is repeated by everyone I speak to.

Norman Mokhomo (40) would also like to move out, but says. "Where would I go to, sir? Nowhere."

He was sitting outside his house with his son last Saturday when his nephew ran up to him and told him the hostel residents were attacking

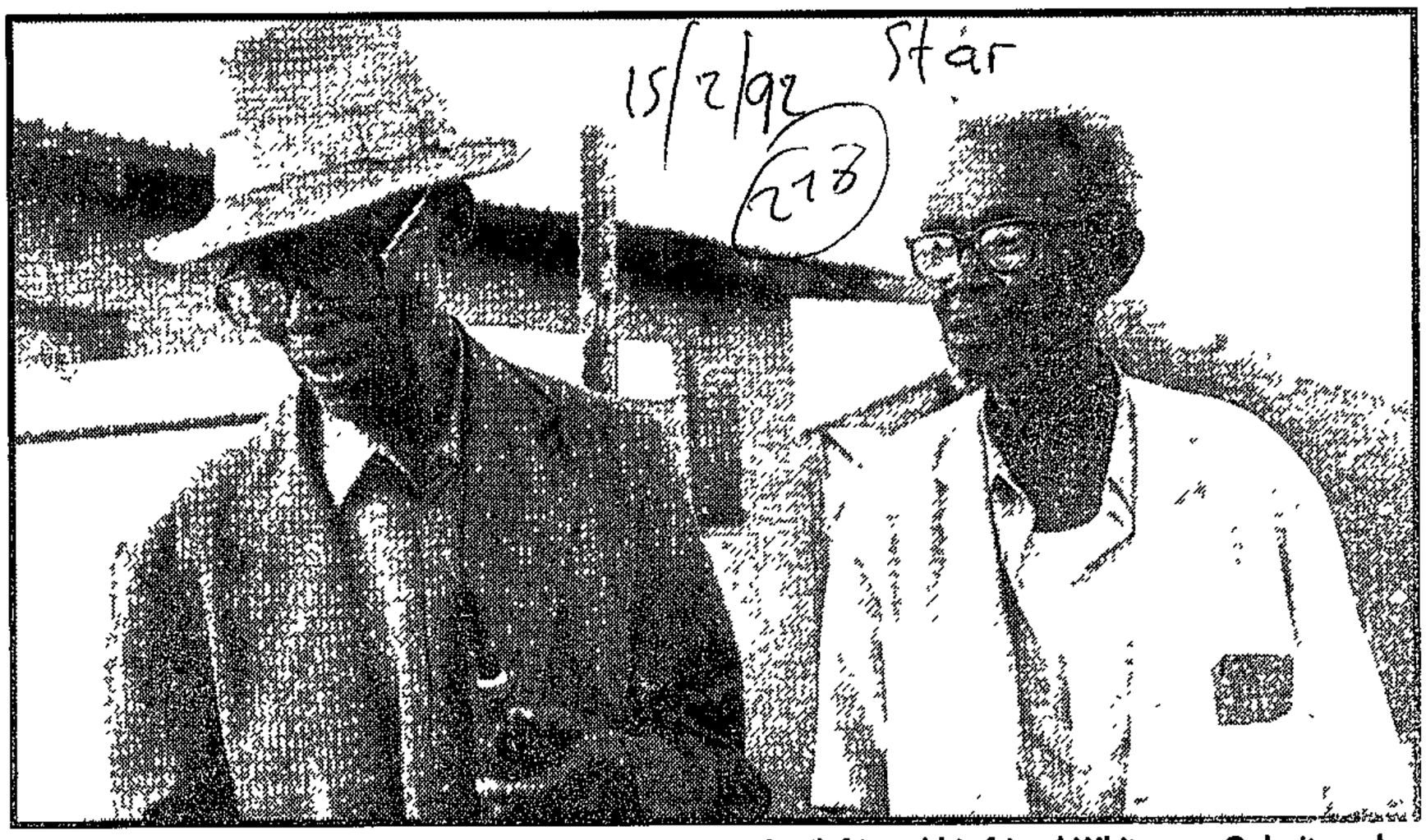
He could not run away because he had his son, who is only three, with him.

They hid in one of the rooms and listened in terror as the mob smashed his windows and furniture in a mindless fury.

Across the road, 72-year-old Thomas Montsho' house was subjected to the same treatment He wa also lucky — he was out visiting friends at th time of the attack.

Violence in the area is an all-too-familiar phenc benon for him He was stabbed by rampaging mob in May.

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TOO OLD TO RUN, TOO OLD TO FIGHT: Thomas Montsho (left) and his friend Whiteman Gabaitumele.

"But I survived," he says, almost proudly.

Most of his children have "disappeared". Now he lives with his one remaining school-going child and does not know what to do, because he struggles to survive on his R225 monthly pension.

He surveys his shattered home with despair. In an attack during May last year, damage to his windows cost him R215. He does not know how he will repair the latest damage.

He believes he is "taking chances" by sleeping in his home at night

He may be old, but his pride prevents him from living on other people's charity "It's difficult to sleep in other people's houses," he says.

His neighbour, who did not want to give his name, says he was shot at by a white policeman who was with the attackers last Saturday

He points to what he says is the print of a policeman's canvas boot on his door.

He claims the policeman shot at him, but missed.

"You will never end this violence because it is being started by police.

"This thing won't stop," he says.

As we talk, a gunshot is heard from the direction of the hostel.

Suddenly there is panic. Residents begin to gather in small knots, gazing at the hostel where similar small groups are watching them.

A whistle — often the signal of an impending attack — sounds from the vicinity of the hostel

The tension mounts, and someone shouts. "Woah, they are coming."

People flee

It turns out to be a false alarm, but demonstrates the level of tension in this tinderbox.

As darkness decends, Mrs Kgosimotswedi shares a meal with her friend across the road, Paulina Mabalane.

Mrs Mabalane is the hero of the community — she fought off three men who forced their way into her house. She does not know where she got the courage.

Three houses away, a family packs its belongings on to the back of a truck. Its members have had enough, and are moving out.

As they leave, they are closely shadowed by a police Casspir. Two policemen shine torches on their faces.

"Where were they on Saturday? The police station is only three minutes away from here," a man says.

A group of youths emerges from the gloom. They have been keeping watch on the houses which have been abandoned for the night.

I ask them if they are forming defence committees, but their leader will say nothing.

"If we tell you anything, the police will get to hear about it," one of the youths says.

Clearly, he is angry. His voice thickens as he discusses the hostel residents.

He describes them as thugs.

Neither he nor his companions agree with the ANC's call earlier in the week for the police to stay in the area.

"The police must move out of here. Every time we want to attack, the police are here, but when they (those who live in the hostel) attack us, the police never come.

"These hostels must be demolished.

"If they cannot do it, we will," he says.

He believes a "third force" is at work, and says policemen in camouflage uniform ambush and beat up their guard patrols at night

However, he says the violence is not an Inkatha-ANC tussle.

"It's not political. It's just thugs," he says angrily.

As we move off, I notice that the lights in Mrs Mabalane's house have been switched off.

It seems she has left for a safer place.

Mrs Kgosimotswedi will have to face alone whatever comes in the night.

Man dies in Thokoza taxi feud

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By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

A TAXI driver was killed and three others wounded as the East Rand taxi crisis deepened this week.

This follows an attempt on the life of Thokoza Amalgamated Taxi Association (Tata) president Piet Mbele on Sunday as violence continued between two factions of his association.

Taximen said Jabu Hlatshwayo was shot dead on Wednesday night while Moses Zulu, Matthews Zwane and "Prof" Nkosi were wounded.

Train raid — two held

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POLICE arrested two men yesterday following an attack on a commuter train in Soweto on Thursday evening, said Soweto police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn.

Two people were injured when they jumped off the moving train and another two had serious hack and stab wounds.

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The suspects were pointed out to police at Mlamlamkuzi Station.

Both men were being held in Soweto and would appear in court soon, said Halgryn. – Sapa

IFP men 'ran amok'

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By SOPHIE TEMA

SHARPEVILLE'S ANC Women's League leader Selloane Phethane was shaking and on the verge of tears as she related how she was almost kidnapped from a store in Vereeniging this week by a group of armed Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

Several other people also related how they had to hide in shops after groups of armed men wearing IFP T-shirts chased them through central Vereeniging on Wednesday.

Phethane said they were rescued by a crowd of comrades from Sharpeville who rushed to town in minibuses.

The victims claimed the IFP supporters had come from the KwaMadala Hostel.

IPF youth secretary Oupa Nhlapo told City Press: "We did receive a report on the incident. There was an IFP hearing at the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court which was attended by a large group of our members. Later a group of ANC supporters arrived at the hearing. They summoned reinforcements from the township.

"After the hearing they started to attack IFP members, who retaliated, sending the ANC supporters fleeing."

Relating her ordeal, Phethane said she had taken her daughter, Palesa, to a doctor when she noticed a group of men armed with pangas, sticks and firearms advancing towards her.

"I did not want to alert my daughter (who is an executive members of Cosas), because I knew if she made one move she could perhaps get us into trouble.

"I left her in the doctor's consulting rooms and went to the workplace of a friend nearby and asked her to summon help from the township by telephone. As I walked back to the doctor's rooms I noticed one of the men following me, while the others watched.

"Just at that time my daughter came out of the doctor's rooms. I alerted her to the man who had been following me.

"As I was talking to my daughter the man came straight towards us and we both decided to run. The man followed us, but we managed to run into a furniture shop without him noticing."

Phethane said they were given a place to hide by the shop's staff. They overheard their pursuers talk outside the shop, saying if they caught the women they would take them to the KwaMadala Hostel to "sort them out".

Roving gang kills cop

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By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

SIX East Rand policemen were attacked on Friday night in what is believed to be an intensified onslaught against the security forces.

One died, three others were injured – one critically – and two escaped unhurt.

The shootings took place in Daveyton, Etwatwa and Thembisa and are believed to have been carried out by the same three men.

■ At 7 pm two municipal policemen on a Casspir patrolling in Daveyton came under fire from unknown men. No one was hurt and the attackers sped away.

■ At about 8.30 pm Const KE Tefo of Daveyton was assaulted by three men while on his way to work in Petitfontein. Tefo was later shot with his private firearm and died on the spot.

■ At 11.45 pm two municipal policemen, Consts S Maleta and J Phoko, answered a false call to a house.

Before they reached it they were shot at by unknown men and their shotguns were taken by the assailants. Maleta was shot on his left hand and Phoko on his right hand. The two were admitted to Glenwood Clinic, Benoni.

■ At 1.20 am Const E Leo was on duty at a Thembisa railway station when he noticed a suspicious-looking car with three men inside.

When he went to investigate, several shots were fired at him and he was hit in the chest and left arm.

He is in a serious condition at Thembisa Hospital where he underwent surgery. During the shooting, Leo's colleagues returned fire and the assailants sped away.

East Rand police spokesman Lt Wikus Weber said: "Attacks on policemen are viewed in a very serious light and police will retaliate with every means at their disposal."

He said there was a R100 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprits.

Different organisations on the left and right, including the ANC, SACC, CP and Cosatu, last month condemned attacks on policemen.

Revenge might be motive for arson

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By DAN DHLAMINI

STILFONTEIN'S Khuma Council offices were gutted this week in what is suspected to be an act of retaliation.

The blaze, which engulfed the treasury section of the municipal offices, follows the water and electricity cuts in the trouble-torn township.

Damage estimated at R300 000 was caused at the office block, which is covered with a high security fence and is about 50 metres from the local police station. The offices contained valuable records and equipment.

Police said the arsonists apparently cut a hole in the security fence and may have doused the office with a flammable liquid.

A Western Transvvaal police spokesman said police were investigating arson. No arrest has been made.

Khuma administrator Dennis Archer told City Press various electricity cuts and water rationing had been in force for some time now as a result of huge arrears. He declined to say how much was owed to his council.

Khuma People's Delegation spokesman, France Masike, said he suspected that the burning down of the office could be the work of the agents of the "sytem" in retaliation against the residents' successful boycotts.

Masike said the sole aim of the gutting of the council office was to discredit the rent and consumer boycott organisers in the eyes of outsiders.

He said the boycotts would continue until the demands of residents were met.

Masike said the real trouble in this poor gold mining dorp started when Archer displayed arrogance and disregarded his previous agreements with residents that a flat rate should be paid while negotiations for a solution continued.

Killers still free

Family says cops are dragging feet



Lebeta's children, from left, Elsie, 13, Nicolas, 16, Reuben, 14, and Martha, 17, with their mother Maria, 48. ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

A GANG of righwingers who allegedly beat a black man to death in December because his "kaffir" bitch dog had mated with a "white" dog is still free.

The dead man's distraught family condemned the police for "dragging their feet" in arresting the alleged killers because it was a black man who had died at the hands of the alleged racists.

A police spokesman denied the allegation that they were "dragging their feet" because it was a black man who died.

Molamu "Liwaai" Lebeta died at the Baragwanath Hospital on the Day of Goodwill after he was beaten by white gangsters at the smallholding in Elandsfontein, 30 km south of Johannesburg.

His widow, Maria Kutoane, said Lebeta – the father of her six children – died as a result of severe injuries to his stomach and groin sustained during the alleged attack.

Kutoane said that on Christmas Day a white couple from a nearby plot came to the servants' quarters on the plot where she has been employed by the Collins as a servant for the past 17 years.

She identified the couple as Bruce and Lynn Finlay who stayed on a nearby plot.

"It was around 5.30 pm when they came and I overheard the woman telling my husband that she did not want her dog coming together with a kaffir bitch," Kutoane said.

Then an exchange of words ensued, she said.

She said that Lynn went on to say "jy is 'n kaffir ook" to her husband.

She added that Lebeta replied: "Jy is ook 'n kaffir."

Shortly thereafter the couple left and returned 20 minutes later accompanied by another woman and three men, she said.

"I was sitting in the room with my husband, Elizabeth (a farm worker) and her boyfriend, Frans," Kutoane said.

She said part of the group entered her room and then Lynn just said "Ja Liwaai" and started beating him with a sjambok and the others joined in, Kutoane said.

"I was screaming all over the place begging them to leave him alone," she said.

Lebeta, helped by Frans, tried to escape but was confronted by another man at the door who struck him with a pick-handle across the groin and lower abdomen, she said.

However, Lebeta managed to stumble to the farmhouse bleeding profusely on the head with the group in hot pursuit.

At the main house the Collins' witnessed part of the assault but did not intervene, she said.

"I asked my boss to phone for an ambulance," she said.

She added that even though her boss said the ambulance was on its way, it never arrived.

"We hired a van and took him to Lenasia Hospital where he was stitched, given pain tablets and sent home," she said.

"We spent a sleepless night. He was in agony."

The following morning at around 11 am, Lebeta was taken to Baragwanath Hospital where he died the same day around 5 pm, she said.

That night, December 26, the alleged white gang returned to the servants quarters with a dog. This time they were looking for Frans who had earlier helped Lebeta to escape, Kutoane said.

She said they did not find him but found his girlfriend, Elizabeth.

"I told them I did not know where Frans was," Elizabeth said.

They then set the dog on her, she said.

She showed City Press the scars from the injuries on her right arm and breast she sustained when savaged by the dog

She said that Frans also sustained head injuries the night Lebeta was attacked.

Vaal police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said the case was still being investigated and confirmed that no arrests had been made.

Van Deventer confirmed the suspects had been identified and statements taken from the complainant and witnesses.

He said the docket would be handed to a senior public prosecutor.

When City Press asked why the suspects had not been arrested, the spokesman said arrest of suspects depended on "circumstances and evidence".

He said there was no cover-up by police and the family should be assured that the docket would be handed to the prosecutor.

Racism was not an issue in the case, he said.

There were different ways of bringing suspects to court, either through arrest or summons, he said.

The national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Ahmed Motala, said the "failure of the police to arrest the suspects was racially motivated".

The organisation was providing the widow with legal aid.

Motala said police would have made arrests if this was a white man who had died as a result of an attack by blacks.

"Murder is a serious crime, whether committed by a black or white," he said, adding that the organisation was calling for the immediate arrest of the suspects.

Lebeta's nephew, Wilson Njilana, said it was sad that his uncle had to die a cruel death just for a dog he did not invite to mate with his bitch.

Peace committee for Meadowlands

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By Zingisa Mkhuma 2 78

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- The committee would be responsible for ensuring peace in the area until this responsibility is transferred to the established LDRC.
- Members of the committee would counsel their supporters inside the hostel and in the community in pursuit of peace.
- The committee will take responsibility for consulting with interested parties, in particular, hostel residents. If that was not attainable the committee would have to ensure that hostel dwellers toe the line.

The committee was formed under the auspices of the Greater Soweto Dispute Resolution Committee (GSDRC), a structure that was set up in terms of the National Peace Accord.

The residents and the ANC were represented by Floyd Mashele, ANC spokesman for the PWV area, and the IFP was represented by its Youth Brigade leader, Themba Khoza.

ANC, IFP sign truce

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By KENOSI MODISANE (278)

THE African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party have agreed to set up an interim steering committee in a bid to bring an end to violence in the trouble-torn Meadowlands township.

The agreement to form a local dispute resolution committee was reached after a two-day meeting at the weekend. The two organisations agreed to:

- Set up the Meadowlands Dispute Resolution Committe "as a matter of urgency".
- Consult concerned groups immediately in an attempt to effect peace in the area.
- Advise supporters about the need for peace in the area.
- Devise ways and means of recovering goods stolen during the carnage.
- Make efforts towards peace until the local dispute resolution committee is in place.
- Urge the security forces to remain in the area while attempts to restore peace are continuing.

3 cops shot dead

3 cops die in ambush

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Lata sustained a bullet wound to the right hand. The bullet was yesterday still lodged in his hand.

"I have never heard such gun sounds in my life. It sounded like it was an automatic gun," he said.

"That car was overtaking ours when we suddenly heard the gunshots," he added.

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THREE policemen were killed and four others seriously injured when gunmen ambushed their vehicle in Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday morning.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday confirmed the incident and said two other policemen escaped injury.

He said nine policemen were attacked on their way to work about 7am in Phadima Section.

The municipal policemen, who were travelling in a police van, were shot at by gunmen in a vehicle.

Two policemen in the front seat and one in the back of the van died instantly. The four injured policemen were yesterday reported to be in a critical condition in hospital.

The identities of the dead policemen could not be released yesterday as their next-of-kin had not yet been notified.

However, *Sowetan* established that two of the dead policemen were from Giyani and one from Lebowa.

One of the survivors, Constable Lennox Lata, said yesterday the gunmen opened fire on the policemen as the gunmen's car overtook the police vehicle.

By KENOSI MODISANE

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Attacks leave police shaken but staunch

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By Montshiwa Moroke

Policemen in Katlehong, on the East Rand, said yesterday they felt deeply affected and were distressed by the deaths of four policemen who were shot and killed this week.

Three policemen were shot dead on their way to work early on Monday when unknown gunmen travelling in another vehicle pulled alongside a police van and fired a volley of shots at them.

Two policemen in the front seat and one in the back of the van died. Four were seriously injured. One died in hospital yesterday.

This has brought to six the number of policemen who have been killed in Katlehong this year. Altogether 19 policemen have died violently throughout the country this year.

However, the policemen who were interviewed at the Katlehong municipal police offices, in Hlahasi Section, said while they were concerned about their lives they would not resign.

The situation was tense at the station throughout yesterday while police were trying to reach the next of kin of the victims. Police were also inundated with long distance calls from relatives of policemen stationed in the township.

"The deaths of our colleagues are very deep in our hearts, but nevertheless it does not scare us We will not resign because we joined the force prepared to serve the public.

"I don't know why these people are attacking us," said a police sergeant with 14 years service, who stays with his wife and five children in the township. He is originally from Giyana, in Gazankulu.

A 28-year-old policeman who comes from Natal and has four children said even the black community did not support these attacks.

"I'm not blaming any political organisations for these attacks. It is possible that the attackers are not involved in any of these movements but are merely claiming to belong to promote their criminal actions.

"I have been in Katlehong since 1986 and I have not heard one complaint from the public."

Several policewomen told The Star "We are black like them. We have never heard of members of a white political party attacking white policemen.

"We have families like them. We have never fought against them. We live with them. We suffer the same way as they do. We share food and many other things with members of the black community.

"We were happy that good things were begining to happen in our country, but if they kill us who is going to remain behind with this new South Africa?"

Apla admits ambushing police bakkie

STAR 19/2/92

By Guy Jepson

The Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), military wing of the PAC, has confirmed that its operatives ambushed a police bakkie in Katlehong on Monday, killing three municipal policemen and seriously injuring four others.

Speaking by telephone from Dar es Salaam yesterday, Apla's chief information officer Jonny Majozi told The Star that field information operative Carlson Zimbiri had been authorised to accept responsibility for the attack on behalf of the organisation.

Mr Majozi said Apla would continue to target security force members until its objective, the establishment of a constituent assembly, had been realised.

While he conceded that not all the recent attacks on policemen had been engineered by Apla, Mr Majozi said Apla operatives had carried out "a number" of attacks.

On the thorny question of whether orders for the attacks emanated from the offices of the PAC, Mr Majozi said that although Apla got its "direction" from the PAC, its commanders decided on the "specifics", such as the targets for attack.

Marcus kept gun as 'protection'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — ANC spokesperson Ms Gill Marcus said she had resorted to carrying an illegal weapon for self-protection after waiting 10 months for police to issue her with a firearm licence.

Ms Marcus, who was found guilty on Monday in the Katlehong Magistrate's Court of illegally possessing a Makarov pistol and ammunition and fined R1 500, blamed the police for her having to carry an unlicensed firearm.

"Had the relevant authorities in the South African Police reacted to my situation in an appropriate and correct manner I would not have had to resort to the carrying of an unlicensed firearm," she said.

However, police said yesterday they had gone out of their way to accommodate Ms Marcus's request for a firearm, but said she had caused the delay.

They said Ms Marcus had taken more than five months to submit an application after buying a weapon on December 10, 1990, and had failed to provide all the necessary information on her application form.

Ms Marcus claims she applied for a firearm licence, through the ANC, shortly after deciding to purchase a firearm in December 1990. She had received threatening phone calls and been told pamphlets had named her as an enemy of Inkatha.

She said that despite repeated inquiries she had still not received her licence by October 1991.

Ms Marcus said the need for a weapon had become urgent after she had narrowly escaped an ambush by armed men outside her Hillbrow flat on September 10 last year.

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Train attackers are IFP or 'Third Force', says report

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By Patrick Laurence

One hundred and twelve train commuters were killed in attacks on trains on the Reef during the 18 months ending on January 31, according to a special report by the Independent Board of Inquiry.

The relevance of the 15-page report, "Blood on the Tracks", has been underlined by the death of three commuters in a hand grenade explosion on Monday on a train travelling near Katlehong on the East Rand.

The grisly tale of attack, injury and death on trains for the 18-month period is summed up in these statistics: 48 attacks, nearly 560 people injured and 112 killed.

The SA Police have promised to do all in their power to bring the culprits to justice but so far not a single person has been convicted for these attacks, the report observes.

But last week Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman cited a seven-year sentence meted out in the Johannesburg Regional Court to a man found guilty of an attack on a train at Braamfontein Station on September 11 1991, in which two people were killed and three injured.

He said that 28 others "connected to train and other serious unrest incidents" on the Reef had been arrested since September 1990.

He stressed that court judgments, punishments and the granting of bail were beyond the jurisdiction of the police.

The report said Spoornet had expressed horror at the attacks and had undertaken to take measures to end them. The attacks continued, however.

"All they have done is to provide 50 hand-held metal detectors to be used on Soweto stations and given orders that interleading doors between coaches should be locked."

The report examines the victims, the assailants and the weapons used in the attacks before positing two theories on the identity and motives of the attackers.

Of the victims it notes that there is some evidence that two groups were targeted by the assailants: Political activists, known as the "mzabalazo people" or "Mandela's children," and religious devotees who hold church services on the trains

But it concludes that the most striking feature of the victims is "they appear to have been chosen at random" in most cases.

Of the attackers, the report says that statements by survivors and witnesses concur that the attackers spoke Zulu. In two attacks, carried out in July and August last year, the attackers wore red headbands and chanted "Usuthu," the report says.

"The headbands and the chanting was a feature of Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) supporters in the massive clashes between (them) and township dwellers ... at the time."

Weapons used in the attacks were mainly pangas, knives and handguns, all of which are relatively easy to conceal, the report says. In two attacks, however, AK-47 rifles were used and in another — on January 29 — the murder weapon was a hand grenade, it adds.

The report concludes that two theories are held by commuters about the assailants: They are either IFP members or they are part of the "Third Force."

The IFP theory is supported by three factors: The attackers have been described as Zulu speakers, most attacks have taken place close to hostels regarded as IFP strongholds, and "all those arrested have claimed to be IFP members".

The "Third Force" theory is buttressed by two factors:

- The indiscriminate nature of the attacks suggests the motive of the attackers is to spread sheer terror along the lines of Renamo in Mozambique.
- The timing of the attacks immediately before or after a breakthrough in the peace initiative is consistent with a Third Force wanting to prevent the peace process taking root.

The report ends with a call for "effective counter measures," warning that the "carnage will continue" if they are not implemented.

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Mr Buchanan's strong showing could mean, analysts said, that Mr Bush would change his stance on major domestic policies — particularly to satisfy conservatives — and could no longer even regard the Republican nomination as a foregone conclusion.

It was a staggering plunge in popularity for the president who had ridden high after the Gulf War triumph with approval ratings as high as 90 percent — the highest in US history. Only months ago, Mr Bush had seemed unbeatable

In his campaigning, Mr Buchanan had asked voters to "send Bush a message" and they responded, delivering a political humiliation to Mr Bush — Sapa- Reuter

ANC rejects government's education crisis plan

TOS WENTZEL
Political Staff ARG 19/2/92

THE ANC has rejected the government's plan to deal with the white education crisis, saying "resources that rightfully belong to the nation have been captured as the property of the minority".

Decisions had been taken which affected only parents, teachers and pupils in schools administered by the administration of the House of Assembly

A statement from the Western Cape region of the ANC said that for the government to take unilateral decisions, when negotiations were under way for a united South Africa and a single education system, was undermining the spirit of Codesa.

An attitude based on race denied the democratic right of all South Africans to take part in the decision.

The ANC rejected the privatisation of resources and the loss of human resources through the retrenchment and early retirement of teachers.

It also objected to the taking of unilateral decisions which would tie the hands of a future democratic state and prevent it from operating in the best interest of education for all.

The government should have brought its proposals to the negotiating table.

The statement urged parents, teachers and communities "to join us in our call for negotiations to address educational needs in a manner that will ensure free compulsory education for all and which will harness all skills and resources which our country so desperately needs"

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Israeli troops retaliated by raining howitzer shells on the villages of Baraasheet, Jibsheet and Zawtar, which Israel's army described as Hezbollah strongholds.

Lebanese security sources said Israeli forces struck Hezbollah strongholds deeper in Lebanon in what is known as the Apple province and in the western sector of the Bekaa Valley.

Many Israelis living close to the border huddled in bomb shelters last night — Sapa-AP

AWB warned 'stay away' from squatters

The Argus Correspondent ARG 19/2/92

JOHANNESBURG. — The government last night warned the AWB to stay out of the Swanieville squatter row at Krugersdorp

Deputy Law and Order Minister Johan Scheepers said the police would not allow the AWB to destroy shacks on the farm at the request of owner Sarel Swanepoel, "the police will not tolerate irregular conduct

"I call on Mr (Eugene) TerreBlanche not to allow the AWB to become involved in any action that could possibly result in confrontation and violence," he said.

Mr Swanepoel said the ANC had "taken over my farm and my rents That was 18 months ago. There are 26 000 to 28 000 squatters

"The authorities have not given me clearance for a black housing project and they refuse to act on the situation that has developed"

"So I went in the end to the AWB. Where else was I supposed to go? They were the only ones who said they would help me, and I have sent that message to the State President.

Schools anticipated system change

JOHN YELD
Staff Reporter ARG 19/2/92

SEVERAL Cape schools have anticipated the education rationalisation plan announced this week by building up teacher-pupil ratios.

As a result, parents at these schools — which include Westerford High in Rondebosch — will probably be shielded from excessive rises in school fees in the immediate future and no teachers are likely to be retrenched.

Westerford's acting principal, Mr John Martin, said the management committee would this week discuss the options open to them in terms of Monday's announcement.

"But in our school there would probably be little opposition to Model C — that's my guess," he said.

The school had drawn up a contigency budget in anticipation of the changes, he said.

Although rationalisation details had not yet been released, Mr Martin said he did not anticipate major financial implications for the school's changing to Model C.

"I don't think it would affect our fee structure radically and I don't anticipate that our fees (R1 000 a year) will double"

He queried reports that schools changing to Model C faced fee increases of R400 to R900 a pupil a year "Those are thumb-suck figures", he said

Mr Martin also said he did not anticipate any staff losses if Westerford opted for Model C. The school had recently been increasing the number of pupils and was effectively under-staffed.

But if the school voted to retain its present Model B status, staff cuts were possible, he added.

Cape Town High principal Mr Nugent Field said it was difficult to comment because at this stage "we know so little"

The issue would be discussed at the school's management committee meeting next week. "I hope by then we will have very much more information," he said.

But he personally believed most chools would opt for Model C, in which management committees had full authority over admissions.

"I think the majority of schools will go across and this is what the government is anticipating."

"It is obvious that this will cost the parents a lot more money and the school will have to become involved in fundraising and sponsorships."

A number of pupils at Cape Town High were from relatively poor backgrounds and the change would involve "quite a bit of hardship" for some parents, he added

"Sadly, too, it appears we will have to make some teachers redundant."

White schools had enjoyed favourable teacher-pupil ratios and they were waiting for new scales which were likely to redress this, making some retrenchments inevitable.

"But at the moment we have no idea (how many)," Mr Field said.

Attack, injury and death on Reef trains

The Argus Correspondent (278)

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Prayers sponsored

Staff Reporter



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The Rail Commuter Corporation (RCC) has announced it will sponsor two peace trains ferrying women from Soweto and the East Rand to a prayer service to be held at Katlehong Station on Saturday.

The prayer service aboard the trains has been organised by Masechaba Mabaso of the Inter-denominational Women's League to highlight the plight of victims of attacks on trains.

A spokesman for the RCC said it was worried about the degree of violence in the trains and would do everything in its power to assist people in their quest for peace.

The trains will leave the stations at 8 am on Saturday. Prayer services will held at every station where violent attacks on people have occurred.

Mrs Mabaso also appealed to all peace-loving people to start praying at 6 pm daily, and to hold lunch-time prayer services.

Women are requested to attend the prayer service on Saturday dressed in their church uniform. Those who do not belong to any church groups are asked to wear black and white.

Mrs Mabaso said it was usually women who suffered from the violence. "It is women who are literally left carrying the baby. When our menfolk are killed, it could mean a family losing a breadwinner, it could mean a child having to grow up without the care and love of a father, and as you know that in itself could be socially devastating."

She said trains would depart simultaneously from Naledi and Midway, and stop at all stations along the way for services. A major service would be held when the two trains arrived at New Canada Station, from where they would head for the East Rand township of Katlehong.

Mrs Mabaso condenmed the grenade attack on passengers this week.

"The timing tells us there was a message in there. However, the women of this country will not allow themselves to be intimidated."

Two bodies found near Orlando Station

POLICE discovered bodies of two men along the railway tracks near Soweto's Orlando station last night.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni, spokesman for Soweto police, said the bodies, which were found about 6.50pm, had multiple stab wounds. Sowetan 20/2/92.

In another incident, several people were injured during a police raid at Nancefield Hostel.

Ngobeni also confirmed the raid but did not disclose the motive because "our men were still busy working there".

Several people phoned *Sowetan* last night to notify us of the raid. One of the callers, a white man who refused to be identified, said police had fired teargas and rubber bullets into the hostel for "no apparent reason."

Ngobeni could not comment on the allegations.

Two slain on Reef station

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JOHANNESBURG. — Two people were found stabbed and shot to death at a Soweto railway station yesterday after police dispersed a group armed with stones — apparently to ambush commuters, police said.

A spokesman said police fired in the air to disperse the group as a train pulled into Orlando station just after 5pm.

The two dead people were found sprawled on the platform moments aftter the train left the station.

● Shooting allegedly erupted around a Soweto hostel dominated by ANC supporters last night. Residents at a Nancefield hostel said there was "heavy shooting", but details were sketchy. — Sapa

Police send in reinforcements

Race incidents at Potch

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By Esther Waugh and Monica Oosterbroek

POTCHEFSTROOM — At least four ugly racial incidents — some involving Conservative Party supporters and blacks — took place as voters cast their ballots in the crucial Potchefstroom by-election yesterday.

As voting came to a close last night, crowds of CP supporters crammed into bakkies and drove up and down the road outside the civic centre while hurling abuse and threatening a crowd of blacks gathered around watching proceedings.

Khaki-clad, armed right-wingers were out in force — among them the wife of convicted mass killer Barend Strydom, Karen

By nightfall, CP supporters seemed out of control and the situation was tense as supporters — many of them with beers in their hands — were getting louder in expectation of a CP victory

Punched

Earlier, Johannes Lebiti, a postal worker who was installing telephones at the polling station, told The Star that two white men wearing CP rosettes had walked up to him, and without saying anything one of the men punched him in the face

Mr Lebiti laid a charge of assault with police

Asked to comment, CP deputy leader Dr Ferdie Hartzenberg said he was not aware of the incident but it could have been done to place the CP in a bad light

It would have been wrong if the CP supporter had punched the man without reason, Dr Hartzenberg said

Earlier, witnesses said another black man was pushed to the ground by CP supporters

They then stuck NP stickers on the man and told NP officials they should take him to the polling booth as he was their voter

In the third incident right-wing supporters led several black men to National Party candidate Theuns Kruger, who was greeting voters at the entrance to the polling station

Mr Kruger, surrounded by at least 100 CP supporters, shook their hands while the CP supporters jeered

Two CP supporters held two tyres aloft as the men were escorted from the vicinity of the polling station

A pregnant Potchefstroom woman, Star Veldsman, was pushed around by the crowd when an NP supporter held a poster with President de Klerk's picture aloft In other incidents khaki-clad men rudely told blacks to leave the grounds

Police reinforcements were brought in after the blacks were taken to greet Mr Kruger

A steady stream of voters cast their ballots during the day and just before 7 pm 3 081 people had voted, bringing the total number of votes (including the record number of special votes) to 16 628

The polling percentage at 6 pm — three hours before the closing of the polling station — was 72,05 percent

Mr Kruger and the CP candidate, Andries Beyers, expected between 3 000 and 3 500 votes to be cast yesterday

Both candidates were predicting victory, with Mr Kruger saying the NP would win by a "small majority" Mr Beyers would not say by how much he thought the CP would win

CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht, 71 yesterday, visited the polling station shortly after 5 pm

He said the future of whites was being determined yesterday in the Potchefstroom by election

Dr Treurnicht said the CP needed the largest possible majority and Potchefstroom should be a watershed in South African politics

"Our people should say here that we want to govern ourselves in our own country," he said

When arriving at the polling station, he was given a tumultuous welcome by excited supporters

Toddlers carried CP posters bigger than themselves and dozens of pot-bellied men made their voices hoarse screaming their support for the CP

A crowd of blacks, who said they were NP supporters, watched proceedings from a distance

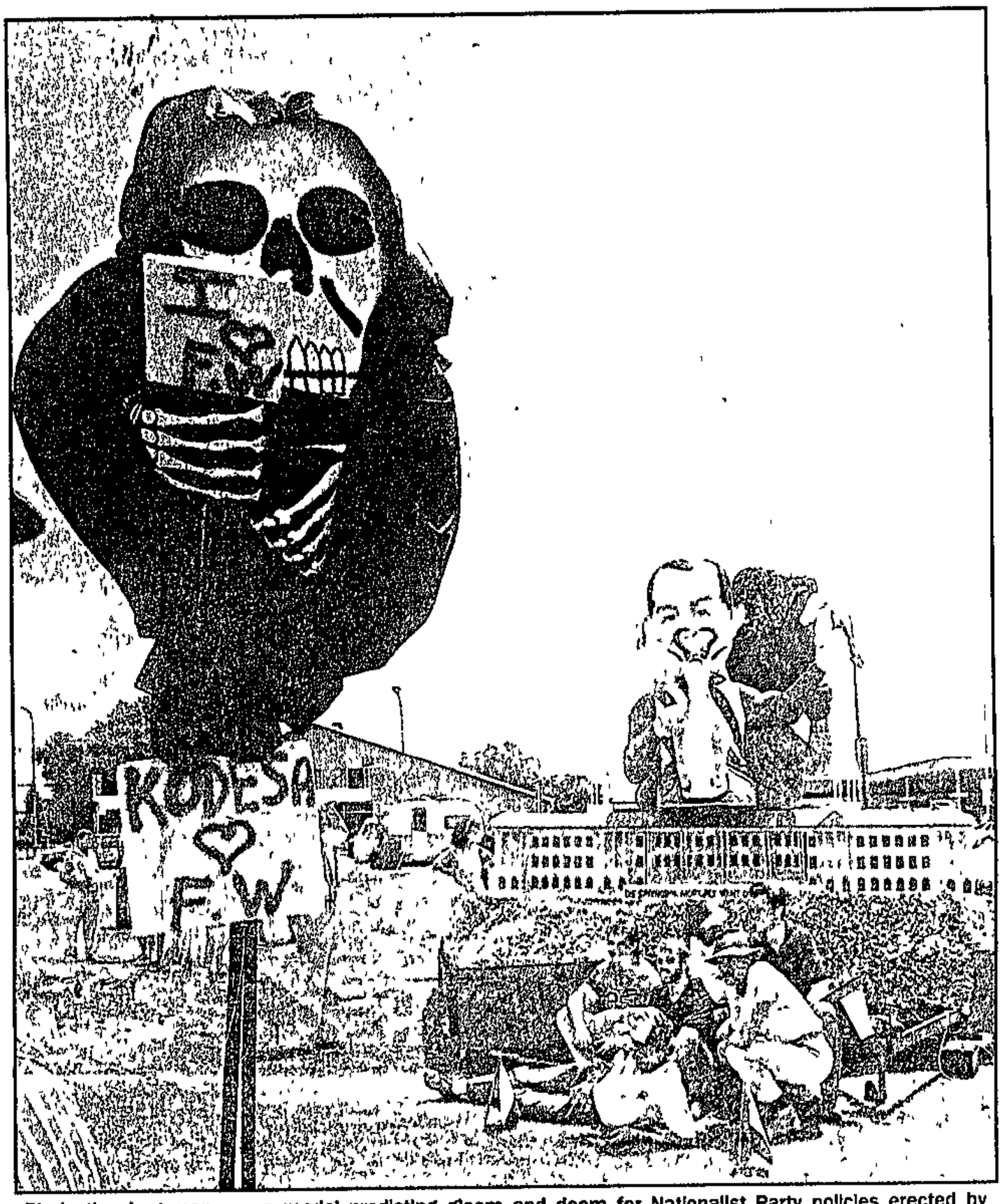
Most of them said they hoped this would be the last whites-only election in Potchefstroom But feelings were mixed as to which party should win tonight

Patrick Khumalo of Potchefstroom said he hoped the NP would win because the victory would improve his life

Paul Sebetlele hoped it would be the CP because "the Conservative Party are blunderers and they will speed up the decay of apartheid, giving us our freedom soon"

However, Mr Sebetlele was confident freedom would eventually come under National Party rule "But it will take a very long time at the rate F W is going," he said

Clifton Seekoei said he thought the CP were behaving very badly but he said after the Ventersdorp incident last year he expected only the worst



Bi-election bogyman . . . a model predicting gloom and doom for Nationalist Party policies erected by Conservative Party supporters in Potchefstroom yesterday. Picture. Karen Fletcher

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ANC man shot dead

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found a handgrenade in Metsing's possession.

His parents said, however, that a white policeman, who was among those who searched their house shortly after the shooting, boasted of having shot and killed their son.

The family challenged the police to point out the house which Metsing "and his accomplice" allegedly attacked.

They said Metsing was shot dead about 15 minutes after he left his home in Tsagae Street.

His mother, Mrs Josephine Metsing, said: "A person who refused to identify himself phoned us and said Molefe had been wounded near the dam.

"It is strange that police knew my son had been shot almost at the same time we came to know. They (the police) were at Baragwanath Hospital immediately my husband and I arrived there.

"Other policemen came to our house and demanded we produce the guns Molefe had allegedly hidden. They were at the house long before we arrived from hospital," she added.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the report he received was that Metsing had been shot dead by his friend during an attack on a house.

He did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, the ANC reported yesterday that an Mzimhlophe branch member of the organisation was shot and killed by police last Saturday.

A statement released by the organisation's PWV region said Mr Johannes Ngaka Mokopane was shot by a policeman near Mzimhlophe station.

ANC man killed

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METSING

AN ANC activist was shot dead and his body found next to a dam in Rockville, Soweto on Tuesday night.

The killing of Mr Molefe Metsing (24) has sparked a controversy between the police and members of his family, who gave conflicting accounts on his death.

Metsing was one of several political prisoners who went on hunger strike for 29 days last year. He and the other members were released a day after ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela visited them at Baragwanath Hospital.

By KENOSI MODISANE

Police yesterday said Metsing was shot and killed by an accomplice during an attack on a house in Rockville, where a 58-year-old woman was wounded.

Police also claimed to have

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Four shot from speeding white minibus - claim

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FOUR people were shot and one of them abducted when armed men travelling in a white minibus opened fire at residents in Meadowlands, Soweto last night.

Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed that four people were injured in the incident.

He said police were called to Meadowlands Zone 1 after receiving information that a vehicle was firing at people. He could, however, not comment on the alleged abduction.

Witnesses said the vehicle started firing at people about 7pm.

Fired teargas

"One man was shot and pulled into the car by the men inside. The vehicle drove in the direction of the hostel," the witness said.

Other witnesses said police, who arrived at the scene shortly afterwards, fired teargas and helped the vehicle escape.

Ngobeni said police fired teargas when a group which had gathered near a school attacked them with stones.

Meanwhile, a man was killed by armed men on a Soweto train at Orlando Station earlier yesterday.

An armed mob, which police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said "took police by surprise", ambushed commuters and later fled in the direction of the hostel.

Four others were injured.

By KENOSI MODISANE

The attack came barely 12 hours after two other men were killed at the same station.

On Wednesday night, a policeman was injured and police shot dead a man during a heavy fire-fight at Nancefield hostel.

Police had apparently tried to intervene when men from the hostel tried to attack a squatter camp nearby. Inmates from the municipal hostel also joined in the fray when the Nancefield inmates opened fire at them.

Avenging

Halgryn yesterday said the mornings's attack on commuters and Wednesday night's incident were related to the deaths on Tuesday night of two men whose bodies were found at Orlando Station.

"The mob was apparently avenging the death of the two hostel inmates whose bodies we found at the station," Halgryn said.

When asked if the incidents did not send a signal to police that there was a potential for violence at the station yesterday morning, Halgryn said: "We know there is likely to be violence everyday in the trains. But we cannot stop it unless the public help bring this to an end."

Nancefield hostel tense after clashes

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By Stan Hlophe

The situation remained tense at the Nancefield compound in Soweto yesterday, the scene of violent clashes which left one resident dead and 24 injured, including a policeman.

In the past two days, three people have been shot dead at Orlando Station when Nancefield hostel dwellers went on a revenge attack on train commuters.

When The Star visited the compound it resembled a war zone with broken locks, cupboards, chairs, beds and windows. Most residents stayed away from work.

Twelve people have been arrested and, according to Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn, more arrests are expected.

Compound residents, backed by the ANC PWV region and CAST, point accusing fingers at police for the unprovoked attack on reidents and their alleged forced entry into the compound

The ANC said in a statement: "Our report, based on interviews held with the inmates, indicates that two men were killed at the Nancefield railway station at about 6.30 pm.

"This was followed by an attempted revenge attack by IFP members from the Nancefield hostel on the Powerpark informal settlement The attempted attack was foiled when Powerpark residents repulsed the attackers."

The ANC said that, shortly afterwards, a police contingent under the command of a Captain Kruger arrived and escorted the Nancefield hostel dwellers back to the hostel

Before completing this operation, a section of the same police contingent went to the Nancefield compound, the ANC said.

Representatives of the ANC and CAST who are on the Soweto Dispute Resolution Committee then arrived at the compound. They claim they pleaded with Captain Kruger not to force entry into the compound.

"But Captain Kruger arrogantly defied the advice.

"The police gained entry into several compound rooms and assaulted inmates But it was at room 212 that the police shot over 12 bullets and looted property and money"

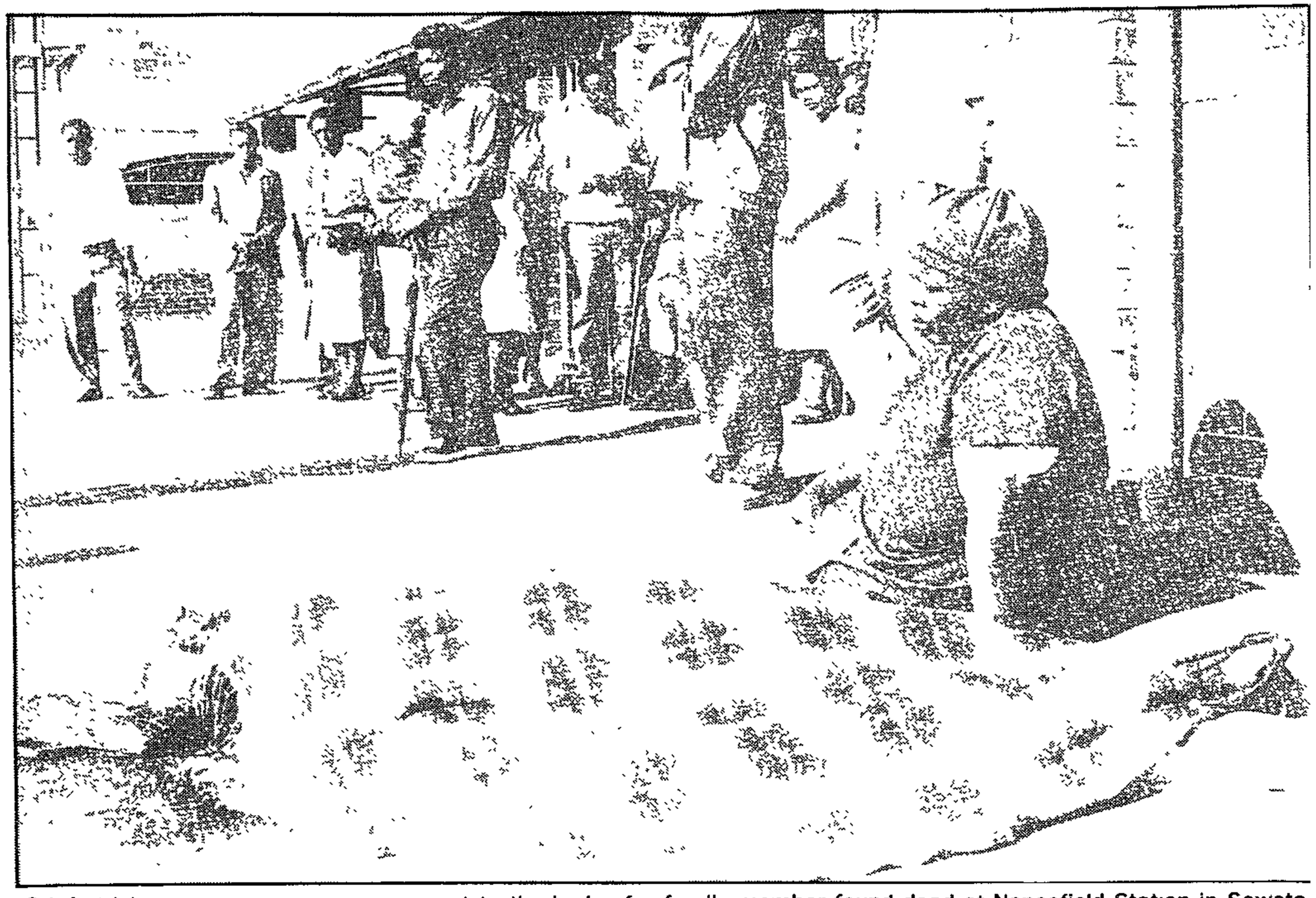
Compound inmates Elias Thusi and Themba Mosia, speaking from their Baragwanath Hospital beds under police guard, said a group of white policemen attacked and shot at them, "accusing us of shooting their colleague"

"They forced us into a corner, assaulted us with rifle butts and kicked us

"They shouted 'kaffirs vandag sal julle doodgaan Ons is the Wit Wolwe' We were rescued by the arrival of the ANC and CAST comrades who pleaded with the police to leave us. We were then taken to Kliptown Police Station where our particulars were taken.

Mr Thusi and Mr Mosia maintain they were assaulted without provocation.

Colonel Halgryn denied their allegations and said if police had not intervened more people would have been killed.



Grief-stricken . . . a woman mourns next to the body of a family member found dead at Nancefield Station in Soweto yesterday morning, while commuters look on.
Picture: Joao Silva

Man killed in Soweto attack

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JOHANNESBURG. — A man was killed and three people wounded when a group attacked commuters with firearms, pangas and spears near Orlando station in Soweto on Thursday.

In another incident in the area, a man was injured when he was thrown from a train.

A man, said by police to be a PAC member, was arrested on Thursday after police found him in possession of a Makarov pistol and several rounds of ammunition in Alexandra Road, Maritzburg.

Soweto police have confirmed that teargas was fired at groups of schoolchildren at Diepkloof yesterday.

Police said one round of teargas was fired after the children had attacked police vehicles with petrol bombs and stones.

Meanwhile, the ANC's Northern Natal region is taking court action in an attempt to overturn a ban on its planned meeting tomorrow in troubled Esikhawini township near Empangeni where six people were killed earlier this week.

Political meetings in Esikhawini have been banned for 48 hours from 10am tomorrow. — Sapa

Mourner dies in grenade attack

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Sunday Times Reporters

A WOMAN died and three mourners were injured yesterday when a grenade was hurled into a crowd after a funeral in Meadowlands, Soweto.

In apparent retaliatory attacks, three people visiting the old Meadowlands hostel were attacked and wounded, one seriously.

Since the beginning of the month, 10 people have been killed in feuding between Inkatha and the ANC and at least 26 injured. (269) (278)

The grenade was thrown at mourners after the burial of Bheki Mgune, 22, who was killed by unknown gunmen last Sunday.

Mrs Ndlovu, a 78-year-old neighbour, died and three people were taken to hospital.

At a bus stop near the old hostel, Mrs Julia Mathsidiso, 38, was stabbed twice in the back.

Five die in Reef attacks

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO and THEMBA KHUMALO

FIVE people were killed and 14 injured in two separate attacks by alleged Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers on the Witwatersrand at the weekend.

In Killarney, Soweto, a 78-year old grandmother, Esther Ndlovu, was killed instantly and 11 people injured in a brazen daylight attack yesterday when men observed to have come from Mzimhlophe Hostel hurled a hand grenade at mourners attending a funeral vigil.

On Friday night four men were shot dead and three wounded at the Hlohoyapere (Horse's Head) shebeen in Sharpeville, in what is believed to be a revenge attack by inmates from the notorious Kwa-Madala hostel.

Witnesses to the Soweto attack saw two men arrive from the direction of the hostel in a brown Toyota Cressida. One hurled the grenade into the yard.

Faith Maditjane said after the blast the killers calmly drove back to the hostel.

They found Ndlovu and 11 youths lying in a pool of blood.

Police forensic experts were on the scene within minutes and took remnants of the shrapnel for investigation.

Those killed in the Sharpeville attack were Peter Qhamakoane, 25, Ben Thokoane, 20, a man known as Matsibisa and an unknown man.

The injured were Lucky Mpho Thwayinga, Simon Sithole and Basil Sothima.

Thwayinga, 16, who had been dancing, said two men kicked open the door around 10 pm and opened fire.

Witness Jabulani Diutlwileng, 20, said he escaped unhurt because he fell on the floor and pretended to be dead.

Other witnesses said the men fired wildly at homes in the street as they sped away by car.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Hendrietta Bester confirmed the attack.

Bester said no arrests had been made.

Women pray for peace on trains

BLACK and white women yesterday boarded trains in Soweto and prayed for an end to the violence and senseless killing. (278)

Women from different churches and members and supporters of a number of political and community organisations prayed for peace and reconciliation. They called for the reinstatement of SA Railway Police on the trains. Citizen 23/2/92.

They also called on the perpetrators of the violence to stop their brutal attacks on innocent people and warned that "enough is enough".

Special trains were provided by Spoornet.

Police to use seized photos

ON January 17 City Press photographer Siphiwe Mhlambi was arrested while on duty in Johannesburg and his cameras and films were confiscated by police.

Mhlambi was arrested while taking pictures of police arresting two men at Ellis Park station.

City Press tried to secure his release from Jeppe Police Station for seven hours, and was only able to do so on condition that the films stay behind at the station. City Press had dealings with a Col Els, among others.

Mhlambi appeared in court on Monday, January 21, charged with "interfering with the police officer in the course of his duties". At this time an undertaking was given to City Press by the police that the films were on their way back to the newspaper.

On January 28 City Press's lawyers wrote to the Commissioner of Police, saying: "It is not understood why the films were not returned either to the possession of our client or to Mr Mhlambi at the time of his release.

"At the time of writing these films have still not been returned to our client's possession despite assurances by the police on January 20, 1992, that they have been sent back to City Press."

On February 18 lawyers again wrote to the Commissioner, saying nearly a month had elapsed since the newspaper was told the films had been sent back.

This week Col Els phoned our lawyers, saying there was a misunderstanding and that no undertaking should have been given by the police to return the film. He said the films would be used in evidence and that he would have to get the permission of the prosecutor to return the films.

Hostel man held

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The attack took place at a house a street away from Saturday's explosion in which a 78-year-old pensioner, Mrs Esther Ndlovu, was killed during the funeral of a victim of a previous raid on residents in Meadowlands and Killarney. Sowetan 24/2/92

No one was injured in yesterday's explosion.

Mariemuthoo said the man was arrested after residents in Killarney had given chase after the grenade attack.

"Residents gave chase, but the man fled into the hostel and was found by police hiding in a toilet in the hostel. Police will also investigate possibilities of the man's involvement in Saturday's attack." 278

Witnesses at the scene said the man was seen alighting from a minibus which drove back into the hostel.

"It drove off and the man walked towards the house, hurled the grenade and fled towards the hostel.

"Residents gave chase, but the man fled into the hostel where he was arrested by the police who arrived at the scene immediately after the explosion," the witness said.

Another witness said a group of men, who had gathered near the hostel, opened fire at the police while they arrested the suspect.

"Police returned fire and the men disappeared into the hostel," the witness said.

The situation at the area was tense last night with armed men from the hostel threatening to attack the township.

ANC spokesman and member of Soweto Dispute Resolution Committee member Mr Floyd Mashele last night said:

"The ANC is concerned, after reaching an peace agreement with Inkatha Freedom Party, that people in the hostel are mobilising to attack residents."

Mr Themba Khoza, who led an IFP delegation at the peace talks last week, could not be reached for comment last night.

Hostel man arrested after attack

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By KENOSI MODISANE 278

A HOSTEL inmate was arrested yesterday at Meadowlands hostel after a second hand grenade attack on residents in Killarney, Soweto.

Four other people including a seven-month-old child were shot dead in separate incidents on Saturday night.

On the East Rand, two people - Anthony Mabunda (15) and Daniel Hlamba - were killed and 26 others injured when gunmen in a white minibus ambushed cinemagoers at the Paragon Theatre at Ncala Section in Katlehong early yesterday morning.

Hid in toilet

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo yesterday said a 38-year-old suspect who carried out the grenade attack in Killarney was arrested while he hid in a toilet in the hostel.

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Mrs Esther Ndlovu (78) was killed in a grenade attack

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Rail violence halts as women unite for peace



By Zingisa Mkhuma

Peace prevailed over strife-torn Soweto and East Rand stations on Saturday morning when scores of women boarded two peace trains to hold prayer meetings in an effort to stem the ongoing violence countrywide.

Unlike other trains from Soweto and the East Rand, where passengers have stopped praying in the coaches for fear of being attacked, the peace trains which departed from Naledi and Midway stations were vibrant with song and prayer.

The women, from different political, religious, cultural and racial backgrounds, gathered at all stations to board the trains, donated by the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (RCC).

As the Soweto train, bearing a big banner with the words "Women Prayer for Peace" inscribed on them departed from Naledi Station, people who had gathered on the platform ululated and chanted religious songs.

The prayer meeting was organised and led by Masechaba Mabaso of the Interdenominational Prayer Women's League.

Spoornet provided heavily armed security guards to escort the trains, which also had white passengers from the Women's Organisation for Socialist Action (Wosa).

A heavy police presence was also visible at all the stations and the police conducted body searches on the platforms.

Many women, who were dressed in their church uniforms and some in black and white, waved flags bearing the peace dove emblem throughout the journey.

A sombre atmosphere prevailed at New Canada Station when women from both trains were joined by commuters in prayer for the "safety of people who were forced to use them daily".

Sophie Kisting, a spokesman for Wosa, said: "We have had enough of the violence and we can't take it any more. We need to demonstrate and stand with the working people who have to use the trains as a means of transport.

"I work in Soweto as a medical practitioner and I see the end-results of this violence. When it was decided that women, irrespective of their political persuasions, would come together to call for an end to this carnage, we decided to join them."

Agnes Mbabane, president of the Methodist Church's South Western Transvaal district, called on all women to stand together even during "these turbulent" times.

"As mothers we should stand with the nation even in these hard times. When our people board the trains they are in a life and death situation. We must trust in God who will help us all the time," she said.

After a service at New Canada Station, both trains proceeded to Katlehong Station where a petition with a list of demands was handed over to the police.

Among the demands was a call that victims of the train attacks and their families should be compensated. The women also called for the reinstatement of railway police.

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ANC, IFP feud over violence

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THE ANC and IFP PWV's regions last night blamed each other for the recent violence which has claimed several lives in Meadowlands, Soweto.

Responding to reports that the ANC plans to evacuate all its members from the hostel if the violence is not stopped by Friday, IFP central committee member Mr Themba Khoza said: "We shall hold the ANC resposible for anything that will happen to the people of the camp after Friday."

"The same warning was given to people of Mshenguville and later a large scale 'bombardment' of the area followed."

A statement released by the ANC last night accused the IFP of not honouring the peace accord.

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police said. Soweto 25/2/92

In Zone 1, Meadowlands, the bodies of two men lay metres apart after they were attacked by pupils in the continuing war between residents and hostel dwellers.

One had been stoned to death and the other hacked and set alight.

Five people sustained pellet wounds after being shot by police. They were treated by Red Cross staff. Later a man, who bled profusely after being attacked by a group, was taken to Baragwanath Hospital.



VIOLENCE VICTIM: Stopper Matlape of Meadowlands, Soweto, is helped by a policeman after he was attacked by a group of people. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Day of violence claims 10 lives

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By MOKGADI PELA and JOE MDHLELA

TEN people were killed and several injured yesterday in another day of violence as trouble continued to grip black townships in the Transvaal.

In Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, three brothers - two of them high school pupils - died when gunmen sprayed their bedroom with AK-47 rifle bullets.

However, police could not confirm the incident.

The Moloi brothers were Tebogo (18), Lehlohonolo (16) and Itumeleng (21), of Extension 2, Zone 8, Sebokeng. Tebogo and Lehlohonolo were pupils at Sokwezi High School.

In Katlehong on the East Rand three youths were shot dead while drinking at the Paragon and Sefateng taverns.

In Zone 1, Meadowlands, two men were shot dead near the Meadowlands Hostel last

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Panic as bullets fly in busy Alex Clinic

STAR 25/2/92

By Guy Jepson
Crime Staff

Pandemonium broke out at the Alexandra Clinic yesterday as gunmen opened fire in the crowded outpatient reception area, injuring two patients.

David Robb, a senior manager at the clinic, said the attack, which "appeared to be crime-related", took place shortly after 8.30 am in front of about 200 people.

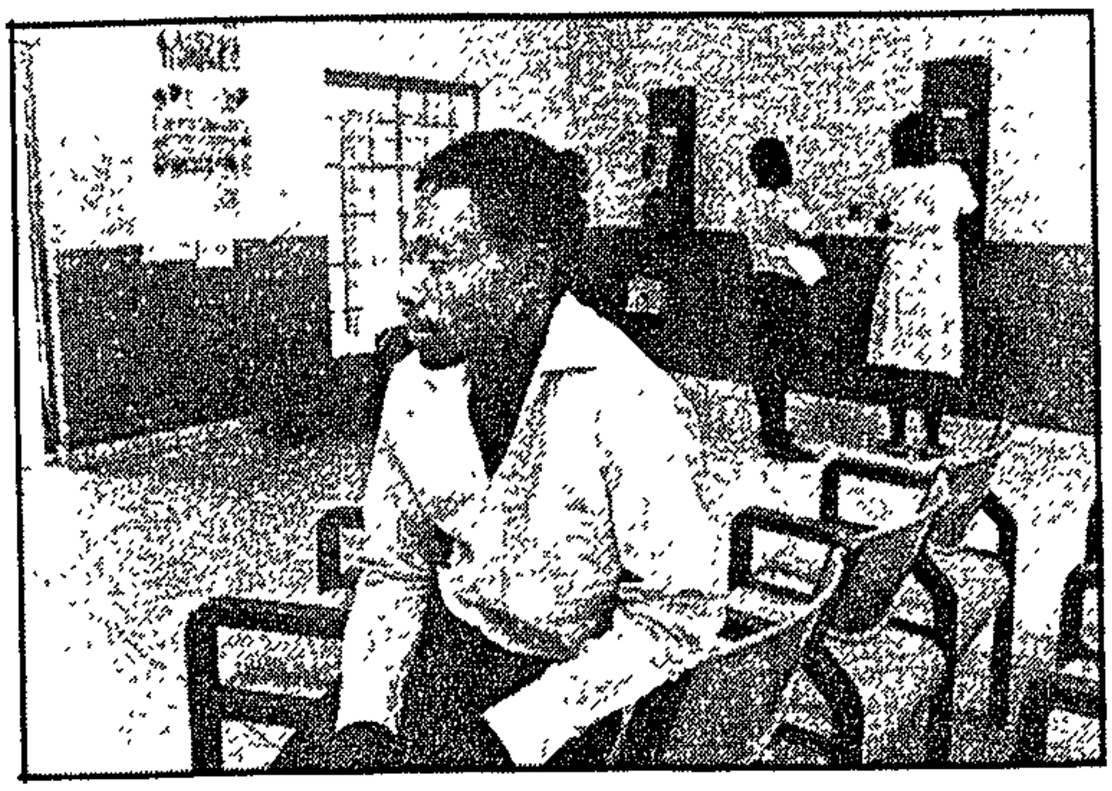
"Three guys just calmly walked in, looked for this guy, shot him with a .45 (Magnum) in the chest — very close to the heart — and walked out again."

Clinic authorities believe the other man, who was hit in the foot, was caught in the crossfire.

Outreach officer Willy Lekoloane said he was sitting in his office when he heard two shots.

"I just moved as fast as I could to outpatients reception to help the patients. One guy was lying flat on his back, covered in blood.

"The other injured guy was coming in the door — he must have panicked and run outside after being shot.



After the drama . . . Alexandra Clinic outreach officer Willy Lekoloane in the outpatient reception area where two patients were shot yesterday. Picture: Jacoob Rykliff

"There was a great panic — people were running helter-skelter. About 10 minutes later, things were back to normal," said Mr Lekoloane.

Mr Robb said the seriously injured man had been shot and slightly injured in Alexandra on Saturday night during a car hijacking.

He had been treated at the clinic and returned there yesterday for a check-up.

"It appears that they (the gunmen) came to finish him off," Mr Robb said.

The seriously injured man was stabilised at the clinic before being rushed to another undisclosed hospital in Johannesburg.

57 killed since weekend (278)

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Triangle, three brothers died when gunmen sprayed their bedroom with AK-47 gunfire.

Three youths were shot dead in taverns in Katlehong on the East Rand. STAR 25/2/92.

At Mzimhlophe Hostel in Soweto, police found the bodies of three men who had been shot dead.

At Orlando West in Soweto, two scholars were killed when a group from another school fired at them.

Retaliating, the scholars stabbed and wounded two of the attackers.

In an attack on the Alexandra Clinic near Sandton, two men were wounded when gunmen fired on them.

Two men were shot dead near the Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto last night.

Earlier in Meadowlands, two men were hacked to death by residents who had mistaken them for hostel dwellers.

According to Soweto police, the men had visited the hostel and left in a taxi, which was attacked further down the road.

Later, a man was stabbed to death in the area and another stoned and set alight.

Five people were injured in train attacks around Johannesburg.

Weekend violence was concentrated on Natal, where at least 18 people died, and on the Reef.

At least 14 people were killed in three separate attacks on cinemas and shebeens between Friday and Sunday.

Four people were killed and three wounded when gunmen opened fire on a crowded shebeen in Sharpeville on Friday night.

In Katlehong on Saturday night, two people were killed when gunmen opened fire from a car which was driving past a cinema.

Another group of gunmen opened fire in a shebeen in Mthunzini, Natal on Saturday night, leaving three people dead.

At a funeral in Meadowlands, Soweto, on Sunday, a handgrenade was thrown at a group of mourners. It bounced against a wall then rolled under a car, killing one woman and injuring four others.

Sapa reported other killings in the Cape Peninsula where six men were shot and killed and four injured in two separate incidents on Saturday.

According to police, five more bodies with stab and hack wounds were found in townships around the country at the weekend.

57 killed since start of weekend

STAR 25/2/92 (278)

By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Anna Louw

Four people died in a bloody rifle attack on a minibus in Katlehong on the East Rand at dawn today.

They were the latest victims in a wave of violence around the country that has left at least 57 people dead since the start of the weekend.

Police said the occupants, three men and a woman, died instantly in AK-47 fire.

