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# Probe looks at mystery attacks

By THEMBA KHUMALO

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BLOOD-SPLATTERED rocks, a piece of bread and a dried pool of human blood were the only signs left at the murder scene where four IFP members were allegedly ambushed by Phola Park squatters on Wednesday.

The four victims died after they were surprised with gunfire by unknown people as they allegedly tried to shoot the squatters in an early morning raid at Phola Park near Thokoza township.

Approximately four hours later five more people were also shot to death in Katlehong, barely five kilometres from the scene of the first shooting.

Eyewitnesses said the gunmen carried out their mission from the back of a truck.

They opened fire indiscriminately on pedestrians, killing five men, including their own driver, witnesses said.

Apparently, the gunmen shot their driver by mistake and fled on foot when they became stranded.

The spokesman for Inkatha Youth Brigade, Themba Khoza, later identified the victims of the first shooting as IFP members.

He claimed that the four were ambushed by MK cadres when they drove past the squatter camp.

But the squatters told a completely different story about the first shooting.

It was around 6.30 am when the squatters heard gunshots at the nearby Angus railway station.

"At first we thought the shooting was confined to the station until a bullet fired from a rifle whizzed through my shack. My two children and I dived under the bed and the shooting persisted. It came from the direction of the main road that passes near our camp," said one resident.

She said the shooting lasted about eight minutes. When she went outside to check, she saw hundreds of local men chasing their attackers.

Two minutes later five men, including a white man, lay dead in a pool of blood outside the camp. But the body of the white victim was removed by the police 30 minutes later, claimed residents.

However, a spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, Captain Eugene Opperman denied the claims of the body of the white man.

A police statement said more than 20 witnesses had been questioned and none of them had mentioned a white man.

"Police have not found any dead or wounded white man so far," he said.

Despite the denial, shack-dwellers were adamant that there were two whites among the attackers.

They said the second fled to the nearby industrial area.

The squatters said they did not know who fired back at their attackers, but the retaliatory gunfire definitely came from the squatter camp.

Half an hour later the police came and fired in the direction of the camp, wounding about six squatters in the process. The victims were rushed to Natalspuit Hospital.

On Wednesday afternoon the chairman of the ANC in the PWV area, Tokyo Sexwale, accompanied Winnie Mandela, wife of the ANC president, to the two scenes at Phola Park and Katlehong.

Sexwale later said: "This is definitely not a war between the ANC and IFP. Not everyone who lives at Phola Park is an ANC member. The pedestrians killed in Katlehong were not ANC members. There is a fatal hidden hand that is at work here."

On Friday The Goldstone Commission held a special session to hear evidence from the ANC and IFP on who started the shooting at Phola Park and Katlehong.



# Township calmer after weekend peace summit

Staff Reporter

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The fragile accord brokered between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC by the Goldstone Commission for the strife-torn East Rand township of Tokoza on Friday has been called a victory for the peace process.

The two parties were brought together by the Goldstone Commission at the SA Perm's headquarters in Edgardsburg, Johannesburg, and emerged from a five-hour summit with the announcement that both parties would put a stop to the violence which last week alone left 70 dead and scores wounded.

Signs that the truce was holding were confirmed by the police, who manned round-the-clock roadblocks on all roads leading into the Katlehong/Phola Park/Tokoza complex on Saturday.

"Things have been noticeably quieter since Friday's meeting," said a junior officer at a roadblock outside Phola Park.

Although residents said they

had heard sporadic gunfire near Phola Park at about 9 pm on Friday, they were confident the treaty would hold "for the meantime at least".

The emergency meeting by the Goldstone Commission on Friday was held under the chairmanship of advocate Solly Sithole, who was assisted by former SA Perm general manager Bob Tucker and Newcastle attorney Lillian Baqwa.

During proceedings, ANC national executive committee (NEC) member Sydney Mufamadi and IFP central committee member Themba Khoza were questioned on press statements made by both parties following the ambush on a Rand Water Board staff minibus near Phola Park on Tuesday in which four people were killed.

The commission considered statements made by both parties after the incident to be "provocative and inflammatory" and contrary to the spirit of the National Peace Accord.

Mr Sithole said the media's role in publishing these statements was highly questionable.

When questioned, Mr Mufamadi denied that any reports on the incident had been sanctioned by the NEC. Mr Khoza contended he had "sufficient proof" to satisfy himself that the attack was ANC-inspired, adding that the unsubstantiated rumours of busloads of vengeful Zulu impis being brought into Tokoza "were the work of the ANC trying to divert attention from the real issues".

Mr Khoza said he believed the SAP had become ineffective in stopping violence and that many policemen had become biased against the ANC. These statements were glossed over by Mr Tucker, who concentrated on brokering a peace deal.

Mr Mufamadi and Mr Khoza were questioned on their respective parties' level of commitment to the Peace Accord and whether they thought a "mini-peace summit" was appropriate. Sensing their answers were a matter for public record, both replied "yes".

The meeting produced a resuscitated local dispute resolution committee under the chairmanship of Phiroshaw Camay.

## Gang attack (218) on Reef train

APG 2/3/92

JOHANNESBURG — Ten people were seriously injured in a train attack between Dube and Pomelong stations in Soweto today.

Lieutenant Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said a gang of armed men ran amok through the passenger train.



# Council men get 'death threats'

TWO Diepmeadow councillors and two officials have received death threats following allegations that the town clerk and other officials were misappropriating funds.

The four are mayor Mr Josiah Matlala, deputy mayor Mr Zebulon Tlhabane, city secretary Mr David Mabalane and senior legal adviser Mr Eldrid Maheppy.

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed charges had been laid.

He said investigations were continuing.

The four men said the threats were aimed at preventing them finalising their investigations into maladministration and corruption "involving certain council officials".

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# 2 die, 12 hurt in Soweto train attack

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By Gien Elsas  
and Carina le Grange

Two people were killed and 12 people seriously injured in an attack on train commuters between Dube and Pomelong stations in Soweto yesterday morning.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said passengers helped the injured — all of whom had sustained hack, stab or gunshot wounds — off the train at 5.20 am. Ten were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital by ambulance and two were taken by civilians.

Two bodies were found on the train when it stopped at Johannesburg station.

No-one was arrested.

Attacks on trains have claimed the lives of at least 12 people since the beginning of February, according to the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR).

This is in spite of announcements that the SAP would take "drastic measures" to protect rail commuters.

Police are trying, as far as possible, not to allow anyone to board any train while in possession of any object that could cause "grievous bodily harm or death" unless it was a legitimate tool of trade.

But according to the IBIIR, only visible weapons are being taken from commuters.

Witwatersrand liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the police could not reveal de-

tails of "security tactics", but added that new methods were constantly being introduced.

Police were using helicopters, metal detectors and visible presence to deter attackers, but they could not be everywhere at once and peak-hour overcrowding aggravated their task.

It was not feasible to body-search all commuters.

SA Rail Commuters Corporation (SARCC) national manager of station operations and security Coen van Niekerk said the policing of trains was being hampered by various factors which included high crime levels due to socio-economic conditions and the "spontaneous" dimension of attacks.

"There is never any indication in advance of an attack — it just happens," he said.

"This kind of violence is extremely difficult to prevent. How do you determine that a person getting on a train plans an attack during the journey? We cannot determine a man's character and, besides, 99.9 per cent of all commuters are not criminals. Within our framework we do everything we can."

He appealed to commuters to assist by passing on relevant information.

"We have a toll-free number — 0801-110141 — which can be phoned and there are rewards as high as R25 000 for meritorious information," he said.

The IBIIR, meanwhile, has been informed by commuters that two white men were seen selling axes at R10 each at Faraday station in Johannesburg on Friday.



# Youths on rampage stone Sharpeville police station

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The Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING. — A policeman was seriously injured and a policewoman was slightly injured after various incidents of unrest by groups of youths in Sharpeville, near Vereeniging.

The incidents continued sporadically throughout yesterday, during which the police station was stoned and two houses were set on fire.

A tipper truck belonging to the Lekoa Town Council was set alight and badly damaged.

A police spokesman said the trouble began soon before 10am, when about 500 youths stoned the Sharpeville police station, slightly injuring a woman constable.

The group dispersed and fled when police fired shots into the air.

Meanwhile another group of youths petrol-bombed and set fire to the home of an assistant constable's in-laws.

The contents of the house was destroyed and extensive damage was caused to the structure.

About an hour later about 30 youths also petrol-bombed a house belonging to the parents of the same assistant constable, causing damage estimated at about R15 000.

A while later a policeman, wearing only his underpants, was found seriously injured on a pavement in the township.

# No end to train attacks

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TRAIN attacks on commuters continued across the Reef last month despite announcements by the police in late January that it would take "drastic measures" to protect commuters.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said in January that as far as was possible, nobody would be allowed to board any train while in possession of any object that could be used to cause "grievous bodily harm or death" unless it was a legitimate tool of trade.

## Claimed

But attacks on trains have claimed the lives of at least 12 people since the beginning of February, according to the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression.

Spokesmen for the police and the SA Rail Commuters' Corporation yesterday said they were doing everything in their power to prevent the attacks.



# 2 killed in

# train strike

Soweto 2/3/92

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TWO people were killed and 10 injured in a Johannesburg-bound train yesterday morning, bringing to 14 the number of deaths in train attacks in Soweto since the beginning of February, police spokesman, Colonel Tienie Halgryn said.

They were attacked at 5.20am when men raided the train and started hacking and stabbing commuters. They are all being treated at the Baragwanath Hospital.

One man suffered a bullet wound, the spokesman said.

Names of the injured released to Sowetan include Mr Mzwandile Paul, Mr Wilfred Dlakuvo and Mr Simon Sibiloane.

Sapa reports that the bodies of two women were found in the veld at Tokoza, near Alberton, by schoolchildren yesterday morning about 50m from the Schoeman Road. They had been

By JOE MDHLELA

stabbed to death.

Police suspect both women had been raped before being killed and dumped.

Their identities are not known and a murder docket has been opened.

Halgryn said the train attack occurred between Dube and Phomolong stations.

He said 23 attacks which had resulted in 49 injuries had been recorded since the beginning of the year.

Halgryn said: "Where possible, commuters should inform police about people who terrorise them."

"It is not always possible for police to be in the trains when attacks occur. But they will always be available at the stations."

"We appeal to the public to help us identify the culprits, whom we will arrest," Halgryn said.

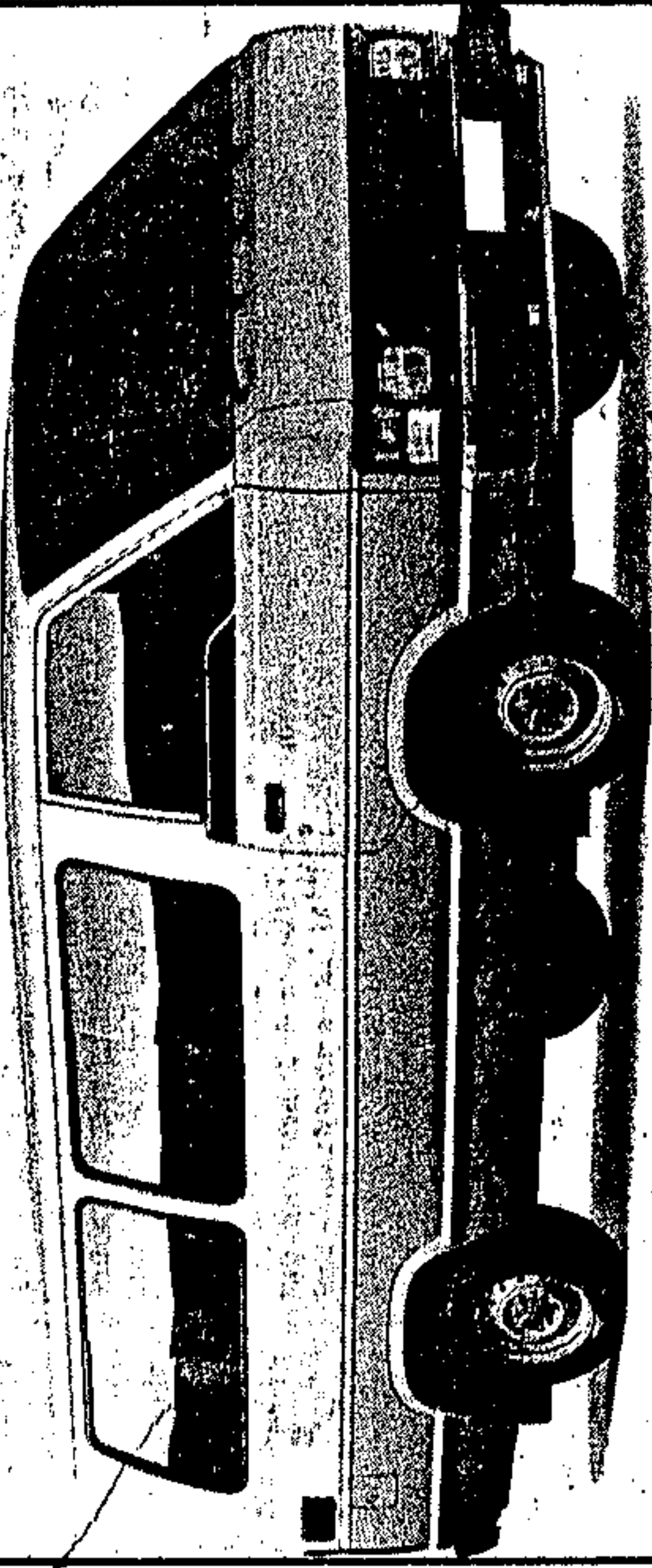
He said with the help of the public two people involved in train attacks had been arrested last month and have appeared in court.

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**Talks not sure**

**JOHANNESBURG.** — A meeting to halt the killing of policemen by the PAC's military wing has yet to be arranged, the PAC said yesterday. (218)

Denying newspaper reports that a meeting in Tanzania had been agreed between the Azanian Peoples Liberation Army and the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union, the PAC said it was still being discussed. Popcu has called for a ceasefire until the meeting. — Sapa



# Two killed in train attack

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JOHANNESBURG. — Two men were killed and 10 others injured when a group of men boarded a train and attacked commuters between Soweto and Johannesburg yesterday morning.

The bodies of the men, who were hacked and stabbed to death, were on the train when it arrived in Johannesburg, police said.

In Cape Town, a man known by neighbours as "Kalfie" was burnt to death when three shacks were razed in Old Crossroads early yesterday. It is not known how the fire started.

Five people were killed and as many wounded in Transvaal incidents on Sunday, while at least four people died in Natal on the weekend.

Two men died and two were wounded in the Eastern Transvaal when gunmen opened fire on two minibuses in separate incidents.

Police found the charred remains of a person burnt beyond recognition at the Phola Park squatter camp near Alberton on Sunday.

At Jabulani, Soweto, two pedestrians, both men, were shot dead by unidentified gunmen who opened fire on them from a minibus.

In Natal, the secretary of the ANC's Wembezi branch, Mr Herbert Zulu, died in hospital after being wounded in a clash between two groups at the Machini school, near Estcourt, on Saturday.

Three people, including a child, were shot dead when gunmen stormed their home at Bhamfhelia reserve in the Greytown district at the weekend. — Sapa

# Mob stones police station

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TWO police officers were injured, one of them seriously, when they were attacked by groups of youths in separate incidents of unrest in Sharpeville yesterday.

A local police station was also stoned and two homes set on fire.

This was after a man identified as Mr. Montwedi Molebatsi was shot and killed when he tried to attack a policeman.

A Lekoa Town Council tipper truck was also set alight.

A police spokesman said the trouble started shortly before 10am when about 500 youths stoned the Sharpeville

police station, slightly injuring a woman constable. The group dispersed and fled when police fired shots into the air.

Another group of youths set fire to the home of the in-laws of a local assistant constable. Furniture and other household goods were completely gutted.

About an hour later about 30 youths petrol-bombed a house belonging to the parents of the assistant constable, causing damage estimated at about R15 000.

A policeman, wearing only his underpants, was found seriously injured on a pavement.

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# Bank makes claim against Nedbank's 'negligence'

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A \$2,3m damages claim brought against Nedbank by a Canadian financial institution, which alleges it renewed a line of credit to ailing fertiliser giant Triomf on the basis of incorrect information negligently supplied by the bank, began in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Standard Chartered Bank of Canada claimed that if Nedbank, which was Triomf's banker at the time, had furnished a report correctly reflecting the group's financial position the line of credit would not have been renewed.

The report was submitted to Standard Chartered Bank through its SA agents, Standard Bank, in November 1985.

About seven months later Triomf collapsed, and was provisionally liquidated in July 1986, owing Nedbank more than R300m.

Nedbank is contesting the claim and contends that at the time the report was furnished Triomf was trading in normal circumstances and there was no reason to believe it would not continue doing so.

In his opening address before Mr Justice Roux, counsel for the Canadian bank, P So-

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lomon SC, submitted that although Triomf was already in severe financial straits, Nedbank reported that the group was trading normally and was able to meet its commitments.

Solomon submitted that at the time the report was issued Triomf's debt to Nedbank amounted to R301m and that its long-term liabilities had increased within 18 months from R58m to R155m.

He said at the same time Nedbank issued the report, it refused to give Triomf R5m credit to pay for raw materials while knowing that without the loan the company would cease trading.

It should have been clear to a reasonable person in Nedbank's position, Solomon submitted, that the party asking for the report wanted it to decide whether or not to extend credit to the company.

Nedbank, he said, had been negligent in not declining to issue a report or otherwise furnishing one that correctly reflected Triomf's financial position.

## Three more killed in Reef train attacks

WILSON ZWANE

6/04/92 313/92  
TWO men were killed and 10 seriously injured yesterday morning when armed men indiscriminately attacked passengers on a Johannesburg-bound train, Soweto police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn said.

The attack occurred at about 5.20am between Soweto's Dube and Phomolong stations.

Ngobeni said the injured were taken to Baragwanath Hospital where nine were treated for hack and stab wounds. One was treated for a bullet wound.

Halgryn said the police were investigating the incident.

In another incident, a man's body was found between Benoni and Dunsward stations on the East Rand. The police said the man, who sustained head injuries, apparently had been thrown off a train.

In another development, a three-member committee of inquiry will question witnesses about last week's East Rand AK-47 attack on a minibus in which four people died.

Sitting on the committee, which is an offshoot of the Goldstone Commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation, are advocate Solly Sithole, former SA Perm MD Bob Tucker and Natal attorney Lilian Baqwa.

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# Man dies as gunmen fire at shacks

West Rand Bureau  
and Staff Reporter

One man was killed and three injured when two gunmen opened fire with automatic rifles on backyard shacks at a house in Jabulani, Soweto, yesterday.

It was the second time the shacks had come under fire. Gunmen killed two shack dwellers on Saturday. Residents did not know the motive.

Captain Joseph Ngo-beni of the Soweto police said two men armed with automatic weapons

sprayed the shacks with gunfire yesterday before running towards nearby Jabulani Hostel.

The fusillade left one man dead, one with a gunshot wound to the stomach, one with a wound in the foot, and one with a head wound.

They were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital where one man is in a critical condition and the other two are serious.

The police had not released the names of the dead and injured at the time of going to press.

The owner of the house, Gideon Mpinga (72), said the victims, who were sub-tenants living in shacks in his yard, had been packing up to leave at the time of the attack.

● The renewed spate of deadly train attacks is continuing. The latest victims were two men stabbed and flung from a commuter train near Katlehong, Germiston, police said.

Their deaths bring the death toll on Reef trains since the start of last month to at least 14.





Police remove the body of a victim of yesterday morning's attack when gunmen opened fire on shacks in Soweto. Pic: SELLO MOTSEPE

# SHACK DEATH

*Sowetan* 4/3 92 (278)  
**A MAN was killed and three others injured yesterday when gunmen opened fire on families staying in backyard shacks at a house in Jabulani, Soweto - the second attack on the house in four days.**

Yesterday's incident brings the death toll since Saturday night to three after two other men were shot dead by unknown gunmen at the house.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni yesterday confirmed that two young men armed with

By KENOSI MODISANE

automatic rifles attacked the four men, killing one of them on the spot. The three injured men were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

The *Sowetan* had not yet established the names of the four at the time of going to press.

The men were attacked as they demolished their shacks preparing to flee the area following Saturday's attack on the house.

Baragwanath Hospital spokesman Mrs Anette

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# Killers pounce

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Clear described the men's condition as serious.

"One is critical and the other two are in a serious condition," she said.

Witnesses at the scene said the attackers fled into the nearby Jabulani hostel after the attack.

The owner of the house, Mr Gideon Mpinga (72) said he knew the man who was killed yesterday only as "David".

## Unprovoked

Mpinga said the men, who were sub-tenants in his yard, were preparing to leave following an unprovoked attack on them on Saturday night.

He said: "Armed men pounced on my sub-tenants while they sat outside in the yard on Saturday. They just opened fire and fled in the direction of the nearby hostel - leaving two of them dead."

He said the attackers later emerged and opened fire on police who arrived on the scene to investigate the shooting. Police fled the scene, according to Mpinga.

"I cannot understand why they chose my house," he said.



# Charges are withdrawn against trio

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Sowetan Correspondent

THE case against three hostel dwellers, who faced charges in connection with an attack on a train at a Soweto station last year, was withdrawn yesterday because of a lack of evidence, a spokesman for the Attorney-General said yesterday.

The spokesman said the Attorney-General had refused to prosecute Khulekani Mvelase (21), Mlamuleni Mchunu (22) and Richard Majola (28), all of Nancefield Hostel, because the State had found no credible witnesses who could identify them as the train attackers.

Seven people died and 18 were injured in the attack at Kliptown station on June 25. According to the spokesman, the victims all jumped off the train before any shots were fired, so it was impossible for them to identify the people who had fired the shots.

Shortly after the incident, the *Sowetan* of-

fered a reward of R50 000 cash for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thugs responsible for the killings.

But the reward was not claimed, *Sowetan* editor Mr Aggrey Klaaste said.

Meanwhile, the National Peace Secretariat has also stepped up efforts to contain the violence on trains but is hampered by lack of identification of attackers.

The South African Rail Commuter Corporation's national manager of station operations and security, Mr Coen van Niekerk, on Monday said policing trains was made difficult by factors which included high crime levels due to socio-economic conditions and the spontaneous nature of attacks.



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# Man flung from train

PRETORIA. — A man was killed when he was thrown from a moving train between Dube and Phefeni stations in Soweto on Monday. (278) CT 4/3/92

In another incident, police found the bodies of two men who had been hacked and stabbed at Park station, Johannesburg.

Meanwhile, the ANC said yesterday it was upset at the attorney-general's decision not to prosecute three suspected train attackers because of a lack of evidence.

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said the decision not to prosecute the men would undermine efforts to halt the train massacres.

The case against the men, who face charges in connection with an attack

on a train at a Soweto station last year, was withdrawn on Monday because of a lack of evidence.

A spokesman said the attorney-general had refused to prosecute Mr Khulekani Mvelase, 21, Mr Mlanuleni Mchunu, 22, and Mr Richard Majola, 28, all of Nancefield Hostel, because the state had found no credible witnesses who could identify them as the train attackers.

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The spokesman said the victims all jumped off the train before any shots were fired, so it was impossible to identify the people who had fired the shots. — Own Correspondent, Sapa.

# Cops guilty of robbery, kidnapping

JOHANNESBURG. — The Magistrate's Court here yesterday convicted two suspended policemen on charges of robbing a shebeen at gunpoint, and of kidnapping, indecently assaulting and attempting to rape a nearby squatter camp resident.

André van Jaarsveld, 23, of Cleveland and Johan Breytenbach, 27, of Norwood pleaded guilty to the

charges.

Van Jaarsveld also pleaded guilty and was convicted on a charge of assaulting another squatter camp resident, Mr Jimmy Dlamini, by punching him on the back and pushing him to the ground. *CT 5/3192*

The case was postponed to Thursday, May 7, for the probation officers' reports and sentence. — Sapa



# Two stabbed, flung out train

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men were stabbed and flung from a train near Katlehong, Germiston, and a woman was injured when a crowd threw bricks and fired shots at a train near Langlaagte early yesterday.

The Rail Commuter Corporation said yesterday it is to spend almost R12 million to make 11 Soweto stations safer — 10 by the end of May. Black entrepreneurs would be asked to submit tenders for the work.

In Natal, a man was shot dead and another seriously wounded in renewed clashes between Umlazi's Ekuthuleni shack settlement and hostel dwellers on Tuesday.

On Monday, one person died and three were injured when a home in Nhlungwane, KwaMashu, was set alight. Four KwaZulu policemen were injured in KwaMashu when gunmen fired at them on Tuesday.

● IFP representative Mr. Themba Khoza will meet police in Soweto tomorrow to discuss the violence and to hand them a list of complaints. — Sapa

## Policemen hurt in Reef attacks

PRETORIA 6/3/92 Four policemen were injured in attacks on the Reef on Wednesday. (278)

One was wounded in Sharpeville when a crowd stoned and petrol-bombed a police car.

Two policemen were wounded when gunmen shot at them in Tladi, Soweto, and another was hurt when gunmen fired at a police car in Katlehong, Germiston.

In northern Zululand, two schools were burned down. Damage was estimated at more than R116 000. — Sapa

# A prayer before dying on train

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

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Restored Mtambeki ... tossed from carriage for preaching in Xhosa.

Two thugs who grabbed a 72-year-old preacher on a train in Katlehong on Tuesday granted the old man a few minutes to pray silently before they tossed him out of the speeding carriage for preaching in Xhosa.

The Trains Christian Fellowship minister, Restored Mtambeki, died instantly.

Fellow minister Jeremiah Ngobese said Mr Mtambeki was in the first-class carriage on the 5 pm train from Katlehong to Wadeville when two men confronted him. They said to Mr Mtambeki, who was not preaching at the time: "Come, Xhosa, it is your time. We are here to take you out."

Mr Mtambeki asked his attackers for a few minutes.

"They let the old man pray and then he said 'I am finished' and they took him and beat him, then tossed him from the train."

Mr Ngobese said he and Mr Mtambeki had worked on East Rand trains for years.

"We just pray with passengers and pass the word of God around on the trains."

He believed Mr Mtambeki was killed because he preached in Xhosa. About a year ago, Mr Mtambeki was beaten up on a train for praying in that language.

A few weeks before he died, two men threatened him with a gun for the same reason, Mr Ngobese said.

"Now all the Xhosa-speak-

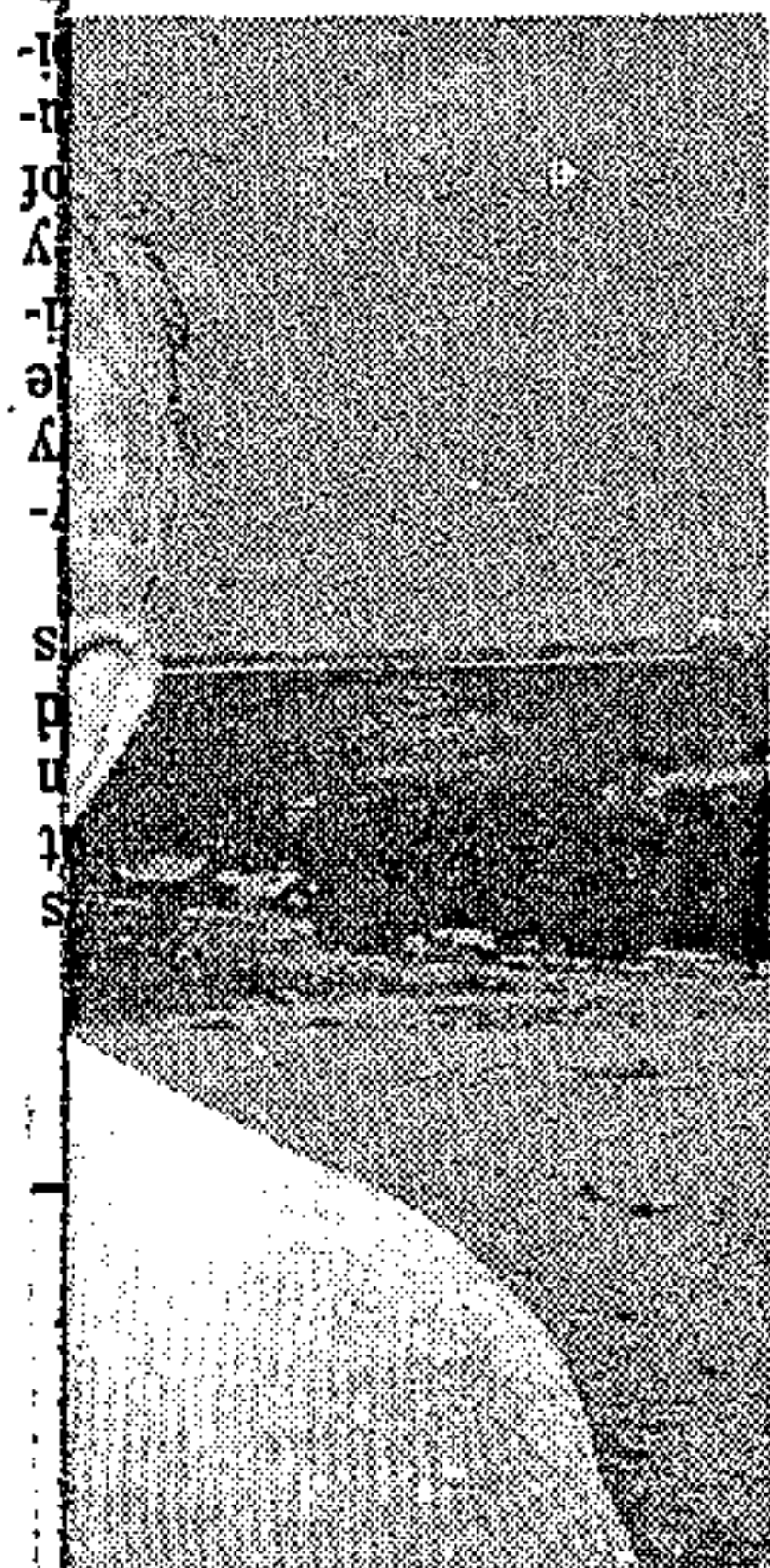
ing preachers are too scared to work on the trains, because they do not know why these men want to kill them," he said.

"I am Zulu-speaking and I do not belong to any political organisation. Neither do any of the other ministers. We do not preach politics. But this man was killed just because of the language he spoke."

"People who have nothing to do with politics are being killed for nothing. They are killing people who are not included in any tribal or political war. I wish they would stop this madness."

● Police on Wednesday confirmed that a man had died after being thrown from a train between Wadeville and Katlehong.





Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

## Cholera rumour quashed

KATHRYN STRACHAN

REPORTS of a cholera outbreak in the Zevenfontein squatter community were yesterday dismissed by Bryanston DP MP Rupert Lorimer as right-wing rumours spread to create fear among whites ahead of the March 17 referendum. *BIDAN 6/3/92*

Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) representative Zakkie Lombard and squatter spokesman Pinky Moloi confirmed there were no incidences of cholera.

TPA liaison officer Magda du Toit said the administration's clinic had found eight cases of diarrhoea.

Lorimer said it was surprising there had not been a cholera outbreak, given the squatters' living conditions. Better toilet facilities and more water were needed to ensure that disease did not break out, he said.

The biggest problem was that the camp, being so near the Klein Jukskei river, posed the threat of sewage seeping into the water — which put the squatters at great risk of contracting diseases such as cholera, he said.

The TPA said the Department of National Health and the Randburg Town Council were being called in.

## Inkatha and police hold talks on violence

THE Inkatha Freedom Party held discussions with the police yesterday, Soweto police liaison officer Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn has confirmed. *(278)*

He said if the party wished to release a statement on the matter, "then we have no comment".

Inkatha central committee member Themba Khoza released a statement last

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night saying further discussions would be held within six days.

"The SA Police undertook to invite an ANC delegation to attend," he said.

Khoza said yesterday's meeting was called after the latest attack on Soweto train commuters and the "shooting of IFP members by the police at Inhlazane

station on February 27".

Khoza was referring to an incident when a group of armed men, apparently from the Jabulani single-sex hostel, attempted to board a train at the Inhlazane railway station.

Police refused to allow the men on the train, and then used teargas to disperse the group. Three people were injured. — Sapa.

# Child was killed in police attack on house, says ANC

*B/day 6/3/92*  
A CHILD was killed yesterday morning when police fired on a house in the Vaal Triangle township of Sharpeville, the ANC has alleged.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the attack was part of a police campaign to eliminate ANC activists in the township.

Mamoepa said on Sunday ANC activist Montoedi Molebatsi was shot by a policeman after he had been to his niece's birthday party. "Information reaching our office indicates that someone whom the police had attempted to recruit as an informer, was shown 15 photographs of ANC Sharpeville members. Molebatsi's photograph was among these."

He said a Sharpeville station commander told marching students and local ANC Women's League members on Tuesday police had declared war on Sharpeville residents. The marchers were demanding the arrest of Const Skuta Marumo, who allegedly shot Molebatsi, Mamoepa said.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer could not be reached yesterday afternoon as he was in discussions with an ANC delegation about the Molebatsi shooting.

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□ Meanwhile, Sapa reports that SA Institute of Race Relations head John Kane-Berman told a meeting in Johannesburg of the SA Institute of Management that violence could continue in the post-Codesa period if people and parties believed their voices were not being heard.

Kane-Berman said violence was central to the quest for political power and government, through years of repression and bannings, had taught its extra-parliamentary opposition that violence was the only strategy to which it responded.

Over the years this had included actions such as strikes and stayaways and the killing of black town councillors labelled as collaborators.

Warning that a culture of violence was developing, he said a recent survey by the institute showed one-third of the people in SA had been intimidated or had experienced coercion at some time in their lives.

"We have reached the point where the threat of violence and coercion has become an accepted strategy in certain circles."

## Commission to probe AIDS law

KATHRYN STRACHAN

JUSTICE Minister Kobie Coetsee yesterday announced that the SA Law Commission would investigate all aspects of the law regarding AIDS. *B/day 6/3/92*

In a statement the Justice Ministry said there was a lot of uncertainty and difference of opinion about legal and ethical aspects of AIDS which made the investigation necessary.

Issues included the rights of people suffering from AIDS, the rights of health services staff, the role of AIDS testing, employment, abortion and rape, and security of information.

"If necessary the commission would hold public sessions."

Coetsee also said the SA Law Commission would be extended for a new term, ending on October 31, 1994. The commission had proved itself to be one of the most successful law reform bodies in the world, he said.

Mr Justice of Appeal H J O van Heerden has again been appointed commission chairman by President F W de Klerk.



# Storm brews in

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Police, ANC  
differ over  
activist's death

# Sharpeville

**JOHN PERLMAN**  
Chief Reporter

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TWO weeks away from the 21st anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre, the Vereeniging township is simmering with tension over the shooting of a young activist by a police constable.

And on Thursday, the ANC alleges, the same special constable went on the rampage, opening fire at random and threatening violence against mourners due to attend the night vigil of Montoedi Molebatsi, the slain activist.

That Constable Skuta Marumo shot Molebatsi is not in dispute. But whereas police say Constable Marumo fired in self-defence after Mr Molebatsi and others threatened him with a grenade, the ANC has called the shooting "cold-blooded murder."

Yesterday saw a fresh war of words between the ANC and the police, following a week which has seen the teargassing of a protest march on the police station, the arrest of 13 students and the fatal shooting of a 14-month-old child.

## Negotiations

The police and ANC, together with the Vaal Council of Churches (VCC) and other local organisations, met on Thursday.

The negotiations were chaired by the Independent Mediation Services of South Africa, but the police and the ANC disagree on what was decided. The ANC say it was agreed that police would be provided with statements from eye-witnesses to the killing, following which Constable Marumo would be either arrested or suspended by yesterday at the latest.

Police say a joint statement, issued by all parties, does not commit the police to act against Constable Marumo by any set date.

"We will investigate this matter thoroughly, but we gave no undertaking to arrest or suspend Marumo by Friday," said Vaal police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer.

The joint statement makes no mention of the arrest or suspension of Constable Marumo by any date. But other participants in the meeting say this was the sentiment of the meeting. "This was expressly said at the meeting," says a VCC representative.

Lawyers acting for the ANC say they have given the police one sworn affidavit from an eye-witness — a woman living in the area where the shooting took place — and will submit two others. "She has testified that the young boy had no weapon when he approached the policeman," the lawyer said.

The shooting sparked off a march by community members on the Sharpeville police station — scene of the infamous incident in which 69 demonstrators were shot dead by police in 1961.



# Surge of killing follows voting

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson

A brief calm in Reef townships on referendum day yesterday was followed by a storm of violent attacks last night and early today.

At least 12 people died in brutal train killings or bloody attacks on the Reef between yesterday evening and early today, police said.

Police said the bodies of two men were found with hack and head wounds between Crown and Nasrec Stations, Johannesburg, just after 7 am today. They had apparently been attacked and thrown from a train.

Another man was found soon after midnight near the railway line at Lindela Station, Katlehong. His body had been badly severed and it was not known if he was the victim of a train attack, police said.

Six more people died on the East Rand last night. Three bodies were found with bullet wounds in Katlehong. Two people were thrown from a train and one man was stabbed and tossed from a moving train between South Side and Wadeville Stations.

In Orlando West, Soweto, police found the body of a man who had been "neck-laced". Another man, who had been stabbed to death, was found in Mzimhlape, Soweto, early today.

In Dobsonville last night, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed to death in a burnt-out house. The house was one of three set alight at about 9 pm.

A man was seriously injured outside the women's hostel in Alexandra, when a mob attacked him and tried to hack him to death.

Four people — including a child and two women — were killed in separate attacks in Natal. The women and child died when unknown gunmen sprayed bullets into their home in Ndakeni, Richmond.

The renewed killings brought to 300 the number of people who have died in countrywide unrest since the referendum was announced on February 20.

The SA Communist Party has attributed the upsurge in violence during the referendum campaign to a "sinister third force prepared to win white 'no' votes with the blood of blacks".

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# Taxi war escalates

By DAN DHLAMINI

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THE taxi war, which has already claimed five lives in Klerksdorp, has spread to the homes of taxi owners.

Last week taxi owner J Mkhalipe's home was petrol-bombed and two weeks ago TT Balet's house was gutted.

Nobody was injured.

One taxi official, who wished to remain anonymous, said police were reluctant to catch the perpetrators. However, Western Transvaal police spokesman Lt P Ramatsoele denied this.

Meanwhile, Klerksdorp taxi commuters, angry at the war, have formed a committee to help stem the violence.

Committee spokesman Solly Rasmeni said the committee would negotiate with the warring factions. If the matter was not resolved soon, commuters would consider boycotting the taxi service.



# Cruel echoes from the past

By SOPHIE TEMA

VIOLENCE still rages in Sharpeville, 32 years after the tragic events that led to the death of 69 people.

Older residents in the area still carry the physical and spiritual wounds of March 21, 1960, when 69 people were shot dead by police bullets in a pass demonstration organised by the PAC.

These oldies have lived to relate their traumatic experiences of that tragic day to their children and grandchildren.

Today, the resistance that has prevailed in Sharpeville for the past three decades has brought the younger people and their parents even closer together and it is the younger generation that has become the township's militant force.

This week a group of women and the youth marched to the township's local police station where they spoke to station commander J Seabe and complained that 32 years later police are still carrying out attacks on residents, killing their children and damag-

ing their houses beyond repair.

After they had handed over the memorandum, teargas was fired into the crowd which sparked stone-throwing by youths.

The women tried to stop the youths, but Sharpeville Women's League leader Selloane Phathani nearly collapsed after she was overcome by teargas fumes.

The memorandum accused police of killing and brutally assaulting young men in the township without fear of being prosecuted.

It named Rangwane Lefhiedi, Thabo Mosebi and Montoedi Molebatsi as three victims of alleged police killings.

## 3 decades on, death still stalks Sharpeville

Molebatsi died on Sunday last week after he was shot in the back. This week the community called for the immediate arrest of the police who allegedly murdered the young three men.

They called for the withdrawal of all white policemen from the township, saying 70 percent of policemen were rightwingers.

The memorandum demanded that:

- The policemen who brutally murdered Comrades Rangwane, Thabo and Montoedi be prosecuted for murder;

- The police refrain from causing disturbances in schools;

- The immediate release of all detained comrades; and

- The withdrawal of the SADF from the township and the resignation of Seabe as station commander.

Before handing the memorandum to Seabe, Phathane said large-scale intimidation of residents by police would not be tolerated.

In his reply, Seabe said he was aware of the problems caused by one policeman in the area and the matter was being investigated.



FLASHES OF MARCH 21, 1960 ... Police disperse a crowd of demonstrators outside the Sharpeville police station this week.

PICT: ANDRIES MCINEKA

# Wrong body funeral drama

By MARTIN  
NTSOELENGOE

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A HEARSE driver feared for his life yesterday when more than 600 angry Inkatha members threatened to burn his hearse after he had twice delivered the wrong corpse to a funeral.

The funeral of murder victim and IFP member, Thokozani Xaba was indefinitely postponed after his body could still not be found.

The drama started at about 10am when a body was brought to the 2nd Avenue, Alexandra, shack. But after checking the coffin and finding a complete stranger, friends and family told the hearse driver to take it back to the funeral parlour and return with the correct body.

From there the armed IFP crowd went to Alexandra Stadium, toy-toying and singing freedom songs.

After two hours the hearse arrived at the stadium, but once again the body of a stranger lay in the coffin.

This time, the crowd was not so understanding and threatened to burn the hearse.

Fortunately for the hearse driver, an ugly situation was averted after IFP official Simon Nxumalo intervened and asked the more than 600 angry IFP members to disperse. The funeral was then indefinitely postponed.

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5 die in week of war as township simmers

# SHARPEVILLE RAGES

By SOPHIE TEMA

TENSION is mounting in Sharpeville where three more people were killed yesterday, bringing to five the death toll in a week of clashes between residents and police.

The violence took another ugly turn yesterday with Inkatha entering the fight. It is believed yesterday's killings were a direct result of the funeral of Inkatha member Tihola Morake, whose body was found in an open veld last week.

Hundreds of red-banded imps from the Kwa-Madala Hostel descended on Sharpeville to bury Morake, fuelling an already volatile situation.

Sixty-three-year-old Joseph Ramonyalo was cohered by imps while on his way to work yesterday and stabbed with assegais.

Later, before the funeral, an unidentified body was found stabbed in the veld near Morake's home.

After the funeral Sharpeville residents watched in horror as a group of assegai-wielding imps pursued local youths and

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injured in the deteriorating situation between residents and police.

"We have gone on record previously that this campaign of violence is being conducted by the South African Police," VCA publicity secretary Paul Sithole said.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer denied the police were involved.

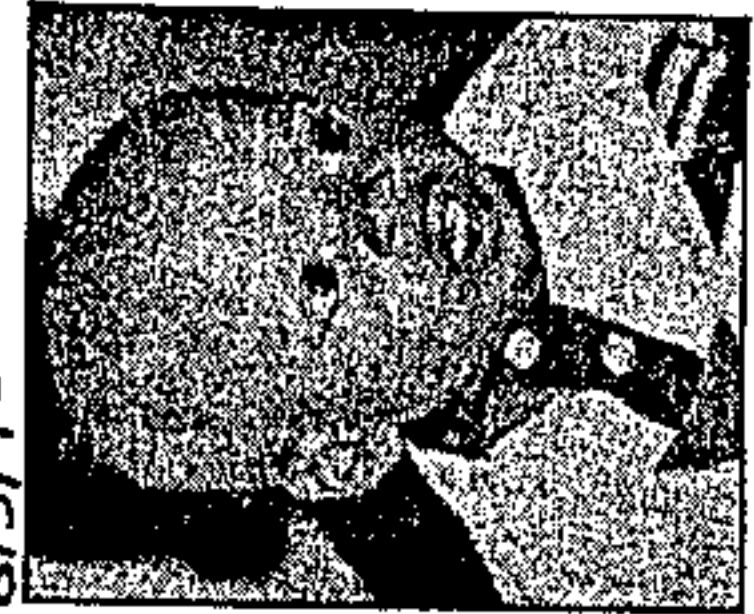
Violence erupted last Sunday following the murder of ANC activist Montoedi Molebatsi, allegedly by special constable Skuta "Scooter" Marumo. Marumo is alleged to have threatened to shoot 15 more activists.

The local ANC Women's League organised a march on Monday to the local police station to demand the arrest of the alleged killer-cop.

"He is also alleged to have threatened more violence against mourners who will attend the night vigil of Molebatsi," say ANC sources.

Police have undertaken to investigate information received from the ANC regarding the alleged killer-constable.

The ANC has demanded that today's funeral for Molebatsi be held "without hindrance".



**TINY VICTIM ... Slain Baby David Bovu.**

stabbed Namane Toathane to death.

Of the three, police could only confirm the death of Toathane.

Yesterday's killings followed week-long clashes between residents and the police in which an 18-month-old baby, David Bovu, died in his mother's arms when gunmen fired shots at a nearby house in an early morning attack.

Baby Bovu was struck below his left ear. A bullet grazed the arm of his mother, Ruth. She was admitted to hospital.

The homes of several Vaal activists, including that of the ANC's Rev Johannes Ntsepe, were also attacked that morning.

Sapa reports that the Vaal Civic Association (VCA) alleged the child was killed and his mother



**FUNERAL FURY ... IFP members, angry at a funeral parlour for delivering the wrong body for a colleague's funeral, threatened to burn the hearse.**

■ PIC: TLADI KHUZELE

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Viva sweep tickets for Saturday's big draw

# AK-47 burst kills six at funeral

PITCHED battles between Inkatha supporters and other factions in Sharpeville and Alexandra townships left up to 10 people dead during funerals for Inkatha members yesterday.

Alexandra Clinic spokesman Tim Wilson said he knew of only two certain deaths — that of one man killed by AK-47 gunfire near the cemetery and another beaten and hacked near the clinic gates.

The clinic treated 12 people for gunshot wounds and four for stabbings, he said.

Alexandra Civic Association spokesman Obed Bapela said six people had died and a number were wounded when gunmen opened fire with AK-47s.

However, police said one man was killed and seven wounded during a fight between unseen "marks-men" and some mourners who were armed during the funeral of Mr Thokozana Xaba.

Later, when the SAP

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intervened, another man was wounded and an AK-47 was seized. The funeral was postponed.

In Sharpeville, four people were killed and a house was gutted at the closing stages of the funeral of an Inkatha member, township sources said.

According to police, a group of ANC supporters attacked mourners on the way to a cemetery for the funeral of an IFP man, a Mr Morake.

In Boipatong, shots were fired at mourners and a man was wounded.

Shortly afterwards, three petrol bombs were thrown into the house of the deceased, causing extensive damage, although no one was injured.

Trouble started in Alexandra when armed Inkatha members marched to the local cemetery to bury one of their number, the first Inkatha burial in the township.

Residents were furious, saying the cemetery was

for Alexandra residents only.

"Inkatha" members turned out in their hundreds, carrying an assortment of traditional weapons, as well as automatic rifles, and danced and taunted residents along the route," Mr Bapela said.

The gunfire broke out at the entrance to the cemetery, he said, but he was uncertain which faction the victims had supported.

The mourners scattered, but came under fire again

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## Census reveals upheaval

By BRIAN POTTINGER

SOUTH Africa is a nation in turmoil, a people in the midst of a historic upheaval. Blacks in hundreds of thousands, in millions perhaps, migrate from farm to city, whites flee from city to suburb, from Natal and the Transvaal to the Cape. Everything is in flux, nothing certain.

This is the picture drawn by the first, raw results of the 1991 census, released last night.

These first figures show that the principal reality of South African life is change:

50 000 fewer whites than five years earlier, living longer but having fewer children. The black population was up by 1.5-million — not counting the so-called independent states — and 40 percent of them are under the age of 20, but maybe the pace of their growth is slowing.

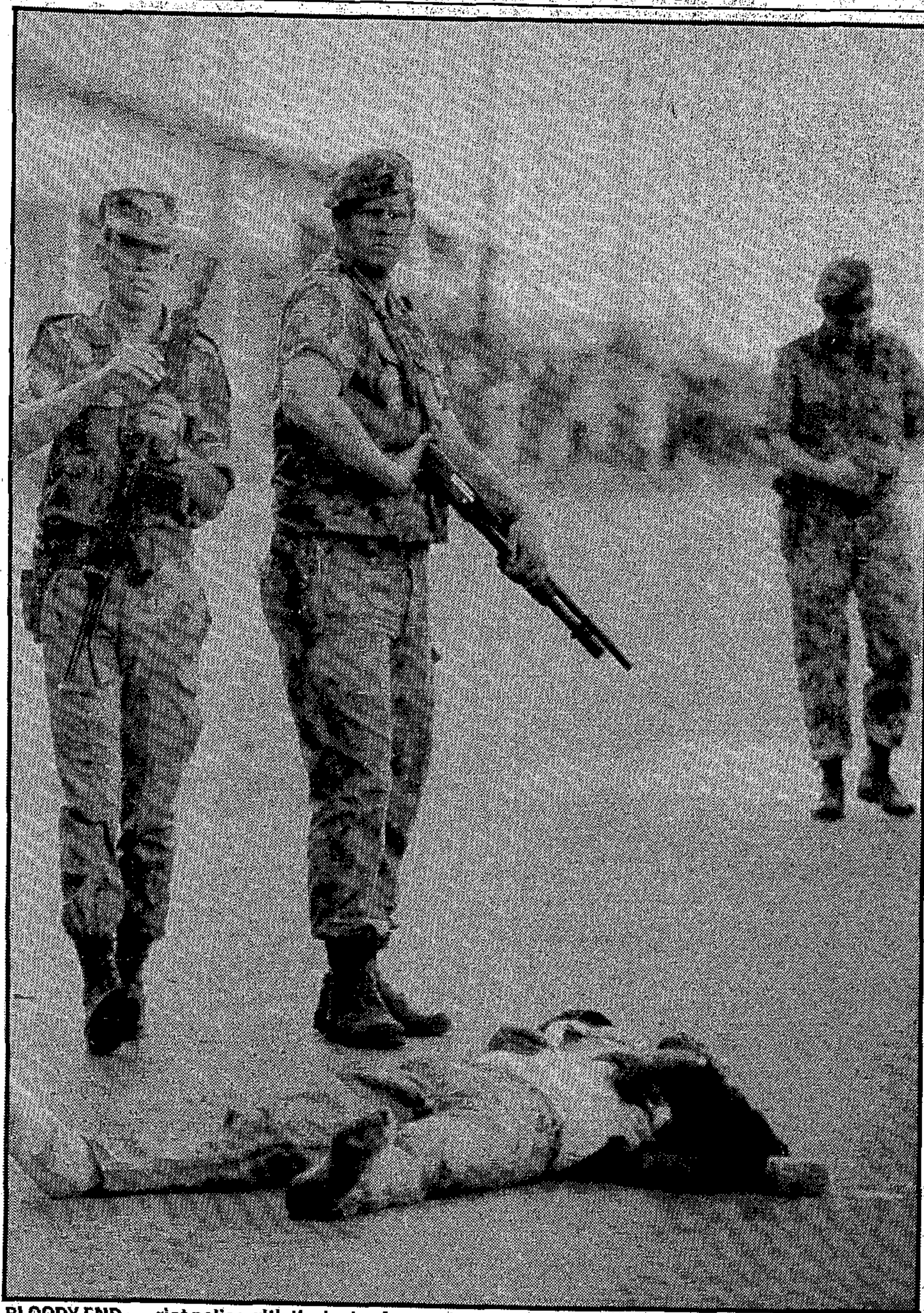
The population of South Africa was 26 288 390, again not counting the four independent homelands, but that was probably an undercount. The figures have still to be refined and adjusted.

Meanwhile, however, even the raw



# Death in Alex

SUNDAY TIMES PICTURE POWER by JOE SEFALE



**BLOODY END . . . riot police with the body of a man hit in crossfire during violence in Alexandra yesterday**

□ **From Page 1** (278) Residents carrying a few blocks away.

In the late afternoon, the smell of cordite still hung heavy in the air around the Alexandra men's hostel.

Late yesterday afternoon sporadic shots were heard near the hostel as squads of riot police patrolled the area.

Sunday Times reporters were directed away from the hostel by pistol-wielding Inkatha supporters while, in the distance, an impi was beating a victim.

At the new men's hostel nearby, men wearing red headbands leant from windows and a man with an automatic weapon paced a corridor.

Residents carrying sharpened pipes and sticks patrolled Alexandra's streets, many saying they feared renewed violence.

Bantu Steven Nyabawa, brandishing a sharpened metal rod, said Inkatha supporters "shouldn't enter our cemetery. That's for ANC. It's ours."

In another incident in Ratanda, in the Vaal Triangle, a 23-year-old man was wounded during a funeral.

Police said the body of a 14-year-old youth who had been shot was later found in the area.

Late last night, the atmosphere in Alexandra and Sharpeville was tense but quiet.



Death toll tops 20 as fighting spreads across country

# Township mobs rampage

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Mobs went on the rampage on the East Rand yesterday, killing three people and damaging at least 40 houses as political violence swept across the country. The total death toll was more than 20.

The apparently motiveless attack in Silluma View, Katlehong, launched by more than 200 people storming through the streets, began shortly before dawn.

The dead, including a municipal policeman, have been identified as Joseph Magope, Victor Masia and Constable James Rikhotso.

A municipal sergeant, R.I. Kunene, was shot in the left leg.

## Burnt

Three of the houses were burnt down and a number of vehicles damaged.

Constable Rikhotso was killed as the mob stormed into his house and found him hiding under his bed.

Mr Masia was shot in the back as he tried to run and hide in an outside toilet. Mr Magope was shot and hacked to death.

In Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, four men and a woman died in separate attacks yesterday.

Three of the victims had been shot and two stabbed to death.

A sixth person, who had been shot, was taken to hospital.

Yesterday's deaths followed a bloody ambush and shootout in Alexandra township on Saturday afternoon in which two people died and eight others were injured.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweek said that at about 2 pm unknown gunmen fired on an Inkatha Freedom Party funeral procession in Vasco da Gama Street.

Fleeing mourners came under fire a second time and

"a firefight ensued between the unseen marksmen and some mourners who were armed".

The police intervened, wounding a man and seizing an AK-47 assault rifle.

Meanwhile, in Sharpeville, where one person was killed on Saturday, uniformed ANC guerrillas yesterday fired volleys over the grave of slain MK member Montoeli Andries Molebatsi (18).

Captain van Zweek said Saturday's violence in the Vaal Triangle township began towards the end of the funeral of an Inkatha member killed last month.

After the funeral mourners were allegedly followed to their hostel by a group of toyi-toying ANC supporters. A man was attacked and killed.

In nearby Bolgatong, shots were again fired at the mourners and an unidentified man was wounded in the ensuing exchange of gunfire.

Captain van Zweek denied allegations that the police had supported Inkatha and had watched while people were killed. Township sources claimed four people were killed.

Also on Saturday, violence broke out during a funeral at Ratanda, near Heidelberg, killing a 14-year-old boy and injuring a man aged 23.

In Natal, seven men were killed and four women injured in an attack at the Zamanzi shack settlement at Malukwazi near Isipingo.

Police said a group armed with assorted weapons, including guns, attacked shack dwellers at 5 am yesterday.

Their motive is not known.

And in Duhcan Village, in East London, a crowd of about 1 000 beat a man to death with sticks and rocks yesterday afternoon, police said.

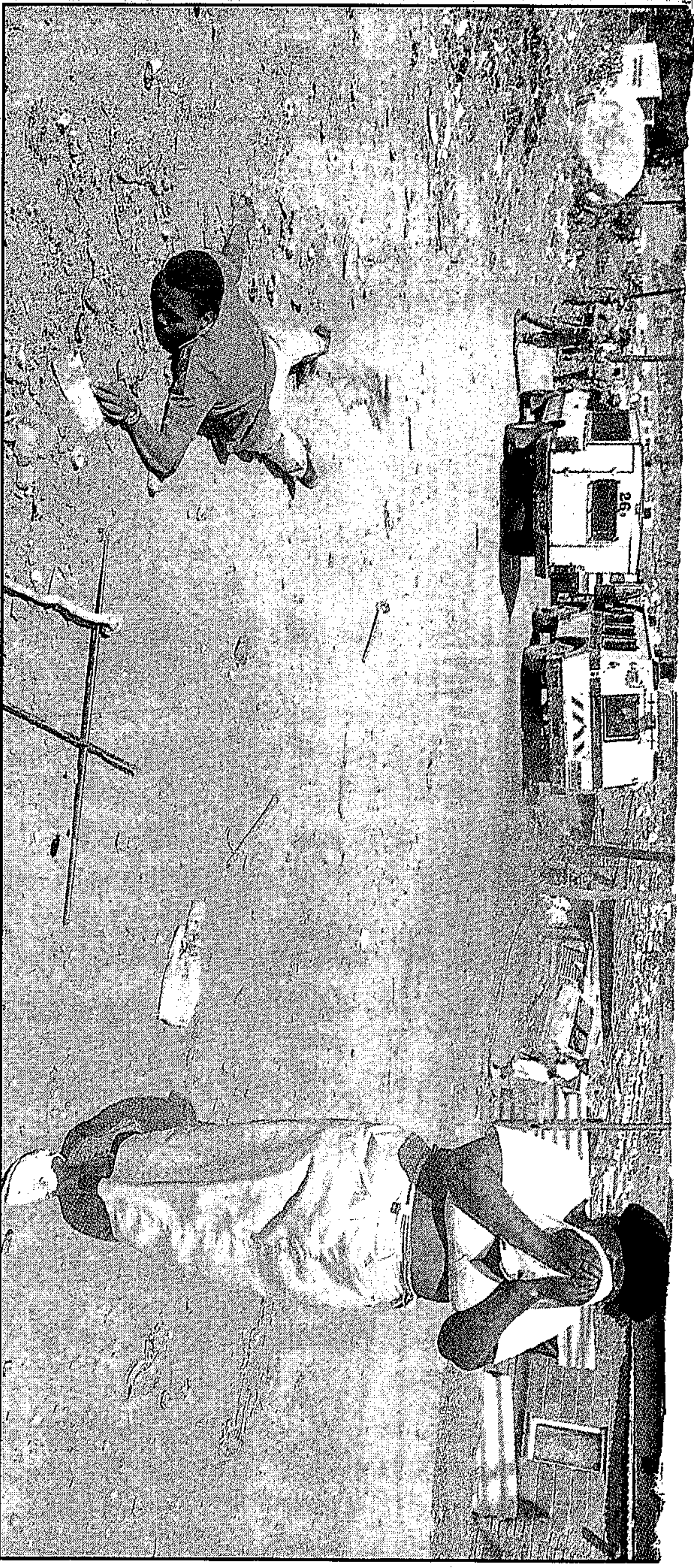
The killing followed the fatal stabbing of a man during an argument in C section.

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Nosey people... Red Nose Day, to be held on Saturday, has the enthusiastic support of the 135 students and lecturers from the AAA School of Advertising in Rosebank. The organisers are hoping to raise millions of rands for Child Welfare. Countrywide events will be screened by M-Net.





Grief-stricken . . . an Alexandra woman after discovering her brother's body.

Picture: Joao Silva.

# Caught up in fury of Alex funeral ambush

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Star photographer JOAO SILVA came under attack in Alexandra on Saturday when unknown gunmen opened fire on an Inkatha funeral procession. He spoke to GUY JEPSON.

"The procession was due to leave from the Inkatha hostel for the graveyard at 10 am but there was confusion about the corpse — the undertaker twice brought the wrong corpse.

"Finally the right body arrived and about an hour later the procession — several hundred-strong — started moving towards the graveyard in three groups, behind the hearse, with police riot vehicles in between.

"I was just moving through the crowd, taking pictures. Occasionally an Inkatha guy would run up to a resident and slap him or throw a stone — but

apart from that it was very quiet as the procession moved through Alex on to Vasco da Gama Street — the only road leading to the graveyard."

"It was close to 2 pm and I was in the middle group, which was flanked by police vehicles on both sides. I was standing on a concrete island in the middle of the street when the first automatic rifle shots were fired as the procession passed near the intersection of Vasco da Gama

and 16th streets.

"I lowered myself to my knees as men from the crowd rushed in the direction of the houses from where the shots had been fired. Straight away the police fired teargas at the Inkatha guys to control them. The crowd started ducking through the teargas.

"Then they were revved a second time from the direction of 18th Street. The shots were fired into the teargas. People

were hiding wherever they could — they left their weapons, watches, caps, everything. There was panic — total panic.

"The adrenalin was pumping. I thank God I didn't get hit. I have been in violent situations before, but never in the centre of an ambush. I ensured I could get pictures of everything.

"The police were moving in, cordoning off the area. If they were on their knees, I was on

my knees, but shooting pictures the whole time.

"While moving through the shacks we came across a corpse of an Inkatha guy. He'd had something sharp rammed right through his chest.

"Then my back-up photographer, George Mashini, who had been in another part of Alex during the ambush, arrived and we left for the office to get the pictures through.

"On Saturday night the images were all still clear in my head. When there is killing, you can't cut yourself off from the people around you."



# Widow to sue alleged killers of husband

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The widow of the black man who was beaten to death by a group of white residents from the Elandsfontein smallholdings, south of Johannesburg, because his "kaffir" dog had mated with a "white" dog, is suing the alleged killers for damages.

The man, Molamu "Liwaai" Lebeta, died a few days after he was attacked and beaten up by certain residents, when a white couple from a nearby farm objected to his dog mating with theirs.

After an argument ensued between the couple and Mr Lebeta, they left and returned a while later accompanied by about six people who started attacking the man.

According to his wife Maria Kutoane, her husband was struck with a pick-handle across the groin and lower abdomen.

Despite this he managed to stumble into the farmhouse, with the group in pursuit.

Mrs Kutoane, the owners of the farmhouse and some farmworkers witnessed the whole episode, but were unable to intervene.

Afterwards Mr Lebeta was taken to Lenasia Hospital where his head was stiched and he was discharged. When his condition worsened, he was taken to Baragwanath Hospital where he died.

A family lawyer of the widow confirmed to a Sunday newspaper that the wife of Mr Lebeta had instituted a civil claim against her husband's killers.

The people involved in Mr Lebeta's death are still free and the police have confirmed that a docket had been sent to the State prosecutor.



# Blood in the trains

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**T**HE FULL horror of violence on Reef trains has been hidden to a large extent. More often than not the victims, like the assailants, have been anonymous. The death of a victim is frequently recorded as just another addition to abstract statistical records of atrocity and terror.

A recent casualty, clergyman Restored Mtambeki, would have died as anonymously as scores before him if it had been left to railway and police officials. First reports simply recorded that a man had died after being thrown off a train near Katlehong.

What happened, according to a fellow clergyman, was that two men approached him saying: "Come, Xhosa, it is your time. We are here to take you out." Mr Mtambeki, an old man of 72, was trying to spread the gospel of love to train passengers. His "sin" was that he did so in Xhosa.

His fate personalises the terror which many black train commuters have had to live with for 20 months. It vividly illustrates the dangers faced daily by passengers.

It is unclear whether Mr Mtambeki was the victim of murderous ethnic rivalry seeping out of the hostels and townships or whether he was the victim of a "Third Force" seeking to stir ethnic hatred in the interests of a reactionary political agenda. Either way he, like those who died before him, was an innocent victim.

Yet today, at least 124 deaths and hundreds of injuries later, we seem nowhere near finding a solution to the problem of violence on the trains, or of how to bring culprits to justice. So far only one person has been convicted.

The police believe the safety of the commuters is the responsibility of Spoornet. Perhaps. The SAP cannot escape responsibility, however. It is time for these attacks to be given special attention, including the setting up of a task force to deal specifically and vigorously with train security. This should now be put as a specific item on the negotiations agenda.





A mourner looks at the body of Colin Makhubo after his grave at Avalon Cemetery in Soweto was dug open and the coffin lid removed to identify him. See story on page 2.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

# EIGHT KILLED

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**EIGHT people died in separate incidents of violence in Alexandra and Katlehong yesterday.**

Police reported finding three bodies with bullet wounds and two with stab wounds in Alexandra yesterday. A sixth person, who had been shot, was hospitalised.

Police said last night that the township was tense, but under control.

In Katlehong, a young municipal policeman and two other men were shot and hacked to death by a mob of about 300 men who were marching through the streets of Silumaview early yesterday.

The attackers and the reasons for the attack were not known.

The policeman, Mr James Rikhotso, was killed while he hid under the bed in his house at Silumaview.

By JOE MDHLELA and SAPA

The incident occurred about 4am.

His common-law wife, Ms Vainah Nkuna, and her one-year-old baby had hidden with Rikhotso under the bed.

She said she heard the shot that killed her husband and she winced "inwardly" as she did not wish to draw the attackers' attention to her and the baby.

A few houses away, Mrs Audrey Masia, cried as she recounted how her husband, Mr Victor Masia (42), was shot dead as he tried to hide in the toilet.

She said they demanded to know where firearms and money were hidden.

"When we told them that we had neither firearms

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# Weapon ban urged as township toll mounts

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The Human Rights Commission last night called for a blanket ban on the carrying of all weapons after a bloody weekend of political violence in which more than 34 people were butchered.

The HRC charged that a recently proclaimed Act banning the carrying of weapons in public was at best a half-measure.

The ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons did not extend to all public meetings, a loophole described by the commission as "an invitation to disaster".

Alexandra and Katlehong continued to be major flash-points yesterday, while a woman was gunned down in Tembisa, outside Kempton Park where two people were killed on Saturday.

Another seven people were killed in Alexandra yesterday in two separate attacks from a hostel, bringing the death toll in the strife-torn township since Saturday to 14.

At least 15 others have been wounded in the spate of attacks which started with the ambushing of an Inkatha Freedom Party funeral procession on Saturday.

Police said at 8.30 am yesterday a mob of about 30 men appeared out of a hostel near the corner of First Avenue and Ruth Street and "shot wildly" at another group, killing two and wounding another two.

Later, a man was stabbed and another fatally shot in the stomach and back. Yesterday afternoon four more people were killed when snipers fired shots at passersby from the windows of a hostel in Alexandra, police said.

By last night Alexandra Clinic had treated 156 people with stab and bullet wounds since the outbreak of violence and had to call in

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## Township 278 toll mounts

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four more doctors in order to cope.

Spokesman Dr Tim Wilson said the injury toll increased by 18 at 4 pm yesterday when three people with bullet wounds and 15 others with stab wounds, were admitted.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said victims often did not report their injuries to police but went straight to hospital.

Five people were injured in attacks on East Rand train commuters from a moving train yesterday morning.

Two people were injured at Lindela station outside Katlehong and a further three at Germiston Station.

Captain van Zweel said a Tembisa woman, Gladys Nzimba, was shot dead by unknown persons in Umthambeka section while on her way home at about 12.30 pm.

On Sunday morning three people, including a policeman, were killed in a pre-dawn raid in Siluma View in Katlehong the East Rand.

Residents claimed the killing of Constable James Rikho (25), Joseph Magope, and Victor Masia was in revenge for the killing of an ANC defence unit leader in the township January, allegedly by police.

Steven Mbasu and Maria Iwaba were seriously injured in the attack.

On Saturday Phofedi Gil Thobejane and Maria Shif were shot and killed by known gunmen while attending the funeral of an ANC member in Tembisa.

The death toll in political violence in Natal since Saturday climbed to 17 yesterday, it was said.

Worst hit were Malukazi, Durban and Mpumalanga, between Durban and Pietermaritzburg, where seven people died respectively.



Anonymous victim . . . passers-by try to identify the body of a man, with his eyes gouged out, who was found near Katlehong's Shongweni Section yesterday. Picture: Alf Kumalo



# Four killed by snipers in Alexandra

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FOUR people were killed when snipers fired shots through windows at people passing near a hostel in Alexandra, Sandton, yesterday morning.

Witwatersrand police said yesterday the attacks on people passing near the hostel started at about 7.30am.

By KENOSI  
MODISANE

Mr Jack Motaung (52), of 8th Avenue, was shot in the stomach and later died at the local clinic. An unknown man died minutes later at the scene where Motaung was ambushed.

Two other men whose

identities could not be established were shot dead as they passed near the hostel about 8.30am.

A critically injured man was later taken by taxi to the clinic after men, who fled into the hostel, had stabbed and left him.

Traffic officials cordoned off the area in an

attempt to stop people walking in that direction. But five other people were injured after they were attacked when the traffic officials left the scene.

Alexandra Clinic director Dr Tim Wilson said yesterday 125 people had been treated at the clinic since violence started on Satur-

day in the township. Twenty-seven of them were treated for gunshot wounds and 98 for stab and hack wounds.

Meanwhile, Soweto police reported yesterday that an eight-year-old girl was shot dead by a 16-year-old youth in Naledi on Sunday afternoon.

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# Two killed in attack on train

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Two people were killed and at least nine injured when train commuters were attacked between Ikwezi and Dube stations in Soweto early today.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said the figures could rise as police searched the railway line for more dead and injured.

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The latest attack brought the death toll from nationwide violence in the last three days to a known 36.

Captain Ngobeni said a group of men boarded the train at Ikwezi station about 5.30am and stabbed and hacked passengers, some of whom were thrown out of the train. Some leapt from the moving train to escape.

Injured were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital.

# 4 killed in fresh Alexandra unrest

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JOHANNESBURG. — Four people were killed and three wounded in renewed violence in Alexandra township yesterday morning.

The deaths follow a weekend of violence in the Transvaal and Natal in which 35 people died since Friday.

Police said two men were killed yesterday when a group of about 30 men from a hostel in Alexandra opened fire on other men in the vicinity. Two others were wounded in the attack.

Minutes later a man was wounded in a knife-attack near the scene of the earlier attack and another was killed after being shot in the stomach and back.

Earlier yesterday morning, the body of a man with bullet wounds was found nearby.

Police said 11 people were killed in fighting in Alexandra at the weekend. Dr P Ngakane, of the Alexandra Clinic, said last night 17 people — two with gunshot wounds and 15 with stab wounds — were brought to the clinic at the weekend.

Police said five people were injured in an attack on East Rand commuters yesterday morning.

They said shots were fired from a moving train at commuters waiting on

## Weekend death toll now 35

the platform at Lindella station, Katlehong. Two people were injured and taken to the Natalspruit Hospital. When the train stopped at Germiston station, a further three people were found with gunshot wounds and also taken to the hospital. It is believed an AK-47 rifle was used in the attack.

Meanwhile, the ANC spokesman for the PWV region, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, said in a statement over 21 people died in violence on the Witwatersrand at the weekend.

Thirteen of the deaths occurred in Alexandra alone, he said. Eight people died at Phola Park and three at Tembisa on the East Rand, while three others were killed at Sharpeville in the Vaal Triangle, Mr Mamoepa claimed.

These figures were denied by the police. Captain Ida van Zweel said two people died and eight were wounded during a funeral of an IFP supporter at Alexandra on Saturday. Two people were killed during a funeral at Tembisa at the weekend and at Sharpeville one person died and another was wounded, she said.

In Zamani squatter camp near Umlazi in Durban, eight people died in fighting between IFP and ANC supporters.

The ANC leader in the Zamani area yesterday claimed KwaZulu police helped hostel dwellers in Umlazi township in an attack on ANC supporters in Zamani.

KwaZulu police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Moses Khanyile denied any KZP involvement in the attack.

Zamani residents interviewed yesterday said some of the attackers were wearing boots and trousers worn by KZP members.

Residents said South African policemen arrived later and repelled the attackers.

Throughout Natal 13 people died at the weekend, including a woman in an advanced stage of pregnancy, who died in a hail of bullets. — Sapa



# 28 people die in township unrest

AT least 28 people were killed and 29 injured in township violence on the Reef and in Natal between Saturday afternoon and yesterday morning.

Four people were killed and at least eight injured in attacks yesterday morning in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, and in Germiston's Katlehong township.

In Alexandra two people were killed and three wounded after being attacked by about 30 hostel residents. Minutes after the attack a man was shot dead and another wounded near the hostel.

Earlier, a bullet-riddled body of a man was found near the scene of a funeral procession ambush which left two people dead and eight injured on Saturday.

Police said yesterday no arrests had

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been made. They described the mood in the township as volatile.

At least five people were injured by gunmen on a train from Katlehong to Germiston. Police said two people at Lindella station near Katlehong were wounded after being shot from a passing train. When the train stopped in Germiston three injured passengers were found.

By yesterday afternoon police spokesmen for Alexandra, the Vaal Triangle, Soweto and the East and West Rand townships said their areas were quiet.

Sapa reports 10 people died and 10 were injured in sporadic unrest-related incidents throughout Natal on Sunday.

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# Meeting to defuse rise in violence

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Political killings continued unabated yesterday as Inkatha and the ANC blamed one another for the increase in violence and an urgent meeting was convened to seek ways to halt it.

Two people were killed in Alexandra township yesterday, and two people died and 13 others were injured after a group attacked commuters on a train between Ikwezi and Dube stations in Soweto.

A 38-year-old Soweto man was stabbed in the back and seriously injured when he was attacked by a group of men on a train at Inhlanzani station this morning.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said Anthony Jacobs of Central West Jabavu was attacked when he boarded the train at 6 am.

It was not known why he was attacked.

He was taken to Baragwanath Hospital.

At least 39 people have died in nationwide violence over the past three days, including 17 in Natal.

While the head of the Inkatha Institute's violence study unit, Kim Hodgson, accused the police of allowing ANC supporters to attack disarmed IFP supporters, ANC spokesman in the PWV Ronnie Mamoepa claimed police were not present to stop IFP supporters attacking members of the public.

The Wits/Vaal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee met

yesterday in Auckland Park to discuss, among other things, the setting up of local dispute resolution committees in the PWV, and to address the violence in Alexandra and Sharpeville.

The meeting, attended by representatives of the ANC, IFP, SAP, SADF, Democratic Party, National Party, SA Chamber of Business and Fabcos (Federation of African Business and Consumer Services), will continue today.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said yesterday's train attack occurred at about 5.30 am after the assailants had boarded the train at Soweto's Ikwezi station. Several of the injured were thrown from the train or jumped from it while it was moving.

Mr Hodgson claimed that police had earlier disarmed hostel residents of their knobkerries at Merafe station, but, according to witnesses, a group of Xhosa-speaking men were allowed to board the train at Ikwezi armed with AK-47s, shotguns, pangas and axes.

"These Xhosa-speaking men then allegedly proceeded to hack and shoot commuters in a predominantly Zulu-speaking coach," Mr Hodgson said.

Mr Mamoepa denied that ANC supporters boarded the train armed.

He accused police of not being present when Inkatha supporters attacked people in Alexandra, looted houses and stole property on Monday.

Colonel Halgryn denied both organisations' accusations of police partiality.



## Key witness to killing of ANC activist murdered

By Montshiwa Moroke

A key witness to the killing of Sharpeville ANC activist Montoedi Molebatsi, who was allegedly shot on March 1 by a special constable, was murdered on Monday night, an ANC spokesman said yesterday.

The body of Nkopoli Doctor Motsitsi, also an ANC activist, was discovered with shotgun wounds at about 5.30 am outside his grandmother's home in Sharpeville.

Mr Motsitsi's death brings to four the number of ANC activists killed in the township since March 1, according to the ANC.

ANC PWV spokesman, Ronnie Mamoepa, said a note had been found on Mr Motsitsi's body with the words "Impimpi,

mdlwembe, sellout" (all of which mean 'sellout'), and signed "from Skuta".

Before his death Mr Motsitsi had completed an affidavit which implicated Special Constable Skuta Marumo in the killing of Mr Molebatsi. The affidavit was due to be signed by him yesterday.

Mr Mamoepa said: "We demand an explanation from the Wits regional commissioner as to why the police are dragging their feet in suspending and (arresting) Special Constable Skuta Marumo."

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said the police had called on the ANC in vain for evidence it had claimed it had of the constable's part in the killing.

# Policeman killed in attack

JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen stormed a satellite police station near Vereeniging yesterday and killed a lone police officer, while several other people were slain elsewhere in Reef townships.

Assassins killed an ANC activist in Sharpeville on Monday and dumped his body at his grandparents home, police confirmed.

ANC regional spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said the victim, Mr Doctor Nkopodi Motsitsi, was a key witness in the killing of another ANC activist allegedly shot dead by a police officer last week.

A note denouncing Mr Motsitsi as a "sellout" and bearing the alleged name of the police officer who shot dead ANC member Mr Montoebi Molebatsi was found on his body.

At Orange Farm satellite

## Gunmen storm satellite station

police station, five gunmen burst into a makeshift office at 6.45am and gunned down Constable J J Chandza. He died instantly.

Police said five men were later arrested in connection with the killing and were in custody.

Meanwhile, the bloodletting continued in strife-torn Alexandra township and attackers caused havoc on a Soweto train.

Police said three more people were killed in Alexandra yesterday, taking the offi-

cial death toll from four days of fighting in the township to 10.

A man was knifed and shot dead near the Alexandra clinic and another was stabbed to death elsewhere in the seething township. The body of a woman stabbed to death was also found early yesterday.

In earlier reports, police said seven people were killed in scattered violence that followed a bloody ambush on a funeral procession of Inkatha supporters on Saturday.

In another incident yesterday, unidentified assailants

rampaged through a Soweto train, stabbing to death at least three people and injuring 12 others.

Mr Mamoepa claimed on Monday 13 people had died in fighting in Alexandra.

ANC Alexandra leader Mr Obed Bapela said residents calling the local office were reporting continued shooting yesterday.

Late on Monday afternoon, police fired teargas to halt a gun battle between feuding sides in Alexandra, a police spokesman said.

No one was reported injured.

As tension mounted in Alexandra yesterday, a delegation of ANC activists was meeting police to request stepped-up patrols, Mr Bapela said.

There were no indications, however, that the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party were preparing to meet to restore peace. — Sapa



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# Two die, 13 hurt in train attacks

TWO people were killed and 13 others injured when armed men attacked commuters in a train at Dube station, Soweto, yesterday morning.

And in troubled Alexandra, two more people were killed yesterday, taking the official death toll in four days of bitter feuding to nine.

Police said a man was knifed and shot dead near Alexandra Clinic and another was stabbed to death elsewhere in the seething township.

Commenting on the Soweto train attack, police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday the armed men boarded the train at Ikwezi station about 6.30am.

By KENOSI MODISANE  
and Sapa

"They indiscriminately attacked people when the train approached Dube," Ngobeni said.

He said most of the injured were hurt when they hurled themselves through windows in an attempt to flee the rampaging mob.

Meanwhile, attacks on people passing near the old men's hostel at Alexandra continued yesterday when a man was shot dead about 10am.

Witnesses at the scene said the man was shot by snipers who

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## Two die in train attack

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opened fire from windows of the hostel in 4th Avenue.

Witwatersrand police yesterday confirmed the shooting.

A police spokesman said yesterday the situation had been tense but quiet on Monday night.

In other incidents, gunmen stormed a satellite police station near Vereeniging yesterday and killed a policeman. An ANC activist was murdered in Sharpeville and his body dumped at his home.

ANC regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the victim, Mr Doetor Motsitsi, was a key witness in the killing of another ANC activist allegedly shot dead by a police officer last week.

## Policeman killed in charge office

WILSON ZWANE

EIGHT PEOPLE, including a policeman manning a police station on his own, died and more than 20 were injured in violence on the Reef yesterday.

Three people were killed and at least seven injured in attacks in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg.

An Alexandra clinic official said two people were treated for gunshot wounds and five for stab wounds.

Police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweek was able to confirm only the deaths.

Five gunmen stormed a satellite police station at Orange Farm, near Vereeniging, and killed Const J J Chanza.

Police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said the gunmen had been arrested.

Sapa reports police said unidentified assailants rampaged through a Soweto train early yesterday, stabbing to death at least three people and injuring 12 others.

Witwatersrand police said a group of men boarded the train at Ikwezi station at 5.30am and attacked commuters at random. The victims were stabbed to death.

A man's body was found on another train at Mlamlankunzi station.

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) announced last week that it would pump R11.9m into the upgrading of 11 Soweto stations, including Ikwezi and Dube. *8/Day 11/3/92*

SARCC MD Kobus Nel said while the project was aimed at making the rail service more convenient and aesthetically pleasing, improvement of security at the stations and on the trains would be a top priority.

The project will start towards the end of this month and is expected to be completed at the end of May.



## Four killed in explosion

POLICE should know by today whether foul play was involved in the blast which killed four people at a spice works near Alberton yesterday afternoon. (278)

However, SAP spokesman Capt Ida van Zweel said it was suspected that it might have been a chemical explosion. (278)

She said three of the five people who had been seriously injured had been transferred to Garden City Clinic from Natalspruit Hospital. 11/3/92

Eight people in total were injured.

Fire department spokesman Lucas van Zyl said: "There was no fire. It was only a blast. I don't know what caused the blast; that is for the forensic experts to determine." — Sapa.

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# Referendum spurs rush for SA identity

HUNDREDS of people queued for more than two hours at the Home Affairs Department office in Harrison Street, Johannesburg, yesterday hoping to get identity documents in time to vote in the referendum next week.

A department spokesman said temporary identity certificates could still be obtained on the spot, though a long wait might be inevitable. The spokesman said that only applications for identity books received before Friday last week could expect success before March 17.

One elderly woman standing in line at the office yesterday complained that she and others in the queue felt like cattle being rounded up. She said she had mislaid her identity book.

After letting on that she was not impressed by the NP's behaviour, she said: "The hardest word in the world to say is 'no' to an errant child."

A Greek insurance broker who has lived in SA for more than 25 years said he and his friends and family would vote "yes" next Tuesday.

He was at the department to apply for naturalisation. "I don't want trouble in this country," he said.

Billy, seeking a new identity book, said he knew of many people who were still undecided on the referendum question. "There is not enough real information about what the options are," he said.

Many of those in line at Home Affairs, mostly British, Greek and Zimbabwean citizens, had been intending to take out SA citizenship for some time but had been spurred into action by the referendum.

Home Affairs officials were unable to confirm rumours that there had been a

## REFERENDUM The voters' mood

In the run-up to SA's most crucial poll, Business Day is taking the pulse of white voters across the country. **ADRIAN HADLAND** spoke to people in the queues at the Home Affairs office in Johannesburg.

flood of applications for citizenship from embarrassed Zimbabweans after SA's cricket team trounced theirs in Canberra yesterday.

Penny Quinlan, a British citizen who has lived in SA for 30 years, said she expected a "yes" ballot, but was concerned about the numbers of "ignorant people" who might vote against negotiations.

The Home Affairs Department said yesterday that people who applied for identity documents before March 6 should not attempt to apply for temporary certificates as their documents should be ready from today.

"It is hoped that all such identity documents will be issued by March 11 and will therefore reach voters before referendum day," it said in a statement.

Report by A Hadland, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.



# Inkatha is 'seething with anger'

By MOKGADI PELA

INKATHA Freedom Party has warned of mounting anger among its members following Tuesday's train attack in which two men were killed and 13 others injured.

The warning came from IFP Sandton branch member Mr Bruce Anderson at a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday.

He said the Hostel Dwellers Association, to which most IFP members belonged, had expressed disgust at what he called "partisan searches" conducted by police on the trains.

"Police will usually disarm IFP members at one station but allow armed Xhosa-speaking people believed to be ANC members to board trains at the next station.

"This we find extremely unfair and we find it difficult to restrain grassroots anger which is simmering daily," Anderson said.

He said the IFP was still committed to peace. The organisation would refer the matter to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa and peace resolution committees.

He said the IFP was in possession of a 55-page document detailing attacks on its members.

The men who died in the attack have been named as Mr Vinkinduku Dlamini and a Mr Mbatha, of Mapetla Hostel.



Train commuters attacked

● Alex under siege

# Slaughter at randomness

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson  
and Brian Sokutu

Fourteen people were killed and many others injured as mobs ran amok and slaughtered people at random on trains and stations across the Reef yesterday.

And at least four more people were killed in township violence. In Alexandra, gunmen had the township under siege last night. Two people were killed and several more injured.

In train attacks:

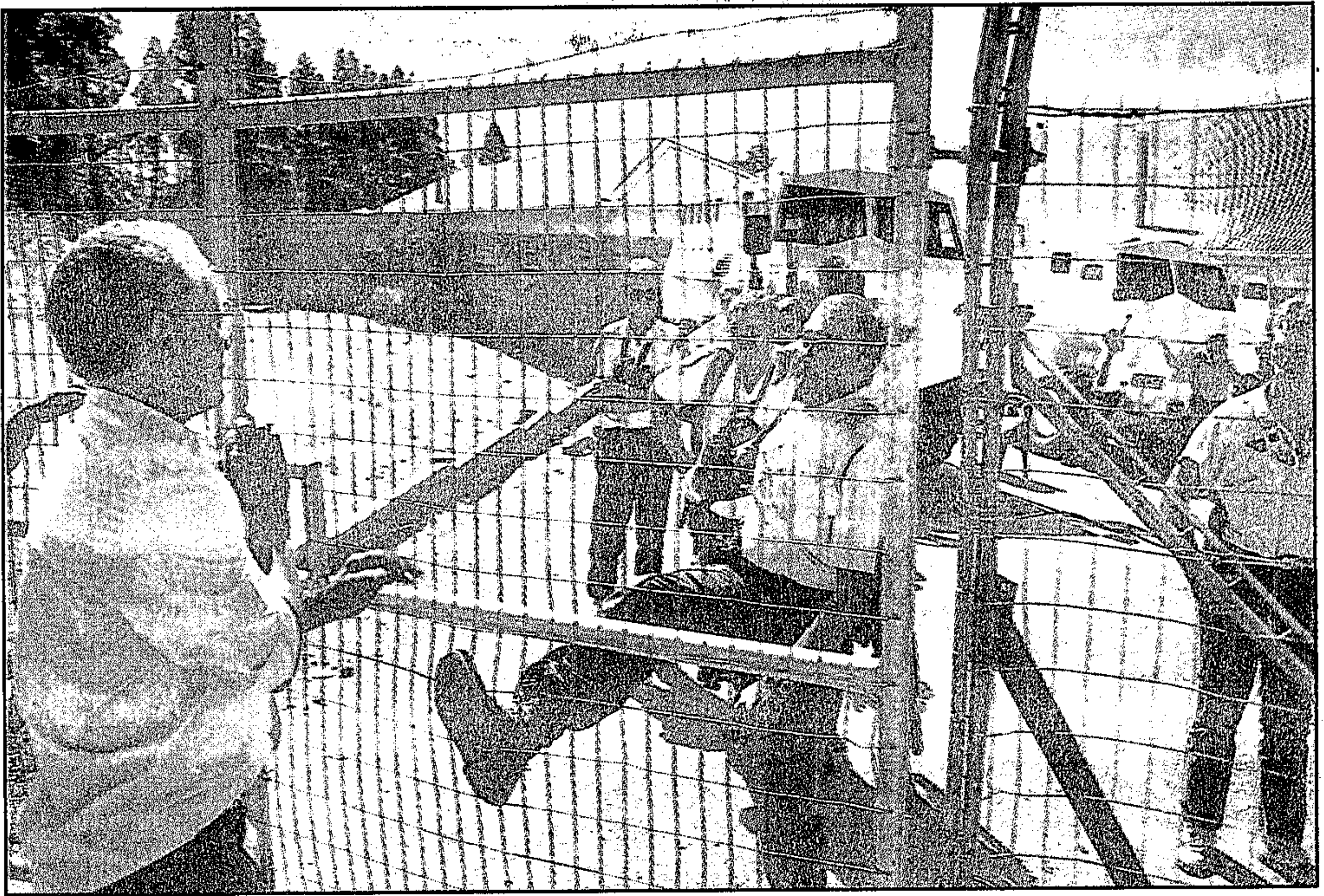
- Two men and a woman were shot dead by unknown assailants while travelling from Katlehong to Germiston yesterday evening.
- A man and two women died when they were attacked by a mob and stabbed at Germiston Station.
- Gunmen opened fire at Lindela Station in Katlehong yesterday afternoon and sprayed commuters with bullets. One man was killed.
- Another mob stabbed a commuter in a crowded carriage on a train near Simpsani Station, Germiston.
- In an earlier attack, a 38-year-old Soweto man was stabbed in the back and seriously injured when he was attacked by a group of men on the train at Inhlazani station.
- Another man was killed when he was tossed from a train between Crown and New Canada stations.
- Commuters fought back and killed one of the men who attacked them on a train on the Soweto line.
- A Witwatersrand police spokesman said the attackers struck shortly before the train stopped at Longdale Station at 7 am. One man was shot dead and six other passengers suffered stab and gunshot wounds.

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Survivors ... about 40 terrified women and children, fleeing the violence in Alexandra, spent last night at the Alexandra Clinic. Scores have been killed or injured since the weekend. Late last night gunfire could still be heard near the clinic. Picture: Joao Silva





Frustration . . . after being spat at several times, a security officer kicks back in an attempt to drive off a resident during yesterday's demonstration near Soweto. Silva Picture: Joao

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

At least 15 people were shot and wounded in two violent confrontations between about 300 Noordgesig residents and police outside the Noordgesig municipal offices near Soweto yesterday.

Residents claimed municipal police fired without provocation at about midday. At least 14 people were treated for gunshot wounds at J G Strijdom and Coronation hospitals.

Last night, the crowd gathered again and threw stones and petrol bombs at police who had tried to stem the earlier violence.

At least one person was shot, three policemen were injured and, according to police, four people were arrested. Police said the person who was shot was being held under police guard in hospital.

At about 9 pm, police turned firemen when a house belonging to a Noordgesig management committee member was set alight and they had to help fight the blaze.

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni said three police vans and a Putco bus were damaged. The bus driver had lost control of the

## 15 shot as rent demo turns ugly

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vehicle during the chaos, he said.

He said the area was quiet today and no more incidents of violence had been reported.

### 'No reason'

Yesterday afternoon, residents demonstrating against rent and electricity rates claimed that municipal security officers fired straight at the crowd for no reason.

Security officers denied this, saying they fired at the ground when residents threw stones at them and that guards on a passing private security company truck opened fire on the crowd.

Mike Fetane of the Noordgesig Civic Association said the confrontation turned nasty at about midday.

"We had delivered a letter here this morning asking to meet (Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman) Ian Davidson. They

told us to come back for a reply at midday.

"When we came back, their reply was to shoot at us. I know of at least 14 people who were wounded in the gunfire," Mr Fetane said.

Captain Ngobeni said police arrived at about midday.

"It was pandemonium. The crowd was trying to hijack a passing car and police used teargas to disperse them," he said.

He confirmed reports from the crowd that policemen had used only teargas on the stone-throwing crowd.

"I cannot say who used bullets," he said.

Speaking behind a locked gate, with the crowd shouting and lobbing the occasional stone at them, council security officers said they had fired at the ground and that guards on a passing Springbok Patrols van had shot at the people.

A spokesman for Springbok

Patrols said the company had not had a patrol in Noordgesig yesterday.

Security spokesmen for the Johannesburg City Council could not be reached for comment on the shooting.

The crowd remained tense throughout the afternoon, with one man occasionally walking up to the locked gates and spitting at the guards on the other side.

Stones, bottles and other missiles regularly flew at the feet of policemen who stood between the crowd and the municipal officers.

### Gas masks

The latter sat, rifles and gas masks ready, under a Casspir parked in the grounds.

Finally, at about 3.30 pm, the residents gathered in a local hall to decide what action they would take. They gathered again at about 7 pm for the second violent confrontation of the day.

Mr Fetane said the crowd would not give up their protest until it had received a reply from Mr Davidson.

He showed The Star several electricity accounts for more than R1 000 each.



## Clinic releases shock figures

JOHANNESBURG. — Nearly 200 people were treated in four days at the Alexandra Health Centre and the University Clinic in Wynberg, Sandton, for wounds related to violence, according to a statement released by the clinic.

Figures show that, from March 7 to March 11, 43 people were treated for gunshot

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wounds, 70 for stab wounds, four for lacerations and 82 for assault. Six died.

Five people were treated for gunshot wounds between 7,15pm and midnight yesterday.

There are 40 women and 27 children taking refuge at the clinic, the statement said. — Sapa

# 11 die as Reef

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## bleeds

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By KENOSI MODISANE and Sapa

three people were killed and several others injured when four armed men sprayed gunfire on the squatters on Tuesday night.

Police reported that six men, including an attacker, were stabbed during a squabble on a train at Longdale Station. A commuter and one of the attackers died in the skirmish.

Police later found two other bodies with gunshot wounds at Langlaagte Station. One of the attackers was arrested.

Witnesses to Tuesday night's attack on the squatter

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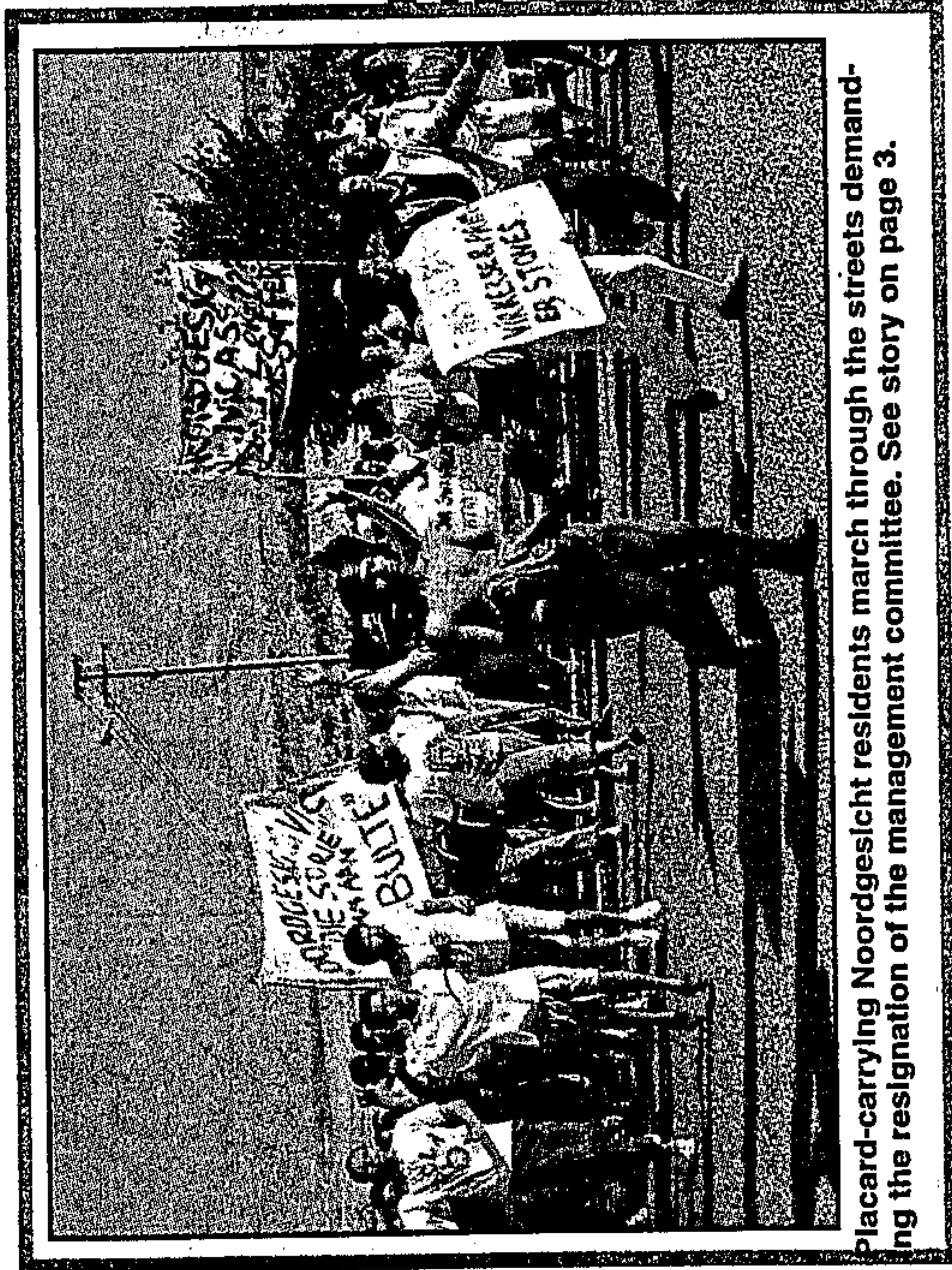
**ELEVEN people were killed and 12 others injured in separate unrest-related incidents on the Reef during the past two days.**

Four people were killed when an armed mob attacked commuters on a Johannesburg-bound train between Longdale and Langlaagte stations early yesterday morning.

In another incident, two men were shot dead and a woman injured when unknown gunmen opened fire in Alexandra Township last night.

In Katlehong, two men and a woman were shot dead on a train travelling between Katlehong and Germiston yesterday evening.

At the Snakepark squatter camp in Dobsonville,



Placard-carrying Noordgeslucht residents march through the streets demanding the resignation of the management committee. See story on page 3.

## Reef continues to bleed

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witnesses to Tuesday night's attack on the squatter camp said a car, containing four men, parked next to a shack about 8pm.

They then alighted and started spraying the shack with gunfire. One person died instantly.

A group of about 20 men attacked shacks in the same area about an hour later. Five shacks were destroyed and several people injured.

West Rand police said spent AK-47 rifle and 9mm pistol cartridges were found at the scene.

A 13-year-old boy and a 66-year-old woman, whose husband, Mr Stanwright Gaenyetse (76), was killed in the attack, were yesterday reported to be in serious conditions at Baragwanath Hospital.

Another person who died in the attack was identified as 40-year-old Mrs Ethel Dlamini.



# Reef train attacks claim seven lives

JOHANNESBURG. — Seven people were killed and another seven injured in train attacks on the Witwatersrand yesterday.

Two men and a woman were shot dead while travelling from Katlehong to Germiston yesterday evening.

A 38-year-old Soweto man was stabbed in the back and seriously injured when he was attacked by a group of men on the train at Inhlanzani station yesterday.

In another incident yesterday morning, one person was killed and six

people were injured in an attack on commuters on a train at Longdale station. Commuters then killed one of the alleged attackers.

In a separate incident yesterday morning police found the bodies of two men who had been shot at Langlaagte station.

In Alexandra, two people were shot dead and three people injured last night amid "gunfire all over" the township.

Meanwhile feelings are ready to explode among Inkatha grassroot struc-

## Youth dies after arrest

VEREENIGING. — A 17-year-old youth suspected of participating in an attack on a police station near here died shortly after his arrest on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said yesterday a 17-year-old arrested after the attack had collapsed at a police station.

He was taken to hospital where he died.

Capt Van Deventer said the cause of his death is being investigated.

Four other suspects are still in custody.

A police constable died when five gunmen attacked a satellite police station at Orange Farm on Tuesday. — Sapa

tures because of a perception that their leaders are being targeted, IFP spokesman Mr Bruce Anderson yesterday said at a news conference.

A police spokesman denied the allegations.

An ANC spokesman said the PWV Dispute Resolution Committee was holding a meeting yesterday evening to discuss what he said was the police's inability to bring the current wave of violence under control. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

AT LEAST 12 people were injured at Noordgesig near Soweto yesterday afternoon when Johannesburg municipal police allegedly opened fire on a peaceful protest outside the local municipal offices.

Witnesses said the protesters had been waiting outside the offices for a response from Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson to a letter they had submitted earlier in the day, requesting a meeting to discuss the rent and electricity boycott embarked on by the community two weeks ago. The community also embarked on a work stayaway yesterday in response to eviction letters.

Noordgesig Civic Association's assistant publicity secretary Mike Fetane said municipal security police opened fire on the protesters at the council office.

## Twelve injured in municipal protest

An unofficial Johannesburg municipal police spokesman said they had fired into the ground and a passing private security vehicle had fired into the crowd. Fetane and other witnesses denied this.

Soweto SA police spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni confirmed police had arrived at the scene after the shooting and had fired two rounds of teargas to disperse the crowd. He was unable to say how many people were injured. Spokesmen for Coronation and J G Strijdom Hospitals confirmed admitting several patients with gunshot wounds. — Sapa.



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## Commuters stab alleged attacker <sup>(278)</sup> to death <sup>12/3/92</sup>

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COMMUTERS yesterday collared one of the men who had allegedly attacked them as they were embarking from a train at a Johannesburg station, and killed him, police said.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said one man died and six were injured yesterday morning when a group of men wielding knives and firearms attacked commuters as they embarked at Longdale station, near Industria.

"The commuters gave chase ... cornered one of the attackers and stabbed him to death," the spokesman said. SAP Dog Unit members arrested a man near the station for carrying a panga and for public violence. <sup>12/3/92</sup>

The spokesman said both attacks — on commuters and on the alleged attacker — were under investigation.

In a separate incident, police found two bodies near the railway lines at Langlaagte Station.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Piet van Deventer said one of the gunmen arrested on Tuesday after killing a policeman manning a police station near Vereeniging had died at Sebokeng Hospital.

He said the gunman was taken to the hospital on Tuesday night after he had collapsed in custody.

The other four gunmen were expected to appear in court soon, probably tomorrow, he said.

Meanwhile Inkatha has slammed police for allegedly limiting their searches to only those stations near the hostels while armed groups boarded trains at unmanned stations "with total impunity".

At a news conference yesterday, Inkatha said it also appeared that targets of the attacks on the trains were Zulu-speakers and Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers.

Soweto police spokesman Capt Govindsamy Marie-muthoo denied the allegations. Police were partial and were doing everything they could to maintain law and order.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the PWV dispute resolution committee, under the chairmanship of Charles Nupen, was to hold a meeting last night to discuss what he said was the police's inability to bring the wave of violence under control.

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## 200 treated in Alex

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IN JUST four days nearly 200 people have been treated at the Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic in Wynberg, Sandton, for wounds related to violence, a clinic spokesman said yesterday.

Figures released by the clinic show that from March 7 to 11, 43 people were treated for gunshot wounds, 70 for stab wounds, four for lacerations and 82 for assault. Six died. There are 40 women and 27 children taking refuge at the clinic. - Sapa.



## Man and woman necklaced

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A MAN and a woman were found "necklaced" in Alexandra Township yesterday - two hours before a joint peace pact was signed in the township.

"Three burnt-out tyres were found next to their bodies," a police spokesman said yesterday.

In another incident, a man was seriously wounded when he was shot in the chest and head.

He was taken to the Alexandra Clinic for treatment.

The gruesome "necklace" method, in which a burning tyre is placed over the victim's head, has so far been infrequently used in unrest-related killings this year.

Twenty-five people have died in unrest-related violence since Wednesday. - Sapa.

# Alexandra peace pact

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A JOINT peace declaration was signed by the African National Congress, the Azanian People's Organisation, the Inkatha Freedom Party, the Pan Africanist Congress and church and civic organisations in Alexandra just hours before a chilling double necklace murder in the troubled township.

Police said the burnt bodies of a man and a woman were found outside a hostel yesterday morning. They had been necklaced.

The murders brought to at least 18 the number of people killed in political violence in Alexandra since Saturday, when gunmen ambushed an Inkatha Freedom Party funeral procession.

At a Press conference in the township yesterday, the multiparty representatives endorsed a joint declaration condemning the latest violence.

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# Police in arms swoop on trains

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JOHANNESBURG. — Passengers burst into song, clapped and stamped until carriages rocked as 180 riot police from the Internal Stability Unit — carrying rifles, shotguns and pistols — searched late afternoon trains bringing commuters back to Soweto.

The hour-long blitz at Mamlankunzi station yesterday yielded a 50cm-long meat cleaver, an axe, a knobkerrie, a panga and a pistol.

In spite of almost daily killings, trains from George Goch to Lenz and Residencia were crowded.

One commuter said: "We blacks have no other transport. We just get on each day and pray. I wish the police were always on these trains."

The conductor of a train from George Goch to Residencia, watched wearily as police randomly searched commuters, rifled through possessions and scoured boxes and plastic bags for weapons.

"I've been with the railways for more than 30 years. Last week I had seven stitches in my head after five guys beat me with a kerie when I told them to move out of the first class seats. I don't mind how long it takes the police to search," said the conductor.

All the passengers agreed police presence on trains was a good thing, but many believed police should be visible in the early mornings, when most of the killings happened.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said random train searches were conducted during mornings and afternoons, but it was impossible to monitor every train.

"We are doing our best to curb violence on trains but we also need the co-operation of the public.

"People must stop provoking each other and stop this senseless violence. Police presence alone will not stop it," said Captain Ngobeni.

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Action stations ... armed riot police wait to search peak-hour trains at Soweto's Mlamlankunzi Station yesterday afternoon.

Picture: Joao Silva

# Violence soars as poll nears

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## 27 slaughtered on the Reef in two days

By Bronwyn Wilkinson  
Crime Staff

The unrest death toll countrywide since the announcement three weeks ago of Tuesday's referendum reached a staggering 204 yesterday — almost double the figure for the 21 days before the referendum was announced on February 20.

The Human Rights Commission said 204 people had died in political violence in the last three weeks. A total of 111 were killed in the pre-

ceding three weeks.

The ongoing Reef carnage claimed two more victims with the discovery yesterday of the bodies of two people who had been "necklaced" in seething Alexandra.

Their gruesome killing brought the Reef death toll to 27 in the past 48 hours.

In heated reaction to the soaring death toll, the ANC described the killings as a national disaster and Azapo called on blacks to consider

a boycott of Reef trains.

In a crime-prevention operation at Longdale station in Johannesburg, police yesterday discovered three petrol bombs hidden in a train from Soweto.

An SAP spokesman said: "One can only imagine in horror what people would be planning to do with a petrol bomb on a crowded train."

He said police had searched two trains on the Soweto-Johannesburg line and disco-

vered several dangerous weapons, including numerous sharpened steel pipes.

Two men, allegedly carrying weapons on the train, were arrested and are due to appear in the Newlands Magistrate's Court today.

Claiming that the violence was neither sporadic nor mindless, but part of an orchestrated campaign, Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) yesterday offered a R10 000 reward for informa-

tion leading to the arrest and conviction of people involved in political violence.

It also announced it had set up a special witness protection programme to ensure the safety of witnesses.

In a separate statement, the LHR announced four eminent international jurists would be arriving in South Africa at the weekend to investigate political violence.

The ANC warned yesterday that the political vio-

lence could only favour those who wanted a "no" vote.

NP general-secretary Dr Stoffel van der Merwe said he did not believe the level of political violence had increased dramatically since the announcement of the referendum, "so I do not think it would have swung the referendum result in any way".

The SAP, facing growing criticism that not enough was being done to curb the carnage on Reef trains, said its work was being hampered by commuter loads and a lack of co-operation

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## Violence soars as poll nears

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from the public.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman told Sapa that police success in arresting train killers was a reflection of the poor co-operation it was getting from the public.

He appealed to political organisations to motivate their followers to supply the police with evidence which could be used in a court of law.

"We cannot use newspaper clippings. We need statements under oath"

He said fear prevented people from coming forward with information. "They've got to catch that same train the next day," he said.

The SAP would do all it could to protect the identity of witnesses.

Police could not have total control when 1.4 million commuters used 1118 trains across the Reef daily.

● Three Heidelberg schools were disrupted by political intimidation yesterday. The SAP said several people had been

arrested, but police were still investigating.

Earlier, ANC Witwatersrand spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said youths claiming to be IFP members disrupted activities at Sethokomela, Ratanda and Sakhile schools while looking for ANC activists. But IFP spokesman Zoro Khumalo said the intimidation started on Wednesday when ANC members chased IFP children from the school.

(Report by B Wilkinson, 47 Sauer St, Jhb)



# Commuters cheer as trains are searched

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By Peter Davies

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Despite almost daily killings, the trains running from George Goch to Lenz and Residencia were crowded.

One commuter said: "We have no other transport. What must we do? I wish the police were always on the trains. People are getting hurt."

The conductor of train number 9072 from George Goch to Residencia, watched as police searched commuters, rifled through possessions and scoured boxes and bags for weapons.

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"We are doing our best to curb violence on trains, but we also need the co-operation of the public. People need to stop provoking each other and change their attitudes before this senseless violence will stop."

# Peace accord signed, then double necklacing

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A joint peace declaration was signed by the ANC, Azapo, the IFP, PAC and church and civic organisations in Alexandra yesterday — only hours ahead of a chilling double necklace murder in the troubled township.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweek said the burnt bodies of a man and a woman were found outside the Old Man's Hostel on the corner of 4th Avenue and Roosevelt Street at 11.40 am.

"They had been necklaced. Three burnt-out tyres were found nearby," Captain van Zweek said. At 11.55 am a man who had been shot and injured was found on the corner of 6th Avenue and Hofmeyr Street.

The murders brought to at least 18 the number of people killed in political violence in Alexandra since Saturday, when gunmen ambushed an IFP funeral procession.

At a press conference in the township yesterday, the multi-party representatives endorsed a joint declaration condemning the latest violence.

"We, the leaders of Alexandra, condemn the incident wherein IFP members were butchered on ... Saturday.

"We also condemn the killing of the person who was stabbed at 10th Avenue (on Saturday),"

the signatories to the peace initiative said in a statement.

In a major breakthrough, the ANC agreed to postpone the funeral of slain member Dillon Mayiza until Sunday to avoid a potential clash with IFP funeral-goers. Mr Mayiza was to have been buried tomorrow — the same day that IFP member Thokozani Xaba, whose funeral was disrupted by last Saturday's attack — will be buried.

The agreement followed a meeting in Auckland Park of the executive committee of the Wits-Vaal Regional Dispute Committee which involved the ANC, IFP, SAP, SADF, DP, NP, Fabcos and Sacob.

The ANC and IFP undertook to urge their constituencies to act with restraint at the funerals. Police would be present.

IFP and ANC spokesmen said that it had been agreed at a meeting with the SAP in Kew on Wednesday that IFP supporters could carry "traditional weapons" provided they did not intimidate anybody.

Both funerals would be monitored by priests and the Alexandra Peace Action Group.

Any problems regarding the funerals should be reported to the Rev Philip Shongwe (443-6307), Father Ronald Cairns (440-1744), the Rev Ngubane (443-5041) and Tony Rutherford (882-0951).



# Preacher dies for praying in Xhosa

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JOHANNESBURG. — Two murderers granted a 72-year-old preacher a few minutes to pray last week before they tossed him from a speeding train for supposedly being a Xhosa preacher.

The Christian Fellowship minister, the Rev Restored Mtambeki, died instantly. He had twice before been attacked for preaching in Xhosa on trains according to fellow minister the Rev Jeremiah Ngobese.

Mr Ngobese said they were on the train from Katlehong when the two thugs said to Mr Mtambeki: "Come Xhosa, it is your time." He replied: "Give me a few minutes to pray."

"Then they beat him, and tossed him from the train," Mr Ngobese said.

● Another man was stabbed and thrown off a train on the Reef last week, police said. Sixteen people were arrested in unrest-related incidents in the region.

● An estimated 11000 people have been killed in political violence in South Africa since 1986, about half in Natal, according to the final report of the Black Sash Repression Monitoring Group.

● The Free State Dispute Resolution Committee is attempting to involve the Conservative Party and the PAC in a plan to end intimidation. — Sapa

# 17 die in Joburg <sup>(278)</sup> violence in 24 hours

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JOHANNESBURG. — The death toll for 24 hours in the Johannesburg area reached 17 yesterday morning — the worst township violence of the year.

A spokeswoman for South Africa's Human Rights Commission said the attacks brought the death toll for the past seven days to at least 80, and the year's toll to 350.

## Warning by ANC

"It's the highest number we've recorded for 1992 in a seven-day period," said Ms Safoora Sadek of the HRC.

The HRC said more than 200 people have been killed since the announcement of the white referendum three weeks ago in a disturbing new pattern of political violence aimed at disrupting voting and negotiations.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said: "We don't know what the motives for the killings were but police are investigating."

The ANC said that anger at a disregard for black lives was reaching boiling point.

Lawyers for Human Rights, which offered a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of train killers, said: "It is our view that the killings taking place in this (Witwatersrand) region and others are not sporadic and nor are they mindless — they form part of an orchestrated campaign."

## Four bodies

The LHR said it had instituted a special witness protection programme.

It also said a delegation of the International Commission of Jurists would arrive at the weekend on a fact-finding mission on continuing violence.

Fighting between rival supporters of the ANC and those of the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party has claimed at least 10 000 lives since 1984.

Early yesterday police found the bodies of four people at Boksburg station. "One had been shot and three people were thrown off a moving train," Capt Van Zweel said. — Sapa



# Trains: SAP plea for help

JOHANNESBURG. — Police work on trains is constrained by a huge commuter load and by lack of co-operation from the public, SAP Witwatersrand spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

Facing growing criticism from the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC, Captain Opperman called on political organisations to motivate their followers to provide police with evidence on train violence.

Police success in arresting killers on trains was a reflection of the co-operation the SAP was getting from the public — practically zero, he said.

"People like the ANC should go along and motivate them to supply the police with evidence we can use in a court of law."

Captain Opperman said that so long as people were scared they would not come forward with information.

"They're scared of intimidation. They've got to catch that same train the next day."

He also noted some figures: there are 1,4 million train commuters in the Witwatersrand on an average working day; there are 150 stations and 1 118 trains which move through the region each day.

"The enormity of policing this region must be seen in the light of these figures." — Sapa

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**Noordgesig:**

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The Johannesburg City Council last night said there was a possibility that the 15 Noordgesig residents injured during Wednesday's protest had been fired on with live ammunition from the back of a truck by members of a private security company.

Reacting to the confrontation between the city council's security officers and about 300 residents, health and housing chairman Marietta Marx said members of the security company which drove past fired about seven shots at the crowd from the back of the truck.

Mrs Marx denied allegations that live ammunition was used by the council's security officers during a confrontation sparked by increased electricity payments.

She admitted, however, that the council's security department members fired warning shots "with paper-shelled bird-shot" to disperse the crowd "in the belief that their lives and those of other council employees in the cash office were in danger".

"At no stage was hard ammunition used by council security personnel. I am informed by our staff that seven security personnel fired a total of 12 shots into the ground and one into the air," she said.



# 25 slaughtered on trains

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**TWENTY-FIVE** people were killed and many others injured as mobs ran amok and slaughtered people at random on trains and stations across the Reef yesterday and Wednesday.

About 100 policemen yesterday searched commuters in three trains at Mamlankunzi Station as concern about safety on trains continued to mount.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said police seized two pangas during the operation.

No arrests were made.

A Sowetan team which accompanied the police during the operation was told by commuters that they felt police were not doing enough to protect them, saying "one-off" searches were not effective.

Following weeks of train carnage on the Reef, the Azanian People's Organisation yesterday called on blacks to consider a boycott of Reef trains.

Azapo media spokesman Mr Khangale Makhado said yesterday the organisation was "deeply

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disturbed by the wanton killing which has brought untold misery and grief to black families."

He said the idea of a train boycott, and other measures to protect black people from "faceless murderers", would be discussed with the ANC, PAC, Nacitu, Cosatu, church bodies and other community organisations.

"We wish to warn black people that the regime and all its allies have no respect for black lives and that they will continue to kill us for as long as we remain divided," Makhado said.

The ANC described the escalating violence in the country in the build-up to the referendum as a "national tragedy" and warned that it could only favour those who wanted a "no" vote.

"Centuries of indoctrination have resulted in extreme white South African racial prejudice and hatred, and the violence afflicting the black communities can only work in favour of a "no" vote," the ANC said.

"The only forces that gain are those who are against peace and



**CAPTAIN NGOBENI**

freedom," the organisation said. In train attacks across the Reef in the past 24 hours:

- Three people died in Boksburg after being thrown off a train bound for Springs at 7am yesterday.

- The body of a woman was found at Germiston station yesterday.

- A man died after being thrown off a train at Kutlalo station in Katlehong early yesterday.

- A commuter was shot dead and found next to a railway line at Germiston West station early yesterday.

- Two men and a woman were

shot dead while travelling from Katlehong to Germiston on Wednesday evening.

- A man and two women died when they were attacked by a mob and stabbed at Germiston station. Gunmen opened fire at Lindela station in Katlehong on Wednesday afternoon and sprayed commuters with bullets. One man was killed.

The bodies of four more men were found at Lindela station on Wednesday.

Another mob stabbed a commuter in a crowded carriage on a train near Simpanzini Station, Germiston. They threw his mutilated body from the train.

Commuters fought back and killed one of the men who attacked them on a train on the Soweto line.

Captain Eugene Opperman, spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, said police work on the trains was being hampered by a huge commuter load and by lack of co-operation from the public.

Lawyers for Human Rights have offered a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of violence.



**Police conduct searches on commuters at Mamlankunzi Station, Soweto, yesterday in a bid to stem the violence on trains.**



Death toll rises to 21

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## Sway voters,

# ANC warns

AT LEAST 21 people had died by last night in a two-day wave of unrest which the ANC said was bound to drive whites into voting "no" in next week's referendum.

As warring parties in Alexandra — an unrest flashpoint — met to sign a peace declaration, police found the bodies of a man and a woman who had been neck-laced.

Sapa-Reuter reports that almost 60 people have died in unrest countrywide since the weekend.

The recent spate of train attacks continued yesterday, with four people dying in an attack on a train near Boksburg on the East Rand. Police spokesman Capt. Ida van Zweel said three of the victims were thrown from a moving train. The fourth was shot dead. Since Wednesday at least 12 people have died in Reef train attacks.

Police also confirmed yesterday that pupils at three Heidelberg schools had been subjected to political intimidation. The ANC claimed youths who said they were Inkatha members disrupted activities at the schools when they went looking for ANC members.

Police said they had not yet made any arrests in connection with a bomb blast which destroyed a water tanker at the Zevenfontein squatter camp north of Johannesburg on Wednesday night.

The ANC said in a statement the violence could only work towards a "no" vote and warned that black anger was reaching boiling point. "The only forces that gain are those who are against peace and freedom," the ANC said.

The Human Rights Commission (HRC) said the daily death toll in political vio-

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lence had climbed to 11,6 this week. This supported the belief that the new wave of violence was aimed at destabilisation ahead of the referendum, the HRC said.

Alexandra representatives of the ANC, Inkatha, the PAC, Azapo and church and civic organisations yesterday deplored the violence in the township, which was sparked by a sniper attack on Inkatha mourners at a funeral on Saturday.

In a joint peace declaration, the organisations said the incident led to unnecessary loss of lives. However, "we, as organisations, agree to work together to contain the situation", they said.

Alexandra Clinic spokesman Dr. Tim Wilson said the clinic treated two people for gunshot wounds yesterday.

Inkatha Alexandra chairman Simon Nxumalo said yesterday although his organisation was committed to the national peace accord, unruly elements were looting residents' property.

Residents in Alexandra's 5th Avenue said they feared for their lives as they did not know when attacks would be launched from the nearby Madala Hostel. Yesterday numerous residents moved out of their homes.

ANC Alexandra spokesman Obed Bapela said police and SADF reinforcements were needed to bring violence in the township under control.

Azapo yesterday issued a statement in which it said it was considering a train boycott on the Reef to protest against attacks on commuters.

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chairman Charles Nupen said a Greater Soweto dispute resolution committee subcommittee on train violence would meet on Monday to discuss the problem.

"The problem is so big that policing alone cannot deal with it entirely. An initiative involving business, trade unions, political organisations and all other interest groups is needed to resolve this."

Police spokesman Maj Ray Harrold said police had no idea who was behind the train attacks.

Asked what police were doing to ensure the safety of commuters, Harrold said it was impossible to deploy policemen on all trains and in all coaches. There was not sufficient manpower to man the more than 1 200 trains which travelled on the Witwatersrand daily.

Meanwhile, a committee of inquiry into train violence is preparing to probe Reef

train attacks. The committee, set up by Mr Justice Goldstone's standing commission into public violence and intimidation in February, will establish:

□ The nature and causes of violence and intimidation;  
□ Whether it aims to achieve any political goal; and  
□ Who is involved and what steps should be taken to curb or prevent it.

Committee chairman advocate Neil Rossouw said it was hoped the committee would start hearing evidence next month.

STEPHANE BOTHMA reports that Lawyers for Human Rights said yesterday it had instituted a special witness protection programme for unrest witnesses. It also announced a R10 000 reward for information leading to conviction of those responsible for the current wave of violence.

Report by W. Zwane, TML, 11 Diagonal St., Jhb.





Tense moment ... A resident confronts municipal police as SAP forces prevent an angry crowd from storming the rent offices

Photo: GUY ADAMS

**A** CITY councillor's home was set alight and petrol bombs were hurled at policemen on Wednesday night in the violent culmination of tension between the Johannesburg City Council and residents of Noordgesig, a coloured township west of Johannesburg.

Hours earlier, 14 people had been injured — four of them critically — when municipal police opened fire, allegedly with birdshot, on a 250 to 300-strong crowd protesting outside the local rent offices.

The Noordgesig Civic Association (NCA) had called a stayaway on Wednesday in protest against 300 eviction notices served on residents by the city council for unpaid rent and electricity bills.

Last month, as residents were receiving electricity accounts of more than R1 200, the NCA asked the Ennerdale Civic Association to address two mass meetings. The two townships have much in common: both were politically inactive until they became politicised by unrealistically high electricity rates. A similar protest in Ennerdale in February was broken up violently by police.

South African Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni commented that police had not been involved in the Noordgesig shootings but had been deployed only for crowd control.

Municipal police have been guarding the rent offices in Noordgesig 24-hours a day for the past fortnight. A municipal police spokesman yesterday refused to comment on the shootings, saying the incident was being investigated.

Two ambulances transported the

## Electricity bills inflame a once quiet township

*People have been shot, a city councillor's house set alight and petrol bombs hurled at police — all because of accounts that a previously passive community says it can't afford.*

**BEATHUR BAKER reports**

injured to the Baragwanath and JG Strijdom hospitals. They included two senior citizens, one a woman of 65 and the other a man of 70, who were both seriously injured.

Assistant publicity secretary of the NCA Mike Fetane said: "This was definitely not only birdshot used for crowd control."

Fetane, who transported NCA co-chairman Kaplan Smith to hospital after he was shot "five times at close range", said live ammunition was used: "There was too much blood all over the back seat of my car."

Events built up slowly from early in the morning as crowds barricaded all

exits from the township and marched to the house of a local city councillor, Cathy Seefort, demanding that she resign.

The growing procession of placard-carrying residents then handed a memorandum to David Allie, superintendent of the rent offices.

In his account of the events after this, NCA secretary Keith Blandford, his arm smeared with blood, said: "At 8am, three civic association members approached Allie and handed over a copy of our demands, requesting him to send them to the head of the management committee, Ian Davidson, for a reply.

"Allie promised he would present Davidson with the list and give the people a reasonable reply by 1pm."

The crowd waited outside the offices until 1pm, many uncertain whether they would be evicted during the course of the day.

Their memorandum contained the following demands:

- That the city council stop all legal proceedings against residents who have not paid rent or electricity bills until the council has met with the NCA.

- That until this time it also refrains from cutting off residents' electricity.

- That it stops procedures to evict residents, including the 300 people already issued with eviction notices.

Several people in the crowd confirmed that when the delegation returned from Allie's office, they were dismissed and told that there was no response to their demands. They were then "chased off the premises by the municipal security men".

Chaos followed, according to Sergeant Oosthuizen, a policeman in one of the police vans on the scene, and police fired two teargas canisters into the crowd "to maintain order because people started throwing stones". After being given a warning to disperse, he said, the crowd stood firmly on both sides of the road.

That evening, residents held a meeting to discuss the day's events. At about 9pm, an angry crowd gathered around Seefort's house and set it alight. Considerable damage was caused, but no one was injured. Petrol bombs were also thrown at policemen still patrolling the area.



# 'Police killing' witness

*murdered*

## ANC says it regrets lack of precaution

There are two bodies and there are affidavits, but "not enough evidence". Chief Reporter JOHN PERLMAN investigates.

HAD he lived, a young Sharpeville man named Doctor Elliot Motsitsi might have been able to answer disturbing questions about the fatal shooting of a young man that has raised temperatures in the Vaal Triangle township.

Motsitsi never got a chance to sign the affidavit he made to lawyers concerning the shooting last week of Andries Montoedi Molebatsi by a policeman, Constable Skuta Marumo.

Motsitsi, a 20-year-old pupil, was found dead outside the gate of his grandmother's home in Sharpeville early on Tuesday, just hours before he was expected to sign his testimony. According to relatives, he had been shot in his head and hands.

Police said Marumo fired at Molebatsi in self-defence after three men, two armed with hand-grenades, threatened him.

Motsitsi was one of three witnesses who stepped forward to testify about the killing of Molebatsi.

In an affidavit given to police last week, a second witness said Molebatsi was unarmed when he approached Marumo.

In his affidavit, Motsitsi said he and another friend had accompanied Molebatsi home in the late afternoon after a birthday party. "On our way to Andries's home we met a certain person, whom I believe to be a policeman as he is always with police. He is known as 'Skuta'. He asked Andries to wait for him.

"Skuta insisted on conversing with Andries alone. We then left a distance between them and us. I was unable to hear what they were discussing.

### 'Follow deceased'

"Skuta took out his gun. I saw a bullet falling from the gun. Andries picked up the bullet and returned it to him. There was no sign of conflict. I then saw Andries leaving the company of Skuta. When he was a short distance away, Skuta shot at Andries and he fell. Immediately thereafter, Skuta pointed a gun at us and fired three shots in our direction. Fortunately, none of the bullets struck us. Skuta stated to us that he vowed that we were going to follow the deceased. I took this to mean that he was going to kill us."

Lawyers acting for the African National Congress and the Vaal Council of Churches have written to the police to express their "regret" that no action was taken to suspend Marumo after the first shooting.

Their letter said that a request had been made at a meeting between police, the ANC and local organisations "to ensure the safety of witnesses to the killing of Andries Molebatsi. Our clients are shocked and dismayed that one of the key witnesses to the killing has been killed."

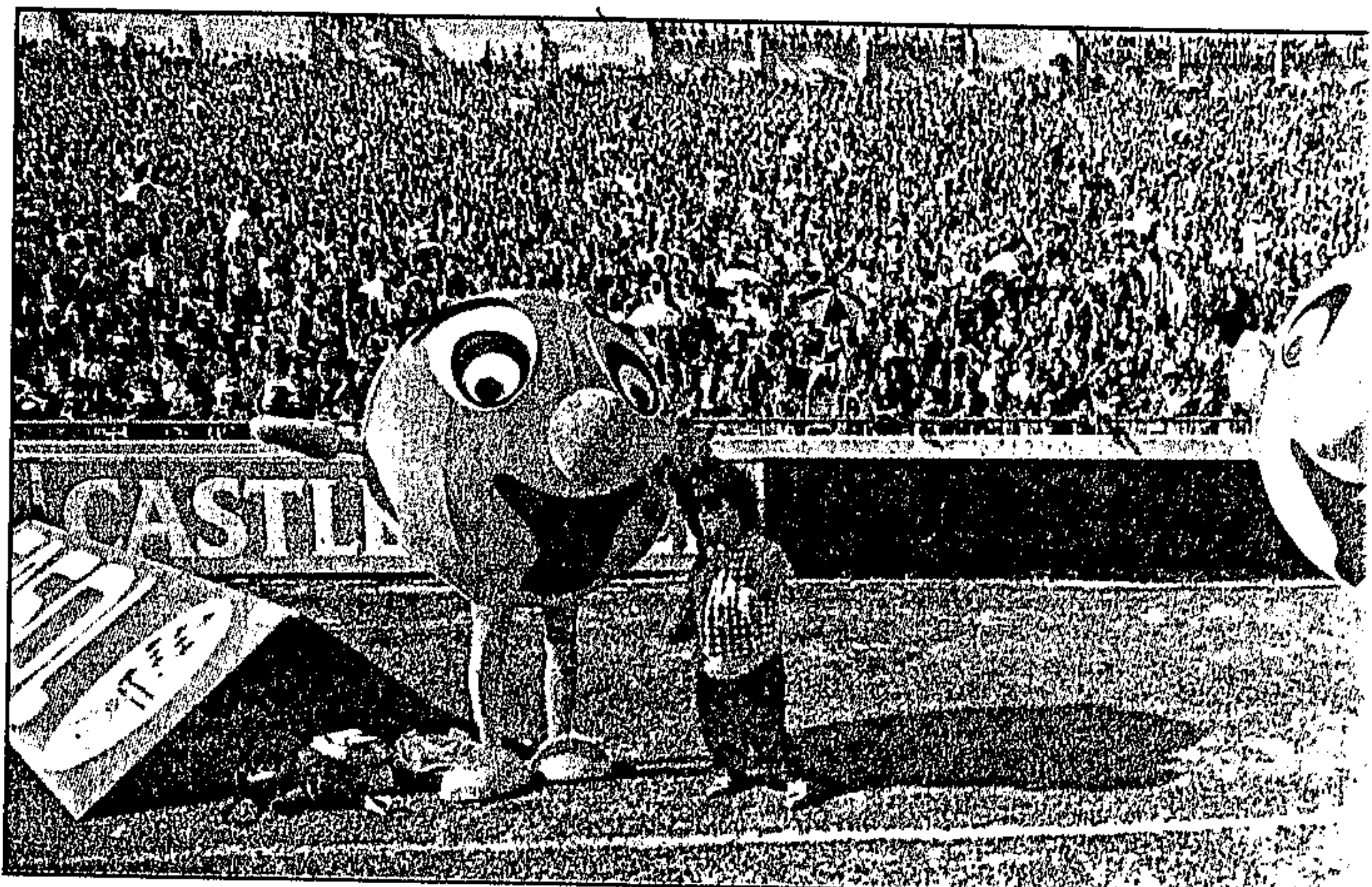
The ANC and the VCC have repeated their call for Marumo's suspension. The issue was also raised this week at a meeting in Johannesburg between senior police officers and an ANC delegation which included its president, Nelson Mandela.

The meeting was held to discuss security and other arrangements for next Saturday's ANC rally to commemorate the 1961 Sharpeville massacre.

Vaal police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer said investigations into both shootings were continuing, but no arrests had been made.

A number of affidavits — including one which was "not complete" — had been received concerning the first killing.

Van Deventer said: "There is not enough evidence for us to suspend or arrest Marumo."



RED NOSES CHASE THE BLUES AWAY: And it's fun all the way with comedians, jugglers, special TV

## Fun for all as Red Nose telephone ple

TODAY scores of people will pledge their support for underprivileged children on the new Telkom toll-free numbers.

Fun events on M-Net's K-TV and at Cresta Centre in Randburg will offer entertainment for all.

K-TV promises guest appearances by Lawrence

Dube, Alyce Chavanduka and Sue Kelly-Christie, while Eddie Eckstein, Mel Miller, Dennis McLean and Casper de Vries will run the Red Nose Round-up.

Every hour, one "pledger" will receive a free holi-

day at a leading SA time-share resort. In Open Time between 5 pm and 7 pm, two major prize-winners will be announced. They will get a trip for four to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

### STAFF REPORTER

Anyone who phones in a pledge could be in line — the number is 080 1111-466 (northern Transvaal) or 080 0038-111 (national).

Cresta Centre programme  
06h00: Biggest container popcorn.  
09h00-11h00: SAP band.  
11h00-11h30: SAP gym class.  
11h30-12h00: Performer dogs.  
12h00-12h30: Fire-eating, j

## Councillors vote with feet

A long-brewing controversy over "secret agendas" of the Sandton Council management committee sparked a walkout from the council this week.

At the induction of the new management committee on Thursday night, three councillors walked out.

The reason for the demonstration? It was done in protest against the appointment of the chairman, Willem Hefer, and his deputy, Mike Melunsky.

The councillors who walked out were Jo Marais, Melanie Stewart and Rick Ehlers.

The action came after

joined in protest, said that Sandton had a "gang" dominating the town.

"The whole town has been left incommunicado because this bunch has clogged the communication pipeline," he said. Hefer dismissed the walkout as a storm in a teacup.

He said it was "nothing — just a few people who chickened out".

The new mayor, Bruce Burns, has adopted "goodwill" as his theme for the year.

His aims are to make the residents of Sandton aware of the interdependence of people in the new South Africa.

### Power

"There is a lust for power in the chamber," said Marais.

"The management committee has too many hidden agendas and these are not brought out into the open," she said.

Rick Ehlers, who also

## Welsh pub owner bars politics

CHEPSTOW — A Welsh publican declared his premises an "election-free zone" yesterday and said anyone mentioning politics would suffer the medieval punishment of being locked in stocks.

The publican, Paul Fletcher, has banned customers at his Chepstow pub from talking about the British national

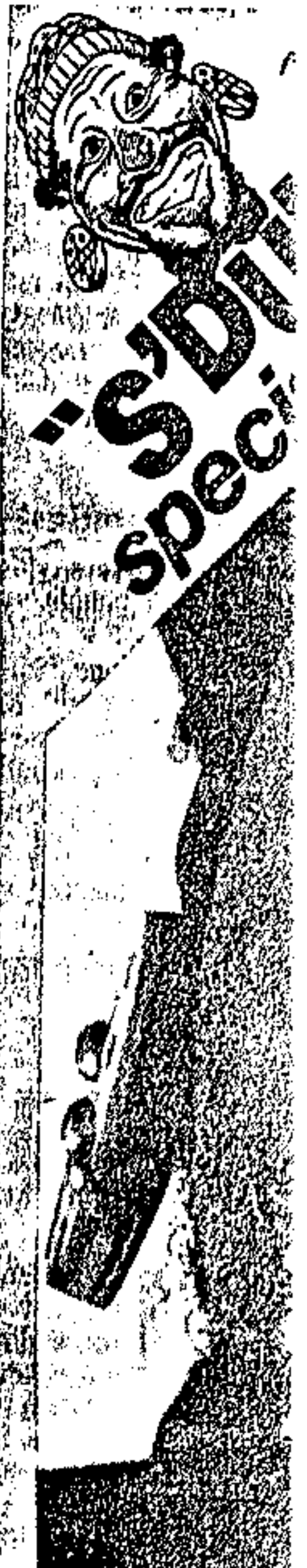
election, which the Conservative government this week set for April 9.

The penalty for mentioning the dreaded election word is public humiliation in antique stocks outside the pub.

Fletcher (39) said Britons were getting fed up with electioneering. "Pubs aren't the place for politics," he added. — Sapa-Reuter.

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# ANC, IFP share accord of blood

THE African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party, two of the main signatories to the six-month-old National Peace Accord, yesterday blamed each other for the violence racking South Africa.

ANC information director Dr Pallo Jordan said the ANC had "done everything possible" to end the violence.

He accused some signatories, mainly the IFP, of being "to a large extent" responsible for the violence.

"The ... accord can only be as effective as the commitment of the signatories. It would be a miracle if it could achieve anything when some of the signatories are not committed to it,"

Jordan said.

Kim Hodgson of the Inkatha Institute said more than 20 of the organisation's office-bearers had been murdered since the accord was signed.

"There seems to be a very clear trend. The ANC leadership is actively participating in organising incidents of violence."

**MONTSHIWA MOROKE,  
STAN HLOPHE  
and SAPA**

Whenever perpetrators of violence against the IFP had been arrested, those responsible had been either ANC supporters or members, he said.

The worst carnage yesterday was in the Dur-

ban township of Umlazi, the scene of yet another ANC-Inkatha clash. At least 18 people, including 15 women and a child, were killed when hostel residents from Unit 17 attacked the nearby Uganda squatter settlement.

In another incident, three men, believed to be IFP supporters, were

hacked to death and thrown off a moving train travelling between Soweto and Johannesburg. Eight others were injured.

One of the dead men, wearing an Inkatha T-shirt, was covered with his lumberjacket. He had been stabbed to death.

Witness Peter Gallon said he had heard screaming from the train.

"I looked back and saw people being stabbed with knives and hacked with pangas by a group of people and later pushed from the moving train.

"I will never forget the pain those people were

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## Violence

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in. It is hard to forget. This madness should stop. People have lost their humanity."

In Phola Park squatter camp near Tokoza on the East Rand, a man was allegedly shot dead by police yesterday in what residents said was an unprovoked attack.

In another incident near the squatter camp, policeman Sergeant Ockert Kriel (22) was wounded by AK-47 fire. A police spokesman

said the two shootings did not appear to be related.

The dead man was identified by residents as James Jan Ntsokwana, a labourer at a nearby brickworks. He was believed to be a widower father of three.

Police drew their weapons when removing the body as a crowd at the scene grew angry and moved forward.

The Human Rights Commission has said 204 people have died in political violence during the past three weeks.

## 2 townships declared unrest areas

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ALEXANDRA and Sharpeville townships near Johannesburg were declared unrest areas with immediate effect under emergency regulations published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said a curfew had been introduced from 10 pm to 4 am every day until further notice. Only people with permission and valid

reasons would be allowed to enter or leave the townships during this period.

Opperman warned mourners and others attending funerals in these townships today that the police would "under no circumstances whatsoever" allow them to carry "weapons of any kind" during the ceremonies, and that no marches to the cemeteries would be allowed. — Sapa.



# Plea for peace as Alex battles rage

S TIMES 15/3/92

By SHARON CHETTY and DAWN BARKHUIZEN

**THE National Peace Commission yesterday appealed for calm as running battles claimed three more lives in Alexandra.**

Two people were killed when Inkatha members defied a police ban on a march to the township's cemetery during the funeral of an IFP member, Mr Thokozani Xaba. This was Inkatha's second attempt to bury Mr Xaba — snipers dispersed mourners at a service last week.

Commission chairman John Hall made an urgent appeal for peace in the wake of a week's political violence that left more than 100 people dead.

He called on all political leaders — "whether they signed the National Peace Accord or not" — to urge their followers to refrain from violence in the countdown to Tuesday's referendum.

"Least South Africa is to

slip irreversibly into a cycle of conflict, violence and civil war, this polarisation and fragmentation needs to be stopped."

Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, was declared an unrest area on Friday night, and reinforcements of police and troops were deployed in the township before yesterday's funeral.

The violence erupted when hundreds of Inkatha

was wounded in this clash. Meanwhile, ANC supporters had erected barricades on the route to the cemetery and set them alight. Police fired teargas into a crowd gathered around a pile of burning tyres which they said they had prepared "for the Inkatha coffin".

By late yesterday afternoon, ANC representatives had dispersed the crowds but intermittent shooting, manning the barricades, could still be heard around the hostel.

At least seven people were treated for stab and bullet wounds at the Alexandra clinic.

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## Urgent

This weekend, the Natal-Kwazulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee made an urgent request to Judge Richard Goldstone to appoint an inquiry into violence at Umlazi in the past three months.

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supporters, heavily armed with traditional weapons, forced their way past armoured cars and Rats blocking the gates of the Madala hostel at 1pm.

They had been contained within the grounds of the hostel while police negotiated for more than two hours with IFP leaders who objected to the ban on traditional weapons.

Mr Xaba's funeral procession was to have left from the hostel at 11am.

At least two people died in the bloody clash between ANC and IFP supporters following his abortive funeral last Saturday.

Yesterday, mourners refused to be disarmed and demanded the right to join the funeral march.

They rejected a police offer to escort the body and a group of IFP leaders to the cemetery.

Talks between the police and the IFP broke down shortly before lunch. IFP representative Humphrey Ndlovu told the SAP he could not control the crowd massed in the hostel grounds.

Mr Ndlovu drove to Braamfontein to consult the Kwazulu Minister of Justice, Mr CJ Mthethwa, and returned an hour later.

By then, hundreds of Inkatha supporters bussed in from hostels around Johannesburg had gathered at the hostel, where they were chanting and performing war dances.

Many of them had clearly been drinking.

Mr Ndlovu told the mourners Mr Mthethwa had agreed to the police offer, and that the funeral should proceed, but the angry mob rushed past the police vehicles through the gates and took to the streets.

A group of them entered a house in Second Avenue where they shot and stabbed Mr Chipper Osimmarare, who was visiting the occupants.

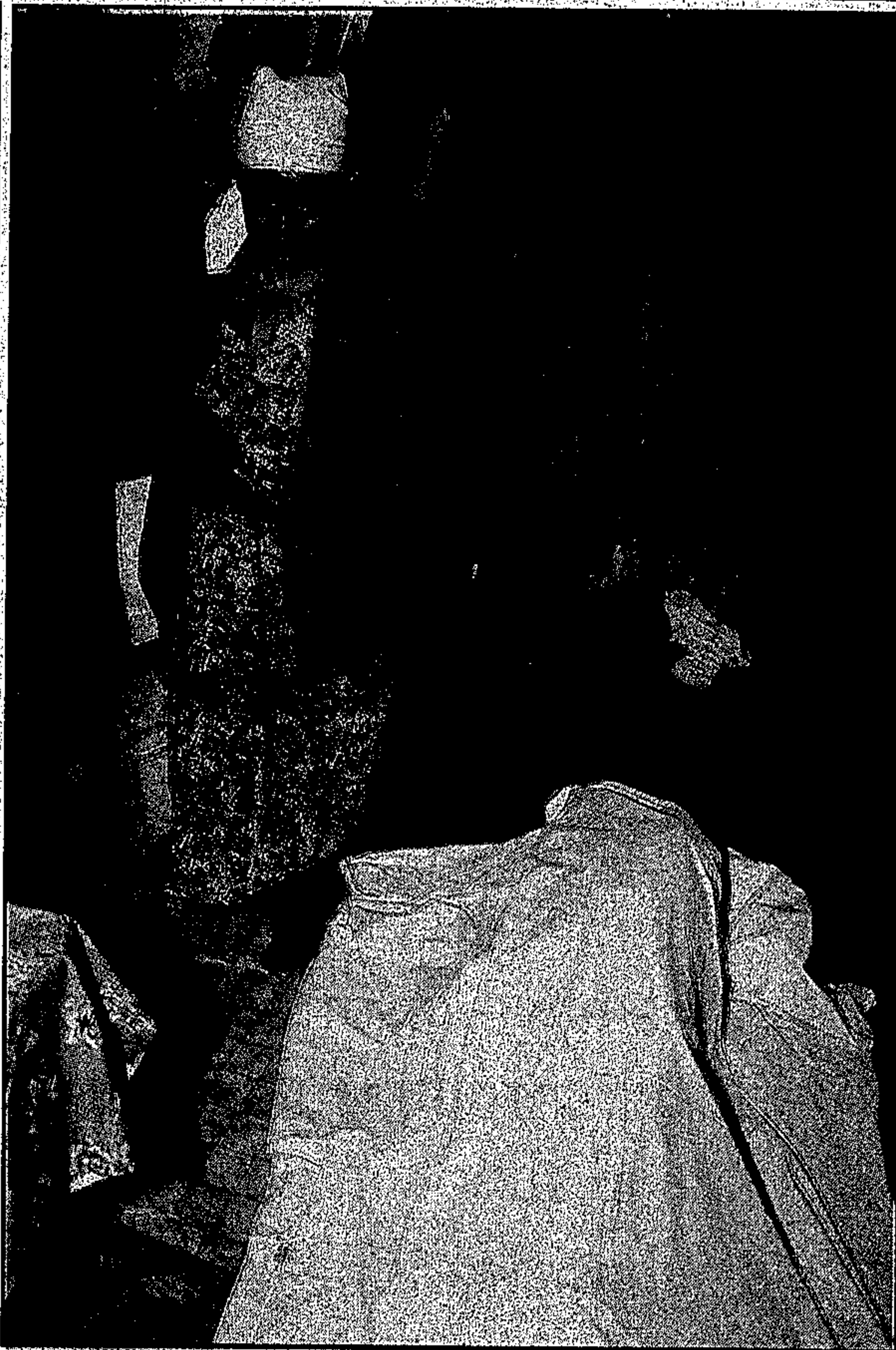
## Shooting

A fierce gun battle erupted when residents of the Madala Hostel opened fire on security forces surrounding the building. At least one hostel dweller



UNEASY police in strife-torn Alexandra township after funeral march ban yesterday. Picture: JOE SEFALE





Relatives mourn Stanwright Gaeyetse.

■ Pici TLADI KHUELE

## Gunmen kill elderly man

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

WHILE 71-year-old Grace Gaeyetse was preparing supper for herself and her 73-year-old husband, Stanwright, in their Doornkop squatter camp shack, unknown gunmen sprayed them with bullets.

Stanwright was killed instantly, but although Grace escaped death, she was badly wounded and taken to Baragwanath. Her condition is serious.

After the first attack the gunmen moved to neighbouring shacks where they shot 13-year-old David Gabusiwe and an elderly woman known as Ma Dlamini. They also fired at Gabusiwe's mother, Elizabeth. She was not hit, but

pretended to be dead.

The attackers, who fled in a car, are thought to have come from Dobsonville hostel.

Police say they haven't found a reason for the attacks.

Later, in what is believed to be a counter attack, a group of about 30 angry residents burnt down five shacks in the area. It is thought hostel residents used these shacks for drinking parties.

Shebeen owner Peggy Shabalala did not know why her shack was gutted.

"The mob were crying for my blood, and my husband and I ran away when we heard shots. The mob then looted my shebeen before they set it alight."

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Keeping tabs on the news

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**Peace truce eases Alex tension**

A FRAGILE peace agreement has prompted a deep sigh of relief among residents in Alexandra where renewed inter-organisational violence has claimed about eight lives in the past week. ANC publicity secretary Obed Bapela and IFP chairman Simon Nxumalo shook hands at a press conference to mark the spirit of reconciliation between the two major warring factions. Trouble in the township started last weekend when unknown gunmen shot at an IFP funeral procession. An IFP supporter was fatally wounded, which sparked a trail of violence.

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# IFP man's body taken back to the mortuary

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THE burial of an ANC man went without incident in Alexandra Township yesterday - a day after pandemonium broke out during the aborted funeral of an Inkatha member.

On Saturday, the township became a war zone when hostel inmates exchanged gunfire with police who were trying to prevent armed mourners from marching to the local cemetery.

The funeral of IFP supporter, Mr. Thokozani Xaba, was postponed for the second time.

Last week his body was taken back to the mortuary

By SONTI MASEKO

after mourners were attacked on their way to the graveyard.

Yesterday, ANC leader, Floyd Mashele told mourners at the funeral of Dilon

Mayisa to be peaceful and "to make this funeral different from a political rally".

However, a man was arrested outside the graveyard after a firearm was found in his car.





Uneasy calm ... About 1 200 ANC supporters were tense, but peaceful, as they buried an ANC member in Alexandra yesterday.

Picture: George Mashinini

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next to their bodies, the  
SAP said.

In the same area, at the Masibuko hostel, the bodies of two men with bullet wounds were found.

The countrywide death toll from political unrest since the announcement of the referendum three weeks ago has risen to at least 260.

The Human Rights Commission, Lawyers for Human Rights and the ANC said they be-

## Violence death-toll soars

lieved much of the violence was being provoked to create chaos and scare white voters.

In Soweto, at least seven people — one a municipal employee who was shot and set alight in his truck — were killed in a weekend of sporadic violence.

Shortly after 4 pm yesterday, a man was shot and stabbed at Inhlazane station.

Police said two men

were killed in Meadowlands yesterday and a third on Saturday night. One of the victims had been burnt.

On Saturday a municipal employee was shot near the Jabulani Hostel at about 1.15 pm and set alight.

In Alexandra, a man was shot dead at about 8.30 am yesterday as he walked past the Old Man's hostel.

Sapa reports that 241

have been treated at the Alexandra Health Centre for injuries suffered in violence since last Saturday. Of this number, 105 were assaulted, 72 suffered stab wounds, 62 gunshot wounds and four lacerations. Seven of them died and 81 were transferred to hospitals.

Two people were killed and 28 wounded on Saturday, police said. A Star reporter saw four bodies in the township.



# Newsmen

## injured in

## grenade

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and watching for a sign of attack from the Mzimhlope hostel.

The day dawned to gunshot fire in this troubled area of Soweto, where whole tracts of housing have been laid waste in attacks by hostel dwellers in the past few weeks.

Hostel dwellers and residents alike claimed they had been the victims of an early morning attack. In Meadowlands Zone 1 a house was allegedly bombed at about 3 am.

Describing the grenade attack, Silva said: "We were about to leave the place where the policeman had been shot when a grenade was lobbed at the car.

### Suffered

"It looked like a cricket ball. In fact I thought it was a stone landing. Then there was this bang and I fell over with someone on top of me."

The other newsmen injured were members of a Visnews television crew, Geoff Chiltern and Dinkie Mkhize.

Chiltern suffered a head wound, while Mkhize was hurt in the back and on the back of his legs. Silva's arm was injured.





Another casualty of the senseless violence that ravages the Reef. Mr Josiah Rakwena of Meadowlands was shot in a taxi by hijackers who also killed the driver on Saturday.

PIC: PATTY MOENG

# 24 die as peace still evades Reef

*Sowetan 16/3/92*  
By MOKGADI PELA  
and Sapa

**AT least 23 people were killed in another violent weekend on the Reef as peace continues to evade the Reef townships.**

Five men were shot dead with their hands bound behind their backs in Katlehong on Saturday.

In the same area, the bodies of two men were found near Mazibuko Hostel on Saturday.

Yesterday, a *Sowetan* team saw three bodies with bullet wounds near Dobsonville Hostel.

One witness said two people were stabbed and hacked to death in Moletsane, Soweto, last night when a group of armed men marched through the streets.

Police found bodies of two people who had been stabbed and then set alight in Meadowlands, Soweto.

A taxi driver was shot dead by a passenger on Saturday, according to police. The gunman also shot and

injured passengers before setting the vehicle on fire.

These are other unrest-related incidents:

In Alexandra, two people were hacked to death on Saturday during clashes between hostel dwellers and police.

A man's body was found near the hostel yesterday morning.

In Soweto, police found bodies of two men with stab wounds.

A municipal employee was burnt to death in his car in Jabulani, Soweto, on Saturday.

urday.

In Dobsonville, three people were shot dead on Friday evening. The deceased were identified as Herbert Lekgalamitloa (27) Mabina Molefe (72) and Herman Buti Molefe (42).

Four other people were seriously injured and were rushed to Leratong Hospital.

Police spokesman Captain Govinsamy Mariemuthoo said police arrested two suspects at Dobsonville Hostel.



# Violence claims 217 lives

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence on the Reef and in other parts of the country continued unabated at the weekend and at least 13 deaths pushed the national toll to 217 in three weeks.

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## Curfews for two Reef townships

bullet wounds, the official police unrest report stated yesterday. Five of the men had their hands tied behind their backs. Spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

Several violent incidents occurred in Soweto at the weekend. A taxi driver who had refused to take a passenger to a destination was shot dead and the taxi set alight on Saturday. One of the other passengers was wounded in gunfire.

A municipal employee travelling past Jabulani Hostel in Soweto was shot at

before his vehicle was set alight. The man was trapped in the blazing car and was burnt to death.

The police public relations division in Pretoria reported that two more burnt bodies and the bodies of two stab victims were discovered in Soweto.

Violence also flared in other parts of the country.

One of the more serious incidents was on Saturday at Ngwelezane, near Empanjeni, where two hand grenades were thrown at a house and rounds were fired from an AK-47 rifle. Two women were badly injured.

An ANC supporter was held yesterday by the police in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, for possession of an unlicensed firearm during the funeral of an ANC member.



**I** LEANED against the door leading to another coach of a train racing from Dube Station to Pheteni.

I ostentatiously pulled out a book from my bag to try and reassure the suspicious eyes that were following my every movement. They were scared, suspecting that I could be one of the train killers terrorising commuters on the Reef.

I was more scared than they were. If there was an attack, I could be a victim. But then I could also be attacked by the suspicious passengers simply because I had a bag with me and I was not a regular in this coach.

If anybody had dropped a bottle or anything for that matter in that coach, we would have jumped out of the window.

The air was thick with fear.

When the train - 9333, I believe it was - got to Pheteni, I jumped out because I could stand it no longer. The scared eyes along the coach now appeared menacing to me.

**Hell is a ride in a train on the Reef.**

**I** had started the day, Wednesday last week - the same day on which several people were killed in train attacks on the Reef - determined to ride the trains and get to feel the hell commuters have to endure, sometimes twice a day.

It was not only because of my academic interest in the subject but also because the people who are dying in the trains are my flesh and blood.

What were the police doing to protect them? Why were people taking their lives in their hands to get on the trains when they had seen so much death?

## A brief halt

At 5.30 in the morning, just when the day was starting to brighten, I got off a taxi at the Merafe railway station.

The queue outside the station for taxis going to town was long. The taxis screamed to a brief halt to load the passengers and sped away.

A few people were climbing the bridge to the railway platform. Two policemen lounged at the foot of the stairs, looking in the direction of the taxis.

They did not give me a second glance

# Blood on

# the tracks

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**BABYLON XEKETWANE**, a masters student in sociology at the University of the Witwatersrand, rode in trains from Soweto at peak hours last week and found himself suspected of being a train killer. This is the first article in a two-part series.

although I had my bag of books which could have been guns, pangas or knives.

As I crossed the platform used by trains from town, I saw two more policemen halfway down the stairs.

I pretended I had been going towards that platform but turned away because I had seen them. I wanted to see how they

whose gun lay on the ground did not even attempt to pick it up.

I walked down to the platform. There was a fair number of people down there, but not the numbers I knew when I last used a train in 1988.

It was quiet and those who spoke to friends spoke softly as if they were at a funeral.

The usual shouts, the debates about soccer and women, the gossip - the fun of an early morning ride to work - was gone.

I walked towards the corrugated iron police station at the end of the platform. I could see one policeman in it.

I did not reach it because I was attracted by a man who was standing with two children, a girl of eight and a boy two or three years older.

The children wore school uniforms; the man was neatly dressed in clean shirt, pressed trousers, but no jacket.

Why was he risking the children's lives when he could be using taxis?

He told me he could not afford the combis that take children to multiracial schools in town. He could not afford the

comparatively safer first class in the train.

He drops off the children at a school in Parktown before going to work.

He said he would rather get killed with his children than leave them at schools in Soweto.

## Furtive glances

We climbed into the train. Everybody found a seat, which was also unusual. I'm told the old days of *juduwa* (sit the pot, an expression used when women get into the train backwards and push with their buttocks to make space in crowded coaches) are gone.

I walked to the end of the coach and leaned against the door leading to the next coach. All the eyes in the coach turned towards me. Some stared. Others cast furtive glances. I thought if they realise that my bag had books, they would relax.

No.

It was quiet in the coach. Those who spoke did so in whispers and I was reminded of funeral processions.

The card games, the camaraderie, the

*'I would rather be killed with my children than leave them'*

jokes and the hangovers are all gone. Some people came aboard at Inhlazane and this is where it became clear that passengers accept only regulars in the coaches. There were nods and quiet hellos as the new people came it. I was still the stranger.

## Nobody searched

At Ikwezi Station I got off to look around the station: it was no different from Merafe. The four policemen I saw wore camouflage uniforms and were near the ticket office outside the station. None were on the platform and again nobody searched my bag.

I took a train and got off at Dube Station. Again I saw four cops.

Here I spoke to two girls who were going to work. They gave me the feeling that they had resigned themselves to their fate.

They said they could not afford taxi fares.

They feared death but they had the feeling that it happened only to other people....

Then I got on the 9333 until the menacing stares drove me out at Pheteni Station.

**Tonight**

**Gun shots at Mzimhlophe - but the police at the station are indifferent...and the amazing faith of some.**



# Weekend violence claims 13 lives

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ADRIAN HADLAND

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# Child dies

## in bomb blast

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### Death toll at least 270 since poll announced

The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — A three-year-old child died and at least eight people — including three newsmen — were injured in two hand-grenade blasts in Soweto's Meadowlands.

The child, a twin, was Vusi Bani, whose home was destroyed in a pre-dawn blast.

The three newsmen, including photographer Joao Silva of The Star, were slightly injured when a grenade was thrown at their car yesterday.

In a bizarre accident later a 46-year-old Diepkloof woman was killed when a Putco bus crashed into her house after a gunman fired at the driver.

A Soweto police spokesman said the driver, who escaped unhurt, lost control of the bus.

At least 270 people have been killed in violence around the country since the referendum was announced on February 20 and at least 50 people have died on the Reef since Friday.

Hundreds of township and hostel-dwellers stayed at home, and the streets teemed with pupils who had not gone to school as tensions ran high in the township yesterday.

Youths sang and toyi-toyed at street corners, while others stood and watched the heavily armed police monitoring the situation.

They barricaded streets with large stones and taxis and private vehicles were diverted.

Hostel-dwellers claimed youths from Killarney and Meadowlands townships prevented them from going to

work. They also claimed the youths had stabbed and assaulted some of them.

They accused police of allowing township residents to commit violence against them. They claimed police went about the hostel at night appealing to them to go to sleep and later explosions would rock them out of bed.

They also accused the media of being biased against them in favour of the ANC.

In another incident in Soweto, 32-year-old Victoria Skhaidy was shot in the back. She was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital. Police confirmed they had opened an attempted murder docket.

Two more bodies were found in a hostel in the strife-torn area, and a police spokesman said the victims, who had been hacked and set alight, could have been killed on Sunday.

Continued gunfighting in Alexandra, near Sandton, yesterday drove about 15 families to seek refuge at the ANC offices.

An ANC spokesman said the organisation would arrange overnight accommodation for the refugees, mostly women and small children, at churches, schools and private homes.

He said the Red Cross had promised food and blankets.

In a bid to restore peace in Alexandra, the ANC spokesman said his organisation would hold talks with representatives of the IFP, SAP, and from civic organisations at the Braamfontein Civic Centre today.

● In Natal, the death toll from Friday's pre-dawn war in Umlazi has risen to 22.



# Townships quiet as whites head for the polling booths

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Staff Reporters

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For the first time in weeks, Reef townships were reported to be quiet early today and police hoped the slaughter leading up to today's referendum would come to an end as white voters went to the polls.

"We have had no incidents reported today; we can only hope it stays quiet," said a Witwatersrand police spokesman.

Sporadic incidents around the country yesterday claimed the lives of another five people, bringing the death toll from violence since the announcement of the referendum almost four weeks ago to 275.

## Explosions

In the latest reported incident, a three-year-old child died and at least eight people, including three newsmen, were injured in two separate hand grenade explosions in Meadowlands, Soweto.

The child, a twin, was identified as Vusi Bani, whose home was destroyed in a pre-dawn blast.

The three newsmen, including photographer Joao Silva of The Star, were slightly injured when a grenade was lobbed at their car in Meadowlands yesterday morning.

In a bizarre accident yesterday afternoon, a 46-year-old Diepkloof woman was killed by a Putco bus which crashed into her house after an unknown gunman fired at the driver.

A Soweto police spokesman said the driver, who escaped unhurt, lost control of the vehicle.

Hundreds of township and hostel dwellers stayed at home, and the streets teemed with pupils who had not gone to school as tensions ran high in the township yesterday.

## Barricades

Groups of youths sang and toyi-toyed at street corners while others stood and watched the heavily armed police monitoring the situation.

Youths barricaded streets with large stones and diverted taxis and private vehicles to alternative routes.

Hostel dwellers claimed youths from Killarney and Meadowlands townships prevented them from going to work. They also claimed the youths had stabbed and assaulted some of them.

They accused the media of being biased against them in favour of the ANC.

Yesterday afternoon, a large contingent of police and Defence Force personnel in about 25 armoured vehicles continued to keep hostel dwellers and residents apart.

In another incident in Soweto, 32-year-old Victoria Skhaidy was shot in the back, allegedly by police, according to residents. She was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital. Police confirmed they had opened an attempted murder docket.

The bodies of two more people were found in a hostel in the strife-torn area yesterday. However, police said the victims, who had been hacked and set alight, could have been killed on Sunday.

## Refuge

Continued fighting in Alexandra yesterday drove about 15 families to seek refuge at the local ANC offices.

One person died and several others were injured in sporadic shooting in the township in the morning.

In a bid to restore peace in Alexandra, representatives of political and civic organisations will hold talks at Braamfontein Civic Centre this morning.

According to statistics from the Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic, the violence has claimed nine lives since March 7, and there had been 69 gunshot injuries and 184 assaults by 3 pm yesterday.

Two gunshot injuries, two stabbing victims and one death were reported between 9 am and 3 pm yesterday.

In Natal, the death toll from Friday's pre-dawn battle in Umlazi, has risen to 22, social workers say.

Police yesterday said two women were killed and seven people wounded in an attack in Sharpeville on Sunday night, Sapa reports.





Wounded . . . a victim of yesterday's grenade attack in Meadowlands, Soweto, in which a three-year-old child died and at least eight people were injured. Picture: Joao Silva.

## Photographer hurt by grenade

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

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After years of covering township unrest, Star photographer Joao Silva (26) had the closest shave of his career yesterday when a grenade was lobbed at him and a TV crew in Meadowlands, Soweto.

Silva was at Sputnik Garage after policeman David Bester had been shot just after 8 am.

"The area had quietened down . . . but we heard that another area was 'cooking' so we went around the corner to our car," he said.

He leant on the door while

Visnews soundman Dinkie Mkhize and cameraman Geoff Chiltern loaded their equipment into the car. 17/3/92

"I saw something being thrown at us. Thinking it was a stone, I shouted to warn the others. Then — bang!"

Silva was not sure if he had thrown himself to the ground or if the blast had knocked him off his feet.

"Then I grabbed my cameras, which had scattered around me. I saw a little kid who had been hurt and started taking pictures . . ."

After a few minutes someone

told Silva his arm was bleeding.

"Then I saw Geoff had been hit, so I sat him down. Dinkie was standing up and I told him he shouldn't sit down because his legs were covered in blood."

The police ran over when the grenade exploded and called paramedics.

"They ripped my sleeve open and took the shrapnel out of my arm and bandaged it up. I carried on taking pictures, and it was only about an hour later that I realised the intensity of what had happened."

The other two newsmen were released after treatment.



**FINALLY** I reached Mzimhlophe station where I was to observe how frighteningly indifferent the police at the stations were.

In the pattern I had established since leaving Merafe station, I walked to the bridge across the railway line.

It was later in the morning, 7.20, so there were more people on it. Grownsups getting to work, children getting to school deeper in Soweto or in town.

There were two policemen in the temporary police shed on the platform. One of them was naked from the waist up. There were three policemen in the other shed. They were relaxed and did not seem to be on the lookout for anything.

Bang, bang. We heard gun shots from two streets away or thereabouts. Six shots.

We all ducked and lay flat on our stomachs. Is this another attack?

Quiet returned and we all stood up. Three youths came dashing from among the houses to the east of the railway line. Two ran towards us while the third ran through a hole in the fence around the station and across the railway line.

A police car came speeding towards the station and two white policemen jumped out and shot at the man who was running across the line.

Twice they shot and missed.

A train came between them and their quarry and he escaped into the township opposite.

The youths who had run towards us, tipsy so early in the morning, pretended they had been with us all along.

They spoke between themselves and it became clear that they were car thieves. They were worried that a fourth man might have been shot.

"What if he's dead?" one kept asking as they walked towards the western side of the township.

From the time we heard the first shots until the three men disappeared, the police at the station did nothing. They could have easily arrested the two who came to the bridge.

Complete indifference it was.

The odyssey took me to New Canada station, where there were more policemen on the platforms. But again I was

# Guns and

## rosaries

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In this, the last part of a two-part series, sociologist **BABYLON XEKETWANE** of Wits University tells of his ride in two kinds of train coaches - one engulfed in fear and the other in faith.

not searched, nobody was searched.

New Canada is an important node with trains branching out to Johannesburg, Faraday or Westgate in the city. It is possible to get to New Canada by car and then board a train to wreak havoc in it.

It was 8.15am when I arrived in Jo-

### What

### if he is dead?

hannesburg. I was shaking slightly from the tension of the journey.

I walked through the streets of the city, marvelling at the number of policemen on patrol. Almost everywhere I turned I saw a policeman. Some appeared quite bored.

Couldn't some of these be used in the trains to stop the bloodshed?

I had seen one side of the coin. Had I seen all?

On Thursday I took a taxi from my home to the Nancefield station at the other end of Soweto. Tshiawelo, Crossroad and then Nancefield.

All along that way I observed the long queues for city-bound taxis.

The station is between two men's hostels and there is also a third nearby.

Violence in the trains from Nancefield has often been blamed on the hostels. For me, it was an important starting point.

At 5.50am I was second in a queue of four people buying tickets.

After buying my ticket I climbed to the bridge. There were no policemen on it. Down on the platforms there were two police sheds with four policemen patrolling each platform.

Men with knobkerries passed me and went down to the city-bound platform. The policemen did not confiscate their weapons.

Other passengers gave way when the armed men walked towards them.

One man carrying what appeared to be an iron rod wrapped in a newspaper walked past me. He passed the four policemen and they just ignored him and his weapon.

Another carrying a similar weapon also walked past me. This time the policemen had walked to the other end of the platform and did not see him.

### Clapping hands

As a train approached, I walked down to the platform and I found I was opposite a "church coach". The hymns and the clapping hands told me it was one.

There was a time when you could distinguish between two coaches where there was singing - the church coach and the *mzabalazo* (struggle) coach.

In the *mzabalazo* coach there would be younger passengers who would be singing freedom songs. The church coach was filled by older passengers.

It now appears only the church coach has survived.

This one had more passengers than the coaches I had boarded the day be-

*What if there is a gunman among us and he starts shooting?*

fore. Surprisingly, there were lots of young people among the older passengers.

"Imini iyeza nakuwe," (Your day is coming too) they sang and clapped their hands.

A middle-aged woman stood up to tell how she was saved by the Lord. She sang another hymn and then prayed.

She called on her Lord to help the perpetrators of violence to turn their hearts.

"Help them to join us on this road to heaven," she prayed.

My eyes were open and I scanned the earnest faces. Everywhere I looked, the eyes were closed.

"What if there's a gunman among us and he starts shooting while everybody else's eyes are closed in prayer?" I asked myself.

There was no such fear among the faithful in there. They continued to sing and clap their hands. "Ha le mpotsa tshepo ya ka, ke lla re ke Jesu." (If you ask me where my hope is placed, I'll tell you, In Jesus.)

The train stops at Orlando and Mlamankunzi and each time more people join the congregation.

It was different from the day before. Something sustains these people.

The signs of fear were still there if you searched hard enough: people wanted to be in the middle of the coach, possibly hoping that if there was any violence they would be safer there than at the edges.

But it was not like the fear I encountered the day before.

I sat in the coach until I got to Johannesburg station. I felt more comfortable in it.



# Townships on the boil

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By KENOSI MODISANE



Blast victim Pride Nhlapo (11) is comforted by a bystander. Pic: ROBERT MAGWAZA

INCIDENTS of violence, including a grenade attack on policemen in Soweto, continued to plague Reef townships yesterday.

Two policemen were injured when gunmen opened fire on their patrol car in Zone 3 Meadowlands.

A few moments later a hand grenade exploded at the scene where police were investigating the ambush. The grenade attack left four people, including two journalists, injured.

A woman was injured after she was shot in the back when a member of the SADF opened fire on a crowd near the scene of the explosion.

Police also found bodies of two people at Meadowlands Hostel. They had apparently been hacked and set alight.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the two people "were apparently killed on Sunday night though police only discovered their bodies late yesterday".

In Alexandra Township, one person was killed as snipers continued to fire shots at passers-by from the windows of KwaMadala Hostel.

The person died at Alexandra Clinic.

The clinic reported treating scores

## Grenade blast

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of people for gunshot and stab wounds. (278)

In Sharpeville, two people were killed and five others injured when an armed gang sprayed bullets on two taverns on Sunday night.

Seventeen-year-old Alice Maseko, a Standard 8 pupil at Lekoa-Shandu High School, and Miss Mphoko Chabedi (26) died when the mob attacked Mr Tshosane Morobi's shebeen.

The gang then proceeded to Mr Dollman Maduna's Rivonia Garden Tavern about five minutes later. No one was injured in the attack.

Sapa reports that a man was killed and a woman injured in Nelspruit when an explosion rocked the home of a local school principal.

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# 'Attacker' traced to hospital

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ONE of the survivors of Sunday night's attack on a tavern in Sharpeville yesterday claimed that one of the injured men was among the attackers.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer yesterday said police had not made any arrests.

Van Deventer said police were not aware that a man suspected to have taken part in the attack was among the injured.

The alleged suspect, who earlier refused to speak to *Sowetan*, said from his bed at Sebokeng Hospital that he blamed the ANC for the incident.

"I know that somebody has told you

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about me. But all I can tell you is that I blame the ANC for that incident," he said.

The man mentioned the name of a 17-year-old youth from whom he suspected the *Sowetan* got the information.

A 17-year-old youth (same name as that mentioned by the alleged suspect), yesterday claimed he was shot by the man.

He said he was later taken to hospital in the same ambulance as the suspect, who had lost consciousness at the time.

The suspect became aggressive when asked how he was shot.

"It is not for you to ask me where I was coming from and why I was shot," he said.



# Snipers kill worker

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Snipers fired on Alexandra residents on their way to work yesterday, killing one and injuring several others as the unrest death toll passed 50 since the start of the weekend.

People living in the area of the shootings were reportedly evacuating their homes under police escort late yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday, the Human Rights Commission, Lawyers for Human Rights and the ANC said they believed much of the violence on the Reef was being deliberately provoked to create chaos before today's referendum to scare voters into saying "no".

ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela, who has blamed the government for the carnage, yesterday said he would take up the issue of township violence with the government.

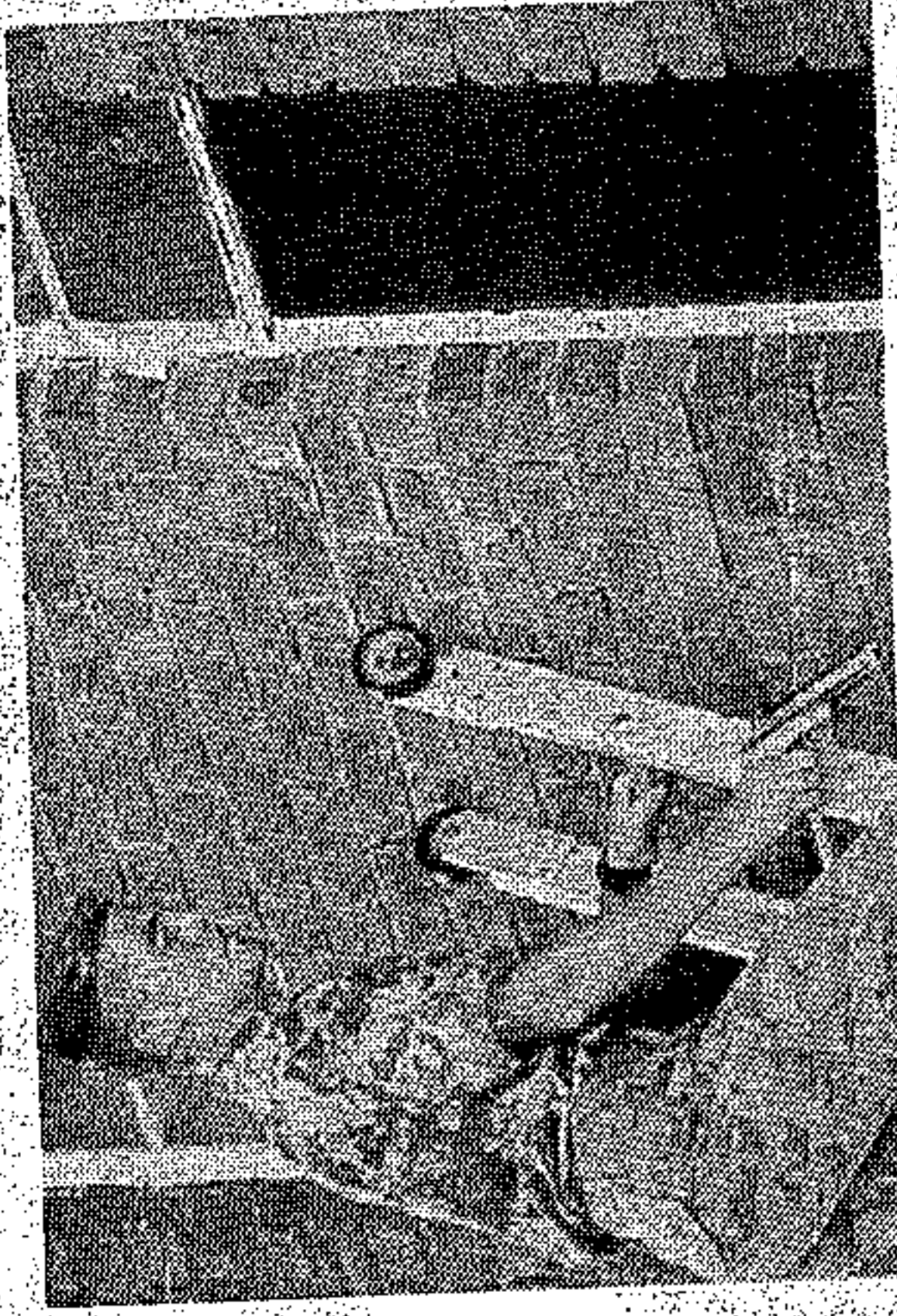
The ANC is adamant a "third force" is responsible for the violence and that the government could act against elements in the security forces to stop the attacks.

In Soweto, five people — including three reporters — were injured in a hand-grenade explosion in Meadowlands yesterday.

A policeman was wounded when he was fired on in Meadowlands, and two bodies with hack wounds were found at a local hostel.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said yesterday no arrests had been made.

## Violence 'stirred' up to create chaos



**FREEZE** ... A policeman takes care as he approaches a hostel window during unrest in Alexandra yesterday.

Picture: AP

in connection with a shooting on shebeen patrons in Sharpeville on Sunday night, when two people were killed and seven injured.

ANC Alexandra spokesman Mr Obed Bapela said the sniper attacks in Alexandra occurred as people were boarding taxis. "Shots were fired from several Madala Hostel windows. When the police came 10 minutes later, the snipers fired at them," he said.

Sapa reports that a police spokesman said three weapons were seized when police searched a hostel. However, he did not identify the hostel.

Inkatha Alexandra chairman Mr Simon Nxumalo said yesterday's sniper attacks on residents were "acts of vengeance".

"The township has not been quiet since residents prevented the hostel dwellers from burying their comrade nine days ago."

Mr Bapela said the ANC was considering pulling out of peace talks with Inkatha "because Inkatha leaders appear to have no control over their supporters". Mr Nxumalo denied that Inkatha had no control over its supporters.

Representatives of the ANC, Inkatha, PAC, Azapo and church and civic organisations last week committed themselves to working towards the restoration of peace in the township.

● An increased security-force presence in Umlazi township has failed to stop the violence there and the Goldstone Commission will decide soon whether to set up a committee of inquiry to investigate the killings.

The weekend death toll in Umlazi has risen to 22, social workers said yesterday.

Mr Justice R J Goldstone said last night he had received a request to probe the violence from the Natal KwaZulu Regional Dispute Committee.



# Snipers push death toll to 50

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Business Day Reporter

SNIPERS fired on Alexandra residents on their way to work yesterday, killing one and injuring several others as the unrest death toll passed 50 since the start of the weekend.

People living in the area of the shootings were reportedly evacuating their homes under police escort yesterday afternoon. Alexandra was declared an unrest area on Friday, with a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

In Soweto, five people — including three newsmen — were injured in a hand-grenade explosion in Meadowlands yesterday.

A policeman was wounded when he was fired on during a patrol in Meadowlands, and two bodies were found.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said no arrests had been made after two shebeen patrons were shot dead in Sharpeville on Sunday and seven injured.

ANC Alexandra spokesman Obed Ba-

pela said snipers, shooting from windows of the Madala Hostel, had fired shots at Alexandra residents boarding taxis. He said they also fired at police.

Sapa reports a police spokesman said three weapons were seized at a hostel which was not identified.

Inkatha Alexandra chairman, Simon Nxumalo said yesterday's sniper attacks on residents were "acts of vengeance".

Bapela said the ANC was considering pulling out of peace talks with Inkatha "because Inkatha leaders appear to have no control over their supporters".

Nxumalo denied this.

In Nelspruit yesterday morning a man — Andries Sithole — was killed and a woman injured in a blast caused by commercial explosives at the home of Nyl-

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stroom Hoërskool principal Con Booyens.

Police are offering a reward of R20 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for that blast and the one on Sunday at the home of the principal of Nelspruit's Lowveld Agricultural College.

□ Goldstone commission Judge R J Goldstone said yesterday the commission wanted urgent written representations on the

violence in Durban's Umlazi township.

Violence continued to rage in Umlazi at the weekend with at least one death, one attempted assassination and one serious injury on Sunday, and a gun battle between police and Malukazi residents yesterday. There has been an increased security force presence since 18 people were killed in the nearby Uganda settlement on Friday.



# Five more killed

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By KENOSI MODISANE

THE continuing violence claimed five more lives when two men were "necklaced" and three others shot dead in separate unrest-related incidents in Soweto and Alexandra Township yesterday.

Two men were hacked and stoned to death and their bodies set alight in Meadowlands and Killarney, Soweto.

A 40-year-old man, Mr Molefe Samuel Matloung, who was shot during an attack on his house on Monday night, died from gun wounds at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday morning.

In Alexandra, two men were shot dead as violence continued to plague the

township, sources said yesterday.

A spokesman for Alexandra Clinic said six people were treated for stab and hack wounds.

Matloung's wife, Gladys (38), claimed a mob attacked the house minutes after police were seen going past the area.

She further alleged that white policemen, who identified themselves as "DPs", came back immediately after the attack and asked if there was anything they could do to help.

"I found it strange that the attackers struck immediately after police had gone past my house and that they were in my house soon after the assailants had left," she said.



# Rail violence: taxi group blamed

JOHANNESBURG. — Elements in the taxi industry could be behind Reef train violence, the chairman of a Soweto committee investigating the violence said yesterday.

Mr Barry Jammy added that police had cited such involvement as a possible reason for the violence.

Mr Jammy felt this was plausible because the taxi industry was "benefiting when people

don't use trains".

Former SA Black Taxi Association public affairs director Mr Mike Ntlatleng said recently there had been a big increase in the number of commuters using minibus taxis in the PWV area. A factor in this had been the violence on the Reef trains.

Meanwhile, Reef townships were reported calm yesterday after being hit by a wave of

unrest.

Six people who were injured in unrest-related incidents were admitted to the Alexandra Health Centre in the 24 hours from Monday morning to 8am on Tuesday. One of them died later. (278)

In Durban, the Umlazi home of an Inkatha Freedom Party member was petrol-bombed early yesterday.

The SA Communist Party has

attributed the deaths of an estimated 300 people during the three-week referendum campaign to a "sinister third force prepared to win white 'no' votes with the blood of blacks".

SACP spokesman Mr Jeremy Cronin said yesterday the "horrific upsurge" in violence in the course of the referendum campaign had been of no benefit to the ANC and its allies, or to Inkatha. CT 18/3/92



to lodge an objection that a Jew or unbeliever or agnostic held the position of a member of the House of Assembly.

Faithful to this pathetic tradition, during the past referendum the CP repeatedly dragged religion, in particular the Christian religion, into the political arena. [Interjections.] [Time expired.]

\*Mr A GERBER: Mr Chairman, the Government has made many mistakes since the process of surrender began at a gallop on 2 February 1990. The gravest and most fatal mistake, however, was the decision on the way in which Codesa should be opened.

I want to say this afternoon that the way in which Codesa was opened sealed its ultimate failure. There is a fundamental difference between religious freedom, which poses no problem to this side of the House, and putting religions on an equal footing, which is unacceptable to us.

I say to hon members over there this afternoon that Codesa will never provide a peaceful solution for South Africa. [Interjections.] The way in which Codesa is opened will eventually have tragic consequences for South Africa, consequences which will ultimately be laid at the door of those hon members because they voiced their approval of it.

This afternoon in my mind's eye I see a South Africa in conjunction with great strife. [Interjections.] I see a never-ending struggle for political power in this country. I also see confrontation, not only between Black and Black but also between White and White. [Interjections.] This is the confrontation that was fuelled during the past referendum by the spiritual campaign of terror which was conducted against fellow Afrikaners and fellow Whites. [Interjections.]

I say this afternoon that Codesa will not bring peace to South Africa but further strife. I am aware that the hon the State President said that the opening of Codesa had better be changed because it had caused controversy in South Africa. At least we are pleased that the criticism we have voiced has had an effect, but we say to him at the same time that his motivation for changing it is wrong. [Interjections.] The opening of Codesa should not be changed because it caused controversy, nor should it be changed because it hurt the hon the State President politically, but it should be changed because it

placed the God of the Bible on an equal footing with idols. [Time expired.]

\*Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE: Mr Chairman, I want to tell the hon the Minister that the struggle in which we are engaged, as far as Codesa is concerned too, is a struggle which involves the entire view of life and the world of a people in Southern Africa. The hon the Minister may be feeling great joy today because of a victory, not because he obtained more votes than the No-vote, but because his so-called victory is one which he shares with the traditional enemies of the Afrikaner over quite a number of centuries. [Interjections.]

\*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order!

\*Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE: Just as we have frequently had to take a stand in the past as a minority against the entire world, today we are not standing as a minority but as a large part of a people which is not prepared to sacrifice either its view of life and the world or those things on which its pattern of life is based. [Interjections.]

If the hon the Minister has ever listened to anybody who is prepared to pursue a struggle in this southern land, I have to tell him that the struggle that we pursuing is not one that started yesterday, neither is it a struggle that will cease tomorrow.

\*The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr Chairman, the embarrassment of the hon member on the other side is obviously caused by the fact that he knows that the majority of Afrikaners also stand behind this party. [Interjections.] This is incontrovertibly so. They lost and they lost disgracefully.

I want to add that the comment made by the hon member that Christians, who supposedly differ as much as he said we differed, could not live together in peace in one country is one of the most bigoted and intolerant comments in a theological vein ever made in this House.

I want to link up with what I said a moment ago in connection with the pathetic tradition of the CP in respect of the misuse of religion. They repeatedly dragged the Christian religion into the political arena during the past referendum. At the cost of great mortification and consternation in regard to personal convictions, voters were called upon on huge banners to vote No for the sake of Christianity. [Interjections.] Where

could one find a more despicable indictment of one's opponent than this shameless exploitation of religion! Such offensive and misleading representations are not a credit to the Gospel. The same applies to the hints and insinuations directed at members of the Government as a result of this so-called question about opening prayers at Codesa.

We are entering a period in which we have to make incisive, important decisions. We have the advantage of a clear picture from the voters in the White community on the direction in which they want us to go and also the manner and style and dignity they want to see in our actions. I want to express the hope that this type of petty misuse of great values we have seen here today will come to an end and that we will differ with one another in a dignified manner on the basis of arguments and not on the basis of this type of pettiness.

Debate concluded.

#### Swaneseville investigation: findings/allegations

2. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question No 85 on 26 February 1992, what were the findings of the investigation conducted by the South African Police into the attack on squatters in Swaneseville in 1991;
- (2) whether all allegations regarding the role of the South African Police in this incident were investigated; if not, why not; if so, what procedure was followed in investigating these allegations?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Chairman, the findings of the investigation conducted by the SA Police regarding attacks on squatters in Swaneseville cannot be made known as the criminal case is sub judice. Responsibility for making findings is that of the court and not the police.

Secondly a full investigation regarding allegations that the police aided hostel-dwellers in an attack on squatters in Swaneseville has been concluded. All the allegations regarding the role of the SA Police in the incident were investigated by senior police officers. Statements from all witnesses who could be traced, as well as all

policemen who were on duty before and at the time of the attack, were obtained.

There is no evidence that the SA Police were involved in the attack. The evidence in the investigation of the incident indicates unequivocally that members of Inkatha attacked squatters in Swaneseville who were primarily ANC-supporters and that the attack was possibly an act of revenge by Inkatha after a certain Zulu had been abducted and killed. In this regard twelve persons were arrested on 28 counts of murder and on one count of public violence.

The said case was remanded on 9 March 1992 to 30 April 1992, pending the decision of the Attorney General. His decision is not yet known.

In view of the criticism of this incident, I personally requested the Commissioner of Police to investigate allegations of any transgressions in terms of the SA Police regulations or instructions. He informed me that there was no prima facie evidence to charge any member departmentally. However, should it appear from evidence in the criminal case that any member or members of the SA Police have transgressed any law or regulation, departmental steps will be taken against them.

\*Mr J VAN ECK: Mr Chairman, with all the joy which we share regarding the referendum, I should like to single out one person today for his special contribution to that Yes-vote, viz the former State President. When he said he was voting No, all those people voted Yes.

[Interjections.]

\*Mr Chairman, today is a very important day because White South Africa has turned its back on the era of apartheid and is eagerly waiting for the dawn of a new, democratic South Africa. South Africa has been a country of sad funerals, as in Swaneseville, but today there is another funeral, the funeral of apartheid. [Interjections.] Today we celebrate that first before we come to things which may not be as pleasant.

\*If we want to end the violence in our country, law and order will have to be enforced by the SA Police in a completely unbiased manner so that we can restore the situation of trust between the community and the police so that the community can feel that they can make complaints which will be dealt with seriously. In spite of the replies of the hon the Deputy Minister, I believe that there



are still many questions concerning the murder of those people as well as questions about the role of the police which have not as yet been addressed satisfactorily in the eyes of the community.

I quote from some of the allegations which were made. I do this because I would like to know from the hon the Deputy Minister whether he truly believes that all those facets were addressed in the investigation, and whether he is really satisfied that none of those things happened. The first point is that within hours prior to the attack, Swanesville was declared an unrest area. This means that there were vast numbers of policemen throughout the area. But where were they then? Secondly, there were 800 people with red headbands, weapons, guns, spears etc . . . (278)

\*An HON MEMBER: Anyone can wear a red headband!

\*Mr J VAN ECK: No, wait a moment. There were 800 people who walked five kilometres from their area to Swanesville. They covered a distance of five kilometres while the Police did not see them and they did so although the area had been declared an unrest area with large numbers of policemen present. Is the hon the Deputy Minister satisfied with his reply to my question?

There were eyewitnesses to the fact that two military armoured vehicles accompanied the attackers back to the hostels from which they had come. In an area which the police had taken over, 28 people were murdered, 30 were injured and a quarter of a whole squatter camp was totally destroyed. [Time expired.]

\*Mr F J LEROUX: Mr Chairman, this question arose on 28 May 1991 when it was addressed to the former Minister of Law and Order, in precisely the same words.

\*Mr J VAN ECK: Who was he?

\*Mr F J LEROUX: The newly-found friendship between the NP and the DP has once again been thwarted by this question. [Interjections.] We know that the hon member for Claremont is not a great friend of the police.

\*Mr J VAN ECK: What about your friendship with the AWB?

\*Mr F J LEROUX: On a previous occasion the hon the Minister declared that the matter in

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respect of the conduct of the police had been investigated, and that no evidence had been found involving the police in any attack. More than 350 statements were offered during the investigation of this matter, but that wilful hon member is still not satisfied with the findings of the investigation. All he wants to do is cast suspicion on the police. [Interjections.] A great deal of time and money is being spent on improving the image of the police, but it is behaviour like this that is harming the image of the police more than anything else. The hon member's motive in this matter is to cast suspicion on the police.

\*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Chairman, attempts will be made to blame some party or other or the police for the events at Swanesville. Ultimately, however, it is the desire for peace, stability and the building of a nation that will prevent such occurrences as these. When leaders join hands and make peace when there is conflict, it will persuade and influence their followers to refrain from violent attacks.

A desire to create peace and stability has to take root in the hearts of all people, and cannot be accomplished through any action by the SA Police. The SA Police are *inter alia* responsible for maintaining law and order, and for preventing violence as far as it is possible to do so. However, the stabilisation task of the SA Police does not replace the responsibility which rests on the community and its leaders to try to prevent and eliminate violence themselves. These tragic events could have been prevented if the community and their leaders had played a more positive role. The National Peace Accord creates the necessary mechanisms through which, if utilised properly by the community, this objective can be achieved.

The hon member for Claremont referred to the funeral of apartheid. I agree with him. Apartheid has finally come to an end. This is also the wish of nearly 70% of the White electorate whom we represent in this Chamber. [Interjections.]

I also want to refer to the impartiality of the SA Police. A code of conduct is signed by every member of the SA Police in which absolutely impartial, objective, professional conduct is demanded. I firmly believe that the SA Police will carry out their duties accordingly. The hon member is also aware that in the event of this not

happening, strict departmental steps are taken against such members.

The hon member for Brakpan spoke about the newly-found friendship with the DP, but he should really tell us about the confirmation of the friendship between his party and the AWB. [Time expired.]

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Mr D J DALLING: Mr Chairman, it is true that a new hon Minister has taken over the portfolio of Law and Order since the Swanesville massacre occurred. It is also true that that hon Minister cannot be held responsible for acts of the past. However, we must still deal with these matters.

The criticism was as follows. The SA Police, after promising the residents protection, having been warned of an attack, failed to stop 28 murders. They failed to stop the assaults and the pillaging of this village. After all that had occurred, the SA Police escorted the marauders back to their homes. That is a serious accusation and a most serious criticism of our police force.

Last year, the Minister who was then in place asked me to withdraw a question which was on the Order Paper, because of the delicate stage that investigations had reached.

He said he would keep me closely informed of developments. I regret to say that the Minister at the time did not keep me closely informed of developments, and I was forced to write to the hon the State President to find out what had occurred in his department.

There were certain arrests, and the people who were arrested for these murders are now out on bail. I received a letter from the hon the State President very recently. It reads as follows:

No evidence was found to substantiate any claim of police involvement or the involvement of individual policemen in the violence, or of police apathy.

Of course that is arrant nonsense, because it is apathy and negligence that the police are being accused of, not involvement. The letter goes on as follows:

Because of this lack of substantial evidence I am not in a position to refer the matter to the Commission of Inquiry regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation.

Even after that letter the criticism stands. It is a criticism of a tardy investigation. Very much

involved in that is the fact that we believe that in a case like this one cannot have the police investigate the police. The reason is that one then finds oneself in the impossible situation in which the body accused of apathy is being investigated by its own officers. [Time expired.]

\*Mr J VAN ECK: Mr Chairman, at the end of the debate I would like to tell the hon the Minister that he did not reply to the question I asked. Is he truly satisfied that the police played the role they were supposed to play that day, namely that of protectors of the community? That is the question. What preventive measures did they take?

I want to suggest that in all probability they did nothing. I repeat that that area was declared an unrest area hours before the attack. Large numbers of police were deployed throughout the area. There were 800 heavily armed people who walked 5 kilometres through an area and killed 28 people. Shots were fired and fires were started. A quarter of the camp was burnt down. At no stage did the police turn up to protect the people.

The accusation is not that the police participated actively. However, what did the police do to protect a community which was defenceless? If he cannot reply to that question, he should have the matter investigated further, because the communities will not accept the police as their friends if they are seen as people who do not protect the community against whoever launches the attack.

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- (2) whether any funds have been allocated to any administration for the erection of maximum security facilities; if so, (a) to which administration, (b) how much and (c) when?

B302E

#### The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

- (1) No, planning was undertaken and completed in January 1991 for the building of a maximum security unit on the grounds of Lenteguur Hospital, Mitchells Plain, Cape Town. No funds were specifically allocated to the Administration: House of Representatives, Department of Health Services and Welfare for the building of a maximum security unit and secondly, since the total budget for the financial years 1990/1991 and 1991/1992 were significantly reduced, the project could not be proceeded with;

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\*13. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Constitutional Development: ~~Whether any public servants have been released temporarily or permanently from their normal duties to assist any political parties in their work at Codesa; if so, (a) what are their names, (b) what positions do they hold, (c) which political parties are they assisting and (d) what is the cost to the State of this assistance?~~

- (a) No, no officials of the Constitutional Development Service have been relieved of their normal duties to assist any political party involved in Codesa.

#### Commuters killed/injured: two persons

\*14. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order: ~~(1) Whether, with reference to an incident in which two persons allegedly killed three commuters and injured ten others on a train between Kathlehong and Wadeville on the East Rand on or about 9 October 1991, the two persons in question were overpowered by passengers and handed over to the Police; if so, what are their names;~~

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#### The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes, one of the assailants, Albert Dlamini, was arrested at the Natalspruit Hospital after being pointed out to the South African Police by witnesses. A second assailant was arrested at the Wadeville railway station after he too had been pointed out to the South African Police.

- (2) Yes.

- (3) (a) Only Albert Dlamini was charged on 2 counts of murder and 9 counts of attempted murder. The case against the second assailant was withdrawn by the State Prosecutor because of insufficient evidence.

- (b) On 19 December 1991 Albert Dlamini pleaded not guilty to all the charges. The case remanded to 8 April 1992.

#### State funds for political parties: Namibia

\*15. Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:†

Arising from his reply to Interpellation No 1 on 19 February 1992, (a) to which political parties or groupings of political parties in South West Africa did the South African Government make funds available with a view to the election of members of the Constituent Assembly in South West Africa/Namibia in November 1989 and (b) what amounts were made available to these parties or groupings of parties?

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#### The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

- (a) and (b)

This matter was conclusively dealt with in my reply to Question No 29 of 27 March 1990 as well as in my reply to Interpellation No 1 of 19 February 1992.

#### Black local authorities: quorums

\*16. Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing:†

How many Black local authorities in the (a) Transvaal and (b) Orange Free State still had quorums as at 31 January 1992?

B307E

#### The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

- (a) Transvaal  
36 out of 85.

- (b) Orange Free State  
19 out of 73.

Questions standing over from Wednesday, 11 March 1992:

#### SAP: examination fees

\*1. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order: ~~(1) Whether the South African Police will no longer be required to pay the examination fees for policemen studying for the National Diploma in Police Administration; if so, why; if not, what is the position in this regard;~~

- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter

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#### The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) and (2)

It was never required from the South African Police to pay the examination fees for policemen studying for the National Diploma (Police Administration) nor was it a condition of service.

The amount was approved by the Treasury on condition that funds were available. As a result of the reduction in state expenditure, funds have been withdrawn and expenses that were paid to members for obtaining the National Diploma (Police Administration) were recently suspended.

Since January 1992 a new dispensation has come into effect, whereby a cash amount of R3 740,00 for the three year study course is allocated to students after successful completion of the course.

#### Theft of medicines

\*2. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health: ~~(1) Whether any instances of theft of medicines from the State hospitals and clinics occurred during the course of 1991; if so, (a) from which hospitals and clinics and (b) what is the value of the medicines stolen;~~

- (2) whether her Department is investigating these thefts; if not, why not; if so, with what result;

- (3) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

B313E

#### The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

*Provincial Administration of the Cape of Good Hope (CPA)*

- (1) Yes, (a) Eben Dönges Hospital, Worcester and (b) R15 000,00;

- (2) yes, in accordance with regulations all investigations by the CPA are undertaken in conjunction with the South African Police and the Department of Justice. The above-mentioned case is still to be finalized; the accused has been brought to trial;

- (3) no.



# Taxi link to violence feared

THERE are suspicions that elements in the taxi industry could be behind Reef train violence, a key player in a Soweto committee on train violence says.

Barry Jammy, chairman of the Greater Soweto dispute resolution committee subcommittee on train violence, said yesterday police had cited such involvement as a possible reason for the violence.

Jammy felt this was plausible because the taxi industry was "benefiting when people don't use trains". Efforts were being made to involve taxi associations in the subcommittee.

Former SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta) public affairs director Mike Ntlatleng said recently there had been a marked increase in the number of com-

muters using minibus taxis in the PWV area. "A factor in this phenomenal growth has been the violence on the Reef trains. People feel it is not safe to travel by train any more," Ntlatleng said.

Jammy acknowledged that his subcommittee — made up of representatives from the SADF, the police, Inkatha, the ANC, Cosatu and civic and church organisations — was not making much headway in reducing the level of train violence.

He said the reason for the lack of success was the lack of commitment to peace by the key players — Inkatha and the ANC.

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anything to go by, the whole operation of setting up local dispute resolution committees "seems sterile".

PWV dispute resolution committee chairman Charles Nupen said yesterday a steering committee appointed by the Greater Soweto dispute resolution committee had failed to set up a peace committee in Meadowlands because some members were not able to "galvanise themselves".

The steering committee was appointed

earlier this year.

However, the committee had invited representatives from various organisations to a series of meetings to discuss establishing peace committees in seven Soweto suburbs. The first meeting, to be held tomorrow, concerned Orlando.

Reef townships were reported calm yesterday after being hit by a wave of unrest which the ANC and the SACP have said was aimed at driving whites into voting "no" in yesterday's referendum.

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# Six hurt as grenade flung at taxi queue

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Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo of the Soweto police said the grenade was thrown into a queue of commuters near the Soweto highway in Meadowlands.

Florence Ndawonde (19), Vusi Khumalo (29), Johannes Shongwe and Moses Matlou suffered head and body injuries. William Matlou (32) had chest injuries and Bongani Ngawa (31) facial injuries. The injured were taken to the Baragwanath Hospital, where Mr Ngawa is in a serious condition.

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The residents told The Star they had been coerced to join the Inkatha Freedom Party or move out of the area. Most of their homes had been looted and damaged. They said they had no alternative but to leave.

A residents' delegation held a meeting with the Kew police and municipal officials. Police undertook to intensify patrols in the evacuated areas.

ANC spokesman Obed Bapela said the organisation would tackle the matter urgently with the local IFP. He urged the affected residents to stay calm and not to take the law into their own hands.

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And in Johannesburg, police yesterday confiscated an assortment of weapons — including spears, sticks, knobkerries and pangas — on a train at Johannesburg station.

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● Human Rights Commission figures show that 113 people died countrywide in the final week of the referendum campaign — 30 more deaths than on the previous week. An average of 16 people died each day from March 12 to yesterday.



# 12 more die in brutal attacks on the Reef

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AT LEAST 12 people died in brutal train killings or bloody attacks on the Reef between Tuesday night and early yesterday.

Police said the bodies of two men were found with hack and head wounds between Crown and New Canada stations, near Johannesburg, just after 7am yesterday. They had apparently been attacked and thrown from a train.

Another man was found soon after midnight near the railway line at Lindela station, Kaitleng. His body had been badly mutilated and it was not known if he was the victim of a train attack, police said.

Six more people died on the East Rand on Tuesday night. Three bodies with bullet wounds were found in Kaitleng. Two people were thrown from a train and one man was stabbed and tossed from a moving train between South Side and Wadeville stations.

In Orlando West, Soweto, police found the body of a man who had been "necklaced".

Another man, who had been stabbed to death, was found in Mzimhlope, Soweto, early yesterday.

The area was reportedly tense yesterday, with groups of pupils threatening to burn down schools.

In Dobsonville on Tuesday night, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed to death in a burnt-out house. The house was one of three set alight about

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The renewed killings brought to 300 the number of people who have died in countrywide unrest since the referendum was announced on February 20.

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In what police described as part of a "new strategy aimed at curbing conflict provocation and the spread of violence", police searched a group, "apparently ANC-supporters".

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the group had been on a train from Daveyton and were headed for a meeting in Johannesburg about 9,45am.

"We tried, under difficult circumstances, to confiscate as many weapons as was humanly possible," he said. The weapons included sharpened objects such as spears, sticks, knobkerries and pangas.

The SA Communist Party has attributed the upsurge in violence during the referendum campaign to a "sinister third force prepared to win white 'no' votes with the blood of blacks".

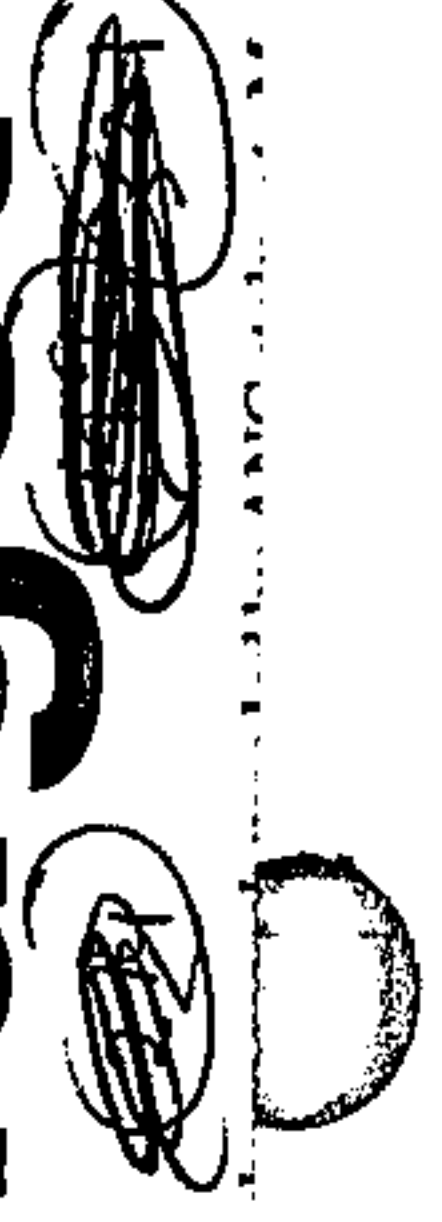


Soldiers and paramedics help a man who was found hacked and bleeding badly at Mzimhlope in Soweto. One person was killed and four seriously injured in clashes in the township. Pic: PATTY MOENG.

# Thousands protest budget

Soweto 19/3/92

THOUSANDS of people staged marches in centres





# 13 killed in fresh wave of violence

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AT LEAST 13 people have died in a fresh wave of unrest in townships on the Reef.

Police said bodies of two men were found with hack and stab wounds between Johannesburg's Crown and Nasrec stations yesterday morning. The men had apparently been attacked and thrown off a train.

On the East Rand, the mutilated body of a man was found next to a railway line between Katlehong's Lindela and Pilot stations.

In Soweto, a body of a man with stab wounds was found in Mzimhlophe early yesterday.

The unrest incidents came hard on the heels of a brief lull.

## Inquiry

No incidents of violence were reported on the Reef during the day on Tuesday as whites thronged to the referendum polling stations.

But on Tuesday night, six bodies were found in Katlehong. Three of the victims had bullet wounds and the other three had apparently been tossed from a train.

In Soweto, two bodies of men who had been necklaced were found in Orlando West and Meadowlands.

In Dobsonville, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed in a burnt-out house. The house was one of three set on fire in the township.

In Alexandra, a man was seriously injured when a group of people attacked him with sharp weapons.

WILSON ZWANE

In another development, the police disarmed a large group of ANC supporters at the Johannesburg station yesterday morning. The group had apparently been bound for a rally in the city centre.

Barry Jammy, chairman of the Greater Soweto dispute resolution committee sub-committee on train violence, said plans were afoot to involve the community in security operations at stations and on trains.

Jammy said it was proposed at the sub-committee's meeting earlier in the week that independent security companies and the community should set up a security operation to deal with the train violence.

The company would liaise with the police, who had indicated they would support any scheme aimed at reducing the level of violence on the trains, he said.

Meanwhile a committee of inquiry into train violence is preparing to probe Reef train attacks.

The committee, set up by Mr Justice Goldstone's standing commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation, will establish:

- ☐ The nature and the causes of violence and intimidation;
- ☐ Whether it aims to achieve any political goal; and
- ☐ Who is involved and what steps should be taken to curb or prevent it.

Committee chairman advocate Neil Roussouw said it was hoped the committee would start hearing evidence next month.

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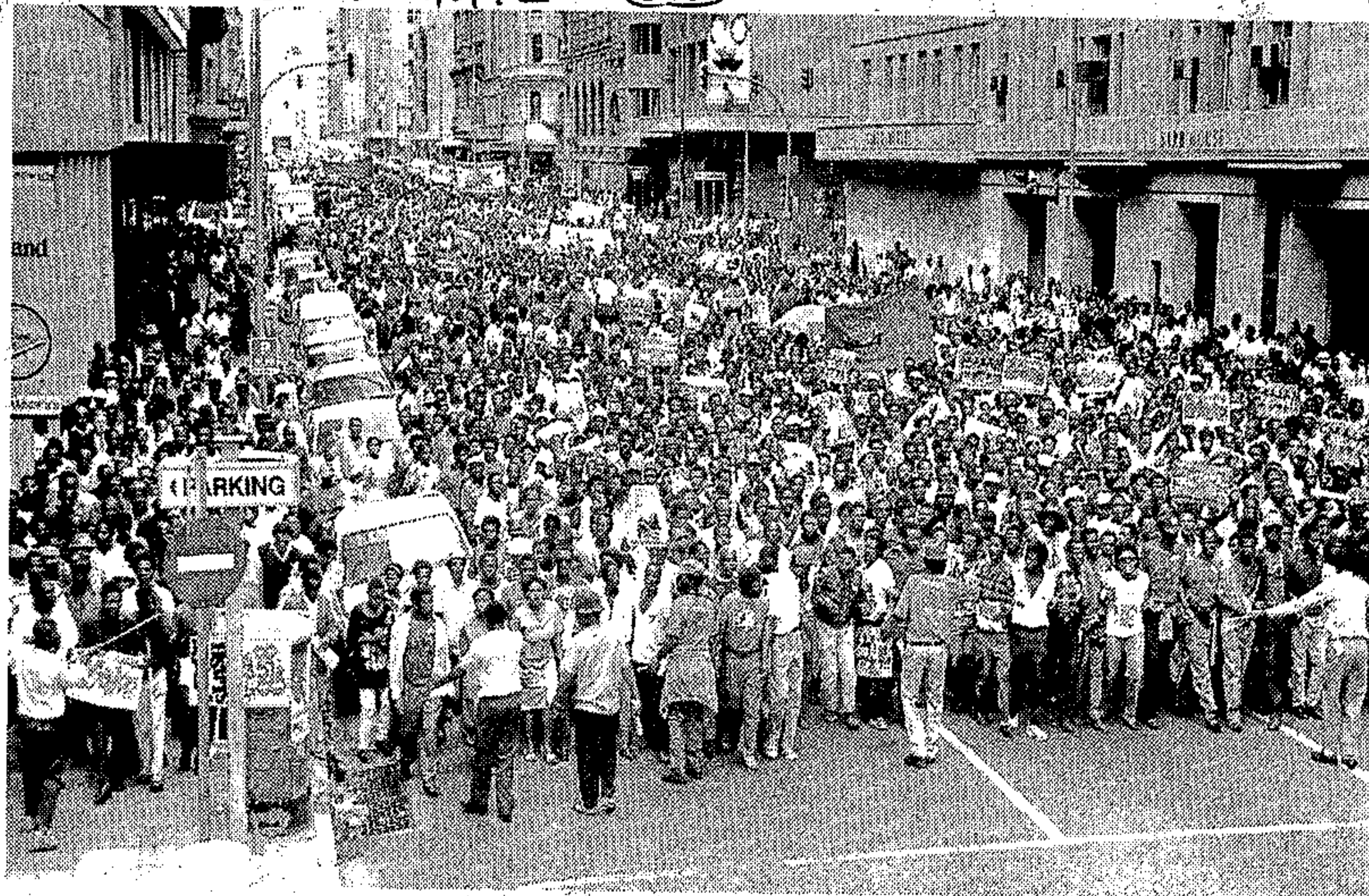
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BUSINESS DAY, Thursday,



More than 7.000 people took part in a march on Johannesburg's John Vorster Square yesterday to demonstrate against the Budget. The march — one of several held around the country — was led by ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu, his wife Albertina, Cosatu president John Gomomo and ANC executive committee member Terror Lekota.

Picture: BRIAN HENDLER



Friday, March 20, 1992

# Cops ban carrying of lethal weapons

*Southern 26/3/92*  
POLICE yesterday announced a blanket ban on carrying of all dangerous weapons at stations and on trains.

In an unprecedented move,

Minister of Law and Order Mr.

Hernus Kriel also announced that

toll-free phone numbers had been

made available so that commuters

could report crimes without any cost to themselves.

He said the prohibition "on the

possession of all firearms and dan-

gerous weapons on the premises of

the Rail Commuter Corporation"

would be published in the *Government Gazette* on Monday.

He said the police would do

everything in their power to en-

force this prohibition.

The announcement came as vio-

lence on suburban trains contin-

ues.

Yesterday a man was killed and at least 13 others injured in train violence in Johannesburg.

In one of the incidents, seven people were injured during a scuf-

fle between Xhosa and Zulu-

speaking commuters between

Braamfontein and Johannesburg

stations about 8am yesterday.

Police said witnesses claimed

that the men had boarded a train at Longdale Station.

The Zulus allegedly demanded to search the Xhosas for weapons.

A scuffle broke out and police said

a Zulu man pulled out a gun and fired at the Xhosas.

"In the mayhem that followed, men and a woman jumped from the train," a police spokesman said.

In a separate attack, a man was

hacked to death and his body dumped

at Longdale Station. Three were in-

jured near George Goch stations.





This man, who refused to give his name, was injured in the grenade explosion at Meadowlands Hostel.



Mrs Mary Mojakgomo survived the grenade explosion, but sustained shrapnel wounds to her right arm.

# Residents flee homes

Sowetan 20/3/92

By JOE MDHLELA and KENOSI MODISANE

SCORES of Alexandra residents yesterday continued to stream from their homes to seek shelter in churches as violence in the township continued unabated.

Miss Zora Fox (37) claimed that her house was raided by a group of men on Wednesday night. They demanded she produced her "Inkatha identity card".

When she said she was apolitical, the men said they would return for her after rounding up other residents. Her terrified

three sons hid away.

"We fled," Fox said.

Another resident, Mrs Martha Kutumela (42) said: "We were awoken at night and asked to declare our political affiliation. We told them we were not members of any political organisation."

Before they left the men took her boyfriend's clothing.

"We are leaving this place. Perhaps we can find peace in Tembisa."

Mrs Sweet Ntulusi said her refrigerator and all her

clothing were taken after she fled her home in fear of an attack by hostel dwellers.

Miss Dorothy Pitso, who fled her house when the shooting in her neighbourhood worsened, blamed hostel dwellers for the violence.

"When I returned the next morning the house was empty," she said.

In a joint statement the ANC, Azapo, PAC and Inkatha said they were appalled by the exodus of families from the area.

"Families are fleeing the area after two women were shot dead at the weekend when the IFP burial was disturbed," the statement said.

Local Peace Accord chairman the Rev Busani Ngubane said: "The local leadership of the ANC, Azapo, PAC and Inkatha are all committed to achieving peace."

Meanwhile seven people were injured — one seriously — in a handgrenade attack and two others killed in separate incidents on the Reef yesterday.

Soweto police spokes-

man Captain Goovindsamy Mariemuthoo said the explosion took place about 6.15am at a taxi rank near Meadowlands Hostel, Soweto.

One of those injured, Mr Andries Digangwane (30), said he saw a man hurl the bomb from next to the Mzimhlophe Hostel.

Mrs Mary Mojakgomo sustained shrapnel wounds to her right arm.

Security forces kept a close watch on Meadowlands Hostel and the neighbouring townships of Mzimbhlophe, Killarney and Meadowlands.

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# Another death as Reef train attacks continue

JOHANNESBURG — One person was killed and 11 others were injured yesterday in the continuing attacks on commuter trains on the Reef, police confirmed.

Police found the body of a suspected train attack victim at Longdale railway station yesterday morning.

Six other people were injured when a man sprayed commuters with gunfire after a scuffle between two groups in a train between Braamfontein and Johannesburg.

People jumped out of the moving train in the ensuing mayhem.

Six people were injured — at least one of them seriously — when a hand-grenade exploded at a Soweto bus stop outside Mzimhlope hostel yesterday morning, an Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman said.

Police said earlier that the grenade exploded at a taxi rank.

Two men were shot dead when gun-

men fired 78 bullets into a taxi north of Greytown on Wednesday.

● Law and Order Minister Mr Her-nus Kriel has prohibited the carrying of all firearms and dangerous weapons on trains and at railway stations, the Public Relations Division of the SAP in Pretoria said yesterday.

● The Germiston Dispute Resolution Committee is to hold a special meeting on Wednesday to try to shed light on the recent spate of violence on East Rand trains.

The IFP yesterday announced "a programme of protest action for peace" which will start tomorrow with a march in Johannesburg.

IFP Youth Brigade Transvaal leader Mr Themba Khoza said the march was not called for tomorrow — Sharpeville Day — in an attempt to upstage an African National Congress commemoration rally also due to be held in Sharpeville tomorrow. — Sapa



# Weapons banned on trains and at stations

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WILSON ZWANE

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel has prohibited the carrying of "dangerous weapons" on trains and at railway stations.

The announcement came amid a spate of attacks on Reef trains and stations yesterday and on Wednesday, and after repeated calls from various organisations for such a ban.

Police spokesman Capt Burger van Rooyen said in a statement yesterday the prohibition would be published in the Government Gazette on Monday and be enforced immediately.

In terms of the prohibition it was an offence to "take any firearm or dangerous weapon on to the premises of the SA Rail Commuter Corporation, except when permission has been obtained", he said.

"The SAP will do everything within its power to enforce the prohibition... and an appeal is made to every person who makes use of the trains to co-operate with the police," he said.

Meanwhile yesterday, six people were injured when they were tossed from a train between Johannesburg and Braamfontein stations, police said.

In another incident, three men were seriously injured when they jumped out of a moving train to escape attackers.

At Jeppe Station, a man was attacked and thrown off a moving train. He sustained head injuries.

A body was found at Longdale Station near Soweto, and a man was injured on a train at George Goch Station by a group of people.

Police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn said six people were injured — one seriously — when a handgrenade exploded at Meadowlands taxi rank, Soweto, early yesterday.

It could not be established whether the grenade was flung from a moving vehicle.

Halgryn said police were investigating the incident.

Sapa reports that a man was killed and four others were wounded when they were attacked yesterday at Mzimhlope by a group of men armed with pangas.

At Meadowlands, police found the body of a man who had apparently burned to death. The body of a man who was shot was found in Zola. A man was arrested at Merafe station after a handgrenade was found in his possession.

The body of a man who had been shot was found in Alexandra, police said. An ANC Alexandra official said the man was killed in the township's 5th Avenue.

Organisations in Alexandra, including the ANC, Azapo, PAC, church and civic bodies, have called for a stayaway and a march next week to protest against violence which has raged in the township since March 7.

The ANC official said the residents would march to the town council's offices and police station, where they would hand over a memorandum demanding closure of the Madala Hostel and increased policing in the township.

Alexandra residents were continuing to evacuate their homes and seek refuge at the council's offices and at the local community centre.

The ANC official said about 1 000 people had left their homes since the violence began. "The people are being forced out by Inkatha supporters at Madala Hostel," he said.

Inkatha Alexandra chairman Simon Nxumalo could not be reached for comment yesterday evening, but has said that although his organisation was committed to peace, unruly elements were looting residents' property.



# Police rescue teachers as students protest

*Swazi Nation Learning Nation*  
POLICE evacuated white teachers from Isidingo College in Daveyton near Benoni last week as students shouted political slogans and toy-toyed in the schoolyard to voice their grievances. 20/3 - 26/3/92

The class boycott which started last week, was sparked off by a rejection of students' demands that a quarter of school funds be allocated to the Students' Representative Council (SRC).

Students also demanded that the college administration provided them with an office from which they could run the activities of the student body and that they refund students R60, which was charged for books which have not been supplied.

SRC chairperson Sbusiso Ntuli said students were suspicious about the manner in which school funds were being administered. He said students were charged between R264 and R607 in school fees, and that they were promised a fully-equipped library at the beginning of the school-term this year. But two months later, work on the proposed library had not started.



**PROTEST:** Some of the pupils from Isidingo College in Daveyton who are unhappy at the administration of their school

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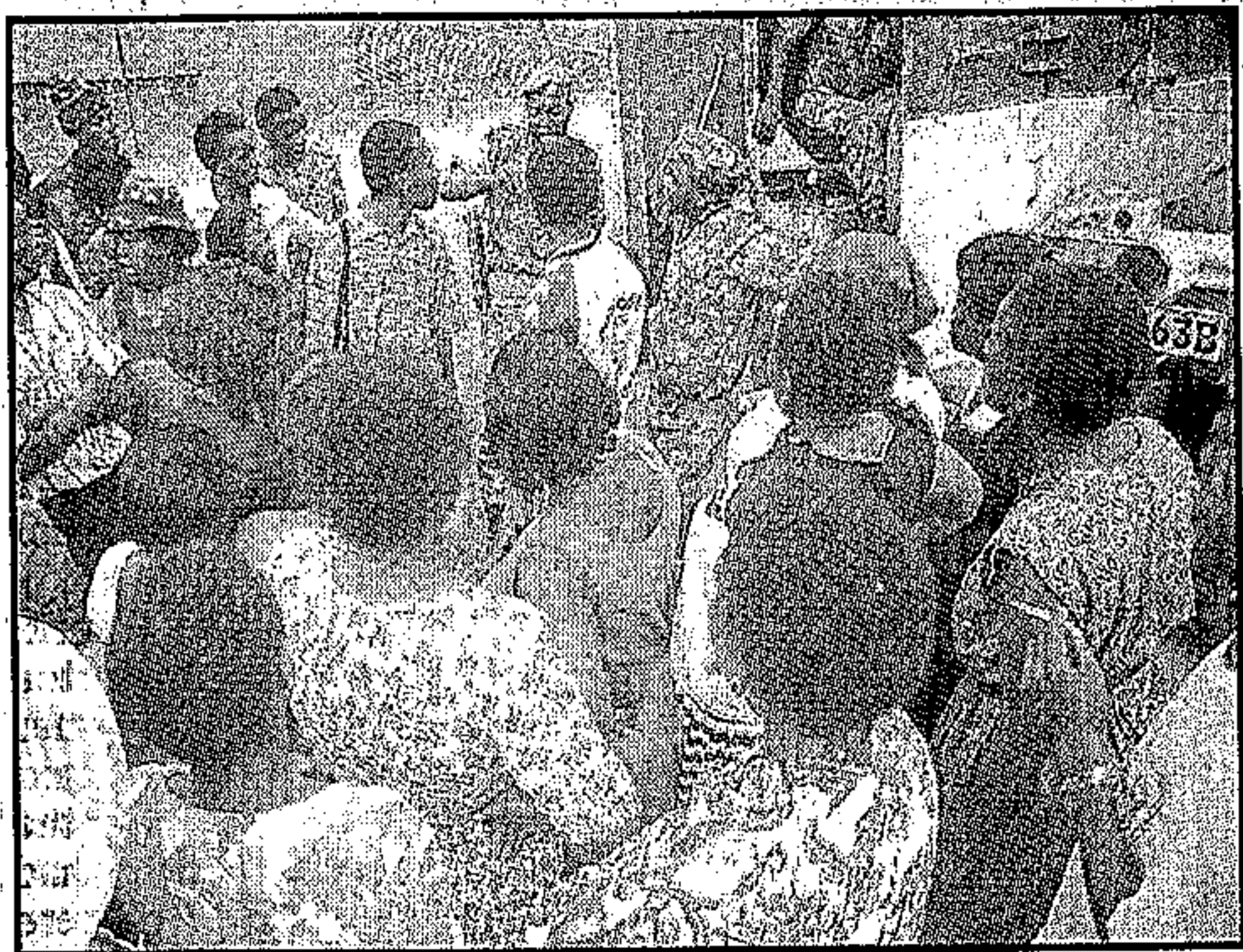
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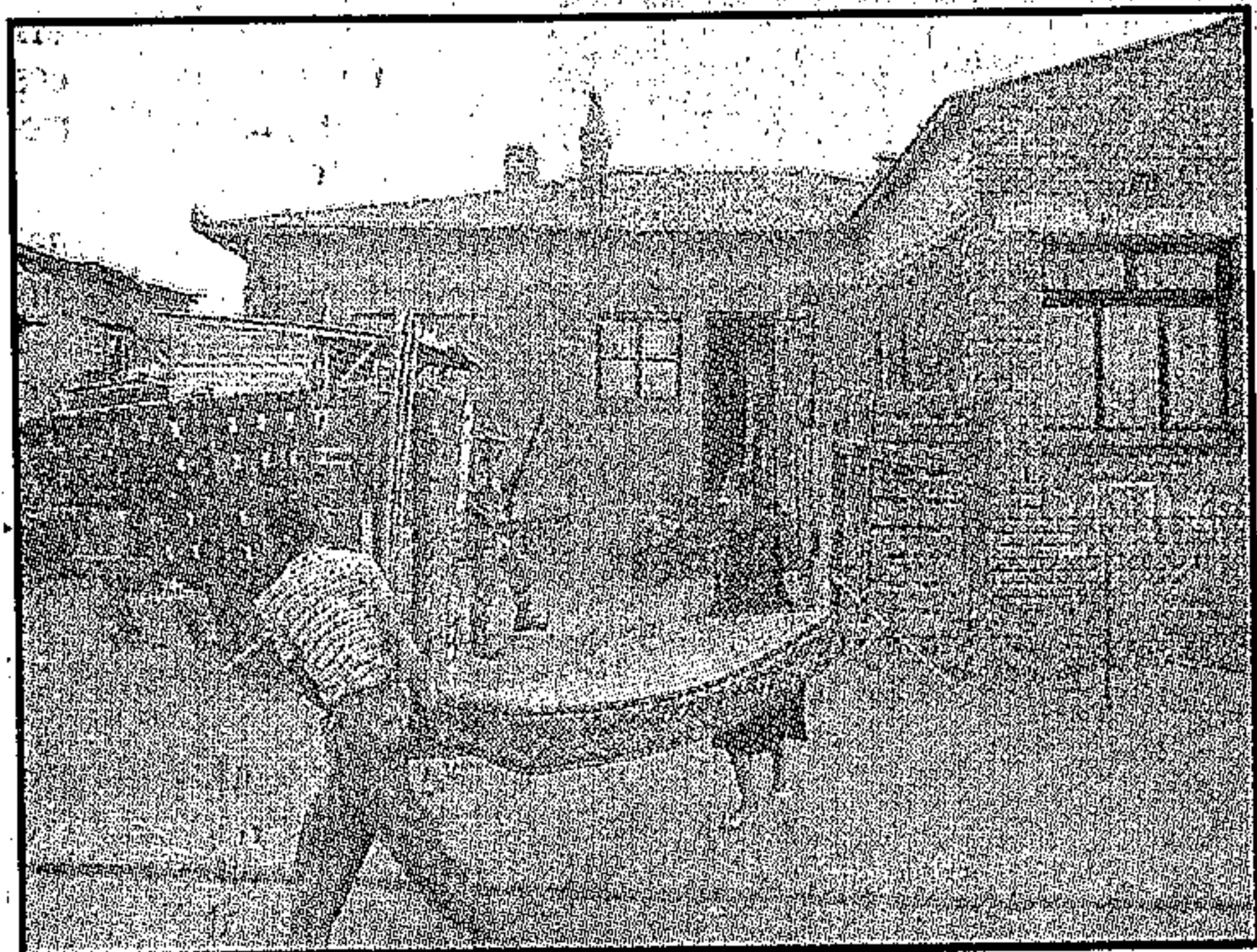
# Dark City's people flee killing

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**FEAR stalks the streets surrounding Alexandra's Madala hostel. This week, amid allegations of intimidation, killings and extortion, the people who lived there headed for safer places. JOE LOUW captures the drama in words and pictures.**



**POLICE PROTECTION:** Residents of Alexandra's "terror block" wait for the trucks that will transport them to safety.



HUNDREDS of Alexandra residents have fled the violence-racked section of the township near the Madala hostel — the epicentre of much of the unrest plaguing the township.

Since the first week of this month, Alexandra has been a community in agony, suffering levels of tension, intimidation and violence reminiscent of the days it earned the nickname "Dark City".

By last night at least nine people had lost their lives. One was neck-laced, 69 were shot and 81 were stabbed. More than 150 families fled from their homes around the hostel.

"Every day they stab, they kill," Dorothy Pitso told a community crisis meeting. "The perpetrators come from that hostel. People are living in fear. I want something to be done. I want to return to my home."

On Thursday families occupying the blocks between First and Eighth avenues, bounded by Roosevelt and London roads, scrambled into trucks organised by local civic groups and the ANC.

They were taken to temporary shelters at churches, schools, police stations or homes of relatives living further away from the block of terror and intimidation.

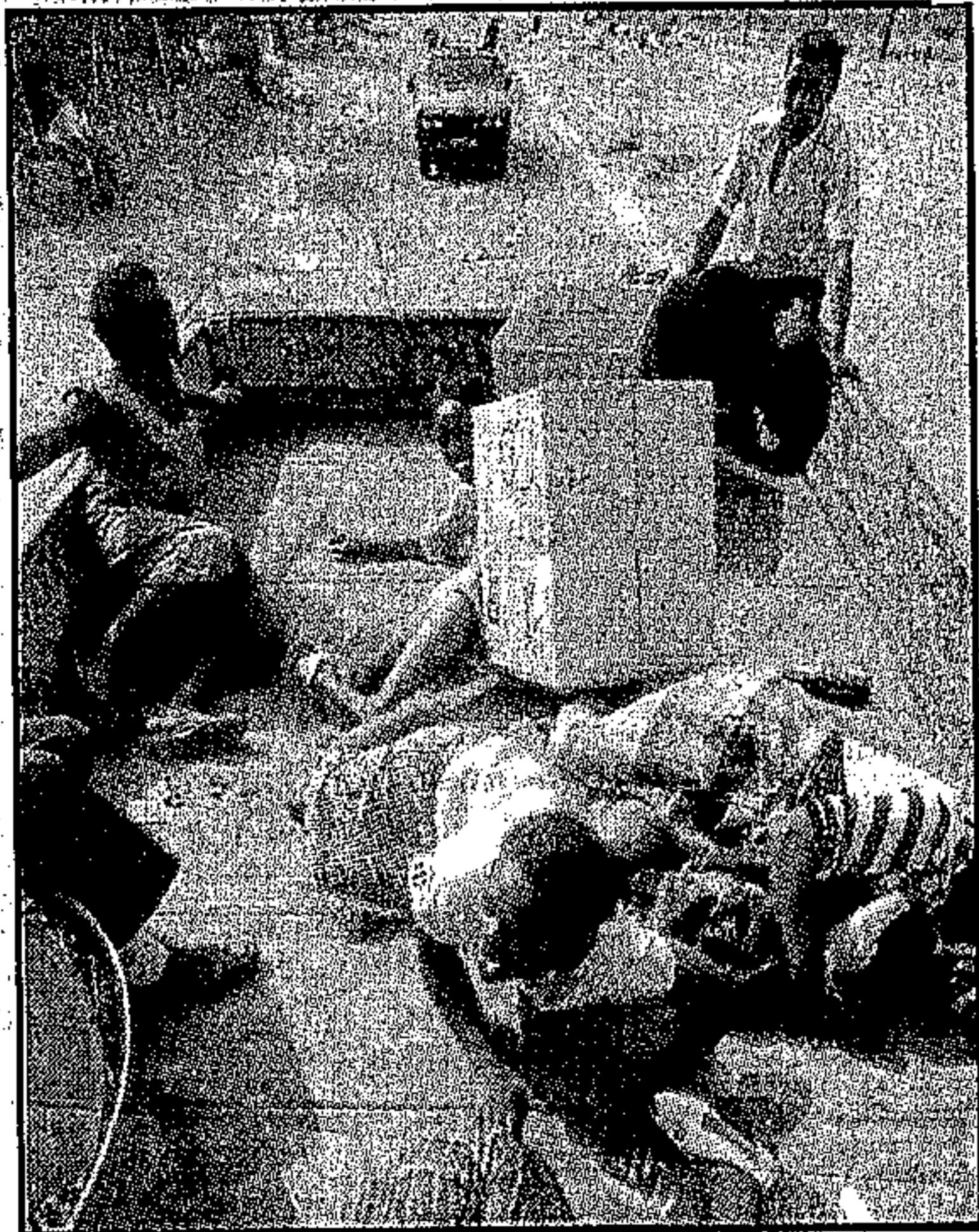
Victoria Masithela, who has lived at 134 Third Avenue for the past 34 years, abandoned her home with her two youngest girls, aged three and four. She described her experiences of the past few weeks.



△ **MOVING HOUSE:**  
Watched by armed  
guards, residents  
move possessions.

▷ **MOMENT OF TERROR:**  
Residents duck away  
from what sounded  
like a gunshot coming  
from the direction of  
M-One hostel.

▽ **NOTORIOUS HOS-  
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nue, where it passes  
Madala hostel —  
also known as  
M-One — is believed  
by many to be the  
seat of violence in  
the township.



There was no life  
there anymore.

"Early evening we  
would lock ourselves in,  
hoping for the best and  
pray to God just to bring  
us safe to tomorrow.

"But every night they  
came — these men,  
knocking loud and shout-  
ing that we must open  
up. They forced us to  
pay R5. They say we  
must belong to Inkatha.

"Sometimes they take  
our clothes. They can  
take anything they want  
because we are afraid.

"If you go to the police  
they can come and kill  
you."

David Masekina of  
Fourth Avenue, also a  
long-time resident of the  
block, spoke from the  
doorless, windowless  
school at the Christian  
Apostolic Church of  
South Africa on 12th



**FLEEING VIOLENCE:** A "terror block" resident clutches hastily gathered be-  
longings as she scrambles to trucks that will take her to a place of safety.

Street. His account was  
similar.

"Those thugs did not  
care about anything.  
They demanded cards  
and even if you paid, it  
did not mean you were  
safe.

"The next day it could  
be another bunch.

"What worries me is  
that most of my furni-  
ture is still in the house.

I don't know how or if I  
will get it when this  
thing is finished."

Inkatha Freedom  
Party officials Simon  
Nxumalo and Lucas  
Koza were confronted by  
residents during a  
stormy meeting, called  
by the Peace Group at  
Alexandra's Kopanong  
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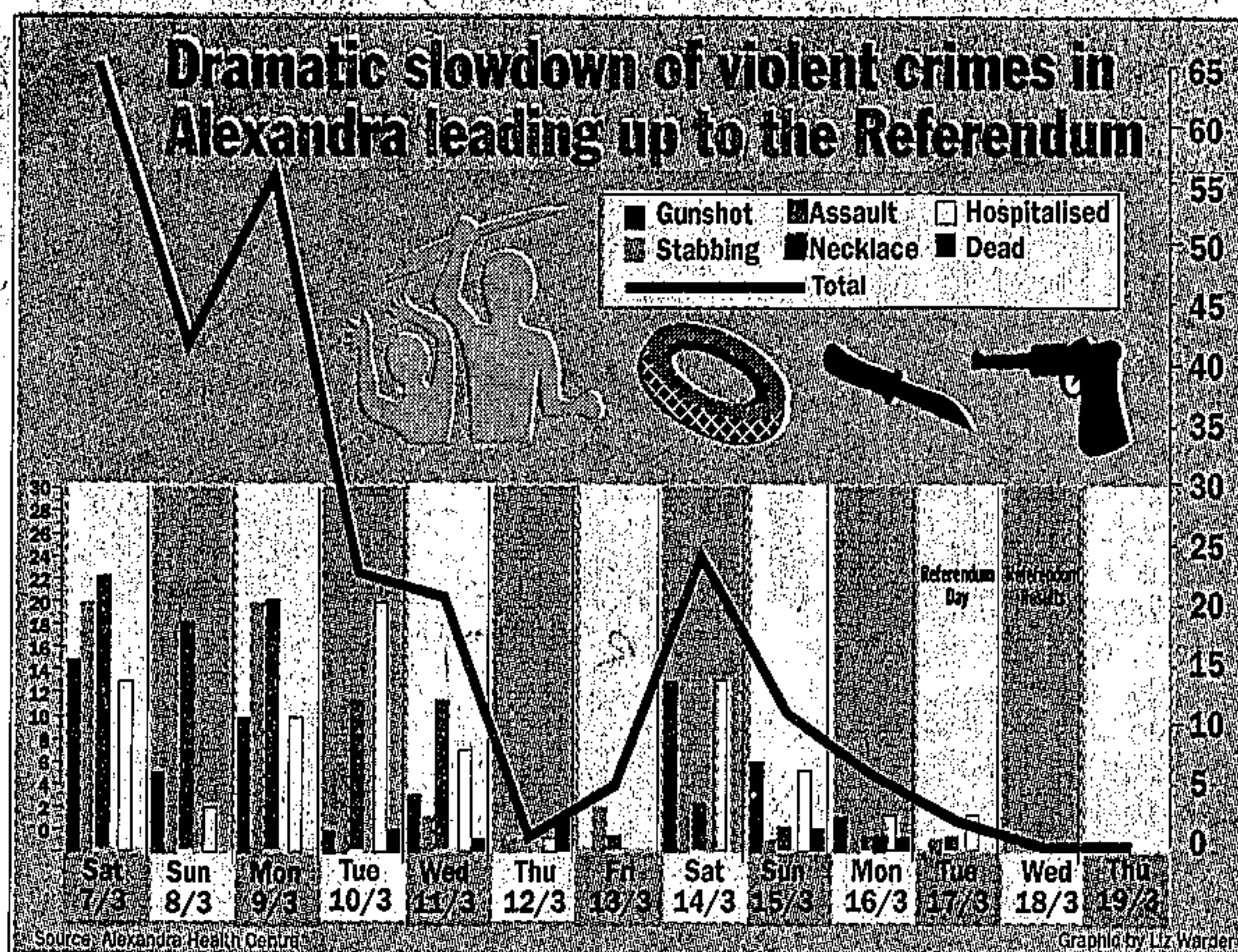
"No political organisa-  
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We have said time and  
time again there is an  
element of thuggery in-  
volved in this violence,"  
said Koza.

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A **DRAMATIC** decrease in the rate of violence-related injuries in Alexandra has been recorded by the Alexandra Health Clinic since Wednesday's referendum result — fuelling suggestions that violence in the township is politically motivated.

However, police say the dramatic slowdown is related to the large number of police deployed since the area was declared an "unrest" area a week ago.

Police patrols in the township are enforcing a strict 9 pm curfew, especially around the "terror block" of homes near Madala hostel on Fourth Avenue.

"This curfew and the patrols definitely helped to quiet things," says Dr Francois Bill of the Alexandra Health Centre.

"A major factor is also the fear that most township residents feel after dark.

"People get into their homes early and barricade themselves

## Violence nosedives after poll result

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**JOE LOUW**

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"Nobody dares to set foot outside until the next morning."

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman credits additional patrols as a factor in curbing the violence.

However, he insists that the key players in the township's clashes — the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC — must get together "to try to settle this thing once and for all".

He points out that while police might calm the situation for a while, unless there is a

settlement between the parties, the violence could return as soon as the unrest-area declaration is removed.

Moses Mayekiso of the Alexandra Civic Association says IFP leaders in Alexandra have had to distance themselves from the violence that has been unleashed on the township by residents from Madala hostel, which, he says has been the centre of the violence.

"It is where there is a majority of IFP supporters. They recruit other members from Jeppe and George Goch to reinforce those committing violence. It is a lie to say that only a few people in there are out of control. If we are dealing with a bunch of thugs with a leader, residents are entitled to know."

He says his organisation is committed to non-violence and an early return to peace "so that we can get on with the betterment of our community".

"The IFP, of which I am chairman, does not condone what is done to township residents. There are people in that hostel who do not belong there, there are elements who are out of control.

"People seem to forget that not all Zulu-speaking people are Inkatha. We also have members who are

Xhosa, and many Sothos. We have members who live there, but you cannot control a mob."

At the end of a night of sometimes heated debate on issues troubling township residents, the meeting, chaired by the Rev Busani Ngubane and attended by representatives from most principal political and

civic organisations resolved to demand the closure of Madala hostel and a review of the status of the Nobuthle and Helen Joseph hostels.

A memorandum of demand is to be presented to the local authorities.

Residents plan to take part in mass action to underscore the demand for the hostel's closure.



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## Five violent Soweto deaths

By Gien Elsas (278)

Five men were killed in violent incidents in Soweto on Saturday night, police said.

A pedestrian in Orlando West was hacked and stabbed to death by a group of men at about 11 pm. Police arrested three men.

Another man was dragged from his house in the area and stabbed and hacked to death.

Passengers in a minibus shot at pedestrians in Jabulani at 1.30 am yesterday, killing two men.

The burnt-out minibus, believed to have been set alight by its occupants, was later found by police.

At 3 am police spotted a stolen car in Zondi.

The driver refused to stop. Several shots were fired at the vehicle and the driver was killed. Police are investigating.



# More train attacks: 278 CT21/3/92 'State forces involved'

PRETORIA — Attacks on Reef train commuters continued yesterday, when two more people died and 22 were injured.

Police in Soweto yesterday seized a large quantity of dangerous weapons on several trains, but no arrests were made.

ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela said in Cape Town yesterday that only way of stopping the violence was the creation of an interim government. "It is quite clear the security forces are involved at the highest level," he told businessmen.

Echoing Mr Mandela's accusation, Labour Party MP Mr S.K. Louw said in the House of Representatives that there was proof that the government was involved in the daily deaths of people on trains.

In Soweto on Thursday night another five people died. Three were flung from moving trains by armed gangs.

The director of the South African Institute of Race Relations, Mr John Kane-Berman, said: "There is no hard evidence that the government is orchestrating the violence. Some of the simplistic explanations doing the rounds suggest blacks are not capable of killing each other unless whites put them up to it, which is nonsense."

## 'Well-founded'

A political analyst at Natal University, Mr Graham Howe, said: "Most of the battles in Natal are fought regardless of politics at a national level — it's a Sicilian climate of feuding. People are competing for resources — it will take enormous socio-economic restructuring to end the fighting."

Mr Loyd Vogelmann, director of a violence research group at the University of the Witwatersrand, believes "third force" theories are well-founded. "Ending the killing will depend on the police infiltrating the cells behind it," he said.

Mr Eugene Terre Blanche, leader of the AWB, said yesterday his private army, estimated at 5 000 strong, was preparing for race war. "The referendum has put us on the road to bloody revolution," he said.

The police have denied reports that the security forces have been put on full alert in anticipation of a violent right-wing response to the pro-reform landslide referendum result.

● Yesterday the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, welcomed the ANC's public condemnation of incidents of violence and thuggery attributed to its members in Phola and in Wednesday's march in Cape Town. — Sapa-Reuter and Political Staff



## More Reef train killings

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POLICE reported two Reef train deaths on Friday bringing to four the number killed since Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel banned the carrying of weapons on trains earlier this week. 22/3/92

Assailants stabbed a 69-year-old man to death and threw him off at Orlando Station, while another man was hacked to death and thrown from a train at Kweseni Station in Katlehong.



IFP march  
on John  
Vorster 278

ABOUT 20 000 armed Inkatha supporters chanting "Peace!" marched on John Vorster Square yesterday to hand over a petition containing demands including the disbanding of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto weSizwe.

Weapons

Weapons - supposed to be only sticks, knobkerries and shields - included sharpened metal poles, meat cleavers and dustbin lids. C/Pren 22/3/92

SAP and SADF members - armed with automatic weapons - escorted the marchers into and out of the centre of town while bystanders, many of them looking apprehensive, stood well back.

The march was peaceful and by mid-afternoon no incidents had been reported. - Sapa



DOING THE INKATHA CANCAN ... An energetic IFP supporter high-kicking her way to John Vorster Square yesterday. ■ Pic: MIKE MZILENI





**SHOW OF STRENGTH . . .** armed Inkatha marchers flood Johannesburg's Commissioner Street yesterday  
**Picture: ROB HADLEY**

## INKATHA ON THE MARCH

By CHARLES LEONARD

A GROUP of 10 000 Inkatha members marched through the streets of Johannesburg yesterday. *S/Times 22/3/92*

Many of them were armed with spears, sharpened metal rods, knobkerries and homemade battle axes — despite the ban on the carrying of traditional weapons.

Police did not disarm any of the men, but two people were reportedly stabbed and five beaten by the marchers. Many shopowners closed their doors as the wave of marchers flooded by. The march — part of a "programme of protest action for peace" — ended at John Vorster Square, where a memorandum was handed to the police.



Membership not enough; now they have to answer questions

# INKATHA VS INKATHA

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THE fighting in Alexandra took a new turn this week - Inkatha was fighting Inkatha.

Scores of card-carrying Inkatha members were among those forced to flee their homes after an attack by Zulu-speaking hostel inmates who questioned their credentials and loyalty to the Inkatha Freedom Party.

These Inkatha people have now fled their homes which border the notorious KwaMadala Hostel, an Inkatha stronghold, for the safety of the local council offices.

As attacks on residents continued unabated yesterday morning, a well-known local businessman, Edward "Edoms" Bhengu, was shot dead outside his house.

Eyewitnesses claim he was loading his possessions trying to take his family to safety when he was shot at close range by attackers who wanted to know why he was leaving the area.

USELESS ... Cards

The displaced families from the hostel said they wanted to occupy the area between First and Sixth Avenues. Since they fled their homes, this strip of land has now become a "no-go" area and an IFP stronghold.

Most families whose houses border the Madala Hostel fled after imps allegedly raided their homes and assaulted them this week for failing to answer certain questions regarding the IFP.

The questions, it is claimed, distinguish between true Inkatha members and those who have taken out membership for protection. Wrong answers could mean serious assault or even death.

Some families conceded they took out IFP membership for protection against being killed by the organisation's supporters.

Most of the "members" expressed fear at being identified by their attackers and refused to have their names published.

They were even scared to produce their membership cards and said they had left them behind when they fled after realising they served no purpose.

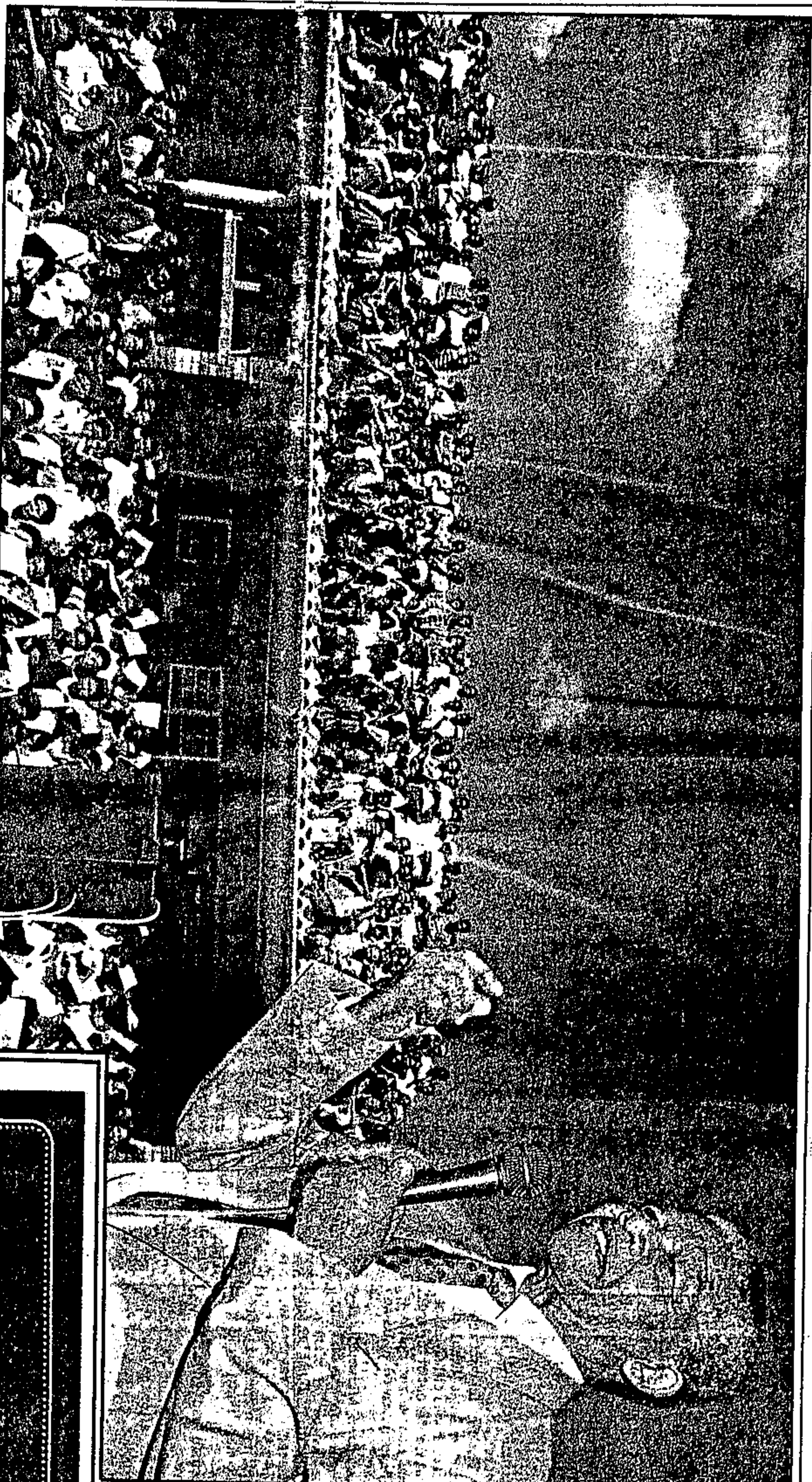
Residents told City Press adults had to pay R5 a month for membership. They also had to pay R3 for every child in the household.

Displaced families said they were told by their assailants that attacks were no longer directed at the ANC and Xhosa-speaking people only but at all non-Zulus.

Families said they were attacked after IFP members accused them of harbouring ANC members in their homes.

Most took only what they could carry. By Friday all their houses had been occupied by new tenants - members of the IFP proper.

The IFP chairman in the area, Simon Nxumalo, an employee of the township's town council, denied IFP supporters resented on their own.



A LEADER SPEAKS ... Nelson Mandela addressing a rally in Langa on Friday. The ANC yesterday denied rumours that their leader was not well.

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Picture: FANIE JASON

## Township as rivals recall Sharpeville

By THEMBA KHUMALO

THE ANC and PAC held huge rallies within shouting distance of each other at Sharpeville yesterday to remember the killing of 69 blacks by police 32 years ago.

But the ANC, whose members gathered at Miami Beach, an open space on the outskirts of Sharpeville, displayed their massive support with about 30 000 party faithful attending their rally.

The PAC however, whose members were led by Clarence Makwethu, had no more than 1 000 supporters at their rally at

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of Codesa at the instruction of their supporters.

The ANC and all those who participated in Codesa were then roundly condemned as self-lovers who would not achieve genuine liberation for the masses.

ANC national chairman Oliver Tambo received the free

## 'Mandela in good health'

CP Press 22/3/92

ANC leader Nelson Mandela was in good health, a Western Cape spokesman for the ANC said in Cape Town yesterday.

An ANC marshal told a Sapa representative at a Sharpeville memorial service in Nyanga township that Mandela was resting on doctor's orders and would not attend the service.

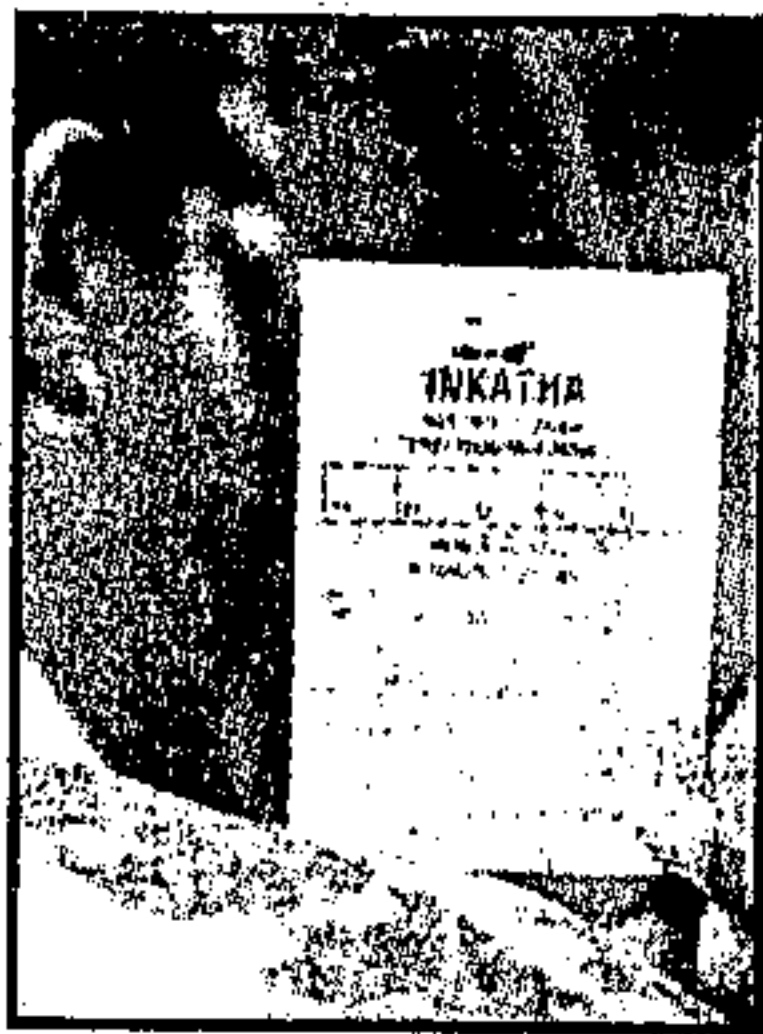
ANC spokesman Willie Hofmeyr said Mandela was in good health and that he missed the service because of a misunderstanding.

He said no other meetings set for Mandela had been cancelled, and that he would address a rally in Khayelitsha.

"Mandela is in excellent health. There was a misunderstanding with arrangements made and that is why he missed the Nyanga service," Hofmeyr said. - Sapa

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Eyewitnesses claim he was loading his possessions trying to take his family to safety when he was shot at close range by attackers who wanted to know why he was leaving the area.

### **USELESS ... Cards**

The displaced families offer no protection. They claimed IFP members from the hostel said they wanted to occupy the area between First and Sixth Avenues. Since they fled their homes, this strip of land has now become a "no-go" area and an IFP stronghold.

Most families whose houses border the Madala Hostel fled after impis allegedly raided their homes and assaulted them this week for failing to answer certain questions regarding the IFP.

The questions, it is claimed, distinguish between true Inkatha members and those who have taken out membership for protection. Wrong answers could mean serious assault or even death.

Some families conceded they took out IFP membership for protection against being killed by the organisation's supporters.

Most of the "members" expressed fear at being identified by their attackers and refused to have their names published.

They were even scared to produce their membership cards and said they had left them behind when they fled after realising they served no purpose.

Residents told City Press adults had to pay R5 a month for membership. They also had to pay R3 for every child in the household.

Displaced families said they were told by their assailants that attacks were no longer directed at the ANC and Xhosa-speaking people only but at all non-Zulus.

Families said they were attacked after IFP members accused them of harbouring ANC members in their homes.

Most took only what they could carry. By Friday all their houses had been occupied by new tenants - members of the IFP proper.

The IFP chairman in the area, Simon Nxumalo, an employee of the township's town council, denied IFP supporters assaulted or intimidated any of the displaced families.

He demanded that the threatened families prove their assailants were IFP supporters.

He said: "Anyone who is not our member can threaten people in the name of the IFP and we can't just take the blame. There are scores of hostel dwellers who are not necessarily our members."

Nxumalo said there were also displaced families in the hostel complex who were kicked out of the township by ANC supporters last year. Although they were Zulu-speaking, the families were not necessarily IFP supporters. They were harassed simply because they were Zulus.

### **March**

Families rejected his explanation, saying it did not happen anywhere in the world that criminals expected their victims to produce party-political membership cards.

A march is being planned for Thursday for residents to demand the immediate removal of the hostel and the shacks occupied by IFP members in the township.

The angry families want the hostel, probably the largest on the Reef, either demolished or converted into family units.

The families were initially housed in churches, halls and a recreation centre.

They said when the council did not respond to their request for protection or alternative accommodation, they besieged the council premises.



# Call for march, stayaway in Alex

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By Stan Hlophe

A broad range of political organisations in Alexandra have called for a stayaway and a march to the city council offices on Thursday in protest against violence which has left several people dead, more than 200 injured and about 500 displaced families.

At a press conference it was announced that the residents would march to the local police station where they would deliver petitions demanding, among other things, the closure of the Madala hostel.

The press conference was called following a meeting last week of the local peace committee comprising representatives from the ANC, PAC, Azapo, IFP and women's and business organisations.

At the meeting it was agreed that residents should embark on mass action to force the authorities to remove the "unknown" people occupying the shacks and houses of families displaced by the violence.

They also demanded that police step up patrols and set up a mobile station near the hostel.

Violence flared in the township 10 days ago when gunmen ambushed an IFP funeral procession.

After the violence, the ANC, IFP, Azapo and PAC agreed to a truce. But the truce lasted barely hours and at least 20 more people were killed.

The Rev. Buyisani Ngubane, who chaired the press conference, and ANC regional general-secretary Obed Bapela denied claims that IFP supporters were to blame for driving families from their homes.

Mr Ngubane and Mr Bapela said they had been assured by local IFP representatives that the culprits were "thugs" who had no ties with IFP or hostels.



# Weapons ban fails to curb attacks 278

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Although all weapons were banned on railway property from today, one man was killed and one seriously injured in train attacks in Johannesburg early this morning.

Police said the body of a man was found at Longdale Station at about 5 am. He had multiple injuries after being attacked and thrown from a train.

Another man was found at Braamfontein Station shortly before 7 am. He had hack-wounds on his head and was taken to hospital.

The ban on all weapons — from firearms and machetes to spanners and tyres — came into effect at midnight. Police said last week they would do all in their power to enforce the ban in an effort to curb rampant train attacks.

● A senior SA Communist Party official and two other men were killed in a hand grenade blast in Sebokeng near Vereeniging yesterday.

Police said Saul Tsotetsi, chairman of the Vaal Triangle branch of the SACP, died at about 2 am when a hand grenade of "communist" origin exploded in his hand.

Elias Motloutse and Alfred Yika were also killed in the explosion while Enoch Khaye and John Nglapo were injured.

ANC Witwatersrand spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said five men had attacked Mr Tsotetsi while he was returning home.

Police denied knowledge of any attack and Mr Mamoepa's claim that one of the two injured had been arrested.

● Several sporadic attacks in Soweto and in townships on the

East Rand at the weekend claimed at least 10 more lives, while seven other people were injured during an Inkatha Freedom Party protest march through Johannesburg.

At least three people died and two were seriously injured in attacks in Duduza near Nigel.

Police said Special Constable Mpotowna died at 7 am yesterday after he had been assaulted with an axe.

Another man was killed in the same attack while Jol Mbonjane was seriously injured when he was stabbed outside the Duduza Hostel.

Enoch Lomjane died of head injuries in another assault in Duduza.

A 12-year-old boy was shot dead from a passing train in Katilehong on Saturday afternoon. At 9 am on Saturday, the body of a man who had been beaten to death was found in Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

An unidentified woman was seriously hurt when she was thrown off a train near the bridge at Wadeville Station at 5 pm on Saturday.

The body of a man was found in Daveyton and another in Tokoza, police said.

At Alexandra, a man was shot dead on Saturday and another was wounded yesterday.

In Soweto three people, including an 11-year-old child, were shot dead and two others were injured in separate attacks by unknown gunmen. Police say all the attacks took place at about 7 pm.

Two people were reported stabbed and five beaten up when about 10 000 Inkatha supporters marched through Johannesburg on Saturday.



# Boy shot dead as train passes

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JOHANNESBURG. — Twelve people, including two children and a policeman, were killed in violent incidents in the PWV region over the weekend.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel David Bruce said a 12-year-old boy playing soccer with friends was shot dead by an unknown gunman who fired from a passing train in Katlehong on Saturday.

Col Bruce said the off-duty policeman died after being hit over the head with an axe in Duduza.

Two men were found hacked to death in Duduza and two were found burnt — one to death — in Daveyton. A man died of gunshot wounds in Tokoza as did a man in Alexandra.

At Zondi, in Soweto, a group of men entered a house and shot a man dead. A child was killed in a another similar incident. Also in Soweto a man was shot dead in a hostel room.

A woman thrown from a Randfontein train and another hurled off a train near Alberton on Saturday were seriously injured. An unidentified woman was thrown from a train bridge near Wadeville. Her condition was not known. — Sapa



# Inkatha march to protest for peace

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**THOUSANDS** of Inkatha Freedom Party members marched through Johannesburg on Saturday in a massive demonstration of strength to "protest for peace".

The marchers made their way to John Vorster Square police headquarters, where their leaders handed over a memorandum.

Earlier in the week, IFP officials released lists containing names of supporters who they said had died in sectarian violence.

On Saturday, wave after wave of shield and stick-

wielding IFP supporters made their way down Commissioner Street to John Vorster Square.

Bystanders, many of them looking apprehensive, stood well back.

IFP marchers brandished shields, sharpened sticks, poles and other implements, including battle axes. Police and other security personnel lined the streets.

Last Thursday the IFP announced its "a programme of protest action for peace" to start on Saturday.

IFP Youth League Transvaal leader Mr

Themba Khoza said at a Press conference in Johannesburg the protest action had become an "absolute necessity" as our communities are being ravaged by proponents of death and destruction.

"Past efforts to achieve lasting peace have not proved adequate and thus more pro-active measures are needed to provide the necessary impetus to achieve peace."

He said the march was not called for Saturday - Sharpeville Day - in an attempt to upstage commemoration services and rallies by other political or-

ganisations which were held on the same day.

"Politically-speaking we obviously have an interest in Sharpeville Day as this was the day people were killed for pursuing the cause we are also fighting for.

"But our march is not for strategic reasons. We are in harmony with Sharpeville commemoration rallies," said Khoza.

Saturday's march started at George Goch Stadium at 10am and then proceeded to the John Vorster Square.

A memorandum handed to a senior police officer contained "certain issues of

protest which must be addressed immediately for the sake of peace and stability".

These issues concerned the assassination of IFP members, the increasing use of AK-47 assault rifles by members of the ANC in "armed robberies, killing of policemen and farmers... and political deaths".

The ANC leadership's "involvement" at local and national level regarding "acts of violence" on IFP members, and the role of the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, would also be protested. - Sapa.



# SACP MAN KILLED

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**AN OFFICIAL** of the South African Communist Party who is also a member of the ANC was killed with two other people in a handgrenade explosion in Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle yesterday.

Conflicting reports on the death of SACP official Mr Saul Tsotetsi and two other men, Mr Alfred Yika and Mr Elias Motloun, emerged yesterday.

Police yesterday described the three men's deaths as "suicide".

However, SACP officials said Tsotetsi died

By KENOSI MODISANE

while being attacked by a group of five men.

Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said yesterday said: "A handgrenade exploded in Tsotetsi's hands, killing him, Motloun and Yika instantly.

"Two other men, Enoch Khaiye and John Nhlapo, were injured in the explosion. They were both taken to hospital."

The ages of the men could not be established yesterday.

Officials of the SACP, however, disputed the police version of the incident.

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## SACP man killed

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An SACP spokesman said yesterday the grenade exploded when Yika, Motloun and the two injured men attacked Tsotetsi.

SACP education officer in the Vaal Mr Oupa Modikoane said: "Tsotetsi was being attacked by a group of five men, who included the two who died and those who were injured." *Soweto 23/3/92*

Modikoane said a fifth man escaped. He said the two dead men and those injured were not known to the SACP. Meanwhile, Soweto police said yesterday three people, including an 11-year-old child, were shot dead in separate incidents in the township at the weekend.

Spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the child and another man were shot in separate incidents by a mob passing in the streets in Zondi on Saturday evening.

The body of a man who had been shot was found at Meadowlands Hostel. Two other men were shot and wounded near Dube Hostel.

On the East Rand, the body of a man was found in Daveyton and another in Tokoza and in Alexandra a man was shot and killed by two gunmen.

Eleven people were injured in all, including one man who was found with serious burns in Daveyton. Three men were arrested in connection with this incident.

A woman was seriously injured when she was thrown from a train on the East Rand and another was hurt when she was hurled off a train near Albertyn. In Johannesburg five black men were injured in clashes during the city on Saturday. Most had hack or stab wounds, police said.

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"You cannot have police investigating police," he said in an interpellation debate.

This was especially so in the case of a body which had been accused of apathy when investigating its own members.

Last year the Minister of Law and Order had asked him to withdraw questions on the matter, because of the delicate state of the investigation. He later received a letter from the State President which said there had been no evidence of police involvement, or apathy and negligence. The initial criticism had not referred to claims of police involvement in the attack, said Dalling. The Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr.

Sheepers said the investigation had been referred to the Attorney-General. — *Sapa*.



# ANC man killed in grenade explosion

JOHANNESBURG — A high-ranking ANC official, Mr Saul Tsotetsi, died early yesterday when a hand grenade exploded in his hand.

A police spokesman said Mr Elias Tefo Motloung and Mr Alfred Yika also died in the blast. Two men were injured. CT 23/3/92

The spokesman said police had been unable to determine why Mr Tsotetsi, also a member of the SACC and the SACP, was holding a hand grenade.

An ANC spokesman has denied the suggestion that Mr Tsotetsi's death was accidental.

The spokesman alleged that Mr Tsotetsi had been attacked by five men. He said Mr Tsotetsi was trying to fend off the attack when the grenade, thrown by one of his assailants, exploded in his hand.

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# Commission asked to probe death

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Sowetan Correspondent

THE Goldstone Commission has been asked to interview one of the survivors of the grenade blast in which a member of both the SACP and the ANC was killed.

Mr Saul Tsotetsi family attorney, Ms Caroline Heaton Nichols, said her firm had requested this intervention because police had refused them direct access to Mr John Nhlapo, whom they regarded as a vital witness.

Tsotetsi and two other men, Mr Elias Motlouni and Mr Alfred Yika, were killed in the blast near Tsotetsi's Sebokeng house in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Mr Enoch Khaiye and Nhlapo were injured and admitted to hospital.

The PWV branches of the ANC and SACP, and Cosatu's Western Transvaal region, yesterday said they regarded the death as an assassination.

"Saul's death brings to seven the number of anti-apartheid activists killed in a space of three weeks in the Vaal complex.

"A clear pattern of orchestrated attacks by unknown death squads who continue to elude the police continues to emerge," they said.

Evidence gathered from various sources pointed to a five-person attack on Tsotetsi as he approached his home, the statement said.

Police have accused the ANC of interfering with a potential witness, Mr Dan Dlamini. The ANC has charged that the police have arrested at least one witness.

Both parties deny the actions they are accused of.

Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said an ANC probe was not welcome.

"There is only one police force and only that force is entitled to investigate this case," he said.

But if the Goldstone Commission were to intervene, "we would welcome it," Bruce said.



# Tensions run high in Ennerdale

TENSIONS ran high in Ennerdale yesterday as residents erected barricades and intermittently stoned local authority vehicles involved in cutting cables supplying houses with electricity.

Up to six police vans with local police and riot police from Vereeniging were on hand to protect the Ennerdale and Local Development Committee workers as they went about their job.

The vice chairman of the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association, Mr Roger McCullouch, said he could not understand why electricity supply was being cut.

"We had a meeting with Epok on Thursday last week which was chaired by the National Peace Committee, where it was agreed that no further action would be taken before the next meeting in early April," McCullouch.

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# Rail violence: two hostel dwellers held

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In a breakthrough against rampant train violence, police yesterday arrested two Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers allegedly linked to attacks on Johannesburg trains last week in which 10 people were injured.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the SAP had not ruled out the possibility that the men could be linked to other attacks. More arrests could follow, he said.

The suspects, aged 24 and 26, are due to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today on charges of attempted murder.

Captain Opperman said undercover police officers had accompanied a witness who pointed out the men at Jeppe station yesterday morning.

The two residents of Merafe hostel in Soweto are suspected of involvement in two attacks on Johannesburg trains on Thursday.

Nine men and a woman were injured and some victims are still in hospital.

Captain Opperman said train 9317, on which the two men were arrested, was bound for the East Rand from Soweto.

It was not clear whether the suspects had any weapons at the time of their arrest.

Captain Opperman urged commuters to use toll-free numbers to report acts of violence.

The toll-free number for Reef commuters is 0801-110141.

Although all weapons were banned on railway property from yesterday, one man was killed and one seriously injured in early morning attacks in Johannesburg yesterday.

An injured man was found at Braamfontein station shortly before 7 am.

The death of a man who was thrown from a train near Longdale station brought to 24 the number of people killed in countrywide violence since Friday. At least 332 people have been killed since February 20.

● Licensed gun-owners who commute by train may apply for permits authorising them to carry their weapons, police confirmed yesterday.

SA Gun Owners Association chairman Ian Lear, who met Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, yesterday, said he had been assured that firearm owners could apply for exemptions.

Permits may be issued to licensed gun-owners at the discretion of police station commanders which enable them to carry their firearms while travelling on trains.

Mr Lear said his association understood the need for the measure and would support it, provided permits for exemptions were issued "on a reasonable basis".

Lieutenant-Colonel Reg Crewe, of SAP headquarters in Pretoria, said station commanders would assess each application on its merits. The ban was aimed at fighting violence on trains and it was not the intention to inconvenience law-abiding gun owners.



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**'Rifle find  
led to  
arrests'**

The discovery of an AK-47 rifle at an Alexandra hostel was a breakthrough in the police investigation into the fatal shooting of 13 people at a vigil in the township on March 27 last year, the Rand Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Constable Peter Bothma was testifying before Mr Justice H Daniels in a trial-within-a-trial to determine the admissibility of a statement made by one of the accused, Christopher Mdatha.

Constable Bothma said the arrests followed the weapon find.

Mr Mdatha's defence counsel told the court he had no knowledge of the AK-47 rifle and would argue that the firearm may have been brought into the hostel by police or another inmate.

The five accused are members and supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party. They face 13 charges of murder and 17 charges of attempted murder as well as one count of housebreaking.

The State has alleged that at the funeral vigil of Jane Ramokgole on March 27 last year, the five men sprayed the mourners with a volley of bullets from an automatic rifle, leaving 13 dead and scores injured.

The accused are Gibson Mbatho (28), Derick Majozi (21), Mr Mdatha (30), Petrus Buthelezi (31) and John Zakwe (56), all of Alexandra.

The hearing continues.

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# Sowetans flee after fierce attack

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By Montshiwa Moroke

At least one woman was shot dead and another left paralysed after residents of Mzimhlophe, Soweto, were allegedly attacked by heavily armed inmates from the nearby men's hostel on Sunday night.

One family was left homeless after their home was petrol-bombed in the attack and several families in Ndabezitha Street, near the hostel, packed up and moved out yesterday.

The dead woman was Buyiswa Nqanqase (24), a mother of two young children.

A neighbour said Ms Nqanqase was shot while sitting in her shack with her four-year-old son and 15-month-old daughter at about 8 pm on Sunday. A bullet pierced the zinc wall and hit her chest.

Mdungayi Chauke (46) was shot in the foot in the same yard.

Friends were yesterday trying to trace Ms Nqanqase's relatives.

The paralysed woman is Tshidi Mirriam Mosia (29) of Mabasothe Street. She was shot at about 8 am while returning home after she had sought safety elsewhere for the night. She is in Baragwanath Hospital.

The area was tense yesterday as police patrolled the streets. Many residents had not gone to work and pupils said they had not gone to school for a week.

Residents said hostilities had begun a week ago and had increased until the attack on Sunday night.



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## 'We tried to halt carrying of weapons'

By Thabo Leshilo  
Political Staff (278)

The police and the Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday said they had done all in their power to prevent the carrying of dangerous weapons during the IFP march in Johannesburg on Saturday.

Several bystanders were stabbed and beaten by marchers carrying weapons in defiance of a Government proclamation prohibiting the practice.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said police had made it clear to IFP leaders that carrying weapons would not be allowed. However, it would not have been possible for the SAP to disarm the huge crowd, estimated at about 10 000.

"Trying to disarm such a big crowd would have led to a terrible confrontation."

IFP West Rand leader Humphrey Ndlovu said he had appealed to members to leave dangerous weapons behind before leaving George Goch Stadium. He said people seen carrying sharpened iron rods, meat cleavers and other weapons had joined the march from elsewhere.



# Tyres burnt, S. TAR 24/3/92 stones hurled as power cut

By Michael Sparks (278)

Tensions ran high in Ennerdale yesterday as residents erected barricades and stoned local-authority vehicles involved in cutting cables supplying houses with electricity.

Up to six police vans with local and riot police from Vereeniging were on hand to protect the Ennerdale and Local Development Committee workers (known by the Afrikaans acronym Epok) as they went about their job.

Epok worker Mark Arendse said cables were being cut to 18 houses where electricity supplies had been illegally reconnected after being cut off because of non-payment.

Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association vice-chairman Roger McCullouch said he could not understand why electricity supplies were being cut off.

"We had a meeting with Epok on Thursday last week, which was chaired by the National Peace Committee, where it was agreed that no further action would be taken before the next meeting in early April."

At the next meeting the civic association was to decide how to implement its offer of a flat rate of R50 a month for electricity which would end the three-year electricity boycott.

Angry residents lit petrol-soaked tyres in the roads and threw stones when vehicles belonging to Epok approached.

Mr McCullouch said the civic had tried, without success, to get hold of the Peace Secretariat to mediate in the dispute.

"We depended on the Peace Secretariat to play a strong mediating role, but it does not look like the negotiations are working. Epok is going around the back of the negotiating table."

No one at Epok was available for comment.



# New evidence in Alex killings

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Bothma said the weapon find was a breakthrough for the SA Police. Further weapon finds and five arrests followed, he added.

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Sapa.





Ms Caroline Jwara stands next to the ruins of what used to be her relatives' home in Mzimhlophe, Soweto. The house was gutted during an attack on the family on Sunday night. —Pic: PATTY MOENG

# Three more die on trains

THREE more commuters were killed and several injured in attacks on Reef trains yesterday despite a ban on the carrying of weapons.

And police said two hostel inmates suspected of taking part in various attacks on trains were arrested by plain-clothes policemen aboard a train yesterday morning.

The body of a man who had been stabbed, hacked and hurled out of a moving train was found at Longdale station near Industria.

Two more bodies — one of them mutilated — were found at New Canada station.

## Ambush

Police said the men had been assaulted before being pushed out of a moving train.

Describing the arrest of the two hostel dwellers, police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said: "Eyewitnesses accompanied by undercover police pointed out the two suspects at Jeppe station yesterday morning."

The two men would appear today in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

Opperman said the two men, aged 24 and 26 and also residents of Merafe Hostel, were

By KENOSI MODISANE

suspected to have taken part in an ambush on commuters last Thursday in a Johannesburg-bound train.

Nine men and a woman were injured in the attack. Some of those injured were yesterday reported to be still in hospital.

At Mzimhlophe, Soweto, two houses were gutted and several others looted as fighting continued between Meadowlands Hostel residents and those in the township.

A body of a woman believed to have been shot during an ambush on Mzimhlophe residents was discovered in a veld yesterday.

●Meanwhile, Sapa reports that at least 13 miners were killed in an inter-group fighting at Impala's Bafokeng North Hostel in Bophuthatswana at the weekend.

The fighting apparently broke out on Saturday afternoon between supporters of the National Union of Mineworkers and those who did not support it, owners of the mine Genmin said yesterday.

Genmin said Sotho-speaking employees had requested to leave the mine.

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# Police link with fire probed

THE possible involvement of a young policeman in the Pretoria Elim Church blaze which left eight "street children" dead and 11 injured, was being investigated by the SAP, sources said yesterday.

Official police sources would not confirm or deny the investigation, but said an earlier statement that "arson was excluded as the cause of the fire" was premature and based on preliminary findings by forensic experts.

A cover-up by the police was strongly denied.

An investigation into the fire at the disused church,

which housed 22 homeless youths between the ages of nine and 24 as part of the Pretoria University's Youth Initiative Project, continued last week when Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) claimed a police cover-up.

Following the police's dismissal of arson shortly after the blaze, LHR had called in its own forensic experts who, in collaboration with fire department experts, examined the ruins and found evidence that the fire had been started by

somebody, LHR executive director Brian Currin said.

Points indicating this included the rate at which the fire spread, the fact that it was burning simultaneously on most floors and evidence suggesting use of a liquid accelerant.

Sources close to police investigations said the whereabouts of a 24-year-old policeman — believed to be a member of the Sunnyside Criminal Investigation Unit investigating the fire — at the time of the start of the pre-dawn fire, was under scrutiny.

The docket on the blaze has been handed to one of the country's top investigative policemen, Brigadier Wilhelm Blignaut.

The gutted Elim Church was demolished shortly after the initial police reaction, excluding arson, was issued.

Earlier, project leader Jeremy Kruger said an intoxicated plainclothes policeman had visited the church several days before the blaze. An argument had started between some of the youths and the policeman, who said he was investigating theft charges.

The policeman had been attacked by some of the youths and was forced to flee, Kruger said.

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# Breakthrough in East Rand violence

By KENOSI MODISANE

IN what is believed to be a major breakthrough, six men were arrested in connection with a spate of violent crimes committed in East Rand townships in recent weeks.

The six were arrested in connection with murders, kidnappings and robberies reported in Katlehong and Tokoza.

Police also recovered two firearms and stolen goods during a raid that led to the arrests.

Captain Eugene Opperman, spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, said the suspects were arrested after a tip-off.

The arrests come as train killings and other unrest-related incidents continue despite the implementation on Monday of a ban on carrying of dangerous weapons on the trains.

Witwatersrand police reported that four people were killed in unrest-related incidents in the area yesterday.

Two men were thrown out of a moving train after they had been hacked to death.

The police said they found bodies of two men in Alexandra Township and Meadowlands, Soweto, yesterday. One of the men had been burnt to death.



# ANC, SACP out to get us, claims IFP's Mdlalose

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THE Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday claimed the ANC and the SA Communist Party were planning to attack its members in Alexandra Township and Soweto.

The organisation claimed the alleged attacks, planned to start today and expected to last four days,

were aimed at driving its members out of the townships.

But ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma rejected the allegations, saying it was clear the organisation was afraid of the "democratic transformation taking place in the country".

The allegations coincide

with the call by the Alexandra Peace Committee for a stayaway in the township today to demand the closure of the Madala Hostel, perceived by the committee as a source of most of the violence in the area.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg

yesterday, IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose claimed the ANC/SACP planned to launch further attacks on the survivors of the alleged onslaught during the Easter holidays.

Meanwhile, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention

of Violence and Intimidation is to sit in Pretoria on Friday to try and establish sources of allegations made by the IFP.

The chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, said he had received a report that a statement had been issued concerning the campaign.



# 'Terror campaign' to be investigated

By Peter Fabricius  
Political Correspondent

The Goldstone Commission on political violence is to meet urgently on Friday to ask the IFP to verify allegations it made yesterday that the ANC/South African Communist Party alliance is about to launch a terror campaign against the IFP on the Reef.

The IFP's Transvaal leadership would have to provide the commission with information about its allegations, Mr Justice Goldstone, chairman of the Commission Regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation, said yesterday.

He appealed to the public, and especially the IFP, not to act on the unsubstantiated rumours in the meantime.

Attacks on Zulu-speakers and hostel dwellers would increase from today, IFP chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said yesterday.

Addressing a press conference at Codesa, he claimed the IFP had information that "certain people" were collecting guns which had been stockpiled in their "tens of thousands" in the eastern Transvaal and on the East and West Rand.

He said the IFP believed the guns would be used against Zulu-speakers and Zulu hostel dwellers.

Dr Mdlalose and Dr Ben Ngubane, an IFP central committee member and KwaZulu's Minister of Health, alleged that violence had increased since SACP general-secretary Chris Hani addressed a rally in Empangeni recently.

"We can't go on at great speed at Codesa if our leaders are killed," said Dr Ngubane. It was the duty of the State to pro-

tect all citizens, but because of the nature of the attacks, police were unable to protect everybody. It was therefore the duty of the Government to disband the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, he added.

Contacted by The Star, Mr Hani denied the allegations. He said there had been violence in the Empangeni area before he addressed the rally.

He said he had been prevented from entering the township by armed IFP members, and that the violence in the area was directed against ANC and Cosatu members.

● The PAC announced yesterday that it would embark on a campaign aimed at ending the slaughter on Reef trains.

National campaigns committee chairman Ntsudeni Madzunya said the programme entailed a boycott of trains and a national work stayaway.



# IFP in Alexandra rejects planned protest march

By Stan Hlophe (278)

The Inkatha Freedom Party's Alexandra branch has dissociated itself from a residents' march on the township's police station and municipality tomorrow to protest against ongoing violence in the area.

Several organisations announced last week that residents would stay away from work tomorrow to deliver a petition to the police and town council.

## Hostel closure

The protest was decided upon at a meeting of the local peace committee — comprising representatives of the ANC, PAC, Azapo, IFP, and women's and business organisations.

Residents will demand the closure of the Madala hostel; more frequent police patrols in the township; the setting up of a mobile police station near the hostel; and that the authorities remove the "unknown" people who occupied the dwellings of about 500 families who fled the area fearing renewed attacks.

In a statement yesterday, the IFP branch said it rejected the demand for the closure of the hostel and the removal of the

occupants of the dwellings.

"The planned stayaway is totally rejected by the IFP.

"Once again, the IFP regards this decision as provocative and unconstructive. The peace committee should adopt initiatives which embrace the entire Alexandra community..."

The IFP said it seemed that "certain elements within the Alexandra peace committee" were manipulating the structure to pursue their own personal agendas.

They seemed "intent on marginalising the IFP in peace efforts" in Alexandra.

"The IFP remains committed to achieving genuine and lasting peace in Alexandra but refuses to be part of campaigns that are diametrically opposed to attainment of that goal."

The IFP said violence in the township could be stopped if all residents were genuinely committed to peace, rather than by expecting the police to take sole responsibility for the community's security.

The IFP said it remained in favour of negotiations to resolve the conflict in Alexandra even though its members were the victims of intimidation and attacks.



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# Violence continues in Soweto

West Rand Bureau

(278)

Violence continued in Soweto last night and early today with one man murdered, houses petrol bombed and people thrown from moving trains.

The body of a man was found outside Meadowlands Hostel early today. He had been killed and then set alight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgrryn of the Soweto police said two houses in Meadowlands were petrol bombed last night.

One of the houses is on the Ancon School grounds. A man was murdered in the house some time ago.

Four people were thrown off a train near New Canada station yesterday evening. They were taken to Baragwanath Hospital.

● Hostel dweller held —

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# Third hostel dweller held over train attacks

Crime Staff

Police yesterday arrested a third inmate of Soweto's Merafe hostel in connection with attacks on Johannesburg trains last week in which 10 people were injured.

Police said detectives arrested a 25-year-old man at a Johannesburg plumbing firm.

On Monday, two suspects — aged 24 and 26 — were arrested after being identified by an eye-witness at Jeppe station.

The three men are due to appear in the Johannesburg Regional Court today on charges of attempted murder.

The charges relate to two attacks on Johannesburg trains

last Thursday.

Detectives are also questioning a 48-year-old man from Merafe hostel

Captain Eugene Opperman, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said detectives had not excluded the possibility that the three suspects could be linked to other train attacks.

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# Five die in political violence

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JOHANNESBURG. — Three men were injured in attacks on hostels in Thokoza on the East Rand early yesterday, and at least five people have been killed in political violence since Monday morning.

Of the five people who died, three were killed on trains in Soweto and Johannesburg, police said.

Witwatersrand police said that in the hostel attacks yesterday, the attackers, armed with AK-47 rifles and travelling in a white Mazda bakkie, fired at a hostel in Khumalo Street.

Two men, Mr Cherry Malepi and Mr Philip Nkobo, who were sitting in a vehicle close to the hostel at the time, were wounded in the shooting.

Police later found more than 60 spent AK-47 shells on the scene.

Soon afterwards, at an adjoining hostel, another man was wounded in the face when shot at by an attacker armed with a pistol.

Mr Farouk Jardine, chairman of the Ennerdale Civic Association, has claimed that two people were killed when police opened fire on residents barricading roads in Ennerdale on Monday in protest against power cuts, but police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said police had not been involved in any such incident.

Police said that on Monday, as authorities imposed a ban on weapons on commuter trains, two men were killed and hurled out of a speeding train at New Canada station.

Another man was murdered and thrown out of a train at Longdale station, Johannesburg.

In other violence, police said, the bodies of a woman and a man were found in Alexandra township and Soweto. The victims had been burnt and stabbed to death respectively. — Sapa

## Train attack: 3rd man held

JOHANNESBURG. — A third man was arrested yesterday morning for his alleged involvement in Thursday's train attack in which 10 people were injured, the public relations division of the SA Police said.

The 25-year-old man was arrested at his place of work in Johannesburg.

Two Zulu-speaking men were arrested on Monday. — Sapa



# Boycott the trains - PAC

THE Pan Africanist Congress yesterday called for a boycott of trains and a one-day stayaway to protest against the killings of commuters on Reef trains.

The organisation also called for the establishment of an independent international commission of inquiry to investigate the killings.

So far more than 300 people have been killed in violent attacks on trains, which intensified after the announcement of the whites-only referendum on February 20. *Sowetan 25/3/92*

Speaking at a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Mr Ntsundeni Madzunya, chairman of the committee preparing for the campaign, said the PAC had still to contact other liberation movements.

By KENOSI MODISANE

He said international organisations such as the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations would be asked to set up independent commissions of inquiry into the attacks.

"The call for such a campaign was in fact made by our president, Mr Clarence Makwetu, last year. And all we are doing is bringing it into effect," Madzunya said.

In another statement released yesterday, the organisation said it would revive talks with the African National Congress on the Patriotic Front formed last year.

## Rail horror: man held

A THIRD man was arrested yesterday morning for his alleged involvement in last Thursday's train attack in which 10 people were injured, the public relations division of the SA Police said yesterday.

The 25-year-old man was arrested at his place of work in Johannesburg.

Two men were arrested on Monday.

The three were expected to appear in court late

yesterday.

Meanwhile, police yesterday arrested six men linked to murders, kidnappings and robberies in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza.

Police said yesterday they had tracked down a suspect after a tip-off and his arrest led to five more men being rounded up.

Police seized guns and stolen property. - Sapa.



# PAC to meet rail company over violence

*Sowetan 26/3/92*  
By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A HIGH-LEVEL delegation of the Pan-Africanist Congress is to meet officials of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation in Johannesburg today to discuss the ongoing violence on trains.

PAC deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke said the meeting would take place at the request of his movement and would focus on violence and steps taken by the corporation.

The meeting would also discuss possible steps the organisation could take to ensure the safety of commuters on the trains.



Hunt for weapons on stations, coaches

# Police in massive swoop on trains

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Staff Reporters

Police moved on to Soweto trains in force today in a determined bid to halt the violence and killings.

Hundreds of armed members of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit were involved in the pre-dawn operation at stations and on trains.

Several trains were stopped and all commuters searched. Trains were delayed for up to 10 minutes as the policemen moved from carriage to carriage looking for dangerous weapons.

Passengers appeared to be grateful for the massive police presence. No weapons were found in this morning's operation.

And, as train violence claimed another victim yesterday, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (Metro) spelled out tough new security measures to enforce the Government's blanket weapons ban at stations and on trains.

Strict access control, entailing large-scale searching of commuters before they entered Metro property, strict ticket control and thorough policing on stations and trains would be implemented, said SARCC MD Kobus Nel yesterday.

Although the ban came into effect on Monday, the body of yet another unidentified victim of the train violence, his throat cut, was found on a train when it pulled into Johannesburg Station at 8.40 am yesterday.

The Human Rights Commission said yesterday it had recorded a total of 15 train attacks on March 19, 20 and 23 alone. Eight people were killed.

Dr Nel's statement came amid a renewed appeal from the police for commuters to come forward with information on train attackers — and followed a call by the PAC for a train boycott and one-day stayaway to protest against the killings of Reef commuters.

Late yesterday, however, the PAC said it would hold "high level" talks with the corporation today on the train violence, steps taken by the corporation to end the killings "and a possible role for the PAC to ensure the safety of rail commuters".

Dr Nel warned Metro trains were liable to be stopped and searched at any time, leading to unavoidable delays and necessitating the co-operation of employers.

He said rewards of up to R25 000 were on offer for commuters who reported suspicious people or incidents. The toll-free crime-reporting telephone number for Johannesburg is 0801-110141.

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Beauty draws the beasts . . . former Miss SA Lorna Potgieter draws the starting stall positions for the R400 000 luncheon at Turffontein yesterday.

## EC countries in move to lift, relax key sanctions

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By Alan Robinson  
Star Bureau

LONDON — Britain, Germany and Portugal are spearheading a European Community move to lift or relax key sanctions against South Africa.

These sanctions include the oil embargo, the ban on military and security co-operation and possibly even the freeze on nuclear relations.

The bid is being led by Portugal, currently occupying the presidency of the EC. It proposes further action — the sending to South Africa of a "troika" consisting of the foreign ministers of the Netherlands, the United

Kingdom and Portugal.

News of the concerted move, which follows immediately on the landslide victory for President de Klerk in last week's referendum, has caused widespread alarm in the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM) in Europe.

The AAM said in a statement issued in all 12 EC capitals yesterday: "We are extremely alarmed by the initiative of the Portuguese presidency of the Community to seek the partial relaxation of the package of EC sanctions adopted in September 1985.

"This will do nothing to help the negotiating process in South Africa and it could do great harm.

"The negotiating process in SA is at a most delicate stage.

"Already FW de Klerk is interpreting the 'yes' vote . . . as a mandate to try to impose the National Party's proposals on Codesa. The relaxation of sanctions will simply encourage further intransigence and thereby reduce the prospect of agreement at Codesa."

The AAM will hold a special session this weekend to launch a campaign to persuade the EC to postpone any relaxations until after it has received a full report from the troika mission, and the Codesa working groups have reported back to the full plenary session.



# Six die despite train weapons ban

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — In spite of the implementation of the ban on weapons on commuter trains — which included large-scale searching of passengers and trains — train violence this week left six people dead and eight injured.

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation said yesterday the application of the ban implied the searching of would-be commuters, strict ticket control and the thorough policing of station

premises and trains.

The inconvenience caused by the much stricter exercising of access control on trains and stations was regretted, but the level of violent crime on trains and the damage to property could no longer be tolerated, said the corporation's managing director, Mr Kobus Nel.

Commuters lawfully in possession of a dangerous weapon should at all times have written proof that this was the case, he added. Metro trains were liable to be

stopped and searched at any time, resulting in delays and inconvenience. Mr Kobus said in a statement.

He emphasised that the measures alone would not curb the violence, and said commuters must also become involved.

The ban on the possession of dangerous weapons on all property of the corporation became effective at midnight on Sunday, but on Monday two commuters were killed in Johannesburg and Soweto and two were injured.

On Tuesday two people were killed and one injured when they were hurled from a moving train at the New Canada station in Soweto.

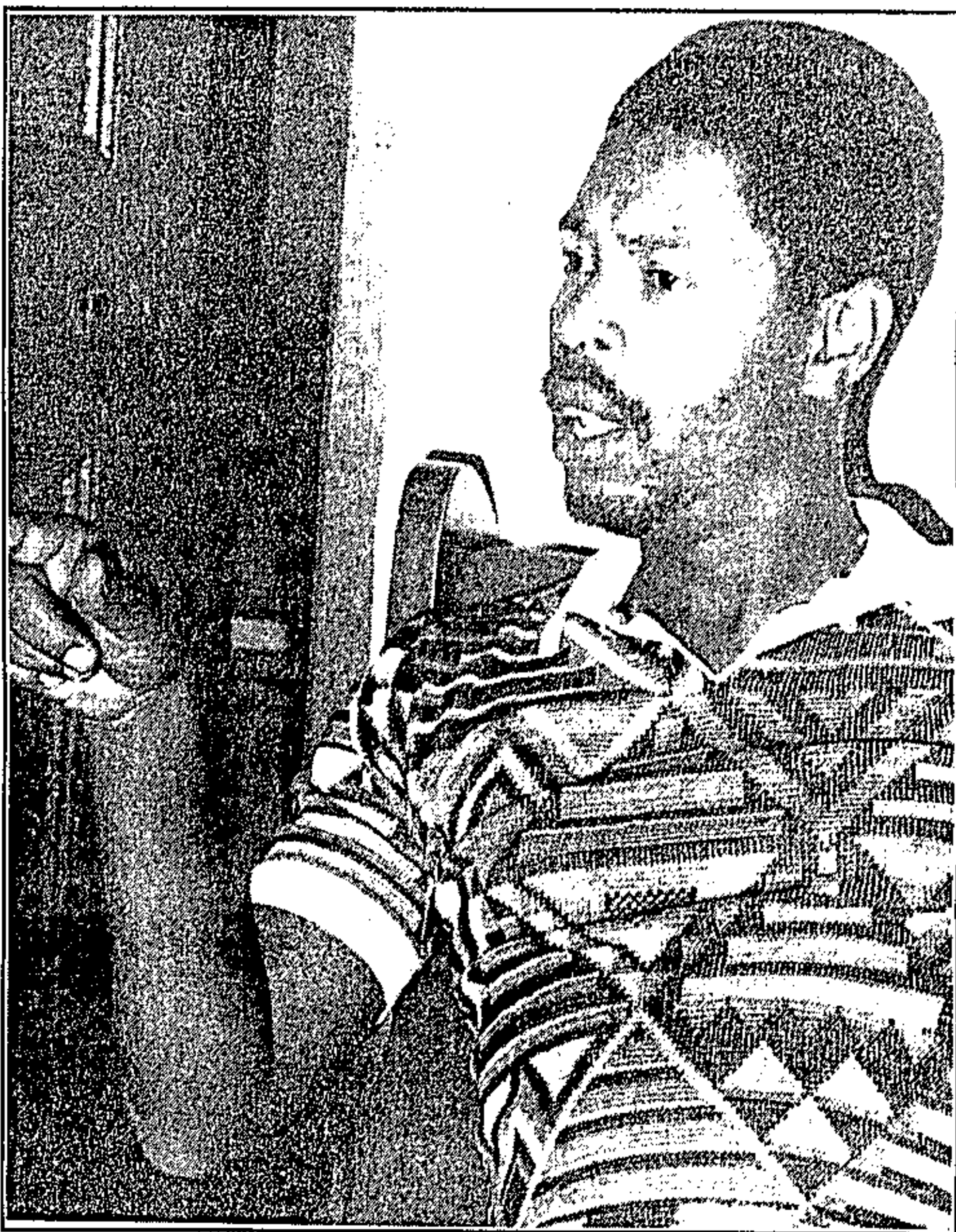
On the same day the body of a man was thrown from a train near Longdale station after the man had been stabbed and hacked.