The victims were Zulu-speaking, and police are investigating the possibility of a revenge attack.

In another East Rand attack, a man died and another was injured when they were thrown off a train between Katlehong and Elspark in Germiston at 7 am.

At Isando station in Kempton Park, a man was hacked with a panga on a train shortly before 7 am.

● At least 17 people died on the Reef yesterday.

In Sebokeng in the Vaal

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18 die in Natal unrest

BDay 25/2/92

DURBAN — Peace efforts in Natal were dealt a severe blow at the weekend with police reporting at least 18 killings, several injuries and over 100 houses burned in various incidents.

At least seven people died in northern Natal, three in Empangeni's Esikhawini township and four in the Mthunzini region in Inkatha/ANC clashes.

In Esikhawini, two people were shot and burned to death on Saturday night. One other person was shot dead, police said.

Four people were killed in two separate incidents in Mthunzini district.

One man was shot dead in his vehicle, while an unknown group fired into a shebeen in the area, killing three people.

Umlazi township, near Durban, saw three deaths early on Sunday after an attack on the Unit 17 hostel.

About 100 shacks were burned in the Chimoranga settlement.

In the nearby Umbumbulu region four people were shot dead.

A man was also shot dead when he tried to rob a policeman's firearm.

Three people were killed in Wembezi township in Natal's Midlands — Sapa.

Police and ANC at odds over killings

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

TWO men were hacked and stoned to death in Meadowlands yesterday morning, and police and the ANC have different versions of the events.

Police said township residents mistook the two for local hostel dwellers and killed them in retaliation for a series of recent attacks in Meadowlands.

Capt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the men had visited the Meadowlands hostel but were chased away by hostel inmates. While fleeing in their minibus the men were apprehended by Meadowlands residents, he said. One man was hacked to death, the other was stoned and set alight. No arrests had been made by late yesterday.

ANC spokesman Strike Ralegama denied that Meadowlands residents were involved in the attack and said the men were abducted from taxis by Inkatha supporters and dragged into the hostel. He said the bodies were later found in a stream next to the hostel.

Sapa reports that in three separate incidents yesterday, three men were attacked and thrown from moving trains, and in another attack a man suffered stab wounds.

Witwatersrand police said two men were hacked and thrown from a moving train at Geldenhuys station yesterday morning. Both were taken to hospital.

Another man was attacked on the train between Kazerne and Soweto and thrown from the moving train at Longdale station, near Industria. He was taken to hospital in a serious condition.

A fourth man was found yesterday at Booysens Station with stab wounds. He was taken to hospital.

The attacks follow a weekend of violent clashes around the country in which 25 people were killed.

Police reported two Soweto homes were targets of handgrenade attacks on Sunday, but no one was injured in the blasts. A 38-year-old man was arrested at Meadowlands hostel in connection with one of the attacks.

Two people were shot dead and seven wounded in Kathlehong, on the East Rand, in the early hours of Sunday morning. An ANC spokesman said shots were fired at people queuing to get into a midnight show at the Paragon Theatre in Katlehong.

At Thokoza, also on the East Rand, police found the body of a man with bullet wounds.

In violence around Cape Town on Sunday, four men were killed and two people seriously injured.

Rent boycott Potch townshi

BDay 25/2/92

THEO RAWANA

RESIDENTS of the Potchefstr township of Ikageng had emba on a rent boycott following incre of up to 200% in rent and se charges, residents' spokesman S Roopa said yesterday.

Ikageng administrator Jan huizen said his council had ha introduce the increases from J ary 1 because the township's ren services charges had not bee creased since 1985.

The local civic association dec to go on a rent boycott because i the council had no right to intro the increases, said Roopa.

Oosthuizen, who is also Pot stroom mayor, said his council w be running up a R3,5m deficit i increases were not implemented council already owed R2,6m.

"I was selling electricity fo while buying it for 11c. Now I raised it to 8c and the people complaining," said Oosthuizen.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz





Residents of Meadowlands, Soweto, are spread-eagled on the ground by SADF members searching for weapons as violence continues in the area.
Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

12 die as violence hits Transvaal

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By MONK NKOMO, JOE MDHLELA and Sapa

AT least 12 people - six of them allegedly Inkatha Freedom Party supporters - were killed in the past 24 hours as violent incidents continued in Transvaal townships yesterday.

Two policemen were shot dead in separate incidents in Atteridgeville and Kagiso.

The IFP supporters were killed when gunmen fired with AK-47 rifles at their minibus.

According to police in the East Rand, the minibus was travelling along Khumalo Street in Katlehong when it was attacked.

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12 die in violence

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The driver, Mr Phineas Ntuli, was killed instantly.

The IFP leadership in the Transvaal has blamed the African National Congress for the attack on their members.

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"The IFP calls for the disbanding of Umkhonto we Sizwe," the IFP said in a statement.

Mr Saki Macozoma of the ANC department of information and publicity said he did not have information about the killing of IFP members.

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"But it is customary for the IFP to run to the Press and accuse the ANC of any killings of their members," Macozoma said.

In another East Rand attack yesterday, a man died and another was injured when they were thrown off a train between Katlehong and Elsburg stations at 6am.

The policeman killed in Atteridgeville died during a shootout with alleged gangsters who were facing criminal charges of armed robbery.

Police said one of them was wanted in connection with the activities of "Operation Vula".

The dead policeman was identified as Constable Jaco van Wyk of the Pretoria Flying Squad.

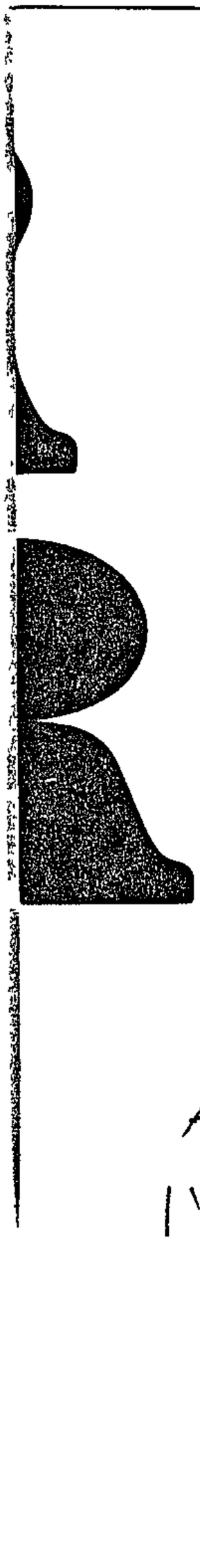
The Kagiso policeman, who was shot while on duty, was identified as Constable November Matene.

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Massacre suspect held

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A MAN had been arrested in connection with the attack on mourners returning from civic leader Sam Ntuli's funeral in Thokoza on the East Rand last year, police said yesterday.

Eighteen people were killed in the attack, described at the time by ANC-aligned groups as the work of professionals.Most of the dead had been shot in the neck or head with AK47, R1 and R4 rifles.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said yesterday the man was arrested on Thursday last week by the Katlehong Special Investigation Unit.

Opperman said that after his arrest, the suspect was identified by a witness. "The investigations are continuing since there was more than one attacker involved in the massacre."

He said a reward of R20 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Ntuli's killers still stood (27K)

The man was due to appear in the Germiston Magistrate's Court yesterday for bail application.

Opperman stressed that the suspect was not an Inkatha member.

Death toll increases as Reef violence continues

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THE death toll from Reef violence rose to 21 since the weekend yesterday following a series of township incidents.

At least four people died in Katlehong on the East Rand at about 5am yesterday when an unidentified gunman opened fire on a minibus, police said. The ANC said six people were killed in the attack.

A police spokesman said the vehicle was travelling along Kathlehong's main road when it was sprayed with gunfire.

The driver — a local hostel resident — and three passengers were killed instantly.

The gunmen escaped after the attack. Police said they found 25 spent AK-47 cartridges on the scene.

In other East Rand incidents, a man died and another was injured when they were thrown off a train between Katlehong and Germiston.

At Isando station, near Kempton Park, a ticket controller was attacked and injured by a group of 30 men armed with traditional weapons.

On Monday, five people were killed near Soweto's Meadowlands Hostel, prompting a flurry of accusations and counter-accusations between Inkatha and the ANC.

ANC official Floyd Mashele said the organisation would urge its supporters to evacuate the hostel if the violence had not stopped by Friday.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said his organisation saw the ANC statement as part of preparation for a major attack on Inkatha members.

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But ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the ANC call was aimed at encouraging all forces in the peace process to do everything possible to end Soweto's carnage Soweto police said the township was quiet yesterday with no fresh outbreaks of violence.

In a new development, Randfontein Estates Gold Mining Company will embark on a campaign tomorrow during which employees will be invited to pledge their suport for peace.

Our Durban correspondent reports that the ANC and Inkatha have appealed for peace in KwaZulu/Natal following a fresh escalation of politically-related violence.

At least 24 people have died since the week-end in clashes in Umbumbulu, Umlazi, KwaMashu, Ndwedwe, Mandini, Esikhawini, Enseleni and Wembezi.

ANC southern Natal regional chairman Jeff Hadebe said the leadership of the various organisations involved needed to be identified so national peace accord structures could be established.

He said it was disturbing that Natal violence continued while negotiations proceded at national level.

Hadebe called on people to do everything in their power to forge peace.

An Inkatha spokesman said people had lost confidence in the peace process. He called on Inkatha supporters to exercise maximum restraint.

3 arrested over racial attack, murder

STAR 27/2/92

By Melody McDougall
and Montshiwa Moroke

Detectives yesterday arrested two Vanderbijlpark residents and a school-going youth in connection with the attack and alleged murder of a black man in the town at the weekend.

John Mashinini (50) collapsed and died after he and three others, including his sister, were attacked and allegedly assaulted with chains and golf clubs.

According to police it appeared as if the attack was unprovoked.

Two others who had been walking with Mr Mashinini were seriously injured during the incident on Saturday night. Sanna Hluphi Mashinini (38) and Ben Kamfer (45) are being treated for multiple injuries.

The three suspects, aged 38, 30 and 16, were arrested in Vanderbijlpark.

The youth was released into his mother's custody, but the two men are being detained for questioning.

The trio is expected to appear in court tomorrow.

Ms Mashinini said from her Sebokeng Hospital bed yesterday that she, her brother, Mr Kamfer, and Valley Williams, her boyfriend, were walking back from town, to their homes when "four whites came out of the flats. They hit Ben with an instrument on the lower abdomen. He fell and the rest of us managed to get away. 27/2/92

"Valley went into a cafe and called out for the owner and asked him to call the police. We waited there for a long time for the police to arrive with no avail until it was time to close the shop.

"We left the shop and were on our way to seek help elsewhere when the four men came running from behind.

"They attacked my brother ... and when I asked them why they were assaulting him, they clobbered me with a golf stick in the mouth and stabbed me with a sharp object," said Ms Mashinini.

Meanwhile, Inkatha has warned that the attack could spark off a spate of nationwide tit-for-tat revenge killings and inter-racial conflict.

Four die in second AK-47 attack on Reef

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THE second fatal AK-47 attack on a minibus in two days pushed deaths in Reef unrest since the weekend to 25 yesterday.

Four people died and five were injured in Thokoza on the East Rand when their minibus was fired on, allegedly by squatters from nearby Phola Park.

On Tuesday morning, at least four people died in Katlehong when an unidentified gunman opened fire on their minibus. Inkatha Transvaal Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said yesterday it was clear the attacks were not random as all the victims were Inkatha members.

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Khoza said the Thokoza minibus was known to be transporting Inkatha members, who were Rand Water Board employees, to and from work.

He said his organisation had learnt from members working for the board that ANC supporters allegedly planned the attack at a secret meeting on Tuesday night.

"The accuracy and methods used in the attacks on the ANC's political opponents make it evident that Umkhonto we Sizwe operatives were involved. We call on the ANC to show their commitment to the peace process by disbanding Umkhonto."

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa called Inkatha's allegations ridiculous.

ANC Thokoza branch spokesman Dumi Nkosi said Phola Park squatters had opened retaliatory fire on the minibus after its occupants indiscriminately fired on pedestrians on Old Vereeniging Road, near the squatter camp.

Inkatha West Rand secretary Humphrey Ndlovu said his organisation was to meet PWV dispute resolution committee chairman Charles Nupen last night.

Gunmen target suspected 'train attackers'

Four killed in ambush

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FOUR men, believed to have been on their way to attack train commuters, were killed and five others injured during an early-morning ambush on a van in Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday.

By IKE MOTSAPI

Witnesses at the scene claimed the group included two white men - one of whom is believed to have died on the spot - but police have denied this.

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train commuters.

"We have been looking for this kombi, which we know has been used by people responsible for train attacks in the East Rand," a witness said.

Four die in ambush

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Another witness, who declined to be named, last night corroborated the version of other witnesses, saying he was "absolutely sure that I saw the body of a white person".

He told *Sowetan* the body of a white man wearing a blue shirt was among the slain men. Police have dismissed this as speculation.

This brings to 16 the known number of people killed in violence throughout the country since the weekend.

Yesterday's incident occurred about 7am, when three men fired shots at a panel van travelling near Angus railway station at Phola Park, Tokoza.

One of the men has been identified as Mr Doctor Shabangu of Mshayazafe Hostel and the three others have not yet been identified.

Shabangu was the driver of the "death kombi", according to Mr Isaac Ndzipho, who said the man was his neighbour at the hostel.

West Rand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman confirmed the incident.

He said unknown men opened fire at a white panel van with the registration number LYV 028T.

Opperman said the four men died instantly.

The injured were taken to hospital by ambulances which had rushed to the scene immediately after the attack.

He dismissed rumours circulating at Phola Park that two white men who were allegedly in the "death kombi" had also been killed.

He said police could not confirm reports that the men "were stopped dead in their tracks" while on a mission to attack train commuters at Angus railway station.

"Police have in their possession statements made under oath from some eye-witnesses and investigations are still continuing," Opperman added.

However some witnesses, who declined to be named, told *Sowetan* that on Tuesday night squatters at Phola Park knew about impending attack

Five killed in AK-47 attack on minibus

STAR 27/2/92

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By Guy Jepson
and Thabo Leshilo

The ANC and the IFP have differed fundamentally over the events surrounding yesterday's horrific AK-47 attack on a minibus outside Phola Park on the East Rand.

The death in Natalspsruit Hospital yesterday afternoon of one of the critically injured gunshot victims brought to five the number of people — all men — who were killed.

At least four others were seriously injured.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said initial reports indicated that three men armed with AK-47's opened fire on the minibus at about 6.50 am on the Old Vereeniging Road, near Phola Park.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza yesterday claimed that the victims were all Inkatha members and blamed the ANC for the "massacre".

He identified four of the dead as Benjamin Ngcobo, Muzikayifane Ndwandwe, Pat Manqele and Doctor Shabangu.

The ANC claimed that Phola Park residents shot at the minibus in retaliation shortly after its occupants opened fire on pedestrains in the vicinity of Angus Station.

Duma Nkosi, chairman of the ANC's Tokoza branch, also claimed that police shot dead one person and injured two others as they dispersed Phola Park residents minutes after the minibus was attacked.

Captain Opperman said police, who had arrived at the scene at about 7.15 am, returned fire after being shot at by unknown persons from the direction of Phola Park.

He said as far as it could be established, no one had been injured in the exchange of fire, and called on the ANC to produce the body.

Captain Opperman also said police had no knowledge of an earlier attack carried out by the minibus occupants.

At a press conference, Mr Khoza said the accuracy and methods of attacks in Soweto and other areas in the PWV against political opponents of the ANC made it evident that MK (Umkhonto we Sizwe) operatives were responsible.

He said the only apparent reason for the continued existance of MK was to crush opponents of the ANC.

Mr Nkosi, in turn, said it was "hard to see how in the heat of the shooting people could identify the passengers in the minibus as IFP supporters".

He provided the following account of the attack:

Three vehicles, two minibuses and a panel van travelled down the Old Vereeniging Road at about 6.30 am. Their occupants began shooting at people near Angus Station, before driving down the road.

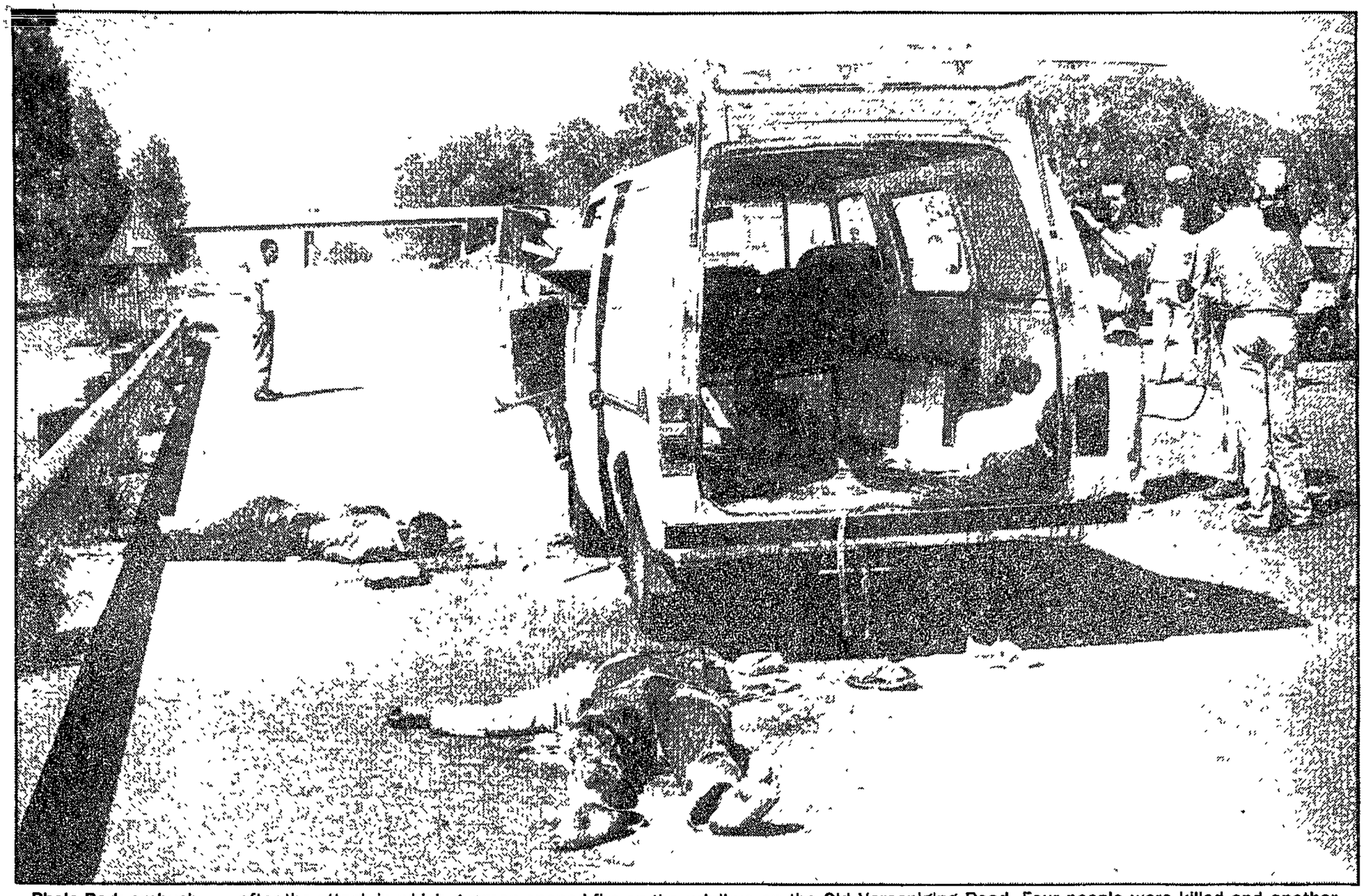
Phola Park residents investigated and then responded, "in complete self-defence".

Asked whether members of the local defence committee or MK had fired on the minibus, Mr Nkosi said he could not go that far but said it was "an open secret" that Phola Park had well-organised defence units.

A Natalspruit Hospital spokesman said yesterday that one of four victims being treated was "fighting for his life" in the intensive care unit.

Mawabo Lisa (21) of Phola Park, who was shot in the arm, said he was about to cross the railwayline on his way to work when he heard a shot and felt his arm was "wet". He did not see his assailants.

"I ran back to Phola Park and fell down," said Mr Lisa.



Phola Park ambush . . . after the attack in which gunmen opened fire on the minibus on the Old Vereeniging Road. Four people were killed and another man later died in hospital. Picture: Mbuzeni Zulu

'Trapped' in the hostel of fear

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By Thabo Leshilo
Political Staff

Elizabeth Ndima was born and bred in Mzimhlophe, Soweto. She cannot, however, visit even her relatives in the area.

Mrs Ndima (42) is one of the hundreds of residents of Meadowlands hostel who have been "trapped" there since the latest outbreak of bloody violence on February 8

Anarchy has set in as unruly elements, masquerading as ANC activists, take advantage of the ongoing conflict between IFP and ANC supporters.

Several hostel residents have been killed and scores injured by thugs in the township in Meadowlands.

"It's now pure thuggery," said Mrs Ndima.

Others see the attacks as a response to alleged abductions and murders of Meadowlands residents said to be launched from the hostel by the IFP.

Most schoolchildren at the hostel stopped going to school on Monday after many were beaten up and their books destroyed by thugs.

A 13-year-old girl alleged that she was abducted by youths from the township on her way to school last Friday. She claims she was gang-raped by 17 men until Monday.

"Hardly a day passes without anyone being attacked by the tsosis," said Mrs Ndima."

"I now spend most of my time waiting outside (the hostel) to see if anyone, especially the children, runs back into the hostel with a stab wound and I provide first aid if necessary."

She declined to say whether she belonged to any political group.

"This war is very terrible It does not choose whether one belongs to Inkatha, ANC or the civic association," she said, adding that not only IFP members stayed at the hostel.

"It hurts me most when the children, who are too young to choose sides in politics, are denied education," Mrs Ndima said Her son, Vusi, is among those too scared to go to school

"Please ask them to at least let the children study," Mrs Ndima begged reporters

The interview was interrupted when a woman burst into the room shouting that a neighbour's child was being attacked in adjoining Killarney

The victim turned out to be 15-year-old Sandile Qele He and his friend Bongani Mashaba, both from Hillbrow, were ambushed on their way to catch a train at Mzimhlophe station after walking their girlfriends to the hostel

● The ANC has denied Inkatha's allegation that its call on members to evacuate Meadowlands hostel was a preparation for a major attack on the place.

The allegation was made to Sapa by Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza on Monday He was responding to a call made by PWV region leader Floyd Mashele.

According to Mr Mashele, the move was necessary to prevent the alleged widespread harassment of non-Inkatha members at the trouble-torn hostel.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa has rejected Mr Khoza's "insinuation" that the ANC intended bombing the place

"The statement (by Mr Mashele) was a clear message aimed at encouraging all forces involved in the peace process to do all in their power to stop the carnage in Soweto," he said.

Goldstone to probe claims by ANC, IFP

STATEMENTS made by the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party blaming each other for the killing of four minibus passengers in Katlehong on Tuesday will be tested by the Goldstone Commission today, it was announced last night.

Mr Justice RJ Goldstone said in a statement issued by the National Peace Committe that if the ANC and IFP statements were unsubstantiated and unsupported by fact, they were irresponsible and calculated to cause further violence

The publication of such allegations by the Press, if unchecked, was also "highly questionable", he said.

Goldstone said because of the tense situation in the Tokoza, the committee decided to find out from IFP and ANC leaders the basis for their statements.

"They will be examined by the committee in public, in the boardroom of the Perm Building, corner of Cress Avenue and Main Reef Road, Edgardale, Johannesburg, at 11am," he said.

Since December last year the committee has been hearing evidence on violence at Tokoza. Its members are S Sithole, Lilian Baqwa and Bob Tucker.

Meanwhile, **JOE MDHLELA** reports that the relatives of the men killed outside Phola Park near Tokoza disputed claims that the occupants of the ill-fated kombi were on their way to attack commuters.

Ms Ntombenkulu Shabangu said it was not true to suggest that the men were on their way to attack train commuters.

She said the occupants were on their way to work at the Rand Water Board at Glenvista near Klipriver.

She said her brother, Mr Doctor Shabangu, had for a number of years transported the murdered men to their place of work.

The others who died are Mr Benjamin Ngcobo, Mr Muzikayifane Ndwandwe and Mr Pat Manqele.

Her version was corroborated by the company's general manager, Dr Tom Ramsden, who confirmed that there was an arrangement with the owner of the kombi to transport his employees to work.

Eye-witness account of the 'room of death' in Block D

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Horrifying details of a 'human abattoir' in Thokoza hostel where abducted residents were murdered

By **DREW FORREST**

A WITNESS has told *The Weekly Mail* of a "human abattoir" in Thokoza hostel where abducted township residents are butchered and body parts removed for use as strength-giving muti.

"Mary" — who lived at the hostel between April and December last year, at the height of the bloody conflict between Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers and residents — says she personally witnessed three separate killings carried out in a room in Block D of the hostel's Madala section.

She has named three men and a woman involved in the attacks: Patrick Mbila, John Majali, Mthuthuzeli Mjango and Janice Chonga. All, to her knowledge, are still living at the hostel — Mbila and Majali in rooms five and nine of Block E respectively.

In a lengthy interview in a Reef township, Mary (not her real name) said that after each ritual murder the attackers removed ears from their victims for use as muti. After opening their rib cages, they drunk the blood of their victims "to get strength".

The killings invariably took place at night, she said. Residents were dropped off at the hostel by taxi drivers sympathetic to Inkatha and were dragged into the complex by hostel dwellers.

A recent arrival from a rural area who moved into the hostel at the suggestion of another woman and became the mistress of one of the inmates, Mary said: "I was terrified by what was happening but I could not run away."

She said Mbila, Majali and Mjango, all Inkatha followers, had boasted on two occasions of night assaults on the nearby Phola Park squatter camp during which they had killed people.

In her presence, they had also boasted of killing women mourners at the October funeral of Sam Ntuli, assassinated secretary-general of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal. She had seen them leave for the funeral in a red private car.

Their allegiance to Inkatha was plain from the tenor of their war talk, which cast "Xhosas" as the enemy, and from the fact that they wore Inkatha Freedom Party T-shirts and, on occasions, red headbands.

Mary's account is the first eye-witness confirmation of recurrent rumours in Thokoza of ritual murders inside the hostel complex. Lawyer Karin Norval, who has gathered evidence for the Goldstone Commission on the Thokoza violence, said residents had told her of the "room of death" and of the role of taxi drivers in delivering victims.

African National Congress organiser Simon Tsotetsi said the ANC had received similar reports from another woman who lived at the hostel last year.

Giving details of the first massacre, last May, Mary said eight victims were herded into the room, where they were trussed up and had cloths forced into their mouths before being shot and hacked to death.

Handguns, which Mbila, Mjango and Chonga carried, had also been used a month later when abducted residents had attempted to escape. Three people were killed on this occasion and seven in a subsequent massacre.

The role of the woman, Chonga, is particularly sinister. Mary described her as the ringleader of a group of kept woman in the hostel who directly participated in the violence. On one occasion she had seen Chonga standing outside the room, firing at victims through the window.

The women, she said, were required to clean blood from the floor of the room after the bodies had been removed.

Kriel clears cops in squatter attack

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THERE was no evidence of police involvement in an attack on Swanieville squatters, the Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel said in Parliament on Wednesday.

In a written reply to a question by Mr Dave Dalling (DP Sandton), he said a full investigation was conducted into allegations of police aiding hostel dwellers in Swanieville in the Western Transvaal.

A total of 12 people were arrested in connection with 28 counts of murder and one count of public violence in connection with the attack.

After 1 000 Zulus armed with traditional weapons were stopped in the squatter camp, police stopped another 200 armed Zulus about 800m from the camp.

These 200 were escorted past Kagiso township to their hostels in an attempt to keep rival groups apart. - *Sapa.*

The political divide leads to death in Meadowlands

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ONLY birds and stray dogs now visit the huddle of burnt-out homes that divide the lives of Mrs Angelina Dhlomo and Mr John Fana.

For 16 years the two terrified Soweto residents have watched from opposite sides as enraged youths stabbed and burned each other to death on the township's oldest political battleground.

Some of the worst fighting in years shook the Meadowlands slum this month, causing an exodus of refugees and leaving the two black communities more divided than ever.

"We wait for death. Any day we can die," says Dhlomo, who lives in an area controlled by the IFP.

Her words are echoed 200m away, where Fana sits in a bullet-pocked drinking den in streets under the control of the ANC.

"We are living in fear. We don't want peace because it will not be a real peace. It will only last two weeks," he says.

A shaky truce has taken hold between pro-ANC township residents and Inkatha-supporting migrant workers who live in a nearby hostel. But hundreds of residents have fled, turning the worst-affected part of Meadowlands into a ghost town.

The irony is not lost on anyone in a township of 3 million people where the pressure for housing is intense.

On a once-bustling street where names of ANC leaders like Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo are lovingly painted on the tarmac, a nervous youth leans round the gateway of an empty house to survey Inkatha territory 100m away.

"Viva ANC! No peace for Inkatha," says a slogan on a burnt-out house on the front line. And 30m away the answer has been painted on an Inkatha wall - "Viva Shenge!", a laudatory reference to Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The violence is part of an 18-months long series of knife, gun and petrol bomb battles between ANC and Inkatha supporters that have killed 3 000 people in Johannesburg's townships.

The battles, the worst in decades in the country's urban areas, pose one of the main threats to multi-party democracy talks.

But in Meadowlands the unrest has gone on longer than elsewhere, and residents say the hatred accumulated in battles since 1976 makes peace-making harder.



A policeman helps an injured man outside the Meadowlands hostel. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Residents and hostel workers first took up arms to settle a political dispute in Meadowlands in 1976, when Zulu migrants, loyal to Inkatha, refused to obey an ANC-backed call for a strike in protest against apartheid.

Scores died in subsequent knife and club battles that shaped the childhood of youths like MacDonald (19) and Fitz-Errol (23). The two pro-ANC residents, who declined to give second names, said the battles have steadily worsened.

"We have fled our homes many times before. But now the fighting is worse because we have guns," said MacDonald.

"We try to study at night, but we cannot because we defend ourselves," said FitzErrol. "We sleep during the day."

Memories of the 1976 carnage were strong at the start of local ANC-Inkatha peace talks, where delegates bowed heads as a French missionary priest intoned an impassioned prayer: "We are appalled by the deaths. Lord, we ask for your guidance."

Within minutes both sides were recalling flare-ups in 1985, 1986 and 1990, accusing each other of ousting opponents from homes near the battlefield and installing their own supporters.

Officials of both sides, echoing each other, said the unrest was a plot by the other side to increase their support.

Poverty

Poverty and pressure for homes were cited as contributing to the unrest, which has been marked by widespread looting. Much of the hostel, once for men only, has been turned into family units since 1977 but still the violence has continued.

Dhlomo, a township councillor, a job reviled by many blacks who see councils as apartheid institutions, said in an interview in her neat four-roomed home that fear marred her life.

"We are prepared for anything. I never go to Zone 1 (the pro-ANC area), my children never go to Zone 1," she said.

Hostel dweller Mr Wesley Dlamini said the violence had made him a prisoner in the compound: "I cannot walk in the streets. We and our children are always being threatened."

On the other side of the battlefield, Fana's wife Tshidi listed friends and relatives who had been killed. One of them was her niece who was abducted, shot dead and dumped in a 50m no-man's land next to the hostel, she said.

Fana's uncle, Mr Enoch Mangena (47), displayed a stomach scar he said was a gunshot wound inflicted by hostel dwellers in 1982. Mangena said the wound cost him his job as a security guard. He lives on a disability pension.

The drinking den which he and Fana frequent was recently granted a coveted operating licence, but few patronise it because it is on the front line.

"We cannot cook because the other side will smell the food and realise we are here, ready to be attacked," said Mangena. "We must live on bread and tea. We disconnect our phone, otherwise the ring might remind them someone is living here." - *Sapa-Reuter*

A centre that rose from Alex ashes

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SIX years ago Alexandra Township caught the attention of the world when it went up in flames in what later became known as "the six-day war".

The township, in which South African Defence Force troops were very much in evidence at the time, was cordoned off and effectively shut off from the outside world during that period.

The war saw skirmishes between troops and gunmen in the township. It was the worst year for Alex.

Despite this, three elderly women rose above the conflagration and started an ambitious, somewhat impossible project to make the future of the squalid township better.

The three women were Mrs Alina Serote, Mrs Constance Mngomezulu and the late Mrs Grace Ntsele. Ntsele died last year after an illness.

The trio wanted to persuade their neighbours in the affluent white suburbs that surround Alexandra Township to invest in the township's youth in a joint partnership.

In pursuance of this ambitious dream, the Sandton community joined hands with Alexandra Township people to form the AlexSan Kopano Educational Trust.

Later, the communities of Randburg and Johannesburg also put their weight behind the project and offered their expertise and financial support.

The vision of the communities finally became a reality this month when a R6,7 million multi-purpose community centre, The AlexSan Resources Centre, was opened in the township.

Symbol

Explaining the project, Serote says: "Our aim in 1986 was to build a centre for empowerment that would be a symbol of unity for the people of Alexandra.

"This is the building where projects that address the most serious problems pupils and parents to do their best," Serote said.

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

hampering the development of our community will be launched"

The rapidly growing township is still grappling with a number of pressing issues: unemployment, education crisis and to develop effective community leadership.

To tackle some of the major problems plaguing the township, AlexSan launched an "education for employment" programme in 1991.

As part of this programme, the AlexSan committee is now networking with organisations concerned with the plight of the unemployed in an effort to combat unemployment.

The committee's aim is to set up a placement service that will identify job opportunities in the formal and informal sectors.

Serote says: "We have done research into job possibilities in more than 100 companies to have a clear picture of what jobs are available and the entry levels required for them.

"This allowed us to set up training courses designed to prepare the unemployed adults and the marginalised youth to fit employers' needs," she said.

Appearance

AlexSan also equips jobseekers with "work-culture bridging programmes" such as literacy, job-hunting skills and acceptable dress and appearance codes.

Regarding the township's education crisis, AlexSan has identified the need to set up acceptable leadership and management concepts to improve communication in schools.

To this end, the organisation has introduced training for principals, teachers, parents and pupils in school management.

"We are striving for the involvement of teachers and parents in decision-making and to motivate

AlexSan has also launched a "youth advice programme", of which church representatives from the four towns participating in the Alexandra projects are members.

"Our youth programme will focus on solving drug problems, gangsterism and teenage pregnancies among other thing," Serote said.

AlexSan also offers community leadership training - a move aimed at averting bickering and splintered activities among local community organisations.

The AlexSan centre's 1000-seat multi-purpose hall has been named the Grace Ntsele Memorial Hall in remembrance of Ntsele, who was a *Sowetan*/TV2&3 1991 Community Builder of Year finalist

FACTFILE

- Alexandra Township was established in 1912.
- It has a population of 360 000 people.
- It has 400 people a hectare compared to neighbouring Sandton, which has eight people a hectare.
- It has 32 000 children of pre-schoolgoing age and adequate pre-schools and child-minding facilities for fewer than 2 000.
- The township has 108 000 children of school-going age and schools that can cater for only 20 000 pupils.
- There are more than 80 000 unemployed adults in the township.
- Two-thirds of the population are shack dwellers.
- About 90 percent of the Alexandra residents are under the age of 50.
- Most Alexandra people earn their living through common jobs, domestic work, general and blue-collar labour.
- A total of 75 percent of the local population earn less than R1 000 a month.



Mothers' Union women from different denominations join in praise at New Canada station.

Women follow the peace path

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WOMAN

By SIZAKELE KOOMA

ABOUT 500 women risked their lives and boarded two trains from Soweto to the East Rand to protest against the violence which has claimed the lives of more than 300 people since 1990.

Those, who took part in the peace ride last week, v ere from Mary Mabaso's Interdenominational Prayer Women's League, the ANC Women's League, the PAC's African Women's Organisation and Azapo's Imbeleko

The women took this drastic step after renewed violence on suburban trains

It was not the first time that women have put their lives on the line for peace and unity In 1990 church leade s led a group of Mothers' Union Women into a trouble-torn Merafe Hoste in Soweto

Mary Mabaso recalled "It was very tense The hostel dwellers said they would not negotiate with women They said they wanted us out of the premises immediately They threatened to kill us But we would not budge We ended up praying together and talking amicably"

The same happened last year when she led a delegation to Alexandra township Both residents and hostel dwellers were furious, she said

"We will not stop campaigning for peace until the violence stops neither will we stop because the violence does not end It is not easy but we will carry on," she added

Throughout the years women have always been in the forefront of marches, demonstrations, sit-ins and prayer meetings - all in the name of peace

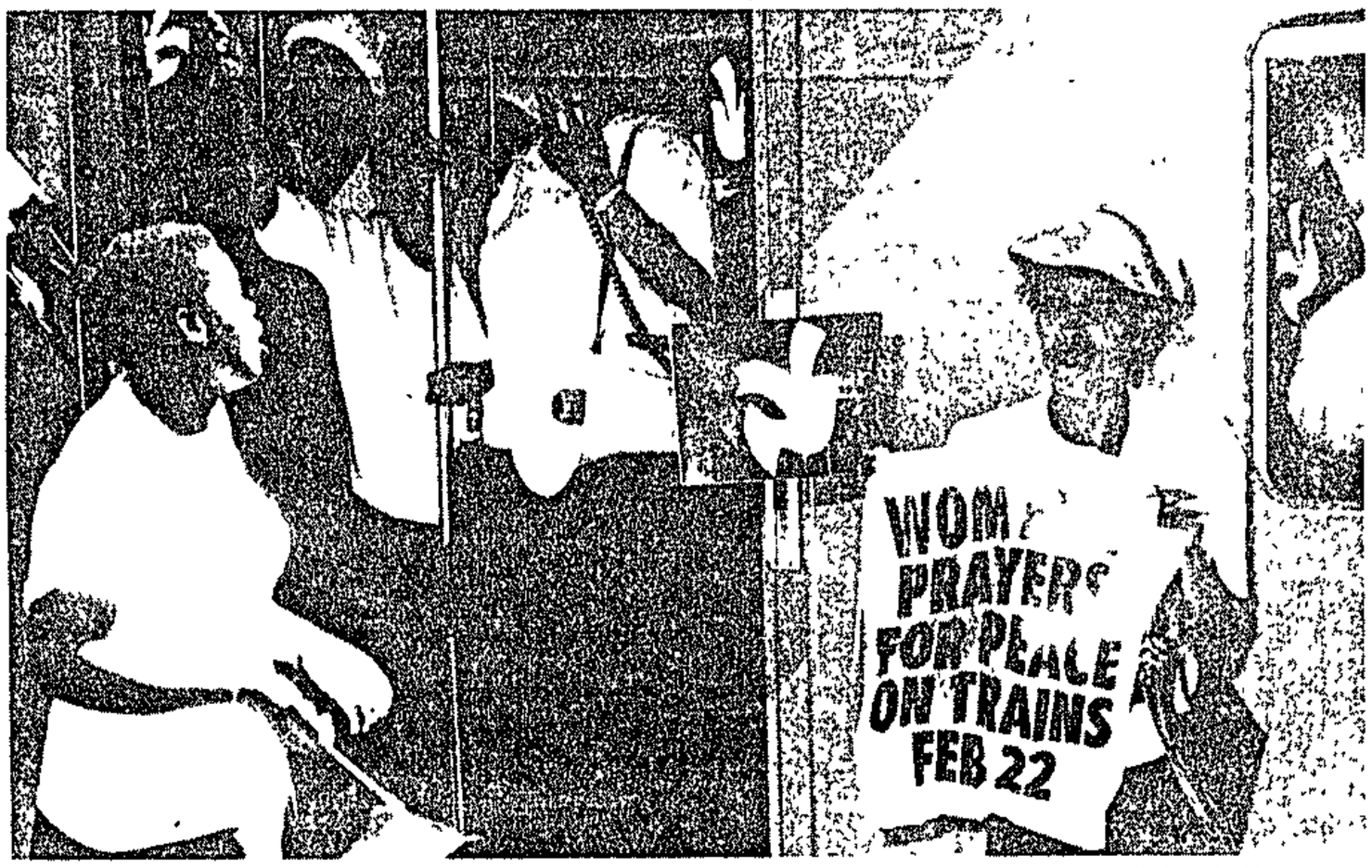
And they have helped quell violence in areas that were previously torn apart by fighting

"In 1990 we went to the then Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok to express concern at the number of unlicensed guns in the community The following day close on 2 000 confiscated firearms were shown on TV This actually meant the Minister had heeded our call and it was very encouraging"

Mabaso said during their peace missions they play a conciliatory role We do not take sides when trying to solve a feud with the warring parties

She believes there is a lot women can do to bring about peace in the country There was more humanity in women than in their male counterparts, she said

The peace delegation has undertaken to probe the train massacres It also called for the reinstatement of South African Railway police and compensation to families who have lost their loved ones



Through prayer they have conquered.

Pics: PHANUEL MAHUNTSI

Bloody Reef toll mounting

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THE death toll rose to 23 when seven people were killed and five injured in Reef townships since Wednesday night.

A man was shot dead after failing to stop at a roadblock in Tokoza about 5.15am yesterday.

Five others were killed when gunmen fired on a truck in Khumalo Street, Tokoza, about 8pm on Wednesday night.

The seventh man died of

By IKE MOTSAPI

stab wounds after being thrown off a moving Johannesburg-bound Soweto train along Longdale railway station yesterday.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said a driver of a truck and four passengers were killed when unknown gunmen fired shots at them.

Thrown off

He said the truck driver was the first to die and the four passengers were shot dead when they tried to escape.

The ambush was the second incident to happen in Tokoza on Wednesday.

About 7.15am on that day, four men travelling in a kombi were shot dead and another five injured during an ambush near Angus railway station.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo yesterday said two men were stabbed in the head and body before being thrown off a moving train between Mlamlankunzi and New Canada railway stations.

Mariemuthoo said police confronted a group of armed Zulu men about 6am at Inhlanzane railway station yesterday.

He said police prevented the men from boarding a train and fired teargas at the men who then dispersed.

Judge questions commitment to peace

Unrest: ANC and Inkatha face grilling

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A COMMITTEE of inquiry will question Inkatha and ANC leaders on their commitment to the national peace accord, says Mr Justice Goldstone.

The statement by the chairman of the commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation came as fresh outbreaks of violence brought the death toll since the weekend on the Reef alone to 31 yesterday.

Mr Justice Goldstone said Inkatha and ANC members had made provocative statements to the Press concerning an East Rand AK-47 attack on a minibus in which four people died.

Both sides blamed each other's members for the attack.

"If these are unsubstantiated and unsupported by fact, they are irresponsible and calculated to cause further violence, deaths and injuries," he said.

He said that in view of the tense situation in Thokoza, the committee of inquiry established by the commission to look into violence in the area would today question Inkatha and ANC members on the factual basis for their statements.

"In addition, the committee will question leaders of both Inkatha and ANC regarding the level of their commitment to the letter and spirit of the national peace accord and their proposals for defusing the present renewed tension in the Thokoza area."

WILSON ZWANE

Latest reports yesterday were that East Rand township residents were coming under renewed attacks. Police yesterday reported the third fatal AK-47 attack on vehicle occupants in two days.

Inkatha and the ANC blamed each other for the violence ahead of today's expected gazetting of the long-awaited proclamation banning the carrying of "dangerous weapons in public".

Our political staff reports from Cape Town that the proclamation, to be issued by Deputy Law and Order Minister Johan Scheepers, bars anybody in a public place or attending a political gathering from possessing any "dangerous weapon or any firearm or a replica thereof".

Yesterday morning four men were thrown off a Johannesburg-bound train between New Canada and Langlaagte. A Witwatersrand police spokesman said one man died and four were injured in the incident.

In a similar incident, Soweto police spokesman Capt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said two men were rushed to Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital after being thrown off a train between New Canada

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and Mlamlankunzi.

In another development, the Inkatha Institute's violence study unit chief Kim Hodgson said in a statement "biased policing" was a cause of a clash between the police and Inkatha supporters near Soweto's Inhlazane station yesterday morning.

Twenty-nine Inkatha supporters were injured in the incident, Hodgson said.

He said the Inkatha supporters, who were Jabulani hostel dwellers, had received warnings that they were going to be attacked by ANC supporters on a train.

"These hostel dwellers decided to ensure their safety by defending themselves with traditional weapons. The hostel dwellers were confronted by the police at Inhlazane station, who attempted to disarm them. A confrontation broke out and the police opened fire with shotguns and injured 29 people," he said.

Mariemuthoo confirmed a group of armed men had attempted to board the train but denied the police were biased. He said the men became aggressive when the police told them to disarm. "The police then used teargas and birdshot to disperse them. The men eventually returned unarmed to the station and were allowed to board the train. No injuries have been reported to the police."

On Wednesday night, five men were killed in Katlehong when the truck in which they were travelling was fired on with AK-47s.

Yesterday an ANC-led delegation which toured scenes of the recent violence in Katlehong and Phola Park told journalists they had received information that Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers would be bused to the East Rand to attack Phola Park squatters.

The delegation included Winnie Mandela and ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale.

Sexwale said while his organisation could not set up defence units in the townships as this would be contrary to the spirit of the national peace accord, it encouraged communities to defend themselves.

In an apparent reference to a minibus ambush near Phola Park on Wednesday, in which at least four people were killed, Sexwale said his organisation would "encourage our people, from time to time, to respond to gunfire effectively".

Inkatha Transvaal Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza this week alleged that Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) operatives were involved in the Reef violence.

It was clear the attacks were not random as all the victims had been Inkatha members, he said.

"We call on the ANC to show their commitment to the peace process by disbanding Umkhonto we Sizwe," he said.

Sexwale denied the allegations as "utter rubbish". "To us MK is an army of liberation which will disband only after an interim government has been put in place."

An owner of a tavern in Katlehong, where two died on Saturday when gunmen opened fire on the patrons, told journalists police did not come to investigate the incident immediately, saying they were afraid of the PAC's military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army.

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Miners sign peace pledge

By Zingisa Mkhuma STAR 28/2/92



Hundreds of miners emerged from underground yesterday to pledge themselves to peace by signing certificates issued by Randfontein Estate gold mine.

The mine has embarked on a peace pledge campaign similar to the one started by The Star, to urge employees to commit themselves to peace. At a ceremony witnessed by the media, the miners stood patiently in the sweltering heat waiting for their turn to endorse the pledges.

Some had just came off their shifts while others were preparing to go home, but they all stopped for a moment to give peace a chance. They all agreed that conciliation was needed to enable everybody to coexist peacefully.

General manager Basil Fleetwood said the campaign had been being launched at the mine to give everybody a chance to think about committing himself to peace.

He urged the miners to work harder to practise and uphold the concept of peace rather than criticise and blame others for violence.

K W Maxwell, chairman of the gold and uranium division, said the mine had embarked on the campaign because it believed most of the workers were against violence and the disruption, injury and death it had caused.

The company, therefore, had decided to offer employees who supported the National Peace Accord an opportunity to acknowledge their commitment by giving them a certificate which would serve as a constant reminder of the significance of this campaign, he said.

Mineworker Joseph Pako said: "Everyone needs peace. If we all signed these certificates and committed ourselves to peace, all this violence could come to an end."

Man killed, 7 injured in more train violence

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A man died and seven were injured in continued train attacks on the Reef yesterday.

There was no let-up in the countrywide wave of violence that has claimed the lives of at least 78 people since last Friday.

Police said a man identified as Eliat Molefe was killed and five others were injured when they were attacked and then thrown off a moving train between New Canada and Wibsy stations in Soweto at about 7 am yesterday.

Mr Molefe had been shot before being flung from the train.

The injured men were taken to Leratong Hospital, but the nature and extent of their injuries is not known.

Aggressive

Two other men were injured when they were thrown off a train between Mlamlankuzi and New Canada stations at about 8.30 am.

They were taken to Baragwanath Hospital, but were not in a serious condition, police said.

Earlier, a crowd of about 300 armed men tried to board a train at Inhlazane Station in western Soweto.

Police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the crowd became aggressive when police told them they could board a train only if they were unarmed. Police dispersed the crowd with teargas.

The men later returned to board the train unarmed. No injuries were reported to police.

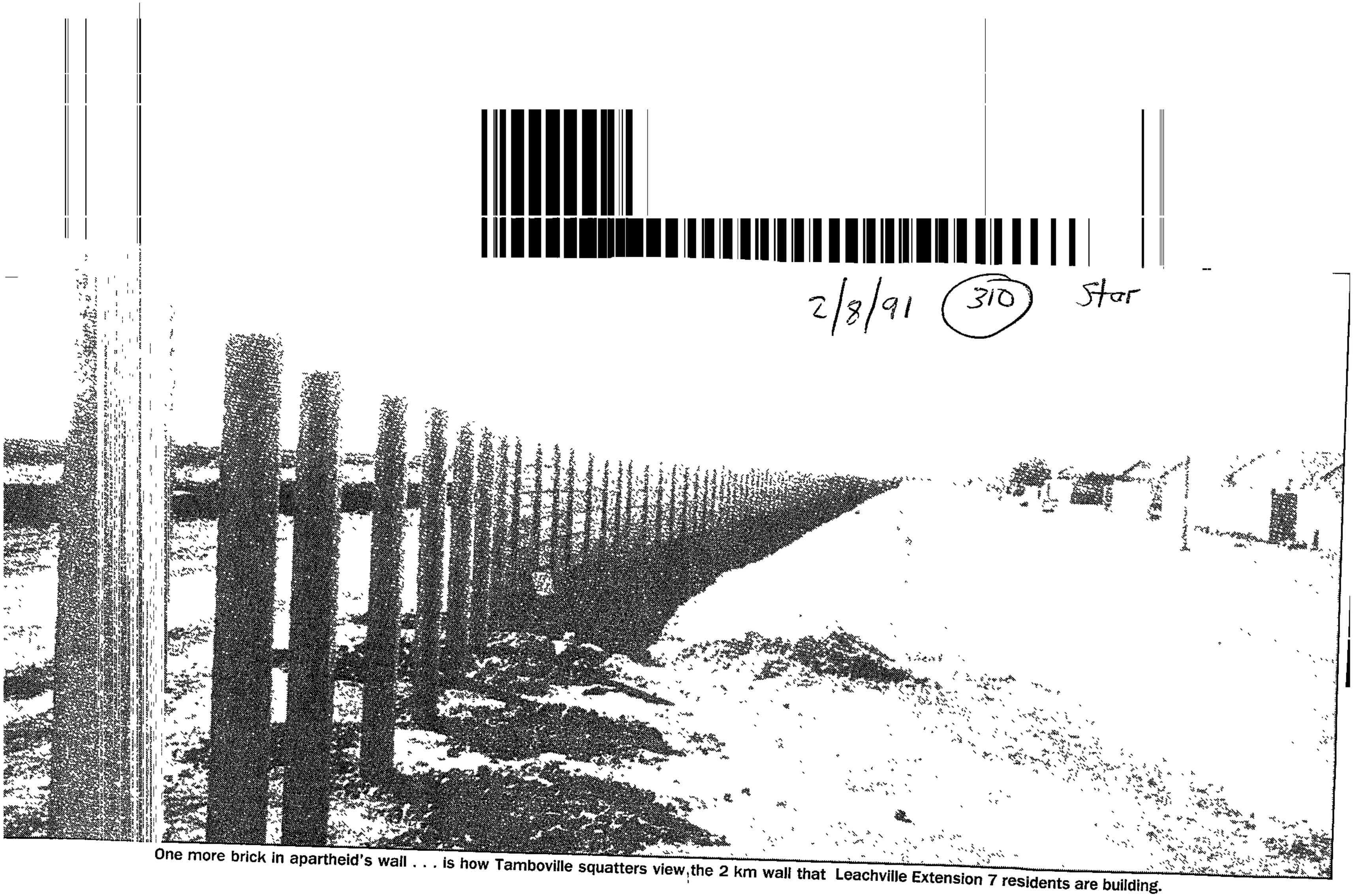
Three attacks on the East Rand this week left 14 people dead and several others injured.

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One more brick in apartheid's wall . . . is how Tamboville squatters view the 2 km wall that Leachville Extension 7 residents are building.

The Great Wall of Brakpan

Star 2/8/91 (310)

Brakpan's white residents have taken their own radical action to separate themselves from a nearby squatter community, reports PETER DAVIES.

IN AN ERA in which the Berlin Wall has been reduced to rubble and apartheid officially consigned to history's scrap-heap, residents of an East Rand suburb are perpetuating the laager mentality of the old South Africa.

The residents of Leachville Extension 7 are constructing a new line of defence — the "Brakpan Wall" — to separate their suburb from the squatter settlement of Tamboville.

The squatters regard the Brakpan barrier as just another brick in the wall of apartheid.

The wall in question is a 2 km stretch of 1,8 m-high, grey precast concrete designed to shut off the predominantly white, middle-class Brakpan suburb of Leachville from the neighbouring squatter camp.

Since November, about 1 500 squatters have built shacks in the stretch of open veld next to the Brakpan airfield that separates Leachville from Wattville township.

The wall, now nearing completion, begins at Augrabies Street, continues along Tigerwood Road, and follows the kink around to Kaoka Road, next to the Leeupan

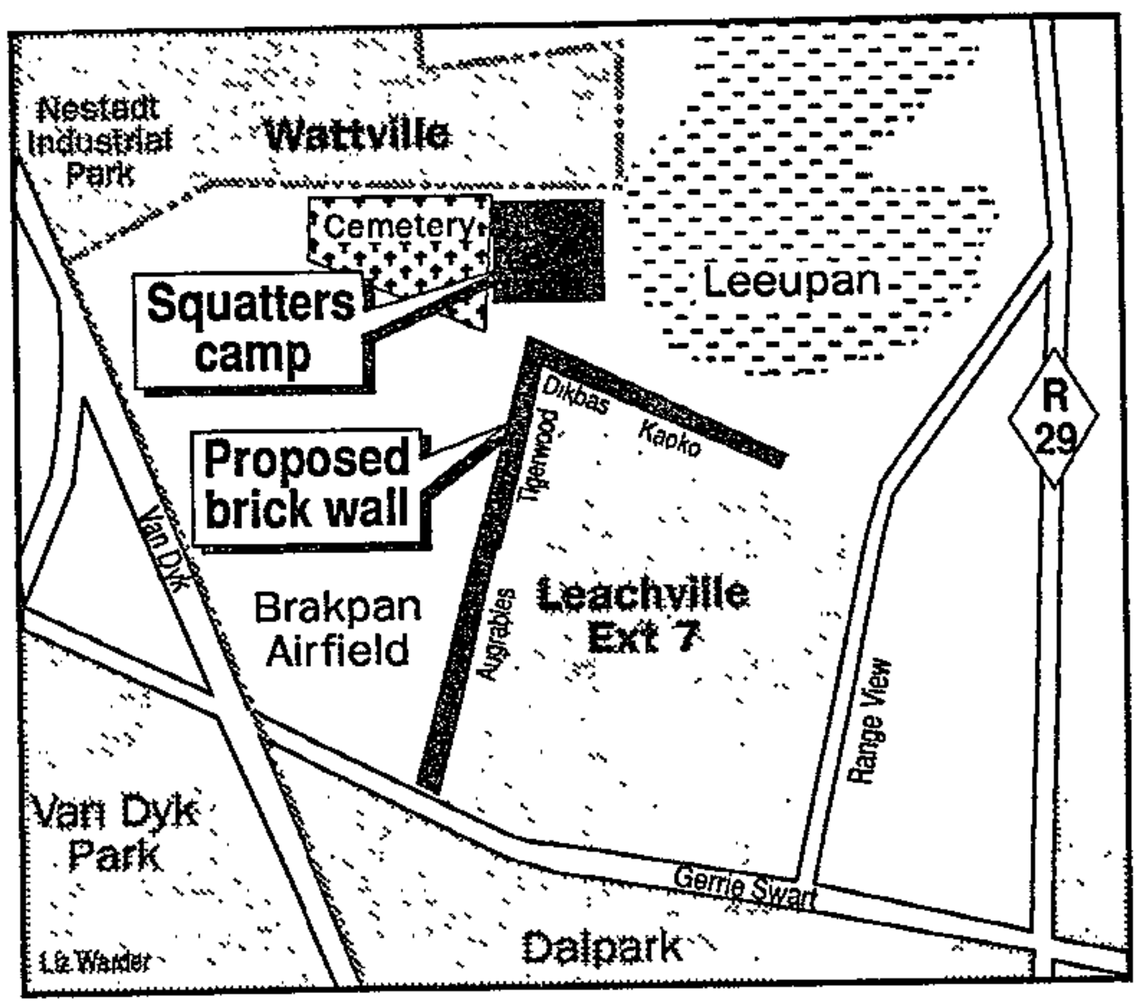
Tamboville squatters are dismayed that the lack of a "Checkpoint Charlie" gap in the "Brakpan Wall" will mean a 3 km detour to shop at the Leachville supermarket.

A squatter, who asked not to be named, said· "We can't go to the shops now If we want to go to the supermarket we will have to walk around this wall.

"It shows that the Leachville residents are fighting with us. Some people say apartheid is finished, but there is no proof"

According to Henry Barnard, chairman of the Brakpan Management Council, the wall was petitioned by Leachville residents who complained that squatters were responsible for a spate of recent burglaries.

"There's been a lot of pilfering in Leachville. The residents came to the council with a petition to build a security wall. It was signed by most of the residents, so we regarded it as a reasonable request"



Norman Hutchinson, a resident of Tigerwood Road — the street that is first in the "firing line" because it faces directly on to the veld leading to the squatter camp — expanded on the robbery problem.

"Seven houses in this street alone have been cleared out in the past year I know one guy near here who has been robbed five times."

Mr Hutchinson said everyone in his street was in agreement with the erection of the wall, but consensus had not been reached on whether to put a gate at some point along the wall to allow for pedestrians.

A few home-owners are prepared to allow a gate, but others want the wall to isolate Tamboville completely Mr Hutchinson said. "No, we must have no gaps. What's the point of having a six-foot wall if there's going to be a gate there?"

To Mr Hutchinson, the answer to the shopping issue is simple "The squatters have their own shop, right there in the camp They don't need to come to our shops. They have everything they need over there."

Mr Hutchinson is a staunch AWB supporter but said the erection of the wall was not a racial issue. "I have no problem with the colour of a guy's skin. There is a coloured living next door to me He does his thing and I do mine. He can afford payments on his house I have no problem with him."

However, Tamboville squatter Ivan Fakuda (22) has a problem with the claims by Leachville residents that squatters burgle homes in the area.

"Here in Tamboville we have a curfew from nine at night. Nobody is allowed to come in or out of the camp. I don't believe people from Tamboville are responsible for these robberies."

Mr Fakuda said "This wall contradicts President de Klerk's reform promises We are supposed to come together, not move apart.

"The concrete in that wall represents the strength of apartheid. It will create a division and increase hatred between blacks and whites Those on that side (the Leachville residents) have a superiority complex, but it is just in their own minds"

The estimated cost of the wall, according to Mr Hutchinson, runs to R700 000 "There is one individual who is prepared to pay the total cost of the wall himself I know who he is, but I don't want to name him," he said.

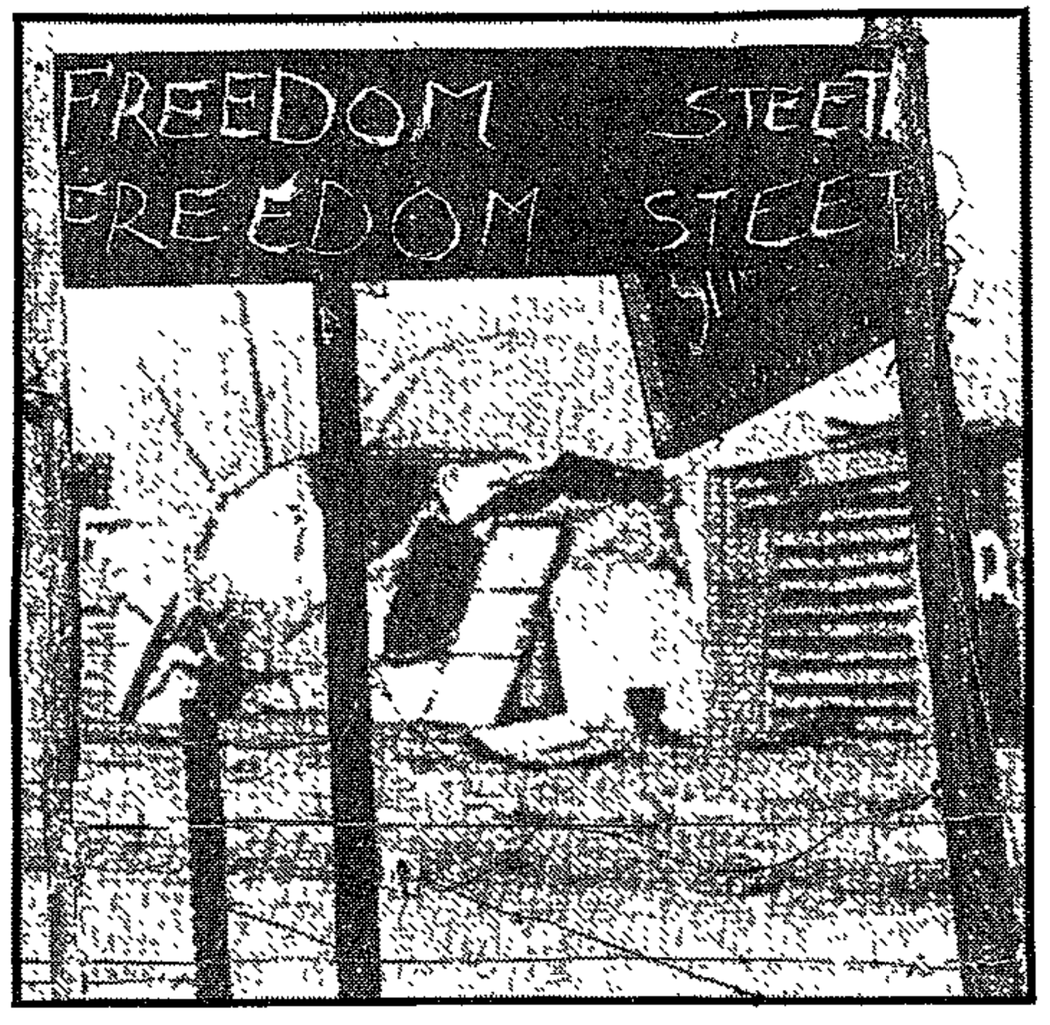
However, Brakpan town clerk Thys Human scoffed at suggestions that the wall would cost R700 000. He said the council had awarded the job to a company that quoted R80 000.

And if the council had contacted the building firm that The Star did, they could have had it for even less.

A rep for East Rand Walling said his company would have charged R36 a metre, meaning a 2 km stretch of wall would cost roughly R76 000. □







Squatting bedevils planned development, is TPA's answer

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Community leaders in Ivory Park do not believe they have enough say with the TPA about future planning of their settlement and in the identification of further land for settlement. According to them it is vital that residents be consulted because this teaches the community to take responsibility for the management of their settlement

They see negotiations with the TPA as a learning process both for themselves and the province

Ivory Park is one of the four site-and-service settlements (SSS) in the Transvaal which have been given the go-ahead by the TPA. The SSS option is seen as the most viable route by authorities for addressing South Africa's chronic housing shortage — the Urban Foundation estimates 174 000 homes a year are required between now and 1995 for the urban black population alone.

Simply put, this entails identified land being divided into units where facilities like sewerage, water, roads and electricity are installed, and it is then up to the residents to build their houses when they can afford to.

Despite the rudimentary nature of the scheme, the need for a secure piece of land is so strong among the homeless that tensions can easily develop.

Conflict in Ivory Park came to the fore when the TPA put up the "full" signs at the end of June.

The news was met with disbelief by the Ivory Park residents. They saw the settlement as the answer to years of bitter struggle with the TPA — many of them had faced countless demolitions and evictions as they moved from one place to another in the search of a home. When Ivory Park was established a year-and-a-half ago, they believed they had at last found a place to settle.

When they asked the TPA why there was no more room in the settlement, they were told that 1 200 stands had been set aside for the South Africa Housing Trust (SAHT) to erect higher-income houses, and that other sites could not be built on because of the dolomite rock there

Tembisa Homeseekers Association (THA) chairman Mandla Songo said the TPA was unable to furnish proof of the agreement with SAHT, and residents at a public meeting decided they had to take over the land in an attempt to force the TPA's hand.

The higher-income houses were meant to act as a buffer zone between the shacks being built in the settlement and the houses of the nearby suburb of Rabie Ridge.

It is unclear whether the SAHT scheme is to go ahead. Yesterday, the TPA said the plan was on, while the SAHT said the matter was unclear because it had not heard from the TPA since it put forward the proposal to build the houses.

Most people have moved on since the demolitions, while others are being housed by owners of legal shacks in the settlement. The more determined remain where they are — most of them have only a piece of plastic to cover themselves at night.

Mr Songo says negotiations with the TPA should continue — he believes an extra 13 000 to 15 000 shacks can be housed in the settlement if the TPA is willing to review its decisions.

"We know we aren't always right and they aren't always right either, but when we come together, we can open each other's eyes."

It was important that residents in the community be consulted on developments and be taught to take a hand in the planning and development of the settlement, he

[illegible] about 430 shacks in a settlement called Dawsonville — about 200 m from the SSS. The inhabitants have been evicted from several sites in Midrand and are looking to the Midrand Council to help them.

The Midrand Council applied to the TPA to allow the Dawsonville residents to form part of the Ivory Park community, but were turned down.

Dawsonville leader Ishmael Kgosana has accused the Midrand Council of being afraid to provide them with even the barest services because this would legitimise their presence.