Yesterday, police found a man with his throat slit in a coach at Johannesburg station. Police believed the murder took place between Jeppe and Johannesburg stations.





Mr Simon Nxumalo is the Inkatha leader in Alexandra.



The Rev Samson Makhalemele was abducted by hostel dwellers.

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# Clerics battle to end strife 278

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By JOE MDHLELA

EVEN in the face of death, the young Anglican priest at trouble-torn Alexandra Township believes the presence of God will manifest itself.

Abducted two weeks ago by hostel dwellers, the Rev Samson Makhalemele said his only sin was that he serves on the Alexandra Peace Forum, a committee which aims to end violence in the area.

He is the spiritual leader at St Michael's All Angels Anglican Church.

He also serves as secretary of the forum, alongside another young priest, the Rev Ngubane, who disclosed this week that he was insulted by a leading Inkatha Freedom Party official for "doing what we are doing to bring peace in Alexandra".

Another priest involved in the work to bring peace in the township is Catholic priest Father Ronald Cairns.

Like the other two priests, Cairns is concerned that peace should be restored to the township.

"Alexandra, despite its history of gangsterism, had been a happy community with a unified character," Cairns said.

Makhalemele said the people who abducted him apparently knew he was involved in the committee to bring peace to the township.

He said they spoke in Zulu, saying: "You have been warned about your involvement in this peace committee."

The matter has been reported to his leader, Bishop of Johannesburg the Right Rev Duncan Buchanan.

As a result of the abduction the priest suffers from loss of memory and other disorders.

"The bishop advised me to seek medical attention. He is very concerned about my safety," Makhalemele said.

Ngubane said the concern of the Church was to work with all the political organisations, including Inkatha, to resolve the violence in the area.

He said the peace committee was concerned about the raping of women and children who were held hostage in the hostel.

Residents who did not want to have their identities disclosed said they had been forced to produce Inkatha cards. When they said they did not have them, they were then threatened with assault.

A local policeman (Sowetan has his name) escaped through the window when hostel dwellers attacked his home.

An Indian businessman and his daughter were killed in their shop in London Road and all the shops along the road have been closed.

Scores of families have fled their homes during the past three weeks and sought refuge in churches, municipal offices and other service organisations.

The committee has demanded that the council provide funds so that Madala Hostel be converted into family units.

While this was happening, legitimate hostel dwellers would be housed elsewhere until construction was finished.

Inkatha leader in the area Mr Simon Nxumalo said they could never agree to the hostel being demolished.

He said it was absurd to say that hostel dwellers would be provided with alternative accommodation while the hostel was being converted into family units.





Onlookers cover the body of a ticket examiner who was hurled from a moving train yesterday.

# Train terror

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BY KENOSI MODISANE

TRAIN terror continued yesterday on the Reef, where a ticket examiner was killed and thrown out of a moving train and another man was hacked by attackers and also had his throat slit.

Spoornet ticket officer Mr Reginald Namane of Mofetsane, Soweto, was hacked and stabbed before being thrown out of a moving train between Dube and Pheleni stations yesterday morning.

Spoornet, who took over train services from the South African Railways, yesterday said they were not responsible for commuter safety.

A spokesman for the company, Mr Gerrie Lourens, would not comment on Namane's death or on commuter safety.

"The safety of commuters and security in trains and at stations is the responsibility of the SAP and I suggest you speak to them," Lourens said.

In another incident, the body of a man who had been hacked, stabbed and his throat slit open was found at Johannesburg station yesterday morning.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said "police encountered many problems during their operations," citing the large number of commuters and the high number of trains police had to monitor every day.

He said in the Reef alone, about 1.8 million people used 1 118 trains every day.

Opperman added that electronic metal detectors used at railway stations had also not helped much in reducing the number of weapons carried into trains.

He said the attackers were using sharpened sticks and other non-metal material which could not be detected.

Meanwhile, Soweto police yesterday found the body of a man who was shot and set alight at Meadowlands Hostel.

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Police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said four other men were injured in an attack on commuters yesterday morning.

Two houses were also set alight in the attacks.

Sapa reports that the Human Rights Commission said yesterday that 62 people were killed and 52 injured in political violence last week, blaming more than half of the casualties on vigilantes.

In its weekly repression report, "The Human Rights Watchdog," the commissioner said 40 people had died and 44 injured in vigilante attacks.

Twenty-eight of these deaths occurred in townships in the Witwatersrand and 12 in Natal.

The HRC recorded a total of 15 train attacks on March 19, 20 and 23 in which eight people were killed and 19 injured.

At least 300 people died in train attacks and township battles as violence surged ahead of the reform vote. - Sapa



## Pre-dawn raid of trains

# Cops try to halt violence

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**POLICE** moved out in force on Soweto trains yesterday in a desperate bid to halt the violence and killings.

Hundreds of armed members of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit were involved in the pre-dawn operation at stations and on commuter trains.

Several trains were stopped and all commuters searched. Trains were delayed for up to 10 minutes as the policemen moved from coach to coach looking for dangerous weapons.

Passengers appeared to be grateful for the police presence. No weapons were found during the operation.

And, as train violence claimed another victim on Wednesday, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (Metro) spelt out tough new security measures to enforce the Government's blanket weapons ban at stations and on trains.

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**Sowetan Correspondent**

Wednesday.

The Human Rights Commission said on Wednesday it had recorded a total of 15 train attacks on March 19, 20 and 23 alone in which eight people were killed and 19 others injured.

Nel's statement came amid a renewed appeal from the police for commuters to come forward with information on train attackers - and followed a call by the Pan Africanist Congress for a train boycott and one-day stayaway to protest against the killings of Reef commuters.

In his statement, Nel appealed to commuters to co-operate with security force members at search points and not to carry excess luggage so as to avoid unnecessary delays, inconvenience and possible conflict.

● A civilian was killed and three policemen were hurt when a group of commuters attacked 20 Mobile Unit policemen who were patrolling on a train from New Canada Station to Mamlankunzi Station in Soweto last night.

Lieutenant Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said the policemen boarded the train at about 6pm and were attacked while the train was in motion.

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# Camp gun battle

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## Two killed in wild shootout with East Rand traffic officers

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence erupted in Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand today, leaving at least two people dead in a wild shootout between residents and traffic officers.

Police reinforcements in armoured troop carriers were called to assist the traffic officers who had entered the squatter camp in pursuit of a bakkie whose occupants had earlier gunned down a colleague at a speed trap.

The Alberton traffic officer was shot about five times, in the chest, stomach and lower body by five men with an AK-47 assault rifle at the speed trap in Alrode.

Police said Traffic Officer Koos van der Merwe, aged about 30, had set up a speed trap on the corner of Guyn and Dekina Roads at 6.20am.

A bakkie, with two men in front and three on the back raced through the speed trap.

Officer Van der Merwe jumped into his car, pursued the bakkie and pulled it off the road.

He got out of his car and was walking towards the bakkie when one of the occupants opened fire with an AK-47.

The bakkie then sped towards Phola Park and was pursued by other traffic officers manning the speed trap.

Shots were fired at the traffic officers from within the squatter camp.

According to reports two gunmen were shot dead.

Police reinforcements arrived at the scene, recovered the bakkie and arrested two suspects.

Twenty-six AK-47 rounds were found on the back of the vehicle.

The officer who was shot was taken to the Willem Cruywagen Hospital where he received emergency treatment.

A hospital spokesman described his condition as "stable but serious."



# Man killed, policemen hurt in train battle (278)

The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — A civilian was killed and three policemen were hurt when a group of commuters attacked 20 Mobile Unit policemen who were patrolling on a train from New Canada Station to Mlamlankunzi Station in Soweto.

A police spokesman said the policemen boarded the train about 6pm last night. They were attacked while the train was in motion.

One policeman was either thrown or jumped from the train. He was seriously injured. A second was stabbed and a third was shot. All three are in the Baragwanath Hospital.

During the attack police retaliated and shot at their attackers, killing one man.

An Orlando East resident

who was on the Soweto-bound train claimed that the man died when police opened fire on commuters getting off the Jikeleza train about 6.15pm.

"Trouble started earlier inside a coach when the train was stopped by police at the New Canada Station," the commuter said.

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"A confrontation began inside the coach when police assaulted a man they found with a steel rod in his possession. Other commuters intervened and police threatened to shoot. There was chaos after that.

"When people disembarked at Mlamlankunzi police fired shots and the man died.

The witness said commuters fled. Some retaliated by throwing stones at the police.



# Township's day of pain

100 hurt in battles with police after illegal march goes ahead

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 100 Alexandra residents were injured in running battles with police as the township erupted after months of simmering tensions and sporadic clashes.

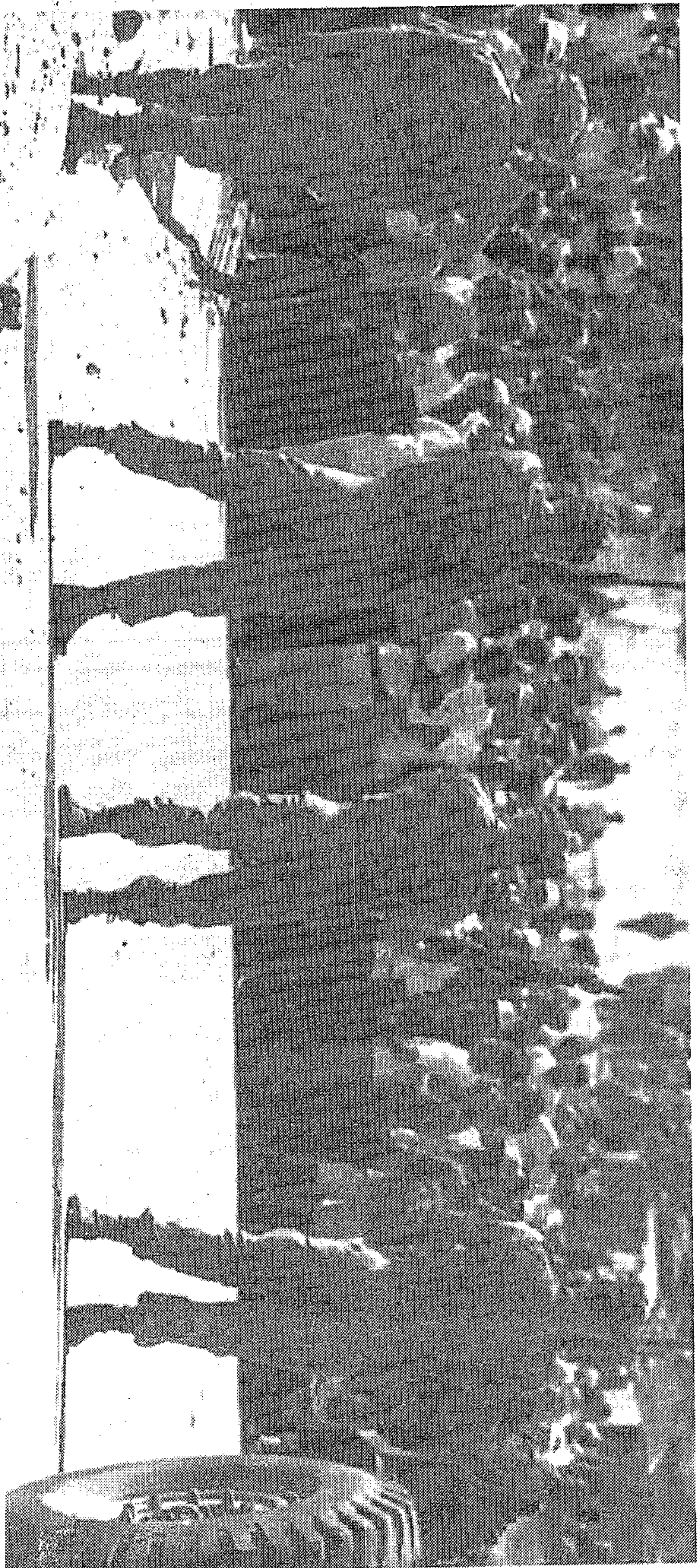
The bloody day of violence began about 11am yesterday as police took action against thousands of people defying a court ban on an anti-violence protest march to the police station and council offices.

Heavily armed riot policemen pursued the chanting crowd as it thronged from the Alexandra Stadium.

Last night police reported that sporadic clashes were continuing as groups of youths threatened to march on the Inkatha Freedom Party-dominated Madala hostel, a flashpoint of recent violence.

Earlier in the day, riot policemen repeatedly fired tear gas and birdshot as enraged residents taking part in a one-day stayaway ignored their leaders and swelled out of a meeting at the local stadium.

Randburg's chief magistrate had on Wednesday night refused permission for the protest march — called by the ANC, PAC, Azapo and other organisations which came togeth-



**FACE-OFF:** Riot squad police form a buffer between Alexandra residents and Zulu hostel-dwellers. Residents tried to storm the hostel, claiming it housed people responsible for the recent violence.



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er under the auspices of the Peace Forum — because Alexandra had been declared an unrest area.

A memorandum from the Peace Forum demanded, among other things, that the Madala hostel be closed, renovated and converted into family units, and that the shacks in the "Beirut" shack settlement area be demolished so that "the legal owners and rightful residents of the houses in that area" could return to their homes.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said last night he knew of 19 people who had been injured in several clashes, but a spokesman for the Alexandra Clinic said 100 had been injured.

The spokesman said 28 people had gunshot wounds and seven had been assaulted. Twelve people had been transferred to Tembisa Hospital and one to St John's Eye Hospital in Soweto.

Clinic personnel had turned the Alexsan-Kopano Resource Centre into a makeshift hospital to cope with the scores of injured.

Outside, main roads and streets were barricaded with burning tyres and huge rocks, and a group of youths were roving the streets, some armed with petrol bombs.

Captain Opperman said that from about 1:30 pm police fired rubber bullets and tearsmoke on various occasions during sporadic petrol-bombing and stone-throwing incidents.

Shortly afterwards a police Casspir was stoned and a petrol bomb was thrown at it.

Earlier, the intervention of ANC leaders and clerics failed to persuade the angry crowd to disperse.

The ANC's Alexandra branch yesterday blamed the chief magistrate for not allowing the march, and the police for firing teargas, which they said had angered the crowd.

"We view this as not in line with the spirit of the National Peace Accord and also as an obstacle towards resolving the conflicts through negotiations.



# Six held for having guns

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have arrested six men for being in the possession of two AK-47 rifles and a P38 9mm pistol on the outskirts of Meadowlands, Soweto, during follow-up operations after the arrest of ANC Youth League general secretary Mr Rapu Molekane.

Major-General Kobus Malan, regional commissioner of the police in Soweto, said yesterday the men were arrested and their weapons confiscated near the Meadowlands Hostel on Wednesday night.

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They will appear in court soon.

"The South African Police have every reason to believe that a bloodbath was avoided through these timely arrests," he said.

Mr Molekane, 31, was arrested during a police raid on his Jabavu house early on Tuesday morning. He was allegedly in possession of a firearm and a hand grenade.

He was released on bail of R5 000 yesterday and is due to appear in court on April 15.



# Bloody battles as Alexandria erupts

By Stan Hlophe and Guy Jepson

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At least 100 Alexandria residents were injured in running battles with the police yesterday as the township erupted after months of simmering tensions and sporadic clashes.

The bloody day of violence began at about 11 am as police took action against thousands of people defying a court ban on an anti-violence protest march to the local police station and council offices.

Heavily armed riot police men pursued the chanting crowd as it left the Alexandria Stadium, ignoring the pleas of Peace Forum leaders not to go ahead with the march.

Last night police reported that sporadic clashes were continuing as groups of youths threatened to march on the Inkatha Freedom Party-dominated Madala hostel.

Earlier in the day, riot policemen repeatedly fired tear gas and birdshot as enraged residents taking part in a one-

day stayaway ignored their leaders and swelled out of a meeting at the local stadium.

Randburg's chief magistrate had on Wednesday night refused permission for the protest march — called by the ANC, PAC, Azapo and other local organisations which came together under the auspices of the Peace Forum — because Alexandria had been declared an unrest area.

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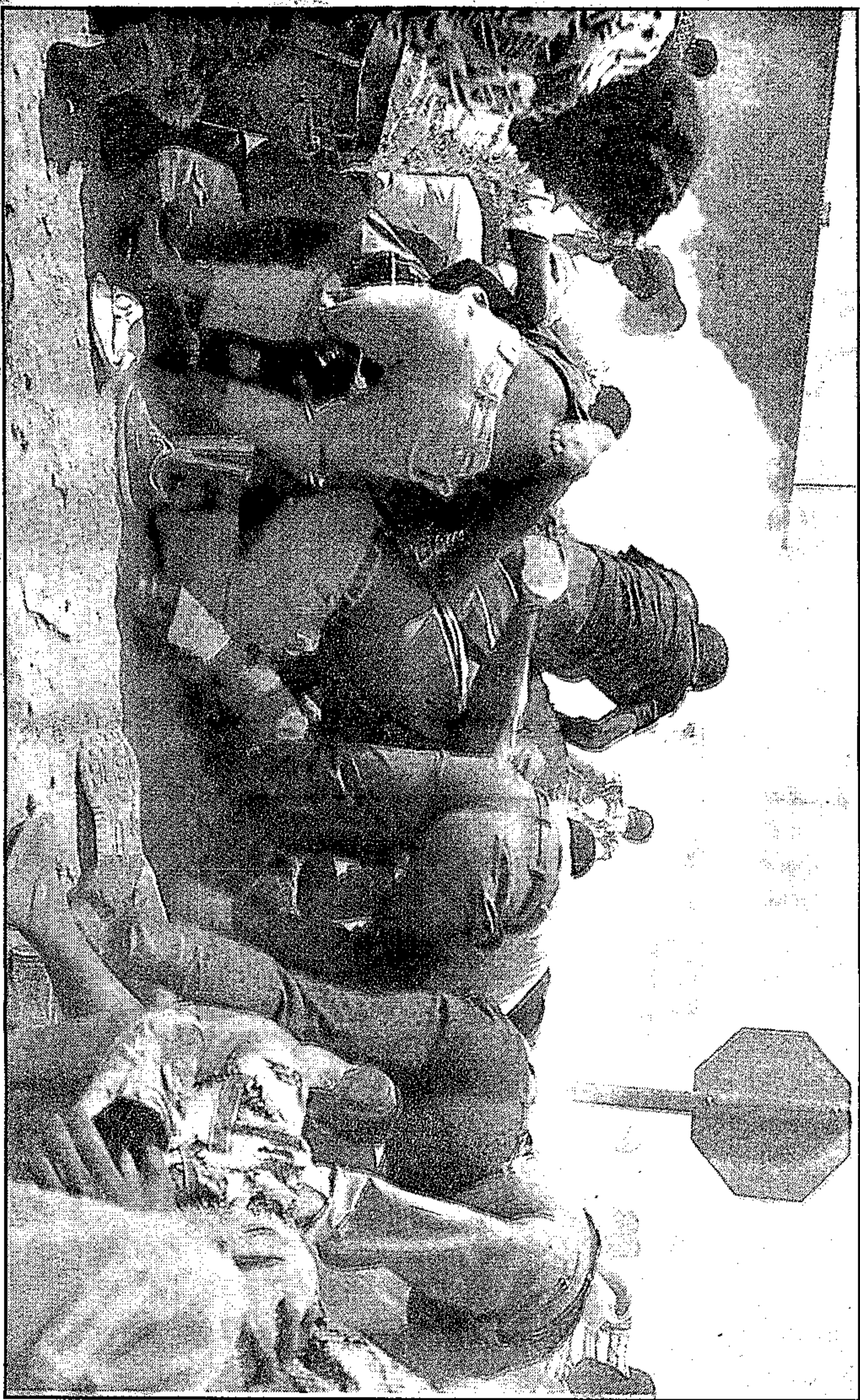
Main roads and streets were barricaded with burning tyres and huge rocks, and a group of youths were roving the streets, some armed with petrol bombs.

Captain Opperman said that from about 1.30 pm police fired rubber bullets and tear smoke during sporadic petrol-bombing and stone-throwing incidents. Shortly afterwards, a police Casspir was stoned and a petrol bomb was thrown at it. Police fired birdshot to disperse the crowd. Star photographer Joao Silva was hit on the head with a stone when police were being pelted.

Earlier, the intervention of ANC leaders Steve Tshwete, Popo Molefe and John Nkadi-meng failed to persuade the angry crowd to disperse.

Police stood along Eighth Avenue ready to take strong action if the protesters proceeded with their march.

The ANC's Alexandria branch yesterday blamed the chief magistrate for not allowing the march to go ahead, and the police for firing tear gas.



Mad scramble . . . as marchers try to avoid teargas and birdshot during a confrontation with police yesterday.

Picture: Joao Silva



# Commuter killed, 3 policemen injured

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By Brian Sokutu  
and West Rand Bureau

A civilian was killed and three policemen were hurt when a group of commuters attacked 20 Mobile Unit policemen who were patrolling on a train from New Canada Station to Mamlankunzi Station in Soweto yesterday evening.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said the policemen boarded the train at about 6 pm. They were attacked while the train was in motion.

One policeman was either thrown or jumped from the train. He was seriously injured. A second was stabbed and injured and a third was shot and injured. The two were not seriously hurt. All three are in the Baragwanath Hospital.

During the attack the policemen on the train retaliated and shot at their attackers, killing

one man.

An Orlando East resident, who was on the Soweto-bound train, alleged that the man died when police opened fire on commuters disembarking from the 9168 Jikeleza train at about 6.15 pm.

"Trouble started earlier inside a coach, when the train was stopped by police at the New Canada Station," said the commuter who did not wish to be named.

"Confrontation broke out inside the coach when police assaulted a man they found with a steel rod in his possession. Other commuters intervened and police threatened to shoot.

The resident said commuters fled. Some of them retaliated by throwing stones at the police.

The resident said the atmosphere was tense at Mamlankunzi last night and that there was a huge police presence at the scene of the shooting.



By Clyde Johnson  
Lowveld Bureau

# Four die in roadblock shootout with police

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NELSPRUIT — Four men allegedly in possession of AK-47 rifles and ammunition died during a shootout with police after speeding through a roadblock early yesterday morning.

Another vehicle, which had been travelling with them, man-

aged to escape.

After receiving information that a group of men had travelled to Komatipoort to procure AK-47 rifles for a planned bank robbery, police set up roadblocks.

At about 3 am, police at a

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roadblock on the White River/Nelspruit road near KaNyamazane waved down a minibus and another car.

According to police, the second car sped away but the minibus stopped about 100 m away.

The passengers inside imme-

diately started shooting at the police, who fired back.

The minibus burst into flames. One of the men, engulfed in flames, escaped through a window and seconds later two loud explosions rocked the minibus. This was

followed by regular bursts of exploding ammunition, according to police.

The other men were unable to escape and died in the fire. Police later found two AK-47 rifles in the burnt-out vehicle. None of the dead has been identified.



# Meadowlands

## trio seek order restraining SAP

By Jo-Anne Collinge

An urgent court application has been instituted for an interdict restraining members of the South African Police from taking any people and "unlawfully depositing them" in Soweto's Meadowlands hostel.

Papers have been served on the Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of Police for the Witwatersrand.

The applicants in the action are three Meadowlands residents who allege they were removed to the hostel by members of the SAP Internal Stability Unit at a time of intense conflict between residents and hostel-dwellers in the week of the referendum.

Testimony will be placed before the court on behalf of two of the three applicants that police who removed them to the hostel threatened that they would be killed by the inmates.



# 2 die in squatter camp gun battle

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By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau

Violence erupted in Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand today, leaving at least two people dead after a shoot-out between residents and traffic officers.

Police reinforcements in armoured troop carriers were called to help the traffic officers. They had entered the squatter camp in pursuit of a bakkie whose occupants had earlier gunned down a colleague at a speed trap.

The Alberton traffic officer was shot about five times, in the chest, stomach and lower body, by one of five men with an AK-47 assault rifle at the speed trap in Alrode.

Police said the traffic officer, Koos van der Merwe, aged about 30, had set up a speed trap on the corner of Guyn and Dekina Roads at 6.20 am.

A bakkie, with two men in front and three on the back, raced through the speed trap.

Mr van der Merwe jumped into his car, pursued the bakkie and pulled it off the road.

He got out of his car and was walking towards the bakkie when one of the occupants opened fire with an AK-47 rifle. The bakkie then sped towards Phola Park and was pursued by other traffic officers manning the speed trap.

Shots were fired at the traffic officers from within the squatter camp.

According to reports, two gunmen were shot dead.

Police reinforcements arrived at the scene, recovered the bakkie and arrested two suspects. On the back of the vehicle, 26 AK-47 rounds were found.

Mr van der Merwe was taken by ambulance to the Willem Cruywagen Hospital where he received emergency treatment. A hospital spokesman described his condition as stable but serious.

Mr van der Merwe was later transferred to an Alberton Clinic.



# Alex on the boil again

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about 500m away.  
A local priest, the Reverend Busani Ngubane, pleaded with the crowd to stop marching, but the residents ignored his pleas.  
A police officer then gave them two minutes to disperse.  
When it became clear that the crowd would ignore the ultimatum, local ANC officials phoned the organisation's headquarters to summon senior officials to the area.

Within minutes Tshwete, accompanied by another ANC official, Mr Popo Molefe, arrived on the scene.  
Using a police loudhailer, Tshwete appealed to the crowds to keep calm.  
He urged them to return to the stadium where they would be addressed by ANC senior officials.

**Antagonise**  
Tshwete urged the police to position themselves in such a manner that they would not "antagonise the crowd".  
He gave police an assurance that he would take responsibility for the crowd's behaviour. At that point, a senior police officer gave instructions to police to



Marchers scuffle for cover as police fire tear smoke and buckshot during an "illegal" march in Alexandra Township, north of Johannesburg, yesterday. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

## 60 hurt in march

**AT LEAST 60 people were injured - 12 of them seriously - in Alexandra Township yesterday when police fired tear smoke and buckshot to disperse a crowd of more than 20 000 marchers.**  
The residents were marching on the offices of the local town council to demand the closure of Madala Hostel - regarded as the source of the spiralling violence in the township.  
ANC leader Mr Steve Tshwete helped to avert possible skirmishes between police and local residents when he appealed to the marchers to discontinue their protest action.  
The march coincided with a one-day stayaway in the township.  
The angry crowd also demanded that the displaced Alexandra families return to their homes which, they claimed, had been occupied by Inkatha Freedom Party members from Madala Hostel.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman last night said he knew of 19 people who had been injured in the clashes with police. But a spokesman for the Alexandra Clinic put the figure as high as 96.  
The spokesman said 28 of the injured had suffered gunshot wounds while one had been assaulted.  
Eleven of the injured had been transferred to Tembisa Hospital and one to St John's Eye Hospital in Soweto.

The residents had assembled at the Alexandra Stadium when they learnt that a planned march had been declared illegal by the chief magistrate of Randburg.  
But they vowed to defy the order.  
They then filed out of the stadium and proceeded towards the council's office. They were stopped by heavily armed riot policemen about 100 metres from the council's office.  
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# Police make big Soweto train swoop

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police moved on Soweto trains in force yesterday in a determined bid to halt the violence and killings.

Hundreds of armed members of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit were involved in the pre-dawn operation at stations and on trains.

Several trains were stopped and all commuters searched. Trains were delayed for up to 10 minutes as police moved from carriage to carriage looking for dangerous weapons.

No weapons were found in the operation.

The Human Rights Commission said on Wednesday that it had recorded a total of 15 train attacks on March 19, 20 and 23 alone. Eight people were killed.

In another development, the Pan Africanist Congress and the SA Railway Commuter Corporation established consultation links yesterday in an attempt to curb violence on trains. PAC general secretary Mr Benny Alexander told a press conference that after a friendly meeting the process of consultation and exchange of ideas had been set in motion.

In Nelspruit yesterday four people were killed when their taxi caught fire and exploded during a shoot-out with police.

Eastern Transvaal police regional commissioner Major-General Koos

## Police list weapons banned on trains

Staff Reporter

**POLICE** yesterday issued a long list of weapons now banned on trains.

Police also said gun-owners would be allowed to carry guns on trains if they had permits.

Captain Loekie Jordaan, whose mobile unit is responsible for policing the Peninsula's suburban trains, said the actions were an attempt to stem violence.

Included in the list of banned weapons are: Spears, assegais, knobkerries, pangas, daggers, swords, any knives with blades longer than 10cm, battle axes, axes, any metal-loaded sticks and handles with wire, chain or other heavy substances attached to them.

van Zyl said police were monitoring roads after receiving information that seven people intended to buy AK-47 rifles in the Komatipoort area to rob a bank.

General Van Zyl said a car and a minibus approached a roadblock about 3am. The occupants of the taxi opened fire on the police and the police returned the fire, which ignited ammunition in the minibus, he said.

At Thokoza on the East Rand two men were shot. Police discovered spent AK-47 cartridges near one of the bodies.

In Natal, two men were shot dead and six were wounded when gunmen travelling in a car and a bakkie opened fire with AK-47 rifles and 9mm pistols on houses in KwaNdingezi on Wednesday night. — Sapa



# The rolling coffins

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They have become the world's most elusive killers. Faceless but full of energy and resourceful, these killers have on average murdered five people a day on Reef trains since the beginning of the year. Some arrests have been made, but not a single conviction has been recorded, reports KENOSI MODISANE.

## THEIR methods are based on brute force and terror.

Commuters are faced with a Hobson's Choice: Allow themselves to be assaulted with pangas, knives, sharpened sticks and spears and then flung from the train or escape the attackers by jumping through the window of a speeding train.

Death in almost all the cases is horrible and instantaneous.

The train deaths have caused a major outcry among commuters and in the black community.

Attacks, however, are still continuing despite the introduction of various security and safety measures.

These include the deployment of special riot police units and the use of metal detectors at stations and in trains.

Reward offers have been made by the police, railway companies, newspapers and various interest groups in an attempt to prosecute the culprits.

But the bloodbath continues.

A R50 000 reward offered by the police late last year for the arrest and conviction of the culprits has not helped.

Sowetan last year offered a R50 000 reward after three suspects arrested for an attack at Kliptown station were cleared by the courts.

## Information

Lawyers for Human Rights has also offered a R10 000 reward.

And on Wednesday the South African Rail Commuter Corporation joined the fray and offered R25 000 for information leading to the arrest of the killers.

An average of nine people a day have died in attacks on commuters on the Reef and other unrest related incidents since the beginning of the year.

Many people are asking who are these faceless killers, where do they get the energy to be so consistent with their countless attacks and when will this senseless tragedy end?

A report released by the Human Rights Commission on Wednesday said at least 300 people had died in train attacks and in township battles as violence surged ahead of the referendum vote.

The HRC said 62 people were killed and 52 others were injured in political violence last week alone.

The report blamed more than half the casualties on vigilantes.

A total of 15 train attacks was recorded on March 19, 20 and 23 in which eight people were killed and 19 others were injured.

The commission blamed some of the deaths on paid assassins.

Spoornet, which took over the trains service from the South African Railways, says it is not responsible for commuter safety.

A spokesman told Sowetan the safety of commuters was the responsibility of the South African Police.

Mr Gerrie Lourens of Spoornet said: "We cannot comment on the safety and protection of commuters as this is purely a matter handled by the SAP."

The SAP have attributed the problem to the large number of people who commute in trains every day.

The large number of trains made policing even more difficult.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday

said the region alone handled about 1 118 trains.

According to Opperman, the trains transport about 1,8 million commuters to and from Johannesburg to various townships in Soweto, the East and West Rand.

"Police are doing their best to protect commuters. You can imagine what will happen if we withdrew all our members from the property of Spoornet. Hundreds of people will be killed every day," Opperman said.

A report released by the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression in February criticised the police and Spoornet for their failure to stem the tide of violence against commuters.

In a special report on train violence entitled "Blood on the Tracks", compiled mainly from media and police reports, the IBIR said despite promises to curb the violence, Spoornet and the police response was "at best poor".

## Convictions

"After 18 months and 30 attacks, there has as yet not been a single conviction. And 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."

Police spokesman Colonel Reg Crewe at the time rejected the IBIR's criticism and said the SAP indeed made numerous arrests in connection with train attacks.

However, hopes of tracing the faceless killers behind the onslaught, re-surfaced on Monday with the arrest of three Merafe Hostel dwellers in connection with the massacres.

The three men, Icam



Police keep watch as commuters alight from a train in Soweto during one of the routine searches aimed at curbing the ongoing attacks on trains.

Mazibuko (24) Michael Mnguni (26) and Phineas Tshabalala (24) appeared in court on Wednesday. They were remanded in custody to March 31 when a formal bail application will be heard.

The SAP earlier this month and yesterday deployed members from their new Internal Stability Unit - armed with rifles, shotguns and pistols.

On March 19 Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel announced the ban on the carrying of weapons - including traditional sticks and other such weapons - but the massacre has still not stopped.

The proclamation became effective from midnight on Sunday March 22.

Seven people, including a railway ticket examiner, have died in the past week despite the ban on weapons.

Electronic metal detectors used to search commuters at railway stations have also not helped to reduce the number of weapons smuggled into trains.

The highest number of casualties reported for this month was on Wednesday March 11 when seven commuters were killed and seven others injured in attacks.



# Violence as peace march ends in chaos

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JOHANNESBURG. — Violence erupted in Alexandra township yesterday when police had to form a human barricade between warring residents and hostel dwellers after an illegal "peace march" ended in chaos.

Most of the more than 100 people injured were treated for birdshot and other gunshot wounds at the Alexandra Health Clinic and at a mobile clinic in the township.

Police and army personnel, trapped behind burning barricades erected by rioters, opened fire when angry residents marching on the Madala hostel threw petrol-bombs and stones at them. Shots were also fired at the security forces, police said.



## Banned

The crowd attacked the police after teargas was used to disperse them, a spokesman for the Alexandra branch of the ANC said.

A police spokesman said people in the crowd opened fire on police and threw petrol-bombs and stones at police vehicles.

After the confrontation near the hostel residents regrouped and demanded that police withdraw from the scene and allow them access to the hostel.

The march, called to protest against violence in Alexandra, was banned by Randburg's chief magistrate because the township

**DAY OF VIOLENCE** . . . An Alexandra resident runs to help two others who were wounded yesterday in confrontations between residents and hostel dwellers in the township.

Picture: AP

had been declared an unrest area.

About 4000 people reassembled at the Alexandra stadium where they were addressed by ANC national organiser Mr Steve Tshwete, who appealed to them to maintain discipline and calm.

He appealed to the crowd to go back home and allow their leaders to plan on what the next course of action would be to pressurise the government to close the hostel.

The hecklers at the rally were demanding that hostels should be demolished and residents who

had fled their homes return, so that there could be lasting peace in Alexandra.

The rally ended when the crowd dispersed peacefully.

A spokeswoman at Alexandra Clinic said that between 8am and 7pm they treated 100 people and had transferred 16 to the Tembisa Hospital for further attention. There had been no casualties or further admissions after 8.30pm.

A clinic spokesman said they treated 51 people for gunshot wounds.

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## Police, army clash with Alex residents

STEPHANE BOTHMA

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VIOLENCE erupted in Alexandra township yesterday and police formed a human barricade between warring residents and hostel dwellers after an illegal "peace march" ended in chaos — leaving more than 90 people injured.

Most of the injured were treated for gunshot wounds at the Alexandra Health Clinic and at a mobile clinic in the township, a clinic spokesman said.

Police and army personnel, trapped behind burning barricades erected by rioters, opened fire when residents, marching on the Madala hostel, threw petrol bombs and stones at them. Shots were also fired at the security forces, police said. An Alexandra ANC branch spokesman said the crowd had been angered by police using teargas to disperse them. *BSIDay 27/3/92*

The march was called to protest against violence, but was banned by Randburg's chief magistrate because the township had been declared an unrest area.

The clash developed after residents participating in a stay-away gathered at the Alexandra stadium in the morning to hear the Alexandra Peace Committee explain why the planned peace march could not continue. The crowd was told the committee leaders would deliver a memorandum to the police (demanding the closure of the hostel, more police patrols and a mobile police station), but people stormed out of the stadium and took to the streets. The situation remained tense late yesterday.



# Behind the wire, life goes on

**T**HE forbidding facade of the Madala Hostel — known as M-One to residents — straddles the first five avenues of Alexandra township like a colossal fortress.

It occupies the high ground overlooking a panoramic vista of squatters' shacks, residential homes and several avenues of now-shuttered, derelict shops.

All around Madala Hostel there is an eerie silence, with only the occasional dog or a few stray chickens wandering about the empty yards — very few of the normally boisterous residents occupying the so-called "Terror Block" — comprising homes and squatters — facing the hostel have dared remain.

For the past week, Alexandra has been the scene of an extraordinary drama. Thousands of its residents have been fleeing in terror from their homes in anticipation of attack and intimidation from hostel inmates and they, in turn, have been accused of killing residents and pillaging homes with impunity.

This week, in an attempt to find out about life in Madala Hostel and to hear from the occupants themselves their side of the story, I dared to tread where residents fear to go — behind the terrible facade to the people who live beyond the scrolls of barbed wire and the blank windows staring from high walls of implacable red brick.

Nobody who is aware of M-One's reputation as a den of killers and assassins and the source of the residents' worst fears can enter the place without a feeling of foreboding and nervousness.

Over the main archway at the entrance somebody has scratched, "Viva Inkatha IFP" in bold letters. Petersen Poswa, a young resident who also serves as IFP secretary inside the hostel claims that every one of the reputedly 3 000 hostel dwellers — including women and children — are Inkatha members.

While Mr Poswa animatedly explains to me the origins of the wave of violence and its causes, starting from the March 7 ambush of Inkatha members conducting a funeral, clusters of men and boys gather in groups around the huge quadrangle inside the hostel.

Some play board games and often break into a flourish of gleeful shouts.

This week, a "peace march" brought violence to Alexandra Township, on the outskirts of Johannesburg. Target was Madala Hostel — known as M-One — which residents claimed was inhabited by a bad element. Now, Weekend Argus reporter **JOE LOUW** has trod where no one else will — behind the hostel's barbed wire. This is his report...

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Into action — masked residents hurt stones at police in Alexandra Township, outside Johannesburg.

Mr Mziwehu Ngubane, also from Masinga and also a long-term resident, starts what turns out to be a pattern among almost all hostel dwellers to whom I speak.

They consistently say they never started any violence, instead claim it was initiated by residents who attacked them.

They profess surprise that people living next to the hostel are moving out because they fear attacks from them.

Mlambo, a member of the Alex Youth Brigade and resident in Madala for the past three years, says he is worried about the possibility of the hostel closing down — "where am I going to live?" he asks.

Most of the residents say they have heard rumours of the African National Congress planning to "bomb" or set fire to the nearby gas storage tank — which is why they claim residents are fleeing.

None of the people I interview deviate from this line.

From my vantage point, overlooking the quadrangle the place looks like a huge prison, with hundreds of rusting single beds piled in one part of the yard and other rubble strewn all over the place.

In one of the many doorways some men work from an improvised scaffold dismantling a light fixture — presumably part of the R1-million renovation being undertaken by the local authority to improve living conditions in the hostel.

My presence attracts a small group of curious onlookers — most of them willing to be interviewed. Mr John Dlamini, originally from Masinga and a hostel resident for the past nine years, disclaims ever having seen any violence coming from the hostel.

He claims to have been an eye-witness to the events of March 7 and he blames township residents and police for "shooting us and killing us".

Although from outside on the street M-One seemed relatively quiet — inside, the dim corridors and tiny hallways teem with activity.

Dozens of idle youths hang about the many "spaza" shops and drinking dens selling traditional beer. Most of them are unemployed and many have not had a job for years.

The majority tell me they don't pay rent and all of the ones to whom I speak tell me they have nowhere to go if the hostel is closed.

Mr Phathokwakwe Mkhize and his two sons, Suntu and Johannes, and Mr Johannes Mkhize and his common-law wife Ms Mavis Duma, live in a single room adjacent to another smaller room, converted into a drinking den.

Mr Mkhize sells beer to sustain his family and both his sons are unemployed. One of them, Johannes, dressed in heavy clothing and an overcoat, seems quite sick. He smiles weakly and tells me that although he worked as a boilermaker "some-time back", he hasn't had a job since last year.

Although quite neatly organised, their "home" clearly is overcrowded — the youngest son sits in the drinking section staring at a newspaper, but when I ask him to spell his name for me, it turns out he has never attended school and can't read or write.

Nearby, in a common bathroom, a faulty tap is flooding the floor and a terrible stench fills the air from an adjacent toilet. The slamming doors and the eerie corridors and the many gaping windows and iron staircases with their clattering sounds brings a queasy feeling to one's stomach.

As we leave the hostel, Mr John Dlamini — perhaps, sensing how I am feeling, says: "We are not staying here like this because we want to — but because of the situation. We have appealed to the city council, but we are waiting for a long time. This hostel is for single men, not married people."

Many Alexandra residents feel that, as an apartheid creation, these single men's hostels should be closed or converted to family dwellings so that they can be integrated into the local community.

A leading Alex churchman says: "There are no single men's hostels in any of the white communities, so why should we have them in ours?"



# 'Beirut' zone lives up to its name

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THIS week's protest by residents against Alexandra's Madala hostel started off peacefully enough. But within two hours the township was a war zone.

Riot Squad police were shooting teargas and rubber bullets while hundreds of residents hurled stones and petrol bombs. Streets were barricaded with burning tyres, huge stones and rubble.

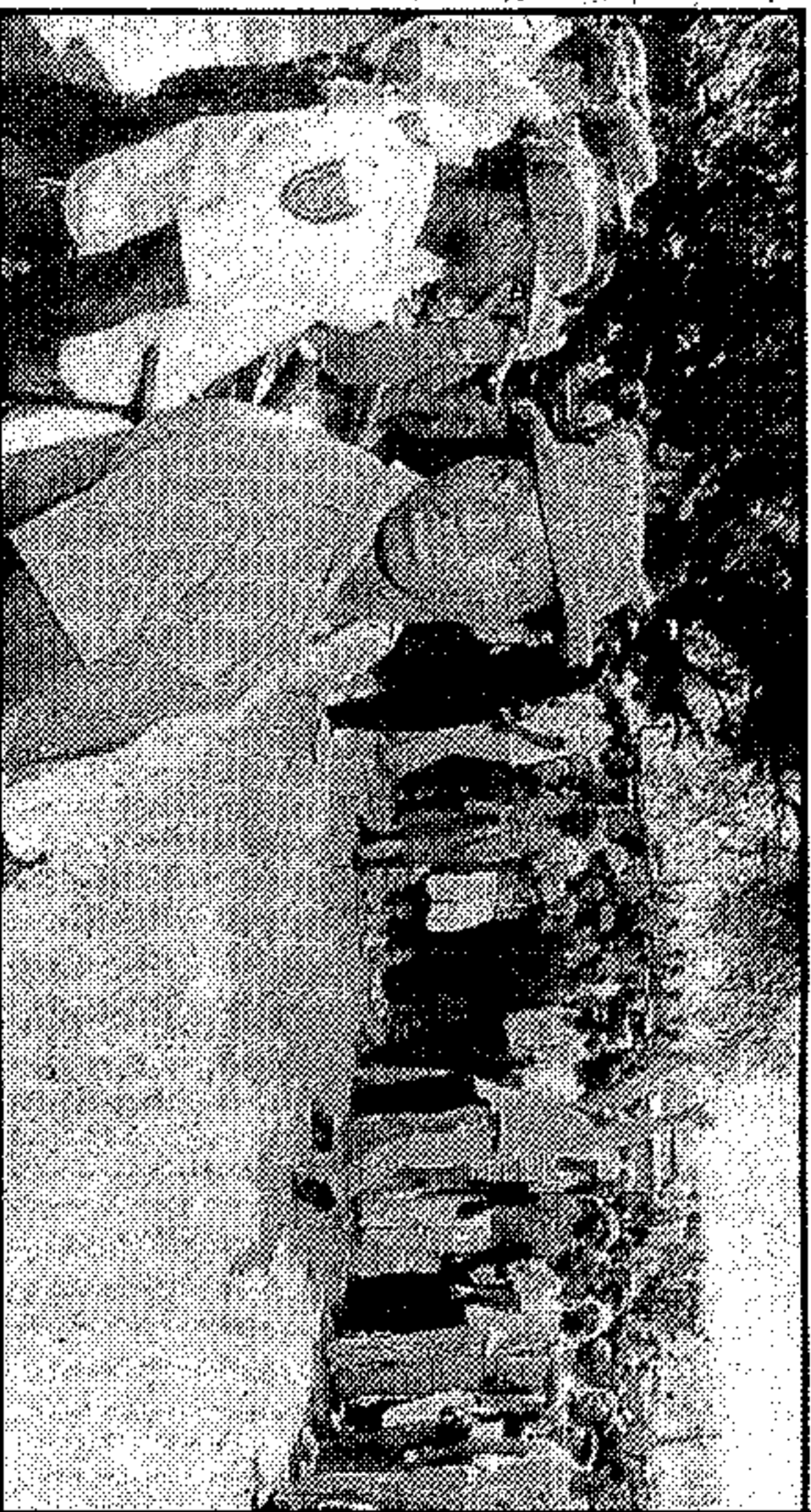
This is how it began on Thursday.

**9.30 am:** A large crowd gathered in front of the Alexsan Kopano Community Centre next to the Alex Stadium where the leaders of the one-day stayaway were meeting. Several Cas-spiers were parked along-side.

**10 am:** A large group of toyi-toying youths swept out of the grounds of the community centre and into the stadium, with a crowd trailing behind. The crowd was at this time quite excited, singing and dancing and yelling slogans.

**10.15 am:** The Rev Busani Ngubane of the Alexandra Peace Forum quietened the crowd, which by now numbered in the thousands. He informed them that because Alexandra had two weeks ago been declared an unrest area, the chief magistrate had refused permission for the march to take place.

It was intended to be a peaceful protest. But in no time tempers had flared and violence erupted. JOE LOUW reports from the frightening, chaotic midst of the Alexandra battlefield in words and pictures.



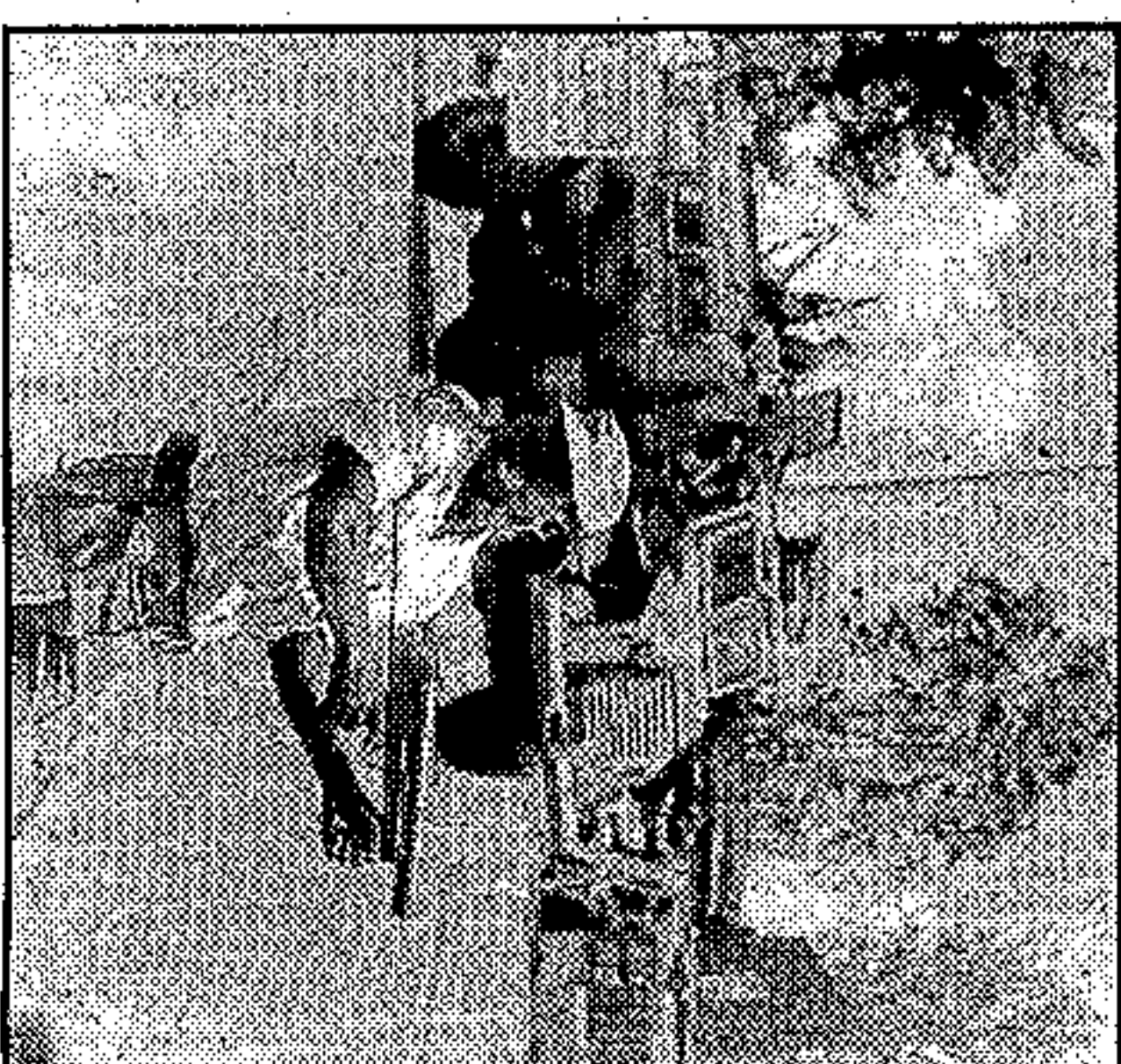
**1** STAND-OFF: A vanguard of youths and residents marching on Madala hostel are confronted by members of the Internal Stabilising Unit near Sixth Avenue.



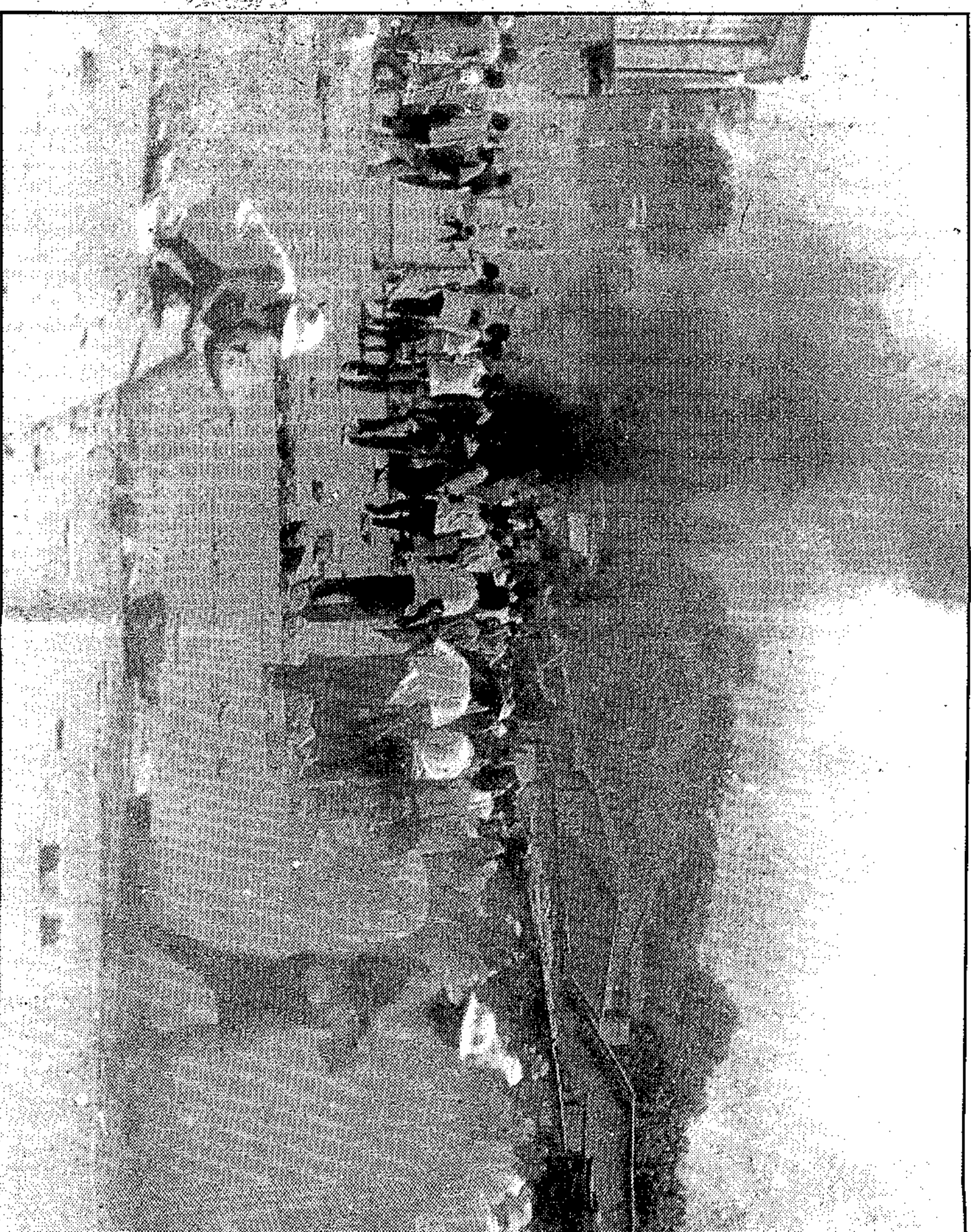
**2** TALKING: Lt-Col Hein Killian tries to talk youths out of marching on Madala hostel.



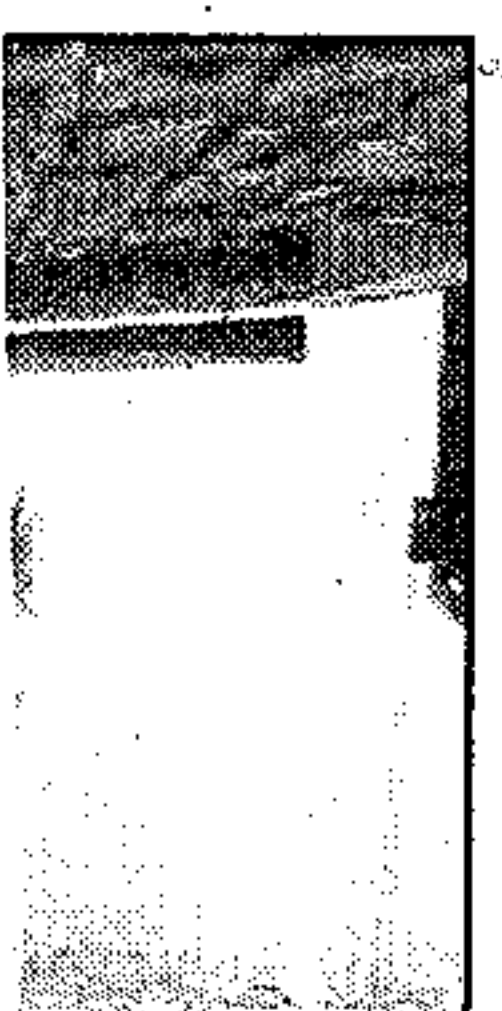
**3** DEFIANT: Residents are warned to disperse, but instead they sit down in front of police vehicles and block the way to Madala Hostel.



**4** DEPLOYING: Police fire teargas and rubber bullets and are pelted with rocks.



**6** HEIGHT OF THE BATTLE: On Selbourne Road, residents burn tyres and place rocks in the way to stop police getting to Madala hostel.





The crowd became angry. There were shouts and jeers, especially from the group that had toyi-toyed into the stadium. There were defiant yells of "We are going there!" (meaning to the Madala hostel, which the residents were demanding be closed).

Ngubani then read the memorandum to be presented to the local authorities demanding closure of Madala and the eradication of shacks in the "Beirut" section of the township.

As he documented the grievances of the residents and the history of harassment, intimidation, rapes and violence endured by people from the so-called "terror block" between Second and Sixth avenues and bounded by Roosevelt in the east and London Road in the south, the crowd went wild with anger.

**11 am:** Leaders appealed for calm and discipline, but a large segment of youths broke away and swirled out of

the stadium. They jumped over walls and poured through the wire net fences around the stadium to rush up Selbourne Road, yelling slogans, dancing and singing freedom songs.

In the distance near Sixth Avenue, a single line of heavily armed troops backed by Casspirs and other police vehicles blocked the road to Madala.

Looking down Selbourne Road they could see tens of thousands of residents marching to-

wards them. A major confrontation was clearly in the making.

**11.10 am:** Upon reaching the frontline of the police, the youths began shouting at the police to get out of the way or to go and move the "Zulus" out of the hostel. A large group protested by sitting down in front of the police line.

**11.15 am:** The commander of the police contingent, Lieutenant Colonel Hein Killian, announced that the march was illegal and that the crowd had two minutes to disperse. By this time Ngubani and other leaders of the stayaway had arrived. Scrambling up the top of a Casspir, and with the aid of a police bullhorn, he pleaded with the crowd, now highly incensed, to dis-

perse peacefully.

**11.45 am:** After more than half an hour of pleas from many leaders for calm, a final order came from the police for the crowd to disperse. Several minutes later came an incredible din as police fired a volley of teargas canisters. Residents could be heard screaming as they tried to escape the streams of gas.



**5 WAR ZONE:** Huge plumes of teargas envelop houses and shanties, forcing residents to scatter in all directions.

Moments later police and photographers had to run for cover as rocks came flying out of the air from the direction of nearby shacks.

Seemingly within minutes, barricades in the form of rocks, rubbish bins and even bits of old furniture straddled Selbourne Road all the way down to the community centre.

**Noon:** The war be-

tween the residents and the police had now begun in earnest. People were rioting everywhere. I saw burning tyres and barricades along most of the streets. People were hurling rocks, bottles and even burning newspapers at the Casspirs.

Caught between swirling clouds of teargas, firing police and rock-hurling residents, I finally got trapped in a group of houses and shanties off Eighth Avenue.

One of the "comrades" lay straddled in a backyard with several gaping wounds on his head, shoulder and side. He was bleeding profusely and had been overcome by teargas. Several women had passed out and people were pouring



**7 SCATTERING:** In between houses and shanties the battle rages, with township youths and bottles as they dodge between buildings to escape the police.



**8 OVERCOME:** A burning newspaper is held in front of a young girl's face to lessen the effects of teargas.



**9 NO RESPECTER OF PEOPLE:** they have done even to an elderly man sitting



water over them to revive them.

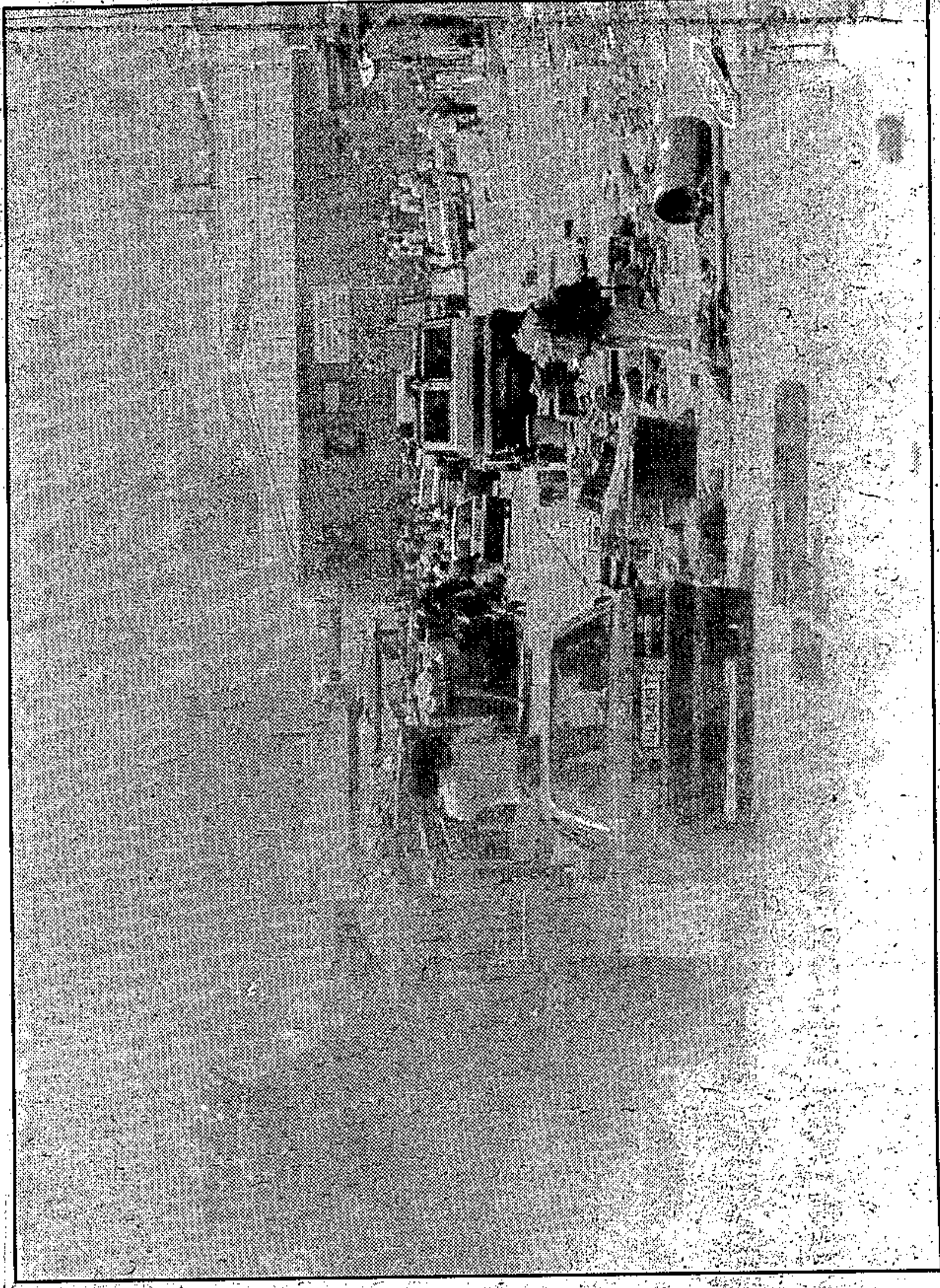
At the corner of Seventh and Selbourne, a small boy of nine or 10 was frantically trying to hose down a smouldering teargas canister.

Not far away, a group of "comrades" were trying to make petrol bombs from beer and soft-drink bottles, but no one seemed to know how to ignite them.

**12.30 pm:** A kind family finally offered me safe haven to wash my teargassed face. Moments later the shooting began again and I was out on the street once more.

**1 pm:** An uneasy calm began to settle over the streets. Clusters of residents gathered at street corners silently looking at the smouldering car tyres and mattresses.

At the Seventh Avenue flats, people were hanging out of their windows as if to witness a carnival. Soon little children, released from the safety of their homes, were scampering about and shouting excitedly.



**10** AFTERMATH: Near the Alexsan Kopano Community Centre, where all the trouble began, the streets return to normal, but debris testifies to the fierceness of the clash.



Gorbachev's successor is proving mistake-prone too, writes **Steve Crawshaw**

# Yeltsin tripping on reins of power

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**PERHAPS** power does not always corrupt. But it can certainly dull the senses. Politicians who seemed so clear-headed in opposition repeat the most obvious mistakes of their predecessors once they achieve power.

Once upon a time, Boris Yeltsin used to goad Mikhail Gorbachev by presenting himself as the champion of the republics who sought to break away from Moscow's rule. Today, Mr Yeltsin, new ruler of all the Russias, rages against independence-minded regions just as Mr Gorbachev used to do.

After the Lithuanian killings in January 1991, Mr Gorbachev complained that the Balts had brought the violence upon themselves. Mr Yeltsin, in contrast, flew to sign a declaration of solidarity with Baltic leaders, and urged Russian soldiers to refuse to let themselves be used for illegal violence (Mr Gorbachev retorted that Mr Yeltsin must be "out of his mind").

Gennady Yanayev, the would-be president with the trembling hands, thought that he and his comrades could simply put the show into reverse with the August coup. The plotters failed to understand that all Soviet society had been transformed. Nobody who had lived in the USSR before, and who saw it now, could fail to see the extent of that change. Yet the plotters remained blind.

Now, Mr Yeltsin, too, thinks he can put the brakes on further change. At the end of last year he sent hundreds of troops into the Chechen-Ingush region in the south to prevent a breakaway there. And he has angrily condemned the referendum held by Tatarstan, west of the Urals, which voted for self-rule within the Russian federation (a prelude, say some, to a declaration of full independence from Moscow).

Echoing Mr Gorbachev's declaration two years ago that those who sought Lithuanian indepen-

dence were sowing "discord, bloodshed and death", Mr Yeltsin complained at the referendum's illegality and warned of bloodshed.

In the bitter disputes between Russia and Ukraine, too, Mr Yeltsin has seemed unwilling to acknowledge that the goalposts have moved not just a few centimetres but to the other side of the field. His insistence earlier this year that the Black Sea fleet "was, is and will be" Russian, is more or less historically accurate. More important, however, was the sub-

text to Mr Yeltsin's remarks: that Moscow has always ruled the imperial waves, and sees no reason why that should change. It is a worrying view.

Ukrainians insist that Ukraine is not the same as Russia. The Russians may be surprised, disappointed or angry about this refusal to be paired off with their giant neighbour. But to deny Ukrainian separateness is as pointless as suggesting that Scotland is not

really Scotland and does not have the right to decide its own future.

As in Yugoslavia, the West has clung to the remnants of the Soviet status quo, under the illusion that this could provide a kind of stability. In reality, it could only be short-term. The West was ready to prop up Mr Gorbachev in the hope that he could keep the lid on the exploding Soviet Union, held together by the glue of a one-party system.

The question now is: does Mr Yeltsin have the ability to lead Russia towards some system of democracy? Or will he indulge in the kind of drum-banging that will lead, a little way down the road, to even bloodier clashes and explosions than we have already seen? — The Independent News Service. □

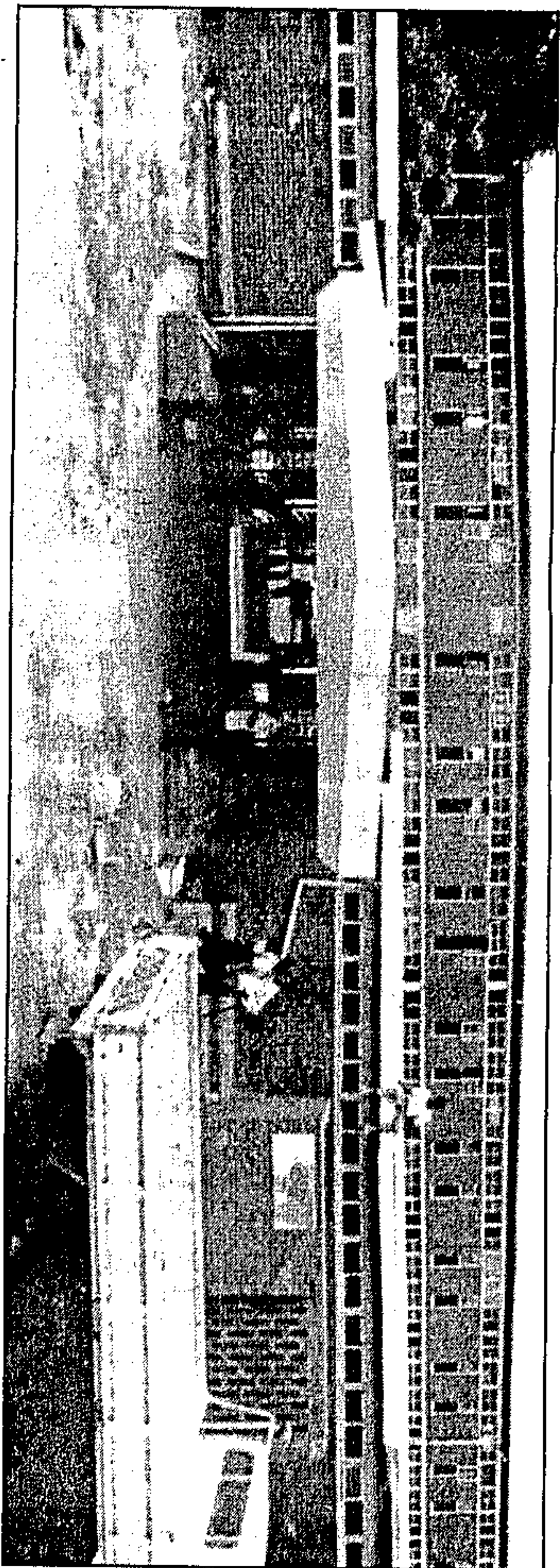
● Steve Crawshaw's "Goodbye to the USSR: The Collapse of Soviet Power" is published in the UK by Bloomsbury.



# Inside the fortress of terror

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**FORBIDDING FACADE:** The entrance facade of Madala hostel — known as M-One to residents — from Fourth Avenue, Alexandra.

THE forbidding facade of Alexandra's Madala hostel — known as M-One to residents — straddles the first five avenues of the township like a colossal fortress.

It occupies the high ground overlooking a depressing vista of squatters' shacks, residential homes and several avenues of shops that are now shuttered and derelict.

All round Madala hostel there is an eerie silence, with only the occasional dog or a few stray chickens wandering about the empty yards. Very few of the normally boisterous residents who once occupied the so-called "Terror Block" — houses and shacks facing the hostel — have dared to remain.

For the past week Alexandra has been the scene of an extraordinary drama. Thousands of its residents have fled in terror, in anticipation of intimidation from the inmates of the hostel, whom they accuse of killing residents and pillaging homes.

To try to find out what goes on inside Madala hostel, I went into the hostel to find the people who live behind the rolls of barbed wire and the thousands of blank windows, staring from high walls of impenetrable red brick.

Over the main archway at the entrance somebody has scratched,

## Words and pictures by JOE LOUW

"Viya Inkatha IFP" in bold letters. Petersen Poswa, a young resident who also serves as IFP secretary inside the hostel, said every one of the reputedly 3 000 hostel dwellers — including women and children — were Inkatha members.

While Poswa animatedly explained to me the origins of the current wave of violence and its causes, starting from the March 7 ambush of Inkatha members conducting a funeral, clusters of men and boys were gathered in groups around the huge quadrangle inside the hostel.

Some played board games, often breaking into a flourish of gleeful shouts. The place looked like a huge prison, with hundreds of rusting single beds piled in one part of the yard and other rubble strewn all over the place.

In one of the many doorways some men working from an improvised scaffold were dismantling a light fixture — presumably part of the R1 million renovation scheme being undertaken by the local authority to improve conditions there.

My presence attracted a small group of curious onlookers. Most were willing to be inter-



△ BEHIND THE WALLS: A tranquil domestic scene inside the quadrangle of the hostel.

△ NO LONGER SINGLE: Many women live with husbands or boyfriends inside the hostel.



△ HOME: Johannes Mkhize (28) will have no place to go if the hostel closes down.

violence. They said it all originated with residents who attacked them. And they professed surprise that the people living next to the hostel were moving out because they feared attack from the hostel dwellers.

△ A TALE TO TELL: Petersen Poswa says police shootings at IFP funeral led to current violence.

the hostel closing down. "Where am I going to live?" he asked. Most of the residents said they had heard rumours of the ANC planning to bomb or set fire to the nearby gas storage tank — which, they said, was the real reason nearby residents were fleeing. None of the people I interviewed deviated from this line.



seemed relatively quiet, the dim corridors and tiny hallways teemed with activity.

Dozens of idle youths hung about the many spaza shops and drinking dens selling traditional beer. Most of them are unemployed and many have not had a job for years.

Johannes Mkhize and his common-law wife Mavis Duma live in a single room adjacent to another smaller room converted into a drinking den.

Mkhize sells beer to sustain his family, and both of his boys are unemployed. One of them, Johannes, dressed in heavy clothing and an overcoat, seemed quite sick. He smiled weakly and told me that although he had worked as a boilermaker "some time back" he hadn't had a job since last year.

organised, their "home" was clearly overcrowded. The youngest son sat in the drinking section starting at a newspaper but when I asked him to spell his name for me, it turned out he had never attended school and could neither read nor write.

Nearly in a common bathroom a faulty tap was flooding the floor and a terrible stench filled the air from an adjacent toilet. The slamming doors, eerie corridors and the many gaping windows and iron staircases with their clattering sounds brings a queasy feeling to one's stomach.

As we left the hostel, John Dlamini, perhaps sensing how I was feeling, said: "We are not staying here like this because we want to but because of the situation. We have appealed to the city council but we have been waiting for a long time. This hostel is for single men, not married people."

Many Alexandra residents feel that as a creation of apartheid, these single men's hostels should be closed or converted to family dwellings so that they can be integrated into the local community.

"There are no single men's hostels in any of the white communities, so why should we have them in ours?" a leading Alex churchman argued.



By Sabata Ngcai

# Death of activist sparks anger

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AN ACTIVIST AND former political prisoner who was actively engaged in gathering information about hit-squad activity in the Vaal region died violently in controversial circumstances this weekend.

Political organisations vehemently denied claims by police that ANC-SACP member Mr Saul Tsotetsi committed suicide. He was attacked and killed when in the ensuing struggle a hand grenade was hurled at him by his assailants, said an ANC-SACP statement. Tsotetsi was a member of the SACP Regional Executive Committee in the PWV region. He was also an additional member of the ANC Evaton branch

executive committee and a full-time employee of the South African Council of Churches (SACC).

A statement by the ANC-SACP PWV region said Tsotetsi had been with two officials of the local SACP at his home after the Sharpeville day rally until 2am on Sunday.

At 2am he accompanied the two officials and on his return he was accosted by five men. "In the ensuing struggle a hand-grenade was hurled at him by his assailants, which killed him instantly.

"Two of the assailants were also killed in the incident. "We dispute the police version

that Tsotetsi committed suicide.

"Throughout his days of imprisonment and as an organiser of the ANC and SACP, he showed no suicidal tendencies.

"Not only is the police version factually incorrect, it is malicious." Tsotetsi's death followed a series of hit-squad attacks in the country.

According to the Human Rights Commission (HRC) in the PWV region, 41 incidents of violence were reported in Soweto, Alexandra, East Rand, Vaal, West Rand and Johannesburg.

"Most of the incidents took the form of attacks against individuals.

The hit-squads had attacked people in Natal, Transvaal and Bophuthatswana.

In reaction to the death of Tsotetsi, the ANC-SACP PWV region and Cosatu Vaal region said in a joint statement: "We have received with shock the news of the assassination of one of our distinguished activists.

"We note that his assassination comes in the wake of a successful ANC March 21 rally held in Sharpeville over the weekend.

"To us the murder of Tsotetsi cannot be differentiated from all other assassinations of ANC

activists in the Vaal in particular and the PWV region in general.

"A clear pattern of orchestrated attacks by unknown death squads who continue to elude the police continues to emerge.

The SACC expressed "deep grief and anger at the murder" of one of its staff members.

In a statement, the SACC said: "During the past year Tsotetsi has been instrumental in uncovering perpetrators of violence in the Vaal.

"He was instrumental in securing testimony from a resident of Kwamadaia hostel, with whom Judge Goldstone himself is to meet this week.

"We do not consider it incidental that Tsotetsi was killed on the eve of delivery of this key testimony."



# Court ejects rowdy Inkatha supporters

By MARTIN  
NTSOELENGOE

ABOUT 200 people, many wearing Inkatha Freedom Party T-shirts, were ordered out of the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court this week because they were causing a disturbance.

It took the interpreter and two court orderlies 45 minutes to get them out, but the group then went to another courtroom, where they were again told to leave.

After the commotion, Icam Bongani Mazibuko, 24, Xolani Michael Mnguni, 26, and Phineas Bonginkosi Tshabalala, 24, who all stay in the Merafe Hostel, finally appeared on a charge of attempted murder following last Thursday's train attacks.

The hearing was postponed to April 24. Their bail application will be heard on March 31. After the court adjourned the ejected spectators toyi-toyed in the street.



# Police colluding with IFP - claim

By SOPHIE TEMA

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SCORES of residents from Orlando West were yesterday accompanied by youths in a march to the Meadowlands Police Station to protest against police brutality and harassment.

The residents also raised their grievances at the number of adults and youths that have been killed by alleged IFP members who live at Meadowlands Hostel.

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A memorandum listing their grievances was handed to the station commander, Lt JCPF Lock by Orlando West Civic Association chairman, West Shabangu.

After handing over the memorandum, Shabangu appealed to Lt Lock to stop police interference in the violence that has raged between residents and IFP members in the past few months.

Shabangu addressed two police officials, Lt Lock and Captain Cedric O'Farrel, and told them he had proof that police were involved in assisting the IFP in acts of violence.

He told them that two weeks ago four youths from Orlando West were abducted by police and taken to the Meadowlands Hostel, where two of them were killed and the other two escaped with serious injuries.

Shabangu said that on Thursday last week he and other members of the civic association were called to the Meadowlands Hostel. They arrived just in time to save a young boy who had been abducted by a policeman and handed over to IFP members from being killed.

"We received information from eyewitnesses that a young boy had been abducted by a policeman and taken to the Meadowlands hostel.

"We rushed to the hostel and arrived just as the boy was being abused by Inkatha members.

"I believe that if we had not arrived at that time the boy would have been killed."

Shabangu told police officials that the civic association had the name of the policeman who had abducted the boy and the registration number of his vehicle.

In reply Lt Lock told Shabangu that he could not comment on the matter nor on the memorandum, which he would forward to the district commissioner of police.

In their memorandum the residents called for an end to the existence of hostels in their present form, and demanded that they were converted into family homes.



# Racial tension

## rocks 'no' land

By DAWN BARKHUIZEN

**BLACK** people living in the only region to lodge a "no" vote in the referendum are feeling the ugly consequences of the result.

Right-wing harassment against them has increased and now blacks living in and around Pietersburg in the Northern Transvaal are threatening a consumer boycott of the town.

In a resurgence of attacks on the rural black community and its livestock, a cow and her two-month-old calf were spray-painted with AWB swastika symbols on March 17, the day of the poll.

The words "nee" and "kaffir" were also painted on seven cattle outside Mafarana village on the road linking Lydenburg to Tzaneen. The cow, which was stabbed and had its tongue slashed, was slaughtered this week after its mouth became septic.

Its owner, pensioner Catherine Chyeza, said she had heard of neither the referendum nor the "no" vote and was puzzled by the attack.

Gazankulu senior health officer Johan Zandamela said that since last July, about 190 cattle had been shot dead in communal grazing camps along



AWB STALWART: Hennie Breytenbach is 'prepared to go to war at the first hint of black government control. We will never negotiate with communists or the anti-Christ'

the same stretch of road.

In Pietersburg, businessmen and community leaders are scrambling furiously to ward off retaliatory threats of the consumer boycott.

Pietersburg mayor Janie Moolman said: "The 'no' voters are in the small towns and farms. Pietersburg has a National Party council. We are not a conservative backwater, we are a progressive town that voted 'yes'."

Black-bashing was little heard-of in Pietersburg, but could occur in rural areas, he added.

Chamber of Commerce chairman Laurie Searle, who has good relations with black businessmen in the area and whose children attend a multiracial school in Pietersburg, said: "Unfortunately, we are being lumped with people who still have the same values as their forefathers from the Great Trek."

### Angry

But ANC regional spokesman Stan Mothimela said the black community — which comprises 97 percent of the region's population and which paralysed white business with a

series of boycotts last year — was demanding action.

"People are angry and shocked by the Pietersburg result. Last year we boycotted because of white harassment. Our aim is not to punish those who voted 'no', but those still clinging to racist attitudes," he said.

Lawyers for Human Rights regional director Seth Nthai said his organisation "received weekly reports of isolated attacks on blacks. Many people were afraid to be in the streets of some towns after dark."

"People are worried that these 'no' voters might take their fears and frustrations out on them. They have to think of defending themselves," he said.

LHR had taken on 10 new cases since January,

but these represented only a fraction of the incidents in a vast area where black people had little access to transport and communication and feared police collusion, he added.

News of the cattle mutilation spread like wildfire through the Northern Transvaal this week, shocking even those blacks long used to late-night harassment from right-wingers. They said they were not surprised by the 57 percent 'no' majority in the region.

In Tzaneen, hub of a tourist area, black hotel staff said they feared walking home late at night and would not work late shifts unless transport was available.

A Tzaneen waiter who has been harassed twice this year said: "As a white man, you can walk around town all night unharmed, but no black man can take that risk. Friday and Saturday nights are the worst."

Pietersburg prostitute Lulah, who has only white clients, said she was now reluctant to approach cars because "you don't know if it is business or if they want to beat you up".

Tzaneen farmer and

AWB stalwart Hennie Breytenbach freely admitted that "kaffirs are donnered" in the streets of some Northern Transvaal towns, but vehemently denied his organisation's involvement in the cow attack.

He said: "I know every AWB member in the district — we farmers love our animals too much to do that. I'll bet the ANC did it after learning tricks in the Rhodesian bush war."

### War

Mr Breytenbach — who says he would like to shoot President De Klerk — said he and other farmers in the district were prepared to go to war at the first hint of black government control.

"We often have target practice here — we are all good marksmen. We will never negotiate with communists or the anti-Christ. The war is just one phone call away," he said.

Major Isaac Ntisi, Nokowanakowa police station commander, this week launched an investigation into the attacks on the cows, but said he could not rule out the possibility of a smear campaign against the AWB.



# Rabie is opportunist say angry youths

By DAN DHLAMINI

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ANGRY Western Transvaal coloured youths this week disrupted a National Party meeting near Potchefstroom where Jack Rabie, who defected from the Labour Party, was the main speaker.

The visibly embarrassed Rabie had to leave the Promosa Community hall through the back door.

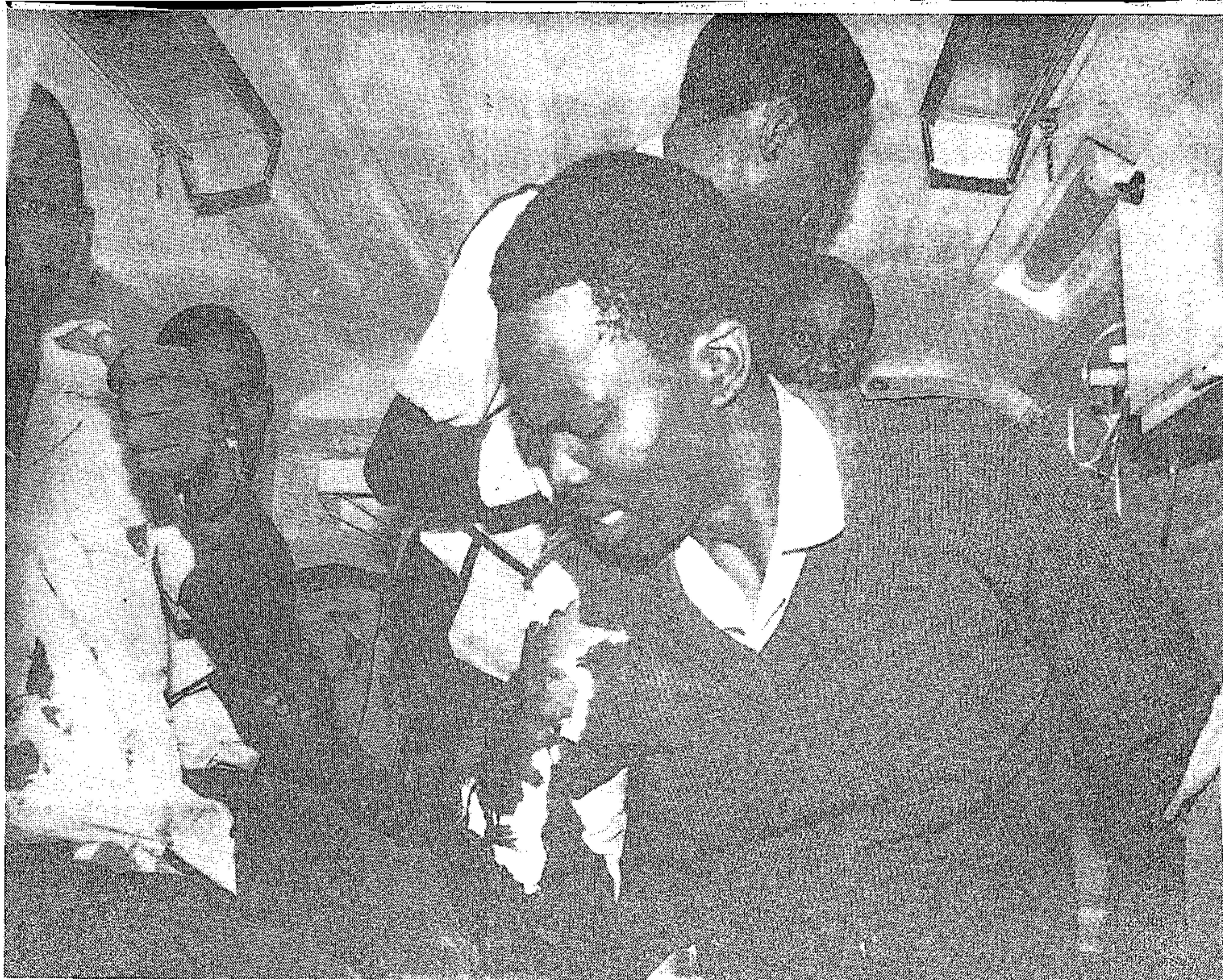
Some of the youths who disrupted the meeting called him an opportunist who did not care for the struggle of the coloured community.

The youths said Rabie was being used by the NP government to garner coloured support in the event of an election.

Rabie replied saying people were wrong to label him a collaborator for serving in the old apartheid system, because he now belonged to the new NP which does not discriminate.

"Rabie is an opportunist, and we will not be surprised that when the ANC gets the upperhand he leaves the NP and joins them," said one of the youths.





**LAW AND DISORDER . . .** Wounded policemen are transported to hospital after being attacked by heavily armed commuters on the train to Nancefield on Thursday.

## 7 cops hurt by armed commuters

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Pictures and text  
by SIPHIWE MHLAMBI

AT least seven policemen were injured while trying to disarm passengers in a Soweto-bound train on Thursday. *CIPRESS*

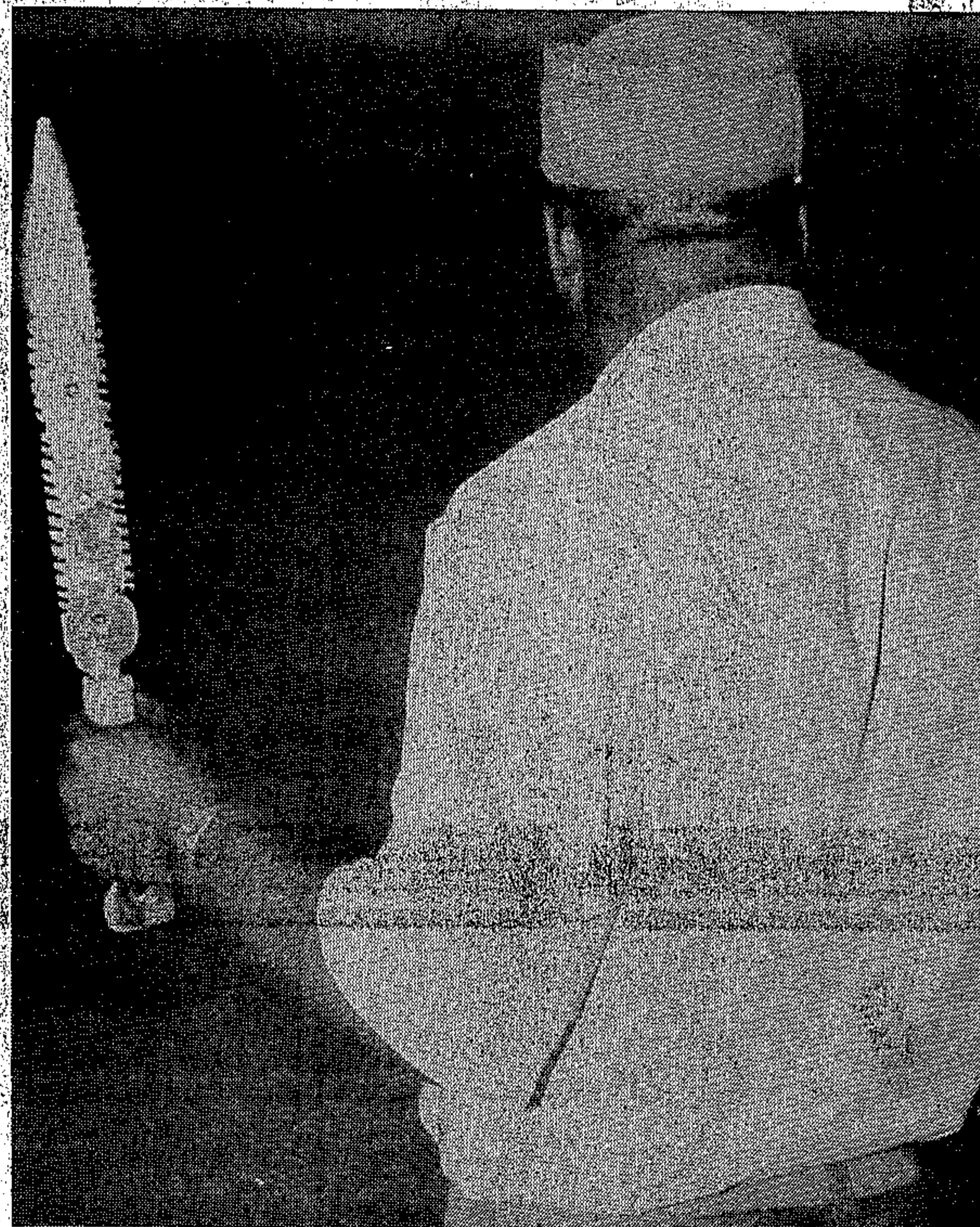
One of the assailants was later shot dead by the police. 29/3/92

Five policemen were thrown off the 9168 George Goch-Nancefield train when the men, who refused to be searched, started a fight.

The police were overpowered by the heavily armed men, and when the train reached Mlamlan-kunzi Station in Soweto, one of the assailants was shot dead.

Three of the policemen sustained serious injuries when one was thrown off the train, the other one was shot in the right arm and the other stabbed several times while fighting for his pistol.

No arrests have been made.



**KNIFE'S EDGE . . .** A policeman shows one of the weapons used in the attack on his colleagues on Thursday.





**SCRAPING THE BARREL ...** The chances of this child matriculating with maths and science are one in 10 000 says the latest FRD report.

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**TOWNSHIP TORMENT ... A woman hurls a stone after police fire tears smoke.**



**UNDER FIRE ... Panic-stricken residents collapse into a seething mass after police fire tear gas and birdshot.**

PHOTO: TLAOI KHUELE

# Dark days, Dark city

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**By THEMBA KHUMALO  
and  
SHEMBISO  
MBATHA**

ALEXANDRA township resembled a military zone this week when security forces and police battled to stop angry local youths from storming and demolishing Madala Hostel.

At least 100 people were injured on Thursday when police took action against thousands of protesters who defied a ban on an anti-violence march.

Randburg's chief magistrate had banned the protest march - called by the ANC, PAC, Azapo and local organisations under the umbrella of the Peace Forum - because Alex had been declared an unrest area.

More than 68 people were treated at the Alexandra Clinic after police fired buckshot and tear-



**STREET PATROL ... Out in full force in Alex.**

run who asked them not to go on with the march.

Police said they used rubber bullets and tear gas to ward off attacks by stone-throwing residents.

Twenty-nine residents and a policeman were injured, they added.

Later that evening, pitched battles were reported between residents of Madala Hostel and those of the new Nobuhle Hostel, who are not Inkatha members.

On Friday, families displaced by violence brought work at the Alexandra council to a standstill when they occupied offices of the administrator and the town clerk.

They were protesting against the council's refusal to accept their memo that the hostels be demolished.

Many are destitute after Inkatha members allegedly looted their homes in violence three





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# Authorities assess damage as bloody fighting abates in Alex

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and Sapa

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Strife-torn Alexandra township was quiet yesterday after three weeks of bloody fighting.

In the calm, Alexandra Health Centre spokesman David Robb said that by Saturday, 350 people injured in political violence had been treated at the clinic in the past 21 days. Eleven people had died in the same period, Mr Robb said. Eight people were dead on arrival, while three died after admission. Of the 350 injured, 128 had been shot, 85 stabbed and the remainder assaulted with various weapons.

But in a 48-hour run-up to yesterday's respite, at least five people were found killed and about 30 injured in sporadic violence since Friday night.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said three people were shot dead between 6 am and 1.15 pm on Saturday, and six people were also injured in shooting incidents.

A spokesman for the Alexandra Health Centre said

about 22 people had been treated on Saturday.

Colonel Malherbe said that police had not been able to prove claims that gunmen travelling in a blue car had driven through the township early on Saturday, randomly shooting at people.

Upon being informed of the attacks early on Saturday, police had cordoned off the township, sent in reinforcements and later made use of a spotter plane, but had not been able to spot the vehicle or the gunmen.

## Set alight

In their unrest report for the period ending at midnight on Saturday, police said eight squatter shacks were set alight in Alexandra.

In one incident, a man was injured when he was fired at from the Madala Hostel.

Colonel Malherbe said police had cordoned off the hostel at 8 am on Saturday.

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In their unrest report, the police said SAP members twice returned fire in separate incidents after being shot at by unknown gunmen at the Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto. Also at the Meadowlands Hostel, a hand grenade detonated in front of a room. A woman and a youth were slightly injured.

In other violence country-wide listed in the police unrest report:

● Unidentified people threw petrol bombs at a shop and looted it in Mangaung, Bloemfontein. A private vehicle was also set alight. A man and a woman were arrested.

● Three workers at a textile factory in Gamalake, Mooi River, were shot and wounded by a group of people who entered the firm's premises and fired shots with an AK-47 rifle.

● At Imbali, near Maritzburg, a group of people fired several shots with AK-47, 9 mm and .303 rifles at a private dwelling. Three men were injured.



# 14 die violently across the country

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AT least 14 people were killed in countrywide violence at the weekend, according to police.

Six people were killed and 27 been injured in weekend violence in Alexandra Township.

On Saturday a youth was stoned to death and three people were killed when unidentified assailants in a minibus randomly sprayed bullets from AK-47 rifles at residents.

Alexandra was tense on Saturday as three unrest victims were buried in a mass funeral.

Those buried were David Dlomo, Moses Radebe and Mfanizana Kubheka.

An estimated 22 people were admitted to the Alexandra Health Centre for treatment.

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Eleven people died in the same period, Robb said.



# Weekend of death

Air search after reports of random shooting from car

The Argus Correspondents and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — At least five people were killed and about 30 injured in sporadic violence in Alexandra township at the weekend.

A police spokesman said three people were shot dead between 6am and 1.15pm on Saturday, but the township was quiet yesterday.

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He said police believed rather that Saturday's deaths and injuries were "sporadic and spread across Alex" and were the result of "personal attacks".

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At least three handgrenade explosions were heard inside the hostel and a grenade was also thrown at a police Casspir. Soweto police liaison officer Colonel F J Zwane said.

A woman and a youth were slightly injured.

Imbali, near Maritzburg, is tense but calm after sporadic shootings between ANC and IFP supporters which began on Friday.

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**FUNERAL MISHAP:** Pallbearers and coffin fall into the grave during the burial of a victim of the violence in Alexandra township.

ANC supporter, was killed on Saturday. Police confiscated an AK 47 rifle and arrested eight people after the incident.

Quick action by the security forces helped to prevent an increase in the violence when an angry mob was dispersed as it was apparently preparing to avenge the death of Mr Mdladla, from the "Beirut" area of Imbali.

In other violence countrywide police reported:

- People threw petrol bombs at a shop and looted it in Mangaung, Bloemfontein. A private vehicle was also set alight. A man and a woman were arrested.

- Three workers at a textile factory in Gamalake, Mooi River, were shot and wounded by a group of people who entered the firm's premises and fired shots with an AK 47 rifle.



## Fourteen die in violent weekend (27b)

FOURTEEN people were killed in nationwide violence at the weekend, eight of them in Alexandra township. Twenty-seven people were injured in the township.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe confirmed three people were killed when unidentified assailants in a minibus randomly sprayed AK-47 bullets at residents. *W/way 30/3/92*

The official unrest report said a youth was stoned to death and the body of a fifth person was found. A sixth person was dead on arrival at the Alexandra Health Centre, a statement said.

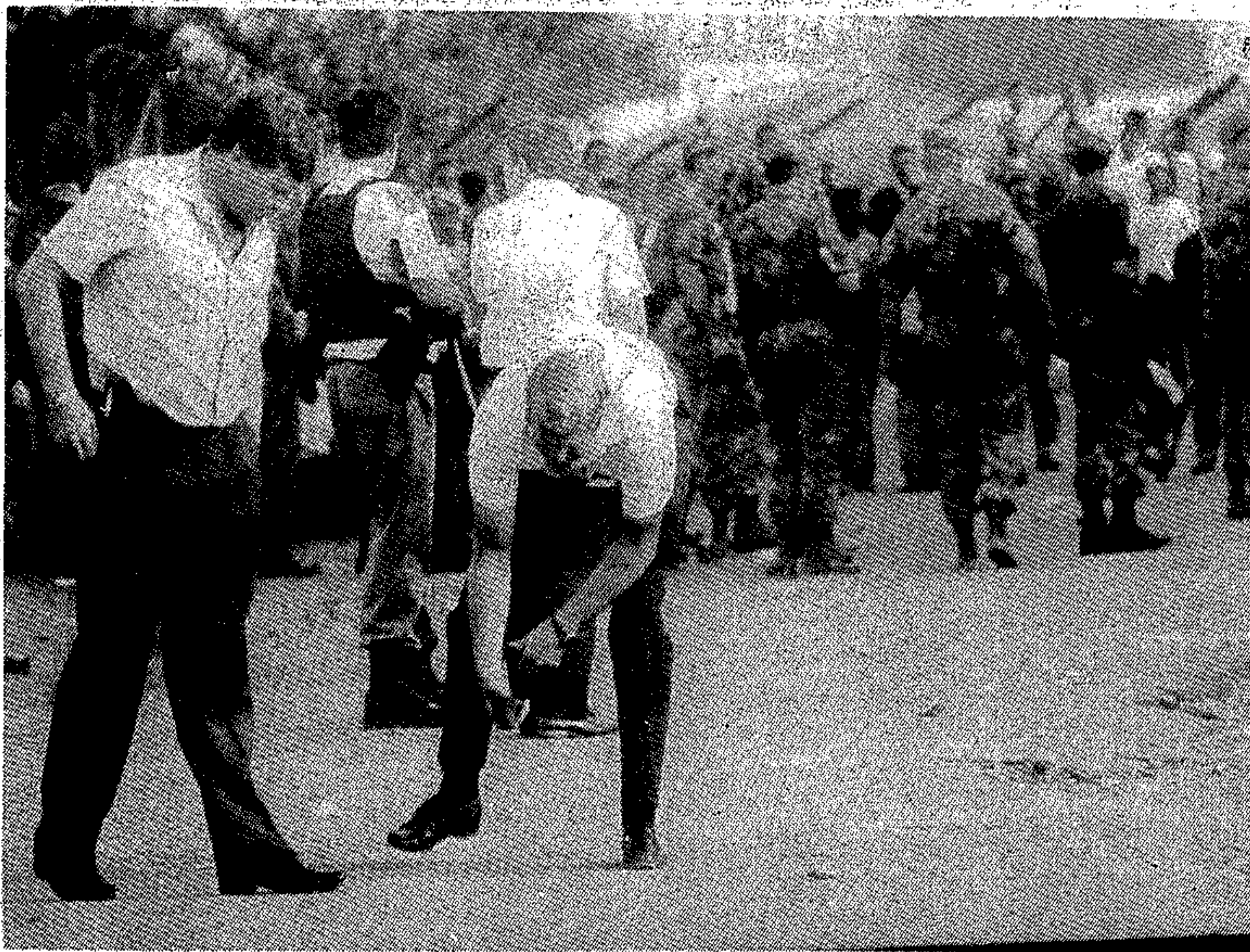
Several incidents of stone-throwing and petrol-bombing were reported by police and eight squatters' homes were set alight. Late on Friday two people died and five were injured in sporadic violence.

At Mashana Reserve near Empangeni, four people died in separate incidents late on Friday and early on Saturday. A man was stabbed to death, a woman was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen, another man was stabbed to death by a group of attackers and a man's body with gunshot wounds was found, police said.

Late on Friday police found the bodies of two unidentified men at Orlando West in Soweto and Vosloorus near Alberton. They had been shot dead.

□ An International Commission of Jurists' team has blamed both Inkatha and ANC supporters for escalating violence and recommended the KwaZulu police be put under the command of the SAP. — Sapa.





Forensic experts check the area where a handgrenade was thrown at people waiting for taxis in Meadowlands yesterday.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU.

# Twelve injured in grenade attack

**TWELVE** people were injured yesterday when a handgrenade was thrown at people at a taxi rank in Vincent Road, Meadowlands in Soweto.

The incident was part of a weekend that also claimed the life of Mzimhlope resident, Miss Phindile Zwane (32), who was gunned down outside her home while walking towards a

**By JOE MDHLELA**

taxi rank in Vincent Road.

Police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said yesterday the 12 injured people had been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

As Zwane lay dying on the ground, the gunmen continued firing towards her home. A bullet narrowly missed her blind

grandmother, Mrs Lina Khumalo, the dead woman's stepfather, Mr Johan Gama, said.

"We are living in fear for our lives. My stepdaughter was not even conversant with the problems of the area. She recently arrived from Bergville in Natal," he said.

Mariemuthoo said while police went to investigate at the scene where 12 peo-

ple were injured, they were attacked by hostel dwellers and a grenade exploded under a police Casspir. No one was injured in this attack.

Inkatha Freedom Party Transvaal leader Mr Themba Khoza said the grenade attack on taxi commuters was a cowardly act by people hostile to the IFP.

"The victims of the attack were all residents of hostels who are known to be predominantly Inkatha supporters," Khoza said.

Yesterday most of the houses around Mzimhlope, Orlando West and Meadowlands were deserted.

People told *Sowetan*: "The residents have fled. They are scared of the attacks from the hostels."

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# Policeman lured into shack camp, shot dead

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By Guy Jepson

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A policeman was lured to the Phola Park shack settlement outside Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday, ambushed and shot dead.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the body of Warrant Officer M G Nxumalo of the Tokoza police was found in open veld in the settlement shortly before 4 pm.

He had been shot several times with an AK-47 assault rifle.

At about 11 am Warrant Officer Nxumalo had gone to Phola Park

to investigate a complaint about a shebeen. Soon afterwards an anonymous caller contacted the police, saying the policeman was being held prisoner.

Members of the Internal Stability Unit "saturated" the squatter camp.

"They found the police vehicle abandoned, but there was no sign of the warrant officer," Captain Opperman said.

"They started to search the camp and found his body in an open field at about 3.50 pm.

"This was an out-and-out ambush. We believe he was lured there."



# 'Nobody to help or run to'

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By Esther Waugh (278)  
Political Reporter

Ten Orlando West women have turned to Codesa to put an end to the violence in the township.

The women, who are not representing any political organisation, told The Star they came to Codesa for help after other efforts proved unsuccessful.

Yesterday they met Codesa management committee chair-

man Pravin Gordhan, who undertook to raise the matter in the management committee.

One of the women, Judy Marole, said they lived in Mpsito Street facing a hostel.

She said they had not slept since Saturday as a result of the violence.

Mrs. Marole said they ate their first meal in two days yesterday afternoon at the World Trade Centre.

"There is nobody to help us. There is nobody to run to," she said.

The residents sleep in their clothes and under tables for fear of attacks, Mrs Marole added.

Sarah Khali said the group decided to ask Codesa for help after it appeared the police were taking sides in the clashes between residents and hostel dwellers.



# Hostel dweller describes grenade attack at taxi rank

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A man injured in yesterday's grenade blast at a crowded taxi rank near the Meadowlands hostel in Soweto said commuters had alerted the police of an impending attack minutes before the explosion.

Earlier yesterday SAP spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said 14 people were injured at about 6.45 am when one of two grenades thrown at queueing passengers at the rank in Vincent Road, near Mzimhlope station, exploded.

Captain Mariemuthoo said police were investigating whether the attack was linked to an earlier attack.

A spokesman for Baragwanath Hospital said she knew of only 12 injuries resulting from the grenade blast.

By late yesterday afternoon three people had been admitted to the hospital, four were still in the surgical casualty ward, four had been treated and discharged, and one had been transferred.

Speaking through an interpreter in the casualty section, Wilfred Sithole (45), a hostel dweller injured in the attack, said the grenade detonated at the rank where he was waiting for a bus at about 6.30 am.

"While we were waiting, there was a Hippo which was there (across the road). We saw a big crowd of residents from Mzimhlope and alerted the police.

"While we were still talking, someone from the crowd threw something — it looked like a stone — over the road. This thing fell on the ground and exploded just in front of us."



# Policeman lured into death trap

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JOHANNESBURG. — A police warrant officer was lured into a squatter camp and murdered yesterday, Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said.

Warrant Officer M G Nxumalo, of the uniform branch at Thokoza, was murdered after being called to the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand, Captain Opperman said.

Apparently soon after WO Nxumalo's arrival in Phola Park, an unidentified caller telephoned the Thokoza police station, and said they were holding the policeman hostage. No demands were made and the caller hung up immediately.

Captain Opperman said the Internal Stability Unit then "saturated Phola Park and found WO Nxumalo's vehicle abandoned in the squatter camp".

When no trace of the policeman was found, police continued their search and at 3:50pm found his bullet-ridden body in an open field near the squatter camp, Captain Opperman said.

He had been shot several times with an AK-47 rifle.

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## PAC 11 in court over Ennerdale clashes

The public-violence case against PAC general-secretary Benny Alexander and 10 others was postponed to May 11 following their brief appearance in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court yes-

terday. <sup>STAR</sup> 31/3/92 ~~278~~ and tariff issues. <sup>278</sup>  
The group was arrested in Ennerdale on January 27 after clashes erupted between residents and the police during a meeting at a local stadium to discuss rent

Mr Alexander and the other 10 men were released on bail of R50 each. They face charges of public violence but have not yet been asked to plead.



## Ivory trading 'not justified'

**3/13/92**  
ZIMBABWE's resumption of ivory trading was not justified unless it was guaranteed not to become a conduit for illegal ivory trade — a guarantee Zimbabwe could not provide, Wildlife Society of Southern Africa executive director Tony Ferrar said yesterday.

However, Zimbabwe did have too many elephants. The country had a moral obligation to other ivory-producing countries to ensure controls against the introduction of illegal ivory into any of the phases of its transactions.

It was vital to openly demonstrate income derived from ivory sales was passed directly to conservation agencies and rural communities. — Sapa.

## Murder trial judgment begins

**6/04/92 3/13/92**  
JUDGMENT in the murder trial of five Numsa members and a man they allegedly hired to help with an intimidation campaign against non-striking colleagues at Haggie Rand, in which five people were killed, began in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Shop stewards chairman Richard Ngobeni and worker representatives Jeffrey Mtshali, Malvert Ngubane, Malan Khumalo and Samuel Malepo, have pleaded not guilty to five counts of murder, nine counts of attempted murder, two counts of arson and one count each of unlawfully possessing firearms and ammunition.

Joseph Bhengu, allegedly hired as a "hit man" by leaders of the intimidation campaign, also pleaded not guilty on all 16 counts.

Ngobeni and the other Numsa members on trial were dismissed after an illegal strike in October 1989. Judge du Plessis, sitting with two assessors, said it was most probable that the gatherings of dismissed workers during the dispute were or-

Judgment will continue today.

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# Carnage as men hurl grenades at commuters

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ONE PERSON was killed and 13 were injured when two handgrenades exploded near a group of commuters waiting at a taxi rank in Meadowlands, Soweto.

One of the grenades failed to explode.

Inkatha said all the victims were hostel residents and known to be predominantly Inkatha-supporting, and that one of the attackers had been identified to the police as an ANC activist.

Witnesses said a group of assailants had emerged from behind shrubbery opposite the taxi rank, and opened fire and hurled grenades at the group at the taxi rank.

"It was apparent that the aim of the attack was intended to destabilise Inkatha in Transvaal, instill a sense of panic among members and neutralise the IFP's growing membership base in the Transvaal," Inkatha spokesman Themba Khoza said.

Also in Meadowlands, a man was injured early yesterday morning when shots were fired at the taxi he travelled in.

At KwaThema, near Springs, passengers in a taxi fired shots at pedestrians, killing a man. Another man was seriously injured. Police arrested a suspect. AK-47 and shotgun cartridges were found at the scene.

Near Kwezeni Station in the Germiston area, police found the body of a man with bullet wounds in his head. Several AK-47

cartridges were found on the scene.

Sapa reports the ANC, Cosatu and the SA Communist Party met Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday after the ANC criticised the enforcement of legislation on weapons.

After the meeting the ANC alliance said it had given detailed input on the issues and voiced concern about certain issues.

These were the "poor" enforcement of the ban on carrying of dangerous weapons, the pending transfer of four police stations to the KwaZulu Police in Maputaland, the lack of confidence in the police liaison officer system in the PWV area and the inability of police to protect residents.

It was emphasised that community confidence in the police, and co-operation, would grow only when the police were perceived to be an effective institution.

Another meeting would be held in April. Kriel was accompanied by his deputy, Johan Scheepers, and Commissioner of Police Gen Johan van der Merwe.

Meanwhile, the PAC's West Rand region yesterday called for a national stayaway and boycott of trains to protest against the violence in the country.



Inkatha leader Themba Khoza alleged at a Johannesburg news conference yesterday that an ANC member was responsible for a Soweto grenade attack in which one person was killed and 13 injured.

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At 11.30pm police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said from Alexandra that the situation was serious and chaotic.

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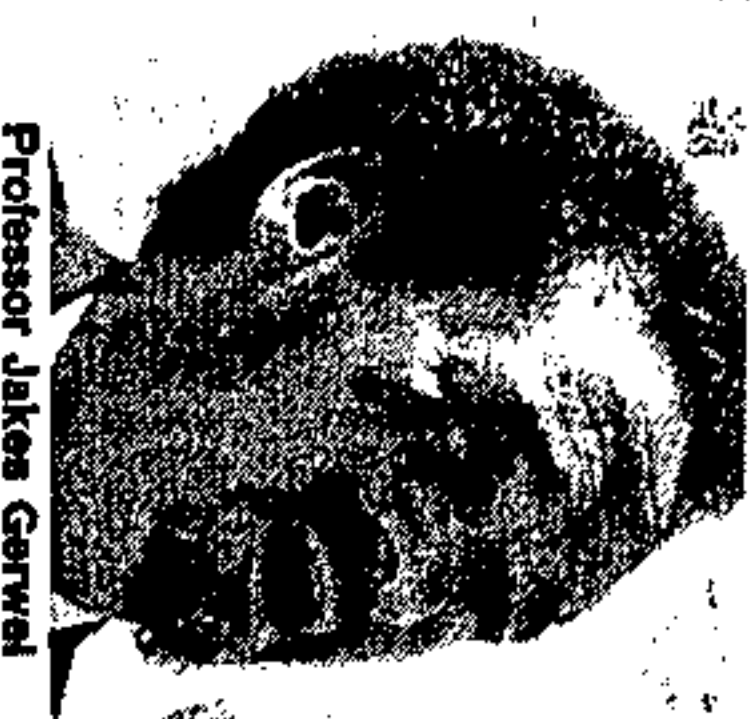
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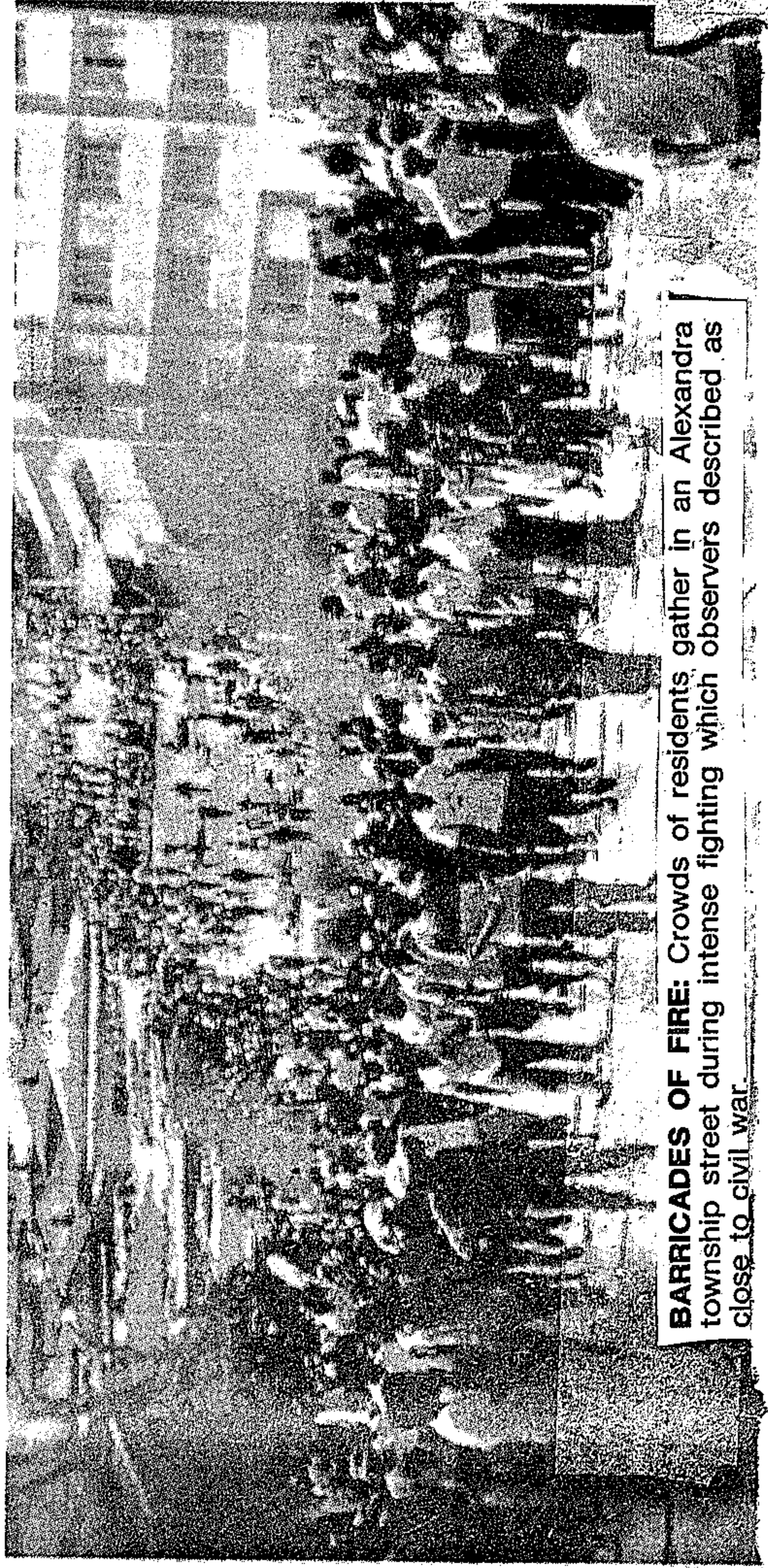
As the African National Congress and the police squabbled over responsibility for the soaring death toll, police found the bodies of five men who had been shot, the body of a policeman in a burned-out vehicle, the body of a man stabbed to death, and the bodies of four others.

According to the latest police report there were more deaths at Sharpeville in Vereeniging, and at Meadowlands and Dobsonville in Soweto. Three men, one a policeman, were either shot or hacked to death.

Violence flared in Alexandra yesterday when people stayed away from work, fought the police and barricaded the streets.

But the township was reported by the police to be quiet but tense this morning.

Yester



**BARRICADES OF FIRE:** Crowds of residents gather in an Alexandra township street during intense fighting which observers described as close to civil war.



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were attacked, prompting a senior police liaison officer, Colonel Frans Matherbe, to say that the violence among rival political factions had seemingly shifted to against the police.

The Witwatersrand Regional Commissioner of Police, Major General Gerrit Erasmus, called on residents to stop "attacking the very men who are there for their protection".

African National Congress branch spokesman Mr Oped Bapela said the situation had reached a desperate stage and residents were fighting for their lives and properties.

Mr Bapela and ANC PWV spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepe both criticised the police.

"They are reluctant to act against the perpetrators," alleged Mr Mamoepe.

General Erasmus reacted: "It is totally unacceptable that the police are still blamed for the violence in Alexandra."

General Erasmus said it was clear neither the ANC nor the Inkatha Freedom Party had any control over their members and supporters at grass-roots level.

He said intensive investigations could not substantiate allegations that attacks were launched from the Madala Hostel. But he confirmed shots had been fired from the hostel.

Mr Mamoepe also called on the Goldstone Commission to look into the violence, and he appealed to the National Peace Secretariat to intervene.

The ANC branch in Alexandra was still committed to meeting the IFP on April 24.

— Sapa.



# Hostel-dwellers <sup>(278)</sup> killed 4 — claim

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people, including a seven-year-old child, were killed and about 10 injured when groups of hostel dwellers entered houses in Alexandra yesterday and opened fire on residents, the ANC said.

Two groups of about 10 men each moved into the township from the Madala hostel and indiscriminately opened fire, an ANC spokesman said.

However, Witwatersrand police have confirmed only that the body of one man with bullet wounds in his head was found in the township yesterday morning.

A man was shot and wounded in Third Avenue, Alexandra, yesterday afternoon. Soweto police arrested two men who allegedly hurled a handgren-

ade at a group of early morning commuters at a taxi rank in Meadowlands. Nobody was injured in the blast.

At Phola Park squatter camp, Thokoza, police found the body of a man with hack and stab wounds. In another incident in the same area, police found the body of a policeman who was killed by gunmen with AK-47 rifles and robbed of his gun.

Between Denver and George Goch stations on the Witwatersrand police found the body of a man with stab wounds.

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# Alex in agony

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Sowetan Correspondent

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RENEWED fighting broke out in strife-torn Alexandra yesterday as a mob went on the rampage, killing at least two people, including a schoolchild.

A spokesman for the African National Congress in Alexandra said the mob, apparently from Madala Hostel, opened random fire on residents in their yards and attacked two schools near Third Avenue.

He said many people were injured in the attacks but Alexandra Clinic research manager Mr Ros Hirschowitz said only two people had been treated for gunshot wounds.

## Wielding axes

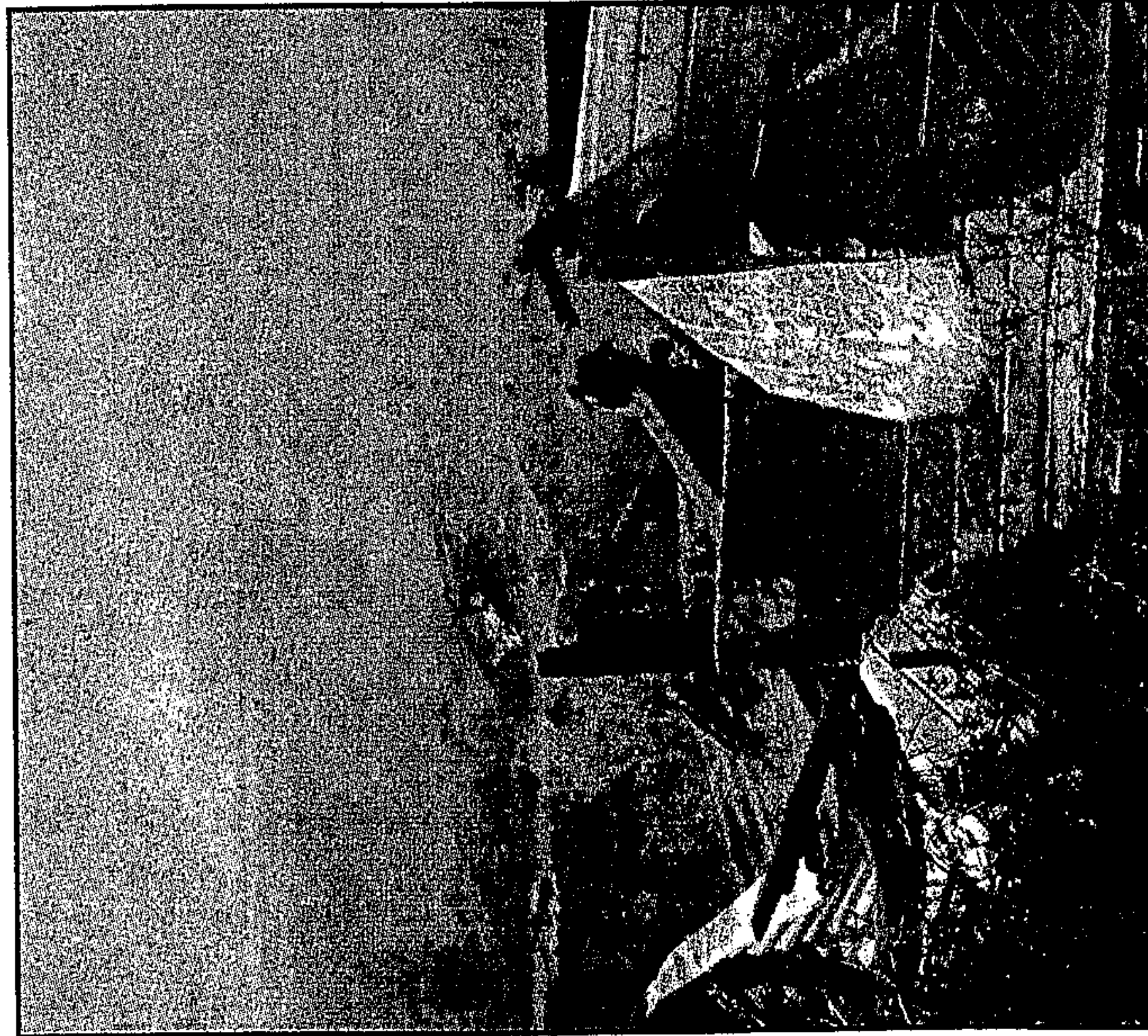
A woman said she had seen several people lying in the street in Selborne Road. She said a mob of people wielding axes, pangas and assegais had attacked people in Selborne and Acorn roads just before 10am.

"There are people running and screaming everywhere. Little children are just standing in this battlefield," she said.

Mr Steve Mashile, of the Alex-San Community Centre, said at least one person had been treated for gunshot wounds at the makeshift hospital in the centre. "We took him up to the Alex Clinic," he said.

Shooting could be heard at the clinic, echoing from the township during the morning.

The clinic was on standby to handle injuries, confident it could deal with an influx at least as large as last



A shack goes up in flames in a fresh outbreak of violence in the trouble-torn Alexandra Township yesterday. Pics: MBUZENI ZULU



A woman, with her minor child, fleeing their home as Alexandra is engulfed in flames.

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# Gunfire in Alex throughout night

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Frieda Neo Tladi, a five-year-old child was reported lost by her mother, Mrs Monica Tladi.

In an attack at about 5pm three people were injured when gunmen attacked a taxi rank in the township.

A running battle took place at about 7pm last night near the Alexandra clinic, forcing staff to hide under beds and tables, according to the clinic's manager, Mr David Robb.

By 10pm last night gunshots could be heard in the area and 13 people were treated at the clinic, according to Robb.

The chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, the Rev Busane Ngubane, said inmates of Madala Hostel had earlier in the evening attacked residents who retaliated.

ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa earlier said gunmen emerging from the hostel shot randomly at people and then retreated to the hostel.

Police liaison officer, Colonel Frans Malherbe, said he had heard of deaths last night but could not confirm a figure.

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# Security force reinforcements move in as Alex toll mounts

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Staff Reporters

Violence continued to rage in Alexandra last night, and the death toll mounted as the township simmered in a state of war and fear.

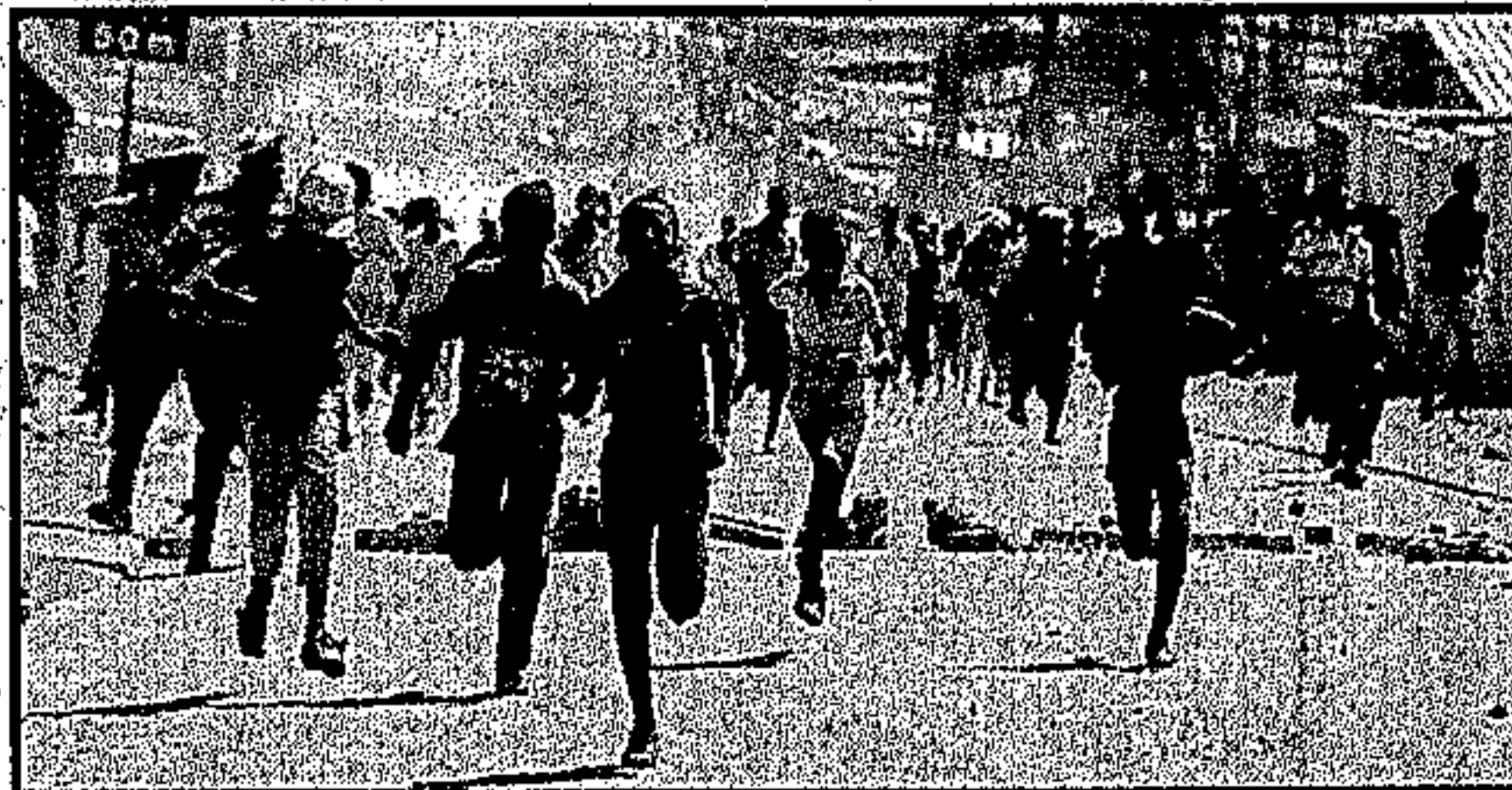
At least 10 people have been shot dead, five of them yesterday, and scores injured since Tuesday.

Urgent steps were taken at a crisis meeting yesterday to calm the situation as the ANC and IFP blamed one another for the killings.

A large number of security force reinforcements have been sent in, and two temporary police stations are to be set up, a hastily convened Interim Crisis Committee (ICC) decided yesterday at a meeting under the auspices of the Wits/Vaal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee, attended by community, church, political and security force representatives.

An Alexandra Clinic spokesman said last night that between midday and 7.30 pm staff had treated 31 people for gun wounds. Two people died at the clinic.

Yesterday's victims included a policeman, Warrant-Officer D S Pilane,



On the run . . . youths flee from teargas fired by police in Alexandra yesterday. Picture: Alf Kumalo

whose charred body was found on top of a burnt police vehicle. Another man, also believed to be a policeman, was found shot at his home in Second Avenue.

Yesterday, schools were closed and thousands of people stayed at home as all main roads were barricaded with rocks, burning tyres and overturned vehicles.

A group of chanting, heavily armed youths repeatedly attempted to attack Alexandra's two hostels, occupied mainly by IFP members, but were forced by police to retreat.

The ANC blamed the police and IFP for the contin-

uation of the violence.

The IFP in turn accused the ANC of being "bent on destroying the Zulus".

Rejecting allegations of partiality, Witwatersrand regional police commissioner Major-General Gerrit Erasmus said: "Should the police refrain for only 30 minutes to perform their duties in Alexandra, I guarantee total bloodshed and a complete breakdown of law and order".

At yesterday's meeting, the police undertook to immediately put 250 more men into Alexandra, and the SADF to establish a permanent presence there.



It is the role of police to stop even political crime, writes Victor Nell

# Police force passes the buck

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A documentary, "War on the Trains", was screened on TV1 at the weekend. On the balcony next to the railway sleepers lie torn bodies, blood oozing through white shirts. An immigrant from Mozambique coughs up his last breath as a bright yellow train speeds by; in the background is a policeman in camouflage uniform. Rows of wounded people sit on the platforms waiting for the ambulances, still in shock.

And the police, asks the reporter, do they protect you? Frightened faces turn away from the camera. They are there to protect us, says a woman guardedly, but who can say if they do protect us. A man swaying to the motion of the train says they always come afterwards, when the thing is finished. Then they come.

The tape cuts to a police spokesman, smooth and sincere. If we put 100 men on each station and 10 on each coach, he says patiently, we would need 70 000 men. We can't be everywhere. This matter is in the hands of the community. They must come forward and identify the attackers. Our hands are tied.

Is this a new trend for the new South Africa, do-it-yourself policing? It's an interesting view of police work, and very South African. For years traffic chiefs have persuaded drivers that safety is in their own hands. Traffic police shrug off their simple duty to enforce the law and instead convince drivers that South Africa's high accident rate is because they have bad attitudes.

The habit spreads. Since March 18, as referendum euphoria receded, a succession of Cabinet Ministers has warned that there can be no interim government until political parties can persuade their followers to desist from violence.



Victor Nell . . . do-it-yourself policing is not the answer.



Duty . . . while "clever" arguments are used to avoid supplying more train security, people are dying.

But political violence is a common crime, no more or less criminal than any other kind of crime; to turn it into the responsibility of "political parties" is devious. Isn't it the job of the police to prevent crime? Why has the responsibility for "stopping Inkatha" or "curbing the ANC" been passed back to political leaders?

This is an ominous metamorphosis in State perceptions of how law and order are to be maintained. In what other country do governments and police forces stand back, turning law and order over to the communities and politicians?

It is very clever saying that train security will need shifts of 70 000 men. By analogy, maintaining hijacking security on all of the world's airlines that between them carry, say, 1 000 times more passengers a day than Soweto trains, would need shifts of 70 000 men at a time. Yet since the '60s, when hijacking was something of

an international sport, an astonishing degree of airline security has been achieved, using something less than 70 million or even seven million security personnel a day.

The exiled South African poet Dennis Brutus was talking on the radio on Sunday night, just before "War on the Trains" came on TV. He recalled living in Fordsburg in the '60s and writing about the incessant screaming of police sirens up and down his road, enforcing the pass laws and arresting "terrorists".

This country had a police force famous (or notorious) throughout the world for its speed and efficiency. Nothing was beyond its powers. It penetrated every nook and cranny of South African society. In 1960, or even 1980, how far would a car carrying four men armed with automatic rifles killing pedestrians at random have travelled before it was hunted down and surrounded?

If the ANC had been suspected of orchestrating "unrest" on trains, how long would it have continued? How many arrests would have been made on Day 1 and how many on Day 2? Now the hands of the police are tied. The community must come forward.

There is something very sick in our society, and all of us are dying from it. Some of us are dying literally, with dreadful wounds; others feel hope dying, and our belief that decent people can live decent lives in this society that is slipping headlong into anarchy.

Of all the priorities facing South Africans at this time, one stands out above the rest: how to get a police force that takes responsibility for doing its own job, and is accountable for doing it well. □

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# ALEX at war

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## Anarchy as residents fight on streets

**Own Correspondent  
JOHANNESBURG.** —  
**Alexandra township  
was on the verge of an-  
archy and open warfare  
last night as groups of  
armed residents clashed  
in barricaded streets,  
police were stoned and  
troops came under fire.**

At least seven people have died and an estimated 50 have been wounded since Tuesday in the township, which nestles alongside the upmarket suburb of Sandton.

Most injuries were from rifles. A doctor who treated casualties yesterday said "a full-scale war" was taking place between rival black factions.

Township warfare has killed more than 3 000 people in the

past 20 months, and 30 people have died countrywide since Saturday.

Last night thousands of Alexandra residents huddled fearfully near their homes or milled excitedly by smoking barricades beside boulders, felled trees and wrecked vehicles.

Many carried unlit petrol bombs.

Police admitted it was unlikely that the violence would soon be brought under control.

"Should the police refrain only for 30 minutes to perform their duties in Alexandra, I guarantee a total bloodshed and a complete breakdown of law and order," regional Witwatersrand police commissioner Major-General Gerrit Erasmus said last night.

It was clear that the ANC and Inkatha had no control whatsoever over their members and supporters, he said, rejecting claims by the ANC and Inkatha that

police were to blame for the violence.

Yesterday two policemen were killed and an SADF member was injured when he was hit by a sniper bullet.

Several children, aged between six and 14, were taken to Alexandra Clinic in the late afternoon to be treated, mainly for bullet wounds.

The township was engulfed in flames and smoke when large groups of residents, taking part in an impromptu stayaway, erected barricades of burning tyres and car shells, stones and huge pieces of scrap metal, blocking almost every street.

Scores of youths hurled petrol bombs and stones at the large contingent of police armoured vehicles patrolling the streets and throughout the afternoon, rifle fire, reportedly from the Madala hostel, could be heard.

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The hostel's mostly Zulu-speaking residents have been at the centre of much of the violence since the weekend.

Dozens of squatter shacks were set alight by petrol bombs yesterday, with residents fleeing the area around the hostel.

Policemen with automatic rifles stood guard while firemen tried to bring the fires under control.

SADF members, whom residents generally regard as being impartial, came under fire.

Shots fired at an army patrol vehicle wounded a soldier.

W/O B S Piani, of the Bra police vehicle in the strife-torn township.

Police reinforcements were brought in from several surrounding areas yesterday in an attempt to end the fighting.

Spokesmen for Alexandra Clinic reported that they had treated more than 50 injured people yesterday, most for gunshot wounds.

A Witwatersrand police liaison officer confirmed that a policeman was burnt to death on the bonnet of a car, and said he had received an unconfirmed report of the death of another.

ANC Alexandra spokesman Mr Oped Bapela said: "Alexandra is in a state of war, blaming the police and Inkatha 'bandits' for the continuing violence.

Remains of Alexandra policeman, on the bonnet of his burnt-out car.

Picture: AP



# Residents tried to smash hostel

JOHANNESBURG. — Fearful and angry Alexandra residents yesterday fought back against ongoing violence with a work stayaway and tried to march on the Madala hostel to demolish it. (278) CT 24/92

At one stage the sprawling, poverty-stricken township threatened to explode into open warfare as thousands of residents squared up to a large contingent of police in the streets.

The residents carried firearms, petrol bombs, iron rods and stones.

SAP vehicles were also continuous-

ly stoned by groups of residents throughout the day.

The attacks prompted a senior police liaison officer, Colonel Frans Malherbe, to say that the violence had seemingly shifted from rival political factions to against police.

The residents' attempt to march on the migrant workers' hostel was blocked by police mounted on armoured vehicles who fired teargas.

Residents living near the hostel charge that its inhabitants are the perpetrators of the violence. However, hostel residents blame the Al-

exandra community for sparking the violence. The hostel is largely regarded as being the stronghold of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

The hostel is a medieval-looking five-storey building that dominates Alexandra.

Many residents say the violence came to the township in March last year when between 400 and 500 Inkatha supporters evicted the original residents and took over the hostel.

Since then, residents say, Madala's new occupants have used it as a base for staging raids into the township.

Recently the hostel's inhabitants have been accused of sniping at township residents from the hostel's upper floors.

Until Inkatha supporters and ANC supporters engaged in township battles for political supremacy, Alexandra was one of the Transvaal's more stable townships with a strong and pragmatic civic organisation.

One of the smallest townships in the PWV area, it has an overcrowding problem. An estimated 250 000 people live in an area of four square kilometres.

Zim farmers  
snub Kraai

Protea emblem



## Grenade blast in bus: 7 hurt

JOHANNESBURG. — A woman was seriously injured and six other people were hurt when a grenade exploded inside a Putco bus in Soweto yesterday. (178)

In Zululand, two policemen were shot and wounded after being led into an ambush.

An 18-year-old youth was shot dead when the house of an ANC official was petrol-bombed near Empangeni. CT 214/92



# Grenade in bus

A WOMAN was seriously injured and six other people were hurt when a handgrenade exploded inside a Putco bus in Soweto last night. *Soweto*

A spokesman for Soweto police, Colonel Fanyana Zwane, said the bus was going past Meadowlands Hostel at 6.20pm when the grenade was thrown through a window. *24/9/2*

The explosion tore a hole in the floor of the bus and knocked out most of the glass.

The bus was carrying passengers from town to Soweto. - *Sapa*.



# Drastic steps taken to heal bleeding Alex

*Sowetan 21/8/97*  
By JOE MDHLELA

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THE security forces yesterday undertook to step up their operations in an attempt to restore stability in the trouble-torn Alexandra Township.

The undertaking was made after a seven-hour meeting of the Witwatersrand/Vaal regional dispute resolution committee in Johannesburg.

The meeting was attended by political and community organisations including the ANC, the IFP, churches, the Democratic Party, police, the South African Defence Force and representatives of the displaced people of Alexandra Township.

A representative of the SADF undertook to institute a permanent presence of soldiers at a support point in the township as soon as possible.

He said this would include patrols around Alexandra Clinic, one of the township's trouble spots.

Police said they would increase the number of their personnel to 250. A spokesman said they would start patrolling the township with immediate effect.

The spokesman added that temporary police stations would be set up near Madala Hostel and 17th Avenue, an area where attacks have been frequent.

An interim crisis committee, consisting of the Reverend Liz Carmichael, representing the churches, Deane Yates, representing relief groups, Melanie Stewart of the Democratic Party, Mr Mike Beca of the Alexandra Civic Association and the ANC, and Mr Bruce Anderson of the IFP, was elected.

The committee will liaise with the security forces and all concerned parties.



# FULL SCALF

# WAR

*Sowetan 2/4/92*  
**GUN and bomb warfare**  
 raged in Alexandra in Johannesburg overnight and yesterday, claiming the lives of at least three people and leaving more than 30 injured.

Sapa-Reuter

shackle township on the edge of Johannesburg's rich neighbour, Sandton.

The African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party have blamed each other for what one policeman called "a mini civil war".

In other political unrest, a woman was shot dead in Natal on Tuesday night and

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The deployment of the SADF was given a big thumbs-up by Alexandra residents yesterday.

## War in Alex

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a policeman was killed by AK-47 rifle fire in Sharpeville, in the Vaal Triangle.

As police vehicles sped through Alexandra township amid scattered gunfire, flying rocks and burning shacks yesterday, police spokesman Colonel Eugene Opperman said: "We thought all was going well with the negotiations but it seems not."

He blamed Inkatha and the ANC.

Inkatha spokesman Musa Myeni said the ANC had thousands of automatic weapons and was "bent on destroying the Zulus".

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma accused Inkatha of fighting to delay voting for a multiracial interim government.

"Lots of violence makes it difficult to hold an election," he said.

Many local people said the fighting began when Inkatha supporters began firing from the local hostel.

- Sapa-Reuter.





Mr Mike Beea, of the Alexandra Civic Association, Ms Melanie Steward, of the Democratic Party, and the Rev Liz Carmichael, who represented the church, at a meeting of the Witwatersrand/Vaal regional dispute resolution committee yesterday.

Pic: LEN KUMALO

# Pupils idle as violence rages

THE ongoing township violence has destabilised education in Alexandra and Soweto - causing more

than 19 schools to close days before today's of-

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

Official closure.

Thousands of Alexandra pupils have lost valuable school time because of the violence.

On Tuesday there were reports that marauding groups had shot at children at MC Weiler Lower Primary School.

A mass exodus of residents since March 7 has also kept many of the children away from the classrooms.

"Displacement has been the major cause of school disruptions," an ANC official in Alexandra, Miss Sizakele Nkosi said.

"On Tuesday schooling came to a standstill after a seven-year-old boy from Dr Knack Primary was shot as he ran away from the school."

Nkosi said children who attended schools outside the township could also not go to school in the past two days, especially yesterday.

"Taxi drivers stayed indoors and those children who dared to leave their homes were stranded."

Meanwhile, the Soweto branch of the South African Democratic Teachers Union yesterday said seven schools in Zone 1 Meadowlands, Killarney and Mzimhlophe had been destabilised.

Anchor High School in Mzimhlophe has been closed for four weeks.

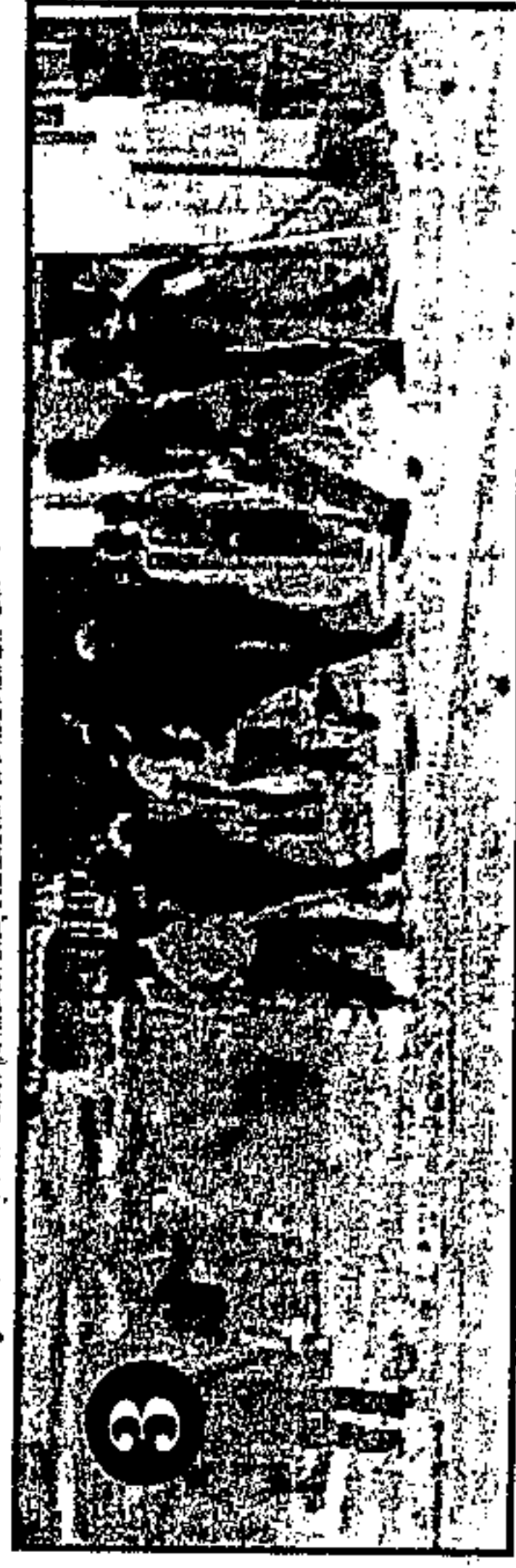
Sadtu spokesman Mr Oupa Mpetha said schools had been disrupted continuously.

"There is no hope that Anchor will reopen as long as this violence persists."

A community meeting will be held on Saturday at Phefeni Senior Secondary at 2pm to discuss the effects of violence on education.

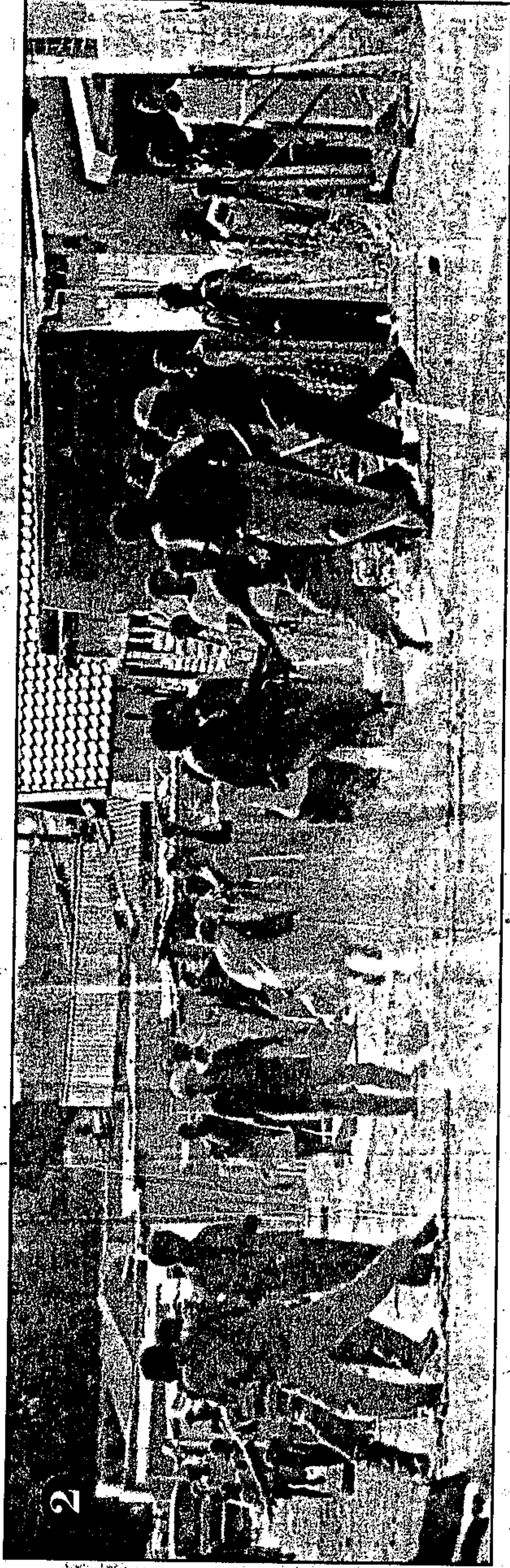
Parents of children at Anchor will meet at Uncle Tom's Hall on Sunday at 9am to discuss the crisis.





Brush with death ... (1) youths accost an unidentified young man in Third Avenue, Alexandria, yesterday. (2) They try to manhandle him to the ground as petrol spilt around him bursts into flames, but he breaks free (3) and escapes to the police.

Pictures: Joao Silva



Goldstone Commission probes bloodshed as toll rises to 11

# The horror of Alexandria

By Thabo Leshilo (278)  
Guy Jepson  
and Bronwyn Wilkinson

The Goldstone Commission has launched an urgent inquiry into bloody violence which has left Alexandria township a zone of terror.

Police reported last night that 11 people had been killed and scores injured

since Tuesday in two days of heavy gunfire and petrol bombings.

There was relative calm yesterday but residents continued to flee the area.

Yesterday youths beat and tried to set alight a man in full view of journalists. He managed to break free and ran past the Madala hostel to a police patrol.

Police reported one death yesterday and an Alexandria Clinic spokesman said be-

tween midnight and 3 pm seven people had been injured. Three had been shot.

Two others had been stabbed and two assaulted. In Second Avenue, two blocks from the IFP-dominated Madala hostel, several families were leaving their homes for the comparative safety of the council offices.

At the Alexandria Clinic research manager Ros Hirschowitz said an emergency clinic would be open on

weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm at the Alessan Kopano Centre.

Yesterday the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry — at the request of the ANC and IFP — launched an inquiry into the violence.

"Mr Justice Goldstone appealed to all parties, including the SAP and SADF, to submit evidence 'as a matter of urgency'."

He said the commission, which was set up to examine

public violence and intimidation, would also welcome submissions from the public concerning the causes of the Alexandria eruption.

SA Council of Churches (SACC) secretary-general the Rev Frank Chikane yesterday said church leaders were calling on law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel to visit the township to ensure "proper policing".

Dr Chikane said the demand that Mr Kriel inter-

vene personally in Alexandria had been communicated by Catholic Bishop Wilfred Napier on Wednesday.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze confirmed that such a request had been made but said it had been agreed that the minister would agree to it.

The minister, he said, was doing everything possible to ensure peace in Alexandria.

He added it was a fallacy to think that the solution to the

situation in Alexandria lay in increased police presence. He blamed the violence on the ANC and IFP and said it was up to the leaders of the two organisations to "get together to spread the message (of peace) to their grassroots".

Captain Kotze rejected as "nonsense" the SACC view that police had failed to stop the ongoing violence and were "perpetuating" it.

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# SACC plea on township carnage

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By Thabo Leshilo  
Political Staff

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The South African Council of Churches is to ask the international community to pressure the Government into stopping the killings in townships and make such action a precondition to ending sanctions.

The decision, announced by SACC secretary-general the Rev Frank Chikane in Johannesburg yesterday, was adopted at a meeting of the SACC leadership on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Recently, the Government made the ending of violence — which it blamed on black politicians jockeying for power — one of its conditions for the establishment of an interim government.

Dr Chikane said the SACC was convinced the country's powerful security apparatus had the capacity to stop the ongoing violence.

The security forces, however, had failed to do so and were instead "perpetuating or permitting" violence.

He added it was unfair to expect black leaders to stop the ongoing violence as they had neither the armed ability nor intelligence service necessary to deal with the armed units which covertly sowed mayhem in the townships.

The church leaders believed the only way peace could be achieved was by putting the SAP, SADF, homeland armies, liberation armies and other armies into a united force under joint com-

mand "in the spirit of movement to a new society."

"This is an essential element of the interim government arrangements," Dr Chikane said, adding that all relevant parties inside and outside Codesa would be contacted about the SACC decision.

Other decisions were that:

- Urgent meetings be sought with the Government and the National Peace Committee about the ongoing violence.

- The SACC host a summit on violence to which all black leaders would be invited.

- The Goldstone Commission of inquiry into political violence be urged to investigate the causes of violence in Meadowlands.



# Alexandra counts dead after fighting

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Alexandra was quieter yesterday after two days of fighting between political factions left at least 11 dead and scores injured, but sporadic attacks continued.

The Goldstone Commission — after requests from the ANC and Inkatha — said yesterday it had launched an urgent inquiry into the cause of the violence. The chairman, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, appealed to all interested parties, including the police and SADF, to place evidence and submissions before him.

The death toll rose yesterday with the discovery of two bodies, one next to the Madala hostel — whose occupants Alexandra residents claimed were responsible for the violence.

Police and community leaders believed angry residents, "sick and tired" of the violence, had somehow brought it under control. People returned to work and pupils attended school.

"The large-scale deployment of security personnel definitely also played an important role," said Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

Meanwhile, the general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane, said South African church leaders would ask the international community to make the ending of violence a precondition for scrapping sanctions.

He told a news conference that church leaders believed the only way violence could be ended was by placing all armed formations under one command. Church

leaders felt the government was relinquishing its responsibility by expecting citizens to solve the violence.

He said a meeting of church leaders had decided to telephone Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel to demand proper policing in Alexandra.

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According to the latest unrest report issued by the police in Pretoria yesterday, there were three more deaths at Sharpeville, in Vereeniging, and at Meadowlands and Dobsonville in Soweto. The men, one a policeman, were shot or hacked to death.

● In Johannesburg yesterday, Sapa reports, the Azanian Students Convention, the student wing of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, called on the various liberation armies to come out of hiding and defend black lives to bring an end to the current violence.



**WAR ZONE** ... A member of the security forces covers the body of a man killed in Alexandra where at least 11 people died in the continuing violence yesterday.



# Churchmen link violence to curbs

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THE country's church leaders will ask the international community to make the ending of violence a precondition to the scrapping of sanctions, the South African Council of Churches said yesterday.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg, SACC general secretary the Reverend Frank Chikane said church leaders believed the only way violence could end was by placing all armed formations under one command.

Chikane was reporting back on decisions made at a two-day meeting of South African church leaders which ended on Wednesday.

He said the churchmen had decided to call an "emergency summit" of community leaders to discuss the violence.

The church leaders felt the Government was relinquishing its responsibility by expecting citizens to

solve the violence, Chikane said.

Non-government political leaders did not have the intelligence units required to act against the "underground covert operations" which were causing the violence, he said.

Chikane said they had decided to phone Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel to demand proper policing of Alexandra.

An "exposure visit" to Alexandra for ambassadors would be arranged as part of the effort to rally international pressure.

The church leaders also decided to press for a national programme with a stated timetable to convert all hostels into normal family flats.

Another decision included pressing the Goldstone Commission to look at the root causes of violence in Meadowlands, Soweto. - SA Press Association.



# Uneasy calm returns to Alex after 12 deaths in two days of

ALEXANDRA was quieter yesterday after two days of fighting between political factions left 12 dead and scores injured, but sporadic incidents of petrol bombings, stonings and attacks continued.

The Goldstone commission — after requests from the ANC and Inkatha — said yesterday it had launched an urgent inquiry into the cause of the violence. Chairman, Judge Richard Goldstone, appealed to all interested parties, including the police and SADF, to place evidence and submissions before him, saying members of the public could testify in secret.

The death toll rose yesterday with the discovery of two bodies, one next to the Madala hostel — whose occupants Alexandra residents claimed were responsible for the violence.

Police and community leaders believed angry residents, "sick and tired" of the violence, had somehow brought it under control. People returned to work yesterday and pupils attended school.

"The large-scale deployment of security personnel definitely also played an important role," Witwatersrand SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said.

## STEPHANE BOTHEMA

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A temporary clinic and two temporary police stations are being set up.

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# 'River of blood' warning for riot-torn Alex

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## The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Alexandra is in an explosive state of tension, with many residents living in terror as the Goldstone Commission launched an urgent inquiry into the battles which raged across the township this week.

A "relative" peace was reported as leading political figures were drawn into the fray yesterday by demands for strong action to return law and order to the township and by calls for leaders to exercise control over their followers.

But vicious, isolated attacks continued.

A nursing sister at Alexandra Clinic said: "We will see a river of blood in the streets of this place before people stop this. I fear for my life. I fear for the children."

As she spoke some residents continued to flee the area, although business activity in the township resumed.

The Reverend Busani Ngu-bane, chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, said although violence had subsided in most parts of the township, areas around hostels were very tense.

"It is perhaps optimistic to think the violence has subsided," he said.

Police said last night that 11 people had been killed and scores injured since Tuesday in

two days of heavy gunfire and petrol-bombings.

Yesterday youths beat up a man and tried to set him alight in full view of journalists. The man broke free and ran to a police patrol.

Police reported one death yesterday and an Alexandra Clinic spokesman said seven people had been injured. Three had been shot.

Two others had been stabbed and two assaulted.

In Second Avenue, two blocks from the IFP-dominated Madala hostel, families were fleeing their homes for the comparative safety of the council offices.

Yesterday the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry — at the request of the ANC and the IFP — launched an inquiry into the violence.

Mr Justice R. Goldstone appealed to all parties to submit evidence "as a matter of urgency."

He said the commission, which was set up to examine public violence and intimidation, would also welcome submissions from the public about the causes of the Alexandra eruption.

The South African Council of Churches (SACC) is to ask the international community to pressure President de Klerk's government into stopping the killings.



IN Friday April 3 1992



Police remove barricades erected in Alexandra Township as violence raged on yesterday.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU.

# Inquiry into Alex violence

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**THE Goldstone Commission yesterday launched an urgent inquiry into the violence racking Alexandra following requests to do so from the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party.**

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## Sowetan Correspondent

statements made by senior police officers concerning the Alexandra carnage.

Goldstone said the commission would also welcome submissions from the public, either in writing or orally, concerning the causes of the Alexandra eruption. People could arrange to testify confidentially.

"The name of such a person will be kept secret if that is the wish of such person," the judge said.

The commission can be reached at (012) 320 4640/1/2 or Private Bag X858, Pretoria, 0001.



# Uneasy calm lies over Alex

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**TROUBLE-TORN** Alexandra remained explosive yesterday despite an uneasy calm that hung over the township after days of fierce fighting in which several were killed and many injured.

The township was tense with occasional sounds of gunfire accompanied by the explosion of handgrenades in Third Avenue.

Thousands of residents returned to work yesterday after three days of fierce fighting in which at least 11 people were killed and many injured.

By yesterday the official toll of people injured exceeded 30 since the beginning of the week, but sources said the figure could be as high as 100.

## Fear

Business activity was back to normal and taxi ranks and shops were busy for the first time since the fighting started, although fear still stalked the township. On Wednesday the township had come to a virtual standstill and people had stayed away from work.

The spontaneous stayaway was in response to the brutality which has left scores of people without homes after they were burnt down by hostel dwellers.

Many other residents fled their homes in fear of

By **JOE MDHLELA**

attacks from hostel dwellers and have been housed in churches and municipal offices.

The local leadership yesterday confirmed that the township was relatively quiet but said it could explode anytime.

## Simmering

Chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, the Rev Busani Ngubane, said although violence had subsided in most parts of the township, the area around the hostels was still simmering.

"Gunshots have been heard coming from Madala Hostel. It is perhaps being optimistic to think the violence has subsided," Ngubane said.

An African National Congress spokesman in the area expressed concern that police had been posted at Madala Hostel.

The spokesman said the organisation would rather have SA Defence Force personnel patrol the hostels.

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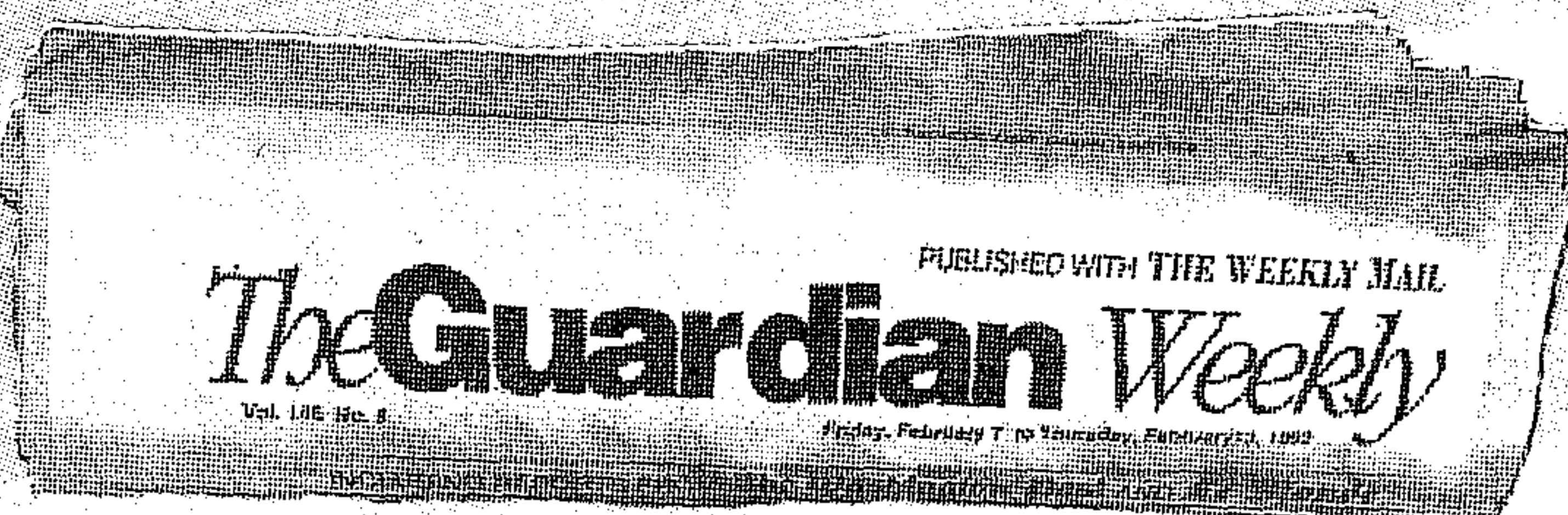
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## Behind the lines

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A sudden burst of gunfire strikes a man in the leg. His comrades instantly spring after him and pull him out of danger, screaming for an ambulance

At the corner of Rooth Street and Third Avenue in Alexandra township, a bloody battle raged this week — just one of many pocket civil wars that have flared up throughout the country, in which residents fight and die ... and no-one really knows why.

On one corner of the intersection, heavily armed Inkatha men were holed up on premises which they seized from the residents two weeks ago. Intermittently the men darted out of their hide-outs behind Zozo huts to fire shots randomly down the street.

Alexandra residents were grouped behind shacks and houses lower down Third Avenue where they returned the gunfire.

Many were obviously ANC-supporting comrades, but others said they had no political allegiance. They were simply ordinary residents of Third Avenue, fighting to protect their houses.

A *Weekly Mail* team hid nearby, watching for several hours each day. Bursts of AK47 fire could be heard occasionally and the exchange of handgun fire was relentless. It was often impossible to tell where the shooting came from, and even less clear where it was headed.

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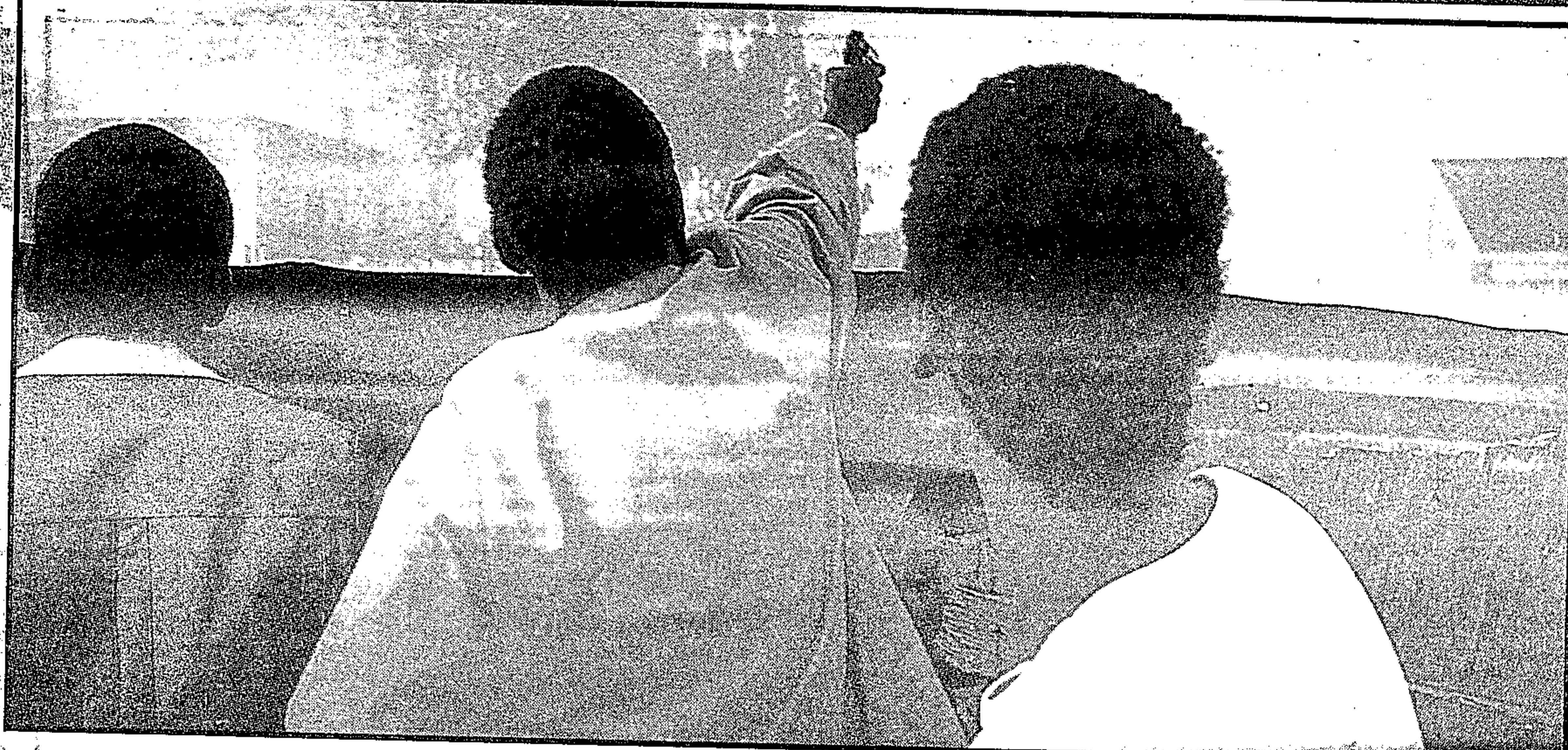
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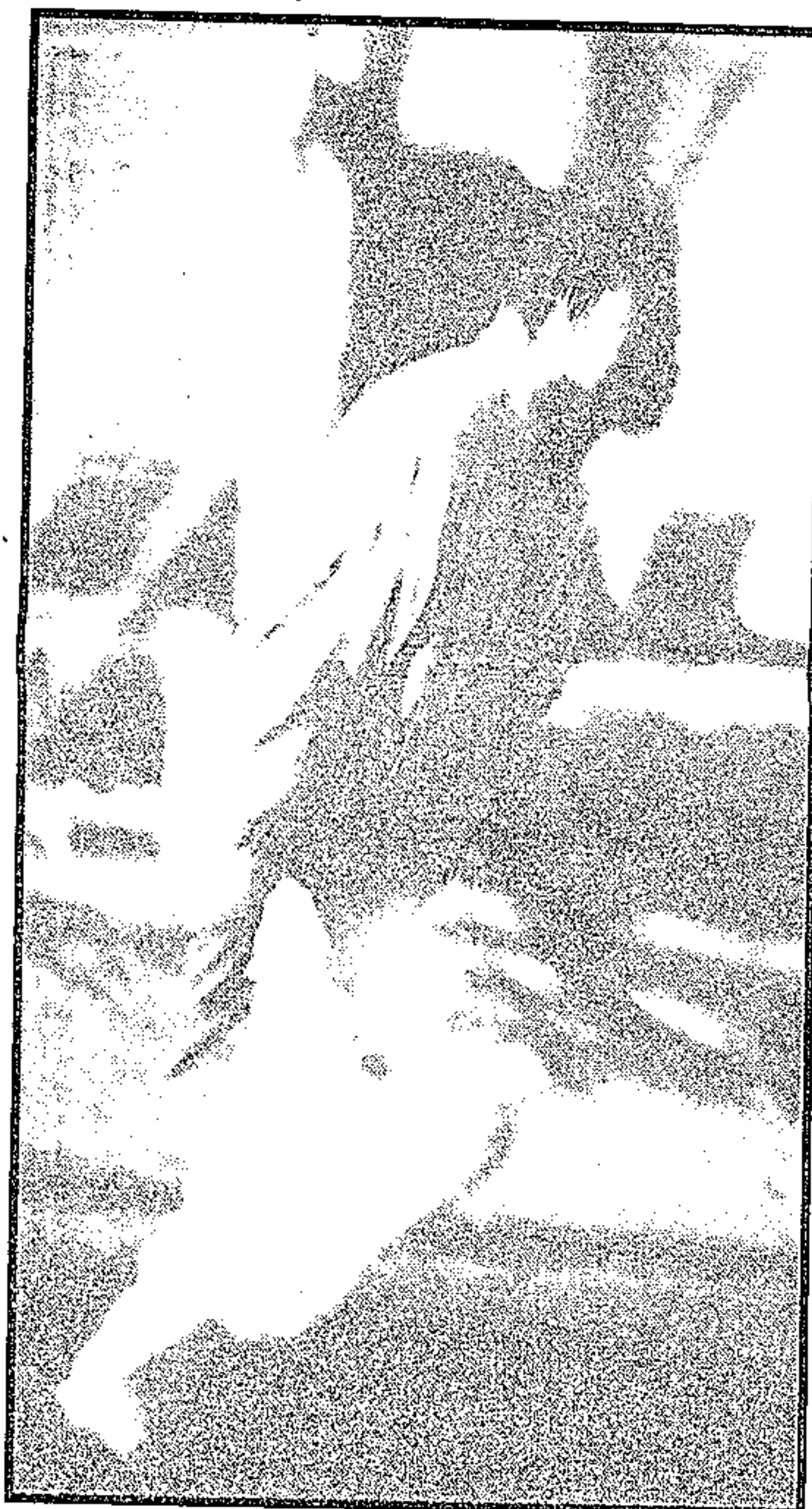
A resident takes cover (far left) behind a corrugated iron fence and a dustbin lid in the ongoing battles between residents and hostel dwellers in Alexandra this week

A man blindly returns fire amid a gun-battle in the streets of Alexandra (left)

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A pistol-wielding resident sprints across Third Avenue while fighting rages around him

house, doused the flames from behind.

Women and children could be seen leaving the area with bundles of clothes and bedding. One frightened middle-aged woman scurried outside to pull her washing inside. "We have not slept since Monday," she said. "We are terrified."

In true Beirut style, warriors took a "lunchbreak" and for a couple of hours the shooting abated.

As armed residents grouped behind shacks to strategise, many smoked dagga in preparation of more attacks. They told of how they would die fighting the police and Inkatha and how they would never leave their homes.

"The police are the ones doing the shooting," said Emma Lekanyane, from a house a few hundred metres from the battle-zone, later that afternoon.

Many of the women came to the streets at dusk and crouched behind walls, watching the action. "We are not supporters of any organisation but we don't want these Inkatha people here. We have to force them out and the police too must leave," said Lekanyane.

Most residents said all the police did was teargas them and accused the police of blatant bias towards Inkatha.

One woman told how she saw comrades capture two Inkatha men from a nearby shebeen in Second Avenue on Tuesday afternoon and drag them into Third Avenue. The men were being interrogated by an angry crowd when suddenly two comrades, carrying guns with silencers, ran up to them and shot each of

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A resident dashes for cover as others move forward with petrol bombs in hand

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them in the head several times.

When truckloads of black soldiers from 21 Battalion in Sasolburg began to pour in at about 5pm, the crowds welcomed them like heroes. Women toyi-toyed in the streets and people leapt about with clenched fists. The soldiers waved as though being honoured in a ticker-tape parade.

"The black SADF's are helping us. They don't want this corruption. But the Boers in their Casspirs are shooting at us. When the soldiers are there they are too scared to shoot," said "Chris", who would not give his surname.

But after moving up war-torn Third Avenue, the troops disappeared and the shooting began again in earnest. At one point a car pulled up, swerved sharply into a driveway and seconds later drove off again. "They came to deliver weapons," said a local activist, nodding knowingly.

**"I'm not an ANC. I'm an ordinary person. But the IFP is attacking us and the police are not protecting us"**

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Later in the afternoon, residents set alight a house on the corner from which the hostel dwellers were firing.

Hector Moekena stood watching his mother's house go up in flames. "We were forced to move out of there on Tuesday by the people from the hostel. But we cannot blame the comrades (for setting the house alight). We blame those people that chased us out and moved in."

At dusk, many of the people holed up in the shacks and houses began to cross back to Madala Hostel.

The Casspirs formed a barricade at

the intersection between the men and the rest of the residents to allow the hostel dwellers and women carrying large bundles of bedding and other goods to cross to the safety of the hostel.

The crowds booed angrily at what they saw as a blatant display of police partiality. "See, they are moving to the hostel and the police are protecting them. But where are they when we need protection?" a resident said.

Others cried angrily that their own possessions were being moved from their now-Inkatha occupied houses

into the hostel.

People began to move nearer to the Casspirs and the intersection. Some approached one of the Casspirs and asked police inside why they had blocked the road to protect the Inkatha people and why they themselves were not given protection.

One policeman replied that they had parked there to wait for the firemen to come and douse the flames of the burning house.

Shortly afterwards, as dusk began to fall, the Casspirs pulled to the side of the intersection near the hostel. The residents who had approached the Casspirs grew scared when the Casspirs withdrew, realising they were standing in the middle of the war zone with no buffer. Several people however, continued to stand on the corner, not far from the hostel.

Suddenly there was burst of gunfire from the direction of the hostel and two men who had been standing near the corner fell. Both had been shot in the head and died instantly.

One of the men, whose head was virtually blown off, had been standing next to me a few moments before at the Casspir. He had spoken to me and to the police. He had asked angrily why the police offered no protection and why they had done nothing to rout out the people hiding in the Zozo cabins.

Another man, shot in the legs, was rapidly picked up and rushed to safety. Police jumped out of the Casspirs, brandishing heavy arms, then quickly strapped the bodies on to stretchers and dumped them inside.

Some of the comrades came running to the scene with guns behind their backs, mere inches from the police. Stunned at what they had seen, people simply stood there, frightened and angry. Armed residents began to return gunfire and sporadic shooting continued into the night.

Though people were returning to work on Thursday morning, men still thronged around the houses on Third Avenue, awaiting more gunfire from

the direction of the hostel. They were locked in a war they said would never end. So far at least 10 people had died, including a seven-year-old.

Two men told how they had been staying in the hostel until the end of last year. "I've been staying in the hostel since 1972," said Peter Mashatola. But I moved out last year because the security forces bought Inkatha from Natal to move in. The IFP were not here before."

Many people — mostly women and children — have sought refuge at the local Presbyterian church and the Sankopano recreational centre.

Petunia Sathekge (24) told how she had been staying at the church for the past two weeks. Her home, opposite the hostel in Third Avenue, is in the area now occupied by Inkatha.

"They took my uncle's place and we decided to leave because our house is in the same yard. They broke our windows and took our clothes and money. See, that's why I am only eating amasi and no meat. They took my granny's money."

Sathekge, with a gash on her forehead sustained when fleeing teargas fired at marching residents the previous week, said she and the rest of her family had been forced to join Inkatha and buy IFP cards costing R5.

"I'm not ANC. I'm an ordinary person," she said emphatically. "But the IFP is attacking us and the police are not protecting us."

Many tired residents, who have barely slept since raging gun battles broke out early this week, returned to work on Thursday morning ferried by taxis swerving around barricades, restoring some sense of normality to the chaotic, war-ravaged township.

But most streets were still heavily barricaded with rocks, trees and burnt out cars and many armed residents still thronged Third Avenue, waiting tensely for renewed firing to come from the Inkatha hideout.

One man, a gun in his pocket, stood on a corner with his wife and baby, waiting for their lift to arrive. He, like many other men, wasn't going anywhere. "They are still fighting there and I cannot leave to go to work. My house is near the corner up there. They'll burn my things." The man said he had been engaged in running battles since early in the week and had not slept since Monday.

"What are they fighting for? I do know," he shrugged.

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**THE REEF VIOLENCE:** Two observers argue the Government benefits from the violence that constantly shadows the negotiation process

# Wars or total strategy?

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In seeking to understand the Reef violence, one question should be asked: who benefits?

The Reef violence is a product of political transition in South Africa. It began in July 1990, as the African National Congress suspended its armed struggle, as it was drawn into negotiations and began to create a legal infrastructure inside South Africa.

Since then, the violence has provided a constant shadow to the negotiation process. Its peaks and troughs mirror the waxing and waning fortunes of the National Party Government as it seeks to negotiate a future South Africa in which it retains minority control of economic and political power.

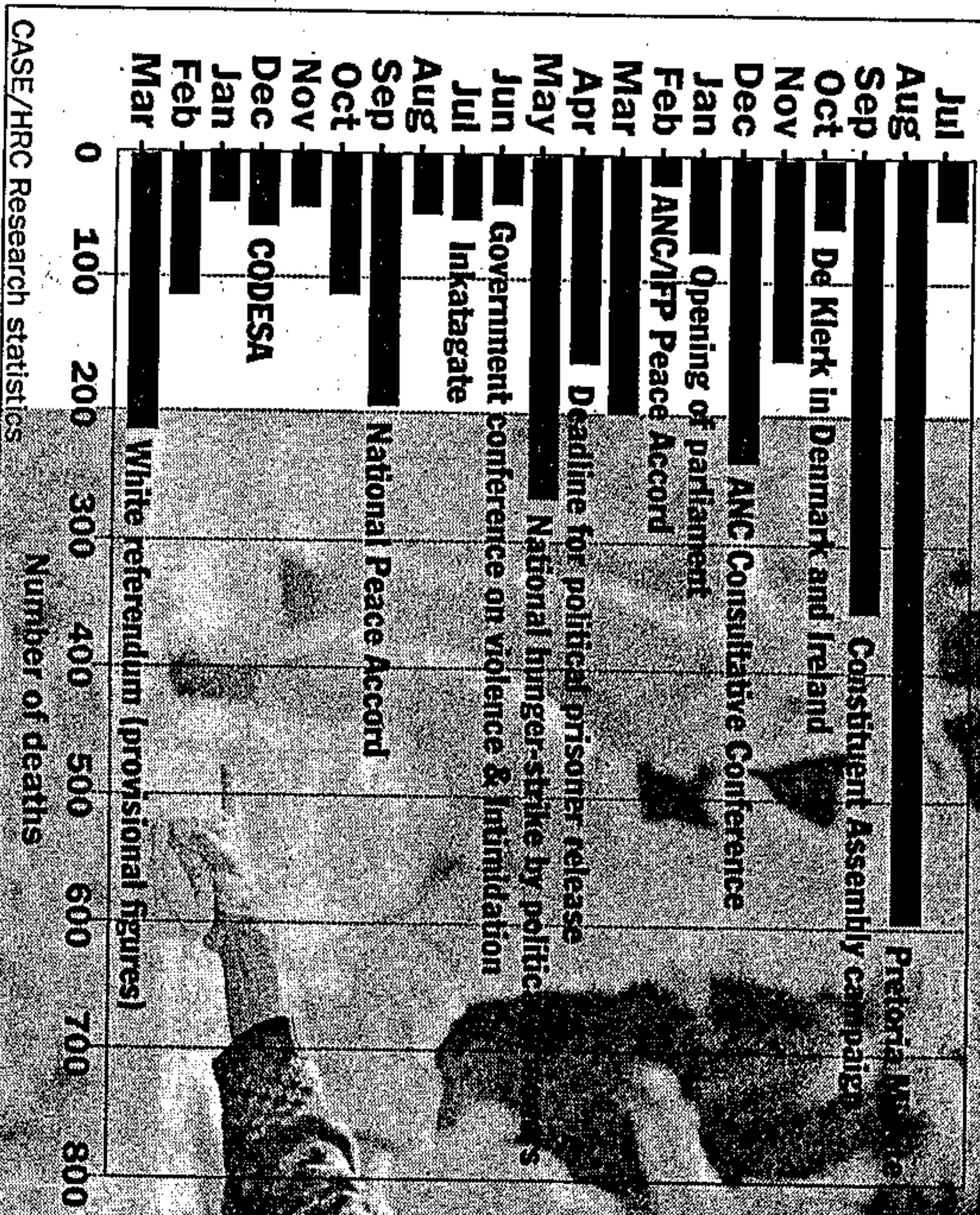
There is clear evidence that the violence erupts at points when it most weakens the ANC and its allies, and dies down strategically when it would most harm the Government.

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## Violence and the political calendar



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Number of deaths

lence began, and why it was moved from Natal to the Reef.

**Understanding**

By David Everatt, deputy director of the Community Agency for Social Enquiry (Case), and Safoora Sadek, co-ordinator of the HRC, from material prepared for the International Commission of Jurists

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When the Government was manoeuvred into the National Peace Accord, which threatened Government control through the use of independent arbitrators (church and business), the violence increased significantly.

In contrast, when F W de Klerk visited Europe's two staunchest proponents of sanctions (Denmark and Ireland) in October 1990, the death toll on the Reef dropped from 356 to 56; on his return, it rose again to 157.

The same pattern is visible throughout 1991 and 1992. It reflects the near-symbiotic relationship which exists between violence and the political calendar in South Africa.

The Reef violence is inseparable from the political facts of life in South Africa. In every opinion poll conducted after February 1990, the ANC has won an average of 70 percent or more of black political support. This far outstrips its nearest rivals: the IAC average less than 5 percent while Inkatha receives an average of only 1 percent. (See John Aitchison: The Opinion Polls: How the parties fare, CAFE 1991).

In other words, a genuinely democratic election would see the ANC capturing the vast majority of African votes. The PWV region is both the economic heartland of South Africa, and the most densely populated. The near political threat posed to the future of all other political movements by the ANC's popularity would appear to explain why the vio-

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lence began, and why it was moved from Natal to the Reef.

## Understanding the violence

The Reef violence appears to represent the domestication of low intensity conflict with the South African Government perpetrated in Mozambique, Angola and Namibia. As the formal apparatus of South African repression has been dismantled, its function — to hamstring and cripple political opposition — has been carried out by the violence. It has proved far more internationally palatable.

Economic sanctions have been widely lifted, diplomatic, sporting and other links have been re-established. At the same time, the liberation movements and their allies seek to undertake normal political activity in a community that is destabilised by horrific levels of bloodshed.

## The winners

Two political parties have clearly benefited from the Reef violence. The first is the National Party Government in that its major political opponent, the ANC, has been unable to translate black support into an organised membership.

This is compounded by the inability of the ANC to respond to calls from township residents for defence against the onslaught. The ANC's major focus has shifted from political organising to organising funerals and assisting refugees.

In this situation, the ability of the National Party to (at least intermittently) maintain the political initiative is more than explicable.

## By David Everatt, deputy director of the Community Agency for Social Enquiry (Case), and Safwara Sadek, co-ordinator of the HRC, from material prepared for the International Commission of Jurists which met in Johannesburg on March 28

The National Party has been able to maintain control of its traditional white support base, as the violence remains almost exclusively concentrated in black areas and is widely reported as an instance of atavistic tribalism. As a result, the upsurge of violence during the recent white referendum remained, as it has for the 20 months since it began, a marginal factor in white politics.

While rightwing whites may be responsible for initiating more acts of violence during the referendum than previously, the violence served also to emphasise the doomsday scenario elaborated by the National Party: particularly the "black uprising" looming, we were told, in the event of a "NO" vote.

Finally, the month of March saw a dramatic increase in train attacks. At least 71 people were killed and 84 injured in a total of 45 attacks. That these attacks were far from random, and were aimed at heightening tensions, is evident from the fact that multiple attacks began occurring on the same day. March 2nd witnessed four attacks, followed by two on the 3rd, three on the 4th and one on the 5th. As polling day approached, so the attacks intensified, with 15 attacks between the 11th and 18th, and 15 attacks between the 19th and 25th of March, according to HRC figures.

Immediately after the National Party won its landslide "YES" vote, the Government announced a massive clampdown on train attacks by searching people for weapons. After 20 months of attacks, in which hundreds of people have died and been injured, the idea of searching train commuters for weapons is nothing other than appallingly belated. Nonetheless, with front-page media attention, the Government presented itself as a "peacemaker" in black community life.

The referendum had a clear political function: to personalise party politics around F W de Klerk, who maintains a high approval rating among all ethnic groups while the National party itself does not.

The ANC remains helpless in the face of violence. The National Party appears once again to have benefited from the loss of black lives.

The second major beneficiary of the violence has been Inkatha. While it has a black support base of 1 percent (recently put at 3 percent in a poll conducted by the conservative HSRC), Inkatha nonetheless succeeded in creating the impression that they were one of "the Big Three" and an essential part of any political settlement. Inkatha lacks a clear political programme and acts as a "spoiler": its raison d'être appears to be opposition to any proposals emanating from the ANC or its allies.

The continued unravelling of State involvement in funding Inkatha and training its members in hit-squad operations had clearly removed Inkatha's

"most favoured ally" status. As a result, the Inkatha leadership appears increasingly desperate in seeking to cling to their political profile and supposed power.

## The losers

There are two clear losers: primarily, the victims of the violence. These have mainly been ordinary township residents killed at random — on trains, in taxis, and so on. Apart from the dead, thousands have been wounded and left homeless.

In political terms, the ANC is clearly the major loser. As we have seen, the violence makes it extremely difficult for the ANC to translate its support into an organised membership. Being unable to respond to calls for defence, the ANC is in danger of appearing weak and ineffectual in the eyes of township residents.

This is compounded by overwhelming evidence of overt and covert support for Inkatha from the security forces.

By the same token, concern with national political negotiations, currently the major focus of ANC activity, is far removed from the issue of survival which faces many of its supporters.

Normal political process has been replaced by the abnormalities of the violence and its consequences. In addition, political campaigns initiated by the ANC, such as the call for a Constituent Assembly, are met with a massive upsurge of violence.

Political violence must be ended. It is clear that those who currently hold political power, and who control the security forces, have little will or seeming desire to do so as they are also the main beneficiaries.

In addition, international opinion is unlikely to be a significant force: black lives have never had the power of white lives in generating international outrage.

The ultimate solution to the violence lies with rapid political change, a democratic general election and the removal from power of the minority white government.

It is only in this way that the channelling of taxes into CCB-type hit-squads, or into the purse of small black parties which seek only to attack the liberation movements, can be stopped, or a government genuinely committed to non-racial peace be placed in office.

But before such developments occur, moves can still be made to end the violence. Some of them are:

- Rapid progress towards an interim government
- Control of the security forces to pass to Codesa and then an interim government
- Speedy integration of the security forces with those of the liberation movements
- Accepting the principle of security force accountability
- The development of community policing
- An enforced ban on the carrying of all weapons
- The rigorous pursuit and prosecution of all those involved in the violence
- A judicial inquiry to investigate the causes
- Abolition of single-sex hostels and their replacement with upgraded family units.



# Gunshot victims found dead in Alexandra

PRETORIA. — Two gunshot victims in Alexandra were among four people who were reported killed in unrest-related incidents in the 24 hours to midnight on Thursday.

Four others were injured — one seriously — in incidents in Natal and on the Witwatersrand.

The police report issued yesterday morning said the bodies of two men with bullet wounds were found in Alexandra, while a third man suffered stab wounds.

In other incidents in Alexandra a man was seriously injured by a

group of stone-throwing youths, another was wounded by gunmen, and damage was caused to several houses.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said the situation in Alexandra yesterday morning was "stable" and "considerably quieter" than Thursday after several days of rioting and bloodshed in the township.

Two men were killed and a third wounded by gunmen in separate attacks on shacks near Empangeni in Natal. One of the men was burnt to death when two shacks were set alight, a second man was shot dead.

The University of Zululand has suspended all public meetings at the campus until peace is restored to the area around Empangeni, the university council said yesterday.

● The Durban Supreme Court yesterday dismissed an ANC application to counter the Umlazi township council's refusal to grant burial sites for eight slain members of the ANC. The council feared violence if the sites were granted.

In a protest yesterday morning, ANC members carried eight coffins through Durban to the Supreme Court.

The ANC said it had found altered native burial sites at a nearby cemetery.

● Two men were arrested and 19 dangerous weapons confiscated during a train search carried out by the police mobile unit near New Canada Station in Soweto on Thursday evening, police said.

Most of the weapons were found on the floor and no arrests could be made in those cases.

Last month alone, armed gangs carried out 45 attacks on commuter trains, killing 71 passengers and

wounding 84 others, according to an independent human rights commission.

Last week, when police discovered that a man was carrying an iron bar, other passengers criticised the patrol and a brawl started. An officer opened fire. A passenger was killed. Three were hurt.

Police announced this week they will give a R20 000 reward for any information leading to a conviction. The South African Rail Commuter Corporation has offered R25 000. Sapa-AFP



CONFLICT 1

The new wave of violence and near-anarchy in Alexandra this week has spotlighted the vital role of security forces in peacekeeping operations. Weekend Argus Political Correspondent **FRANS ESTERHUYSE** looks at the thorny question of future security management.



FLASHBACK: Riot squad police form a buffer between Alexandra residents and Zulu's Inkatha Freedom Party hostel-dwellers last month.

# Crunchtime for security

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**A** CRUNCH issue will soon have to be faced squarely by Codesa and the government: Who will control the security forces during and after transition?

This could be the beginning or the end of the real power struggle in South Africa. It is an issue that could make or break the constitutional process.

Handled correctly, it could also be the issue that would bring an end to the current tide of violence and produce the elusive formula for lasting peace.

As police and troops this week struggled against continuing violence in Alexandra and elsewhere, the urgency of planning now for future peacekeeping operations was being stressed.

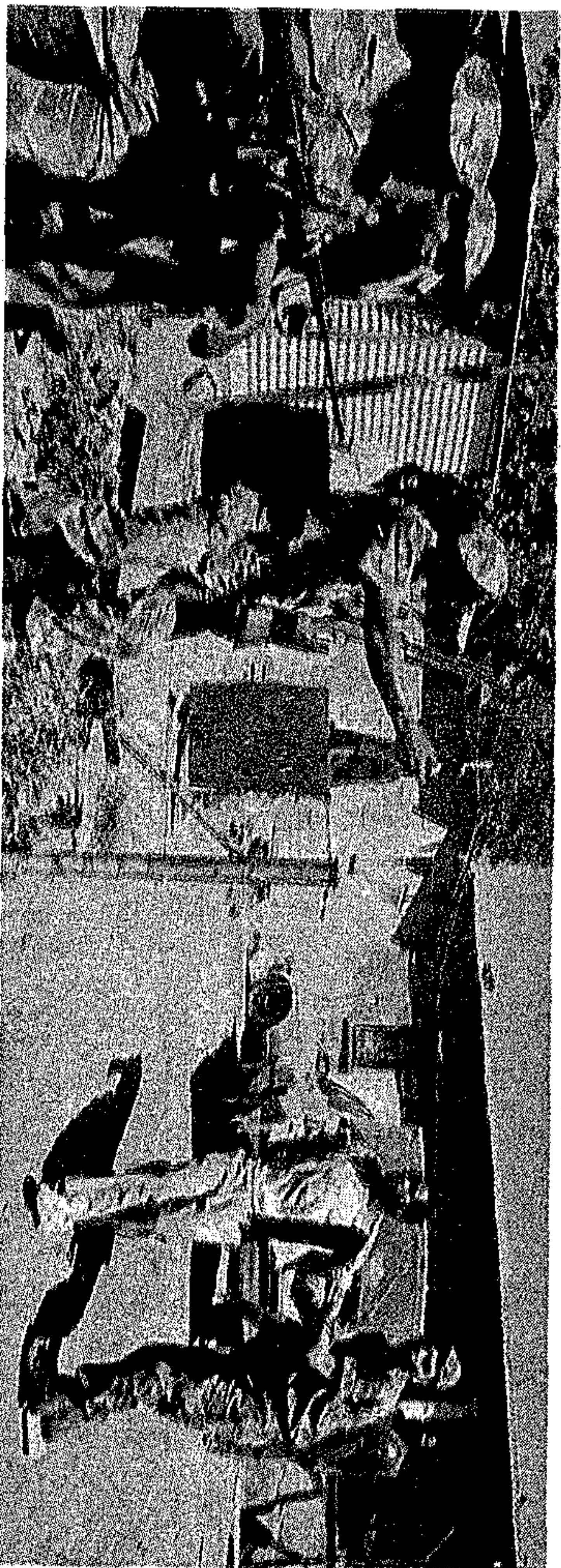
Defence and security specialists agree future control of the army and the police is a thorny and potentially explosive issue — and that it must be faced soon. Some say negotiations on post-apartheid military structures could prove to be as important, if not more so, than talks on a new constitution.

Strategic analyst Dr Jackie Cilliers has warned it is “imperative” for South Africans to debate and decide what the tasks of a national defence force will be under a new constitution.

“The seeds of future legitimate security forces must be sown during the transition process,” he said. “The question is how to maintain effective and credible security forces during transition, while at the same time fundamentally changing and restructuring them for their role in a post-settlement South Africa.”

Dr Cilliers proposed in a recent paper that any decisions on South Africa's future defence force should ensure multiparty control of the armed forces, and a military force fully accountable to parliament and dedicated to acting constitutionally and legally.

“The present SADF will have to accept a new



role,” he said.

Professor Mike Hough, director of Pretoria University's Institute for Strategic Studies, believes violence will be brought to an end only when agreement is reached on crucial security issues.

“I don't see how we can have elections under conditions of violence at the current level.

“There is also the danger that people will start losing confidence in the security system. When people find they can no longer use public transport for fear of attack, they can hardly be expected to have such confidence.”

But that is only one aspect of a highly complex problem. A more difficult issue is that of reconciling the present conflicting viewpoints of key players on crucial questions about the future defence and security systems.

Who will control the security forces? At what stage should the present government relinquish control? What should be done with existing private armies such as the ANC's Umkhonto we

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for the creation of a transitional government.

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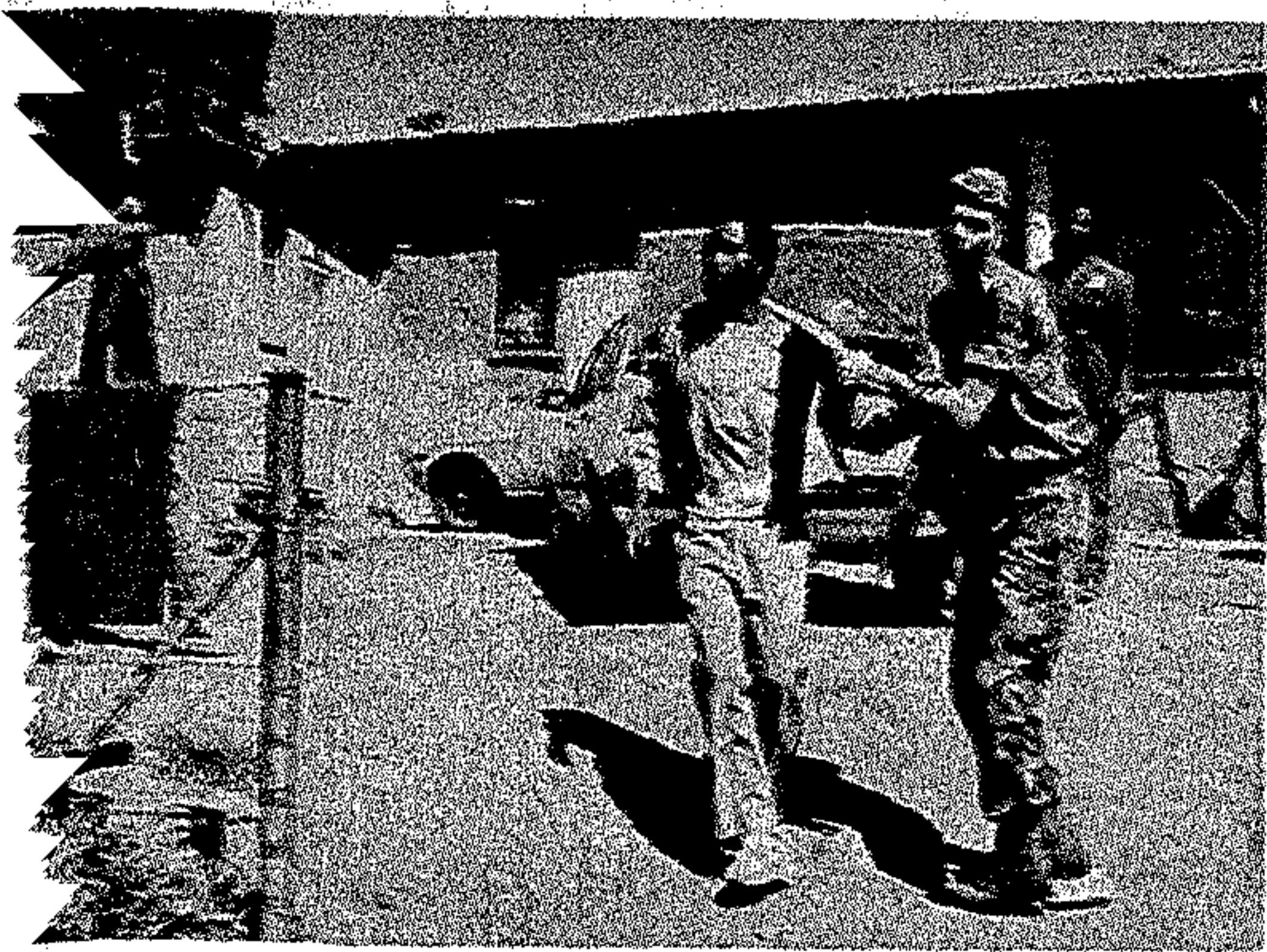




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# Attacks keep pupils away from Anchor High

By THEMBA KHUMALO

(278) VIOLENCE between Meadowlands residents and local IFP hostel inmates in the past two months has brought learning at Anchor High School to a virtual halt.

278 514192 A spokesman for the South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu), Oupa Mpetha, said pupils and teachers were not going to school because they were afraid of being attacked.

The school is separated from the hostel by a road.

Parents meet at Uncle Tom's Hall at 9am today to address the crisis. Yesterday the Orlando West Community met to discuss the problem.

Mpetha said parents were particularly angry with officials of the Department of Education and Training (DET) for their apparent indifference to the crisis.

"Although they are aware of the problem, the education officials are doing absolutely nothing to solve it."

Sadtu and the community were looking at alternative venues in Orlando East for the pupils to continue classes.





## 20 killed in raid on Crossroads

By MONWABISI  
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CIPres 5/4/92

By S'BU MNGADI

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PAC president Clarence Makwethu, who will lead the organisation's delegation at the bilateral talks on Thursday in Abuja, Nigeria, said he did not rule out the possibility of the PAC rejoining Codesa - depending on the outcome of the meeting.

This emerged at the PAC's four-day third annual national conference at the University of Transkei in Umtata.

The government delegation will be led by Foreign Minister Pik Botha. A spokesman for Foreign Affairs declined to comment yesterday.

Opening the conference, Makwethu maintained his organisation's hardline stand against the Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

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Meanwhile a 35-person Azapo delegation held a special consultative meeting with the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania in Harare, Zimbabwe, at the weekend.

Azapo spokesman Strini Moodley did not rule out the possibility of Azapo joining Codesa but he said it could only happen after consultations with the ANC and other components of the Patriotic Front.

## OAU group for Alex?

CP Correspondent

ANC president Nelson Mandela is to ask the Organisation of African Unity to monitor violence in Alexandra township. CIPres 5/4/92

"That is the only way we can stop this violence," he said.

Mandela told a press conference that an independent international monitoring group was needed "because the government and security (forces) have abdicated from their duties".

More than 20 people have been killed in Alexandra this week.

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# Alexandra's diary of death

By SITHEMBISO

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WHAT was called a full-scale war in Alexandra township this week claimed the lives of 17 residents and two policemen. This is what a City Press correspondent, Sithembiso Mbatha, witnessed.

**TUESDAY:** Three alleged Inkatha supporters killed Dawie Tshabalala outside his home and wounded three others, but police denied it. Two cars were burnt and many shacks petrol bombed. Guns barked from dusk to dawn.

**WEDNESDAY:** The body of a policeman, WOS Pilane, was found on the roof of his burnt-out car. A resident said he was attacked when he ran out of bullets. He had been firing at fleeing people. A man was killed by shots allegedly fired from a hostel. Groups of residents at-



**REFUGEE . . . A woman flees with her goods.**

tacked the police from time to time with stones and petrol bombs. A man was shot in the head during a skirmish between police and residents.

**THURSDAY:** The body of a man was

found next to the hostel. Another man, Alfred Maluleka, was stabbed several times and set alight near the clinic by six men wearing balaclavas. He was saved by Themba Khosa, the IFP youth leader.





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assailants had been captured and had confessed he was from Holomisa.

"He was later hacked to death on the spot," Dlamini said.

Dlamini suspected that revenge could have been the motive for the attack as Xhosas had been ousted by other residents from the squatter camp about two years ago.

"They still had a grudge against people staying here," he said.

City Press found the attack was not only directed against Zulus, but

also against Sotho- and Shangaan-speaking people.

Doris Segonyane, 56, said the men had demanded money and a radio before they left with all her blankets.

"Some of the men were on foot but they alighted from a train nearby," she said.

Residents said the attack appeared to be well-planned.

East Rand police spokesman Lt Wikus Weber said police had not yet established a motive for the attack and no arrests had been made.

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# 'Xhosa' gang murders 21 in night raid on Inkatha

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TWENTY-ONE people were hacked and stabbed to death when a gang of Xhosa-speaking men attacked sleeping residents at an Inkatha stronghold in Katlehong on the East Rand on Friday night, police and witnesses said.

Among those killed in one of the worst attacks in any township this year were a woman and two children. Seventeen people were injured.

"We were caught un-

Sunday Times Reporter

awares by our attackers in the dead of night," said Mr Douglas Madlala, secretary of the Inkatha Freedom Party branch in Katlehong's Crossroads area, where the attack took place at about 11pm.

"Our shacks were set on fire, shots were fired at random, and we were hacked with pangas and stabbed with spears in the

dark," he said.

The chairwoman of the Inkatha Women's League in Crossroads, Rose Ndzi-mande, said she had leapt under her bed when the shacks were set ablaze.

One of the injured, Margaret Selepe, interviewed in the Natalspruit Hospital, said the attackers had said in Xhosa that they wanted to recapture the area, once an ANC stronghold.

Inkatha supporters had taken Crossroads by force

in 1990, Mr Madlala said, claiming that about 800 residents were now card-carrying IFP supporters.

"I suspect the motive for the attack was to recapture Crossroads from us," he said. "Crossroads became an Inkatha area after we wiped out ANC supporters."

A group of "Xhosa-speaking men... carrying firearms, petrol bombs and sharpened objects" attacked the residents, apparently without provocation, said police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber.

Mr Madlala alleged that a number of residents had been abducted, but police could not confirm this.

The township was calm yesterday, while police kept a low profile and residents searched charred rubble for belongings.

The ANC last night condemned the attack as the work of "enemies of peace and democracy".

● In unrelated violence in Orlando West on Friday, seven people died when opposing groups fired on each other and then clashed with police, according to a police unrest report.

Five were killed in the group clashes and two were shot by police when a patrol came under fire.



# DEATH RULES

By DESMOND BLOW

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## DARK CITY

ON Thursday April 27 Johannesburg went crazy in a ticker-tape welcome for the South African World Cup cricketers. But at the same hour, a few kilometres from the celebrations, at least 100 Alexandra residents were injured in a running battle with police.

The vast majority of whites festooning the almost all-white cricket team have never visited Alexandra township and the life and events there are as foreign to them as the events in Beirut.

Most of the celebrating Johannesburgers were not aware and had even less interest in the events in Alexandra.

But black workers returning home from work in taxis at night within minutes find themselves plunged from plush north-eastern suburbs with their neat manicured lawns and clean streets into possibly the worst slum in SA, where more than a quarter of a million people are squashed into three square kilometres.

From an apparently safe neighbourhood they are thrown into a near panic situation where they could find their homes looted and set alight. They do not know when violence will suddenly flare – they could be killed or injured at any moment.

During the 40 years in which billions of rands which could have gone into housing have been squandered on apartheid rule, the population of Alex has swelled to make the country's biggest shantytown.

Without adequate infrastructure and sewage facilities, most of the residents live in pitiful conditions with the stink of garbage, which is piled waist-high along most streets, in their nostrils.

This has been the setting for the violence which has erupted in Alexandra in the power struggle between Inkatha and the ANC-SACP alliance.

It is easy for rabble-rousers on both sides to incite fear in the people.

The Zulu-speaking men living in the Madala Hostel are also living lonely, frustrated lives.

Many of them are unemployed and live away from their families in spartan bachelor quar-



## Anarchy reigns in the shadow of the suburbs

ters.

Spokesmen for both political sides blame the other side and the police for the escalating violence.

The police claim they are there to protect all the residents – both Zulu and other residents – and say that both hostel dwellers and the ANC supporters have taken shots at them and have stoned them.

Police are among the dead and injured in this week's violence.

Rumours run wild and people closest to the hostels live in dread that they will be killed and their homes burnt and looted.

Residents have built flaming barriers along the streets surrounding the hostels in an effort to prevent vehicles passing.

Although the hostel dwellers do not have transport, some of those manning the barricades claim they are shot at from passing vehicles.

However on Thursday patrolling police Casspirs were stoned and some-

times shot at when they slowed down at barriers.

The police replied with tearsmoke which sent hundreds of people scampering, their eyes streaming.

Tempers were frayed and on one corner a rabble-rouser told the crowd the police were their enemies and not to let them pass.

A Zulu grandmother was stoned as she ran down a street even though a man shouted out that she was not an Inkatha member and was a little funny in the head.

She fell under a hail of stones and the timely arrival of the police saved her life.

She was taken to the Alexandra Clinic and was later discharged.

Her head was swollen from the stoning and she could scarcely see through her eyes. Her clothing was torn.

She refused to speak, but a friend told City Press the woman had

lived in Alexandra since she was a young woman and had raised her children there. She is now the grandmother of three young children.

The Alexandra clinic had handled 43 cases – 32 of them for gunshot wounds – within 24 hours.

This did not include about 10 people, including a policeman, who were killed.

A police sergeant in a Casspir pointed his rifle at two men who were hacking a third on a roof and ordered: "Get that man off the roof!"

The man was dragged off the roof and the Casspir drove away. People surrounded the man, who had gaping wounds in his legs. He denied being an Inkatha member and produced his ID book.

"It is a mistake," one of the men who assaulted him said, "but why did he run away when he was accosted?"

The policeman who had ordered the man off

BEIRUT ERUPTS IN ALEX ... Down in the gutters, the alleys and up on the rooftops, horror strikes at every turn in this shantytown slaughterhouse within spitting distance of the rich. A man lies hacked on top of a dwelling. He probably owes his life to the policeman who ordered his removal from the roof. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

the roof said later he did not know he had saved the man's life.

The only section of Alex apparently not affected by the violence was the newer, more affluent section known as West Bank, which is furthest from the hostels.

Here neat homes with gardens and heavy burglar-proofing are as peaceful as those in the white suburbs.

On Thursday people stayed away from work as tensions built on rumours that an Inkatha attack from the hostels was imminent.

Residents complained to City Press that police were involved in supporting the Zulus, but when questioned further could not offer evidence of this. They said, however, they knew people who could.

A number of people claimed that they had pointed out a man the previous day who had murdered a seven-year-old

child, but that the police had not arrested him. Instead they took him back to the hostel.

A police spokesman said he would investigate the allegation, but said they had no knowledge of a child having been killed.

Houses close to the hostels were petrol bombed, but no one saw the perpetrators.

A woman, Ellen, who asked that her full name not be published, found her home looted and set on fire, despite strong burglar-proofing.

The fire had gone out and Ellen was busy saving what clothing she could and carrying them away. She was assisted by police who had arrived to fight a fire in Ellen's neighbour's house.

Ellen, the mother of three schoolgoing children, said her husband was a mechanic and was somewhere else in the township.

She was no longer pre-





**BLOODIED AND BROKEN ...** This Zulu grandmother is left lying in agony, her dignity torn, the victim of a mob's cruel stones. She was attacked in a dusty road in the township she has lived in nearly all her life, another casualty of this township battle. Earlier (inset) the same Zulu grandmother points to something. ■ PIC: THULANI SITHOLE

pared to live in her house and had become one of the estimated 2 000 people who have been displaced since the violence began.

The police fought the blaze in the next door home which, like Ellen's, was one of the few better brick homes in the area.

Police doused the fire with a garden hose, but the home was ruined. The TV aerial stuck out above the blackened roof.

The TV set had been stolen together with all the furniture, except for a small table and chair on which some green plants were placed. A burnt out telephone lay on the floor.

On the wall was the print of a Vena painting of a tearful black child. He could have been weeping for Alex.

A short distance away I saw some men armed with traditional weapons and wearing red bandanas sneak across the road to some adjacent shacks.

I approached and asked them if they knew anything about the fire the police were fighting around the corner.

They refused to answer. One told me: "Walk! Go back!"

When I hesitated others chorused: "Walk! Go back!"

Although the police were less than 100 metres away I did not feel safe. I walked.

A policeman in a Casspir was watching the windows of the hostel through binoculars.

The policeman said he was watching to see whether anyone intended taking a pot shot at the policemen dousing the fire.

"They shoot at police," he said.

Residents have been shot from the hostel windows and people no longer venture into the vicinity.

A spokesman for the ANC said the police had only raided the hostel once and that was when they were fired upon. But police say they have raided the hostel four times since January 1 looking for weapons.

On Thursday a continuous stream of Cas-

spirs drove around the hostel and the burnt houses.

The police say this is to protect the homes and property, but less than two hours after the police had doused the fire in one house, a petrol bomb exploded in the house next door and in a few minutes the whole house was in flames.

A fire-engine was sent from Sandton and arrived 15 minutes later. By then the home had been destroyed.

People living in shacks across the road said they felt they were the next to be burnt out and accused the police of not trying to protect them.

They pointed out that despite the earlier fires and the Casspirs constantly circulating the hostel, the neighbouring house had been petrol bombed in bright sunlight and no one was arrested.



**THOKOZANI XABA'S** body has been lying in the Alexandra township morgue for six weeks.

Cynics say the man was never destined to be buried in Dark City — the home of notorious gangsters that is now in the grip of internecine violence.

War-weary residents wish that Mr Xaba's allies in the Inkatha Freedom Party would not insist on bearing arms at his funeral so that he can be sent off to his ancestors as a warrior.

But Inkatha supporters see bullet holes in his coffin as a symbol that he must still be protected in this world.

And they are determined that their kieres and sticks be there to protect the spirit of a fighter when he is buried.

The recent resurgence of the violence centres on Mr Xaba's funeral — a man with no family whom nobody seems to have known.

On Saturday, March 7, thousands of Inkatha members gathered at the Madala hostel to pay their last respects to the man they say was shot dead a week earlier by the ANC's Umkhonto we Sizwe.

First they were brought the wrong body. Next the undertakers delivered an empty coffin and later they brought the body of a geriatric who had died of old age.

The right body finally arrived that hot Saturday morning, and the coffin, escorted by a hundreds-strong impi, was taken in a procession through the township towards the cemetery.

## Weapons

Before the mourners reached the end of Vasco da Gama Avenue which leads to the cemetery, snipers, holed up in impenetrable clusters of shacks and houses, opened fire on them.

At least two people were killed and 16 injured. Mr Xaba's funeral was postponed.

Residents, claiming the cemetery as "ANC territory", were adamant that the body would not be buried there.

The ANC said the impi, armed with traditional Zulu weapons, was "provocation" and renewed its call for the banning of cultural weapons and the closure of the Madala hostel.

By the end of the week, at least 19 people had been killed in skirmishes and scores injured. On Friday March 13, the township was declared an unrest area — the third time in a year. Inkatha members, un-

# The corpse that started a war

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**It began with an abortive attempt to bury one man.**

**Since then, scores of others have died and Alexandra has been plunged into chaos. SHARON CHETTY reports**

deterred by a 9pm-to-4am curfew and a strong security force presence, gathered early the next day at the Madala hostel for Mr Xaba's funeral. Their ranks were swelled by residents of other hostels brought in by a fleet of minibuses.

Police, backed up by the SADF, wanted the impi — armed with sharpened sticks, metal rods, knobkerries and meat cleavers — to disarm.

A suggestion that only priests and the IFP's West Rand secretary, Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, be escorted to the cemetery to bury the body was rejected.

For several hours, the impi taunted the security forces, ANC supporters and the media. The Inkatha men saw the move to disarm them as a conspiracy — a Codesa-inspired plot to denigrate their Zulu traditions.

Fired by corn brew and a determination to show their strength, hundreds of mourners broke away from the hostel grounds and marched through the township while hostel-dwellers and security forces engaged in a fierce gun battle.

That day another three people died and 11 were injured.

Word spreads quickly in Alex — where an estimated 200 000 people are concentrated in five square kilometres of shacks and houses. That afternoon, residents of Vasco da Gama Avenue believed the funeral procession was being escorted by security forces. The road to the cemetery



**YOUNG VICTIM:** A boy shot several times is carried into the Alexandra Clinic by a traffic policeman. He was one of almost 100 people treated for injuries on Wednesday

was strewn with barricades. Three burning tyres represented a roadside pyre on to which residents wanted to toss Mr Xaba's coffin.

The conflict sparked by the confrontations at his funerals has plunged the township into a cycle of violence that nobody can make sense of any longer.

Inkatha secretary Mr Ndlovu has blamed the ANC for not tolerating another political movement in the township and says Inkatha members are under threat merely for being Zulu.

The ANC's Mr Obed Bapela says the hostel, an Inkatha stronghold, is the nerve-centre of the violence.

Since the first weekend of bloodshed, more than 2 000 residents of houses around the hostel have fled their homes, fearing "revenge" attacks by hostel-dwellers.

Claims abound of being forced to sign up as card-carrying IFP members and of rape, murder and robbery perpetrated by hostel inmates.

The refugees live now in churches and community centres.

Alex — dubbed the Dark City in the 50s because of the high crime rate — now has deep divisions.

Residents and local leaders talk about last March as the turning point, when the face of violence changed from hot-blooded domestic squabbles and ordinary crime to calculated attacks with political overtones.

Previously, ethnicity did not matter in Alex. In a hostel room sleeping six men, chances were that a Zulu, Xhosa, Sotho, Pedi, Tswana and Venda would share their space without a problem.

**Picture: HERBERT MABUZA**

The movement of Inkatha members into the hostel and Inkatha's attempts to build its base there started in February last year. Residents say hundreds of non-Zulu men were forced out.

On March 27 1991, 15 people were mown down and 18 injured at a funeral vigil.

In August, an Inkatha-organised clean-up campaign resulted in bloodshed when residents clashed with hostel inmates.

A senior researcher at the Human Sciences Research Council's centre for conflict analysis, Dr Anthony De Villiers Minnaar, describes the conflict as a fight for space and power.

Zulus are more traditional in their approach and place emphasis on ancestry.

Historically, he says, Zulu migrant workers always saw Natal as their home, while

Xhosas in the hostel — who had greater access to education — were the first to move out, take wives and be integrated into the township.

The ANC's call for the hostels to be turned into family units was seen as a threat. Zulus feared Xhosas would be given preference.

The hostels became fertile ground for the IFP to move into. Dr Minnaar says he has documented cases where Zulu men in Natal, promised jobs by warlords there, are bussed to the Transvaal.

"When these men arrive on the Reef, they find there are no jobs for them. Instead, they are supported by the Natal warlords who earn their money in Natal's dagga trade.

"Their role is merely to form the impi at Inkatha rallies and funerals and to work as vigilantes," he said.

He also says the conflict is related to the mid-80s call by the ANC to make townships ungovernable.

Township councillors were ousted and treated as outcasts. Many joined Inkatha.

In the turbulent 80s, the ANC-linked Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) was seen as the most powerful force in the township.

## Blamed

But ACO organiser Mzwanele Mayekiso says the organisation is no longer the only body with an effective power base in Alex. He claims that agents provocateurs have been imported to sow dissension.

With running battles claiming the lives of more Alex residents this week, the police were blamed by both the ANC and Inkatha for instigating violence.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe rejects these claims out of hand.

He describes the conflict as "battles between political groups for territory and power bases" and says his men are doing their best to keep the peace.

An interim crisis committee, comprising all interested parties, has been set up as a forerunner to the launch of a local dispute-resolution committee under the National Peace Accord later this month.

Police and the SADF deployed more men in the area and by Thursday afternoon, Mr Justice Goldstone, chairman of the Commission of Inquiry into Public Violence and Intimidation, launched an urgent investigation into the violence. Mr Xaba has still not been buried.



# New bid for peace in Alex

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dren in the Madala Hostel to assess their food and shelter needs and to discuss the Accord.

Shortly before yesterday's ICC meeting, unknown gunmen opened fire on residents in Third Avenue, killing a man. Angry residents claimed afterwards that the attack, which took place at about 2.45 pm, was launched from the adjoining IFP-dominated Beirut shack settlement.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said that about 15 minutes earlier a man was shot and seriously wounded in Beirut by a bullet fired from a Tokarev

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In Alexandra yesterday, delegates of the National Peace Accord-sponsored Interim Crisis Committee (ICC) — representing the ANC, IFP, DP, churches and relief agencies — met about 200 refugee women and chil-

## Death toll on Reef at least 33

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Lieutenant Weber said a group of "Xhosa-speaking" men armed with firearms, petrol bombs, pangas and other weapons attacked the camp at about 11 pm and then fled on foot. More than 30 shacks were

razed and several residents were reportedly burnt alive. Lieutenant Weber said police and defence force patrols had been stepped up and a number of the squatter camp residents had moved to the police station grounds in Katlehong.

Crossroads general-secretary Douglas Madlala, whose shack was one of those burnt to the ground, said yesterday the squatters would not be intimidated by "AK-47s and handgrenades". "We are not going any-

where, this is our motherland. We have nowhere else to go and we are prepared to die here," Mr Madlala said.

He said he lost everything in the fire. He accused the police of arriving at the scene of the massacre six hours after it had happened — despite the fact that the police station was situated less than a kilometre away.

The allegation was strongly denied by Lieutenant Weber, who said that by 1 am on Saturday police were patrolling the area and had already taken statements from camp residents.

At least nine people were killed and two were injured in attacks in Soweto since the start of the weekend, according to police reports.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said five people were killed in an attack in Orlando West at about 1.10 am on Saturday.

Several other bodies were found by the police on Saturday morning.

After yesterday's ICC initiative in Alexandra, delegate Melanie Stewart (DP) said the organisation would visit seven refugee centres



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across Alexandra today in a bid to promote peace and political tolerance at grassroots level and to assist refugees of the conflict.

Mrs Stewart said a van equipped with a loudhailer would drive through the township tomorrow to publicise the peace message. A mass pamphlet drop was planned.

In a statement last night, the ICC said an additional SADF company had been deployed in Alexandra and that there would be an SADF/SAP presence on the corner of Third and Roosevelt avenues, in 17th Avenue and "throughout Alexandra".

● A major new effort by Soweto community leaders to end the train violence is currently under way, with a large company to be formed, to enlist more than 2 000 people to police the trains independently of the SA Police, reports Sapa.

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**LIFE GOES ON . . .** A woman with her child on her back cleans up on Saturday after her shack was destroyed in an attack in Katlehong township on the East Rand. A gang armed with guns and firebombs killed 20 people in the overnight attack.

# 20 die in night arson attack

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**JOHANNESBURG.** — The overnight massacre in Crossroads, Katlehong, in which at least 20 people died, on Friday night, was to avenge attacks in 1990, survivors said.

Survivors who sifted through smouldering rubble of their burnt shacks on Saturday morning said the attackers formerly lived in the area but were driven away in fighting in 1990.

Eighteen victims were found in the Crossroads squatter camp. They had been hacked, stabbed, shot and burnt to death on

Friday night, police said. In the same area 42 shacks were damaged when they were set alight.

A five-year-old child was reportedly decapitated in the attack.

A matron at the Natalspruit hospital said two of 23 victims admitted to the hospital early on Saturday had since died.

The victims were supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party, according to reports from the squatter camp. IFP spokeswoman Ms Susan Vos confirmed on Saturday that IFP supporters lived in the camp.

Meanwhile, Saturday morning's official police unrest report said five people had been killed in a gunfight in Orlando West, Soweto. Police intervened and killed two other men when they returned fire.

A policeman was murdered in the PWV area on Friday night. An SAP spokesman said two policemen were travelling from Vereeniging to Randfontein when they came across four hitchhikers.

They were slowing down to stop when shots were fired at them, killing one policeman and wounding the other. — Sapa



# Sowetan company to police trains

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Some 2 000 unemployed Sowetans are expected to be trained for the job.

Training facilities have already been identified. — Sapa



# No let-up in Reef township killings

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Senior Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) officials yesterday visited the Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong on the East Rand — the scene of Friday night's bloodbath in which at least 21 people were shot, burnt and hacked to death.

But, despite the attempts at peace, police said two more people were killed in AK-47 gunfire yesterday in Katlehong and Daveyton, bringing the death toll for the area to 26 since Friday.

After a brief calm in Alexandra over the weekend, violence flared again yesterday. Police said three men were injured by unknown gunmen.

At least 14 people have been killed and scores injured in Alexandra since Tuesday.

In Soweto at least 13 people

have been killed and 10 injured since the long weekend.

A Soweto police spokesman said that on Sunday at 7.30 pm Constable Daniel Kotsokwana of the Soweto Dog Squad was shot and killed at his house in Meadowlands, Zone 1 by unidentified assailants. The body of another man was found yesterday in Orlando West.

At 8.30 pm on Sunday a bus driver and six passengers were injured when gunmen opened fire on the bus.

An hour later the body of a man was found in front of the Dube Hostel. He had been shot.

At Crossroads yesterday, the IFP delegates, led by youth brigade leader Themba Khoza and West Rand secretary Humphrey Ndlovu, visited homes of the bereaved families.

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A group of about 200 IFP supporters in minibuses and cars later accompanied the Inkatha leadership to the Natalspruit Hospital where some of the victims were admitted. Among the injured was Alton Mahlangu who said he was attacked while waiting to pick up passengers at the camp. A hospital spokesman said 17 people had been treated

According to the squatters, 64 shacks were destroyed.

Former Mozambicans Francisco Benfica and his wife Theresa lost four of their ten children.

Squatters claimed the killings were carried out by "Xhosa-speaking" men from a nearby Holomisa squatter camp and blamed the massacre on the ANC.

● Unrelenting township vio-

lence reached unprecedented levels during March, claiming 437 lives and leaving 898 people injured, a Human Rights Commission report said yesterday.

Attacks on commuter trains claimed the highest casualties with 74 deaths and 91 injuries in a record 58 attacks, the highest figures since the first outbreak of "train violence."

The HRC has now also started analysing the affiliation of victims and attackers in political violence, where possible. The commission said ANC supporters and township residents accounted for 76 percent of the dead and 75,4 percent of the injured. Inkatha supporters and hostel dwellers accounted for 24 percent of the dead and 24,6 percent of the injured. — Staff Reporters-Sapa.



# IFP man's house is bombed

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ATTACKERS tossed petrol bombs at the Soweto home of an Inkatha Freedom Party member in the early hours of yesterday, but no one was injured.

Soweto Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed the attack in Dobsonville.

He said he was unaware though that the house belonged to an IFP member.

The IFP West Rand member, Mr Bhekinkosi Magwaza, said he and his family were awakened by a loud bang at 1am and saw flames coming from the direction of the front door.

"We rushed to the back door and somebody threw a petrol bomb and we retreated," he said. "We were not able to go out. We finally decided to phone the police."

Ngobeni said none of the petrol bombs had exploded but a window had been shattered. - Sapa.



# Refugees take over offices

By JOE MDHLELA

DISPLACED residents have literally ejected Alexandra Council administrative workers, including the town clerk, from their offices. *80 welen 7/4/92*

The action by the residents who fled attacks from hostel dwellers during the past three weeks has resulted in administration at the council offices coming to a standstill.

Chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum the Rev Busani Ngubane yesterday confirmed that service at the council had come to a stop.

Ngubane said the displaced people were also using the council offices to protest against the hostel dwellers who are occupying their houses near Madala Hostel.

"The authorities have so far failed to stop the illegal squatting by hostel dwellers of houses belonging to residents.

The town clerk was not available for comment yesterday.



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## Violent unrest killed 437 in March

TOWNSHIP violence reached unprecedented levels during March 1992, claiming 437 lives and leaving 898 people injured, says a Human Rights Commission report. *By Day 7/4/92*

"This extreme level of violence was undoubtedly the result of forces working to destabilise the referendum and the peace process," the HRC charged in the report released yesterday.

Attacks on commuter trains claimed the highest casualties with 74 deaths and 91 injuries in a record 58 attacks, the highest figures since the first outbreak of "train violence" in August 1990.

"A feature of attacks in the Witwatersrand region has been the indiscriminate-killing and maiming of train commuters, aimed solely at terrorising and destabilising township residents," the HRC said.

Train attack trends showed a dramatic increase since the beginning of 1992, with, in January, 37 attacks claiming 30 lives with 98 injured; and in February, 35 attacks leaving 22 dead and 46 injured.

Eleven train attacks were recorded for 1990, claiming 59 lives and resulting in 227 injuries. In 1991, 23 train attacks claimed 38 lives and injured 206.

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## Reef townships 'relatively calm' after weekend clashes

STEPHANE BOTHMA

REEF townships were relatively calm yesterday following a weekend of violence which left at least 30 people dead and scores injured.

Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, remained tense, and according to police, several incidents of stone throwing were reported. Since the weekend, no unrest related deaths or injuries had occurred in the township.

On Sunday, two people were killed — one stoned to death near the Madala hostel and the other found with several bullet wounds. Police yesterday also arrested two men for throwing petrol bombs at police patrolling the township.

On Friday night, a group of "Xhosa-speaking men" carried out a midnight attack on the Crossroads squatter camp near Katlehong on the East Rand. A total of 21 people were killed and 16 were injured seriously.

Police liaison officer Capt Wikus Weber said Katlehong was calm after the weekend attack. In Meadowlands, Soweto, a policeman was killed on Saturday when unknown assailants opened fire on his house. No arrests have been made.

Three policemen were injured at Khaye-

litsha, near Cape Town, yesterday, when gunmen fired shots at their patrol vehicle.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that in an effort to halt violence on trains, a company is to be formed to enlist more than 2 000 people to police the trains independently of the SAP.

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amalgamated company being 60 percent owned by the black shareholders and the rest held by the security firms.

"It will be a private placing of shares on a public basis.

"Immediately after the company is formed, we expect that initially 2 000 people will be selected and drawn from the unemployed ranks in Soweto, who will then be trained and will police the trains

along the Soweto route," said the source.

The force, for which training facilities have already been identified, will have its own culture and uniforms.

The steering committee comprises Mr Willie Ramoshaba, a prominent business consultant, Dr Manas Buthelezi, a former head of the South African Council of Churches, Mrs Masechaba Mabaso, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela, former

president of Azapo, Mrs Sally Motlana, lawyer Mr Godfrey Pitje, Chubb security managing director Mr Dirk Ackerman, MD of Fidelity Guards Mr Roy McFarlane and a Brigadier Heymans of the SA Police.

The force will man checkpoints at the various Soweto stations, be provided with metal detectors, radio and television monitors and be allowed free access on trains throughout the route. - Sapa.





There was lots of fun for children attending the Rand Show at Nasrec in Johannesburg yesterday. These toddlers (from left) Anna (6), Edwick (3) and Mirriam (10), enjoy a ride on a fun motorcar.  
Pic: VELI NHLAPO

# Peace process goes into action

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## Violence as peace process swings into action

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dents in Third Avenue, killing a man.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said a man was shot and seriously wounded at "Beirut" in a Tokarev pistol attack about 2.30pm.

At 12.35pm the body of a man, who had been stoned, was found on the corner of London and Third avenues.

The deaths bring to at least 13 the number of people killed in Alexandra since last Tuesday.

Scores of others have been injured.

A horrific attack on the IFP-controlled Crossroads squatter camp on Friday night claimed the lives of at least 21 people. At least 16 others were seriously wounded. Scores of others suffered minor injuries.

Three gunshot victims are in a critical condition at Natalspruit Hospital after undergoing emergency operations, a hospital spokesman said.

Police spokesman Weber said a group of men armed with firearms, petrol bombs, pangas and other weapons attacked the camp about 11pm and fled on foot.

More than 30 shacks were razed and several residents were reportedly burnt alive.

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Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said five people were killed in Orlando West early on Saturday.

Two men were shot and killed by a group of people who started shooting at the police when they arrived.

The police retaliated and two of the suspected attackers were shot and killed. The same group also allegedly stabbed and killed a passing motorist, Ngobeni said.

Several bodies were found by the police on Saturday morning.



# Fear stalks families at Zonke'izizwe

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**EVERY** evening, 83-year-old Maria Sibanda watches her terrified neighbours seek sanctuary at the council offices overlooking Zonke'izizwe squatter camp.

When the neighbours desert their shacks, Sibanda and her three grandchildren huddle together and stay in the shack where they saw their mother murdered by a rampaging mob on Monday night.

Cuddling 18-month-old orphan Simpiwe to her chest, Mrs Sibanda explained: "I am very scared, but I cannot leave this house until my daughter is buried."

Since Monday night, when about 100 men armed with guns, knives and makeshift weapons stormed through the street on the end of the squatter settlement, killing four people and injuring at least 13, terrified families have taken refuge at the Transvaal Provincial Administration offices.

"I just have to stay here. If they come again, I will surely die," the old woman said.

Sibanda said the family was asleep when they heard a commotion outside just before midnight.

"They bashed into our house and found me, demanding to see the man of the house."

Sibanda said one of the men found the children sleeping in another room. "He grabbed the children and another man said in Xhosa: 'Don't kill them, just burn them'."

When the children's

mother, Sara, tried to protect them, the attackers stabbed and hacked her to death.

Between two piles of rubble which were once homes across the street from Sibanda, is the shack of Mishak Modise.

Modise's brother Rufus was murdered when two men burst into the house and found him hiding in a

cupboard. They stabbed him to death while his brother and 90-year-old mother-in-law Elisa Marumde cowered under a bed.

Police are investigating the possibility that Monday night's attack was related to a massacre in Crossroads squatter camp about 5km away, in which 21 people were killed last Friday.



**'Cats' gang  
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Pretoria Correspondent

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# 2 die as sporadic violence continues

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Sporadic incidents of violence continued in Alexandra and Soweto yesterday, as two people were killed and a policeman injured in separate attacks, police said.

According to the official SAP unrest report, the body of a man was found in Alexandra. He had been shot dead. In the same area, a policeman was wounded when he was attacked by gunmen who shot him with a home-made firearm.

The charred body of a man was found in a burnt-out vehicle at Jabulani Hostel, Soweto.

Police said today that strife-torn East Rand townships had been quiet yesterday and early today after at least 30 people were killed there from Friday to Monday.

Shortly before midnight on Monday, three men and a woman were killed and at least 13 injured in the Zonk'izizwe squatter camp near Vosloorus.

The attack was similar and could be linked to a massacre on Friday

at nearby Crossroads camp in which 21 people died, police said.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said a group of about 100 "Xhosa-speaking" men with firearms, pangas and other sharpened objects went on the rampage through Zonk'izizwe at about 11.25 pm.

The ANC PWV region yesterday rejected IFP claims that the attackers were an MK-backed group of Xhosa-speakers from Holomisa Park settlement in Katshele, and that the ANC was planning to attack all areas and hostels linked to the IFP.

In a late report yesterday police said a man died and 12 people were injured on Sunday night when three gunmen threw a grenade and opened fire into a house in Tsakane, Brakpan, where a party was being held.

The man who threw the grenade fractured his left leg and sustained facial injuries. He was arrested and is being treated in an East Rand hospital. The other two fled.



# Four killed at Zonk'zizwe

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THE Transvaal youth leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, Mr Themba Khoza, last night blamed the ANC for the murder of four people at Zonk'zizwe squatter camp, near Katlehong, on Monday night.

Thirteen other people were seriously injured and are being treated at the Natalspuit Hospital.

A number of shacks were burnt down, police confirmed last night.

Khoza said those killed were members of the IFP.

A spokesman for the Witwatersrand po-

By JOE MDHLELA

lice, Lieutenant Wikus Weber, said the police were aware of only four killings.

Khoza had earlier claimed six people had been killed.

The ANC last night dismissed Khoza's claim as unfounded and asked him to stop making claims that bordered on "political posturing".

Weber said all the victims were hacked and police had not established the cause of the killings.



# The Black Cats' reign of terror

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THE Goldstone Commission yesterday heard how members of the Black Cats gang went on a terror campaign in Wesselton, near Ermelo, last year.

A former member of the gang, referred to only as "Mr A", told the commission that the Black Cats carried out attacks against members of the community, especially those linked to the ANC.

The commission heard that the gang was involved in a number of shootings in the area and also assaulted residents.

"Mr A" told the commission that the Black Cats were responsible for the death of at least two people who had links with the ANC.

He revealed the names of the gang members allegedly responsible for the death of a man only known as December - who stayed in the local municipal hostel - and Ms Zini Shongwe.

One of the men allegedly responsible for the death of December told him earlier that they were going to see him (December) at the hostel.

The man later told him that they had killed December.

Concerning Shongwe, "Mr A" told the commission that he was present when the attackers were selected.

The aim was to kill Shongwe's son, Bobolini. Bobolini was not at home and the gang members decided to attack Shongwe and her companion.

Asked why he did not inform the police about the Black Cats activities, "Mr A" alleged that the police were working hand-in-hand with the gang.

He told the commission that he decided to reveal the Black Cats activities to a Johannesburg-based weekly newspaper as he did not like what the gang was doing.



# Goldstone may be asked to probe East Rand deaths

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WILSON ZWANE

THE Goldstone standing commission on public violence and intimidation will be asked to probe East Rand massacres which have left at least 29 people dead and more than 30 injured since the weekend.

Speaking to journalists yesterday, Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said his organisation had information the ANC planned to attack "all areas known to be supportive of Inkatha".

Khoza said six people — including an eight-month-old baby — were killed and 20 injured last night when a group of 300 armed men carried out an attack on Zonkhezizwe squatter camp, near Vosloorus.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt Wikus Weber put the figure of the dead at four and of the injured at 13.

"We have information that the group, which has the backing of the ANC's Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) was the same one that attacked Crossroads squatter camp (in Katlehong)

on Friday," Khoza said.

At least 23 people were killed and 16 injured in the attack on Crossroads squatter camp.

Weber confirmed the police were investigating the link between the two attacks.

Khoza said his organisation had also learnt that Katlehong's Kwesine and Soweto's Mzimhlophe hostels were among Inkatha strongholds which the ANC planned to attack.

"To show its commitment to lasting peace, the ANC should disband the MK," he said.

He added that his organisation would ask Judge Goldstone's standing commission on public violence and intimidation "soon to investigate the East Rand attacks".

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa dismissed the allegations as "utter nonsense".

In another development Goldstone said yesterday his commission's committee of inquiry into the prevalent

violence on trains would start its work on May 4.

The committee was formed in February to:

- ☐ Establish the nature and causes of violence and intimidation;
- ☐ Whether it aimed at the achievement of any political goal;
- ☐ What persons were involved; and
- ☐ What steps should be taken to curb or prevent it.

Meanwhile sources said yesterday plans were afoot to establish a dispute resolution committee in Alexandra, where 14 people had been killed and scores injured since last Tuesday.

Alexandra Peace Group official Tony Rutherford said all interested parties, including local branches of Inkatha and the ANC, have met to discuss forming the committee.

"Further discussions will be held later this month. But an interim crisis committee has already been formed to restore peace in the township," Rutherford said.



# Workshop tries to defuse violence

Sowetan 8/4/92

By PEARL MAJOLA

REGULAR visits to the hostels with an aim to create harmony and interaction between township and hostel residents could be the answer to the violence that is sweeping the Reef townships.

This is the conviction of a group that attended the two-day Sowetan/Pick 'n Pay Parenting Workshop held in Soweto at the weekend.

Participants agreed that part of the problem between hostel and township residents was caused by a gap that existed between the two groups.

It was resolved that cultural and sports events should be organised in order to make peace with hostel "residents", as they resolved to call them.

Former Sowetan Woman of the Year Ms Fikile Mlotshwa explained that in 1990 she and other women under the Interdenominational Prayer Women's League had visited the Merafe Hostel when fighting was at its height in that area. She said there was no hostility from the hostel residents and they

listened to what the women had to say.

"I think we can do this successfully even now," Mlotshwa said.

Another participant, Ms Philipine Lekalakala, suggested that referring to people who live in hostels as "hostel dwellers" and those who live in the townships as "residents" was discriminatory and could be another contributing factor to the tension. She recommended they be called hostel "residents".

Other issues discussed during the workshop were education, including the effects of teenage pregnancy, career guidance, parental involvement in children's lives and co-ordination of services, projects and programmes in Soweto.

The Soweto workshop was the first of a series that will be held in Bloemfontein, Pietersburg, Daveyton, Pretoria, Carletonville and the Vaal Triangle.



# Children saw mob hack mother to death

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Every night, 83-year-old Maria Sibanda watches her terrified neighbours seek sanctuary at the council offices overlooking the Zonke'zizwe squatter camp.

When the neighbours leave, Mrs Sibanda and her three grandchildren huddle together in the shack where the children saw their mother murdered by a mob on Monday night.

Cuddling 18-month-old orphan Simpiwe, Mrs Sibanda said yesterday: "I am very scared, but I cannot leave this house until my daughter is buried."

Since Monday night, when about 100 men armed with guns, knives and makeshift weapons stormed through the street at the end of the squatter settlement, killing four people and injuring at least 13, terrified families have taken refuge at the TPA offices nearby.

But by tradition and their religion Mrs Sibanda and close relatives of the victims may not leave their homes until the funeral.



Nights of terror . . . Maria Sibanda (83) cuddles her grand-daughter Simpiwe. Picture: George Mashinini.

"If they come again, I will surely die," she said.

She said the family was asleep when they heard shouting and shooting.

"They bashed into our house and found me, demanding to see the man of the house."

One man found the children

in another room. "He grabbed the children and another man said in Xhosa: 'Don't kill them, just burn them.'"

When the children's mother, Sara, tried to protect them, the attackers stabbed and hacked her to death.

Yesterday, across the street from Mrs Sibanda's

shack were the remains of two razed homes.

All the houses and cars in the street had smashed windows and bullet holes.

Police moved from shack to shack taking statements.

Across the street from Mrs Sibanda is the shack of Mishak Modise.

His brother Rufus was murdered when two men burst into the house and found him hiding in a cupboard. They stabbed him to death while his brother and mother-in-law Elisa Marumde (90) hid under a bed.

"I do not know why they are killing us," said Mrs Marumde. "We have always lived as one nation here."

Other residents said that Zonke'zizwe (which means "all the nations") was a special place because Zulus, Xhosas and Sothos lived in harmony.

Last year, said Pauleen Mofokeng, fighting erupted between Zulus and Xhosas. "But then it was quiet until this."

Most residents believed the attack was carried out by "outsiders" who did not want to see Zulus and Xhosas living in peace.

## Pharmacists can supply

## Pill free

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Pretoria Correspondent

More than 1 600 pharmacists will, in future, be able to supply the contraceptive pill free of charge.

Pharmacists qualifying to offer the Pill at no cost must have completed the family planning course and have applied to the Department of National Health and Population Development for certification to enable them to supply the Pill.

The family planning course completed by 1 625 retail pharmacists during 1991 was run in conjunction with Potchefstroom University.

Qualifying pharmacists will be able to order oral contraceptive supplies from provincial authorities and offer these contraceptives to clients free of charge.

However, pharmacists will be able to charge a professional fee as they will be required to take a medical history of the client, monitor the client's blood pressure, and refer a client to a medical doctor or clinic for a full medical examination.

This project is part of the department's policy to bring primary health care to the majority of South Africans, and increase the availability and accessibility to contraceptive services within the community.



# Dispute Committee formed in N Tvl

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By McKeed Kotlolo  
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The Regional Dispute Resolution Committee (RDRC) for the northern Transvaal was formally established in terms of the National Peace Accord in Pretoria yesterday.

Yesterday's meeting was attended by representatives of the police, defence force and political, labour, business and religious organisations.

Phillip Schalkwyk, co-chairman of the region and representing businesses, said no committees were formed at the meeting.

He said his executive committee had been mandated to look into the issue of forming

local committees within various villages, townships and suburbs in the region in order to reach all the people in those areas.

Another executive member, Reeves Mabitsi said the it had been agreed that local committees should be established even in areas where there was no conflict.

Mr Schalkwyk added that conflict did not necessarily refer only to factional violence, it could also result from such things as electricity cuts and education crises.

Executive committee member Matthew Sathekge cited the Atteridgeville power cuts and the closure of the Soshanguve Technical College as potential areas of conflict.

He also said that communities would be prepared to

avoid conflict.

The new RDRC recommended to the National Peace Secretariat that its area of jurisdiction should encompass Pretoria, parts of Kwa-Ndebele, Bronkhorstspuit and Brits.

The committee was also mandated to look into the issue of establishing an ecumenical prayer service and to talk to various church organisations.

It was agreed that meetings would be held every six weeks.

Other committee members are Rev J S Minnele (co-chairman), Lieutenant Colonel A Behr (SAP), Colonel Japie Dreyer (SADF), Major W van der Westhuizen (SAP) and Kate Prinsloo.



# Cosas: (278) Pupils die, flee homes

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JOHANNESBURG. — Four Alexandra pupils were killed and 250 fled their homes because of the recent violence in the township, the Congress of South African Students said yesterday.

A Cosas Alexandra spokesman said the violence was disturbing pupils. He said the government would be held responsible for any high failure rates.

Meanwhile, the township north of here, which exploded in violence last week, continued to simmer on Tuesday as one man was shot dead and a policeman was injured.

## Flung

The body of a man, apparently flung from a train near Johannesburg, was found yesterday — the first incident of a train attack reported this week by Witwatersrand police.

A man was fatally shot on Tuesday night in ongoing taxi violence which has claimed two other lives in the Border-Ciskei area in the past 10 days.

● A committee of the Goldstone Commission currently investigating the violence at Thokoza will also examine incidents at Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong and Zonkhezizwe squatter camp near Vosloorus. — Sapa

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# Goldstone to probe squatter killings

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THE Goldstone Standing Commission on Public Violence and Intimidation will probe two East Rand massacres which have left at least 29 people dead and more than 30 injured since last Friday. 9/4/92

At least six people — including an eight-month-old baby — were killed and 20 injured on Monday night when a group of armed men attacked Zonkizizwe squatter camp near Vosloorus.

Six shacks were razed in the attack.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza has said the attack was carried out by the same group which killed at least 23 people and injured 16 at Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong on Friday night. Police said they were investigating a possible link.

Judge Richard Goldstone said in a statement yesterday that his commission's committee investigating Tho-

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koza violence would urgently probe the attacks on the two squatter camps.

Goldstone appealed to anyone with relevant evidence to approach the committee, which is chaired by Adv Solly Sithole.

Meanwhile, SA Rail Commuter Corporation senior GM Dirk Ackerman said yesterday the programme to upgrade 11 Soweto stations was on track and should be finished by the end of May.

The corporation announced early last month that it would pump R11,9m into the project, which was aimed at making the rail service safer, more convenient, and aesthetically pleasing.

MD Kobus Nel has said improvement of security at stations and on trains should be top priority because there was concern about attacks on commuters.

The stations due for upgrading are Naledi, Inhlazane, Ikwezi, Dube, Phomolong, Phefeni, Mzimhlophe, Midway, Chiawelo, Nancefield and Mlamlankunzi.

Witwatersrand police said yesterday they were investigating various train attacks in which 40 people had died with at least 80 injured.

They appealed to anyone with information regarding train attacks between Germiston and Katlehong from September 9 last year to March 17 to assist their investigation.

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# 'Mass assaults, rapes'

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## SADF denies ANC claims

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The ANC has claimed that soldiers of the SADF's controversial 32 Battalion rampaged through Phola Park on the East Rand on Wednesday night, killing a woman, raping several others and assaulting more than 100 people.

The SADF strongly contested the allegations last night and said that soldiers on patrol opened fire "as a result of an unprovoked attack on them by gunmen".

A Natal-priest Hospital spokesman said that at least 74 Phola Park residents had been treated at the hospital by 10 pm last night, most of them victims of assault.

During the course of Wednesday night at least four people were admitted — three men who had been sjambokked and assaulted and a teenaged girl who had been shot. Another five patients were admitted during the course of yesterday.

In a hard-hitting statement released in the shack settlement yesterday, the ANC's PWV region alleged "notorious Battalion 32 foreign mercenaries raided Phola Park without reason from 10 pm on Wednesday until yesterday morning."

"The mercenaries began shooting, assaulting residents and raping defenceless women. The raid took place without the knowledge of the local police," the statement alleged.

It added that the ANC was organising medical help for victims, would ensure that the raped women underwent Aids and pregnancy tests and would arrange for victims to lay charges against 32 Battalion.

Reacting last night, Witwatersrand Command spokesman Major Andreas Jordaan said a patrol was en route the settlement "to investigate shots that had been fired earlier in Phola Park."

"The patrol was about to deploy on the outskirts when they were attacked without provocation and a member of 32 Battalion was wounded.

Colonel Koos Laubscher, commander of SADF Group 41, Wits Command legal officer Major Hennie Luus and base commander Captain Mark Hermanson, who led Wednesday night's operation.

After some heated exchanges Mr Sexwale ended the meeting, telling the colonel to warn his men that they were sowing bitterness in the hearts of the people.

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed that a murder

docket had been opened following the death of an unidentified woman whose legs were shot off, apparently by an R-4 or R-5 rifle.

The spokesman said police were investigating the incident and no reports had been received of women

being raped by soldiers.

Last night police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said police had not been informed of any SADF member being wounded.

He called on residents who had allegedly been raped and assaulted to lay charges if their claims were true so that police could investigate.

"It is very difficult to offer comment on the actual incident as police were not there," Lieutenant Weber said.

Yesterday, Joseph Kelly, a security guard, said he was in his shack at about 9pm when about "six soldiers kicked open the door. I was sleeping. They hit me with a sjambok. They took me outside and forced me to the ground. They hit me with the sjambok again. When they were finished they kicked me and said, 'go back inside'."

Mr Kelly said that when the soldiers had burst into his room they wanted to know where his firearm was.

"I don't have a firearm," he said, adding that his mother had been left unharmed.

Priscilla Qaqane (32) alleges that she was assaulted by soldiers at about 7am yesterday.

"I was in my house. They asked where my husband was. I told them he was not home, he was at work. They hit me on my head and shoulder. Then they left."



Badly beaten ... Fickson Chabagu (left) and an unidentified man show a live round found at the scene.

The SADF members returned fire at the attackers in self-protection.

"During follow-up operations no wounded or dead could be found. It is accepted that innocent people could have been hurt during this incident as a result of the cowardly and unprovoked attack by persons unknown."

"Allegations of rape by SADF members have also been made and these are strongly denied."

Major Jordaan said, however, that should residents come forward, their allegations would be investigated "as the SADF will not accept any illegal or bad behaviour by its members".

In Phola Park yesterday, ANC PWV region chairman Tokyo Sexwale told hundreds of residents who gathered outside the local ANC offices — at least two dozen of them obviously injured — to defend themselves with every weapon at their disposal in future.

"If they (the soldiers) come here to wake you up in the night, if they come to beat you up, deal with them ... Use any weapon and hit back next time. Deal with them — this is nonsense."

Mr Sexwale had earlier led an ANC delegation through the tense settlement and interviewed persons allegedly assaulted or raped.

The delegation then went to the SADF support base in Tokoza, where it met Col-



Thrashed ... Fickson Chabagu (left) claims that about six soldiers from 32 Battalion assaulted him with a steel pipe. Joseph Kelly alleges that he was repeatedly sjambokked by another group of soldiers. The SADF last night strongly contested the allegations.

Pictures: George Mashini

# WEEKLY SPECIAL



# Train safety scheme 'still an embryo'

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson

A proposed train security concept involving private security companies, the South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) and several community leaders, was still in an embryonic stage and no mechanical details had been worked out yet, a member of the steering committee emphasised yesterday.

A steering committee met last Thursday to discuss the proposal, which has been accepted and supported in principle by the SARCC.

Once consultations with private enterprise and political organisations begin, the plan, if accepted, could take another 16 weeks to put into action, businessman and steering committee representative Willie Ramoshaba told a Johannesburg press conference.

According to an outline of the concept presented yesterday, a public company would be formed to control another company comprising private security firms such as Fidelity Guards and Chubb Holdings.

Mr Ramoshaba said the emphasis of the concept was on community participation in train security.

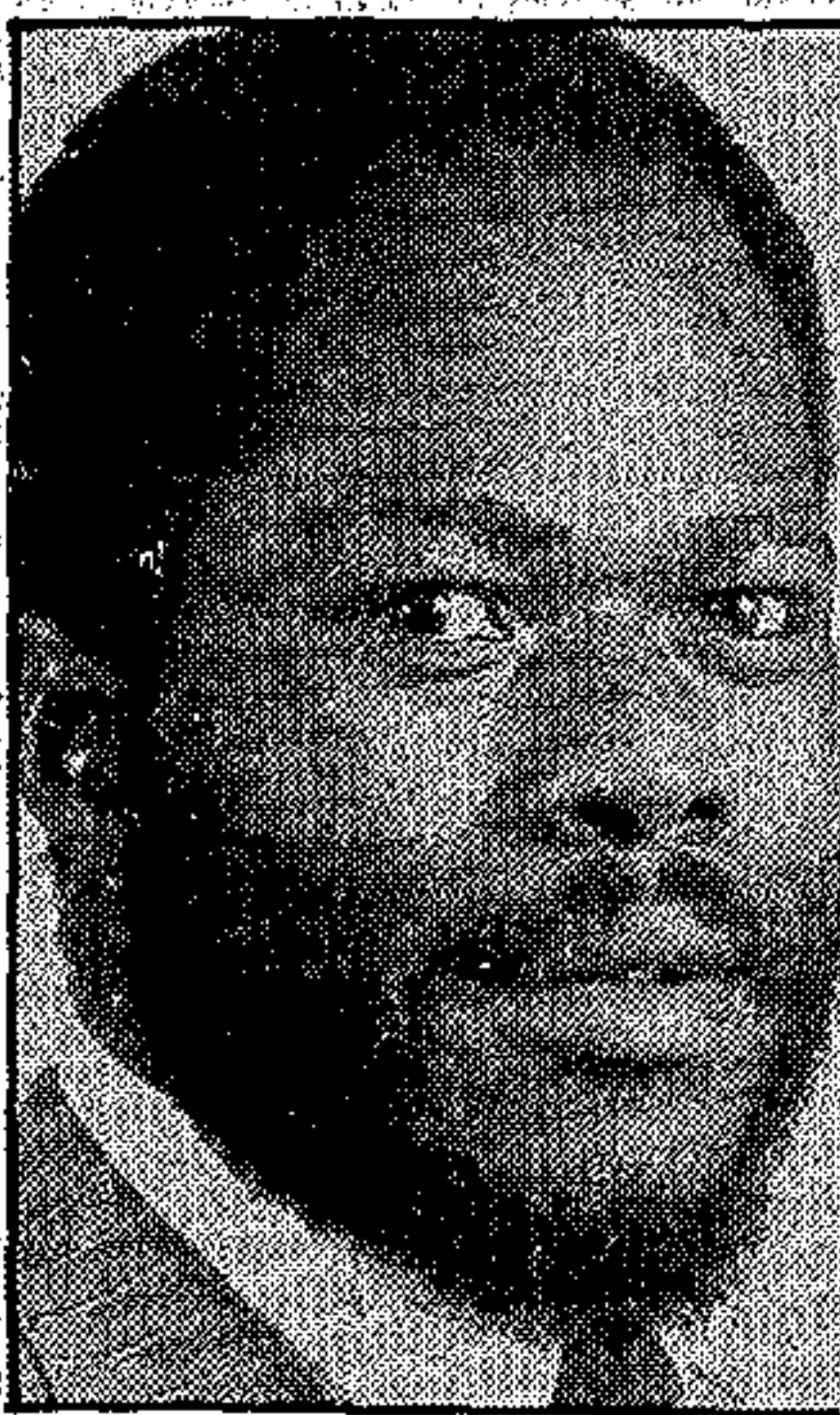
At the moment, people do

not see themselves as part of the security machinery and that is not conducive to peace," he pointed out.

He said shares in the proposed public company would be limited to a maximum of 5 per cent for each shareholder and would be sold for as little as R100 a share.

Acting SARCC executive chairman Wynand Burgers said the SARCC supported the idea.

"It has definite possibilities, and we welcome any initiative to end the violence," he said, but added that the mechanics of the concept had still to be worked out.



Willie Ramoshaba ... train security must involve community members.

Details such as training, uniforms, number of personnel, funding and the exact form which the independent train security would take could be decided only once the steering committee had consulted with the broad political, business and community spectrum, Mr Ramoshaba said.

That consultation was expected to take eight weeks.

The steering committee consists of Mr Ramoshaba, Fidelity Guards managing director Roy MacFarlane, Chubb managing director D Ackermann, and former head of the South African Council of Churches Dr Manas Buthelezi.

Several community leaders and two senior directors of the SARCC are also involved.



## Women in march for peace

By Stan Hlophe

About 200 women and youths under the banner of the Interdenominational Women's Prayer League marched through Johannesburg to John Voster Square yesterday to demand an end to countrywide violence.

They also demanded that policemen be replaced by railway officers at stations.

The women, in church uniforms and carrying placards, marched to the police headquarters, singing hymns.

The marchers led by Mary Masechaba Maba-so were received by

Brigadier A.J. Strauss, District Commissioner, who invited a delegation of eight into his office. He allowed the others to continue praying and singing inside the police headquarters.

He promised to forward the women's memorandum to the Minister of Law and Order, Heunis Kriel.

The memorandum further said: "Each time a person gets killed we as women feel the pain since we are responsible for giving birth to a nation that is continuously maimed and killed. We say enough is enough."



# Soldier shot in head as Phola Park simmers

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**The Argus Correspondent**

**JOHANNESBURG.** — Shots were fired at a 32 Battalion patrol near Phola Park squatter camp last night, wounding one soldier in the head, police said today.

Fire was returned but it is not known at this stage whether anybody else was hit.

The injured soldier is in a stable condition in Pretoria's 1 Military Hospital.

The incident follows on violence in the Phola Park squatter camp in Katlehong, on Wednesday night.

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# Seven dead on East Rand

PRETORIA. — Seven bodies were found on the East Rand, police said in their report for the 24 hours until 8 am yesterday. (278) CT 10/4/92

Two men were found dead at Kallang railway station and a third man between Booysens and Crown stations on Wednesday.

Three others were hacked and shot on the East Rand and another man was found shot in Alexandra.

SAP spokesman Captain Nina Barkhuizen said 98 people had been killed in unrest in the first week of April.

The police arrested seven people and confiscated a number of weapons in a special operation in Soweto early

yesterday, according to a spokesman.

A policeman was saved by his flak jacket when he was shot at pointblank range in the Vlakfontein squatter camp near Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg.

Captain Piet van Deventer said the policeman knocked on a door of a shack and the man who opened it fired a shot at him.

"The bullet hit the flak jacket on the right side of the policeman's chest, saving him from injury," said Captain Van Deventer. A man was arrested and a gun confiscated.

Patrolling policemen came under fire but did not fire back, he said.



# Women march

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ABOUT 150 women and children marched on Johannesburg's John Vorster Square police headquarters yesterday to demand an end to violence and that policemen be replaced by railway security men at stations.

Organised by an interdenominational church group under the banner of Women for Peace, the protesters said politicians, because they were not directly involved, were not doing enough to stop the violence.

A woman, who was weeping, carried a placard which read: "If women were governing there would be no Minister of Defence." The protest was not organised by any political party.



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# Train murderers strike again

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**AFTER a week of apparent peace on Reef trains, three people died in two brutal train attacks on Wednesday, police have confirmed.**

And in renewed violence at the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park, two women - one pregnant - were shot dead on Wednesday night, Pan Africanist Congress and ANC spokesmen claimed yesterday.

A man, Mr Lulama Fakude, is being treated at Natalspruit Hospital for a bullet wound, said PAC spokesman Mr Moss Mavundla.

Mavundla told Sowetan that residents in the area had reported seeing six Casspirs moving in the area and shots being fired by people inside the vehicles.

This was supported by ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, who said the camp was raided by SADF 32 Battalion from Wednesday

## Sowetan Correspondent

night to this morning.

However, Mamoepa said one person was killed and many injured.

He said an ANC delegation would meet victims of the raid and the commander of 32 Battalion in Tokoza.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber last night confirmed the SADF operation in the area.

Weber said a woman was shot and bled to death.

In the fresh train violence, a man was found between Booysens and Crown stations in Johannesburg about 8.15am. Police believe he was thrown out of a speeding train.

Police found the bodies of two other men on the East Rand. They had been hacked and stabbed before being thrown from a train between Germiston and Katlehong stations about 9pm on Wednesday.

The train attack victims, who have not yet been identified, brought the death toll from violence on the Reef on Wednesday to seven.

Two men, one of whom had been shot and the other hacked to death, were found by police in Katlehong during the day and the body of another man, who had been shot, was found in Vosloorus, also on the East Rand.

In Alexandra, police found the body of a man who had been shot.

In Soweto yesterday, about 200 Defence Force and SAP personnel conducted a search at Meadowlands Hostel and the immediate surrounding residential area for illegal possession of firearms and dangerous weapons.

Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the search started at about 3am. Two men were arrested for the illegal possession of a shotgun and two home-made firearms.



Whether they live in Inkatha or ANC strongholds, on the East Rand or in Cape Town, the children of township violence tell the same poignant tales...

At the blast of a shotgun, children at the John Pama Primary School in Nyanga, Cape Town, drop to the floor.

They may not comprehend the myriad complexities of the taxi war raging on the school's doorstep, but they know enough to try and keep out of the cross-fire.

It's a lesson they've learned the hard way: in February, an eight-year-old pupil lost her life when police opened fire to disperse warring taxi-drivers. The Nyanga terminus — a taxi-war battleground — abuts on the school, and every now and then bullets whizz through the schoolyard.

Pupils at the school were asked to draw pictures about the conflict. One depicts a scene in the next-door terminus. A helicopter hovers above vehicles, armed men and people running. Police figures wearing caps point guns; a body lies dead and bleeding. The sun is behind a cloud and in the foreground is a figure carrying suitcases and weeping.

A second drawing shows a man firing at a burning

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house; a small figure lies bleeding, another is running away. Its creator is a little boy whose sister was killed when their house was attacked. His is the fleeing figure.

Drawing pictures such as these, or playing games in imitation of fierce, adult battles, are important activities for young children swept up in frightening violence, according to psychologist Andy Dawes.

An associate professor at the University of Cape Town, Dawes has had extensive experience in counselling children caught up in conflicts. He is currently training people who work with refugees in ways of providing support and thus decreasing the risks faced by such children.

"Very young children — those under the age of six — tend to be more vulnerable to violent

Fierce games of conflict are important activities for children caught up in violence, say psychologists. By GAYE DAVIS

upheaval, especially where their parents are affected," he says. "To them, the violence is unexpected and unintelligible — giving rise to high levels of fear and terror."

If a young child's parents or older brothers/sisters are frightened and unable to cope, their presence no longer acts as a buffer for the child and effects are compounded. In response, young children "become quite clingy, nervous. They experience difficulty in sleeping or nightma

# Children in the

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**C**HILDREN lived here. You can tell from the single baby shoe in a still smouldering shack in Zonkezizwe squatter camp on the East Rand; from a plastic motorbike in the yard of a burnt-out shack at Crossroads squatter camp in Kattlehong.

Township children are often the victims of adult contests for territory and political power they do not understand and did not ask to play.

Over the past two weeks, during the raging battle and in the tense aftermath, *The Weekly Mail* visited the children of the battle-weary warzones of the PWV: Alexandra in the north, Kattlehong in the east and Soweto in the south.

Everywhere the children tell the same story, whether they live in African National Congress or Inkatha strongholds: they are scared, they want to get out, they have witnessed attacks, they have seen people killed.

A boy in Soweto acts out an incident in which he saw a hostel dweller burnt to death; two children in Zonkezizwe look for their friend Siphio, whom their mother has yet to tell them died in an attack on the Crossroads camp.

Two children, one in Alex and one in Meadowlands, have been abducted into hostels but miraculously escaped to tell their story.

But children, with their characteristic resilience and short memories, play on. A little boy leads his wire Rolls Royce around the remains of a gutted shack in Zonkezizwe. In a house bordering the

**Capetown boy acts out how he saw a man burnt to death; two children wander about in search of a dead friend; a little boy plays with his wire Rolls Royce in a gutted shack; all of them children trapped in the violence**

By BEARTHUR BAKER, FERIAL HAJFAJEE and RAYMOND NKUMALO

Mzimhlophe hostel in Meadowlands, a 14-year-old girl is knitting a red jersey for herself — "one plain, one pearl", she mutters as she goes. In a refugee hall in Alex, a mischievous 10-year-old playfully punches everyone in sight with Coca-Cola boxing gloves donated by a big brother.

**A**T the height of the fighting between residents and hostel dwellers in Alexandra, injured people stream into the Alex clinic for treatment. Amid the scores of hacked, shot or wounded victims, a group of children play games to pass the time — oblivious to the bloodstains on their clothing.

In the street outside, with the sound of gunfire booming across the township, a boy says he is ready for battle. "I am 13 years old and I will fight for my mother and my father. They will never take us, we are going to stay here — we will die

here," he announces.

Other children become part of the refugee exodus. By the time the battle subsides, a sense of community has developed among the refugees at the East Bank recreation hall in Alexandra. This has become home for some of the residents of "Beirut", the new name given to the battle site around Madala hostel on Third Avenue.

The hall is so full that there is very little light, the air is musty and permeated with the smell of urine from the one toilet everyone uses.

Peter Mohade (13) lives here now. His home was destroyed in the fighting three weeks ago, and his family moved to the hall because they have no relatives.

"I helped carry the furniture and all our things," he says proudly. "We had to leave many things behind, some got lost on the way. But I don't want to go back, there you can't sleep at night because they'll come and kill you."

**T**HE Crossroads squatter camp across the railway from Kattlehong in the East Rand has become the eastern front of the Reef wars.

Twenty-two people were killed on Friday night and scores injured. The residents are not all Zulu but they are all Inkatha supporters.

The camp used to be a pot-pourri of organisations but, on August 19 last year, by committee decision, all African National Congress supporters moved out into the nearby Holomisa camp.

Residents allege that last week people from Holomisa came back to loot the camp. According to Rosie Nzimande, the Crossroads representative, "It was them who came back. We recognised some of them. They want their shacks back, that's what they said."

Four children were killed. Only two have been identified, one a baby and the other a four-year-old called Siphio. Four of Siphio's little friends sit in their grandmother's half-burnt shack this week.

When asked if they know Siphio, they nod. Asked if they know where he is, they say simply they do not know.

Their mother whispers: "They don't know that he's dead."

One of these children was hit when Xhosa-speaking men came into his grandmother's shack and pulled the blankets off him. His only reminder is a swollen arm. But his main concern now seems that he has nowhere to play.

"We are scared to go and play, because the place has been burned," he says.

About 10 minutes from Crossroads lies the Zonkezizwe squatter camp, which was attacked in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

A mother of 10, Rosie Ndlovu, was sleeping when armed men attacked her shack. Twelve hours later, she sits disbelieving and

## A peaceful haven amid the terror

By FERIAL HAJFAJEE

**C**HURCHES have an air of serenity and peace about them and St John's Church in Benmore is no different. It's a world away from Alexandra, the home of the almost 30 children who have sought refuge here.

Birds chirp in the many trees in the grounds, it's sparkling clean and there are signs advertising soup kitchens, classes and an employment scheme run from the church.

Last month, when the violence flared again in Alexandra, the church offered to take in some of the children who had fled their homes in Beirut — the section of Alexandra under siege.

Other children are being housed at community halls and churches in Parkview, Bramley and Bryanston.

Fourteen-year-old Ivory, who has been staying at the church for about a month, sits combing her hair in the afternoon sunlight. She says she won't go back to Alex until "those people have gone away and there is peace".

When the children are asked what they are scared of, they answer in unison: "Inkatha".

On Saturday, Constance Hlekiso, also 14, a slightly built girl with scared black

eyes, was abducted by five men when she went to fetch her school funds from her mother who stays in Beirut. She alleges that they carried her into the hostel and only let her out when her brother and others begged them to let her go.

Other girls describe men coming into their homes and carrying out "pots, groceries and clothes"; their mothers holed up at the Alex Council offices, and able to visit them only at weekends; watching people being killed.

At St John's, their topsy turvy lives have found some order. With pride they point out the big bright playroom the boys sleep in. The girls sleep three to a room in the Sunday school's classrooms. They have no beds but they do have mattresses and blankets.

The church provides their meals. The children spend their days playing on the swings and the slide. When it rains, they play "doll's house" in the church hall.

Ordinary activities for children, but for these it is a lifeline in an existence destroyed by war. Asked whether they want to go back to Alex, they all shake their heads vigorously: "No".

Says one: "When we sleep, we feel free here. At Alex, when we sleep, we feel fear."



**Too young to hate? A toddler stares with silent, dry-eyed hopelessness next to her totally gutted shack. The ruins are still smouldering and hot to the touch.**

Her children were in the shack when it was attacked. One of them is missing, the others have been sheltered by the neighbours.

Her neighbour, Francina Dlamini, is luckier. Her shack was also set on fire, but the attackers put out the flames when she gave them R30 and brought her television set, radio and blankets out of hiding.

However, while the shack was "spared", her 16-month son, Tshepo, was not. He was woken up and hit by the attackers. Luckily for him, they left him when his mother brought out her possessions.

Tshepo, whose name means "hope", has already forgotten the incident, at least on the surface. He smiles and plays with a reporter's pen, oblivious to his badly swollen black eye.

Another neighbour's son, nine-year-old

Jabu Skhosana, fear. "I don't know if he'll come again," he hides under the bed.

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Catherine Mafu, old, has been forced into her grandmother's Street. It is not far from its further away

Her grandmother, 30 in the four-room shack hastily

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# anguish

Some might regress — become little again — their way of showing they need more attention than their age would suggest. Where parents are resilient and organised, the impact is lessened."

Children's aggressive play and violent drawings might horrify teachers and parents, says Dawes, but "it's a part of being very young. Children use it as a way of making sense of what is going on around them — a way of exercising some form of control over their fears".

He suggests that teachers and parents allow children to talk about their drawings and games in a way that makes the children feel safe to do so: "This can provide containment and support."

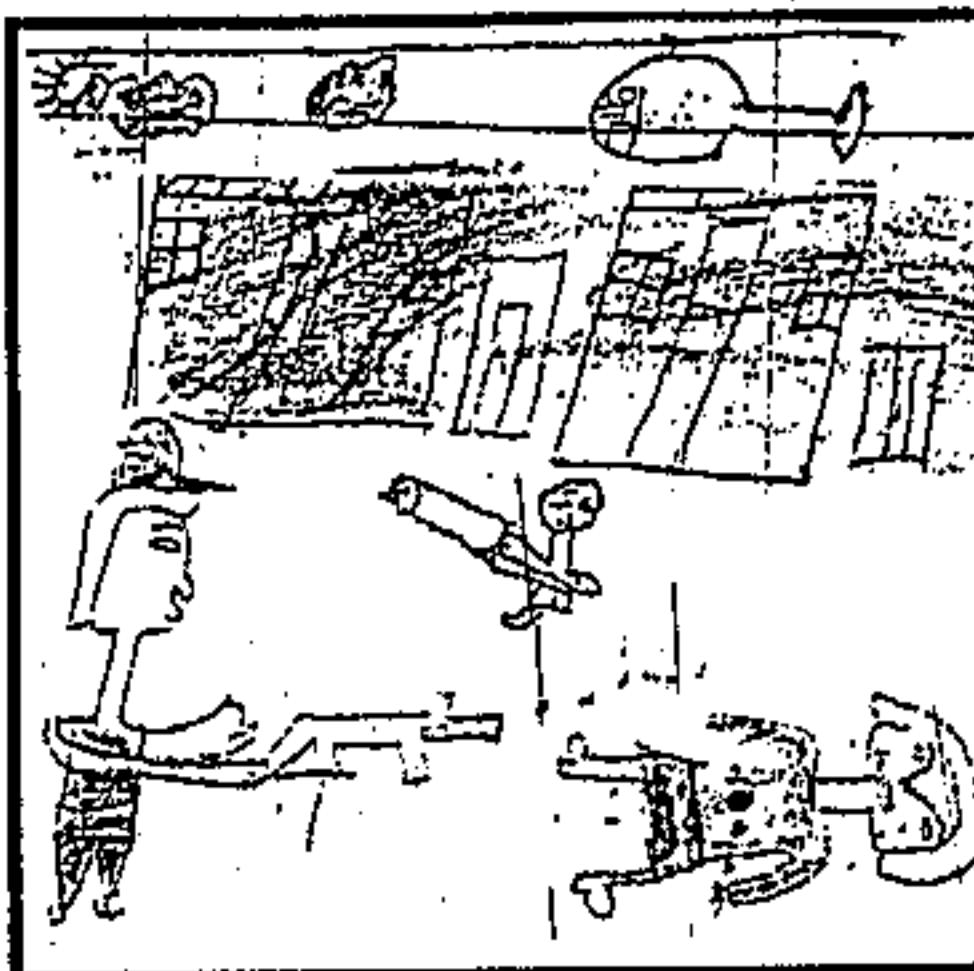
All children will react to violence in different ways, according to their ages, their individual

make-up and their home environments. According to Dawes, those most at risk are children who lack support from parents or siblings, or who have experienced the death of someone close to them (perhaps seen it happen), lost their homes and been displaced or injured themselves.

For such children, especially where such events happen to the same child, one could predict long-term effects.

But Dawes dismisses the notion that the violence will throw up an entire brutalised generation, with dire implications for the future. "Many children in townships are brutalised already by life itself," he points out, adding that only a small proportion of children will manifest more serious long-term effects, becoming depressed, asocial and withdrawn.

For many, violence can become understood as the way problems are solved. "Young children often have quite aggressive fantasies anyway. When they see the outside world being aggres-



Childhood memories ... and a lifetime of pain  
sive, the boundaries can get blurred ...

Adolescents' greater ability to understand the violence acts as a form of protection but, says

Dawes, their tendency to get involved in more risky behaviour also put them in greater danger.

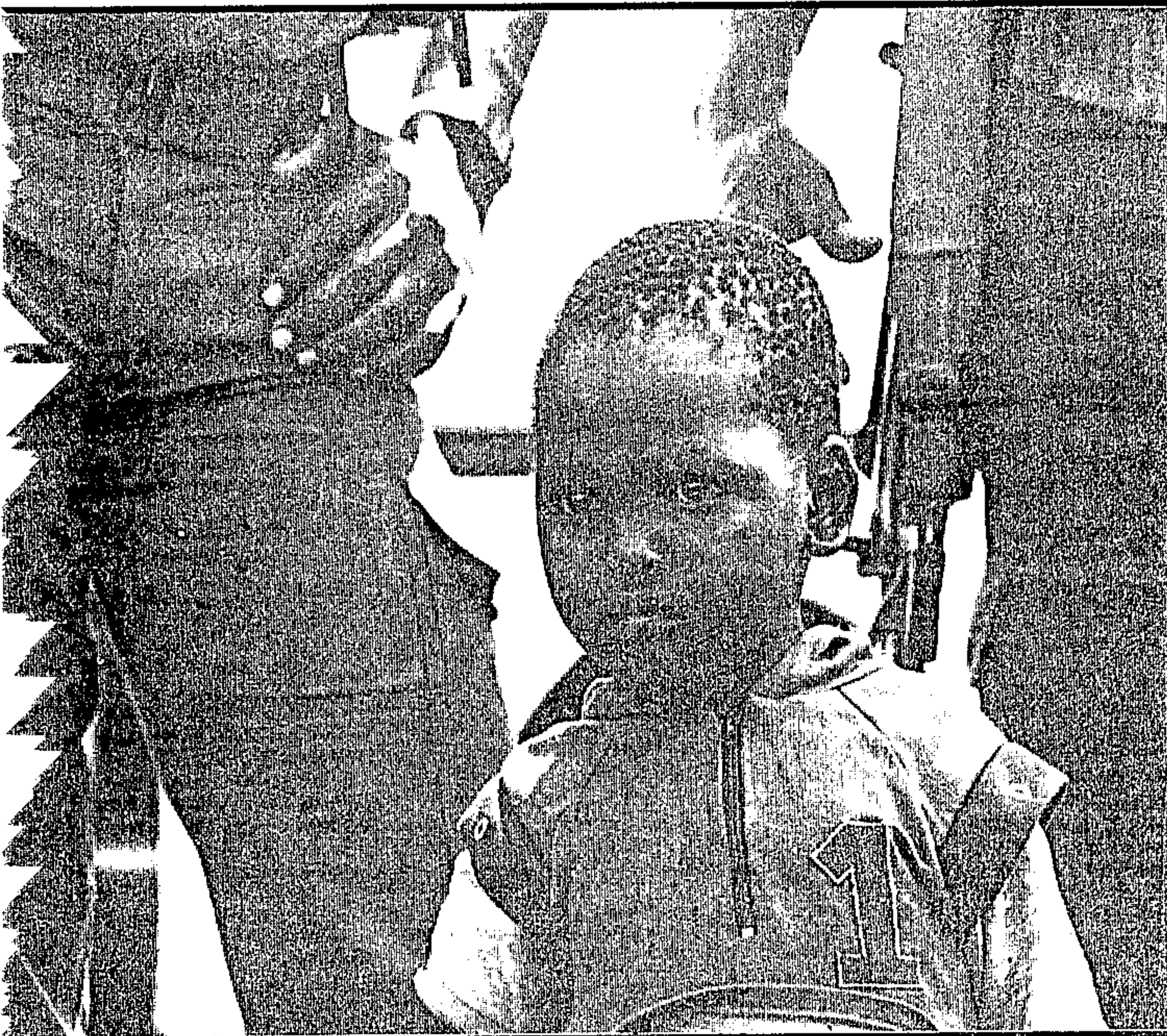
Removing children from violent areas, unless they went to other, familiar family members, is not necessarily a solution, says Dawes.

"Children will tend to be concerned about what is going on at home and will tend to inflate the dangers faced by those left behind. When things get difficult, it is better to keep people close to those they can rely on.

"What's necessary are support groups — for teachers, parents and siblings — perhaps linked to civics and street committees, acting as channels for information to help them to cope. There aren't the resources to give everyone therapy.

"The main thing is to avoid people becoming emotionally isolated. They need the opportunity to talk, share their terrors and losses — not just to ventilate but to think of constructive ways of finding out how to cope. If adults and older siblings cope better, so will the children."

# war zone



the burnt-out home he once lived in at Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong

Photo: GUY ADAMS

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the hostel people come," says Catherine.

The house is on the corner next to the taxi rank where, three weeks ago, a minibus full of people going to work was sprayed with machine gunfire. A week later, again not far from her home, a hand grenade was hurled into a bus returning workers from town. Miraculously, no one was killed. Six people were injured.

As Catherine speaks, a tremor runs through the ground. The children instinctively duck low. Some run away, bent double to avoid bullets. Catherine puts on a brave face and dismisses the others as "cowards". But it is clear she is shaken.

Like most children her age, the Easter school holidays have come as a welcome relief.

"When we wash, preparing to go to school, the hostel people would come towards the township and we have to run out into the street naked, there is no time to dress up," says Catherine.

Just three weeks ago, her cousin, 12-year-old Jacob, was ambushed by hostel dwellers crouching in the alley he has to pass on his way to school. Pellet marks around his eye now scar his face.

"I was walking through a passage, and suddenly I was grabbed and taken to the hostel by these men," says Jacob. "I screamed loudly. I thought they were going to kill me inside that place. They were hitting me all the time and then one guy, I can recognise him, told them to let me go because our people had been alerted."

At the Ikhayalam pre-school near Mzimhlope hostel, principal Caroline Tikolo says the children are affected by the violence. All her charges are under six years old and "when they hear guns they panic and run around and then want to watch what's happening at the fence".

Last week, she found a five-year-old drawing a stick instead of the usual mommy and daddy pictures. He said: "I am drawing

Inkatha."

During playtime they play their favourite game: "Inkatha, Inkatha". They use plastic bags to make headbands, grab anything that will suffice for a "traditional weapon" and run around "killing" each other.

One of the children playing in the street near the crèche says: "I saw a man from the Inkatha hostel being burnt just there in the next road three weeks ago." He points to a distant line of abandoned, gutted houses which form a border between township and hostel residents.

"When I heard people talking about him, I followed because I wanted to see what was happening. He was dead and lying there on his back looking upward like this."

He lies down on the grass and demonstrates how the man lay stiff, and indicates that a hole in his head was oozing blood while many parts of his burnt body still smouldered. "But I was not scared, I was only disgusted," he says.

# Playing games among the ruins

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By BEATHUR BAKER

ALL that's left alongside the flattened shacks of families wiped out in an attack on Crossroads, a predominantly Zulu squatter camp next to Katlehong on the East Rand, are the trampled remnants of once-thriving vegetable gardens.

Now, children who survived the onslaught and are on holiday from school, play among the ruins.

At first sight, they appear unaffected by the brutality of the attack — which was a rare and savage example of children joining their parents as specific targets of township violence.

When asked who they think is responsible for the attack, the survivors, some as young as five, have no doubt: "It's the Xhosas, we heard them talk as we were hiding — that is how we know."

After the early morning attack last Friday, mothers, fathers and children were left for dead in the smouldering ruins of their corrugated iron shacks.

One mother, identified only as "Kgampane" by a neighbour, was asleep with her husband and two children when, shortly after 1am, a group of men armed with knives, knobkerries and pangas barged into their shack demanding money.

In confusion they said they had none, hoping the attackers would leave, but the men rained blows on them, mercilessly beating them, the neighbour told *The Weekly Mail*.

While trying to ward off the blows, Kgampane tried to protect her one-month-old daughter, holding the child close to her body. But she could not defend it from the blows, and the baby was struck on the head by a panga, leaving a gaping hack wound across her tiny forehead. She was lucky: she survived.

All the while her terrified four-year-old brother stood hugging his father around the legs, crying hysterically as he watched him being backed to death.

His "interference" by holding on to his father so angered the attackers that they hit him repeatedly, slashing his forearms and wrists and before killing his father.

The boy is also in hospital, fighting for his life.

This family was the first to be attacked, but they were not the last.

Vera Ndlela (19) was also asleep when the men barged into her shack. They immediately began beating her, and demanded money from her. She said she was a student, and had no money. On hearing this, they told her that they wanted her 18-month-old baby to remove parts of his body. She tried to hold on to the boy, but repeated blows from knives and knobkerries forced her to let go. As the men took the boy, she broke away and ran. They flung him into the ruins, and chased Vera among the dense reeds of a nearby stream.

For three days, Vera lay in the smelly, marshy stream running alongside the squatter camp.

Unable to move after her severe beating, she remained stuck on the stream bank until she heard people nearby and let out a weak scream. Residents found her and took her to the Natalspuit Hospital.

Her son is missing, and police do not know whether he is one of the injured in hospital, or a body in a morgue.

By Wednesday, five days after the attack, the police could not confirm the names or number of children injured or killed. The only incidents they were able to give details of were the cases of two children, both believed to be younger than one year, whose bodies are at the Germiston mortuary. Both suffered "excessive burn wounds" and are thought to have died as a result of their burns.



# 'Black Cats' reign of terror

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THE Goldstone Commission yesterday heard how members of the notorious "Black Cats" gang in Wesselton, Ermelo, went on the rampage after undergoing training in KwaZulu.

Details of the gang's activities were revealed by a former member of the gang, who is referred to as Mr B.

Mr B told the commission that the "Black Cats", backed by "a handful of graduates from the Caprivi Strip", attacked ANC members and petrol-bombed their homes and businesses in 1991.

The "Caprivi Strip graduates", who were from KwaZulu, frequently visited Wesselton.

Mr B told the commission the attacks took place after the gang underwent training in KwaZulu in the use of firearms.

The commission heard that the "Black Cats" were still carrying attacks on residents in Wesselton and that the so-called "comrades" in the area were afraid of them.

Another witness - referred to only as Mr C and a former Inkatha Freedom Party member - said in a statement read before the commission he had been trained in the Caprivi Strip in 1986.

The man, who has since joined the ANC, said he was approached by two IFP members in 1986 and asked if he was interested in joining the KwaZulu Police.

As it was always his aim to be a policeman, he indicated he was interested.

Mr C said he and other young men, who were supporters of the IFP, were flown to the Caprivi Strip where they spent few months undergoing training.

They were supplied with camouflage uniform and were given training in the use of firearms, explosives and how to stage ambushes and launch attacks in urban areas. Mr C said the men who carried out the training also wore camouflage uniform.

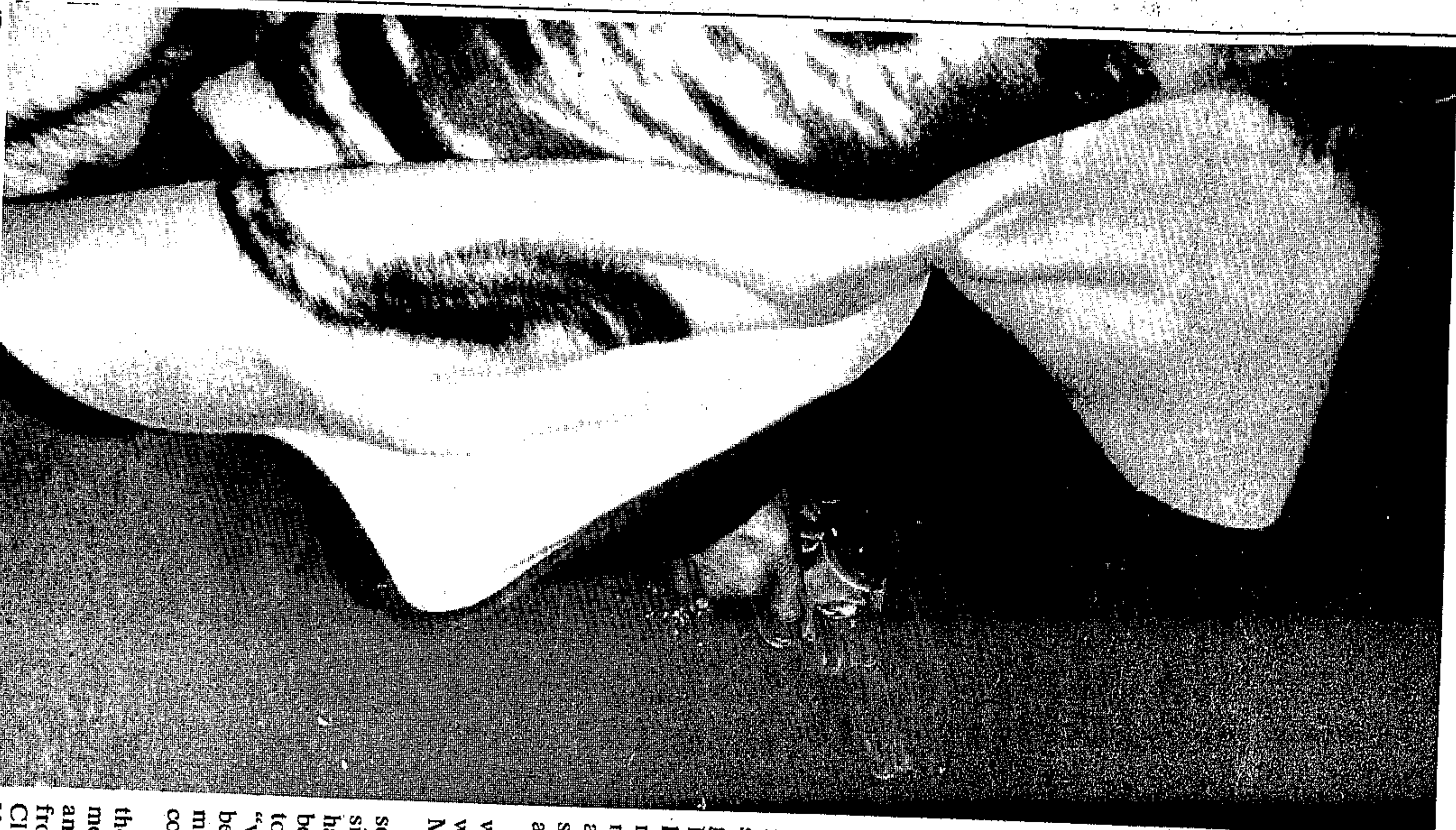
It was not clear which defence force units the men belonged to as they did not wear any badges or name tags.



# Putsch of the tsotsi comrades

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'People's militia' on patrol in Phola Park ... Quarrels of all sorts are settled by the gun  
Photo: KEVIN CARTER

**S**HADOWED by a barefoot child rolling a rusty bicycle wheel, we comb the shanties. The blank stares, the silences, the tight-lipped evasions — this is not the friendly, close-knit Phola Park we remember.

Dan, the flamboyant spaza shop-owner with 24-carat gold initials set in his front teeth, has vanished to Giyani. No one knows what has happened to residents' committee chairman Prince Mhlambi, the public face of the East Rand squatter camp and charismatic centre of a ground-breaking development initiative backed by the Independent Development Trust. In the committee's office, a shack at the entrance to the camp, a certain Eric Siswana informs us: residents have kicked out the old committee and chosen a new one. He is its secretary; none of the other new leaders is available.

His account leaves us substantially in the dark: residents were not consulted about the development programme agreed with the consultancy, Planact, he says — but we know there have been endless workshops and meetings. Residents objected to being moved from one set of shacks to another, instead of being housed, he says — but we know the plan envisages self-help housing.

Siswana says the old committee is welcome in the township and that he wants to work both with Planact and Mhlambi.

But in subsequent interviews with sources close to Phola Park, a more sinister picture emerges. Mhlambi has fled and ousted committee members have been "banned" from talking to the media; Planact staffers, "whites" and former leaders have been threatened with death; there are moves to pull out of the local peace committee.

Three weeks earlier, according to these accounts, 16 heavily armed men hijacked a community meeting and ejected committee members from their office at gunpoint. Claiming to be militants from Unkhonto we Sizwe, they had also terrorised residents. It is hard to credit that this "putsch"

*Criminals masquerading as activists are grabbing power in violence-torn townships.*

**DREW FORREST** reports

*on the strange changes at Phola Park, once a 'model' of housing development*

has the support of ordinary residents — 18 months of gruelling ground-work, backed by a R23-million grant from the IDT, was on the verge of fruition. The first squatters were recently moved to make way for road development, and now the entire project, seen as a potential model for the country, is in the balance.

Some talk of a power grab by members of Phola Park's defence unit, by reputation the Reef's best armed and most effective, wanting a piece of the action. If so, it is an object lesson in the dangers of "people's militias" in the culture of violence now pervading the townships — quarrels of all sorts tend to be settled through the barrel of a gun.

But commentators are unanimous that criminal elements, operating under African National Congress colours, are also climbing on the bandwagon. Stolen car racketeering, drug peddling and the smuggling of arms are said to be rife in the dirt-poor settlement.