Councillor Alan Dawson admits this openly, but says a meeting between the council, the management committee of the neighbouring Rabie Ridge Town Council, MPs and senior officials is in the pipeline to discuss Dawsonville

When asked if Dawsonville inhabitants would be consulted, he said this could not happen because this would "legitimise their existence which, in the eyes of the law, is illegal".

He hoped a solution would be forthcoming, but said it would probably take 12 to 15 months.

In the meantime, people like Maria must try to cope with their "illegal" existence and hope that some time in the future a 260 sq m piece of land will be theirs.

Is a piece of land too much to ask?

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BRENDAN TEMPLETON

A MOTHER of three in Midrand's Ivory Park settlement has had her shack knocked down twice in the past four weeks.

She was one of the people who "invaded" open stretches of land in the settlement last month after a breakdown in negotiations between the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and Ivory Park residents.

Maria (she was unwilling to give her real name) described her desperate search for a home — even if it was just a small piece of dusty earth with the barest essentials.

Her plight is shared by millions of other homeless people in South Africa — a problem which has squatter leaders and authorities scratching their heads for a solution

Maria said she was unable to work because she could not afford to send her children to a creche during the day, and had no one to look after them for her.

In the interim, she survives on the R300 her husband sends her every month. He works in Durban as a driver.

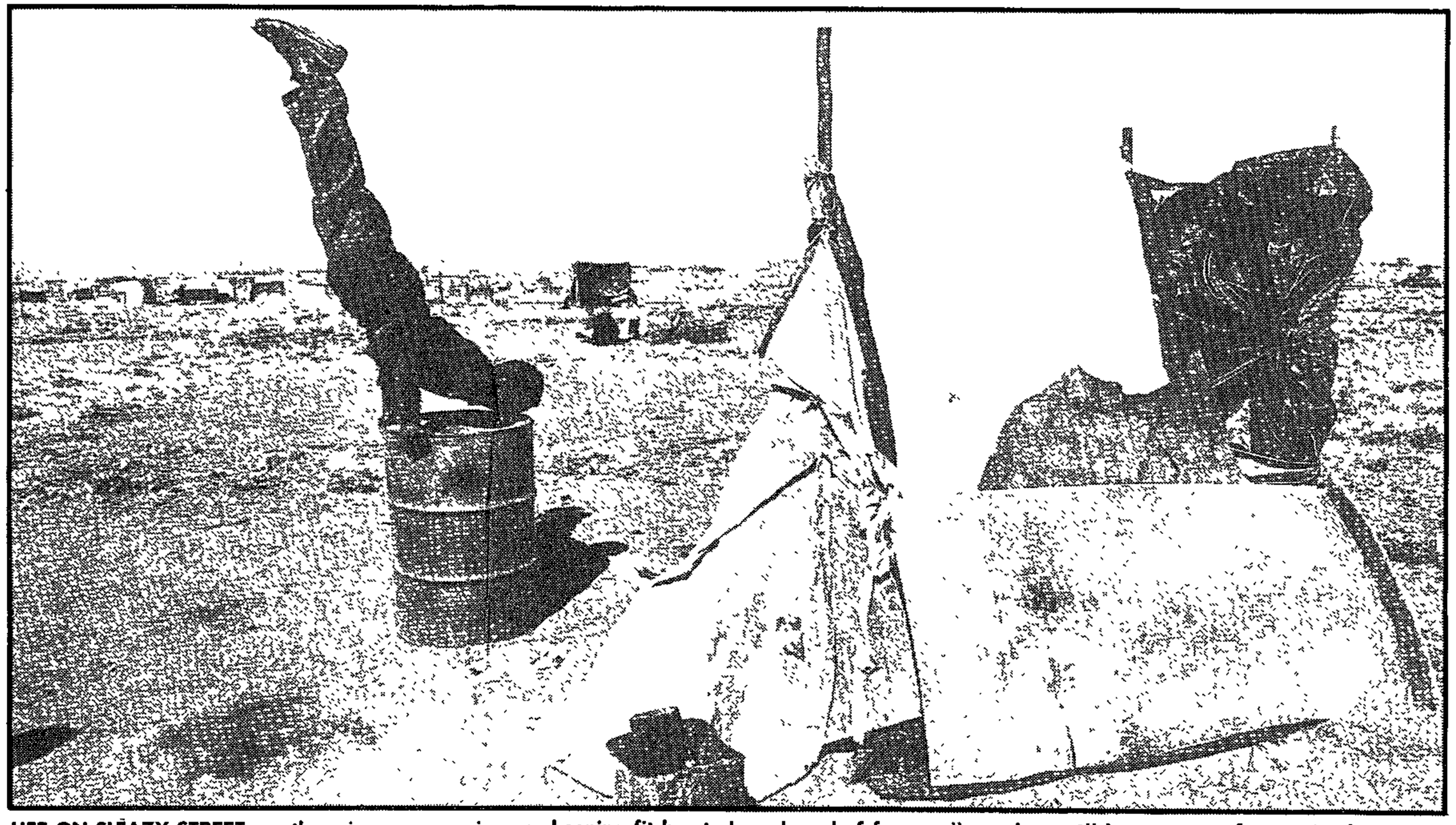
Unable to resist

Staying in a backyard in Tembisa, Maria was unable to resist the temptation following a public meeting where it was decided to "take over" the open land in the settlement.

The TPA's response was to demolish the "illegal" shacks to force the people off the settlement. A lengthy court case followed, the outcome of which is still pending the Rand Supreme Court's decision.

Now Maria wakes up every morning, takes down her structure of plastic sheeting and wood, scrounges for food during the day, and then re-erects her dwelling when night approaches.

Over the past 12 days, the TPA has knocked down about 1 000 shacks and is determined that the provision of stands "must take place in an orderly fashion. If this doesn't happen [illegible] ed development".



LIFE ON SLEAZY STREET . . . there is no gymnasium, so keeping fit has to be a barrel of fun . . . "camping out" is a matter of necessity for mother and daughter when their cardboard and plastic "home" is torn down by the TPA . . . drawing water from a tank is the only way to get any for drinking and washing . . . and the road to freedom is signposted with appalling hardship and squalor. **Picture: STEPHEN DAVIMES.**

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This would avoid futu conflict like rent boycot because "the people he will say, 'who decided w should build the place li this?' And they will say 'w did'."

The TPA said this week was awaiting the outcome the court case before it wa willing to discuss the matte further with the squatters.

But the issues do not er there. According to the TH backyard shackdweller need at least 15 000 mo units.

Mr Songo says the TPA moving too slowly. Attemp to provide Ivory Park wit electricity fell through b cause the TPA had not d clared the settlement a leg township.

This is also tripping up a tempts to entice develope into the area, he says. Plar and finance are available but "time and time agai companies tell us they ca not move in here becaus Ivory Park is not yet a d clared township".

The TPA pointed out th week that Ivory park was new settlement and tha "more time was needed". emphasised that it was n opposed to declaring th area a township.

Also addin to the pro

Squatters in Midrand fight over water, loos

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By Abel Mushi Star 5/8/91.

Squatters at Rabie Ridge are engaged in a battle with squatters in the adjoining Ivory Park camp over access to Ivory Park's water and toilet facilities.

The "legal" Ivory Park squatters would not let their neighbours use services they had not paid for, said Midrand Action Committee chairman Ishmael Kgosana.

Mr Kgosana told The Star the Ivory Park squatters had resorted to using physical force to keep Rabie Ridge squatters out of their territory, adding that the police had intervened on several occasions when the situation got out of hand.

The police and squatters contacted by The Star confirmed the reports.

In the meantime Rabie Ridge management committee chairman Paul Douglas said the fate of the squatters would be discussed this week.

The Rabie Ridge Town Council, delegates from the House of Representatives, representatives from the Midrand municipality and members of Parliament for Midrand and Rabie Ridge are expected to attend the meeting, Mr Douglas said.

At a meeting held last week between the Rabie Ridge management committee and Minister of Housing in the House of Representatives, David Curry, the Minister was requested toprovide funds for the erection of houses at Rabie Ridge Extension 2, now occupied by the squatters.

According to Mr Douglas, there are about 1 000 people in Rabie Ridge — who had been on the waiting list for houses since 1977 — who were to be accommodated in Extension 2.

He explained that Extension 2 already had a fully developed sewerage system, adding that the squatters would need about R19 000 to connect their own taps and toilets.

Blasts at Soweto off-sales, squatter camp

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Two explosions in the space of five minutes hit Soweto last night, said police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries.

A shack was damaged in Block 9 of the Mshenguville squatter camp, Mofolo, in the first explosion at 9.20 pm. Five minutes later, a second blast destroyed a bottle store in nearby White City. The store was owned by former Soweto mayor Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala.

No one was injured and police said they did not know what type of explosives were used.

The recently formed Mshenguville Crisis Committee, consisting mainly of ANC supporters, had pinpointed Mr Tshabalala as a key figure in the violence plaguing Mshenguville. At least 10 people have died in the past month, caught in the crossfire of factional violence in the strife-torn squatter camp.

Committee convenor Floyd Mashele accused Mr Tshabalala of trying to establish Mshenguville as an Inkatha stronghold, by chasing out non-Inkatha residents.

He said the shack damaged in last night's blast belonged to "Inkatha warlord" Don Mntambo.

Mr Mashele said the committee had agreed to boycott Mr Tshabalala's businesses — which include garages, shops, and a cinema — because he is "squarely to blame for violence and shack-burning in Mshenguville".

Mr Mashele said he did not know who was responsible for the blasts, but said it was possible they could have been supporters of the crisis committee's aims.

"The police will not protect our people so we must devise ways and means to protect ourselves.

"We are prepared to negotiate with anyone, including Mr Tshabalala, who is prepared to see peace restored to Mshenguville, but he must give us an assurance that our people can go back to Mshenguville," said Mr Mashele.

Mr Tshabalala could not be reached for comment. — Staff Reporter.

Doornkop squatters march on TPA office

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By SELLO MOTLHABAKWE

ABOUT 500 squatters marched on the local Transvaal Provincial offices outside Soweto over the weekend to present a memorandum of grievances to the co-ordinator of the squatter settlement.

Mr David Modiba, leader of the Doornkop squatters, gave the memorandum to Mr Wynand Kok, TPA coordinator for the PWV region. The squatters' demands included better housing, tarred roads, recreational facilities, electricity and schools.

"The TPA will face more marches of this kind if it does not react favourably to our demands," Bodiba said.

A representative of the Soweto Builders Forum, Mr George Makana, slammed the TPA's attitude towards the homeless and local builders. He said preferential treatment was being accorded white developers "who in most instances fleeced people".

Memorandum

The memorandum also questioned the breakdown of rentals and the allocation of contracts to builders.

Modiba said they were also demanding an ambulance service, a clinic and a proper payout scheme for pensioners.

A TPA official said that they accepted the *bona fides* of the Soweto Civic Association, under whose auspices the march took place, and promised to look into the matter.

Squatters lose battle

THE Ivory Park squatters who took the TPA to court last month in a bid to stop demolition of their shacks had their application dismissed with costs in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Labuschagne accepted the decision to demolish the shacks which appeared on the site overnight on July 5 was not made in terms of the provisions of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act and was therefore invalid. However, he rejected submissions that the squatters had been in peaceful and undisturbed possession of the land and entitled to a spoliation order restoring possession of their shacks to them.

Squatters still fleeing

THE exodus by panic-stricken families from Soweto's Mshenguville squatter camp continued yesterday - a day after an Inkatha stronghold in the tension-gripped camp was rocked by a bomb explosion.

At least 10 people are reported to have died at the camp since fighting broke out between squatters and Inkatha members two weeks ago.

Both Inkatha and the Mshenguville Crisis Committee yesterday condemned the violence.

The two parties, however, accused each other of being responsible for the tension in the camp.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Mr Themba

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By KENOSI MODISANE

Exodus still goes on

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Khoza yesterday said: "I am surprised that the ANC, PAC, Azapo and residents of Mshenguville held a peace meeting without inviting Inkatha.

"And I want to remind them that the casualties in this clash are not only their members or Inkatha members. We are talking here about human life and should, without pointing fingers, stop this conflict," he said.

Mshenguville Crisis Committee spokesman Mr Floyd Mashele said: "The chain of events leading to this conflict started on July 7 after the launch of Inkatha in the camp. Residents have since then been harassed and forced to join Inkatha."

More than 150 families have sought refuge at Ipelegeng Community Centre, White City, while many others have been left homeless since their shacks were destroyed during the attacks at the camp.

No casualties were, however, reported in Monday night's explosion at "Block Mine."

Police could not comment yesterday on the type of explosive used at the camp and also the blast at the bottlestore owned by former Soweto mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, who is believed to have leanings towards Inkatha.

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Brakpan Wall 'shields airfield'

While the controversial "Brakpan Wall" is meant to isolate Tamboville squatter camp, it is also a barrier to stop people from wandering on to the eastern side of the Brakpan Airfield, according to the chairman of the Benoni Brakpan Aero Club, Henry Tiedemann. (310)

"Before the wall was built, we used to have a barbed-wire fence running along the eastern side of the airstrip.

"We also had children with BMX bicycles riding on the runway," Mr Tiedemann said.

However, he conceded that even if the wall was built to partition off the airfield, it did stretch beyond the airfield's boundary. — Staff Reporter.

Ivory Park squatters lose urgent appeal

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By Susan Smuts

An urgent application by Ivory Park squatters to prevent the Transvaal Provincial Administration from demolishing shacks was yesterday dismissed with costs in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Justice J C Labuschagne said the two applicants, Joseph Mashoshi and Albert Mngone, had failed to prove they had been deprived of land on which they enjoyed "peaceful and undisturbed" possession.

"The squatters first moved to Ivory Park near Midrand from neighbouring Plastic View on July 5. The time factor was important in deciding whether the squatters had any right to erect shacks, the judge said.

"It is an undisputed fact that the TPA was in possession of the 1 100 stands (in Ivory Park). The stands were properly planned for development, and this must have been clear to the squatters' representatives."

The judge said it was clear the erection of shacks between the evening of July 5 and the morning of July 6 had been organised. "The shacks were erected in darkness, and not openly as was claimed."

This meant the squatters could not be regarded as ensconced on the land before the TPA took action.

The TPA started demolishing shacks on Saturday (July 6), but halted operations when thousands of people swarmed into the area, making the situation impossible to control.

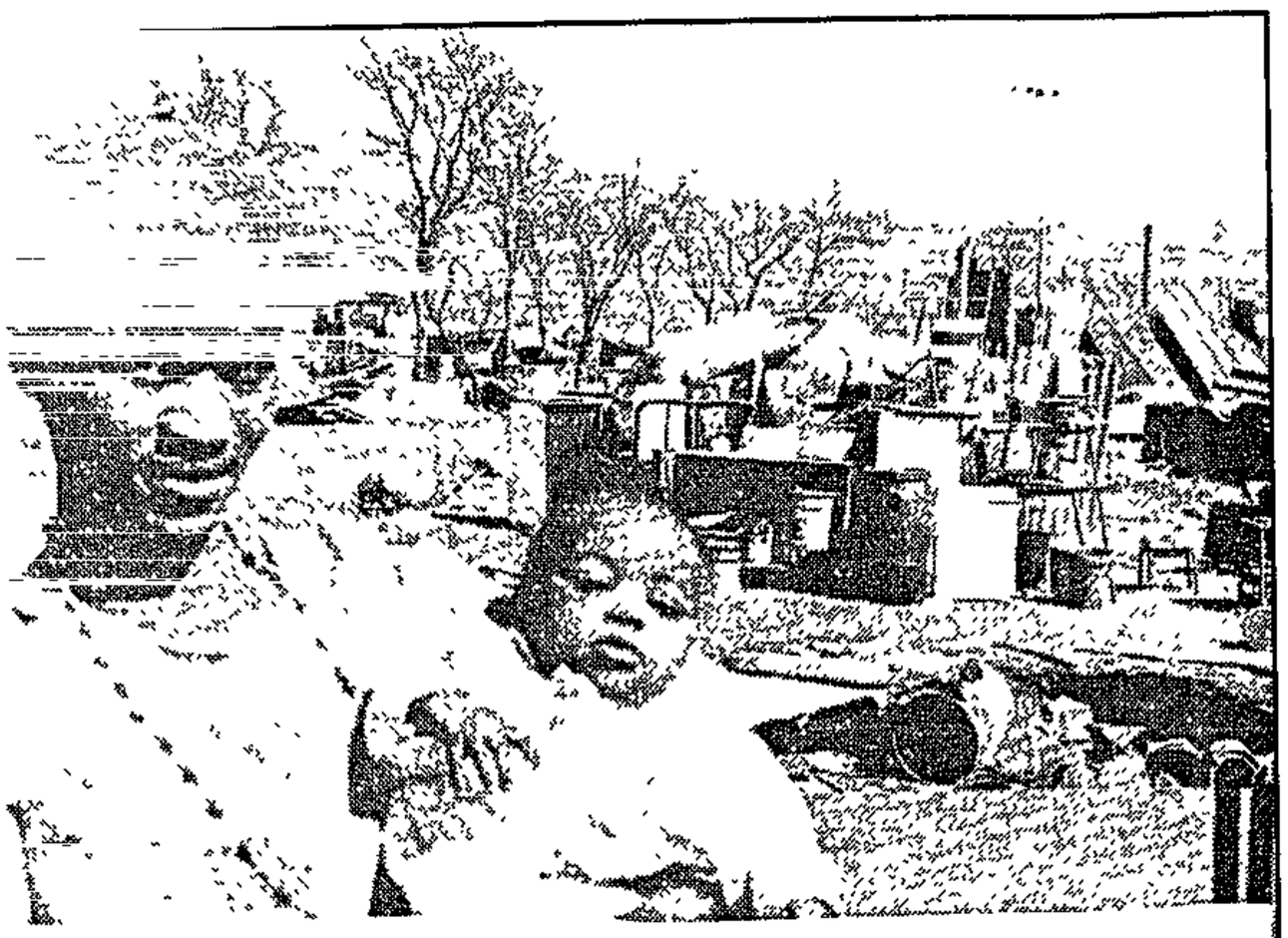
The judge found that Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough had not applied his mind to his initial order for the occupation to be stopped without blood being spilt. Mr Hough had not consulted executive members before issuing his order.

The TPA said last night that it had taken note of the court ruling and would deliver notices to Ivory Park residents today.

If the residents failed to comply, the TPA would have "no other option" but to pull down the structures.

However, the TPA said, the land was earmarked for homeless people and there was a possibility that some of them could be allocated stands.

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Dreams in tatters as homes razed

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Report and picture by Winnie Graham

Lucy Mbozo prepared to go to jail this week. She accepted this as inevitable because she had been told to leave her squatter settlement by Monday or face arrest.

But where was she to go now that her home had been demolished?

"Hulle kom my môre vang," (They are coming to catch me tomorrow), she said.

Her three-month-old baby, asleep on a pile of blankets, awoke and she picked the infant up. Like other people in the settlement, mother and child had slept in the open the night before.

Lucy Mbozo's home was one of 50 destroyed near Sunderland Ridge, a stone's throw from the Pretoria suburb of Erasmia, on Saturday. She had lived there for more than two years.

Others claimed the area had been their home for 14 years. They paid rent to a local farmer until recently.

As Lucy Mbozo stacked her things together she listened as someone on the radio sang a tune from "South Pacific". "You've got to have a dream ... or how can you make a dream come true?"

Lucy has no dreams. Reality does not allow such luxuries. Her "village" does not have the most basic facilities.

She relied on her husband to bring home water — and because this was so precious, only small amounts were available for washing dishes and clothes.

Yet, it was home and within easy reach of the local industrial areas where many of the men had jobs.

Then their luck changed A few weeks ago the owner decided it was time for them to "get off his land".

He had other plans. He warned that their homes would be demolished last Saturday if they had not cleared out. But where could they go?

The only place the Transvaal Provincial Administration could offer was at Ekangala, north-west of Bronkhorstspruit and 90 km away. Distance from work made the offer impossible to accept.

On Saturday the demolishers moved in and destroyed the tiny village while the inhabitants stood by helplessly.

That night they were forced to create makeshift cocoons with twisted pieces of corrugated iron to protect themselves from the cold wind and frost.

On Sunday the police arrived at the settlement and told the family they would be arrested if they were still "squatting" on Monday.

Simon Dube, who watched his house being pulled down "with chains fastened to a jeep and a Toyota", has a sense of total rejection.

"Why do they not like us?" he asked. "Why don't they want us?"

He wants to stay at Sunderland Ridge because there are jobs in the area and a school.

"I read and write only in my mind," he says. "But I want my children to do better so that no one will pull their houses down one day."

He has a dream. But when will it come true?

Talks called off as TPA pulls down more shacks

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) yesterday pulled down more than 150 squatters' shacks at Ivory Park, near Tembisa, prompting an organisation representing homeless people to call off high-level talks with the administration.

The TPA pulled down the shacks after the Rand Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday that the squatters were there illegally. Some shacks were pulled down two weeks ago before two squatters sought a court order restraining the TPA from demolishing their shacks.

A TPA spokesman said most of the shacks were pulled down after the squatters had ignored an early-morning warning to dismantle them.

More than 3 000 shacks had been dismantled in the area during the last few weeks, the TPA spokesman said, leaving about 1 000. The remaining shacks would be removed within the next few days.

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Responding to squatters' claims that they had nowhere to live, the spokesman said "They can go back to where they came from."

He said the TPA had earmarked the 14 000 sites in Ivory Park for low-income housing, and that the squatters were depriving prospective residents of their homes.

Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle) chairman Basheer Lorgat said the dismantling of the shacks was irresponsible and "likely to cause mayhem".

Omhle claims to represent squatters at more than 60 camps in the PWV area.

Lorgat said the talks were aimed at establishing a forum for community groups and municipalities to find land for homeless people.

Judge rejects closed hearing

A WITNESS in the trial of five National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) members charged with murdering five non-striking co-workers during an industrial dispute gave evidence in open court yesterday after the judge rejected a second application to have his evidence heard in camera.

The witness's home was allegedly petrol-bombed by the accused and others in an intimidation campaign against non-striking Haggie Rand workers during the dispute which began in October 1989.

SUSAN RUSSELL

Numsa shop steward Richard Ngobeni and workers' representatives Jeffrey Mtshali, Malvert Ngubane, Malan Khumalo and Samuel Malepo have all pleaded not guilty to murdering five colleagues and attempting to murder nine others during the dispute.

They have also pleaded not guilty to two counts of arson and one count each of unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

A sixth man, Joseph Bhengu, whom they allegedly hired to help with the intimidation, also pleaded not guilty on all counts.

The five Numsa members were fired by Haggie Rand during the strike.

The application was made after the witness said he was afraid that if he gave evidence in open court his children's lives would be in danger.

Mr Justice du Plessis said the facts on which the witness based his fears were too general to "upset the considerations in favour of a trial open to public scrutiny".

An order prohibiting publication of the witness's identity still stood.

Clay bricks boost new squatter camp project

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LOW-COST housing has taken on a new dimension with the introduction of clay bricks.

No skilled labour is required to use the bricks. You simply stack them and then plaster.

Currently this new project is getting off the ground at Doornkop squatter camp outside Dobsonville.

A visit by the *Sowetan* team to a show house in the area revealed that the clay brick house is fairly soundproof, is warmer than a superstructure house and is very cheap.

Mr Martin Moobi, supervisor of Hydraform Housing - the manufacturers of the clay brick - said the brick yields cost savings of up to 80 percent.

The house takes a few days to complete and there are no delays or excessive transport costs in the supply of the clay blocks.

A four-roomed clay brick house would cost around R12 000.

Hydraform Housing can be contacted at (011) 913-1449 and ask for Martin Moobi.

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Cops teargas squatters

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POLICE teargassed about 1 500 squatters protesting against poor living conditions at Orange Farm in the, Vaal Triangle yesterday morning.

The squatters marched to the Transvaal Provincial Administration office in the Orange Farm squatter camp before 9am to present a memorandum of demands to TPA official, Mr Simon de Beer.

After presenting the memorandum, which contained, among others, a demand for De Beer's resignation, the protesters sat down and refused to leave.

Police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer said teargas was then used to disperse the group.

No arrests were made and no one was injured.

Memorandum

The squatters' memorandum also contained demands that the TPA allocate plots to homeless people in the area and that a garbage removal service be implemented.

The memorandum also called for the resignation of the TPA committee responsible for allocating plots to squatters in the area. - *Sapa.*

Case dismissed

THE Rand Supreme Court has dismissed with costs an application to prevent the Transvaal Provincial Administration from removing squatters from Ivory Park near Midrand.

Mr Justice Labuschagne said it should have been evident to the applicants that the land was already being developed when they started squatting there.

He found that the squatting had been organised and there was no evidence of allegations levelled in court that the squatters had undisturbed possession of the land on June 5 and 6. - *Sapa*.

Squatters enraged by demolition

By Montshiwa Moroke

Scuffles broke out and tempers became frayed at the Ivory Park squatter camp near Midrand yesterday as officials from the Transvaal Provincial Administration twice tore down shacks.

Ugly scenes broke out as armed police and officials stood by.

This followed the failure of an urgent application by the squatter families to the Rand Supreme Court on Tuesday to prevent the demolition.

Mr Justice J C Labuschagne said the squatters' applicants had failed to prove they had been deprived of land on which they enjoyed "peaceful and undisturbed" possession.

A number of people claimed they were assaulted during the demolition and several others, including a reporter from The Star, were teargassed by a plainclothes policeman.

Some squatters claimed policemen and TPA officials laughed on several occasions as the families protested in vain.

The first demolition took place yesterday morning. Then, shortly after 1pm, about 12 Casspirs and several TPA trucks and vans moved in.

After knocking down corrugated iron and wooden structures, officials loaded the material on to trucks, dumping it in a fenced-off area nearby.

Men, women and children ran with sheets of iron and poles in an effort to save some belongings.

Certain people were prevented from taking the material and on several occasions a tug of war between squatters and policemen in camouflage uniform ensued.

Shouts of "Is this the new South Africa?" were heard around the camp.

Squatters first moved to Ivory Park from nearby Plastic View on July 5. The judge had said it was clear that the erection of shacks between July 5 and July 6 had been organised.



An Ivory Park squatter sits amid the remains of his shack yesterday. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Inkatha denies base was used for military training

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Own correspondent

DURBAN — KwaZulu government and Inkatha officials have denied that an isolated base in Zululand was used for clandestine military training.

A source has claimed the base, codenamed Tshaneni Leadership and Development Project, was set up before 1989 "with the direct financial and material assistance of the SAP", to train units totalling 200 men for the "attack and elimination" of ANC members "or any group regarded as a threat to Buthelezi and Inkatha".

The SAP and KwaZulu police deny involvement with the base, near Mkuze. But neither the KwaZulu police, the SAP, Inkatha nor the KwaZulu government can explain why a prominent notice signed by "M Z Khumalo" forbids anyone "apart from members of the police force on official duty" from entering. M Z Khumalo is the name of Buthelezi's former personal secretary, who took responsibility for accepting R250 000 in secret government funds to bolster Inkatha.

Inkatha Central Committee member, Dennis Madide, last night denied the base was used for any military or clandestine purposes.

Secretary of the KwaZulu Chief Minister's Department Stan Armstrong said the base was used until recently by the IFP as a political leadership development school.

KwaZulu police commissioner Gen Jac Buchner said he knew of the base but denied it was used to train KwaZulu policemen.

Regional SAP commissioner Gen Colin Steyn said the SAP had no knowledge of the base.

Regional ANC secretary Sbu Ndebele said: "Unless the IFP can prove otherwise, the camp's existence provides further indication that the IFP at very senior levels is directly implicated in the setting up of covert operations outside the KwaZulu police force."

The KwaZulu Bureau of Natural Resources said the property was recently designated a conservation area and quarantine station.

Squatters (310) granted two more weeks

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has given several hundred squatters in Ivory Park, whose shacks have been dismantled, two weeks to find somewhere else to live.

Most of the 4 000 shacks at the settlement near Tembisa were dismantled by TPA workers earlier this week after the Rand Supreme Court ruled the squatters were there illegally.

But many squatters have remained on the sites, sleeping in the open. They say they have nowhere else to go.

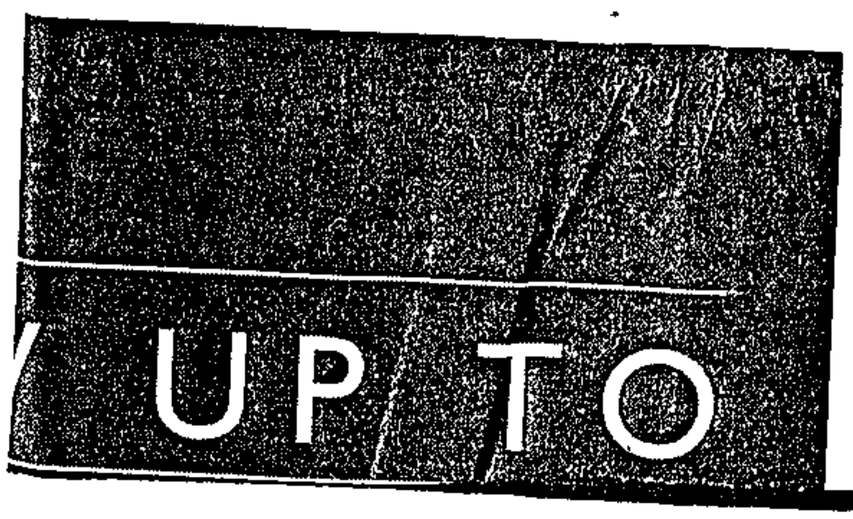
A TPA spokesman said yesterday that in two weeks' time any squatters who remained would be forcibly removed by police.

But the squatters were adamant yesterday that they would stay. Several said that they would rebuild their shacks, knowing that they would be torn down by TPA workers.

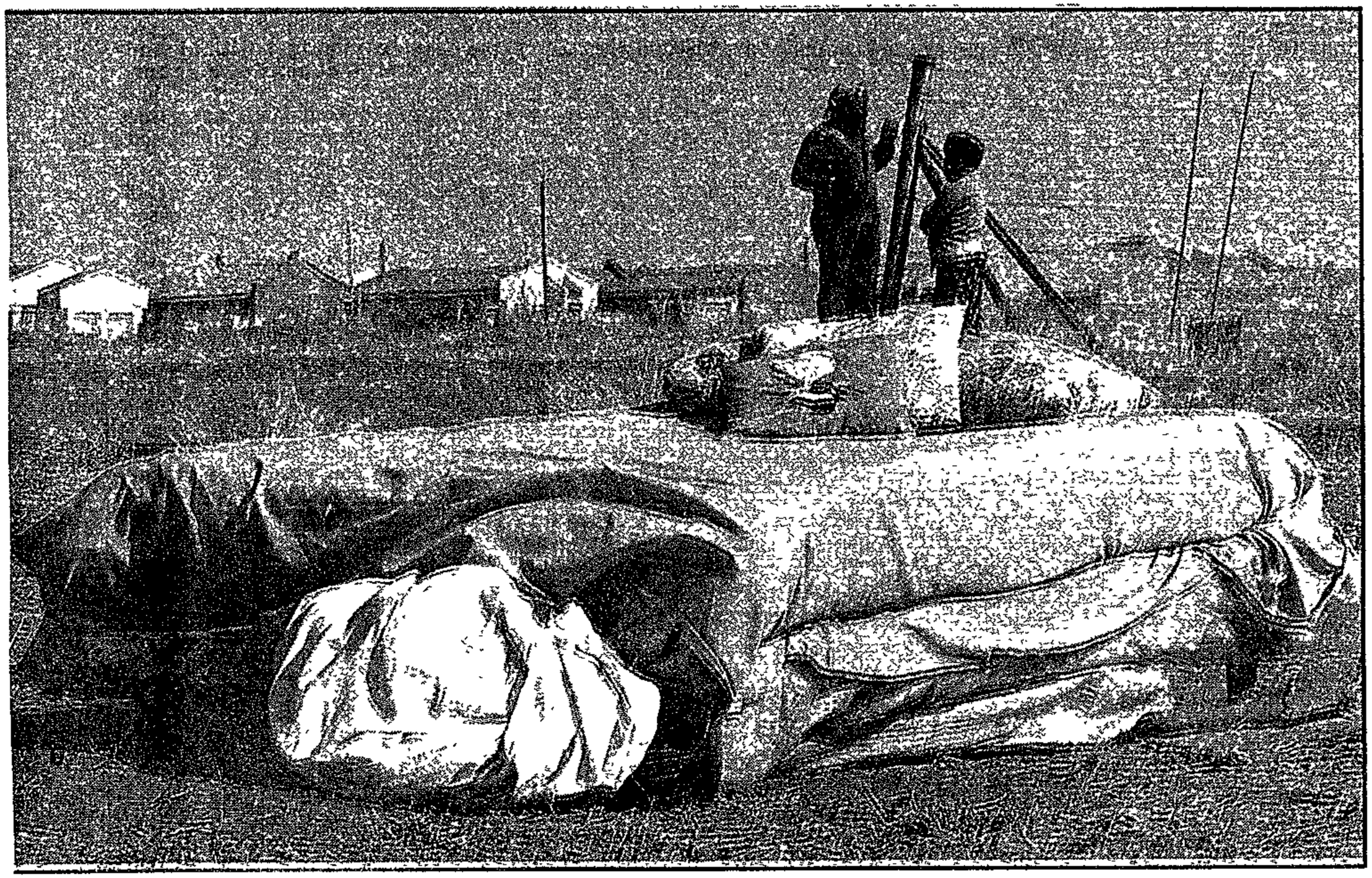
Operation Masakhane for the Homeless chairman Basheer Lorgat called on Wednesday for the TPA to talk to squatters before throwing them out.

The Urban Foundation estimates that there are over 2-million homeless people in the Witwatersrand area, and Lorgat said that even if the TPA was dismantling the Ivory Park camp to allocate it to homeless people "in an organised way", as the administration claimed, the policy was "irresponsible and insufficient".

Yesterday the Tembisa council dismantled about 60 shacks at Oakmoor, 3km from Ivory Park.



We will not budge, say defiant homeless Ivory Park squatters



Roofless . . . squatters set up for the night after TPA officials raze their homes. Picture: Sean Woods

By Thabo Leshilo (310) Star 9/8/91.

The homeless people of Ivory Park, left without shelter after the TPA razed their shacks and confiscated their building materials on Wednesday, have vowed to continue sleeping in the open.

The razing of the camp followed the failure of an urgent application by squatter leaders to the Rand Supreme Court on Tuesday to prevent the demolition.

"We will continue to sleep here. We will not go anywhere. They can shoot us if they wish," a defiant Nophandle Xenenda (70) said.

One pensioner, a Ms Xenenda, arrived at Ivory Park with her four young grandchildren a month ago.

She used to stay with her brother in Tembisa but left "to give him some breathing space".

She could not stay with any of her 15 grown-up children as this might lead to quarrels with their spouses.

The children — Wonderful (13), Sincere (10), Percy (8) and Senzeni (14 months) — were left in her care by one of her daughters.

Born in Kempton Park, Ms Xenenda used to worked as a domestic until she went on pension.

Father of three, Sonny Malebati (38), now stays alone after his shack was broken down three times.

Two of his children stay with relatives in Alexandra and the youngest, only seven months old, left for Tzaneen with his wife, Maria.

He used to stay in a backyard shack in Alexandra and came to Ivory Park hoping to buy a stand.

"Each time they destroy our shack they take our building material. I have lost too much money already," he said, adding that the corrugated-iron sheets alone cost him R280.

Mother of three, Elizabeth Majola, said their shacks were razed without warning and they were prevented from removing their building material.

According to the TPA, the 14 000 sites at Ivory Park have been earmarked for low-income housing, and the squatters were hampering the project.

● TPA officials, accompanied by policemen, destroyed a large number of shacks at Oakmore squatter camp in Tembisa and confiscated building material yesterday.

The official in charge of the demolition, a Mr Kleynhans, told The Star he had nothing to say about the operation.



STARTING AGAIN ... This Ivory Park woman started erecting a new home soon after her shack was razed and her building materials confiscated.

■ Pics ANDRIES MCINEKA

Happiness is a new school

By ELIAS MALULEKE

JOY has returned to 1 200 children in Soshanguve's Block GG, who early this year used a morula tree as a school.

The DET last week presented the happy kids with a new eight-roomed brick school a shade away from the morula tree and plans are under way to add more classrooms for other children who are still being housed in five tents. A fresh water supply has been laid on.

Each day before the school was built pupils and teachers assembled under the morula tree, hoping it would not rain. If it did, they all scattered and went home.

They also had no water, toilets or other basic equipment. City Press then took up their plight with the DET and tents were quickly provided as a temporary measure.

The school was the brainchild of community leaders, who early this year asked the DET for a school as there was none in the area.

The school, which has been named Lindelani Primary School, is catering for Sub-Std A to Std 2 and the DET has supplied four more teachers.



CLASS STRUGGLE ... The school that replaced the morula tree "classroom".

Ivory Park: the saga continues

By SOPHIE TEMA

FOR many years Julia Mabaso lived as a subtenant in Thembisa.

Last month the heavily pregnant Julia moved to Midrand's Ivory Park, where she and her boyfriend erected a shack, hoping to qualify for a house.

On July 9, after the birth of her baby, TPA officials razed their shack together with 490 others.

Police shot and injured at least six residents during the demolition.

Julia and her baby spent a bitterly cold night in the open.

People re-erected their shacks when two homeless people, Joseph Mahoshi and Albert Mngome, filed an urgent court application to prevent the TPA from demolishing shacks and to allow them to remain on the land.

But, on Wednesday this week they were all dealt a heavy blow when the court dismissed the application with costs.

Hundreds of Ivory Park people were once again left out in the bitter cold after complying with the order.

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Alexandra Township squatters sought shelter on roof tops to escape the violence that erupted in the area at the weekend. PIC: MBUZENI ZULU.

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stay of at least a year to enable him to care for his family — he recently married a SA citizen — and to take steps to relocate.

Eddie Botha

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Realism in action

Midrand, possibly the fastest growing town in the country, is also experiencing rapid growth in its squatter population. Many are employed by industrialists in the area.

The Ivory Park area was established in July last year, to house the Midrand homeless on 14 000 residential stands. But experts knew the area was too small to solve the housing crisis. All but 1 100 stands have already been occupied by 70 000 families, according to Jan van der Walt of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

Ivory Park flanks on a former "coloured" group area called Rabie Ridge, where for a year squatters have been negotiating with the House of Representatives for land.

Desperate, the squatter leaders moved closer to Ivory Park. On July 6, according to the TPA, three squatter homes were erected in an area of Ivory Park set aside for clinics, schools and a graveyard Two days later, there were 2 000 shacks. The next day, the TPA demolished 1 000. Occupants of two of the structures applied for an urgent interdict against the TPA, and lost.

But the following day, the TPA met the squatters and other interested organisations, including the Midrand Town Council. It was agreed that the original 300 or so squatter families in the area would be allowed to remain for a fortnight. The issue is complicated because there are two main squatter groups

The first "land invaders," as they call themselves, had been squatting for about three years in the Midrand area. About 90% of the families have someone employed in Midrand, according to a Black Sash survey — and many were born there, to families who originally owned land in the area.

Organised community

It is a strictly organised community which has long been negotiating for access to land in Rabie Ridge and Ivory Park. Their move into Ivory Park was even accepted by TPA officials, to the extent that the TPA is compiling a list of their names which will put them in line for land that becomes available.

The second group is made up primarily of people who have been squatting in the backyards of already overcrowded Tembisa homes. The *FM* has heard allegations from several sources that the land crisis at Ivory Park is partly the fault of a corrupt Tembisa council official, whom the TPA had apparently allowed to allocate land at the official informal settlement.

It is alleged that people were being charged for access to the waiting list. And when the 300 families from Rabie Ridge decided to "invade" the land at Ivory Park, the 1 700 families who then poured on to the land in the next two days were allegedly charged R70 each to move on to that land.

The TPA say they know of "a person who, in breach of agreements, allowed more people to move on to the land "

Some Tembisa town councillors have told the *FM* that there is conflict in the council and little is getting done because of this.

The allocation of more land is being investigated, while emergency measures to accommodate the squatters are taken.

The Midrand Industrialists' Association has told the TPA it is prepared to back employees financially in obtaining sites. All the parties involved meet again this week to discuss the issue.

Says the TPA's Jan van der Walt: "We realise that if we demolish their shacks, these people will not disappear into thin air. While some can't afford formal housing, others can.

"We are negotiating with the Housing Trust and the Midrand people and we hope that this situation can be resolved in a way that best suits the interests of all."

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The farmer who was too kind for the law

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Platteland farmer Michael Katz found himself in court for renting out houses to local black families. His case raises some disturbing questions about how 'squatting' is defined in law ... and whether the government plans to stamp out private initiatives to upgrade informal settlements

By RAYMOND NXUMALO



Michael Katz and Tholi Khumalo ... 'I won't submit the plans because I don't have them and I won't pay the fine because I'm not a criminal' Photo: KEVIN CARTER

OUTSIDE a small town in the south-eastern Transvaal stands a typical farm shop and filling station.

Tholi Khumalo, an old man who can't remember his age, is in charge of the Leslie Farmers Supply and Garage.

Khumalo lives with his wife Evelyn in a large disused garage a shout away from the shop. He has ingeniously divided it into a four-roomed house. The concrete floors are bare, as are the walls, except for a smoke-yellowed newspaper picture of Winnie and Nelson Mandela in the kitchen.

The rooms are modestly furnished: an antique "Welcome Dover" coal stove, swaying table and dilapidated cabinet in the kitchen. Nearby stands a caravan for rainy days, "when the roof leaks".

But now something worse than rain threatens the Khumalos, who have lived on the farm for "longer than we can remember".

Along with the estimated 250 people who make up the farm community, the Khumalos are about to be uprooted as illegal squatters.

But there is a twist to this tale. It is not the community but the owner who is being harassed by authorities.

Michael Katz, who owns the shop, the filling station and the smallholding, looks more like a businessman than a typical platteland farmer.

He believes he is being prosecuted for being too liberal in his attitudes.

He took over the smallholding in 1981 after his father's death. His father was heavily in debt at the time of his death. Katz, a bookkeeper, moved on to the smallholding. There were a few small houses and caravans there, occupied by local families — farmworkers and others.

A year later, he opened the café, but the local municipality would not give him a trading licence. He eventually obtained one in 1984.

"I knew back then that they were up to something. They have never stopped hassling me since," Katz says.

The hassles reached a climax last month in the Evander Magistrate's Court, where he faced charges under the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act and Building Regulations Act.

After a dramatic courtroom outburst, when Katz stated bluntly that "if such people (the police) are allowed to play with the law as they please, I can only conclude this government to be weak, useless and rotten", the magistrate found him guilty of allowing squatters to occupy his land.

Two policemen and a health inspector testified at his trial that about 250 people, who lived in 16 old caravans and about 35 brick and zinc houses, had neither an adequate water supply nor toilet facilities.

"That's not true," he says. "There are five families in brick buildings and they pay between R150 and R180. Those who stay in the smaller brick rondavel pay R116 and in the bigger one, it's R147. All these are furnished and serviced with water and electricity.

"Hey, these people pay because the prices suit their pockets. Nobody is forcing them to stay here. They do it of their own free will. They are happy here."

On a tour round the farm, Katz pointed out an ablution block containing several toilets, a bathroom and six showering bays, with hot and cold running water. "This is the heart of the place," he said, pointing to a self-driven pump.

Katz is particularly worried by the uneven application of the law.

He was acquitted on charges of erecting buildings without approved plans, but he is now required to submit plans to local authorities within six months or pay a R4 000 fine (or two years in jail) for the "crime" of allowing squatting.

"The buildings were there for years before I came to this place," he said. "I won't submit the plans because I don't have them, and I won't pay the fine because I'm not a criminal."

Katz's case has received wide publicity, but the squatters on his land are not the first to be acted against in terms of the legislation.

About 2 000 people were removed from Tamboekiesfontein, Heidelberg, when the owners were convicted of squatter farming last year. They were relocated at the infamous Zonkizizwe squatter camp near Thokoza in the East Rand.

Then people from Weiler's farm were moved to Orange Farm. But today there are even more people on Weiler's farm than those removed in the first place.

The Urban Foundation policy document, *Housing for All*, published last year, pointed out the international trend was not to move squatters but to upgrade informal settlements wherever possible.

The action against Katz raises questions about how the word "squatter" is defined.

Magda du Toit of the Pretoria bureau of the Transvaal Provincial Administration described a squatter as someone who lives on land illegally.

To this she added another category of squatters: backyard dwellers, or people who have permission to "squat" on somebody's property.

"People cannot see an unoccupied land and decide to live there without proper authorisation. The law doesn't allow that," she said.

Mike Oelofse of the Urban Foundation's Informal Settlement Division pointed out that most houses in the rural areas qualified for informal settlement status.

This is where the technical hitches of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act will be put to extreme tests. Houses will have to comply with provisions of the Buildings Regulation Act. Every house must have a plan approved by the authorities.

The Agricultural Land Act also prevents anybody who is not a bona fide worker of a particular farm from living there.

Katz is not alone in his apprehension for the future. Tholi Khumalo is equally unhappy.

"It will be a terrible sin if they can force my boss off this land. What will become of us? Old as we are, who can give us a shelter and a job?" asked Khumalo, looking emptily into space. He did not expect an answer.

Hot soup keeps the cold at bay

By LULAMA LUTI

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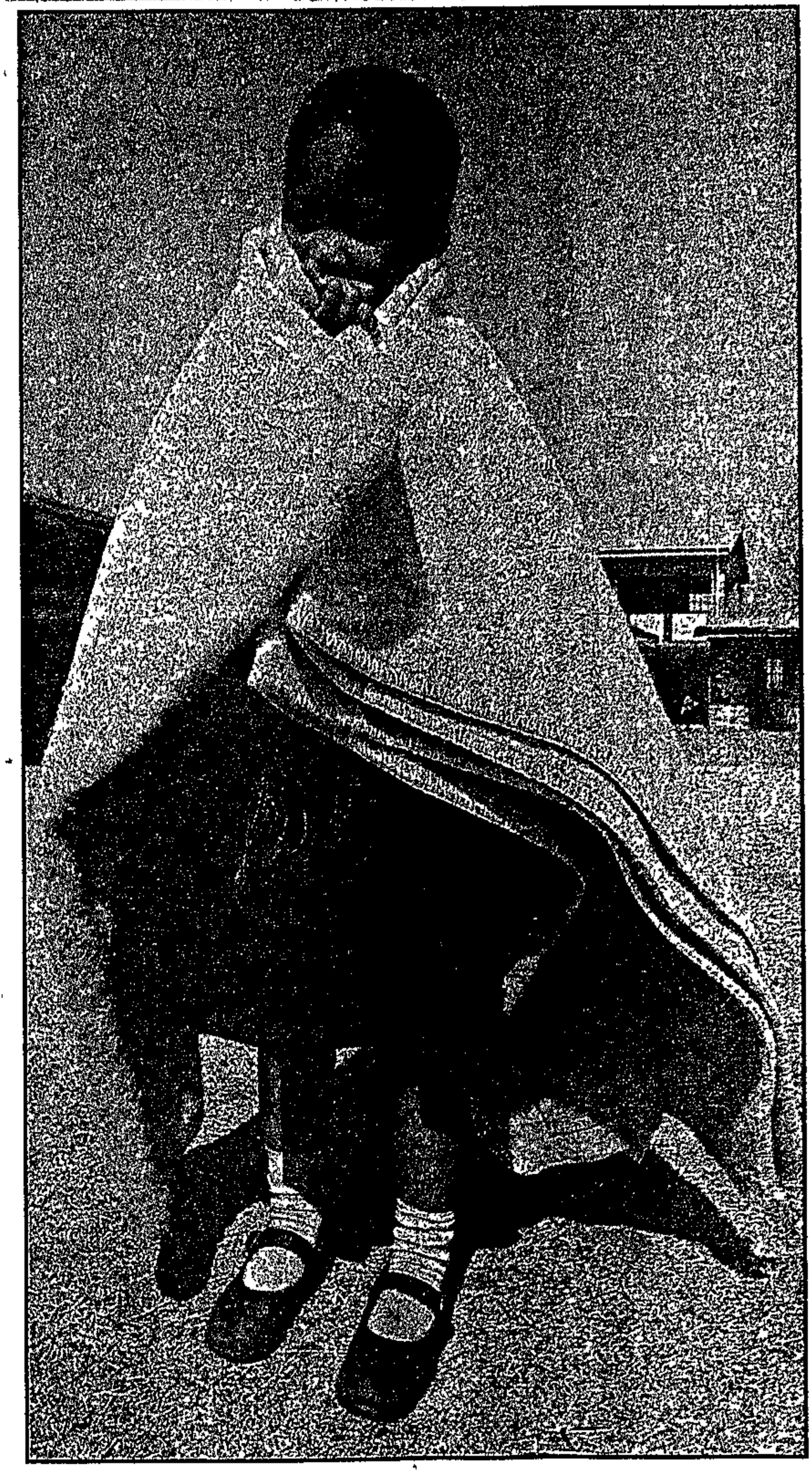
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BLOODY, DANGEROUS TIMES IN DARK CITY

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By EZRA MANTINI and SHARON CHETTY

ENTERING the Mayekiso squatter camp in Alexandra township is no problem, even for strangers. It's getting out that could prove difficult.

The three-year-old camp — about 1km east of Lombardy East in Johannesburg — has been the scene of pitched battles since unrest restrictions imposed in May were lifted on August 3.

As a stranger enters, an intricate security network swings into action.

Groups of youths playing poker in the sun are actually members of the camp's self-defence unit. As the stranger moves, so do the games. And other groups appear out of nowhere to surround him and find out what he wants.

These are dangerous times. In the early hours of last Saturday morning, an invading red-headbanded force, allegedly backed by white men in balaclavas, was repulsed by the defence unit.

Poverty

Four bodies were found the next day — all with red headbands, according to residents. By Friday, the August death toll had risen to 28, with an estimated 71 injured.

But the squatters are not sure who they are fighting or why.

Residents' committee chairman Philemon Mthombeni said there was no quarrel between Mayekiso squatters and the residents of the hostel about 1km away, from where the attacks are apparently launched. "The hostel dwellers are being used by other forces against us," he said.

Since March, the violence that besieged other areas has spread to Alexandra — dubbed "Dark City" because of rampant crime and poverty.

At least 75 people have died in clashes since March when previous restrictions were lifted. Relative calm returned in May when a curfew was imposed.



PHILEMON MTHOMBENI

But that all changed on Saturday, August 3. An Inkatha anti-litter campaign turned into a bloody nightmare, leaving at least three dead. Quick police intervention prevented more casualties.

But residents seem to have little faith in the police, with allegations that police units are siding with Inkatha.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said: "This is no ordinary conflict between two political groups — clearly the security forces were in on the violence."

The police have denied involvement in the attacks.

Mr Mthombeni said: "Bring back the SADF's 32 Battalion and we might have peace — they don't take nonsense from anybody."

Members of the Alexandra Civic Organisation believe attacks on residents are timed to coincide with their meetings.

ACO office worker Miss Mary Ntingana said: "We called a meeting for August 4 to discuss low-cost housing and the squatter problem.

"However, the day before, Inkatha bused in people from Soweto and the East Rand for what they called a clean-up campaign," she said.

"Crowds arrived waving banners. None of them had spades or brooms. But some had bin liners, which they used to hide weapons.

"They didn't clean their hostel, but marched down the streets chanting and singing. That was when the trouble started."

Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, secretary-general of Inkatha's West Rand region, denied the allegations: "During the clean-up campaign, two of our members were killed and their shacks (on hostel grounds) burnt down by ACO members.

"We didn't carry spades or brooms because we needed neither. You can pick up the rubbish by hand. A few carried sticks because they are used to doing so.

"We intended to start cleaning outside the hostel and finish off by cleaning the hostel itself and holding a braai, but we were attacked by ANC members without provocation," said Mr Ndlovu.

Vigilantes

Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal president Moses Mayekiso, originally from Alex, said: "We tried to form a peace committee with Inkatha, but this failed to materialise.

"People in the Mayekiso camp have been subjected to intimidation by vigilantes, helped by police and councillors. That is why we demand that councillors should resign," he said.

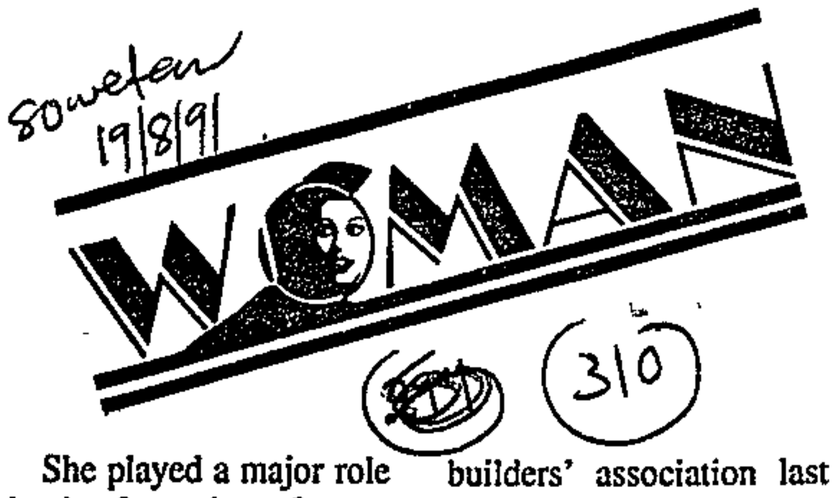
Alexandra ANC member Obed Bapela has called for an independent commission of inquiry to probe the violence.

He said a police denial of residents' claims that Casspirs were used to ferry the attackers to the township "was unacceptable".

The champion of the squatters

OLGA Lutu is an unsung heroine of the shack-dwelling community to whom she has unselfishly dedicated her life.

By SIZAKELE KOOMA



Since 1982, when she moved into Weiler's Farm, near Vereeniging, Lutu has been harassed, arrested and appeared in court more times than she can remember - all for the benefit of squatters.

She was harassed by the police after she had urged farm labourers there not to pay rent, arrested for opening an advice centre which was meant to help the squatters obtain ID books and pension funds, among other things.

Service

She also appeared in court and was fined R800 for refusing to pay service charges for a house that had no electricity and water supply, and for which she also had no permit to live in.

There was a time when she and other community members were arrested every day.

They would appear in court even on Saturdays.

But Lutu did not wilt under the pressure.

Her experience became a challenge that propelled her to form a strong and unified Weiler's Farm community.

"Our unity was displayed in 1985 when we were told to move after the owner had sold it," Lutu said.

"Our electricity and water supplies were cut off and we were harassed by police every night. But we would not budge.

"I led a committee to Pretoria to ask that the services be reinstated."

Lutu and her committee were granted permission by the Government to use a borehole that the police had prevented them from using.

Firm

They got a donation of water-pumping equipment from one firm and their problem was solved.

By then they had started a residential committee, of which she was chairman.

They had also acquired legal assistance from the Legal Resources Centre. They held monthly meetings with local authorities in negotiation for alternative accommodation.

Area

They identified Orange Farm as a possible living area and it was granted to them last year.

This daughter of a "cruel policeman" and a "poor mother" from the Cape was instrumental in the allocation of Orange Farm, not only to squatters from Weiler's Farm, but also to others from Soweto and the Vaal.

She played a major role in the formation of community projects that include a school called Qoqizizwe Primary School, a self-help sewing scheme for unemployed women and a pre-school facility that is named after her.

She offers all her services, including work in the projects, voluntarily.

"We have several unemployed women currently training for a bakery project that we hope to start as soon as they complete the course.

Sewing

"We have been offered a farm at Poortjie, an extension of Orange Farm. We will use it to run gardening, sewing, knitting and other projects that we will add as we go on," Lutu said.

This bulky woman, whose extensive yard is always full of people seeking advice on how to obtain ID books, housing permits and pension funds, also belongs to a committee that launched a builders' association last week.

The association hopes to stop exploitative building contractors from working at Orange Farm.

Lutu also does the rounds in the shanty town with the Black Sash every Thursday to check on the problems of the 11 000 families in the four wards.

Fights

"Their problems include the daily fights we have with the local white farmers. I'm very bitter with the one-sided reports we always see in the media that allege that squatters steal from the farmers.

"Our people are harassed and beaten by the farmers almost every day, but I never see that in the Press."

Her wish is to see politics left out of the desperate community's problems.

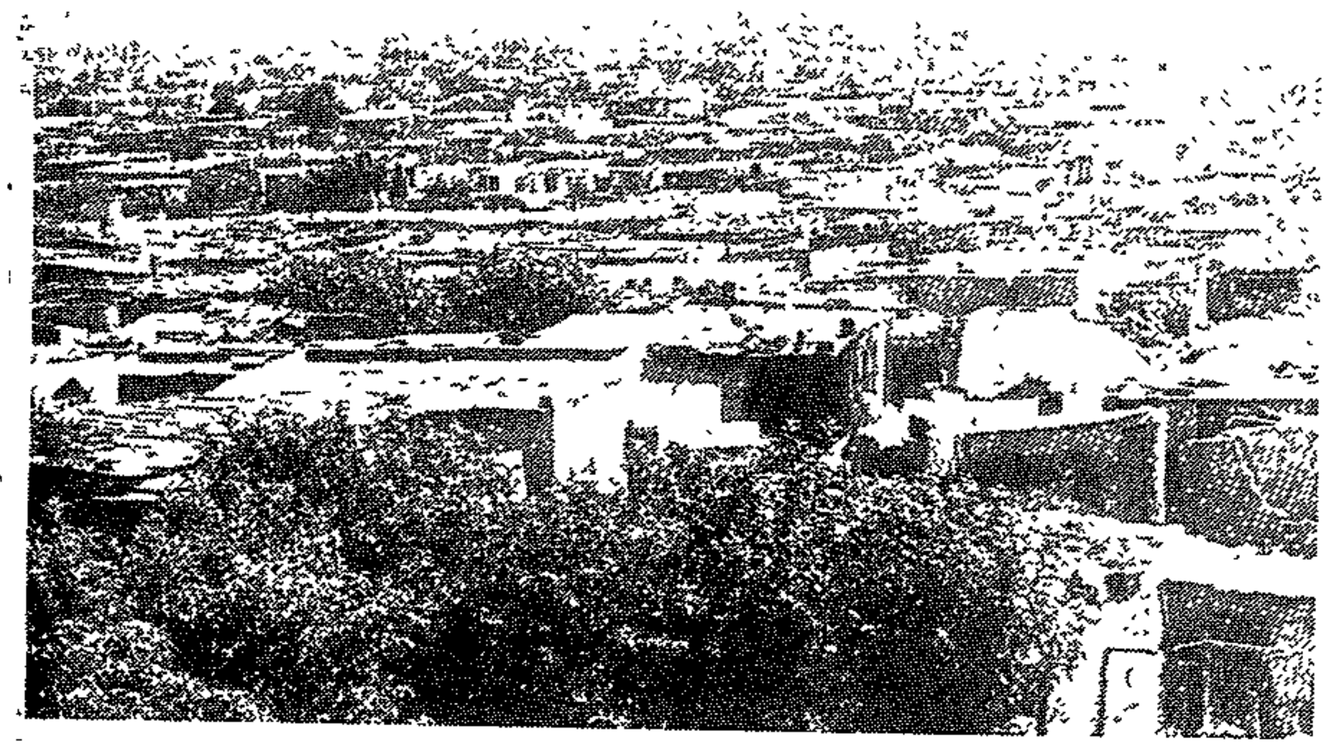
Allocation of more sites and construction of proper roads are on the agenda of problems she wants to tackle next.

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Industrial area for Orange Farm

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A view of Orange Farm. A portion of the land adjoining the area has been rezoned for industrial purposes and factories may be built.

Orange Farm folk near Evaton will soon boast an industrial area.

Portion 371 IQ, on the eastern side of the railway line, has been rezoned for industrial purposes.

The developer's aim is to attract black people into this scheme and, as

By All MPHAKI

Henry Wienand puts it:

"The black entrepreneur, the man in the street, all would be most welcome to participate in this new development."

He notes, however, that the black people in general lack the necessary funds to embark on such audacious schemes, but asserts: "Where there is a will, there is a way."

Wienand suggests people should pool their resources by forming clubs, syndicates etc. The shareholders of such a consortium would have the financial muscle to tackle a business venture.

Syndicate

For example, a syndicate consisting of a hundred members, who contribute R100 each, would have a monthly working capital of R10 000.

Wienand said it was also the intention of the developer to set up an advisory panel to assist such people in the various aspects of starting a new business. In so doing, he says, they hope to remove the pitfalls and streamline the process.

To confirm the confidence of the developers in this new project, they would build their own factories.

Anyone requiring further information can contact Henry wienand at (012) 98-1488 or write to PO Box 31, Grasmere, 1828.

Kagiso murder accused in court

BY KENOSI MODISANE

THE seven men arrested in connection with the Swanieville squatter camp raid which left 29 people dead and many shacks razed, will appear in court in Krugersdorp today.

The men are facing 29 charges of murder after about 1 000 hostel inmates from Kagiso attacked the camp in a pre-dawn raid on May 13.

This will be their second appearance in court since their arrest about three months ago.

A bail application was turned down when they made their first court appearance in court in June.

They were arrested after a countrywide search which stretched as far as Natal, where on one of the suspects was arrested.

Their arrest followed after six other Kagiso 1 hostel inmates, who had initially been arrested for the killings, were discharged.

Water at 20c a can

c/Press 1/9/91 (310)

But farmer warned to stop helping out

By DAN DHLAMINI

POLICE in the remote Western Transvaal town of Hartebeesfontein this week warned a white farmer not to provide water to residents of Tigane township, which has been "dry" for the past three weeks.

Yet the Tigane Town Council – which cut off water and electricity supplies and stopped removal of night soil due to the year-old rent boycott – is doing booming business selling water at 20c for five litres.

Now the small township, which is 80 percent shacks and mud houses, with not a single tarred street, smells like a dump.

Anyone driving into the township is hit by the bad smell. An open hole which serves as a septic tank is sited near some shacks and is a health hazard.

Residents buy vouchers and then have to queue for water which is drawn from a 2 500 litre drum.

Tigane manager P Koster denied the council was making a profit and said the water was sold to those who owed the council for services rendered.

He also denied the water was not clean, as it was drawn from the main pipe which supplied Hartebeesfontein residents.

Koster said his council was now forced to buy water for cash at 20 cents a kilolitre from Hartebeesfontein Town Council and sell it to raise the R70 000 to get the water reconnected.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Const F Bezuidenhout confirmed that the farmer, Ockie Meiring, was prevented from selling water because he did not have a licence to do so.

Meiring, who lives about a kilometre from the township, told City Press he was only trying to help the desperate Tigane residents.

Tigane mayor Joshua Mojaki, who is also the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) organiser in the Western Transvaal, told City Press residents who paid their rent were issued with vouchers to get water free.

He said their nightsoil buckets were removed regularly and their electricity was not cut.

But Tigane Civic Association Chairman Oupa Kgauwe refuted this and said even the schools' nightsoil buckets were not removed.

He said residents embarked on a rent boycott after the council had refused to meet his association to iron out problems facing the community.

Kgauwe, whose home has been attacked on several occasions, said the R40 90 rent was too high, there was no sewerage system, water was drawn from communal taps and the streets were in bad condition.

Six killed as Squatters flee camp of death

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Mshenguville erupts

Death in the dust ...



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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Mshenguville is in crisis once again. What do you think should be done about the problem?

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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 reports of people 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.

A woman's body was found naked and a skirt matching her jacket was found some distance away.

A spokesman for the Soweto police said the woman had been stabbed and one 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 in Mshenguville, said Sowetan

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 between shootings at hostel dwellers and residents near the Jabulani hostel standing in a yard nearby died instantly from a stray bullet, Captain Joseph Ngobeni said.

A man standing in a hostel yesterday afternoon, the Soweto police said.

Yesterday it reported that two Ngobeni reported after they were taken to Baragwanath Hospital "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 Addiaide Phakile, whose residence, she was 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.

Now they must join food queues

Star 3/9/91

The recession is biting deeply — statistics show that more people are out of work, more are joining food queues and more are falling into debt. MONICA OOSTERBROEK and ABEL MUSHI investigate.



Feeding scheme . . . squatters collect mealie meal at Vlakfontein. Picture: Alf Kumalo

RECESSION in the townships and squatter camps of the Reef often means joining charity food queues to supplement the "piece-job" payments with which so many eke out an existence.

Feeding schemes are finding it increasingly difficult to obtain sponsorships.

Once a breadwinner with a family of six to feed, 37-year-old Joseph Mavhungu has joined the queue at the collection point of Operation Hunger's feeding scheme at the Vlakfontein squatter camp near Ennerdale outside Johannesburg.

Survived

This handout — which affords his family a 12,5 kg bag of mealie meal, five cups of soup powder and a tin of fish — comes once in a month.

The recently retrenched Mr Mavhungu, with no skills, said he survived by doing gardening in the neighbouring suburbs and selling imitation jewellery.

"I'm keeping on trying to find a job but there's just no hope. More and more people are losing theirs, and the competition keeps getting tougher," he said.

Frans Muthali (57) sells vegetables and firewood since the engineering firm he worked for was forced to close.

"These people are doing a wonderful thing," he said, adding that the rations were of great help to himself, his unemployed wife and their five children.

And while 30-year-old housewife Rosina Musekwa collected a ration for her five-member family, her husband was job-hunting in in Johannesburg.

A fixed total of 185 bags of mealie meal — "nowhere near enough" — were distributed monthly at the squatter camp, said Jabulani Mkhize, the man in charge of the feeding scheme.

"There are so many new people joining the queues that we have to use scheme membership cards for control," Mr Mkhize told The Star.

Soweto's well-known community leader, Masechaba Mabaso, hands out food packages in Soweto every week, and this year the demand has risen dramatically.

"Township violence was at its worst this year and many households who lost their breadwinners are depending on feeding schemes," she said.

Her scheme, which gets its food from the Feed-The-Poor organisation and private sponsorships, has more than 50 distributors in Soweto. □

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".