"Peace and development are not in the interests of criminals," commented one source. "Wide streets, street-lighting and proper sites with numbers are a threat to them."

More significantly, parts of Phola are no-go areas for the police — according to one source, some residents have specifically objected to the widening of streets on grounds that it will give the police easier access.

The point is partly a political one: given repeated allegations of SAP collusion with their mortal enemies — Inkatha loyalists in the nearby Thokoza hostel, the springboard for many attacks — residents do not count the police among their friends. But other, less defensible motives may also be at issue.

Phola Park is not the only ANC-dominated area where things are cashing in on the "struggle". In Ogies in the Eastern Transvaal, "criminals in ANC T-shirts" recently launched a consumer boycott against local black businesses, says ANC official Jacques Modipane. The motive, according to one report, was the extraction of protection money.

Modipane relates how ANC officials who called a community meeting on the issue were forced to flee under a hail of stones, and that an organiser was cruelly beaten and narrowly escaped being "necklaced". The incident prompted a warning that any ANC member implicated in crime faced lifelong exclusion from the movement.

Thugs masquerading as ANC members had recently harassed pressmen in Bethal, Modipane added. In other instances, ANC "members" had coerced township businessmen into providing transport for rallies.

"It happens time and again, and it's very hard to deal with," Modipane said. "All the youngsters in this area see themselves as ANC members, regardless of whether they have cards. They all wear T-shirts and can sing freedom songs."

Political violence, by distracting the law-enforcers and sapping organisational control, feeds and camouflages crime. "Com-tsotsis" had a field day during the chaotic upheavals of the mid-1980s, and it may be significant that the Phola coup has been coupled with calls for withdrawal from local peace talks.

Last week a policeman was allegedly lured into the squatter camp and shot. The current mayhem on the Reef has shown how in poor communities, politically-inspired violence and crime can become inseparable.

In Meadowlands, Zonkeziwe near Kallahong and Alexandra, residents have accused Inkatha-supporting hostel inmates of plundering and torching houses after "liberating" them. But the same accusation is made by Inkatha shack-dwellers at Crossroads, scene of a brutal invasion by "Xhosa-speakers" at the weekend.



# Resident to fast over authorities' slackness

ONE Alexandra resident who is fed up with official intransigence on action to resolve the problem of displaced people in the township has decided to stage a hunger strike until something is done.

Jeanette Mesatywa (26) says that as a Christian and a pacifist she does not believe in violence as a way of resolving problems. But she feels "sick at heart and angry" at seeing sickly people, senior citizens and children being bullied out of their homes and then neglected by the authorities.

"I have decided to protest by fasting outside the Presbyterian Church from next week until the local authorities respond to

the plight of the displaced residents," says Mesatywa, a Wits graduate who is currently doing volunteer work for the Alexandra Peace Group.

"I was born and grew up in Alex," she says, "and I was horrified to see on stayaway day police firing teargas into the flats, regardless of the fact that there might have been children and old people in those flats who would be seriously affected by the gas."

Mesatywa said that while she could intellectually understand the reasons for violence, her convictions, based on Gandhian principles of non-violence, could not condone violence as a solution to problems.

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# 'Forgotten people' of

## Alex want to go home

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JOE LOUW

THE violence that has terrorised Alexandra residents for the past few weeks is winding down.

This week a semblance of normality returned to troubled streets that only a few days ago were littered with barricades and burning tyres.

But the tragedy, heartache and confusion caused by the violence is far from over for hundreds of families displaced from homes near the notorious Madala single men's hostel — from which, residents say, they

have been terrorised, shot at, murdered and robbed.

It is now almost four weeks since the first families fled from the beleaguered blocks to be housed, under police guard, in backyards, church halls and empty rooms once used for schooling.

Most of these people had been living in those homes since they were born and had never lived elsewhere. At least 85 percent of them are women and children, the old and the

sickly.

Many are today still living in makeshift shelters, worried about the possessions they had to leave behind and uncertain about the future.

Almost all the people I spoke to this week believe that nobody cares about them.

Martha Ramaisa, mother of three schoolgoing children, had tears in her eyes when she looked about her in the nave of the Rev Busani Ngunane's Teith Avenue Presbyterian

Church, where 16 families have been lodged since the middle of last month.

"My child," she said, "in all the 27 years I lived in my own home in Second Avenue, I have never slept in another bed. Now I have to share this small space with three other families.

"Our children all sleep together and we have to share sleeping space with the older children, and you know this is not our way.

"Many of us have lost most

of our life savings, and the things we bought for ourselves with our many years of hard work are just getting spoilt and stolen.

"Some of my furniture is just sitting in the yard of my home which I had to abandon. It's now rotting in the rain. We really feel forgotten."

There is some help in the form of food rations coming from good Samaritans through the churches and distributed from the local community centre — beans, bread, mealie meal and other foodstuffs.

"I feel like a refugee," said Ivy Debeshe.

"We have never lived on handouts and we are five in my family. We never seem to have enough now, and as for myself, I'm really fed up living with strangers and having to cook together with others.

"All we want is to go back to our home."

"At the end of the day," a bit-ter resident commented, "these guys in these meetings just jump into their cars and go off to their comfortable homes while we have to go and sleep on other people's verandas."

While the misery and tragedy of the township's residents continue, committees attend

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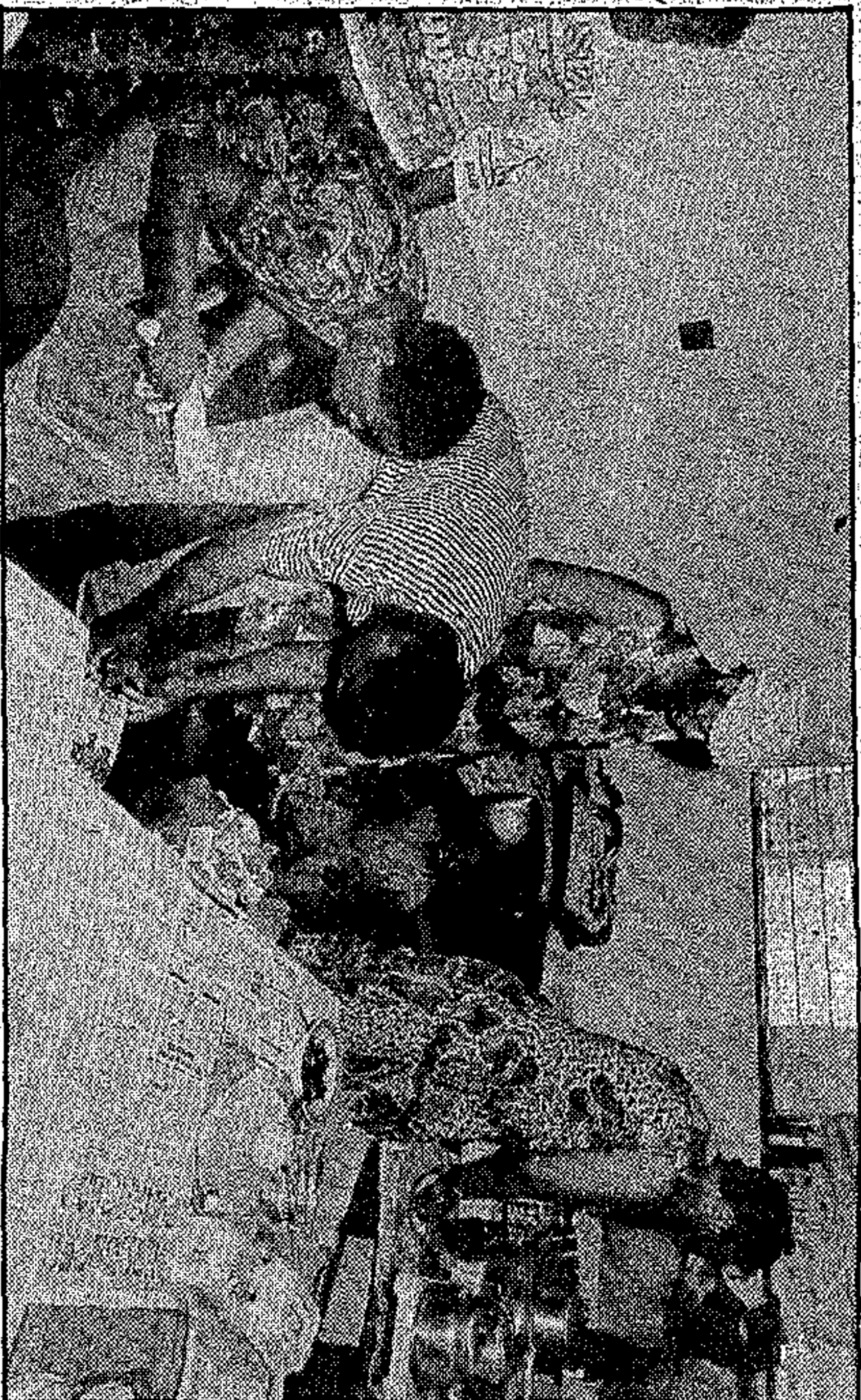
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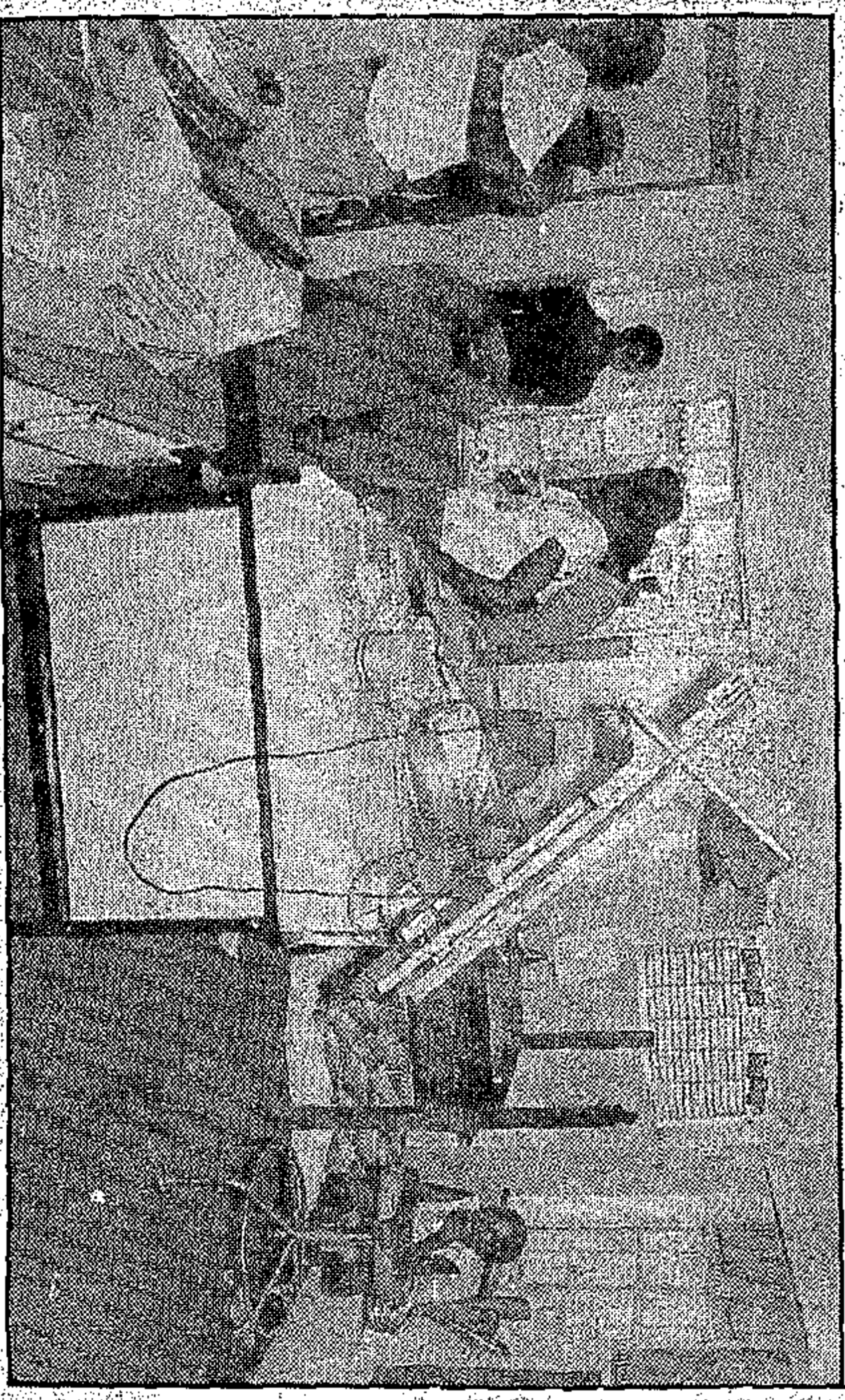
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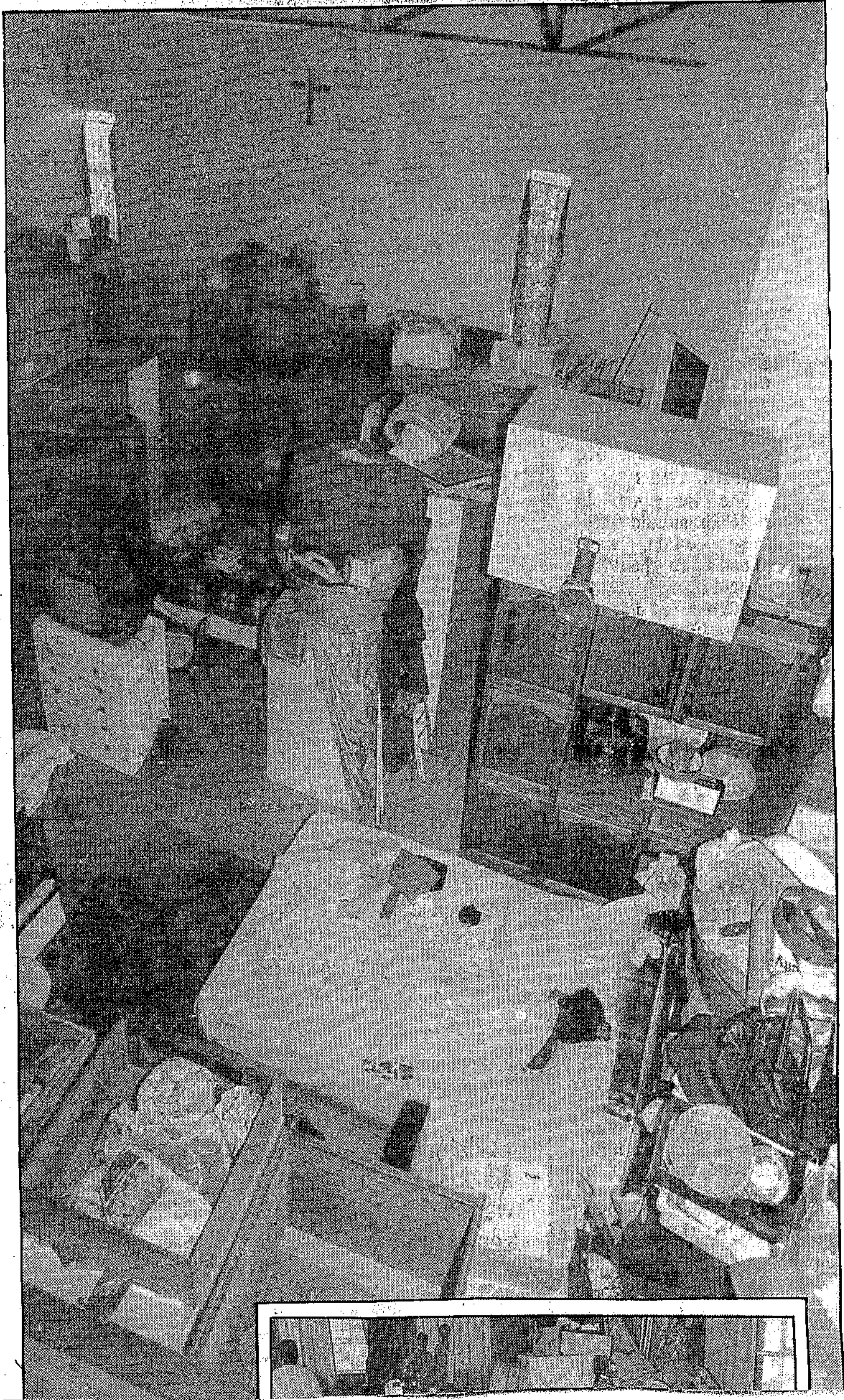
**TIME FOR RATIONS:** Bread, beans and medlie meal (donations channelled through churches) are handed out to Alex refugee families.



**NEW OCCUPANTS:** Young boys and their sister occupy the council's map room while pots rest on a machine worth hundreds of thousands of rands.



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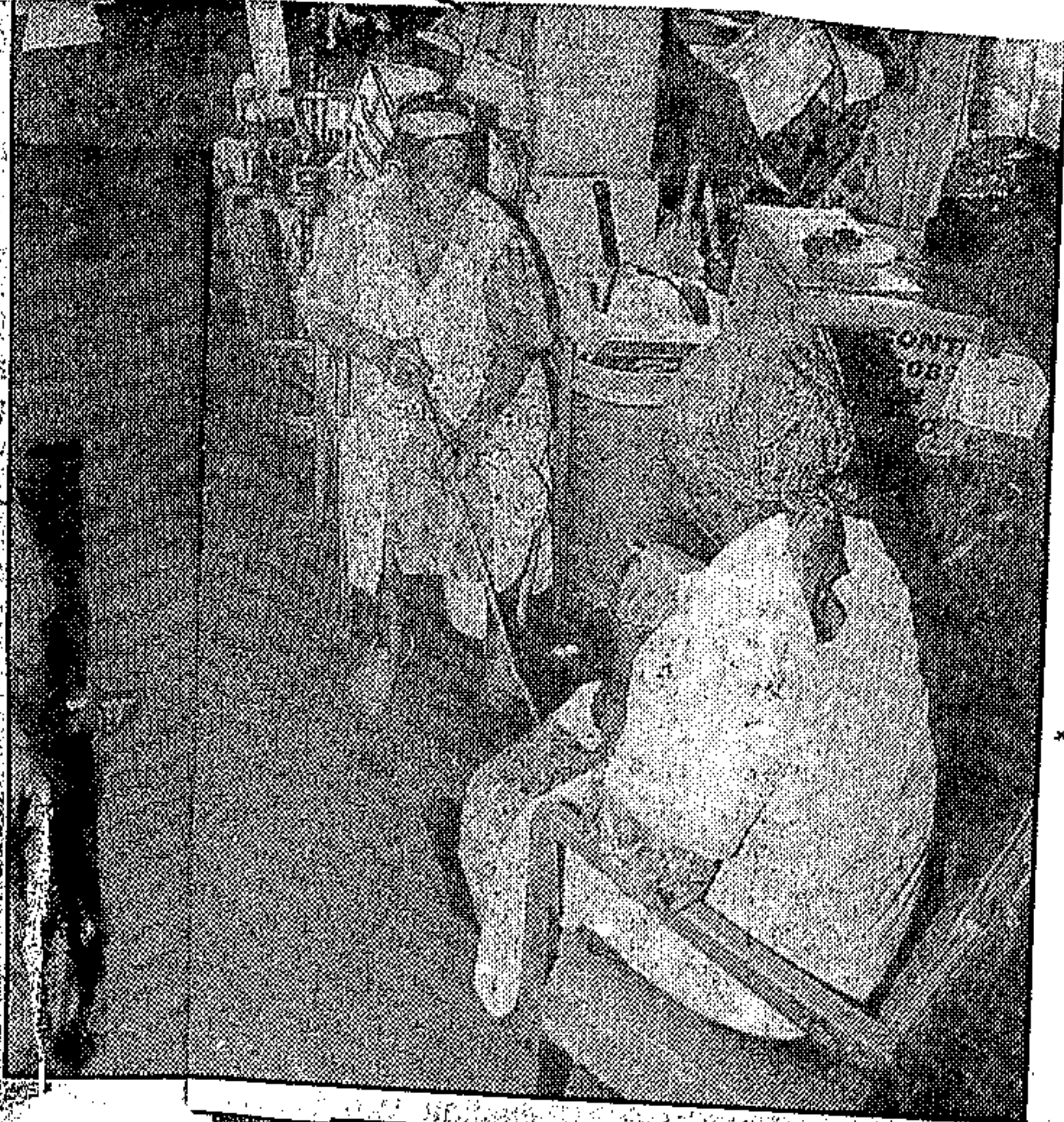


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**PLACE OF REFUGE:**

This is the scene in the nave of the Presbyterian Church on Tenth Avenue, where 16 families are living.

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**JOE LOUW**



**RIGHT:** The scene at the "occupied" Alexandra Town Council boardroom. Lydia Mokgadi and a friend from Fourth Avenue talk about the good days in their homes, so near but out of reach.



**PROTESTER:** Jeanette Mesatywa is fed up with the plight of displaced residents.



# Phola Park: Yes to probe

DEFENCE Minister Roelf Meyer will ask the Goldstone Commission to investigate the violence in the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand.

Mr Meyer's announcement came after his meeting yesterday with the residents' committee and members of the ANC in Phola Park, three days after soldiers of 32 Battalion allegedly rampaged through the squatter camp, shooting, beating and raping residents.

He said he would ask the Goldstone Commission to probe all violence in the settlement, including the most recent events.

Residents had laid charges of rape and assault against members of 32 Battalion and police were investigating the allegations.

By PETA KROST

"The army will co-operate fully," he said.

He said that 32 Battalion would not be withdrawn from the area. However,

## MIDNIGHT MADNESS

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the soldiers allegedly implicated "would be withdrawn from the area until the investigation is over".

The SADF, he said, would also conduct an internal investigation into what happened on Wednesday night.

"The results of our inquiry

will be presented to the police," Mr Meyer said.

This was the first time since the troops were deployed in the area in April last year that their conduct had been questioned, he said.

"Since then the general situation in Thokoza township has calmed down a lot.

"We are proud of our soldiers and we want to make sure that the public is too," Mr Meyer said.

He appealed to all relevant institutions to help upgrade the conditions in Phola Park, which he said were "unacceptable".

"We will do whatever is necessary to rebuild a good relationship with the Phola Park community."



# SLAUGHTER of the INNOCENT

By THEMBA KHUMALO

THOSE brave, strong men of 32 Battalion!

What a battle it must have been! Over 100 defenceless Phola Park squatters with a terrible assortment of gunshot injuries, at least four women with horrific tales of rape (those courageous enough to speak of it), and a husband's account of his wife's death so poignant it left this reporter at a loss for words.

The SADF says it's battalion of black Portu-

## 'Mercenaries out!' cries ANC after troops smash into squatter camp

guese-speaking men - slammed as "mercenaries" by the ANC - were allegedly fired upon by gunmen from the camp,

and that one of their men was even injured at some stage. A spokesman also says "innocent civilians" could have been hurt in the crossfire.

Some crossfire. When City Press arrived at the camp after Wednesday night's blitzkrieg we walked into a battlefield littered with injured squatters.

Many of those stumbling about had gaping gunshot wounds and I saw plenty of swollen and disfigured faces.

Nomatuse Gqumza, 42, died.

Dejected squatters said their ordeal started soon after 8 pm when the soldiers from a temporary base in Thokoza launched their raid.

Squatters alleged the soldiers would shout "Where are the Guns!" and then shoot or assault them with riflebutts.

John Msimango, whose common-law wife, Nomatuse, died hours after she was allegedly shot by the soldiers, told a horrendous tale.

"We had just got to bed at about 9 pm when we heard a commotion outside our shack. Women were screaming and children were crying for help. Seconds later several shots were fired through our shack and my wife, our son and I dived for cover.

"Soon after my wife was hit by a bullet and she screamed from excruciating pain. She constantly told me she was dying and she was bleeding profusely."



HUSBAND'S GRIEF ... No help for John Msimango whose wife Nomatuse died in his arms.

Minutes later the soldiers battered at the door of his shack. When he opened up a group burst in and started assaulting the couple while raving on about "the guns".

They shot him in his legs and left. Despite his injuries, Msimango hobbled about calling for transport to get his dying wife to hospital.

There was none and at 4.30 am she died as he cradled her in his arms.

An 18-year old visiting Transkeian girl said two soldiers forced their way into her sisters' shack.

After hearing the pair lived alone, the soldiers dealt the women a few slaps and punches and left.

The girl said: "One of

the two soldiers returned minutes later and ordered me to lift my skirt and raped me against a wall."

A 20-year old woman who lives with her husband said she was also raped by the soldiers.

Her husband was forced to turn his face to the wall while the soldiers whipped him on his back. Then they forced him outside.

She said: "The two soldiers took turns in raping me. The first soldier shone a torch for the other one who was raping me. When he was finished the second soldier raped me while the other held the torch for him."

Bongiwe Mqonywa, 27, her hands encased in plaster casts, said when she told the soldiers she did

not have a husband or guns, a soldier smashed her hands with a broomstick.

Portia Raku, 27, said three of the soldiers burst into the shack she shares with her sister, Nthembu.

After laying into the women with their rifle butts, the soldiers cynically told them to "report your injuries to Nelson Mandela".

They later returned.

Raku said: "They ordered us to face the wall and, while two of them beat us, the third soldier put his hands in our private parts and also fondled my breasts."

Louis Sibeko, executive member of Thokoza Civic Association (TCA) and an ANC member, said the attack on the camp was the second by the soldiers in the last two weeks.

Sibeko said: "We in the TCA want the total removal of these troops from the township."

A spokesman for Wit Command, Major JAJ Jordaan, confirmed the incident but denied that the soldiers, all members of 32 Battalion, raped or injured anyone.

He said: "The SADF members opened fire as a result of an unprovoked attack on them by gunmen from Phola Park. Our patrol was en route to investigate shots that had been fired earlier."

"The patrol was about to deploy when they were attacked and one soldier was wounded. The Phola Park residents are known for their unprovoked attacks and indiscriminate firing at civilians and security forces."

Major Jordaan said during follow-up operations the soldiers could not find any casualties among the squatters. It was accepted that innocent people could have been hurt during this incident, he said.

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# MIDNIGHT MAYHEM

THE battle-hardened soldiers of 32 Battalion say all they did was try to keep the peace in the East Rand's Phola Park squatter camp.

But more than 100 residents, most of them women, have a different story. They say they were shot, sexually assaulted, clubbed with rifle-butts, burnt, whipped or beaten by troops as they cowered in their homes.

Police have opened a murder docket in connection with one of the residents' deaths and are investigating the violence.

The soldiers were patrolling the area late on Wednesday when they heard gunfire. They entered Phola Park to investigate, said the officer commanding the Witwatersrand Command, Major-General WG Kritzing.

"The troops were attacked without provocation and one of them was shot. The SADF then returned fire," he said.

"We are here to protect residents — we are not the aggressors."

He gave few other details, but residents' accounts filled in some of the gaps.

Nosakhele Komanisi, a 22-year-old pregnant mother, said she was woken by screams and gunfire at about 9pm. Praying the tumult would die down, she tried to hush her year-old baby at her side.

But minutes before midnight, the door of her shack burst open and two men in military uniform rushed in, shouting, "Where is your man?"

Before she could answer a rifle butt slammed hard into her head.

The horror did not end for Mrs Komanisi until the men had finished humiliating her.

"While the one soldier cradled my baby in his arms, the other grabbed my private parts," she said.

## Bleeding

Momatus Gqumza, 32, died early on Thursday after being raped and shot in the legs, according to an affidavit from her husband, John Msimango, 52.

He said they had been woken by screams and hurried footsteps outside their shack, and suspected a police raid.

They took the precautionary measure of moving to the floor for safety but "as we were preparing to sleep on the floor, shots were fired into our shack and I was hit in both legs".

Hearing his wife's screams, he looked down and saw "both her legs completely fractured and held together by flesh".

Mr Msimango said he

## Sunday Times Investigation

By PETA KROST

was ordered to open his door for one white soldier and a number of black soldiers.

"Without saying anything, a black soldier hit me under the right eye with the butt of his gun while others were kicking me. I was dragged outside, leaving my wife with some of them."

Mr Msimango said he tried in vain to find help and returned to find "my wife lying on the floor, bleeding profusely with her panties off. She had been raped."

With what little energy he had left, he tried to help his wife.

"At dawn, she begged me to hold her and she passed away in my arms."

## Kicked

In another part of the settlement, a young woman who shares a tiny shack with her mother and four-year-old son, says she, too, was raped.

The young woman said in her affidavit that her mother was forced out of the shack at gunpoint, and she was left alone with one soldier.

"He pushed me down and I begged him not to molest me, but he climbed on top of me, pushed my thighs apart and tore my panties. He held a gun to me and threatened to kill me if I made a sound. Then he raped me."

Cynthia Mnisi, 29, said she was dragged out of her home by four men and, when she tried to run away, was kicked repeatedly in the stomach, and her back burnt.

Phola Park looked like an open-air casualty ward on Friday morning, with frightened residents milling around with bandages on their heads and plaster casts on their limbs.

A number of residents said the soldiers had continued assaulting people until about 8am on Thursday and had threatened to return that night.

Police said in a statement they had received no official reports of violence in Phola Park on Wednes-

‘While the one soldier cradled my baby in his arms, the other grabbed my private parts’



JOHN MSIMANGO  
Shot in both legs

day night. Soldiers are supposed to contact police "at the soonest possible moment" when trouble erupts in townships, a police spokesman said.

Major-General Kritzing said police were not "immediately" notified because reaction time was crucial and 32 Battalion was "best equipped" to handle serious unrest.

## Suspects

SADF spokesman Major Andreas Jordaan dismissed all the allegations against 32 Battalion as false. Nevertheless, Major-General Kritzing said the SADF had launched an internal investigation into the alleged murders, rapes and assaults.

The SADF has also undertaken to hold an identification parade of 32 Battalion soldiers, allowing the alleged victims of the Phola Park to point out suspects, and is considering replacing the battalion in the area.



BURNT... Cynthia Mnisi, 29, says four men dragged her from her home and burned her back



# 'Point out the AK-47s or die!'

By THEMBA KHUMALO

DOBSONVILLE Civic Association (DCA) leaders are fearing for their lives after their colleague, Zacharia Moruledi, was brutally assaulted this week by a group of whites purporting to be policemen.

Moruledi, 42, said about 14 white men broke down his shack door on Thursday night and demanded AK-47s before punching and kicking him.

They later took him to Doornkop Cemetery where they continued assaulting him and threatened to kill him.

The assaults continued when he denied knowing the addresses of other DCA members.

The group left, leaving him with one of their colleagues who pleaded with him to say where AK-47s were if he wanted to live.

When the group returned they hit him with rifle butts and ordered him into their vehicle, warning him not to look at their number plate.

They dumped him about 2 km from his home and ordered him to run. He could not run as his legs and kidneys were extremely painful and he was further assaulted until he fell.

One of the cars drove nearer and Moruledi managed to read the vehicle's registration number before they sped away.

He said he recognised one of the men as a Protea security policeman.

A spokesman for the Soweto Police, Col Fan- yana Zwane, said he was not aware of the incident and advised Moruledi to lay a complaint.



**T**IRED but content Father Smangalis Mkhathshwa emerged from a week-long sit-in at Spoornet's offices, and a marathon session of talks with authorities, to announce victory in the protestors' demands for action on train violence.

Talks had gone on through the night on Monday, breaking off only at 3am the next morning. They resumed on Tuesday afternoon and finally agreement was reached at 6pm that evening.

Mkhathshwa, who led the sit-in by nine protestors, said that were it not for the people and organisations who had pledged their support, the protest would have ended without any significant result. A visit by African National Congress deputy president Walter Sisulu on Monday had specially lifted the protestors' spirits and given them the motivation to continue the sit-in as long as was necessary.

The protestors, who slept on the floor in a boardroom of Spoornet's Braamfontein headquarters, had at one stage reached a deadlock after the minister of law and order said he was unable to meet them because of prior engagements. They finally agreed to meet Major General Gerrit Erasmus, Witwatersrand Commissioner of Police.

Despite this compromise, the protestors' morale was very high and they had been willing to continue the sit-in until they had gained a satisfactory response to the rest of their demands, said Mkhathshwa.

The sit-in culminated with an undertaking by railway authorities and the Ministry of Law and Order to implement increased security measures on trains.

Mkhathshwa said that while this undertaking was "a victory for the protestors", protest action against violence on trains still had to be maintained in all ways possible. A boycott of trains on the Reef next week, called by political and community leaders, would still go ahead.

The need for a sustained campaign was heightened when three men were killed and at least 17 people were injured in a train attack as the sit-in began.

Police said an unknown number of men attacked commuters near Mzimhlope Station in Soweto at about 5.30pm last Wednesday. Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said it was believed that the victims had been stabbed or shot and their bodies thrown out of the train.

And, even as the authorities were acceding to the protestors' demands, three men died after being thrown off trains on Tuesday. Police said a body was found between the Crown Mines and New Canada stations, another between the Lennoxmore and East Rand stations in Germiston, and the third with stab wounds was found at Asburg station.

Mkhathshwa said these attacks made the speedy implementation of the promised security measures of the utmost urgency.

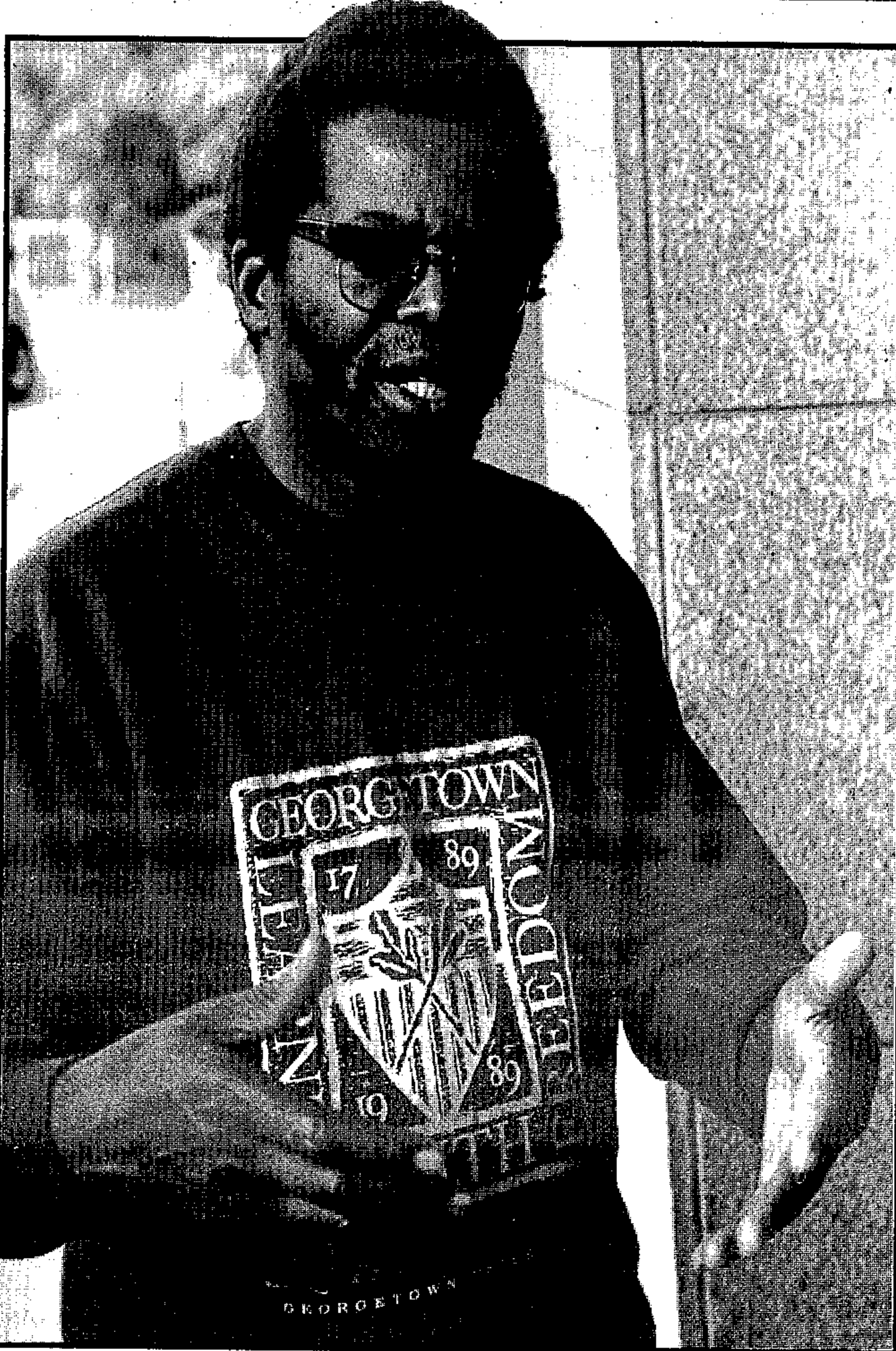
In a joint statement issued by representatives of the community and political organisations, the South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC), Spoornet and the Ministry of Law and Order, the SARCC undertook "not to allow unauthorised commuters entry on to the stations and trains".

They also announced a commitment by the Minister of Police, "to urgently re-deploy personnel at affected areas on the rail system".

The agreement fell short of community demands, which included a special task force to be maintained jointly by Spoornet and the South

# The final resort: Train boycotts

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**Train after train of empty carriages — this, community leaders believe, will be as eloquent and successful a protest against train violence as the week-long sit-in at Spoornet's offices. By LINDA RULASHE**



**A step forward ... Sit-in leader Father Smangalis Mkhathshwa**

**Photo: KEVIN CARTER**

African Railways and Harbours Workers' Union. Other demands presented earlier on Tuesday included that R500-million be made available to upgrade security, compensation for victims and that the culprits be jailed.

Mkhathshwa commented: "The agreement is a step forward, but I don't want to exaggerate the advance made."

Five working groups representing all the parties involved in the talks have been established to give effect to the agreement.

Nevertheless, the boycott called for last week by political, religious, labour and civic organisations on the Reef appears likely to go ahead. Organisers have urged commuters not to buy train tickets during the boycott.

"We are tired of picking up pieces of black flesh," said Tokyo Sexwale, chairman of the ANC's PWV regional office, this week.

Mkhathshwa said there were elements using violence to destabilise South Africa's transition to democracy and the carnage on trains was part of that strategy. He added that one of the reasons the sit-in had been staged was that the same strategy could be used to derail the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa).

Spoornet's senior general manager, Gert Britz, said earlier this week that his company, in conjunction with the security forces and the SARCC, had taken every reasonable step to curb the violence. Some of the steps were the installation of security fencing and metal detectors at stations, an increased police presence and the searching of commuters.

But the nine protestors and community leaders believe these measures have not been effective.

"The police have simply not done enough," says the Congress of South African Trade Union's PWV regional secretary, Amos Masondo. "There have been no significant arrests or noteworthy convictions. Although we believe there are a number of people in the police force who seek to do their job, there are quite a number who are not committed to doing their job."

According to the Human Rights Commission's latest *Area Repression Report*, the number of people who died in train attacks in the first three months of this year outstripped the combined figure for the whole of 1990 and 1991.

In 1990, 11 attacks resulted in 59 deaths and 277 injuries; in 1991, 23 attacks caused 38 deaths and 206 injuries; the first three months of 1992 saw 130 attacks, resulting in the loss of 126 lives and 235 injuries. And in spite of the ban on weapons on Reef trains which came into effect on March 22, indiscriminate attacks on commuters continue.

March saw the highest number of incidents — 27 — since the attacks first began in July 1990. Thirty-five people lost their lives on trains last month, the second-highest toll since July 1990. Most of the attacks occurred on East Rand trains, where 21 people lost their lives and seven were injured.

On March 23, members of the South African Police announced a major breakthrough in their investigations into recent train violence when they arrested two Zulu-speaking men.

The two, aged 24 and 26, were alleged to be responsible for an attack on commuters on March 19 between Braamfontein and Doornfontein stations, in which nine men and a woman were injured. The police apparently boarded a train bound for the East Rand with witnesses who pointed out the suspects. In a follow-up investigation, a third man was arrested at his place of work. All three men were inmates of the Merafe Hostel.

Charges against three Nancefield hostel dwellers who were arrested last year for an attack on a Soweto train, however, were withdrawn because of lack of evidence. Seven people were killed and 18 injured in that attack, which took place on June 25 at Kliptown station. A spokesman for the attorney-general's office said no credible witnesses could be found to identify the men as the culprits.

While the police have called on the community to come forward with evidence about attacks, the community is now likely to take the next step on its own: by keeping away from trains altogether. Train after train of empty carriages, they believe, will be as eloquent a protest as the sit-in.



# Woman dies in grenade blast as violence rages

Staff Reporter and Sapa

Three people died and three were injured in violent actions yesterday. And police announced they had arrested 19 people in connection with an arms cache found in Orlando East, Soweto, on Tuesday. *Star 30/4/92*

One person was killed and two people injured, including a two-year-old child, early yesterday morning in two hand grenade explosions in Sebokeng, Vaal Triangle, according to police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer.

Police also found the burnt body of a man in the veld near Zone 14, he said.

Captain van Deventer said the man had apparently been stabbed and a tyre placed around him and set alight.

Police found a body between Delmore and East Rand stations in Germiston yesterday.

One person was injured when security forces intervened in running battles between youths and hostel inmates in Dobson-

ville yesterday afternoon.

Captain van Deventer said that at 12.30 am yesterday a hand grenade exploded in the main bedroom of house 1428, Zone 13, Sebokeng. A woman sleeping in the bedroom, Alinah Smith (52), died instantly. Her daughter Nanki (19) and granddaughter Winnie (2) also sleeping there, were injured.

Captain van Deventer said the hand grenade was apparently beneath a cushion on which the deceased was asleep.

In another attack in Sebokeng at 6 am yesterday, a hand grenade was thrown at house 12573, Zone 11, Sebokeng, and exploded outside the house, causing no injuries. Three windows were broken and the walls were damaged by shrapnel.

At 12.30 pm yesterday a group stoned a taxi in Zone 11, Sebokeng, and then stoned the police when they arrived to investigate. The police used tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the group.

Later in the day, also in Zone 11, a group stoned police vehicles and were dispersed by tear gas and rubber bullets.

Reports yesterday said ambulance and firefighting services may be withdrawn from Sebokeng because of continuing confrontation between police and residents.

Ambulance and fire brigade head in the township Sakkie Louwrens said it was becoming increasingly difficult for his team to render services.

The level of violence, he said, was worse than that of 1976 because then youths only threw stones. Now, firearms were being used.

Police confirmed yesterday that 19 suspects have been arrested in connection with the discovery by police of a large arms cache in Orlando East.

A Soweto police statement said the political affiliation, if any, of those arrested had so far not been established. Investigations were continuing.

The situation was tense in Dobsonville yesterday as youths erected stone barricades.

The inspection *in loco* which was to be conducted in Phola Park this afternoon by the Goldstone Commission has been called-off.



Stop!... a youth holds a stop sign near a burning tyre barricading a street during an outbreak of violence in Dobsonville, Soweto, yesterday. Picture: George Mashinani



# Teachers lose their honourable status

Sowetan 30/4/92

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

"It was after school and I was leaving the classroom for home when I heard the heart-breaking whimper outside the door.

"A distraught young girl sobbed uncontrollably. A few metres away a group of scruffy boys, one holding a gun, stood menacingly," a teacher said.

"They dared her and me to move. The girl came flying to me, she saw me as her saviour. I knew there was nothing I could do as I looked down the barrel of a gun but I could not leave her to the thugs.

## Swore

"In desperation I started dragging her by the arm. The boys hung on to her other arm as they swore at us, trying to enrage me. It was a human tug-of-war. I pulled until they gave up.

"I do not think I have ever been so scared and frustrated in my life," the teacher continued.

It sounds like a gangster movie but it is not.

It is one of the recollections of a Soweto teacher who has been teaching for 15 years.

He says he will always remember the day he played tug-of-war with the young girl's body against the notorious "Jack-rollers" gang outside his classroom.

In fact, it is not even an unusual occurrence. It has become a way of life for these professionals who were once revered in all black communities.

## Dangerous

He also remembers the day he wrestled with a gun-toting pupil inside the matric mathematics exam room.

"The perplexed invigilator whispered to us that one of the pupils had a 9mm gun on his desk and was occasionally using it as a ruler.

"We wanted to see for ourselves. One by one we went into the exam room. I could not take it. Three of us approached the youngster, who simply refused to surrender his highly dan-

gerous 'ruler'.

"We then tried to get it away from him by force but he hung on so tight that it took three of us to overcome him and remove the magazine," the teacher said.

## Mob

He also won this one. But what would happen the next time he looked down the barrel of a gun or is confronted by a mob of heavily armed, slogan chanting pupils?

Whoever doubted that the profession had lost its respectful status has to think again. Hundreds of Soweto's Orlando High School pupils boycotted classes, demonstrated and accused two teachers of scandalous behaviour.

It is clear that the profile of a teacher has been slowly, but definitely, changing for the worst over the past two decades.

Gone is the suited or costumed, well-spoken figure who used to be the community counsellor, wise man and a role model who

prided himself on the good academic performance of his charges.

It has been replaced by a man in jeans and T-shirt and a woman in the latest miniskirt who address their pupils as "comrades" and discuss colleagues with them over a glass of beer.

Teachers have been accused of instigating pupils to settle personal scores with their professional and personal enemies.

Not so long ago a teacher publicly threatened to send Morris Isaacson High School - also in Soweto - pupils to "sort out" teachers from a neighbouring school after an argument.

Teachers of both genders have been accused of having steamy love affairs with their pupils and sexually molesting primary school pupils.

Bribery, blackmail and back-stabbing have been cited as among the "sure ways" of getting promotion into better paying posi-

tions.

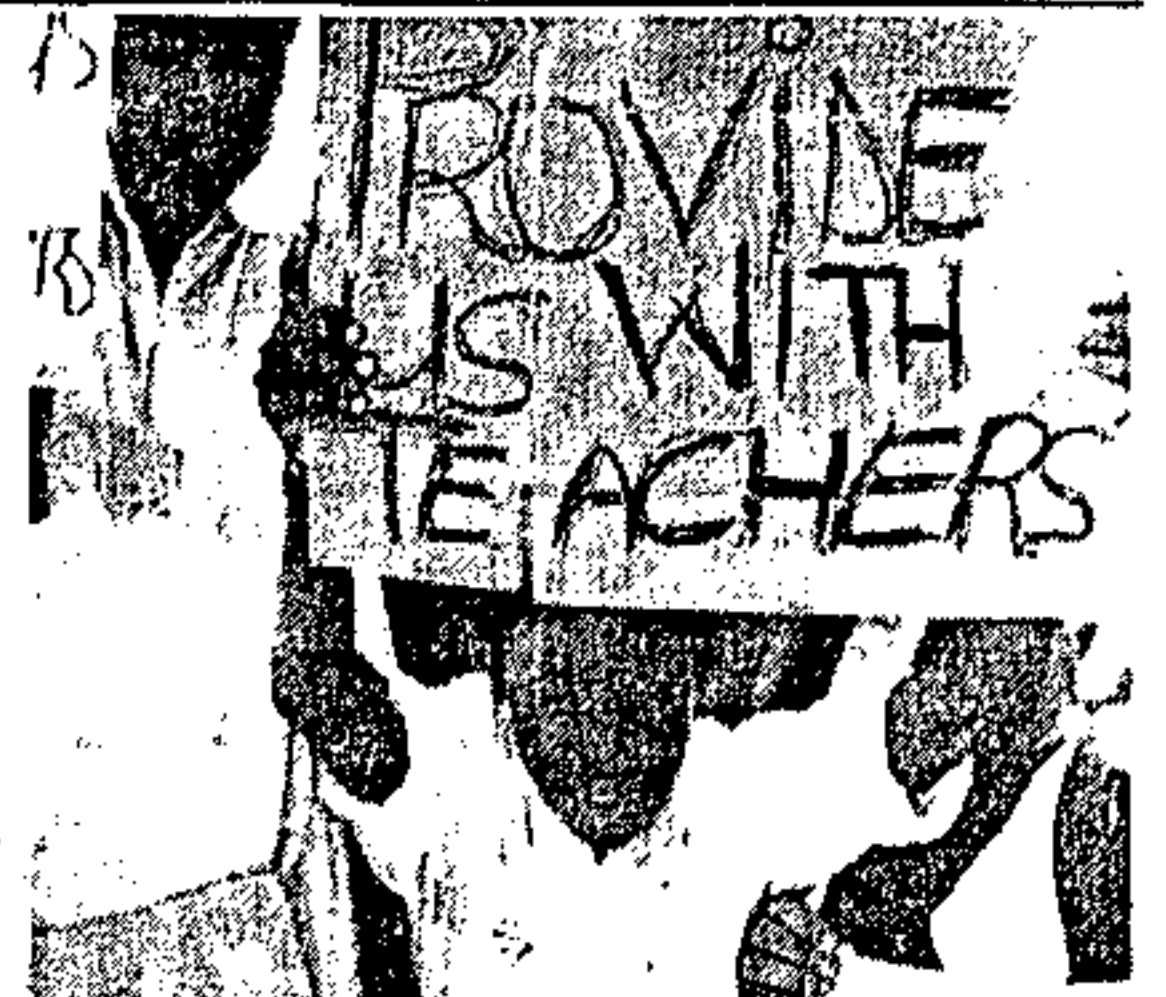
So has been mobilising gullible pupils to wield placards and throw stones at the property of other con-

tenders.

This change of the central pillar of education, together with the apathy of parents and the ever in-

creasing militancy and politicisation of pupils, contributes to what is rhetorically called the black education crisis.

Give us teachers, say Soweto pupils.



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# Police break up march on Soweto hostel

POLICE and members of the South African Defence Force fired teargas and rubber bullets to disperse a group of pupils who were marching on the Dobsonville Hostel in Soweto yesterday.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Goovindsamy Mariemuthoo said about 250 schoolchildren were dispersed when they tried to march on the hostel.

"Police fired teargas and rubber bullets in an attempt to disperse the schoolchildren," he said. He said the march could

have resulted in a bloody altercation between the inmates and the pupils.

Witnesses said police had intervened when a group believed to be from a nearby school tried to attack the hostel.

Some parents had to fetch their children from school as fears of an outbreak of violence spread.

No injuries have been reported.

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By KENOSI  
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**NINETEEN** suspects have been arrested in connection with a large arms cache and a man's genitals discovered yesterday by police in Orlando East, Soweto, police said yesterday.

The discovery was made after policemen noticed a group of men run into an Orlando East house. They subsequently searched the premises, according to police.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said 19 men were arrested and his office would issue a detailed statement late yesterday.

# 19 held for guns, genitals

Violence against commuters on Tuesday claimed the lives of at least three men who were thrown from Boksburg station.

A man was shot and burned to death at the Sotho hostel in the East Rand township of Vosloorus. In the nearby Phola Park squatter camp, Tokoza, a Delmore and East Rand station, another between the Delmore and East Rand station, a light at Evaton,

A woman was killed when a Russian-made F1 handgrenade detonated after it was hurled into the bedroom of her Sebokeng, Vereeniging, home early yesterday.

Two others were



**GOVINDSAMY  
MARIEMUTHOO**

wounded in the 3am explosion.

A private house was damaged when petrol-bombed at Wembezi near Estcourt and at Rocklands, near Bloemfontein, two private vehicles were damaged in stone throwing.

## Sowetan 30/4/92 Commission probes unrest, train violence

THE Goldstone Commission will investigate inquiries related to train violence and unrest in Alexandra Township, Soweto and the Vaal Triangle in Pretoria next week.

The chairman of the commission, Mr Richard Goldstone, a committee established to investigate train violence would hold its first meeting at 10am on Monday on the first floor of the Sinodale Centre, 228 Visagie Street, Pretoria. *Sapa.*



# Police hold 19 after finding arms cache

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NINETEEN suspects had been arrested in connection with a large arms cache discovered on Tuesday by police in Orlando East, Soweto, police confirmed yesterday.

A Soweto police statement said the political affiliation, if any, of those arrested had not been established. Investigations were continuing and the suspects had not been charged yet.

At least five people died in other unrest-related incidents since Tuesday morning, including a woman who died when a Russian-made F1 handgrenade detonated after it was hurled into the bedroom of her Sebokeng home yesterday. Two others were wounded.

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Police said one man was found between the Crown Mines and New Canada stations, another between the Delmore and East Rand stations in Germiston, and a third body with stab wounds was found at Boksburg station.

A man was shot and burned to death at the Sotho hostel in Vosloorus.

In Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza, a man was wounded and arrested after police acted to neutralise gunfire from unidentified gunmen.

Meanwhile, Transport Minister Piet Welgemoed told Parliament yesterday a R260m strategy to stop armed passengers boarding trains, which involved active police and military support, was being implemented.

The three-year project started in 1991 and about R25m had already been spent, with R40m budgeted for the 1992/3 financial year, he said during the Transport

Vote debate.

The strategy included security fencing at all stations, adequate lighting, access control and the active presence of police.

Communication between train drivers, the control room and the police had been improved to reduce the reaction time to dangerous situations.

The SADF had been deployed in greater numbers at Metro stations at the request of the Commuter Corporation. Police and SADF travelled on commuter trains.

All trains were regularly stopped and searched for dangerous weapons, toll-free telephone numbers had been instituted for criminal actions to be reported and rewards were offered for useful information.

Tests were being conducted on introducing video cameras to monitor commuter behaviour.

A Metro police force and co-operation with community groups were also being investigated.

Goldstone Commission chairman Judge R J Goldstone said yesterday inquiries into train violence and unrest in Alexandra, Greater Soweto and the Vaal Triangle would begin in Pretoria next week.

Meanwhile, the OAU said yesterday it would send a monitoring team to SA to assess the situation in African townships.

A communique issued at the end of a one-day summit meeting of the OAU ad hoc committee on southern Africa held in the northern Tanzania town of Arusha on Tuesday blamed the SA government for failing to stop the violence.

The committee also called for active involvement of the international community by bringing the violence issue before the UN Security Council for a possible solution. — Sapa-AFP.

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# Ambulances may withdraw

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**AMBULANCE and fire fighting services may be withdrawn from violence-hit Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle following the continuing confrontation between police and residents.**

The head of the ambulance and fire brigade in the township, Mr Sakkie Louwrens, said yesterday it was becoming increasingly difficult for his team to render services in the township.

He said the current violence was worse than that of 1976 because then youths only threw stones unlike now when there were shootings.

"Unless the community helps us to render these services we will have to withdraw them," he said.

The latest clash between police and residents was triggered when the police allegedly shot an innocent person as they chased two suspected bank robbers.

Mr Abel Mokgethi, a newspaper vendor who witnessed the incident near Zone 11 on Monday, said he survived by lying on the ground when a man next to him was shot by police.

Meanwhile, in Dobsonville, Soweto, a gang which has holed up in the ruins of Dobsonville Hostel — about 100m from the local police station — has launched a reign of terror, looting and driving residents out of their homes.

The Shole family, whose home is opposite the hostel, yesterday morning became the latest victims of the mob's terror.

An armed mob attacked pensioner Mrs Mirriam Shole and her six children just after midnight.

Shots were fired through the windows before the mob broke down the door, assaulted the family and ransacked the house before leaving with a television set and other valuables.

Residents complained that the police station was not offering any protection.

Residents said the local police referred them to Protea, which took long to respond.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo yesterday said "complaints of this nature should be sent to Colonel Fanyana Zwane".



# Arrests: (278) ANC claim 'cynical'

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Johannesburg Bureau

THE National Party and Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday said the arrest of two armed ANC members wearing police jackets made a mockery of ANC claims of security force and IFP involvement in a "third force".

The vice-chairman of the ANC's Evaton branch, Mr Mandla Mazobuko, and ANC member Mr Sitembiso Ramdebe were arrested at a murder scene in Sebokeng on Friday. They have appeared in court, but no charges have been put to them.

NP secretary-general Dr Stoffel van der Merwe said the "red-handed" arrests made the ANC allegations "look cynical indeed".

IFP youth leader Mr Themba Khoza said the arrests made a mockery of the "third force" theory propagated by the ANC.

ANC chief spokesman Dr Pallo Jordan said the ANC could not comment as the men had appeared in court, where the police version would have to be tested.

The men were not senior ANC leaders but branch members.



# Talks on ANC pair 'posing as police'

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By Moken Govender

Civic Association of Southern Transvaal leaders will meet the Vaal Civic Association today to investigate the circumstances leading to the weekend arrest of a former CAST member — one of two senior ANC officials arrested in connection with a shooting in Sebokeng.

Police detained Satembiso Radebe, former CAST regional organiser, and Mandla Petrus Mazebugo, vice-chairman of the ANC's Evaton branch, on Saturday following a shooting on Friday in which one person died.

CAST publicity secretary Sandy Lebesa said the organisation's executive committee would meet Sebokeng residents today to discuss

the shooting, before making a statement.

The National Party and the Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday questioned the ANC's role in township violence in view of the arrests.

NP secretary-general Dr Stoffel van der Merwe said the men had been caught "red-handed by the police while heavily armed and posing as policemen".

This cast doubts over the ANC accusations about the role of President de Klerk and the Government in township violence, he said.

"If their regional leaders are renegades, then it means that the ANC does not have control over its members and cannot be relied upon to fulfil its undertakings. The NP calls on the ANC to investigate the matter and to

tell South Africans why their operatives were impersonating police. The ANC owes the public an explanation," said Dr van der Merwe.

IFP Transvaal Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza said the arrests made a mockery of the so-called "third force" theory.

"The arrests have 'exposed the myth' that the ANC had nothing to gain from perpetrating acts of violence.

"Certain reactionaries within the ANC had formulated the 'third force conspiracy theory' as a strategic response to growing public concern about the organisation's own role in the violence," Mr Khoza said.

ANC spokesmen could not be reached for comment.



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# Police hold 9 over attacks

Staff Reporter

Police yesterday arrested nine people in Phola Park, near Alberton, for questioning in connection with a spate of attacks and the killing of policemen in the area, said a Witwatersrand police spokesman.

Captain Ida van Zweel said while the crimes were being investigated in the squatter camp, a young man was shot in the shoulder after allegedly firing on police.

Members of the East Rand Murder and Rob-

bery Squad and other police units went into Phola Park yesterday to investigate the murder of several police officers and attacks on other policemen in past months, she said.

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The shooting took place at 2.30 pm when policemen were leaving the squatter camp.

A 23-year-old man was shot in the shoulder when police returned fire.

The nine people held for questioning would either be released after 48 hours or charged, the SAP said.



## 'Disaster area'

*Sowetan 28/4/92*  
A DELEGATION from violence-torn Alexandra township met the Minister of Law and Order yesterday to discuss the plight of 10 000 displaced families.

The delegation also discussed the possibility of declaring affected places disaster areas.

Speaking after their meeting with Mr Hernus Kriel at police headquarters in Pretoria, Mr Paul Mashatile, a spokesman for the 12-man delegation, said 60 people had died in the township since March 7.

The delegation comprised members of the ANC, the SACP, Cosas, the ANC Youth League and Sadu.

"We told the Minister that we would like the Government to declare areas affected by violence disaster areas," said Mashatile.

These areas were between First and Sixth avenues (London and Roosevelt) in 'Beirut'.



# ANC men held

*Sowetan 28/4/92*  
POLICE have arrested two armed ANC members who were found posing as policemen in Sebokeng on Friday.

Another ANC member, Mr Moses Nhlapo, was killed on Sunday after he fired at the police with an AK-47 rifle, Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe told a Press conference yesterday. (278)

Malherbe said police recovered an AK-47 rifle and 10 rounds of ammunition after the shootout.

Mr Sithembiso Radébe, a regional organiser of Cast and member of the ANC, and Mr Mandla Petrus Mazibuko, vice-chairman of the ANC's Evaton branch, were arrested after being found wearing police uniform.

Both appeared in the Sebokeng Regional Court yesterday. They have been remanded in custody pending further investigations. - Sapa.



The Katina P released more than 9 000 tons of oil as it sank off the Mozambique coast on Sunday. It was photographed going down by Capt Peter Rimmer, master of Pantow Marine supertug John Ross, which had been towing the oil tanker.

# FW to hear Alexandra aid plea

By Day 28/4/92 278

WILSON ZWANE

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel agreed at yesterday's meeting with Alexandra community representatives to refer a request for part of the township to be declared a disaster area to President F W de Klerk.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation and local branches of the SA Communist Party, the ANC and the Congress of SA Students asked Kriel to declare a section of the Alexandra township, known as "Beirut", a disaster area.

At least 60 people have been killed and 585 injured since fighting broke out between residents and Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers.

Delegation spokesman Paul Mashatile said thousands of residents had been displaced by violence and

their houses looted. "We are asking government to assist these people materially." Mashatile said Kriel, who indicated he would visit Alexandra soon, promised to refer the request to De Klerk.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze would not comment on the meeting.

Meanwhile Sapa reports the nine community leaders staging a sit-in at Spoornet's Johannesburg offices have agreed that the Witwatersrand Commissioner of Police can represent Kriel in talks on Reef train violence.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the deadlock between the protesters and Law and Order and Trans-

port was broken when acceptance was reached on Gen Gerrit Erasmus's representation at the talks.

Mamoepa said Law and Order had told them Erasmus would have the necessary powers to make decisions on measures to be taken to curb the train violence.

They had decided to accept the proposal and a meeting would be arranged to discuss the violence. Officials of Spoornet and the SA Railways Commuters' Corporation would also attend the talks.

□ A police spokesman said yesterday four of the 10 people who died in unrest incidents on Sunday were killed by police who returned fire after being attacked in three incidents.

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## Demo to go on despite order to leave

By Charmeela Bhagawat

Community leaders staging a sit-in at the Spoornet offices in Johannesburg said yesterday they had received a letter at the weekend demanding that they leave the premises within 15 minutes.

However, Spoornet communications adviser Jacques Pienaar said the nine community leaders were not threatened but "requested in a friendly manner to vacate the premises".

ANC PWV regional executive member Jessie Duarte said they received the letter from Spoornet's human resources assistant general manager Jan Bredenkamp on Friday night but refused to leave as their demands had not been met.

Mr Pienaar said the group had been requested to leave because "they rejected and ignored the proposals we put to them and we felt there was nowhere to go".

But Ms Duarte said the group did not reject or ignore the proposals — they refused to discuss them until the Minister of Law and Order or someone from his office became involved in the discussions.

"Spoornet has not been able to produce the Minister of Law and Order and we will be here until they do," she said.

Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa, one of the protesters who have been in the building for the past six days, said: "We insist that we meet Government decision-makers because there is a time factor involved."

"More lives can be saved if this crisis is resolved quickly — and people are dying while we sit here."

Mr Pienaar said Spoornet officials were doing their best to get the Minister of Law and Order to meet the protesters as they were "just as concerned about the violence".

ANC leader Walter Sisulu was due to meet the protesters late yesterday afternoon.





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# ANC men held in 'police clothes'

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — An ANC official and a regional organiser for the ANC-aligned Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) — both armed and wearing parts of a police uniform — were arrested in Sebokeng after a man died and another was injured in what police described as a gun attack on a car.

Police said yesterday that the car resembled an official SAP vehicle.

A third ANC member, Mr Moses Nhlapo, was shot dead by police in the township on Sunday. Police said he had opened fire on them with an AK-47 rifle and killed a four-year-old girl.

Mr Mandla Mazobuko, vice-chairman of the ANC's Evaton branch, had a Russian-made handgrenade and regional Cast organiser and ANC member Mr Sitembiso Radebe had a 9mm pistol when they were arrested on Friday, police said.

Both men appeared in Sebokeng Regional Court yesterday and were remanded. No charges were put.

Mr Nhlapo, of Zone Seven, Sebokeng, left South Africa in 1990 for Swaziland where he had received military training from the ANC before returning on December 17, 1991, reporters were told.

## ANC TO ACT ON 'NECKLACE' SPEECH

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Witwatersrand spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said police had suspected for some time that people were posing as policemen and becoming involved in township violence. The arrest of the two men dressed in police jackets could confirm these suspicions.

He said police were called to the scene of the shooting on Friday night. They found Mr Mazobuko, wearing a green municipal police jacket, and Mr Radebe, in a blue police jacket, hiding in a nearby house. A third man, carrying an AK-47, escaped.

Colonel Malherbe said: "The question to be asked is why two men, arrested at the scene of a shooting of civilians, were wearing police clothing. Is it to create the impression that police are involved in killings or is it mere coincidence?"

ANC spokesmen could not be reached for comment yesterday.

The colonel said: "What is very clear to us at this stage is that members of the public are in possession of police equipment and a possibility is that they may abuse the circumstances, trying to create a perception that cannot be proved afterwards."

However, he said police jackets were easily obtainable, either through theft, loss or through policemen who were allowed to give jackets, but not police insignia, away.



# Train unrest talks go ahead

JOHANNESBURG. — The Witwatersrand Commissioner of Police will represent the Minister of Law and Order in talks on Reef train violence with nine community leaders staging a sit-in at Spoornet's offices here.

ANC PWV spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday afternoon the deadlock between the protesters and the ministries of law and order and transport was broken when ac-

ceptance was reached on General Gerrit Erasmus' representation at the talks.

According to Mr Mamoepa, the leaders had received a statement from the Ministry of Law and Order informing them General Erasmus would have the necessary powers to make decisions on measures to be taken to curb the train violence. —

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# Storm brews over Alex refugees

By Anna Cox

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Confrontation is looming between about 140 Sandton council workers and the town council about the workers' refusal to vacate council premises in Sandton which they have been occupying since last year to escape violence in neighbouring Alexandra.

The council, which threatened to evict the workers last year but held off pending negotiations with the workers, said yesterday that the employees would have to be housed elsewhere "as a matter of urgency".

But the workers, interviewed by The Star yesterday, maintained they would not move.

The matter was due to be discussed at a town council meeting last night.

Sandton management com-

mittee chairman Willem Hefer said yesterday about 570 employees had occupied the Zandfontein and other council depots in March last year after an outbreak of violence in Alexandra.

The council later gave the workers permission to stay there temporarily.

After numerous requests for them to find alternative accommodation, 430 employees had vacated the council premises — several with the assistance from the council's housing scheme, Mr Hefer said.

The other employees remained in the depot, although the council had explained to them that they could not continue to live there.

"Since that date the council has been actively seeking ways of assisting these employees to find alternative accommoda-

tion," Mr Hefer said.

However, some difficulties had arisen such as the scarcity of land and affordable housing in the PWV area and the reluctance of financial institutions to invest in black townships.

The occupants yesterday said they had been sleeping in the depot's toilets, changeroom area and unwallied eating area.

Nyaniswani Mramba said it was too dangerous to return to the township.

"I have tried to find other accommodation but have been unable to," he said.

Hilmot Msani added: "Although we are sleeping in the toilet area here at the depot, it is better than getting killed in the township."

Jospeh Dweku said he too had tried in vain to find alternative housing.



# CAST call for end to violence

Staff Reporter *[initials]*

The Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) has called on its communities to unite against ongoing township violence.

Speaking after a weekend meeting at a Johannesburg hotel, CAST publicity secretary Sandy Lebese said the violence was "disturbing the fabric of society".

Mr Lebese called for the immediate removal of all SADF units, including 32 Battalion, from the townships and "the end of raids and harassment on communities by security forces".

President de Klerk's call for the disbanding of private armies was not acceptable, he said.

"We cannot allow the

Government to dictate to us to disband 'people's structures'. The liberation armies should remain until the new government is elected."

Referring to the recent announcement by the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing, Leon Wessels, that there would be non-racial local government elections in two years' time, Mr Lebese said the communities should also take two years before rent and service charges were paid.

● The Vaal Civic Association will hold a march on May 9 to protest against the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Telkom and Post Office, and the SAP and SADF.



# Declare Alex disaster area, Kriel urged

By McKeed Kotlalo  
Pretoria Bureau

Alexandra community leaders yesterday met Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel in Pretoria and asked him to declare their violence-racked township a disaster area.

The 12-person delegation comprised members of the local branches of the ANC, ANC Youth League, Congress of South African Students, South African Democratic Teachers Union and the SACP.

Delegation spokesman Paul Mashatile said the main purpose of the meeting with Mr Kriel was to discuss the ongoing violence in Alexandra and to

have "Beirut" — the area between First and Sixth avenues which has been worst hit by protracted violence — declared a disaster area.

He said 60 people had died since March 7, with 585 injured and about 10 000 displaced.

Mr Mashatile said certain measures would be taken once Alexandra had been declared a disaster area.

These steps included financial assistance to families to rebuild their houses.

"But the matter would have to be discussed with the State President first," he said.

Mr Mashatile, who is also secretary for the local SACP branch, said the group wanted

to meet President de Klerk.

However, Mr Kriel had told them Mr de Klerk had delegated him to hold the discussions.

Mr Kriel was assisted by a representative of Mr de Klerk's office.

Mr Mashatile said the talks were frank and open and Mr Kriel had listened very carefully to the community leaders.

Mr Kriel had assured them that he would submit a report on the meeting to Mr de Klerk.

Further talks would be held with Mr Kriel, who had also promised to visit Alexandra in the near future.

A Law and Order spokesman declined to comment on the meeting.



## Goldstone Committee to inspect Phola Park

By McKeed Kotlomo  
Pretoria Bureau

The Goldstone Committee investigating the alleged brutality of members of SADF's 32 Battalion on Phola Park residents earlier this month, is to conduct an inspection in loco in the area on Thursday afternoon.

Committee chairman Solly Sithole announced this during yesterday's seating in Pretoria. The hearing was postponed until tomorrow morning.

Mr Sithole said the inspection in loco would be conducted at 2 pm.

Mr Sithole granted the postponement after Advocate Barry Roux, act-

ing on behalf of some members of the 32 Battalion, told the committee he needed time to consult his clients on the question of why they entered Phola Park on the night of March 8, 1992.

Advocate Roux said he would be ready to continue with the hearing after the consultation.

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# Sebokeng shooting:

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## ANC members held

By Monica Oosterbroek  
Crime Staff (218)

Police have arrested two senior ANC members following a shooting incident and death in Sebokeng on the East Rand this weekend.

Another registered ANC member Moses Ntlapo, was fatally wounded in the township on Sunday after he opened fire on police with an AK-47 rifle.

At a Johannesburg press conference yesterday, Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe, said two ANC members, Satebiso Radebe and Mandla Petrus Mazebutko, were arrested on Saturday after a shooting incident in Sebokeng on Friday night.

Three men allegedly fired on a yellow Mazda 323, killing passenger Zacharia Makhetana and wounding the driver.

Police later arrested Mr Radebe, an ANC member and regional organiser of the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (Casf) and Mr Mazebutko, vice-chairman of the ANC's Evaton Branch in connection with the murder. Both men were found hiding in a house near the scene of the shooting.

Mr Radebe, wearing a blue police field jacket, was found in possession of a 9mm Stechkin pistol and 20 live rounds of ammunition. Mr Mazebutko, wearing a green municipal police jacket, had an F1 hand-grenade of Russian origin.

"These jackets are of great concern to the SAP in the light of accusations that SAP members are involved in attacks on people," Colonel Malherbe said.

Colonel Malherbe said it proved that members of the public in possession of police equipment could abuse it in certain circles.

While in the act of arresting these two men, police saw another man running down the road with an AK-47 rifle.

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Two days later, police were called out to the same area after a report of a person shooting at bystanders. When police arrived on the scene, the man fired at police. When police took cover he ran into an alley and continued firing. Police returned fire, fatally wounding the man, later identified as Moses Mziwake Nhlapo. Mr Nhlapo, who was found in pos-

session of an AK-47 rifle and 12 rounds of ammunition, was a registered ANC member who left the country in 1990 for military training. He returned in December last year.

During the shooting, it is believed that Mr Nhlapo fatally wounded a four-year-old girl in a nearby house. Zeneng Mokobo was shot in the head with an AK-47 while standing in the bathroom. An AK-47 cartridge was found nearby.

Police are investigating the possibility that Mr Nhlapo was the man seen running from the scene on Friday.

Mr Radebe and Mr Mazebutko appeared in the Sebokeng Regional Court yesterday and are being held in custody.

Colonel Malherbe issued a stern warning to any political groups targeting policemen and said all means would be used to counter attacks.

● Sapa reports that rubber bullets were fired at a stone-throwing group and a bread delivery truck was hijacked and set alight by an estimated 200 people in separate incidents in Sebokeng yesterday afternoon, according to police.

Vaal triangle liaison officer Captain Plet van Deventer said bread and R1 500 cash were sfo-



Weapons haul . . . Warrant Officer Thys Nollie (left) and Sergeant Richard Styger show seized from an ANC man.

ten from the truck. No arrests were made because the group had dispersed when police arrived. Captain van Deventer also

said police had fired rubber bullets to disperse a crowd which had stoned policemen removing the wreckage of a bakkie allegedly used in a bank robbery.

The vehicle had crashed during a chase with police following a robbery at Sebokeng branch of United Bank yesterday.

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## Kriel urged to declare Alexandra disaster area

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Alexandra community leaders  
have appealed to the Minister of Law and Order to  
declare the war-torn township a disaster area.

Representatives of the ANC, South African Com-  
munist Party, ANC Youth League, South African  
Democratic Teachers' Union and Congress of  
South African Students met Mr Hernus Kriel in  
Pretoria yesterday to put forward the request on  
behalf of about "10 000 displeased residents".

"At least 60 people have died and 585 have been  
injured since March 7 this year," said Mr Paul Ma-  
shatile, acting spokesman for the 12-member dele-  
gation and secretary of the SACP.

He said Mr Kriel had assured the delegation the  
request would be conveyed to the State President  
and promised a response would be made "soon".

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## Train mayhem talks go on

JOHANNESBURG. — Proposals for ending train violence were discussed at talks which lasted until 2am today at Spoornet's offices where nine activists have been sitting-in for six days.

Spoornet spokesman Mr Jacques Pienaar said the "positive" proposals would be considered and discussion would continue later today.

African National Congress Witwatersrand spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said talks were due to start again at midday.

On Monday Witwatersrand police commissioner General Gerrit Erasmus met the nine activists who are holed up in the railway company's Johannesburg offices.

ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu also visited them to express support for their demands for tougher measures by police and railways authorities to quell the mayhem on commuter trains.

The nine, including Catholic priest Father Mangaliso Mkhathshwa, occupied the offices last Wednesday.

The Human Rights Commission said in its weekly report yesterday that at least 129 people had died in train violence this year.

Father Mkhathshwa said last week he believed train violence would escalate in the run-up to next month's Codesa II. — Sapa.

## Judge rejects Mitchell



WILSON ZWANE

THE ANC said yesterday it would discipline western Transvaal leader George Mathusa, who reportedly told a funeral in Bophuthatswana on Sunday that the ANC would make the homeland ungovernable through necklace killings and bombs.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said yesterday the organisation found Mathusa's threat unacceptable and secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa had asked him to come to the ANC's Johannesburg headquarters to account for his statements.

Marcus said while the ANC was "extremely concerned about the continued repression in Bophuthatswana and the intensified harassment", it could not condone threats to resort to necklace killings. "It is

## ANC to discipline leader over threat

a barbaric and unacceptable method of execution, which the ANC has never condoned," she said, adding that disciplinary action would be taken. (HSA) (185)

The national peace committee said in a statement yesterday it would check the accuracy of Mathusa's statements. (278)

"The national peace committee has taken note of the fact that the ANC has dissociated itself from Mathusa's statements and has called upon him to account for them. This action would be in line with the peace accord and the situation will be carefully monitored," the committee said.



# Men 'in police jackets' arrested after attack

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**STEPHANE BOTHMA**

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Malherbe said: "The question to be asked is why two men, arrested at the scene of a shooting of civilians, were wearing police clothing?"

ANC spokesmen could not be reached for comment yesterday.



# Threat to 'take over' railways

*Sowetan 27/4/92*  
 THE ANCPWV region on Saturday threatened to "call on people to occupy all railway stations and railway lines" if Spoornet did not withdraw its request to community leaders staging a sit-in to vacate the premises.

The leaders from the African National Congress, Cosatu, SA Communist Party, churches and SA Railways and Harbours Workers' Union (Sarhwu) have been staging the sit-in since last Thursday to protest against what they perceive to be ineffective and inadequate measures to counter the wave of attacks on trains in the Witwatersrand.

Spoornet, in an earlier statement, said its attempts to

engage the protesting leaders, "to put positive steps in motion," were rejected and ignored.

"The delegation's main concern centres around who they want to talk to and not what they want to talk about, which we believed was the safety of the commuters on Metro trains.

"We therefore kindly requested them to vacate our premises voluntarily."

The ANC called on all organisations to support the sit-in by holding night vigils, candlelight demonstrations and mass rallies on Spoornet premises. - Sapa.



# Reef unrest death toll 22 at weekend

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — There were at least 22 unrest-related deaths on the Reef at the weekend.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweek said one man died in Sebokeng yesterday morning when municipal policemen fired at five gunmen. Police found the bullet-riddled body of a four-year-old child in the township.

Sapa reports police and soldiers launched a massive search yesterday in Meadowlands, where at least two people were killed on Saturday.

Police spokesman Captain Govind-samy Mariemuthoo said several fire-arms were found.

Three hostel residents were arrested for murder, one for possessing a home-made firearm and two for pos-sessing ammunition.

Also in Soweto, five people were killed and two seriously injured in a panga attack on Saturday night.

Four other bodies were found.

In Alexandra police found the charred body of a 11-month-old baby among razed shacks.

Four other people were killed in the township on Saturday.

In Katlehong, on the East Rand, one person died and at least 40 were injured on Saturday afternoon in an attack on a group of mourners.

Captain Van Zweek said the mourners were travelling in three buses from Vosloorus to Katlehong. Three bodies were found in Vosloorus on Saturday.

Police said yesterday a 33-year-old woman was shot dead in an attack on a house in KwaDabeka near Maritzburg.

A 70-year-old woman and a 27-year-old man were injured in a similar attack.



# 30 shot in Soweto

**Fighting breaks out between residents, hostel dwellers**

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## 30 shot in Soweto

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on the other.

Mzimhlophe and Meadowlands were tense as some residents packed bags and moved away in anticipation of an attack during the night.

Some were barricading the streets while others, most of whom had spent a sleepless night, braced themselves for an attack.

Earlier in the day at about 6am, truckloads of armed men had entered the hostel.

Police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo the SA Press Association that police and the South African Defence Force launched a massive search of houses in Meadowlands early yesterday several firearms were seized. There were no arrests.

MORE than 30 people were injured when police fired birdshot during running battles between residents and hostel dwellers in Mzimhlophe, Soweto, late yesterday.

The fighting broke out after a mass meeting at about 4pm to discuss how residents should defend themselves in the wake of fresh attacks by Meadowlands hostel dwellers.

The meeting held at Thabaneng Primary School in Orlando West fell apart after a report that hostel dwellers were attacking residents.

By RUTH BHENGU

A brief shootout took place between the residents and the hostel dwellers and the police shot teargas at the residents to disperse them.

The altercation between the police and the residents started after the police tried to arrest a man.

The residents hurled themselves at a police vehicle and a tug-of-war developed with the police pulling the man from one side and residents pulling

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# ANC leader hints at necklacings

*B1D say 27/4/92*

AN ANC regional leader yesterday threatened that Bophuthatswana could be made ungovernable through necklace killings and bombs.

Sapa reports ANC western Transvaal leader George Mathusa told the funeral of former hunger striker Bushy Molefe in Phokeng township near Rustenburg: "In SA we did it through our necklaces and bombs; we can easily repeat it here."

Mathusa's comments were made as reports were received of at least 22 unrest-related deaths on the Reef at the weekend. The ANC also claimed yesterday Bophuthatswana security forces had injured residents in Phokeng in a raid.

Bophuthatswana police spokesman Col Dave George said he had no knowledge of anyone being injured by policemen. He said police had gone into Phokeng on Saturday night to investigate reports that ANC marshalls were "illegally" searching people and vehicles.

The marshalls were also reportedly ordering Phokeng residents to attend Molefe's funeral. Police found no evidence of the reports and nobody was arrested.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweek said one man died in Sebokeng yesterday morning when municipal policemen fired at five

gunmen. Also in Sebokeng, police found a bullet-riddled body of a four-year-old child.

Sapa reports police and soldiers yesterday launched a massive search in Meadowlands, where at least two people were killed on Saturday.

Police spokesman Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said several firearms were found.

Three hostel residents were arrested for murder, one was arrested for possessing a homemade firearm and two for possessing ammunition.

Also in Soweto, five people were killed and two seriously injured in a panga attack on Saturday night. Four other bodies were also found.

In Alexandra police found the charred body of an 11-month-old baby among razed shacks. Four other people were also killed in the township on Saturday.

In Katlehong, on the East Rand, one person died and at least 40 were injured on Saturday afternoon in an attack on a group of mourners. Van Zweek said the mourners were travelling in three buses from Vosloorus to Katlehong. Three bodies were found in Vosloorus on Saturday.

Police said yesterday a 33-year-old woman was shot dead in an attack on a house in Kwadabeka near Maritzburg. A 70-year-old woman and a 27-year-old man were injured in a similar attack.



Zambian Tourism Minister Lt-Gen C S Tambo officially opened the SA office of the Zambian National Tourism Board at Bruma Lake, Johannesburg, on Friday. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

## Zambia entices SA companies to show

SA companies have been guaranteed \$1m in foreign exchange allocations by the Zambian government to encourage participation in the Lusaka Trade Show in late July. *B1D say 27/4/92*

Zambian Agriculture and Commercial Society chairman George Bender said at the weekend the dedicated foreign exchange allotment of \$1m was a guaranteed minimum. ~~He said the final figure could be consid-~~

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erably more, depending on the number of SA companies which participated.

Among the SA companies already signed up are Afrox, Lasher Tools and BMW.

An exhibition spokesman said Zambians spent more than \$1m at last year's show and SA companies continued to receive orders throughout the year.



# Azayo 12 held at court

Soweto  
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POLICE detained 12 members of the Azanian Youth Organisation who took part in a picket against a political trial in Potgietersrus on Friday.

The protest followed a ruling by a magistrate in the trial of four alleged members of the Azanian National Liberation Army that a confession made by one of the accused, Mr Samuel Maluleke, was made freely and was admissible as evidence. The ruling was made by Mr AGH Boucher.

The demonstrators displayed placards decrying the testimony. Some of the placards read: "Down with Racists Courts", "Liberation Now", "War against Azania is war against Azayo".

The 12 include Azayo's national secretary-treasurer, Mr Jeffrey Mogale, Miss Constance Monisi, Mr Kgadi Kekana, Mr Aubrey Maloma, Miss Naome Pole, Mr Stephen Sebelebele, Mr Mpho Mpande, Mr Collins Maluleke, Mr Mfana Kekana and Mr Ati Machochoane.

The group was rounded up by police and taken away in police vans, witnesses said. They were released on R100

By MATHATHA TSEDU

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bail each on Saturday and would appear in court today.

Meanwhile the trial of four alleged Azania members, Mr Alexandra Palagangwe, Mr Cornelius Kekana, Mr Phuti Mothoagae and Maluleke, has been postponed to July 20.

The postponement followed an application by defence lawyer Mr M Mavundla. The four have pleaded not guilty to four charges of sabotage and illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

The State alleges that the four had, as part of the military activities of Azania, attacked a provincial administration outpost near the town in February last year.

Maluleke's confession was the subject of a trial-within-a-trial in which he disputed its contents, alleging that he was tortured by police with electric shocks and his head dunked in water to force him to make the statement.

He faces a separate charge of murder for the killing of a policeman in shoot-out with another unit of Azania.



# Soweto bloodshed

16 people die in clashes, 14 injured as police fire buckshot

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 14 people were injured when police fired buckshot at Soweto residents after intervening in gun and stone throwing battles between residents and Meadowlands Hostel dwellers.

Earlier, at least three people were injured when shots were allegedly fired from the hostel.

By last night, the weekend unrest-related death toll in Soweto was 16, police said, with eight killed yesterday.

● Five people died when they were attacked by a group armed with pangas early yesterday.

● Two people were shot dead in Orlando East.

● One man was killed near Dube Hostel when gunmen fired on a group.

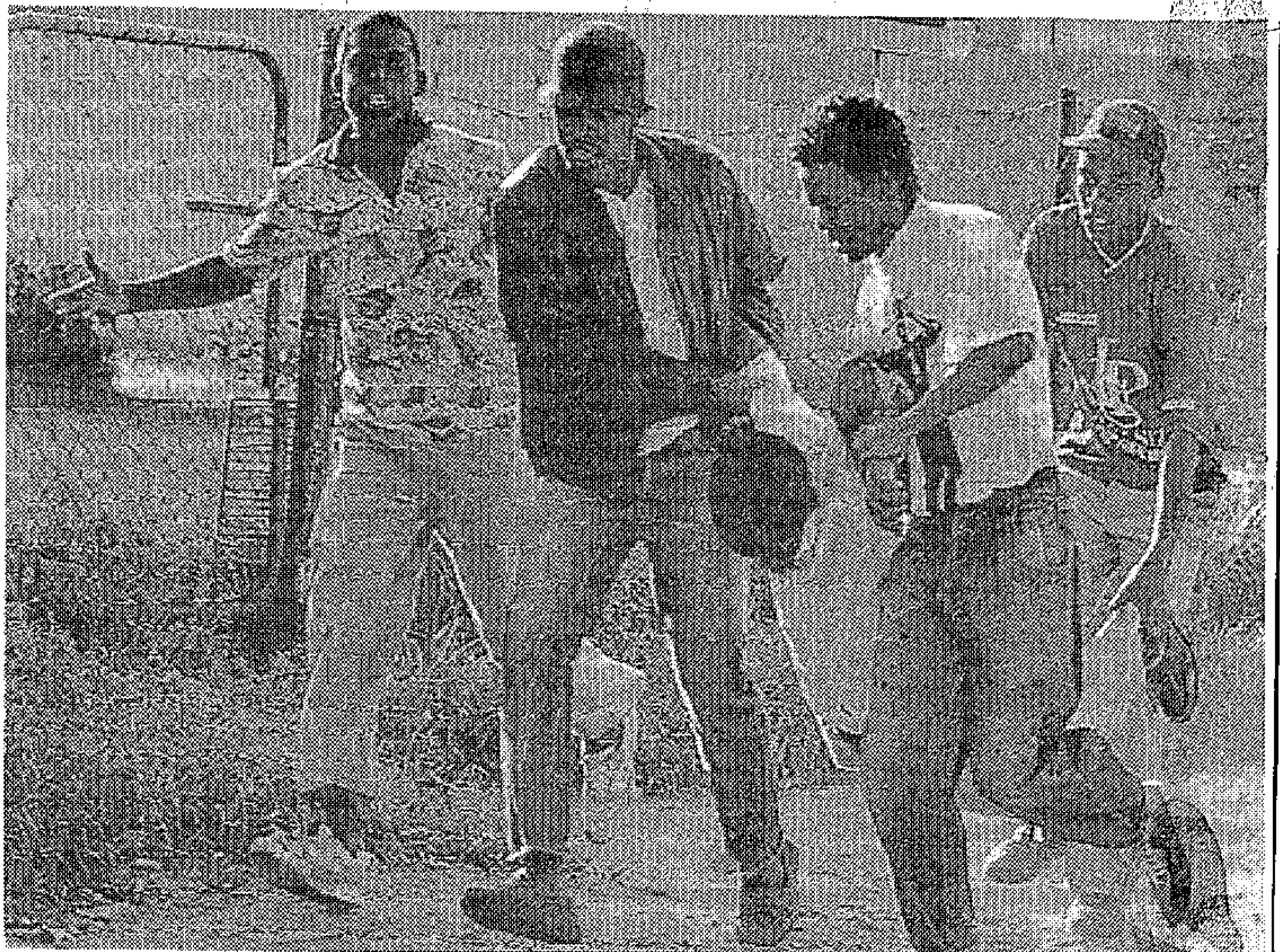
The Soweto Civic Association accused police of siding with hostel dwellers. But police denied the allegations.

The chairman of the Killarney branch of the SCA, Mr Weston Shabangu, claimed thousands of Inkatha supporters were brought to Meadowlands Hostel under police protection yesterday morning "to kill" residents.

Mr Shabangu said shots were fired from the hostel less than 12 hours after between "8 000 and 10 000 warriors" had arrived from three hostels near central Johannesburg.

Police liaison officer Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo denied that hostel dwellers had been brought in by police.

He said that many hostel dwellers came out of the hostel when police arrived yesterday morning to search for weapons in the hostel and in surrounding Mzimhlope, Killarney and Meadowlands.



**RESCUE:** A critically injured man who was shot in the head is carried away from the scene of a clash between Meadowlands Hostel dwellers and residents.

During the search firearms were confiscated, but nobody was arrested, he said.

The shooting in which the three residents were injured began about 4pm, disrupting a civic meeting — attended by a Star reporter — convened by the SCA to help find a solution to the ongoing violence.

With the first sounds of gunfire, people at the meeting ran towards the hostel. Residents and hostel dwellers started hurling stones at each other.

When police arrived, they ordered the residents to disperse. When the call was ignored, police fired teargas.

During a subsequent argument with police, a resident was arrested. Captain Marie-

muthoo said that the man had attempted to stab a policeman.

After other residents had tried to wrest him from police they fired buckshot, injuring 14 residents. Most of the injured were hit while running away. The Star's reporter saw the incident.

However, Captain Mariemuthoo said teargas was used to disperse the crowd.

● Sapa reports from Maritzburg that Mr Philip Powell, the first white to be appointed an urban representative of the KwaZulu government, was one of three people injured in a shooting attack at Imbali near Maritzburg last night, according to KwaZulu MP Mr David Ntombela.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Henry Budhram confirmed that Mr Powell, his bodyguard Mr Philane Zuma and another man, Mr Michael Mkhize, had been admitted to Grey's Hospital with gunshot wounds.

The men had been at a day-long rally at Imbali.

The exact circumstances of the shooting were not known.

Lieutenant Budhram said it appeared shooting had broken out after the rally and the injured men were apparently caught in the crossfire. They were under sedation and unable to answer questions.

Mr Powell is about 28, and is a former president of the conservative National Students' Federation. In May 1991 he was appointed the Natal midlands urban representative of KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The NSF, founded in 1984 by Mr Powell and others, was thought by some opponents to be a front for the National Party. Mr Powell said the organisation was funded by firms and businessmen whom he could not name.



# Bloody weekend in Transvaal townships

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Two children — an 11-month-old Alexandra baby and a four-year-old Sebokeng girl — were among the victims of a bloody weekend on the Reef.

At least 18 Soweto residents were killed — five in a single attack — and many others injured in political violence, pushing the weekend death toll in Transvaal townships to at least 27.

In Meadowlands, Soweto, at least 14 people were believed to have been injured late yesterday when police intervened during battles between hostel dwellers and residents.

At the time of going to press, Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo had confirmed only one injury as a result of the police action.

In the worst attack of the weekend — in Orlando East, a major flashpoint of the weekend carnage — five

people died and two others were injured early yesterday by unknown attackers armed with pangas.

Captain Mariemuthoo said at six least other politically motivated killings took place in Orlando East from 9 pm on Friday, when an unidentified man was gunned down.

At midnight on Friday, unknown gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles opened fire on a house in the Soweto suburb, killing three people. Late on Saturday night, mobs went on the rampage, attacking houses.

At least one shack was razed, and police found a burnt body inside. A man who had been stabbed to death was found in the street. Three suspects were arrested, Captain Mariemuthoo said.

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At least one person was killed and 46 were injured in a gun attack on mourners in Katlehong on the East Rand on Saturday.

The Congress of South African Students (Cosas) has claimed that most of the injured mourners suffered buckshot wounds from police fire and that the police stood by during an initial attack.

Police say gunmen hiding in the veld opened fire on three Putco buses carrying mourners from Vosloorus to Katlehong.

The dead man has been identified as Michael Shongwane (21).

● Two men were shot dead by gunmen and two others were wounded in Dabazana Street, Vosloorus on Saturday night. Another man, Daniel Lesoto, was shot dead in a separate attack in the township on Saturday night.

● In Katlehong, an unidentified man was shot dead in a minibus at 4 am on Saturday.

● Six people were wounded and two arrested for obstructing justice when police used birdshot to disperse what they described as "an unruly mob" of 250 people in Reiger Park, outside Boksburg, on Saturday.

Two policemen were injured during the clashes.



# Peace, yes, but we've no mandate

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EVERYONE thought the ANC-alliance delegates were being starchy at a meeting on Thursday to set up a local dispute resolution committee (LDRC) for Alexandra.

Except the alliance. They wanted an LDRC as much as anyone but they were trying to explain, without much success, that they had not been properly briefed (seemingly by their own side), and at local branch level they had no mandate. No mandate, no immediate action — surely everyone could understand that? The answer was “no”.

The meeting had been called by regional dispute resolution structures, under the National Peace Accord, to set up the LDRC at that precise moment on Thursday, in the Sandton Hall, Sandton.

It was all in the minutes and more than 50 delegates were there from about 30 organisations to finish what they

Alexandra township seemed knocked out by violence, but rival sides finally got together and agreed on a peace committee. PETER WELLMAN reports.

had come for. Surely everyone could understand that?

In this case the answer was “yes”. But not all the delegates had seen the minutes, and there was this problem of not having a mandate...

Until Thursday, the burden of finding peace in Alex had lain with the small Interim Crisis Committee (ICC), comprising one ANC member (Mike Beea), one from Inkatha (Bruce Anderson) and a few non-aligned members.

The ICC was present at the Thursday meeting and Mr Anderson latched on to the mandate problem to score a political point for Inkatha, although the committee had worked hard to show it was impartial.

All sweetness and light, he said that if some delegates did

not want to set up a structure under the Peace Accord, let's go ahead with those who did.

Colonel McGill Alexander, commanding SADF Group 18, stayed firmly in the middle ground: let's go ahead, yes, because people are dying... but it was essential the alliance joined in as soon as possible.

Then Deane Yates of the ICC intervened.

He knows how grassroots-based ANC democracy is, that it can and does take time for a branch to get a mandate. But he wanted progress.

“We have a tremendous responsibility here. We need an LDRC. But the people on it must be willing to work hard, and work together. What we do not want is a talking-shop.”

They had been at it for two

hours, and now the convener stepped in decisively. Fresh-faced Edwin Molahlehi, a Vista University law lecturer who seemed to know exactly what everyone was saying before they had finished, but rarely interrupted, was containing growing frustration.

Now someone whose bonafides the alliance and Inkatha accepted without question had urged action, not paralysis, and Mr Molahlehi moved.

“There will be a 10-minute break for caucusing,” he said. “While you're holding your discussions I'll move about and speak to the various delegations.”

The break lasted 20 minutes, but it worked.

The ANC's Grant Rex (Alex

branch) stood up: the alliance was absolutely committed to the peace process and the LDRC. Please understand there simply had to be discussion, so that the branch could bring the membership with it.

But the alliance was in favour of setting up an interim structure right now.

Mr Molahlehi, appointed convener by the National Peace Secretariat, on the suggestion of Independent Media Services of SA, said nothing. He had done his job, helping the various sides to find each other.

A resolution went through and a committee of 12 was set up: two ANC; two Inkatha; two Alex City Council; two from the security forces; and four non-aligned members, including some from the ICC.

An ANC delegate warmly welcomed a few remarks by an SAP officer. And the Alex LDRC was on track. □



# Gruesome death in violent Vaal

By **THEMBA KHUMALO**  
and **SOPHIE TEMA**

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VAAL Triangle townships have erupted, claiming at least 15 lives – five of them from one family – since last week.

Reacting to the gunning down of five Lefhiedie family members by unknown gunmen on Sunday, local youths went on the rampage and necklaced at least four people they suspected of being police informers and IFP supporters.

An incident which shocked the Sebokeng community was the necklacing of 22-year-old Lydia Matieho Motlounq.

Her mother Maria, battling to fight off tears, said her daughter was not an informer and at no stage did she have an affair with any policeman.

Maria said on Wednesday afternoon a group of youths came to her house to look for Matieho. Shortly afterwards she heard her daughter had been necklaced.

"I found Matieho burnt to ashes a few streets away from my house."

She said until now no one had come to tell her why her daughter was killed.

"All I've heard are rumours that she had an affair with a policeman and that she was once overheard phoning the police with information on the comrades. But we have no phone in the house," said the distraught mother, huddled on a worn sofa in her sparsely furnished two-roomed house.

Matieho's necklacing is reminiscent of the tragedy of Maki Skosana, the Duduza girl whose gruesome death at the hands of comrades in 1985 revolted the international community and nearly cost the ANC foreign support.

Vaal police spokesman Captain Piet van der Venter confirmed Matieho's death and said three other necklaced bodies were found in Sebokeng on Monday.

Two more murders were reported in Sharpeville later this week. In one incident a woman was shot dead while she was cooking in her kitchen.

A man was found dead in his bathroom in Selborne Road, Evaton.

The Lefhiedies will be buried at a funeral held today.



# 11 arrested, weapons seized

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JOHANNESBURG. — Security forces arrested 11 people at Khumalo Valley in Katlehong on the East Rand on Thursday night and seized two pistols, two AK-47 rifles and ammunition.

Police said the action was taken after shots were fired at the security forces. The ANC, however, alleged that SADF members had opened fire without warning on a house where a community meeting was being held.

The ANC further charged that a number of people were injured in the attack and that the house was destroyed. This was denied by police, who said there were no reports of injuries, and that no estimate of damage to property had been made. — Sapa



# Arrest after rail attack

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police this week made what they hope will prove a breakthrough in the Reef train violence with the arrest of a man after an attack on rail commuters.

The arrest came as community protests launched this week against the SAP and Spoornet's handling of the violence included marches, a sit-in to demand action and an emergency church summit to bring about peace.

Thursday's arrest came when gunmen opened fire at commuters at Orlando station in Soweto. Police made no reports of injuries.

In another, unconfirmed, train attack on Thursday night, one person was reported to have died and two were reported critically injured on a train between Mzimhlope and Phomolong stations in Orlando West.

The report was made by the ANC, but Soweto police could not confirm the incident.

An estimated 300 toyi-toying railway workers gathered outside the Johannesburg offices of Spoornet yesterday to show solidarity with nine community leaders staging a sit-in to highlight the train violence on the Witwatersrand. — Sapa



Whistle-stop tour of trouble spots drums up township support

# Fiery Winnie fighting back

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WINNIE Mandela

defiantly hit the campaign trail this week, days after an avalanche of bad publicity that would have buried a lesser woman.

In what appeared to be a last-ditch effort to salvage her reputation as a political leader, she courted the constituency that has always responded to her most fervently — the poor, the neglected and the outcast.

In a flurry of speech-making, walkabouts and personal appearances at funerals, she seemed to be everywhere at once. Her strategy seemed to be pitched at the future,

when what she calls "my people" will be enfranchised and will not forget her.

Within hours of a shoot-out with police at Power Park in Soweto that left two people dead, she was there confronting police. She demanded that police leave the scene, and when they did, the squatters were fulsome in their applause and praise.

"We will do everything in our power to defend ourselves," she yelled. Waving a bag of spent shells fired during the fracas, she told the squatters: "All these were to kill you in your sleep."

The next day she was in Sharpeville, near

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Vereeniging, where eight members of the African National Congress had been shot dead. She addressed an enthusiastic crowd and later attacked the Government for preaching peace but continuing to fan the flames of violence.

## Attack

By the week's end, a defiant Mandela was sharing a platform with ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba and hardline Natal Midlands leader Harry Gwala, when she received a "tumultuous" welcome from ANC members at Ndalem Township near Rich-

mond in Natal.

There she also launched a stinging attack on Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of the Inkatha Freedom Party, as well as President de Klerk.

"Inkatha and the police killed a whole family in Sharpeville, while De Klerk and Gatscha were worshipping in Morija," she told the crowd, discreetly omitting the fact that her estranged husband had been at Morija as well.

"That prayer of theirs is absolutely meaningless. They do one thing and they say another."

On the subject of the disbanding of Umkhonto We Sizwe, demanded by the Government as a

pre-condition for the continuation of the Code-sa talks, she vowed that this would never happen.

"Being associated with the ANC at present spells one's death warrant," she told an interviewer later. "How can we enter elections if people are dying every day?"

"The Government's insincerity and dishonesty in dealing with the issue of violence is going to have to force us to go back to original positions and question the whole concept (of negotiations)," she said.

Although many of her detractors in the ANC heaved a huge sigh of relief when she seemed to be given the boot by the

organisation, Mandela has steadfastly vowed to serve the organisation "until my dying day".

Today will present another opportunity for her to hit the headlines, when she addresses a mass funeral at Sharpeville, where she will undoubtedly display her prowess as a fire-breathing orator.

Sections of the United States press have come to her defence. "Don't forget what South Africa inflicted on Winnie Mandela," said the New York Times yesterday, reacting to correspondents who both praised and criticised her for having "become an embarrassment to her husband and the ANC".



GOING WALKABOUT: Winnie Mandela.



# Anti-violence demos stand firm

**MONTSHIWA MOROKE**

THE nine community leaders who have been occupying the Johannesburg offices of Spoornet since Wednesday in protest against train violence could spend the weekend away from their families.

In a statement read by Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa on their behalf, the sit-in group repeated its stand not to leave the premises until the ministers of Transport and of Law and Order had acted decisively to halt the carnage.

The group, who represent the clergy, the SA Railway and Harbour Workers Union (Sarhwu), CAST, Cosatu and the ANC, hold the two ministers responsible for the safety of commuters.

Also attending the press conference at Spoornet yesterday were top-ranking ANC and SACP officials Cyril Ramaphosa, Dr Pallo Jordan, Tokyo Sexwale and Charles Nqakula.

Mkhathshwa, who said the country was in the middle of a national disaster, spelt out demands which he said



**CYRIL RAMAPHOSA: Offering support for the nine community leaders.**

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were reasonable to any right-thinking people.

Some of the demands were that the Government make available "a minimum of R500 million for the purpose of restructuring safety measures because in the past President de Klerk had committed public funds to various national disasters.

"We believe this disaster has claimed more lives in a short space of time than any other and deserves urgent resources to be made available. A special fund is required to give effect to the point above, in addition to adequate compensation."

As a matter of extreme urgency, mea-

sures had to be taken by the police to reduce death on the trains between now and the Codesa 2 session, Mkhathshwa said.

Other demands were:

- The development of well-trained, efficient and adequate security personnel with immediate effect on commuter systems.

- Installation of a permanent security system to screen commuters and refuse access to armed commuters.

- Confiscate dangerous weapons and so-called cultural weapons and to ensure their destruction or storage.

- Erection of security fences alongside the railway lines, especially

in close proximity to hostels, as well as erection of adequate gates and permanent metal detectors.

"Central to the maintenance of commuter safety is a need for a specially trained task force to enforce effective policing methods.

"The task force should be jointly maintained by Sarhwu, the community and Transnet. This will ensure that the recruitment, training and control of the task force is properly managed," Mkhathshwa said.

Already, black political, religious, labour and civic organisations on the Reef have called for a six-day boycott of trains from May 4.



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# New date set for train boycott

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A WEEK-LONG train boycott, due to start yesterday to protest against the train killings on the Witwatersrand, has been postponed to May 4.

This was announced at a Press conference by a newly-formed steering committee of major township groups concerned about the carnage.

The steering committee represents the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress, Congress of SA Trade Unions and National Council of Trade Unions.

Other groups are the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal, SA Communist Party, Human Rights Commission, Sofasonke Party and church groups.

The ANC's Mr Tokyo Sexwale, who chaired the Press conference, said the

By KENOSI MODISANE  
and Sapa

steering committee, which had been set up to deal with the violence on the trains, fully supported the train boycott call.

"The carnage taking place on the trains has compelled us to take action to express our anger at the violence. That's why we have targeted train violence."

Representatives also pointed out that the SA Railway Commuter Corporation had admitted it could not guarantee the safety of train travellers.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Ministry of Law and Order were last night scheduled to meet nine community leaders who are staging a sit-in at the Spoornet headquarters in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, to protest the killings.



# Train attack survivors tell of big escape

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By KENOSI  
MODISANE

SURVIVORS of Wednesday night's train attack at Mzimhlophe Station yesterday alleged the assailants had told them they were after the blood of township residents.

Three people were killed and 18 injured in the incident.

The survivors claimed their assailants boarded the train at Mzimhlophe Station, which is not far from the trouble-torn Meadowlands Hostel.

They said the men went on the rampage soon after the train had left the platform.

They also said the train stopped immediately when the attack started.

Speaking from their hospital beds at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday, three of the survivors said they were attacked by men armed

with an assortment of weapons.

Mr Buti Mogane (32) said: "A gang of about 20 men got into the train at Mzimhlophe and said they were looking for township people."

"They pounced on us as soon as the train had pulled off the platform. But the train immediately stopped and the lights went off."

"People scuttled for cover and others jumped through the windows," Mogane said.

Mogane said he was stabbed in the back and hit with knobkerries.

Another survivor, Mr Richard Likhuleni (23) of Mapetla, said the attack started just when the train pulled off the station.

Likhuleni said he was approached by a middle-aged man who seemed to be the leader of the gang.

"He asked me where I lived and when I told him I was from Mapetla, he ordered the gang to attack me," Likhuleni said.

Likhuleni escaped with head, back and hand injuries.

Another survivor who refused to be identified said: "I was happy to see the train stop so that people could escape. Otherwise more people would have died."

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni yesterday announced that the police would offer a R20 000 reward to anyone who could give them information that could lead to the arrest of the attackers.



# BAROMETER

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On April 19, a person was injured when Johannesburg municipality security guards fired rubber bullets at a group of residents living in a tent after they had been evicted from their homes in Ennerdale. South African Defence Force collusion in the attack was alleged by the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association.

On April 20, the African National Congress reported that a Meadowlands youth was admitted to hospital and another arrested after the SAP Internal Stability Unit raided homes in the area, "assaulting residents, looting property and shooting teargas and buckshot".

## Informal repression

### SECURITY force action

accounted for two deaths and three injuries and 29 arrests in the past week, according to the Human Rights Commission.



and closes with a nostalgic trip down the airwaves of the once famed LM Radio. Opening times are 10 am to 10 pm on public holidays and weekends. During weekdays the festival will be open from 5 pm to 10 pm. Entrance fees are R6 for adults and R3 for children.

## 'Murder suspects ANC members'

By Guy Jepson  
Crime Staff

Police yesterday claimed three suspects arrested in connection with the murder of a policeman in Alexandra last month were members or supporters of the ANC and called on the movement to control its followers.

On the night of March 31 Warrant-Officer Bogatsu Pilani was dragged from his vehicle in London Street, stabbed in the side, shot in the head with his service pistol and set alight.

Three suspects — a 26-year-old man named by

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police as Happy Mahlango and two 17-year-old youths — were arrested on April 13.

They appeared in a Randburg court on April 15 on a murder charge. They were remanded in custody until the case resumes on May 27.

At a press conference yesterday police Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said: "The three accused in this case are self-admitted members of the ANC".

ANC spokesman Wally Mbhele said the ANC was not aware of members being arrested in connection with the policeman's murder.

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But he added: "It is fascinating to note how police are capable of making speedy arrests when a policeman is killed while they have failed to bring to book those responsible for the countless murders of ANC activists, community leaders and township residents in general".

Colonel Bruce said many organisations "continually and in contravention of the National Peace Accord" accused the SAP "without justification" of involvement in the violence.

He appealed to these organisations to control members.



# 30 slaughtered in Easter violence

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Correspondent and Sapa

AT LEAST 30 people, including four policemen, were killed in separate incidents of violence on the Reef over the Easter weekend.

Three people were shot dead when men armed with AK-47 rifles raided a house in Sebokeng yesterday morning.

This follows a similar attack at the neighbouring Sharpeville township, in which eight people were slain on Sunday morning.

In another incident in Sharpeville yesterday, a man was stoned and necklaced when he and a friend were approached by a group in the street.

Captain Piet van Deventer of the Vaal Triangle police said Mr Ben Khambula (20) and a friend were attacked by the men about 3pm. The friend managed to escape.

Four policemen were killed and six injured in separate unrest-related incidents, police said.

A policeman was killed in Soweto on Friday afternoon when he tried to arrest two men.

Another policeman was fatally shot while patrolling through a squatter camp in Power Park, Soweto, on the same day.

In Phola Park, a 24-year old policeman was shot dead while trying to apprehend a suspect.

Five policemen were injured in a hand-grenade attack in White City Soweto on Friday afternoon.

In Alexandra, seven people were killed while in Mzimhlophe, Soweto, the house of 65-year-old Mr Patrick Mnguni was petrol-bombed about 3am yesterday.



# Peace calls 'not enough'

By PHANGISILE  
MTSHALI

PEACE calls by State President FW de Klerk, ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela and IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi at Moria would have been effective if they had addressed their supporters.

This was the view of most callers to the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback Show last night.

Other callers said the calls were a waste of time as De Klerk's Government had the capacity to stop the carnage.

Tibatso of Soweto said he felt the three leaders wasted time and money in addressing members of the Zion Christian Church.

He said it would have had more positive results if the three had addressed a joint meeting of their members.

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Rola of Diepkloof said no human being or organisation would bring peace.

He said: "It is up to individuals to pray and commit themselves to peace."

"After getting together in Moria, it would be advisable for the IFP and ANC leaders to meet again."

Daniel of Hillbrow congratulated the head of the ZCC, Bishop Barnabas Lekganyane, for showing that he cared.

He said "the Moria experience" had the power to stop violence but ANC and IFP supporters must be called to a joint meeting, where the message of peace could be preached.

Danny of Johannesburg said De Klerk had the power to stop the violence.

Johannes of Meadowlands said people must forget about peace "as long as there are rightwingers in the police force."



# Alex civic affairs halted by violence

*B 10 am 22/4/92*  
CIVIC affairs in Alexandra township have been brought to a virtual standstill by the ongoing feud between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

Alexandra town clerk Willie Khumalo said yesterday most of the town council's offices had been taken over by families displaced by the violence in the township.

Hundreds of families fled their homes last month after fighting between Alexandra residents and Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers. They sought refuge at the council's offices and the local civic centre.

Khumalo said the situation was inconveniencing council staff and was being "taken advantage of by some employees".

He said it was difficult to keep thorough checks on staff attendance in such a situation, and a number of workers had not been reporting for work since.

But the council would not chase the families away as the violence which forced them out of their homes had not been addressed, Khumalo said.

Meanwhile, the Goldstone standing commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation will question Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) leaders about allegations that the organisation planned to attack four of Inkatha's Transvaal strongholds.

Judge Richard Goldstone said in a statement yesterday a policeman told a Wit-Vaal regional dispute resolution committee on March 26 that police had received information that MK had held a meeting the previous day. The policeman said it was decided at the meeting to attack the Inkatha hostels.

"After inquiry by an ANC member, the ANC informed the regional dispute resolution committee that no such decision had

been taken. The matter was then referred to the commission, which was informed by police that the information had come from two informants who had been at the MK meeting.

"The informants felt their lives were in jeopardy and on no account would they be prepared to meet, even in camera, with the commission. At the request of the commission, police have furnished it with written statements from both informants without disclosing their identities," Goldstone said.

He said having regarded the seriousness of the allegations, the commission had decided to put the allegations to MK leaders "who are alleged to have been at the meeting in question on Thursday".

Meanwhile Sapa reports three people were reported killed in Natal yesterday, bringing the day's national death toll as a result of political violence to nine.

Earlier, two people were killed and 11 injured when a bus was ambushed in the Table Mountain area, east of Maritzburg.

In the same area three people were shot dead at a bus stop and three were wounded — including a three-month-old baby.

Near Empangeni on the north coast, a member of the KwaZulu Police was shot dead by unidentified men.

In another development, police yesterday held an identification parade in Thokoza, on the East Rand, in connection with alleged misconduct of 32 Battalion soldiers in Phola Park squatter camp on April 8.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe refused to say whether any of the soldiers had been identified as culprits.

## Key leaders will attend church talks

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WILSON ZWANE

LEADERS of key black political organisations will meet church leaders today in an attempt to boost the peace process.

It is expected that the summit — convened under the auspices of the SA Council of Churches (SACC) — will set the stage for a meeting between church leaders and government.

Sapa reports that ANC president Nelson Mandela, PAC leader Clarence Makwetu and SACP chairman Joe Slovo will attend.

In a statement, the SACC said representatives from 19 black political organisations would attend. These included Inkatha, Azapo, the TBVC states, Cast, Cosatu, Nactu, Nafcoc, the United People's Front, Ximoko Progressive Party, Dikwankwetla Party, Intando Yesizwe Party and Inyandza National Movement.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's private secretary, Amos Ngema, said yesterday the Inkatha leader would not attend the summit as he had "other commitments in (KwaZulu capital) Ulundi".

SACC general secretary Frank Chikane had said today's "emergency summit on violence" was in response to alarming levels of political violence.



# Victims attend identity parade

By Zingisa Mkhuma

More than 70 squatters who say they are victims of an attack on the Phola Park squatter camp by members of 32 Battalion, attended an identification parade involving an undisclosed number of soldiers yesterday.

The press was barred from the official proceedings which were held inside the Tokoza Auditorium. Only members of the Independent Board of Enquiry (IBE) and lawyers for the vic-

tims were allowed in.

Some squatters, including a 14-year-old girl, attended the proceedings wearing bandages on their arms and legs. Some of them walked on crutches.

A spokesman for the IBE, Sally Sealy, said there were 101 victims of the attack which left two dead, but many of them could not identify their assailants because it was dark when the attack occurred.

More than 70 people were treated in hospital

for their injuries. They have accused members of the SADF's 32 Battalion of going on a "rampage" after they had alleged that a shot was fired at them from the squatter camp.

A woman was killed and several others were raped and injured in the raid which took place on April 9, said squatters.

The police said they were investigating charges of murder, rape, assault, malicious damage to property, theft and attempted murder.



# Phola Park: Cops probe 37 charges

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**POLICE** are investigating 37 charges, including rape and assault, against several members of the 32 Battalion who were pointed out at an identification parade this week.

The charges follow a raid by the battalion at the Phola Park squatter camp on April 9.

Two people were killed and about 100 assaulted. Property was stolen and damaged during the raid.

The details of the charges were revealed in Pretoria yesterday by Mr P Hattingh, SC. He was representing the police at the preliminary inquiry of the Goldstone Commission into events at Phola Park on that day.

Hattingh said 32 of the 240 men on parade on Tuesday were identified "and of these 32 only nine were positively identified as having been on duty at Phola Park that day".

Another witness, Miss Sally Ann Sealy, a researcher with the Independent Board of Inquiry, said she helped to take statements from the victims.

By **MONK NKOMO**

In another case, an old woman was dragged out of a shack while "her young daughter was raped", said Sealy.

Major Petrus van Eeden of the SADF told the inquiry that two SADF members, including a certain Mpande, were wounded when unknown persons fired at their battalions at Phola Park during the night of April 9.

Van Eeden denied allegations that members of the battalion had raped and assaulted squatters that night.

"The relationship between the 32 Battalion and Phola Park residents had been good and healthy since they started operations there on August 7 1990," he said.

Responding to questions, Van Eeden said although the troops had gone to investigate sporadic shootings, nobody had been arrested. He conceded that, by returning the fire, SADF members could have seriously shot and wounded innocent people.

The commission will be chaired by an advocate, Mr Solly Sithole.



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# Report says train deaths spiralling

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JOHANNESBURG. — The number of people killed in train attacks during the first three months of this year outstripped the combined figure for the whole of 1990 and 1991, according to the Human Rights Commission's latest Area Repression Report.

A total of 97 deaths on the tracks was recorded in 1990 and 1991, while 126 such murders took place in January, February and March this year, the report records.

The number of attacks rose even more sharply than the death toll, each recent attack accounting for substantially fewer deaths and injuries than the mass murders which took place in commuter coaches during 1990.

In 1990, just 11 attacks resulted in 59 deaths and 277 injuries while in 1991, 23 attacks caused 38 deaths and 206 injuries.

The first three months of 1992 witnessed 130 attacks, resulting in the loss of 126 lives and 235 injuries, the HRC has calculated.

The HRC has attempted to determine the political affiliation of the victims and the perpetrators of violence during the especially bloody month of March when the death toll in political violence shot to 437 — the highest level since August 1990.

Only in 30 percent of fatalities was it possible to identify the affiliation or community status of the victim. Of this identifiable group, "the victims were ANC supporters and township residents for 76 percent of the dead and 75,4 percent of the injured and Inkatha supporters and hostel dwellers for 24 percent of the dead and 24,6 percent of the injured," the report states.

Where perpetrators of violence could be identified, ANC supporters and township residents were responsible for 9,5 percent of the killings and 19,7 percent of injuries, while Inkatha supporters and hostel dwellers inflicted 90,5 percent of the deaths and 80,3 percent of the injuries.



# Huge march for train peace

JOHANNESBURG — A crowd of about 2 500 marched to John Vorster Square today to deliver a memorandum demanding an immediate meeting with the ministers of police and transport to address violence on Reef trains. (278)

The march, which was led by representatives from the ANC, Cosatu, the SA Communist Party, the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal and churches, also delivered the memorandum to Spoornet's head offices here. CT 23/4/92

Nine community leaders then embarked on an indefinite sit-in at the offices.

The memorandum said 155 people had been killed and 414 injured in train attacks in the first three months of this year. — Sapa



# Phola Park victims identify 9 'raiders'

By McKeed Kotlolo  
Pretoria Bureau

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at the request of the ANC, attorneys of the victims, and Lawyers for Human Rights.

Phola Park residents have positively identified nine soldiers who allegedly took part in assaults by members of the SADF's 32 Battalion during a raid on the East Rand squatter camp two weeks ago, the Goldstone Commission heard in Pretoria yesterday.

This information was released by P A Hatting, SC, representing the South African Police at a preliminary hearing of the commission, investigating allegations of assault, rape and damage to property by soldiers on the night of April 8.

The full inquiry is scheduled to start on Monday.

Mr Hattingh said of the estimated 240 members of 32 Battalion at an identification parade in Tokoza on Tuesday, 32 were identified by 45 residents as having participated in the alleged attack.

He said it was found only nine of the 32 soldiers had been at Phola Park on the day of the alleged attack.

Advocate Hattingh added that police were investigating 37 charges including charges of rape, assault, and malicious damage.

Researcher at the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression Sally Sealey said she had visited Phola Park on April 9

Ms Sealey said eye-witnesses had told her between three and six army vehicles had entered the camp at about 9 pm.

She rejected SADF claims that they were shot at by unknown persons from the direction of the squatter camp prior to the raid, saying all those interviewed and those who submitted statements said they did not hear any gunshots "prior to the arrival of the SADF in Phola Park".

She said the raid was mainly conducted by black soldiers who wore "browns" and spoke Fanagalo and Portuguese.

Together with some leaders of the Tokoza civic association, they transported injured people to hospital and later accompanied about 60 of them to Tokoza Police Station to lay charges, she said.

Major Petrus van Eeden of the SADF said he did not believe his men could have committed the alleged rapes and assaults.

He conceded, however, that some troops could have been heavy-handed with residents after shots had allegedly been fired from Phola Park at the SADF patrol.

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# Disabled Alex workers trapped

By Montshiwa Moroke 278

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The violence in Alexandra has trapped disabled people in the township because they are afraid to go to work, a Self-Help Association of the Disabled (Shadax) spokesman said this week.

Shadax is based in London Road, Wynberg, and is near the area where the worst fighting takes place.

It employs about 60 disabled people from Alexandra, including paraplegics and blind and deaf people.

Shadax spokesman Sinah Gwebu said only between

eight and 15 people had reported for work daily since the violence started in March and the company was suffering financial losses.

Mrs Gwebu said a doctor and several shopowners in the vicinity had already moved out of the area, fearing for their lives and properties.

She said the situation had become so serious that the company had decided it would be best to move to an area such as Marlboro, on the other side of the township.

"It is only us who still remain here but our colleagues are afraid to come to work be-

cause we are where some of the worst violence has taken place," she said.

"Two weeks ago we did not work for a week and this is negatively affecting our contracts.

She said her company would be speaking to owners of businesses to see whether they could assist them in any way. They would approach landlords to discuss the rental for alternative premises.

A committee from Shadax intended to meet Alexandra councillors to see if they can offer the organisation some land.



# Police probe soldiers' conduct

PRETORIA — Charges are being investigated against nine SADF members after they were pointed out at a police identification parade following an alleged assault of Phola Park residents earlier this month.

A police representative told the Goldstone Commission in Pretoria yesterday the charges against 32 Battalion members ranged from rape to theft and assault.

32 Battalion officer Maj Albie van Eeden, at a preliminary hearing of the commission to determine terms of reference for an inquiry into the incident at Phola Park, Thokoza, strongly denied the troops under his command had assaulted and raped Phola Park residents on April 8.

However, he conceded that troops could have been hard-handed with residents because they did not co-operate after shots were allegedly fired from Phola Park at an SADF patrol. He said the patrol had returned the fire, and later picked up "X" number of spent AK-47 cartridges in Phola Park. Two SADF members were injured in the exchange of fire.

Sally Ann Sealey, a senior researcher for

the Independent Board of Inquiry, said according to residents, the SADF members had embarked on a house-to-house search after they had allegedly been shot at.

"None of the people from whom we have taken statements or whom we have interviewed heard gunfire on that evening prior to the arrival of the SADF in Phola Park."

Shack dwellers said the soldiers had assaulted them, in many cases without conducting any search for weapons, hitting them with rifle butts and beating them with sjamboks, bats, iron pipes, pick-handles and sticks. Sealey said 25 to 30 limbs had been broken.

"Some residents reported being assaulted twice by different groups of soldiers."

"Several residents reported that the screaming and shooting continued all night."

According to the statements, four women — one of whom died — were raped and a large number were indecently assaulted.

Sealey thought that more women had been raped but were afraid to report this.

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## Soldiers

"All the rapes were perpetrated by soldiers at gunpoint and were accompanied by assaults and foul language."

"In most cases, the rape was preceded by a soldier pointing a firearm at the victim's private parts."

Both legs of one rape victim were fractured by bullets fired from outside her shack. Her husband was assaulted and dragged outside, and when he eventually re-entered the shack, she told him the soldiers had raped her. Her underpants had been removed. She died from loss of blood at dawn, said Sealey.

Judge Richard Goldstone said that after

considering yesterday's evidence, the commission would frame the terms of reference for an inquiry into the incidents.

WILSON ZWANE reports a police spokesman said the identification parade was "one of the many" which would be held in Thokoza.

The Human Rights Commission said in a statement yesterday 61 people had been killed and 45 injured in the past week. In an apparent reference to an attack on a house in the Vaal Triangle township of Sharpeville, it said the week's incidents "showed a noticeable increase of attacks in which large large numbers of unsuspecting residents were killed in their homes".

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# Reef relieved of restrictions

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THESE ARE many similarities between the drought this year and the one which crippled the Reef during the early eighties.

But there is one major difference according to Rand Water Board (RWB) chief executive, Vincent Bath.

"The difference is that at that time water stored in the Sterkfontein Dam was only about 30 percent, as was the Vaal Dam.

"This year Sterkfontein is about 99 percent full, the Vaal Dam is 41 percent full. "With this amount of water

If there is another drought next year, the PWV area will certainly have to endure some water restrictions. This year, however, pitiful amount of rain, Witwatersrand residents will not have to face water saving measures. The reason? Sterkfontein Dam. PAULA

stored there is sufficient water for normal use for the next two to three years," he added. "The question of restrictions is not being considered at the moment."

The past year has seen only 400 mm of rain — as opposed to the annual long-term average of 780 mm — on the Witwatersrand which is the RWB's largest consumer base.

Mr Bath said difficulties would arise if the drought persisted through next year and the following year and water stored in Sterkfontein near Harrismith was depleted.

Another reason for Sterkfontein's watery life-line during the blazing heat is the fact while the dam has a slightly larger capacity than the Vaal Dam, it

is far deeper and has a smaller surface area, leading to less evaporation.

Water is diverted from the start of the Tugela into storage dams and then transferred via the Drakensberg pump storage scheme over the escarpment into the Sterkfontein where it is stored.

From there it is released, when required, into the Nuwe-

jaar Spruit and then via the Wilge River into the Vaal Dam. The water continues its journey from the dam via canals and pipelines into the purification works at Zuikerbosch.

There it is purified and distributed in bulk to consumers throughout the PWV area.

Although water levels are not critical, the Board has appealed to consumers not to waste

water "in a dry country such as ours".

Should there be a need, it will be up to the Department of Water Affairs to decide whether or not to impose restrictions.

"If there is another drought next year, there certainly will be some restrictions," said Mr Bath.

In 1983, residents in Johannesburg municipality were

faced with restrictions which changed on a regular basis as dam levels dropped dangerously low. They included the following:

● Householders were initially allowed to water their gardens by hand-held hoses only on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 3 pm and 10 pm only.

These were later changed to watering gardens at specific

times on alternate days.

● Nurserymen could use hoses or sprinklers daily only between 8 am and 11 am and between 2 pm and 5 pm, provided they cut consumption by 25 percent.

● Hoses were banned for car washing.

● Swimming pool owners could top up but not empty and refill their pools, although pools could be refilled after repairs or installations.

● All automatic toilet flushing systems had to be turned off in commercial buildings after normal working hours.

Stiff fines were imposed. □

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# Anti-violence protesters hand petition to police

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Staff Reporter

Thousands of people marched to John Vorster Square yesterday to protest against the continued violence on Reef trains and to commemorate the deaths of six South African Railways' and Harbours' Workers Union (Sarhwi) members who had been shot dead by police during a 1987 railway strike in Johannesburg.

Former Sarhwi general secretary Archie Sebeke handed a memorandum to Johannesburg Police District Commissioner Brigadier Braam Strauss, demanding the establishment of an interim government, a

constituent assembly, the release of all political prisoners and the establishment of an impartial police force.

At the start of the march in Wanderers Street, Cosatu regional secretary Amos Masondo accused the police of failing to do their work.

"People are killed in front of them and they do nothing," he said.

Leaders of the ANC, SA Communist Party and Cosatu took part in the march.

ANC stalwart John Nkadimeng demanded that single-sex hostels be occupied by families.

"People who have no families should be evicted from the hostels in the

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townships and be replaced by families.

"Foreigners from neighbouring countries who have no families here are being used to perpetuate violence," said Mr Nkadimeng.

After the march, nine community leaders embarked on an indefinite sit-in at the Johannesburg offices of Spoornet to protest against continuing train violence. ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa told Sapa.

The delegation comprises railways workers' representatives as well as members of the ANC, SA Communist Party, Cosatu and the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal.



# Slain policeman: 3 ANC men held

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Johannesburg Bureau

THE ANC must take responsibility for the March 31 murder of a policeman in Alexandra township, the police said yesterday at a press conference to announce the arrest of three ANC members for the killing.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said he did not claim the ANC had sanctioned the murder, but "just as the SAP is held responsible for the discipline and actions of their members, so are

the various political organisations".

The three had admitted they were members of the ANC.

Mr. Happy Mahlango, 26, and two 17-year-old youths were arrested on April 13 for the murder of Warrant-Officer Bogatsu Pilani, who was pulled from his car and shot with his own pistol before being set alight.

ANC spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus said she could not comment as the matter was sub judice.



# ANC man held

DURBAN. — Police on Wednesday arrested a prominent ANC member in Empangeni after he was found in possession of illegal weapons, an act which has been slammed by the organisation as part of a "harassment" campaign.

Mr. Bongani Msomi, a regional administrator for the ANC in Northern Natal, was arrested after police searched a house rented for staff members by the ANC.

He said police seized 612 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, one fully-loaded AK-47 magazine, pistol holders, handgrenade dust covers, three pistol magazines and one Stechen pistol, 124 pistol rounds, four handgrenade detonators, nine rounds of .38 Special ammunition and several IFP membership cards.

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# Boycott of trains urged after deaths

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By Thabo Leshilo  
and Stan Hlophe

Black political, religious, labour and civic organisations on the Reef have called for a six-day boycott of trains as the death toll from the slaughter of passengers continues to mount.

The boycott call was made jointly by the ANC, Cosatu, Nactu, PAC, SACP, Human Rights Commission (HRC), Civic Associations of the Transvaal, the SACC and Soweto's Sofasonke Party at a press conference held in Johannesburg.

The demands include provision of security for commuters, compensation for victims, and that the killers be jailed.

The Azanian People's Organisation endorsed the call.

## Consulted

PAC leader Ntsundeni Madzunya, who acted as spokesman for the organisers, said the IFP had been consulted about the idea but could not attend yesterday's meeting to decide about the boycott.

IFP leaders Humphrey Ndlovu and Themba Khoza, with whom the organisers claimed they were in contact, could not be reached for comment.

The organisers urged commuters not to buy train tickets during the boycott.

Employers were asked to "take the initiative" and arrange alternative transport for their workers.

The carnage on Reef trains has reached unprecedented levels in spite of the safety measures introduced by police and the railways.

The murder on Wednesday of three passengers on a Johannesburg-Soweto train pushed the death toll this year to 129.

According to the HRC's latest reports, the number of people killed in train attacks during the first three months of the year outstripped the combined figure for the whole of 1990 and 1991, when 97 people died.

Nine community leaders sitting-in at the Johannesburg offices of Spoornet in protest against train violence, last night vowed to continue with their action until a decisive plan to halt the carnage was agreed upon.

The nine, who began their sit-in on Wednesday, are general secretary of the Institute for Contextual Theology Father Smangalisio Mkhathswa, Cosatu regional general secretary Amos Masondo, Jessie Duarte and Kgomotso Ramego of the ANC Women's League, CAST deputy president Kgabs Masonkutu, Sarhwi regional secretary Elliot Sogoni, Sarhwi regional vice-chairman Sydney Hlako and Vanguard Mkhosana.

Father Mkhathswa said discussions with representatives of the SAP, Transnet, Spoornet, and Metro were adjourned until today.

The Ministers of Police and Transport could not attend the meeting as the group demanded. The group hold the two Ministers responsible for the safety of train commuters.

● The ANC yesterday claimed one person was killed and two were critically wounded last night in an attack on train commuters in Soweto, Sapa reports.

A Soweto police spokesman said police found the body of a man next to the railway line, but he could not confirm that the death was connected to a train attack.

The body had stab wounds and was found at about 6.30 pm between the Mzimhlope and Phomolong stations in Orlando West. Police were still investigating the cause of his death, the spokesman said.



# MK leaders testify before commission

By McKeed Kotlolo  
Pretoria Bureau

Two senior Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) commanders on Wednesday denied allegations that an MK meeting on March 25 had decided to attack four Inkatha Freedom Party hostels in the Transvaal.

But they admitted the ANC's military wing did not have absolute control over its members.

MK political commissar Oupa Monareng and PWV chief of personnel Sydney Mpilo were testifying before the Goldstone Commission in Pretoria following allegations by two police informers who had earlier claimed they had attended an MK meeting at the ANC's head office in Johannesburg where a decision had been taken to attack the IFP hostels.

Mr Monareng said members at the meeting

did suggest that MK should attack the hostels because they felt their lives were threatened.

However, the suggestion was turned down by the leadership because the armed struggle had been suspended and MK had become more involved in mass action.

Mr Monareng, however, told the commission that members "could do their own thing" without the mandate of the leadership.

The commission also heard that the PWV regional headquarters was not empowered to take such decisions. Only the national leadership had such powers.

Mr Mpilo said MK was bound by the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes and the DF Malan Accord to the suspension of the armed struggle.

He said MK had no right to commit soldiers to action that would be detrimental to these.



# 'Murder suspects ANC members'

By Guy Jepson  
Crime Staff

Police yesterday claimed three suspects arrested in connection with the murder of a policeman in Alexandra last month were members or supporters of the ANC and called on the movement to control its followers.

On the night of March 31 Warrant-Officer Bogatsu Pilani was dragged from his vehicle in London Street, stabbed in the side, shot in the head with his service pistol and set alight.

Three suspects — a 26-year-old man named by

police as Happy Mahlango and two 17-year-old youths — were arrested on April 13.

They appeared in a Randburg court on April 15 on a murder charge. They were remanded in custody until the case resumes on May 27.

At a press conference yesterday police Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said: "The three accused in this case are self-admitted members of the ANC".

ANC spokesman Wally Mbhele said the ANC was not aware of members being arrested in connection with the policeman's murder.

But he added: "It is fascinating to note how police are capable of making speedy arrests when a policeman is killed while they have failed to bring to book those responsible for the countless murders of ANC activists, community leaders and township residents in general".

Colonel Bruce said many organisations "continually and in contravention of the National Peace Accord" accused the SAP "without justification" of involvement in the violence.

He appealed to these organisations to control members.



# Four killed in violence

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FOUR people were killed

in a fresh outbreak of violence in Soweto last night.

Three bodies were found with stab wounds along a railway line near Mzimhlophe Station, according to Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni.

He said 17 people were injured in what appeared to be a train attack.

An hour after the incident, a hand grenade was thrown by unknown people at Meadowlands Hostel where a 57-year-old man was killed.

Another man, Mr Robert Dlamini (40), was injured.



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# Summit to set up peace committees

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A NETWORK of multi-organisational special committees is to be set up throughout the country in an attempt to end political violence and eradicate intimidation.

A source said 19 organisations which attended this week's emergency summit on violence had appointed a seven-member working committee, whose task would be to work out strategies by which to filter the "spirit of reconciliation" down to grassroots level.

The working committee, which is made up of representatives from the ANC, Inkatha, PAC, Azapo, SA Communist Party and homeland parties, will meet within two weeks, probably on May 8.

The source said the committee would determine the nature of an international mechanism to monitor violence. Government and security forces were not invited.

Meanwhile nine community leaders, who had been staging a sit-in at Spoornet's Braamfontein headquarters since Wednesday, yesterday vowed to continue their protest until their demands were met.

The leaders, protesting against high levels of violence on Reef trains, said yesterday evening discussions they had held earlier with representatives from Transnet, Spoornet, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC), Law and Order Ministry and Transport Ministry, did not yield much. Discussions continue today.

The protesters are demanding provision of adequate security on trains in consultation with the community, prosecution of perpetrators of violence and compensation of violence victims.

WILSON ZWANE

Soweto police spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday that a the body of a man with stab wounds had been found near a railway line in Soweto at 6.30pm.

But Ngobeni said he could not confirm claims by the ANC that the man had been killed, and two others critically injured, in a train attack yesterday evening.

"We are still investigating the cause of his death, and presently have no reports of other injuries," Ngobeni said.

Earlier, police arrested a 22-year-old man who fired shots at a commuter train at Orlando station, Sapa reports. No one was injured.

## Minister

Trade unions, civic bodies and church organisations yesterday joined political organisations in calling for a week-long boycott of trains in protest against the ongoing attacks.

The organisations, which included the ANC, SA Communist Party, Cosatu, Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal and the HRC, called on township residents not to use trains from May 4-9.

In another development, the Alexandra Civic Organisation and local branches of the SA Communist Party, the ANC and the Congress of SA Students will meet Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel on Monday.

ANC Alexandra spokesman Obed Bapela said the organisations would ask Kriel to declare a section of the Alexandra township, known as "Beirut", a disaster area.

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# MK denies a plot to attack hostels

MEMBERS of Umkhonto we Sizwe's PWV regional headquarters yesterday denied they had taken a decision to attack Inkatha Freedom Party hostels.

But they told the Goldstone Commission in Pretoria yesterday they could not guarantee absolute control over MK members.

"Anybody can do his own thing without the mandate of the MK leadership," Mr Oupa Monareng, MK political commissar, told a hearing chaired by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone. *Sowetan 24/4/92*

The hearing was convened after two police informers said they had attended an MK meeting at Shell House in Johannesburg last month, where a decision was taken to attack IFP hostels in four Transvaal areas.

Monareng said members at the meeting suggested MK attack the hostels, but the leadership's response was that the armed struggle had been suspended. MK had become more involved in mass action.

Mr Sidney Mbilo, the regional headquarters' chief of personnel, told the hearing the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes and the DF Malan agreement bound MK to suspend its action and that MK had no right to commit soldiers to action that would be detrimental to these accords. - Sapa.





# '92 train deaths exceed

## entire '90, '91 toll

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THE number of lives lost in train attacks during the first three months of this year outstripped the combined figure for the whole of 1990 and 1991, according to the Human Rights Commission's latest Area Repression Report.

A total of 97 deaths on the tracks was recorded in 1990 and 1991, while 126 such murders took place in January, February and March this year, the report records.

The number of attacks rose even more sharply than the

death toll, each recent attack accounting for substantially fewer deaths and injuries than the mass murders which took place in commuter coaches during 1990.

The HRC has attempted to determine the political affiliation of the victims and the perpetrators of violence during the especially bloody month of March when the death toll in political violence shot to 437 - the highest level since August 1990.

Where perpetrators of violence could be identified, ANC supporters and township residents were responsible

for 9,5 percent of the killings and 19,7 percent of injuries, while Inkatha supporters and hostel dwellers inflicted 90,5 percent of the deaths and 80,3 percent of the injuries.

Only in 30 percent of fatalities was it possible to identify the affiliation or community status of the victim. Of this identifiable group, "the victims were ANC supporters and township residents for 76 percent of the dead and 75,4 percent of the injured, including Inkatha supporters and hostel dwellers for 24 percent of the dead and 24,6 percent of the injured," the report states. - Sowetan Correspondent



# 8 die as gunmen attack Sharpeville home

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By Brian Sokutu

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Easter turned tragic yesterday for the Lefhiedi family when unknown gunmen shot dead eight people, including a child and a family friend, at their home in Sharpeville, near Vereeniging.

Elias Lefhiedi (46), his wife Johanna (41), son Wesley (15), daughter Justine (19), Mr Lefhiedi's sisters-in-law Manoi Makhaketsa (41) and Museesi Moisi (15), Selinah Thakgudi, and a friend, Japhtha Vilaka (19), were butchered by five men armed with AK-47s, according to ANC branch chairman Siza Rani.

He said the men drove a Mazda 323.

The killings took place at about 2.45 am.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said police had no evidence that the killings were politically motivated.

Addressing a press conference with ANC leaders at the Lefhiedi home, Mr Rani said the men broke the kitchen window, fired several

shots, waited to see if there was any retaliation, and then burst into the kitchen.

Mr Rani said: "Three men went to the main bedroom, while others remained in the kitchen. They demanded the arms and money which the family did not have, threatening to kill everyone."

"They then shoved them into the children's bedroom, raped one of the women before beginning to shoot. And when one of the killers ran out of bullets, he went outside to refill the magazine."

He said the survivors of the attack, one of whom police said was wounded in the arm, were missing.

A heartbroken Albinas Lefhiedi, Elias' brother, said he felt "terrible" because they had buried his brother's son, Rangoane (26), only three months ago. An Umkhonto we Sizwe cadre, he died in what police said was a shootout with terrorists.

"I was shocked when I arrived at the house at about 4 am after being telephoned by Father David Dinkebogile of the Anglican Church. In

the children's bedroom I found my brother and the bodies of six other people sprayed with bullets. We found another body in the lounge," said Mr Lefhiedi.

Also speaking at the press conference, ANC NEC member Winnie Mandela, launched a scathing attack on the police and the Government for "failing to act" although the ANC had "reported the family's harassment earlier to local police."

She said the attack was "a well-orchestrated pattern aimed at weakening the ANC, and was committed by those who do not want to see peace."

"These killings must stop. That religious meeting addressed by leaders in Morija is meaningless if the Government continues to kill people," she said.

The township killings, she said, could affect the negotiation process.

ANC PWV region deputy chairman Bavumile Vilaka

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Distraught . . . Albinas Lefhiedi (left) tells ANC leaders Floyd Mashele and Winnie Mandela how his brother and his family were killed. Picture: Karen Fletcher

## 8 killed in attack

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Zi said his organisation would soon meet Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel over the Sharpeville shooting.

Captain Deventer said that a group of between four and five gunmen entered house 8023 in the township early yesterday.

They ordered all nine occupants — four men and five women — to lie down on the floor in one room and then started shooting at them with an AK-47 and possibly also with handguns.

● A man waiting at a be-  
baking bus terminus was shot and killed and another was wounded in both legs by an unidentified group of gunmen who opened fire at random yesterday afternoon.

This brought the toll of Easter weekend violence to more than 20 by last night.

Three unrest victims were policemen killed in seven attacks on members of the SAP over the weekend.

On Saturday, a policeman was killed when shots were fired at a police patrol in Phola Park.

On Friday a policeman was killed after he intervened in a fight between two men in Jouberton, near Klerksdorp, in White City, Soweto, five policemen were slightly injured when a man threw a grenade at them on Friday night.

Early on Friday morning three people, including a policeman, were killed in two attacks on police in the Power Park squatter camp in Orland, Soweto.



# Security forces, ANC differ on shootout

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THE SADF and SAP this week offered a vastly differing account from the ANC of the overnight gun battle and arrest of 11 people in Katlehong's Khumalo Valley.

The SADF's Witwatersrand Command said on Friday that a joint army-police patrol had been responding to information about a possible weapons cache in a house in Katlehong when it came under heavy fire.

The patrol returned fire and surrounded the house. Eleven people surrendered and were arrested. They were in possession of two AK-47 rifles and a pistol, the SADF said.

In a separate statement, the SAP said a policeman had joined a SADF patrol in Katlehong after receiving information that illegal weapons were being kept at a house in Khumalo Valley.

When the patrol arrived at the house they were fired on. The security forces returned fire.

The commander of the patrol then ordered the people in the house to throw their weapons outside. Two AK-47 rifles were thrown out and the 11 people inside the house were arrested on charges of attempted murder.

Members of the Special Investigation Unit in Katlehong then searched the house. Police took possession of the two AK-47 rifles, two pistols and ammunition.

The SAP said no people inside the house were injured, but two SADF members sustained slight shrapnel wounds. The SADF made no mention of any casualties.

ANC representative in the township, Floyd Masehe, had earlier alleged SADF members had opened fire on ANC members meeting in a house in Katlehong.

An ANC member in the township also charged that several people were injured and the house was destroyed. — Sapa



Residents turn on security forces

# More die as street battles rage in Alex

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ALEXANDRA exploded yesterday as residents turned on police and army members and fought running battles throughout the day.

At least eight people had died since midnight and more than 50 were injured in the latest and worst outbreak of fighting in days of violence.

Police admitted it was unlikely that the violence would soon be brought under control.

All day mobs wielding petrol bombs and stones fought running battles with police and one another throughout the township.

Violence erupted in the morning, but subsided briefly before full-scale clashes between parties in the late afternoon.

On Tuesday night three people reportedly died in sporadic incidents of violence.

"Should the police refrain only for 30 minutes to perform their duties in Alexandra, I guarantee total bloodshed and a complete breakdown of law and order," regional Witwatersrand police commissioner Maj-Gen Gerrit Erasmus said last night.

It was clear that the ANC and Inkatha had no control whatsoever over their members and supporters, he said, rejecting claims by the ANC and Inkatha that police were to blame for the violence.

Yesterday two policemen were killed and an SADF member was injured when he was hit by a high calibre sniper bullet.

Several children, aged between six and

STEPHANE BOTHMA

14, were taken to the Alexandra Clinic in the late afternoon to be treated, mainly for buckshot wounds.

The township was engulfed in flames and smoke when large groups of residents, taking part in an impromptu stayaway, erected barricades of burning tyres and car shells, stones and huge pieces of scrap metal, blocking almost every street.

Scores of youths hurled petrol bombs and stones at the large contingent of police armoured vehicles patrolling the streets and throughout the afternoon, rifle fire, reportedly from the Madala hostel, could be heard.

The hostel's mostly Zulu-speaking residents have been at the centre of much of the violence since the weekend.

Dozens of squatter shacks were set alight by petrol bombs yesterday, with residents fleeing the area around the hostel.

Policemen with automatic rifles stood guard while firemen attempted to bring the fires under control.

SADF members, who residents generally regard as being impartial, came under fire. Shots fired at an army patrol vehicle wounded a soldier.

Police reinforcements were brought in from several surrounding areas yesterday in an attempt to end the fighting.

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## Street battles

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Spokesmen for the Alexandra Clinic reported that they had treated more than 50 injured people yesterday, most for gunshot wounds.

A Witwatersrand police liaison officer confirmed that a policeman was burnt to death on the bonnet of a car, and said he had received an unconfirmed report of the death of another.

ANC Alexandra spokesman Gped Bapela said: "Alexandra is in a state of war," blaming the police and Inkatha "bandits" for the continuing violence.

The police last night rejected an ANC allegation that they were responsible for the violence "with the contempt it deserves".

"It is totally unacceptable that the police are still blamed for the violence in Alexandra. Earlier Inkatha also blamed the SAP for allegedly siding with the ANC in the current violence," Erasmus said.

Sapa-Reuter reports Inkatha spokesman Musa Myeni as saying the ANC had thousands of automatic weapons and was "bent on destroying the Zulus".

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma accused Inkatha of fighting to delay voting for a multiracial interim government. "Lots of violence makes it difficult to hold an election," he said.

In other incidents, Sapa reports that two policemen narrowly escaped death after being led into an ambush at KwaMbonambi in KwaZulu.

Police said W/O Chris Rossouw and Sgt Sidney Craukamp received information that a group of people were toytoyling on the outskirts of town. They went to investigate and drove into a gunfire ambush. They returned fire but had to retreat on foot after their vehicle failed to start. Both were wounded.

A woman was killed and several houses damaged in gunfire and petrol bomb attacks in three separate incidents at Wembezi near Estcourt.

In Ngwelezane near Empangeni an 18-year-old youth was shot dead and the house of an ANC/Cosatu official was petrol-bombed.

Last night seven people were injured when a hand grenade exploded inside a Putco bus in Soweto.

Police spokesman Col Fanyana Zwane said the bus was passing Newlands Hostel at 6.20pm, when the grenade was thrown through a window.

The explosion tore a hole in the floor of the bus and knocked out most of the glass.

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# 4 policemen die, 6 hurt in Easter unrest

Crime Staff

Four policemen were killed and six were injured in unrest-related incidents at the weekend.

One policeman was killed on Friday when he tried to arrest two men fighting in Soweto. A man has been arrested in connection with the incident.

Another policeman was shot dead while patrolling Power Park squatter camp in Orlando, Soweto, on Friday afternoon.

In a police follow-up operation, two men were shot dead and eight were arrested.

A 24-year-old policeman from Phola Park in the East Rand was shot dead while trying to apprehend a suspect.

A man who was armed with an AK-47 rifle jumped out from behind a house and shot him in the head.

Five policemen were injured in a handgrenade attack in White City, Soweto, on Friday.

The men were patrolling and saw two suspects, one armed with an AK-47 rifle. As the patrol car approached them, the gunman threw the handgrenade at the police.

A policeman was shot dead while chasing a gang of car thieves in Umlazi outside Durban on Sunday. Police said that Constable Bonginkosi Bhengu, who was off-duty at the time, and S H Dlamini were walking to their car when they noticed a gang tampering with it.

The policemen chased after the men and in the dark one of the men fired a shot, killing Constable Bhengu.



# Prayers fail to put end to

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## Staff Reporters

While political leaders pleaded and multitudes prayed for peace at Moria in the northern Transvaal at the weekend, 28 people died in unrest-related incidents.

Four policemen were killed and six injured during seven separate attacks on members of the SAP during the same period. (See accompanying story.)

In the latest attacks, four houses in Sharpeville were petrol bombed early yesterday morning.

A young Sharpeville man was stoned and necklaced when he

and a friend were approached by a group of men while walking in the street yesterday afternoon.

Captain Piet van Deventer of the Vaal Triangle police said Ben Khambula (20) of Sharpeville and a friend were attacked by the men at about 3 m. The friend managed to escape.

An 18-year-old youth was fatally wounded and a 17-year-old girl was hurt when two gunmen switched off an Evaton hall's electricity supply and then stood in the building's doorway

shooting at random.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said a group of people were watching a film inside the hall in Wright Street at about 2 am yesterday. The generator outside the hall was switched off and two men, one armed with an AK-47 rifle and the other with a 9 mm pistol opened fire.

Lucky Molea of Molepe Street, Zone Six, Extension One in Sebokeng, was fatally shot in the chest. Mphose Tsabalala of Wright Street was shot in the left leg.

Also yesterday, police confiscated several firearms and arrested four men at the Sebokeng Hostel.

Soweto police were shot at by a group of people when they went to a scene near a garage in Meadowlands, Zone 1, to investigate the murder of a middle-aged man yesterday.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni of the Soweto police said an unidentified man had been stabbed and then set alight by a group of men at about 3.15 pm.

Police arrived at the scene and were shot at by gunmen in

a crowd of bystanders. They did not return fire, but the wheel of their vehicle, a Nyala, was struck.

Nine people were killed and six were wounded on Easter Sunday, police said.

In the worst attack, eight people were shot dead and one was injured in an attack on a Sharpeville house early on Sunday morning.

Residents and family members said the victims were well-known ANC members.

In a separate incident, a man with bullet wounds in the head

vered the body of a black man with stab and bullet wounds in the area.

On the same day in Tokoza, near Alberton, police discovered the body of a black man with bullet wounds.

Police also discovered the body of a man with bullet wounds in Katlehong.

In Soweto, two black men were arrested after shots were fired at a police patrol. The police seized firearms.

In Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, the body of a man was found with bullet wounds in his head.

Early on Friday, three people were killed after two attacks on police in the Power Park squatter camp in Orlando, Soweto.

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and neck was found in a Sharpeville street on Sunday morning.

In Alexandra, two women and a man sustained stab wounds during an attack by a group of men.

In another incident, a man was killed when five men opened fire on him. In a third incident, one man was killed and another seriously wounded when they were attacked by a group of men armed with firearms and knives.

A savage revenge attack took place at Magabeni, near Unkomaas, following an attack

on a group on Saturday where a man was shot.

Early on Sunday morning the group that was attacked retaliated and two women and a man were fatally wounded. Another woman sustained bullet wounds.

Eleven men were arrested by police in connection with the attacks.

Police seized 11 homemade firearms of different calibres, two AK-47s, two .303 rifles and a 9 mm pistol as well as a large quantity of ammunition.

Also on Sunday, police disco-



# Young man stoned and necklaced in Sharpeville

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A young man was stoned and necklaced when he and a friend were approached by a group of men in Sharpeville.

Captain Piet van Deventer of the Vaal Triangle police said Ben Khambula, 20, of Sharpeville, and a friend were attacked by the men as they walked in a street about 3pm yesterday. The friend escaped.

Mr Khambula, however, was stoned and was then necklaced by the thugs. He died at the scene. The motive for the attack is not known.

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Constable Bhengu, who was stationed at Lamontville police station, was off-duty at the time.



# Family wiped out in massacre

*Sowetan* 21/4/92

By ISAAC MOLEDI

**KHABI Lefhiedi (20)** was left without a family after eight members of his family were shot dead by gunmen in Sharpeville near Vereeniging at the weekend.

His father, Mr Elias Lefhiedi (45), his mother Elizabeth (40), sister and brothers Josinah (19) and Zacharia (16) were gunned down by four men on Sunday at 3:30 am.

His relatives, Mrs Manooi Mohlaodi (38) and her daughter Mmosetsi (15), Selinah Mohlaodi (28) and a visitor, Japhtha Vilakazi (19) were also killed in the tragedy.

A witness said she was awakened by a "big bang" at 2.45am. When she peeped through the window she saw a car parked in front of the Lefhiedis' yard. She saw a man with a rifle going into the house.

and a few minutes later gunshot sounds "which lasted for about 20 minutes" were heard.

Later she saw three armed men leaving the house and getting into the car.

"I realised that the three were with somebody in the car because immediately after they got into the car it pulled off," the witness said.

When they went to check later, "bodies lay on top of one another in a pool of blood".

The witnesses said the family had been the target of police harassment since their child, Rangoane, returned from exile. Rangoane became the victim of a political assassination three months ago.

Close relatives and local ANC members said the po-

lice had been told on a number of occasions about threats against the Lefhiedi family.

A witness said Khabi was saved because he was not at home when the incident happened. He is believed to be in hiding.

A close family friend quoted a 19-year-old survivor, Nina Mohlaodi, as saying the attackers claimed they were from the Kwa-Madala Hostel near Vanderbijlpark.

Mohlaodi was slightly injured in the hand.

The ANC has announced that it would seek an urgent meeting with Minister of Police Mr Hermus Kriel to discuss the deaths of the eight people, who are believed to be ANC members.

The organisation's assistant secretary in the PWV region, Mr Bavumile Vilakazi, said the organisation would also make submissions about the incident



**Members of the Lefhiedi family lay dead after gunmen locked them in their room and killed them in Sharpeville near Vereeniging on Sunday.**

to the Goldstone Commission on violence.

However, they said it was early to blame any or-

ganisation until their investigations had been completed.

Police said one AK-47

were still being made but it is believed that the dead would be buried on Saturday.

Funeral arrangements



# Victim's family fears to hold vigil

By Brian Sokutu

The family of a man necklaced to death on Monday in Sharpeville, near Vereeniging, fear to hold a funeral vigil for him in case they are attacked.

At least nine people have been killed in the township since Saturday when eight people were shot dead by unknown killers.

Friends and neighbours yesterday assembled to pray at the Lefhiedi home — scene of Saturday's massacre — but a frightened Johannes Kambula, whose younger brother Ben (20), was necklaced on Monday by a group of youths told the Star: "Any vigil or church service for my brother could invite AK-47s."

Mr Kambula's brother was burnt to ashes after being stoned by angry youths who suspected him of being "a sellout," said Ben's friend Johannes Ndlovu, who was

with him at the time.

Mr Ndlovu, a Mozambican amateur photographer, managed to escape after the group confiscated his film.

"I went to collect money from my clients and Ben asked to go with me. We did not find the clients."

"The street in the area where my clients live was seething with groups of youths, but we did not expect any attack."

## Slaughter

"I went inside a shop to buy cigarettes, and when I got out I was horrified to find the group, armed with pangas, attacking Ben with stones."

"They then confronted me, demanding my film. I managed to escape, sadly leaving my friend to be killed. Maybe they thought I was going to take a picture."

"They surrounded him and slaughtered him like an animal before necklacing him to death for

absolutely nothing."

The ANC Sharpeville branch has condemned Mr Kambula's killing.

"This is certainly not the act of ANC youths. The ANC condemns the necklacing in the strongest terms," said ANC Sharpeville branch chairman Siza Rani.

Sharpeville was tense yesterday. But as youths gathered on the corners of stone-barricaded streets at least one vigil went ahead.

Ministers, neighbours and relatives assembled at the Lefhiedi home where Elias Lefhiedi (46), his wife Johanna (41), son Wessie (15), daughter Jostine (19), Mr Lefhiedi's sisters-in-law Manoi Makhaketsa (41) and Musesetsi Moisi (15), Selinah Thakgudi, and a friend Japhta Vilaka (19), were butchered by five men armed with AK-47 rifles at about 2.45 am on Saturday.

Their funeral, expected to be attended by thousands of people, is be

held at the George Thabe Stadium on Sunday.

● Meanwhile police have agreed to give priority to the solving of the Lefhiedi massacre.

At a meeting in Johannesburg yesterday between ANC and police officials, police spokesman Colonel Zirk Gous said: "There was agreement of the urgent need for the speedy solving of this case."

An ANC spokesman said police had a 16-man team working around the clock on the investigation.

The police delegation was led by the divisional commissioner, General Gerrit Erasmus. Colonel Gous said the police were looking for the family member who survived the attack to help them in their investigation and the ANC agreed to help in this regard.

The ANC spokesman said the police asked for used shells and any other evidence they might have to assist the probe.



# ANC denies attack plan

By CHARLENE SMITH

THE ANC has dismissed as "monstrously false" claims that members of Umkhonto we Sizwe's PWV command discussed attacking four hostels last month.

The allegations were made to the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation in unsigned statements by two police informers, who claim they were present at the MK meeting.

Police say the two feel "in jeopardy of their lives" and would not meet commission members.

## Immediate

Commission chairman Mr Justice RJ Goldstone said on Thursday that, in view of the seriousness of the allegations, the ANC had been "requested to arrange for a suitable representative of MK to attend the hearing and to give evidence on oath concerning the allegations".

Barbara Hogan, of the ANC's PWV branch, said the organisation immediately investigated the allegations.

"We examined the minutes of the meeting. No such issue was brought up."

The Goldstone Commission is expected to adopt a new procedure at next week's hearings to speed up the process of hearing allegations of violence and intimidation. It is expected that before starting the Phola Park inquiry it will hold a preliminary inquiry to survey allegations, then draw up the terms of reference for the committee to investigate.



# 'Our enemies from the bush'

By **THEMBA KHUMALO**

"THOSE are our enemies from the bush. We engaged them in several skirmishes to stop them from harassing the villagers in Angola. They have killed some of our comrades, including a woman, but later we taught them a lesson or two."

These were the words of the ANC guerrilla commander who tried to give City Press a clue as to why members of the 32 Battalion were harassing blacks in the townships, and more recently, at Phola Park near Thokoza.

The commander, who preferred to remain anonymous, alleged that the battalion members were former Unita fighters who were recruited during South Africa's army occupation in Angola.

"You must look at the people they choose to attack ANC strongholds. Look at what they did at Phola Park and at Mandela Park last week," the commander said.

He said the Portuguese-speaking battalion of black soldiers was involved in a concerted campaign to uproot ANC supporters.

Last week members of 32 Battalion smashed into Phola Park squatter camp in a night raid. More than 100 squatters suffered gunshot injuries and at least four women told horrific tales of rape in the wake of the ordeal.

Battalion members are alleged to have killed 42-year-old Nomatuse Gqumza, who died in agony hours after being shot during the raid.

Barely a week later another group of soldiers allegedly assaulted two men during a raid on Mandela Park in Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

At a press conference at the Thokoza temporary military base days after the Phola Park raid, the Wits Command's General WG Kritzinger said the army would investiga-

**CASUALTY OF WAR**  
... Residents remove the body of a person killed during the alleged 32 Battalion night raid on Phola Park squatter camp near Thokoza on the East Rand (above).

**A shantytown battlefield littered with wounded residents ... these bloodied victims (right and far right) were two of the more than 100 residents wounded during the blitzkrieg on the camp.**

■ Picas MIKE MZILENI

**We are targets, says ANC cadre**

te the matter. However, members of the battalion would not be suspended while they were being investigated.

Kritzinger was drawn into a heated debate with a journalist after he claimed a survey showed Thokoza residents wanted the 32 Battalion to remain

in the township.

The journalist said the residents he had spoken to overwhelmingly wanted the troops out of Thokoza.

Two days later Defence Minister Roelf Meyer announced that soldiers involved in the raid would be pulled out until results of an SADF probe were

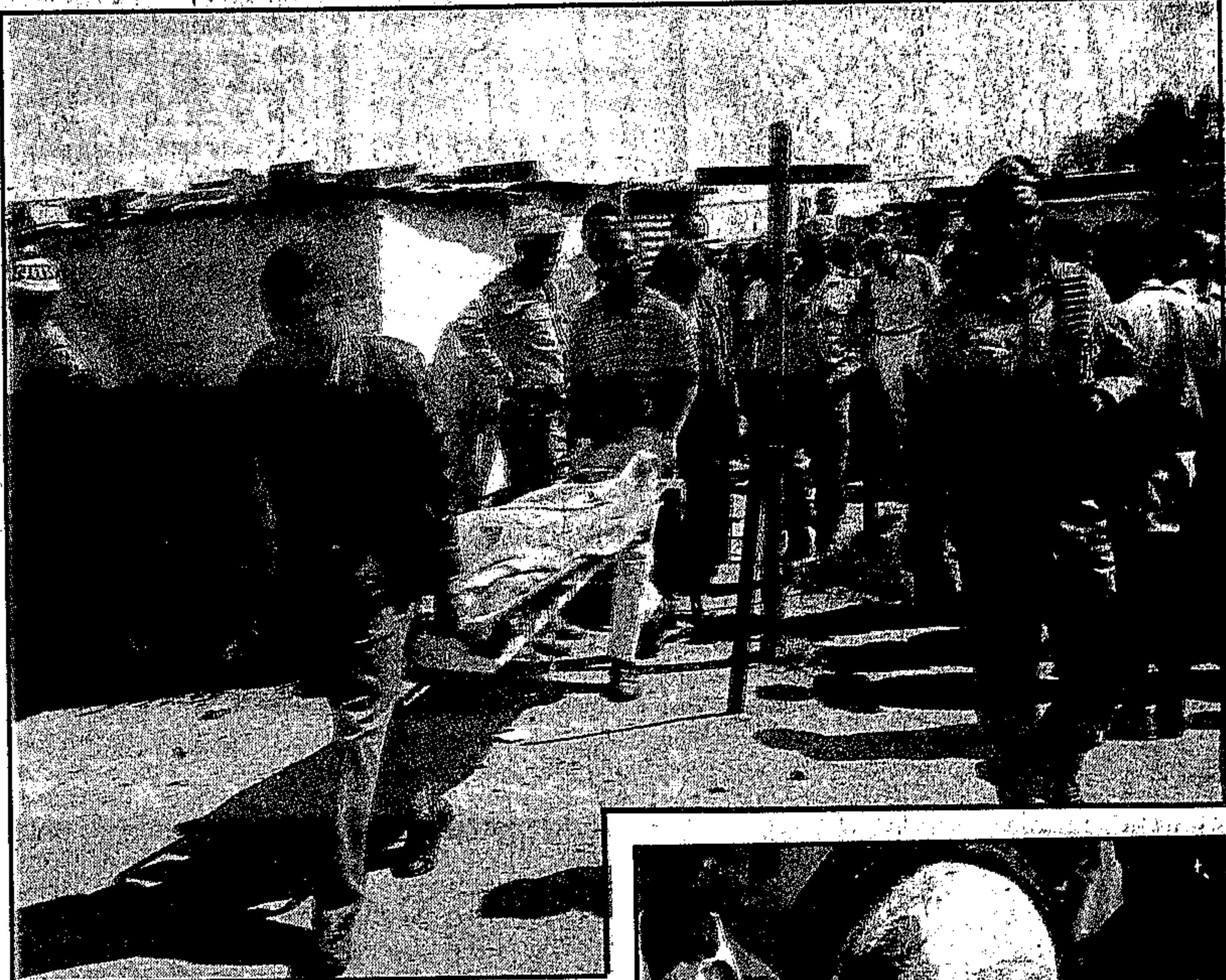
known.

Executive member of Thokoza Civic Association Louis Sibeko said his association had affidavits from residents who were assaulted by the 32 Battalion a week before the Phola Park incident.

Sibeko claimed that in the previous dawn raid

battalion soldiers randomly assaulted residents and broke furniture. Victims had made statements to police.

The Goldstone Commission will sit from Wednesday to hear evidence from all parties involved in the Phola Park raid.







Muti market... These elements can be combined to cure, or to kill. It depends on the buyer

Photo: BLAKE OWENS

# Black Cats 'killed cows with two legs'

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By PHILIPPA GARSON

A MEMBER of the Black Cats in Wesselton has given a gruesome account of *muti* murders committed by the gang to increase their fighting prowess in battles against "comrades".

Strife between the two warring groups continues today, despite the fact that the Goldstone Commission has been hearing evidence in recent weeks. *The Weekly Mail* has published allegations that the Black Cats received arms training at Mkuze, an Inkatha camp, and that policemen based at Ermelo police station aided the gang in stirring conflict against African National Congress-supporting residents.

The Black Cat, who may not be named, described how gang members, acting on the instructions of an Inkatha man working on a mine near Ermelo, committed two murders. They then took the blood and body parts to the Mkuze camp where an *inyanga* performed a ritual to increase their strength against the ANC. He blames the *muti* for his and other gang members' inability to stop fighting.

"After that time we would look at people and see them as nothing. If a

person tried to play with me I would knock him down hard — even though I knew he was playing. There is no conscience, no guilt."

"The man (mineworker in Ermelo) said if we wanted to be strong we had to get two cows with two legs, a male and a female — meaning two people — and slaughter them as if they were cows.

"Then we had to take off their little fingers, their small toes and their eyes. We had to slit their throats and drain the blood into buckets in two separate containers."

The Black Cat is the third member of the gang to disclose the inner workings of the vigilante group to *The Weekly Mail*. He told how the murders took place shortly before about 20 gang members left for Ulundi in October 1990 and then went to Mkuze camp to receive military and political training.

"We found the girl next to a church outside Wesselton where there is a squatter camp. We killed her there."

The gangster said before her throat was slit, blood drained and her fingers, toes and eyes removed, several gang members raped her.

"The man we found on the bridge

that links Wesselton to Wesselton Extention. Then we dropped him in the river."

He describes how the body parts were wrapped up and dried and the blood poured into two 10 litre containers. The material was transported to Ulundi and then to Mkuze, claims the gang member. He says the leadership was given orders not to mention the issue until a man approached them asking for the parcel. In the meantime, a little water was added each day to the blood, to prevent it from drying up, he claims.

"In Mkuze a man approached us ... he introduced himself as Ndwandwe. We handed over the stuff to him and he said the nails had to be removed ... then he crushed (the fingers and toes) on top of a stone and mixed a black *muti* mixture. We were all cut here (on the chest and under the arms) by the *inyanga*. He mixed the blood and put the *muti* on each of us where he cut us. We drank the blood. We did not pay for this. The man said he was helping Inkatha."

The Black Cat blamed his and other members' aggression and desire to kill on the *muti*. "The *muti* worked. When there was a fight our

team had courage and faith. The people we fought ran away ... I am very short tempered. We are all the same, all of us who got this treatment. At night I lie in bed and kick. I want to fight."

The gangster said his sister was trying to raise funds to send him to a man in Pietersburg who could give him an antidote to the *muti*.

Members of the local civic in Wesselton said it was "common knowledge" that the Black Cats took part in *muti* murders. Several bodies had been found with parts removed, they said.

The following victims of alleged *muti* murders were found in Wesselton over the 1990/1991 period when the violence was at its height:

● In June 1990 Absalom Ngwenya was found dead with his genitals removed

● Around the same time the body of nine-year-old Popi Khaba was discovered. She had been raped and her tongue removed.

● In December 1990 Queen Dube (18) was found dead with her bladder, breasts and eyes removed

● In August 1991, the body of 16-year-old Vusi Nhleko was found. His fingers had been cut off.



# 4 houses burnt in eviction protest

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**ENNERDALE residents yesterday burnt down three houses, causing more than R100 000 damage, in protest against the eviction of four families on Tuesday for non-payment of rent.**

Police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer said trouble started shortly before 9am yesterday when a group of about 100 residents petrol-bombed three empty houses in Caprite and Brechia streets in Ennerdale.

"They were the houses from which people were evicted yesterday. Damage is estimated at between R30 000 and R40 000 a house. One house was also stoned, causing R500 damage."

Van Deventer said there had been no police action, no arrests and no reports of any one being injured in the unrest.

He said he understood that the council would continue to guard the houses. Police would continue to patrol.

In a statement, the city council's Health and Housing Committee chairman, Mrs Mariette Marx said the situation was confusing but that four houses had been burnt down. She said the four tenants evicted yesterday were in arrears

by a total of R106 000.

Marx said that during the morning, the council received more than 100 calls from residents wishing to make arrangements to pay off their arrears and take transfer of the houses. Yesterday residents barricaded the roads into the township and prevented firemen from reaching the burning houses.

On Tuesday the Sheriff of the Court at Vereeniging, assisted by a large contingent of police, evicted those residents the Johannesburg City Council had obtained court orders against for rent arrears.

Ennerdale Civic Association member Mr Andre Geen said the situation was very tense.

"Some houses have been burnt down. There were clashes throughout the night with the city council security at the houses. Green claimed that council security men fired into the air with live ammunition and at residents. "But no one was injured," he said. - Sowetan Correspondent

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# Why are black soldiers brutal?

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BY MATHATHA  
TSEDU

THREE years ago, after the killing of a plumber by an SADF battalion, a senior officer asked me why it was that black people treated each other brutally.

The officer, who shall remain unnamed, was shocked by the behaviour of his men, who had shot dead Mr Justice Tshabalala, a likable plumber and odd-job man in Lebowa-gomo township.

Tshabalala was allegedly gunned down by drunk members of Group 45, the Lebowa unit of the SADF.

His crime had been to walk home in the evening and crossing paths with the group who had already ransacked and looted a shebeen and caused trouble at the local night club.

The officer was at pains to explain that the behaviour of his men in that situation was not standard practice and that the SADF was full of good soldiers who did their work well.

When he asked me why black soldiers would treat their own people like that, I told him that I think our community would more likely want to know what the SADF did to black soldiers who turned into menacing, killing and brutal machines against their own kith and kin.

The officer assured me that the training was not sinister and that these were deeds of a few rotten apples in an otherwise fresh basket of apples.

These words came to mind as the accounts of the behaviour of the soldiers of 32 Battalion at Phola Park on the East Rand unfolded. The rape of a wounded woman, Mrs Momausé Gqumza, who was bleeding and left to die. The shooting of her hus-

operate in some kind of mercenary position.

The time has perhaps come for the SADF to explain fully to the black community what training entails. What are trainees told about black people that makes them treat them with such disdain and lack of respect?

The assault on a pregnant woman whose private parts were fondled, just for fun. The girl whose mother was ordered out as she was thrown on the ground, pointed at with a gun, and raped.

And of another woman who was dragged out of her shack by four men who kicked her in the stomach and burned her back.

These soldiers were black people, some from other countries, who now

cases are documented in the Mankweng police station, where people have been shot at shebeens or bottle stores.

These include burning of houses started when soldiers shot teargas into a house where people were drinking, allegedly to flush out ANC members.

In Zebediela, a man was shot dead at the local bar lounge two years ago, and another, an electrician, was shot dead on January 2.

In Seshego, soldiers have been accused of taking part in family disputes, dragging youths to their camp and torturing them.

Girls have said they were raped there but police have allegedly refused to investigate the claims.

At Ga Motlhapo, several

practice never stopped until the farmer went to court and told the story to the media. Then it all suddenly stopped, but not before one of the bombs fell on a woman worker, injuring her eye.

Soldiers, and the SADF as an institution, have been linked to massacres of innocent people in trains and townships in the ongoing violence that has left thousands of black people dead.

The latest came from a man codenamed Jabu Nkosi, a former SADF member, who told a weekly newspaper that he was based at Group 12's base in Ermelo from where they worked with the notorious Black Cats gang.

Nkosi says he had joined

111 Battalion in 1988 and participated in attacks on taxis, mourners and had once been ordered by a Commandant Hougat to eliminate Mr Elias Ngenya, a businessman in Ermelo.

He said they used plastic bags on their rifles to ensure that cartridges did not remain behind as they could be traced back to them. He said he operated with other soldiers and policemen from KwaZulu and Nelspruit.

The soldiers from 32 Battalion who attacked Phola Park residents did not use plastic bags; there was no need for them to hide their activities, hence the large amount of spent cartridges that were found and

displayed by survivors.

The Phola community has called for the removal of the "mercenary army". The SADF, in the person of Minister Roelf Meyer, says they will not be withdrawn because they are rendering an important service.

This has been a standard response by the SADF in all incidents where their members are alleged to have killed or maimed civilians.

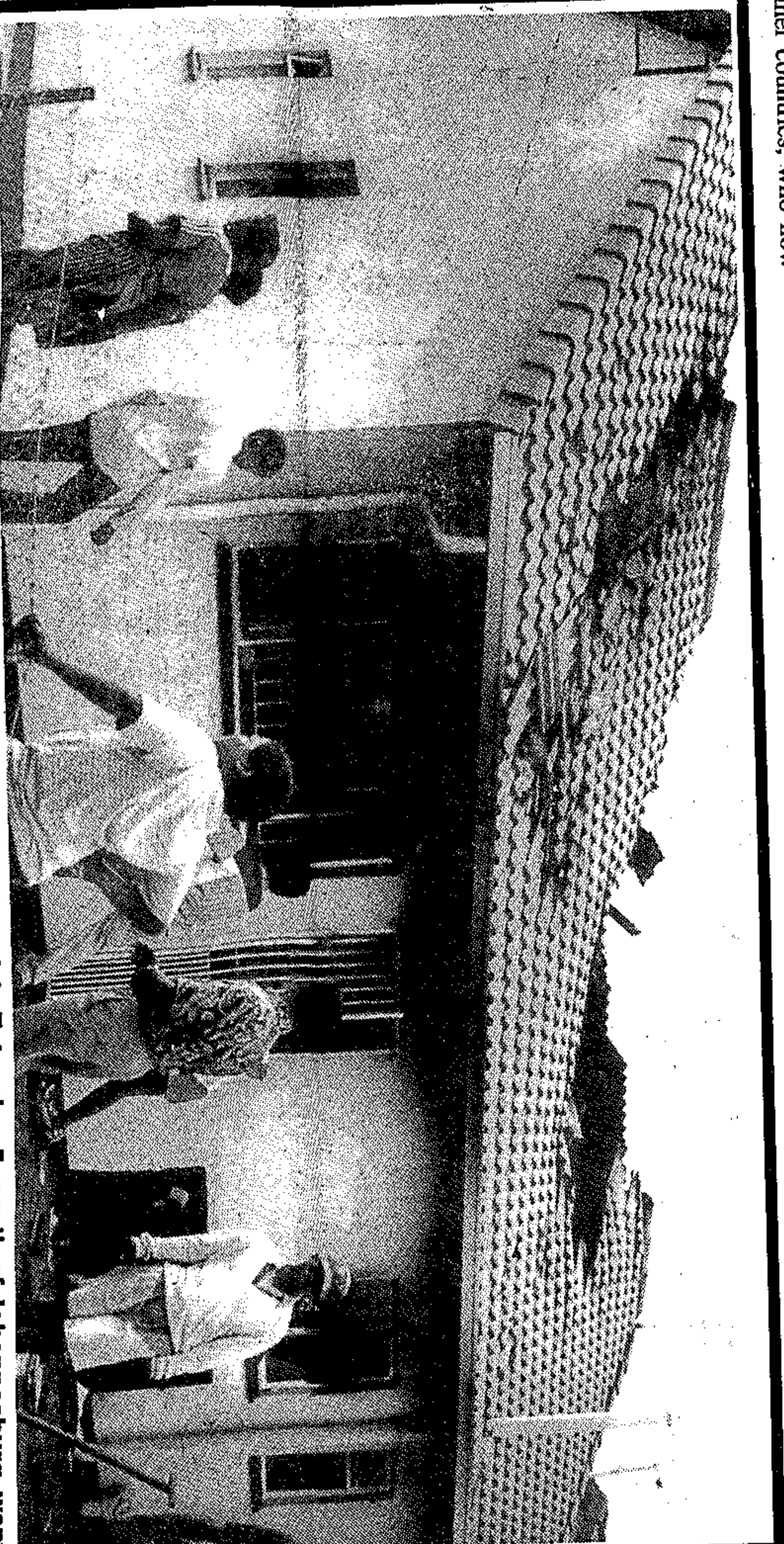
In discussions with the officer mentioned earlier, I asked why the white soldiers in Pietersburg never went on the rampage in their communities while they took part and oversaw such activities in black areas.

He said he did not know. All he knows is that the SADF is rendering a service to protect people from intimidators and killers. It is an admission that Msimango, whose wife died in his arms hours after the rape and shooting by 32 Battalion members, will find hard to believe.

And so, what is it that the SADF does to normal recruits that turns them into the killing machines of their own people? If it is simply the irrational behaviour of a psychopathic few, why do they never do it to whites?

Is it the racist nature of their training methods that depicts black people as the enemy waiting to be routed? Or is it the inherent rejection of soldiers by the community as they are seen as part of an evil system of government that oppresses them?

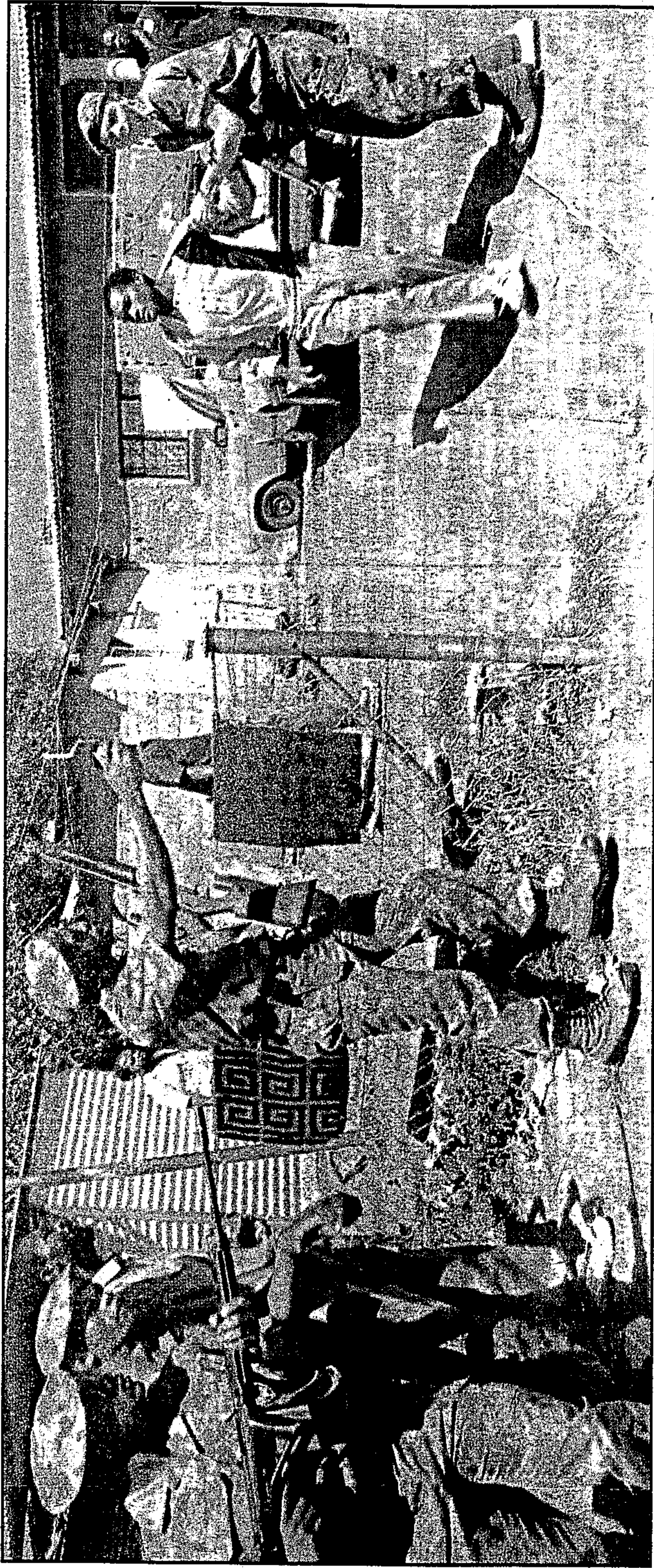
Or more ominously, is it part of the grand plan that amounts to fomenting trouble in black communities as part of the third force mentality? The SADF needs to explain.



IF WE DON'T STAY HERE, NOBODY WILL... Several houses in Ennerdale Extension 5, south of Johannesburg, went up in flames after families were evicted for not paying rent. People had complained to the Johannesburg City Council about cracked walls and leaking roofs and decided not to pay until their grievances were addressed. Evictions started on Tuesday.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU





Nabbed . . . police hold a man in an Alexandra backyard during their investigations into yesterday's Third Avenue shootings.

Picture: Alf Kumalo

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Four people — including a seven-year-old child — were killed and scores were injured when armed Zulus went on a rampage in Alexandra yesterday morning, the ANC has claimed.

But police said only one man was killed in a gun attack near the Madala hostel at 9 am.

In another attack at 5 pm, three people were wounded when gunmen attacked a taxi rank at the entrance to

the township.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa claimed that about 10 armed Zulus launched the attack from the hostel, shooting at people in yards and at children at the MC Weiler Lower Primary School in Second Avenue.

The child who was shot dead was a member of a choir visiting Alexandra from Lesotho. His guardian,

"Robert", said the child had been in a minibus near Third Avenue at about 9.30 am when the shooting started.

"They killed my one child and three of the others were injured. When we got out of the kombi further on, it was hijacked," Robert said.

Police had no record of the attack. Witwatersrand liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said: "Police

were called to a school in the area, but when they got there, nobody could say what was going on."

ANC PWV spokesman Floyd Mashele told a press conference in the township that, after the attack on the school, "the (attackers) then retreated back into the hostel and came back with reinforcements". He said they then ran down Third Avenue,

## 4 killed in Alex rampage — ANC

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When The Star arrived in Third Avenue, a crowd had gathered near where a man who had been shot several times had collapsed.

The victim's friend, who asked to be named only as "Vusi", said that at about 10 am "these three Zulus came running down the street shooting. They ran around the corner into the

hostel," he said.

One man, who was pointed out to police by a crowd of people as one of the attackers, was arrested.

According to the ANC, yesterday's violence came after a landmine, allegedly planted by IFP members, was discovered outside a house last Friday.

According to the ANC, 50 people were killed and 378 injured in Alexandra in March. This figure does not include yesterday's deaths.



Nine people injured as limpet mine explodes in dustbin

# BOMB THE ROR AT RAND SHOW

By PETA KROST and SHARON CHETTY

A MINI-LIMPET mine exploded at the Rand Show 10 minutes before closing time last night, injuring nine people, police and witnesses said.

The mine, hidden in a fibreglass dustbin, detonated at 8.50pm in the middle of the Esplanade, a crowded pedestrian walkway, said Rand Show manager Anton Post.

Police found fragments of the mine less than an hour after the blast. They cordoned off the area, but found no more explosives.

No one had claimed responsibility for the bombing by late last night.

The injured, six men and three women, were taken to the Johannesburg Hospital. Eight people were treated and discharged. One woman, believed to have a broken leg, was admitted.

**Bleeding**

"I heard a loud noise and turned around towards a bright flash," said Phillip Gurnell, an artist who was displaying his work about five paces away from the dustbin when the mine exploded.

"A bit of the fibreglass cut me on the chin," he said.

"As this happened, I saw people duck for cover and noticed a young girl who was bleeding from the face. Benjie Cooper, a painter, was pushed into the air and landed about a metre away.

He was also slightly injured by the exploding bin.

Another man, Martin Bullock, said he fell to the ground when the blast rocked the walkway close to the restaurant area.

Other Rand Show visitors — Craig Kelly, Lesley Adrian, and Steven and Josephine Lepple — were in the toilets nearby.

"I thought it was a huge firecracker," said Mr Kelly.

"We knew it was a bomb when we saw smoke and injured people lying on the ground," Miss Adrian said.

"People were crying and many looked shocked," she said.

The blast occurred in the Esplanade area of the Nasrec showgrounds. Thousands of panic-stricken visitors caused a massive traffic jam as they fled the showgrounds.

All dustbins near the scene were cleared as police checked for more explosives.

It was the first incident of its kind in the show's 84-year existence, Mr Post said.

About 240 policemen, 250 Rand Show security personnel and dozens of soldiers and emergency services personnel who were at the showgrounds rushed to the scene of the bombing.

News of the bomb was flashed on the SABC's regional Radio Highveld station.

Mr Post said the Rand Show would open again today despite the blast.

Mrs Susan Weber, who was on duty at an exhibition stall in Hall 9 when the bomb went off, said she saw little evidence of panic.

"Security guards came into the hall and told us to evacuate the building," she said.

Immediately after the explosion, as the area around the blast was being cordoned off, trained sniffer dogs were sent in to comb the area for more bombs.

A spokesman for the SAP said late last night there was no indication who had planted the bomb, or of the origins of the mini-limpet.



Paramedic Terry Lang with bulldog Liesel, whose life he saved after she was trapped in a house. Picture: HORACE POTTER



# 25 die in township

## violence at weekend

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The chilling discovery of the hacked and shot bodies of five men in Alexandra township yesterday brought to at least 25 the number of people killed in townships countrywide at the weekend.

Police yesterday arrested three men in connection with the murder of Warrant-Officer BS Pili during bloody fighting in Alexandra at the end of last month.

A police spokesman said his firearm was also recovered. The men will appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

Warrant-Officer Pili's body was found draped across the bonnet of his burnt-out police vehicle close to his home. He was off duty at the time.

Police said yesterday's gruesome find was made on the corner of Rooth Street and Fifth Avenue — in the IFP-controlled shack settlement known as "Beirut" — at about 8.40 am.

Three of the unidentified victims had also been partially burnt.

The only clue to what police suspect was a single mass attack, possibly carried out during the course of Sunday night, was an empty 9 mm shell on the scene.

In another horrific attack on

Sunday night, a gang known as the "Toasters" opened fire with AK-47 rifles and shotguns from a minibus and a car, killing seven men and wounding five other people in front of a butcher's in Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

No arrests had been made by last night.

The Goldstone Commission announced yesterday it would investigate allegations that members of 32 Battalion raped, assaulted and killed Phola Park squatters on the East Rand last Wednesday.

In a statement, the commission said it would sit in public in Pretoria next Wednesday.

"Thereafter, the commission will frame further terms of reference with regard to this matter," the statement said, adding that the Tokoza Committee, under the chairmanship of advocate S Sithole, would also be required to submit an urgent report on the matter to the commission.

Police reported that another four people were killed in sporadic attacks in Phola Park at the weekend.

The Alexandra Clinic reported treating 14 people — five for gunshot wounds — since Friday. West Rand IFP chairman Humphrey Ndlovu has strongly rejected the ANC's recent demand for the closure of Alexandra's Madala hostel and the eviction of "Beirut" squatter families.

Mr Ndlovu accused the ANC of playing "the politics of yesterday — instead of today's politics of negotiation".

In Soweto's Fred Clarke squatter camp, adjoining Klipspruit extension, a gang of men armed with AK-47s and traditional weapons went on the rampage on Sunday night, killing a man and damaging 22 shacks, police said.

Police seized an AK-47 rifle with a magazine, five AK-47 rounds and a shotgun.

Describing the assault last night, Klipspruit residents said a group of about 50 men from Nancefield hostel attacked residents of the squatter camp at about 10 pm. Shooting continued for about half an hour, one resident said.

Police said two homes were set alight in separate incidents in Dobsonville, Soweto, at the weekend, while the ANC yesterday claimed six houses had been burnt in the area.

Dobsonville's Luthuli Street reportedly became a "no-go" zone on Sunday night as residents, fearing armed attackers, barricaded themselves in their houses.

In yet another mass attack at the weekend, five people were killed when a group of mourners attending a funeral hurled petrol bombs at a house in the Mzimba district of Nkatseni, in Zululand.

## HRC calls for code of conduct for SADF

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The Human Rights Commission (HRC) yesterday called on the National Peace Accord to speedily conclude a specific code of conduct for members of the Defence Force, following the Phola Park furore.

The HRC said in a statement it was concerned that while the National Peace Accord made general provisions for the behaviour of security forces, and incorporated a specific code of conduct for the police, it had not done so for the Defence Force.

"This was to be negotiated under the auspices of the National Peace Committee (NPC).

Nearly seven months after the signing of the accord, no word has been heard in this regard.

"The HRC urges the NPC to give its urgent attention to this pressing matter," the statement added.

Members of the NPC were not available for comment yesterday.

The ANC last week alleged that soldiers of 32 Battalion went on a rape and assault rampage at the East Rand Phola Park informal settlement.

It also alleged other brutal attacks on residents in Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

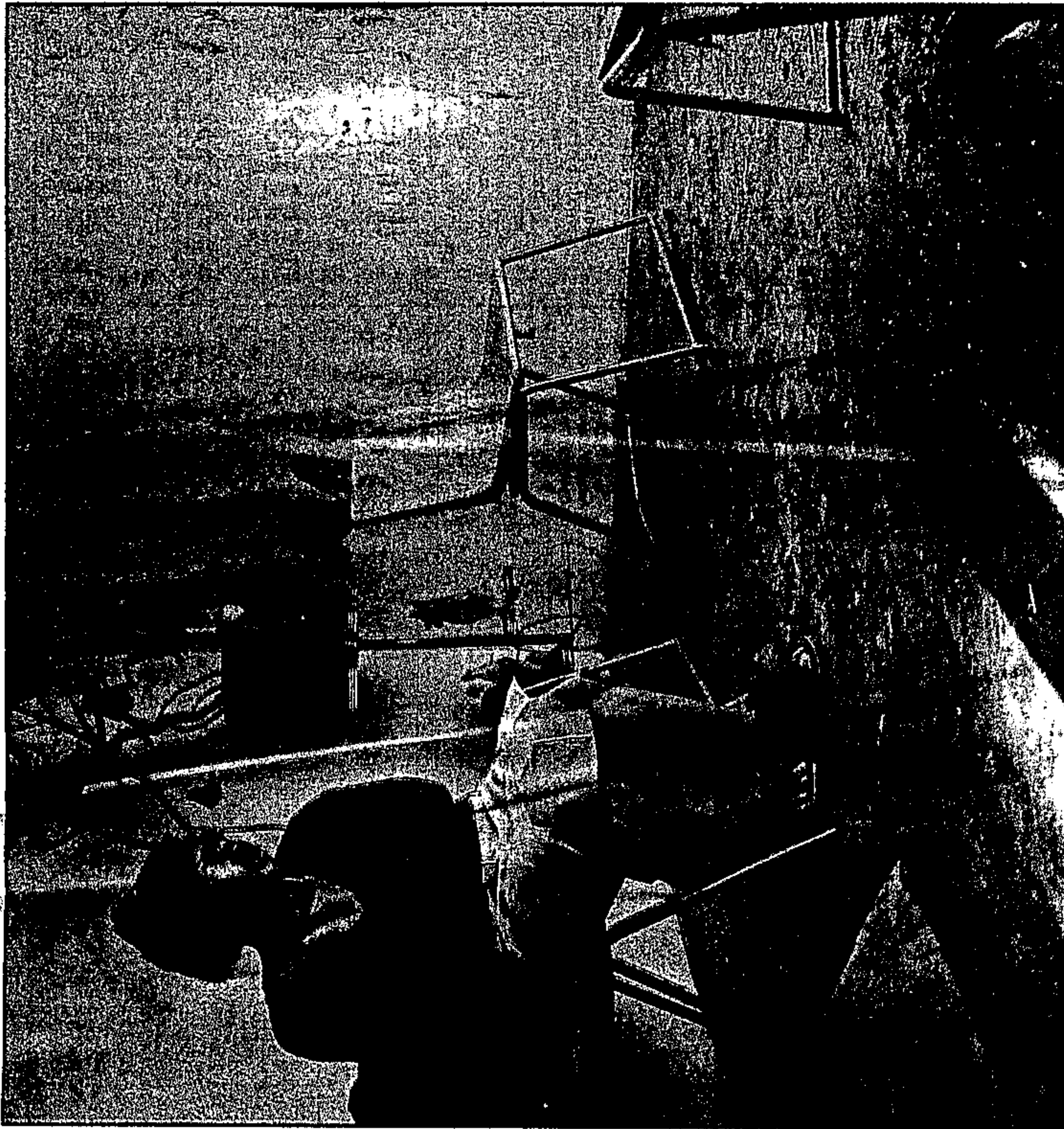
● A lawyer gathering affidavits in Phola Park was yesterday

harassed by units of the SADF, the ANC PWV region said in a statement last night.

The ANC said lawyer Vusi Sithole intervened when he found soldiers taking a statement "in English and Afrikaans" from a Mr Msimang whose wife was allegedly raped and killed by soldiers of 32 Battalion on April 8.

"The response of the soldiers was to threaten Mr Sithole with violence,"

SADF spokesman Major Andreas Jordaan replied to the statement by requesting Mr Sithole to lay charges with the police over the incident. "I cannot respond to these allegations."



Devastated . . . a resident of Luthuli Street in Dobsonville, Soweto, surveys what remains of her lounge after Sunday's violence. Picture: Joao Silva

## Luthuli Street residents live in fear

By Brian Sokutu

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If he were here today, Chief Albert Luthuli would certainly not meander down Luthuli Street in Dobsonville, Soweto, without his bodyguards.

The street, named after the ANC leader and 1961 Nobel Peace Prize winner, has become so risky that the fear-

gripped residents barricade themselves in their homes to hide from attackers.

"Our homes have become our forts. We don't come out at night. And during the day we have to be very cautious walking around because there are snipers on the second floor of Dobsonville hostel," said Philemon Sethaiso.

"The family has now learnt to lie down on the floor when there are gunshots," he said.

Mr Sethaiso, whose house was one of those attacked by a group of armed men on Sunday evening, said there was "no life in Luthuli Street".

But, like his neighbours, he had nowhere else to go. Pointing to broken windows,

scorched curtains and stones littering the lounge, he claimed that the attackers were hostel dwellers.

Mr Sethaiso's home stands on a section of the 2 km-long dusty street overlooking the hostel.

On the way to interview the victims of the Dobsonville violence, The Star team was warned to stay away from the area by a Soweto motorist.

## Shootings follow anti-crime meeting

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Sunday night's minibus attack in Umthambeka section, at Tembisa, near Kempton Park, was carried out hours after a meeting in the township at which residents resolved to form "defence units" to protect themselves.

Seven men were shot dead and five others seriously injured when unknown gunmen in a minibus and van shot indiscriminately at residents.

The Star was told that residents had been warned at the meeting not to inform "enemies" about the resolutions.

A defence unit was formed and it was decided the group would meet at the local shopping centre — the scene of the shootings — at about 6 pm to monitor crime in the area.

"The very same night the enemy returned and did much worse harm," said resident Bongani Simelane.

### Point

"We do not want to point fingers, but every time any ANC-allied organisations hold meetings at this section, attacks of this nature take place," he said.

Another resident, Mkhulu Mabaso, said that at about 6.50 pm two vehicles arrived at Umthambeka section, also called "Lusaka" section.

The shootings started at the shopping centre, he said, and continued as the vehicles sped through the main street.

An executive member of the ANC's local branch said the meeting was called by a residents' organisation to address the escalation of crime.

It is believed that a gang who call themselves the "foasters" was responsible for the attack. Among those killed were a man known only as Oupa (37), Duma Fakude (35), Anton Chauke (52) and Absalon Mayo (35).

The wounded are Dawid Gephane (38), Moffat Makanya Friefad Monama, Josephina Ntuli (22) and Johanna Ledwaba (29).

Police have launched an intensive search for the vehicles.





**TENSE MOMENT:** Deputy Regional Commissioner of Police Brigadier Sakkie Minnaar engaged in heated discussion with Winnie Mandela (left) over the Power Park, Soweto, shootings yesterday. Photograph: GEORGE MASHININI

# Winnie attacks police over squatter camp deaths

WINNIE Mandela, making her first public appearance since she resigned from her senior ANC job, accused "terrorist" security forces of shooting dead two people at a squatter camp on Friday.

A hard-hitting conclusion to one of the worst weeks in her political career, the estranged wife of ANC president Nelson Mandela visited Soweto's Power Park camp yesterday and told a cheering crowd of 300 squatters: "Today is a day of worship, but we are spending

it trying to defend ourselves against a terrorist government that has unleashed its forces to attack defenceless men and women in their sleep.

"I heard the shooting at one o'clock from my house.

"We will do everything in our power to defend ourselves.

Police confirmed that two squatters had been killed soon after 1.15 am at the camp in the Orlando district, near Mandela's home. A third person, a police officer, was shot dead in the clash.

A Visnews camera crew reported that Mandela waved a plastic bag full of spent shells which residents said were from shots fired by the police.

She said: "All of these are to kill you in your sleep. The police tried to deflate your spirit of fighting.

"They want it to appear as if we are fighting among ourselves. This is the lie we are supposed to live with."

When Mandela arrived at the squatter camp police were still searching for arms among the

shacks.

She told them the people were angry and that they ought to leave. They did.

Police spokesman Joseph Ngobeni said unidentified gunmen had attacked a police patrol at 1.15 am. One policeman was killed and another wounded.

Police then entered the camp to look for the attackers.

Mandela resigned from her post as head of the ANC's social welfare department on Wednesday, saying allegations that

she was linked to the killing of activists in Soweto during 1989 had created a difficult situation for the ANC.

She is on bail pending an appeal against her conviction and six-year jail sentence for kidnapping four youths and being an accessory to assaults on them.

On Monday Nelson Mandela, citing unspecified differences, announced that they were separating after 33 years of marriage. — Sapa-Reuter.

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# Winnie visits squatters after two shot dead

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Ending one of the worst weeks of her political career, the estranged wife of ANC president Nelson Mandela visited Soweto's Power Park on Good Friday where two squatters were killed shortly after 1.15 am.

A policeman was also shot dead, police said. Police spokesman Joseph Ngobeni said gunmen attacked a police patrol, killing one officer and wounding another. Police then entered the camp to look for the attackers and two people were killed in a clash.

Mandela told squatters: "Today is a day of worshipping, but we are spending this day trying to defend ourselves from a terrorist government that has sent its forces to attack defenceless men and women in their sleep."

"I heard the shooting from one o'clock from my house. We will do everything in our power to defend ourselves."

Mandela reportedly waved a plastic bag of spent cartridges residents said were from bullets fired by the police.

Mandela said: "All (of these bullets) are to kill you in your sleep."

"They want it to appear as if we are fighting among ourselves. This is the lie we are supposed to live with."

When Mandela arrived

at the camp police were still searching for arms. She told them the people were still angry and they ought to leave. They complied.

Meanwhile, another policeman was shot dead in a clash with Phola Park squatters near Thokoza yesterday morning.

East Rand police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said police

were on patrol in the camp when a 24-year-old black policeman was shot in the head.

At 6.30 am a group of about 50 men opened fire with AK-47s on the police.

Casspir, he said. Police returned fire and the men fled. At about 9.30 am the police returned to the area and the policeman was shot in the head.



# Leaders protest against violence

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NINE community leaders who staged a sit-in at Spoorneet's Johannesburg offices yesterday vowed to continue their protest against the parastatal's apparent failure to curb the violence on Reef trains.

The protesters, who represent the ANC, Cosatu, the SA Community Party, Sathwu, Cast and churches, embarked on the sit-in on Wednesday.

## Metal detectors

Addressing a Press conference yesterday, church leader Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa said it was apparent after a meeting with Spoorneet and the police that the parastatal did not have the capacity to end violence on the trains.

Spoorneet's senior general manager Mr Gert Britz said his company, in conjunction

with the security forces and the train owners, the SA Railways Commuter Corporation, had taken every reasonable step possible to curb violence.

Some of the steps were security fencing at stations, an increased police presence, and the installation of metal detectors.

But the protesters believe these security measures are not effective.

"Police have simply not done enough. There have been no significant arrests, or noteworthy convictions.

"Although we believe there are a number of people in the police force who seek to do their job, there are quite a number of policemen who are not committed to doing their job," said Mr Amos Masondo of Cosatu.

## Support grows for rebel MPs

**BY ISMAIL LAGARDIEN**

SUPPORT is growing for five MPs who this week resigned from the Democratic Party to join the African National Congress.

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The support is particularly evident at the areas they represented as members of the Democratic Party.

At a meeting in Cape Town yesterday, the Western Cape leadership of the ANC formally welcomed Mr Jan van Eck and Mr Jannie Momberg to the region where they both hold seats.

Van Eck and Momberg were no strangers to the region, the Western Cape leader of the ANC, Dr Allan Boesak, said.

"Asked how they could further the ANC's cause, and whether it could be done through Parliament, Van Eck said: "We have always used Parliament and we will continue to use Parliament to further the struggle."

He stressed, however, that five MPs were not ANC spokesmen in Parliament.

"We're independent MPs who happened to be members of the ANC. We don't have a mandate from the ANC membership," he said.

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# Child nabbed in <sup>Soweto</sup> bizarre IFP <sup>23/4/92</sup> twist <sup>(278)</sup>

A SMALL baby has been kidnapped in a bizarre twist of events related to recent IFP allegations that the ANC was preparing a "huge" offensive against its members on the Reef.

The one-and-a-half-year-old child, Nosi Molale, was snatched from a nanny's house by a man believed to be responsible for the false IFP claims which led to an emergency sitting of the Goldstone Commission.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed that a charge of kidnap had been laid at Moroka Police Station by the child's mother, Ms Kgomotso Molale (27).

So far, no one has been arrested and investigations are continuing.

In recent allegations, the IFP claimed Nosi's grandmother's house in Mapetla East, Soweto, was being used to house ANC commanders and weaponry for the planned attack against the IFP.

The Goldstone Commission found that the allegations could not be substantiated and had come from sources which the IFP could not name, including two cleaning women and a mystery Rustenburg man.

Molale recently said the rumour of the pending ANC attack could have been started by the child's father after their once steamy love affair had gone sour.

She subsequently told her story to the secretary of the Goldstone Commission, Mr J du Toit.

Du Toit said Molale's evidence would be put before the Commission today.



# Violence sit-in to continue

JOHANNESBURG. — Nine community leaders have promised to continue indefinitely their sit-in at Spoornet's offices here to protest against the security forces' and the parastatals' inability to curb violence on Reef trains.

Their pledge came as a newly-formed steering committee of major township groups announced yesterday that an organised boycott of trains in protest against violence on the Witwatersrand would start on May 4.

Church leader Father Smangalis

Mkhatshwa said that in discussions with senior Spoornet management and police representatives yesterday it became apparent that, whatever the steps taken to end violence on trains, they were totally inefficient.

Spoornet's senior general manager, Mr Gert Britz, said his company, the security forces and the SA Railways Commuter Corporation had taken every reasonable step possible to curb violence. — Sapa

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# Riot cops in court after unit probed

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By DAN DHLAMINI

A PROBE into the notorious Welverdiend Police Riot Unit resulted in the appearance this week of three of its members in the Carletonville Magistrate's Court.

Const Petrus Matolo, 33, of Tladi, Soweto, and Det Serg Ephraim Buli Nkosi, 32, of Ikageng, Patchefstroom, briefly appeared before magistrate JJP le Grange, charged with theft and with pointing a firearm.

They were not asked to plead and the case was

postponed until May 6.

The assault charge case of Const Samuel Nkam-bule, 28, of Khutsong, was postponed to May 12.

Other policemen attached to the unit are also expected to appear on May 12.

Their appearance follows an investigation by the SAP - assisted by the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression and the ANC's Carletonville branch - following allegations of assault, attempted murder and torture.



# Phola Park: claims to be probed

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The Goldstone Commission, which yesterday held an inquisitory hearing into the SA Defence Force raid on Phola Park residents, said it had requested the Tokoza Committee to urgently establish the facts relevant to the allegations made by residents.

Mr Justice Goldstone said in a statement yesterday the committee would also establish the medical facts concerning the injured residents and two injured SADF members.

However, he said the committee would not investigate "each of the many alleged cases of criminal conducts" as it would be time consuming and could prejudice police investigations into the allegations.

However, the committee would attempt to ascertain why members of the SADF's 32 Battalion entered Phola Park on April 8, and whether they did misconduct themselves, Mr Goldstone said.

The commission had

also requested its counsel, Advocate J J du Toit, to meet members of the battalion who entered Phola Park and obtain a first-hand account of the events from them.

The commission has already received affidavits from most of the residents of Phola Park, who allege criminal conduct on the part of certain members of the battalion.

Advocate S Sithole will chair the Tokoza Committee. — Sapa.



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By The Editor

THE Minister of Police Mr Hernus Kriel must resign. *Sowetan 28/4/92*

His resignation is a matter of life and death.

If the violence continues after this resignation we will have to ask the State President to step down.

Quite clearly, the people who are in power to look after our welfare, the people whose salaries come from the taxes that we are paying, have failed us.

They have failed the citizens of this country, and they are in the process of being a danger to themselves.

It will not take too long for violence to spread. We are almost certain that this process will start with the officers of the law becoming the victims.

People who take the law into their hands very soon begin to attack the officers of the law.

After that it becomes open season and this country will degenerate into a state of civil war.

With more and more people dying in township unrest we can draw only two conclusions. The first is that the police are actively involved in keeping the violence on the boil. If they are not involved, they are unable to stop it.

That being the case, the Minister of Police must hand in his resignation. He is unable to do the job he has been elected to do.

If this does not happen then we must accept the awful suspicion in the minds of township people - that the Government is deliberately turning a blind eye to this.

While our heads tell us that would be like cutting the state's nose to spite its face, our hearts tell us state complicity grows by the day.



# Police and residents clash after shots fired

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG — Phola Park residents and police clashed in the squatter camp outside Alberton when the two groups shot at each other.

A resident said a tense situation had become out of hand and both groups took pot shots at each other.

"Caspirs were moving about the area and there was plenty of shooting. People were running scared," she said.

The ANC spokesman in the area said police surrounded the area and it was difficult for field workers to move in and intervene.

Police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said trouble began when members of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad went to the area to arrest two suspects in a criminal case.

While they were arresting the men, residents began shooting at them. Warrant-Officer Pieke said police returned fire but he was unable to say whether anyone was injured.

The ANC spokesman said he believed two people were badly wounded in the shooting.

● Sapa reports from Pretoria that a man wearing the uniform of the rightwing Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging was arrested at a roadblock in Pretoria for illegal possession of explosives.

Lieutenant-Colonel W J Vlotman said that while searching the man's car, members of the internal stability unit found commercial explosives under a seat.

Colonel Vlotman said the man was due to appear in court soon.

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sub judice rule was used in Parlia-  
ment, saying the Speaker had turned  
down numerous requests to urgently  
discuss the Trust Feeds case.

bilising SA as lies.

ANC information and publicity  
director Pallo Jordan said the  
matter was being investigated. "If  
the allegations are true, the mat-  
ter is in the hands of the courts."

## One killed as police clash with Phola Park squatters

WILSON ZWANE

ONE person was killed and  
at least five injured when  
police opened fire on the  
East Rand Phola Park  
squatter camp yesterday, a  
community leader said.

The leader said the inci-  
dent happened at about  
2pm after police ransacked  
shacks and arrested a num-  
ber of people.

"Then without provoca-  
tion, police started shooting  
indiscriminately at resi-  
dents," he said.

Witwatersrand police  
spokesman Capt Ida van  
Zweel confirmed the inci-  
dent, but denied that police  
shot at residents without  
provocation.

Van Zweel said police-  
men — including members  
of the Benoni Murder and  
Robbery Squad — went to  
Phola Park to investigate a  
number of alleged murders  
of policemen where they  
were apparently sprayed  
with AK-47 gunfire. They  
fired in retaliation and a  
man was wounded and tak-  
en to Natalspruit Hospital.  
He was being kept under  
police guard.

Van Zweel said she had  
no knowledge of other in-

juries and the death.

However, she confirmed  
that police had, in the  
course of their investiga-  
tions, arrested nine other  
men who would be held for  
questioning.

Meanwhile Sapa reports  
nine protesters seeking an  
end to train killings last  
night won a pledge for  
tougher measures and end-  
ed their sit-in launched sev-  
en days ago.

And in Natal the SAP's  
Special Investigation Unit  
is to probe the massacre of  
six people in a bus ambush  
near Amanzimtoti on the  
Natal-South Coast on Mon-  
day afternoon.

Police spokesman Capt  
Bala Naidoo said an inten-  
sive search was being car-  
ried out for a group of men  
armed with AK-47 rifles,  
shotguns and .38 pistols who  
opened fire on a bus travel-  
ling to Mashawazi Reserve.

□ Former Transvaal Attor-  
ney-General Don Brunette  
has been appointed chair-  
man of the Police Board,  
which includes three  
prominent human rights

lawyers — some with ANC  
links, by Law and Order  
Minister Hernus Kriel.

Reconstituted in terms of  
the national peace accord,  
the Police Board would  
comprise members of the  
public, the SAP and mem-  
bers of the police forces of  
the self-governing territor-  
ies.

Meanwhile President  
F W de Klerk has accepted  
an invitation to meet the  
national peace committee  
to discuss the ongoing poli-  
tical violence.

A source said invitations  
had been issued to all politi-  
cal leaders who signed the  
initial peace accord in Sep-  
tember last year. So far  
only De Klerk had respond-  
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# Troops admit hitting Phola Park residents

By Mckeed Kotloko  
Pretoria Bureau

Nine SA Defence Force members, identified by Phola Park residents as those who attacked them on the night of April 8, admitted their actions to their commanding officer during internal investigations.

The revelations were made to a committee of the Goldstone Commission by Captain Mark Hermanson, commander of the 32 Battalion platoon, which has been blamed by residents for an attack that left one person dead and more than 100 injured.

Captain Hermanson said that when he instituted his own investigation, the soldiers had admitted to being "heavy handed" in slapping and punching Phola Park residents.

However, the captain denied that slapping or punching a person in the face was an assault.

He said he had been unaware of the alleged assaults until he read newspapers reports two days after the incident.

Responding to a question from advocate S L Joseph, acting for the ANC, on allegations that members of 32 Battalion had searched shacks at random, assaulted residents, raped and caused the deaths of others, Captain Hermanson said the soldiers could have been "heavy handed" on some residents but had had no intention to inflict injuries.

He emphatically denied allegations of assault but conceded that some of the troops might have "slapped or struck some residents with clenched fists".

Captain Hermanson told the chairman of the committee, Solly Sithole, he did not believe striking someone with an open hand or a clenched fist constituted an assault. He admitted that kicking a person with a boot was an assault.

The committee heard that the 32 Battalion troops had entered Phola Park after the captain heard shots from a heavy-calibre weapon from the direction of the settlement.

He then sent about 25 troops to the area to investigate. The troops were shot at on their arrival, he said.

The shooting started at about 9 pm and lasted about 30 minutes. About 200 bullets were discharged by the SADF soldiers. He had reinforced the 25 men with an extra 45 men.

After the shooting had stopped, Captain Hermanson instructed the troops to search the shacks for arms after a resident had informed a Lieutenant Ras about a firearm in a certain shack. They also searched for the injured, he said.

The captain denied there was a communication problem between the residents and members of 32 Battalion because both spoke English and Afrikaans.



HUMAN and material resources should be made available to combat violence on Reef trains, community leaders engaged in a sit-in at the Spoornet headquarters in Johannesburg demanded yesterday.

In addition, the protesters said, security systems such as fences and metal detectors should be installed, a special task force jointly maintained by Spoornet, the SA Railway and Harbour Workers Union (Sarhu) and the community should be trained, and R500-million made available to upgrade security.

Compensation should

# Train deaths: protesters want action

be paid to victims of train attacks, they said at a Press briefing on the sixth day of their protest.

They said they had presented their demands to representatives of the Ministry of Law and Order and Spoornet at a meeting lasting about five hours on Monday night and early yesterday.

Saying the meeting had almost ended in another

deadlock, the protesters added that another would be held later yesterday.

Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa, spokesman for the group, said: "There is a crisis regarding train safety and this facility (trains) needs to be secured.

"We have chosen unorthodox action but we wanted to draw attention to the train killings."

Mkhathshwa said the kill-

ing rate seemed to increase before important political happenings. The group feared another rise before Codesa 2 and it was this that had prompted the sit-in.

He said there was no co-ordination between Spoornet and the SAP to try to end the violence.

"The fact that there have been hardly any convictions is cause for concern."

Witwatersrand Commissioner of Police General Gerrit Erasmus, representing the Ministry of Law and Order, had been "evasive and unwilling to participate intelligently", the group said. - Sapa.





## Baby shot in Phola Park raid

LOLUVO STUKTEZI claims her baby, Thomboqolo, was shot by police during a clash between security forces and Phola Park residents on Tuesday. *W/maail 30/4 - 7/5/92*

She said policemen barged into her shack demanding to know where her husband was and shouting, "where are the men, show us where the men are". She said after this a shot went off, and a bullet passed through Thomboqolo's arm.

A spokesman for the residents — only willing to identify himself as "Doctor" — said armed policemen drove into the camp shortly after midday, going around questioning residents about "specific males".

"Soon after they stopped alongside a group of men seated outside one shack, the shooting started. We do not know what happened, but people just fled in all directions." According to "Doctor", residents did not return fire, and sporadic shooting continued until nearly 3pm, when the police left, taking nine men with them. "Doctor" said three people were wounded and one killed during the raid.

Police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweel said on Tuesday nine people were taken for questioning by police "conducting investigations in the area" in connection with crime and the killing of a policeman.

One young man was shot in a shoulder, she said.

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

## We're just a bit heavy handed, says captain

*W/maail 30/4 - 7/5/92*  
THE definition of assault took on new meaning yesterday during the Goldstone Commission investigation into the alleged misconduct in Phola Park of members of 32 Battalion three weeks ago.

Responding to allegations of assault, Captain Mark Hermanson said his troops were just being "heavy handed" on the night of April 8 when Phola Park residents were allegedly raped and assaulted. One person died and several were injured. Damage was also done to property.

Hermanson, "who was not on the ground" at the time of the battalion's clampdown, said he believed his troops had only slapped, punched and dragged residents around — which to him was not assault. He believed assault to mean something like kicking a person with a booted foot.

Despite the incident, which resulted in several injured residents being admitted to Natalspruit Hospital, Hermanson supported the action of his troops.

"There might have been good reasons for that," he said. The reasons, he explained, could include a person resisting arrest and trying to escape.

"I am happy with my soldiers' behaviour," he said.

According to evidence given by the captain, his men were acting on a tip given to him by an unnamed informant who said a gun was hidden in one of the huts in Phola Park.

The captain initially looked confused when asked to establish the exact time and circumstances surrounding a series of gunshots from the camp, which then prompted soldiers to return fire.

Despite not being able to identify where the shots were coming from, the soldiers had indiscriminately shot back in the dark. Hermanson said the soldiers had been acting within the law by exercising their right to defend themselves.

"You did then authorise those actions, did you not," asked counsel for the victims, Stephen Joseph SC. "Yes, I did," replied Hermanson.

"Is it not wrong to fire on a criminal running away in a crowd?"

Hermanson admitted it was.

Joseph then retorted that, on April 8, Hermanson probably knew that if they

*The captain of 32 Battalion says his soldiers were just being 'heavy handed' in their raid on Phola Park three weeks ago.*

By LINDA RULASHE and RAYMOND NXUMALO

had missed the man firing those shots, there was a great chance that they would have hit a hut instead.

Asked why he didn't withdraw his troops and wait on the perimeter of the camp until morning before investigating, Hermanson said: "We couldn't withdraw as the troops were being fired on and there was no protection for my men."

Joseph replied: "But you felt safe enough to enter houses and ask residents questions?"

According to the captain's evidence, the first round of shots from the camp was heard around 9pm. Twenty-five soldiers were sent into the camp on foot, accompanied by a Buffel.

Earlier, Hermanson had told the commission sub-committee that most of his troops spoke Portuguese and the Phola Park residents spoke Xhosa.

"Why do you think most of the residents spoke Xhosa?" asked Joseph.

"I had read in the newspaper that they are Xhosa-speaking," was the reply.

Joseph then asked how the soldiers could then communicate with the residents, who were not informed of their rights when their huts were broken into.

Hermanson replied he believed that some of the residents were English and Afrikaans speaking.

Joseph asked how the captain had expected the residents — whom Joseph described as "some of the most unfortunate people of our country" — to be proficient in three languages.

Hermanson was asked repeatedly about the authenticity of a statement submitted to the commission. The statement did not have crucial details about the 200 rounds of ammunition that were fired that night; and did not deal with Hermanson's admission that the soldiers had acted in a heavy-handed manner.

He explained that his legal advisers had chosen not to include those aspects in the statement.

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# Goldstone to probe anti-ANC killer gang

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## The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The ANC has asked the Goldstone Commission to investigate a group of notorious gangsters said to have been responsible for the deaths of at least seven people and injuries to six others in Tembisa on the East Rand, on Sunday.

ANC Tembisa branch organiser Mr Isaac Mahlangu said yesterday that the IFP leadership in the area had confirmed that the 25-member gang — known as "Toasters," were IFP members. But Mr Mahlangu said the IFP had distanced itself from the mob's activities.

The ANC said it had decided to raise the problem with the Goldstone Commission because police to whom cases of murder, robbery and rape were reported, had failed to make arrests.

East Rand's police spokes-

man, Lieutenant Wikus Weber, confirmed that Mr Mahlangu had reported the gang's activities to the police, but he strongly denied ANC allegations that police had not acted. He said investigations were under way.

"I'm aware of allegations that the gang was responsible for Sunday's attack. They are said to be a group of vigilantes and we're still investigating," he said.

Mr Mahlangu alleged that the gang, whose members lived at the Vusimuzi Hostel, had "shifted its focus from ordinary crime to assassinations of ANC activists".

"Our information is that the gang is armed by shipments of weaponry delivered to the hostel by some forces as part of a countrywide trend to establish, fund and train gangsters to attack communities and ANC activists in particular," said Mr Mahlangu.



# 24 die in two-day wave of violence

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AT LEAST 24 people had died by last night in a two-day wave of violence which the ANC and Inkatha warned was bound to escalate over the Easter weekend.

Police found five bodies with gunshot wounds in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, yesterday morning. Three of the bodies were partially burnt.

A police spokesman said it was believed the men had been murdered on Sunday night.

The spokesman said another body with gunshot wounds was found at Katlehong's Buyafuthi Hostel.

At least nine bodies were found on the Reef on Sunday night alone. The police said six men were killed and five injured in Thembisa on the East Rand on Sunday when gangsters, known as "Toasters", sprayed pedestrians with AK-47 and shot-gun fire.

According to police the "Toasters" were travelling in a minibus and a sports car when they opened fire.

WILSON ZWANE

Also on Sunday, the body of a man who had apparently been hacked and thrown off a train was found at a railway station in Katlehong. Another body was found in Phola Park.

In Soweto a man was killed when a group of men attacked Soweto's Fred Clarke squatter camp on Sunday night. Twenty-three shacks were damaged.

Sapa reports that five people were killed when a group of mourners attending a funeral hurled petrol bombs at a house in the Mtunzini district of Nkatsheni in Kwa-Zulu on Sunday.

Police said yesterday the attack was to avenge the death of Abednego Gumede who was buried on Saturday.

In Cape Town, a man was shot dead and three people were wounded in renewed taxi violence in the Cape Peninsula.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepe

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said violence was expected to escalate drastically over the Easter weekend as there were forces bent on "undermining the national peace accord and slowing down the transitional process".

Inkatha has also expressed fears that the violence would escalate, saying it had information that the ANC intended attacking Inkatha strongholds on the Reef. The ANC has repudiated the claim.

Meanwhile, a committee of the Goldstone standing commission on public violence and intimidation will probe the vio-

lence in the Phola Park squatter camp, particularly the incident last Wednesday in which soldiers of 32 Battalion allegedly assaulted and raped residents.

In a statement yesterday Judge Goldstone said the Thokoza committee, under the chairmanship of advocate Solly Sithole, would be asked to investigate "as a matter of urgency and submit an interim report to the commission".

Yesterday police found the body of a man they believe was killed in Wednesday's attack.



# 32 Battalion under fire

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# Commission to probe SADF's 32 Battalion

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A COMMISSION of inquiry into allegations that members of 32 Battalion raped, assaulted and killed Phola Park squatters on the East Rand last week will begin its work next week.

The Goldstone Commission yesterday said the Tokoza committee would sit on April 22 to investigate "issues and disputes concerning the events on April 8".

"Thereafter the commission will frame further terms of reference with regard to this matter," the commission said.

The committee is chaired by advocate Mr S Sithole.

He has been asked "to inquire into the events in question as a matter of urgency and to submit an interim report thereon to the commission." - Sapa.

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Sowetan Reporter

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Dave of Katlehong said the 32 Battalion was incapable of protecting black people.

"We have been relying on so-called peace-keeping forces to maintain order," he said. "Let the Government of the day take charge of law and order".

However, Joe of Alberton said the South African Defence Force should remain in Phola Park in order to maintain peace.

"It is to have misplaced faith to expect the Government's forces to protect those it is intended to suppress," said Pat of Hillbrow.

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# Violence moves to Katlehong, Natal

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Katlehong on the East Rand was the scene of the worst of the Reef township violence yesterday after horrific weekend attacks in Alexandra and Tembisa.

In just over three hours in Katlehong yesterday morning — after two men were shot dead and two others were seriously injured in a shooting spree at Kwesini hostel late on Monday — police picked up three bodies in the sprawling township.

In Natal, violence has claimed at least three lives since Monday in the Hopewell area, in the Ixopo district and at Empangeni's Esikhawini township.

An unknown number of schoolchildren were reportedly injured when a gunman went berserk at Esikhawini yesterday.

KwaZulu police spokesman Colonel Moses Khanyile said a man was being treated for a gunshot wound at the Esikhawini clinic.

He did not know the condition of the children.

He said the incident followed a proposed students' march which had been cancelled. Classes have been suspended at the Mdlamfe High School where the incident took place.

Police also disclosed yesterday that they had seized a large arms cache in Malukazi, near Durban, on Friday following investigations into the murder of a policeman.

The badly decomposed body of a man was found on a section of railway line between Katlehong and Wadeville stations yesterday.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said the first body found in Katlehong — that of an unidentified man who had been shot in the head — was found at about 7:20 am yesterday behind the Viafuti hostel.

Barely an hour later, in Ncala Section, police found another body. The man had been shot in the chest and back.

At 9 am, in front of the Kwesini hostel, the body of a man who had been shot in the back and side was discovered.

Describing Monday's violence at Kwesini hostel, the police spokesman said at about 5:45 pm four young men from

Tshongweni Section who had boarded a train at Katlehong station were accosted by a group of about 50 armed men.

When the train stopped at Kwesini hostel, the four were forced inside and were then "ordered to escape by about 10 Zulu-speaking men. When the men fled they were shot at."

An 18-year-old man and a youth aged 17 died, while two 19-year-old men were injured.

Police are to investigate three cases of rape and two of murder in connection with an alleged rampage by 32 Battalion soldiers in Phola Park last Wednesday night.

The legal firm acting on behalf of the ANC in Phola Park has claimed that one of its members, Vusi Sithole, was threatened and cursed by security force members when he attempted to intervene during the questioning of a resident whose wife was killed and allegedly raped on Wednesday night.

Reacting yesterday, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said all aspects of the Phola Park controversy, including Mr Sithole's allegation, would be thoroughly investigated.



# At least Meyer took the flak

Among the peace initiatives made at the weekend was a ministerial visit to Phola Park. PETER WELLMAN assesses Saturday's visit by Minister of Defence Roelf Meyer.



AT LEAST, he went there, three days after members of 32 Battalion allegedly rampaged through Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand.

Roelf Meyer's concern was obvious, said delegates to his meeting with residents in a small community hall.

There he was, the man ultimately in charge of 32 Battalion, and residents let rip in a meeting closed to the press.

As with so many peace initiatives in Phola Park and elsewhere, the shouting comes first.

Delegates said the meeting became heavily politicised, and one ANC delegate in particular took a hard line.

At a press briefing later the Minister took a conciliatory line, but not all of his men did that.

A senior officer suggested that the soldiers were so busy they probably did not have time to rape anyone — although newspapers have carried reports by residents on four rapes.

A major suggested none of the troops could have sjambokked anyone because sjamboks were not among weapons issued.

And another major tried crassly to intimidate a reporter who seemed to me to have been doing her job, asking residents what they thought of the Minister's heavily guarded visit.

The Minister made concessions. The soldiers implicated were withdrawn from the area until after an SADF probe, with residents participating, and the results going to the police for possible prosecutions.

The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry would be asked to investigate the incidents.

And 61 Mechanised Battalion has taken over patrols.

And he said upgrading the area was a priority.

At least Mr Meyer got to talk to residents: three other meetings planned for the area that morning simply did not happen.

They were the local dispute resolution committee, set up under the National Peace Accord, an ANC regional meeting, and an ANC meeting with residents on their problems.

Observers have suggested the Minister's visit may have overtaken the others, and raised a fresh point:

How well planned was it?

It was certainly hasty, I was given only 30 minutes' notice. And SADF liaison officer Major Andreas Jordaan (not the one who threatened the woman journalist) was in such a flap he left his cap behind, which meant he couldn't salute any of the generals.

And the Minister did not talk to all sides in Phola Park; there are doubts whether the residents' representatives he saw actually represent the whole community, which is split.

But at least he went there and took the flak. It may not be much, but he is headed in the right direction. □



# 25 die in township violence at weekend

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The chilling discovery of the hacked and shot bodies of five men in Alexandra township yesterday brought to at least 25 the number of people killed in townships countrywide at the weekend.

Police yesterday arrested three men in connection with the murder of Warrant-Officer BS Pilani during bloody fighting in Alexandra at the end of last month.

A police spokesman said his firearm was also recovered. The men will appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

Warrant-Officer Pilani's body was found draped across the bonnet of his burnt-out police vehicle close to his home. He was off duty at the time.

Police said yesterday's gruesome find was made on the corner of Rooth Street and Fifth Avenue — in the IFP-controlled shack settlement known as "Beirut" — at about 8.40 am.

Three of the unidentified victims had also been partially burnt.

The only clue to what police suspect was a single mass attack, possibly carried out during the course of Sunday night, was an empty 9 mm shell on the scene.

In another horrific attack on

Sunday night, a gang known as the "Toasters" opened fire with AK-47 rifles and shotguns from a minibus and a car, killing seven men and wounding five other people in front of a butchery in Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

No arrests had been made by last night.

The Goldstone Commission announced yesterday it would investigate allegations that members of 32 Battalion raped, assaulted and killed Phola Park squatters on the East Rand last Wednesday.

In a statement, the commission said it would sit in public in Pretoria next Wednesday.

"Thereafter, the commission will frame further terms of reference with regard to this matter," the statement said, adding that the Tokoza Committee, under the chairmanship of advocate S Sithole, would also be required to submit an urgent report on the matter to the commission.

Police reported that another four people were killed in sporadic attacks in Phola Park at the weekend.

The Alexandra Clinic reported treating 14 people — five for gunshot wounds — since Friday.

West Rand IFP chairman Humphrey Ndlovu has strongly rejected the ANC's recent demand for the closure of Alexandra's Madala hostel and the eviction of "Beirut" squatter fa-

milies.

Mr Ndlovu accused the ANC of playing "the politics of yesterday — instead of today's politics of negotiation".

In Soweto's Fred Clarke squatter camp, adjoining Klipspruit extension, a gang of men armed with AK-47s and traditional weapons went on the rampage on Sunday night, killing a man and damaging 22 shacks, police said.

Police seized an AK-47 rifle with a magazine, five AK-47 rounds and a shotgun.

Describing the assault last night, Klipspruit residents said a group of about 50 men from Nancefield hostel attacked residents of the squatter camp at about 10 pm. Shooting continued for about half an hour, one resident said.

Police said two homes were set alight in separate incidents in Dobsonville, Soweto, at the weekend, while the ANC yesterday claimed six houses had been burnt in the area.

Dobsonville's Luthuli Street reportedly became a "no-go" zone on Sunday night as residents, fearing armed attackers, barricaded themselves in their houses.

In yet another mass attack at the weekend, five people were killed when a group of mourners attending a funeral hurled petrol bombs at a house in the Mtunzini district of Nkatseni, in Zululand.



# Petrol bomb thrown at official's home

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A petrol bomb was thrown at the Linden Extension, Johannesburg, home of Randburg town secretary Mr Willem van Graan.

Although he accepted a petition handed in by residents of Bloubostrand who protested against plans to settle the Zevenfontein squatters on their doorstep, there is no indication the two incidents are linked.

The bomb caused limited damage, and nobody was injured, Mr

Van Graan's father, Jan, 81, said.

He and his wife Gertjie, 79, who share the Acacia Street home of Mr van Graan and his wife, Lukie, said all four family members were asleep at about 1.15 am when the device exploded on the roof of the carport.

He said: "I heard the dogs barking, but I didn't hear an explosion. I understand it was aimed at a window, but it landed on the roof of the carport."

"It fell about 45 cm short of the ledge and burnt itself out on the roof."

Mr Van Graan did not speculate on the motive for the attack, and his son was unavailable for comment.

Mr Van Graan said he had heard that a neighbour had spotted a suspicious car in the area shortly before the attack.

"He followed it and as the car came around the corner he saw a man jumping into it, and he saw the flames. He contacted the fire brigade and the police."

Police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said the motive for the attack was not yet known, and arrests had not been made.



# Carts plan opens vista for vendors

A MOBILE vending unit which would save Johannesburg's 5 000 street vendors from selling from boards and bins would soon hit the streets, the Johannesburg City Council said at the weekend.

Dinky Pillay, the council's assistant director for informal sector development, invited the private sector to buy advertising space on these carts.

Mobile vending unit manufacturer The Munch Hut developed a cart with 16 advertising spaces, The Munch Hut MD Trevor Jones told the launch of the project on Thursday.

Jones said his company would rent advertising space to raise revenue to fund the manufacture of more carts.

Munch Hut would rent the carts to vendors at R3 a day, maintain and repair the

trolleys and monitor them to see that standards were maintained. It would also hold promotional competitions among hawkers.

The company would, in conjunction with the council, provide training and support for the hawkers and try to obtain discounts for them through bulk buying.

The trolleys are designed to handle anything from food to textile goods.

Secure overnight storage facilities would be obtained within the CBD for the hawkers and cleaning facilities for trolleys would also be provided.

The SBDC would provide finance for renting and to vendors who chose to buy the units, which sold at between R200 and R500.

## Easter clashes on Reef feared

INKATHA and ANC officials have expressed fears of largescale township violence on the Reef over the Easter weekend.

Inkatha officials claim major attacks on their supporters have been planned, and many migrant workers from Natal have cancelled trips home over the holiday weekend.

The ANC has vehemently denied it has any part in such plans and says the Inkatha statements are a bid to divert attention from the real perpetrators of violence.

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An ANC spokesman charged that hostel dwellers were planning a campaign of attacks on taxis in the townships.

Inkatha West Rand spokesman Humphrey Ndlovu said his organisation had information that Xhosa-speaking people, with the backing of Umkhonto we Sizwe, were bent on attacking hostels and Zulu speakers on the Reef.

Ndlovu said recent attacks on the East Rand squatter camps of Crossroads in Katlehong and Zonkizizwe near Vosloorus were a prelude to a "big scale" attack on all "places regarded as Inkatha strongholds".

Inkatha national chair-

man Frank Mdlalose recently claimed the ANC was amassing weapons on the Reef to attack hostels over the Easter weekend.

The ANC repudiated the claim.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said at the weekend ANC members had been warned that taxis passing near hostels in the townships might be attacked from today.

Ndlovu said extra policemen and SADF members should be deployed in the townships to prevent violence.

Police spokesman Capt Nina Barkhuizen said there were police patrols in unrest flashpoints and reinforcements would be sent to any township if requests were received.

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# Eskom helps Anti-Crime Initiative

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The Anti-Crime Initiative (Saci), an alliance of 15 organisations, has been boosted by an undertaking by Eskom to provide 10 000 posters to be displayed throughout Soweto in a bid to fight crime and violence sweeping the township.

Saci executive committee member Shimane Kumalo, of the affiliated organisation the National Institute of Crime and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), said a lot of progress had been made since the anti-crime conference held two years ago to tackle the escalating crime rate and violence in Greater Soweto.

## Discussions

The conference, held under the auspices of the South African Council of Churches, was attended by a broad spectrum of community leaders, educationists, social workers, students, businessmen, trade unions, and welfare organisations. One of its resolutions taken was to form Saci.

Mr Kumalo said publicity and educational sub-committees had been formed by Saci.

He added that the committees had already held several discussions with the Soweto police.

Mr Kumalo said the emphasis was to educate and make the community aware of the crime wave.

"And we will soon be embarking on a poster campaign to make people aware of the crime.

"We will also visit high schools to educate the youths about abuse of liquor and drugs.

"Statistics have revealed that most crime is committed by people between the ages of 16 and 26.

"All progressive and welfare organisations have been approached for their input as this affects the whole community," he said.

"Workshops will be held throughout the township to educate the community on preventative measures as it has been proved that part of the crime was caused by the carelessness of the people themselves," Mr Kumalo said.

"We have also approached companies and churches for their help, and periodical discussions with the police will be held to highlight the community's complaints against them.

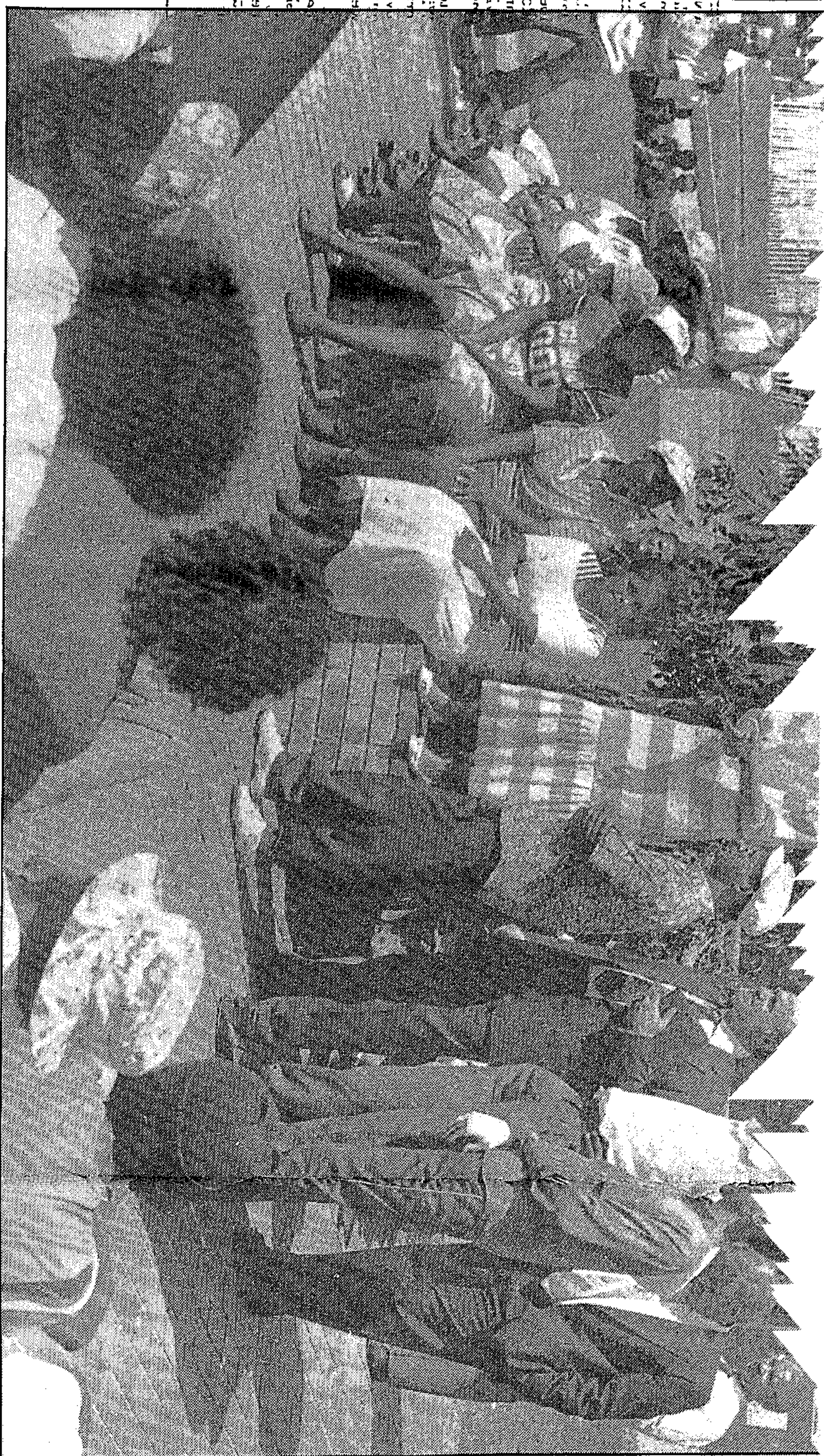
"Our two previous discussions with the police have turned out to be fruitful and we hope the same spirit of co-operation will prevail for the good of the community."

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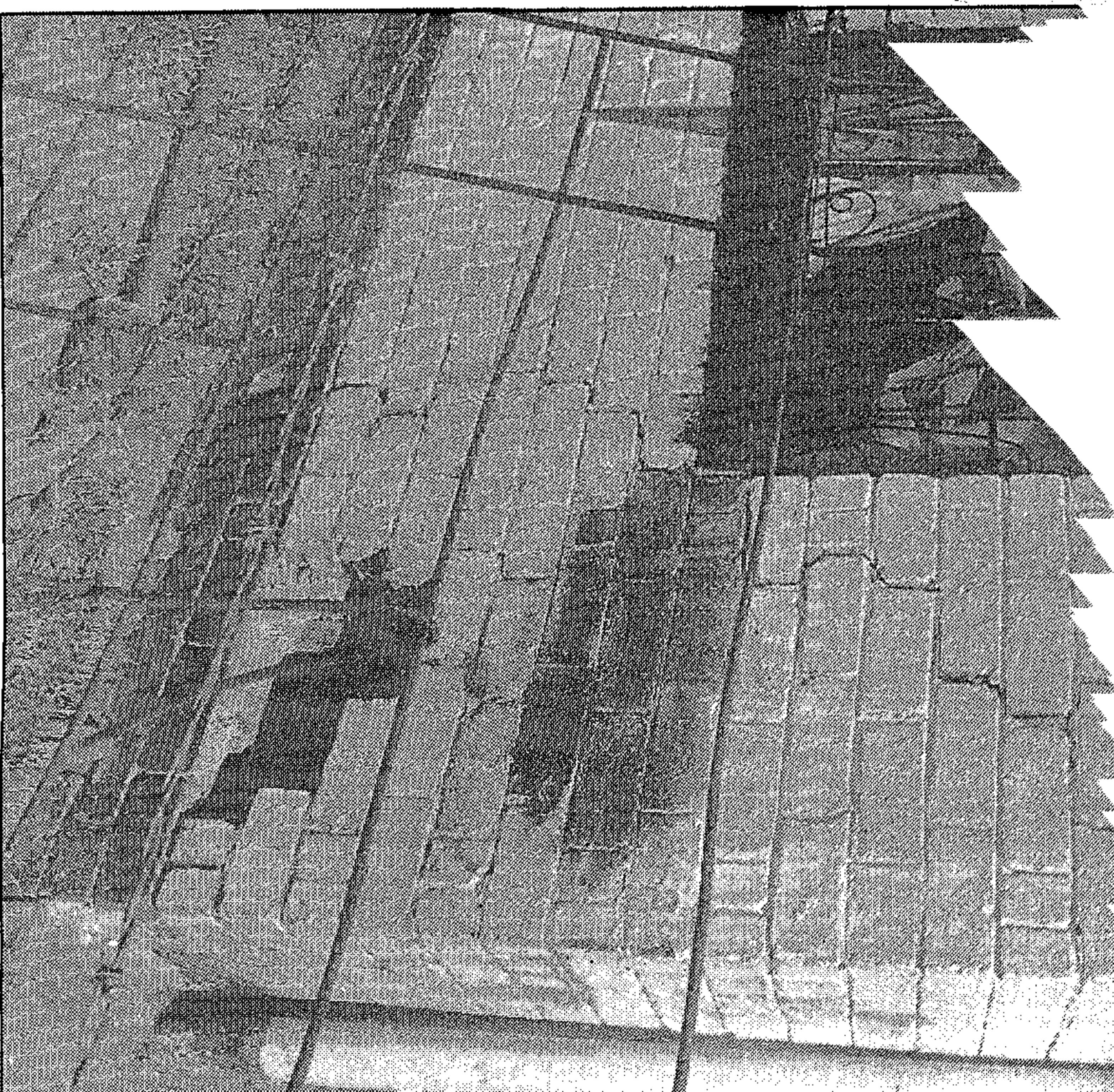
"Also, the television programme on crime will be revamped as we feel our task will be made easier with the help of both electronic and print media".

He said the alliance would remain non-aligned. Its affiliates include: Brain Power (a youth organisation), the Association for the Physically Disabled, civic associations, Nicro, Ministers United Co-responsibility for Christians, Interfaith Community Development, Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce, South African Black Social Workers Association, Baragwanath Social Workers, National Association of Ex-Prisoners, and Entokozweni Community Centre.





Let's work together . . . Johannesburg management committee health and housing chairman Marietta Marx was applauded by residents of Noordgesig when she called on them to assist the council in improving conditions in the area.



Cracking up . . . in one of the worst cases, the wall of this Noordgesig house is in a state of collapsing. Pictures: Jacobo

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# Setting right old wrongs

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Violence has flared in Johannesburg's so-called coloured townships, Noordgesig and Ennerdale, in recent months. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS reports.

Noordgesig following the visit.

"They heard our problems and saw the houses. If the council keeps its promises to help us, this will be the end of the unrest."

The rent boycott which started four months ago will, however, remain in place until the city council "delivers", Mr Moodley said.

Mr Malgas said he was happy to meet the "new team" of councillors and officials, and hoped that from now, residents would be able to communicate with the council.

After the visit, Mrs Marx said she would report back to her management committee tomorrow.

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Problems in Ennerdale, however, could take a lot longer to solve after resistance to evictions a week ago.

The council got court orders against rent defaulters more than a month ago, but attempts by the sheriff of the court to evict them were unsuccessful.

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"We are still willing to talk to people to come to some arrangement," Mrs Marx said.

"But with waiting lists running to the thousands, we can't afford to keep people in houses who owe us thousands of rands".

The dispute in Ennerdale centres around the condition of the houses.

"We have gone to great lengths to resolve the problems of purchasers, and have reached agreement with their representatives to either rectify defects or reduce the purchase prices by independently assessed values," Mrs Marx said.

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The council claims it made no profit on the land or buildings, and purchasers were required to take transfer by December 31 1986, six months after proclamation of the township.

An agreement was reached between the Johannesburg City Council, the Ennerdale Civic Association and Ennerdale Management Committee that the findings and determination of the assessor regarding the value of the property would be final and binding, and that the deed of sale would be amended to reflect the new purchase price; that the original purchaser take transfer of the property within six months, and that the civic association persuade affected residents to start repaying monthly rentals.

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IFTY years ago Fred Malgas (79) was forcibly removed from Vrede-dorp and dumped in a field outside Johannesburg — thereby becoming a founder member of the township of Noordgesig.

For the first time since then Mr Malgas is hopeful that his poverty-stricken community will finally receive the help they need to improve their living conditions.

Last week civic leaders declared that the unrest in Noordgesig in recent months was over, after Johannesburg City Council officials and management committee members visited the area at the invitation of the civic association.

Despite warnings from council security that the area was not safe to enter, the Johannesburg management committee's Marietta Marx, responsible for health and housing, and transport and utilities committee chairman Paul Asherson as well as officials from almost every council department spent a morning with residents, inspecting homes, the environment and Toyi-toying residents, preparing

ing for confrontation, were told by civic leaders to quieten down and a carnival atmosphere prevailed as the officials were led by a crowd of residents from house to house and to "problem" areas.

Housing director Ian Taitz explained that a Government loan was used to finance the construction of the homes in Noordgesig and that all the rentals from those homes were being used to repay the loan.

He said it was unfair of residents to put all blame on the council. "We are working within a law called the Housing Act."

Mrs Marx called for a clean slate. "Let's see what we can do for the people of Noordgesig now." She asked for all alleged faulty accounts to be sent to her to be sorted out.

Council officials were shown homes with holes in the roofs, large cracks in the walls, the

public swimming pool with a hole in it and the football field constructed three years ago, but never opened to residents.

Mr Asherson promised that residents would have a pool by next summer.

One resident said that when it rained, she sat inside her house with an umbrella. "And when you put a nail in the wall, it falls down," another said.

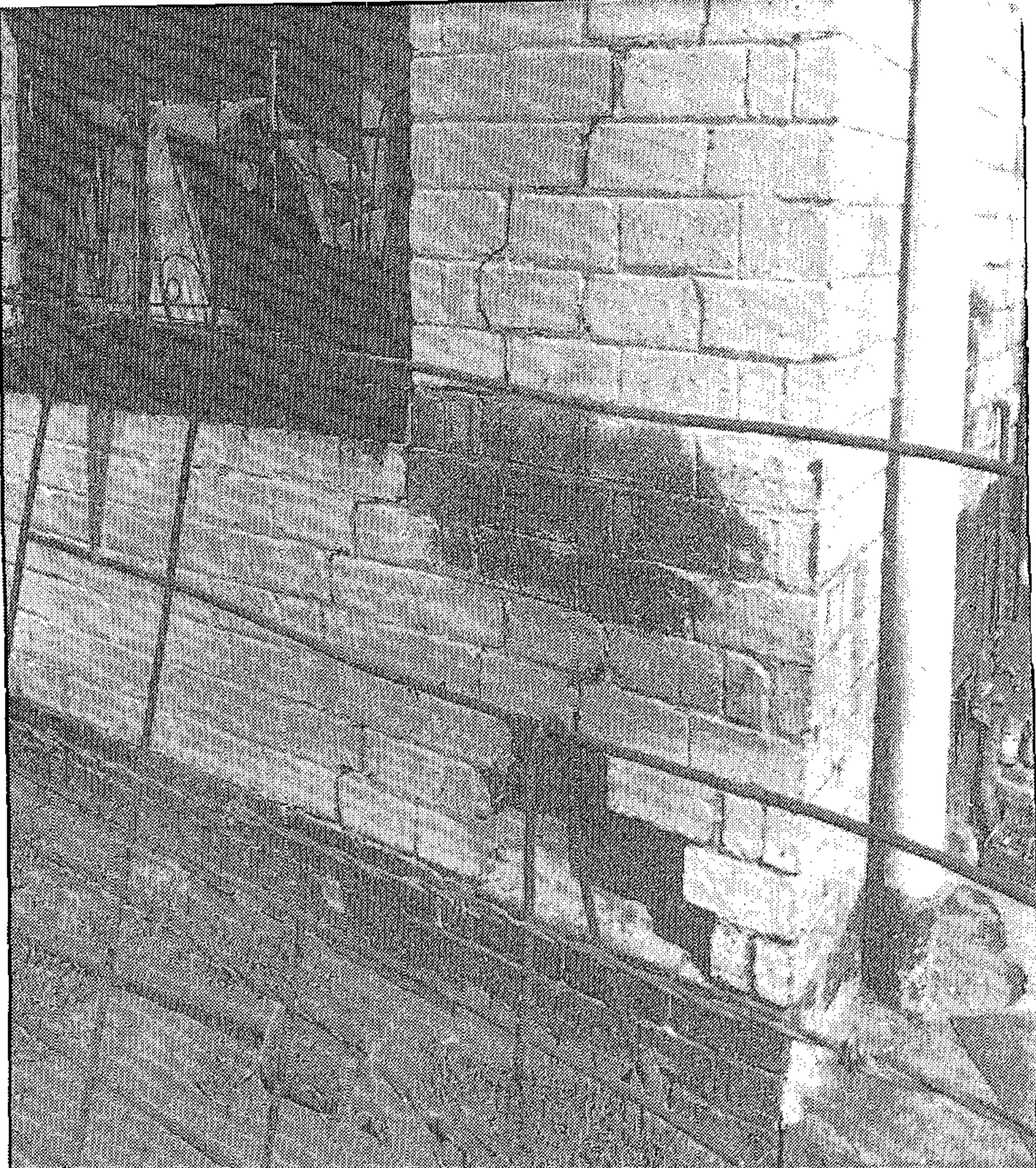
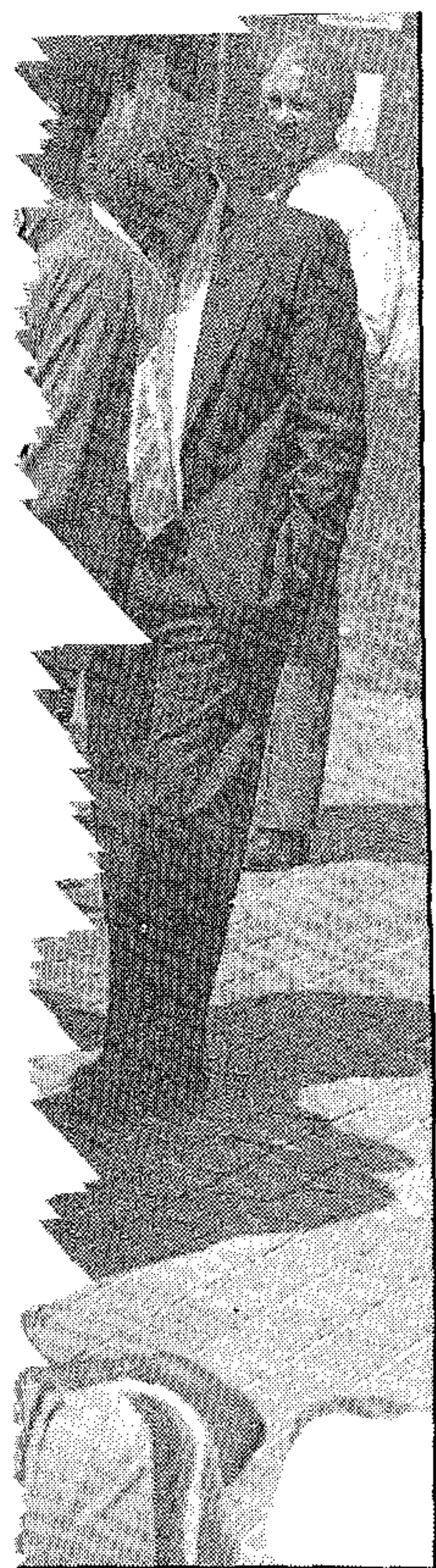
Mrs Marx was clapped loudly by residents at the end of the visit.

"We saw people who were worried by how they live. We can't solve the problems by ourselves, but with you, we can do it," she told the crowd.

She said there was R80 000 available from the regional services council to upgrade the clinic facilities in Noordgesig.

Noordgesig Civic Association general secretary Lockey Moodley said there was a new spirit in





by residents of Noordgesig

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legal advisors, the Legal Resources Centre, but the face of the civic changed and they now claim there was no agreement," Mrs Marx said.

Ennerdale civic leaders emphatically state that there was no agreement with residents and say they have problems with the council's offer.

They have accused the council of violence in the area, a claim which has been categorically denied by management committee chairman Ian Davidson.

He explained that the council had been forced to take Caspiers into Noordgesig and Ennerdale after council security personnel were stoned and threatened with necklacing, but said the council men were under strict instructions not to use force against residents, and added that he had videotapes of the recent evictions to prove it was residents who had threatened the sheriff and council personnel in Ennerdale.

Mrs Marx said where there was genuine hardship and tenants could not afford to pay rent or electricity, the council had a general relief fund from which they could possibly be assisted. □



# Six men shot dead in attack from minibus

The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — Six men were shot dead and two seriously wounded in an attack in Tembisa, outside Kempton Park.

Police spokesman Captain Bruger van Rooyen said according to initial reports the attack took place in Umthambeka Section about 7.30pm yesterday when gunmen in a minibus shot at pedestrians with AK 47 assault rifles.

"Police found the bodies of six men with bullet wounds. Two other men who had been injured were taken to hospital."

Captain Van Rooyen said he had no further details.

The killings bring to at least 12 the number of people killed in political violence on the Reef at the weekend. Several people were injured.

Police spokeswoman Captain Henriette Bester said the body of a man, identified as Mr Lucky Makhize, was found shot in the back in Phola Park about 1pm yesterday.

About 10.30am yesterday police found the body of a man at Katlehong Station. He had been hacked to death.

A gang of men armed with AK 47s and traditional weapons went on the rampage in Soweto's Fred Clarke squatter camp last night, police confirmed today.

A police spokesman said 10 men attacked the camp, shooting dead a 38-year-old man and damaging 22 shacks.

Police seized an AK 47 rifle with a magazine, five AK 47 rounds and a shotgun.

Klipspruit residents said last night that a group of about 50 men from Nancefield Hostel attacked residents of the squatter camp about 10pm. Shooting continued for about half-an-hour, a resident said. One person was believed dead and another injured.

No outbreaks of violence were reported in Alexandra yesterday, but at 6.35pm on Saturday, on the corner of Ruth and 6th avenues, police found a man who had been shot and wounded.

He was taken to Alexandra Clinic.

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# Get army out of townships, says ANC

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By Shirley Woodgate

The PWV region of the ANC has demanded that all army units should be removed from the townships and confined to barracks after brutal attacks were reported at Phola Park and in Mandela Park, at Bekkersdal.

This follows an announcement by Defence Minister Roelf Meyer, after he had met Phola Park residents and local ANC officials, that he would ask the Goldstone Commission to investigate the violence in the East Rand squatter camp where soldiers of 32 Battalion allegedly went on a rape and assault rampage last week.

Mr Meyer said that he would withdraw soldiers allegedly implicated in Wednesday's raid on the Phola Park squatter camp until investigations into the raid were complete.

He said a company attached to 32 Battalion would be withdrawn, but that a general SADF presence would be retained.

Speaking at the SADF support base in Tokoza on Saturday after a consultation with members of the Phola Park Residents' Association, Mr Meyer said the Defence Force was not looking at scaling down its operations or withdrawing completely.

"We have a responsibility to execute our function to take care of the safety of the people in Phola Park," Mr Meyer said.

He said he would be doing everything necessary to get to

the bottom of the raid.

The Defence Force would conduct its own internal inquiry. Charges had been laid with the police, and the SADF would assist the police in their investigations of criminal charges, Mr Meyer said.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday members of the SADF had also raided activists in Mandela Park.

"They (the soldiers) assaulted them (the activists) and forced them to identify shacks belonging to other ANC members."

"The SADF members then went to these homes and harassed, assaulted and in some cases stole from the people."

Mr Mamoepa added that 500 residents of Mandela Park had marched to the SADF military base at Bekkersdal on Friday night to protest against alleged SADF raids on the informal settlement.

There was particular concern as these incidents occurred virtually while Mr Meyer was assuring people there would be an investigation into the events at Phola Park.

The latest issue would be raised with the ANC at national level, Mr Mamoepa said.

A spokesman for the Witwatersrand Command confirmed that the SADF, in co-operation with members of the police, carried out a search operation in Bekkersdal on Friday night.

All allegations of assault or looting were strongly denied and people who made allegations were asked to lay charges with the local police.



# Six killed in unrest in townships at weekend

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At least six people were killed and several injured as political violence continued to simmer in Alexandra and in East Rand townships at the weekend, police reported.

Spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert expressed concern yesterday at frequent attacks on policemen at the weekend.

Police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said the body of a man — identified as Lucky Makhize — was found shot in the back in Phola Park at about 1 pm yesterday.

At about 10.30 am yesterday police found the body of a man at Katlehong Station. He had been hacked to death.

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Captain Bester said police had not established how he died.

At the same time the body of a man who had been shot was found at the Madala hostel.

At about 10 pm on Friday, the body of an unknown black man was found with hack wounds.

At about 6 pm, opposite a house in First Street, the body of another unknown man was found. He had been hacked across the chest.

On the corner of Selbourne and Ruth streets, Wiseman Hlongwane was attacked, allegedly by ANC supporters. Petrol was thrown over him and he was set alight, but managed to flee to the Madala hostel, where he was taken to hospital.



# 'End this raging violence'

By SOPHIE TEMA

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL church group of about 200 women marched on John Vorster Square this week to protest the violence raging across the country.

Women from the Inkatha Women's brigade were among the group which was led by Mary MaSechaba Mabaso.

The group marched

from the St Mary's Cathedral and were met at the station by District Commissioner Brigadier AJ Strauss.

After a lengthy discussion with Strauss, the women threatened to hold a sit-in at the square, until they got a "positive reply" from the government.

A message was faxed to Law and Order Minister

Hernus Kriel, but he was not available.

Mabaso said: "The violence that has claimed so many innocent lives has been of no benefit to anyone."

"Today we have come together as women and mothers, to take the bull by the horns."

"We are demanding an end to the violence - not tomorrow, not the day after but now!"



# Inquiry into the soldiers' rampage

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By DREW FORREST

UNRULY elements within Phola Park's defence unit may have set the spark for the 32 Battalion "riot" in the East Rand squatter camp last week.

*The Weekly Mail* last week lifted the lid on a leadership controversy in Phola Park in which members of the defence unit have played an active role. There are reports of an armed seizure of power and a subsequent reign of terror against residents.

Given the ferocity of the battalion's reaction — one person was killed and 100 hurt in an alleged hours-long orgy of shooting, beating, rape and plunder — it seems likely the soldiers were shot at by squatters, as the SADF has claimed.

Sources say the apparent hysteria of the largely Angolan battalion was atypical. "They've polished their marbles since the war in Angola," one commented. "They seem to have behaved with restraint during the recent Nancefield violence and in Natal."

Phola Park's defence unit was almost certainly responsible for the AK-47 attack on a passing minibus on February 26 in which four inmates of the nearby Thokoza hostel were killed. The four were members of Inkatha's United Workers Union employed at the Rand Water Board, but evidence put before the Goldstone Commission strongly suggests the attack was unprovoked.

A spokesman for the settlement's new leadership, Zinisle Mathiso, this



Assaulted by army ... Phola Park residents show some of the injuries inflicted by 32 Battalion

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

week denied his committee had been installed by force and insisted no-one had fired on the soldiers. He declined to elaborate, saying he did not want to prejudice a planned meeting with the ousted leaders.

But *The Weekly Mail* understands that the ANC and its armed wing, Umkhonto weSizwe, are worried about the defence unit's lack of discipline.

The question of what 32 Battalion was doing in the area remains. The Goldstone Commission is to investigate this, but the likelihood is that it was conducting an arms sweep. Phola Park squatters all say the soldiers kicked down shack doors and demanded to know where weapons were hidden before assaulting them with pipes, rifle butts and pangas.

The raid appears to form part of an emerging pattern of SADF weapons searches in ANC-supporting black settlements. Last Friday the SADF combed the Mandela squatter camp, in Bekkersdal on the West Rand, for arms, sparking complaints of widespread abuse.

A member of the ANC's regional executive committee, Sonwabo Ngonini, said he was woken at 1am by white soldiers and two blacks in balaclavas wanting to search his house for weapons.

With them was another ANC man, Zola Jakuka, who had allegedly been forced to point out Ngonini's house. He was covered in mud — he claims he was made to roll in a ditch — and said in Xhosa: "They have already killed me". Ngonini understood this

to mean he had been badly beaten.

Ngonini said when he pointed out that only policemen with warrants were empowered to conduct a search, he was abused and threatened in Afrikaans. During the illegal search which followed, R260 belonging to his mother disappeared.

Also assaulted, Ngonini said, was branch committee member Douglas Mqina, together with numerous other shack-dwellers. When the search failed to yield results — large holes were dug in Mqina's shack floor — Mqina and Jakuka were "abducted" to the SADF base outside the township, where they were "tortured" before being released at noon the next day.

Earlier in the week, Bekkersdal's

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ANC-supporting hostel was raided for weapons. Hostel residents, who were made to lie on their faces while the search was in progress, had complained of assaults and the theft of possessions, including cases of beer and R450 in cash, Ngonini said.

The raids have destabilised Bekkersdal, last afflicted by unrest two years ago during a feud between the ANC and Pan Africanist Congress. Ngonini said the soldiers had repeatedly asked why the township was peaceful when other Reef settlements were at war, and had told hostel residents to join Inkatha.

An estimated 7 000 residents, led by the ANC's Floyd Mashele, marched on the SADF base last Sunday.

Ngonini said angry youths from the township's Spooktown section, chanting "Phantsi amasotsha!" (down with the soldiers), were still spoiling for action.

Phola Park residents interviewed this week were also adamant that they wanted no soldiers in the township, whether black or white. After his visit to the camp at the weekend, Defence Minister Roelf Meyer announced that a company attached to 32 Battalion — blamed for the rampage — would be withdrawn, but that a general SADF presence would remain "to take care of the people's safety".

Witwatersrand Command spokesman Major A Jordaan has denied allegations of assault and looting in Bekkersdal.



# Phola Park residents lay charges

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A total of 58 Phola Park residents yesterday laid charges of assault and attempted murder at the Tokoza police station against members of 32 Battalion.

Residents, some with bandaged limbs and others walking with crutches, were transported from the Phola Park committee office to the station by bus.

The charges follow allegations of an attack on the squatter camp last week which left one woman dead and several other people seriously injured.

Residents at the camp said yesterday the badly decomposed body of a man believed to be the second fatality in the attack was found in a shack in the camp this week.

Affidavits were handed over to the Tokoza Station Commander Major SP Funani by Simon Tsotetsi of the ANC's Violence Commission and legal representative Vusi Sithole.

## Certificates

Major Funani said police would go through all the affidavits to determine the exact charges. He said people who made allegations of attempted murder would have to submit medical certificates to support their claims.

● The South African Council of Churches yesterday repeated its recent call for the SADF, liberation armies and the SAP to be placed under a joint command "as soon as possible" in order to ensure peace in this country.

The church body was reacting to last Wednesday's raid at the Mandela squatter camp in Bekkersdal by a SADF unit when residents were allegedly assaulted, shot at and had their property destroyed.

One resident, Korea Mathe, accused the soldiers of ransacking his shack and stealing R500.

The SACC noted that the SADF "aggression" came against the backdrop of more than a year of peace.

Angry Bekkersdal residents are now demanding the immediate withdrawal of the army. The demand was made jointly by the ANC, Azapo, PAC and Bekkersdal Civic Association.

The allegations have been denied by SADF spokesman Major Andries Jordaan.



# Residents' night of trauma

By Charmeela Bhagawat  
and Sapa

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Johanna Morepedi, whose Meadowlands home was burnt and looted on Tuesday night, sat on the roadside with her meagre belongings and a worried look on her face after being forced from her home of 32 years.

She was not the only person leaving her Bakwena Road home in Zone 1, Meadowlands, Soweto. Nine other homes in the street were also petrol bombed and looted at about 11 pm.

No one could identify the culprits but residents said they saw three groups of about 15 men run back to Meadowlands Hostel after the bombings.

Obed Sebope (20) was alone when his home was set alight. He said he woke up when he smelt the fire. Two petrol bombs were thrown into the house and he had to escape through a back window and through his neighbour's home.

By the time he got to the road the attackers had already

bombed two other houses and were retreating to the hostel.

The other families, who were also sitting on the roadside waiting for relatives to collect them, were too scared to talk. One woman said she lost her youngest son to the violence three months ago.

"I've had enough. They've taken everything," she said.

● Seventeen other homes were set alight in Reef townships yesterday morning — 14 in Alexandra and five in Ennerdale, where residents burnt down homes after the occupants were evicted.

A woman died of a heart attack when a petrol bomb was thrown at the entrance of Meadowlands Hostel at about 2.30 pm yesterday, according to police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo.

He said police fired teargas in Meadowlands at 3.30 pm when a Casspir was stoned. No injuries were reported.

Captain Mariemuthoo said police were keeping a "monitoring presence" in the vicinity of the hostel last night in a bid to

prevent further violence.

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● Evictions to continue

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# 14 'Beirut' shacks destroyed in attack

By Guy Jenson (278)

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Fourteen shacks were burnt to the ground early yesterday in a petrol-bomb attack in Alexandra's IFP-controlled "Beirut" informal settlement — a flashpoint of much of the recent violence in the township.

Inkatha-supporting residents who gathered around the smouldering ruins of their homes — situated off Fifth Avenue, near London Street — yesterday told The Star that two ANC supporters, armed with a shotgun and a petrol bomb, attacked the settlement between 6 am and 6.30 am.

In their version of the attack, police said that at about 6.30 am, SAP members found 14 shacks had been burnt down and that eye-witnesses had alleged that "about seven" ANC members entered the camp, shot at random, threw a petrol bomb into a shack and fled.

A police spokesman said it appeared that flames from the burning shack had spread to adjoining structures. No deaths or injuries were reported.

Reacting last night, ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said that fighting broke out among IFP supporters between London and Roosevelt streets at about 6 am and that 11 shacks were destroyed.

"It has become customary for the police to blame the ANC when IFP members are attacked. We reject the allegations that our members were involved, with contempt," he said.

In Beirut yesterday, Jabulane Mbonane, an IFP supporter who lives about 50 m from the burnt-out shacks, said he watched two attackers — whom he described as ANC supporters — through a small hole in his door.

He said the men had come from the direction of the Eighth Avenue shack settlement.

"I saw two guys — one with a petrol bomb and one with a

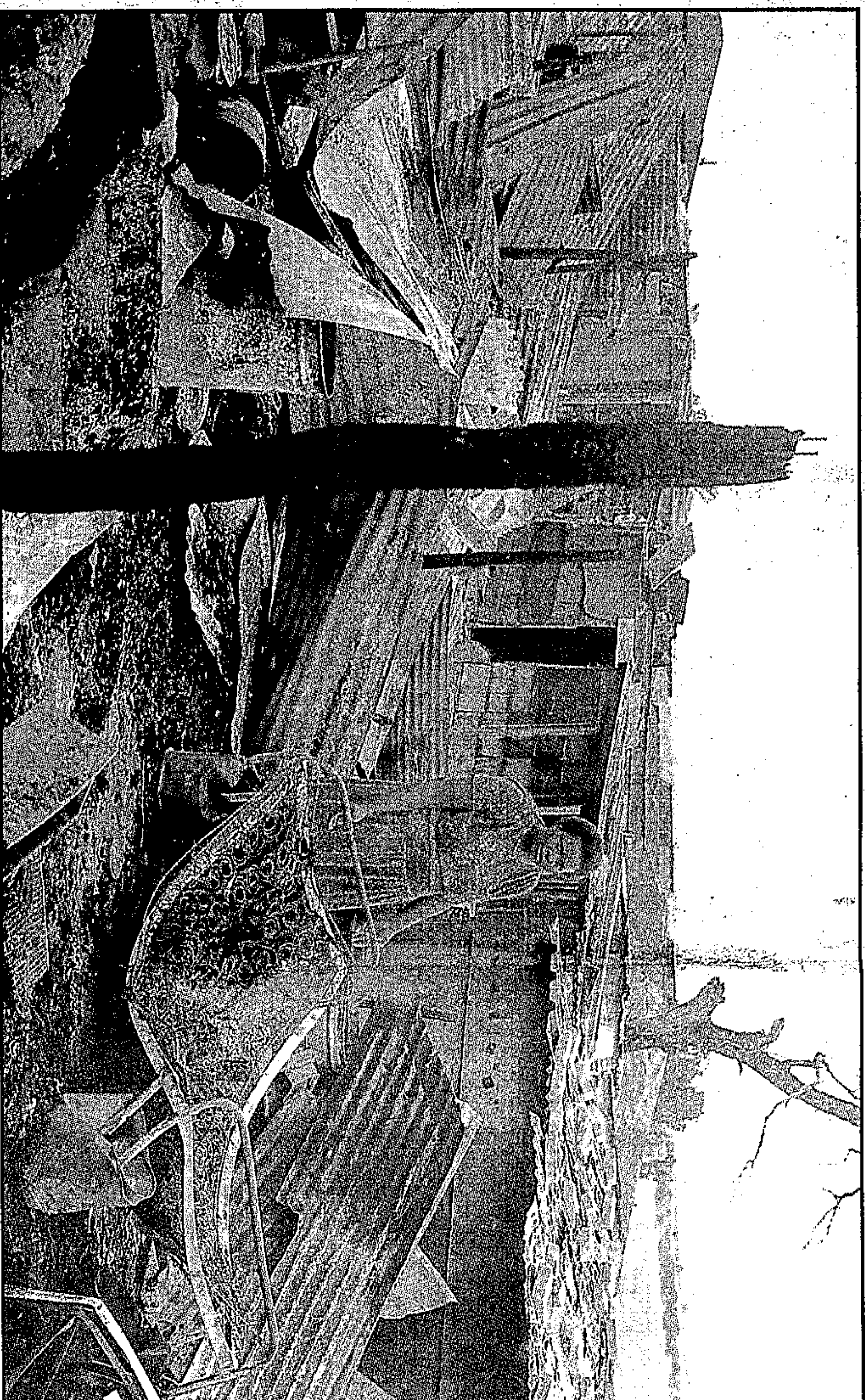
shotgun. The one with the petrol bomb threw it into a shack."

Thoko Malinga (25) said she arrived home from her night job at a Rosebank restaurant at about 6 am and saw "too much fire". Her shack was gutted and all its contents — two beds, a carpet, a table and three pots — were destroyed.

Shacks in what today is known as Beirut began proliferating in March last year when large-scale violence erupted in the area.

After the Madala hostel fell under the control of the IFP, IFP supporters also moved into the mushrooming settlement, causing non-IFP residents, among them many ANC supporters, to move out.

A well-placed source in the township told The Star that when heavy fighting broke out in Alexandra on the night of March 31 this year, an attack was launched from Beirut on the Eighth Avenue shack settlement and that residents had retaliated.



Home no more . . . Thoko Malinga in the ruins of what used to be her shack. She arrived home to find it had been gutted and all its contents destroyed. Picture: Aif Kumalo.



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## Homes set alight on Reef <sup>(278)</sup>

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JOHANNESBURG. — Seventeen homes have been set alight in Reef townships, 14 in Alexandra and five in Ennerdale, where residents burnt down homes after the occupants were evicted.

And in Meadowlands Zone 1, 10 homes were earlier petrol bombed and looted.

Police said that in Ennerdale residents barricaded roads, preventing the fire brigade from reaching the fires.

In Meadowlands, a man was shot in the head and killed, police said in their latest unrest report.

Thirty minutes earlier a 64-year-old man was slightly injured when he was thrown off a moving train at Orlando Station.

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The Argus Correspondent, Sapa.



# Muti's magic works on the shopfloor and the battlefield

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**B**EFORE the attacks which contribute to the country's widespread violence even occur, factions on either side of the political divide religiously consult their *inyangas* for *muti* in preparation for battle.

These attacks — if they are not completely suicidal — frequently invite retaliation and result in more deaths than victories for either side.

The bloody civil wars in Natal bear testimony that it is not only on the strength of their numbers that factions go into battle but more often by that of their *inyanga's muti*. It is important that the men who go into battle are collectively strengthened and protected by the *inyanga*, to ensure there are no weak links.

To foot the bill for his services, communities are taxed up to R30 a household, according to residents of pro-African National Congress areas in Natal townships.

Leaders on either side, particularly Inkatha, are said to be more powerful because of the particularly strong *muti* they are given.

Many *inyangas* have been killed after battles when it was thought they had "gone too far" and were using witchcraft to enhance their skills — often in favour of the other side.

"I believe *inyangas* are positive forces and give herbal medicines to cure and these medicines work," says a young activist from kwaMashu near Durban. "In these parts anyone who is a 'comrade' is treated by our own *inyanga*."

On his upper arm the young man wears a cloth belt containing the *muti* "to frighten off or confuse the enemy in an attack. You must wear it every day before you go into battle to increase its strength".

Scratch-like incisions on his throat and wrists are the places where blood was drawn and mixed with *muti*. This is placed in a cloth and discarded "in a place where you do not go regularly, but your enemy may well". Whoever first lays eyes on the cloth will be overcome.

"When we feel weak and think that Inkatha may have 'bewitched' us, we burn *impepo* — an aromatic incense — to enliven the comrades. After this we want to toyi-toyi and be active."

On March 24 last year, 13 people —

*A blinding belief in the power of muti before battle has powerered both 'comrades', and Inkatha followers.*

By **BEATHUR BAKER**



**Sangomas ... Can muti stop the bullets?** Photo: JUSTIN SHOLK

including a policeman — were killed in Daveyton when a Xhosa-speaking *ibutho* (regiment) launched a fierce counter-attack after a police patrol fired teargas at them.

During the inquest, allegations that residents used *muti* in preparation for the attack on the police was made by advocate Hattingh, representing the South African Police and the minister of law and order.

He alleged that "a group of people got together and they called themselves the *amabuthos*, a vigilante group of people. This group decided to call in the help of a witchdoctor to make them immune against police bullets and attacks". He added that they all agreed to contribute R20 towards the fee of a witchdoctor who would treat them with the *muti*.

Hattingh based these allegations on what constables emerging from a Casspir say they witnessed. The constables said they saw people sitting on

the ground and a man dipped a branch into a bucket and "appeared to sprinkle some liquid over the people as they were sitting there".

Hattingh makes a further allegation that the people in the veld "observed that the birdshot fired at them had no real effect. You were fortified in the belief that you were in fact immune against bullets".

He subpoenaed a professor of anthropology, Petrus Jacobus Jonas from the University of South Africa, who explained the traditional use of war *muti*. Jonas told the court that traditionally, no battle was fought without the *tola* (a special war diviner) having treated the warriors and their weapons. Nowadays, *inyangas* and *sangomas* perform a modified, shorter version of this once important task.

The use of *muti* in resolving labour disputes is firmly believed by many workers and union leaders. The fierce battles between workers and the police during the 1987 railway strike illustrates the confidence workers placed in *muti*.

They consulted a *sangoma* from Swaziland who gave medicine that would make them invulnerable to police bullets. In the belief of the protection of the *muti* on their foreheads, workers brazenly fought police in the confrontation which ensued outside Cosatu House in Johannesburg.

"Cleansing medicine" is also used before wage negotiations, labour-related court cases and even to protect workers from retrenchments.

Union members of shaft 6 at the Western Holdings gold mine fetched a *sangoma* from Transkei to protect them from retrenchments taking place at the mine. After consulting the *sangoma*, a heated confrontation with management ensued in which six miners and a mine engineer were killed.

The medicine is said to have the power to "tie up" the enemy or render them impotent. What makes them fierce is *ukuhlupenza*, the medicine derived from animals such as the poison of a snake or the gall of a bull — the power of the animal is passed on to the man who killed it.

On occasions when this deep-rooted belief in *muti* has been fatal, it is put down to the inexperience of the *inyanga*.



# ANC wants Goldstone to probe Tembisa gang

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THE ANC will ask the Goldstone standing commission on public violence and intimidation to probe activities of an East Rand gang which allegedly killed six people in Tembisa at the weekend.

Six men were killed and five injured in Tembisa on Sunday when gangsters, known as "Toasters", sprayed pedestrians with AK-47 and shotgun fire.

According to police, the "Toasters" were travelling in a minibus and a sports car when they opened fire on people.

ANC Tembisa organiser Isaac Mahlangu told journalists yesterday the gang, which was formed last October and consisted of 25 members, was harassing residents "under the cover of Inkatha membership".

Mahlangu said the gang was staying at Tembisa's Vusimuzi Hostel — an Inkatha stronghold.

He said besides requesting the Goldstone commission to investigate the gang's activities, his organisation

was also demanding the arrest of the gang's members and the closure of the Vusimuzi Hostel.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza denied his organisation's involvement with the gang.

Meanwhile, the death toll continued to mount on the Reef. Police found four bodies in the East Rand township of Katlehong yesterday morning.

Also in Katlehong, two men were shot dead and two injured on Monday night after they had allegedly been forced off a train and into Kwesine Hostel by a group of 50 armed men.

The police spokesman said the injured men — who were admitted to Natalspruit Hospital — had alleged that on boarding the train at Katlehong Station, they were forced to sit down by the armed men.

On reaching Kwesine Station, the men were forced off the train and into the hostel where they were told to flee. "When they fled, they were shot," the spokesman said.

Sapa reports police said yesterday three people died and several homes were burnt in Natal unrest yesterday and on Monday.

The deaths were reported from the Sappi compound in the Hopewell area of the Ixopo district.

Maritzburg police spokesman Capt Henry Budhram said a man and two women died of gunshot wounds following an attack by unknown people at about midnight on Monday.

In another development, the police said they were investigating three rape charges against members of the SADF's 32 Battalion.

Soldiers of the battalion allegedly assaulted and raped residents of the East Rand Phola Park squatter camp.

The Goldstone commission said recently it would probe the incident. In a statement on Monday, Judge Goldstone said the Thokoza committee, under the chairmanship of Adv Solly Sithole, would be requested to investigate "as matter of urgency and submit an interim report thereon to the commission".



# Five killed in violence

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**FIVE** people were killed, 11 injured and 22 shacks and houses petrol-bombed in continuing violence in Alexandra and Soweto yesterday.

This brings to at least 11 the number of people killed in the latest violence on the Reef since midnight on Monday.

Seventeen shacks were set alight in Alexandra yesterday morning and four houses were burnt in Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg.

In Soweto, two hostel dwellers, Bongimuzi Mbatha (18) and Sipho Ngubane (17) died instantly at Dube Hostel when six gunmen opened fire on a group in the hostel bar.

Mr Simon Khumalo (24) who was shot in both legs, died later at Baragwanath Hospital.

Shop-owner Mr Zabilon Dladla (72) was shot in the chest and his daughter Sibongile in the stomach. Their conditions were reported as satisfactory.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said an unidentified man died in Meadowlands after he was shot in the head at 6.30am.

A seven-month-old baby escaped death when eight houses were petrol-bombed in Meadowlands. The baby was sleeping with her mother, Miss Masego Morapedi, when men believed to be from nearby Meadowlands Hostel threw a petrol bomb into their room.

Six people were also injured at Jeppe

**By ISAAC MOLEDI**

station after panic broke out in a train coach over a pending attack.

A 64-year-old man sustained slight injuries after he was attacked by people and thrown out of a train at Orlando Station in Soweto.

●Meanwhile, *Sapa* reports that church leaders have been asked to set aside Friday June 5 as a National Day of Prayer and Healing.

The initiative is as a result of a decision taken at the National Conference of Churches in South Africa in November 1990.

"Unreserved support has been forthcoming from Codesa, and all leadership in the spheres of politics, business and industry is being asked to support the National Day of Prayer and Healing by allowing workers time to attend a prayer service at the nearest church of their choice, or to hold prayer meetings in the workplace," the NCCSA said in a statement yesterday.

"At the crucial time in the country when violence continues unabated, co-chairmen Dr Frank Chikane and Dr Louw Alberts have appealed to everyone to seriously commit themselves to participating in this corporate venture."

The NCCA said it recognised that not all churches had been fully supportive of the Rustenburg Conference and its declaration.

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# Gearing up to douse the flashpoints

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**L**OCAL Dispute Resolution Committees (LDRC) have been set up in seven regions in the Wits/Vaal area. The

greater Soweto area is categorised separately with committees in Klip-town, Orlando, Dobsonville and Meadowlands and a special committee on train violence.

The following LDRC chairmen (in-terim) can be contacted in your area regarding violence, intimidation and information:

Boksburg, Benoni, Watville,  
Actonville, Reiger Park:  
Mr Ken Brown at 9681973 or  
Mr Con Roux at 8944265.  
Kathehong: Mr Mike Ngidi at  
8279217.

Krugersdorp, Kagiso, Munsieville,  
Azadville: Mr Benoni van Graan  
at 9534135.  
Sandton, Marlboro, Alexandra,  
Randburg: Dr Liz Carmichael at  
4851758.

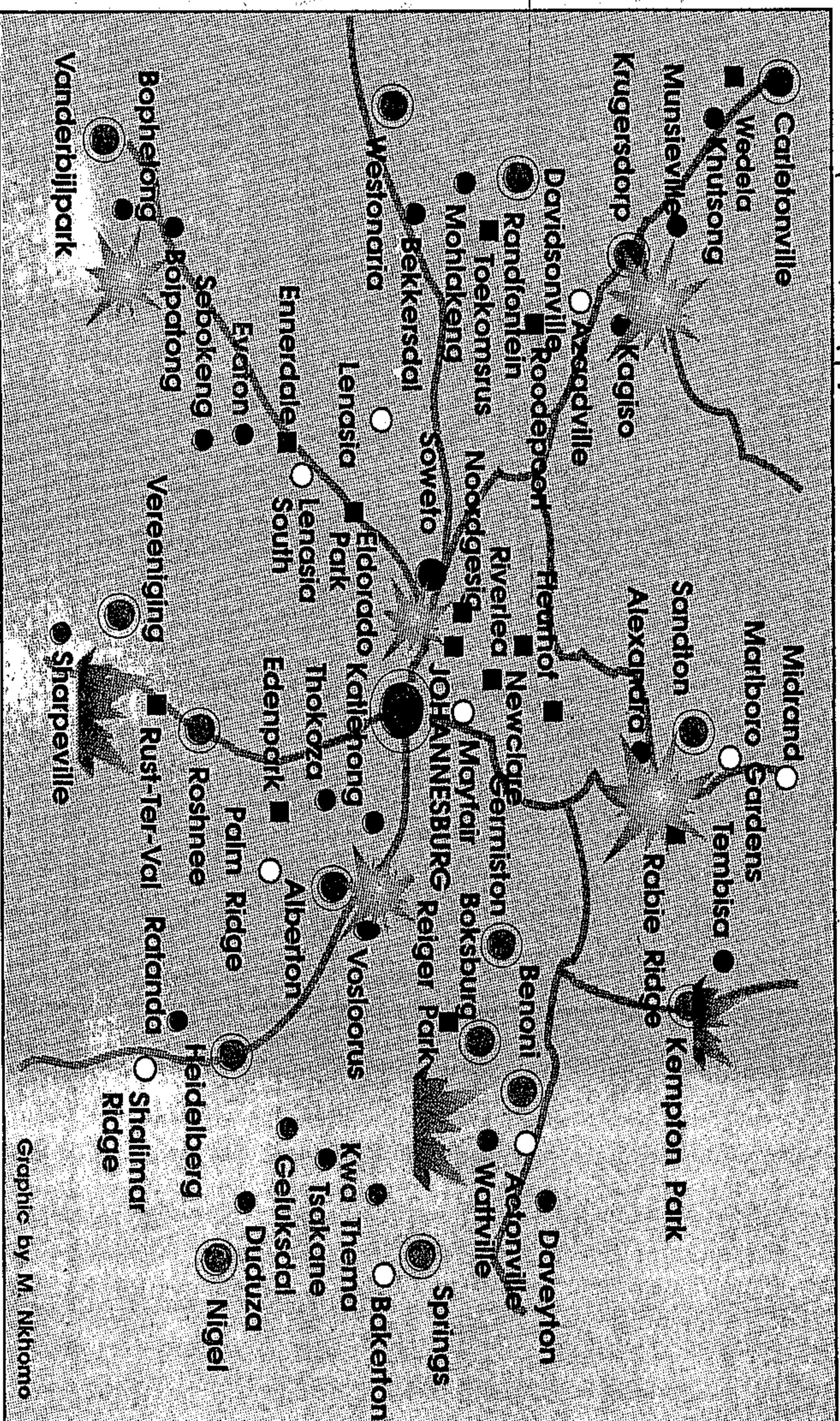
Tembisa/Kempton Park:  
Mr Andries Robertse at 9743381.  
Vereeniging, Sharpeville, Vander-  
bijlpark, Bophelong, Boipatong,  
Sebokeng, Evaton:  
Mr IG Lenz at 016-881040.

Vosloorus: Mr Paul Pretorius at  
3374355.

Greater Soweto area:  
Klipdown and Orlando and Train  
violence committee:  
Mr Charles Nupen at 7267104.

Dobsonville: The Rev G Moselane  
at 9881835 and the Rev Stigler at  
6722557.

Meadowlands:  
Mr I Moodley 7267104.



Graphic by M. Nkhomo

The map above shows where Local Dispute Resolution Committees have been established in the Witwatersrand/Vaal area. The Greater Soweto area is categorised separately with committees in Klipdown, Orlando, Meadowlands and Dobsonville.



# Charges laid against 32 Battalion

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A TOTAL of 58 Phola Park residents yesterday laid charges of assault and attempted murder at Tokoza police station against members of 32 Battalion.

Residents, some with bandaged limbs and others on crutches, were transported from the Phola Park committee office to the police station by bus.

The charges follow allegations of an attack on the squatter camp last week which left one woman dead and several other people seriously injured.

Residents at the camp yesterday said the badly decomposed body of a man, believed to have been the second fatality of the attack, was found in a shack in the camp this week.

Affidavits were handed

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over to the Tokoza station commander Major SP Funani yesterday by Mr Simon Tsotetsi of the African National Congress' violence commission and legal representative Mr Vusi Sithole.

Funani said police would go through all the affidavits to determine the exact charges.

## Medical

He said people who made allegations of attempted murder would have to submit medical certificates to support their allegations.

Tsotetsi said some of the residents in the camp had also laid charges with the police last Friday.



# 20 arrested during rent march in Lethabole

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BY ALINAH DUBE

TWENTY people, including officials of the Lethabole Civic Association, were arrested after police stopped a march to the local township manager's office yesterday.

Most residents stayed away from work to protest against the cutting off of electricity and water supply in the township, near Brits. They had intended marching from the local community hall.

Northern Transvaal police spokesman Colonel Willie Viotman confirmed the arrests.

He said 20 people were arrested after a stone-throwing incident and for displaying banners. Residents were ordered to leave the hall after the township manager had reported to the police that they had not obtained permission to use the hall.

Residents of Block A and B are without water and electricity following a clampdown on rent defaulters last week.

The secretary of the civic association, Mr Mike Molefe, said most people could not reach the hall as police blocked entrances from other parts of the area.

A small group of people led by the Rev Peter Bardenhorst danced the toyi-toyi along the street as police vehicles escorted them to the hall. They were joined by others as they approached the hall singing freedom songs.

Bardenhorst said the civic association could not obtain permission for the march. He said residents were told about this and asked to disperse.

He said a delegation from the civic association would meet the township manager, Mr Hennie Stopforth, to discuss the issue of discontinued services.



Lethabole residents hit the streets in protest.

Pic: JONAS MANKGA



# Church leaders want SADF out of villages

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**THE Northern Transvaal Council of Churches has urged township and village leaders in the region to urge the removal of SADF troops in the area.**

In an Easter message issued in Pietersburg yesterday, the NTCC, which is a regional body of the SACC, accused the soldiers of "brutal killings, maimings,

By MATHATHA  
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sexual abuses and disruption of freedom of expression".

The message said armed soldiers who patrol the townships and villages in the rural areas instilled "a traumatic psychological experience for children who are supposed to be growing up in an environ-

ment devoid of hostility".

Saying the Northern Transvaal was peaceful and therefore did not need patrols by the SADF, the NTCC said communities should intensify calls for the removal of troops from residential areas.

## Allegations

The call came a week after members of 32 Battalion were accused of raping and killing women at Phola

Park squatter camp on the East Rand, and further allegations of assaults on innocent civilians in Bekkersdal township on the West Rand.

The NTCC also called for restraint in resorting to boycotts when problems arose in education. The council said other means of resolving the problems had to be sought to ensure that education does not grind to a halt.

It also called for a broader sharing of information about Aids with neighbours, saying knowledge and information about the disease was scanty in the rural areas.

The council also wished all religious pilgrims who will travel to different centres for "collective worship" and other people who will be visiting families and friends over Easter a safe journey.



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Students demonstrating against Department of Education and Training examination fee increases ran amok in Johannesburg yesterday, looting shops and stealing goods from enraged pavement vendors.

According to a shop-owner in Jeppe Street, the chaos erupted when the youths tried to cross Harrison Street and a white bakkie swung in front of them.

He said a marshal asked the driver to wait until the students had crossed the road, but he shot through the traffic light

# Youths run amok in city centre

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and the youths stoned his van. Shop attendant Aco Illic said protesters slashed tyres of two cars outside his shop, one of them belonging to the shop-owner.

One vendor, Caspen Mncube, said about 15 of the youths held him up at knife-point and stole his fruit and vegetables.

Stall-owners at the Park Station flea market in De Villiers Street were shaken when about 500 youths descended on them

and helped themselves to goods.

An angry Stella Leung said 16 of her watches went missing. Stall-owner S Patel said he managed to hide some of his things away but the "vandals" stole sunglasses, calculators and pocket-knives.

Tearful Maria Mazibuko said the youths stole socks, underwear and jackets from her stall.

Imraan Bhula said watches, clocks, purses and radios valued

at about R1 000 were taken from his stall.

Two victims have opened theft dockets, and the others said they would lodge complaints at ANC headquarters.

Earlier, a group of about 20 angry students shouting "hit him, hit him" chased a white man, whom they claimed had insulted them. The man ran down Wolmarans Street before disappearing into the railway station hall.

Unruly pupils also pelted DET officials with soft-drink cans and crumpled pamphlets outside the DET offices in Simmonds Street, Braamfontein.

Congress of SA Students southern Transvaal chairman David Serekwane said the incidents would be investigated and the culprits disciplined.

However, he claimed that some of the unruly youths were not members of Cosas.

"It was supposed to be a peaceful march... Those found responsible will be disciplined," he said.



# 11 injured as train safety plan unveiled

By Brian Sokutu, Gien Elsas and Thabo Leshilo

Just hours after police yesterday unveiled a strategy to stamp out violence on Reef trains, at least 11 people, including two children, were injured at Dube station in Soweto when unknown gunmen opened fire on commuters.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said police found two slightly injured schoolchildren, aged 14 and 16, among the injured at the scene of the shooting, which took place at 1.50 pm. The children had jumped from the moving train to escape the attack.