'Evidence was dumped'

SUSAN RUSSELL

A GERMISTON man tried to protect his brother and two friends by throwing away a wooden bed leg allegedly used by the three to beat a black man to death, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Johannes Olivier said he had thrown away the leg after finding it in the kitchen of the house he shared with the three.

He was testifying on behalf of the state at the trial of his brother Ettiene Thomas Ferreira, 19, Deon Meyer, 25, and a 16-year-old youth who may not be identified.

The three have pleaded not guilty to murdering an unidentified black man in open veld in Germiston on November 12 last year.

They allegedly attacked the man after finding him asleep and beat him to death with a wooden bed leg and karate sticks.

The trial continues.

TPA under fire for stance on squatters

A ROW has broken out between the Soweto City Council and the TPA over the resettlement of the 1 500 people in the troubled Mshenguville squatter camp.

At least six people died in the reputed Inkatha stronghold at the weekend, prompting Soweto mayor Oscar Maseko to declare it a "crisis area" and call for 24-hour police protection for its residents.

Soweto council PRO Mojalefa Moseki yesterday accused the TPA of "not applying its mind" to the urgency of providing land for the resettlement of the residents of Mshenguville.

TPA spokesman Magda du Toit in turn called the accusation "utter rubbish" because, she said, the council had failed to stop more people from flocking to the area when the original residents were moved to Orange Farm in 1989.

There were no more stands available in serviced areas and the identification, acquisition and developing of more land for squatters required money and time, Du Toit said.

Maseko said that since fighting had

THEO RAWANA

broken out in the area in July, the Soweto council has done all in its power to stop the violence. "On the other hand we have held several meetings with top TPA officials for more than a month to provide land, either at Doornkop or elsewhere, for the permanent resettlement of all Mshenguville families."

Moseki said all the council was getting from the TPA was promises.

Meanwhile, Inkatha secretary for the West Rand Humphrey Ndlovu dismissed allegations that Mshenguville was an Inkatha stronghold, saying the area was occupied by people of mixed political affiliation.

"We don't go about creating strongholds, but people themselves go out and seek Inkatha membership," he said.

Ndlovu denied allegations that his organisation was involved the fighting at Mshenguville.

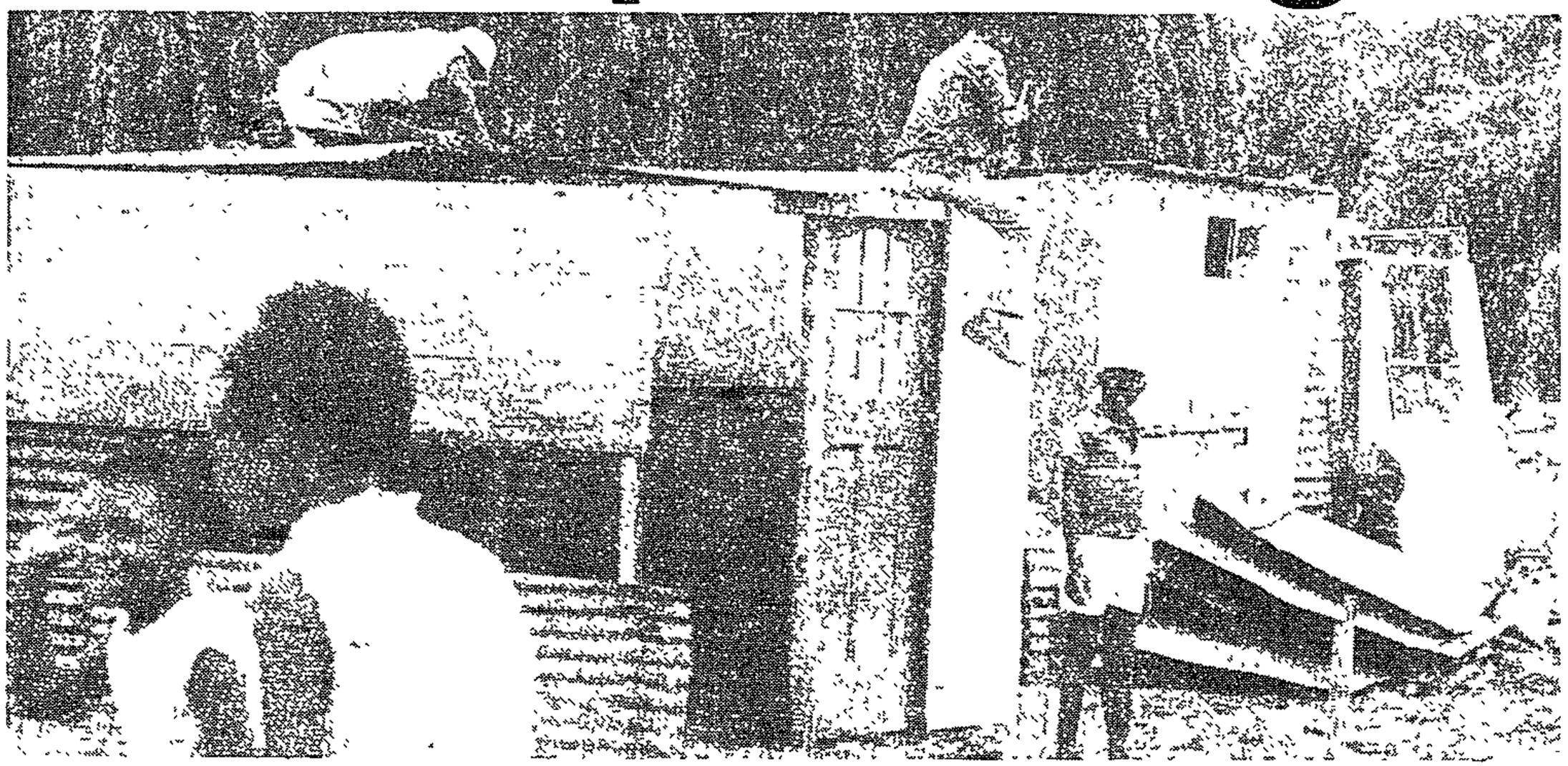
But he welcomed the council's moves to bring order to the camp and said his organisation had been holding talks with other groupings to resolve the issue.

Post mortem to determine

'Squatter camp must go'

Sowetan 5/9/91

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.

Buyers 'not told about squatters'

(310) CT 6/9/91

By BRONWYN DAVIDS

A JOHANNESBURG couple who "unknowingly" bought a R950 000 property and business near a proposed squatter camp in Noordhoek are claiming damages from the seller for not informing them about the camp

Mr Barry Mayes and Mrs Helen Mayes, formerly of Glen Vista in south Johannesburg, claim that the purchase price of the Noordhof Nursery and smallholding they bought from Mr Gert (Gerry) Noordhof should be reduced to R400 000.

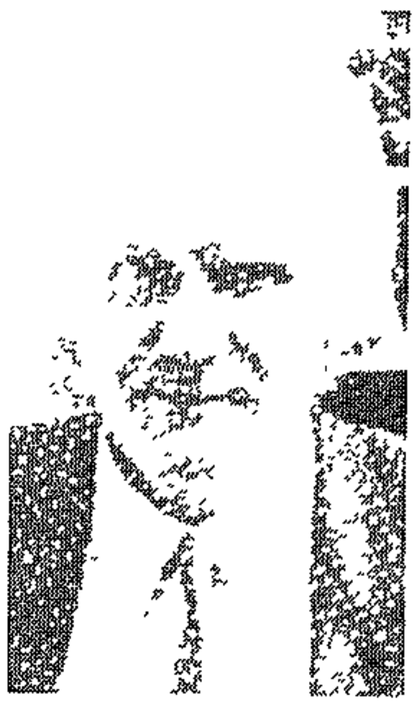
As they have already paid R750 000, of which R150 000 is a loan from Mr Noordhof, they are claiming R200 000 from Mr Noordhof.

The Mayes claim that before the deal was clinched on June 3 last year Mr Noordhof was aware of a letter being circulated by the consultants Van der Merwe, Ducksbury and Dunn that said the government was planning to house 5 000 squatters on 30 to 40 hectares of Noordhoek Valley property.

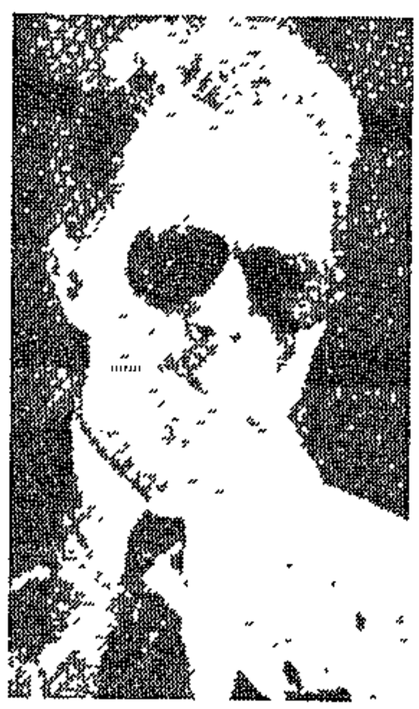
As part of the deal, Mr Noordhof had signed documents in which he said he had disclosed all facts and details and had not withheld any information pertaining to the purchase

Had Mr Noordhof mentioned the letter, the Mayes would not have signed any documents, said Mr B Doctor, SC, for the plaintiffs

In his opening argument, Mr Doctor said Mr Noordhof's failure to mention the possible allocation of sites opposite the nursery to squatters was "fraud".



SELLER ...
Mr Gert Noordhof



BUYER ...
Mr Barry Mayes



BUYER ...
Mrs Helen Mayes

He had not mentioned the letter circulated to all interested parties, nor had he invited the Mayes to a meeting of property owners held at the nursery on June 4 last year, which they would have attended had they known about it.

After the Mayes family moved in on September 23, Mr Noordhof had allegedly told them that "nobody took the letter seriously". Yet it was "serious" enough for residents to call a meeting and for Mr Noordhof to write the consultants a letter objecting "most strongly" to squatters being moved to Noordhoek Valley, Mr Doctor said.

The hearing continues on Monday

Mr Justice J J Fagan is presiding Mr Doctor is assisted by Mr P van Blerk, instructed by Brian Kahn and attorneys Mr F D J Brand SC and Mr W R E Duminy, instructed by Buchanan, Boyes and Klosser, appear for Mr Noordhof

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Marchers in crisis area

JOHANNESBURG. — A week of action, culminating in a march to the Mshenguville squatter camp in Soweto to rebuild shacks destroyed in fighting, has been planned for next week by the area's crisis committee.

Several people have died and there reportedly have been five explosions during the struggle, believed to be for control of the area, between Inkatha and anti-Inkatha supporters.

Attempts to bring the factions together have failed, with Inkatha supporters insisting that the African National Congress, and not the crisis committee, come to negotiate. — Sapa

Mshenguville on knife's edge

C/Pres 8/9/91 (310)

By SEKOLA SELLO

FIVE years ago Ephraim Tshabalala became the instant hero of the homeless when he defied the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Soweto Town Council by encouraging hundreds of people to erect shacks in a open field right in the middle of Soweto.

Today the same people Tshabalala helped are baying for his blood.

Three weeks ago, at an emotionally charged meeting at Ipelegeng Community Centre, they called a boycott of his businesses.

And the Mofolo Squatter Camp – or Mshenguville, as it is better known – is now in flames. The once vibrant and happy community is living in constant fear.

As the death toll mounts, people are asking: "Why".

When Tshabalala, who had recently been ousted as the mayor of Soweto, gave the homeless permission to build their shacks on what used to be a golf course, many people applauded.

Instead of calling for municipal police to demolish the shacks, as was the practise then, Tshabalala was, in fact, endorsing the building of these settlements. He cut through red tape with one bold move.

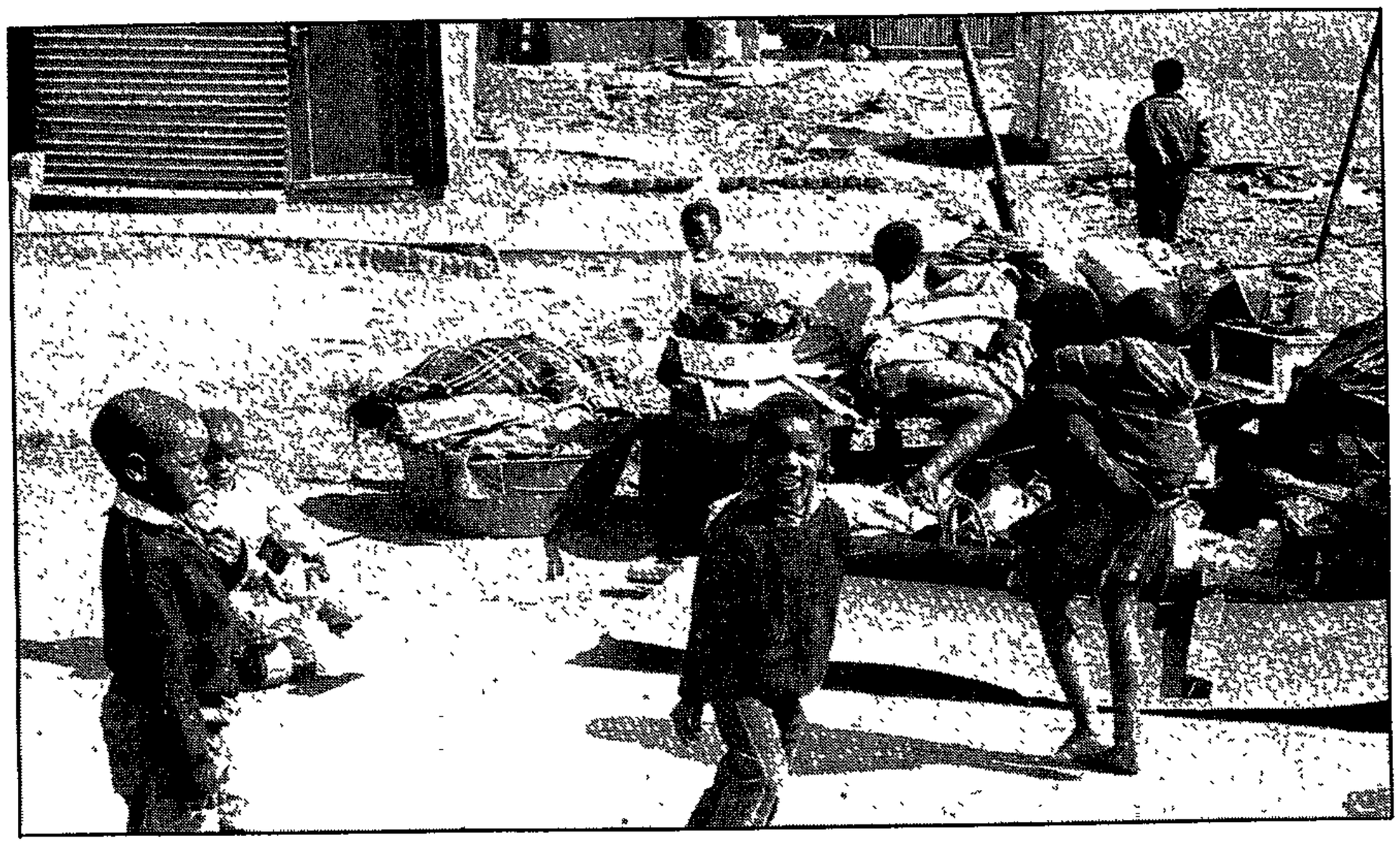
Grateful for what Tshabalala had done for them, most of the residents took out membership of his Sofasonke Party. The party was thus able to swell its ranks.

Many extra-parliamentary activists acknowledged in private that by his move, Tshabalala had done something for the community – a rare tribute to be accorded someone working within the system.

In gratitude the Mofolo Squatter Camp was renamed Mshenguville – Mshengu being the clan name of the Tshabalalas.

Five years down the line most residents of Mshenguville are fleeing the place. They are running away from a horde of killers whom they claim are Inkatha members brought in by Tshabalala.

Scores have been placed at Ipelegeng, hundreds are seeking refuge with relatives in the townships, while others say they are running away but have nowhere to go.



BROODING . . . the glory days are over. Now there is only death and fear. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

Since the outbreak of violence more than 20 people have died – not a high figure compared to the killings which took place at other squatter camps like Phola Park in Thokoza. But the potential for more violence is real.

This week several residents – like Mrs Tsatsimpe, who refused to be photographed and would not tell us her first name – were pulling down their shacks, taking all their worldly belongings and getting the hell out of Mshenguville. They were going to relatives in the townships.

Tsatsimpe and her four small children, the eldest no more than 12 years old, have lived in Mshenguville for the past five years. Now they have to go, because it is said Zulus are killings Xhosas.

"I am not Xhosa, but I have been threatened. I also know of several Zulus who have been threatened by other Zulu-speaking people. We simply do not know who is behind these killings. Some people say it is Inkatha. I do not know."

Jabulani Mabaso is a Zulu. He too moved out of Mshenguville this week.

"I am a working man with a family. How am I expected to cope with this life. We have to patrol the area the whole night and then go to work the following day. It's not possible."

On the surface the problems of Mshenguville appear easy to understand. It's a straight political fight between Inkatha, aligned with Sofasonke, and the ANC.

his is how Omhle Masakhane – an organisation for the homeless which is sympathetic to the ANC – sees the problem. Its secretary general, Basheer Lorgat, says that Omhle supporters in the camp have attracted Inkatha hostility.

Dombolo Tshabalala, the daughter of the former Soweto mayor, contends that to her knowledge, there is no longer a Sofasonke presence in Mshenguville. She claims most Sofasonke members left for Orange Farm in the Vaal.

The underlying causes of the conflict are complex. There is no doubt a strong element of political rivalry; plain thuggery is also another factor and the appalling conditions are always a potential spark for conflict.

Some of the people behind the killings and looting are known to the residents, but their political affiliation is difficult to pin down. It is also alleged that the squatter camp leaders misappropriated sympathy funds.

The possibility of agent provocateurs fanning conflict is not ruled out. It all adds up to make Mshenguville a powderkeg waiting to explode. The results will be ghastly.

Sapa-Reuter health personnel would be in provided

Aids: Receptionist denies leak

JOHANNESBURG. — A receptionist denied in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that she had told a doctor's former wife about a patient who had tested positive for the Aids virus.

Instead, the doctor's wife had informed her about the man's condition, Mrs Heleen Bibbey told Mr Justice D Levy. CT 13/9/91

She was giving evidence in a case in which Mr Barry McGeary is suing Dr Matthys Kruger for R50 000 for allegedly breaching confidentiality by disclosing that Mr McGeary was HIV-positive.

Mrs Bibbey said she had not been on good terms with Dr Kruger's former wife, Mrs Riana Kruger, because she had given evidence against Mrs Kruger in a custody battle.

Mrs Kruger earlier told the court she first heard about Mr McGeary's condition when Mrs Bibbey asked her for Mr McGeary's telephone number in Nylstroom, where he was living at the time.

Mrs Bibbey denied this. — Sapa

Squatter shacks demolished

JOHANNESBURG. — Daveyton Town Council (near Benoni on the East Rand) has sent 13 trucks and personnel to break down shacks that house 2 000 families in Chris Hani Park, just outside the township, former town councillor Mr Tom Boya said yesterday. CT 13/9/91

Squatter spokesman Mr Mahlomola Skhosana said in a statement: "This senseless act by councillors is likely to add to the violence on the East Rand."

A spokesman for Daveyton Town Council said a statement would be issued later. — Sapa

Anti-Mob march

PALERMO, Sicily. — Shops, banks and industries closed, buses came to a halt and thousands marched through the streets yesterday in a protest against the Mafia. The march was spurred by the killing of a businessman who refused to pay bribes. — Sapa-AP

Please save our shacks!

e/Press 15/9/91 (3/0)

By SOPHIE TEMA

AN urgent application to restrain Bophuthatswana police from harassing shackdwellers has been filed in the Mmabatho Supreme Court by 35 homeless families from Tlhabane, near Rustenburg.

The families want an order restraining Bop police from assaulting them and demolishing their shacks on a piece of land they call Izwelethu.

Solomon Lord Kombe and 34 others brought the application against Bop Law and Order Minister, President Lucas Mangope, who is defending the action.

In their plea, the homeless families – represented by Bennie Ngoepe, SC, and instructed by Moss Mavundla – are seeking an order restraining Bop police from demolishing structures on the piece of land between Tlhabane township and Rustenburg.

Kombe told City Press that most of the homeless families – about 290 – had applied for houses as early as 1982.

"Our town council is not responding to the housing needs of the homeless. Most of us have still not been placed in proper houses because the Tlhabane Town Council told us the housing list got lost," he said.

"Others were told they did not qualify for houses because they were non-Tswanas. But these people were born and bred in Bop. The only difference is that they do not have Tswana surnames."

Kombe and most of the families have been temporarily accommodated at St Peter's Church in Thlabane. Among them are three pregnant women who have to sleep on the cement floor.

Florence Bogatsu said she was due to have a baby any day.

"I cannot give birth to my baby while staying with so many men, women and children in the same dormitory," she lamented

"If arrangements are made that I go for confinement at the local clinic, my problems will still not be solved because according to custom I cannot live with my new-born baby among other people."

A spokesman for Tlhabane Town Council said he could not comment as the Minister would state his case in affidavits before the court.



HOMELESS ... The former shackdwellers with their meagre belongings. ■ **Pic: TLADI KHUELE**

Squatters win battle for land

RESIDENTS of Phola Park squatter camp have been granted R15-million by the government-sponsored Independent Development Trust (IDT) to transform their shackland into a formal housing settlement.

It is a strange irony that indirect State funds will be used to provide a permanent home for a community that for years the government has tried to forcibly remove.

The Phola Park squatter camp, south-east of Johannesburg, has been the scene of bloody clashes between residents and inmates of nearby hostels. Last weekend, 55 people died in the area.

In spite of IDT policy to provide service sites and not housing, the Phola Park residents have chosen to save costs on infrastructure, and to use the balance of the R7 500 allocated for each site for the building of basic "envelope houses".

Negotiations with the IDT are continuing and are strengthened by the fact there are already dwellings in the area. But it is proposed that R4 100 will be spent on the site, and R3 400 on the dwelling.

As part of the growing trend of communities' being directly involved in development, IDT representative Jolyon Nuttall explained that of the 108 applications approved by the IDT for site and service at the end of July, 34 percent of these were from community trusts.

But central to the Phola Park proposal is that the community will control the development process from beginning to end.

Phola Park residents will determine the layout of the area, will design the houses and will then construct the houses themselves.

To date most township developments have been controlled by local authorities, who in turn are responsible for hiring contractors.

Phola Park Residents' Committee vice president Prince Mhlambe said they were one of the first communities in the country to receive funds directly, and to determine how the money should be spent.

"The community will decide what kind of houses we need, and how the area should be planned.

"We have bricklayers and artisans, and don't wish to hire outside contractors for work we can do ourselves. We are creating employment for the community," he said.

A community-based development trust will be established shortly to oversee the process, and to consult specialist and advisory bodies.

The trust will also make sure residents receive appropriate skills training.

In the last four years the 35 000 Phola Park residents have been forcibly removed four times.

The most recent removal a year ago resulted in eight residents being killed by police.

Since August last year, hundreds of lives have been lost through vigilante attacks on this highly organised community, considered an ANC stronghold.

Mhlambe has been instrumental in creating dialogue with the police, the rival Inkatha hostel dwellers in the area and with the Thokoza Town Council.

"We have proved we are an organised community, and the government has realised this. Something has to be done to improve the conditions under which our people are living," he said.

"Now we want to prove that we can transform the area into a permanent home."

Initially the Phola Park development committee approached the IDT with the proposal and a request for R30-million for the creation of 4 000 sites.

Although negotiations are continuing, and are subject to approval by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Thokoza town council, the IDT has granted R15-million for 2 000 sites. If the project is successful, they may apply for further funding.

Mhlambe hopes the housing plan will be ready in three months so construction of infrastructure can begin.

Three months after that there should be houses in the squatter camp, standing alongside the present shacks. — AIA

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Squatters teargassed

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Police used teargas to disperse a group of squatters after TPA officials started demolishing shacks at Orange Farm yesterday.

Police said 30 shacks were torn down in extension 7 on sites which, although allocated to squatters from Sweetwaters and Weiler's Farm, had been occupied by other squatters.

Secretary-general of the Orange Farm Civic Association, Tumelo Madilonga, said the number of shacks demolished was closer to 100.

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Residents and police hold talks

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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.*

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Families gassed as Vaal shacks flattened

By DON SEOKANE

HEAVILY armed Transvaal Provincial Administration security guards fired teargas at squatters while TPA officials demolished about 100 shacks at Orange Farm yesterday.

Police also kept a high profile at the scene while the demolitions were taking place.

TPA security officers and police threatened photographers and warned them not to take pictures of police vehicles and any action involving the security guards.

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100 shacks flattened

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Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer said he was not aware of any incidents at Orange Farm except for the demolitions.

Mr Goodman Godongwane of the Orange Farm Civic Association said the demolitions followed the breakdown in talks between the association and the TPA. He said the two groups had earlier reached agreement.

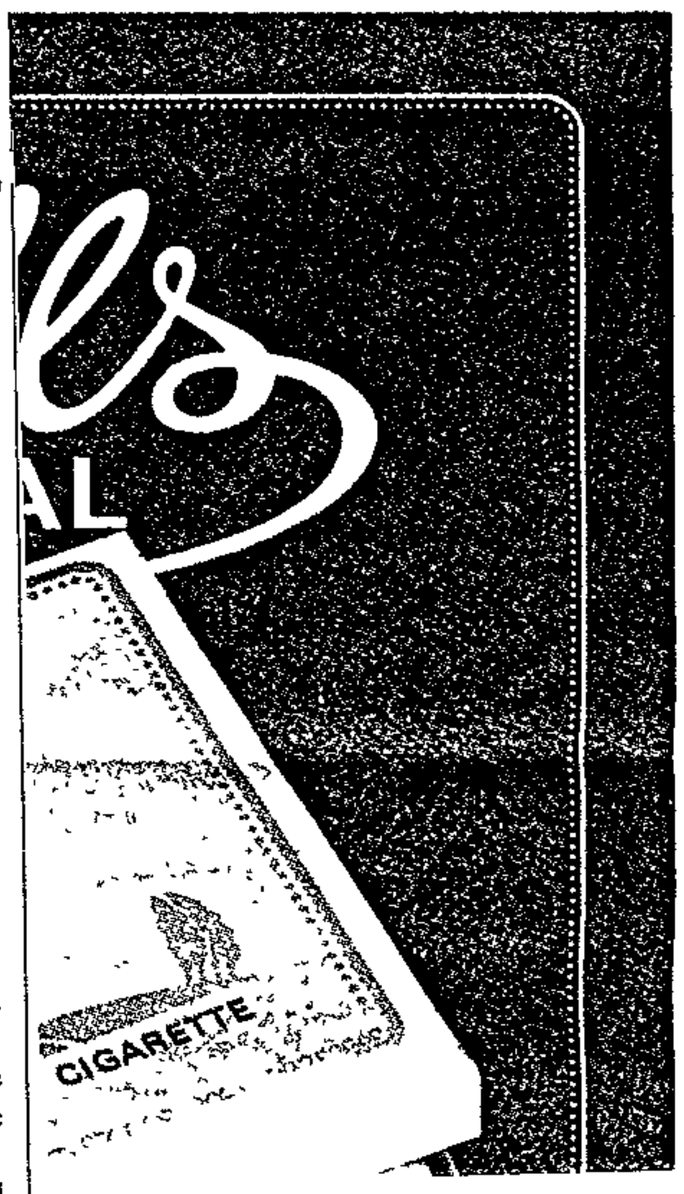
"Our agreement was that some people would be moved to Extension 7 but now the TPA has reneged and decided to bring people from Doornkop," Godongwane said

TPA spokesman Mr Gert de Jager said the civic association had brought people from outside areas to occupy land earmarked for other purposes.

"We had a priority list with the civic association and had agreed to move people to occupy that land. That list was completed and the civic decided to bring people from outside areas.

"As far as we are concerned that was an invasion of the land and it was not in the interest of the community," De Jager said.

He said there were at least 5 000 stands still available and they were not for Orange Farm people only.



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HOME AND DRY: The families Tlamini and Gcinisa take shelter from the rain on the first night in their new, hastily built home at Orange Farm. ● Photograph: Andrew Bannister

These days, home is built in a day

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ANDREW BANNISTER 310

WHILE more than 200 illegal squatters were being thrown out of the Orange Farm settlement south of Johannesburg this week, other selected squatter families were happily settling in.

On Tuesday security guards fired teargas to drive off protesting squatters gas while Transvaal Provincial Administration workmen demolished 100 illegal shacks.

The clash followed a breakdown in talks between the TPA and the Orange Grove Civic Association over the allocation of prepared squatter sites.

But for those who got the go-ahead to move on to their sites, it was a joyous occasion.

The Orange Farm settlement was a hive of activity with people from all over the country gathering in their new neighbourhood.

Some came from the homelands, others came from squatter camps in the Witwatersrand area and quite a few said they had left farms in the Free State because of working conditions.

I spent the day with the Dlamini and Gumede families who had been moved from an overcrowded squatter camp on the other side of the township earlier in the morning.

Land

Here they could own their own land for R25 a month. They were fortunate to have a tap across the road. The toilets would probably only arrive in December but that wasn't a problem as they would build their own. When and if electricity would arrive was another matter.

The dark sky however meant that they would have to build quickly. If you know how, you can break down a shack and build it again somewhere else in the same day. However, it is no easy task.

Though this was now a home and no longer a shanty, it was still made from bits of wood and corrugated iron. While the men did the heavy labour, the wives passed the poles and corrugated iron sheeting while children played with friends and straightened nails bent during the shack demolition. The community came together and helped bang in nails and dig holes and battled with the gusts of wind threatening to blow the shack down.

As thunder and lightning filled the sky, they spoke of the difficulty in finding employment. One breadwinner said he was going to see if the contractor he had been building for had the money to pay him. It was a source of concern but the attitude was a positive one of seeing what each day brought.

Though very poor, the two families remained dignified and supportive of one another.

When I left the rain had cleared the smog and all the "new" homes settled down to a cramped but well-deserved sleep.

Divided people unite for a day

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IT WAS as if the Brakpan Wall had come down as hundreds of people reached out across the barricades yesterday to come together for peace.

One hundred whites and about 400 blacks worked side by side to clean up litter near the Tamboville squatter camp in the East Rand town's Wattville township, and afterwards got together for a braai.

An almond tree was planted as a symbol of the bond between the suburb of Dalpark and its impoverished neighbour. A seemingly endless procession of little children each threw a handful of soil into the hole to secure the tree while the emotion-choked crowd sang "Come together, people of Africa".

Members of the First Brakpan Brownies stood hand-in-hand with squatter children waiting their turn.

"We planted this tree today as a symbol of unity," said Wattville Concerned Residents' Committee chairman Abe Nyalunga.

But the Brakpan Wall stays put. Local councillor Steve Erasmus said it was built to keep animals off the airfield, not to keep people apart. Few people believe that.

Local resident Frank Lermont organised a petition against the squatter camp when the first shacks went up last year. Yesterday both he and Mr Erasmus were sporting grimy hands from their share of the dirty work.

By LAURIE DAVIDS

Mr Lermont said: "Squatters are unacceptable. Informal housing would be fine, so we will try to uplift Tamboville."

Cheers and ululations greeted Mr Erasmus when he called for all those present to sign a petition backing the National Peace Accord.

Mr Lazarus Masbela, 52, has lived in Wattville for 20 years. "Today I understand the whites. Before they were hidden away, and it was worse with the wall. Now it is like there is no wall and we can see they are real people. God has blessed us to be here today."



GOOD DEED . . . a Brownie and a squatter child help each other clean up Picture: DAVID SANDISON

Anti-violence protestors end sit-in

25/9/91

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.

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.

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"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.

Shack-dweller designs on show

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OWNING a home is important for every South African but not everyone can afford a brick and mortar house.

Shack dwellers are in a situation whereby they cannot afford conventional house for R50 000 and need accommodation that is affordable, strong and can be enlarged and upgraded to suit their needs. These affordable homes are below R12 000.

There are thousands of people who rent their stand for a small fee of R50 a month but do not have the cash to erect a decent home on that stand.

The marketing and sale manager of Zozo Homes, Mr Andre Theron, said they had developed a range of eight houses which could be erected very quickly.

When designing these houses, Zozo went to Ivory Park to speak to the shack dwellers and asked them what their requirements and needs were. House designs were then formulated around their suggestions.

"These house are made of exterior-quality particle board which is approved by the SABS and have fire resistant and waterproof properties in them," he said, adding, "These homes will last for 20 years, provided they are painted once a year with a coat of enamel paint."

Theron said these houses came readymadein kit form and the client can erect the house by himself, thereby saving a lot of money.

Reputable

Zozo Homes is a member of the Informal Shelter Housing Manufacturers Association, which is made up of a group of reputable manufacturers who have been in this market for some 20 years or so.

The association's aim is to set acceptable manufacturing standards, establish a code of ethics and conduct for the industry and to establish a voice for the industry in matters necessitating consultation with other official bodies and organisations in informal shelter housing.

The members' experience shows that the majority of shack dwellers enquiring about affordable informal housing are seeking an immediate solution to their desperate plight.

Zozo Homes is one of the companies participating in the Golden Highway Housing Expo.



Former Zonk'izizwe squatters who were displaced when violence broke out last year.
Pic: PATTY MOENG

Squatters ask for help

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Sowetan Reporter

THE former shack-dwellers of Zonk'izizwe squatter camp in Katlehong have made an appeal to the community to help them get accommodation and clothes.

They have been uprooted since the beginning of the township violence last year and have been scattered in all other squatter areas, like Holomisa and Mandela Park.

They say they were forced to leave all their belongings and have "nothing" left.

They complained about their living conditions. "Our children do not have a creche to look after them and there is no water supply."

They also allege that they left the area because of harassment by the police and soldiers.

Homeless shelter bursting at seams

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ABBEY MAKOE

PASTOR Koos Nel, the man who started a shelter to house the destitute, can no longer cope with the number of people turning to him for help.

The Saturday Star on August 24 published a full report on Mr Nel's shelter. Since then, about 50 homeless people have been turned away at Mr Nel's Refuge in Christ mission near Germiston because there is no space to accommodate them.

The shelter was built to cope with 100 people.

"At the moment there are 120 families in here. I can't cope with this situation," says Mr Nel.

Mr Nel has appealed for people in need of help to contact their nearest social welfare departments before turning to the shelter. "My heart gets sore every time I have to turn people away here," he said.

Many people at the shelter are already sharing beds meant for single people.

Some people are now sleeping on the floor. As a result the church services, usually held three times a day, have to be held outside.



HEARTSORE: Pastor Koos Nel now has to turn away the destitute.

Mr Nel, who depends on the support of donors, said: "These people have been retrenched. How on earth can you expect them to pay. They are driven here by hunger."

The aim of the mission is to rehabilitate its residents — some of whom are former prisoners or who used to roam the streets — and return them to normal life.

Mr Nel is appealing to the social welfare departments of various towns to intervene.

He said he hoped caring citizens would help him to build a bigger shelter.

Orange Farm crush is on

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By SOPHIE TEMA (310)

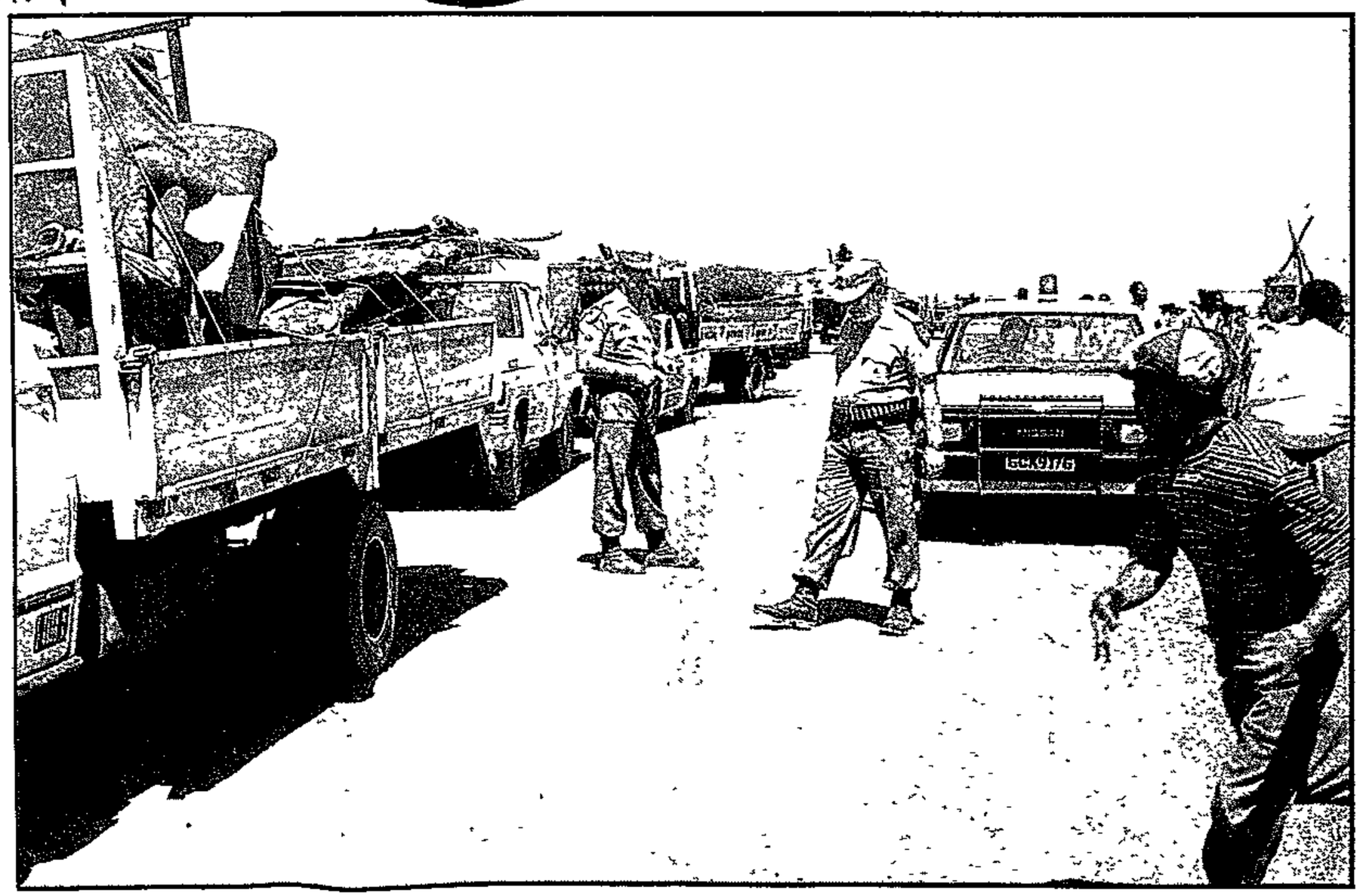
WHEN the Transvaal Provincial Administration established Orange Farm four years ago, thousands refused to be moved to the area almost halfway between Johannesburg and Vereeniging.

In recent weeks, however, the situation changed so dramatically the TPA and police had to fire teargas to remove thousands of people trying to be allocated sites at Orange Farm.

Initially Orange Farm was meant to resettle about 30 000 families from Weilers Farm and Alshenguville in Soweto.

Soon after it was establishment, it became apparent few families wanted to be resettled there and many protested vehemently.

Many remained at Weilers Farm and Alshenguville, but they soon worked up problems.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN? . . . TPA vechiles remove the shacks and possessions of newcomers to Orange Farm as police look on. Fifty shacks were demolished after police fired teargas.



WHERE NOW? . . . Rev MP Rakgetse of Operation Masakhane for the Homeless addresses squatter families during the demolition of shacks at Orange Farm following a misunderstanding over the allocation of sites. ■ Pics: SIPHIWE MHLAMBI

No space left for newcomers

The vacated Mshenguville dwellings were taken over by Inkatha supporters and many residents fled.

Many have gone back to the Soweto City Council – cap in hand – pleading to be moved to Orange Farm.

This week TPA police fired teargas at squatters while TPA labourers demolished more than 50 shacks after a scramble for sites which following a misunderstanding between the Orange Farm Civic Association (OFCA), the TPA and Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle).

Goodman Godongwane, of the OFCA, said the demolitions were caused by a breakdown of talks between the association and the TPA.

Godongwane said it was agreed some people would be moved to extension 7, but added the TPA had reneged and decided to bring people to the area from Doornkop.

Omhle's Mphake Peter Rakgetse said: "The sites were actually reallocated to families from the Omhle Masakhane Squatter Camp, who were to have moved on to the sites this Tuesday."

About 45 families – some with very young children – had to sleep in the open after they discovered the sites had been taken over by others.

There was complete confusion when both Omhle and the OFCA claimed the sites were allocated to them.

When the two groups could not resolve the matter, TPA and police were called to the scene.

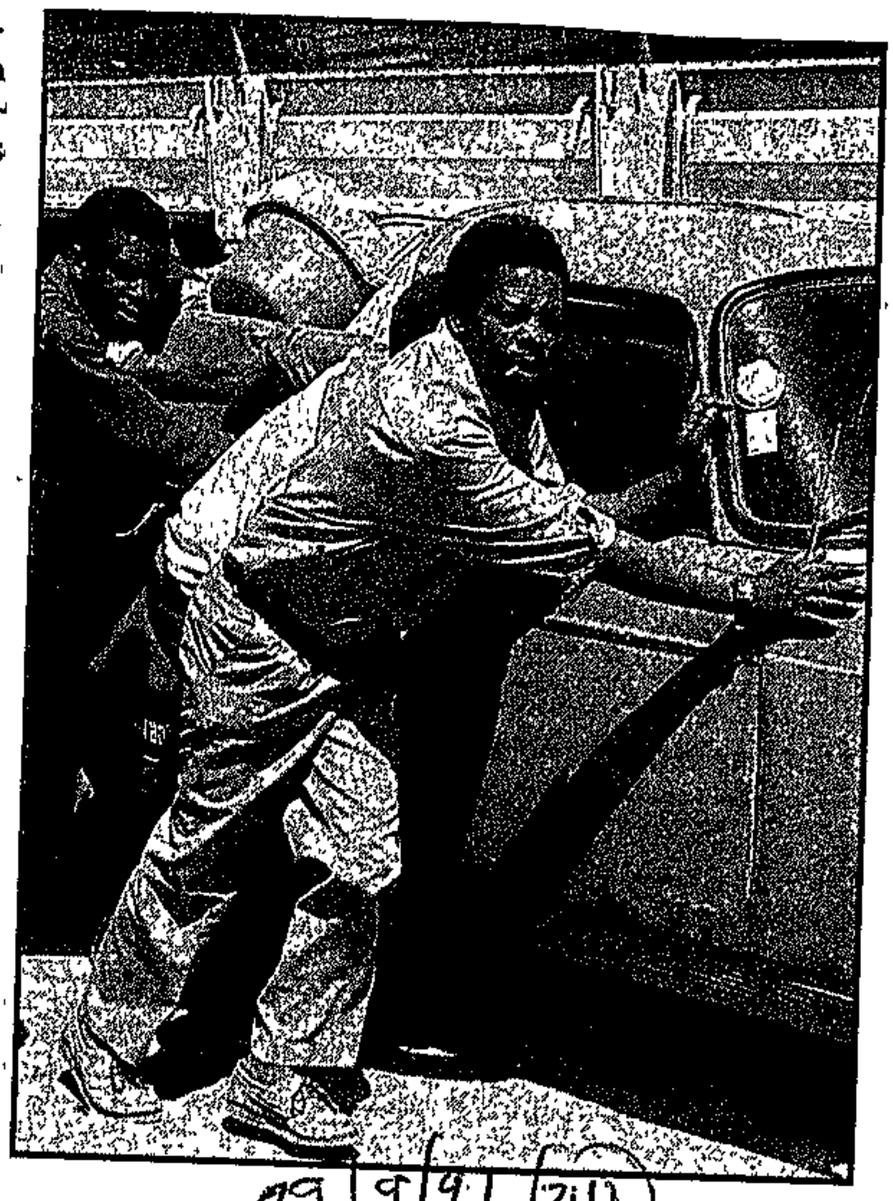
TPA spokesman Gert de Jager told City Press the civic association knew the sites had been allocated to Omhle Masakhane squatter families and claimed they had brought people from outside to occupy land earmarked for other purposes.

"We had a priority list on which we worked with the civic association and we had agreed to relocate people to occupy that land.

"We have exhausted the list and now the civic has decided to bring in people from outside areas. As far as we are concerned that was invasion of land and was not done in the interest of the community," he said.

De Jager said there were at least 5 000 stands still available, but these were earmarked for people from Weilers Farm and Mshenguville.

Rakgetse said already 90 of the 580 families from Omhle Masakhane squatter camp have been relocated in Extension 7, and it is hoped a further 45 families could be moved to the new area.



MANPOWER . . . Squatters push a vehicle loaded with their belongings.

Squatters' plea for help

By ERIC NAKI

RESIDENTS of Phola Park and Holomisa squatter camps in Katlehong have made an appeal to the community to assist them in obtaining housing and employment.

The squatters were forced to flee their homes in Zonk'izizwe in November last year when fighting broke out in the camp.

Spokesman for the two camps, Fezile Bacela, said residents want decent houses for their families. He said since they left Zonk'izizwe they experienced a lot of suffering as most of them are unemployed.

"We want schools for our children. There are no health facilities and when someone is sick, we don't know what to do."

Bacela said on numerous occasions they have been harrassed by soldiers who claim to be keeping peace in the area. At one time he (Bacela) was detained and tortured by members of the army who said they wanted him to tell them about weapons in the camps.



Eric Ntshiqela says the squatter camps should be upgraded.

The squatters reported the matter to the ANC but nothing has been done yet. The Katlehong Town Council is also not prepared to help them.

The only organisation which came to their aid is Vulindlela United Community of South Africa (Vucosa), which obtained sponsorship from Upjohn company in Isando for the building of a clinic. Vucosa also wants to raise funds for a creche.

The organisation has also started a feeding scheme.

Vucosa president Eric Ntshiqela has requested big companies to start small industries in their areas and assist with funding for the homeless and the unemployed.

Ntshiqela said the existing shackdwellers' areas should be upgraded and affordable houses built for the homeless.

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Timber takes off!

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A TIMBER house building project is to be launched in Doornkop, Soweto, to train residents in the building of timber-frame houses and to establish a non-profit supply depot for building materials.

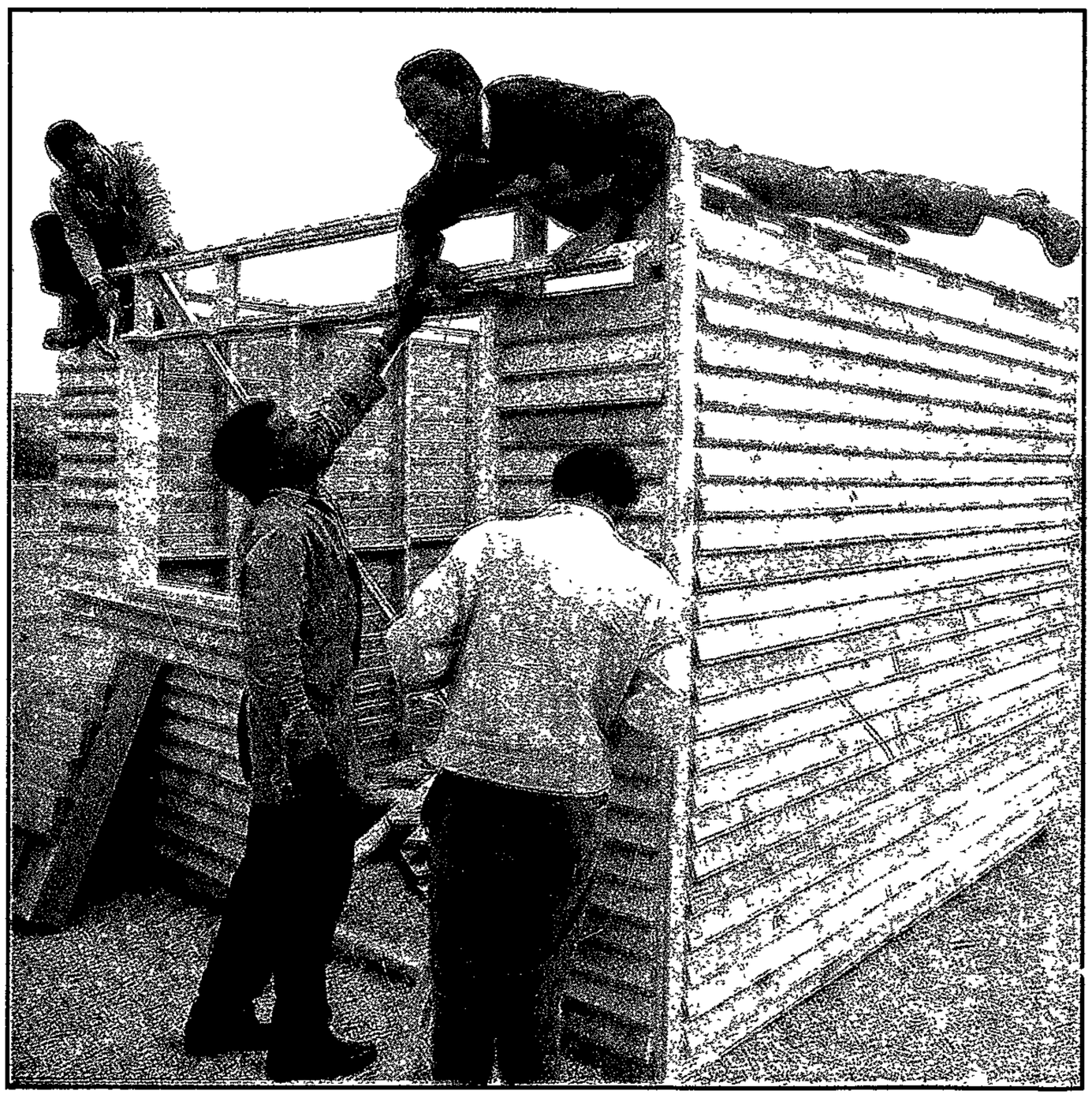
The brainchild of the South African Lumber Millers' Association (Salma), the project will be run by Salma and the civic associations of Doornkop and Dobsonville.

Sixty community members will be trained over the next few months to build simple timber houses. A 10 metre square one-roomed house will cost about R900 to build, including a tiled roof, window and door.

The Doornkop project is the first to be launched as a result of a conference organised earlier this month by Salma and City Press in conjunction with civic associations and homeless communities.

The first group of 12 trainees has started a three-week training course, which is free to people chosen by civic associations to attend. These trainees must undertake to return to their communities to build houses for homeless people.

Trainees receive a daily allowance from the Department of Manpower for attending the course. The course is approved by Manpower as part of its job-creation programme. Trainees receive a certificate at the end of the course.



ALMOST THERE . . . Trainees reach roof level on a R900 timber-frame house. ■ Pics: TLADI KHUELE



A NEW SKILL . . . Once trained, these men will help house the homeless.

Manpower also funds the employment of trainees so long as they are employed on the project.

An important part of the project will be to set up a materials depot where community members will be able to buy timber and other building materials at cost.

Salma members will supply timber direct from the sawmills to civic association-run depots at about one quarter of the price people pay at hardware stores and building merchants. Other manufacturers of building materials are also interested in supplying directly through these depots

A condition of this agreement is that depots supply directly to home builders.

Trainees were hard at work when City Press visited the training centre in Isando this week.

"We are so excited about this project. We desperately need houses in Doornkop and we feel we will be able to build for people when we finish this course.

"When we got land at Doornkop, we did not know how we could ever afford decent houses because we were all homeless before. Now with this training, we are getting skills which will enable us to make Doornkop a decent community," they said.

Who'll decide whose land it is?

Star 2/10/91

The Government seems set to make its first tentative land reforms — and has walked straight into controversy. Report by JO-ANNE COLLINGE.

THE Welverdiend community, now numbering about 200 families, has lived on diamond-bearing land near Lichtenburg since 1924 and worked on nearby diggings. Residents have no title to the land, but for decades held permits to be at the diggings. They built the village.

Then, when the farm was deproclaimed as a digging in 1989, residents became squatters in the eyes of the law, according to the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Willem Mouton, a Lichtenburg building contractor, and his wife are the joint owners of Welverdiend. They acquired the property about five years ago. The Moutons do not live on Welverdiend but graze some cattle on the land near the settlement.

Mr Mouton wants the Welverdiend community to leave. He has given them notice, invoking the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act. They refuse to go.

Whose claim to the land is the more legitimate — the long-term residents' or the title holders'? And who should decide this and similar cases?

The arbiter should be an independent court empowered to settle land claims, insist a wide range of organisations — from the National Land Committee (NLC), with its constituency of victims of forced removal, to the National Maize Producers Organisation (Nampo), representing a large body of white farmers.

But the only mechanism that the Government has provided is an advisory commission on land allocation, which will leave final decisions to the State President and which is not empowered to decide private disputes.

The Government has been slow to appoint the commission, which was provided for in the Abolition of Racially Based Land Measures Act. But there are signs that an announcement is imminent. It is unlikely to be greeted with enthusiasm.

"Virtually everybody views the Government's commission with real concern because we just don't believe the Government has the credibility needed to handle land disputes," says Dr Kit le Clus, head of research and development for Nampo.

"It is merely an advisory commission under the State President. We would prefer a court of law because this is a matter where a claim is being made against someone else's property."

Joanne Yawitch of the NLC argues that while general land policy — including the question of redistribution — is a matter to be negotiated among political parties, specific disputes should be referred to a land claims court.

Dr le Clus highlights the fact that while the Government is looking at allocating State land for settlement, more and more private land disputes are surfacing. Claims have already been registered by black communities on land sold to white farmers — as with the Mfengu (or Fingo) people of Humansdorp in the eastern Cape.

The NLC, various lawyers and communities who were subjected to removal are clear that land claims cannot be considered in terms of residual apartheid laws, such as the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act — arguing for the negotiation of new criteria taking into account the complexities of de facto South African land tenure.

The land allocation commission will undertake a far more limited task. According to the Act, its brief will be:

- To identify State land which is undeveloped or has not been allocated for any purpose, and rural land which the State might acquire for agricultural settlement.
- To recommend how the land can be planned and developed to offer the greatest number of people "a decent living" in agricultural areas or "adequate living space" in residential areas.
- To recommend how this land is to be allocated "with due regard to claims by persons disadvantaged in respect of "previous racial land policies".

The commission's limited terms of reference have undermined its credibility in advance of its launch. But the message from 19 communities seeking to reclaim their land is that the commission may yet win a measure of recognition if it is representative of diverse interests and if it makes an urgent attempt to bring consistency to the Government's dealings with victims of forced removal. □

Squatters told to 'sit tight'

By CHRIS BATEMAN

A CAMPAIGN for squatters to "sit tight" and resist government attempts to privatise the land they live on has been launched.

A joint statement signed this week by organisations including the Black Sash, the ANC and the Marconi Beam squatters at Milnerton said privatisation threatened favourable location of low-income communities.

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The forum, known as the Western Cape Land Campaign, said that if the process of privatisation continued "we will be left with no option but to invade strategically located land".

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WOMAN of the YEAR

Olga does it

SOWETAN Woman is proud to announce the winner of the 1991 Eskom/*Sowetan* Woman of the Year award is Ms Olga Lutu, the unsung heroine of the Orange Farm community.

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This daughter of a "cruel policeman" and a "poor mother" from the Cape was instrumental in the allocation of Orange Farm, not only to squatters from Weiler's Farm, but also to others from Soweto and the Vaal.

She played a major role in the formation of community projects including Qoqizizwe Primary School, a self-help sewing scheme for unemployed women and a pre-school facility that is named after her.

All these things she has done with dedication and without pay.

Lutu, whose extensive yard is always full of people seeking advice on how to obtain identity books, housing permits and pension funds, also does the rounds in the shanty town with Black Sash every Thursday to check on the problems of 11 000 families in the four wards.

She, like our past winners and all the women who have been nominated for the contest, is an example of what women can contribute in Nation Building.



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Eskom's PRO Mr Derrick Thema with Mrs Angie Makwetla. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU



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Eskom's PRO Mr Derrick Thema with Mrs Angie Makwetla. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

Squatters have agreed to move

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Sowetan 3/10/91.

By
MONK NKOMO

ABOUT 450 squatter families staying in a danger zone in Mamelodi East yesterday agreed to move to a nearby developed area.

They agreed only after being persuaded by the authorities and community organisations.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr Gert de Jager, said only seven families were moved to the new area after lengthy discussions with representatives of the local civic association, Lawyers for Human Rights, Squatter Committee and CAST.

The 450 families, who had been repeatedly warned about the danger of staying in the area, had initially refused to move until their demands, which included proper infrastructure, were met.

Police monitored the situation but no incidents were reported, according to De Jager.

He added that representatives were due to meet tomorrow to determine mechanisms of moving other families.

De Jager said they had agreed that 40 families would be moved on a daily basis from next Monday.

In a statement released on Monday, Mr John Mavuso, MEC for Physical Planning and Development, warned that the land presently occupied by the squatters, was a danger zone because of blasting operations there.

De Jager said 167 toilets and five more taps were going to be erected in the new area where there was previously only one water tap.

4 000 left homeless

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JOHANNESBURG. — Four thousand people were left homeless in a valley north of here when a bulldozer flattened their shacks and belongings on the order of the landowner, a Democratic Party MP reported yesterday.

"This is one of the most cruel, inhuman removals I've ever seen," MP Mr Rupert Lorimer told reporters.

Squatters to be moved from danger

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The Transvaal Provincial Administration has agreed to temporarily postpone the forced removal of Mamelodi squatters but is encouraging them to move to the new site voluntarily.

In an agreement between the TPA and residents, the TPA undertook not to force the removal yesterday of the squatters living at the Stanza Bopape camp near an open quarry, to a new site known as Phase Four.

A total of 446 families are to be moved out of the 200m danger zone near the quarry.

Squatters have demanded that the TPA install five water points in addition to the only one they have. The TPA agreed to this.

The TPA said it was unable to provide tents as temporary accommodation while people erected their new homes. The issue is still being discussed.

Publicity secretary for the Mamelodi Civic Association Mr Sandy Lebese said 165 toilets had been built at Phase Four and 20 additional toilets a day were being put up.

He undertook to persuade squatters to move voluntarily to the new site.

Residents are demanding the release of Mr Curtis Daniel Mabena, an executive member of the Mamelodi Squatter Committee, who was arrested on Tuesday following the theft of fencing wire. According to Mr Lebese, police said Mr Mabena's arrest was a criminal matter.

Relief aid sent to bulldozed squatters

Star 3/10/91

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By Montshiwa Moroke

Fresh drinking water and other relief supplies were sent to destitute squatter families near Sandton yesterday as whites responded to the plight of about 4 000 people whose dwellings and goods were destroyed on Tuesday.

The response was a result of a meeting at the Randburg mayor's office yesterday afternoon by an emergency relief committee which was formed at the squatter settlement earlier.

A committee spokesman said the meeting had been attended by about 60 people including representatives of the SA Red Cross Society and a "sympathetic" Sakkie Lombaard of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The committee consists of MPs, mayors, councillors and church representatives.

They were part of a group who visited the settlement yesterday in response to a call by DP Bryanston MP Rupert Lorimer.

Among them were DP Houghton MP Tony Leon, Randburg mayor Mark Manley, Sandton mayor Ernie Saks and Auxiliary Bishop of Johannesburg Zithulele Mvemve.

Mr Manley and Mr Lorimer described the meeting as positive and spirited.

They had found the families, some with babies, who had spent the night in the open, with shock still written on their faces.

Mr Manley said the problem was a national one whose causes needed to be addressed at national level.

"However, the immediate situation cannot be ignored and we have set up a mechanism to meet some of the immediate needs of the people."

Mr Lorimer said water carts from the Randburg and Sandton municipalities had been sent to the area. The TPA was prepared to provide tents.

The squatter community had been required to leave the area by Monday, according to a court order.

Mr Lorimer said the TPA had offered to resettle the families at Ivory Park, near Midrand; at Doornkop; or at Dobsonville.

This had been unacceptable to the people because most of them were employed in Randburg or Sandton.

Relief supplies which were to be sent to the area included plastic sheeting, blankets and food. These would be distributed by the Red Cross.

Earlier, members of the party expressed shock and outrage at the "devastation and destruction" they had witnessed.

Mr Lorimer said he had invited the local politicians and churchmen from the affluent community "to ask of our Christian charity and moral feelings to do whatever is possible to help these people".

Mr Lorimer later spoke John Mavuso, MEC responsible for community development, and asked him to find land for the squatters.

He said Mr Mavuso had described the incident as "outright inhuman victimisation of people and totally unacceptable".

Squatters get water, food, tents

Star 4/10/91

By Montshiwa Moroke (310)

At least 100 tents were delivered to squatter families at Zevenfontein, which adjoins Sandton and Randburg, last night as relief trickled to the stranded people who were left homeless on Tuesday when their dwellings were bulldozed.

The tents were supplied by the Transvaal Provincial Administration following a meeting of the Relief Action Committee held at the Randburg Civic Centre on Wednesday.

Earlier yesterday, residents who could find serviceable materials began erecting shelters.

At the squatter settlement last night were Randburg mayor Mark Manley, Bryanston MP Rupert Lorimer, and several members of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the SA Red Cross Society.

A 4 000 litre water tanker from the Randburg municipality did two trips to the settlement yesterday, having supplied a tankful on Wednesday.

Mr Manley said the Sandton municipality had also responded and would be sending fresh drinking water today.

A number of individuals and at least one church yesterday delivered food parcels.

Residents in the area said their biggest problem was accommodation, but they hoped last night's gesture would alleviate their plight temporarily.

Mr Manley, who is chairman of the Relief Action Committee, and Mr Lorimer last night said donations of money from the public was the most practical way of ensuring that relief items could be supplied.

Money can be deposited into the Red Cross account — No 002235056 — at the Standard Bank in Doornfontein. The SA Red Cross Society fund-raising number is 011001720000.

The other centres where relief aid can be sent are the Randburg Baptist Church and St Mungo's in Bryanston.

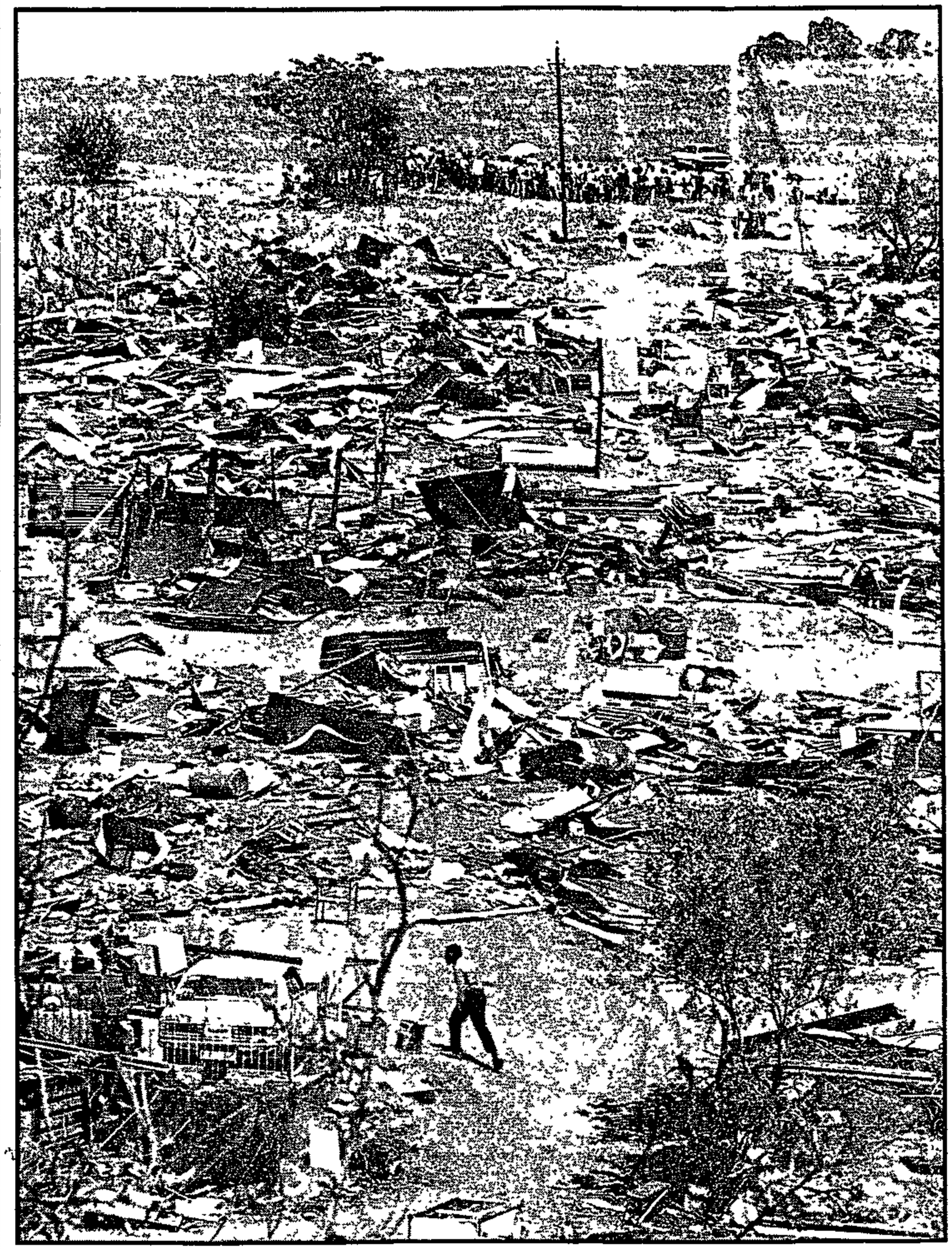
Mr Manley said he had been shocked at "this wilful destruction of people's possessions".

"The problem is a national one and must be dealt with at provincial and national level. The laws should be adequate to protect individuals and communities from being treated in this way and, at the same time, safeguarding the rights of property owners.

"However, the immediate plight of the homeless and those suffering in this situation is of direct concern to us."



Call for cash donations . . . -Bryanston MP Rupert Lorimer.



DESTROYED: Shacks were flattened and pets killed when a bulldozer moved in on the Sgodiphola squatter camp
● Photographs: JOHN HOGG

Place of rest turns into place of cruel destruction

Star 5/10/91 (310)

AL-AMEEN KAFAAR

FOR THE past three years, residents of the Sgodiphola (place of rest) squatter camp, a few kilometres outside Fourways, lived undisturbed on the banks of the Jukskei River.

But their daily routine came to an abrupt end earlier this week when they had to look on helplessly as a bulldozer flattened their shacks and belongings, killing dogs, chickens and pigeons in callous destruction. No opportunity was given to remove belongings and pets.

Veteran Democratic Party MP Peter Lorimer, the first political leader to come to the squatters' aid, described the exercise as the "worst and cruellest demolition I have ever seen".

He said the callous attitude of Charles Ras, tenant of the farm on which the squatters were staying, could lead to his prosecution.

Ironically, the police witnessed the demolition. Their instructions were not to take part but to ensure the safety of the demolishers, a police spokesman explained.

But the incident has left squatters angry and bitter. Some even feel they have been deserted by their leaders.

Since the demolition they have been scavenging through debris, trying to salvage what they can.

One of the few structures still standing is the squatter camp's only shop. Owner Simon Sindane said his business was saved by a gas bottle.

"I warned the driver about the bottle and he must have realised he could have been blown to eternity if he had demolished my shop," he said.

But others were not so lucky.

Doctor Mpofu lost all his belongings His radio, TV, furniture and clothes were destroyed. On Tuesday morning he buried his dog, which had been tied to his shack.

He said. "Mr Ras is heartless. We were not even given a chance to clear our shacks. The bulldozer driver killed my dog. It just shows he would've flattened me if I'd been trapped in my shack."

The demolition has left approximately 4 000 people at the mercy of others. Legally, they are trespassers. They had to evacuate the site on Monday, according to a court order obtained by Mr Ras

Tony Leon, DP MP for Houghton, who is handling the legal issue, said it had been established, after interviews with residents, that a breakdown in communication was partly the reason for the camp's demolition.

He said it appeared that virtually no communication existed between the previous squatter committee and residents. The committee, dismissed in June, had not informed residents of developments Residents had been informed of the court order only shortly before the demolition

The DP is meanwhile continuing with efforts to get the squatters resettled on land they consider to be suitable.

Mr Lorimer is trying to arrange a meeting next week with Leon Wessels, Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and Housing, to try to persuade the Government to allocate suitable land.

"This issue is very important and needs a Cabinet decision.

"We are also appealing to the local white community to support the squatters. Until now, their response has been tremendous but more funds and supplies are needed," Mr Lorimer said



WORST YET: Veteran DP MP Peter Lorimer described this week's demolition as the "worst and cruellest I've ever seen".

Day of the bulldozer

Mr Leon said the squatters had a good chance of instituting claims for damages.

Mr Leon is also investigating the payment of a borehole by the squatters. He said it was believed that residents paid more than R11 000 to intermediaries for the service, which was never provided.

The DP has also obtained permission to shelter the squatters temporarily on an adjacent farm At present they are staying in tents provided by the TPA.

Many squatters want to leave but have nowhere suitable to go. The TPA has offered them alternative accommodation in Phola Park, on the East Rand, or in Doornkop, close to Dobsonville But these alternatives present problems as most of them are employed in the northern suburbs.

Fresh drinking water and other relief supplies have been sent to destitute families by sympathetic white families in the Sandton area.

The supplies came after the formation of an emergency relief committee, formed at the camp on Tuesday. Among the relief committee members are Mr Leon and Mr Lorimer, community leaders Daniel Sindane and Pinky Mokwena, Randburg mayor Mark Manley, Sandton mayor Ernie Saks, and Auxiliary Bishop of Johannesburg Zithulele Mvemve. The International Committee of the Red Cross and the SA Red Cross Society are also represented on the committee

We paid thousands to conman (310) squatters

By Susan Smuts Star 4/10/91

The Zevenfontein squatters, whose shacks were demolished on Tuesday, have paid out thousands of rands to a man who promised them land, water and legal representation if they collected money, a spokesman for the community said last night.

The squatters moved on Wednesday to a neighbouring farm, where they built temporary structures.

The spokesman, who asked not to be named, said the squatters had been paying R30 a month to Charles Ras, who owned the land on which they first squatted. When he told them he was selling, they moved to a farm belonging to Stanley Klaff, who said they could stay for a month.

In June, a businessman posing as a lawyer said that if each family contributed R150, he would talk to the Transvaal Provincial Administration about their plight.

The community collected the money and gave it to the man.

Later, the man offered to sink a borehole if each person paid R26,36. When the borehole failed to materialise, the squatters asked what he had done with the money. He told them he had used it to pay a lawyer.

The squatters have since approached a human rights lawyer to take up their case.

● The Black Sash has blamed the Squatting Act for the situation.

"We opposed the Act in 1988 precisely because we did not want situations like this arising. The Squatting Act obliges people to demolish structures and there is no need to get a court order to do so," said spokesman Josie Adler.

The Black Sash, which intervenes only when asked to, has not been involved with the Zevenfontein squatters.

Field worker Glenda Glover said the situation would not have arisen if the authorities had made accommodation available for low-income groups.



Tsakane . . . means happiness, but there's little joy for the staff and 1 400 pupils of Tsakane-Sizwe Primary in Chicken Farm, adjoining Orange Farm. They make do by sitting on the floor of a building formerly a stable. Picture: Herbert Mabuza

Orange Farm ideal Habitat Day spot

By Stan Hlophe Star 8/10/91

South Africa joined the rest of the world in observing World Habitat Day for the first time yesterday — the day marked for the occasion by the United Nations.

Orange Farm, south of Johannesburg, was chosen for its fresh and clean environment as the ideal place to celebrate the day in the PWV area.

The theme of the 1991 Habitat Day is "Shelter and the living environment" and, in terms of the UN, a healthy living environment should meet the basic needs of adequate shelter, clean air and water, energy for lighting and cooking, transportation and safe means of waste disposal.

According to Orange Farm's chief executive officer Simon de Beer, the area met those requirements with the steady provision of electricity by Eskom to those residents who could afford it.

By the end of December about 500 homes in Orange Farm will have electricity, using a pre-paid card system

Orange Farm also boasts a first in the provision of cost-saving poles which double as both electricity and telephone lines

But there are two sides to Orange Farm

On the one hand, it is slowly being transformed from a squatter camp into a habitable residential area.

On the other hand, there is no waterborne sanitation, and schooling facilities are poor and overcrowded.

But, according to Mr de Beer, there is a high level of community participation in Department of Manpower projects to benefit the community and the unemployed.

'Squatters must go'

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By SOPHIE TEMA

CHIAWELO residents in Soweto this week won a fight against the erection of a squatter camp in their area after thousands of residents signed a petition objecting to the move. C/Press 13/10/91

The decision not to continue with the building of shacks in the area came after a residents' delegation met Soweto mayor Oscar Maseko.

At a residents' meeting held at the Hitekani Lower Primary School in Chiawelo on October 6, it was announced that the Soweto council was planning to accommodate residents who had fled from violence-plagued Mshenguville.

The petition stated that squatter settlements were a recipe for violence and crime.

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.*

Winterveldt squatter settlement to be developed

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THE sprawling squatter settlement of Winterveldt north of Pretoria is poised to benefit from a massive development programme.

This was decided at talks between the Development Bank of Southern Africa and several interest groups at the weekend.

At a packed meeting held in the Bophuthatswana township of Mabopane, unlikely bedfellows, including Bophuthatswana authorities and the African National Congress, formed an interim committee to implement the programme.

Development Bank programme manager Mr DS Brink described the meeting as a breakthrough, and noted that for years the development of Winterveldt had been stalled because "instead of people working with each other, they worked against each other".

He said an initial amount of just over R60 million was available for the sole purpose of developing the squatter area, made up of mostly sublet small-holdings.

Debate on the subject of developing Winterveldt started shortly after the independence of Bophuthatswana in 1977.

A joint committee was established, comprising the homeland and South Africa's Foreign Affairs Department, with the Development Bank commissioned as the administration agent.

But no programme got off the ground, according to Brink, because of "political posturing". - *Sapa*

A settlement is



Star 16/10/91 (310)

Doing the right thing is great — but what *is* the right thing? A group of Randburgers find themselves on a learning curve so steep they could fall off, reports DENIS BECKETT.

Worshipful mayors don't normally weigh in as fresh-faced as students. See Mark Manley in Randburg's chain of office, and you might think he's carrying it for his dad.

Nor do mayors normally roll up their sleeves to pitch tents for squatters. Or zoom around town in aged, open sports-cars. Or double as TV stars — Mr Manley presents "Lifestyle" on Sundays.

So here is an unusual mayor. Which is fitting.

Randburg is unusual. South Africa's most booming town — adding 18 percent a year to rateable assets. South Africa's most un-black town; a town without a township, devoid of black residents unless you count about 40 000 live-in servants, which, traditionally, nobody did. (A previous mayor said: "We don't need street lights; everybody has cars.")

A town that, years after the rural dorpies dropped white-by-night curfews, tried to start its own.

Gatecrash

Times have changed and so has the mood. Mr Manley heads a new-world council, free of Conservative brakepads. The DP has the edge, the Nats are close behind. You have to look sharp to tell them apart, and all are keen to gatecrash Randburg into the partnership era.

There are stimuli: local industry is growing like mushrooms in the rain, but where are the workers? Black employees bus in from nowhere less than 30 km away.

There are pluses. with no resentful township history at hand, Randburg is ripe to start low-income housing from scratch.

There are minuses: even with a town council on its knees at his feet, what developer will invest in housing while the pattern is to drop bond repayments at the sound of the word "boycott"?

Randburg wrestles with the issues, including symbolic issues such as the new Garden of Remembrance, built to honour the fallen in battle. The fallen of the Umkhonto side, too? Completion awaits while wrestling continues.

Into this ring of New South African anguish now springs an unexpected name: Zevenfontein.

For decades, Zevenfontein has been a scruffy sign on a rustic hill, pointing at scrub and rocks and nothing else. Until two weeks ago no one knew that behind the *bult* a high-density urban area had quietly arisen. No one but the 500-odd families living there, and a landowner named Charles Ras.

Mr Ras — after what prior dealings is unclear, as he's not talking — got himself a bulldozer and a court order and a police escort, and razed the place. The razing was drastic enough to cause vocal distress to several policemen.

Doubtless less distress than it caused E V Mkhwanazi, whose heavily annotated ("Humou — somebody make lauf") copy of "Poetry For Our Times" is still flapping in the debris. Or the owner of the vintage black Raleigh bicycle that might have made it to a museum if the bulldozer hadn't first turned it cubic. Or the pigeon fancier whose coop was flatter than a matchbox with half his birds underneath and the other half all over the Transvaal. Or hundreds of children with suddenly no home, no furniture, no clothes, and — for some — no pets. That bulldozer wasn't waiting.

The SOS went out, with haste, especially as the water merchant defected and people were drinking from the Jukskei, something Paul Kruger reputedly enjoyed, but is now a cemetery ticket. Randburg rallied. The council arranged water, and procured tents by courtesy of the TPA.

After nightfall, Mark Manley and many Randburgers were uncomfortably erecting tents amid voices singing from the dark about "bulala AmaBhunu" — killing the Boers — when a motorcade rounded the *bult*. Twenty or more sets of headlights. Tension shot into the stratosphere.

"Cultural weapons appeared like magic," says Mr Manley. Was this a vigilante posse come to drive the message home? No, Randburg's combined churches, bearing blankets.

Within days, it was South Africa's answer to Band Aid in Ethiopia. Medicines, schooling, foodstuffs, relief efforts of every kind.

Rebuilding

And questions! You can drown in them. Where to from here? There's reprieve until month's end, and then? Worse: what help is right, what wrong? Where are you rebuilding self-respect, where creating dependency? Where do you wait for "the community", fractious, demoralised, largely ignorant, and led by a committee of uncertain provenance, to tell you where to use your knowhow? Where do you just take up your know and batter through the how?

An astonishing number of Randburg volunteers have embraced the pressures, in more of a rush than they thought, and landed on a learning curve so steep you can fall right off.

Up at the roadside, some joker has placed a sign: "Come and see the New South Africa."

Mr Manley points at it and says: "That's quite right, actually. You have it all here — the worst, and the best, and all the uncertainty. All we know is that we have to try, and we need plenty of help."

Too true.

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razed, a town chips in



Mayor Mark Manley in the debris of Zevenfontein, which has galvanised Randburg. Picture: Jacoob Rykliff

Thousands of Zevenfontein squatters again face eviction

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MONTSHIWA MOROKE and SAPA

THE estimated 500 families of Sgodiphola squatter settlement at Zevenfontein, outside Sandton, whose possessions were destroyed when their shacks were bulldozed last month, will be homeless again in a fortnight unless land is found.

The community, which numbers about 4 000, has been temporarily placed on land adjoining that from which they were evicted in terms of a court order.

The squatter community, evicted from the privately owned farm on October 2, was given permission from a neighbouring farmer to stay on his farm for a month.

Some of the families have been housed in 100 tents which were provided by the Transvaal Provincial Administration as a result of representations made by local politicians and church leaders.

A spokesman for the Relief Action Committee which was formed to assist the destitute families said yesterday that because of the shortage of tents, more and more shacks were being erected on the temporary settlement.

The familes are on the farm Rietvallei, on which they were allowed to stay following negotiations between the attorneys representing the owners and the MP for Bryanston, Rupert Lorimer.

The concession granted to the squatters was that tents could be erected to accommodate the homeless until October 31. If they fail to leave on that date, they will be ejected, according to their new attorneys.

"During the course of our consultation with the committee representing the Sgodiphola community, this information was again relayed, and the undertakings were given by the committee to communicate this information to the entire community," a spokesman for the firm Edward, Nathan and Friedland said.

Meanwhile, Mr Lorimer said yesterday he had discussed the matter with Provincial Affairs Minister Leon Wessels, who was "very sympathetic". However, he said, the search for land was still "desperate".

Land which had earlier been offered by the TPA at Ivory Park, near Midrand, or Doornkop, near Soweto, was unsuitable for the squatters. Since they were currently sited in the Randburg-Sandton area, close to Four Ways, the community felt this was far too distant from their workplaces.

● A member of the TPA executive council, John Mavuso, has criticised the Sandton and Randburg councils for allegedly cutting off the water supply to the squatters.

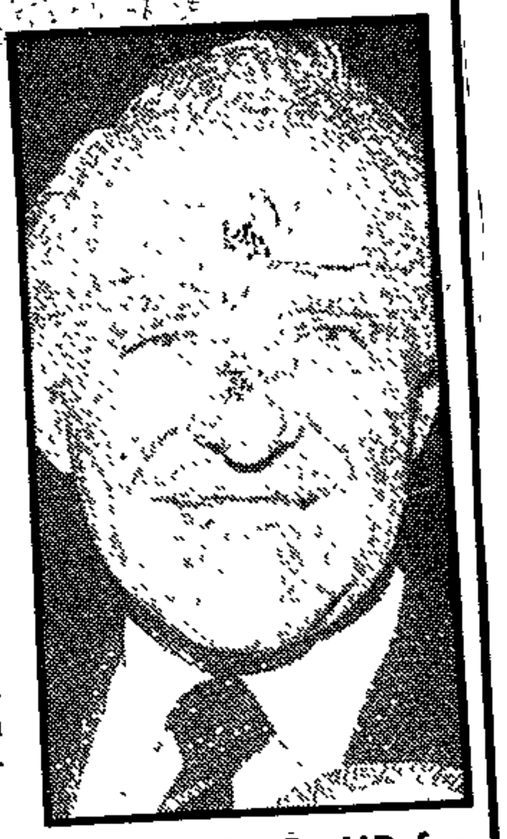
Mr Mavuso said in a statement it was "unfortunate that the two councils are apparently not prepared to act with human dignity and empathy in this situation".

Offered

He appealed to the councils to reconsider their decision.

When the squatter community was given permission from a neighbouring farmer to stay on his farm for a month, the two municipalities offered to provide them with water on a temporary basis.

His statement has been sent to spokesmen for both municipalities for comment.



NEGOTIATED: MP for Bryanston, Rupert Lorimer

Refuge found for homeless

Sowetan 21/10/91

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ABOUT 247 families left homeless after fleeing the trouble-torn Mshenguville squatter camp are to be housed at the Emdeni site and service area.

This was decided after an urgent meeting of the Naledi Extension II branch of the ANC and civic association held at the sports ground yesterday.

The meeting's decision followed a plea by the chairman of the Mshenguville Crisis Committee, Mr Floyd Mashele, that the homeless families be accommodated there.

He told the meeting that there were

By IKE MOTSAPI

problems at the Ipelegeng Community Centre in White City Jabavu, Soweto, where they were presently housed.

There was also concern about security at the Emdeni area.

Mrs Margaret Mofokeng said she was worried because the families were attacked at Mshenguville and subsequently at Ipelegeng and she saw no reason why this was not a possibility at the new place.

Mashele said a 24-hour surveillance of the area had been arranged with the Protea police station.

Squatters move into new camp

Sowetan 23/10/91

Sowetan Correspondent

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MORE than 100 people a day have been moving into the new Mandelaville squatter camp site near Atteridgeville after getting permission from the Transvaal Provincial Administration on Friday.

According to Mr Bobby Msimang of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation, 630 people have already moved into the camp.

There are 10 000 people on the Asro waiting list for housing in Atteridgeville.

Mr Arnold Aab of the TPA indicated that the new development would have 2 000 plots and the TPA has promised to supply water.

However, the water has not yet been connected, and as a temporary measure the South African Police have promised to supply a water tanker, but there were no toilet facilities at the new camp yesterday.

Water points

Residents were also collecting R2 per shack to buy piping to connect the new shacks to established water points in Atteridgeville.

Crime was of major concern to the leaders of the new settlement, and according to Msimang security checks were being conducted by members of Asro to see to it that only Atteridgeville residents built shacks on the new site.

The new settlement is a temporary measure, agreed upon after a series of clashes last week between the residents, the TPA, and the police.

The TPA announced last week that a new development would be built on the site of the old Mandelaville, which would be ready in about three to four months.

Irate squatters attack church

Citizen 29/10/91

By SOPHIE TEMA (310)

ANGRY residents attacked a church in Alexandra on Thursday night in revenge for the demolition of their "illegal" structures.

Windows of the Ethiopian Catholic Church in Zion were smashed by four families living on the church premises, after the congregation had demolished their shacks.

Rev Abram Matome said the families were living legally on the church premises and had paid rent until the rent boycott started.

"The congregation decided to ignore them because of the boycott."

But two months ago one of the families built a structure on the premises and the congregation decided enough was enough.

"A request was made to the family not to continue with the building of the structure but they continued and the congregation instructed that I demolish it, and this was done.

"Three weeks later two other families also put up structures on the premises."

He went to the police station and asked for police to escort him to demolish the structures.

A police spokesman confirmed a charge of malicious damage to property was being investigated against the families.



UNDER FIRE ... Rev Abram Matome.

Six held after shootout

Soweto 28/10/91

POLICE have arrested six people for allegedly shooting at them at Mshenguville squatter camp in Soweto at the weekend.

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.

By NKOPANE NKOBANE

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

Zewenfontein squatters are to be evicted

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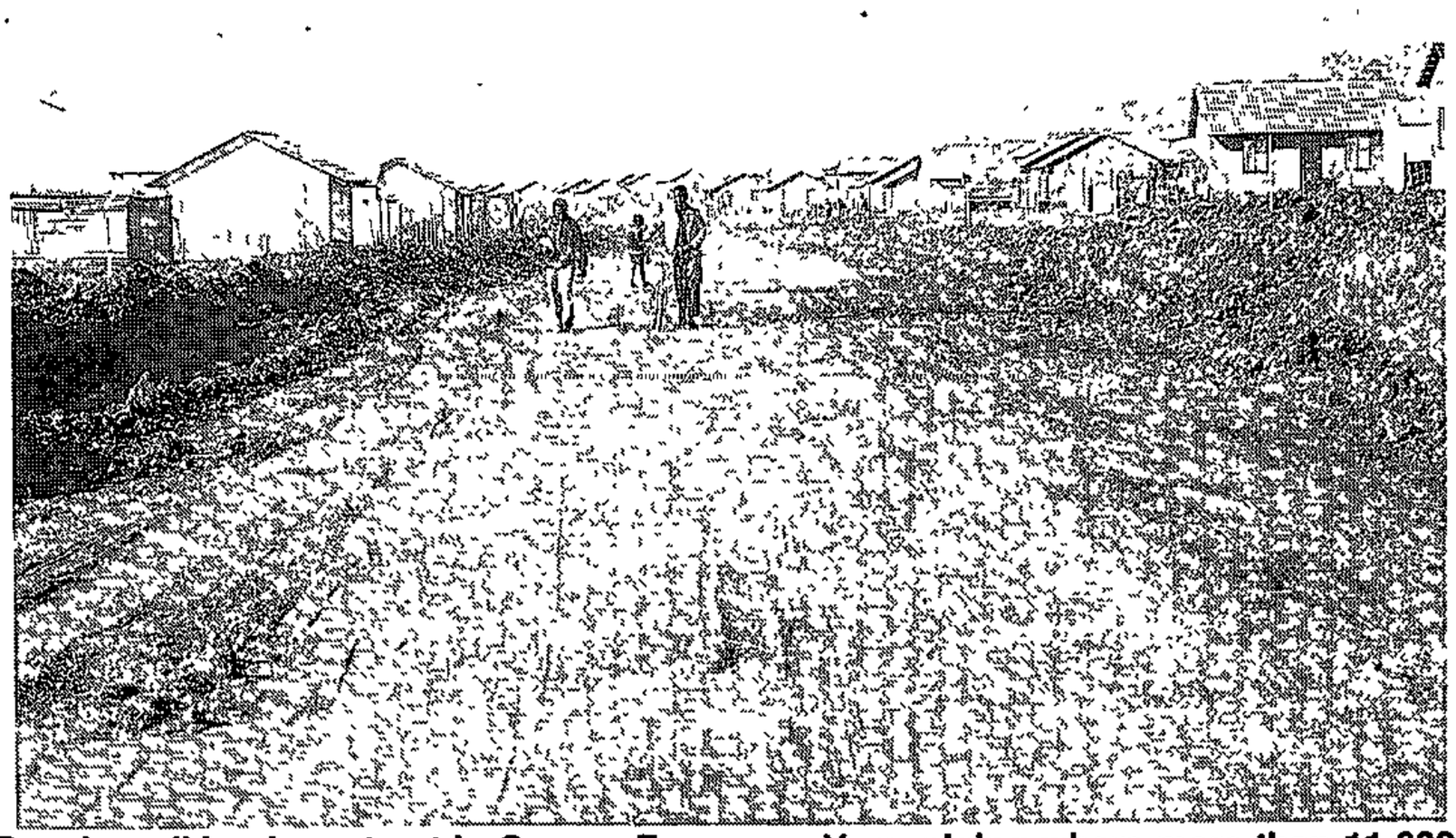
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THE Zewenfontein squatters on the North Rand are expected to vacate land they are occupying by Thursday, Democratic Party MP for Bryanston Mr Louis de Waal said yesterday

He made an appeal to the landowners to reconsider the intended eviction.

"I sincerely call for restraint by them and for speedy action by the TPA," he said in a statement.

The plight of the squatter community came to public attention about three weeks ago after the demolition of their shacks had been carried out "reportedly by a Mr Charles Ras", the tenant of the farm adjacent to where they were squatting. - *Sapa*



People walking in a street in Orange Farm near Vereeniging where more than 11 000 stands are occupied and a further 25 000 stands are in a stage of development in the Orange Farm and Drieziek areas.

Implementation of policy

Sowetan 31/10/91

SINCE the responsibility for homeless people was delegated to the four provinces in 1987, it has continuously been the policy of the Transvaal Provincial Administration to identify, and acquire land suitable for low-cost housing in particular.

The TPA is aware of the enormous housing need that exists in the Transvaal, and it therefore established formal towns for informal settlement where erven of approximately 200 to 260 square metres are sold or rented to individuals.

With the establishment of these towns, the TPA is creating an opportunity to allow any person, irrespective of how poor he is, to own land and to improve it according to his means. This is the basic principle underlying the policy of the TPA.

The owners are then permitted to erect unconventional dwellings on their stands. Only basic services are rendered, and facilities are provided in these towns in view of the financial position of the people.

The towns are laid out according to normal town-planning principles applicable to all township establishment, with provision for sites for schools, sports grounds, churches and other social amenities. The financial means of the occupants of the towns, are also taken into consideration in planning the different facilities.

As far as possible, these towns are planned in collaboration with the residents, and they are administered in such a way that the community is uplifted as far as possible.

It must be stressed, however, that the provision and allocation of erven to the homeless must take place in an orderly fashion. If uncontrolled overpopulation were to be permitted, it would make it impossible to lay out the town and to render essential services such as the provision of water and toilet facilities, to prevent serious epidemics and illnesses, and to upgrade the towns in the course of time.

In fact, the illegal occupation of land by large numbers of people, bedevils planned development and the whole upgrading process. Although the TPA understands the need of the homeless people, illegal occupation of land and erven cannot and will not be tolerated.

Squatter auxiliary units

Squatter auxiliary units are being established at the moment to investigate reported instances of squatting immediately. 310

These units are geared to assist the landowner, the squatter, or any authority to address the squatter problem. Solefan 31/10/91

It is the responsibility of every member of the public to report any case, or suspected case, of illegal occupation of land to the nearest municipal office or police station. These authorities will immediately refer all reported cases of squatting to the nearest provincial squatter auxiliary unit, which will be in attendance 24 hours per day.

The units will insist that landowners and local authorities themselves, take action and will only intervene when necessary.

A landowner and a local authority will still be held responsible by the Administrator for the addressing of illegal squatting on their land or in their area of jurisdiction.

URBANISATION CAUSES SOME PROBLEMS

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IN the management of urbanisation, and the prevention of squatting, the Transvaal Provincial Administration encounters various problems.
A few of the main problems experienced by the TPA are the following:

* Some private developers and financial institutions are not always willing to participate in the provision of low-cost living space;

* It is not always possible to acquire sufficient and suitable land in time to which people can be directed and on which they can be settled. It takes time to identify and develop enough suitable land for low-cost housing; Sowetan 31/10/91

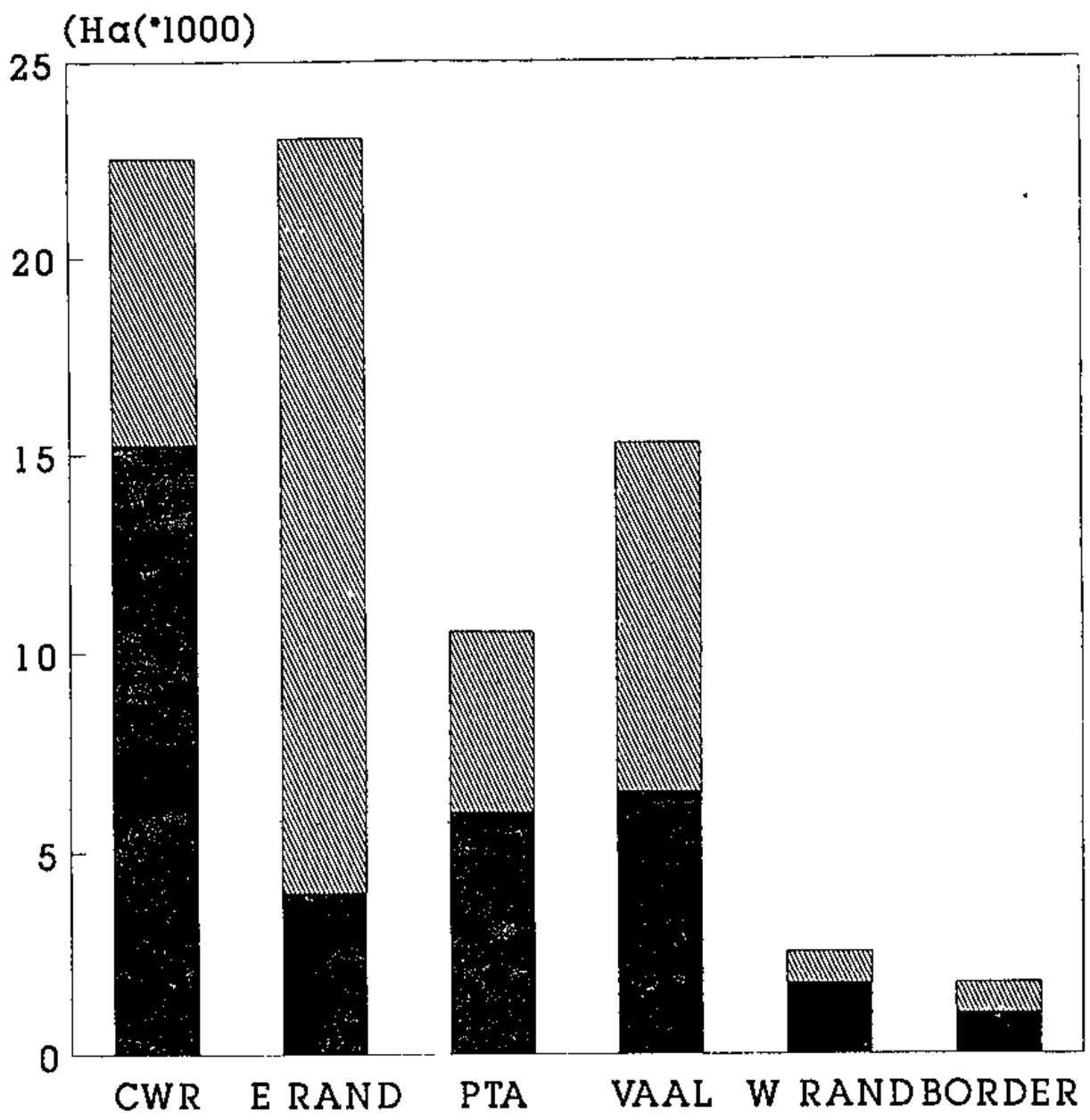
* Economic limitations create problems because not enough funds can be made available in time for the purchase of land and the rendering of services;

* Some extra parliamentary organisations obstruct the ordering of squatting, and it is believed that they orchestrate squatting to serve their own political agenda;

* Some established communities resist the establishment of towns for informal settlement in their neighbourhood;

* Some squatter communities are reluctant to be resettled.

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URBANISATION

Partners in progress

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It is a priority of the Transvaal Provincial Administration to address all the demands of rapid urbanisation. This is, however, a comprehensive task taxing the financial and manpower resources of the Administration to the utmost. It was decided that, in order to extend the administrative ability of the Administration, the private sector should be approached to help the Community Development Branch in its task of managing the urbanisation process in its numerous facets.

The major aspects of private involvement are the appointment of six consortiums as regional development managers as approved by the Executive Committee of the Transvaal for the various regions.

The firms appointed are:

Urcon	Witwatersrand (southern region)
NMS	Witwatersrand (northern region)
Technikon	Northern Transvaal
VKE	Central Transvaal (Pretoria)
Metro Projects	Western Transvaal
Eben van Wyk	Eastern Transvaal

The regional development managers (RDMs) will act as extensions of the TPA and will support the TPA's regional directors in their efforts to meet the demands of rapid urbanisation.

The RDMs will deal with aspects such as infrastructure, institutional, financial, economic, development and community participation.

Civic upset over flat rate arrears

CIVIC officials in Soshanguve, Pretoria, yesterday expressed concern about residents' delay in paying an interim flat rate of R50 for October agreed to with the Department of Development Aid.

Deputy chairman of the Soshanguve Residents Association Mr Benny Makena voiced his concern after examining figures released by the department.

Department spokesman Mr Thys Hyman announced that only 32 percent of township residents paid the flat rate for October. Sowetan 31/10/91

There were also those who failed to pay for August and September - months included in the interim agreement.

Defaulters

Hyman said the money paid by the residents so far was not enough for the township manager's office to pay for bulk services including electricity and water.

He said according to the agreement the residents who had not paid had until Friday afternoon to pay their accounts. He urged those still owing for August and September to use the opportunity to pay their arrears by the set date.

He said any action to be taken against rent defaulters would be decided at a meeting between the department and officials of Sorea, scheduled for November 7.

The two

TPA major township developer

ALTHOUGH the Transvaal Provincial Administration caters for the lower-income group only, nearly 70 percent of all the black families in the RSA reside in the Transvaal and therefore the TPA has developed into one of the major township developers in the country.

In the past three years, the TPA has developed or assisted in the development of Orange Farm (near Vereeniging), Zonkizizwe (East Rand), Ivory Park (Midrand) and Doornkop (northwest of Soweto).

At Ivory Park, 13172 stands were allocated to families in one year. These people came from the backyards of Tembisa and Alexandra and also from the Midrand and Sandton areas. At the moment, approximately 70 000 to 80 000 people are living in Ivory Park.

At Doornkop about 6 000 stands were allocated to people who were mostly from backyards in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

In June this year, about 11 218 stands were occupied at Orange Farm and 3 640 houses were built there with funds from the National Housing Commission. Another 25 655 stands are in the development and allocation stage in the Orange Farm and Drieziek areas. The provision of these stands will enable about 36 900 families to obtain their own stands and live in this area.

At Poortjie, near Ennerdale, nearly 2 500 stands will be developed in this financial year. The development potential in this rea is excellent and in future about 41 000 stands could possibly be developed. This would be subject to the availability of enough funds to acquire the land and to the availability of enough water.

In the East Rand, at Zonkizizwe, 6 800 stands are now developed and in future a further 5 800 stands could be developed.

By just looking at these developments, it is quite clear that one of the TPA's highest priorities is the timeous identification and development of suitable land for low-cost housing.

Future success in the development of more towns for informal settlement will be determined by the co-operation of all people and organisations. Illegal occupation of land in the development phase will to a great extent hamper the TPA's attempts to address the urbanisation problem. An example of this was the invasion of land in Ivory Park during July this year.



The settlement of people in an orderly fashion is a priority in the process of rapid urbanisation. (310)

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Loaves for the needy . . . as often as possible Sister Giselle (84) dispenses bread and cakes to squatter camp residents.

Township, squatter camp need festive cheer

(310) Star 4/11/91.

By Rochelle Gosling-Hughes

St Ursula's Convent in Krugersdorp has requested 45 hampers for Kagiso township and Munsieville squatter camp The request is more than conservative considering that the camp houses well over 1 000 people

Sister Giselle (84), unassuming and dedicated, is responsible for running four soup kitchens in the townships

She says they hope they have not asked for too much

Can it ever be too much for the squatters of Munsieville, who rely on the unwavering generosity and selflessness of the sister?

Every Tuesday everyone in Munsieville gathers around the huge pots filled with steaming vegetable broth and mealie meal for one of Sister Giselle's wholesome meals

The rest of the week the squatters trek the long distance to the Convent to ask for bread

Shirley Radebe is responsible for cooking each week and everyone gathers at No 48 to hand out food

Another resident, Lizzie Phokela, says she knows Sister Giselle well and they depend on her almost entirely

The Star Christmas Hamper



As often as possible, Sister Giselle arrives at the camp laden with loaves of bread and little cakes for the children, who gather round her chattering excitedly

The vegetables are donated by local stores and the Sister persists at shops for bread and fruit

The Munsieville squatter camp has been in existence for just over a year and is growing every day, said the sisters at the Ursuline Convent

There must be at least 250 shacks, with an average of seven people per hovel

Many ex-Swanieville "residents" have relocated to Munsieville squatter camp, increasing the number of hungry mouths to feed

The land is untenable and the shacks leak, there are no lights, food is scarce, residents have to trek for water, children cry with hunger pangs — reality

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The sooner, the better

Wits tuition fees set to rise by 20%

B Day 7/11/91

WITS University announced yesterday that it would raise tuition fees by slightly more than 20% in 1992.

The hike in fees was due to a further drop in the university's annual subsidy from government, deputy vice chancellor Prof J T Steele said in a statement.

Steele said the exact amount of the increase would not be known until Wits was informed of the percentage cut in its subsidy, but an increase of 20%-21% — similar to last year's increase — was envisaged.

The new fees will mean a first-year BA student can expect to pay between R4 800 and R5 600 for tuition alone.

Steele said the university would be hard pressed to find adequate funds for books and equipment next year in spite of the fee increase, and announced the formation of two monitoring groups within the university.

The two groups, one for academic functions and one for administrative and service functions, would "review all activities and make proposals for an institution geared to operate effectively within its means", Steele said.

Students who had difficulty finding enough money to pay for their tuition would be able to apply for a revised financial aid package, which included merit awards for good students, he added.

DARIUS SANAI

Other universities' fees are also due to increase.

Committee of University Principals chief director Jos Grobbelaar said tuition fees at Rhodes University would increase by between 25% and 30%, Rand Afrikaans University by about 14% and University of Port Elizabeth by 20%.

Spokesmen for the universities of Cape Town, Stellenbosch and the Western Cape said yesterday fees increases for next year would be finalised and made public only at the end of this month, or the beginning of December.

The Cape Peninsula Technikon, meanwhile, is to increase some of its subject fees by up to 61%, as well as more than double its hostel accommodation fees.

This follows an announcement by the University of SA this week that its fees system will change from a level cost for each year of study to a rising fee scale. Subject fees increases for next year are between 16,7% and 44,5%.

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Ex-ANC man set free in Tanzania

JONATHON REES

A WHITE former ANC and Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre, sentenced to 15 years in Tanzania for trying to hijack a Soviet aircraft in 1989, returned to SA yesterday after serving 18 months of his sentence.

Bradley Stacey, 29, heard he was to be released yesterday and was flown via Swaziland to SA on a Royal Swazi aircraft after the ANC secured his release "on humanitarian grounds".

On 18 May 1989, Stacey and another man were seized by Soviet security guards when they attempted to divert an Aeroflot flight carrying ANC military personnel from Angola to Tanzania.

Stacey said yesterday the hijack attempt came at a time of large-scale disillusionment among Umkhonto we Sizwe troops because of Umkhonto deployment on the side of the Angolan government against Unita. Stacey said he fought against Unita for two years.

He declined to discuss the attempted hijacking, but denied 1989 media reports that he was working for the SA government and had tried to force the flight to land in Johannesburg as a major propaganda coup.

He said he was not sure if he was still a member of the ANC.

Residents aid police in arrests

Star 8/11/91

By Gien 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.

THE HOLE OF DEATH

Squatter families refuse to be moved from sinkhole

Sowetan 11/11/91.

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By ISAAC MOLEDI

ABOUT 100 squatter families are refusing to be moved from a dangerous sinkhole site at Khutsong near Carletonville - despite the possibility that the ground on which their shacks are built could disappear without warning.

Four people have lost their lives and two were rescued after falling into the sinkhole during past months.

An 18-ton excavator was also swallowed up near the squatter settlement, called Wethu View, in the Western Transvaal mining township a fortnight ago.

Local authorities fear families squatting in the area could meet the same fate.

A bus also fell into the sinkhole but it was pulled out, according to residents.

Khutsong chief executive officer Mr Bill Cronk said of the 9 000 families in the area, 100 were in danger because of the emergence of the sinkhole.

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Squatters defy order to move

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"The families in immediate danger are squatting on the tip of the eastern buffer of the sinkhole.

"This sinkhole has been filled with rubbish which has not been compacted.

"Health by-laws require that layers of soil be placed on top of rubbish and compacted before further layers of refuse and soil are placed on top of the compacted soil.

"Ground which has been filled like this can be used for sportsgrounds after 15 years and for development after 30 years," Cronk said.

Cronk said the danger was greater now because of the approaching rainy season. "Stormwater could seep into the sinkhole and disturb the soil underneath, causing the shacks to disappear.

He said the families were refusing to be relocated in the township "because they were being intimidated."

"They were told that if they moved, their homes would be burnt down," he said.

Cronk blamed certain organisations for intimidating squatters who want to move.

"The Khutsong Civic Association claimed they have a mandate to talk on behalf of the squatters about their relocation."

However, a spokesman for the local civic association said they were not aware that the squatters were being intimidated.

The association's president, Mr Johannes Baard, said the council "was not telling the truth" when it said it had earmarked an area for the relocation of the squatters.

He said the council told "these people to go back where they came from".

The area had been filled with refuse - including wrecked cars - since 1958, according to a resident, Mrs Annah Moleshiwa.

The filling of the area was completed in 1986. She said: "The area was a cave but was filled because the authorities felt that residents were exposed to danger. The area was fenced to prevent people settling or walking next to it.

"However, desperate people who needed accommodation forced their way into the area."

Survivors hide after shack raid

Sowetan 12/11/91

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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Police blamed

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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, Moroka 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.

"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."

Squatters move to plush suburb

By Shirley Woodgate

Ivory Park squatters have been settled within 500 m of the up-market Midrand suburb of President Park and angry residents claim to have been betrayed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Smallholders living on the 4 ha plots priced between R250 000 and R500 000 complain that the TPA is intent on "chasing the whites" out of the area.

They say the TPA assured them in writing that a buffer zone consisting of more expensive houses and schools would be developed between Ivory Park and President Park.

But, despite alleged promises two years ago, squatters have been settled up to the Republic Road eastern border which residents claim would further depreciate the value of their homes.

Headed by local residents' association chairman Ron Smith, the residents are planning a strong protest to the TPA.

Mr Smith said they were in possession of a letter from President de Klerk saying he would like to believe the TPA had made arrangements to protect the affected area.

TPA spokesman Magda du Toit confirmed that squatters had been moved on to 1 500 500 sq m stands in the area on Saturday.

Although there was a gentleman's agreement with the Midrand Town Council about the buffer zone, it was decided that there was a greater need for low-cost housing than for schools and better-class homes.

"If we are being criticised, then we stand accused of providing homes for poor people who have nowhere else to go," she said.

Squatter spokesman Esther Chawuke, who was yesterday digging out vlei grass to make a garden outside a shack within sight of mansions across the veld, said the squatters were delighted to be there. The TPA had supplied toilets and water tanks, and residents paid R55 rent a month.

President Park resident Ann van Rensburg said the 85 000 population of Ivory Park on 13 000 stands was already double that of Halfway House. She said there was written proof that the area would be reserved as a buffer zone.

Squatters move out

By ISAAC MOLEDI

SQUATTERS whose shacks faced the risk of being swallowed by a sinkhole at Khutsong near Carletonville have at last agreed to move to a safer area

Since Monday about 140 squatters have been relocated on the outskirts of the township and other squatters have agreed to follow suit.

The relocation comes a few days after the squatters were reported to have refused to move away from a dangerous sinkhole.

This was despite the possibility that the ground on which their shacks were built could disappear without warning.

Khutsong chief executive officer Mr Bill Cronk said that, of the 9 000 squatters in the area, 100 were in danger because of the emergence of the sinkhole at Wethu View.

An 18-ton excavator was swallowed there two weeks ago.

Cronk said: "We are happy the squatters have at last agreed to move to a less risky area.

"Squatters should realise that open spaces in the township were left purposely without being developed because there is a danger that sinkholes may occur.

"We appeal to other people not to move into the area after these have been moved."

Khutsong civic association spokesman Mr LM Mamane said the association was planning to hold a meeting with the community to warn people of the dangers at the sinkhole site.



COMING TO AFRICA ... This is my continent, says Dinkins. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

Forget the Big A, this is real rotten

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

AMID the afternoon's searing heat, a terrible stench from makeshift toilets and green flies buzzing over uncollected garbage, loud ululation welcomed New York mayor David Dinkins at Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand on Thursday.

Dinkins, who was on a four-day visit, had earlier visited Alexandra and Soweto. The squatter camp was the scene of some of the worst violence this country has experienced this year.

Dinkins was here at the invitation of ANC president Nelson Mandela, whom he had earlier invited to New York.

The mayor and his entourage, including white members of the media, were greeted by screams of "Abelungu! Abelungu!" (whites!) from naked and half-dressed children.

The toyi-toying by members of the civic and ANC Youth League could have been mistaken for a light earth tremor.

Addressing the people as his "brothers and sisters", he said he was amazed by their courage living under such terrible conditions, especially when so "few have so much while so many have so little. It's immoral."

"You are the bravest and most courageous (people) I've ever seen," he said on his first visit to this country.

Touching on the nostalgic sentiments of Afro-Americanism, he said this was his continent.

"This continent is my homeland and that of my ancestors."

Undeterred by buzzing and persistent flies, he said he hoped the plight of the homeless would be highlighted in New York City as the centre stage of American business.

At the end of his talk he shouted "Amandla!" to a roaring "Awethu!".

Asked by a member of the entourage if the conditions at the camp were comparable to some of the slums in New York, he said even New York slums had running water and sewerage. "This is worse than anything I've ever come across."

30 civics leaders are held

THIRTY members of the Maokeng Civic Association were taken into custody on Saturday during an alleged attempt to set up a squatter camp.

They are expected to appear in the Kroonstad Magistrate's Court today on charges of trespassing, said Captain Piet Brand, SAP spokesman for the Free State region. - *Sapa.*

'Comrades' rip off squatters

Sowetan 19/11/91 (310)

By IKE MOTSAPI

PEOPLE at Chris Hani Squatter Camp in Daveyton, East Rand, are losing money to "comrades" claiming to be ANC members during burials.

Residents of the squatter camp are complaining that they "are being harassed and threatened with assault" by youths if they did not contribute money when asked to do so.

What angers residents is that not all the money collected is given to the bereaved families.

ANC member in the area Mr Lassie Tshilo said he had received several complaints from people who claimed they have been harassed, threatened and, in some cases, assaulted by the youths.

"These youths are not ANC members," he said.

Mrs Elizabeth Bungane, whose seven-month-old baby died, said youths claiming to be comrades came to her home before the burial and told her she would be given R3 000.

When she asked who would contribute the money, she was told that it would be collected from people in the squatter camp.

"I did not get anything they promised.

"What happened is that my husband asked for a loan from his employers and we buried my son.

"I was also helped by Mr Tony Guiness of City Funeral, who provided some of the things needed.

"He was very helpful and even charged me less towards the burial.

"Three weeks after the burial the same youths came to my house and gave me R200.

"I was reliably informed that the youths collected about R5 000 from residents, claiming that the money was going to be used towards my son's burial," she added.

Miss Qedie Mbatha said there were about 5 600 shacks in the area and families are normally forced to donate about R10 each when there is a death in the area.



LASSIE TSHILO



ELIZABETH BUNGANE

Demolitions stopped

THE Maokeng, Kroonstad, council stopped its demolition of shacks yesterday afternoon, agreeing to provide land for the homeless within a week.

Maokeng town secretary Mr J Malan said the land was earmarked for a freeway and sewerage pipes.

The council had negotiated with squatters' representatives and agreed that shacks be pulled down by tomorrow but land would be made available.

Earlier yesterday the council started demolishing shacks, but stopped after discussions with the Maokeng Civic Association. - *Sapa.*

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E Rand squatters without water

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About 3 000 people, for whom home is a shack at the Chris Hani squatter camp in Daveyton on the East Rand, will spend Christmas without water and sewerage services because their representative committee has refused to consult with the local council.

Council spokesman Joe Moropa said the council could do nothing to alleviate the squatters' plight because their representative committee wanted nothing to do with the council.

The committee is reported to have said it would only talk to council officials at the next meeting of the Greater Benoni Forum.

Mr Moropa said this meeting would only be held in January. — East Rand Bureau.

Midrand slams TPA's Ivory Park decision

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THEO RAWANA

THE Midrand Town Council has attacked the TPA's decision to settle Ivory Park squatters near its upmarket suburb of President Park as "short-sighted and irresponsible".

In an effort to resolve the issue, the council was to lead a delegation of residents to the office of Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough, management committee chairman Dave Hidden said yesterday.

Smallholders living on the 4ha plots priced between R250 000 and R500 000 have been complaining that the TPA is intent on "chasing the whites" out of the area, according to reports.

"The TPA has fallen behind in the provision of land for housing in this area and is now trying to squeeze thousands of additional people into the development at the expense of planned school and business sites," Hidden said.

He said the council was angry over the TPA's insensitivity in approaching the challenge of land for urbanisation. The administration was sowing seeds for future conflict.

The TPA had not honoured undertakings it made when it first established Ivory Park. It had failed to provide clinics, schools, tarred roads for taxis and a police station for the 85 000 people of Ivory Park in the 12 months of the area's existence, he added.

Community Development director-general Len Dekker confirmed that the council had requested to meet Hough. The administrator would make a statement only after the meeting with the delegation, he said.

Maokeng resettlement opposed

WILSON ZWANE

SQUATTERS in Maokeng township, near Kroonstad, would defy moves by their local council to resettle them, Maokeng Civic Association spokesman Dennis Bloem said yesterday.

Bloem was responding to a statement by Maokeng city secretary Johan Malan that land would be provided from today to the township's homeless, including a number of families who had erected 40 shacks in the vicinity of the nearby coloured area of Brent Park on Saturday.

"We started pulling down the shacks (on Monday morning) but stopped after squatters' representatives indicated to us they would be prepared to vacate the area voluntarily if the council could make land available," Malan said.

He added that 1 000 plots were available near Constantia Park.

Bloem said the squatters had already rebuilt the shacks which were torn down by the council "because they don't want to go to the land provided for them".

Midrand up in arms over shack site

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Political Staff Star 20/11/91

Midrand Town Council is to confront Administrator Danie Hough about the province "sowing the seeds for future conflict" when dealing with the Ivory Park shack settlement.

Midrand management committee chairman Dave Hidden accused the TPA of failing to keep pace with the demand for land. "It is now trying to squeeze thousands of additional people into the development at the expense of planned school and business sites."

He was dissatisfied that "new informal and existing conventional housing are positioned side by side. This will potentially lead to conflict."

Mr Hidden added: "When the TPA first established Ivory Park, certain undertakings were given to ensure that the potential for conflict between residents living in the different housing types was kept to a minimum. The TPA has broken its word, ignored the most basic town planning principles and created more problems."

The Midrand council would lead a delegation to Mr Hough.

Shacks demolished in Maokeng township

THE Maokeng Council yesterday demolished shacks belonging to squatters in the Kroonstad township. (310)

The action was taken because the squatters did not comply with the council's request to remove the structures, the council's secretary, Mr JS Malan, said in a statement. Sowetan 21/11/91

The council told representatives of the squatters on Monday that the land was earmarked for a new freeway and sewage pipes.

It told the representatives that it would remove the shacks if they were not removed by yesterday.

Stayaway in Maokeng

RESIDENTS of Maokeng township near Kroonstad will begin a two-day work stayaway today in protest against their local council's decision to demolish squatter shacks in the area. (310 45)

The Maokeng council yesterday pulled down about 40 shacks after squatters refused to vacate the area voluntarily.

A community on the march

By JOSIAS CHABALALA

THE tiny rural community at Hartbeesfontein, near Brits, is becoming a headache for authorities.

A recent decision by the government to cede neighbouring land to Bophuthatswana has sparked fears that they will be "next in line". As a result, the community's "joint structures" committee has been able to unite the entire community around the issue. A recent march to present grievances to the Hartbeesfontein Township Management drew almost the full population.

Included in a memorandum presented to the township manager was a demand that Koevoet soldiers stationed at the Moordkop army base be removed immediately.

The march coincided with a work boycott which brought normal activity in the township to a virtual standstill, and was followed by a "mass squatting" action on council land around Hartbeesfontein. A squatter settlement has emerged as a result.

Boycott over shack demolition

MAOKENG Civic Association has called for an indefinite consumer boycott of white-owned businesses from tomorrow in protest against the demolition of shacks at the ZR Mahabane Square and the alleged shooting of a 17-year-old youth by police.

Maca spokesman Dennis Bloom said township residents decided on the boycott tactic to show anger at the demolition of the shacks and the alleged killing of Ezekiel Mohoka by the police.

Police spokesman Capt SJ Wentzel confirmed the demolition of the shacks, but said the task was carried out by the local council and municipal police. He knew nothing about the youth's death.

Employed, but not well enough to afford a home

They work, but their meager earnings combined with a housing shortage have forced this couple into the streets

BEATHUR BAKER reports

WALTER and Peggy, like any working couple, have dinner together after a hard day's work. The difference is, they share supper in a park. And, when they go to sleep at night, their home is an alleyway.

Unlike most homeless people, however, they have jobs and would be able to afford accommodation — if they could find it.

They earn too little to afford expensive accommodation, and there is a serious shortage of housing that would fall in their price range.

For them, a working lifestyle means setting up for the night in a passage under the stairs of a fire escape outside a block of flats in Hillbrow.

The passage is a locked up back entrance to an old two story building and is hidden from view by the steep concrete stairs.

During the day the very spot where they settle down to sleep becomes a storage area for huge rubbish containers used by residents in the building.

When they get "home", Walter removes their mattress and blankets from a disused fridge standing near the entrance inside the building, clears the ground around the area and then places their bedding in such a way that they are sheltered by a small verandah overhead.

Once everyone is settled, Walter pulls one of the rubbish bins in front of the opening, completely hiding the sleepers. In the morning they clean up the little passage, and leave just as the sun comes up.

Their nightly routine is a well established one.

Most nights they will have a quick wash, do their washing using water from an outside tap then hang it out to dry before morning. Or they simply lie about and smoke, talking about the day gone by for a while.

On weekdays they usually arrive between 9pm and midnight, depending on the day. On weekends they sometimes only arrive at 2am.

"But over the years we have befriended many of the people here, we keep an eye on their washing during the night."

On many nights they bring "guests" to their "home"; these are other homeless — and unemployed — individuals who stay on until they are able to find employment again.

"Working and being homeless on these streets was never easy," says Walter, leaning back on his blanket.

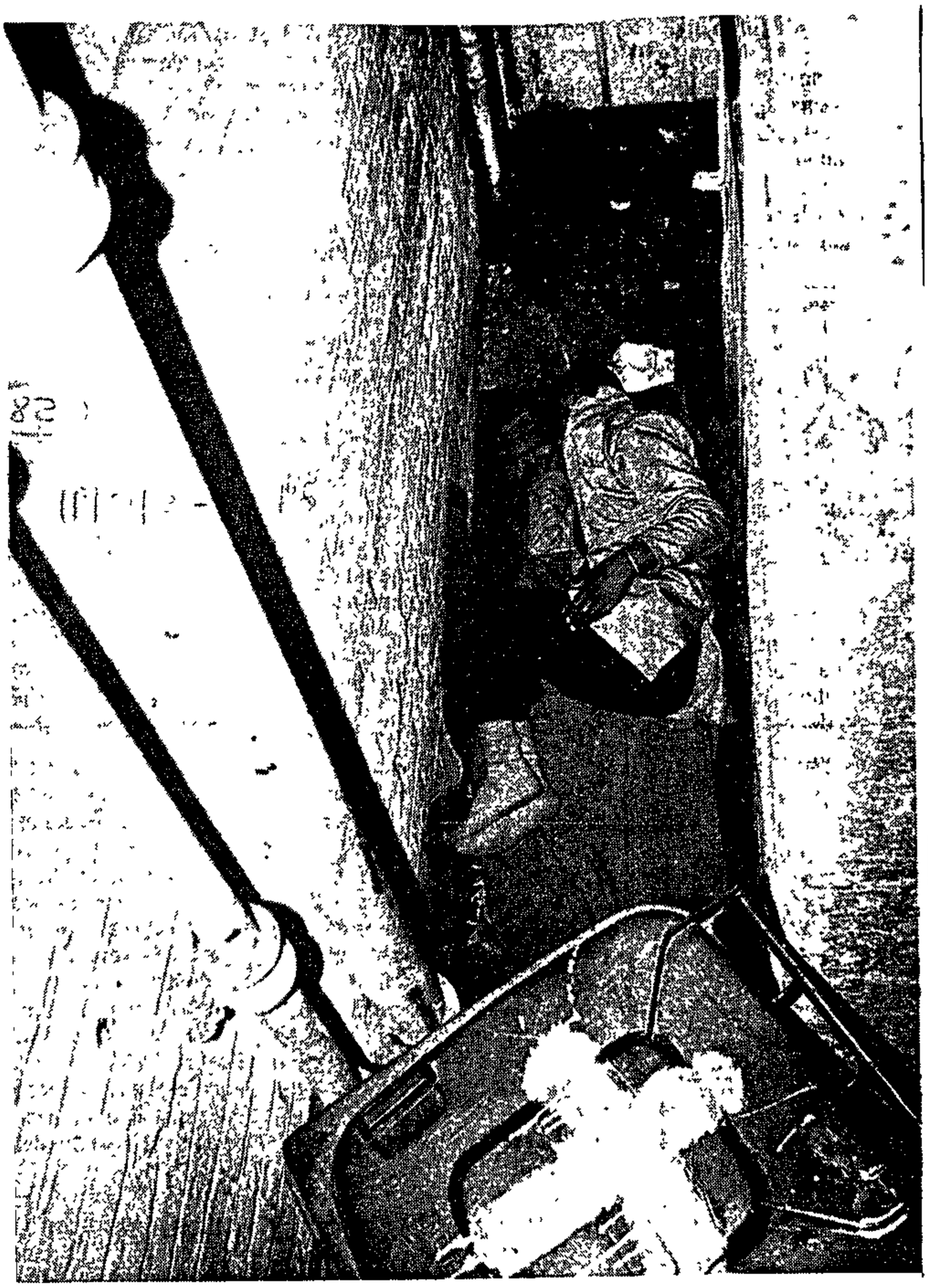
"This kind of life can be bad. There are no shelters for our kind in a big city like Johannesburg.

In Port Elizabeth I could stay in a shelter while saving for a place to stay."

Rainy nights and the cold in winter sometimes disrupts their routine and they have to sleep at Park station.

"But in the early hours of the morning police come and force the up to 200 homeless people out into the cold," says Peggy.

Because of his own family's poverty, he went to work out at sea when he was only in his teens. He says that over the years he grew to love the sea. "It's just that there are no jobs and no money down there, but this life here makes me feel like going back to the sea."



Home Sweet Home...bedding down for the night in Hillbrow **Photo:GUY ADAMS**

When they are foced to squat around the city, they leave their belongings at friends' homes. But they feel this has also led to possessions disappearing with time.

The grey overalls he wears while speaking to *The Weekly Mail* are those he works in and bought for his previous job in a factory at Edgardale.

In between several periods where either one or both are unemployed and they go hungry, a welcome break sometimes comes along.

Walter can do practical jobs like welding, maintenance or repairs, and it is in this area that he looks for private jobs.

Most of the time his wife Peggy sits quietly listening. She is somewhat shy, merely nodding or adding a few words. Now she chimes in: "But most people here do know about us, some understand our situation and are sympathetic."

She explains that during the last few years several occupants of the building offered her small jobs — often when it was obvious she was not working — piece jobs like ironing or washing.

Walter speaks up: "Peggy is ill a lot; epileptic fits. Especially when the weather's bad. I don't want her to do very hard work."

However, he feels that by doing this kind of work "she can at least have a meal during the day and earn some money for things she needs like cigarettes."

Peggy is slightly built and has thin, short hair already beginning to grey. Deep, map-like lines spread out on her face when she smiles, telling of a life of hardship.

A pair of missing front teeth now also appear — a distinctly Capetonion phenomena. "Haai", she laughs surprised at the suggestion. "I am from the Cape — that is where I met him."

But to the next question she says shyly "a woman doesn't reveal her age," although both Walter and she appear to be about 40.

They have two children, who live in Benoni with relatives as "this is no life for them — but now they are all grown up," says Peggy.

But Winston shakes his head and tells about his youngest son who became a gangster, breaking into people's houses.

"Not at all the way we taught him" he says. "But maybe if we had a home of our own it would have been better."

He says every time he saves enough money for a flat deposit, something always interferes with this step to find decent accommodation. Usually unemployment, a job which suddenly ends or a strike at a factory.

They both do not hesitate about their hopes for the future: "Our dream is to have our own home."

TPA identifies massive tracts for housing

STAR 30/11/91

SHIRLEY WOODGATE

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is believed to be on the verge of identifying about five vast tracts of land in the northern PWV region to be developed as site-and-service projects to meet massive urbanisation.

This follows the controversial establishment of Ivory Park on the eastern boundary of President Park, Midrand, where about 85 000 homeless people have been settled within less than two years on 711 ha demarcated for informal settlement.

Sources have indicated that the first of the sites could be available from as early as March.

According to reliable sources, the bulk of these settlements will accommodate Johannesburg's northern neighbours, specifically Sandton, Randburg, Midrand and Verwoerdburg. The following developments are expected to be announced soon:

- It is speculated that the so-called "Norweto" or Diepsloot area is being considered to accomodate Sandton workers from Zevenfontein where squatter shacks were recently demolished.
- Cosmo City on the

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Housing

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Broederstroom/Lanseria Road just beyond the Jacaranda Tea Garden is being envisaged for housing Randburg workers attracted to Kya Sand Industrial area. STAR 30/11/91

- Parts of Modderfontein/Linbro Park/Mia Trust land east of the Pretoria/Johannesburg freeway are being investigated to provide relief for Alexandra.
- Agricultural land east of Jan Smuts Road near Olifantsfontein is being considered as the logical extensiom of Tembisa.
- Land near Irene is earmarked as housing for workers of the burgeoning industrial sector in Verwoerdburg.

When asked for comment TPA director of physical planning Jan Bretytenbach would not say if discussions about the future of these areas had taken place.

But he said that no official announcement had yet been made and if such an announcement was made, it would not be without the knowledge of the residents or councils in the areas.

Recently the Greenbelt Action Group which halted the Norweto development of peri urban land west of Midrand, applied for the area including Diepsloot to become a Local Area Committee (LAC) and for the major portion of it to be recognised as a conservancy.

The Council for Local Government Affairs (the successor to the Transvaal Board for the Development of Peri Urban Areas) indicated at that time that Sandton, Randburg and Krugersdorp were seeking to expand their boundaries to the north.

TPA accused of appropriating greenbelt

Star 2/12/91

The Greenbelt Action Group (GAC) at the weekend accused the Transvaal Provincial Administration of imminent plans to establish informal settlements in the greenbelt northwest of Johannesburg without consulting residents.

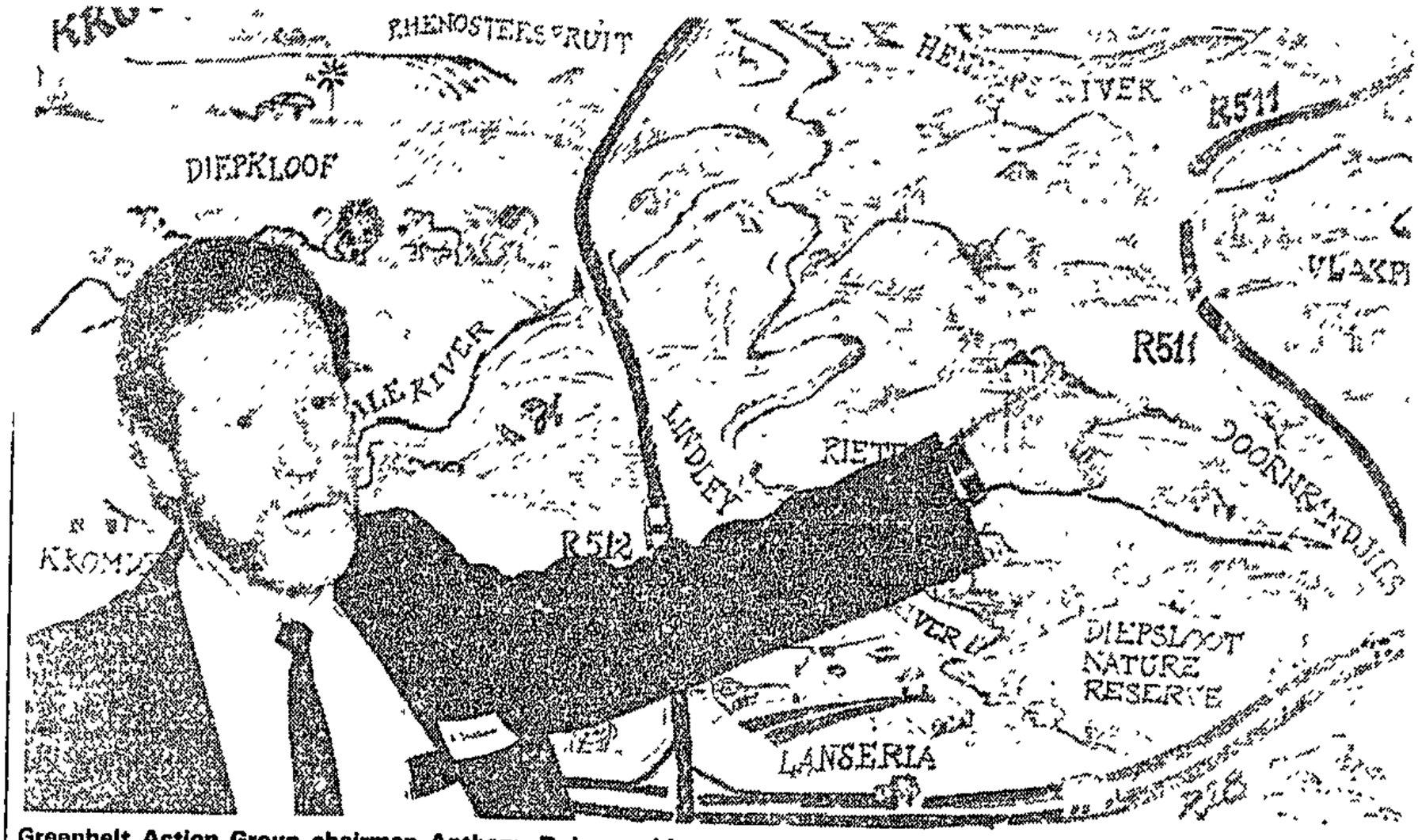
GAC chairman Anthony Duigan said in a statement the TPA plans were a "crisis" response to the housing shortage. The GAC rejected the plans and threatened a "wave of protests" if they were implemented.