Captain Ngobeni could not say whether the children were included in the casualty list of 11 treated at the Baragwanath Hospital.

No arrests have been made.

Announcing the measures to combat Reef train violence in Johannesburg earlier, Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said a force of more than 1 200 policemen and SA Defence Force members would be deployed on trains, at stations and along railway lines during peak hours from Wednesday.

The plan covers the Witwatersrand and Soweto areas, extending to Tembisa and Springs on the East Rand and Randfontein on the West Rand.

Most of the security personnel would wear uniform and the rest civilian clothes.

Colonel Malherbe said the ban on dangerous weapons would be enforced "with every available means".

If train violence continued, additional steps would be taken to strengthen legislation to stamp out violence.

Brigadier Jaap Venter has been appointed to co-ordinate the operation. An operations centre has been set up in Diepkloof, Soweto.

Colonel Malherbe said the new strategy had been undertaken in agreement with senior police officials from the Witwatersrand, including regional commissioner Major-General Gerrit Erasmus, Spoornet officials and community leaders representing commuters.

He expressed the need for co-operation and support from the public in stamping out violence on trains.

Despite the new measures, a steering committee comprising the ANC, PAC, CAST, SACP, Nactu and Cosatu, yesterday said it was going ahead with a five-day boycott of trains from Monday to Saturday next week.

Reacting to the boycott, the IFP said there had been inadequate consultation with all political organisations.

"However, we appreciate the steering committee's recognition of commuters' democratic right to use trains. We urge our members to use trains," said IFP central committee member Themba Khoza.

In other incidents of violence in Soweto yesterday afternoon, a beer delivery truck was looted and burnt in Diepkloof and a grenade attack was reported in Meadowlands. No one was injured.

In another effort to curb violence, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday declared the magisterial district of Vanderbijlpark, including violence-torn Sebokeng, an unrest area with immediate effect.

Mr Kriel said measures in addition to the ordinary law of the land were necessary to enable the Government to ensure the safety of the public and the maintenance of public order.



# Two die, many hurt in bloody Soweto clashes

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GUY JEPSON and THABO LESHLO

**WORKERS' Day** turned into a bloody nightmare in Dobsonville yesterday, as police, residents and hostel dwellers — all armed to the teeth — clashed repeatedly in the Soweto suburb. (278)

But in Alexandra, near Sandton, timely action by police prevented what could have been a bloody sequel to an otherwise peaceful May Day rally, after an angry mob tried to storm the Madala hostel, an Inkatha Freedom Party stronghold in the township.

By 5 pm in Soweto, after a day of sustained violence marked by gun battles, petrol bombings, burning barricades and harsh police action against residents, the official death toll in Soweto stood at two.

## Dead on arrival

Among the many injured were three policemen — victims of an enraged mob.

Baragwanath Hospital superintendent Dr Annamie Richter said two people, victims of sharp-point ammunition, were certified dead on arrival yesterday morning.

Sixteen other gunshot casualties were being treated, she said.

Residents in Mogorosi and Moe-peng Streets — the major flashpoints — told Saturday Star the first shots were fired at 4 am.

Police spokesman Major Ray Harrauld said the first violent outbreak reported to the police took place at 7.25 am, when SAP members took action to keep residents and hostel dwellers apart.

"At 8.55 am one of the patrols noticed a group of men armed with traditional weapons and home-made firearms. In order to apprehend the people carrying the home-made weapons, the patrol went in on foot.

"A grenade was thrown at them. The group then turned on them, attacking them with the traditional weapons and home-made firearms."

Three policemen — Lieutenant Andre Steenkamp, Constable Cornelius Killian and Constable John Cave — were injured and later admitted to the Garden City Clinic.

Steenkamp suffered a gunshot wound to the leg, Killian a shrapnel wound to the shoulder and a shotgun wound to the leg, and Cave a partially amputated finger.

## Pot-shots

Gun battles continued until mid-afternoon as Dobsonville hostel dwellers took pot-shots at taunting youths armed with rocks and petrol bombs in Moe-peng Street.

From about 11.50 am journalists covering the mayhem in Mogorosi Street repeatedly came under fire as police used birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas to disperse residents.

Two television cameramen were stung by

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birdshot pellets as the SAP Casspirs — pelted with stones and the occasional petrol bomb — ranged up and down the barricaded street.

Many people interviewed by Saturday Star alleged the police had opened fire at random on residents.

Harrauld said that if any residents had complaints about the police action, they should report their claims and be prepared to make statements. STAR 2/5/92

Said one resident, who refused to give his name: "It started this morning at 4 am. I don't know what happened, I was asleep. We want to demolish the hostel dwellers, we are moeg!"

After midday, in one shack in Molefe Street, 22-year-old Johannes Zeka lay moaning on his stomach, his back pock-marked with birdshot rounds.

"There are better ways to do it," screamed the man who later carried him into

the ambulance. Three other injured youths were inside — one slumped against the back window, his back a bloodstained mess.

Jacob Disetihe (75), whose home in Jonas Street was petrol-bombed by a "child" at about 11 am, had a different story to tell.

"Before he threw the petrol bomb, he told me I am Inkatha."

In Alexandra, heavily armed policemen sealed off a route leading to the hostel, where inmates with weapons were said to be lying in wait for marchers.

At the rally, speaker after speaker blamed President de Klerk's Government, IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the police for the violence.

The leaders also made an impassioned plea to the people not to "play into the hands of the enemy by condoning the lie" that violence in the country was due to differences between Zulus and Xhosas.

Civic leader Moses Mayekiso called on the 4 000-strong crowd to "drive out Inkatha (from Alexandra) with your bare hands".



# Soweto: LA 'looked like a party'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Political violence continued to plague the Reef yesterday with police reinforcements being deployed in Dobsonville, Soweto, after three policemen were seriously injured when fighting broke out between residents and hostel dwellers there.

Referring to current race riots in the United States, residents said the situation in the township "made LA (Los Angeles) look like a party".

They said hostel inmates had begun sniping at 9am and residents had called the Peace Action Committee — who are monitoring violence in townships — to notify the police.

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The incidents follow Thursday's announcement by the police that a combined force of more than 1 200 SA Police and SA Defence Force members would be deployed at stations, on trains and along railway lines at peak hours.

Meanwhile, two handgrenades were on Thursday thrown

at a bus in Sebokeng, which falls under the unrest area of Vanderbijl Park declared in Thursday's Government Gazette.

However, police reported that neither of the handgrenades detonated as the safety pins had not been removed.

On Wednesday in Sebokeng, police said, two men were fatally shot and three injured when unidentified attackers travelling in a blue car sprayed them with AK-47 rifle fire.

Despite the new measures involving the SAP and SADF, a steering committee comprising the ANC, PAC, Cast, SACP, Nactu and Cosatu and the Insti-

tute for Contextual Theology intends going ahead with a five-day boycott of trains from Monday.

The steering committee said negotiations had taken place with organisations such as Putco and Nafto for additional transport during the train boycott.

Twelve people were arrested, 19 firearms of various kinds and a large quantity of ammunition were seized and a small firearm factory was smashed early on Thursday morning in a special combined operation by the SAP and SADF at Alexandra's Madala migrant workers' hostel, near Sandton. — Sapa.



# Living in the grim shadow of death

**WHITEMAN** Gabaitu-mele is 86 years old and waiting to die.

Just 200 m from his Meadowlands home, May Mofokeng (27) lives with her two children in the squalor of Sputnik hostel. She is also waiting to die.

They are two people caught up in the feud which has had Meadowlands in the stranglehold of fear and hatred for almost 25 years.

Every day they await the last banging on the door or the final grenade blast. Both are terrified and night and day they would stop, allowing them to live normal lives.

Neither believes attempts by the local dispute resolution committee (LDR) will resolve the issue. Their sentiments are common in the deeply divided community. Readers have made

agreements at several LDRC meetings to end the violence, but the seeds of reconciliation are scattered very thinly at grassroots level.

People display no interest in trying to understand each other's fears and hopes.

No one can explain the reason for the feud, which has torn families apart.

Relationships between hostel residents and the wider community have been characterised by battles since the outbreak of the Soweto uprising in 1976.

Hostel residents were never organised as part of the community; they did not take part in stayaways, and many were victimised because of this.

Violence occurred sporadically during the '80s, and the animosity between the two factions never disappeared. It has been intensified

by the Inkatha Freedom Party's aggressive attempts to build membership in hostels and squatter communities.

Mofokeng narrowly escaped death at the hostel this week when youths from nearby houses hurled a hand grenade at her as she sat in the sun outside her tiny single-quarters room. It was the second grenade attack she had survived.

The news of the blast spread through the hostel — which houses about 4 000 people — like wildfire.

People gathered round Mofokeng's quarters within minutes, anger on their faces and in their voices.

"Why do they do this? What have we ever done to them that they just want to kill us?" Mofokeng shouted, shaking her fist angrily in the direction of the houses.

Her room is in the sec-

*SAT 2/5/92*  
**WHILE politicians lavish handshakes and promises of goodwill upon one another, the people of Meadowlands, Soweto, bear the brunt of the endemic violence sweeping the township.**  
**BRENDAN TEMPLETON reports.**



**REACTION:** A riot policeman on his way to investigate the grenade attack at May Mofokeng's hostel room last week. ● Photograph: GEORGE MASHININI

ond indigenous tongue which is not heard there. The Xhosas were forced to move out last month after a series of clashes with IFP supporters. Until then, Zulus

and Xhosas lived together at the hostel in peace. Like most of her neighbours, Mofokeng is unemployed. She has not worked for four years, and is

waiting for the Diepsmeadow Council to allocate her a home.

"People living here think they are on the waiting list for houses, but we are actually

waiting for our graves," she says, leaning against the coal stove in the 2 by 3 m room she calls home. She has corrugated iron across her windows to keep petrol bombs and grenades out. She has little hope the violence will end.

In Zone 1, Gabaitumele has been deserted by his children. He is too terrified to live in the house he proudly took ownership of in 1958.

We met him in the evening as he made his way to his grandchild's house, where he takes shelter every night. His son was killed in fighting last year, and he has to make do with the R250 government pension he receives every month.

For him the only solution is to raze the hostels and move their inhabitants elsewhere. His view is shared by most of his friends.

"Yes, I hate them."

How can I love people who (want to) kill me? I'm just waiting for my death, to follow those who have gone before," he says, his reedy voice shaking with emotion.

He has been stabbed twice by raiders from the hostel. Like many of his neighbours, he has lost his furniture to thieves and cannot see any hope of ever being able to afford to repair his battered home.

He is so consumed with fear that he does not have the energy to make plans for the future. "All I can tell you is that we are frightened at all times, day and night. As it is now, you hear gunshots, explosions all the time."

IFP West Rand chairman Humphrey Ndlovu blames the violence on the ANC's unwillingness to accept the right of other political parties to organise in what it considers its turf.

The ANC has no intention of allowing other parties to threaten it, and its representatives are negotiating in the LDRCs in bad faith, he says.

But his party's commitment to peace is also shaky. He admits the IFP is not geared towards reconciliation: "If you want peace in this country, you must prepare for war."

"Only then will we get the peace that Jesus Christ preached to his Christians."

"Once we form another private army to face Ufukhonto we Sizwe, the whole thing will be stopped. Army must face army; a private army should be used against civilians."

"We don't want our country to become another Mozambique, but if there are groups pushing the country in that direction, what else should we do?"



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

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**Security forces blamed**

THREE people died and 110 were injured in the week ending April 14 as the result of security force action, says a Human Rights Commission report. (278) (E30)

Most injuries were the result of the incident in Phola Park on April 8 in which the SADF's 32 Battalion reportedly went on the rampage in the informal settlement camp.

In the same week, 69 people were killed and 55 injured in vigilante-related actions in the PWV area and Natal, the report said.

Nineteen people were killed and four injured in an explosion of violence in the Vaal region on April 19 and 20. Five of the eight reported attacks were directed against residents in their homes.

In one incident, on April 19, five armed men believed to be Inkatha supporters attacked the ANC-supporting Lefhiedi household at 2.45am, killing eight people and injuring one.



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THE "last May Day celebrations under apartheid rule" took place in Cape Town and around the country yesterday.

Rallies organised by leftwing groups were held at seven venues in South Africa. Little violence was reported at the gatherings, which attracted crowds of between 500 and 10 000.

At rallies held in cities, the government was threatened with strike action if an interim government was not installed by June and if there was not a clear commitment to constituent assembly elections by the end of the year.

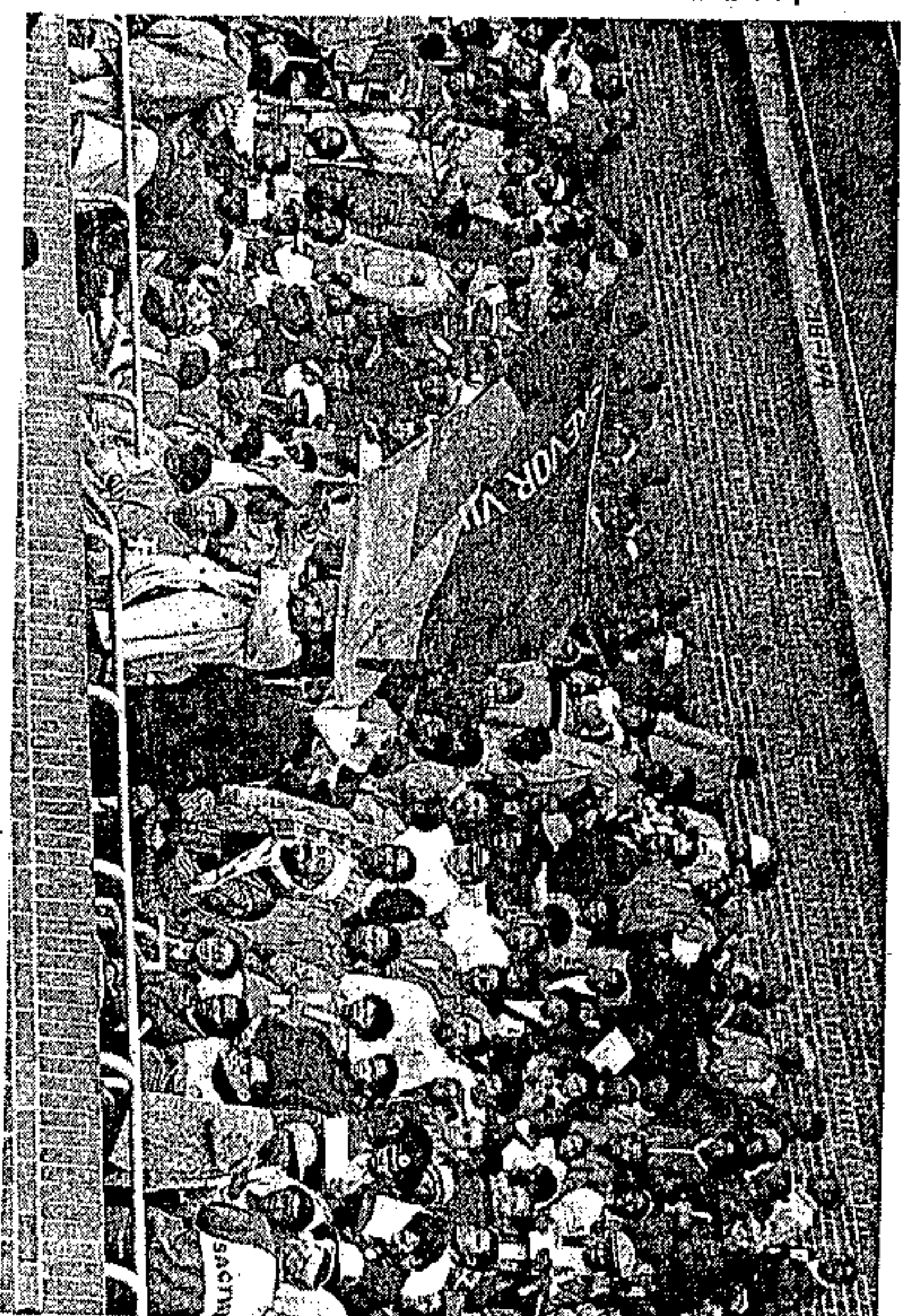
A rain-soaked rally at the Athlone Stadium in Cape Town was addressed by Pan Africanist Congress secretary Mr Ben-nie Alexander, ANC national executive member Mr Ismael Ebrahim Ebrahim, SA Communist Party central committee member Mr Essop Pahad and Cosatu spokesman Mr Musa Buthelezi.

The rally was the first in the Western Cape to be organised jointly by Cosatu and the National Congress of Trade Unions (Nactu). Over 1 500 members of the ANC and PAC attended.

Speakers told the crowd 'about their organisations' views on political developments in the country. The SACSP said economic power had to be transferred "out of the hands of the minority".

■ Several thousand people attended a rally at Durban's Curries Fountain Stadium. It was addressed by Cosatu assistant general secretary Mr. Sam Shilowa, who said the threatened strike would be a "knock-out blow" to President De Klerk.

Azapo deputy president Mr Aubrey Mokoape appealed to the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance to withdraw from Codesa. The



**Pictures: LEON MÜLLER, Weekend Argus**

**WORKER POWER:** Part of a 1 000-strong crowd, above, wave the flag of the ANC's Trevor Vliakazi branch in Khayelitsha during a May Day rally.

**□ HIGH COMRADE:** PAC secretary Mr Bennie Alexander, below, flanked by guards, prepares to speak at a joint Cosatu-Nactu May Day rally in Athlone.

# State warned at worker rallies



ANC's Mr Ronnie Kasrils outlined the gains made by Co-desa.

■ Speakers who addressed a rally in Pretoria included Co-satu general secretary Mr Jay

Naidoo, the SACP's Mr Chris Hani, the NEC's Mr Leswana Makanda, Azapo central committee member Mr Mandla Mtshweni and Nactu's Mr Tommy Oliphant.

The organisations were united in their view of workers' rights in Bophuthatswana and lashed out at President Lucas Mangope for what they called repressive laws for workers in economy. In Harare, affiliate unions of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions marched from the city centre to Rufaro stadium. Ziarna news agency reported.

**the homeland.**

■ ANC Youth League president Mr Peter Mokaba, who addressed a rally in Bloemfontein, refused to apologise for an alleged inflammatory statement he made in Natal recently.

He had told ANC supporters they should re-occupy land taken from them by the rival Inkatha Freedom Party and he had accused the IFP of using the National Peace Accord as an umbrella from behind which to attack residents.

■ In Pietersburg, ANC Women's League president Mrs Gertrude Shope appealed to the giant labour organisations, Cosatu and Nactu, to merge. She added that the women of South Africa wanted to see an end to violence.

She said violence was delaying the negotiating process and that South Africa would "never have an interim government and an elected constituent assembly while these killings are still continuing".

■ **May Day rallies held in East London, Warmbaths and Ulmata** were addressed respectively by Cosatu's Mr Nelson Mpelehu, Azapo education secretary Dr Gomoletso Mokae and military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa.

■ Railies also were held in Windhoek, Bulawayo, Harare and Lusaka.

**Namibian Prime Minister Mr Hage Geingob** assured workers that the joint administration — with South Africa — of Walvis Bay was the best means towards securing its reintegration into Namibia.

**Zambia's President Frederick Chiluba made an impassioned plea to workers in Luanshya to return to work and give his six-month old government a chance to refurbish the battered economy.**

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**☐ WE SURRENDER:** These Dobsonville residents emerged from their homes saying: "We surrender, shoot us!"

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**❑ ARM OF THE LAW:** A Soweto youth is arrested for allegedly carrying petrol bombs. Police fired teargas and birdshot to prevent township residents and hostel dwellers clashing in a faction fight.

area of Vanderbijlpark declared in Thursday's Government Gazette.

In another incident Wednesday, at Odonolo near Empangeni, northern Natal, police said gunmen attacked home, killing one man and wounding another. — Sapa.



# Sebokeng ANC homes attacked

By STAN MHLONGO

THE homes of two Vaal ANC members were shattered by bomb explosions this week, leaving one person dead, two injured and forcing a family to abandon their house.

At the Sebokeng Zone 13 home of ANC Youth League president Ntswaki Smith, her 52-

year-old mother Alina was killed and her sisters, Nankie, 19, and Winnie, 2, were injured by the grenade blast.

At the home of Elias Molapisi, a few kilometres away in Sebokeng Zone 11, the bombers struck after midnight, turning the day into another Black Wednesday. They blasted windows

with gunfire before hurling a grenade into the house.

Nobody was injured, but the frightened Molapisi family vacated the house early the next day.

Smith vehemently rejected the police version that her mother was "killed by a grenade explosion which erupted un-

der the pillow on which she was sleeping".

She also questioned the priorities of the police in conducting a thorough search of the house and paying scant attention to the body of her dead mother and her sisters who lay injured. She also wanted to know why her two brothers, Jordan and Dick, were arrested with

police making disturbing allegations that dagga was found in their possession.

Vaal police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed both grenade blasts.

He said the motives for the grenade attacks were unknown and police were investigating.



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## victims of

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## Luthuli St

By SOPHIE TEMA

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DOBSONVILLE'S Luthuli Street has been dubbed the "street of death" after the murder of at least 17 people since December last year and continuing attacks on residents.

Families living near Dobsonville Hostel have fled the area, claiming they get no police protection from their attackers.

Their claims of attacks are visibly justified. Homes in the street are pocked with bullet holes. Those houses not burnt out shells have broken doors and window panes. Many houses are standing empty and looted.

Children are unable to attend school, and Forte High School, on the northern side of the hostel, was closed after several attacks.

On Wednesday this week when violence once more broke out between residents and hostel dwellers, the residents appealed to Peace Action to help them. The organisation monitors violence and intervenes on behalf of victims.

### Frantic

Peace Action said it received frantic calls on Wednesday night from Luthuli Street residents, who reported that hostel dwellers were shooting at their houses.

Ventia Govender of Peace Action said the organisation had contacted the Minister of Law and Order and the National Peace Secretariat to do something about the situation, but it had not yet received replies.

Govender said the most disturbing aspect of the attacks was that security forces were warned of threats on families

living near the hostel well in advance of the attacks — yet are still not patrolling the street on a regular basis.

"Many residents feel that the police are assisting hostel dwellers in their attacks on residents," said Govender.

"Last month Peace Action received 18 calls from Luthuli Street residents. Besides attacks on certain houses, several people on the street were shot and killed.

"On March 16, three men sitting on a bench inside the hostel opened fire on a taxi outside Luthuli Street and several people were injured.

"The gunmen could be seen from the street and the incident was immediately reported to the police. However, no one came to investigate even though the police station lies only 200 meters away from where the incident took place.

"The following week we received reports that two unidentified people were found murdered in front of the houses across from the hostel.

"On April 6, Peace Action received another frantic call from a resident. She had attended a Civic meeting the night before where she spoke about the attacks on her and her neighbours.

"She reported that a woman, known as an Inkatha informer, was asking people for her address and she feared that her house would be attacked once again.

"On April 12, her worst fears were realised when her house and those of her neighbours were burnt."

Captain J Ludick of the Dobsonville police station, said plans were being made to protect Luthuli Street residents.

## Hostel dwellers, residents in violent clashes



**WAITING . . . Luthuli Street families live in fear. When will there be another attack on their homes?** ■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE



# The killers still stalk taxi rank

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By MONWABISI  
NOMADOLO

**POLICEMAN** Wellington Deyi – identified as the notorious “taxi-war hitman” – is dead, but the almost year-long Springs taxi war is far from over.

Taxi drivers believe Deyi was framed for the violence while the real culprits are still on the loose.

A group of drivers has called for the intervention of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry to help stop the violence.

Deyi was fatally shot by policemen in his bedroom during an early morning raid at his home in Kwa-Thema on Monday April 13 after he allegedly pointed a firearm at a policeman.

## ‘No firearm’

His family has denied that he had a firearm.

Police said they had a warrant for his arrest after he was implicated in an attempted murder involving a taxi vehicle.

So far, 33 people have been killed and more than 100 injured since war erupted between the Springs Taxi Association and the Sinamuve Long Distance Taxi Association.

East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber confirmed Deyi was shot by police after threatening them with a firearm.

“He was really a bad man,” Weber said, adding that he had been suspended from the force at the time of his death due to his alleged involvement with a gang which spread terror in the townships.

Weber said when Deyi was shot, police had a warrant for his arrest. This followed an incident in which he allegedly fired on a taxi from a car on the N17 freeway on April 11, injuring the driver and a passenger.

The spokesman said police had to force entry into Deyi’s house after he refused to open the door. Police had no option but to shoot after he pointed a firearm at them.

Police found a baby Browning pistol and another pistol allegedly stolen from police, he said.

However, Weber could not confirm that Deyi’s wife was also arrested by police and later released on R500 bail for possession of an illegal firearm.

## Scapegoat

Deyi had several cases against him allegedly involving murder and attempted murder.

Deyi was buried in the Transkei last weekend.

A taxi driver, who wished to remain anonymous for fear of his life, said police wanted to make Deyi a scapegoat now that he could not speak for himself.



# Trains boycott begins

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Soweto's trains were only 20 percent full early today as commuters heeded the call for a six-day train boycott to protest against the slaughter of Reef rail passengers.

The boycott call came from the ANC, SACP, PAC, Cosatu, Nactu, the Human Rights Commission, Civic Associations of the Transvaal and the SACC.

The Inkatha Freedom Party and the IFP-aligned United Workers' Union of SA urged their members to defy the boycott, saying they had not been consulted in its planning.

According to Spoornet figures, trains from Soweto carried only 20 percent of the usual passenger load early today. In Tembisa and Katlehong on the East Rand trains were less than half full.

The Tembisa, Limindlela and Leralla stations on the East Rand were virtually empty. Commuters jostled for buses and taxis.

Trains from Daveyton and the West Rand were apparently unaffected.

The boycott comes days after the Soweto Transport Services taxi association increased fares by as much as 70c for a trip from Soweto to Johannesburg.



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## EC ministers to visit SA

LISBON — Three EC foreign ministers will visit SA next month to discuss the spiral of violence among SA blacks and what is seen in Europe as rights abuses by police. 8/10am 4/5/92

The EC foreign ministers, who met in Guimaraes on Friday, agreed to send the foreign ministers of the Netherlands, Portugal and Britain to SA for talks with political leaders. Officials said the three ministers, whose nations represent the previous, current and next EC presidencies, will go to SA in the first week of June.

The mission, a Danish idea, is designed to "help lower the level of violence ... and install a more democratic system in SA," said French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas. — Sapa-AP.

## Unrest death toll soars in another violent weekend

POLICE reported at least 14 deaths in unrest over the long weekend — bringing the countrywide death toll since the start of the previous weekend to 68.

Sapa reports yesterday's official unrest report said bodies were found in several Reef townships.

In Alexandra, two men died of bullet wounds, one was stabbed to death and two men were wounded.

At Zonkezizwe squatter camp outside Katlehong on the East Rand, police found the body of a man who had been shot. The body of a black man who had been hacked to death was found at Thokoza, near Alberton.

A body was also found at Merafe station in Soweto while a man was injured when people fired at him at Inhlazane station, Soweto.

Reuter reports that at least eight people died in violence on Friday night.

Police listed 18 incidents in which the eight were killed and 30 others wounded. Some of the clashes were linked to May Day rallies.

Police said two people were thrown from a train near Germiston after being stabbed. Another man was

found shot at the wheel of his minibus in Imbali, near Maritzburg. 278

The remaining five were killed in Alexandra, Katlehong, Thokoza, Dube (Soweto) and Secunda.

In the previous six days, 54 people were killed.

Police were on alert in potential flashpoints to keep the peace between rival black groups staging May Day Rallies. Witnesses said most of the clashes and killings happened as rival supporters headed for home.

At several of the rallies, Cosatu leaders threatened a general strike if government did not meet its demand for an interim government by June.

□ Government on Thursday declared the Vanderbijlpark magisterial district, which includes violence-torn Sebokeng, an unrest area. Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said in the Government Gazette that measures additional to the ordinary law of the land were necessary to enable government to ensure the safety of the public and the maintenance of order.

Business Day Reporter



## Bishops blast 'jockeying for power'

Southern Africa's Anglican bishops yesterday warned of anarchy if violence was allowed to continue in South Africa, and called for the installation of an interim government.

They condemned in a statement what they called the jockeying for power at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

After a five-day synod that ended on Friday in Kempton Park, the bishops said the need for an interim government and elections for a representative constitution-making assembly "is far greater than the sometimes petty jockeying for power that is seen in Codesa".

Referring to the recent sentencing to death of former police captain Brian Mitchell for murdering 11 black people, the bishops said: "The Government's inadequate, half-hearted response to revelations in the trial exposes its incapacity to run a proper police force."

"We call on all parties to move urgently towards the establishment of an interim government."

They called on Codesa to work quickly towards setting up an international monitoring force to be present in situations of conflict.

The bishops, from Lesotho, Mozambique, South Africa and Swaziland, warned feuding political parties against placing all the blame for the violence on the Government.

"They have as much of a duty as the Government to look critically at themselves and their followers," the statement said.

They urged people to get involved at grassroots level in working for the implementation of the National Peace Accord, to play an active part in the political process and to promote a culture of tolerance. — Sapa.

# Policeman shot dead in Klipspruit

Staff Reporters

After a weekend marked by violent clashes between Reef township residents, hostel inmates and police since Workers' Day on Friday, the death toll stood at 15 this morning.

A policeman — Sergeant Raymond Maritz (24), stabbed in the eye and shot in the chest by a mob in Klipspruit, Soweto, after he shot dead a suspected drug dealer yesterday — was the latest victim of township violence.

Soweto police spokesman, Colonel Fanyana Zwane, said Sergeant Maritz, of the Soweto branch of the Narcotics Bureau, went to the Klipspruit squatter camp at about 11 am to arrest a man allegedly dealing in drugs.

After the suspect sold Sergeant Maritz dagga worth R20, the policeman tried to arrest the man. When the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed Sergeant Maritz in the eye, the policeman shot the man dead.

A large and aggressive crowd of residents gathered at the scene and Sergeant Maritz jumped in his car and tried to go for help.

Fear and impaired vision caused by blood flowing from his eye wound caused Sergeant Maritz to drive into a boulder.

The mob surrounded the car, pulled him out and a squatter fatally shot him in the chest.

Two policemen who later arrived on the scene were robbed of a shotgun and a pistol.

In other unrest-related inci-

dents, four people were killed at Dube Hostel and Merafe Station in Soweto on Saturday.

On Friday, three men died in Dobsonville, Soweto, in running battles between police, residents and hostel inmates.

Gun battles continued until mid-afternoon as Dobsonville Hostel inmates reportedly took pot shots at taunting youths.

According to the official police unrest report, three people were found dead in Alexandra township on Saturday. Two were shot and the other was stabbed, bringing the death toll in Alexandra to five since Friday.

Action by police in the area prevented what could have been a bloody sequel to an otherwise peaceful May Day rally after an angry mob tried to storm Madala Hostel, an Inkatha Freedom Party stronghold.

Baragwanath Hospital superintendent Dr Annamarie Richter said two people — victims of sharp-pointed ammunition — were certified dead on arrival Thursday morning. Sixteen other gunshot victims were being treated, Dr Richter said.

Three policemen — Lieutenant Andre Steenkamp, Constable Corbnelius Killian and Constable John Cave — were injured and later admitted to the Garden City Clinic.

In other violence on Saturday, a man was hacked to death at Tokoza on the East Rand, and another found shot dead at ZonkeZizwe, in the same area.

At Imbali, Maritzburg, the body of a man who had been shot was found slumped in his minibus on Friday.



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# Peacemakers or peacebreakers?



## How you get a chance to say your peace...

Sowetan is inviting its readers to use this page every Friday to talk peace, to suggest solutions and to celebrate peace efforts across the land. The focus of this page will be on peace. Write to the editor and talk peace. Our blood-soaked land needs your voice, your effort.

**BRIGADIER JAAP VENTER** has the appearance of an honest, non-nonsense cop.

A career policeman who has risen through the ranks, he heads the newly-created Internal Stability Unit charged with the onerous task of maintaining law and order in the strife-torn townships on the Reef. His "ops room" is at barracks across the "concrete" highway from Soweto.

His academic achievements, including a BA honours degree at Unisa, are displayed on his office wall.

The unit, whose members are drawn from the ranks of the SAP and who are given specialised training in unrest control, was established in January this year with the specific role of quelling the violence.

Venter is forthright about the role of the police in the violence.

"We find ourselves in the middle of conflict and crisis situations and in which we have to act against those doing wrong and protect those under attack.

"When things don't go the way of the party in the wrong, the easiest thing in the world is to use the police as a scapegoat."

It was not the policy of the police to take sides or take part in violence.

Venter responds angrily to allegations of police bias, brutality and active involvement in the violence.

"Look, all policemen are not angels. We have faults and are not always in the right."

The South African Police are often perceived as part of the problem rather than as part of the solution to the violence

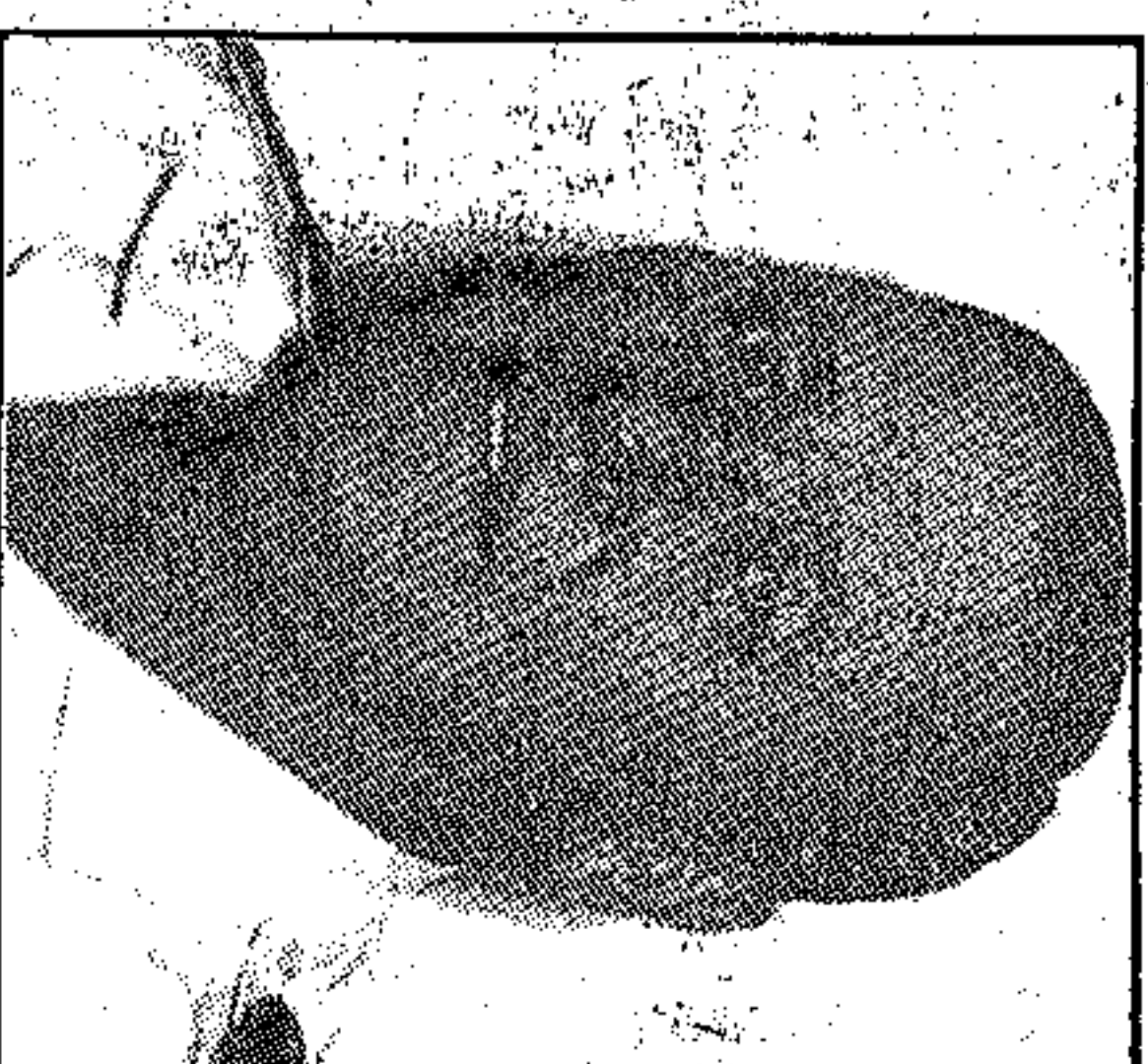
sweeping South Africa. The recent judgment in the Trust Feed trial, in which five policemen were convicted of 11 "third force" murders, has enhanced this perception.

But what are views of the police?

"We are like the meat patie in a hamburger, being eaten

from all sides", said Brigadier Jaap Venter (right), head of the PWV Internal Stability Unit.

He was interviewed by **MOEGSIEN WILLIAMS.**



"Where there have been cases where policemen overstepped the line, the SAP have taken prompt and effective action."

In an overwhelming number of cases, however, there were blatant attempts to besmirch the name of the police, he said.

Venter mentioned an incident in Sebokeng last weekend when a child was killed by gunmen in a shootout with the police.

"While it was apparent to all the eye-witnesses and the mother of the child who the culprits were, lies were soon spread in the township that the police were responsible.

"We get very little credit for the countless incidents we have prevented and lives that have been saved at the risk to our own lives."

### An extract from the Police Code of Conduct signed in terms of the National Peace Accord:

- The favour and approval of the public shall be sought by:
- Enforcing the law firmly, sensitively and with absolute and impartiality;
- Giving effective and friendly service to each individual, regardless of the political and religious belief, race, gender or ethnic origin;
- Reacting as quickly as possible to requests for help or services;
- Making personal sacrifices in order to save lives and;
- Encouraging police community relationships, and by promoting participation by the community."

He said the police had come to expect whatever they did would be criticised.

He said his unit's central problem was the lack of co-operation and the attitude of the community.

"How do you protect a community that is at all times telling you it doesn't

tion provided by the community."

Venter said "Rubbish" to allegations that the police were "scared" to enter hostels.

"We have raided hostels many times on the basis of information provided by informants and the public.

"It is also nonsense that the police are afraid of casualties when a decision has to be taken to raid the hostels.

"Injury and death are accepted as occupational hazards when you join the force."

Venter, who is a key member of Wits/Vaal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee, said he was proud that all members of the SAP had signed the Police Code of Conduct in terms of the National Peace Accord.

He said, however, the dispute resolution committees were having "teething problems" but could play a useful role in curbing the violence.

Venter refused to be drawn on political issues but said it was clear political parties were positioning themselves "with an eye on elections".

"Politicians must be mindful, however, that inflammatory statements have a definite effect on its supporters at grassroots level."

Venter said there were no "simplistic" reasons for the violence.

"They are rooted in a combination of factors like socio-economic conditions, high unemployment and crime, political intolerance and raised expectations.

"These require long-term solutions. "The police can offer only short-term solutions."



# Cops 'are aggressors'

So what 4/5/92

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**T**HE COMMUNITY Agency for Social Enquiry says that 23 percent of the incidents of violence on the Reef between July 1990 and July 1991 are attributable to the police.

In CASE's consolidated report, compiled by its deputy director, Dr David Everett, the aggressors were identified in a total of 601 instances of violence on the Reef.

The report claims that the Inkatha Freedom Party was the aggressor in 190 (51 percent) of the incidents and the SAP responsible for 84 (23 percent) incidents.

The IFP has issued its own study in which the aggressors were largely identified as members of the ANC or its aligned organisations.

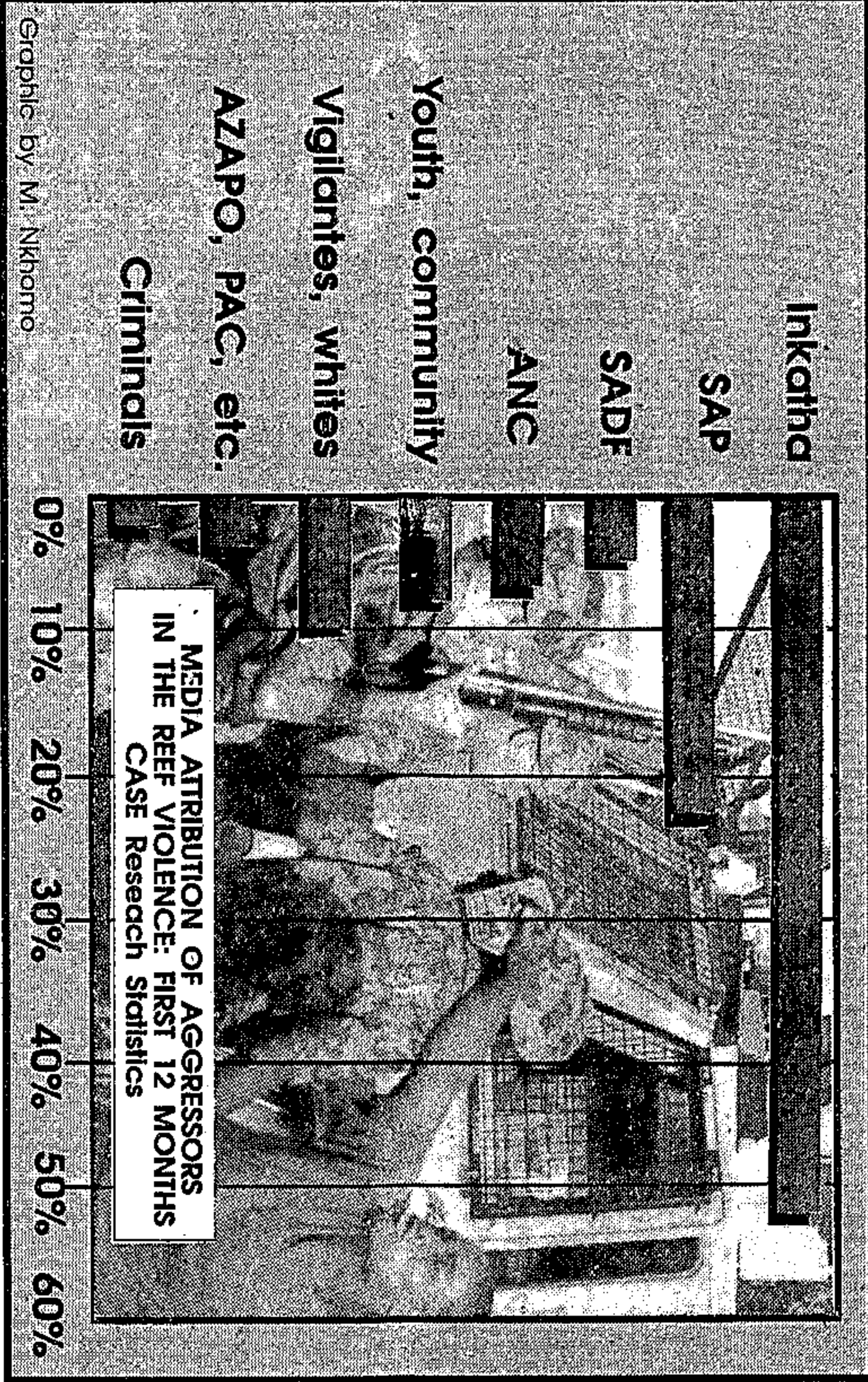
The police have also strongly dismissed findings blaming them for the violence.

The CASE report says "the two organisations have also been reported to act in collusion in acts of violence".

"Allegations of police bias, brutality and active participation in the violence have been made from the moment the violence began and have continued throughout the 12 and one third month under study here."

The report continues: "Complaints of police partially have been a

## SAP ranked number two by monitors



Graphic by M. Nkhomo

continuing companion of the Reef violence. The police response to allegations made against them is commonly a flat denial.

"They are joined in this by Government ministers and most recently the

State President, who rejected allegations against the SAP as "irresponsible, unfounded and unjustifiable".

The report says members of the SAP have, on occasion, been accused of "terrifying acts of brutality".

"In May 1991 the *Sunday Star* reported that the 18-year-old survivor of the Alexandra vigil massacre of March 1991, in which 15 people were killed, was allegedly taken by police to an Inkatha-controlled hostel."

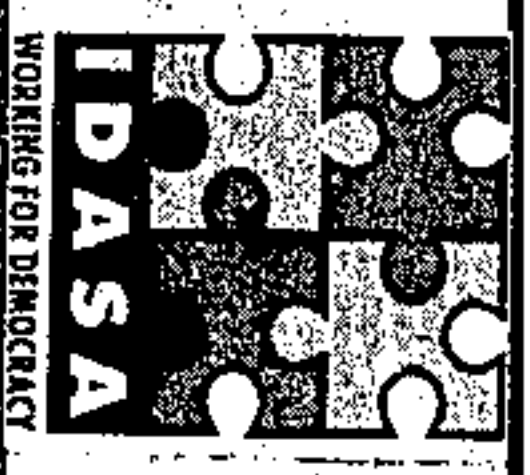
## Where they went wrong

Type of action	No. of Reports
Active participation in violence	42
Failure to disarm IFP	32
Escorting IFP to attack	25
Escorting IFP from attack	7
Escorting IFP and loot from attack	2
Assisting IFP in attack	17
Ignore IFP attack	17
Disrupt community (eg marches)	16
Attack community when counter-attacking IFP	12
Forewarned of IFP attack	9
no preventive action	9
Provide weapons for IFP	9
Assault	6
Collaborate with gangs	4
Theft	3
Destruction of property	3

Source: The Community Agency for Social Enquiry

"A panga was placed in his hands and the policemen present called to the hostel inmates: 'Here's a member of the ANC, come and get him.'"

"Fearing a trap, the inmates refused to act. The police claim to be investigating the allegation; no results have been published. The youth is receiving psychological treatment."



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# Policeman from car,

## Arrest bid brings police dead to 21

**The Argus Correspondent**

JOHANNESBURG. — The murder of a policeman has pushed to 21 the number of policemen killed on the Reef this year and the township death toll to at least 15 since Friday.

Sergeant Raymond Maritz, 24, was stabbed in the eye and shot three times in the chest by a mob of angry residents after he shot dead a suspected drug dealer.

Police spokesman Colonel Fanyana Zwane said Sergeant Maritz, a member of the Soweto branch of the Narcotics Bureau, went to the Klipspruit squatter camp about 11am to arrest a man allegedly dealing in drugs.

After the suspect sold Sergeant Maritz dagga worth R20, the policeman tried to arrest him.

When the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed Sergeant Maritz in the eye, the policeman shot the man dead.

A large and aggressive crowd of residents gathered and Sergeant Maritz jumped in his car and tried to drive off.

With blood flowing from his eye wound Sergeant Maritz drove into a boulder, Colonel Zwane said.

The shouting mob surrounded the car, pulled the policeman out and a squatter shot him in the chest.

Two policemen who arrived on the scene later were robbed of a shotgun and a pistol.

Sergeant Maritz was taken to hospital, where he died.

In further unrest-related incidents, four people were killed at Dube hostel and Merafe station in Soweto on Saturday. On Friday three men died in Dobsonville in running battles between residents and hostel inmates.

According to the official police unrest report, three people were found dead in Alexandra township, outside Sandton, on Saturday. Two were shot and the other stabbed to death, bringing the death toll in Alexandra to five since Workers' Day on Friday.

In other violence on Saturday, a man was hacked to death at Thokoza on the East Rand, and another was found shot dead at Zonkezizwe, in the same area.

At Imbali, Maritzburg, the body of a man who had been shot was found slumped in his minibus on Friday.

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## VIOLENCE

# A menacing quiet in a dark city

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The Soweto townships of Meadowlands, Mzimhlophe and Killarney are in the frontline. Their proximity to Meadowlands Hostel means they are in the middle of a "war zone" where hostel dwellers battle "defence units". Sowetan reporter **RUTH BHENGU** spent a night with a "war zone" family:

**W**HEN I revisited Mzimhlophe, city of light, last week I was shocked by the changes.

Driving through the township at night one can feel the menace in the darkness. It is almost eerie.

Speaking to the residents one can understand why.

This bruised community has experienced horrific violence in recent months as hostel dwellers and residents tried their damndest to annihilate each other.

Death and destruction have become commonplace.

Children can play in the dusty streets and ignore bomb blasts a few blocks away. During a "quiet" period two or three people might die and several houses get either bombed or looted.

Residents will assure you, however, that it's a "quiet" period, things are not so bad.

This picture is a far cry from the Mzimhlophe I had known. I had spent many uproarious nights in this township. I had attended parties where we danced until late at night.

Then the floodlights which were dubbed "Apollons" would turn the darkest night into broad daylight and every weekend a carnival-like atmosphere prevailed.

It was funereal when I returned there last Wednesday night.

I knew about the shooting, bombing and burning. I had read the statistics on death and injuries. But I had a feeling there was something else. Something not even other Soweto residents, let

alone the whole world, knew.

My host, Manini, had told me that it was quiet. She had also warned me to come before 6pm while it was still light. After work everyone hurries home and locks the doors.

Finding the house I was going to spend the night in was difficult because of the darkness. My colleagues were not too pleased with me at all for exposing them to danger.

Asking for directions in the dark and almost deserted streets of Mzimhlophe at night is like playing Russian roulette.

A sniper could take a pot shot at you and disappear into the dark. Anybody you approach looks as if he is about to bolt.

The two guys we met three houses from the one we were looking for were uneasy. They warned me never to do this again if I valued my life.

I later discovered that they were members of the defence units. Every able-bodied man is expected to go and keep guard at the border of the township and fend off attackers. But it is the youth who seem to have the guts to do this task.

At a residents' meeting called by the local civic association a few days before I had met several young men, mostly under 20, who were disgruntled that there were always the same people volunteering for defence duty.

Although the residents speak highly of them and have confidence in their ability to defend the townships, my heart went out for these young men, some of

whom were mere children.

The strain caused by lack of sleep and fear could not be disguised.

There was also the matter of the five youths who were arrested when they were found with a number of arms. They were out on bail of R300 each and money was needed for their defence.

*What worries me is that we are hoping that when all this is over the children who have been involved in this war will settle down and be normal again. But will they really?*

My host who had seen me through the window led me into the dark house. She held my hand and gently led me into the bedroom where the only source of light was a portable black and white television set.

Her mother and a teenage nephew and an eight-year-old niece were sitting around the bed watching a movie. The family had already had their supper but Manini had waited for me. So we had ours under TV light.

We talked about what it was like

living under such conditions. My host family talked about the hardships that the violence has brought about. The fact that those who used to travel to work by train have to leave home one and a half hours earlier because the taxis cannot cope with the number of passengers.

Nobody really knows the source of the rumour but people have since taken to locking their doors during the day.

"I used to leave at 7.30am to be in time for work at 8.30", says Manini, who works at Wits University as a secretary. "Now I have to leave at 6.30."

"There are so many things that have changed. There are areas that we can't go into in the same township. We have to be in-doors at a certain time. You can't have visitors in the evening.

"We cannot even see our boyfriends unless we meet them in town or other townships. Nobody wants to take the risk of driving through this place once it's dark.

"But that's really trivial stuff if you think about the women who have had to make really difficult choices. Some township women who had boyfriends in the hostel have had to either go and stay there or give them up.

Manini's mother is fondly known as Ous A. She is a retired nursing sister. She has been living in Mzimhlophe since the early fifties, before the hostel was built.

"This used to be one of the most peaceful townships," she recalls. "We had no gangsters, no vigilantes and no

## The steps to violence

**January 20** Two choir members Victor Mabuse (20) and Johannes Sekwele (22) died in a revenge attack by hostel dwellers.

**January 27** A 28-year-old man killed and four people injured in a bombing. It was one of the five bombings.

**February 9** Eight people killed, 18 injured and 12 houses set alight.

**March 13** By this date reports from various sources showed that more than 450 people had been killed on the Reef.

**March 15** Two women killed and six men injured.

**March 16** Eight people including a three-year-old and three newsmen were fired at with birdshot in Meadowlands during clashes between residents and hostel dwellers.

**March 17** Six died, 15 injured.

**March 30** One person killed and three men injured at the hostel. In another incident 19 injured and one person killed when two hand-grenades are thrown into a group of commuters waiting for a taxi along Vincent Road.

- According to the Human Rights Commission March was the bloodiest month since violence began in 1990.
- A total of 372 people died and 770 injured nationwide between on March 1 and 30.
- Three weeks after the announcement of the referendum 206 died in the Transvaal according to the Institute of Race Relations Survey for 91/92.
- The number was almost double the figure for 21 days before the announcement.

troubles. Everyone knew their neighbours and cared for them."

As we prepare to go to bed we pray. The youngest member of the family who tries to wriggle out of it by pretending to be asleep eventually gives up and gets down on her knees. We thank God for another "quiet" day.

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**Tomorrow — we visit Meadowlands hostel**



# 'Battalion is not barbaric'

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Members of 32 Battalion, accused of having murdered, raped and assaulted Phola Park squatters on the East Rand, were not barbarians and were not capable of such acts, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

The officer commanding the platoon on April 8 when the incidents allegedly took place, Captain Mark Hermansen, said the accusations were an exaggeration to discredit 32 Battalion.

Residents claimed that on the night of April 8, members of 32 Battalion murdered two people, raped three women, assaulted 47 people and were involved in four cases of malicious damage to property and two cases of theft.

Captain Hermansen said the troops involved did not have the opportunity to commit such acts and the measure of discipline among them would have prevented such acts. He did concede that members of the battalion had been found guilty in the past in disciplinary

hearings unrelated to the Phola Park incident.

He said on the day in question several faction fights and other incidents of violence had taken place which could have been the cause of the residents' injuries.

"Who says the same people who were injured are not involved in the campaign against us? I am not even sure if you will find any injuries under all those bandages if you take them off."

The officer who was in command of the two platoons at the scene, Lieutenant Frederik Hendrik Ras, testified that on the night in question 32 Battalion had come under heavy automatic rifle fire, and in the process a sergeant was wounded.

Lieutenant Ras said he saw no violence except for what he termed incidents of "heavy handedness". These included a resident being pulled by his clothes after he ran into a soldier, a resident being tackled when he tried to run away and a resident being forced to allow a search of his person. — Sapa



# Commuters boycott trains

REEF train occupancy levels plummeted yesterday at the start of a six-day boycott in protest against train violence.

Soweto services operated at between 15% and 20% of normal levels and most trains on other lines were less than half full. Police said there were no reported incidents of boycott-related violence.

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation said passenger numbers dropped to 50% of normal load yesterday morning on the Germiston-Katlehong route and to 40% on the Tembisa line. However, on the Daveyton line on the East Rand, trains were full. A corporation spokesman said train occupancy levels last night remained low.

The train boycott was called to protest against unrest on trains and to support demands for improved security measures

GAVIN DU VENAGE  
and KARIN FRANKEN

on trains and stations.

A Spoornet spokesman said the West Rand was largely unaffected by the boycott. Sabta and Putco spokesmen said their services had transported between 10% and 50% more commuters.

Spokesman for the steering committee on train violence, Tokyo Sexwale, said yesterday "the mood of people participating in the boycott is very positive, despite the high cost of alternative transport". He urged employers to take "a reasonable attitude" to workers arriving late.

SAP spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni said the boycott was "quiet".

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## Boycott

However, police reported 17 unrest-related deaths, mostly in Natal. In one incident five people were injured when four men dressed in blue overalls opened fire on vendors waiting to board a train near Umkomaas on the south coast early yesterday, Sapa reports.

Four policemen were injured and two of their assailants killed when police drove into an apparent ambush at Umgababa on the south coast. In other unrest in the region, four people were shot dead in separate incidents at Folweni and Mpusheni.

Police also reported yesterday that seven people died in faction fighting at Harding in southern Natal on Sunday. Another four died in unrest on the Reef on Sunday.

□ Twenty-six ANC Women's League members began an indefinite sit-in at a Maritzburg police station yesterday to demand the withdrawal of riot police, 32 Battalion soldiers and KwaZulu police from Imbali township. The protesters were part of a group of about 5 000 Imbali women who marched through the city to protest against alleged bias by the soldiers and riot police in the township.

□ The Goldstone commission of inquiry into violence was told yesterday members of 32 Battalion, accused of having assaulted, raped and murdered residents of the Phola Park squatter settlement on the East Rand, were not barbarians and were

not capable of such acts.

Capt Mark Hermansen, the officer commanding the battalion on April 8 when the incidents allegedly took place, said the troops involved did not have the opportunity to commit such acts, and the measure of discipline among them would have prevented such acts.

Residents claimed that members of 32 Battalion murdered two people, raped three women, assaulted 47 people and were involved in four cases of malicious damage to property and two cases of theft.

Lt Frederik Hendrik Ras, the officer in command of the two platoons at the scene of the incident, testified that on the night in question 32 Battalion had come under heavy automatic rifle fire and a sergeant was wounded.

After the attack he arranged a sweeping line to establish if there were any wounded in the settlement and to search for firearms. The sweeping line was 150m wide and the 60 members of 32 Battalion involved were about 2m apart. During the sweep several houses were broken open and a search conducted in a shop.

Ras said he saw no violence, except for what he termed incidents of "heavy-handedness", which could be justified in the light of the fact that his troops had come under fire.

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# 'I watched people's court killing'

By Philip Zoio **STAR** 5/5/92

A Vosloorus woman yesterday told the Rand Supreme Court how members of a Katlehong "people's court" carried out a decision to kill two youths by hacking them with pangas and setting one alight.

Leticia Hlahane, testifying at the trial of 16 Katlehong residents on three charges of kidnapping and two of murder, said that on December 26 1990 a group of men armed with pangas arrived in Vosloorus.

They chased a group of youths and returned with John Mashilo Tshabalala and Bhuti Windstone Mokoena, whom they assaulted, bound with wire and threw into a Toyota bakkie, Ms Hlahane said.

Travelling with a neighbour, Ms Hlahane followed the bakkie

to Freedom Square in Katlehong, where the youths had been locked in a garage.

The group had gathered outside to discuss their fate, Ms Hlahane said. She did not observe who then said the two youths had to be killed.

A third youth, also allegedly kidnapped by the group, was set free. Mashilo and Bhuti were brought out and Phillip Mashinini (30), Hendry Tsoane (37) and a 16-year-old youth began to hack at Mashilo with pangas, Ms Hlahane said.

Mashilo fell on the tar road. His attackers continued hacking at him, Ms Hlahane said.

David Motsweni (18) had then brought a bottle of petrol, which he threw over Mashilo. Albert Khumalo (26) set him alight, Ms Hlahane said.

The group had then turned

their attentions to Bhuti, who had been assaulted and already lost consciousness. The 16-year-old youth had taken a large concrete slab and dropped it on Bhuti's head. He had then turned Bhuti on his back and said: "This dog is not yet dead."

Bhuti died in Natalspruit Hospital on January 7.

Mr Mashinini, Mr Khumalo, Mr Motsweni, Mr Tsoane, Solomon Radebe (44), Walter Selombo (21), Chabedi Makae (18), Griffiths Moletsane (23), Samuel Nhlapo (21) Victor Mapeka (28), Abram Madlala (18), Lawrence Motsamai (19), Johannes Makae (22), Hendrik Maneybody (18), Simon Mathe (18) and the 16-year-old, all of the Motloung district of Katlehong, have pleaded not guilty.

The hearing continues.



## Man injured by unknown gunmen

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A 29-year-old man was shot and seriously injured in Soweto last night when a number of unknown men armed with AK-47 rifles fired at a shack on an Orlando West property. (278)

The unknown men entered the yard of house number 5907

in Orlando West at about 7.15 pm, firing several shots at the shack. The injured man was hit in the head and admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

His name can not be released until his next-of-kin has been informed. — Staff Reporter.



# In-fighting could sink Alex forum

By Anna Cox (218)

A row between squabbling Alexandra organisations could torpedo the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF).

Many organisations have threatened to boycott any decisions taken by the NJNF as only the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) has representation on the NJNF, which they feel does not

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speak for them.

As a result, a new umbrella organisation, the Alexandra United Forum (AUF), has been formed.

Members include the Alexandra Land and Property Owners Association (Alpoa); Alexandra Taxi Association; Alexandra Chamber of Commerce; East Bank Residents Committee; Alexandra Builders Association; Alexandra

Civic Association; Women for Peace; the Alexandra, Randburg, Midrand and Sandton Taxi Association; Azapo; the PAC; the IFP; and the Ministers Fraternal Council.

AUF spokesman Jacob Segopa said the ACO represented only shack dwellers and not the middle-class people who had been there for three generations.

Alpoa executive member Darkiy Rametsi said: "The ACO does not represent the people of Alexandra and has therefore no right to negotiate on our behalf."

"The ACO has lost a lot of support in the township," Mr Rametsi added.

NJNF chairman Peter Gardiner said the ACO represented the majority of Alexandra residents.



# Big stay-away in train protest

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JOHANNESBURG. — Soweto trains carried between nought and 15% of their normal passenger load yesterday as thousands of commuters heeded the call for a six-day train boycott to protest at ongoing attacks on Reef passengers.

This was confirmed by rail transporter Spoornet.

Soweto commuters have been the most affected by the train violence, in which more than 130 people have already been murdered this year.

Passenger numbers dropped to 50% of the usual load on the Germiston-Katlehong route and to 40% on the Tembisa line, according to Spoornet. However, coaches were full on the Daveyton line on the East Rand.

A Spoornet spokesman said the West Rand was largely unaffected by the boycott, and although the southern side of Johannesburg was not really monitored, trains from Ennerdale township were down to about 15% of their usual load.

The South African Black Taxi Association said there was an increase in taxi passengers needing transport from Soweto and from other areas heeding the boycott call.

## Sowetans boycott on violence

With the "avalanche of passengers", some drivers ignored regulations in an effort to "kill the rush", a Sabta spokesman said.

Sabta had however warned its members "not to be euphoric about the train boycott", the spokesman said: A boycott against taxi operators could be just as successful.

The association could not move additional taxis into those areas affected by the protest action, as there were no more vehicles available.

Putco said that from rough estimates made of ticket coupons, there had been about a 5% increase in passenger numbers yesterday morning.

The company had laid on 20 extra buses, but only nine had been used, predominantly in Soweto.

● The boycott call came from the SA

Council of Churches, Human Rights Commission, African National Congress and SA Communist Party, Pan-Africanist Congress, labour federations Cosatu and Nactu and the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal.

The Inkatha Freedom Party urged its members to defy the boycott, saying its leaders had not been consulted.

Inkatha expects the boycott of train services on the Reef to fizzle out after two or three days rather than continue for the six days called for by the ANC, the SA Council of Churches and others.

Inkatha central committee member Mr Themba Khoza said last night that commuters began returning to trains to go home to Soweto yesterday afternoon, and that the boycott was largely ignored in Pretoria.

● Goldstone Commission inquiries into violence on trains, and into violence in Alexandra, Soweto and Vaal triangle townships, were to resume in Pretoria today.

A hearing on trains violence was yesterday postponed to today so that counsel for the South African Police could provide evidence on the subject to other interested parties. — Sapa





COPPED . . . a youth is held by a camouflaged police officer in Dobsonville on Friday during Workers' Day unrest  
Picture: JOE SEFALE

## Violence on the line

AT LEAST seven people died and 30 were injured in townships in Workers' Day violence, bringing the week's death toll in the unrest to more than 60.

The bodies of three people were found near railway stations on the Witwatersrand after being stabbed and hurled from speeding trains.

Police said two men were killed and at least one was seriously injured in a shooting in Alexandra township.

The attack took place in an area dubbed

"Beirut" and controlled by the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP).

Yesterday Dobsonville in Soweto smouldered uneasily after residents and hostel dwellers clashed repeatedly on Friday. At least two people were killed and three policemen injured in running battles.

Witnesses said hostel inmates began sniping at Dobsonville residents before dawn and police patrols came under fire while trying to keep the two groups apart.



# Train boycotters turn screw

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## The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The train boycott to protest against the continuing slaughter of Reef passengers strengthened its grip today, with some peak-period early morning trains running at just 10 percent occupancy.

And with taxis doing a roaring trade, some commuters accused taxi owners of cashing in on the train boycott. Taxi fares rose as much as 70 percent just three days before the protest began.

An elderly man at one station said although he was "100 percent" behind the boycott, he couldn't join it for economic reasons.

His weekly train ticket to Inhlazane station costs only R8,20, while the bus costs a whopping R20 and the taxi R6 daily.

According to Spoornet statistics, trains

running from Soweto, which has borne the brunt of the violence, were 10 percent full today, compared with 20 percent occupancy yesterday morning, the first day of the six-day boycott.

The boycott, scheduled to last until Saturday, was called for by the ANC, SACP, PAC, Cosatu, Nactu, the Human Rights Commission, Civic Associations of the Transvaal and the SACC.

According to the HRC's latest reports, the number of people killed in train attacks during the first three months of this year outstrips the combined figure for the whole of 1990 and 1991, when 97 people died.

More than 130 people have already been murdered on Reef trains this year.

The Inkatha Freedom Party and the IFP-aligned United Workers Union of South Africa have urged members to defy the boycott.



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**16 men  
charged  
with <sup>278</sup>  
murder**

**By SONTI MASEKO**

SIXTEEN men, including a youth, appeared in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday on charges of murdering two men, one of whom was allegedly set alight in Katlehong in 1990.

They have pleaded not guilty before Mr JC Labuschagne to two charges of murder and three of kidnapping.

The accused are Mr Phillip Mashinini (30), Mr Solomon Radebe (44), Mr Albert Khumalo (26), Mr Walter Selombo (21), Mr Chabedi Makae (18), Mr David Motsweni (18), Mr Henry Tsoane (37), Mr Griffiths Moletsane (23), Mr Samuel Nhlapho (21), Mr Victor Mapeka (28), Mr Abram Madlala (18), Mr Lawrence Motsamai (19), Mr Johannes Makae (22), Mr Hendrik Maneybody (18), Mr Simon Mathe (18) and a 16-year-old youth.

They are alleged to have kidnapped Mr Oupa Selepe, Mr Mashilo Tshabalala and Mr Buti Mokoena on December 26 1990 and took them to a house in Motloung Section where they were assaulted.

Tshabalala was allegedly doused with petrol and set alight. Mokoena, who was allegedly hacked with pangas, died in hospital on January 7 last year.

Selepe, who survived the attack, told the court he and the two dead men were kidnapped by a group of about 40 panga-wielding men who forced them into a van.

He said their captors locked them up in a garage while they held a meeting to discuss their fate.





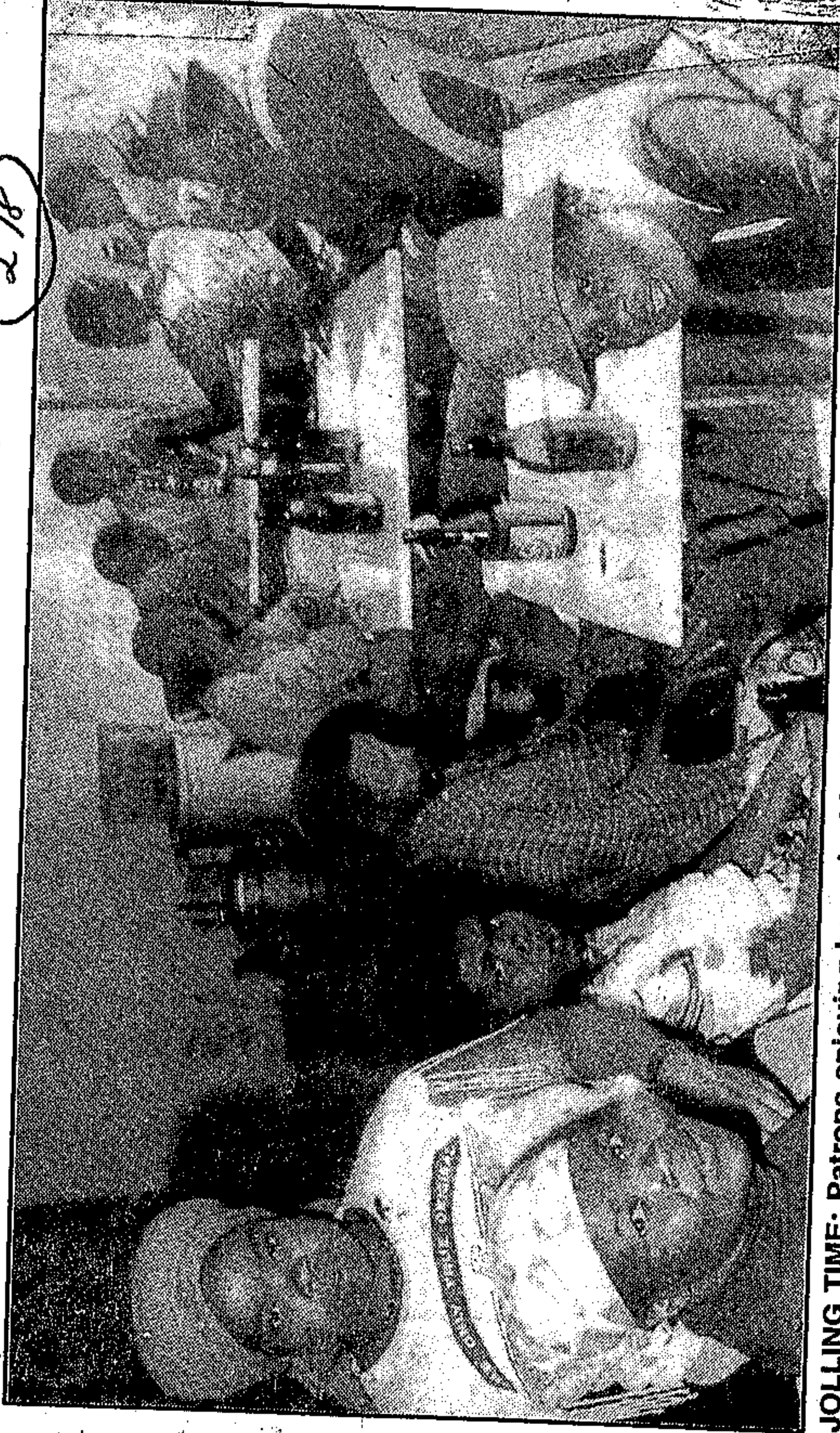
# Despite all people are

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The word "hostel" often conjures up images of violence. But after spending a day at Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto **ABBEY MAKOE** discovered that despite all the scare stories about the hostels, the people living there are also human. **MBUZENI ZULU** took the pictures:

## This is home to thousands

**Population** About 4000  
**Political affiliation** Inkatha  
**Number of children** Estimated at 1000  
**Number of the unemployed** Estimated at 1,500  
 Source: Humphrey Ndlovu, IFP's Transvaal leader



**JOLLING TIME:** Patrons enjoying beers inside the only tavern in Meadowlands Hostel. The women came to Johannesburg to be with their men.

**L**IFE IN Meadowlands Hostel is not at all easy. It is a constant battle to rise above the squalor and filth.

"The residents are actually trying hard to turn poison into medicine," lamented one hostel dweller. As I walked around the hostel I wondered how anybody could be expected to cope with living under such conditions.

For, how does one come to grips with the stench emanating from dirty rows of toilets with no doors and no privacy?

Outside, many men basked in the sun drinking sorghum beer and chatting nostalgically about families in Natal. Children, who should be at school or creche, play around nonchalantly.

As photographer Mbuseni Zulu and I approached them, many pairs of curious eyes stared at us.

They seemed to be asking: Who are these strangers?

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# the horror living here

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When we identified ourselves as Sowetan journalists all were eager to talk to us - "to give their side of the story".

Men, women and children complain about amazambane, Zulu for potatoes. Amazambane is a hostel term for a hand-grenade.

It is believed that the first time township residents threw a hand-grenade at the hostel, dwellers thought it was a potato, until it exploded.

The more we listened, the more it became obvious that fear plays a big part in their lives. Fear of township taxis, fear of strangers, fear of more "amazambane", ...

## People who love life

But, in spite of what I saw, the people inside the hostel say they love life.

There are a string of shops, including restaurants, inside the hostel and a huge pub which was filled to capacity as early as 11am. A group of men stands guard at the main entrance, watching every visitor coming into the hostel.

The shops sell almost everything one finds in huge supermarkets in the city.

Unemployed dwellers say they walk around the hostel fence day and night, ready to quell potential attacks.

They bitterly blamed the police for confiscating their "traditional weapons" in a recent swoop, saying the same was not done to the township residents.

Heavily-built shebeen king Bofa Mbongwe (42) is also happy with hostel life. He came to the hostel in 1974 after leaving his home in Ladysmith, Natal. He shares his room with his wife and niece, whose father was killed during violence in 1988.

"As in the townships, I thought we too had to stop relying on outsiders (township residents) for entertainment," said Mbongwe, pointing to a large quantity of empty beer bottles.

Nonhlanhla Ngubane (22) looks twice her age. She left her Maritzburg, Natal, home at the age of 11, she said. She could not disguise her dislike for township residents.

"They treat us like animals just because

*I am an ordinary man. Go speak to politicians. But if you can, please bring me some food, sometimes ?*

CAIPHUS HLABESA

Caiphus Hlabesa (54) is unemployed, bitter and now that he is ready and willing to die, his only wish is to be buried at his birthplace, Nkandla, Natal.

He is not a member of Inkatha and has no interest in politics.

His wife divorced him some years ago, fleeing with their three children. He has not seen them again. Among his belongings in a tiny corner he calls a bedroom, is a lumber jacket, a grey shirt and a jacket. No trousers can be seen.

The string of questions disturbs him so he retorts: "I am an ordinary man. Go speak to politicians. But if you can, please bring me some food, sometimes."

**Tomorrow — we speak to the hostel leaders**



*‘They treat us like animals just because we are Zulus. They will live to regret it 9*



NONHLANHLA NGUBANE

*‘When we launch retaliatory attacks, we run over everyone and anything 9*



THEMBINKOSI BIYELA



IVY HLATSHWAYO: One of the many women cooking for boyfriends or husbands with whom they live in the hostel.



# ANC-SACP go to trouble spots

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By Montshiwa Moroke

A combined delegation of the ANC and SACP, accompanied by civic association members, yesterday visited the troubled Soweto townships of Meadowlands, Dobsonville and Killarney to talk to residents.

The delegation was led by ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale, SACP secretary-general Chris Hani, his assistant Charles Nqakula, and Lindiwe Maseko, secretary-general of the ANC PWV Women's League.

Mr Hani told Killarney residents that the violence was State-orchestrated and those who were attacking residents had been poisoned by apartheid.

"These people have been told the ANC is bad and have been used as cannon fodder. They have been used and made to fight their own people. They are nothing but bandits and act like Renamo," he said.

Mr Sexwale said the violence was being directed by the Government and therefore it was important to remove the present Government from power.

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Residents in those areas told the delegation that for months they had been unable to sleep at night and their children had been unable to go to school.

They demanded the hostels' destruction and accused the police of turning a blind eye.

Earlier, Meadowlands hostel residents were outraged after a pensioner was stabbed in the neck and abdomen by youths allegedly from Killarney.

Richard Dibetsoe (67), who stays in the hostel, was waiting for a taxi along Vincent Road, at about 9.30 am, when the attack occurred.

He was taken to hospital by ambulance nearly an hour after lying bleeding and writhing in pain in front of his room.

Residents also complained that their children had stopped attending school at Meadowlands, Mzimhlophe and Killarney. They said they had been waylaid while boarding and alighting from taxis.

"How can those children do this to someone who is as old as their grandfathers?" a resident asked.



# Probe hears of hostel violence

By Peter Wellman

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Evidence of violence centred on Inkatha-supporting hostels around Johannesburg dominated yesterday's hearing of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry in Pretoria.

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The evidence, which is yet to be tested, will be challenged later. What the commission was doing was simply listening.

The purpose was to get an overview of violence in three areas — Alexandra, Greater Soweto and the Vaal Triangle — and then to decide how best to investigate it.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone explained when proceedings began at 10 am: an overview would be provided by "knowledgeable persons about violence in any particular area on a report basis ... (the process) is not inquisitorial or adversarial. When we have established what the issues are, we frame terms of reference relevant to a particular area."

Yesterday's business was not an inquiry in which the commission would make decisions or a finding, he explained.

As with an earlier hearing about 32 Battalion and Phola Park squatter camp residents, the initial hearing would not include cross-examination; people were free to give evidence as partisans; and the commission was open to suggestions on lines of inquiry.

A legal source said yesterday that this approach democratised the whole concept of a judicial commission of inquiry, while the commission retained its independence.

Obed Bapela, ANC branch secretary in Alexandra, spoke of the violence in March, April and August last year and this year. Each of these flare-ups had been preceded by a massing of Inkatha members in the hostels in Alexandra, he said.

He supplied details on some of the 9 000 people he estimated had been uprooted by the violence, including people living near Madala hostel in Alexandra whose homes had been taken over by Inkatha supporters. The commission ordered that their identities be kept secret until it was established whether they would give evidence under the protection of the commission.

"We are strongly of the view that traditional and cultural weapons are extremely dangerous ... if the men in the hostels were to be disarmed, further bloodshed could be avoided."

## Opposed

Mr Bapela also said: "We are strongly opposed to the notion of any particular area being declared exclusive to any political organisation."

Max Mosselman, instructed by the IFP on behalf of Alexandra hostel dwellers, did not enter a written submission.

He agreed with a suggestion that the area needed a local peace accord, but said negotiation and agreement were more important than recrimination.

Judge Goldstone interjected: "Assuming the allegations on behalf of the ANC are correct, and people had left their homes because of victimisation, must the commission not investigate, and right those wrongs?"

Mr Mosselman replied: "Rather the matter was discussed and negotiated. Hostel dwellers were displaced, too. We need the co-operation of all parties involved."

The Rev Liz Carmichael, of

the Alexandra Interim Crisis Committee, did not appear, but wrote in an eloquent submission: "It does appear to me that the IFP has made an effort to gain an area in and around the M1 (Madala) hostel where it will be certain of a block of votes, rather than to run a political campaign of a more conventional kind."

"... I do not mean to exonerate any other group. Extortion and intimidation does seem to have been practised, and in some form or other continues to be practised, by various civic and political bodies."

"... But I note, in the open attitude of the IFP in particular, a marked tendency to speak of 'our strongpoint' and 'our area' and to defend it."

She proposed a local peace accord, policing, upgrading and new housing to replace the hostel.

A police submission, read by Captain A G Brits of Kew, said the violence was a result of an ANC-IFP power struggle, and that the SAP had been in the forefront of peace moves.

The Rev Peter Moerane of the Vaal Council of Churches, and the ANC's Floyd Mashele, gave overviews of the Vaal Triangle and Greater Soweto.

They strongly linked hostels to violence, and a thread criticising the police was present in both submissions.

The commission was urged to find ways of getting police to search hostels and confiscate weapons more often.

This stung Colonel Alexander Stapelberg, commanding the Soweto Stability Unit, to take the stand and say several allegations against the police were simply not true, and that the police were doing their best.

Mr Justice Goldstone said the investigation would continue when a decision on what to do next was announced. This would be done as a matter of urgency.



## E Rand trains: '48 die in 10 months'

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PRETORIA. — Violence on trains in the Germiston area claimed the lives of 48 people, and 52 were injured from July 1 last year to April 27 this year, a Goldstone Commission committee chaired by Mr Gert Steyn heard here yesterday.

Sergeant Paul Jansen Oosthuizen of the unrest investigating unit in Katlehong told the committee investigating violence on trains that the dead and injured included commuters thrown from moving trains and those killed inside trains.

He said that between July 1 last year and April 1, 1992, 27 violent crimes on trains and nine on stations had been reported by commuters.

Sergeant Oosthuizen said witnesses in most of the cases claimed they were attacked by men armed with AK-47 rifles and other dangerous weapons, wearing red bands and speaking Zulu.

He said that on January 27 this year a witness pointed out five men said to have taken part in attacks on commuters. The men were arrested.



# More buses needed as Reef trains stay empty

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JOHANNESBURG. —

About 20 extra buses were laid on by Putco to deal with an increase of between 40% and 50% in the number of Soweto passengers as the Reef train boycott entered its second day yesterday.

And a Spoornet spokesman said train occupancy dropped as low as 10% during the day, although the normally-empty trains which left between 4am and 5.30am had been nearly 85% full.

The same pattern occurred on the Vereeniging line, although trains travelling the Daveyton line were about 70% full during peak hours.

A spokesman for Putco said that in comparison with Monday, when passenger numbers rose by about 5%, the increase yesterday was between 30% and 40%.

Boycotters claim authorities have not taken enough action to prevent

## Man killed with AK-47

PRETORIA. — A man was killed when unknown assailants opened fire with AK-47 rifle on his vehicle in Kwa-Thema near Springs on Monday.

The body of a man with bullet wounds was found at Dobsonville hostel, the scene of a confrontation between residents, hostel dwellers and police last Friday.

Shots were fired at a commuter train between Braamfontein and Springs stations around 7am yesterday, according to police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke.

WO Pieke said this was the first shooting incident involving a train on Witwatersrand routes, except Soweto, so far this week. — Sapa

violent attacks on train commuters. More than 130 people have died in train attacks this year.

The Train Boycott Steering Committee said yesterday attempts would be made today to persuade Soweto taxi operators to lower their fares.

It said the Randfontein Taxi Owners Association had decided to reduce its fare by 20% to R4. — Sapa



# IFP under fire at violence hearing

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# It's peace

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## FOCUS ON



## VIOLENCE

Two hostel leaders differ about the on-going violence. Give peace a chance, says one. No, it's war, says the other. **ABBEY MAKOE** spoke to them and went back to Meadowlands Hostel yesterday in the wake of yet another grenade attack.

**M**R RONNIE MPANDE (63) was going to collect his pension yesterday. He did not get there.

Instead he collected five stab wounds after an encounter with four youths when he crossed Vincent Road, the boundary between Meadowlands township and the hostel where he lives.

The youths stabbed Mpande twice in the throat, once in the back and twice in the stomach.

His neighbour, Mrs Lizzy Ndima, ran to assist with first aid but was shot at. She was lucky to escape unharmed.

By late yesterday, many old people

inside the hostel could not leave the premises to collect their monthly pensions. They live on the side of the hostel adjacent to "Death Road", as Vincent Road has come to be known.

Pangas, knives, handgrenades, spears, iron bars and guns are the normal weapons in the on-going battles between Meadowlands Hostel dwellers and residents of Kilarney, Mzimhlophe and Meadowlands townships.

Pensioners on both sides are now caught in the crossfire.

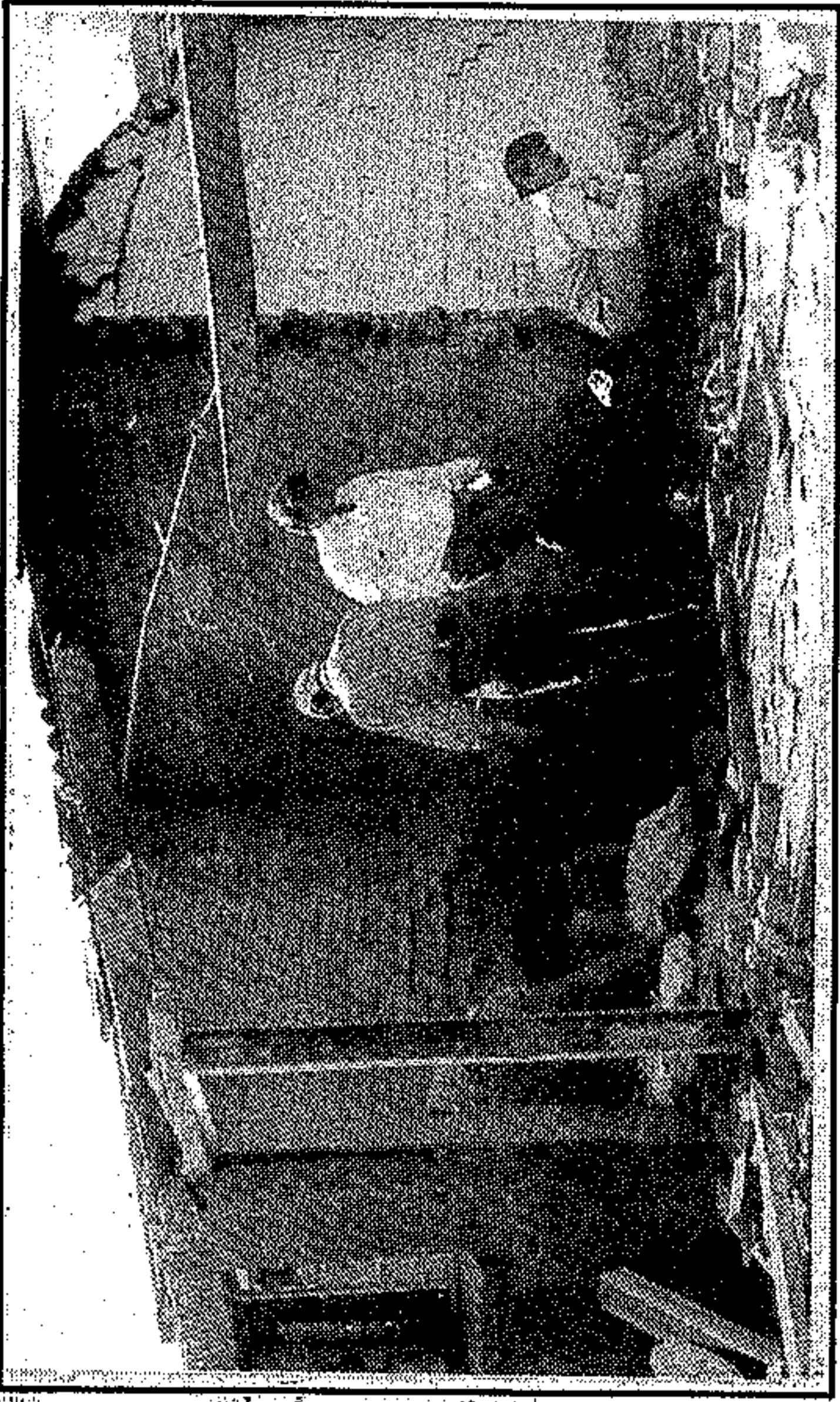
The location of the hostel units makes them vulnerable to attacks.

The main fear of the hostel folk is the sporadic lobbing of *amazambane*, a

# or pangas

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**RAZED TO THE GROUND: Another handgrenade was thrown on this side of Meadowlands Hostel, completely destroying the building**  
PIC MBUZENI ZULU

tel term for a handgrenade, by township residents in their dwellings.

A pensioner, who screamed for help as Mpande lay on the ground near "Death Road", lashed out at the apparent failure of parents to control the youth in the townships.

MaKhumalo, not her real name, came up with her own proposals for ending the violence in the area.

She said the Government had "better bring back the Section 10 law", under which unemployed people roaming the streets could be detained.

She said hostel children did not attend school in the township because they feared for their lives while township children stayed away from school voluntarily.

Like many of her neighbours, MaKhumalo's main fear was of another *izambane* being thrown at her home.

"This violence is no longer politically motivated. It is no longer the ANC and Inkatha that are at each other's throats. The whole thing has been taken over by thugs and gangs mushrooming in the township," MaKhumalo said.

## Tomorrow — Township youth explain their role in the violence



# Doing it for survival?

**Dumisane Dubazile, a warlord at the hostel, gives his view:**

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**T**HE INTRIGUING thing about Dumisane Dubazile is that he is always wearing his big and heavy overcoat.

And he refuses to say what lurks underneath it.

But, with the knowledge that Dubazile is a self-confessed "warlord", one can only guess what goes with his secrecy.

His friends inside the hostel, who no doubt have great respect for Inkos'Emnyama (black chief) as he is known in the hostel, said he had never taken off the coat.

When he talks about the current violence his voice fills with anger. "For as long as we are attacked by those people (township residents), we shall hit back, twice as hard."

Asked if he was scared of coming to Johannesburg a year ago, knowing there was a "war", Dubazile appears perplexed at the question and asks:

"If your brothers were being killed somewhere wouldn't you go and help them?" One of his three brothers, who also live in hostels; had just been killed at Dube Hostel, a few hours before this interview with Dubazile.

These are the bitter outpourings of a tall, strong and angry "warlord" who speaks no language other than Zulu.

His pronunciation of some English words baffles me - he pronounces the letter "R" as "L". To his mind, Meadowlands Hostel dwellers face many "poblems".

He left his Natal home a year ago in search of work in Johannesburg. Until now, he remains unemployed but



*'For as long as we are attacked by those people we shall hit back, twice as hard'*

still hopes that some day the sun will shine on him, too.

He left his wife and three children at home. But how does he survive in competitive Johannesburg?

Dubazile said he received money from friends inside the hostel. He does not smoke and the only kind of alcohol he drinks is sorghum beer. He calls it "home (Natal) beer", with conspicuous pride.

But Nkos'Enyama still has hope.

He always rises at 5am. When going to "market" - his term for looking for a job - he kicks off his blankets as early as 4am, he says.

He often looks for casual work within the hostel or maybe at the shops "so that I can buy some bread and sugar".

His friend, with whom he shares a two-roomed unit, buys groceries and sometimes gives him pocket money. He and neighbours drink a lot of sorghum beer during the day.

Dubazile is obviously bitter about the apparent lack of parental control in the townships, referring to the neighbouring Killarney, Mzim-hlope and Meadowlands.

His hatred for township residents, who he says treat hostel dwellers like sub-humans, is clear.

He has taken an active part in confrontations between his fellow-dwellers and township residents, but would not elaborate.

One thing is certain. He does not intend going back to Natal, at least not now, he says with a wry smile, his snow-white, well-arranged teeth surfacing as the left and right cheeks pull in different directions.

Quietly, he moves towards the tavern, where residents meet for merrymaking and drowning the violence blues.



# Play ball or be met by AK-47s, heads told

By Stan Hlophe

The Congress of South African Students (Cosas) yesterday demanded that Soweto principals embark on a school boycott from today — or “be met by the AK-47s”.

The boycott is in protest against increased exam registration fees for black matric pupils.

The threat was made at a stormy meeting in Soweto, called by Cosas to discuss protests against the exam fee rise, after discussions between the student body and the Department of Education and Training (DET) reached deadlock.

A man, who identified himself only as a Cosas executive committee member, told the meeting: “If you don’t do as we say, you will be met by the AK-47s and other violent actions. It is common knowledge that principals have been

passive while enjoying the fruits of DET.

“We want you to go out there and pressurise the DET. If you stand up and be counted, the DET will listen.”

The remarks drew sharp reaction from Soweto headmasters, but were not rejected by other Cosas executives.

Angry principals who attended the meeting called Cosas “autocratic” and “a bunch of drop-outs”.

Cosas urged principals not to accept the new registration fees — increased from R54 to R66 for Senior Certificate entry and R71 for university entrance.

Cosas demands a reduction in registration fees and a postponement of the payment date.

DET director-general Dr Bernard Louw this week said the deadline remained, except in “exceptional” cases.

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# Savuka man dies in hail of bullets

Own Correspondent  
and Staff Reporter (278)

Dudu Ndlovu, a member of the internationally-acclaimed South African Afro-rock group Savuka, died in a hail of AK-47 bullets on Monday night.

Ndlovu (34), a percussionist and dancer with Savuka, was walking along a gravel road with a friend about a kilometre from his homestead in Keats Drift near Tugela Ferry when he was shot.

Police said Ndlovu was hit in the chest, staggered backwards and collapsed and died.

## Motive

"Investigators who arrived on the scene recovered nine spent cartridge cases from an AK-47," said a police spokesman.

He said it was difficult to say whether Ndlovu was ambushed. The police did not know of any motive for the killing.

Detectives have opened a murder docket and are investigating.

Ndlovu, who broke into the music industry only in the last few years, was regarded by those who knew him as a "natural".

He played in many concerts abroad with Savuka.

Roddy Quin, who manages Johnny Clegg and Savuka, as well as Mango Groove, yesterday expressed deep shock at Ndlovu's death.

Mr Quin said Clegg would issue a statement about the tragedy on his return to SA today from Los Angeles where he has been recording.

Members of the music community were shocked by the murder.



# Two bodies found in Soweto

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The bodies of two unidentified men believed to have died in unrest-related violence were found in Meadowlands, Soweto, yesterday morning.

Police spokesman Colonel Fanyana Zwane said a 39-year-old man was found at the en-

trance to the Meadowlands hostel with gunshot wounds.

He said the body of a 30-year-old man who had been stabbed in the head and then burnt was found in Zone 1.

Two men were injured when a hand grenade exploded in a room at the Dube hostel in Soweto yesterday morning.

Colonel Zwane said the two injured men were holding the grenade when it exploded.

One of the men, aged 38, was wounded in his right upper arm and back, and the second, a 17-year old, was wounded in his left arm.

They were taken to the Johannesburg Hospital.



# Taxi support for boycott?

Own Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Soweto taxi drivers will decide today whether to give "unqualified support" to the Reef commuter train boycott, after an appeal from the boycott steering committee yesterday.

Committee spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said Sabta had been asked to postpone increasing taxi fares.

Drivers would also be asked to cut existing fares by 20% for the week of the boycott, which was called in protest against violence on trains.

Delegates from nine taxi affiliates and Mr Knox Matjila of Sabta's national office agreed in principle to support the boycott.

Putco spokesman Mr Fred Stamp yesterday said the bus company was "pushed, but coping" with the extra passenger load. He said buses which normally carried 60 to 70 people often had more than 90 passengers.

Meanwhile, Mr Mamoepa has said the death of a man near Dube station on Tuesday lent justification to the boycott. "This is precisely why we called the boycott."



# Witnesses 'spoke to reporters'

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PRETORIA. — Witnesses and complainants in most cases of train violence in the Johannesburg and Germiston areas failed to come forward to give statements, but newspaper reports indicated they spoke to reporters, a Goldstone Commission committee heard here yesterday.

Colonel William Benn, head of the investigating unit into train violence in the two areas, told the committee it was difficult for the police to investigate most of the cases because wit-

nesses disappeared without trace. He said after attacks, injured commuters who gave names and addresses to the police on the scene later registered under other names at hospitals, which made it impossible to trace witnesses.

Asked by committee chairman Mr Gert Steyn if it was possible to acquire statements from injured people in hospitals, Colonel Benn said the police in most cases were told it was a patient's privilege to decide whether

to lay charges or not.

He said in other incidents witnesses approached to give statements by investigating officers said they had already given statements to their representatives and refused to give information to the police.

However, he said, the police received help from the public in three attacks on commuters — the attack at Jeppe Station (charges were withdrawn against the accused), Park station (a man was arrested and received

seven years' imprisonment) and when a Cosatu member pointed out five men at Germiston station (the case is continuing).

At the same sitting, the commanding officer of the Internal Stability Unit in Soweto, Colonel Alexandra Stapelberg, said it was impossible to search for dangerous weapons during rush hour when about 358 000 commuters entered or left the stations. He said normal policing could not be applied at rush hour. — Sapa



# Grenade kills two in Soweto

JOHANNESBURG. — Police reported that two men were wounded yesterday morning after a handgrenade exploded near the Dube hostel in Soweto.

The bodies of two men with stab and bullet wounds were found by police later in the day, also in Soweto.

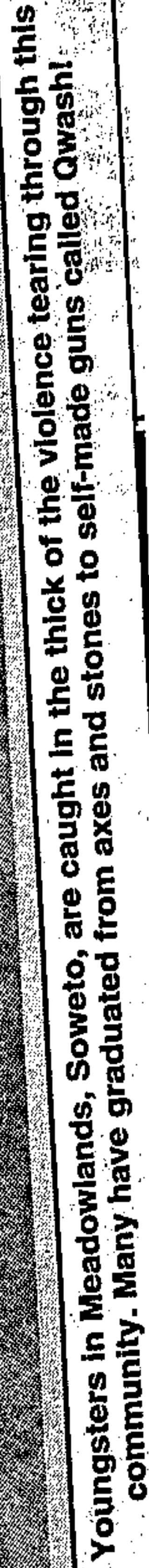
Despite the drop in unrest in the Witwatersrand, a new report by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) recorded horrendous statistics of violence for the period April 29 to May 5 throughout the country.

Fifty-seven deaths and 81 injuries were recorded during that period.

In the PWV area Alexandra was clearly the flashpoint, accounting for the highest number of casualties — 12 deaths and 19 injuries.

The Natal South Coast accounted for 14 deaths and five injuries, the report said.





**Q** **WASH!** is a new gun fashioned by teenage boys in the backyards of Killarney and Meadlands in Soweto.

None of the boys would say who

**I joined a defence unit at Spinnaker  
Wednesday.**

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# and you're dead, broer!

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## VIOLENCE

### FOCUS ON

Meadowlands is a place where life has become increasingly cheap, so have the weapons. The 'qwash' gun — which gets its name from the sound it makes — is not only cheap but very nasty. **ABBEY MAKOE** reports on the children who use this low-tech instrument of terror.

A military-like planning session is in progress. I sit on a comfortable chair in a big, electrified shack.

A woman in her fifties sits quietly in the far corner of the shack used as a kitchen, judging by the two-plate stove, dishes and the kitchen table. She is knitting something in wool. A litre of cold drink is on the table.

"My broer, I no longer walk around in Killaimey during the day," says

Kepile (15), a Standard 2 pupil.

"Old women hate me and I fear they may point me out to the police."

The boy looks younger than the 15 years he claims to be.

"We caught a hostel dweller. There were arguments about whether he should be killed or surrendered to the police.

"I got angry at the women wasting time, took out my knife and stabbed him

to death," says Kepile, without remorse. "The women think I did something wrong."

"You see, my broer, we're trying to protect the community with our own lives. Hostel dwellers waste no time when they've captured one of us. I didn't have to waste time ..."

It's 10pm. The sound of gunfire erupts less than 3km from the headquarters. Lesley takes out his Qwash!

Tsholofelo becomes noisy and wild and wants to go outside, where another group is patrolling.

Lesley slaps Tsholofelo. Half the house supports Lesley, the other doesn't. There's pandemonium.

"If you don't respect each other how can you win any battle outside?" asks the knitting woman and the hubbub subsides.

When the boys emerge their first targets are hostel dwellers, and then the police.

The SAP patrol vehicles are recognised by their sounds. In Meadowlands, the police cars are described as "Iron

Fist", in Killaimey as the "A-Team". It's 11pm. Sporadic gunfire continues to sound from nearby.

The boys want to go out to help comrades at Bakwena Street.

We go out into the streets. Like any duty officers, they take positions at dark corners of the narrow streets.

They move towards the hostel, communicating by whistling. Everyone is a leader. It's yet another day of do or die.

I'm urged to come along amid the gunfire.

George (17) complains about the elderly men sleeping while the war is being fought.

"Don't be afraid, come with us," he says.

Throughout the night gunfire can be heard.

The next morning at 5 o'clock, George and his men have left. A new shift has relieved them.

Already, they are at the taxi rank and a bus stops. To a stranger, they look like people going to work.

### Tomorrow — The effects of violence on children

## Features of the qwash

The main feature of the gun is wood covered with black insulation tape.

- Then follows a thick wire, about 15cm long, which is placed inside the gun-shaped wood.

- The wire, connected to a small rubber spring, is used as a trigger. There is also a spring on the rear side. A short nail is inserted on the rear side as well, making the ring on which to rest.

- To shoot, the holder of the gun uses one hand to pull the rubber back. The spring forces the bullet out.



# Declare Beirut a 'disaster zone' - Alex

THE notorious "Beirut" area in Alexandra could be virtually deserted next month if the State President accedes to a call by community organisations to declare it a disaster zone.

At a meeting with Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel early this week, delegates from the ANC, SACP and Cosas

urged the Minister to take immediate steps to restore law and order in the strife-torn area.

If the area is declared a "disaster zone", all the residents still living there will have to move out while the area is brought back to normality.

"Residents will be accommodated in churches and community halls while a rescue team repairs homes, schools and shops and restores the area to what it was," Alexandra ANC spokesman Obed Bapela said yesterday.

Mr Bapela said once the

operation was complete, the original 9 300 families from the area who have since been displaced, will be brought back.

He said other families have illegally occupied the homes of the displaced families.

## Response

State President FW de Klerk who is the only person with the power to declare an area a disaster zone, is expected to respond to the delegation's call by the end of the month.

"Beirut - the area between First and Sixth Av-

enues - has been described as a 'no-go' area since:

- Homes were burnt and vandalised, forcing residents to flee.

- Shops were looted and broken down bringing business to a standstill,

- Schools disrupted and

- All health services halted, posing a serious health risk to the community.

Mr Batela said residents had been informed about the call and were "happy that attempts are being made to bring back peace and stability to Alexandria".



# 'Hold me, I'm dying, my shot wife said'

Pretoria Correspondent

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A committee of the Goldstone Commission has heard how a Phola Park mother of three asked her husband to hold her in his arms before she died last month.

John Msimango yesterday told the committee — chaired by Solly Sithole — that his wife died after they were both shot while trying to go to sleep in their shack in Phola Park on April 8.

Mr Msimango said his wife — whose leg was severely injured during the shooting — had earlier gone to visit a neighbour.

When she came back she told her husband she had heard gunshots in a section of the squatter area. Because this was an area far away from them, Mr Msimango told his wife not to

worry.

She later suggested they sleep on the floor and not on the bed. But before they could do this they were hit by gunfire. Mr Msimango was wounded below the knee and his wife in the leg.

He said they heard screams and people running near their shack and before they knew what was happening, they heard loud knocks on their door.

"I opened the door and saw a group of men in military uniform who immediately came into my shack," Mr Msimango said.

One of the men assaulted him with the butt of a rifle before he was thrown out of the shack.

"I told the men that my leg was injured but they did not care," Mr Msimango told the committee.

When he was thrown out of

his shack he went to seek help from one of his neighbours.

Because the area was cordoned off by members of 32 Battalion, most of the people were afraid to venture outside.

Mr Msimango told the committee that he waited for the men to leave before returning to his shack.

When he got there, his wife told him she had been raped and that their 12-year-old son, who was also in the shack, had been slapped in the face.

Mr Msimango said he tried to stop the blood flowing from his wife's injured leg but could not succeed.

A few minutes later his wife said: "Hold me, I am dying."

Because he was afraid to venture outside his shack, he waited until the next day before summoning help. Mr Msimango told the committee.



# SAP raid angers Phola Park residents

By Monica Oostebroek

Phola Park residents were angered and frightened during an intensive police search of the East Rand squatter camp yesterday in which three men were arrested and an AK-47 with ammunition was confiscated.

While tense residents gathered in groups, a convoy of police vans and Casspirs drove through the camp, searching homes and the surrounding bushes for arms caches, fugitives and drugs.

A helicopter circled over the camp for more than three hours. A man wearing a balaclava was seen pointing out shacks.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said members of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad went to the area to find suspects involved in various criminal offences, including the spate of attacks on policemen.

A 69-year-old man, known only as Majolo, said about six policemen had broken into the three shacks where he, his wife and five primary school children live.

Beds were overturned and panels torn down, furniture was broken and picture frames were left shattered on the floor.

Wall units and their contents were thrown around the rooms, and drawers containing clothes

were emptied.

Residents complained that police wearing civilian clothes had not shown them search warrants, refused to identify themselves and did not respect their property.

A social worker, employed by the Catholic Church in the area, said: "Residents believed the old residents' committee was inefficient and corrupt, but since the new committee has been in power, the camp has had trouble with the police."

She and others in the camp believed an elderly committee member had become a police informer.

ANC branch vice-chairman Sally Pietersen accused police

of harassing residents.

Warrant-Officer Pieke said it was a "normal crime-prevention exercise". If property had been damaged, it should be reported and the matter would be investigated.

Phola Park made news headlines recently following allegations that members of 32 Battalion murdered a resident and raped or assaulted dozens of others.

Captain Mark Hermanson, commander of the accused platoon, told a committee of the Goldstone Commission last week that some of his men had admitted slapping and punching residents, but said this did not constitute an assault.

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# Reef, Vaal strife hardening attitudes

By Thabo Leshilo  
Political Staff

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The hardening of attitudes in communities in the Witwatersrand and Vaal regions as a result of the continuing violence is a matter of increasing concern, according to the National Peace Committee (NPC).

Spokesman Val Pauquet said a meeting of the peace body's Wits/

Vaal region held this week saw this as an inhibiting factor which could affect the credibility of the local dispute resolution committees established in the area.

She said about half the R1 million allocated to the publicity and communications subcommittee of the NPC for the April/May/June period would be used in this troubled area.

Local peace committees were discussing how best the funds could be used, Ms Pauquet added.

Since its institution in February this year, the Wits/Vaal region has set up 13 local committees in Germiston, Tokoza (Phola Park), Vaal (Vereeniging, Sharpeville, Vanderbijlpark, Sebokeng, Evaton, Bophelong and Boipatong), Benoni (Boksburg, Da-

veyton, Actonville, Wattville, Reiger Park), Krugersdorp (Kagiso, Munseville, Azaadville), North East Rand (Kemp-ton Park, Tembisa, Midrand, Ivory Park and Rabie Ridge), Alexandra, Katlehong, Vosloorus, Meadowlands, Orlando, Kliptown and Dobsonville.

In the main, the ongoing township violence had been the top priority.



# Trains: Are women smuggling weapons?

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PRETORIA. — A Goldstone Commission committee heard yesterday that women commuters were suspected of smuggling weapons on to trains.

Colonel Alexander Stapelberg of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit told the committee, chaired by Mr Gert Steyn, that because women could not be searched in public they could be carriers of the weapons used in violence on trains.

He said the police were examining the idea of establishing special rooms at railway stations where women suspected of carrying weapons could be searched.

Colonel Stapelberg told the committee that another problem was that commuters had a tendency of waiting on an overhead pedestrian bridge

from where they could identify a particular train, and when it approached they would rush in a group through searching points, so evading searches.

Asked by counsel for the African National Congress alliance, Mr J G Rautenbach, why those commuters preferred to wait on the bridges to identify trains, he said commuters identified themselves with certain political, religious or ethnic groupings and one had to take a coach among his or her group to feel safe on a train.

Brigadier Johannes Jacobus Arpin, commanding officer of the Transport Policing Unit in southern Transvaal, said that during rush hours commuters entered the station from different directions, including cut fences, to avoid being searched. — Sapa



# Stayaway: Imbali still tense

MARITZBURG. — The situation in Imbali and nearby Edendale remained tense yesterday as the stayaway, in its fourth day, continued to affect schools, and representatives of the ANC, Cosatu and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry met for discussions.

Forty-four schools under the Department of Education and Training have been affected by the stayaway.

Chamber director Mr Roly Waller said the talks were cordial and would resume today.

Meanwhile, the ANC Women's

League planned further sit-ins to press for the withdrawal of riot police, KwaZulu Police and 32 Battalion from the townships.

In another development, Inkatha announced it would hold a meeting in Elandskop today "to decide on an appropriate response to the confrontational politics of the ANC Midlands region".

The ANC has called a mass meeting today at Qokololo Stadium in Edendale to discuss responses from the police and the local Chamber of Commerce. — Sapa



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# Two hurt as train boycott goes on

JOHANNESBURG. — The crippling train boycott continued here today and police said two people were injured when they were thrown from moving trains at Booyens in Johannesburg and Kutalo Station, on the East Rand.

Soweto taxi fares will be reduced by 20% today and all taxi associations will relax rules on demarcation and spheres of influence in sympathy with the train boycott, the boycott organisers said.

Police arrested three men and confiscated an AK-47 rifle with ammunition after searching the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand early yesterday.

Nine people died in political violence on Wednesday, police reported.

Unknown attackers opened fire on a home at Zindigini in the Table Mountain area of Natal and killed four people, including a woman.

Two necklaced youths were found dead at Mangwani location in Bulwer, Natal.

Three people were killed in Soweto on Wednesday.

In Natal yesterday two men were killed in a shootout apparently related to a taxi dispute at Durban Station near Greyville. — Sapa

Police raided a squatter camp near Soweto early yesterday and arrested a man they suspected was an accomplice in the killing of a narcotics Detective Sergeant Raymond Maritz at the weekend. — Sapa



# Mandela is drawn into cop raid row

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By JOE MDHLELA and Sapa

POLICE raided a squatter camp near Soweto early yesterday and arrested a man they suspected to have been involved in the killing of a narcotics detective last Sunday.

The raid was sequel to the killing of a white policeman after he had allegedly shot dead a drug dealer at the Ganda-ganda informal settlement near Klipspruit in Soweto.

The squatters, mainly women, yesterday marched to the Orlando West home of African National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela to seek protection from what they referred to as "police harassment".

Within minutes Mandela and his bodyguards drove to the settlement and addressed the squatters.

He told the squatters that he viewed the harassment in a serious light and would seek an urgent meeting with the Divisional Commissioner of Police, General Kobus

Malan.

"I went home after visiting my wife at the hospital, only to find the women waiting to brief me about the harassment they said they were subjected to by the police the previous night.

"They said police were responsible for assaulting them.

"The ANC views this attack on our people in a serious light and we will express our concern to the police authorities," Mandela said.

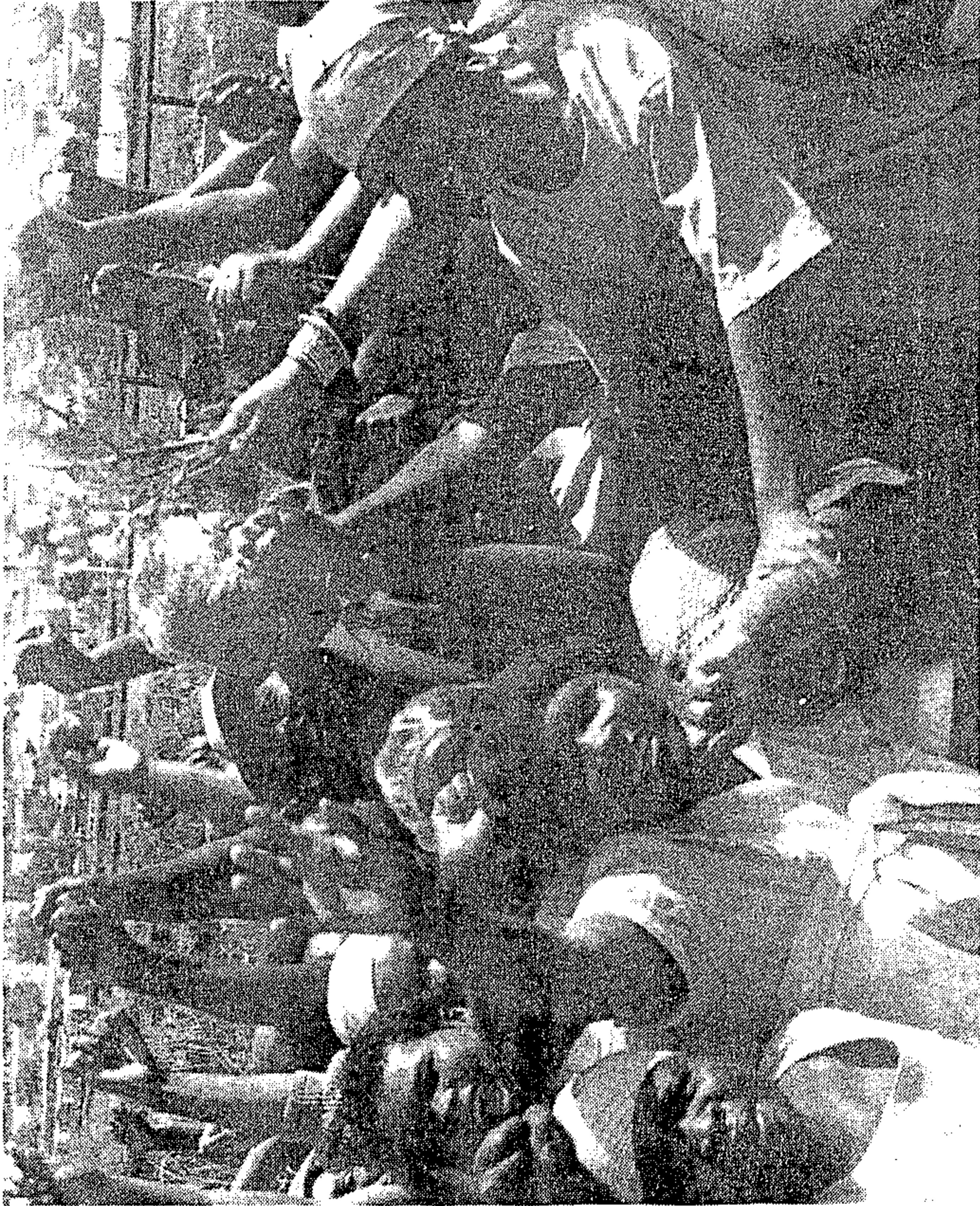
Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn yesterday rejected charges by the ANC that the police had assaulted squatters and razed shacks during their 3½-hour raid.

Halgryn said the search was conducted after a man had pointed out a suspect who was eventually arrested.

He invited victims of the alleged assaults to lay charges at a police station so that investigations could be made.

Squatters of Ganda-Ganda camp in Klipspruit, Soweto, were relieved at the arrival of ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela at the settlement. The squatters claimed they had been harassed by police and needed protection from the ANC leader. Police said they entered the settlement in search of a man suspected of being an accomplice in the killing of a narcotics detective at the weekend. A man was arrested during the raid.

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## BAROMETER

teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot at residents in Dobsonville, Soweto during a clash between residents and hostel dwellers.

In Natal, two people were killed and 35 arrested in separate incidents in Nyandazulu, Umgababa and Weza townships.

Police arrested 25 African National Congress Women's League members who were staging a sit-in at a police station in Imbali, in protest against the role played by the security forces in the area.

### INFORMAL REPRESSION

Twelve deaths and 19 injuries have been reported in Alexandra since May 1.

Soweto casualties dropped to seven deaths and 28 injuries from the 23 deaths and 35 injuries recorded the previous week. Two train attacks, one at Dube station on April 30 and the other at the Merate Station on May 2, resulted in one death and 11 injuries.

Six deaths and four injuries were recorded in Sebokeng township. One of the attacks was against unsuspecting residents at home and one against commuters in a taxi.

Three deaths were recorded in separate incidents in Zonk'izwe, Thokoza and at the Kwezine station.

### UNREST AREAS

On April 30, the minister of law and order declared the magisterial district of Vanderbijlpark, including the township Sebokeng, an unrest area.

Fourteen townships have been declared unrest areas with curfews imposed on them all. They are: Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Thokoza, Dobsonville, Kaitleng, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Alexandra, Sharpeville, Evaton, Ennerdale, Sebokeng and Richmond.

### VIOLENCE

In the PWV one person was killed and 10 injured when police fired

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# 'Comrades are being gunned down' — ANC

By PAUL STOBER

AFRICAN National Congress activists in the Vaal triangle are convinced many of their comrades are being ruthlessly murdered by men determined to weaken the organisation in a region where it is exceptionally well organised. In April alone, at least seven members of the ANC in the Vaal region were killed by unknown gunmen.

ANC officials use the military term "low intensity conflict" to describe what is happening in the Vaal triangle. A buzzword in state security circles in the late 1980s, this involves the identification and elimination of key members of organisations active in communities.

When *The Weekly Mail* went into the Vaal township of Sebokeng this week to speak to key members of the ANC, few could be found. In one house the family of a well-known activist was getting ready to move for the night. "They have been warned that their house is going to be attacked," explained the ANC member who accompanied us around the township.

Within the hour, the house was locked up and was as eerily quiet as the home next door, which had been attacked by a group of men armed

## EVIDENCE OF DEATH CAMPAIGN

Incidents in the past few months which the ANC says demonstrate the "campaign to eliminate the organisation from the Vaal townships" include:

● May 5: The Vaal Council of Churches released a list of 19 ANC returnees who had reported consistent harassment and surveillance by police.

● April 29: ANC member Samuel Mhombeni was shot by unidentified men in Sebokeng.

● April 26: MK member Mzwakhe Nhlapo died in a skirmish with police. Unconfirmed reports said he was attacked by members of Inkatha but had succeeded in fighting them off. The Inkatha members then apparently called in the police, who shot and killed him.

with hand grenades early the previous morning. Four other bombed-out homes with shattered windows and burnt rooms had been abandoned in the same street, Sebe Street in Sebokeng's Zone 7.

The mother of the family we visited was moving because of threats levelled at her son, a member of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK),

who has recently returned to South Africa. She could not afford to take these threats lightly as entire families have been wiped out in the indiscriminate attacks on houses harbouring ANC activists.

Her son had not slept at home for the past three nights — he has joined an increasing number of ANC members in the area who are back on the run,

never spending too much time in one place and careful about who knows of their whereabouts.

"With darkness comes fear," said our guide, describing the mood in the township which has witnessed numerous assassinations, kidnappings and assaults since April 1990.

While ANC activists are clearly emerging as the main targets of this "low intensity conflict", it is not entirely clear who is behind it.

Witnesses have, on different occasions, identified the attackers as Inkatha members, policemen and hit-squad members. ANC officials in the region are convinced that all three are to some extent working in cahoots, but they regard the hit squads as the main threat to members of the organisation. "These people have cars and walkie-talkies and are well-financed," explained one official.

The recruitment of members of the ANC as informants for the police and hit squads is also presenting an increasing danger for the organisation.

"The police are raiding houses that have been pointed out to them," said an ANC official in Sebokeng. "Well-known comrades have also been seen with the hit squads."

## Evidence of a death campaign

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● April 11: Jongie Mamba, a member of a community defence unit, was killed in the kwaMasiza Hostel by gunmen firing from a white combi.

● April 5: Sharpeville MK member Sam Ntepe was injured while trying to escape from police. Ntepe was hiding from a hit man who, according to the ANC, had been offered R5 000 to kill him. Ntepe's house had been attacked twice by gunmen armed with AK47s and R1 rifles.

● March 22: A fieldworker for the Vaal Council of Churches and member of the ANC and South African Communist Party, Saul Tsotseti, was killed in a hand grenade blast after he was confronted by three young men. One of the

three was also killed.

● March 15: Chief's Place Tavern in Sharpeville, known to be frequented by ANC members, was attacked. Two women were killed and several others were injured.

● March 10: Shortly before Elliot Motsitsi (20) was to sign an affidavit about the shooting of Montoedi Molebatsi, he was shot dead. In his affidavit, Motsitsi said Constable Skuta Marumo had shot Molebatsi although there had been "no sign of conflict" between the two.

● March 1: ANC activist Montoedi Molebatsi was shot by a policeman. ANC PWV regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepe said the attack was part of a police campaign to eliminate ANC activists in Sharpeville. "Information reaching us indicates that someone who the

police had attempted to recruit as an informer was shown 15 photographs of Sharpeville ANC members. Molebatsi's was among these," he said. Police said the constable had fired in self-defence after Molebatsi threatened him with a grenade.

● January 24: Ephraim Lefiedi, an MK member and brother of Khuba Lefiedi, died in a skirmish with police.

● December 14 1991: Five people were killed and four injured in an attack on a party in the home of an ANC supporter in Sebokeng's Zone 8. According to the police, an unidentified gunman opened fire with an AK47 on the crowd in the house of Amos Twala, killing three men instantly. A woman and another man died later in hospital.



**T**RAIN officials paid the price this week for failing to end the carnage on Reef trains as the boycott called by political, civic and religious organisations "enjoyed massive support".

The boycott — due to end tomorrow — resulted in peak-hour trains travelling with as low as five percent capacity on the Soweto line, which has borne the brunt of the slaughter.

More boycotts or other "extreme measures" are likely, announced the Train Boycott Steering Committee yesterday, unless decisive action is taken to ensure commuters' safety and protection.

A member of the TBSC said: "The loss incurred by Spoornet is a message that the estimated 80 percent black passengers using their service have had enough."

"Support for the boycott was a reflection of the suppressed anger passengers have had for the lack of concern train officials showed in ensuring their safety."

The spokesman added it was also important to note that the boycott had continued despite the high cost of alternative transport for commuters.

According to Spoornet's southern Transvaal spokesman Ian Bleasdale, the situation on commuter trains progressively worsened during the week. Occupancy rates dropped on Tuesday to 10 percent on the Soweto line, compared to 20 percent on Monday. The number of passengers on East Rand routes was between 40 and 50 percent.

On Wednesday morning, Soweto trains were reportedly carrying only five percent of their normal passenger load, but other lines such as those on the East Rand and West Rand enjoyed peak-hour rates of 75 to 80 percent.

The cost of the boycott has been estimated at R130 000 a day by a spokesman for the Metro Division of the South African Rail Commuters Co-operation.

The boycott followed a six-day sit-in by nine community leaders at the Spoornet head offices in Johannesburg last week, which culminated in an undertaking by railway authorities and the Ministry of Law and Order to implement increased security measures on trains.

Despite the undertaking, organisations such as the African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress, the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal and the South African Communist Party pressed ahead with the boycott.

Other organisations calling for an end to the violence which has plagued Witwatersrand trains since September 1990 include the Human Rights Commission, Congress of South African Trade Unions, National Council of Trade Unions, South African Council of Churches and the Institute for Contextual Theology.

The Inkatha Freedom Party and the IFP-aligned United Workers' Union of South Africa, however, urged their members to defy the boycott, saying they had not been consulted in its planning.

As the boycott appeared to gather strength on Tuesday, commuters had to jostle for places on buses and taxis. Taxis did a roaring trade and many commuters accused taxi owners of cashing in on the boycott by raising fares by as much as 70 percent three days before the boycott began on Monday.

However, the TBSC spokesman countered these accusations. "We do not believe that prices were raised to coincide with the boycott," he said, explaining that there had been communication problems between the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) and its members about waiving the increase this week.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepe said local associations affiliat-

ed to the National African Federated Transport Organisation (Naflo) and Sabta had backed the boycott at a meeting to solve the problem on Monday.

An announcement was finally made yesterday to the effect that taxi fares would be reduced by 20 percent.

Wynand Burger, chief executive officer of the South African Rail Commuters Co-operation, said the boycott was unnecessarily "charging emotions and creating conflict areas".

In a statement, he implored the TBSC to "join hands and jointly search for solutions" to the ongoing commuter violence in the Witwatersrand.

Burger added that the boycott brought unnecessary hardship to the major portion of commuters who wished to go about their "normal way of life unhindered. We from the Metro side, with the security forces, are doing everything in our power to afford commuters safe and comfortable transport by train".

Reporting on the effectiveness of the boycott, Burger said the initial low occupancy levels during the Monday morning peak hours — particularly on the Soweto and East Rand Leralla train services — were followed by larger numbers of commuters using the

afternoon services.

Meanwhile, problems faced by the police in curbing the train violence were highlighted this week before a committee of the Goldstone Commission in Pretoria.

Commanding Officer of the Internal Stability Unit in Soweto, Colonel Alexandra Stapelberg, said it was impossible to search for dangerous weapons during rush hour when about 358 000 commuters entered or left the stations. As a result, normal policing could not be applied at rush hour.

The committee — which is investigating the train violence — also heard that the main problem police faced was that witnesses and complainants failed to come forward and give statements in most cases.

Newspaper reports, however, indicated that they spoke to reporters instead.

Colonel William Benn, head of the investigating unit on train violence in the Johannesburg and Germiston areas, said: "It has been difficult for the police to investigate most of the cases because witnesses just disappear without a trace."

Benn accused injured commuters of giving names and addresses to the police at the spot but later registering under other names at hospitals.

Asked by committee chairman Gert Steyn whether it was possible to acquire statements from these injured people in hospital, Benn replied that the police were told in most instances it was the patient's privilege to decide whether to lay a charge or not.

In other incidents, witnesses approached by investigating officers said they had already given statements to their representatives and refused to give the police information.

This was despite Benn's appeals to the public on Radio Metro and his offer of a R20 000 reward for information leading to any arrests and convictions.

So far the police had received public help on only three attacks, he said. As a result, only one man had been jailed for seven years. Charges were dropped in the second case, while the third case was still under investigation.

Asked by counsel for the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance, Gys Rautenbach, why he thought witnesses were not coming forward, Benn replied: "I don't know. People have immediately come forward when a R10 or R100 reward was being offered for information for lesser crimes such as robbery."

## Strong support for train boycott

*Dissatisfied Soweto commuters, tired of train violence, showed their anger this week by boycotting trains — despite the hassle of alternative transport.*

By LINDA RULASHE



# Cops raided Phola Park squatters

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**POLICE** raided Phola Park squatter camp in the East Rand yesterday and residents alleged they broke down doors and damaged furniture in the shacks.

Residents had to flee when the police arrived at the camp and some said they fled when they saw the large police contingent and heard gunfire.

They told *Sowetan* that police forced their way into their locked shacks early in the morning. They alleged police selectively raided the shacks, turning over furniture and searching without saying a word.

Police could last night not be reached for comment on the allegations.

But earlier Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieké said the action was "a normal crime prevention exercise undertaken by police from time to time".

He refused to provide details "at this stage".

And a spokeswoman for Peace Action - a group monitoring violence in townships - said frantic residents had contacted the organisation complaining of what they called an imminent attack by security forces.

She said no reports of shooting or other incidents of violence had been received but residents were "very

By ABBEY MAKOE and Sapa

tense".

Mr Nelson Ndodana (46) was among the group which fled the camp. He said when he returned about 30 minutes later he found the door of his shack wide open, although he had locked before fleeing.

At another shack Mr William Makhosi said it was opened forcefully. He claimed his furniture was damaged and the windscreen of his minibus smashed, allegedly by the raiding police.

Mr Douglas Bobi said he hid in one room of his two-room shack, used as a spaza shop and four white policemen, after kicking his door wide open, pointed guns at him.

"They asked no questions. None of them uttered a word. They searched all over my house and one scrutinised my ID book he found inside a drawer," Bobi said.

He said he watched helplessly as his furniture was damaged and was too frightened to ask the policemen any questions for fear of being assaulted.

African National Congress PWV region spokesman Mr Wally Mhlope said women had been ordered out of the area and that people were "scattering in all directions".



**CRY OF ANGUISH ...** Nine-month-old Lebogang Lerutle cries hysterically shortly after police raided her mother's shack at Phola Park squatter camp in the East Rand yesterday.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU



# Qwash! The lethal sound of justice on Soweto streets

By VICTOR KHUPISO

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Would I do it again? Never!

## TRAIN BOYCOTT BRIEFS

### Rail killing during protest (278)

THE first commuter death since the start of the Witwatersrand train boycott on Monday was reported by police on Friday, as rail occupancy rates dropped to under one percent in Soweto.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Andy Peike said a man's body was found between Wadeville and Katlehong stations on the East Rand at about 6.30 am on Friday. *Cipren 105792*

Pieke added a second man was reported injured along the same line, but this could not be confirmed by police.

Police also reported that a blood-smeared coach was discovered on a train travelling between Braamfontein and Springs at 7 am on Tuesday after shots were reportedly fired at the train, but no injured or witnesses could be found.

Commuter violence also spread to Natal this week, leaving three men and a woman injured when unidentified gunmen fired on people waiting to board trains at Alfracombe Station near Umkomaas on Monday.

The Human Rights Commission reports that from the beginning of the year to May 3 there have been 156 attacks on commuters, resulting in 150 deaths and 293 injuries.



# 'Kick 'em out or we strike'

By THEMBA KHUMALO

ALEXANDRA residents have given the authorities until the end of May to expel IFP supporters from the troublesome Madala and Nobuhle hostels or face a rent boycott.

Sizakele Nkosi of Alexandra Campaigns Committee said a delegation from the committee held talks with Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel in April to tell him that the erection of a temporary police station in the township would not end the violence.

The committee had also enlisted the help of diplomats from five foreign countries. After visiting the devastated areas in the Johannesburg township, the diplomats promised to persuade their governments to pressure Pretoria to end the carnage, Nkosi said.

Kriel also promised to look into the matter and convey the residents' re-

quest for the conversion of hostels.

Nkosi said Kriel further promised to refer to the Department of Health residents' fears of an outbreak of cholera, because the Xhosa-speaking night soil removers were refusing to work for fear of being attacked by IFP supporters.

## Disaster zone

She said they had asked the government to declare the Beirut section between London and Roosevelt a disaster area. The hostel-dwellers had forcibly removed residents in that area and brought in supporters.

More than 50 people are believed to have died in the carnage at the beginning of April.

The Goldstone Commission is currently gathering evidence about violence involving hostel inmates and township residents in Reef townships.



# 'Death row' for pupils

By MOSES MAMAILA

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MZIMHLOPHE hostel-dwellers allegedly abducted two pupils before taking them out to the veld to murder them.

One of the pupils lived to tell a gruesome tale of how getting into the wrong taxi on a school errand this week nearly cost him his life. His friend was not so fortunate.

Fourteen-year-old Elias Modikoane, of Sapebuso Higher Primary at Mzimhlophe, Soweto, said he pretended to be dead while the assailants kept on shooting at him and his friend. His classmate, Kenneth Majeng, 16, was repeatedly shot at because he "kept on screaming".

"They shot at me twice, ripping up

my upper chest and my hands. I pretended to be dead and they left me," said Elias.

Their horrifying ordeal occurred on Monday when they were sent by their teacher to collect books and they boarded the wrong taxi.

"A man called us in Zulu and warned us we could only run away if we were faster than a bullet," the boy said.

The two boys were robbed of money and a wristwatch before being put on "death row".

Sapebuso vice-principal Phola Tabane said the community was shocked by the cruelty displayed by killers whose targets included innocent kids.

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# Blasts (278)

## rock hostel C11P24 10/5/92

BY THEMBA KHUMALO

TWO bombs, believed to be limpet mines, rocked strife-torn Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto within 40 minutes of each other yesterday afternoon.

The blasts caused extensive damage to two deserted houses in the family unit of the hostel complex. No one was injured but the furniture and the walls of both houses were extensively damaged.

Police and SADF soldiers were at the scene within minutes after the first blast and the second bomb went off while they were clearing debris in the first house.

The explosions, which were heard about a kilometre away, prompted hostel inmates and township residents from Meadowlands and Killarney to arm themselves and taunt each other.

About 15 minutes later they were shooting at each other.

A resident said she suspected yesterday's explosions were a retaliation to a bomb which razed a house in Meadowlands.

The security forces averted a possible blood-bath when they fired tear gas at hostel-dwellers who were trying to attack passing taxis at Vincent Road, which separates the hostel and Killarney.

Police could not be reached for comment by late last night.



**AFTERMATH . . . A policeman stands guard over the damaged Meadowlands Hostel, which was the target of two blasts yesterday.**  
■ Pic: THULANI SITHOLE



# Train boycott is suspended

THE six-day boycott of trains by commuters on the Reef to protest against ongoing violence was suspended with effect from midnight yesterday, the Boycott Steering Committee said. *C. Webb 10/5/92*

The committee said yesterday that the boycott had been successful, although it was not expected to bring an immediate end to the carnage.

A meeting of all organisations involved in the boycott would be held next week to review and plan future steps regarding the issue.

The committee said it was overwhelmed by the "unprecedented, historic and significant support."

The committee said the community's support was a signal to the government and Transnet that "unless drastic action is taken to end the carnage on trains and in our communities... our people will be driven to take extreme measures".

The boycott was opposed by the Inkatha Freedom Party, which has in the past been blamed for allegedly colluding with security forces in fanning the violence. — Sapa

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**LONELY WAIT ...** This woman is all alone as she waits for a train at Merafe station, Soweto, during this week's rail boycott to protest against the train killings which the government seems powerless to stop. ■ PLO: TLADI KHUELE

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# TWICE A DAY THEY RIDE THE



# STEEL COFFINS

**DANGEROUS DAWN:** Armed soldiers guard a station bridge as a lone commuter sets off to catch a train to work

**SOMEWHERE** in Johannesburg, employees of engineering workshops are hewing sophisticated weapons designed specifically for train slaughter.

The weapons are getting better, and the kill rate higher.

In the first quarter of this year there were 130 attacks, more than three times as many as the combined total in the previous two years. The death toll of 126 is nearly four times as high as the 38 commuters killed last year.

On Soweto trains alone — where more than a million people travel between the shadow city and Johannesburg daily — police figures show 103 people injured (seven were policemen) and 13 dead in the first four months of this year.

Captain Thys du Plessis, 36, has been policing the trains for nearly two decades. He is head of the police Mobile Unit at New Canada, the Soweto station closest to Johannesburg, and has an unbelievable array of sophisticated — but "home-made" — weapons confiscated from commuters.

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**MADE TO KILL:**  
One of the simple home-made guns

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Police have appealed to the business community to keep a closer eye on what staff are making on lathes.

Although police conduct spot searches for weapons, the sheer volume of rush-hour commuters renders metal detectors ineffective. In Soweto, 318 trains with 2 441 coaches pass through 16 stations during the three-hour morning and evening peak periods.

## Stabbed

Among Captain Du Plessis's collection is a particularly lethal 36cm stainless steel knife, with deeply jagged edges, confiscated in March. The knife was seized during a police search of commuter trains one evening rush-hour.

Fifteen armed, uniformed policemen had stepped on to a Soweto railway carriage with about 60 commuters. As an officer bent down to confiscate the knife lying on the floor, a commuter stabbed him twice in the back with an assegai. Another commuter shot another policeman in the arm.

Three other policemen were pushed off the train, which was travelling at more than 100km/h. Two are still recovering from their injuries.

In March, the 60 members of the police Mobile Unit, which patrols the trains, worked an average of 174 hours overtime each — 10 400 hours in total. They don't get paid overtime, nor do they get the R500-a-month danger pay that riot policemen get for township duty.

## Beaten

Some commuters call the trains steel coffins. For many they are. It is not possible to walk from one carriage to the next unless you disembark. Both commuters and police are unhappy with this.

Captain Du Plessis notes that recently police were in a carriage near Naledi while someone was being beaten up in an adjoining carriage. They found out only at the next station when passengers disembarked and told them.

Mr Rudi Hollenbach, manager of operations for Southern Transvaal at Spoornet, said carriage

rush by 16 stations at peak periods. But they ran almost empty this week because of a boycott in protest against train violence. CHARLENE SMITH rode the "steel coffins" in which many commuters have died this year.

doors were sealed to prevent armed assailants running the length of a train and killing people.

He said: "We installed emergency buttons but people play tunes on them, so the drivers don't listen. What can we do?"

However, for the past three weeks spy cameras have been operating on certain routes and police and railway officials hope this will help with a more serious problem, that of witnesses who are too scared to come forward.

There is a group culture in trains. People tend to catch the same train and ride in the same coach. If a stranger boards, he will often be thrown off because commuters fear he could be an assailant.

## Victim

Every commuter spoken to by the Sunday Times at random in Soweto this week had been a victim of violence, knew a victim or had witnessed an attack.

Mrs Maria Khubeka, 51, said her neighbour, the father of three children, had been thrown out of a train window two weeks ago. "He has brain damage. Five men came to him and asked why he was at work while other people are suffering."

Mrs Khubeka, a mother of eight, said the assailants were "these Zulus".

"I'm a Zulu myself from Ladysmith, but some of these others are very bad," she said.

Mr Johnson Khosima, 34, said men once came into a coach he was travelling in and began beating everyone with sticks. "I lost my parcels and money. I suffered for the rest of the month. I have four children and earn R680 a month. I can't afford to travel by taxi."

He says it would cost him R54 a week to travel by taxi from Orlando to Johannesburg compared with R5,80 a week by train.

The police insist the failure of witnesses to testify hampers their efforts. Brigadier Hennie Heyman of Soweto said: "We have a R25 000 reward for information, Spoornet is offer-



**WICKED KNIFE:** Captain Thys du Plessis with a weapon seized at the price of five policemen injured

ing R15 000 and Lawyers for Human Rights have a R20 000 reward. There have been no claimants.

"We make arrests, but there have been few successful prosecutions because witnesses don't come forward."

He suggested the formation of a "rail watch" along the lines of New York's Guardian Angels, ordinary citizens who help combat crime on the city's subways.

## Attack

Political organisations backing this week's stayaway claim that violence surges when new political developments (such as Codesa Two on May 15 and 16) are in the offing. They say this lends credibility to a "third force" theory.

However, Captain Du Plessis, who says "a third force, if it exists, is anyone in the police or political organisations who act beyond their authority", believes there is a simpler explanation.

He says that before major political events, political speeches on trains intensify and people "become excitable and often attack each other".

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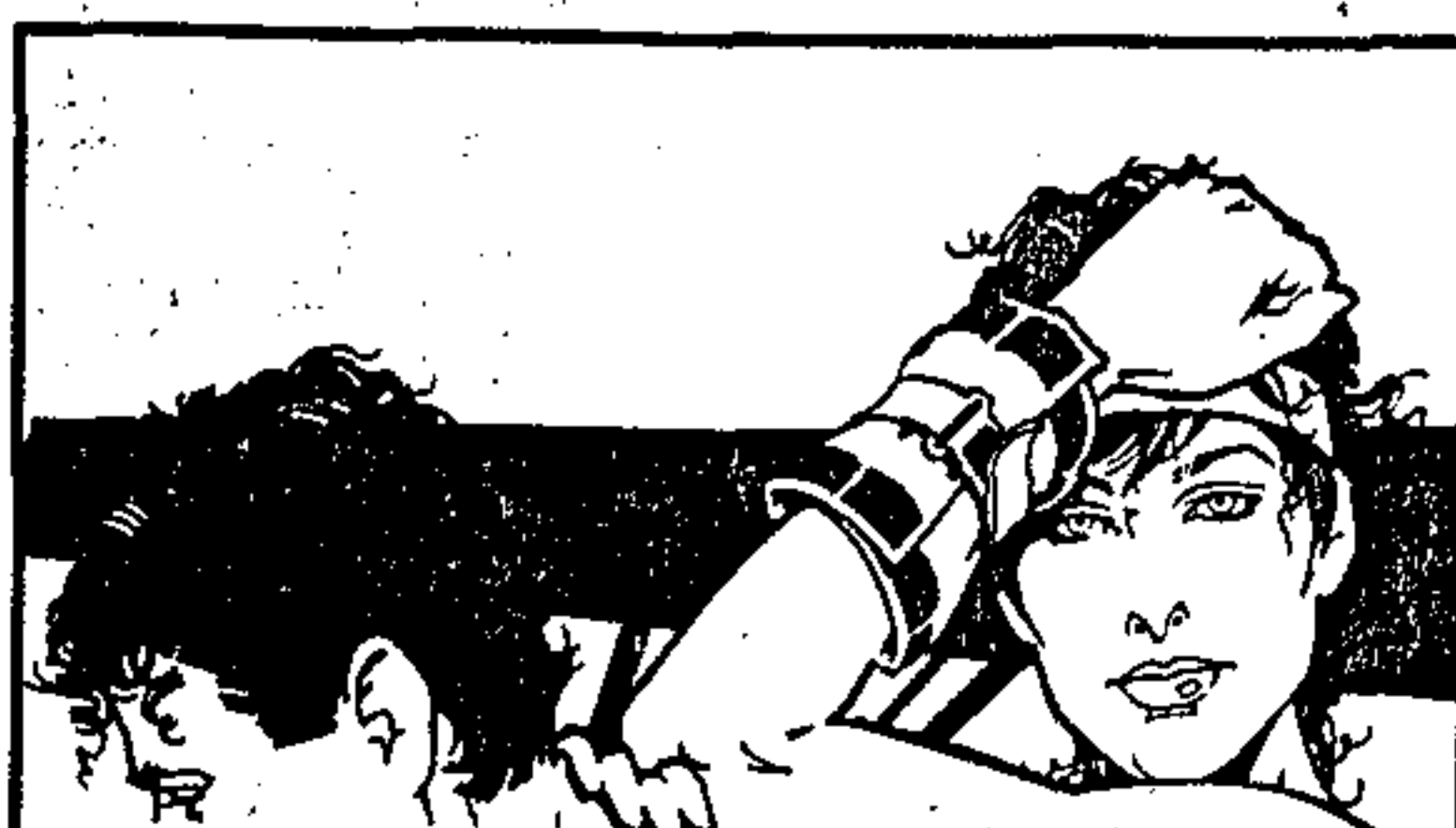
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# RITUAL OF DEAD WITNESSES

At least eight people who allegedly witnessed police killings and brutally have died violently in the past two years — some of them at the hands of the police.

The allegation comes during the SAP's worst credibility crisis in recent years, amid reports that a top-secret police base was linked to assassinations on the Reef and an accusation by a Supreme Court judge that the force had carried out a number of well-planned murders.

Police said they could not comment on the killings "until next Friday".

## Eight who testified to police brutality killed

By CLAIRE ROBERTSON

lands, Soweto, had brought a damages claim of R250 000 against the minister following the police shooting of her husband on February 8 this year.

The policeman said he shot in self-defence, but Mr Mokotisi denied this. He was afraid to go to the police but dictated an affidavit to his lawyer.

Mr Mokotisi was due to sign the statement on April 10, but that morning his body was found on his grandmother's doorstep. He had been shot through the head and hands.

Two of those killed were clients of the Johannesburg law firm Nicholas, Campbell, Koopersamy and Pillay.

### Massacre

she would agree to drop the case. She refused and, disturbed by the encounter, reported it to her lawyer.

Four weeks later, on March 22, Mrs Mokopani was found dead in her home. She had been shot through the window of her house.

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### Mysterious

However, Mr Makage's girlfriend, Miss Mongi Mogale, said he told her 48 hours before his death that he had heard policemen at Welverden station arguing over who should kill him.

### Ambush

Mac Mochupi, who was killed on March 4 1990, Police said he died when they opened fire on a petrol bomb at a police vehicle.

### Chiavelli faces R18m debts

By PETER MALHERBE

Bank of Lisbon is contemplating. Managing director Dr Durval Marques could not be contacted for comment yesterday.



FIERY PROTEST ... a crowd demonstrates against a planned Buddhist temple near Bronkhorstspuit Picture: NEVILLE PETERSEN

Mr Makage's lawyers said he had told them earlier that he feared for his life after several people who had testified against the police were "suddenly mysteriously killed".

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## Security the priority - Goldstone

SECURITY and the upgrading of railway stations to minimise the current violence on trains is the main priority of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC), a Goldstone Commission committee heard in Pretoria on Friday.

A senior general manager of the SARCC, Dr Jacobus Meyer, told the committee, chaired by Gert Steyn, that his company was in the middle of a five-year-plan and that progress was already visible.

He was positive that within the next two months studies on more effective ways to curb violence or criminal activities on trains would be completed.

Meyer said his company was also considering installing closed-circuit TV in coaches to monitor criminal or violent activities. C/Pres 10/5792

He said a task group made up of the SARCC and the SAP was established in March to look into the possibility of forming an SARCC police unit.

Meyer added his company was "visited" by members of the community in connection with the safety of commuters on stations and trains.

Among others the PAC's Benny Alexander had visited him and brought suggestions to curb violence on trains and stations.



# Three killed in Reef townships

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PRETORIA. — Three men were killed in two separate unrest-related incidents in Soweto townships, according to the latest police report yesterday.

The bodies of two men who had been shot dead were found in Dobsonville, and one man was wounded by gunfire.

The body of a man with bullet wounds was found at the Meadowlands Hostel, scene of almost daily violence during the past few weeks.

Police also reported extensive damage to the hostel rooms when two explosive devices were detonated there on Saturday afternoon. Nobody was hurt. The incident is being investigated.

According to the report, two men carrying two brown bags entered the hostel about 4pm. About the same time an explosion occurred, followed by a second blast half-an-hour later.

Despite the boycott of trains, police reported on Saturday that two men died in two days of attacks and that a third had been injured.

The boycott was suspended at midnight on Saturday. — Sapa



## Move to promote Zulu battle sites

THE KwaZulu Monuments Council has approached the private sector to help promote the tourism potential of Anglo-Zulu War battlefields.

The scheme involves the construction of an overnight lodge where military and history buffs will be able to stay while visiting Isandhlwana, where Zulus defeated the British in 1879 to become a household name in the UK.

Rorke's Drift, the Fugitives Trail and other historical sites are also involved.

Council director Barry Marshall said last week that the lodge development had been put on hold until August, when potential developers would be invited to attend a council workshop on the project.

He said there were only two broad requirements regarding the development

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— that any buildings did not detract from the ecology or the historical significance of the site, and that developers involved the local Mangwebuthanani tribal authority which made the land available.

The proposed lodge would be built on a slope overlooking the Isandhlwana battlefield, Marshall explained.

He said a large percentage of visitors to the area came from abroad.