"We have been aware of the TPA's plans for some time and know that they are trying to do this before December 10 without consultation with residents. We also know that the TPA officials were hoping that GAC would not get wind of this.

"We have tried unsuccessfully for the past two weeks to get interviews with Olaus van Zyl or the MEC in charge of housing, John Mavuso."

He said the Saturday meeting gave a mandate to GAC to use every effective tactic available, including extra-parliamentary means, to secure the green lung for the PWV.

GAC held a special meeting on Saturday in response to a report in the Saturday Star of TPA plans to move the Zevenfontein squatters into the Diepsloot area. — Staff Reporter.



Greenbelt Action Group chairman Anthony Duigan addresses a news conference yesterday. His group believes the Transvaal Provincial Administration plans to settle large squatter camps north of Johannesburg. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

'Greenbelt' residents to fight on squatter issue

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DARIUS SANAI

RESIDENTS of the plush "greenbelt" northwest of Johannesburg are squaring up for a fight with the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) over the proposed development of the area which they fear will include large-scale squatting.

The Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) yesterday announced it would form a civic association to prevent the TPA from developing low-cost housing and relocating squatters in the area, which lies between the Sandton-/Randburg boundaries and the Hartebeespoort Dam.

TPA MEC for Planning John Mavuso announced plans yesterday for several small low-cost housing sites in the "greenbelt", saying there was a "need of land for the settlement of low-income communities north of Randburg and Sandton".

GAG, which represents conservation-minded residents, said the area should be preserved as a "green lung" to be used for limited development and recreation.

GAG chairman Anthony Duigan said yesterday the development was "ill conceived", and accused the TPA of lacking a development strategy and practising ad hoc "crisis management".

He said timeshare apartments and small industries were also threatening the area.

Asked why he thought the "greenbelt" should be spared the development of the rest of the PWV area, he said the "green lung" was essential for the PWV.

He said he was sympathetic to the plight of squatters, who are increasingly moving into the "greenbelt", but said it was the function of the TPA, not GAG, to properly house victims of bad policy.

He added that Randburg and Sandton councils had shown a willingness to relocate squatters currently living in the "greenbelt". Moving homeless people in small numbers to the area would not work, he said, because small squatter settlements inevitably grew into big ones.

Mavuso said yesterday the TPA would consult ratepayers' associations and "other interest groups" in the region over its plans, and added that the TPA executive committee had not yet taken any decision on the development of the area.

But he said discussions with local authorities in the area had concluded that a recommendation be made to the TPA executive committee that small concentrations of low-cost housing should be developed in the area.

SADF razed Tokoza shack 'under pretext'

STAR 5/12/91 (310)

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Phola Park leader Prince Mhlambi yesterday told the inquiry into political violence in Tokoza how SA Defence Force members had demolished the shack of a man "under the pretext that they were searching for ammunition".

Commission chairman Solly Sithole pointed out to a defence force observer that "the interests of the SADF have been touched by this witness".

The SADF had no legal representative at the commission, which is sitting in Pretoria. Mr Sithole ruled that all cross-examination on Mr Mhlambi's extensive evidence would be postponed "so that all interested parties — even those not here today" should have time to prepare for the questioning.

Conflict

In a 25-page statement, detailing about 70 events in the wave of political conflict that gripped Tokoza from August 1990 onwards, Mr Mhlambi made numerous allegations against the police and several against the SADF.

Some allegations relate to the period after the massacre of Inkatha members in Tokoza on September 8.

"Almost every day (from September 17) the SADF would arrive with Casspirs in Phola Park and conduct searches on a house-to-house basis. Many people were arrested during that period for various offences," Mr Mhlambi said.

He alleged that on September 26 "an informer who has been staying in Phola Park since last year and who is known to me as Sammi was suddenly seen in SADF uniform in Phola Park. He pointed out the houses of various important community members and defence committee members who were suspected of carrying firearms, and a number of people were arrested."

Later that day the SADF demolished the shack of an arrested man known as Joseph "under the pretext that they were searching for ammunition", and opened fire on residents in A section, said Mr Mhlambi.

He also related how accords reached between his committee and the police and SADF to the effect that members of the forces would report at the Phola Park advice office before entering the community were repeatedly flouted — ostensibly on the instructions of senior officers.

He added that his residents' committee was convinced that the police had killed a Zulu-speaking Katlehong man, Cecil Mdluli, on October 5 and had tried to create the impression that Phola Park residents were to blame.

"Some of us went to have a look at this body and found the wheel prints of a Casspir right next to the body . . ."

Witnesses at Mr Mdluli's family home said they saw a police Casspir and a policeman breaking down a door of Mr Mdluli's house some hours before his body was found about 150 m outside Phola Park.

"To our surprise we found a police report in The Star the next day which said the police had found the body in Phola Park. I believe that the police made this report as inaccurately as they did to cause further violence in the area."

Mr Mhlambi also mentioned that before the assassination of civic leader Sam Ntuli on September 29, an anonymous pamphlet appeared in Phola Park claiming Mr Ntuli and Catholic priest Father Peter Hortop were responsible for the Inkatha massacre.

Cramped family wins 2-room hut

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After nine years without real home

AFTER spending nine years searching for a house, the Lefifi family was left with no option but to join the homeless at the Stanza Bopape squatter camp outside Mamelodi.

By ALINAH DUBE

Crammed into a three-room shack with her husband and four children, Mrs Martha Lefifi's luck recently changed when she entered a competition and won a two-room hut.

Lefifi (34), who is unemployed, recounted how she came to the squatter camp.

She said living with relatives or in someone's backyard was difficult.

Then sometime last year the Lefifis heard that shack-dwellers were leaving the township. The shack-dwellers had had enough of the housing shortage in the area and were allocating themselves land outside the township.

The area, known as Stanza Bopape Village, is named after local activist Mr Stanza Bopape, who disappeared while in police custody.

Alleviate

In August, Lefifi entered a competition run by King Food Corporation.

"To me the two entries that I sent through were merely statistics."

"But I had this wish to win because the first prize consisted of Zozo huts. Winning one was definitely going to alleviate the situation of having all my four children crammed into one bedroom," she said.

Then the good news came. Lefifi was chosen a winner of one of the 20 two-roomed huts.

"I cannot believe this has happened to me. My husband and I are very proud of this extension to our home. It is the best Christmas present we have ever had," Lefifi said as neighbours kept pouring in to rejoice with her family.

Men, women and children were treated to a braai organised by the company which donated the hut. Traditional beer was also served during the presentation ceremony.

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Decision today on squatters?

The Greenbelt Action Group yesterday reiterated its opposition to proposals by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to establish squatters at Diepsloot, north of Johannesburg.

Gag said the TPA executive committee was likely to decide today on a new permanent informal settlement for the Zevenfontein squatters.

Gag said after a meeting with senior officials of the TPA and the Local Government Affairs Council yesterday that the province had said that in the absence of a local authority for the area, it would undertake to control the influx of squatters and to provide elementary services.

Gag further pointed out that no services existed and that Diepsloot was even further removed from the squatters' workplaces in Randburg and Muldersdrif and that the area offered no schools.

It warned that an informal settlement was unlikely to be contained. The authorities in Pretoria would soon find themselves unable to control its size. — Sapa.

13 possible sites north-west of Johannesburg

Huge PWV squatter plan

STAR 11/12/91

By Shirley Woodgate (310)

About 13 areas in an arc north-west of Johannesburg are being considered by the Transvaal Provincial Administration as areas for locating squatters in the north-western PWV region.

Informed sources indicate that the TPA has already identified a site-and-service area in Diepsloot.

This is planned to address the urgent housing needs of the Zevenfontain squatters whose shacks, on about 200 stands, were bulldozed two months ago.

Although these squatters, who are now being housed in tents by the TPA, were supposed to have left their present temporary site by the end of this month, it is believed their stay has been extended until the end of next month.

Other areas, which will probably be determined after consultation with the affected town councils, are also being considered:

- Three townships at Olievenhoutbosch, south-west of Rooihuiskraal, and two other areas south and east of Irene to cater for the housing needs of Verwoerdburg's growing industrial area.
- Olifantsfontein will possibly be served by a township on Bankorp-owned land north-east of Ivory Park and north of Tembisa.
- Randburg's labour force will be catered for at Cosmo City and in a proposed township west of Lanseria Airport.
- Krugersdorp will draw labour from two townships now under scrutiny, one at Kromdraai and the other north of Muldersdrif.
- A strip from Mia Farm, next to the Ben Schoeman highway, through Modderfontein to Alexandra and Linbro Park is now under consideration.
- Three other areas under consideration are north of "Norweto", north-west of Lanseria and at Knoppieslaagte.

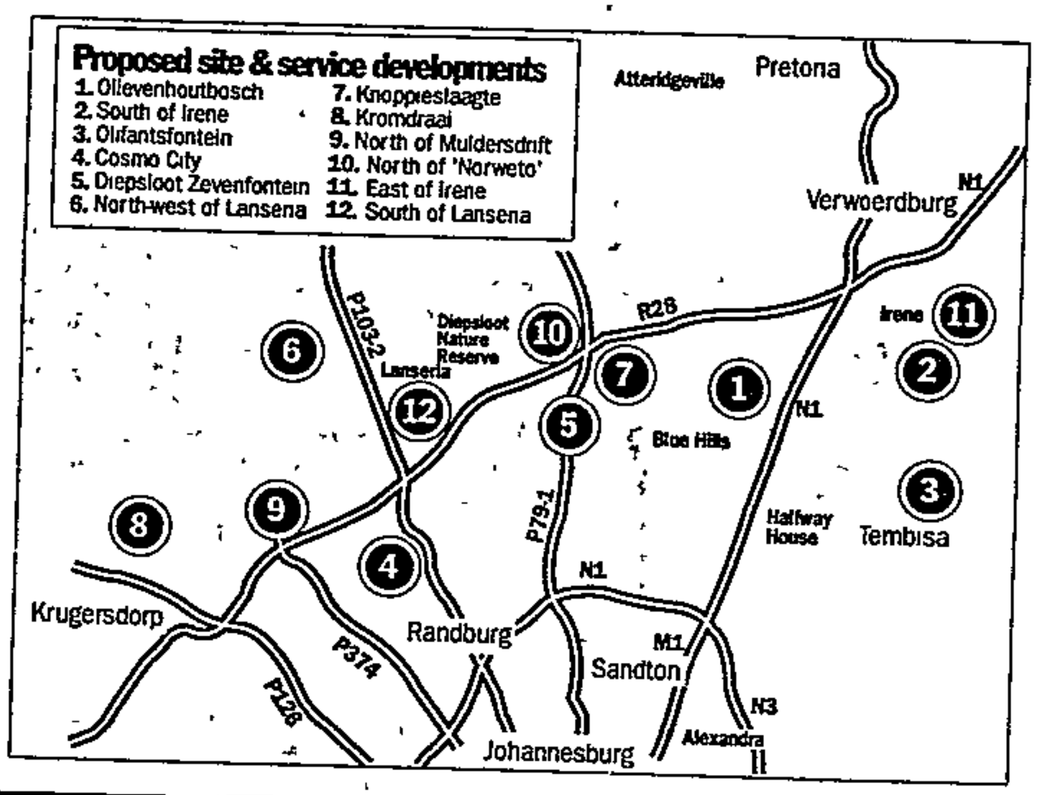
MEC John Mavuso recently said the latest answer to urbanisation problems and urgent squatter housing needs was smaller "villages" instead of large-scale, unmanageable ghetto-type townships This was aimed at creating balanced "neighbourhoods"

It is likely that the village concept will apply to the proposed developments, which will consist of about 1 500 stands of about 250 sq m, serviced by dirt roads, with one water tanker for 20 houses and aqua-pump toilets

The bulk of the land under consideration falls under the Council for Local Government Affairs, previously known as the Transvaal Board for the Development of Peri Urban Areas.

The Greenbelt Action Group, which has strongly opposed the siting of a squatter township in the heart of the last green lung in the PWV area, has reacted to Mr Mavuso's plans to create villages by saying that squatter camps "know no boundaries"

TPA deputy director-general in charge of community development Len Dekker yesterday stressed that the answer to urbanisation was the provision of sufficient serviced, affordable erven.



long trek to fetch water



Tapping in to delight . . . messing with water is a new-found joy at the creche in Tooseng village.

Pictures: Jacoob Rykliff

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Anger greets TPA squatter settlement plan

By Shirley Woodgate

Yesterday's report in The Star that the Transvaal Provincial Administration is considering about 13 areas for site-and-service developments for squatters in the north-western PWV has unleashed a flood of anger.

The ANC, the Greenbelt Action Group, developers and affected individuals have waded into the authorities for embarking on far-reaching housing plans without consultation.

The ANC called for a moratorium on the initiative. The organisation said the closed-door planning was taking place at a time when both the ANC and the Government formed part of a National Housing Forum.

The forum was established on November 1 and involves all the key players who will address housing through negotiation.

"Indications that the TPA is considering a network of squatter locations undermines the forum and raises questions about the Government's commitment to negotiate housing," the ANC claimed.

The TPA's plans for solving urbanisation problems on the Reef include the establishment of a string of "village" settlements north of Krugersdorp, Randburg and Sandton to create balanced neighbourhoods as opposed to massive ghettoes.

The ANC said: "African people will continue to be dumped in dormitory townships, away from the city centres, to serve the needs of the white towns.

"Residential segregation will be extended and nothing meaningful will be done to move towards the democratic vision of integrated cities.

"The location of these proposed camps will continue to deny African people access to the urban economy.

"The squatter camps, projected in romantic terms as residential villages, will remain slums. The prescriptions about stand size, services and location builds on the Independent Development Trust capital subsidy model, which is problematic."

Greenbelt Action Group chairman Anthony Duigan said the plans were totally unacceptable since the affected communities had not been consulted about any proposed network of informal settlements.

"People are totally unaware of investigations which have been carried out regardless of environmental or residential impact.

"A squatter housing strategy must be developed and any far-reaching plans for developments such as these should be negotiated with full representation by residents, squatters, TPA officials, town planners and environmentalists," he said.

"Thousands of people are affected and the entire character of the North Rand is being altered. Although it is late, we urge the TPA to call in all intereted parties to negotiate this sensitive issue."

Greenbelt representatives are due to meet Administrator of the Transvaal Danie Hough in Pretoria today.

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PWV squatters' future on hold

THEO RAWANA

THE TPA would not take any decision on locating squatters in the northwestern PWV region before the end of January, Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough said yesterday.

Hough was reacting to reports, which he said were speculative, that the TPA was considering about 13 areas in this region for settling squatters, and that it had already identified a site-and-service area in Diepsloot.

Hough said in a statement about 50% of all blacks in SA lived in the Transvaal and 1,5-million homeless people were in the Pretoria/Witwatersrand area alone.

He said a report by the TPA's community development branch had identified several sites as possibilities for the establishment of informal towns. However, a decision was postponed until the end of next month to give interested parties an opportunity to comment.

He confirmed that the Diepsloot area was recommended by the branch as the most suitable site for development of the first informal town in the area to cater for the needs of low-income communities.

As a member of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, tha TPA would also consult with that body's Physical Planning Committee.

Interests of groups, such as homeless people already settled in the area, local authorities and land-owner organisations such as the Greenbelt Action Group had to be taken into account, he added.

He said recent statistics showed that 56% of SA's black population were already urbanised. "It is expected that 75% would be urbanised by the year 2000.

Hough said this indicated the need for orderly settlement and the necessity for people to be able to raise their living standards when they were able.

"The demands on our communities and people would increase ... Existing communities in urbanised areas would have to show greater understanding and realism in this regard," he added.

DARIUS SANAI reports that Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) chairman Anthony Duigan said yesterday the TPA had agreed "in principle" to the formation of an Action Committee which would debate where development, resettlement and urbanisation should take place.

The Action Committee would comprise interest groups such as GAG, TPA officials, town planners and environmental experts, Duigan said.

Mammoth plan for squatters under attack

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Sowetan 13/12/91

A MAMMOTH resettlement plan envisaged by the Government for the north-western parts of Johannesburg would consolidate discriminatory urban planning, the ANC charged this week.

In a statement issued in Johannesburg, the ANC said: "The 13 squatter 'villages' being suggested will merely consolidate the apartheid urban planning model."

The organisation said the Government had unilaterally taken a major initiative that had serious policy and long-term implications.

"And this is done at a time when both the ANC and the Government form part of a National Housing Forum involving all the key players in housing.

"The National Housing Forum was established on November 1 to address, through negotiations, the housing crisis," the ANC said.

It said the announcement, reportedly made by sources close to the Transvaal Provincial Administration, completely undermined the forum and raised serious questions about the Government's commitment to negotiate housing and crucial socio-economic policies.

The TPA has yet to confirm the resettlement plan. - *Sapa*.

No final decision on 13 'squatter camps'

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Staff Reporter

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has not taken a final decision on the reported arc of 13 "squatter camps" to be established in the north-western PWV region, Administrator Danie Hough said yesterday.

All interested parties would have an opportunity to comment on the recommendation by the Community Development Branch of the TPA and make recommendations regarding the possible sitings, he added.

However, Mr Hough warned that existing communities in the urbanised area would have to show greater understanding and realism with regard to rapidly increasing urbanisation and homelessness.

The reported plan to establish the arc of squatter settlement around Johannesburg's white suburbs has been greeted by a storm of protest from the Civic Association of the Transvaal, the ANC, the Greenbelt Action Group, a Sandton town councillor and the Greater Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber (GWMC).

The ANC has accused the TPA of planning behind closed doors at a time when it and the Government formed part of a National Housing Forum.

Mr Hough has undertaken to take into account the interests of all interest groups, and a decision on the suggested development had been postponed until the first meeting of the TPA Executive Committee at the end of January 1992.

He said there were about 1,5 million homeless people in the PWV area, indicating a need for orderly settlement.

"These people should be enabled to obtain permanency and to raise their standard of living."

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Squatter plan delay seen as victory

ROUND ONE of the row over Transvaal Provincial Council plans to settle squatters in 13 "villages" spanning the north-western PWV has gone to the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) — backed by an outright rejection of the plan by the ANC.

The plan was first revealed by the Saturday Star last week.

The victory follows a meeting with the Administrator, Danie Hough, who has agreed to the deferment of a decision on resettling the Zevenfontein squatters at Diepsloot until late January.

SHIRLEY WOODGATE

He also agreed that the Department of Environment will be involved in future planning and recognised GAG as the representative for the residents in broader negotiations over site-and-service settlements in the greenbelt area.

"These squatter locations are not designed to solve the housing problems but to pré-empt the democratisation of local government. This it will lay the foundation for racially based metropolitan chambers which will ensure the creation of multiple federal local and regional structures in order to entrench white domination and privilege," the ANC said.

"The ANC PWV region rejects the creation of additional townships away from the city."

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"These new townships will not be economically viable. They will merely increase transport costs and make it impossible for residents to afford service charges."

The latest development follows a public outcry over reports this week that the TPA was investigating 13 areas for locating squatter townships in the north-western PWV region.

Objections were voiced by a vast range of interest groups and individuals ranging from the ANC to smallholders, businessmen and a Sandton town councillor.

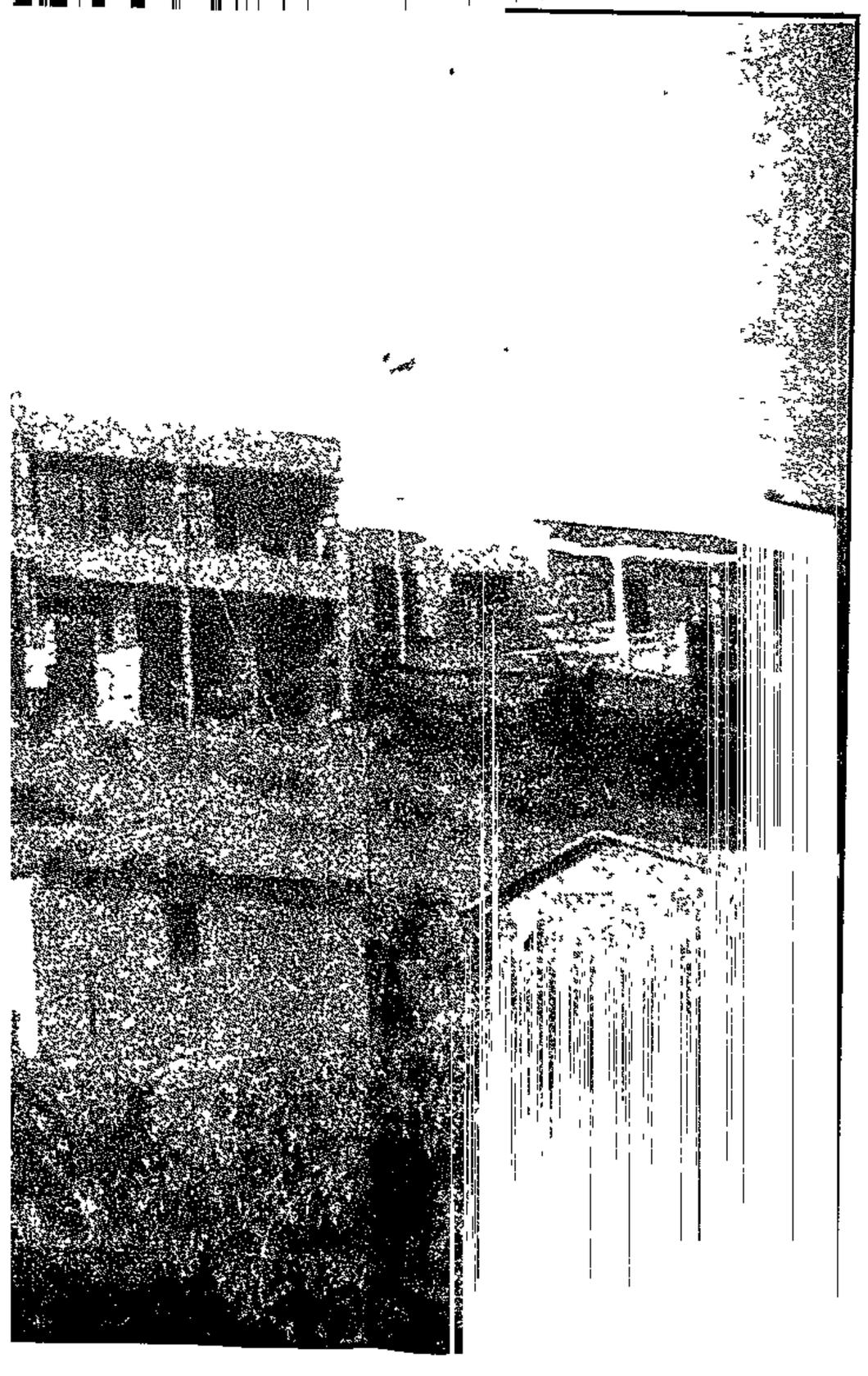
The ANC claimed the TPA plans had undermined the aims of the recently established National Housing Forum, intended to bring the ANC and the TPA together to address housing through negotiation.

The Johannesburg Civic Association added its voice, alleging the TPA has breached the conditions set by the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber for the recent formation of a top-level committee to decide on land for the homeless.

Sandton councillor Jo Marais, speaking against the background of TPA plans to establish high-density, low-cost housing alongside mansions in Linbro Park, called for planners' heads to roll.

Individual residents who are panic-stricken about being kept in the dark about future developments in the area north of Johannesburg have inundated The Star with calls.

Estate agents are distraught about the future.



ANC hits the roof at TPA's squatter plan

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THE PWV region of the ANC said on Thursday it rejected the Transvaal Provincial Administration's plans for solving the housing crisis.

However, the TPA says it has not taken a final decision on the reported arc of 13 squatter camps to be established in the north-western PWV region.

The TPA is considering establishing a string of village settlements in the PWV areas north of Krugersdorp, Randburg, Sandton, Roolhuiskraal, Ivory Park and other areas

In a statement on Thursday, the ANC PWV region said the squatter locations were not designed to solve the housing problems, but to pre-empt the democratisation of local government.

"Thus it will lay the foundation for racially based metropolitan chambers which will ensure the creation of multiple federal local and regional structures in order to entrench white domination and privilege.

"The ANC PWV rejects this TPA unilateral urbanisation strategy and their current accelerated restructing of local government in terms of the Interim Measures Act of 1991.

"These actions show quite clearly that the government is not committed to the creation of a non-racial and democratic society at both local and national levels."

The ANC said it rejected the creation of additional townships away from the city centres as they would not be economically viable and would merely increase transport costs for residents.

"The ANC PWV region, through its local and regional government commission, will seek an urgent meeting with the TPA.

"It will seek to challenge their initiative and demand that it halts its inhuman settlement strategy and enter into negotiations with the relevant democratic local and regional government structures

"We also condemn the failure or neglect of the Government to subsidise townships that are unable to meet their electricity bills due to the abolition of single tax bases in order to force blacks to the homelands"

■ Rightwing leader Robert van Tonder accused the National Party administration of breaking "a holy undertaking of more than 50 years" by considering the establishment of squatter camps north of Randburg.

Van Tonder said since the "half-baked" scheme had been rumoured, the NP had lost the "little bit of support" it had in the areas "in totality"

Van Tonder has a large beef-farming concern in the area

■ The Greenbelt Action Group (Gag) has welcomed the TPA move to defer the final decision on establishing an informal settlement in Diepsloot until next month

In a statement Gag said that in a meeting with Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough, and senior TPA officials on Thursday, it was accepted that Gag would be involved in the planning and negotiation for the siting of informal settlements within the North Rand Greenbelt area from now on.

"We are pleased that the administrator and his senior officials accept that we do have a mandate to represent residents and that we should be intimately involved in any planning that affects the future of the area, said Gag chairman Anthony Duigan

Gag has recommended that an action committee be formed to consider new stuctures for planning and administering the Greenbelt and mechanisms for establishing where development should take place.

"How urbanisation is handled in what is a rural Greenbelt will be critical in deciding whether Johannesburg/Pretoria preseves a vital green lung for its future or destroys a natural resource than can never be retrieved," Duigan said. – Sapa



NO EASY WAY OUT ... Will the new plan provide for squatters to erect shacks in settlements around the northern borders of Johannesburg?

ANC hits the roof at TPA's squatter plan

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THE PWV region of the ANC said on Thursday it rejected the Transvaal Provincial Administration's plans for solving the housing crisis.

However, the TPA says it has not taken a final decision on the reported arc of 13 squatter camps to be established in the north-western PWV region.

The TPA is considering establishing a string of village settlements in the PWV areas north of Krugersdorp, Randburg, Sandton, Rooihuiskraal, Ivory Park and other areas.

In a statement on Thursday, the ANC PWV region said the squatter locations were not designed to solve the housing problems, but to pre-empt the democratisation of local government.

"Thus it will lay the foundation for racially based metropolitan chambers which will ensure the creation of multiple federal local and regional structures in order to entrench white domination and privilege.

"The ANC PWV rejects this TPA unilateral urbanisation strategy and their current accelerated restructing of local government in terms of the Interim Measures Act of 1991.

"These actions show quite clearly that the government is not committed to the creation of a non-racial and democratic society at both local and national levels."

The ANC said it rejected the creation of additional townships away from the city centres as they would not be economically viable and would merely increase transport costs for residents.

"The ANC PWV region, through its local and regional government commission, will seek an urgent meeting with the TPA.

"It will seek to challenge their initiative and demand that it halts its inhuman settlement strategy and enter into negotiations with the relevant democratic local and regional government structures.

"We also condemn the failure or neglect of the Government to subsidise townships that are unable to meet their electricity bills due to the abolition of single tax bases in order to force blacks to the homelands."

■ Rightwing leader Robert van Tonder accused the National Party administration of breaking "a holy undertaking of more than 50 years" by considering the establishment of squatter camps north of Randburg.

Van Tonder said since the "half-baked" scheme had been rumoured, the NP had lost the "little bit of support" it had in the areas "in totality".

Van Tonder has a large beef-farming concern in the area.

■ The Greenbelt Action Group (Gag) has welcomed the TPA move to defer the final decision on establishing an informal settlement in Diepsloot until next month.

In a statement Gag said that, in a meeting with Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough, and senior TPA officials on Thursday, it was accepted that Gag would be involved in the planning and negotiation for the siting of informal settlements within the North Rand Greenbelt area from now on.

"We are pleased that the administrator and his senior officials accept that we do have a mandate to represent residents and that we should be intimately involved in any planning that affects the future of the area," said Gag chairman Anthony Duigan.

Gag has recommended that an action committee be formed to consider new stuctures for planning and administering mechanisms for establishing where development should take place.

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CHRISTMAS

Squatters invasion a problem for township

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THE Soshanguve Residents Association is faced with solving the problem of married men and women who leave their children and spouses behind to settle in squatter areas.

This view was expressed at a weekend meeting to discuss the resettling of squatters on serviced sites, the rent boycott and a "black" Christmas.

Sorea deputy chairman Mr Benny Makena said some squatters invited relatives to occupy the squatter settlement. This caused flooding and disrupted the procedure of settling squatters on a first come first served basis.

He said they had a hard time turning away truck loads of people from Ermelo.

He urged squatters not to invite relatives to the area as there was a shortage of sites.

So far over 10 000 squatters have been settled by Sorea.

Concerning the rent issue, Makena said residents had not been paying the R50 flat rate which they were supposed to pay from July this year.

Only 15 percent of residents paid the flat rate in August and September.

Residents were urged to pay by the end of the year or have their lights and water switched off.

The Soshanguve municipal office intends to implement individual rather than blanket switch-offs in the whole township.

Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, who is involved in the civic structure, said although they did not support the "black" Christmas call, residents had to spend their money wisely. - *Sowetan Reporter.*

We'll decide soon - TPA

By ISAAC MOLEDI

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration will only decide next month whether to allocate land to squatters in 13 sites in the north-western area of Johannesburg, according to Administrator Mr Danie Hough.

Hough was responding to reports that the TPA had already identified a site-and-service development area for squatters in Diepsloot.

The ANC, the Greenbelt Action Group, developers and individuals have criticised the authorities for embarking on far-reaching housing schemes without consultation.

Hough said such a move could only be decided by TPA's executive committee at its meeting at the end of next month.

Proposals

Although negotiations and consultations had already taken place between the TPA and local organisations, the executive committee believed other interested parties should be given more time to submit their proposals, he said.

Among other people to be consulted are:

* Homeless people who are already settled in the area;
* The local authorities concerned; and
* Bodies representing land-owners including the Greenbelt Action Group.

Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber's physical planning committee would also be consulted, Hough said.

Although the TPA believed that people should be settled in an orderly manner as near to their places of work as possible, Hough warned that "not just any land" was suitable for housing.

During 1991/92 financial year, 14 678 even was developed and made available for housing. A further 43 904 even were presently in the development stage.

It is estimated that about 45 percent of all of South Africa's people live in the Transvaal and that just over 50 percent of all blacks live in this province.

Making good in '91



This year has seen the emergence of rising young stars who have made their mark in various spheres of endeavour. The Weekly Mail speaks to three individuals whose diverse experiences reflect the country's achievements in 1991

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PRINCE MHLAMBI: *Vice-president of the residents' committee in Phola Park:*

"THIS was a challenging year for me because of the difficult task of trying to create peace between the Phola Park community and the Inkatha Freedom Party. We have been burying about 20 people a week because of the violence. One of the results is that projects we started in 1988, such as carpentry and sewing, had to cease. This resulted in a lot of frustration and plenty of people turned to drink. This has affected their lives, and their families.

This was demoralising for me and I've often thought of just leaving work, particularly after Sam Ntuli (former general secretary of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal) was gunned down outside his home.

It has also affected my family and, more especially, my wife. Dividing my time between the family and the community has created a number of problems and I am presently seeing a marriage counsellor about it.

I have been making a lot of plans for next year and we have already started workshopping some ideas. We received money from the Independent Development Trust and have several plans in mind to uplift the community in terms of improving the roads and the toilets.

We will also be creating literature programmes and awareness programmes through which people will be politicised and enlightened about the negotiations. Although there is unity on the ground, the people have no proper understanding of things like the National Peace Accord.

The clashes have not been as frightening for me as one would have thought, because the defence committees are dealing with the violence. The most frightening aspect is the harassment being experienced by the people from the South African Defence Force and the South African Police. Our greatest concern is that they are harassing our people to inform on us.

When attacks occurred, my greatest fear was how the police would respond to them. In some instances, they escorted IFP supporters or shot tear gas into the streets before an IFP attack.

Instead of the SADF and SAP moving in to disarm them, the IFP supporters are able to move in and attack the people. Then the SADF and SAP would only reappear two to three hours later.

We have had meetings with the police and army through the dispute-resolution committee set up by the Peace Accord and a long statement detailing all these incidents of harassment has been handed over to the Goldstone Commission.

Meetings have also been held with the IFP and though it would be wrong to say there is no improvement, we do not trust them because they say one thing and then do another.

They claim the violence taking place is ethnic in nature and the police are not involved. The IFP believes the attackers are just a bunch of thugs.

It is difficult to say whether I will be staying on here. I want to improve my education at the University of Durban Westville by doing something in community development. However, I haven't yet decided. There are the problems of getting a bursary and appointing someone in my place should I decide to go.

I do have a strong feeling of wanting to move away from Phola Park and getting a house, a car and a good job, but I still feel a strong sense of commitment to the community."

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and aqua-pump toilets.

But the area has no infrastructure and is far away from any industrial development.

The TPA has agreed to the formation of an action committee that would debate where development, resettlement and urbanisation should take place.

From the TPA announcement it would appear that the green-belt philosophy of the Seventies is being rejected at a time when the necessity of conserving so-called green lungs around cities is being recognised internationally. The fact that areas of land are open does not mean they should all become squatter camps. ■

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Hearts and lungs

Transvaal Provincial Administration has postponed a final decision on its plan to establish a number of informal settlements outside Johannesburg. Its executive committee will meet again early next year. Opposition came from local groups as well as the ANC, which slammed the plan as another unilateral government act at a time of transition

The TPA planned to establish 13 villages north-west of Johannesburg as high-density informal settlements to accommodate about 20 000 squatters. The area stretches in an arc from Blue Hills-Knoppieslaagte in the east to Broederstroom-Rhenosterspruit in the west.

One of the more active parties concerned, Greenbelt Action Group, has hailed as a breakthrough the TPA's decision to include the interest groups in all decisions, consultations and negotiations. The group has been responsible for co-ordinating opposition from residents and property owners in the North Rand green belt to what is seen as poorly planned urban development. Attempts by representatives from 15 green-belt areas to oppose similar TPA plans in the past were unsuccessful. They now believe that a breakthrough has been achieved.

The ANC says the action was being taken "at a time when both the ANC and government form part of a National Housing Forum." The TPA announcement appears to undermine the forum, it says, and raises questions about government's commitment to housing and other crucial socio-economic policies.

The TPA had already identified a site-and-service area in Diepsloot — the main area Greenbelt wants to keep free of squatters. There is no local authority in the area to control the influx of squatters or to provide elementary services.

In 1986 plans were under way to develop Norweto in the Diepsloot area as an upmarket black township north of Sandton. This was halted soon after the Group Areas Act was repealed. Now the TPA intends creating villages, each consisting of about 1 500 stands of about 250 m² each, serviced by dirt roads, with one water tanker for 20 houses

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Squatter 'mayor' assaulted

Staff Reporter

A group of men assaulted the unofficial mayor of Vlakfontein squatter settlement near Ennerdale on Friday after he refused permission for an ANC office to be set up there.

John Jabulani has laid a charge of assault against his assailants.

A squatter spokesman, who preferred to remain unnamed, said trouble began brewing about a week ago.

"Last week a group of ANC men came here and asked if they could set up an office. We refused because we prefer people to air their own personal political views. We are not anti- or pro-Inkatha or the ANC as a community.

"The men left but came back yesterday (Friday) and assaulted Mr Jabulani for refusing. He was admitted to hospital. They warned that they would be back to 'finish the job'," he said.

On Saturday morning the telephone lines to the settlement were cut and, fearing another attack, the community called the police.

A community representative also contacted ANC and National Party members at the Codesa function who promised to look into the matter.

Joe Latakgomo looks at how squatting has spawned a not-in-my-backyard culture

Who will end this suffering?

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MSHENGUVILLE, like any other squatter area, is different from the regular townships around it only because it has soul. It has a vibrancy that only such townships have been able to generate. The people look no different, and yet, on another level, are different. They just seem to have more life in them, more resilience born out of the suffering and the uncertainty of life in the squatter camps, or, to use the euphemism that is in vogue, informal settlements.

And so, when Mrs Mabuza (not the name of a real person) tells her story, it is most likely the story of other women in the camp. It is the story of being driven by the desire to have a place of her own, to provide some shelter for her family. Like many, she had lived in the backyard shacks of Soweto, victimised by her landlords for years, living a restless, shifting life as a result. She had been on the waiting list for a house since the days of the Urban Bantu Councils, and even remembers paying R20 to a councillor then for the favour of a house. The promise was never fulfilled, and when the Soweto Council took over, she thought things might improve.

Then there were the announcements by the Government that millions of rands would be spent on providing homes for the homeless. There was a flurry of houses, indeed. But, on inquiry, Mrs Mabuza found the houses being built were way beyond her means. She made a somewhat precarious living through selling fruit and vegetables, and was lucky if she could raise the R100 required for her backyard room's rental, let alone save up R7 000 to put down as deposit for the houses that were being built.

"Mrs Mabuza's" situation reflects that of many others living in the so-called informal settlements. Whether this is Mshenguville, or Phola Park, or Stanza Bopape Village, or any of a number of Tambovilles or Mandelavilles, the stories are the same. None of these people wish to live in the kind of squalor found in these settlements. If they had a choice, they would be out of there yesterday. But that is easier said than done.

If it is considered that the Government does not even have a comprehensive housing programme for what is perhaps the greatest area of need the country has to address, it is quite clear that any future government will have to deal with the demand that will emerge then. The Independent Development Trust estimates that 60 to 70 percent of low-income families cannot afford formal housing options, and suggests that, with financial assistance, they could afford to purchase a serviced site in a site-and-service scheme or be part of an informal settlement upgrading scheme.

Government announcements — like that in August last year that an "additional R20 million has been allocated for first time home buyers for black participants" are generally seen as smoke-screening housing problems. The South African Housing Trust, for example, is reputed to have approved an amount of R500 million in the 1989/90 year for housing projects. But for those at the lower end of income levels, even these, when they are able to see the developments, are beyond their pockets

Even with schemes such as those being offered by the IDT, and, before that, the Urban Foundation, the SA Housing Trust and others, the pace of delivery has not been anywhere near what is required to meet the demand — or at least, most of it That squatter settlements have also become a political rallying point has made the problem even more complex, with political organisations claiming that they were in a position to provide people with land. While short-term political gains have certainly been made with this approach, the truth is that it is a dead-end solution for most of those who move into those settlements.

In the meantime, the Government has given up housing provision at the lowest level, and high building standards have ensured that private sector involvement has been limited to the lower-middle to upper-income levels.

But housing continues to be a political issue when there are no rent or service charge boycotts, which have resulted in decay of even the most rudimentary services that had been available in the townships, then there are threats of bond repayment boycotts. This latter boycott is perhaps the gravest threat to the provision of houses by the private sector: without any Government guarantee or surity on township bonds, financial institutions have quietly declared a moratorium on financing township houses.

This has put more pressure on existing stock, and with families growing, backyard shacks, initially, have been the solution. Finally, as even the yards become smaller, and tensions between families reach breaking point, families say their sad goodbyes and move out to Tamboville, or Mandelaville, or wherever land is available — irrespective of who owns that land These moves have created tensions between the squatters and provincial authorities and, sometimes, developers who have spent a fortune on infrastructural development. These conflicts quickly become a political issue, and have been becoming more and more difficult to resolve.

Even people who would under normal circumstances be able to afford a house are now finding it difficult to obtain a bond. The financial institutions do not quite declare a refusal to provide such a bond, but there is a general reluctance to risk their investors' money in an area of such high risk. Even evicting people who default on their bond repayments and are refusing to vacate houses is an issue, and new owners of such houses find that "comrades" do not welcome them because "brothers" have been evicted to make way for them

The political problems will persist right into the new South Africa, though. There is an expectation among people that they are entitled to proper housing, provided by the government. These people see the State as being primarily responsible for this housing provision, and the "capitalist" developers as simply being there to milk the poor of their money. It is unrealistic, however, to expect any government to be able to provide housing to the extent that would be demanded by a South Africa of the year 2000, for example. And any political party that makes such a promise can only be heading for instability and disorder.

Conservative estimates are that by then up to 26 million blacks — about 75 percent of all blacks in the country — would be living in and around the major cities. On the basis of this figure, living space would have to be found for at least 11 million people over the next 10 years. Estimates on private sector spending on housing this year are in the region of about R3 billion.

Last year, the Government announced it would spend about R69 million on 9 152 ha of land for low-income groups. However, once more political objections were raised — and the plan seems to have been stillborn. Most of the land was, in any event, found to be unsuitable for housing For the rest, political objections held sway — and will continue to do so as long as the squatter issue is one of "not in my backyard" — and only recently when the Transvaal Provincial Administration announced plans for the development of several areas on the fringe of Johannesburg, the flood of objections resumed once more.

But the objections have come not only from the "green groups" whose sole concern is the maintenance of a green lung to pump some life into the concrete jungles that the cities have become, but also from the African National Congress, whose objection is more related to the fact that the Government did not consult it in drawing up the plan This has once more demonstrated the extent of politicisation of the housing issue, as clearly the housing crisis gets worse while the politicians seek concensus. □

This left 2,3-million unconnected houses which fall under other supply authorities such as homelands and municipalities.

An Eskom spokesman said the estimated R6bn cost of the Electricity for All programme was calculated by using an average connecting cost of R2 000 per household and a figure of 3-million unelectrified homes within reach of its grid.

Contractors were invited to introduce themselves to their nearest Eskom district to keep informed about opportunities and bid for projects.

According to a study by Prof Geert de Wet of Pretoria University, the electrification of 1-million households over five years could create 270 000 jobs and add 5% to SA's GDP.

that Welgemoed had invited a delegation to meet him in Cape Town on Friday to discuss the issue.

"The restructuring of the transport policy should go along with the overall economic policy — this has not been followed," he said.

Clean-up begins in Phola Park

TIM COHEN

IN THE first step towards becoming a proper town, Phola Park squatter camp is being given a Christmas present — the immediate removal of huge piles of refuse.

Transvaal MEC for Physical Planning and Development John Mavuso said in a statement yesterday that the refuse removal had begun and would be followed by the provision of running water and toilet facilities.

Early in 1992, Phola Park would become a proper town, following the allocation of R15m by the IDT for the development of 2 000 service sites.

Phola Park has been the scene of numerous bloody clashes between residents and nearby Thokoza hostel dwellers.

Mavuso said the hostels in Thokoza would be upgraded. Plans for this were still being prepared.

The construction of the town would be primarily in the hands of the community, which has planned the layout of the town and the design of the houses.

SA is 'still producing too many academics, too few technicians'

THOUGH there is a distinct move towards technical and vocational study, most degrees awarded at SA universities continue to be in the arts, social science and education fields.

The SA Institute of Race Relations' latest Social and Economic Update, released yesterday, said enrolments at technikons increased 258,2% between 1986 and 1990, while university enrolments rose 54,5%.

Between 1975 and 1979 student enrolments at technikons grew 14,5% and university enrolments 54%.

Of the university degrees awarded in 1989, 60% were in arts, social science and education, 13% in science and engineering and 9% in medicine.

Update said the country was still producing too few technicians and more academically oriented graduates than it could absorb.

The percentage of pupils remaining at school until matriculation had improved from 6,3% in 1980 to 13,6% in 1985 and 33,5% in 1990.

The DET had committed itself to overcoming backlogs in provision of textbooks, allocating R61,1m for books this year, and another R69,7m for books next year.

In its health and welfare section, Update said another 45 000 places needed to be provided for black children in children's homes to achieve parity with accommodation provided for white children.

National Health Minister Dr Rina Venter had acknowledged that government spent six times more on children's homes for whites than on those for blacks

About R34,7m was spent on 5 075 white children and R5,7m on 1 257 black children, representing expenditure of R6 837 on each white child and R4 535 on each black child.

Update reported a growing incidence of tuberculosis. The Department of National Health and Population Development said that in 1988 there were 57 704 cases; in 1989, 68 075; and in 1990, a provisional figure of 65 435 was given. Reports for that year were not yet complete.

Formal housing remained unaffordable for most blacks.

Between 60% and 80% of the urban black population earned between R400 and R800 a month.

Of this, about 37% (R148-R296) would be spent on food and 13% (R53-R104) on transport. — Sapa.

Stokvels at Bank workshop

WILSON ZWANE

THE SA Reserve Bank will convene a workshop on the regulation of informal savings institutions next month to which all interested parties, including the National Stokvels Association of SA (Nasasa), have been invited.

Nasasa president Andrew Lukhele confirmed his organisation had been invited to the workshop.

"The convening of such a workshop is in keeping with government's undertaking that input will be required from the stokvels before the new Deposit-Taking Institutions Act is finalised," Lukhele said.

The Act will be amended to find a new approach to the regulation of informal financial institutions.

The office of the Registrar of Deposit-Taking Institutions said details of the workshop had still to be finalised.

But Reserve Bank Registrar of Banks and Building Societies Hennie van Greuning has said his office had been assigned the task of rewriting the Mutual Building Societies Act "in consultation with the market to address the financial needs of the broader community".

Lukhele said the Reserve Bank indicated last year it was committed "to stabilising and promoting" stokvels.

Van Greuning said the informal savings clubs had a large potential to provide efficient financial services if they were to function within "a proper statutory framework conducive to their particular environment and development".

"Such a framework should take cognisance of the risks involved in these financial arrangements," he said.

Lukhele said the stokvel sector relied on prudential regulation in the form of market discipline to protect the interests of their members.

"In place of formal mechanisms, informal agents rely on their knowledge of one another to reduce the risk of lending"

If this form of regulation were to be replaced by more advanced levels of prudential regulation, consisting of extensive rules and regulations, the flexibility and low cost of a stokvel operation would be diminished, Lukhele said.

Road deaths drop, but still costly to economy

WILSON ZWANE

ROAD fatalities have cost SA's economy more than R147m since the start of the December holiday — but the figures are well down on last year's.

A National Road Safety Council (NRSC) spokesman said road fatalities since December 3 stood at 466 yesterday. Of those, 187 were in the Transvaal, 107 in the Cape, 98 in Natal and 74 in the Free State.

"Each road fatality costs the country's economy R316 000 in lost production, damage to property, medical costs and legal costs," the spokesman said.

It has been estimated that road deaths cost SA about R6bn annually.

However, this year's road fatalities were lower than the 800 deaths during the same period last year.

Road deaths this year included 75 occupants of minibus taxis. A Sabta spokesman said the decrease in collisions involving minibus taxis (99 people died in such collisions last December) was partly due to his organisation's safety campaign.

Govt faces bitter confrontation



Murdered . . . Michelle Smit (11), Willie Engelbrecht (70), Bettie Engelbrecht (69) and Lena Smit (40). Pictures: Courtesy of the Volksblad

Farmer fury at rural crime

STAR 24/12/91

By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Helen Grange

A high-powered delegation of angry farmers is to meet the Government next year over spiralling crimes in rural areas and the influx of squatters on farms countrywide.

The convention was called because farmers were "extremely bitter" at being sitting ducks for criminals, Free State Agricultural Union chairman Dr Piet Gouws said yesterday.

Reacting to Sunday's murder of a Free State farming family at Verkeerdevlei near Bloemfontein, and two other attacks on Free State farms at the weekend, Dr Gouws said farmers, their families and labourers were "being killed like flies".

He warned that lawlessness meant farmers were increasingly taking the law into their own hands — a "recipe for chaos".

Farmers were becoming more bitter by the day over the "platteland being left to criminal elements, who freely murder, steal and literally drive farmers off their farms", he said.



Feigned death . . . Lizelle Smit (14) ran to neighbours.

"While talks go on about freedom and South Africa's future, the ordinary citizen pays the price," he said.

A delegation from the South African Agricultural Union is scheduled to meet Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and Defence Minister Roelf Meyer at the beginning of next year in an effort to defuse farmers' fury with the Government and work out plans for future safety.

SAAU director Piet Swart said more police were needed. "We are finding that farmers are making informal arrangements for their own protection, but responsibility remains in the hands of the police," he said.

Mr Swart added that burgeoning squatter settlements on farms were leading to "pilfering and theft because of the unemployment situation".

Squatters were especially problematic in the PWV, western Transvaal and eastern Transvaal, Transvaal Agricultural Union vice president Willie Lewies said yesterday. "We are disgusted at what is going on," he said.

He said farmers were forming neighbourhood watches to protect themselves and their families, but reiterated that no private armies were being formed.

A farmer in the Verkeerdevlei area — where Willie Engelbrecht and his family were murdered on Sunday — said most farmers carried their own weapons.

"The police cannot do anything. The law prevents them, and President de Klerk does not warn the ANC against killing whites on their farms. We have to protect ourselves," he said.

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Phola Park development threatened

(310) WILSON ZWANE

THOKOZA hostel dwellers have threatened to scupper a multimillion-rand plan by the Independent Development Trust (IDT) and the Transvaal Provincial Administration to turn the neighbouring Phola Park squatter camp into a "proper town".

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The first step would be the removal of huge piles of refuse. The provision of running water and toilet facilities would follow soon, Mavuso said.

But Thokoza Hostel Dwellers' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo said at the weekend plans to develop Phola Park should be "shelved for now as they might cause friction between squatters and hostel dwellers". B|Day 30/12/91

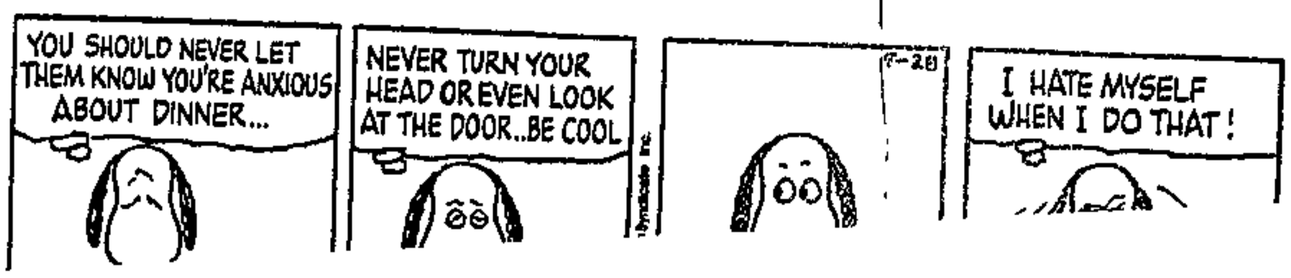
"Hostel dwellers pay for services ... the squatters do not. We urge the authorities to upgrade all the hostels in Thokoza before developing Phola Park," Mlambo said.

He added that the upgrading of hostels should begin as early as next month.

Mavuso said plans for the upgrading of the three Thokoza hostels were being prepared.

Phola Park has been a scene of numerous bloody clashes between residents and nearby Thokoza hostel dwellers.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz



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Du Toit said plans to develop the squatter camp arose out of talks between the Phola Park community, the Thokoza town council, civic consultant and development agency Planact, and the TPA.

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TPA liaison officer Magda du Toit said yesterday the revamp was "with a view to improving the quality of life of residents". Details of the plans still had to be finalised but the project would get under way within weeks.

General upgrading of the infrastructure in other towns, including Soweto and Atteridgeville, was in the pipeline, she added.

Transvaal MEC for Physical Planning and Development John Mavuso said last week Phola Park would become a proper town early next year, following the allocation of R15m by the IDT for the development of 2 000 serviced sites Development would start with the removal of huge piles of refuse and would be followed by the provision of running water and toilets.

Du Toit said plans to develop the squatter camp arose out of talks between the Phola Park community, the Thokoza town council, civic consultant and development agency Planact, and the TPA.

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Five held after dam killings

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By PETA KROST and JOCELYN MAKER

FIVE whites have been arrested in connection with the murder of two black men who were abducted and stabbed to death in the early hours of yesterday morning.

One of the alleged murderers gave himself up to the police at Marble Hall in the Eastern Transvaal. He told police he could not live with the guilt and named his friends.

The five men, aged between 24 and 32, are in custody and will appear in court tomorrow.

The men allegedly seized three black men on a farm, bundled them into a bakkie and drove them to the nearby Arabie Dam.

One of the black captives escaped en route, but the other two were assaulted and stabbed to death.

The police do not know the identities of the dead men and have not been able to trace the man who escaped.

Residents of Marble Hall were shocked last night as news of the murders spread. A resident who asked not to be named said the men came from respected families and could not accept the changes taking place in South Africa.

The men — two brothers, their brother-in-law and two friends — had been at a party on a farm and had been drinking, said the resident.

"Over the past month, racial tension has been building up in Marble Hall," he said. "This is the beginning — many of the people in Marble Hall and surrounding farms belong to right-wing organisations."

A number of local black farmworkers said they feared for their lives.

Mr Isaac Aphane, 20, a worker on a Marble Hall farm, said he was attacked at 2.30am yesterday.

"I was sleeping in my house when three white men burst into my room.

"They hit and kicked me and with every blow kept on saying they would give nothing to the ANC or Nelson Mandela."

Words of war, but message is peace

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Sowetan 2/12/91

By SONTI MASEKO

PEACE and war always go together. We go to war to secure peace and we want peace to prevent war, the ANC's Mr Walter Sisulu said at a Peace Day picnic at the weekend.

"It is understandable that sometimes we talk about peace when we are at war, these are the contradictions of our lives," Sisulu told about 400 ANC members gathered at Delta Park, Emmarentia, on Saturday.

The event, organised by the Johannesburg North West and Diepkloof branches of the ANC, received support from and was attended by the Japanese vice-councillor for political affairs, Mr Yasushi Naito, whose embassy also donated stationery for the day's art activities.

"This (event) is an incentive to promote peace, especially for the children. We think this is very important in the political interests of South Africa," Naito said.

Sisulu called on members to expose "those who are responsible for violence.

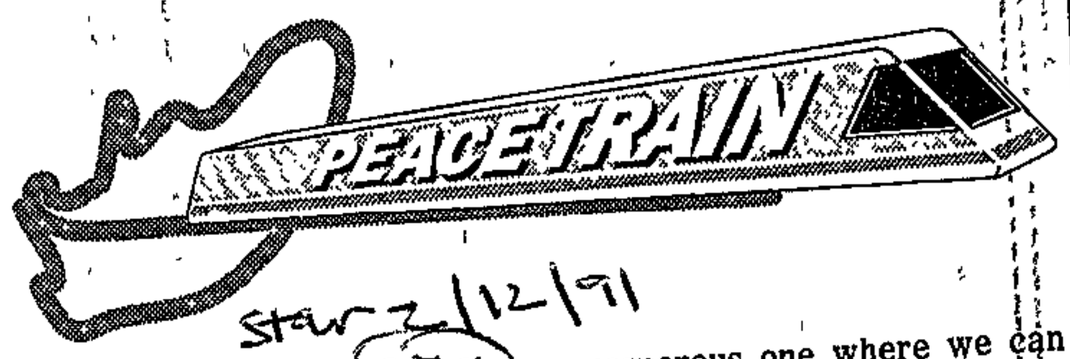
"Let the public know them, let them be exposed in every corner of the world," he said.

Children and adults spent the day designing post-cards with peace messages and painting peace graffiti on a cardboard replica of the Great Wall of China. Sisulu spent the day doing what he loves most besides politics - telling stories to children.

Postcards will be collected and sent to strife-torn areas and other regions, organisers said.

Police briefly visited the picnickers and said they had received a complaint. Later a police helicopter circled the picnic area but no incidents were reported.

Churches meet in Alex for mass prayer for peace



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Staff Reporter

Twenty-four independent churches, including the South African Police denomination, held a mass peace meeting at Alexandra Stadium, near Johannesburg, yesterday.

The prayer meeting was organised by the Alexandra Ministers' Preparatory Committee (AMPC), a fellowship of church ministers whose object is to endorse, demonstrate, and pledge its support to the National Peace Accord.

AMPC public relations officer Mike Beea urged all political and religious leaders to support the accord.

He said the unity of religious leaders would help to focus the desire for peace which had been damaged by violence.

"We stand firm as God fearing citizens behind every signatory to the National Peace Accord and pledge ourselves with integrity to make this country a prosperous one where we can live in peace and harmony.

"If we cannot achieve peace now, future generations will ask us why our religious and political leaders and the community lamented and stood helplessly while violence escalated at an alarming rate.

"So let us join together in prayer today for the days ahead because never before in our history have black and white leaders assembled to give peace a chance.

"The National Peace Accord is a gigantic step forward towards healing apartheid wounds," he said.

"Let us forgive and forget the past and give peace a chance. Peace that will inspire a spiritual powerhouse to be established all over the country. We are all duty-bound to practise peace in our daily lives for the sake of our country and children," Mr Beea said.

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35 cops killed in Soweto this year

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THIRTY-FIVE policemen have been killed in violence in Soweto during the past year.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday that 19 of the 35 policemen had been shot dead.

In the latest incident, Sergeant Frank Ramaboya was shot dead by four attackers on Saturday night, Halgryn said.

The cases, of which 11 have been solved so far, were being investigated by the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit.

In three cases suspects had been positively identified but not yet arrested. - *Sapa.*

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W Tvl civic leader 'abducted by police'

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Ipelegeng Civic Association chairman Jerry Maine has not been seen since he was abducted from his home in the Schweizer-Reneke township early on Saturday morning by men purporting to be policemen, says ANC western Transvaal spokesman Ike Moroe.

According to an ANC press release, the missing man's mother, Sophie Maine, was awakened by a loud bang at about 1 am and found a car parked outside her house. She saw a figure who resembled her son being carried to the car.

"She shouted at the people in the car and asked them to identify themselves," the statement read. Two men replied: "We are police."

After they drove off, Mrs Maine went to her son's room situated behind the house. The door had been broken down and he was gone. She then summoned neighbours to help search for the car but it had disappeared without trace. The matter was later reported to the police.

Asked to comment on the fact that the kidnappers had purported to be police and on progress in the Maine investigation, the western Transvaal police liaison office had not responded at the time of going to press.

Mr Maine (26) was one of several Ipelegeng activists who recently received a letter containing death threats.

ANC branch chairman Boyce Mpempe was among the recipients of the threatening letter. On Christmas Day last year he was abducted from his home, driven off in a minibus and threatened with death by his kidnappers. He escaped by jumping from the moving vehicle.

Three policemen have been charged with the abduction and assault of Mr Mpempe and the case is due to be heard later this week.

The ANC's Mr Moroe said the organisation "was inclined to believe that the police have a direct hand in (the disappearance of Mr Maine) or are grossly disinterested in solving it".

More train deaths

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Soweto 4/12/91

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE bodies of two males were found along the railway line between New Canada and Longdale stations yesterday.

This appears to be the result of ongoing attacks on train commuters.

West Rand police have confirmed the gruesome find. The SAP said yesterday police were still on the scene and could therefore not say whether there were more corpses.

However, according to unconfirmed reports two more bodies were also picked up by police along the same rail tracks yesterday morning.

This would mean four people were attacked and thrown out of Soweto-bound trains.

Onlookers at the scene said the attack could have taken place either on Monday night or in the early hours of yesterday morning.

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Sharpeville an 'oasis of peace'

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By Denis Beckett

"Oasis Sharpeville". That's how the man from the Sharpeville Civic Association described the township whose name still rings with echoes of the massacre 31 years ago.

"We're an oasis. We've been untainted by all the violence since '84. You should come and see. Come to the Clean-Up Day on Sunday All affiliations will join to combat the environment problem. You'll see what can be done when peace prevails."

Sunday could be interesting.

But the finger of fate is a cussed thing. Saturday, of all days, was the day the tranquillity hiccuped.

There was a funeral. It had not, in advance, been perceived as a reprisal-type funeral, or indeed as a "political" funeral, at all. Only afterwards did it become apparent that the deceased, an Inkatha man, had been killed by a member of the ANC, and even then word in the township was that the political connections were coincidental, that it had been a plain fight

The feeling at the hostel, on the other hand, was that here was an example of the ANC trying to wipe out opposition.

Whichever, what definitely happened was that the funeral became a rampage. The cortege, hostel people, stormed through a section called Putwasteen and in the end two householders were taken away by a mortuary van and several others by ambulance.

By nightfall Sharpeville was in red alert, for the first time in years.

The following morning, the Big Clean-Up was a resounding flop. Hardly anyone turned up, and among those who did fill the plastic bags donated by Pick 'n Pay, the dominant affiliation was a nursery school.

The Civic Association people were abashed. Obviously, they said, the citizenry were scared.

That was part of the problem The citizenry were displaying little reluctance to stroll about or drink beer in their gardens, but to have drawn news of the clean-up from the Civic's few hand-painted signs they'd have to be both hawk-eyed and hieroglyphics experts.

A Vereeniging plant-hire firm had offered front-end loaders to the cause, provided the drivers put in their labour free. Only one driver volunteered He golluped huge mouthfuls of rubbish at such a rate that the unmechanised efforts of everyone else were dispiritingly futile by comparison

Worse, there was nowhere for the driver to deliver his loads. There had been an arrangement that TPA trucks would remove the junk, but that also went awry. Sharpeville's main street now has hills of rotting garbage at 20 m intervals.

Before long, the heart fell out of the clean-up. Adult volunteers drifted away, children turned to playing, and soon the front-end driver was on his own.

Heartening

On the face of it, the good-news day had turned sour, the festival of peace had been wrecked by a combination of error, let-down, inertia and the clouds of war.

Deeper, however, there was something heartening.

This reporter, returning northwards several hours after the collapse of the main event, drove with a lightness of heart.

To substitute for the non-clean-up, the Civics people laid on an impromptu township-tour-cum-political seminar.

The tour showed problems, all right, but it was also a neat reminder that the best side of South African township life is far from bygone.

Mr Average in Sharpeville probably passes more greetings to his neighbours in the course of a morning than his Sandton counterpart does in a decade, and the everybodies notably included numerous patrolling policemen, pale skins or dark.

"Oh," says one of the Civic people after his umpteenth friendly wave to representatives of a force that his organisation officially considers the tools of the oppressor, "we have no problem with the ordinary police."

Then there are the roving vehicles calling out support for soccer teams; the soulful in uniforms of independent churches at open-air services; residents tending gardens or conducting household chores It's hard to traverse a place like Sharpeville on a Sunday morning and come away mournful.

As for the political enlightenment programme — well, the rhetoric is barely recognisable. For a decade or more, the tone has been heavy insistence that you either sign up with the true faith or else are cast into outer darkness. Now it has all but reversed, to a fierce determination to recognise differences, to allow diversity, to seek the encompassment of dissidents instead of their exclusion.

Sharpeville's Civic was born and reared in an ANC mould at a time when ungovernability ranked high in the scheme of things. But things have changed, and the current quest is for practical resolution of local issues, practical relationships with the Nats, with Eskom, with the PAC, with the Conservative councils of white towns in the area, and even, although this often comes hardest, with Inkatha.

It's a new ball-game — not an easy ball-game, but by no means an impossible one Outright distrust becomes replaced not so much by outright trust as by a cautious voetjie-voetjie. Demands give way to negotiations; rejection to arms-length dealings.

The Sharpeville Civic has a large vision of Sharpeville as a haven of peace, development and environment-consciousness.

"1992," says one member, "is Vereeniging's hundredth anniversary and Sharpeville's fiftieth. Imagine what we can do if we can use the anniversaries to truly get our acts together."



Pledging his efforts . . . Major-General Kobus Malan, Regional Commissioner of police in Soweto, signed the National Peace Accord recently. Picture: Joao Silva

Red headbands panic passengers

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Dozens of train commuters were injured when they panicked and jumped off a train today after spotting a group of stick-wielding men boarding at Taronga Station on the East Rand.

Passengers saw about 10 men, wearing red headbands and carrying knobkerries, run down the platform and jump on board. Women screamed and passengers jumped off the train and ran away.

Mr Bafana Zulu, who was travelling from the East Rand to Johannesburg, said the train stopped for 30 minutes at the station because a goods train was obstructing the line.

"I saw sticks flying around and the men hitting people," he said.

Mr Zulu threw himself out of the window, injuring his hand, and ran to another station. He arrived at work two hours late.

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Activist gets death threats

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A MARBLE Hall activist, who is helping families of two men killed by white men in a racist attack at the weekend, has himself been threatened with death.

Mr Hendriek Ngwenya, a trade unionist and member of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, told *Sowetan* that he received a telephone call soon after returning from the police station to identify one of the victims.

"The white male, who spoke English with a heavy Afrikaans accent, said I was behind the problems of the two deaths and I would be killed like those two men," Ngwenya said.

Ngwenya said only one of the dead men had been identified.

He was Mr Lloyd Ntswane of Schoonoord in Sekhukhuniland.

Ngwenya made an appeal to the public to help identify the second man.

He said a third man, Mr Jackson Shirinda, who escaped after jumping off a moving van, was discharged from the Philadelphia Hospital on Tuesday.

Attacked

Five white men have appeared in the Marble Hall Magistrate's Court in connection with the murders.

The two were allegedly attacked while sitting at Ivols Square.

Ngwenya said five white men attacked a group of blacks sitting at the square and loaded three of them into a security firm van. The van then drove off towards the Arabie Dam.

The two bodies were found with stab and gunshot wounds at the banks of the Arabie River.

Ngwenya said the attack was apparently in retaliation for the recent killing of a white man.

The five who appeared in court for the two murders are Mr Johannes Lodewikus du Plessis (29), Mr Fanie du Plessis (26), Mr Douglas Swart (29), Mr Hermanus Duvenhage (24), and Mr John van Heerden (35), an employee of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

They were not asked to plead and the case was postponed to Tuesday next week.

They were released on R1 000 bail each and have to report daily at the Marble Hall police station.

Evidence of 'third force'

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AN East Rand resident yesterday gave evidence supporting the existence of a "third force".

Mr Prince Mhlambi, vice-president of the Phola Park Residents Committee, gave evidence to a committee of the Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation.

The committee has been investigating the causes of violence in Tokoza, on the East Rand since September 8. Sowetan 5/12/91

Mhlambi said he suspected a "third force" because traditionally conflict between Zulus and Xhosas was not as intense as today. He believed someone or some organisation was recruiting Zulus to attack Xhosas.

Mutilated body

Also supporting the notion of an outside force were the finding of Caspir tracks next to the mutilated body of Mr Cecil Mhludi on October 5 and the smashing of windows by policemen, Mhlambi said.

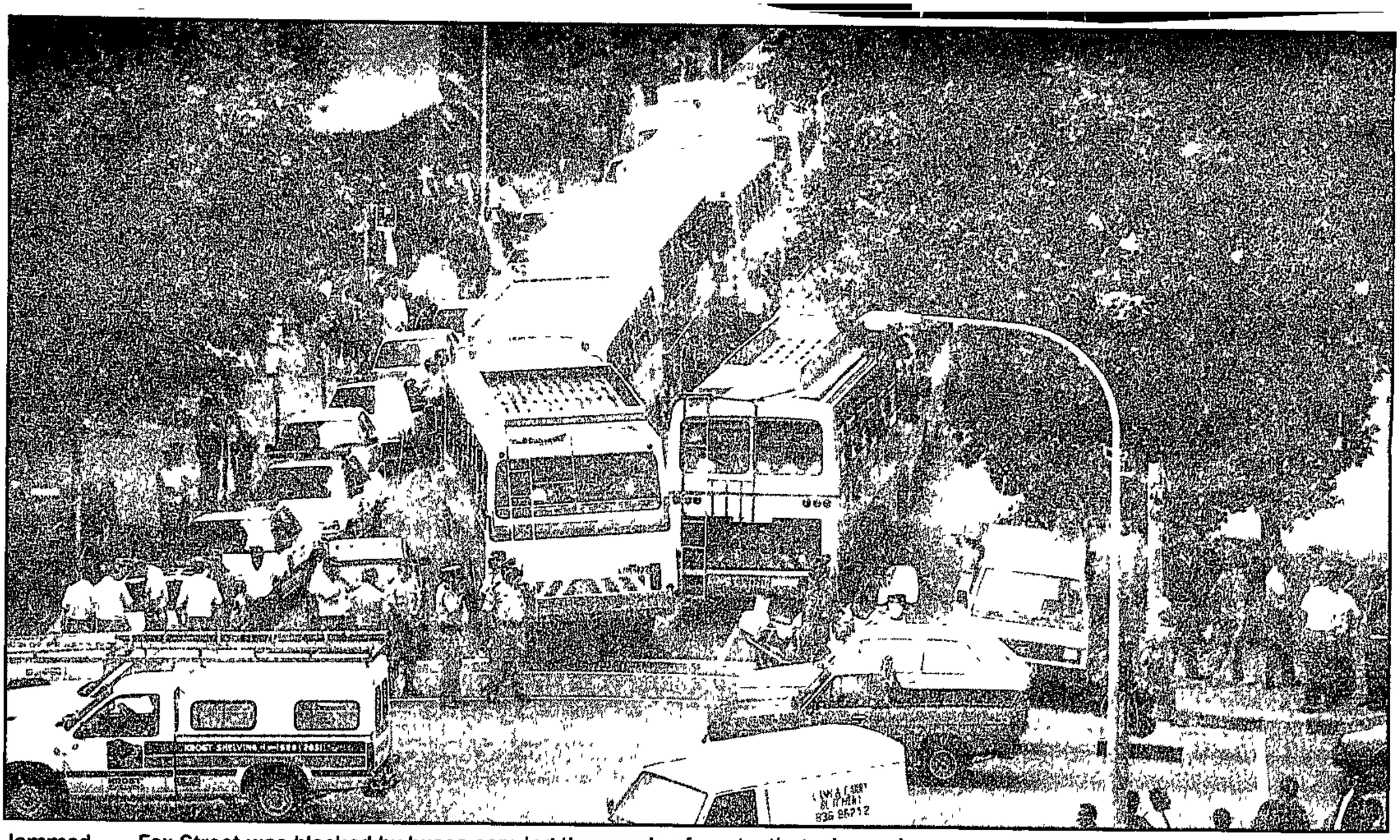
He further criticised the South African Police and South African Defence Force for failing to coordinate their activities in Pola Park.

He questioned the arrest of residents on September 27 and October 1 for alleged possession of firearms.

The SAP was ignoring an earlier agreement that no searches would be undertaken in the area without consulting the Pola Park Advice Centre, Mhlambi said.

After his testimony, counsel for the SAP asked for cross-examination to be postponed until they had time to check on the numerous allegations. Committee chairman Mr Solly Sithole granted a postponement until early next year.

The hearing continues today.



Jammed . . . Fox Street was blocked by buses carrying thousands of protesting mineworkers. Pictures: Etienne Rothbart

Peace chief steps in as 2 500 miners flock into Jo'burg CBD

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"The Peace Accord says
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He said he had reminded
-atu delegates that the or-
-ion had signed the
-ace Accord.

"An offer has now been made to meet people at the mine and hopefully the situation will be defused," he said.

In a statement to Sapa, the Doornfontein Gold Mining Company reported yesterday that all underground production had ceased at the mine, near Carletonville, after the dismissal of most of its 5 800-strong workforce.

Surrounded

The dismissals resulted from an illegal strike and subsequent failure to respond to an ultimatum to return to work.

The strike resulted from disciplinary action taken against some miners involved the November 4 and 5 anti-VAT stayaway.

An NUM spokesman said mine management had given the striking miners an ultimatum to return to work by 11 am yesterday or face dismissal.

The miners did not return to work and about 25 busloads of them drove to Fox Street yesterday. They were surrounded by about 500 policemen. A section of the street was cordoned off and Casspirs were parked at each side.

Riot police guarded the doors of the buses with rifles at the ready to prevent miners getting off.

Miners wearing union T-shirts rocked the buses from inside, chanting songs and toyi-toying.

Police allowed NUM and Cosatu officials into the Gold Fields building to meet management.

The NUM proposed the extension of the ultimatum to today and asked for the opportunity to persuade workers to return to work.

Management agreed to meet an NUM delegation at the mine at 9 am today.

At about 4.30 pm, union representatives went from bus to bus asking the miners to leave peacefully.

Airing grievances . . . protesters were prevented from leaving the buses for several hours by armed police with rifles at the ready.

6 in court over Mshenguville camp murders

SIX Soweto men will appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Monday following the razing of shacks and the killing of a Mshenguville woman and her three-year-old baby three months ago.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said Mr Lucas Dlamini, Mr Mike

By IKE MOTSAPI (248)

Khumalo and four youths will face two charges of murder and two of attempted murder.

Miss Ntombikhona Ngcobo and her daughter Nokubonga were killed during an attack on their shack on September 21 this year. Sowetan 6/12/91

Halgryn said the men made provisional court appearances at the Soweto's Protea Magistrate's Courts soon after their arrest early last month.

The men were arrested after *Sowetan* submitted affidavits by the two survivors of the attack, Mr Robert Dube and Miss Elizabeth Gaza, alleging that police were reluctant to arrest some of the suspects.

They also alleged that they feared for their lives as a result of the "people responsible still being on the loose".

Many people have been killed and others injured since the outbreak of violence at Mshenguville in May this year.

Night of white madness

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Report and pictures by ELIAS MALULEKE

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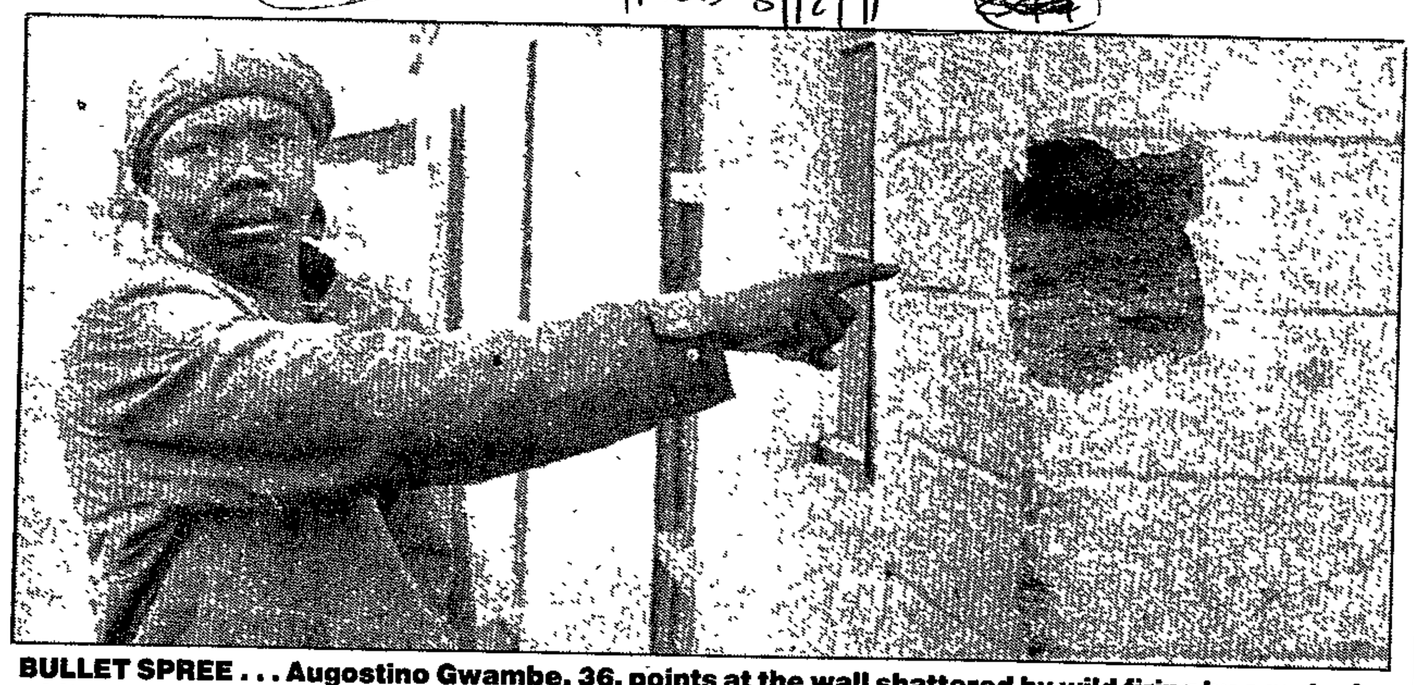
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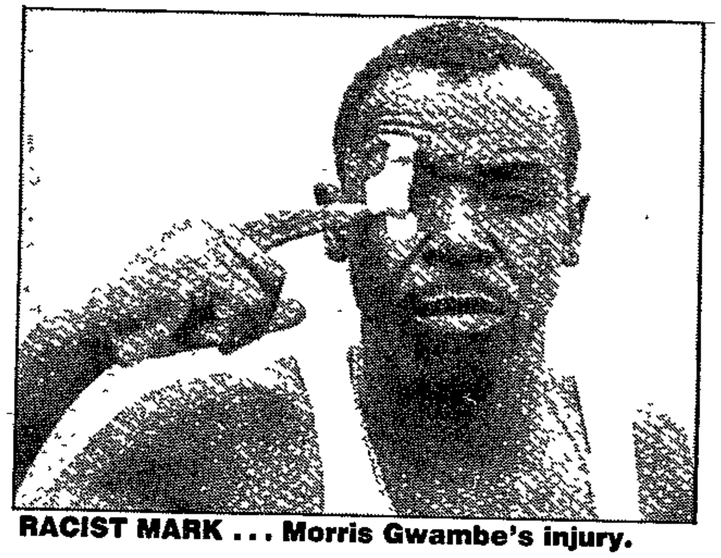
Witnesses said the thugs attacked without provocation.

Ten farmworkers were attacked while asleep in their quarters shortly after midnight.

Others were attacked in the streets, robbed and then battered with gun butts before shots were fired at them.



BULLET SPREE . . . Augostino Gwambe, 36, points at the wall shattered by wild firing by a mob of white racists.



RACIST MARK . . . Morris Gwambe's injury.

Locals claimed the attacks were sparked off by the slaying of Jasper Ferreira, the managing director of Maize Corp in Marble Hall, whose bloodied body was found in Lebowa on Sunday November 24, a day after he went missing.

He was allegedly killed in a fracas with his black employees whom he had caught illegally selling some of his products in Lebowa

Morris Gwambe, 45, a labourer at Andre and Aletta du Toits' farm in Marble Hall, alleges he was woken up by cars pulling up in front of his quarters on the farm. Before he had time to get out of bed the door was booted open and four whites stormed in

"Without saying a word two of them started ransacking my room. The others beat me with fists, boots and a gun butt. I screamed for help but was throttled and thrown outside and ordered to stand against the wall where the beating continued," he said.

He managed to break free and ran into bushes as shots were fired at him. During his ordeal, the attackers loaded two cases of beer into a white Ford bakkie. He also discovered that R60 he had saved under his pillow was missing.

The attackers then attacked other workers, breaking bones and inflicting cuts and bruises.

Hernest Guni told how he was attacked on his way home from a drinking session at a farm.

He alleged a sedan and a bakkie pulled up next to him and five whites started beating him for no apparent reason. He managed to break free and ran into a farmyard. The attackers chased him while firing shots but he got away with minor leg injuries.

Ouma Mopadimo had two front teeth caved in when a white mob attacked her in her room on another farm.

Her husband Johannes, a farm induna, survived by running out of the room before the mob arrived and woke up a farmer who then called the police.

"I had heard about the whites in two cars and the bakkie who attacked my neighbours and I looked out and there they were," he said.

Meanwhile, five whites from Marble Hall charged with murdering two black men had their case set back to this week.

The accused are Johannes Lodewikus du Plessis, 29, his brother Fanie, 26, Douglas Swart, 29, Hermanus Duvenage, 24, and John van Heerden, 35.



LYNCH VICTIM'S PAIN . . . Sam Chauke, injured in the legs and arms.

Abducted Ipelegeng man is alive

By SOPHIE TEMA

JERRY Maine, a graduate and Ipelegeng High School teacher who was abducted from his home last weekend, is alive in Johannesburg.

Jerry, who was feared dead, was abducted from his Ipelegeng home, near Schweizer-Reneke, last Saturday morning.

Jerry's abduction was preceded by death threat letters that were received by him and other activists in Ipelegeng a month ago

In the latest letter Jerry was told that he was targeted together with two other community leaders for having led rent boycotts, causing residents to be without water and electricity.

Death th[illegible] activists have led residents and political leaders in the area to believe an intensive war is being waged against activists in the western Transvaal by a third force.

Jerry is the second activist abducted from the township in 12 months.

On Friday a Johannesburg weekly newspaper published an account given by two of Jerry's would-be assassins who did not have the nerve to carry out an execution order allegedly given to them by police. They were paraded at a press conference wearing hoods.

His mother, Sophie Maine, chairman of the Ipelegeng ANC Women's League, said a white [illegible] house to investigate the matter told her that Jerry had a lot of enemies in the townships.

"He actually called one of them by name and claimed that he was a member of the Inkatha Freedom Party," she said. (The man who was named is known to the family and is an executive member of the Ipelegeng Town Council.)

Last year Boyce Mpempe, chairman of the local ANC branch, was abducted from his home on Christmas Day, but managed to escape from his abductors by jumping through the window of a moving vehicle between Wolmaransstad and Klerksdorp.

In an interview with City Press Jerry's mother said her son was forced into a car after his bedroom door had been forced open.

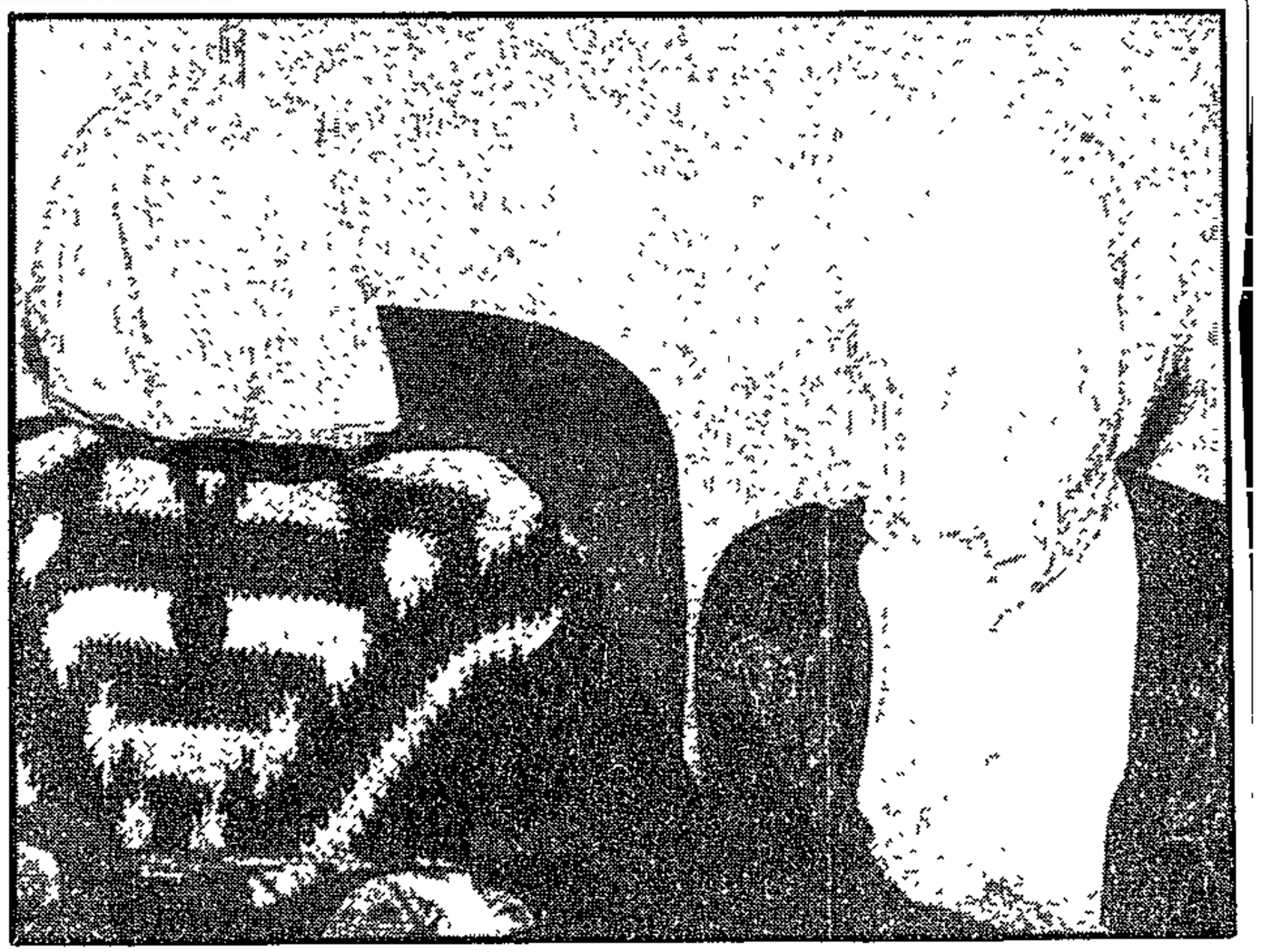
"I was woken by a loud bang at about 1 am and when I peeped through the window I saw a car parked about 15 metres from the house.

"I saw a profile of a person who looked like Jerry being carried and pushed into the car.

"One man was sitting behind the steering-wheel while two others forced him into the car.

"I shouted at them and asked them who they were. One of them answered in Zulu (Si'nga maphoisa) – 'We are police'. The other person answered in English, 'We are police'.

"Before I could reach the car they sped off with Jerry in the car."



MASKED KILLERS . . . These hooded would-be assassins allegedly received their orders from police.

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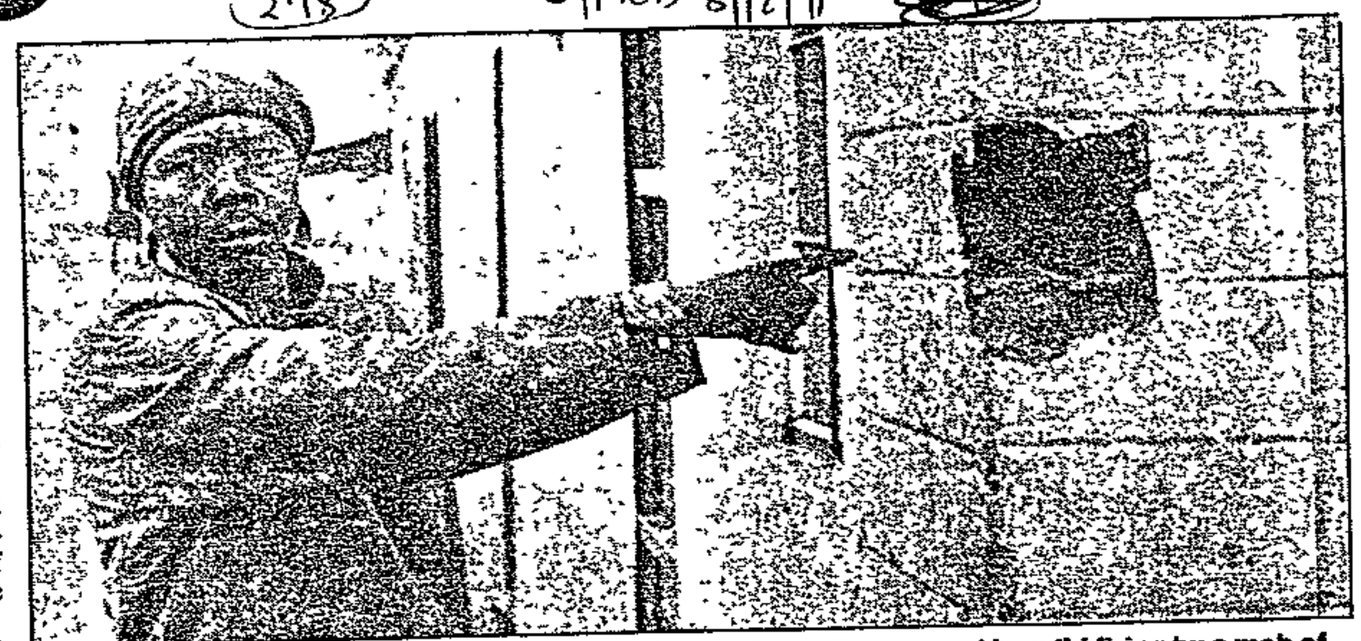
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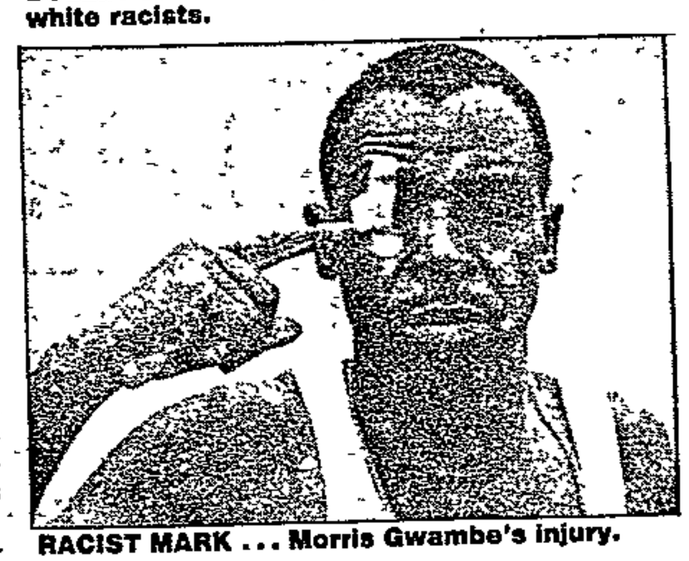
Witnesses said the thugs attacked without provocation

Ten farmworkers were attacked while asleep in their quarters shortly after midnight

Others were attacked in the streets, robbed and then battered with gun butts before shots were fired at them



BULLET SPREE . . . Augostino Gwambe, 36, points at the wall shattered by wild firing by a mob of white racists.



RACIST MARK . . . Morris Gwambe's injury.

Locals claimed the attacks were sparked off by the slaying of Jasper Ferreira, the managing director of Maize Corp in Marble Hall, whose bloodied body was found in Lebowa on Sunday November 24, a day after he went missing

He was allegedly killed in a fracas with his black employees whom he had caught illegally selling some of his products in Lebowa

Morris Gwambe, 45, a labourer at Andre and Aletta du Toits' farm in Marble Hall, alleges he was woken up by cars pulling up in front of his quarters on the farm Before he had time to get out of bed the door was booted open and four whites stormed in

"Without saying a word two of them started ransacking my room The others beat me with fists, boots and a gun butt I screamed for help but was throttled and thrown outside and ordered to stand against the wall where the beating continued," he said

He managed to break free and ran into bushes as shots were fired at him During his ordeal, the attackers loaded two cases of beer into a white Ford bakkie He also discovered that R60 he had saved under his pillow was missing

The attackers then attacked other workers, breaking bones and inflicting cuts and bruises

Hernest Gum told how he was attacked on his way home from a drinking session at a farm.

He alleged a sedan and a bakkie pulled up next to him and five whites started beating him for no apparent reason He managed to break free and ran into a farmyard The attackers chased him while firing shots but he got away with minor leg injuries

Ouma Mopadimo had two front teeth caved in when a white mob attacked her in her room on another farm

Her husband Johannes, a farm induna, survived by running out of the room before the mob arrived and woke up a farmer who then called the police

"I had heard about the whites in two cars and the bakkie who attacked my neighbours and I looked out and there they were," he said

Meanwhile, five whites from Marble Hall charged with murdering two black men had their case set back to this week

The accused are Johannes Lodewikus du Plessis, 29, his brother Fanie, 26, Douglas Swart, 29, Hermanus Duvenage, 24, and John van Heerden, 35



LYNCH VICTIM'S PAIN . . . Sam Chauke, injured in the legs and arms.

White in job tiff warned of bomb

Sowetan 9/12/91 (298) (90)

A WHITE manager who told three job-seeking Soweto youths to ask ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela for employment has received a mystery letter warning him that his house would be bombed.

Mr Roodie Ullman, a manager at Fox & Ullman, received the letter last week, purportedly from the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal region of the ANC.

The ANC has denied sending any letter to Ullman.

The contents of the letter, written in broken English, threatened Ullman that his house "will be burnt to ash & bomb (sic)".

By ISAAC MOLEDI

Ullman appealed to *Sowetan* to intervene as "I genuinely apologised to those young men about my remarks".

"I still say I did not mean anything when I told those three young men to go to Mr Mandela for jobs And when I phoned you to apologise, I really meant it.

"So I don't understand the intention of whoever wrote this letter. I repeat it: I did not mean anything about telling those people to go to Mr Mandela for jobs," Ullman said.

A fortnight ago, *Sowetan* reported that Ullman told three young men who were looking for jobs at his company to go to Mandela and ask him instead to give them employment. The men were Mr Simon Molefabangwe, Mr William Radebe and Mr Baldwin Mphahlele.

Ullman later apologised for the remark.

ANC regional media officer Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said his organisation did not encourage its members to intimidate people.

He said: "It could not have been done by members of our organisation.

"Our office remains open for anyone with a complaint," he said.

Four die after Inkatha rally

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Cebekhulu (22) of Zondi. The names of other victims could not be established last night.

Witnesses at the scene said one of the men was an inmate at Jabulani Hostel.

The Ministry of Law and Order yesterday declared Soweto, Alexandra, Vosloorus, Thokoza and Katlehong as unrest areas for the next three months.

The ministry could not specify what regulations will be applied in those areas

Halgryn said the attacks in Soweto took place while about 12 000 IFP members were walking back from a rally at Jabulani Amphitheatre.

"Police arrested one of the Inkatha members following the stabbing at Crossroads," Halgryn said.

Gang-raped

In a separate incident at Alexandra, yesterday, a man was shot dead and his girlfriend gang-raped when armed men believed to be from Madala Hostel attacked squatters at a nearby camp

Eight other people were injured in the 6.45am attack.

The attack follows a bomb blast last Thursday night in the township metres from the scene where yesterday's shootings occurred.

A police unrest report released yesterday said the explosion took place about 9pm on Thursday.

"There was shooting in the vicinity of 1st Avenue where the explosions took place. It is reported that men riding in a truck fired shots at shacks about the same time as the explosion," Captain Piet van Deventer said.

A spokeswoman at the Alexandra Clinic yesterday said many people from around the area of the explosion were treated at the clinic.

Talkback topic

THE police, in an attempt to quell violence, have declared Soweto and several other areas in the PWV region as unrest areas.

Do you think these measures lead to peace or do they actually contribute to greater unrest?

Phone DJ Tim Modise between 5pm and 6pm today on the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show and share your opinion live with the nation.

The hotline number ia 714-8063. The programme can be listened to on 576 MhZ.

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Four killed after IFP rally

Sowetan 9/12/91. (278)

Inkatha members in full regalia at the rally at Jabulani Stadium yesterday.

FOUR people were killed in Soweto and two others injured when violence broke out after an Inkatha rally in the township yesterday.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn yesterday said three men were shot and stabbed to death in Zondi Another man was hacked and stabbed to death in Crossroads

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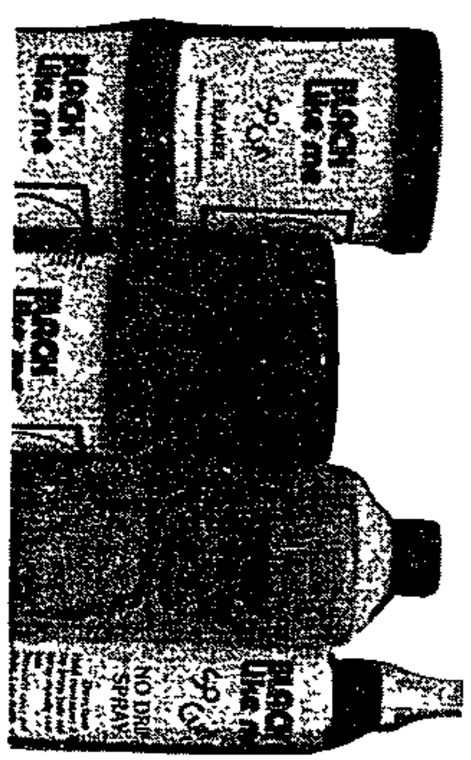
One of the victims, 20-year-old Mr Mxoleleni Mdlalose, was shot dead at the gate of his home He was returning from church

A second victim was identified as Mr Fanafuthi

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8 reported hurt in attack in Alex

(278) STAR 9/12/91.

At least eight people were reportedly injured and one woman raped on Saturday night after a group of unidentified men unleashed a terror attack on a squatter camp in Alexandra, near Sandton, said Alexandra Civic Organisation mem ber Paul Tshabalala.

Police spokesman Major Arno Vogel yesterday morning said the incident had not been reported to the police.

Unconfirmed reports said one resident was killed in the attack. The camp, said Mr Tshabalala, was situated near a migrant workers' hostel.

The injured were taken to Alexandra clinic for treatment early yesterday morning. A staff member at the clinic said yesterday that the injured received stab and hack wounds.

During the attack, one woman was raped, said Mr Tshabalala. The clinic staff member confirmed a rape victim was receiving treatment at the institution. The residents were believed to have lost property during the attack.

The motive for the attack was unknown. Mr Tshabalala claimed five men were arrested by police after residents reported the incident.

Scores of families reportedly fled the camp and sought refuge at the clinic later yesterday morning, apparently fearing further attacks.

● On Saturday evening, a group of about 60 threw stones at SAP vehicles at Oudtshoorn township, near Brixton. One SAP member was slightly injured. No damage was caused to the vehicles.

● On Saturday at about 11 am at Daveyton, near Benoni, about 50 men set fire to a private motor vehicle, causing damage estimated at R50 000. No arrests were made. — Sapa.

4 killed in Soweto after Inkatha rally

Star 9/12/91. (278)

Three people were killed and two wounded in violence that erupted after an Inkatha Freedom Party rally in Soweto yesterday afternoon.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said three people were shot or stabbed to death in Zondi, and two others wounded, one of whom was shot and the other stabbed.

Another person was stabbed to death with an assegai at Crossroads. Colonel Halgryn said police had arrested one person in connection with the stabbing.

According to Colonel Halgryn, trouble started as the 12 000 IFP supporters walked back to their various hostels in Soweto after the rally, which was held at the Jabulani amphitheatre.

The meeting was addressed by IFP president, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Colonel Halgryn could not clarify whether those attacked had been IFP supporters.

He also refused to comment on the possible political affiliation of the arrested suspect.

He would only confirm that there had been people at the rally carrying "traditional" weapons, which generally include spears, shields and sharpened iron rods.

The colonel had earlier said Inkatha members had been alllowed to carry traditional weapons as the occasion had qualified as a "cul tural" event.

He said the mood in Dobsonville in particular remained tense.

Police were doing their utmost to prevent further bloodshed, he said. — Sapa.

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Peace plan delayed as 17 slain

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JOHANNESBURG. — Soweto violence scuttled yesterday's planned implementation of the peace accord at grassroots level.

In the worst incident of bloodshed for some weeks, 17 people died and 13 were wounded after an Inkatha Freedom Party rally in Soweto on Sunday.

The killings started on Sunday afternoon when about 12 000 IFP supporters were returning home to their Dobsonville hostel after listening to an address by IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi at the rally.

Sources close to the Soweto dispute resolution committee which was to have been set up yesterday, said the peace process was still on track and the launch meeting with representatives of the ANC, Inkatha, police and other parties would be held on Thursday.

The committee will investigate violence and intimidation, mediate in local conflicts, monitor existing peace agreements and report incidents to the standing commission of inquiry into violence and intimidation.

Cultural event

Asked why Inkatha supporters had been allowed to carry traditional weapons to Sunday's rally, a police spokesman said permission had been granted as it was a cultural event addressed by Chief Buthelezi

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said police had not yet established the political affiliations of the victims and the attackers.

Inkatha spokesman Mr Themba Khoza condemned the attacks and said it was too early to apportion blame.

An ANC spokesman said the latest deaths made the dispute resolution committees more important than ever.

●The bodies of two unidentified men were found in a burnt out house in Khayelitsha yesterday, police reported. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Violence claims 17 lives

Soweto strife a setback for peace accord

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SOWETO violence scuttled yesterday's planned implementation of the peace accord at grassroots level.

On Sunday, 17 people died in the township, as Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel renewed Soweto's unrest area restrictions. At least 13 were injured.

In the worst incident, nine people were killed on Sunday night, with three injured, in a house across the road from Dobsonville hostel. Reasons for the attack were unclear, but neighbours blamed hostel dwellers for the killing.

Sources close to the Soweto dispute resolution committee, which was to have been set up yesterday, said, however, that the peace process was still on track and that the launch meeting with representatives of the ANC, Inkatha, police and other parties would now be held on Thursday.

The launch had to be postponed when representatives of the ANC, Soweto Civic Association and other organisations were called to attend urgent meetings on the latest violence.

The source expressed concern that the latest violence appeared to mirror a similar outbreak of unrest on the eve of the national peace convention in September.

A spokesman for the national peace committee said that apart from Soweto, the formation of dispute resolution committees was expected to be finalised in several parts of SA this week, including Germiston and Alberton and their surrounding townships, Durban and the Border-Ciskei regions.

They will involve representatives of political organisations, police and the SADF, trade unions, churches, local business, and local and tribal authorities.

WILSON ZWANE and JONATHON REES

The committees will be empowered to investigate violence and intimidation, mediate in local conflicts, monitor existing peace agreements, and report incidents to the standing commission of inquiry into violence and intimidation.

On Sunday afternoon, three people were killed as hostel dwellers returned from a Zulu rally wielding traditional weapons. Five were killed in later pistol attacks on two cars passing the Dobsonville hostel.

Inkatha spokesman Themba Khoza condemned the attacks, and said it was too early to apportion blame.

An ANC spokesman said the latest deaths made the dispute resolution committees more important than ever.

Soweto was quiet yesterday, with police reporting no fresh outbreaks of violence.

Asked why Inkatha supporters had been allowed to carry traditional weapons to Sunday's rally, an SAP spokesman said permission had been granted as it was a cultural event addressed by KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn could not explain how police patrols failed to hear and investigate gunfire during the attack on the Dobsonville house, as claimed by residents. Residents said the attack took place at 8pm, but that police responded only at 6.30am.

Halgryn said shooting was heard in the

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area every night and police could not respond to each shot fired.

The Dobsonville police station is about 500m from the house, which yesterday still had pools of congealed blood on the floors.

Halgryn said police had not searched the hostel, but would investigate the possibility that the attacks were linked to the rally.

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One infant was spared in the Dobsonville attack, even though she was sleeping in the same bed in which her father was killed. And Beauty Seleke, 33, survived the attack by locking herself in a bedroom, where she cowered until police arrived.

Dobsonville residents said yesterday they feared attacks would be launched on them by Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers.

Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkuthu told a news conference Dobsonville residents had a long history of harassment at the hands of nearby hostel dwellers. Before the attack, he said, rumours had circulated of hostel dwellers demanding "protection fees" from residents.



A BLOODY END: The bodies of victims of a horror shooting lying on top of one another in a house in Dobsonville, Soweto, yesterday morning.
Pic: MBUZENI ZULU



LUCKY TO BE ALIVE: Widow Beauty Seleke and one-year-old Kagiso Mogapi hid in another room while the killers wiped out nine people.

House of terror

17 people killed as gunmen run amok in Soweto

Sowetan 10/12/91 2MB

A ONE-YEAR-OLD boy miraculously survived one of the violent incidents which claimed at least 17 lives in Soweto at the weekend.

By ALI MPHAKI and NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Nine people, including three women, were killed when gunmen attacked a house in Dobsonville, while five others were shot dead in an attack on two cars on Sunday night, a short distance away from the house.

Police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday that the attacks had taken place within an hour of each other

He said three other people were killed in other parts of Soweto after an Inkatha Freedom Party rally at Jabulani Amphitheatre on Sunday.

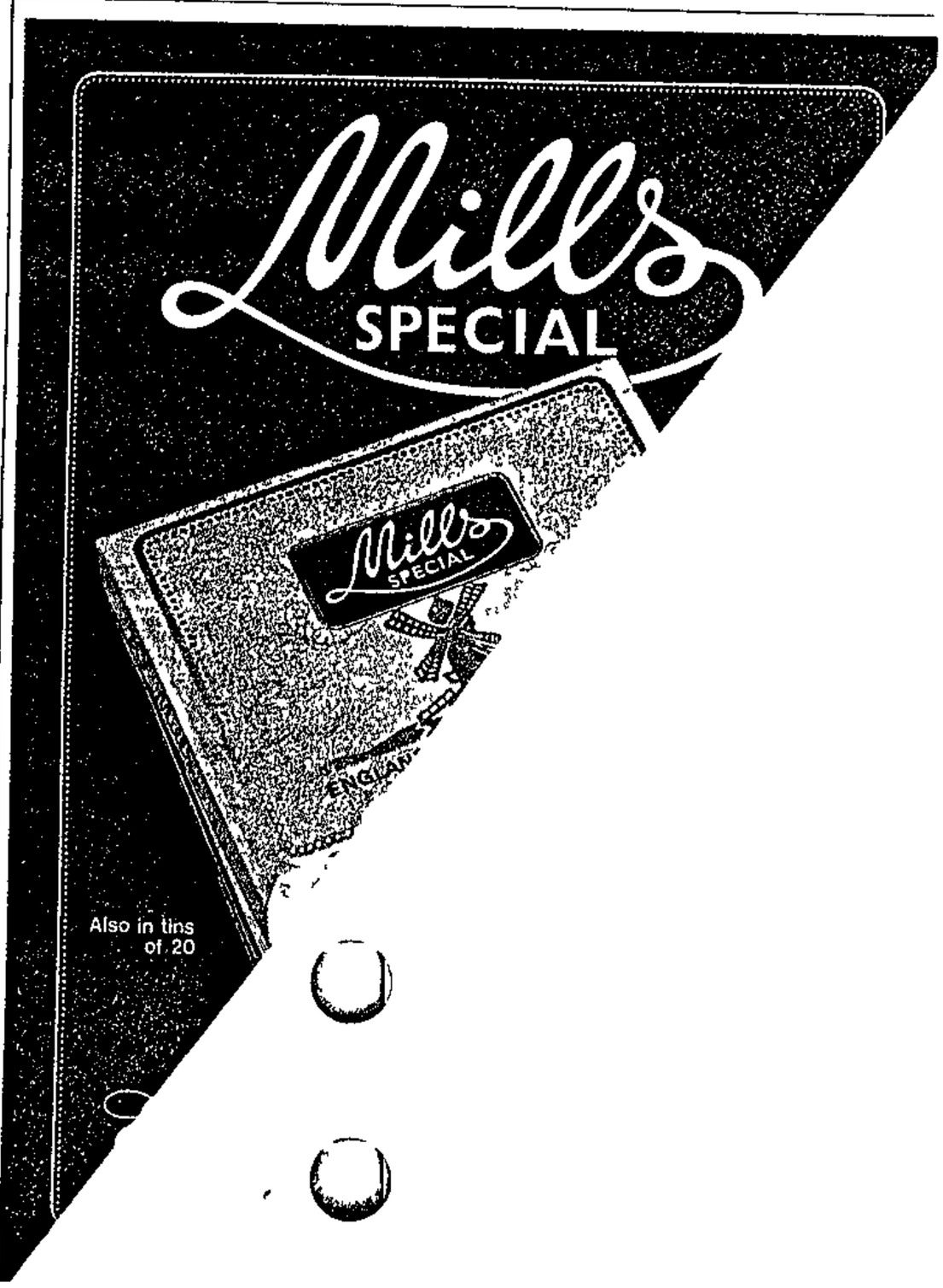
Those killed at Dobsonville include the owner of the house, Mr Joe Seleke, and Mr Piet Mogapi and his wife Makosia, who had come to Johannesburg from Mafikeng to do Christmas shopping.

Also killed was Mr Mogapi's younger brother, Robert, Miss Lillian Motsumi, Mr Elias Mkona, Mr Abel Tselane, a man known as David and a woman who was identified as Thandi

Three other people who were in the house were wounded They were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital where their conditions were described as serious.

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Nine massacred in house

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Seleke's widow, Beauty, said she locked herself and the one-year-old boy, Kagiso Mogapi, in the bedroom when a group of men burst into the house about 8.30pm and demanded either money or a girl.

She said she did not know the men but suspected they were IFP supporters who had earlier attended a rally in Jabulani.

The screams she heard as the attackers mowed down people indiscriminately would haunt her for the rest of her life, she said.

"Do people have to be killed in this manner," she asked as she sobbed.

Two bodies lay in the kitchen, six in the diningroom and another in the bedroom when *Sowetan* staffers arrived at the house yesterday morning.

"I have never seen anything like this," said a neighbour who was among the crowd which had gathered in the streets as policemen removed the bodies.

Halgryn said police were called to Luthuli Street in Dobsonville on Sunday night at 9.30pm where they removed five bodies after an attack on two cars.

He said the cars were travelling along the street when gunmen attacked the occupants

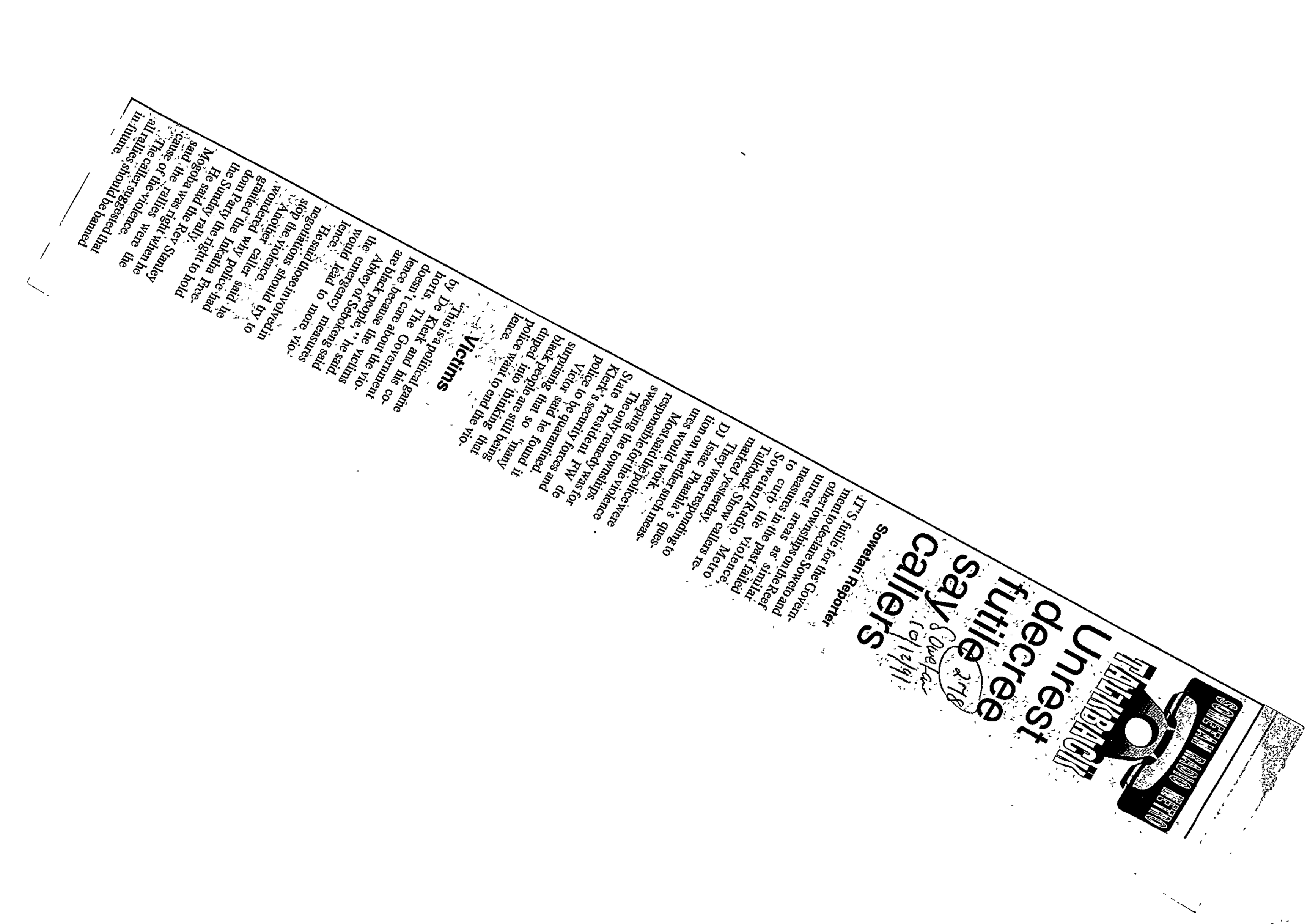
Police were investigating the possibility that the two attacks were carried out by the same group.

Meanwhile, a member of the Soweto Monitoring Committee on Violence established under the National Peace Accord, Mr Mandla Dlamini, claimed yesterday that Dobsonville hostel dwellers were threatening residents with further violence.

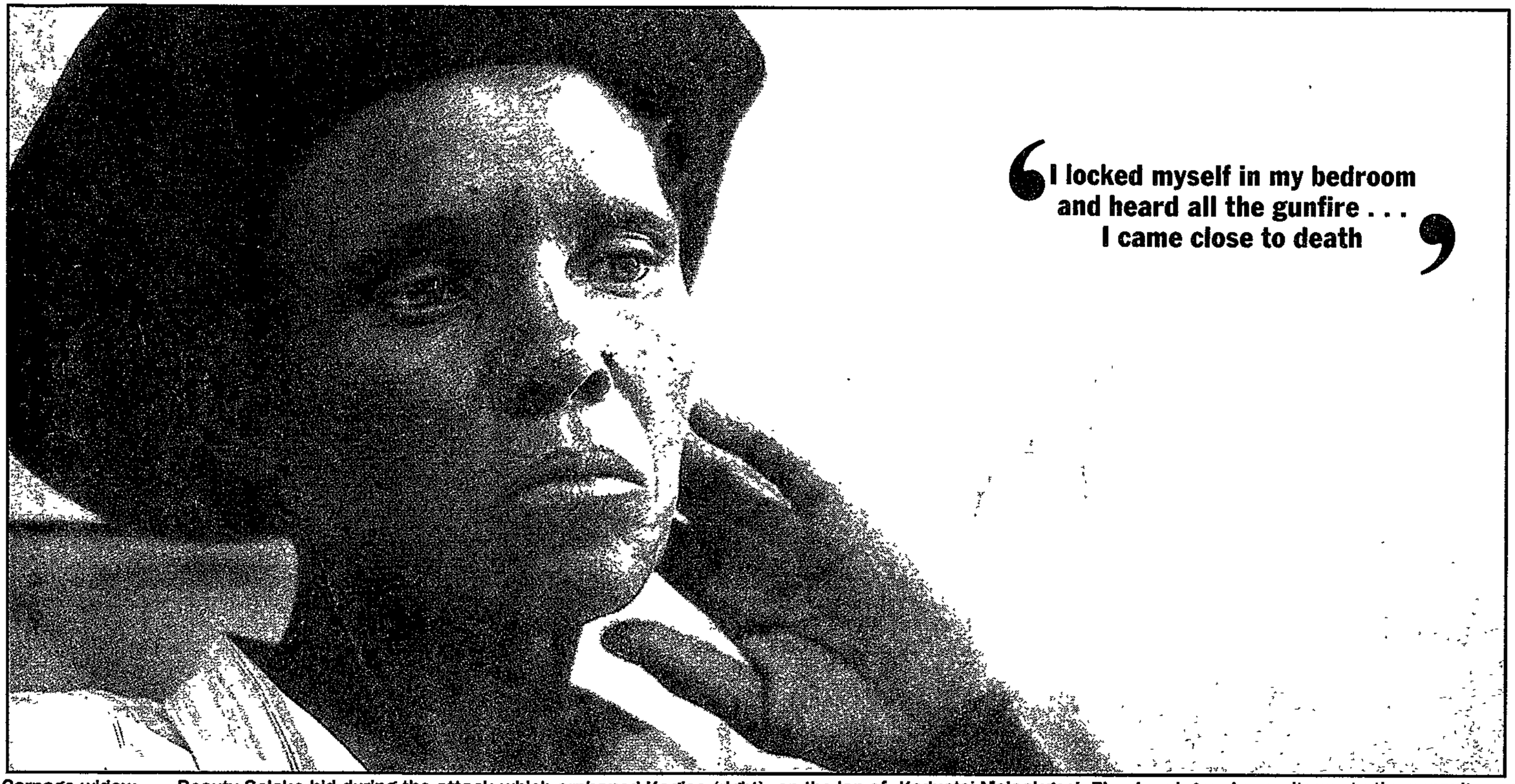
"I'm not saying the attackers came from the hostel but they are marching and making accusations, saying they are not finished and are still coming They are getting weapons but police are around the area," he he said (2MB)

Dlamini criticised the police for "failing to act promptly."

He said although the shooting occured on Sunday night, police only arrived at 6am the following day. This was despite the fact that the police station was only 500 metres away.

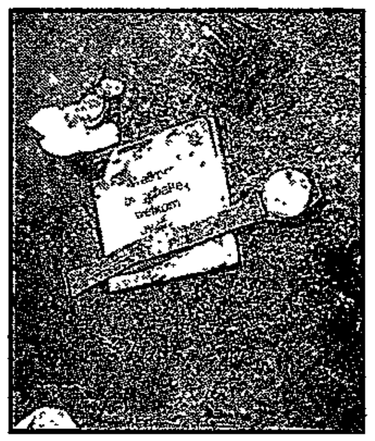

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Victims
"This is a political game by De Klerk and his co-horts. The Government doesn't care about the vic-lence because the victims are black people," he said Abbey of Sebokeng said the emergency measures would lead to more vio-lence.
He said those involved in negotiations should try to stop the violence.
Another caller said he wondered why police had granted the Inkatha Free-dom Party the right to hold a Sunday rally.
He said the Rev Stanley Mogoba was right when he said the reasons for the violence.
The callers suggested that all parties should be banned in future.

Wife describes massacre



'I locked myself in my bedroom and heard all the gunfire . . . I came close to death'





Carnage widow . . . Beauty Seleke hid during the attack which orphaned Kagiso (right), on the lap of Keduetsi Melaakgosi. Blood and gore bear witness to the assault.

Pictures: Ken Oosterbroek

By Zingisa Mkhuma and Guy Jepson (278)

Soweto gunmen butcher seven members of family

STAR 10/12/97

Yesterday the stench of stale blood hung heavily inside house No 1214 in Dobsonville, Soweto, where unknown gunmen massacred seven members of the Seleke family as they sat listening to the radio on Sunday.

A survivor of the horrific attack, Beauty Seleke, whose husband Joe was among the dead, yesterday told how the gunmen entered her house and randomly opened fire.

[illegible] relatives of the Seleke family — and two friends — were summarily butchered by the attackers who stormed through the kitchen door of their house, just opposite the Dobsonville hostel, at about 8 pm.

Three others — two family members and a friend — were injured in the attack and taken to the Leratong Hospital near Krugersdorp

The dead are Joe Seleke, Piet Mogapi and his wife Makosia, Robert Gabonelwe, Elias Mkhuna, Abel Tselane, Lillian Motsumi, and family friends known only as Thando and David. Miraculously, the Mogapi's two babies escaped uninjured.

The attack brought to 17 the number of people killed in Soweto since violence erupted in the wake of an IFP rally in the Jabulani Amphitheatre on Sunday, according to police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn.

A grief-stricken Mrs Seleke said she spent the night locked in her bedroom, too terrified to summon help.

She was alerted to the presence of the gunmen after hearing the radio being turned down. She opened the door to investigate and saw several men standing in the dining room, pointing their weapons at the people.

"I quickly locked myself inside and heard all that gunfire. After a while the gunfire stopped and I came close to death when one of the men said other rooms should be searched. Another voice ordered the men to go through all the dead people's pockets. The gunmen left after a while but I was too shocked to move."

Addressing journalists in Dobsonville yesterday, Floyd Mashele of the ANC's PWV region charged that the police and the IFP were responsible for the attack. He said the Seleke house was about 40 m from the Dobsonville police station — yet the police did not respond to the gunshots and cries.

On Friday, the ANC had held meetings with the IFP's Themba Khoza and Dr Antonie Gildenhuys, chairman of the National Peace Secretariat, and warned them of possible escalation of violence after the rally.

Both promised to do everything in their power to ensure that peace would be maintained, Mr Mashele said.

Approached for comment last night, Colonel Halgryn said the Seleke house was about "half-a-kilometre" from the Dobsonville police station.

He said the police were only informed of the attack yesterday morning.

He said the police were doing everything in their power to comply fully with the provisions of the National Peace Accord.

However, it was also up to the political parties involved in the conflict and residents to co-operate with the police.

Sapa reports that the IFP has denied responsibility for the violence IFP youth leader Mr Khoza yesterday condemned the violence, saying it was too early to say which parties were responsible.

Sad tale of blind despair

Sowetan 11/12/91 (298)

On Monday a troubled man came to the offices of Sowetan. He would not give his name, nor where he stayed. After telling his story he simply stood up, sighed, took his newspaper from the desk, and went away. No goodbyes, nothing. This is what he told senior assistant editor of Sowetan THAMI MAZWAI.

"THREE years ago I was shocked by newspaper pictures of Soweto children carrying limbs and pieces of flesh from the dismembered body of Rambo, the Soweto thug who had terrorised residents.

He had, after being hunted by police for several weeks, been trapped in a house and killed by school children.

Last year my daughter, then a teacher at a school in Soweto, recounted to me in horrific detail how pupils, some from her class, "necklaced" a youth they accused of being a "jackroller".

Flaming bottles

My daughter was sobbing uncontrollably.

Between sobs she said: *"I was teaching them about Wordsworth's imagery; then, as if a signal had been given, they ran out of class. Five minutes later some were dragging this youth, while others threw flaming bottles at him - a human being. Some were tugging at his private parts, saying these had caused his wrongdoings."*

Later that day my daughter was treated for shock. It had been too much for her.

Broken woman

The next day these children were in class, the picture of sweet innocence.

My daughter has since left her profession.

When she left she was a broken woman. The enthusiasm of new teachers who want to change the system and turn every child into a genius had been lost in the first three months of her career.

On Friday night I watched adults scream for somebody's blood. It was macabre, to say the least

I had visited a friend near Emndeni. We heard screams that a neighbour's 24-year-old son had been killed at a party.

A "posse" (a group of men hunting a criminal) was sent out, and each person in this "posse" had one obsession - to get the killer

It failed to get the alleged killer when it reached his home. The youth's family was then told their house would be razed if he was not produced.

Fortunately for the family, and unfortunately for human decency, a girl in her late teens was found.

More screaming

She was apparently in the party and had accompanied the alleged killer.

She was put into a car boot after being told she must produce her "boyfriend".

Later on there was more screaming - the alleged killer was being paraded for all to see. Needless to say, it was to be his last public appearance.

His "executioners" were, in a manner of speaking, leading him to the "gallows".

Having lived in Soweto for the last 20 years, I have mastered the art of seeing but not seeing.

What a marvellous contraption the human brain is. We look but ensure we do not see anything of substance We are afraid of being witnesses, or having to answer questions from the police.

Protect our skins

After all I have to tell the truth when I say: "I heard nothing, saw nothing, and know nothing".

I am even ashamed of admitting this, but all of us, wanting to protect our skins and property, look but do not see.

This is how far fear has permeated our lives, even when our sensitivities are abused.

Regardless of the allegations against him the alleged killer was a fellow human being who deserved a fair trial.

Jungle courts, where a mob is policeman, prosecutor, magistrate, witness and executioner are not part of civilised society.

What was, however, more shocking was elderly people, people I travel with in the train and worship with in church, were screaming: *"This family has lost a son, his killer must also go."*

"Mqedelem" (finish him off), many shouted

The modus operandi was that the alleged killer would have to be shown the house and parents of the boy he had killed He would then be "dispatched" to join his victim And this had to happen in the yard of his victim

Weapons on display

As it was, the family of the first victim simply protested and the hapless youth, who had resigned himself to his fate, was bundled into a vehicle

I do not know what happened to him. However the assortment of weapons on display, and none of them were firearms, leave me in no doubt as to what happened to him When he was being shoved into a car, a knife was sticking from back and his assailant was having difficulty in pulling it out

Later on, three youths were heard arguing about what should have been done *"We should have kept him until the day of the funeral. We would then have shown him the body of our friend. Then we would have finished him off. In any case he has now joined Bizzah."*

Lying in the street

Indeed, three weeks ago one youth was shown the corpse

As he was led of out the bedroom, all sorts of blows from instruments rained on him. When the hearse left for the graveyard, the body of the alleged killer was lying in the street.

The aunties doing the cooking watched as the body, covered in newspapers, attracted flies. Scavenging dogs were nibbling at his toes.

Returning mourners had their meal while the relatives of the alleged killers kept vigil over his body . . . .

My son, what is happening. **"**

Tears were in his eyes as he left.

A tormented man.

Inkatha denounces killings after rally

S Dwafana 11/12/91

Sowetan Reporter 278

THE Inkatha Freedom Party will not hesitate to discipline any of its members found to have taken part in violence that erupted after Sunday's rally in Soweto.

Themba Khoza of the Inkatha Youth Brigade said there were certain "mischievous" elements within their organisation and measures would be taken against them if they could be singled out.

Khoza said some of their members were killed in the violence. He said sometimes members of an organisation - this he designated as organisation X - were responsible for provoking IFP members coming back from rallies.

Criminal actions

He said the intention of organisation X was to prove that Inkatha was aggressive.

"We cannot rule out a family feud, criminal actions and political violence yet."

Khoza alleged that he was phoned by a Floyd Marshall of the ANC last Friday who said they had information that there was going to be an attack after the rally.

"On the same day, police attacked our people at the Dobsonville Hostel and an IFP member, M Majola, was arrested and later released without being charged."

ANC leader Dave Motse's home blasted in 11th attack

A HAND grenade exploded at the home of an ANC leader in Vosloorus on Monday night.

This brings to 11 the number of violent attacks against the organisation's members within weeks on the East Rand, the ANC and police said yesterday.

The ANC's chief marshal on the East Rand, Mr David Motse (24) and his family escaped unhurt.

Explosion

ANC PWV region spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said the explosion completely blew off the roof of the house and extensively damaged furniture in the sitting room.

He said the attack was the 11th of "an orchestrated pattern", which he was convinced was aimed at "cutting off and eliminating the organisation's leadership from the grassroots, particularly on the East Rand".

Monday night's attack, Mamoepa said, was the 11th on the East Rand in just over two months since the assassination of prominent Civic Association of the Transvaal official, Mr Sam Ntuli, in September.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Sergeant Andy Pieke confirmed the incident and said further details would be made available later. - *Sapa*.

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'Massacre threatens Peace Accord'

By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Staff

The "Dobsonville massacre" at the weekend has put the peace process and the National Peace Accord under grave threat, South African Communist Party national chairman Joe Slovo warned yesterday.

In a statement, Mr Slovo accused President de Klerk of being "in open breach" of an undertaking he made in September that he would issue a proclamation banning the carrying of "weapons of destruction" at public gatherings.

This proclamation was to have been issued "at the latest by October", Mr Slovo said.

In a separate statement, the ANC demanded that the Government immediately issue the proclamation, saying "the continued carrying of so-called traditional weapons in circumstances where people are slaughtered wholesale" called into question Mr de Klerk's bona-fides and his Government's commitment to peace.

The ANC said not only had the proclamation not been issued, but there had also been no clarity on what constituted a cultural gathering.

The ANC demanded that the Government act immediately.

Mr Slovo, who until last weekend was SACP secretary-general, was commenting on the death of at least 17 people in acts of violence after an Inkatha Freedom Party rally in Soweto at the weekend.

"Once again, a purely political meeting was held, attended by IFP impis armed to the teeth.

"This is a clear breach of the undertaking by the IFP, as a signatory to the Peace Accord, that it would discourage its members and supporters from being armed at public political assemblies," he said.

Mr Slovo said SACP members regarded a statement by the police, that the IFP rally was a cultural gathering "as once again an act of collusion".

Political, riot cover maximum to rise by 25%

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SEAN VAN ZYL

POLITICAL and riot damage cover available to businesses in SA has been lifted by 25% to a maximum of R250m per annum, the SA Special Risks Insurance Association (Sasria) announced yesterday.

Sasria MD Willem Swanepoel said inflationary pressure had necessitated the increase in cover, which comes into effect next year, to R250m from R200m.

He added the increase had been approved at ministerial level and applied to holding companies and subsidiaries operating within SA's boundaries.

"Major industrial concerns will certainly be pleased with the new dispensation which takes effect from January 1 1992 irrespective of policy renewal dates."

Sasria was registered as a non-profit insurance underwriter in 1979 to provide cover for political riot risks following the major unrest-related losses incurred from the Soweto riots in 1976.

However, unlike commercial underwriters, Sasria is backed by government as the reinsurer of last resort.

Sasria cover, which can be applied for from any insurance company, covers various classes of risk, including motor vehicles in SA and the TBVC states.

Swanepoel stressed that the higher cover available from next year only applied to risks in SA and not in the TBVC states where the maximum stood at R10m per annum at present, depending on the state concerned.

The cover available in the TBVC states was lower because of Sasria's limited resources-to-liabilities.

"Sasria continues to look at ways of improving cover further, but at this stage it is simply a case of balancing our policyholders' needs with our available resources."

He added the Sasria maximum cover had been inadequate for years.

However, the problem had been exacerbated by high inflation which in turn boosted the value of the insured property.

Police grab automatic guns

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Detectives acting on a tip-off intercepted a truck carrying more than 30 automatic weapons and a large quantity of ammunition outside Barberton in the Eastern Transvaal.

Police spokesman Captain Oosie van Niekerk said six men were arrested in connection with the weapons haul which included 29 AK 47s and two Uzis.

Also uncovered were more than 1 000 AK 47 rounds, 25 AK magazines, 90 Uzi rounds and three Uzi magazines.

It is thought that the arms were bound for the troubled townships of the East Rand.

Captain Van Niekerk said crime combating and investigation services chief, Lieutenant-General Basie Smit, was scheduled to make an announcement on the haul today.

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Woman, child hide among the corpses

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DEATH SCENE: A member of the Seleke family shows the blood stains after an attack on their house PIC: DYNAMIC IMAGES

By Mono Badela

A WOMAN and a one-year-old boy spent 10 hours surrounded by corpses in a Soweto house after a night of carnage, fearing the attackers would come back to get them.

Only in the morning did she shout for help through a bedroom window after spending the night with nine bodies.

The attackers, allegedly IFP members, burst into the home demanding protection money or women.

The nine victims — seven members of a family and two friends, were killed in Sundays's attack when gunmen, allegedly from a nearby hostel, attacked the house in Dobsonville.

At least 17 people were killed in random attacks in Soweto this week in violence which started after an Inkatha Freedom Party rally on Sunday.

A SOUTH correspondent visited the scene of the attack where the stench of stale blood hung heavily in the house. Two bodies were in the kitchen, six in the diningroom and one in a bedroom.

A survivor of the horrific attack, Mrs Beauty Seleke, whose husband, Joe, was among those killed, told how the attackers entered her house and randomly opened fire.

Grief-stricken, she said: "We were listening to the radio when the attackers stormed in the kitchen door. I don't know why our home was singled out.

"The attackers I believe came from the hostel across the street and demanded R200 protection fee. We refused to pay. Perhaps that is why we were attacked," Seleke said.

She locked herself and one-year-old Kagiso Mogapi in the bedroom when the group of men burst inside.

She suspected the men were IFP supporters from the hostel. The screams she heard as the attackers mowed down people indiscriminately would haunt her for the rest of her life, she said.

The incident occurred at 8.30pm on Sunday and the police only arrived at 6am the following day. The house is 500m from the police station.

Mr Mandla Dlamini, a fieldworker for the Soweto Monitoring Committee on Violence established under the National Peace Accord, criticised the police for not responding promptly.

An ANC official in the PWV region, Mr Floyd Mashele, said police and the IFP were responsible for the attack.

The IFP denied responsibility for the violence. Police are investigating.

COVER: Beauty Seleke with Kagiso Mogapi, aged one

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Call for rally ban rejected

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WILSON ZWANE

A CALL by The Sowetan newspaper for a ban on political rallies has been rejected by a number of organisations.

The newspaper argued this week that rallies should not be tolerated in what was an emergency situation because of the loss of life associated with them.

The call was made after 17 people were killed and at least 13 injured after an Inkatha rally in Soweto on Sunday. Bibay 14/12/91

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the call for a ban on political rallies, until township violence had been contained, would militate against free political expression.

She said people attending rallies should be disarmed.

Inkatha central committee member Musa Myeni said attacks on Inkatha supporters made the carrying of traditional weapons more necessary than ever.

Azapo described the call as naive.

Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin said imposing a ban on rallies would be addressing a symptom and not the causes of violence.

Victim gets R260 150

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A VICTIM of the 1985 Mamelodi shootings is planning to use a R260 150 settlement from the Minister of Law and Order to buy a house for her family.

Ms Thoko Marjorie Mahlomuza (25), who stays in a two-room shack at a squatter camp, was shot in the head on November 21 1985, the day thousands of Mamelodi residents staged a protest march against high monthly rentals and demanded the immediate resignation of councillors.

The bullet was said to be lodged in her head.

The shy mother of 14-month-old Nombuyiselo, showed no signs of excitement as a result of the R260 150 out-of-court settlement.

She said before she could think of collecting the cheque, which was paid to her lawyer Ms Benedicta Monama of the Pretoria Legal Resources Centre yesterday, she would seek advice on how to invest the money.

She stressed, however, that her priority was to purchase "a very simple, inexpensive two- or three-bedroom house that I can afford". She would also use the money for the education of her daughter.

She said she could not tell exactly what happened on the day of the shooting except that she was walking home when it happened.

She was admitted to the HF Verwoerd Hospital, where she remained unconscious for three days.

Mahlomuza, whose dream was to become a teacher after high school, was in matric when she was shot. As a result, she missed her year-end exams.

She returned to school the following year but failed because she was unable to grasp anything she was taught. She blamed this on the effect the injury had on her performance.

However, the unemployed young mother has not given up. "I am going to take a dress-making course," she said.

Peace gets off to shaky start

JONATHON REES

THE Soweto dispute resolution committee was formally constituted yesterday, despite a last-minute argument between Inkatha and the ANC.

The launch had been postponed from Monday after violence claimed 17 lives in Soweto on Sunday.

A spokesman for the national peace committee said an interim structure was established to monitor violence and its causes over the festive season.

Inkatha delegates initially refused yesterday to let representatives of the ANC-aligned Soweto Civic Association sit on the interim structure. They almost torpedoed its formation by insisting ANC delegates apologise for allegations made on Monday that Inkatha members had been responsible for the killing of nine people in a Dobsonville house on Sunday.

Police have said that, as yet, they have no lead in investigations into the killing.

Inkatha West Rand chairman Themba Khoza claimed it was only because of the party's "commitment to peace" that it allowed the committee's launch to proceed.

Inkatha also retracted, as an error, a statement sent to Sapa, claiming the meeting had been cancelled because ANC delegates refused to apologise.

Yesterday's launch was attended by the ANC and Inkatha, the Soweto Civic Association, the SAP and SADF, trade unions, churches, hostel dwellers, businessmen and local and tribal authorities.

Police probe Katlehong cop's charges

Star Johannesburg 13/12/91

EAST Rand police this week undertook to investigate a complaint by the Transvaal leadership of the Inkatha Freedom Party that police in Katlehong township had refused to investigate IFP claims of intimidation against its members.

Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, IFP spokesman in the Transvaal, charged that ANC-aligned youths were gathering regularly at a house in Katlehong's Dekole section where four IFP members died in an attack on November 24.

"These youths sing songs and intimidate and interfere with people in the house.

"When we went to the Katlehong police station to complain, a senior officer said he was not interested in investigating our complaints because Inkatha are killers," charged Ndlovu.

East Rand police liaison said the IFP was welcome to submit all documents relating to the alleged incidents and the police officer's behaviour . . . and the district commissioner will certainly investigate".

Ndlovu said documents relating to the IFP complaints were with the party's lawyers.

Sapa made a police fax number available to the lawyers to which the documents could be sent for investigation.

Ndlovu, meanwhile, appealed to the local ANC leadership to "control the youths" visiting the house, "otherwise I fear there will be an outbreak of violence". - *Sapa*

ANC, IFP argue, form peace body

STAR 13/12/91

By Jacqueline Myburgh

The establishment of a local dispute resolution committee (LDRC) for Greater Soweto was almost called off yesterday — for the second time this week — because of a dispute between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC.

Transvaal IFP leader Themba Khoza said yesterday's meeting to set up the LDRC was adjourned twice because the ANC had refused to accede to an IFP demand that the organisation apologise for blaming the IFP for the Dobsonville massacre last Sunday.

An investigation by The Star's sister newspaper, the Sowetan, has revealed that the killing of nine people in Dobsonville on Sunday night was the result of a lovers' tiff.

Val Paquet, personal assistant to National Peace Committee chairman John Hall, said the LDRC was established yesterday afternoon after a meeting in Soweto between various parties representing a wide section of the community.

Mr. Khoza said although the LDRC had been formally established, new structures had not yet been formed because of a disagreement over who should serve on the committee.

The next meeting of the committee on January 15 would decide on the future structures.

The LDRC was to have been established on Monday but was postponed in the wake of weekend violence.

During one of the adjournments in yesterday's meeting, Mr Khoza mistakenly informed Sapa that the meeting had been cancelled "due to the failure of the ANC to apologise about their statement concerning the Dobsonville massacre".

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the ANC had said nothing for which it had to apologise, since its statement had simply called for an investigation into the Dobsonville killings.

Mr Khoza said the murders could not have been politically motivated since the victims had not been members of the IFP or the ANC. The IFP accepted that the killings had been the result of a lovers' squabble.

Mr Khoza also accused the ANC of trying to destabilise IFP rallies and inciting violence.

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Peace committee formed in Soweto

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MICHAEL SPARKS

THE NATIONAL Peace Secretariat managed to set up a local dispute resolution committee on Thursday, the fourth committee to be formed in the 35 days of its existence.

According to Dr A Gildenhuys, chairman of the secretariat, the Soweto committee was the most difficult to set up because of the violence that has taken place, particularly after an Inkatha Freedom Party rally last weekend.

"It was difficult negotiating, but we pushed it through and managed to reach agreement in the end," Dr Gildenhuys said.

The other areas where committees have been established are a local committee in Germiston, and regional committees in Natal and in the Border/Ciskei area. Four more committees are due to be set up in unrest areas early in the new year.

The committees are made up of various organisations relevant to the conflict in each community, including political organisations, trade unions, church organisations, the police and the defence force.

According to Dr Gildenhuys, the role of the committees is to prevent further violence and to resolve disputes, rather than to investigate violence that has taken place and then to apportion blame.

"This is the first time in 300 years that groups in this country have come together at a grassroots level," Dr Gildenhuys said.

Dr Gildenhuys said the appointees, relying solely on the goodwill of the communities they are working in, were working full-time in what were originally envisaged as part-time posts.

They will continue to do so until Dr Gildenhuys's slogan, "Peace now, not another death later", is achieved.

Peter Gastrow, Democratic Party representative on the secretariat, said the Natal committee had the firmest foundation for reaching a resolution because the key parties there had been in discussion for years, with varying degrees of success.

When members of a community decide there is a need for outside intervention to help resolve a conflict, they can approach the secretariat at Private Bag X858, Pretoria, 0001, or telephone (012) 320-4650.

● It was announced at Thursday's meeting that Hunt Lascaris and Herdbuoys Advertising and Marketing has been jointly asked to prepare the first part of the advertising campaign to popularise the Peace Accord. The contract is valued at R1,3 million over the first three months.

The bill is R7-m for vandalised schools

BY LULAMA LUTI C1P NOR 13/12/91

DAMAGE estimated at R7-million has been caused to schools in the Johannesburg and Northern Transvaal regions, it was disclosed this week.

Pupils may be forced to go back to vandalised premises as repair work is likely to continue into the new year.

According to DET statements released by the two regions, damage totalling R3,5-million and R3,4-million had been done to schools in the Pretoria area of the Northern Transvaal region and those in the Johannesburg region respectively. 2418

No comment could be obtained from the Highveld region as officials were said to be on leave.

Grenades blast house

by THEMBA KHUMALO

CLASHES between the ANC and IFP supporters have spread to tiny Tigane township, near Hartbeesfontein in the western Transvaal.

The inter-organisational violence last weekend claimed the lives of two men — George Moroane, who was allegedly killed by "comrades" who accused him of being an IFP member; and a youth known as Skhumbuzo, an ANC member.

On Sunday, local ANC chairman Oupa Kgauwe's home was destroyed by hand-grenades in the middle of the night. He estimated the damage at R130 000.



BLASTED... Local ANC chairman Oupa Kgauwe outside the shell of his home after hand-grenades were thrown into it. He believes the incident was a revenge attack after an IFP man was killed. ■ Pics: SIPHIWE MHLAMBI

Subsequently, Kgauwe found two handgrenade fragments among the debris. He took them to Lawyers for Human Rights and the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry as "evidence of police collaboration in the perpetration of violence"

The Goldstone Commission was set up recently in terms of the National Peace Accord to look into the causes of inter-organisational violence. More than 3 000 people have died this year alone as a result of the internecine violence.

Kgauwe, also chairman of the local civic association, believes his house was singled out for the revenge attack after comrades had killed George Moroane, a suspected IFP member

However, this was disputed by JK Mojaki, the township's mayor and IFP Western Transvaal central commitee chairman, who said Moroane was not a member and was only related to an IFP supporter.

According to Kgauwe, clashes among supporters of the two bodies started last year after Tigane residents called for the resignation of local councillors and their plans to increase housing rent

Instead, Mojaki and his colleagues sought refuge from the IFP and later bussed in impis from other areas to the launching of the IFP's local branch earlier this year, said Kgauwe.

"Because they have failed to muster support among the residents, they have enlisted the help of of Peet Koster, the town clerk, who is also the IFP's secretary for Western Transvaal, to harass residents. He and other IFP leaders have been importing outsiders to come and attack the residents," Kgauwe said

He said he closed his shop earlier in the year after it was extensively damaged by arsonists.

Last week a petition signed by the local ANC, civic association and the South African Communist Party, was handed by residents to local officials. The document called for Koster's immediate resignation.

Koster denied bringing in outsiders to attack local residents. He said as the IFP leader in the region he would not encourage violence because his organisation was against it

"I pity Kgause and his friends for causing the damage in the township and fleeing the area. They've left the mess for the residents to clean up," Koster said.

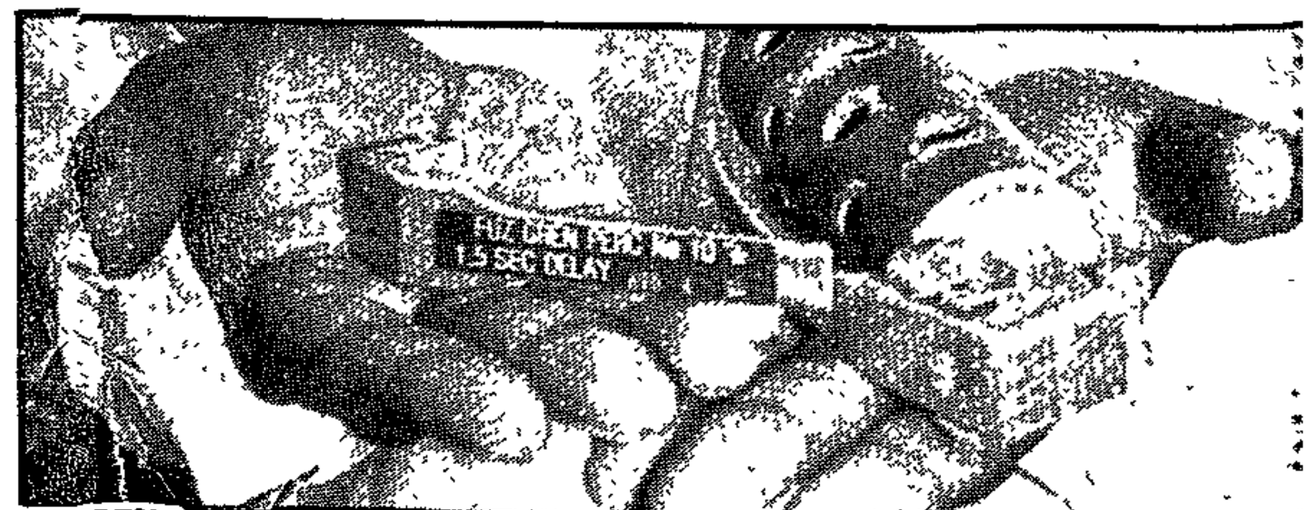
According to Mojaki, who is also serving the IFP's task group for the forthcoming Codesa meeting, the ANC brought in "comrades" from Jouberton township in Klerksdorp "to come and drive out Inkatha from Tigane"

Mojaki said: "When the comrades arrived in Tigane recently they told us they were giving us only two days to leave the township. When we didn't respond to their orders they started stoning houses which belonged to Inkatha members.

"On Friday night they went to the house of the Inkatha member and o dered the mourners wh were attending a nig vigil to go home

The last straw came o Saturday when the sam group attacked Georg Moroane after they a cused him of being a IFP member

"They chopped hir with axes and pangas an when his cousin, who is a ANC member, tried t explain that George wa apolitical, they turned t him and stabbed him be fore he esca ped"



EVIDENCE... Kgauwe found these pieces of grenade in the rubble of his grenade-blasted home after the attack.

Policeman hacked to death

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JOHANNESBURG. — Unidentified assailants hacked an off-duty policeman to death in one of three attacks on police officers at the weekend.

Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said the unidentified policeman fired a shot and wounded one man as the group of men tried to seize his gun in a pre-dawn attack in Vosloorus township. The wounded man is under police guard in Natalspruit Hospital, he said

The murdered policeman was one of nine people reported dead in weekend violence

Armed attackers shot and wounded four policemen in two separate attacks within hours of each other in the Johannesburg region on Saturday, police said.

Captain Burger van Rooyen said three men had driven past Orlando Police station in Soweto and fired with AK-47 rifles at two policemen standing outside. Both policemen were seriously injured, he said.

The other attack took place earlier in the morning — while it was dark — in Sharpeville township, near Vereeniging.

Colonel Bruce said two policemen, patrolling in a police car, were ambushed when they drove down a township street. "When the vehicle came to a stop shots were fired at the police with an AK-47 and a .22 rifle."

In other incidents of violence at the weekend:

● Police said they found the bodies of two men who had been necklaced in Khayelitsha on Saturday.

● One person was killed and another injured when an unidentified gunman opened fire on two men near the M1 Hostel in Alexandra township near Johannesburg yesterday afternoon.

An informant said the assailants shot at the two men without provocation on a street corner and ran back into the hostel.

● The death toll in the Saturday night shooting at a party in Sebokeng township near Vereeniging has risen to four, after one of four injured people died in hospital yesterday morning.

An unknown assailant opened fire with an AK-47 rifle at about 30 party-goers.

● One man was killed and another injured when a suitcase exploded in a field near Pimville on the East Rand.

PAC silent after attack responsibility claim

THE PAC said yesterday it had no comment to make about claims that its military wing was responsible for an attack on Saturday morning on the Orlando police station.

"We have no plans to make a statement," PAC information and publicity secretary Mr Barney Desai said.

However, the issue is likely to be raised at a press conference today after the conclusion of the PAC's consultative conference.

Mr Johnson Mlambo, commander of the PAC's military wing, is scheduled to be at the press conference.

The attack on the police station left two policemen wounded. A man calling himself Mr Karl Zinbiri is reported to have claimed PAC responsibility for the attack.

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AK-47 gunman mows down five at Vaal party

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By Guy Jepson
and Melody McDougall

Five people were killed and four injured in an AK-47 attack on partygoers at Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle on Saturday night.

The killings were part of a spate of bloody attacks in the PWV region at the weekend and have triggered fears of renewed destabilisation in the run-up to the launch on Friday of crucial multiparty negotiations.

Police said the Sebokeng attack took place at the Zone 8 home of Amos Twala, said to be an ANC supporter, where a party was in progress.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said that at about 10 pm an unidentified gunman appeared at the house and opened fire on the guests with an AK-47 rifle, killing three men on the spot.

A critically injured woman died at Sebokeng Hospital late on Saturday night. A fifth person died of his injuries early yesterday.

The names of the dead and injured are being withheld until their next of kin have been informed. No arrests have been made. A special unit in Sebokeng is investigating

At about 4 pm yesterday a man was killed and another critically injured in Alexandra, near Sandton, when they were fired on by two men armed with a 9 mm pistol.

Local ANC Youth League member Pam Rakgwathe identified the dead man as Andries Mantshidi of Sixth Avenue, Alexandra.

Ms Rakgwathe told The Star that Mr Mantshidi's friend, Albert Phahlamhlaka, was taken to the Alexandra Clinic and later transferred to the Hillbrow Hospital.

She said that after opening fire at the men on the corner of Fourth and Selbourne avenues, the attackers, dressed in tracksuits, were seen running into the nearby M1 hostel.

Colonel Bruce confirmed the attack, but said his information was that it took place on the corner of 14th and Selbourne avenues.

Mr Phahlamhlaka had been shot twice in the back, he said. No arrests had been made.

Last night ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said she believed the weekend violence could signal the start of a week of destabilisation before Friday's Codesa meeting.

In other outbreaks of violence at the weekend:

- A policeman was hacked to death in Vosloorus and four were seriously injured by gunmen in attacks in Soweto and Sharpeville.
- A woman suffered serious burns when a group of people doused her with petrol and set her alight at Vereeniging station.
- The bodies of two men who had been necklaced were found in Khayelitsha, outside Cape Town.

By Guy Jepson
Melody McDougall and Sapa

2 policemen murdered

Two policemen were killed and four seriously hurt in separate attacks at Vosloorus, Sharpeville, Soweto and Umlazi at the weekend.

Police on the Witwatersrand said assailants hacked to death an off-duty policeman in a Vosloorus street at about 2 am yesterday.

The unidentified policeman fired a shot at his assailants, wounding one, before he was overpowered.

In Umlazi, Natal, police assistant Juliet Xulu was found dead with stab and bullet wounds early yesterday

In separate incidents, a large number of firearms — including 17 G-3 rifles, two shotguns and two F-1 rifles — were seized in the area, the scene of an Inkatha rally.

In the Vaal Triangle two policemen were admitted to Sebokeng Hospital with multiple bullet wounds after being ambushed by gunmen in Sharpeville early on Saturday.

Sergeant T S Mkatlo and Constable O D Pitso of the Sharpeville police station are in a satisfactory condition.

The SAP members were on patrol in the township when they stopped their vehicle at a barricade in the road at the corner of Dubula and Vilikazi streets and unknown gunmen opened fire on them.

In Soweto, unknown gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles opened fire on the Orlando police station as they drove past, seriously wounding two police guards who were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

Cop hurt in grenade blast

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MR AMOS TWALA peeps through a broken window which was damaged when gunmen attacked his house, during a party at the weekend. Pic: LEN KUMALO

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE and Sapa

AN off-duty police constable and a woman were seriously injured when a handgrenade exploded in their Zone 6 Diepkloof, Soweto home yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the policeman - a Constable Molefe stationed at John Vorster Square - and the woman were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital with serious injuries.

Damage caused to the house was estimated at R8 000. No one has been arrested and police are investigating.

Meanwhile the death toll in Saturday night's shooting at a party in Zone 8, Sebokeng has risen to five, after two injured people died in hospital.

Police said about 30 people attending a party at a house apparently belonging to an ANC member, were fired upon with an AK-47 rifle. No arrests have been reported.

In Daveyton, a man was seriously injured when shots were fired through a window of his home on Sunday night, according to a police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce.

The attackers then threw a M26 handgrenade at the house before escaping, but the handgrenade failed to explode.

Bruce said the victim, Mr William Moeketsi (61) of Garden Village Ext 2, Daveyton, was wounded in the arm, leg and chest. He was admitted to Glenwood Hospital, Benoni. His wife Mary was not injured.

Other unrest-related incidents are:

At Vosloorus, an off-duty policeman was fatally wounded when he was attacked and stabbed with sharp objects. A man has been arrested in connection with the murder.

In Alexandra, two men were killed when gunmen opened fire on them.

Meanwhile Mr Velaphi Ndlovu, KwaZulu deputy minister of works, survived the sixth or seventh attempt on his life at the weekend.

Two men were injured when his Imbali, Maritzburg, home was bombed and raked with gunfire on Saturday.

This was the third attack on his home in a week. Ndlovu was at home during the incident His house was attacked twice last week while he was out.

"They are playing a political game," he told *The Daily News*.

A guard at his home and a family friend were injured when two men threw grenades at his home. Two other men, one carrying an AK-47 and another with a 9mm firearm, joined the fired at the house.

Members of a nearby South African Police firearm unit sped to the scene and their van was hit several times by AK-47 bullets. A bullet which ricocheted off a door handle narrowly missed the policemen who was driving.

The police shot back at the gunmen, but the attackers escaped.

R30 000 reward for train killings

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THE South African Police are offering a R30 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a group of men who killed seven passengers and injured 12 on a train in Soweto about two months ago.

The reward was announced by the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria at the weekend.

The seven commuters were killed when an alleged group of hostel inmates attacked commuters on a Johannesburg-bound train between Nancefield and Orlando stations in October this year.

The group boarded the train at Nancefield Station and started firing shots at passengers. One of the commuters was forced to jump off. Five men died and nine injured.

Between Nancefield and Orlando stations, a number of passengers were thrown from the moving train. Bodies of two men were later found alongside the railway line.

Three people were found with multiple injuries. Anyone with information is asked to contact Constable Badenhorst at (011) 980-8140.- *Sapa.*



Thirty years of armed struggle . . . Raymond Mhlaba (left), Oliver Tambo, Nelson Mandela and Isaac Nkobi are some of the ANC leadership who attended the MK anniversary celebration at Orlando Stadium yesterday. Picture: Herbert Mabuza

...empers erupt at low-key MK rally

STAR 17/12/91

By Zingisa Mkhuma and Montshiwa Moroke

A shot was fired and several clashes between the police and ANC youths took place as tempers flared at the 30th anniversary of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, at Orlando Stadium yesterday.

About 10 000 ANC members attended the rally, which was addressed by ANC president Nelson Mandela, national chairman Oliver Tambo and MK commander Joe Modise.

But the rally was marred by several police clashes with people coming to the rally.

The people accused the police of provocation by conducting searches at the gates.

Weapons

However, Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police denied the allegations, saying the police had the prerogative to conduct searches anywhere.

Crowds from various areas converged on the stadium by bus, minibus and taxi while others arrived on foot.

They chanted slogans and freedom songs and hoisted ANC, SACP and Cosatu flags.

Sections of the crowd were seen carrying an assortment of weapons, such as spears, pangas, sticks, axes and iron bars, as they entered the stadium.

Tension grew before the rally when a shot was fired on the eastern side of the stadium. Angry youths accused the police of firing the shot but the police denied doing so.

A potentially explosive situation was averted by the intervention of senior ANC officials when police detained a 17-year-old Soweto youth, known only as "Saddam", for wearing camouflage uniform.

The youth was driven away in a Flying Squad car while a crowd milled around, shouting and demanding that the youth be brought back.

After negotiations between the police and some ANC members, the youth was returned to the stadium minutes later He was allowed to keep his military-style shirt and the crowd responded by applauding.

Just as tensions seemed to be flaring, a policeman collapsed on the ground to the delight of the crowd, who screamed: "Die, you devil."

In another incident, police grappled with youths travelling in a minibus taxi and threatened to arrest the driver for allegedly driving a stolen car. There were heated exchanges between the two sides and an ugly situation was averted when the police decided to let the man go.

There were several roadblocks on roads leading to the stadium and the police maintained a heavy presence outside the arena.

In what was supposed to have been the highlight of the day, only 18 khaki-clad MK members drilled in a military parade. Part of the crowd expressed disappointment at this small number of participants.

However, the majority of the spectators ululated and whistled enthusiastically as the small squad marched around the soccer field.

Also in attendance at the rally were a number of prominent ANC Women's League members, including president Gertrude Shope, who was dressed in a military outfit.

The African Youth Band, Sipho "Hotstix" Mabuse and Jonas Gwangwa entertained the crowds.

Grenade blast hurts policeman

A policeman and a woman were seriously injured in a hand grenade attack in Soweto and a powerful explosion rocked a multiracial school in Klerksdorp early yesterday morning.

Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo of the Soweto police said the grenade was thrown at a house in Zone 6, Diepkloof, around 1 am.

A constable Molefe, who is stationed at John Vorster Square, and an as yet unidentified woman were badly injured and the house was extensively damaged.

Both the injured were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital. No one has yet been arrested.

Early yesterday in Klerksdorp's Wil Koppies township, an explosion — believed to have been caused by commercial explosives — occurred at the Klerksdorp Christian Academy, a multiracial school, causing R500 000 damage. There were no injuries.

A 61-year-old Daveyton man was seriously injured when shots were fired through a window of his home in Garden Village, Extension 2, at 9 pm on Sunday.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said the attackers then threw an M26 hand grenade at the house before fleeing.

The grenade did not explode and was later detonated by the police.

Retired teacher William Moeketsi (61) was admitted to the Glenwood Hospital in Benoni with wounds in his arm, leg and chest. His wife Mary was uninjured. — Staff Reporters.

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Wrath of the people

Squatters 'necklace' suspected gangsters

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FOUR suspected members of a notorious gang were killed and then set alight by angry residents of a squatter camp in Khutsong, near Carletonville, on Monday.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The alleged gangsters were killed after they had attacked an eight-man delegation which had been appointed by the community to arrange peace talks between the gang and the residents.

Some members of the delegation were injured during the attack.

A spokesman for the Western Transvaal police said yesterday police were investigating reports that a crowd of squatters were involved in the killing of the four men, whose charred bodies were found in the camp on Monday afternoon.

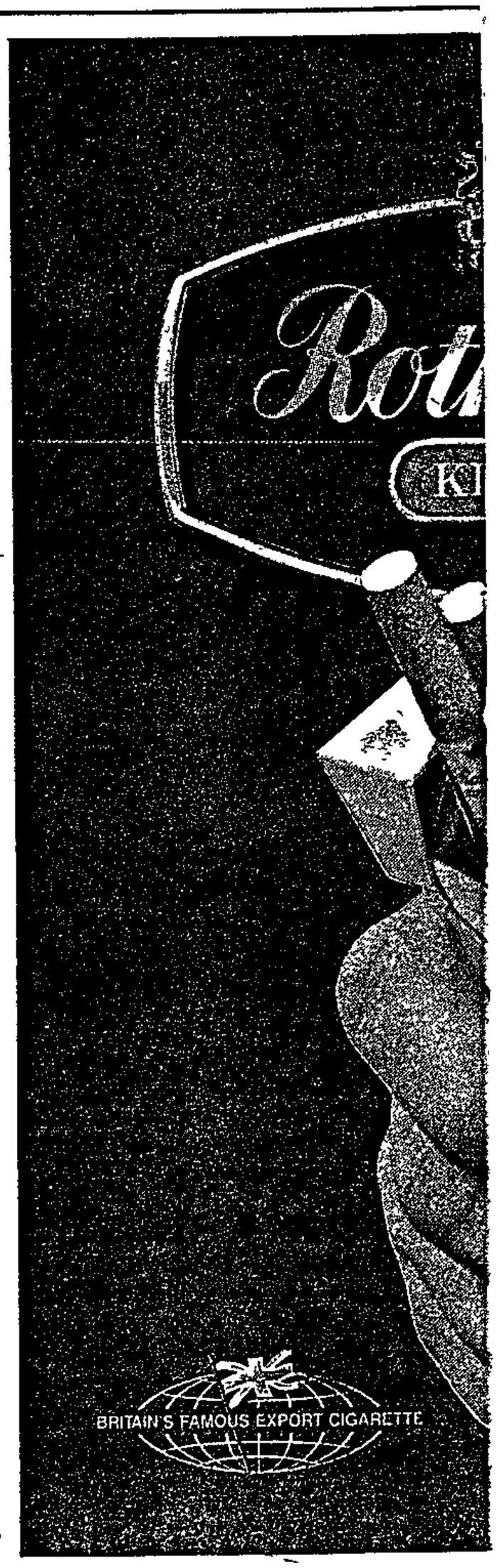
He said the four, whose names could not be established, were alleged members of a gang and suspects in several murder, robbery and rape cases.

No arrests had yet been made in connection with the killings.

According to a source, the gang had waged a reign of terror in the Western Transvaal township for sometime. He said police had been informed about the gangsters' activities on many occasions, but no action was apparently taken against

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WHERE DE KLERK HAS FAILED

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FROM the moment we entered this tricky transition from apartheid to democracy, it was clear everything would depend on the two principal players, President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela being able to carry their respective constituencies with them into whatever deal was struck

Failure by either would mean a failure of the entire process

For the first year concern was focused on the ANC as it struggled to find its feet back in South Africa, to make the transition from the politics of protest and revolution to that of negotiation and compromise, and to integrate a leadership that had been scattered between prison, exile and surrogate organisations at home

Now it is the other way around While the ANC has become more coherent since its national conference last July and the latest opinion polls show Mr Mandela's ratings in the black community up from 55 to 69 percent, there is growing concern about Mr de Klerk's ability to carry the white population with him

He is losing support steadily to the Conservative Party, a trend likely to be reflected again in today's Potchefstroom by-election Unless he halts it he will soon lose majority support among the whites That would have serious implications for his negotiating position as the putative leader of the whites and for the whole Codesa exercise

Now one hears that the National Party wants to turn this deteriorating position to its advantage, using it as a bargaining lever at Codesa to pressure the ANC into making more concessions

I first got a hint of this at press briefings in Cape Town last month, when it become apparent that some Government members want to use Mr de Klerk's commitment to a white referendum as a kind of negotiating blackmail — "You'd better give us this or we won't be able to win the referendum"

This is both despicable and dangerous. Bringing the white constituency into the deal is Mr de Klerk's responsibility, not Mr Mandela's — just as it is not Mr de Klerk's job to keep the restive "comrades" in line

If Mr de Klerk is failing in his role he must rectify that himself, not expect Mr Mandela to do it for him For if Mr Mandela starts over-compensating to appease Mr de Klerk's unhappy followers, he will soon disaffect his own — so precipitating a double crisis

No, each must be responsible for his own bailiwick Except for continuing discord on economic policy which he must rectify, Mr Mandela has got the ANC's act together reasonably well Now it is Mr de Klerk's turn

His problem is a failure of communication with his own people

As Zacharia Malekane, the ANC's Western Transvaal chairman, put it when asked about Potchefstroom "When De Klerk crossed the bridge, he didn't cross it with the white community White voters are confused"

Just how confused is readily apparent to anyone visiting Potchefstroom and other parts of the platteland

These hapless Nationalists have been led in one direction all their lives, saturated with apartheid indoctrination, and then in a single day their leader made a 180-degree turn and left them to follow

He has offered them the minimum of explanation He did not go on television after his February 2 1990 speech to explain how he, a hardline apartheidist who had built his reputation fighting for things like "own affairs" and "own education' and was the man the NP used to counter Dr Andries Treurnicht in the Transvaal, came to undergo such a Damascus Road conversion and why they should follow him

He did not go from town to town and farm to farm to explain the forces of political reality that had borne in on him as he became President and forced him, painfully and reluctantly, to realise that apartheid had led them all into a dead-end street from which Afrikanerdom had to turn around and escape in order to save itself

He did this at Potchefstroom's Olen Park on Thursday night He spoke of how he, his father (a Cabinet Minister in three Nationalist governments) and his grandfather had striven over three generations to realise the apartheid dream of a fair partition, and of how ultimately he had been compelled to acknowledge that it was unattainable and that there was no part of South Africa without an irreversible black majority

Of course we would all like to live in our own state," he said

"We would like a nice, neat homogeneous existence without all the problems and tensions of having to live together with other people

But it is meaningless to vote for what you would like to see You must vote for what you think can work"

It was good One could feel it sinking in to the 2 500 crowd, like rain into thirsting soil But it was two years too late

This is the message Mr de Klerk should have stomped the platteland with in February and March of 1990, not thrown out as a last-minute addendum to a failed by-election campaign after half the constituents had already voted

Mr de Klerk's belated entry into the Potchefstroom campaign typifies the failure Potchefstroom is his town

I wasn t born here but I was bred here," he told the Olen Park crowd

The university is his and his wife's alma mater, and in two weeks he will be installed as Chancellor

Yet at the height of the campaign, when the Conservatives were beating on every door, Mr de Klerk was not there among his own people He was in Davos, in Paris, in Budapest and in Warsaw

His strategy, as it has been from the beginning, was to try to win votes at home by demonstrating that the new policy can end isolation

It was misconstrued Snide references to a Jan Smuts syndrome aside Mr de Klerk's failure to communicate with his constituents has exposed him to charges that he is a turncoat and a man whose word cannot be trusted

He does not seem to understand the basis of his credibility problem He keeps saying he was given a mandate in the 1989 election to negotiate a new constitution, and in a strictly technical sense this is true But no-one expected him to do what he did

He sanctioned an NP campaign in that election that denounced the newly formed Democratic Party for meeting the ANC labelling it untrustworthy and unpatriotic The NP ran a smear poster showing DP co-leader Wynand Malan talking to Joe Slovo

Five months later Mr de Klerk unbanned the ANC and began talking to it himself

It was a brave leap but one that placed an inescapable onus on him to explain himself to the people who were confused by such a turnaround That he must still do and not expect Mr Mandela to compensate for his failure □

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A sad day for education

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Faced with gross overstaffing in white education, the Government has decided to axe 4 000 teachers' jobs, in spite of an outcry over the chronic shortage of educators in black schools. Education reporter PHIL MOLEFE reports.

WARNING signals have been flashing all over the country that something urgent and drastic has to be done to save the country from an education catastrophe

But it seems the signals are being ignored by those who have the capacity to address the issues

The Government's decision to retrench 4 000 highly qualified teachers while millions of black children are crying out for education will surely go down as a sad day for South Africa's education

The announcement on Monday by Education and Culture Minister Piet Marais has once more shown the Government's apparent unwillingess to address the country's education crisis in totality rather than in racial compartments

Mr Marais said the retrenchment programme would be carried out with compassion — but many would point out that the retrenchments were a mistake in the first place

Undoubtedly, the Government had to emabark on a massive rationalisation programme for the white education department, but this should not have resulted in thousands of teachers being dismissed

The country's education crisis has its roots in years of unequal distribution of resources to various racial education departments

While the huge black education department received meagre allowances in terms of State subsidies to schools, the white education department had a substantial supply of resources over a protracted period of time

Until fairly recently, Government spent five times more on each white child than on each black child

The white education department is overstaffed by about 11 000 teachers and, on the other hand, pupil enrolment figures continue to dwindle

A total of 92 white schools were closed down at the end of 1991 because they were running half-empty

These schools had the potential capacity for 22 386 pupils, but combined enrolment was only 8 638, leaving a wasted space for 13 748 pupils

This crisis in white education left many classrooms empty and scores of teachers redundant

If there was one education department, then 4 000 teaching posts would not have been sacrificed at a time when millions of the country's children have no schools and teachers

With one education department, the authorities could have easily identified areas that were overstaffed and simply transferred personnel to those areas where there was a dire need for educators

Educationists have warned that it is difficult to rationalise when the country has about 18 separate education departments

There is no mechanism for transfers, limiting movement from one education department to the other to almost nil

In the light of Mr Marais' announcement, the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) has reiterated its call for the establishment of a single education ministry founded upon the principles of non-racialism and democracy so that national education planning could truly be national and not favour one section of the community over another

NECC general secretary Ihron Rensburg said the plan would not lead to the full and optimal utilisation of white education resources

"If the optimal use of white education resources is calculated at pupil/teacher ratios of 1 35, then the department would have to increase its capacity by at least 900 000 pupils

Mr Rensburg said the new plan fell sqaurely within the category of unilateral restructuring which is intended to favour white communities and advance the National Party's commitment to "own" and "white" education

Angry teachers have questioned the logic of the plan How, they ask, can the Government speak of massive cuts in the education budget when the Transvaal Eduation Department recently announced it was prepared to offer golden handshakes of as much as R300 000 to senior teachers in Model C schools

Democratic Party spokesman on education Roger Burrows has described the plan as "giving away the family silver for very short term budgetary problems"

He concurred with the NECC that the move would give away several billions of rands of State assets"

Renowned educationist Professor Johan Muller of the University of Cape Town said the new plan bore the hallmarks of apartheid education policy — wastage and inefficiency

The Government has systematically ignored other viable options and was clinging to solutions found in the framework of "own affairs" rather than looking broadly at the country s education system, he said

The NECC has suggested that the main option be the establishment of a National Negotiating Forum for Education and Training so that education and training planning could be conducted on a national and nonracial basis

Executive director of the Transvaal Teachers' Association Hugo Ackerman said it should be regretted that Government was bent on ad hoc decisions made within the context of "own affairs'

'Our hope is that a moratorium would be declared on all these decisions until a new education structure has been negotiated for all the people of South Africa," Mr Ackerman said

The Government's plans to convert all white schools to State-aided (Model C) schools has provoked anger and anxiety among concerned parents

The conversion would have serious financial implications as parents would be expected to dig deeper into their pockets

Only those who can afford it will have access to better equipped and suitably staffed white schools

In a Model C school, the Government pays only a subsidy covering the full salary bill of teachers The remaining 25 percent of total running costs — about R1 000 a pupil — is borne by the community

With the new arrangements, fees would increase from R300 to an average of R1 000 a year □

4 gangsters butchered (2/18)

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the gang. Sowetan 18/12/93

Then on Monday, residents held a meeting at a local church in an attempt to resolve the conflict between themselves and the gang.

Accusations

Four members of the gang, including their alleged leader, known only as "Papa", attended the meeting.

"During the meeting the gang members became angry when accusations were levelled against them," the source said.

"While some speakers appealed for calm, the gangsters walked out and told the organisers that if anyone wanted to see them, they would be found at a section of the squatter camp called Namibia," the source said.

The meeting continued despite the gang's walkout. Some residents argued, however, that it was pointless to continue the meeting without the gang.

An eight-man delegation was then appointed to meet the gangsters and persuade them to rejoin the peace talks, according to the source.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Delegation

"We later learnt that when the delegation arrived at a shack where the gang was, five were stabbed and shot. Three of them managed to escape. The injured were reportedly admitted to Leratong Hospital.

"When squatters realised what was happening, they rushed to the delegation's rescue," the source said.

The four suspected gangsters were killed in the ensuing battle.

Two other gang members were arrested by the police the same afternoon, according to the source.

ANC blames cops for Alex stoning

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THE ANC in Alexandra yesterday blamed police aggression for stoning incidents in the township.

Police on Monday evening used rubber bullets and tearsmoke to disperse about 400 residents after the crowd stoned SAP members, police reported.

Confirming the incident, Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said that at 6pm on Monday police stopped and searched a car in the township after it was seen travelling at high speed.

The driver of the vehicle resisted arrest and during the confrontation a crowd gathered.

"The crowd began throwing stones, beer bottles and cans at the policemen. Constable JJ Leonard's forehead was injured and two of his colleagues suffered minor injuries. Police were forced to shoot 16 teargas canisters and 14 rubber bullets," said Bruce

This dispersed the crowd. The driver of the vehicle is being detained on reckless and negligent driving charges. Two other men were arrested for public violence.

But the Alexandra ANC yesterday insisted the people in the car agreed to be searched. Policemen had drawn their pistols and acted in an aggressive manner. A passerby was allegedly pushed to the ground for no apparent reason.

Local ANC spokesman Mr Obed Bapela alleged that "from the outset police were aggressive". Police also apparently objected to the fact that a white person was in the car, saying this was illegal, according to the local ANC.

"It is about time some policemen, especially white police, change and see us (township dwellers) as human beings and treat us with respect. . ."

Bruce said on Monday: "It is a pity that the community react in this way to the actions of policemen who were carrying out their duty. The officer at the scene observed that the abuse of liquor led to antagonism from the crowd.

"It is not impossible that children of people who threw stones at the police could have been knocked down by the driver Police deserve the support of the community when acting to protect them. The police are able to account for ammunition down to the last round which shows they acted in a disciplined manner," said Bruce. - *Sapa.*

1991: Year of the massacre

The Government, African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party signed the Peace Accord this year. For most political commentators this was a particularly violent year as political violence worsened in parts of the country despite the signing of the accord. Political Reporter THEMBA MOLEFE looks back on a turbulent year.



PWV reels under the lawless rule of the AK-47

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ANOTHER five people died in a hail of AK-47 rifle bullets in Sebokeng as they enjoyed a stokvel party last weekend.

This latest carnage at Mr Amos Twala's Zone 8 house in which unidentified gunmen killed people in cold blood, has accentuated the sinister pattern of the violence which gripped black townships with shuddering intensity in 1991

This came a week after another massacre on December 8 in which nine people were killed in similar fashion in Dobsonville, Soweto.

Sowetan subsequently reported that the gruesome AK-47 killings at the Seleke home in Luthuli Street were apparently a result of a love triangle involving a woman Miss Lillian Motsumi and two [illegible] township resident

this wanton menace - the indiscriminate AK-47 attacks.

On November 17 seven people were killed in Vosloorus on the East Rand They were brutally gunned down with AK-47 rifles by two "calm" assailants at a kitchen party.

Two weeks previously two youths were killed in the "Chicken Licken Killings" when gunmen fired at a group of young men playing a game of dice

This and the kitchen party slayings were yet another climax in the saga of violence in Vosloorus.

The "war" began in November 1990 when in one night 54 people were killed after a sudden power cut.

What followed was open fighting between hostel dwellers and residents, ending in the destruction of one hostel.

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Johannesburg· March 17 - Six people killed and seven wounded when a mob said to be from Alexandra attack people at George Goch Hostel

Daveyton: March 24 - Twelve residents, including an eight-year-old girl, are killed and 38 injured when police fired at about 200 supporters A Rand Supreme Court judge last month ruled at an inquest that police used excessive force.

Westonaria: March 24 - Six people are killed when shot at in a mine living quarters.

Tembisa: March 16 - At least eight people killed and eight wounded.

Alexandra: March 27 - The "Alexandra Vigil Massacre." Fifteen mourners killed and 16 injured when gunmen open fire with AK-47 rifles.

armed with AK-47 rifles.

KwaThema: July 20 - Nine people are killed in clashes with hostel dwellers.

Alexandra· August 11 - Nineteen die in clashes between residents and hostel dwellers.

Vosloorus: September 12 -Four passengers are killed when men in a minibus attack a Putco bus with firearms.

Vosloorus: November 17 - Seven de when two AK 47-wielding men fire at revellers at a kitchen party.

Dobsonville: December 8 - Nine killed when AK 47-toting gunmen fire at a house. This attack happened after an IFP rally addressed by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Sebokeng: December 14 - Five people killed when gunmen fire at a stokvel party in Zone 8 Sebokeng.



SURVIVOR: Mrs Beauty Seleke who lost her husband in an attack on her home in Dobsonville, Soweto.

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The attackers in that carnage apparently came from the Dobsonville Hostel, where Motsumi lived with her latest lover.

Her township lover was allegedly killed by hostel inmates over her three weeks ago, so the story goes . . .

Was it coincidence that the carnage took place after a huge Inkatha Freedom Party rally in Jabulani?

What is certain is that the attack has:

Once again put into focus the simmering hostility between township and hostel residents;

Started another political row with the ANC and IFP issuing scathing statements against each other; and

Highlighted the fact that Sebokeng and Vosloorus have had the lion's share of

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since January:

Sebokeng: On January 12 in the Vaal Triangle 27 mourners were killed and 50 injured in what was to become known as the "Sebokeng Vigil Massacre" when AK-47 rifle bullets rained on mourners at a funeral service.

Soweto: March 3 - Twentyfour people are killed and 15 injured in a clash between residents and Mzimhlophe hostel dwellers.

Tembisa: March 4 - Five people, including a six-year-old child, are killed during fighting at a squatter camp.

Alexandra: March 9 and 10 - Sixty are killed and 283 injured by a group said to be IFP supporters.

Alexandra: March 17 - Ten residents killed and at least 47 injured after an IFP

people are killed and three injured when gunmen open fire at pedestrians near a taxi rank.

Soweto: May 2 - Eight people are killed and one injured in the Dube Hostel vicinity during clashes between residents and hostel dwellers.

Tembisa: May 6 - Six passengers are killed when gunmen board a Putco bus near a hostel and open fire. Another five people are killed when assailants in a minibus open fire on a group of residents in the township.

Kagiso: May 5 - Five people are killed during an armed attack on a bakkie.

Soweto: May 7 - Eight die after being shot in a night attack on Chicken Farm residents by people in a minibus.

Krugersdorp: May 12 - Twentyseven are killed and 112 shacks razed during an attack on Swanieville squatter camp by about 1 000 men wearing red headbands.

Soweto: May 15 - At least 22 die after the funeral of Diepmeadow mayor Mr Moses Khumalo as Inkatha supporters go on the rampage in Meadowlands and Tshiawelo.

Sebokeng: May 23 - Thirteen killed and 10 injured when gunmen fire at patrons at the Gobizitwana Beer Hall.

Tokoza: May 28 - Twentyone people are found dead in Tokoza and Tembisa following reports of attacks by men in a minibus armed with firearms and other weapons.

Sebokeng: July 7 - Five people at Erika Tavern are shot dead by two men

Finger points to Inkatha

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By Karen Williams

THERE have been a spate of attacks allegedly by Inkatha members during the past fortnight, according to the Human Rights Commission (HRC).

Alleged Inkatha supporters wearing IFP T-shirts attacked a squatter camp near a migrant worker hostel in the Johannesburg-Alexandra area on December 7.

Mr Peter Matabela, 43, was killed in the attack and 10 people were injured with stab and hack wounds. One of the injured was a woman who had been gang raped.

Residents alleged the camp was looted and that they were forced to pay protection fees of between R30 and R100. Four Zulu-speaking men were arrested after the attack.

On December 8 at least 17 people were killed and 13 injured in an attack by alleged Inkatha supporters.

The HRC said the attack followed an IFP prayer rally at the Jabulani Amphitheatre at which "traditional weapons" were carried. Nine of the victims were killed in the Seleke home in Dobsonville, Soweto.

In Natal's Mooi River area, at least 18 people were killed when alleged Inkatha members indiscriminately attacked residents in Bruntville, an ANC stronghold, on December 3 and 4. On December 3 about 300 armed hostel dwellers approached the location and were turned back by residents.



WAR PATH: Inkatha supporters on the march in Durban

Inkatha leader David Ntombela was seen leaving Bruntville. About 15 minutes later, the hostel dwellers attacked Bruntville, killing four residents.

The police and the SADF, seen driving past earlier, did nothing to stop the attack. However, the security forces fired teargas at residents. After this attack SAP and SADF members searched residents' homes in White City looking for weapons.

About 4.45am on December 4 a second attack was launched in which at least 14 people were killed within one-and-a-half hours. Most died of stab and hack wounds.

Residents allege security forces did not restrain the attackers. HRC believes the massacre was a revenge attack on ANC supporters. The ANC activists marched earlier to demand police enforce the ban decided on concerning the public bearing of weapons.

Police subsequently announced that carrying weapons in public in Mooi River and Bruntville will be prohibited. A mobile police station is to be set up in Bruntville.

However, residents report police have not been disarming offenders.

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Ten unrest areas

ON December 4, Richmond was declared an unrest area by the Minister of Law and Order. The declaration of Greater Soweto, Alexandra, Thokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong as unrest areas was extended for a further three months. (278)

Ten townships are now unrest areas with curfews imposed on them all. They are: Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Tembisa, Dobsonville, Thokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus, Richmond and Munsieville.

Union violence holds up containers

VIOLENCE between two trade unions which left one worker dead and several injured at Spoornet's Kaserne depot near Johannesburg last week has led to backlogs at the container terminal.

Spoornet said a half-day backlog had built up as a result of the dispute, but expected work to return to normal today.

Nearby container terminal City Deep was not affected by the action, but was suffering from a one-day backlog.

Container terminal manager Buks Coetzee said this was primarily due to the higher Christmas season volume, a 6% to 10% increase in exports and the implementation of VAT.

ANDREW GILL and ROBERT WICKS

Spokesmen for commerce and industry said marginal delays had been experienced as a result of the backlogs. However, if drivers resumed work today, it was

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unlikely there would be any major problems, they said.

The violence erupted last Wednesday between the SA Railways and Harbours Workers' Union (Sarhwu) and the Black Transport Workers' Union (Blatu).

Blatu president Dan Phiri said the trouble started early last week when Sarhwu members decided to evict Blatu members from the plant.

Phiri said Blatu members returned to work two days later after management gave them assurances of their safety, but were assaulted by Sarhwu members, resulting in the death of a Blatu member.

Negotiations were under way between management and the unions for an organised and "law-abiding" return to work.

Phiri said management locked out Blatu and Sarhwu members in an attempt to stop the violence.

Spoornet spokesman Huibert van Teiglinge said the unions now had to sign a commitment to work normally He said that action undertaken by workers had become "unacceptable to management".

Management had brought in extra workers to supplement staff and as a result, the potentially large backlog had been restricted to half a day.

A spokesman for the Federation of Transnet Unions said none of its unions had been involved in the action.

Sarhwu was unavailable for comment

Let Mandela go back to Transkei

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ANC followers say hostel dwellers must be driven back to Natal and their accomodation destroyed because they cause all the violence.

The same should apply to Mandela for if after his release he had been deported to Transkei where he comes from, there would never have been any violence in the Transvaal except in Natal where ANC and IFP Zulus are mercilessly killing each other.

Those Zulus are stupid by having allowed themselves to be divided by Mandela into two groups. He should go and stay in Transkei and there will be peace in the transvaal.

The squatter camps should also be destroyed as they were built by Xhosa people who came from Transkei to the Reef to look for jobs after the abolition of the influx control laws.

The ANC turns a blind eye to the squatter camps because the bulk of their supporters stay there.

All they know is to shout that hostels be destroyed. The hostels were erected long before the influx regulations were scrapped and some townships built.

We the hostel dwellers did not flock to the Reef during that time but have been living in hostels for many, many years.

We are permitted to reside and work in the Johannesburg area. The ANC supporters in the townships, the ones with big mouths, must also demand that Mandela be driven to Transkei and the squatter camps be destroyed.

Zulus are not only in Natal but everywhere in this country. We did not opt for independence like the Xhosa people.

NTABANYANA, NDEBELE Merafe Hostel, Soweto.

21 held over Khutsong killings

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AT LEAST 21 people have been arrested at Khutsong, near Carletonville, following the killing and burning of five alleged gangsters in the township on Monday.

A Western Transvaal police spokesman said yesterday that an identification parade had been held at Khutsong Police Station yesterday and the suspects were due to appear in court today or tomorrow.

Gadaffi

Residents of Khutsong and the adjoining squatter settlement on Monday jointly hunted down and killed members of the notorious "Gadaffi" gang who had waged a reign of terror in the township for many months.

The gangsters were reported to have been cornered at a section of the squatter settlement called "Namibia" and set alight after being bludgeoned to death by angry residents.



Another step on the rock-strewn road to harmony

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The setting up of a local dispute resolution committee in Soweto last week was the latest step in creating the structures that will ensure the smooth operation and implementation of the National Peace Accord.

The committee was set up in the wake of conflicting statements over whether the initial meeting took place.

Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman Themba Khoza had said that the ANC had failed to apologise for making a statement accusing the IFP of involvement in the Dobsonville massacre.

The meeting was orginally set for Monday, but was cancelled due to the killing of a family at a house near the Dobsonville hostel.

The implementation of the Peace Accord depends largely on two key bodies — the Standing Commission on Violence and Intimidation and the National Peace Secretariat. These bodies were set up in October, with Mr Justice Goldstone, assisted by Advocate D J Rossow, appointed to probe allegations of security force complicity in political violence.

Hearings into shootings in Tokoza and Sebokeng have been going on, but no findings have as yet been made.

President de Klerk has called on people with evidence of security force complicity in the violence to give that evidence to the commission.

Enforcing the agreement between the signatories has been the most difficult aspect of the Accord.

It makes provision for procedures to secure peace, and for simple and "expeditious" procedures for the resolution of disputes regarding transgressions of the Code of Conduct for Political Parties and Organisations by political organisations which are signatories of the Accord.

The disputes are to be settled at grassroots level through mediation, arbitration and adjudication with disputes referred to the Peace Committee.

The final aspect of the Accord is the setting up of special criminal courts.

"An effective and credible criminal judicial system requires the swift but just dispensation of justice," states the Accord.

Joe Latakgomo reviews a new book from the Institute of Race Relations

An objective look at mass action

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DISRUPTION resulting from mass mobilisation can result in self-imposed sanctions, deterring foreign investment far into the future. This warning, from a senior academic in strategic studies, comes from the verbatim notes that make up a new book published by the South African Institute of Race Relations.

"Forum on Mass Mobilisation" focuses primarily on the African National Congress and the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM), and specifically the resolution by the MDM at its July 1989 Lusaka meeting, to strengthen mass action in order to control the pace and agenda of the negotiation process.

The tragedy, the book concludes, is that none of the major political players involved — the Government on the one hand and the ANC on the other — is capable of stopping mass action even if it wanted to. The Government, it seems, faults the ANC for continuing with mass action, which it sees as contrary to the Pretoria and Groote Schuur Minute, while the ANC sees this action as a legitimate weapon to pressure the Government and to ensure itself a major role at the negotiating table.

The study is structured around interviews with several political participants, academics, police and journalists. These interviews are based on the same questions, without attempting to define "mass mobilisation", and each of the respondents gives his own interpretation of what it means. The book lists several incidents of "mass action", ranging from rent boycotts to consumer boycotts, disruption of schools and attacks on black councillors.

Using this method of presentation ensures also an objectivity — limited only by the selection of participants — which would otherwise be impossible in an interpretive documentation. It leaves judgment on the various issues raised to the reader, and thereby makes a practical contribution to the debate on the whole issue of mass mobilisation — an issue which will be with us right into the new South Africa, judging from statements made by some of the interviewees.

Dr Anthea Jeffrey points out that the ANC had decided to make 1991 "the year of mass action for the transfer of power to the people", a resolution taken at the organisation's national congress last year. This action had resulted in local authorities being owed more than R1,6 billion in rent and service charges, while services in 23 townships had been cut off at various times over the year. Consumer boycotts had been called in several towns, for several reasons — but mostly because of the refusal by Conservative Party-controlled towns to grant permission for the holding of marches.

On the education side, there have been class boycotts throughout the year, including the expulsion of teachers — particularly principals — from school premises. Work stayaways have been called over issues such as the demand for a constituent assembly election. The institute points out that the last stayaway on November 4 and 5 (not included in the book itself), where an estimated three million people were absent from work, cost workers in excess of R200 million in lost wages, with the economy suffering substantial losses.

A senior State official is quoted as saying that mass mobilisation "will collapse the economic system. We want to build — not from a state of collapse — but from what we have now. It will also lead to a mass exodus of skills and entrepreneurship from South Africa if it goes too far."

A senior academic in strategic studies warns: "Countries which are prone to this kind of atmosphere suffer from almost perpetual sanctions afterwards. This is best summed up in the phrase developed in Argentina, where they talk of 'self-imposed' sanctions ... they went through a period of instability with mobs on the street ... now nobody wants to spend money or invest there".

A spokesman for the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) says that no single organisation is responsible for mass action throughout the country. The contradiction becomes clear when the spokesman says "we have suspended the armed struggle...", clearly referring to the position of the ANC, and in the next breath says "we will not stop mass mobilisation, even under a new government".

"We will intensify mass mobilisation to get rid of apartheid. We do not trust the Government to get rid of apartheid without the pressure of the people who feel its pinch," he says.

On the question of intimidation and the role this plays in the success of mass mobilisation, the spokesman said: "The Government talks of intimidation. This is propaganda. Organisations do not initiate intimidation." And then, again in contradiction: "It does happen however ... some individuals who are not instructed by their organisations do this."

CAST's campaign to force the resignation of black councillors has led to the bombing of homes and killings. But the CAST spokesman says: "This is not encouraged or authorised by CAST. But the council police use violence against the people and then the people resort to violence against them. We understand why people are using violence. We do not sanction it. But we also do not condemn it."

A spokesman for Cosatu says that "the whole history of South Africa in the last 20 years is one firstly of brutal repression of any attempts to engage in any peaceful protest and demonstration.

"What the South African state has done is to criminalise all opposition by the disenfranchised majority. So that various forms of action — now described as mass mobilisation — which sprang from concrete grievances which people were experiencing in schools, communities and factories, all these forms of mass mobilisation came to be seen as legitimate targets for State brutality; detentions, shootings, bannings, etc."

The ANC is, for its part, aware of the dangers of mass mobilisation deterring investment. A university researcher and member of the ANC said: "The fact that the mass mobilisation will put off foreign capital is something which is inherent and well understood. We do not want capital to come into South Africa. This is well understood by the leadership and is part of the equation..."

A senior police spokesman provides some revealing perceptions at that level, the most striking being the perception that "it is part of black tradition to settle disputes by violence", and "the Zulus are aggressive and war-like. We must take account of their history and tradition".

Another senior police officer believes that mass mobilisation is part of the armed struggle, and sees this in the context of a "people's war". "This is a war in which a liberation army becomes rooted among the people who ... participate in the armed struggle politically and militarily, including the possibility of engaging in general insurrection."

He argues that intimidation has to be viewed in the light of events since 1984. "Then there were widespread people's courts, necklaces, etc. This instilled a lot of fear. If someone now tells residents to march, they will be there. They fear what will otherwise happen to them, even if there are no necklace murders actually happening. It is not even necessary to make specific threats. The climate of fear has been created."

The book has responses on this, and other issues, from police, from Raymond Suttner, head of the ANC's department of political education, a spokesman from Inkatha, academics (two of whom are ANC members), the Government, CAST and Cosatu, and provides interesting — often conflicting — views on issues such as mobilisation, intimidation, the efficacy of boycotts and whether these organisations still have any control over events. □

● *Forum on Mass Mobilisation, edited by Anthea Jeffery, is available from the SA Institute of Race Relations at R26,20.*

Two policemen implicated in Tvl 'murder conspiracy'

Political Staff

A REPORT implicating two policemen at Schweizer-Reneke in a conspiracy to murder the chairman of a local civic association has been referred to the attorney-general of the Transvaal.

This was announced yesterday by the chairman of the Commission of Inquiry Regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation, Mr Justice Goldstone.

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He said that on December 10, 1991, the New Nation newspaper furnished sworn statements to the commission implicating two members of the SAP in a conspiracy to murder the chairman in Ipelegeng. The commission also has tape recordings.

The commission later examined the policemen and the informant in private.

'Police undermining peace process'

By SOPHIE TEMA

POLICE were undermining the peace process, the ANC's Western Transvaal Region claimed this week after a spate of violence in Tigane, near Hartbeesfontein.

ANC spokesman Ike Moroe said police seemed to have responded poorly to incidents that had occurred this month.

These included an alleged shooting by riot police, an alleged abduction and rape, three murders and the alleged supply of arms to Inkatha members by riot police.

Police public relations officer Lt PP Ramatsoele said the allegations were being investigated.

Nine unrest-related crimes, including grenade attacks on homes and unlawful possession of explosives, had been reported to Hartbeesfontein police since November 17. Suspects in six of the nine incidents had been apprehended.

"This is ample proof that the police are unbiased in the investigation of criminal activities."



HAUNTED BY HORROR . . . James Seepe, whose wife was one of the victims, survived the callous slaughter. Pic: ANDRIE

Seven gunned down in shebeen

By SOPHIE TEMA

MERRYMAKING, singing and dancing were brought to an abrupt end when more than nine people were gunned down in a shebeen at the Edenside Squatter camp near Sebokeng on Thursday night.

Seven people were killed and four admitted to the Sebokeng Hospital, near Vereeniging.

Vaal Police liaison officer, Piet van Deventer, said police were launching a fullscale investigation into the incident.

On Friday neighbours gathered at the home of James Seepe where the five men and two women – one of them his wife – were gunned down by unknown assailants with AK-47 rifles.

City Press visited the scene of the killings after the incident. Inside the house, some of the residents were mopping up in the aftermath of the bloody slaughter.

Seepe said about 17 people had gathered inside his shack and were having drinks. "We sang and danced. Suddenly we heard the sound of gunfire outside the shack.

"We continued singing and dancing when we were abruptly confronted by two men at the door pointing firearms at us.

"At first we all thought it was a joke We only realised the deadly intent of the two men when they started shooting at us in the shack.

"I managed to hide behind the door and saw my wife Nancy run into the bedroom and close the bedroom door behind her. As the gunmen sprayed the room with gunfire, I saw how victims slumped to the floor helplessly.

"Suddenly everything was quiet and the gunmen left.

"I went into the bedroom to speak to my wife, but I found her dead. She had been struck by a bullet which penetrated through the wall and hit her on the left side.

"That day will remain indelible in my mind for as long as I am alive."

A witness who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals said he was in a nearby toilet when he suddenly heard shots going off.

"I went to investigate. I saw two men standing right inside the door of the Seepe home. They were shooting mercilessly into the house.

"Two other men were standing outside keeping watch. After the shooting the four men burst into laughter and ran towards Sebokeng's Zone Seven area."

Seven die in shack attack

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A SPATE of bombings rocked South Africa in the wake of the launch of constitutional negotiations and politically motivated violence continues.

At least eight people were shot dead on the Witwatersrand on Friday.

Seven of them were gunned down in a squatter shack at Eatonside, near De Deur, Vereeniging, on Friday night.

Another man was shot dead in Alexandra township. (298)

Meanwhile, police are investigating five explosions in the Transvaal since Thursday. – Sapa

Seven gunned down in night of terror at Vaal shebeen

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SURVIVORS of the latest massacre in the Vaal, in which at least seven people were killed and five seriously wounded, yesterday described the horror attack.

Two men armed with AK-47 rifles burst into a shebeen on a shack in Eatonside near Sebokeng on Thursday night.

Mr Thinane, of Wright Road, Evaton, told *Sowetan* from his hospital bed that they were drinking and singing when two men armed with AK-47 rifles pounced on them.

He said: "At first I thought the sound of bullets were fire-crackers used by children to frighten us. There was pandemonium in the house when everybody ran for cover.

"I was struck by a bullet in the face. I cannot remember what happened until I found myself lying in hospital."

Mrs Phakathi, who was wounded in the face, said she was leading in the singing. She could not recall how long the ordeal took place, but said it lasted about three minutes.

"People - some dead - lay in a pool of blood in the room after the attack.

"We were taken to the Sebokeng Hospital," she said, adding: "I do not know the purpose of the attack."

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Sompane, of Sebokeng, who was wounded in the stomach, said the memory of the attack would remain indelible in his mind.

This is the fourth massacre to take place in shebeens in the Vaal Triangle townships in the past few months.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria confirmed the incident. The motive of the attack was not known and the police were investigating.

Three of the dead have been identified as Mr Tefo Mokoena, Mrs Nancy Hlatshawayo and Mr Masopha Mopo, while the rest are known only as Mamotsekiwa, Mphuthing, Joseph and Mgwevu.

5 cops to go on trial

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Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Five SAP members will appear in court on January 16 on charges of attempted murder, following an extensive police investigation into alleged atrocities at the Welverdiend unrest unit in the western Transvaal.

A police source said yesterday the five were among 11 policemen suspended without pay during the probe. The source said further charges against the 11, mostly for alleged assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, were under investigation or had been handed to the Transvaal attorney-general for consideration.

The Welverdiend investigation was initiated in August by police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe following media reports that policemen at the unit had allegedly tortured detainees.

The unit operated from a house near Carletonville's Khutsong township.

The Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression says it has linked the unit to at least 17 violent deaths in the township in the past two years. It claims scores of Khutsong youths received shock treatment at the house, or died during what police described as unrest incidents.

The unit has been disbanded since the investigation began.

The police source said the possibility of further suspensions or cases against policemen could not be ruled out.

Policeman dies, 2 bodies found in latest unrest

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PRETORIA. — A policeman was shot dead at Port Shepstone, the bodies of two men were found on the Reef and a murder suspect was saved by two policeman after a mob set him alight near Halfway House, the police said in their latest unrest report.

It was reported in Durban that 19-year-old Constable Ngibonisile Ngwane of the Port Shepstone patrol unit was gunned down outside his house at the Ndelu location on Thursday night.

A police spokesman said a group of "unknown people" fired several shots at him, hitting him in the stomach and the lower part of his body.

A member of Constable Ngwane's family returned fire and the attackers fled. No arrests have been made.

In Pretoria, police said they discovered the body of a man with stab and hack wounds at Kagiso Hostel, while another man was stabbed and hacked to death by a mob at the Ivory Park squatter settlement near Halfway House.

Also at the squatter camp a mob of vigilantes pulled a murder suspect out of a police van on Thursday and set him alight in front of two policemen, a spokesman said.

When the mob set their victim alight, the two policemen fired shots in the air to disperse the crowd.

The burnt man was taken to hospital in a serious condition, where he is being treated under police guard.

It is believed he had been tried by a so-called kangeroo court and sentenced to death.