Although the battlefield has been declared a national monument by the KwaZulu Monuments Council, the KwaZulu authorities did not have sufficient funds to cover proper restoration and maintenance, and had other priorities.

The council had therefore decided to involve the private sector.

## Train boycott 'a rolling success'

THE week-long Reef train boycott in protest against violence on trains was "a rolling success", boycott steering committee spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

He said the support shown by commuters transcended political and ideological boundaries. It was significant that no reports of intimidation or damage to property were recorded, said Mamoepa. This indicated that people were not forced to boycott.

"We have made violence expensive" he said, adding that Spoornet had "complained bitterly" that the boycott had cost it R130 000 a day. Should the demands that formed the thrust of the boycott not be met, another boycott could be launched.

He said government and Spoornet had agreed to prevent armed commuters from entering stations, fence off all stations and install added security as well as place TV cameras in all coaches.

The boycott was supported by the ANC, PAC, Cosatu, Nactu and the Civics Associ-

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ation of Southern Transvaal.

Meanwhile, police said yesterday three men were killed and two wounded in separate unrest-related incidents in Soweto townships.

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A R5 000 reward would be offered for any information leading to the arrest of the manufacturers of illegal firearms, Soweto police Regional Commissioner Maj-Gen Kobus Malan said. — Sapa.

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# Charred bodies of child, adults found near bullet-riddled car

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Police found the charred bodies of three white people — one a young child — at their bullet-riddled and burnt-out car on a road between Vosloorus and the Zonk'zizwe squatter camp on the East Rand yesterday morning.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said the car, a blue Alfa Romeo, was found at about 8 am. The bodies of the adults were lying outside on each side of the vehicle while the child's was inside.

They had all been burnt beyond recognition. Police found seven bullet holes in the Alfa and several spent 7,65 mm pistol cartridges on the scene.

Colonel Bruce said detectives were working "flat out" on the case were still puzzled last night at the chilling discovery and had not established what the car was doing in the area, which was bounded by townships.

The car owner had been identified through the gutted vehicle's number plates, but police will not name him until his next of kin have been located.

"All we know for sure is that this was a particularly gruesome crime which typi-

fies what is happening in South Africa today," Colonel Bruce said.

In other violence at the weekend at least four people were killed and four injured in various incidents of violence in Soweto, and two women were shot dead and several others injured in Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

Two of the Soweto victims died and one was injured after being shot at in a street in Dobsonville on Saturday.

Yesterday another person was also shot and then set alight in Dobsonville.

## Wounded

Police found the body of an unidentified person near the main entrance to the Meadowlands hostel at the weekend after two explosions at the hostel.

Three people were wounded by unknown attackers in Orlando East.

In Umthambeka Section, Tembisa, two women were shot dead and five other people injured in several attacks after a gang known as "the toasters" allegedly ran amok on Friday night.

A police spokesman said a man was arrested and is being detained in connection with the spate of attacks on

residents in the area.

They said at about 11 pm on Friday, Julia Dlamini (30) was shot dead and a man and his wife were injured.

A while later another home in the area was petrol-bombed and a second woman, Monhlanhle Dlamini, was also reportedly shot dead before her home was set on fire.

● The Regional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, Major-General Kobus Malan, expressed concern at the weekend that political leaders were not complying with the contents of the National peace Accord.

This followed the arrest on Thursday of an ANC chief of staff on his way from shell House (ANC HQ) to Soweto when his car was stopped and police allegedly found him to be in possession of a Stechellin sub-machinegun and ammunition.

He is expected to appear in court today in connection with the incident.

● It was also announced at the weekend that the six-day Reef train boycott, called to protest against continuing attacks on commuters, had been suspended with effect from midnight on Saturday. — Sapa.

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# 2 die in Friday night attack 278

**TWO people were killed and several injured during incidents of violence in Soweto and the East Rand at the weekend.**

A house was also petrol-bombed in Tembisa on Friday night while police and the ANC reported clashes between residents and unknown men at Dobsonville, Fred Clark near Pimville and Nancefield.

Colonel Dave Bruce, spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, said the dead were two women identified as Ms Juliet Dlamini and Nonhlanhla Dladla of Tembisa, who were killed on Friday night when a gang called The Toasters attacked residents at Unthombeni Section.

He said during the same incident a house was petrol-bombed and more than eight people injured. Bruce said a man was later arrested by police after being pointed out by

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**By IKE MOTSAPI**

residents. The man is due to appear in court today.

The ANC, however, said it doubted whether the man would appear in court.

The ANC's PWV executive member, Mr Floyd Mashele, said residents were being targetted by people who are opposed to efforts of establishing a new democratic order in the country. He said people arrested for such offences were soon freed because he believed they were acting on orders from the State.

● THE ANC's PWV region will meet tomorrow to discuss defence strategies. And members of the SA Democratic Teachers Union will hold a mass meeting at Regina Mundi Church in Rockville, Soweto at 1pm tomorrow.



# Dobsonville council bombed

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By IKE MOTSAPI

DAMAGE estimated at more than R2 million was caused when residents of Soweto attacked the Dobsonville Town Council offices with petrol bombs last night.

The attack took place at about 7pm when a rampaging mob of about 200 people stormed the council offices near the Kopano Centre.

Police used teargas to disperse the crowd.

By 11pm last night firemen from the Jabulani Fire Department were still busy trying to put out the fire.

Police on the scene said they were called to the area about 7.30pm after receiving reports of trouble in the area.

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## Dobsonville offices bombed at night

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Nobody was injured and police made no arrest.

Mr Floyd Mashele, an executive member of the ANC PWV region who was on the scene, said his organisation would release a full statement on the events today.

He warned, however, that the authorities must heed the "people's requests to end violence in black townships".

Mashele said the police had been made aware of the potentially "explosive situation" in Dobsonville.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Haggryn could only confirm that the council offices were on fire.

He said the police would release a full statement today.

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# SA's weekly average outstrips LA death toll

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Business Day Reporter

LAST MONTH's unrest death toll of 356 was 81 down on that for March, but was still the third highest monthly figure since July 1990, the Human Rights Commission (HRC) said yesterday.

Sapa reports an HRC statement said the average weekly toll was 83 "at a time when the 58 deaths in Los Angeles' week of riots and the circumstances surrounding them caused a world outcry."

It said 25% of the dead were women and children. The PWV area accounted for 250 deaths and Natal 86.

Police yesterday reported 16 deaths in PWV township violence on Sunday. In the worst single incident, five minibus occupants were shot dead in Sebokeng.

Yesterday's official unrest report said three people died in Vosloorus and one each in Katlehong, Alexandra and Soweto.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said 10 people died violently in the area on Sunday.

An SADF member was arrested yesterday and police are investigating a charge of attempted murder when a handgrenade exploded inside a police Casspir at Umlazi, injuring two policemen. A KwaZulu police spokesman said the incident happened when members of the SADF and the KwaZulu police were manning a roadblock.

KwaZulu police also reported that two men died when shots fired from a car at Esikhawini near Empangeni.

The Inkatha Institute's Violence Study Unit alleged yesterday that 14 separate attacks were made against Inkatha sup-

porters at the weekend.

Meanwhile, police hunting the killers of three whites whose charred bodies were found near Vosloorus on the East Rand have discounted the possibility that they had lost their way.

Police spokesman Col Dave Bruce said yesterday the man, Francois Pretorius, knew his way around the East Rand. He had a bullet wound in the head, Bruce said.

The cause of death of the woman and the child had not been determined.

Police said a group calling itself Youth for Revolution had claimed responsibility for Sunday night's arson attack on the Dobsonville Town Council offices in Soweto and had threatened to assassinate councillors, policemen and soldiers.

The sealed statement was delivered to Sapa yesterday afternoon by two men, who disappeared by the time it was opened.

The Goldstone committee inquiring into 32 Battalion's alleged rampage through Phola Park expressed concern yesterday at the gruelling questioning of a witness who lost his wife in the attack.

Committee chairman Solly Sithole adjourned the sitting until tomorrow so legal counsel could decide on a line of cross-examination which would not be too harsh on John Msimango.

His wife Nomatuse died after she was allegedly shot in both legs and raped by members of 32 Battalion on April 8. He was also shot in both legs.

## LHR set to act on Goniwe paper

LAWYERS for Human Rights (LHR) will ask President F W de Klerk to order an investigation into the deaths of 64 anti-apartheid activists if allegations of state complicity in the 1985 death of Cradock UDF activist Matthew Goniwe are correct.

LHR national director Brian Currin said yesterday that if forensic tests carried out on an alleged military warrant ordering Goniwe's death proved the document was authentic, he would ask that 64 other deaths be investigated.

His list includes Wits University anthropologist David Webster and Mamelodi doctor Fabian Ribeiro.

"At the time of the Harms commission (of inquiry into politically related deaths) I submitted an affidavit listing 64 people who had been assassinated between 1981 and 1989. The commission did not sit for

long enough for the matters to be investigated. We suspected that the state might have been involved," Currin said.

"If it appears that the Goniwe documents are true and accurate it will be a strong indication that the security forces were responsible for the murder of Goniwe and others. Then we would want the president to order the opening of all the cases."

He said forensic tests carried out on the documents by police should indicate whether they were valid or not.

An LHR spokesman said yesterday the organisation was examining the legal grounds on which the release of killer policeman Khethani Shange could be declared unlawful.

PATRICK BULGER



*Sowetan*

# Garankuwa nurse shot dead on duty

12/5/92 (278) *[initials]*

A MALE nurse was shot dead while on duty during an apparent argument over the use of a telephone at Garankuwa Hospital on Sunday night.

The hospital's medical superintendent, Dr Louis van Heerden, yesterday identified the man as Mr Abram Shitlhane and said he was shot four times.

Van Heerden said he was told people arrived at the hospital's out-patients de-

**By MONK NKOMO**

partment on Sunday night carrying a person they did not know was already dead.

After they were told by Shitlhane - who was on night duty - that the person was dead and could not be admitted, the visitors asked to use a telephone in the hospital.

Shitlhane told them the telephone was only used for

internal calls and that they would not be able to contact anybody from outside the hospital. An argument apparently ensued and one man produced a gun and fired four bullets at Shitlhane. He died instantly.

Although sources within the hospital said a suspect had been arrested, Van Heerden could not confirm this.

"The hospital is investi-

gating the matter," he said.

Several nurses at the hospital were still shocked yesterday about the incident. Nurses interviewed said a strike was looming to pressurise the authorities to arrange security at all the wards and departments.

"We want a guarantee from management that we will be secured at all times while on duty. We are perturbed at the lack of security here," the nurses said.



Refined petroleum product prices in the RSA are based on the international market prices of refined petroleum products which are more stable than the volatile international crude oil prices. For this very reason, Cabinet decided in December 1989 that the future tariff protection should be based on a derived crude oil price (landed cost of refined products converted to a crude oil price) and \$23,00 per barrel (floor price). The floor price formula provides that:

— the tariff protection be determined on the difference between a derived crude oil floor price of \$23,00 per barrel and a crude oil price calculated from the ruling landed cost of refined products;

— Sasol will only receive tariff protection when the derived crude oil prices are below \$23,00 per barrel;

— Sasol must reimburse 25 per cent, before tax, of its additional gross income on indigenous production to the Equalisation Fund when the derived crude oil price exceeds \$28,70 per barrel; and

— continue with this payment to the Equalisation Fund until the cumulative amount of protection received since 1 July 1989 was reimbursed.

#### Number of persons murdered on trains

\*8. ADV J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order:

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How many persons were murdered on trains in South Africa (a) in 1991 and (b) from 1 January 1992 up to the latest specified date for which figures are available?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) 76 persons.

(b) 106 persons.

The above-mentioned statistics are given to 26 April 1992.

#### INTERPELLATION

The sign \* indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language.

*Own Affairs:*

#### Rationalization of schools

1. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

(1) Whether he intends to proceed with his announced plans to rationalize schools and terminate the services of teachers prior to the abolition of the own affairs departments; if so, why;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: Mr Speaker, let me say at the outset that I would have preferred to avoid altogether the rationalisation of schools and the termination of teachers' services. My plans and actions are, however, influenced and to quite a considerable extent dictated by inescapable realities.

I am, for instance, still bound by the provisions of the present Constitution of the country, and this will remain so until the Republic of South Africa Constitution Act is repealed or suspended. Secondly, there is a budget which determines the financial parameters within which I am empowered to operate. Hon members know very well that I am obliged to manage the department within its budgetary constraints. As I will not be able to do so unless I proceed with the plans as announced, rationalisation of schools and the retrenchment of teachers will of necessity have to continue, as announced. I am, however, going out of my way to limit the extent and the possible negative impact of this as much as possible.

Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Speaker, the hon the Minister may indicate that he would wish not to rationalise, but quite honestly the teachers out in the schools are actually wondering what he is doing.

In February he announced a plan to move schools to model C. He announced that this

would happen on 1 April. [Interjections.] It did not happen on 1 April.

He also announced that 4 000 teachers would have their services terminated on 1 August. We now hear that this may happen at the end of December, but already three of the four provinces have announced that no teachers' services will be terminated this year in those departments. We also know that since June of last year 84 schools that fell under this hon Minister's department have been reopened in another guise. With 19 000 school places being filled with children who possibly would not traditionally fall under this hon Minister's department.

At the present moment, according to the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works of the House of Assembly, 64 schools are still not being used. No doubt more schools will be closed this year. All we ask of this hon Minister is to sit down and look with new eyes at a changed South Africa in which own affairs are not going to continue much longer. [Interjections.]

I know that the hon the Minister and the Cabinet have said quite clearly that own affairs are not going to continue much longer, but the important thing that he needs to do is to revise his plan. He must not simply say that he must abide by the Constitution until it comes to an end or is altered. He must try to provide employment for teachers. He must try to ensure that the confusion felt at schools at the present moment and the psychologically negative messages that are going out to South Africa about the termination of teachers is brought to an end.

Most particularly, he must improve the morale of the teachers. The only way to do this is by saying quite clearly that own affairs are coming to an end, that we are currently moving towards planning on a different basis and that it is possible that we will not have to fire teachers.

That then brings us to the issue of the early retirement of teachers which was announced in February as a possibility. We have not yet seen the legislation. We understand that it is in the hands of the Department of National Education and could possibly affect all teachers. We would like the hon the Minister to say today that it is possible, if sufficient teachers take early retirement, that he will not have to terminate any services. If he could say that, he would relieve a lot of tension out there in the classrooms.

\*Dr F H PAUW: Mr Speaker, the hon the Minister is in control of an own affairs department which controls White education, whether he likes it or not. The question implies that own affairs departments will be abolished, and the person asking the question is certainly making the correct assumption.

The hon the Minister does not like White education. [Interjections.] He does not like the fact the Whites want their children to be educated in a differentiated environment which is for Whites only. That is why he accepted his post with the intention of helping to abolish the White own affairs education department in co-operation with and at the behest of the ANC. [Interjections.]

That is why, for the sake of democracy, it is necessary for him to state clearly, if he has the courage, that there will no longer be a White own affairs education department in the new South Africa envisaged by his party. The time has come for the NP to be honest for a change. Make an unequivocal statement today.

The hon the Minister's antagonism towards White education puts teaching posts at risk. Before or after the abolition of own affairs departments teaching posts will be abolished. Teachers' vocational security, their income and prospects of being able to provide for their families are now being threatened by this hon Minister's attitude. The attitude of the hon the Minister is also leading to despair among White teaching students attracted to the profession by bursaries. In the statement owed by the hon the Minister to the teaching profession, he would do well to refer to the bursary commitments of these unfortunate people.

\*The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, The hon member who has just spoken says that I act in a certain manner because I do not like White education. The hon member has now really made a whole lot of fabricated allegations and suppositions. I know that, as he sits there looking at me, he is aware of that.

The action that I am taking at the moment I am taking precisely because I am so concerned about White education. The manner in which I am taking action and rationalising in education is precisely to advance the interests of White education too. I am, after all, also White. I also have grandchildren at school. Would I now want



# 'Scared commuters gather in strongholds'

STAR 13/5/92  
Violence on trains has forced commuters to create strongholds in coaches according to political affiliation, a committee of the Goldstone Commission heard yesterday.

Captain Matthys Johannes du Plessis, commanding officer of the SAP's Mobile Unit at New Canada railway station, told a committee chaired by Gert Steyn that the formation of groups had often sparked trouble between opposing factions.

"To show that the formation of these groups was a daily reality, there are train coaches specifically marked 'ANC', 'Metal church', 'Inkatha', 'IFP'

and so on," Captain du Plessis said.

In his personal findings, a person identified himself with a group in a residential area, and this was continued in trains. The same people travelled together daily in the same trains and they started knowing and trusting each other, he said.

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city, language and culture, common political view, religious affiliation and security needs.

Captain du Plessis showed the committee a documentary on trains which depicted the daily life of a commuter on the Soweto-Johannesburg route. It had a church group singing in one coach and a group shouting slogans and toyi-toying in another.

The documentary also showed searches conducted by the police in which they found scores of weapons, including some that were adjustable and could be concealed. — Sapa.



# Inkatha suggests special peace treaty for Alex

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INKATHA wants to sign a peace treaty with the ANC and its allies to "ensure the cessation of violence, intimidation and other forms of aggression" in Alexandra, it was disclosed yesterday.

ANC Alexandra spokesman Obed Bapela said yesterday Inkatha official Bruce Anderson had raised the matter at a recent meeting of a local interim crisis committee.

Bapela said local structures of the ANC and its allies were debating whether to enter into such a treaty.

"The feeling is that there is no need for a peace treaty between the ANC, its allies and Inkatha as these organisations have signed the national peace accord," Bapela said.

Anderson confirmed that Inkatha wanted to have bilateral talks with the ANC.

Alexandra's Interim Crisis Committee co-ordinator Elizabeth Carmichael confirmed Inkatha had raised the matter and said her committee was discussing it.

Another peace agreement, between community leaders, Spoornet and the SA Rail Commuter Corporation, ran into a hitch yesterday shortly before it was due to be signed.

The community leaders said they wanted their lawyers to study a sentence which Spoornet added to the document on Monday.

Institute for Contextual Theology general secretary Smangalis Mkhathswa said it was hoped that the agreement would be signed this week.

Meanwhile, the ANC has said it was outrageous that a policeman who allegedly assaulted and raped a 17-year-old girl in Katlehong, on the East Rand, this week was still at large despite medical evidence and positive identification.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the girl, who was allegedly raped early on Monday, had not only given the address of the policeman in question but had also identified him by name.

Police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said the policeman had not been arrested as investigations were continuing.

In another development, a policeman, Const P van Zyl, was stabbed twice on Monday afternoon during a confrontation with a suspect on a train between Doornfontein and Johannesburg stations. Van Zyl was treated and discharged from hospital and his attacker escaped.

Sapa reports that police found the stabbed and shot body of a policeman at a squatter camp in Katlehong on Monday night.

Goldstone commission chairman Judge R Goldstone said yesterday the commission would hold a public inquiry on Friday into recent violence in Maritzburg.

Yesterday 22 ANC Women's League members were prevented from entering the US and British consulates in Durban to deliver memoranda protesting against 32 Battalion's presence in Imbali township.



# Train-safety groups 'spark violence'

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*'I was offered R260 for every person I killed.'*

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# RING OF DEATH

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**SPECIAL REPORT**  
By MATHATHA TSEDU  
Investigations Editor



Mr Peter Bhengu who claims he was offered R260 for each person he killed in Alexandra.

**FORMER** Natal flyweight and welter-weight champion Mr Peter Nkosente Bhengu (53) says he was offered R260 for every person he killed in Alexandra when violence hit the area last month.

Bhengu, formerly of Chatham Court in Joubert Park, Johannesburg, refused the offer made to him by his flatmates, who worked as security guards. They boasted they had found a way of making money.

Later he was attacked with pangas and knives because he now knew "too much", and left for dead.

Bhengu miraculously survived the vicious attack, which left him with impaired speech, hearing and sight. He was in a coma for about 17 days at the Hillbrow Hospital. He was later discharged but had to be admitted to Baragwanath Hospital the same day, after he had collapsed.

He reported the matter to the police. The police arrested the men. When Bhengu later went to the flat to collect his clothing, he found his attackers had been released. He ran away.

His revelations suggest that Johannesburg's flatland may also be one of the many bases used by mobile killer squads sowing death and destruction in

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## The ring of death

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the townships.

According to our investigations, Hillbrow police arrested five people but are not investigating the involvement of the group in the violence in Alexandra.

The men were released on warning and are to appear in the Hillbrow Magistrate's Court on May 19 on charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Bhengu says he knows all the men who attacked

him. He says they wanted him to join them in a killing spree they were conducting in Alexandra at the time. A police spokesman, Warrant Officer A Pieke, said Bhengu had "been arrested previously for assaulting people. This could just be a revenge attack".

April 4, the date on which Bhengu was attacked, saw the most intense fighting in Alexandra.

He said in discussions with the squad, he had understood that they had been

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# Pupil accuses cop of rape

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**A 17-YEAR-OLD Katlehong schoolgirl has laid charges against a member of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit whom she alleges raped her on Monday in an armoured vehicle.**

The girl's lawyer battled fruitlessly until late on Monday night to persuade police at Katlehong to act on "reasonable suspicion" and arrest the policeman concerned.

The girl was able to name the policeman in question.

Through her lawyer, she made a full statement to the station commander at Katlehong police station, provided the police with a medical report plus slides and swabs taken during an examination earlier on Monday and two other witnesses testified to seeing her removed from her home.

Both the girl and her boyfriend are members of the African National Congress and they were accompanied to the police station by ANC national executive committee member Miss Gill Marcus and several members of the organisation.

Marcus told police the ANC was anxious that they should take swift and appropriate action to send a clear message to members of the force that abuse of members of the community would not be tolerated.

The station commander, a Colonel Dhlamini, had a docket opened and instructed the detective branch to investigate the girl's allegations. But he firmly resisted

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attorney Mr Stephen Hardie's request that an immediate arrest take place because there was "reasonable suspicion" that a Schedule 1 crime had been committed.

The girl stated that members of the Internal Stability Unit had come to the home she shared with her boyfriend about 2am, allegedly searching for weapons.

A particular policeman - whom she has known for three years - pulled her by the neck from the house and made her get into an armoured vehicle, where he allegedly assaulted her with a stick.

She said he and other policemen had asked her to point out the home of a friend of her boyfriend. When they discovered this person was not at home, they returned to a yard where several armoured vehicles and water tankers were parked.

After the white policemen had departed, the alleged rapist forced the young girl to undress and sprayed her with water from a hose.

Other colleagues allegedly intervened, asking where the girl's clothes were. She then got dressed.

But at a later stage, the policeman in question allegedly got the young woman alone into an armoured vehicle and, despite protests, allegedly assaulted her and forced her to have sex with him.



## Body to help STAR resettle homeless

14/5/92  
Political Correspondent (278)

The Goldstone Commission has instituted a committee to try to resettle the thousands of people displaced by political violence in Alexandra, Greater Soweto and the Vaal Triangle.

Mr Justice Goldstone, chairman of the commission investigating political violence, announced yesterday that urgent investigation was needed into allegations that people had been ejected from their homes.

The committee would try to return the displaced people.

## Public servants' STAR 14/5/92 fears spark talks

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Public servants' worries about the future have prompted a multiparty conference planned for May 23, during which the ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party and Conservative Party will clarify their intentions in a new public service.

Public Servants' Association chairman Hans Olivier, in the latest public servants' magazine, has again focused on the anxieties among civil servants over the possibility of being laid off or left unprotected under the pending new government.

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## Feature of unrest is ANC, Inkatha rivalry

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POLITICAL rivalry between Inkatha and the ANC was a common factor in recent violence in Alexandra, Soweto and the Vaal Triangle, the Goldstone commission has concluded from preliminary inquiries.

The commission would now concentrate on probing claims that thousands of people had been forced to flee from their homes during the fighting. 01/05/92 14/5/92

It would look into whether such people should be compensated for their loss, Judge R.J. Goldstone, chairman of the inquiry into public violence and intimidation, said yesterday.

In view of what had been established about ANC/Inkatha rivalry, Goldstone said his commission had decided no good purpose would be served by hearing many weeks of disputed evidence on the issue — and on police conduct during the violence.

The judge gave the assurance that adequate policing was still receiving the commission's attention, and that its Thokoza committee had been studying ANC/Inkatha rivalry.

"The commission has decided that what does require urgent investigation are the allegations that violence (in Alexandra, Soweto and the Vaal Triangle) has resulted in the displacement of thousands of people."

A special committee had been appointed to establish the facts.

The committee would also consider whether people were legally or morally entitled to compensation for damages as a result of being forced to leave their homes.



# Black businesses loses millions

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**BLACK** business has lost millions of rands because of the political violence in Mzimhlophe and neighbouring townships in Soweto in the past few weeks.

The violence has hampered the process of peaceful political transformation and threatens a legacy of difficult divisions and deep bitterness and poses a threat to the economy.

## Downward

This was told to Sowetan Business by the secretary of the Soweto Independent Shopkeepers Association (SISA), Mr Thami Skenjana, who said the situation could lead the area on a downward path to poverty, unless it was reversed soon.

He said the main areas affected included Mzimhlophe, Zone One Meadowlands, Orlando West, Dobsonville and small businesses near hotels.

**BY JOSHUA RABOROKO**

About three shops had closed down near the Mzimhlophe Hostel while several others faced the prospect of closure as patronage had seriously dwindled.

Customers in the beleaguered areas were reluctant and afraid to patronise the shops because they feared being attacked, robbed and possibly killed when shopping in the area.

He said that the potential

for further conflict was high and political leaders had warned that the townships could slip into a civil war.

"We want to minimise the human costs of change in the townships. The violence is simply unacceptable in terms of human costs, as well as having a damaging effect on investors," he said.

Townships needed peace and political stability more than ever before if economic growth and job creation were to be achieved on

a large scale.

The continuing violence was destroying productivity in small and large businesses.

It caused despair among all population groups and business was forced to relocate or close down.

## Trauma

And it did not stop there - the trauma of violence was also brought into the workplace.

He said poverty and unemployment must be seen as one of the main contribu-

tory factors - among several others - to the repeated violence in the townships.

He called on political leaders, civic associations and trade unions to come to a conference to discuss the violence that is affecting black business in the townships.

"We can no longer operate normally. We are forced to close early to avoid clashes between rival groups and those people who take advantage of the situation," he said.



# 'Shots before soldiers arrived'

A witness who gave evidence in secret before the Goldstone committee inquiring into 32 Battalion's alleged rampage through the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand said yesterday that shots were fired before the soldiers arrived.

In a report read by committee member Bob Tucker, the witness said a squatter camp self-defence unit (SDU) often went to an area known as A Section to test their firearms. This was done on the night of April 8 before the alleged involvement of the battalion in shootings.

The witness also described a number of incidents in which members

of the SDU have been involved.

These include a robbery outside Bethlehem, a shooting incident involving SDU members and three men travelling in a Rand Water Board minibus, and the abduction and subsequent murder of an Inkatha member who was abducted in Tokoza.

The witness said that on the night of April 8 he heard shooting and investigated. He met an SDU member who told him to fetch his firearm to fight soldiers.

The witness said he decided against the idea and went home, where he climbed on to the roof to see what was happening.

He could not see much, but heard some shooting.

The witness said that on the morning of April 9, while standing on a street corner, he saw four black soldiers assault two residents.

He described an earlier shootout in the area when gunmen in a blue combi fired shots in the direction of Phola Park.

The gunmen left the vehicle and ran off. Residents saw one of the group carrying a firearm and attacked the combi.

The witness said the SDU used weapons such as axes, assegais and AK-47 rifles, but not heavy weapons such as rockets or hand grenades which 32 Battalion claimed to have heard.

The sitting was adjourned until Monday. — Sapa.



no agreement has been reached and he was not sure one would be reached today. ANC chief negotiator Cyril

Group 2 meeting today. However, hopes for a com-  
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## Covert bases network set up in '88 - police chief

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The Commissioner of Police yesterday admitted in an affidavit to the Pretoria Supreme Court that a nationwide network of covert bases was set up in 1988.

The bases, in 11 regions across the country, fall under the Criminal Investigation Services, into which the security branch was absorbed last year, and are officially called "undercover operations and structures".

The affidavit was filed in an urgent application against The Weekly Mail by the Commissioner of Police

to prevent the newspaper from publishing allegations of police hit squads.

The commissioner withdrew his application following an agreement with The Weekly Mail that publication could go ahead if no member of the police was identified.

On Wednesday, the commissioner asked the Supreme Court to order that the newspaper be prevented from publishing information about the existence of undercover operations. — Sapa.

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## Creative thinker readies SAP for the new SA

STAR 15/5/92  
CAPE TOWN — An expert on creative thinking had been working with the SAP to "bring home at ground level to members of the force the new milieu in which we find ourselves", Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel said in Parliament yesterday.

Mr Kriel was speaking during debate on the law and order vote.

He said he was aware that, for the South African Police, the ANC had been the enemy up until February 2 1990.

"Now the ANC is a political role-player and we are aware that it is causing problems in the force.

"We have obtained the services of Dr Kobus Neethling, an expert on creative thinking, and he is having great success in bringing home at ground level to members of the force the new milieu in which we find ourselves.

"We are also working with new recruits in the same manner," Mr Kriel said. — Sapa.

Teargassed a Phola Park mother cries for help after swoop. A passing motorist took the child to hospital.

## Phola Park swoop angers squatters

STAR 15/5/92  
By Monica Oosterbroek  
Crime Staff 278

Nine men were arrested and a baby was injured during a massive police search at the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand yesterday.

One of the suspects is alleged to have been involved in nine murders.

A baby was slightly injured when police fired teargas at a shack. The mother, who was breastfeeding the child, ran out screaming for help. A car passing by the camp took the child to the Natalspuit Hospital.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman first denied that police had used teargas, but in a subsequent statement said "small amounts of tearsnake" were used to disperse "aggressive people". He confirmed the baby was "affected in a slight way without any apparent lasting ill-effects".

Captain Opperman said they were searching the area for suspects involved in the spate of attacks on policemen and other people. They were also looking for illegal weapons, ammunition, drugs and stolen goods.

He said the camp had been targeted because residents

had been involved in 325 unrest-related attacks since the beginning of the year.

Five policemen have been killed in Phola Park this year, a further three have been badly injured and police officers have been involved in 24 other attacks.

The large police contingent was backed up by more than 250 SADF members, which included soldiers from 32 Battalion. A police helicopter circled overhead.

Soldiers surrounded the camp with guns at the ready.

Women and children were put on one side of the camp and men were body-searched in a large enclosure.

Shots were fired during the search, but Captain Opperman said he did know by whom.

He said several rumours spread through the camp about police allegedly beating up residents, but no assaults had been reported "as yet".

Phola Park made headlines recently following allegations that SADF members of 32 Battalion murdered a Phola Park resident and raped and assaulted dozens of others. The allegations are being investigated by the Goldstone Commission.



# Murder suspects held after Phola Park raid

NINE people, including a man implicated in attacks on police and traffic officials in Phola Park, were arrested when police conducted searches in the squatter camp yesterday.

Police, who described the man as "one of the most wanted men on the Reef", said eight other people suspected of several Reef murders were also arrested after the SADF cordoned off the squatter camp.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said in a statement the man would be held for questioning, but it could not be established yesterday when he would appear in court.

No weapons or explosives were seized. Opperman could not confirm an allegation that an explosion had been heard in the Phola Park area during the police operation, but confirmed that policemen and residents had heard shots.

Opperman said Phola Park was notorious for attacks on security forces.

Between February 11 and March 6 five policemen were murdered and three seriously injured in attacks there, while 325 unrest incidents had been reported in the camp since January last year.

Sapa reports from Durban that police yesterday seized a large arms cache and arrested a prominent KwaZulu policeman who is alleged to be a warlord. Ten others were also arrested at Umlazi on Wednesday night for allegedly operating a protection racket.

The arrests followed a report to the Montclair police station by a resident who claimed he was threatened by the gang who told him unless he paid up he could not operate a business at Umlazi.

Police spokesman Capt Bala Naidoo said "at this stage the accused are facing charges of extortion. However, we are considering handing over the case to the special investigation unit."

Police also seized a pistol and ammunition from the Durban ANC offices after obtaining a search warrant yesterday, our

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Durban correspondent reports.

A police spokesman said three men were questioned but no one was arrested.

ANC spokesman Dumisani Makhaye said office guards were using the pistol which belonged to the ANC.

"We have been asking the SAP for a licence for a long time but it is our right to protect the regional office. The KwaZulu Police protect Inkatha so we must protect ourselves too," he said.

Meanwhile, an agreement to end violence on trains in the PWV region was signed in Johannesburg yesterday by Spoornet, the SA Railway Commuter Corporation, a representative of the Law and Order Minister, and a signatory representing the ANC, the SA Railways and Harbours Workers' Union, the SACP, Cosatu, the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal and the Institute of Contextual Theology.

Regional police commissioner Gen Gerit Erasmus agreed to redeploy personnel as soon as possible.

Three working groups will be set up to investigate issues such as refusing entry to any armed person, implementing permanent screening systems at stations and installing television cameras in train coaches.

□ In another development Amnesty International charged yesterday government had not taken firm enough action to end the security force's involvement in killings, torture and other abuses.

The organisation expressed concern that the current climate of fear and high loss of life would continue until government took steps to demonstrate publicly that all members of the security forces involved in human rights violations were brought to justice.

The organisation said it would release a full report on SA next month.

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# Violence focused in PWV Winnie

By Montshiwa Moroke

The violence which was plaguing the country had assumed a specific focus on the PWV and had made the area one of the most dangerous regions, ANC Women's League PWV region chairman Winnie Mandela said this week.

Addressing a media conference in Johannesburg, Mrs Mandela said the past year had been the most difficult period in the region in a long time.

This was due to various factors, but mainly because it was the country's economic nerve centre, which meant the region had the highest population density.

"Also related to this is the fact that the region carries a high number of migrant workers housed in hostels. Homelessness and joblessness are stark realities that stare this region in the face.

"A combination of all these factors has made this one of the most dangerous regions to live in in this country.

"The third force which is fanning the violence has also identified this region as a pilot project for the decimation of thousands of our people and the denial of political stability so crucial for the current process for the peaceful resolution of the apartheid problem," she said.

## Church wrangle over NGK

By Carina le Grange

Top representatives of the South African Council of Churches (SACC) and the Ned Geref Kerk met in Pretoria this week to discuss the NGK's application for observer status in the council.

Last year the SACC national conference voted to postpone a decision on the NGK's application for observer status until this year's July conference.

According to SACC general-secretary Dr Frank Chikane, the SACC considered the need for the NGK to normalise its relationship with its

three sister (black) churches as the key obstacle to the NGK being granted observer status.

Dr Chikane said the three sister churches said that "even today" the NGK had not rejected apartheid completely.

"They say the NGK has rejected only the hurtful aspects of apartheid," he said.

The NGK contends that it has unequivocally rejected apartheid.

This has been backed up by observers who saw great significance in the confession of a leading church member, repenting apartheid, at the Rustenburg Conference of Churches in 1990.

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## 1 in 6 in Gaborone has HIV

Star Africa Service

GABORONE — One in every six people in the Botswanan capital of Gaborone is infected with the Aids virus, according to the country's Health Ministry.

In Francistown, the second largest town, the infection rate is said to be one in five.

Kegalale Gasennelwe, under-secretary in the Ministry of Health, told a workshop in Gaborone there were 227 known cases of Aids in Botswana and 2 400 other people were known to be infected with the virus.

Mr Gasennelwe said there were an estimated 6 million sufferers in Africa.

## Price of eggs set



# 3 shot at church meetings

**VEREENIGING.**—A Sharpeville police man was shot dead and two women were wounded when unidentified gunmen opened fire on them after a church gathering at a home in the township on Wednesday night.

Detective-Constable Alfred Moloatse, 36, died instantly after being shot in the face. Ms Arcelia Mohlekoa, 53, was hit by bullets in the left shoulder and stomach and is in a serious condition at the Sebo-keng hospital.

Ms Salomina Thotele, 66, was wounded in the shoulder. Several spent AK-47 rifle and 7,65 pistol shells were found at the scene.

In Meadowlands, Soweto, a man was killed with a spade. In another incident, a man was shot and wounded.

Police have confirmed that a man was shot dead in Crossroads, Cape Town, when local

## Reef train accord signed

Own Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG.**— An agreement aimed at ending train violence was signed yesterday by representatives of Spoornet, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC), the Law and Order Department, political and civic organisations, churches and trade unions.

Sapa reports that in terms of the agreement three working groups will be set up to look into, among other things, the installation of surveillance

cameras in train coaches and the establishment of permanent screening systems at stations.

The SARCC undertook to employ extra security guards to patrol fences and property. It also agreed to make an additional R50m available for security for the current financial year.

The merits of a trained security unit attached solely to the Metro rail service would be established after a feasibility study was carried out by signatory representatives.

councillors reportedly opened fire on residents during a meeting on Wednesday night.

A police spokesman said the body of an unidentified man was found with bullet wounds in his chest yesterday morning.

A resident who attended the meeting said all the councillors were armed when they attended the meeting. The councillors were not available for comment.

In Maritzburg, about 30 more members of the African

National Congress's Women's League were arrested yesterday afternoon during a sit-in at the SA Police district commissioner's headquarters—bringing to more than 110 the number of ANC women held for similar incidents since last week.

The secretary of the ANC Natal Midlands region, Mr Sifiso Nkabinde, said the sit-in was in support of continued demands for the withdrawal from Imbali of 32 Battalion, the SAP riot unit and KwaZulu police.

He said that before staging the sit-in, the women had undertaken not to accept any bail conditions if arrested.

Meanwhile, the executive committee of the Natal-KwaZulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee has asked the government to lift the unrest area declaration imposed in the Maritzburg area following a recent spate of violence there.

In a statement, the committee said the lifting of the restrictions was necessary to enable community leaders to hold meetings and to communicate with their followers to restore calm.

It said recent events in Maritzburg highlighted the need for the appointment of justices of the peace and a regional police reporting officer.

"Had these officers been in existence, they could have investigated alleged violations by political parties and the security forces," the executive said.

The committee welcomed the quick response of the Goldstone Commission. — Sapa



# Ten held in Phola raid

By MOKGADI PELA

POLICE and the army detained more than 10 people in a pre-dawn raid at Phola Park squatter camp yesterday.

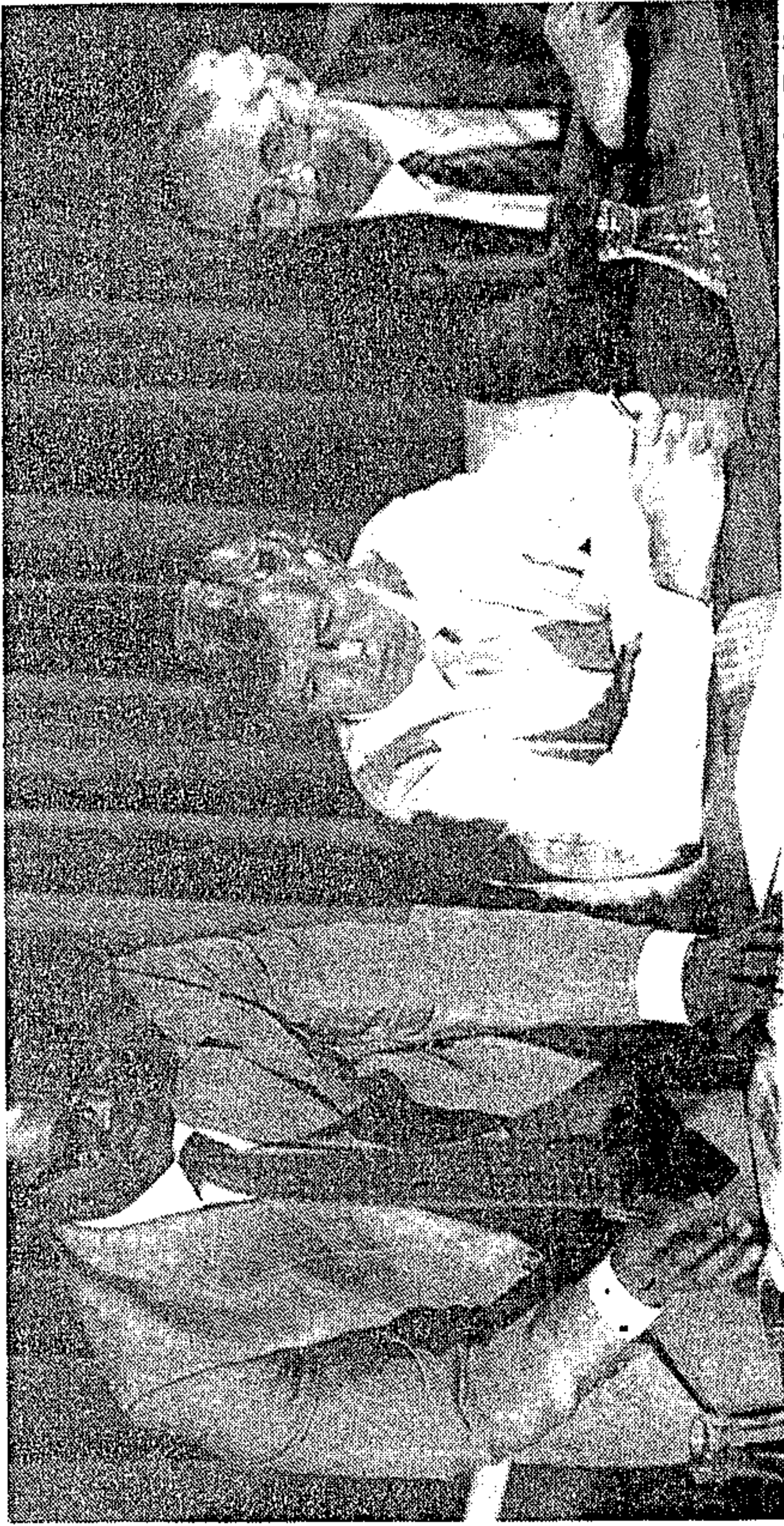
Residents said a baby was injured during the raid. Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the squatter camp was targeted as it had been "the worst spot for attacks on innocent people and security forces".

He said a suspect had been detained in connection with previous crimes. Police were looking for weapons and explosives, he said.

ANC spokesman in the area, Miss Sally Petersen, complained of alleged police brutality, claiming that "even a month-old girl was left unconscious after a teargas canister was thrown at her mother".

A pregnant woman, Mrs Sophie Mqwebedu (38), said she was teargassed in her house during the raid.

Residents later broke down a wall where a hooded man had allegedly pin-pointed people who were later arrested.



RAIL ACCORD: Father Smangaliso Mkhatswa signs an accord to fight train violence as the Rail Commuter Corporation's Mr Sam Taute and Spoornet's Mr Gert Britz look on.

# ANC, Spoornet sign historic pact

A DELEGATION of ANC-aligned organisations and Spoornet signed an agreement yesterday committing themselves to fighting against violence on trains.

The agreement, which was signed at Spoornet headquarters in Braamfontein, represents positive developments in negotiations between the parties.

A recent deadlock resulted in last week's boycott of trains by Reef commuters. The terms of the agreement include:

- Redeployment of security personnel as soon as possible to prevent possible violence before Codesa 2 convenes.
- Implementation of preventative measures including a prohibition on possession of dangerous weapons and

- Employment of additional security guards.
- Requests for compensation for families of train violence victims were turned down by the SA Rail Commuter Corporation.

Members of the media were told the corporation would make an additional amount of R50 million available for the 1992/93 financial year to improve security measures on commuter facilities in the Wits and Soweto area.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the community leaders by Father Mngaliso Mkhatswa, Spoornet's group general manager, Mr Gert Britz, SARCC senior general manager Mr S Taute and Witwatersrand Commissioner of Police, General Gerrit Erasmus.

# Mazwais say thanks

THE family of Sowetan's day editor, Mr Thami Mazwai, would like to thank all the people who stood by them during their bereavement since April 21 when Mazwai's wife Beledie died.

Mrs Mazwai is survived by her husband and four children.

"This was a traumatic period in our lives and continues to be. But the sympathy and support we get from friends, associates and just about everybody we come into contact with lightens the burden," Mazwai said on his return to work this week.

# Molefe

MR Michael "Tata" Molefe (24) of 8839 Mocketsi Street, Kagiso 2, Krugersdorp, who died last weekend will be buried at the local cemetery at 1pm tomorrow.

A service will be held at the Roman Catholic Church in Kagiso 1 from 10.30am.

# Boycott

FIVE zones under the Soweto Civic Association will take part in a march tomorrow aimed at raising awareness about the boycott of service charges in Soweto.

Marchers from Moroka, Molapo, Jabavu, Mofolo and Dube will meet at Elkah Stadium in Rockville at 10am and proceed to the Soweto Council offices in Jabulani.

A spokesman for the SCA, Mr King Sibiya, said the march would be to protest against the failure of the council to improve the quality of services in terms of the agreement between the SCA, TPA, the council and the Metropolitan Chamber.

The SCA would also demand the resignation of councillors with immediate effect and for the Johannesburg municipality to be fully involved in greater Soweto, Sibiya said.



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Mr Mabusa Make lies dead after he was shot at a taxi rank yesterday.

## Death at a taxi rank

A MAN was killed and three women seriously injured when the occupants of a passing car fired at people waiting at a taxi rank in Soweto yesterday morning.

The incident took place at Mzimhlophe about 6.40am while the victims were waiting for transport to work.

Eye-witnesses at the scene said they heard gunshots and saw the speeding car, with its occupants firing at people.

"In the confusion that followed people ran in all directions. A man told me to run away because there was trouble.

"I hid myself in a street corner. There

was shooting and people were screaming. The car sped off and I immediately ran to the scene," a woman said.

She said a man lay dead on the ground. He was identified as Mr Mabusa Make (21), of Mzimhlophe.

The injured were identified as Miss Manini Makhena, Miss Tshidi Kubyane and Miss Maki Mthethwa.

They were taken to hospital.

Police arrived at the scene but declined to comment.

By PATTY MOENG

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# ANC deplores IFP leader's assassination

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THE African National Congress has issued a statement deploring yesterday's assassination of Simon Nxumalo, Alexandra leader of the Inkatha Freedom party, and blaming his death on "agent provocateurs" aiming to disrupt Codesa and set off another round of violence in the tinder-box township.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said two unknown gunmen had killed Nxumalo at about 7.30 am as he walked to work. "He was shot twice in the back and died on arrival at the Alexandra Clinic," said Pieke.

He said police could not give more details on the attack but were investigating.

Meanwhile the embat-

tled township is steeling itself for reaction to his death. His killing has led to widespread fears of a violent retribution by IFP supporters on the Alexandra community.

Nxumalo was a prominent member of the IFP and a respected member of the Alexandra community.

He was praised by all political parties as a man deeply involved in peace negotiations in the troubled township.

Both residents and the hostel dwellers have clashed with each other and the police during the past two months.

Nxumalo, a long-time resident of the township, was an active partici-

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## IFP killing

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part in most community efforts at peaceful reconciliation among rival factions.

Responding to the killing, IFP Codesa delegate Bruce Anderson said it was tragic that a proponent of peace was killed in this manner.

"We're afraid of the reaction, but we're calling on people to remain calm," he said.

The ANC statement said the organisation learnt with extreme shock about the killing and condemned it.

"The timing of the murder," the statement said, "is reminiscent of past trends of violence which proved to coincide with major political developments.

Nxumalo's murder coincides with the second sitting of Codesa. It could only have been the intent of the perpetrators of this dastardly act to disrupt the proceedings and peace effort underway in Alexandra.

"Both the ANC PWV Region and the Alexandra ANC branch distance themselves from such acts and condemn with contempt the latest attack on Nxumalo and extend our deepest sympathy to both family and friends," the statement concluded.

Similar messages were issued by many organisations yesterday including the Interim Crisis Committee and prominent community leaders.

Police reported no arrests and no other incidents of violence.



police pulled out of the area.

fatigued, but not on the ground. Why they were not on the ground is not clear.

THE visiting Organisation of African Unity delegation, in the country to monitor the on-going violence in the townships, had a close encounter with the real thing near Phola Park this week.

Shots were fired when police were conducting a massive search for suspects involved in attacks on the police and other people, according to police liaison officer Eugene Opperman.

Police had cordoned off all roads leading to the squatter camp and apparently warned the OAU convoy about the shootings.

In an exclusive interview with Chief Olusegun Olusola, who heads the delegation now in its fifth day of making the rounds, the Nigerian Ambassador to Ethiopia expressed the hope that they would still have the opportunity of visiting trouble spots. They also hope to visit some hostels.

Olusola's delegation, made up of five ambassadors based at the OAU headquarters in Addis Ababa, was invited to South Africa by the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress to monitor township violence.

"After four days of meeting the Government, political parties, the liberation movements,

# OAU observers

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including Chief Buthelezi, and as well as reaching Soweto and visiting various squatter camps, we came to the conclusion that the Government must take all parties into its confidence.

"The participants at Codessa have no faith in the Government's action in curbing violence," said Olusola.

"There is a definite need for more African presence in the security agencies and they must do a lot to catch up with the political situation."

About his impressions of the squatter camps, they visited Olusola said poverty and squatter camps were not unique to South Africa. He said the Government

must take urgent steps to improve the lives of people in Soweto and the squatter camps. "The camps we saw were in a deplorable state," he said. "They were unsanitary, overcrowded and need urgent attention."

Asked how the delegation could reconcile giving South Africa advice on how to conduct its affairs when critics point out the abysmal human rights record of many African countries, Olusola replied.

"We Africans are only as good as the 32 years of experience we have gathered since independence in Nigeria as are other African countries. We challenge anyone to come from outside and teach us (a better) way of how to run our countries. We say to our brothers here:

take the plunge... "Let them rule themselves. Let them make their own mistakes. Poverty in Africa, the wars and so forth, these are no excuses for not installing a democratic government of national unity in South Africa. The OAU will ensure progress towards democratisation.

"In my own country," said the Chief, "we are throwing open the doors to two major parties to contest in democratic elections. We must admit there have been mistakes but in Africa anyone who falters in this process will rise and try again."

Olusola said South Africa will be welcome to join the rest of the 51 independent African states at the OAU, but only after it had passed the test of national unity and democratisation.

Asked for his impressions of the townships they had visited he said his delegation felt close to the people.

"We felt we were talking to people that we have always known," he said, "and they were very joyous and exceedingly happy that the OAU at last recognised them and was able to visit with them."

# Callers crusty as dough devoured



# IFP negotiator assassinated

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JOHANNESBURG. — A senior Inkatha official involved in peace negotiations with the ANC in Alexandra was shot dead yesterday morning on his way to work.

Mr Simon Nxumalo was chairman of the IFP in Alexandra and worked as an administration clerk at the township's council.

Police said Mr Nxumalo was shot from behind while walking in Second Avenue in the north Johannesburg township at 7.30am.

He died at the township's clinic.

IFP representative at the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa), Mr Bruce Anderson, said in a statement his organisation was "shocked and totally dismayed" at the assassination.

The PWV region of the ANC condemned Mr Nxumalo's assassination.

Mr Nxumalo's death was one of at least five in Reef violence yesterday.

Train violence claimed two people's lives. Seven others were injured, according to police and fire department officials.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the body of a man was found on board a train stopped by police at New Canada Station.

A large group of armed hostel

## Govt rules out MK merger with police

Staff Reporter

THE Ministry of Law and Order ruled out any merger of the ANC's military wing uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) with the police, saying the force was "apolitical" and members were compelled by law not to belong to political parties.

Ministry spokesman Major-General Leon Mellet said this in response to a report in which former National Intelligence Service head, Dr Niel Barnard, said that members of MK may have to merge with the police in a bid to end the violence in South Africa.

Dr Barnard, now director-general of the Constitutional Development Service, reportedly said the police — in their efforts to combat violence — would need the help of all the parties involved in the violence.

He said as far as he was concerned, it was not necessary for MK to merge with the SADF but MK soldiers would have to be accommodated in some way or another.

when gunmen opened fire on a train at Elandsfontein Station in Germiston yesterday morning.

He said one of the injured commuters was in a critical condition after being shot in the head and stabbed three times in the chest. He was airlifted to hospital.

However, police reported only two men were injured in this incident: One who was thrown from a moving train and another who was shot while standing on the station platform.

Police had no further details.

Police reported that one person was shot and killed and three others wounded yesterday morning when unidentified gunmen apparently sprayed passengers travelling in a taxi with gunfire at Ivory Park, near

Midrand. dwellers were on the train but police persuaded them to return to their hostel without disarming them, he said.

Another man was stabbed to death at Phefeni Station and two pedestrians were wounded by gunfire from trains at Inhlanzane Station, Capt Ngobeni reported.

Later yesterday morning, he said, a group of about 60 hostel dwellers tried to board a train at Nancefield Station, but police disarmed them and sent them home.

A fire department spokesman said five people were injured

Midrand. Midrand is between Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The police public relations division in Pretoria said that at Phola Park squatter camp, near Alberton, a policeman was wounded in his legs, and another in a hand, when a gunman fired at police trying to recover a stolen vehicle.

In Johannesburg 10 people were arrested after a sit-in at the Department of Education.

At Tokoza, Alberton, police found the body of a man. — Sapa



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**ANC protest**

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**march in city**

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ABOUT 3 500 ANC supporters marched on Johannesburg police headquarters in John Vorster Square yesterday to protest against government calls for the ANC to disband its military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Bearing placards, ANC and SACP flags, and singing political songs, the protesters wound along the streets, closely monitored by riot police.

Leaders handed a petition to a senior police officer after rejecting a black police lieutenant and threatening to occupy the station.



# Kids terrorise Mamelodi tipplers

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A GANG of kids are allegedly terrorising residents and hostel dwellers in Mamelodi West.

The youths, whose ages range from 10 to 15, have been labelled by residents as "The Zafios" - a name derived from a CCV drama series *Diwele Mago-lela*. They are accused of assaults, muggings and murder.

However, members of the Akajoe "clan", which organises parties for fee-paying members, say that residents had falsely branded them as "The

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Zafios" because a few members were thugs.

Residents say The Zafios operate mainly in Block B, E and F, where they have been accused of disrupting parties and robbing patrons leaving shebeens.

Hostel dwellers said they were regularly robbed in the area - even in broad daylight - and most of the victims have been stabbed.

A 13-year-old youth called "Murphy" is alleged to be the leader of the gang which has forced



**MURDERED ... MK's Jabu Buthelezi.**

residents and hostel dwellers to start street patrols at night following the April 6 death of Jabu "Lalela" Buthelezi, 31, a married father of two who was an MK cadre, a senior member of the Mame-

lodi Civic Association and the Campaign Officer for the SACP in Mamelodi.

Buthelezi was allegedly stabbed and stoned to death by members of the gang when he tried to confront them over a mugging at an Akajoe party.

Police spokeswoman Capt Marietjie Louw said two people whose ages were not yet known have been arrested in connection with Buthelezi's death. She asked people with information about the Zafios to contact the Mamelodi police.



## Trains violence still rages <sup>CP press</sup> 1715792

VIOLENCE in Reef townships, and on trains in particular, continues unabated despite the signing of an agreement between ANC-aligned organisations and Spoornet aimed at restoring peace.

Police said two people were killed on Johannesburg-bound trains on Friday. One of the men was stabbed to death at Phefeni Station and the other murdered on a train at New Canada. (278)

Jacob Makhetha, 52, who narrowly escaped death when he was slashed on the face with a panga by alleged Inkatha supporters at Inhlanzane station, accused police of siding with the attackers.

"Police stood without doing anything," said Makhetha who was being treated at Baragwanath Hospital with other victims of the pre-dawn attack.

Reports by CP correspondents and Sapa



# Death threats came true

By SOPHIE TEMA

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SIMON Thandabantu Nxumalo, the assassinated vice-chairman of Inkatha's Alexandra branch and superintendent of the Madala Hostel, had a premonition of his death. *CIP news 17/5/92*

Nxumalo, 49, was shot and killed on Friday morning in Alexandra - a week after he had sent his wife and six children to Natal because he had received anonymous death threats on the telephone.

After the death threats he also decided to move from his house in Alexandra's Second Avenue to the white suburbs.

He was shot twice in the back by two men at about 7.30am on Friday while

walking in First Avenue to his place of work.

Nxumalo was born in Bergville, Natal. He was an employee of the Alexandra Town Council for more than 25 years.

A spokesperson for the council said employees of the council who worked closely with Nxumalo had also received death threats.

IFP spokesperson Humphrey Ndlovu said: "We believe that this is part of the ANC's plan to wipe out the IFP leadership."

The Interim Crisis Committee (ICC) for Alexandra said: "The ANC and IFP together with the ICC absolutely condemn this kind of action."



# Maimed boy a mob of killers

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By MOSES MAMAILA

A TWO-YEAR-OLD toddler's right arm was amputated from above the elbow last month after he was shot in an attack in Diepkloof Extension by a rampaging mob of hostel-dwellers.

The toddler, Bafana Mpetha, narrowly escaped death when he was shot with an AK-47 during the April 12 raid. Two people were killed in the attack, allegedly by about 200 men from Nancefield Hostel armed with rifles, spears and other weapons.

Bafana was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital where his right arm was amputated above the elbow.

The boy's father, Patrick Mpetha, said: "The large group from the hostel launched the attack at about 10 pm. They said, among themselves, women should not be attacked but men and comrades should be killed."

**Whose enemy could an innocent toddler possibly be?**

daughters and my only son, Bafana." In line with their motto of not attacking women, they shot the little boy, crushing his bones.

"When I took him to the hospital later that night, I had to wrap his limp hand with a blanket. It was a very painful sight, seeing my son bleeding profusely and in great pain," Mpetha said.

Mpetha's sadness was transformed into anguish when he was told at the hospital that his son would permanently lose

(278) his hand.

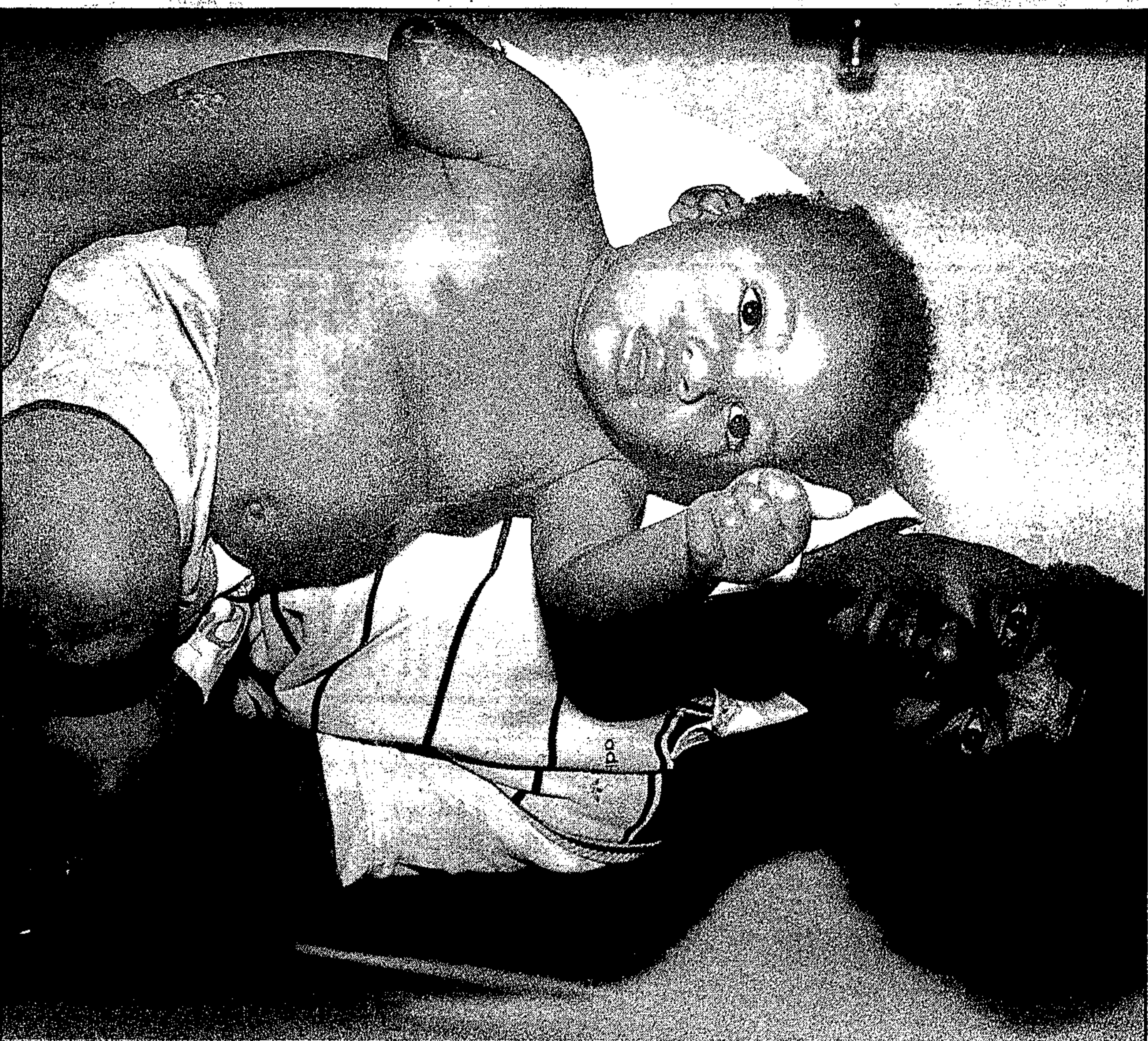
Confirming that the bloodthirsty men strictly wanted males, Mpetha's sister, Gloria, told City Press that two men were brutally killed in front of their wives.

One of the deceased had been dragged from under the bed, where he had been hiding, before being shot in front of his helpless and terrified wife, she said.

The second victim would have survived had it not been that he was drunk. "When the group kicked the door open they shouted that there was no man in the shack," she recounted, adding that the drunk man who was not seen exposed himself by inquiring what the men wanted.

Those were his last words before being hacked to death with pangas by members of the group, Gloria added.

Meanwhile the Moroka police, who had undertaken to visit the Mpethas for a statement, are yet to turn up, almost four weeks after the incident.



TINY VICTIM . . . Bafana Mpetha is comforted by his father, Patrick.

■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE



THE nickname that 32 Battalion soldiers earned in the Angolan war, "Os Terrivos", means different things to different people in South Africa.

To the SA Defence Force they are the bravest of the brave. This month the army conferred another 2 015 medals on the unit's members, describing it as "one of the great fighting units of the world".

To many township residents across the country they are truly "the terrible ones", accused of rape, killing, theft and assault.

Allegations of misconduct have dogged the unit since shortly after its arrival in South Africa in 1989.

It arrived here covered in glory, the most decorated unit since World War 2, with five members awarded the Honoris Crux for extraordinary bravery.

The defence force bought the tiny northern Cape village of Pomfret to house the men, formerly leaderless FNL soldiers who had

**THE Goldstone Commission has been occupied this month with allegations of atrocities committed by 32 Battalion in the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park — but this is not the first time the Angolan-born soldiers have clashed with township residents. CLAIRE ROBERTSON reports**

been "adopted" by the SADF in 1976.

By January 1990 they were in the townships — posted to Natal as a peacekeeping force in the war between Inkatha and the UDF in areas surrounding Maritzburg.

Here they proved to be enormously effective. After their first two months' murders in the area dropped from 96 a month to just 13.

But questions about the cost of

their presence began to be asked. Was the alleged assault of innocent civilians an acceptable price to pay for keeping the peace?

By May residents had accused the soldiers of attempted rape and of theft.

Church and political leaders decried their presence, but the SADF dismissed these fears as being based on the ANC's inability to influence the Portuguese-speak-

# COUNTING THE COST OF THE

## 'TERRIBLE ONES'

ing, foreign troops. Members of 32 Battalion are still in the area.

In February 1991 other members set up camp on a soccer field in Thokoza on the East Rand.

The allegations began again.

Within weeks of their arrival they had incurred the displeasure of local people, according to the ANC journal Mayibuye.

"They allegedly grab schoolgirls and fondle them in full view of military seniors," said a report in the magazine.

A sociologist compiling evidence for the Goldstone Commission in the area, Miss Sally Sealy of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, documented the following allegations:

● On March 28 this year two vehicles bearing members of 32

Battalion raced into Khumalo Street, Thokoza, in pursuit of a car from which shots had been fired.

The car sped away but the soldiers opened fire on a circle of houses, shattering windows, hitting walls and narrowly missing the head of Mr Samuel Mahlaba, who was changing a car tyre.

Five charges of damage to property and one of attempted murder were laid with the Thokoza police;

● On February 28 a police helicopter and 13 cars full of police arrived in Holomisa Park on the East Rand for a weapons search. Members of 32 Battalion also arrived in several Hippos and surrounded a youth who had been shot from the helicopter.

According to a witness, Mr Gerald Masete of the local ANC office,

In at least six cases they tell of white or other black soldiers pleading with the unit's members to stop the assault.

The soldiers later admitted to being "heavy-handed" in slapping and punching residents, the Goldstone Commission was told.

But "there might have been good reason for that", said Captain Mark Hermanson, commander of the platoon involved.

He said the reports could be an exaggeration to discredit 32 Battalion.

"We have a problem. All over the country there are certain factions who do not want us in the townships," he said.

Political figures and factions clearly want the soldiers out of their areas at all costs. The SADF is determined to keep them there. Each is prepared to resort to propaganda — and the truth about the battalion lies somewhere in between.

32 Battalion helped injured people, after unidentified gunmen shot at houses in Khumalo Street on the night of 28 March 1992.

Twenty-five spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

The other two allegations are unfounded and 32 Battalion involvement is strongly denied.

And then, on April 8, "all hell broke loose in Phola Park" as the Goldstone Commission was told recently.

In 70 affidavits, residents blamed murder, rape, assault and theft on members of the battalion.

Residents alleged they were beaten with, among other instruments, iron pipes, sjamboks, cables, planks and a panga. Some victims were allegedly beaten unconscious.

the soldiers kicked and beat the youth, Similo Koti, 18, who later died. He was a well-known mentally retarded boy who earned his living collecting scrap iron.

● On April 6 Holomisa Park residents were patrolling their area, fearing reprisals for an attack blamed on local activists, when members of 32 Battalion arrived in three Hippos.

Soldiers opened fire without warning and shot Zulani Ngoloni, 27, in the back and injured Phumile Nphleni, Edward Nqumse and Vuyisile Gwebhelele.

The SA Defence Force response to these allegations was:

"A spokesman for the Witwatersrand Command confirmed SADF involvement in one of the alleged incidents where members of



# **'Death warrant' to belong to the ANC**

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# Bloodshed continues across Reef townships

By Brian Sokutu and Sapa

Seven people were killed and 15 seriously wounded in unrest-related township violence on the Reef at the weekend, Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said yesterday.

And in what Interim Crisis Committee spokesman Dr Liz Carmichael described as a crime-related killing which was not politically motivated, Mdlelega Mcetywa was shot dead and Patrick Cadinga wounded in Alexandra at about 8 pm on Saturday. Police confirmed the attack.

Said Dr Carmichael: "We arrived at the scene of the shooting at a shack in Eighth Avenue minutes later. Residents said the attackers burst through the door and opened fire. But they said it was a crime-related attack."

Alexandra — scene of Friday's killing of IFP branch chairman Simon Nxumalo — remained calm yesterday

with security forces maintaining a strong presence.

Members of the Internal Stability Unit yesterday patrolled the area of "Beirut" on foot and in Casspirs.

In other incidents of violence since Friday:

● Three men were killed and six wounded when an unidentified gunman opened fire on a group of people at a soccer field at Zone 6 in Sebokeng, near Vanderbijlpark, on Friday evening.

Lieutenant Webber could only identify Ranswi Sebaya and a man referred to as Moeketsi out of the three who died.

Paulos Tema (20), Japhta Tsetsabi (18), David Motswa (16), Petrus Ngabe (19), James Joko (18) and Ephraim Koboekae (18) were injured.

Police later found 28 spent cartridges at the scene.

● In Meadowlands, Soweto, police found the bodies of two men with bullet wounds on Saturday.

● Four women were seriously wounded in a knife attack in Katlehong on Saturday.

● A man from Dube in Soweto was seriously wounded when two men fired at him on Saturday.

● A man was attacked with sticks and seriously injured at Johannesburg's Park station on Friday.

● Police found two wounded men in Elandsfontein station on the East Rand on Saturday. One man had been shot in the head and the other had apparently been thrown from a moving train.

● Police found a man who had been shot and seriously wounded in Phola Park on the East Rand on Saturday.

● A policeman was shot dead when a group of men fired shots at a patrol in Umkomaas, Natal. Police returned fire, fatally wounding one of the attackers. The SAP later found that the group had shot dead two men.

● A representative from the Peace Action monitoring group in Dobsonville, Father Phillip, said on Saturday night that a man had been shot and killed in the township.



# Police at stations caught by surprise

Wilson Zwane

A POLICE spokesman said at the weekend too few policemen had been posted at Reef stations to prevent throngs of armed, Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers from boarding trains on their way to the Codesa II plenary session on Friday.

Two people were killed and two were injured in train-related violence on Friday morning. The incidents came a day after Spoornet, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC), Law and Order Ministry representatives and community leaders signed an agreement aimed at ending violence on trains.

The agreement stipulates that no armed person should be allowed onto a train. Inkatha did not sign the pact because it was not involved in the recent protest at Spoornet's Johannesburg headquarters.

An ANC PWV region spokesman said the failure by Spoornet and the police to prevent armed men from boarding trains undermined the agreement.

Soweto police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn said although there had been policemen at railway stations in Soweto, there were not enough of them to prevent thousands of armed hostel dwellers from boarding trains.

The police had not expected hostel dwellers to turn out in force carrying spears, sticks and axes for a demonstration at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park. However, reinforcements had been sent to New Canada station, where some trains were stopped and passengers persuaded to return to their hostels. As the

men were returning to the hostels, one man was stabbed to death. Another body was found in a train at New Canada station.

"At Inhlazane station, shots were fired at pedestrians from the train. Two people were injured," Halgryn said.

Spoornet spokesmen could not be reached for comment.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lt Wikus Webber said three people were killed and six others wounded on the Reef on Saturday.

A man was killed and another wounded in a shooting in Alexandra on Saturday night. Mdleleag Mcetywa was shot and killed in Eighth Avenue when gunmen opened fire from a passing minibus.

Another man, Patrick Cadinga, was shot and wounded during the incident.

Police found no cartridges on the scene of the shooting and the motive for the attack was not known.

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Five people — four women in Katlehong and a man in Alexandra — suffered serious stab wounds. A man from Dube Village in Soweto sustained serious gunshot wounds when fired at by two men.

Two suspects have been arrested in connection with this incident.

On Friday, two people were killed and seven others injured, said police.

In Ivory Park, police reported one person dead and three wounded in suspected taxi violence.

## Killing leads to violence fears

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FEARS grew at the weekend that the killing of senior Inkatha official Simon Nxumalo in Alexandra on Friday could lead to a renewed wave of violence in the township.

Nxumalo had been receiving death threats from alleged ANC supporters for the past 10 weeks, an Inkatha spokesman said at the weekend. He was gunned down by unknown men in Alexandra at about 7.30am.

He was one 10 who died in weekend violence countrywide, while 17 were injured, reports Sapa.

A family member said Nxumalo — who was chairman of the Alexandra branch of Inkatha and superintendent of the controversial Madala Hostel — was shot from behind while on his way to work.

Police said they were investigating.

Alexandra Health Centre spokesman Dr Tim Wilson said it was feared that Nxumalo's killing could lead to a massive wave of violence in the township.

The centre has treated 627 people — 322 of them for gunshot wounds — injured in violence since March 7.

An Inkatha spokesman said his organisa-

tion believed elements in the ANC-SACP alliance were responsible for Nxumalo's death.

The spokesman said since a sniper attack on Inkatha mourners on March 8, which sparked fighting between hostel dwellers and township residents, Nxumalo had been receiving death threats.

As a result Nxumalo had not been spending nights at his home.

Nxumalo's opposition to a campaign by the ANC and its allies to have Madala Hostel closed could be one of the reasons for his death, the spokesman said.

Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza recently claimed there were plans by the ANC and its allies to eliminate Inkatha leaders on the Reef. The claim was repudiated by the ANC.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said his organisation distanced itself from the Nxumalo killing.

He said the ANC believed that Nxumalo could have been killed by "agent provocateurs who wish to trigger off a cycle of violence in the township".





Mrs Winnie Mandela leads a protest song at a mass meeting in Wattville where she called on residents to form defence units. Pic: JOE MOLEFE.

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By MZIMASI NGUDLE

ANC because of numerous instances of violence where the majority of victims were ANC members.

Calling residents to form defence units and strong street committees, Mandela said: "If tomorrow you form defence units and street committees, and you don't have the

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means with which to defend yourselves, call us, we shall provide the means.

"If thereafter you do not know how to defend yourselves, come to me. I will show you how to do it."

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### Suspension

Mrs Mandela said the suspension of the armed struggle did not mean that people should relinquish the right to defend themselves.

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"It only meant that the MK cadres should remain in their barracks wherever they are and wait for the whistle," she said.

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## Consumer boycott suspended

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A ZCA spokesman yesterday said the township was tense after an alleged police raid on the homes of community leaders at the weekend.

She said an urgently convened meeting of area representatives in the township had resolved to suspend the ac-

tion to enable the Ekangala Civic Association (ECA) and the Concerned Residents of Ekangala to discuss the boycott call.

The organisations were scheduled to meet on Saturday.

The boycott started last Monday in protest against high monthly rentals, power cuts and the demand for a joint negotiating forum for Zithobeni and Bronkhorstspuit.

Residents also demanded the reincorporation of Ekangala, which is part of KwaNdebele, into South Africa. — Pretoria Bureau.



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# Five killed in Reef unrest incidents (278)

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Also in Sebokeng, a man was killed outside the single-sex

hostel at 5.08 am yesterday when a gunman with an AK-47 rifle opened fire on a minibus taxi.

In Soweto, a man was shot and wounded after allegedly opening fire on members of the police flying squad, according to Soweto liaison officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn.

Two bodies were found at Phola Park on the East Rand yesterday, according to Witwatersrand Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman.

Captain Opperman said a

woman had been stabbed to death and a man had been battered to death.

Police were unable to release the names of any of the dead people.

The Inkatha Institute's violence study unit reported that attackers armed with AK-47 rifles and hand grenades had damaged a house belonging to the KwaZulu legislative member for Ndwedwe, Pheneus Mfayela, on Sunday morning in Ndwedwe near Verulam outside Durban.



## New private Sandton clinic aims to cut costs

By Anna Cox

A new R100 million clinic opened its doors in Sandton this month, raising the ire of several private clinics in the country.

The Sunninghill Medical Institute is unique in that it operates strictly within medical aid rates, a first for private clinics in South Africa.

The 230-bed clinic has more than 40 doctors on the premises, seven operating theatres and the latest available equipment worth R60 million.

It specialises in cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery and has an 11-member team headed by an internationally renowned heart surgeon.

It has the backing of two major medical aid companies: Eskom and Sanmed.

The doctors who started the clinic — they cannot be named for professional reasons — said they had battled for four years to establish the clinic and had faced stiff opposition from medical circles.

Eventually National Health Minister Dr Rina Venter, who agreed that the country needed this kind of facility to bring down the cost of medical care,

had personally granted the clinic its licence.

"Surgical procedures will be done at medical aid prices, thereby putting sophisticated medicine within the reach of everyone," one doctor said.

"The only requirement is that the patient be on a recognised medical aid. The dispensary offers medicine at uninflated prices.

"Even patients living in other provinces travelling to Sandton would benefit from the cheaper tariffs.

"The building is plain but we have the best equipment in the country.

"There is R40 million worth of specialised equipment in the radiology department and R6 million in the intensive care unit alone," said the doctor.

The clinic offers cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery, ear, nose and throat surgery, neurology and neurosurgery, physiotherapy and an extensive rehabilitation unit, and maxillo-facial and plastic surgery.

There is also a 10-bed paediatric ward.

The clinic has a 24-hour ambulance service and helicopter landing strip for emergencies.

## Botswana corruption scam

Star Africa Service

**GABORONE** — The entire board of the Botswana Housing Corporation (BHC) has been replaced following the disclosure of massive corruption and mismanagement in this parastatal body.

An audit report on the BHC's operations criticises inadequate procedures and serious failures that could result in losses of tens of millions of rands, according to a statement released by the Ministry of Local Government, Lands and Housing.

The auditors found considerable evidence of improper or

unusual behaviour on the part of several consultants and contractors engaged by the corporation.

Last month several top officials of the corporation were suspended and the management taken over by an interim task force headed by a senior civil servant.

A new general manager, Constantine Mendic, a Yugoslav, has since been appointed, together with a new board chaired by ZS Pitso.

The audit investigation was ordered after the former general manager, Joe Lesholo, was

killed in a car crash while carrying a large sum of money. An even larger sum was subsequently found in his safe.

The Assistant Minister of Local Government, Lands and Housing, Michael Tshipinare, resigned after it was disclosed that he had received a loan of R660 000 from the South African company Spectra Holdings, a subsidiary of Premier Milling. Spectra was awarded the contract for the construction of a R70 million new headquarters for the BHC but the Gaborone City Council has stopped work on the building as no plans have been approved for it.

## Police find 2 bodies in Phola Park

By Monica Osterbroek  
Crime Staff

Two bodies were found and a Phola Park resident was arrested in the East Rand squatter camp yesterday during another police raid in the area.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said a man had been battered to death and a woman fatally stabbed on Sunday night.

Police were unable to supply the names of the dead people. A man, arrested in connec-

tion with a petrol bombing, was the tenth person arrested in Phola Park since Thursday.

Captain Opperman said the raid was an ongoing crime prevention exercise following the deaths of five policemen in the camp this year.

"There is no way we can allow people to attack security forces, and Phola Park residents are constantly attacking the police," he said.

Police came under attack by residents yesterday with

snipers firing shots at passing SAP vehicles.

ANC regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa accused the police of harassing Phola Park residents.

He said eight armoured cars roved around the camp yesterday and added: "This is part of a strategy to destabilise Phola Park."

Replying to allegations that policemen had fired shots at residents, Captain Opperman said police had used rubber bullets and teargas.

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# 25 die, 24 injured in PWV weekend unrest

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## No T'kei bases — PAC

Own Correspondent

UMTATA. — The PAC denied yesterday that its armed wing — the Azanian People's Liberation Army — had any training bases in Transkei.

The PAC also rejected as an insult allegations that its members were involved in criminal activities but confirmed that the organisation was fighting against structures of the South African government.

Last week Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel claimed that Apla members were being trained in Transkei in preparation to commit crimes in South Africa.

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In Umlazi, south of Durban, at least one person was shot on Sunday night, KwaZulu police said. A KZP spokesman said a group of men entered Umlazi's U Section about 9.30pm on Sunday and began attacking houses at random, killing the person.

It was reported from Durban that attackers, armed with AK-47 rifles and handgrenades, on Sunday damaged a house belonging to the KwaZulu legislative member for Ndwedwe, Mr Pheneus Mfayela. — Own Correspondent, Sapa



# Another swoop on

## Phola (278)

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police confirmed that several shots were fired during a crime-prevention operation in Phola Park yesterday.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said no one was injured when the police retaliated with rubber bullets after coming under fire.

He said the raid was part of continuing investigations into attacks on policemen. Since February, five policemen had died and four were seriously injured.

Last week, police arrested a man in connection with nine murders.

Meanwhile, a sitting of the Goldstone committee investigating 32 Battalion's recent raid on Phola Park was adjourned to today as witnesses were not available yesterday. — Sapa



# Colonel feared <sup>(278)</sup> <sup>CT 191/92</sup> bloodshed on train

PRETORIA. — It was impossible for 20 members of the SA Police and 20 Defence Force personnel to disarm or arrest about 2 000 armed men who were on their way to Codesa II on Friday, a committee of the Goldstone Commission on violence on trains heard yesterday.

Colonel Alexander Stapelberg, commander of the Internal Stability Unit in Soweto, told the sitting that he found the situation so volatile that any confrontation could have resulted in bloodshed.

He said he had stopped a train with a large group of Zulus on board at New Canada station. There had been no time to ask for reinforcements and he had had to ask the group to take an empty train back to Merafe station, from where they would go back to their hostels still carrying their weapons.

When his unit checked the train left by the armed men, a dead body and an injured man were found. — Sapa



# Business focus on the violence

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE violence that is devastating businesses in the townships will come under focus at a meeting of business people at Sebenzile Petrol Filling Station in Meadowlands, Soweto, tomorrow.

The secretary of the Soweto Independent Traders Association (Sita), Mr Thami Skenjana, who is co-ordinating the meeting, said yesterday that business was unstable in many parts of Soweto, especially in Meadowlands and Dobsonville, where violence was rife.

He said most businesses faced the prospect of closing down because people were afraid to buy from those areas and added: "We need to do something in order to get our customers back."

He called on business people, including hawkers, spaza shop owners, doctors, lawyers, taxi operators and musicians to attend the meeting.

"We need to organise ourselves to fight this violence," said Skenjana.

He said that many other issues, including electricity tariffs, would be discussed.





Phola Park residents have been angered by another pre-dawn police raid on the squatter camp yesterday.

## Two bodies found, man held in Phola Park raid

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POLICE found two bodies and arrested a man after another pre-dawn raid at Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday said a man was battered to death and a woman fatally stabbed on Sunday night.

Police were unable to supply the names of the dead.

A man, arrested in connection with a petrol bombing incident, was the 10th person arrested in Phola Park since last Thursday.

Opperman said the raid was an ongoing crime prevention exercise following the deaths of five policemen at the camp this year.

He said Phola Park required constant police attention as it was "rife with violent criminals".

"There is no way we can allow people to attack

security forces and Phola Park residents are constantly attacking the police," he said.

Police came under attack by residents yesterday, with snipers firing shots at passing police vehicles.

ANC regional spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa accused the police of harassing Phola Park residents.

He said eight armoured carriers patrolled the camp yesterday, adding this was "part of a strategy to destabilise Phola Park".

Replying to allegations that police fired shots at residents, Opperman said police had used rubber bullets and teargas.

The arrested men are being held in custody and will appear in court once investigations have been completed, he said.



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**Soweto  
activist  
killed**

**Sowetan reporter**

A MEMBER of the Soweto Civic Association, Mr Ernest "Mtungwa" Mabaso, was shot dead near his home on Sunday, the association said yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the police only had a record of a Mr Edward Mtunga, who he said, was shot in Zola.

Mariemuthoo could give no further details.

Mr Molwane Lephunya of the SCA said Mabaso, who was chairman of the association's Zola township branch, was shot on Sunday morning while on his way to a meeting.

"From the SCA point of view, we will leave no stone unturned until the perpetrators of this act have been found. We vow we will find them. His death shall be avenged," Lephunya said.

- Sapa.



# Why cops did not disarm IFP men - evidence

*Soweto 1915/92*  
FEARS of chaos at New Canada railway station near Soweto last Friday led police to decide against disarming Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, a committee of the Goldstone Commission was told yesterday.

The IFP supporters, some of whom were armed with knobkerries and axes, were on their way to the World Trade Centre near Kempton Park where Codesa 2 proceedings were in progress.

Captain Matthys du Plessis, a commanding officer at New Canada police station, told the commission that police either had

to disarm the men and cause chaos, or ask them to go back from where they came.

"As we feared that there might be chaos if we disarmed them, we decided to prevent them from boarding the train and asked them to return where they came from," he said.

Du Plessis said there were commuters waiting for trains at the station.

"We gave them the option of leaving their weapons at New Canada railway station but they refused," he said.

He said the men were then escorted back to where they came from.



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weapons. Since South Africa's accession to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and adoption of IAEA safeguards, the South African Government has been investigating South Africa's possible participation in other multilateral non-proliferation regimes, treaties and bodies.

As regards the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, it is the intention of the South African Government to adhere to the guidelines of the MTCR as a prelude to possible membership thereof. Legislation and/or regulations to control the export of technologies and equipment listed in the Equipment and Technology Annex to the MTCR guidelines will be introduced as soon as possible.

†Mr J CHIOLE: Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply: With what percentage has South Africa's missile research been scaled down?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I am sorry, but I did not hear him.

†Mr J CHIOLE: Mr Speaker, I can also shout out the question. Taking into account the South African Government's desire to become part or a member of the MTCR, I ask with what percentage has South Africa's missile research been scaled down as a result thereof.

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I am sorry, but I do not have those particulars at my disposal, because the matter does not fall within my portfolio. The hon member should know that.

†Adv J J S PRINSLOO: Mr Speaker, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, is the United States of America itself already a member of the MTCR?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the USA is a very prominent member.

We must try to understand that in the new world order which is coming into being, whether we like it or not, the major wars have been replaced with minor wars. The great powers which are now left over—for the time being America will be the only superpower until Japan and the Far East or Europe emerge as a superpower group—are no longer going to allow the medium-sized powers and smaller countries of the world to threaten the world peace. It is against this background that one worldwide finds the insis-

ence on the introduction of control measures in respect of technology and weaponry intended for mass destruction.

*Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament.*

#### Discussions on future of Walvis Bay

\*11. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- (1) Whether the South African Government has held any discussions with the Namibian Government on the future of Walvis Bay; if so,
- (2) whether the possibility of setting up a joint South African/Namibian administration for Walvis Bay was raised during these discussions; if so,
- (3) whether any progress has been made in this matter; if so, what progress?

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#### The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

- (1) Yes. Meetings on ministerial level took place on 14 March 1991 (Cape Town) and 17 May 1991 (Windhoek) and amongst officials on 5 December 1991 (Pretoria) and 26 March 1992 (Windhoek).
- (2) Yes.
- (3) At the meeting of the intergovernmental Joint Technical Committee on Walvis Bay in Windhoek on 26 March 1992, consensus was reached on a working document regarding the proposed joint administration of Walvis Bay. This document is now being considered by both Governments and until such time as decisions have been reached in this regard, no details can be divulged.

#### Incorporation of Umkhonto we Sizwe in SAP

\*12. Mr P J GROENEWALD asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

- (1) Whether he or the Government intends to have Umkhonto we Sizwe or members thereof incorporated or included in the South African Police now or in the future;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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#### The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) At present there is no intention to incorporate Umkhonto we Sizwe or its members in the South African Police.
- (2) However, as anyone from any other organization, members of Umkhonto we Sizwe are also free to join the South African Police, if they conform to the requirements for enlistment and resign their membership of Umkhonto we Sizwe.

#### SAP: investigation of motivation for violence on trains

\*13. Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

- (1) Whether the South African Police has investigated and/or undertaken research or had research undertaken into the motivation of the persons responsible for the present wave of violence on suburban trains; if not, why not; if so, what are the findings;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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#### The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) No. The causes of violence on trains and those responsible is at present being investigated by the Commission of Inquiry regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Goldstone and the South African Police will give evidence before this Commission.
- (2) Yes.

Every incident of violence on trains is investigated by the Unrest and Violent Crime Investigation Unit of the South African Police. Since 9 June 1990, twenty-six (26) persons have been arrested in connection with eleven (11) cases. All of these cases are now before the courts.

#### Middle Eastern oil prices: payment to Sasol

\*14. Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:

- (1) Whether Middle Eastern oil prices are in the region of 16 dollars per barrel at present; if so, what is the payment to Sasol in cents per litre in terms of this formula;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

#### The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS:

- (1) On 13 May 1992, Middle Eastern crude oil prices ranged between \$15,50 and \$19,25 per barrel. Sasol's protection is based on a derived crude oil price calculated from the landed cost of refined product in Durban. On 13 May 1992, the product postings (FOB) for petrol and diesel were \$25,64 and \$26,30 per barrel respectively. Converted into South African c/ at an exchange rate of \$1 = R2,8615, the landed cost in Durban of petrol was 49,9c/ and that of diesel 51,6c/. Based on these prices the tariff protection Sasol enjoyed was 11,3c/.
- (2) No.

#### Cape Town/Robben Island: ferry-boats

\*15. Mr R V CARLISLE asked the Minister of Correctional Services:

- (1) Whether his Department owns two high-speed ferry-boats for travel between Cape Town and Robben Island; if so, what was the capital cost thereof;
- (2) whether these boats have been in regular operation over the past three years; if not, why not; if so, for what purpose?

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#### The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES:

- (1) Yes. This Department owns two ferry-boats which were commissioned during 1989 and 1990, respectively. The vessels were designed and built locally at a joint cost of R6 296 661. The two boats have a cruising speed of 18-20 knots compared to the bigger ferry-boats which travel at 12-15 knots.

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# Three shot dead at railway station

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PRETORIA. — Seven people died in overnight violence, four of them at train stations on the East Rand, and four vehicles were set alight in the volatile Phola Park squatter camp area near Alberton as police raided the camp on Monday.

According to the official police unrest report, the bodies of two men and a woman were found with bullet wounds at Mandela Park station near Alberton on the East Rand, and a man was hacked to death near Wadeville station, Germiston.

A man's body was also found in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, the report said.

Policemen also continued to come under attack, with a municipal policeman dying on Monday night after being attacked by unknown gunmen in Dobsonville, Soweto. The man was walking with his girlfriend in a street when he was shot.

In another incident in Dobsonville, a man being pursued by policemen on patrol fired shots at them, one of

which hit an officer.

The policeman's bullet-proof vest saved him from injury. Police returned fire, fatally wounding the man.

The Phola Park camp, described by police as a festering sore of violence and armed attacks, was on Monday raided for the second time in a week in what the police maintained was a crime-prevention operation.

ANC PWV spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa condemned the raid, claiming it was part of a strategy to destabilise the area.

## Rubber bullers

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said, however, that the operation was part of investigations into the killing of five policemen and the wounding of four others in the camp since February.

At least nine people have been arrested in the two raids, including the suspected leader of a gang believed to be responsible for the attacks on policemen. — Sapa





**TOWNSHIP INFERNO ...** A fireman battles to douse the strong flames from a petrol tanker that had been stoned by youths.

# Houses burn in blast

A MAN was seriously injured and four houses damaged yesterday when a petrol tanker overturned after it was stoned by a group of youths in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto.

The tanker burst into flames, setting nearby houses and vehicles alight, causing damage running into hundreds of thousands of rands.

The owners of the tanker, Mobil, would not comment. Their Cape Town office said the person who could comment was not available.

By RUTH BHENGU

The driver, who suffered serious burns, apparently lost control of the tanker when a group of youths stoned the vehicle, eye-witnesses said.

A spokeswoman for Baragwanath Hospital, Mrs H Vorster, said the driver of the tanker, known only as a Mr Mayisela, was admitted to the hospital with 35 percent burns.

He was later transferred to the Rand Hospital. A shocked eye-witness, Mr Thomas Mithlezulu, whose mother's house was dam-

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## Petrol tanker explodes

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aged the most, said he was standing next to the front gate at the time of the incident.

"A group of boys threw stones at the tanker and the driver lost control. The tanker skidded and overturned.

"At first there was a cloud of smoke and then a loud bang. When I saw the fire coming from the tanker I ran to tell the neighbours.

"The fire was coming towards our house so we decided to take the furniture out away from it.

"We managed to save some of the furniture in the back rooms but the three rooms in front were badly damaged. The fire was so strong that we could not get nearer.

"By the time the firemen came the front rooms and the three cars in the yard were on fire," he said.

Two other houses in the same row were slightly damaged by the force of the explosion, which smashed windows and set the curtains alight. Furniture and household goods were damaged when they were hurriedly thrown out by the owners.

The owners of the houses on each side of the first house came home to find neighbours moving their furniture out.

### Ashes

A weeping Mrs Mona Lisa Hamilton said she received a telephone call at work to say her house was on fire.

"I am fortunate that there were helpers at home,

otherwise the house would have burnt to ashes because the neighbours would not have been able to gain entry to put out the fire," she said.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed that a man had been injured and four houses and four vehicles set alight in the incident.

He issued a strong warning to schoolchildren, especially in Diepkloof and Pimville, "to stop harassing and attacking innocent motorists and other people".

"Police have tolerated this and have had enough. We are definitely not going to tolerate lawlessness any longer. From today we are going to take stern action against the schoolchildren concerned.

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# Cops to probe Bhengu claim

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POLICE are to investigate anew allegations by Mr Peter Bhengu that he was almost killed after he refused to join a mercenary squad allegedly involved in Alexandra killings.

A senior police officer in charge of the riot and violence unit in Johannesburg this week phoned *Sowetan* trying to contact Bhengu, who is based in Soweto.

When Bhengu reported the matter to the police on April 23, police arrested five of his 10 attackers and charged them with assault. The men were acquitted in the Hillbrow Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Police, however, declined to investigate Bhengu's allegations that the attackers had offered him R260 for each person he killed.

They said they did not believe his attackers were operating for a political organisation which paid them.

## Allegations

The police officer yesterday said they wanted a full statement from Bhengu to institute an investigation into the allegations.

*Sowetan* has refused to provide the address but indicated Bhengu would be informed of police interest.

Bhengu had told *Sowetan* that 10 security guards employed at Chatham Court in Joubert Park, including his brother, had offered him the money if he joined their squad in the killings in April.

When he refused, they attacked him and left him for dead. He regained consciousness after being in a coma for 17 days.

Bhengu accused the police of siding with the attackers

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

by not taking his case "seriously" and alleged that they were indirectly helping the squad.

The police attitude has come under fire from political organisations who expressed dismay that an assertion by a victim that he was attacked by a political hit squad was not investigated by the police.

Meanwhile, an alleged network of police bases said to be linked to attacks on political activists has been uncovered and confirmed by police.

## Network

While police said the network was involved in undercover "normal" police work, media investigations have linked some of the bases, housed in so-called "safe houses", to recruitment of activists to attack political targets in various areas.

Police last week stopped the *Weekly Mail* from publishing names of policemen and addresses of houses involved in the network, but disclosed that 18 bases existed.

One such base in the Vaal was exposed two weeks ago but police said the place was being used for investigations into gun running.

The latest police disclosures come hard on the heels of revelations that senior army officers had ordered the "permanent removal from society" of Eastern Cape activists who were later found shot and burnt outside Port Elizabeth.



By Montshiwa Moroke

A confrontation yesterday between the police and SABC workers who downed tools over a pay dispute nearly marred the third day of a strike by Members of the Media Workers Association of SA (Mwasa).

The confrontation occurred after a Mwasa member was arrested. Some strikers moved forward and an exchange of words followed. In the confrontation the workers pulled the man away from the police.

The police and security

# Police, strikers in confrontation

guards with dogs retreated as some of the workers hurled sticks and stones at them from inside the SABC premises.

The situation was tense as police in camouflage uniforms pointed their firearms at workers who then challenged the police to "shoot" and "kill us".

Mwasa officials at the SABC had their hands full as they tried to calm members.

A police spokesman said police had merely observed and

monitored the situation "just as anywhere else where large groups were gathered".

Mwasa general secretary Sithembale Khala said last night that SABC labour relations manager Christo Pretorius had alleged that Mwasa members were intimidating non-strikers and accused the union of breaking strike rules.

"We told him we are not aware of any breach of our agreement and that it would be

easier if he gave us more details," Mr Khala said.

Mwasa members at the SABC are demanding a 30 percent across-the-board increase and a minimum wage of R1 500. Pay talks broke down at a meeting in Durban on May 8 when Mwasa turned down the SABC offer of an 11 percent across-the-board increase and a R1 300 minimum wage. SABC, in turn, refused Mwasa's demand then of a 20 percent increase and a

R1 500 minimum wage.

The union has since reverted to its original demand of a 30 percent increase and a R1 500 minimum wage.

Reports say at least 1 200 workers downed tools on Monday, paralysing all television and radio news coverage on CCV TV2/TV3 and black radio stations.

Sapa reports that an estimated 500 protesters marched on the SABC offices in Bloemfontein yesterday morning to present a list of workers' demands to the corporation.



# 'IFP ordered silence even under torture'

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## Respite for black property owners

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Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Untangling the bureaucracy of apartheid is proving a time-consuming business.

The Government has been compelled to give black property-owners who bought land in the name of a white buyer more time to transfer the property into their own names.

Provision for this was made in the Abolition of Racially Based Land Measures Amendment Bill that was tabled in Parliament yesterday.

The Group Areas Act was repealed by the Abolition of Racially Based Land Measures Act that was passed last year.

One of the provisions of the Act says the cases where black people bought their land in the name of white people in

conflict with the Group Areas Act were deemed "not to be an illegal transaction or a transaction which constitutes an offence".

The buyers and their fronts were given six months from when the Act came into effect on June 30 last year to request the Registrar of Deeds to transfer property from the front to the real owner.

The six months ran out on December 31.

A memorandum on the amendment Bill said the requirements of practice indicated that this period should have been longer, and "this Bill seeks to extend the period to two years".

"The extension is to be made with retrospective effect, so that there will be no interval in the currency of the authorisation granted."

## Detained youths due home from Swaziland

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MBABANE — A group of South African youths, who were detained after allegedly crossing illegally into Swaziland and claiming they were ANC members on their way to undergo military training, were expected to re-

turn home yesterday.

This was according to a three-person ANC delegation which interviewed the 47 youths — who have been held in Swaziland's Big Bend prison for about two weeks — on Tuesday.

At a press briefing yesterday, delegation leader Jackie Selebi said the youths had told him they had been recruited in Natal, although not through the ANC offices.

Mr Selebi said his or-

ganisation was investigating.

Some of those involved in the recruitment were known to the ANC, and at least one was a member, Mr Selebi added. — Sapa.

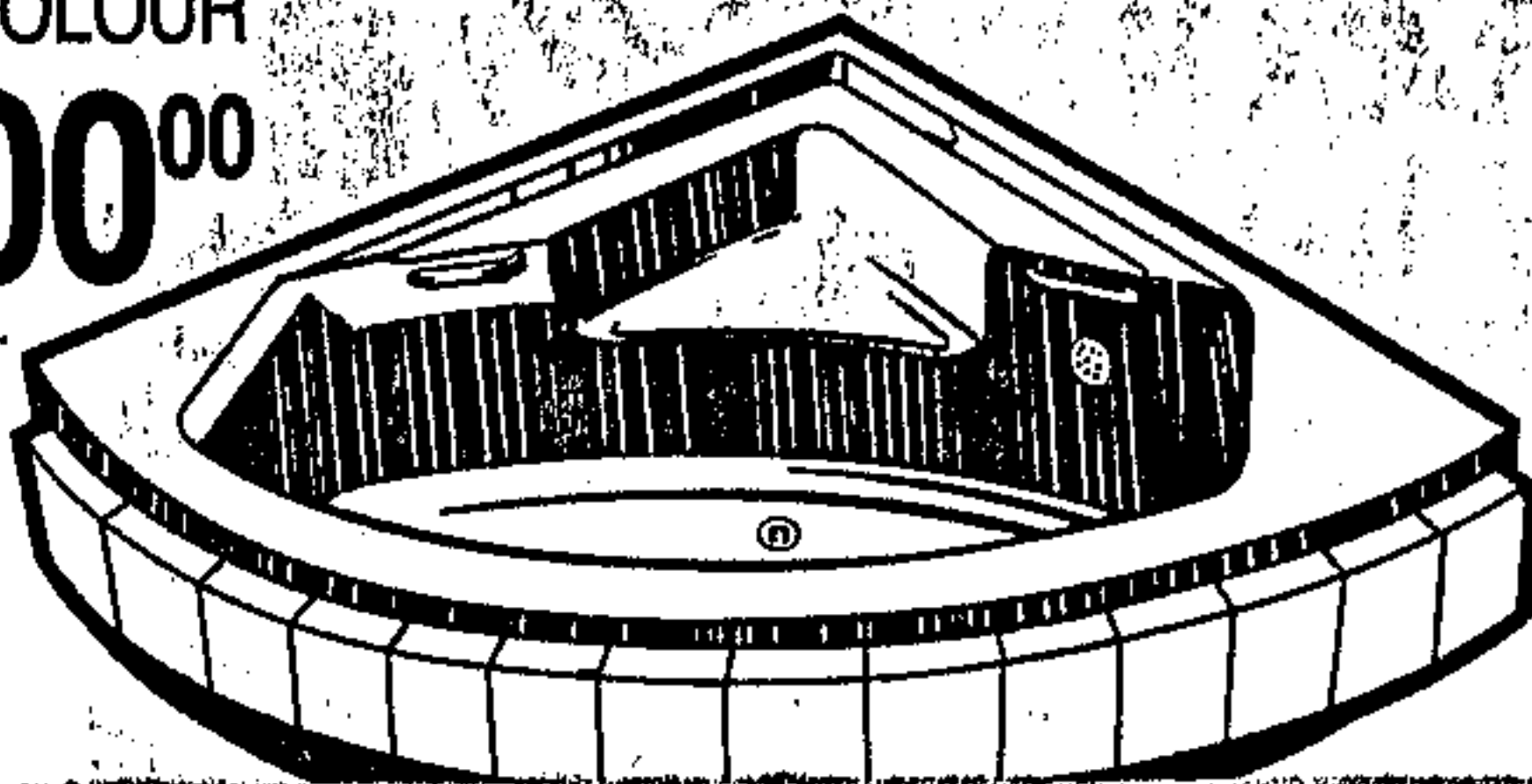
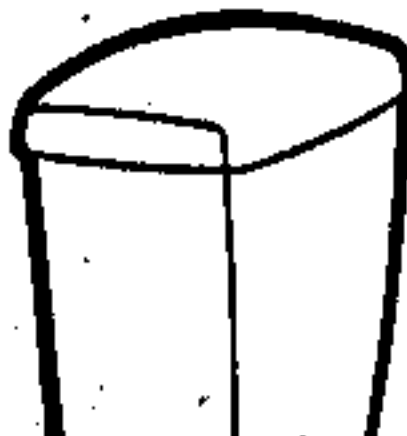
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Thousands of Soweto schoolchildren went on the rampage again yesterday, setting a man alight and stoning cars. Late yesterday the township was quiet but gas and rubber bullets were used but the morning.

At midday pupils set a security guard alight in Killarney, Soweto. Police managed to douse the flames, but the man died later in hospital.

The riots followed a school boycott which started this week in protest against the Department of Education and Training decision to

increase matric exam fees. A DET spokesman yesterday was an almost 100% stayaway from Soweto day.

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On Monday morning a petrol tanker collided with a car and exploded after it was ambushed.

by Soweto schoolchildren. Rescuers managed to drag the badly burnt driver to safety.

South African Council of Churches secretary, the Rev. Frank Chikane, criticised the behaviour of the pupils, yesterday. An SACC statement said Mr. Chikane had visited one of the houses damaged in the inferno, and found the scene disturbing.

"I call on pupils to act responsibly in their efforts to address their grievances," Mr. Chikane said.

Sapa and Own Correspondent. ● ANC may leave peace accord



# Police out in force as Soweto youths riot

THE SAP's Internal Stability Unit was deployed at full strength in Soweto yesterday when thousands of rioting youths ran amuck for the second day, setting a security guard alight and stoning vehicles.

A school boycott which started this week resulted in full-scale rioting with groups of youths rampaging through township streets, stoning and petrol-bombing buildings and vehicles.

Pupils embarked on the boycott in protest at a Department of Education and Training decision to increase matric exam fees. A DET spokesman yesterday confirmed there was an almost 100% stayaway from Soweto schools, but said he

could not give reasons.

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He said that at 11.15am yesterday a group of youths attacked an unidentified security guard in Killarney. The man was robbed of his firearm before being set alight. Police doused the flames and rushed him to hospital, but he was certified dead on arrival. The vehicle the man was escorting was also set ablaze, he said.

By late yesterday afternoon, most of the youths had dispersed, but some groups were still roaming the township, he said. The situation was being closely monitored by the police. No arrests were made.

Sapa reports that SA Council of Churches general secretary the Rev Frank

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## Soweto

Chikane has criticised the behaviour of Soweto students who ambushed a petrol tanker on Tuesday. The tanker was destroyed and its driver seriously burnt.

"I call on students to act responsibly in their efforts to address their grievances," Chikane said.

Meanwhile, police headquarters yesterday

day reported only one death during unrest-related incidents on Tuesday. A man was reportedly shot dead in Dobsonville, Soweto, after firing on the police.

Youths also stoned members of the police and set a house alight at the Ratanda single-sex hostel in Heidelberg.

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# Man set alight, dies on way to hospital

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Yesterday's chaos followed a call by the Soweto branch of the Congress of SA Students for a

boycott to protest against a rise in matric exam fees.

Police said there were sporadic incidents of stone-throwing around Soweto since early morning, when groups of pupils formed at street corners and stoned police vehicles and private cars.

Teargas and rubber bullets were used to disperse some of the groups.



## Unionist Mayekiso, 'guards' arrested

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JOHANNESBURG. — Alexandra Civic Association chairman and trade unionist Mr Moses Mayekiso and three "bodyguards" were arrested in the township on Tuesday night, police said.

The four men appeared in Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday and were charged with the illegal possession of firearms.

Calling for the charges to be dropped, Numsa, of which Mr Mayekiso is general-secretary, said a licence application for a weapon for his protection was not granted. Cosatu said if Mr Mayekiso acquired or possessed arms illegally for his defence, the government should be blamed. — Sapa



# Witness tells of IFP conspiracy

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PRETORIA. — Top Inkatha leaders at meetings at Soweto's Nancefield hostel in 1991 told supporters that if anyone was arrested for being in possession of guns or for murder, they should not say anything to the police, even if tortured.

The witness said the high-ranking IFP members — Mr. Thembu Khoza, Mr. Musa Moyeni and Mr. Humphrey Ndhlovu — told the meetings lawyers would be arranged for those arrested.

He said while living at the Nancefield hostel from 1989 to 1991 he noticed Zulu leaders on various occasions addressing hostel dwellers and encouraging them to fight ANC followers, especially because of attacks on IFP

station in Soweto where he met Detective Warrant Officer Sijila Sithabe, who was in the firearms unit and was involved in the reward offer.

"I was introduced to a Captain Kruger and I gave him information about people who were in possession of firearms. Acting on this information the police went to the hostel and found the firearms, and I was paid for the information," he said. — Sapa



# ANC in PWV may quit accord

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By Michael Sparks (278)

Leaders of the ANC PWV region are thinking of pulling out of the National Peace Accord, it was announced at a Johannesburg press conference yesterday.

ANC regional chairman Tokyo Sexwale said in a statement that after media revelations of covert security force involvement in violence, the ANC and its allies were compelled to "reconsider our participation in the National Peace Accord structures".

The statement was endorsed by the regional heads of the SA Communist Party, Cosatu and the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal.

The announcement followed a clear hardening of the ANC's negotiating stance in the aftermath of Codesa 2's failure to agree on a blueprint for the transition period.

Mr Sexwale said: "We are left with no option except to conclude that the Government, po-

lice and army are rotten to the core...

"It is now clear from the revelations that the security forces signed the National Peace Accord in bad faith.

"They continue to talk peace with us while waging low-intensity warfare against us," he said.

The ANC leader cited the kidnapping of ANC members, the close relationship between police and "notorious gangsters guilty of committing heinous crimes", and the plotting and actual murders by security force members "under the direct command of senior police officers and army generals".

Mr Sexwale added that while the country had often been informed that the carnage was the result of black-on-black violence, "the police and the army today stand exposed as the real perpetrators of these heinous acts".

The statement referred to the involvement of President F W de Klerk who "is not immune from all these acts by virtue of

his co-option to the State Security Council".

The ANC PWV group plans to consult its structures and allies to determine whether they should withdraw from the peace accord.

Val Pauquet, National Peace Secretariat spokesman, confirmed that the group would be meeting with the executive tomorrow, and added that the withdrawal threat was being considered very seriously.

Asked whether the region's statement reflected ANC policy, national spokesman Saki Macozoma said: "It is the prerogative of each region if they want to consult with their structures."

Once this had been done, he said, the region would put its proposals to the national executive for consideration.

Mr Macozoma added: "At the national level we can say what we like, but if the people on the ground feel they cannot implement it, it doesn't mean much."

● Sapa reports that the ANC leadership is coming under con-

certed pressure to take a harder line at all levels in negotiations with the Government after the disappointment of Codesa 2.

According to well-placed sources, this is the clear message emerging from the rank and file, who believe ANC negotiators are being lured into a trap by the National Party.

In interviews in Johannesburg townships conducted since Codesa 2, ANC members and supporters said they were worried that the organisation was negotiating according to rules set by the Government.

The National Peace Committee executive will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the matter, a spokesman for the executive said yesterday.

The executive is also understood to be discussing invitations to President de Klerk, ANC leader Nelson Mandela and IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to attend a joint meeting with the National Peace Committee to explore ways of stopping inflammatory statements by political leaders.



# ANC warns on peace accord

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**THE Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal region of the African National Congress is reconsidering its participation in the National Peace Accord, charging that the security forces signed the agreement in bad faith.**

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, ANC regional chairman Mr Tokyo Sexwale said: "They continue to talk peace with us, while waging low-intensity warfare against us."

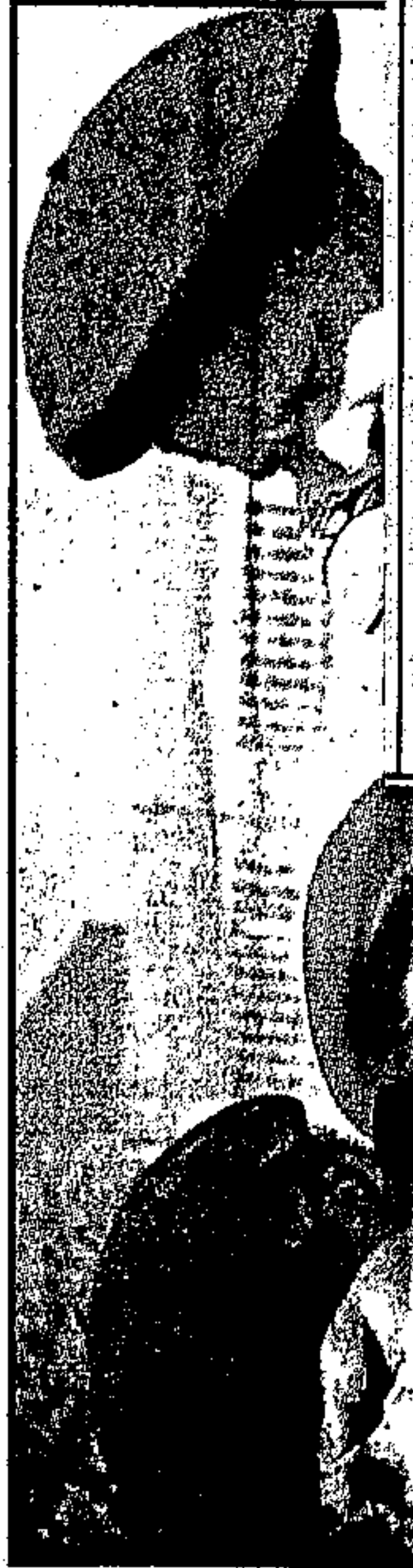
In a statement supported by ANC allies, Sexwale said their structures and allies would be consulted.

The ANC allies who backed the statement were the SA Communist Party, the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal.

"We will be asking ... whether in their view the security forces and the Government signed the accord in good faith, the demands we ought to make, the advisability of withdrawing from the Peace Accord and conditions for resumption of our partici-

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**A shoulder to lean on**



## ANC rethinks peace accord

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-pation in the structures of the ... accord," said Sexwale.

The joint statement issued by Sexwale noted recent media exposes on the alleged murder of activists by the security forces and an alleged working relationship between them and several township hostels.

He rejected claims of so-called black-on-black violence in the townships, saying: "The violence is planned from suburbs of the Vaal ... and elsewhere in the country.

"The State President, Mr FW de Klerk, is not immune from these acts by virtue of his co-option to the State Security Council. The State Security Council is the chief master of the violence," Sexwale said.

The spokesman for the National Peace Accord, Ms Val Pauquet, has meanwhile confirmed the national peace executive will meet the represented groups soon.

The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry recently found that conflict between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party was a major cause of South Africa's political violence. - Sapa.



# Death, mayhem as children rampage

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By PHANGISILE  
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he died on the way to hospital.

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Yesterday's chaos followed a call by the Soweto branch of the Congress of South African Students for a three-day boycott to protest against "expensive"

matric examination fees.

Halgryn said there were sporadic stoning incidents around Soweto from early morning when groups of pupils formed at street corners and stoned police and private cars.

Members of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse some of the groups.

However, gangs of pupils still roamed the streets in Pimville, Diepkloof, Meadowlands, Moroka, Jabulani and Orlando. The Department of Training's chief director for the Johannesburg region, Mr Richard Motau, said yesterday attendances were irregular with many schools being disrupted between 8am and 11.30am.



# Help on Soweto violence 21/5/92 needed

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THE Goldstone Commission has appealed for information on the displacement of people due the ongoing violence on the Reef.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone yesterday said the Commission had already established a committee to investigate this.

The committee needed information which would enable it to identify people who had been forced to leave their homes or hostels in Alexandra, Soweto and the Vaal Triangle.

Thousands of people have apparently fled their homes in these areas in recent months.

Anyone who could give this information is asked to write to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X858, Pretoria, 0001 or fax (012) 320-3812.- Sapa.



# Residents set up crisis committee in Phola Park

By Peter Wellman

Phola Park, trying to raise its head above dust, rocks and gunfire, has formed an interim crisis committee (ICC) to liaise with the security forces over "constant raids, harassment and intimidation". They seemed exasperated at what they see as a continuing pattern of violence and harassment against them, but were rarely able to produce specific, detailed allegations against the security forces.

Aubrey Lekwane of Lawyers for Human Rights this week defined these concerns in a hot little prefab hut during a press conference to launch the seven-member committee. He claimed there had been "intimidation and arrests of key people working on this (committee) process and incessant SAP and SADF raids" as the back-

He had been photographed, finger-printed, but not charged before being released last Friday, he said. But he had not yet laid a charge against the police. Mr Lekwane said Lawyers for Human Rights would assist him to do this.

## Training

Committee member Christina Sebezo said there was an interim residents' committee in Phola Park, which had agreed to the ICC handling "the crisis" while it ran the community's day-to-day affairs.

The ICC said the seven members belonged to either various political organisations, or none, and would not reveal individual affiliations because they wanted to keep politics out of what they were trying to do for residents.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman last night spoke of a different Phola Park, where the ANC had been training self-defence units and sending people outside the country for further training.

"Conflict began a few years ago between Zulus and Xhosas, and the area has become heavily politicised," he said.

"The defence units have fired on the police. Four of our men and a traffic officer have been killed this year. We cannot use our full firepower because they fire from small shacks containing hardly walk."

The committee says most of the violence comes from the SAP with night raids, indiscriminate shooting at huts, and constant searches of that leave shacks da-

## Packed

He also said he hoped "desperately" that the ICC was able to stop violence in Phola Park. "The wagon must go forward now," he said.

There are few roads, and several ranks of roughly built shacks packed densely between them. And there are no lights, so if there is shooting in the camp at night it is almost impossible to work out where it is coming from.

Another source of tension is that the committee says residents have been driven against their will by taxi drivers into nearby Mshayafe hostel, an IFP stronghold.

Xhosa-speaking residents had been killed, said the committee, and it was gathering evidence and details.



Most violent period in SA history — and 1992 could become even worse, warn unrest monitors

# BLOODY FACE OF REFORM

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The Argus Correspondents

**JOHANNESBURG.** — The reform era has become the bloodiest period of South African history — and 1992 is set to become one of the most violent years on record, unrest monitors have warned.

The warnings came as brutal attacks continued on the Reef yesterday with at least five people being killed and many injured as gunmen and roving groups of youths ran amok.

If the violence continues at its present levels 2 800 people could die in political unrest before the end of the year, according to the South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR).

And the Human Rights Commission said yesterday the rate of political assassinations in the reform era of the '90s is more than five times that during the repressive period of 1985 to 1989.

"During the short 28 months from January 1990 to April 1992, HRC records show a total of 119 political assassinations, over five times the rate of such murders during the emergency years," the HRC said in a statement.

Mr John Kane-Berman, executive director of the SAIRR, said that if the violence continued at its present rate 1992 would be second only to 1990 as the most violent year recorded in South African history.

In the first four months of this year 923 people have been killed.

A total of 12 867 people had been killed for political reasons since September, 1984.

The total rose by three in Alexandra yesterday in a typically callous attack.

In a dawn attack in First Avenue, Alexandra, a passing minibus was raked with AK-47 gunfire. The 28-year-old driver and a passenger were killed instantly.

A second passenger later died in the Alexandra Clinic. Two other injured commuters were treated at the clinic and transferred to Hillbrow Hospital. None of the victims had been named by last night.

Residents said the minibus veered out of control and hit a lamp post after being hit repeatedly as it passed the intersection of First Avenue and Selborne Road.

Police found 29 spent AK-47 cartridges on the scene, said the taxi owner, Joseph Mokgoko, 43.

"I am just amazed that they could have done this. The passengers were just ordinary people going to work," he said.

In Soweto, where tensions have been heightened by a pupil boycott and teachers' protests, an unidentified woman was stoned and then set alight outside house number 1689 in Meadowlands Zone 5 yesterday. She died on the scene.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said a 16-year-old boy fleeing from attackers in Meadowlands Zone 1 was cut down by gunmen armed with automatic rifles at the entrance of the hostel. Police raided two houses after the shooting and found about 30 spent AK-47 shells.

Colonel Halgryn said at 11am police dispersed a group of armed youths and seized two shotguns.



# Woman burnt as pupils riot

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Reef erupted yesterday as rampaging Soweto pupils set a woman alight, police and gunmen exchanged fire in the Phola Park squatter camp and train violence flared up.

At least 11 people were reported killed in the latest violence.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn confirmed that a Soweto woman died after being stoned and set alight at Meadowlands by pupils rampaging through the township.

Police said a 16-year-old youth was shot dead shortly after the woman was killed.

No arrests have been made.

Troops were rushed to Soweto yesterday to help quell the third day of rioting by thousands of pupils who stoned vehicles and homes and set them alight.

The youths, roaming the streets in large gangs, were protesting against an increase in matric exam fees.

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## Church leaders to see De Klerk

A DELEGATION of church leaders is to meet President FW de Klerk in Cape Town this morning to discuss the escalation of violence and possible solutions.

The delegation is to be led by the general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches, the Rev Frank Chikane.

The other members of the delegation are the SACC's senior vice-president and the national co-ordinator of

the Black Sash, Mrs Sheena Duncan, the Rev TS Mahlinza of the United Congregational Church in Port Elizabeth, the SACC president and the president of the Federal Seminary in Maritzburg, Dr Khoza Mgojo, Bishop Stanley Magoba of the Methodist Church in Durban, the general-secretary of the Southern Africa Catholic Bishops' Conference, Brother Jude Pieterse, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

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In Alexandra, three people were killed yesterday morning when an unknown gunman opened fire on a minibus. Another three people were injured.



# 'No Angolan beatings by 32 battalion'

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PRETORIA. — A high-ranking officer in 32 Battalion, which fought alongside the SA Defence Force in the Angolan bush war, yesterday denied the unit had assaulted civilians in Angola.

Major Waldemar Andries Frey, who is managing the training division of the unit, said this before a Goldstone Commission committee inquiring into the battalion's alleged rampage through Phola Park.

Questioned by a member of the committee, Mr Bob Tucker, he said the unit was disciplined and members of the battalion were not allowed to attack civilians. He added that if there were any violent acts by members it would not be as a result of training from his division.

The chairman of the committee, Mr Solly Sithole, asked Major Frey if it was possible for members of the battalion to regard ANC cadres — who fought alongside Swapo before the independence of Namibia — as enemies now as a result of clashes they might have had in Angola.

Major Frey said the battalion, as far as he knew, never had any physical confrontation with the ANC in Angola. He added that the unit had no enemy in the country and was now only after criminal elements. However, he mentioned that if there was any bad blood between the two sides it would be an ideal thing if reconciliatory measures came from both parties.

Major Frey, answering another question from Mr Sithole, said members of the unit in their duties had to stay two months away from their families before they were given vacations.

Mr Sithole said he asked the question because members of the battalion were alleged to have raped women during the Phola Park sweep on April 8 and that the period without their loved ones could give light to the committee as to what it was dealing with.

The sitting was adjourned until today. — Sapa



Eleven killed in latest unrest

# Troops sent in as violence engulfs Reef

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Police alleged the gunmen were attacking security forces from behind a "safety shield of children and women, knowing the gunfire could not be effectively returned".

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In Alexandra three people were killed yesterday morning when an unknown gunman opened fire on a minibus, apparently shooting indiscriminately. Another three people were injured.

In Meadowlands, Soweto, a 16-year-old youth was shot dead shortly after a gang of rioting youths killed a woman by stoning her and setting her alight.

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The violence at Phola Park was not only aimed at the police, but also at members of the public, Opperman said. Several attacks on private and commercial vehicles had been launched from there in the past few days.

He warned people to be extremely careful when travelling near the area, and to keep away if possible.

Referring to earlier claims that the settlement was being used as a training camp for so-called "self-defence units" by Mozambican Renamo and Frelimo members, Opperman claimed the units were initiated by the ANC, but had since been taken over by criminal elements. The units were launching criminal attacks from the squatter camp into several other townships on the Reef.



# Who'd kill Inkatha's peaceful Simon?

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*"If you are a captain of a ship and you see a storm, you don't take the first boat out and row away from the ship."*

*For three weeks Alexandra's Inkatha leader feared for his life. His fears were justified — a week ago he was shot.*

**By RAY NXUMALO**

**A**ssassinated Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) leader Simon Thandabantu Nxumalo used to argue, "You steer the ship to calmer waters."

Nxumalo, chairman of the IFP's Alexandra branch at the time of his death, used the analogy whenever friends and family tried to persuade him to leave Inkatha, an organisation with which he was reportedly becoming disillusioned.

When Nxumalo's body is laid to rest tomorrow in his Natal birthplace, Bergville, a question Alexandra township will be left asking itself is "who would kill a man with a vision of peace?" His death last week has jeopardised peace initiatives in the township in more ways than one. Fears of revenge attacks stalk the township.

Nxumalo represented the IFP in the Alexandra Peace Forum, a monitoring and peace-keeping body comprised of

the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress, Azapo and civic and church organisations. He was also an employee of the town council, which appointed him manager of the notorious kwaMadala hostel two months ago.

Hailed by friends and foe as "a man who loved peace", Nxumalo seemed the right man for the job: by keeping the hostel dwellers in line, he could help bring stability to the township.

There was one problem: among his duties, he had to collect rental from hostel dwellers, who for some months had been refusing to pay their rents.

Another bone of contention was that he did not live in kwaMadala. Despite the fact that he was chairman of the local IFP, hostel dwellers argued that he "did not understand their problems". Allegations of him "selling out"

## 'ANC killed Nxumalo'

INKATHA'S information officer, Susanne Vos, on Monday blamed elements within the African National Congress for Nxumalo's death.

"He did not deserve to be shot in the back," said Vos. "Nobody deserves that." According to statistics supplied by Inkatha, firearms accounted for 67.91 percent of deaths of IFP members since the signing of the National Peace Accord last September.

"There has been systematic assassination of IFP leaders throughout the country," Vos said, singling out Moses Mayekiso as being responsible for fanatical violence in Alexandra. She quoted him as saying in a May Day rally: "People who are well trained must use guns and chase out Inkatha."

Coincidentally, on Tuesday night Mayekiso was arrested for possession of two Makarov pistol. He appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on Wednesday morning and is out on R4 000 bail.

began making the rounds and he was once prompted to confront his followers to clear the air. No sooner had that been sorted out than another fall-out emerged.

Hostel dwellers were apparently incensed with Nxumalo participating in the peace forum. Participants observed that violence emanated from the hostel and recommended that a memorandum be handed to the town council requesting that they convert the hostel into family units.

Nxumalo is believed to have been in agreement with the forum, but he could not sign the memo. Firstly, he was employed by the town council which was to be petitioned. Secondly, the conversion of hostels into family units "is a contentious issue within Inkatha", so Nxumalo had to consult the organisation. He was subsequently reprimanded by the leadership.

Nxumalo steadfastly refused to live in the hostel when all Inkatha supporters sought refuge there.

At the height of unrest Nxumalo threatened to call the police to arrest hostel dwellers who had forcefully occupied houses near the hostel, after their owners had fled the area.

Since the unrest, Nxumalo had been living in fear. Three weeks ago he told his daughter he "was going away for a while". He also told church ministers involved in the forum about his worry, but it is not clear who was he scared of.

Members of his family do not think his political adversaries are responsible for his assassination. "If the comrades wanted him dead, they could have killed him at the height of the unrest a month ago," said a family spokesman.

Local ANC members held him in high esteem. They say "he had vision". Nxumalo communicated with people from different political persuasion with ease. A brave man who freely walked the streets without bodyguards, he did not carry "traditional weapons".

Nxumalo was apparently disillusioned with Inkatha. His disillusionment — and his life — was cut short by two bullets in the back last Friday.



# Soweto crisis for Cosas as youths erupt

By PHILIPPA CARSON

THE Congress of South African Students (Cosas) held a crisis meeting with its Soweto branch yesterday to find ways of ending the recent flare-up of violence prompted by students boycotting classes.

In a frightening echo of the mid-1980s violence, and even the 1976 uprising, frustrated youth living amidst worsening poverty, violence and disruption of family life have found an issue around which to mobilise — increased exam fees — and are venting their anger on indiscriminate targets.

According to police reports, the situation in parts of Soweto, particularly Meadowlands, Killarney, Diepkloof and Orlando, is "very volatile", with groups of young students stoning and setting alight delivery vehicles.

In the latest incidents a 16-year-old boy was shot dead outside the Meadowlands hostel and three people were injured in their home nearby when a man opened fire on them with a pistol.

By midday yesterday three vehicles had been set alight and a bus stoned and damaged.

Earlier this week youths attacked and set alight a security guard in Killarney, who later died. Four houses went up in flames on Tuesday when a petrol tanker veered out of control and crashed after being stoned by youths. The driver was seriously injured.

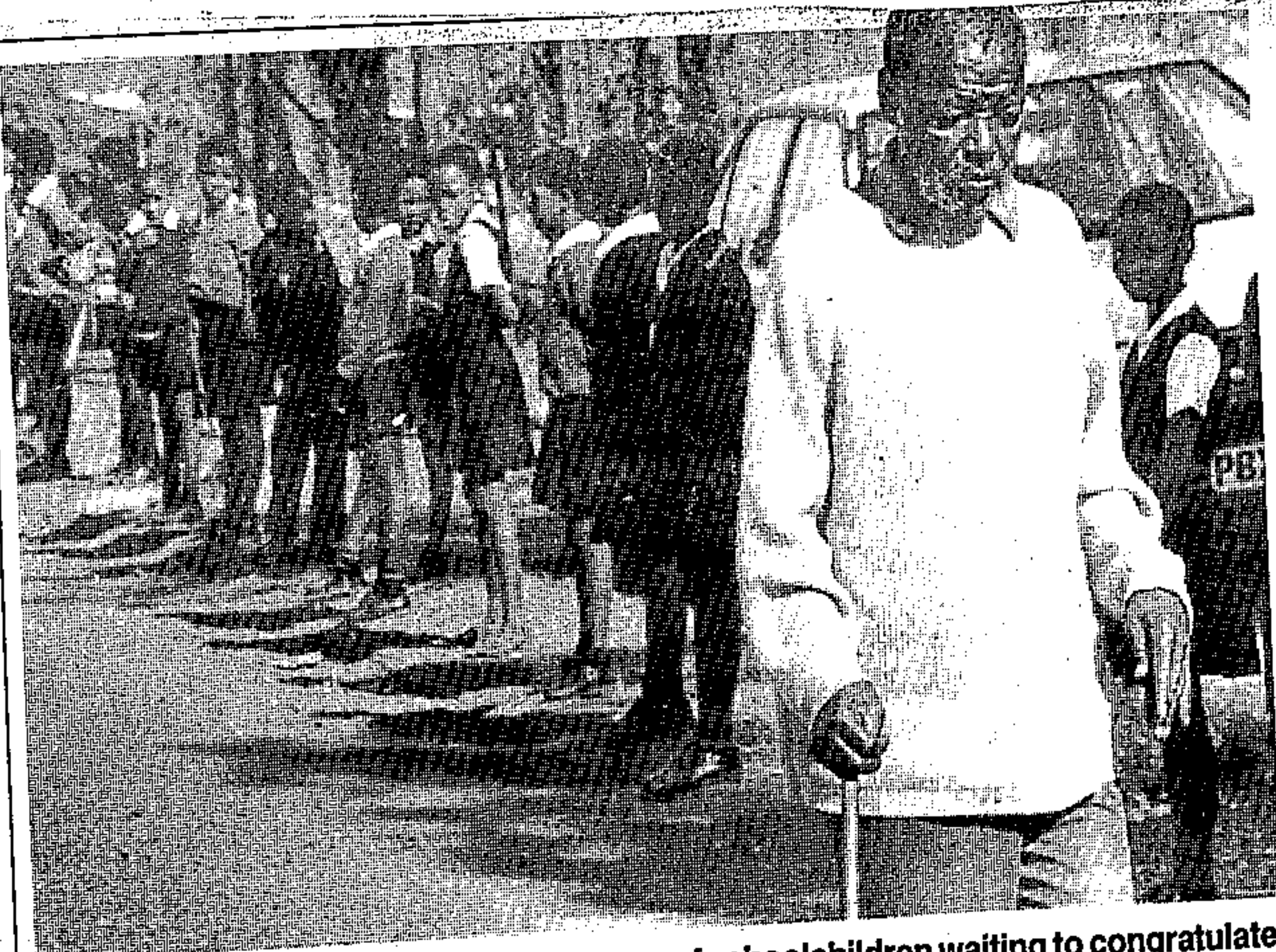
Most Soweto students are boycotting schools in solidarity with a two-day stayaway called by the South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu).

The students are also protesting against the Department of Education and Training's decision to increase exam fees and the arrest last week of students who staged a sit-in at the DET's Braamfontein offices. In addition, they are voicing general grievances about inadequate schooling conditions like overcrowding and lack of textbooks.

Cosas national organiser Frank Namohapi said his organisation was worried that the unrest would spread to other townships. "Students are going to lose their lives. We are calling on them not to take part in violence."

He blamed the DET for its "arrogance" and lack of consultation with parents and students in increasing exam fees.

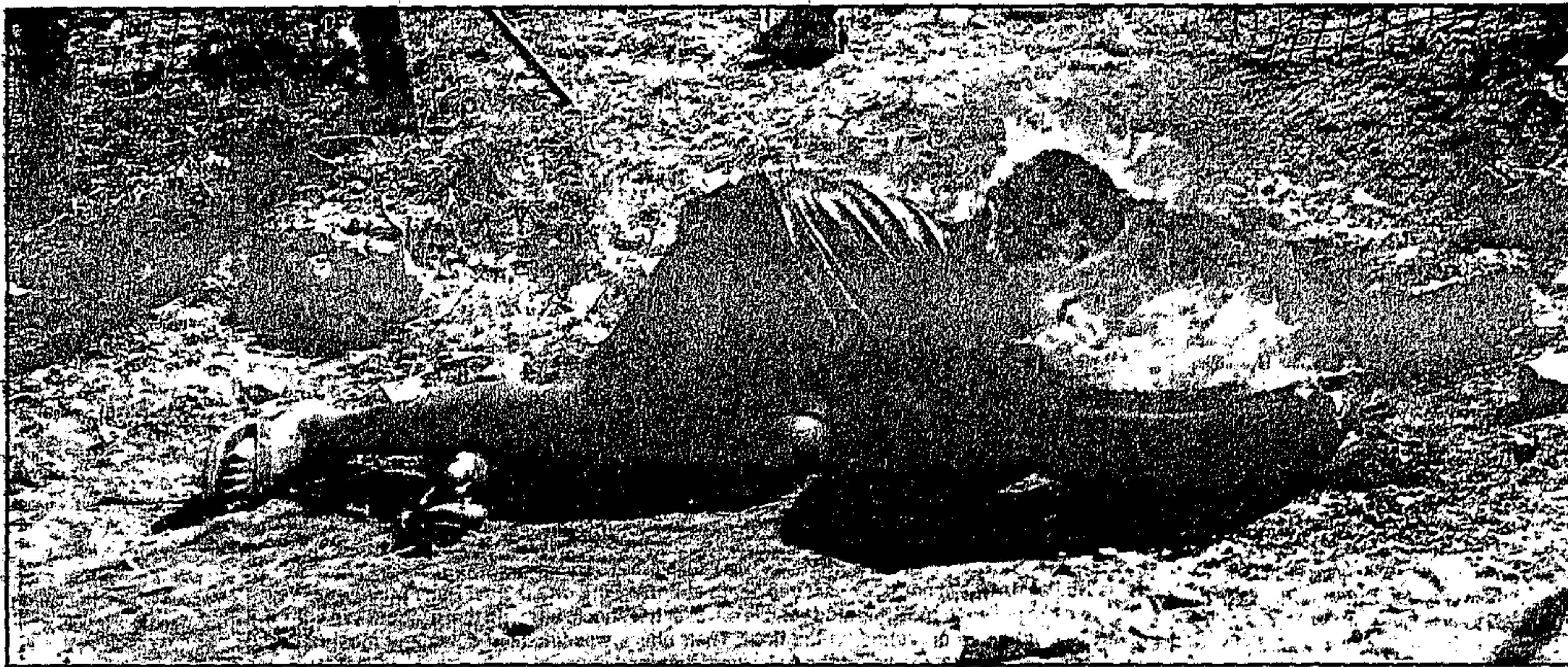
"We don't want Cosas to be responsible for this violence," said Namohapi, adding that students may be called on to return to schools.



Generation gap ... an old man passes a row of schoolchildren waiting to congratulate ANC leader Walter Sisulu who turned 80 on Monday  
Photo: GUY ADAMS



# SAVAGERY



An unidentified woman is in flames after being attacked and set alight during fighting between Mzimhlophe residents and Meadowlands Hostel dwellers in Soweto yesterday. The woman later died. See page 24. Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

## Woman burnt to death as violence claims 10 more

A WOMAN was stoned and burnt to death and two men, including a security guard, were shot dead during fighting near Meadowlands Hostel in Soweto yesterday.

Police said more than 10 people were killed and several injured in separate incidents of violence on the Reef and at Heidelberg yesterday.

Four men were killed on Wednesday night in renewed attacks on train commuters.

An armed gang attacked commuters on a train travelling between Wadeville and Elsburg stations on the East Rand and the four men were thrown off the moving train.

One of them died from a bullet wound in the

By RUTH BHENGU

chest and the other three sustained serious injuries.

In another incident in the same area police found the bodies of three men after they had apparently been thrown from a moving train.

In Alexandra Township three people were killed and three injured when gunmen shot at a minibus with an AK-47 rifle. Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the attack occurred about 5.25am.

Witnesses to the Soweto incident said the woman, believed to have lived at Meadowlands Hostel, was attacked by residents.

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## Soweto deaths

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A Sowetan team found the woman bleeding profusely from the head near Anchor High School about 10am. When the team returned to the spot later the woman was engulfed in flames and a burning tyre was around her neck.

Police doused the flames with water from a nearby house. The woman was apparently already dead.

Four people were shot and injured in the same area yesterday and were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

Three private cars and four delivery trucks were set alight and a Putco bus was stoned and its windows smashed in Meadowlands yesterday.

Police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said police dispersed a group of youths and seized two shotguns in the area.

Fighting also erupted between rival taxi operators in Soweto yesterday.

Halgryn said shots rang out when a fist-fight broke out between members of the Dobsonville and the Meadowlands taxi associations.

No one was reported injured but police arrested a taxi owner for possessing a panga.

In other incidents of violence, a man was seriously injured between Crown and New Canada stations in Johannesburg after he was apparently thrown from a moving train.

At Ratanda in Heidelberg police found the body of a man with bullet wounds and two private vehicles were set alight in the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park, where incidents of violence have occurred almost daily.

Commenting on the violence, the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Desmond Tutu said:

"This is deeply shocking. I thought we were past such terrible acts.

"If we go on like this, from a spiritual and human point of view there will be nothing in our country to liberate. We will inherit a moral wasteland where the law of the jungle applies."

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**F**OR the first time, Inkatha leaders have been directly linked to township violence — as well as the wave of attacks on Reef trains over the past year.

And notorious PWV Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza has been specifically named as having ordered attacks by Inkatha followers on African National Congress members.

The Goldstone Commission heard in Pretoria on Wednesday that Inkatha leaders on the Reef had urged their supporters at Soweto's Nancefield Hostel to attack ANC members and community residents.

A witness — identified only as O1 — testified that the leaders had encouraged the hostel dwellers to fight ANC people, particularly in the light of attacks on Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) supporters in Thokoza at the time.

The commission heard how Khoza, Inkatha executive member in the Transvaal Musa Myeni and West Rand Inkatha chairman Humphrey Ndlovu had cautioned supporters not to say anything to the police if they were arrested for being in possession of guns or for murder — and even if they were tortured. The hostel dwellers were reassured that lawyers would be arranged for them in these circumstances.

The witness, who said he had become a police informant, also testified that Zulu leaders had addressed the men on various occasions and had mobilised them for train attacks while he was living at the hostel.

"I made it my business to go to all the meetings that

# Witness O1 tells of Inkatha hit-men

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*A former hostel dweller has provided the first direct link between Inkatha leaders and township violence and train attacks. By LINDA RULASHE*

I could possibly attend at the hostel," he said, adding that all the residents were expected to show support for the IFP. "I pretended I was a strong supporter."

At some of the meetings, some leaders, "especially one Ntombela", asked people to volunteer to help in attacks on township residents: "He used to issue a challenge ... to the effect that if anyone was brave and was prepared to use spears and pangas, they could join his group."

The witness told the commission, which is chaired by Judge Gert Steyn and is investigating violence on trains, that he had come to Soweto from Natal in 1989. He moved into Nancefield Hostel in October 1989 and

lived there until November 27 1991.

"At first the situation was peaceful, but tensions later developed between the different ethnic groups. Consequently, the non-Zulus disappeared because of the tension and for fear of being attacked by Zulu residents."

Counsel for Inkatha, Louis Visser, asked the witness whether he was an Inkatha member. "I was just a follower because I did not have a place to stay. I had to stay at the hostel," he replied.

"What's that got to do with it?" retorted Visser. "I didn't ask you that question. I asked you if you were a supporter."

"I was staying at the hostel," maintained the witness. "If you are a resident you have to be involved with what they are doing and you have to follow them."

"So you involved yourself in Inkatha matters?"

"I had to."

Asked whether Khoza had actually said the hostel

dwellers should attack people in the township, the witness answered: "Yes. He was stressing that people should go and attack the ANC. He said more than 150 IFP leaders had been killed and so that same number of ANC people should be killed."

Judge Steyn asked: "The jackpot question is, why were these attacks actually launched?"

The witness replied: "Most of the people in the township are ANC and the hostel people are Inkatha."

"People were killed, it was said, because there was (ANC leader Nelson) Mandela and (Inkatha leader Mangosuthu) Buthelezi. The Zulus would not allow themselves to be ruled by a Xhosa and the Xhosas would not allow themselves to be ruled by a Zulu."

"What would the ANC then do in these cases?" asked Judge Steyn.

"They were afraid of hostel people. If they saw hostel people walking alone, they would have the chance to attack them."

"But what would they do exactly?"

"They would stab and burn them."

Judge Steyn probed further: "Is the violence coming from both sides?"

"Yes," said the witness, "but mostly from IFP members because the ANC would usually run away."

Asked whether there were any other reasons for the violence between the two groups, the witness contended that although he was not a train commuter, he had heard that ANC people used to sing, ululate and insult Buthelezi.

"What was the reaction then from Inkatha?" asked Judge Steyn.

"That would be addressed if there was a meeting and then after that insult, it resulted in fighting. Members of Inkatha started hitting back at them."

The main Zulu leaders who lived at the hostel and were involved in the meetings — some of which were attended by all the hostel dwellers, in excess of 8 000 people — were *indunas* with the names of Zondi, Ntombela, Mbatha, Madondo, Gasa and Makhunga, he said.

"They called on the Zulus to attack people in the community. There were in fact various attacks by hostel dwellers on members of the community living in the township," said the witness.

During one of these attacks, on residents in Pinville, the witness accompanied a group of hostel dwellers in a taxi. They shot at people who were standing outside a house. "I heard on the radio the next day that about six people were killed."

After this incident, the group met in Ntombela's room at the hostel, where he wrote down the names of those who had gone on "the mission".

Mbatha, a senior *induna*, had said at various meetings that guns had been bought and that there was going to be fighting. "He also said the police would not conduct any searches at the hostel and that this had already been discussed with the police," he said.

"In fact, the police did not come to search the hostel at all in 1990 and only did so once in 1991, after I had given them information which led to the arrest of some people."

The witness said he went to the police after hearing about a reward offered for information concerning possession of illegal weapons. He was registered as a police informant and was given a code name.

"I was aware of various IFP supporters having firearms at the hostels. During the second half of 1990 I went to the Protea Police Station and met Detective Warrant Officer Sijla Sithebe, who is in the firearms unit and was involved in implementing the reward offer."

"I was introduced to a Captain Kruger and I gave him information about people who were in possession of firearms. Acting on this information, the police went to the hostel and found the firearms. I was paid for the information I gave."

"Captain Kruger told me to continue working at the hostel to obtain further information and report it to the police."

The witness said he had told the police that he was prepared to give evidence in court, despite his identity being known by some of the hostel dwellers who were arrested by the police for the train attacks. However, he was not called to testify in court.

Towards the end of 1990, the witness informed Kruger about a man called Mshangane who possessed guns. Mshangane was arrested, but was later released.

In 1991, the witness pointed out people on three occasions. Two men he had pointed out, Zwane and Mbuyisa, were later arrested. Further arrests could not be effected as police had to leave the hostel when residents chased them away, he said.

Counsel leading evidence for the commission, Johan du Toit, asked the witness whether he had made any sworn statements when he gave information to the police. "No, because they did not say I should do so," he replied.

On June 24 1991, he continued, the hostel dwellers were called to a meeting by Zondi, who told them an IFP member had been killed on the train that day and that a revenge attack had to be



Money or the box ... Media Workers' Association of South Africa members picket outside the SABC headquarters in Auckland Park on Tuesday. One thousand SABC workers went on a national wage strike on Monday which brought broadcasts on CCV and the black radio stations to a standstill. SABC labour relations spokesman Christo Pretorius maintained a steely "no comment" on the strike all week

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

## Maties may become 'tribal college'

By GAYE DAVIS: Cape Town

A BILL before parliament entrenching Afrikaans as the medium of instruction at Stellenbosch University has drawn fire from progressive academics on the campus who see it as an attempt to entrench its white, middle-class status — while some fear it could lead to the university's relegation to the status of a "provincial tribal college".

The Bill was tabled in parliament this week — in the wake of the launch of a new movement, *Stigting vir Afrikaans* (Foundation for Afrikaans), spearheaded by Nasionale Pers managing director Ton Vosloo "in the interests of all Afrikaans people and institutions whose future is in question". Naspers dailies have launched public subscription drives to raise funds for the movement, which will be fighting for Afrikaans to be retained as an official language.

The Stellenbosch University Bill also comes at a time of hefty debate over access to tertiary education. Use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction at the majority of predominantly white residential universities has been cited as a factor in closing off access to black applicants.

A technical adjustment made to the Bill this week means the appointment of staff and admission of students will no longer be linked to recognition of Afrikaans as the medium of instruction. While this has won the Bill the support in parliament of MPs from the Democratic Party, National Party and African National Congress (the Conservative Party is opposing it) academics believe it has not removed their grounds for concern.

"At least the discriminatory element is now out," said Professor Laurens du Plessis of Stellenbosch's Department of Public Law. "But

the basic question of whether the language medium should be entrenched, remains.

"Those who oppose it are not against Afrikaans *per se*. They feel there is a need for flexibility as South Africa moves into a new future. It is a question of how it is done," he said.

Professor Philip Nel and 11 colleagues in the Department of Political Science criticised a lack of consultation with staff and students before the decision was taken by the university's senate.

Although the Bill did not rule out students choosing to take exams in English or lecturers giving some classes in English (with senate permission), the Bill belied Stellenbosch's history and tradition of tolerant accommodation of language preferences among students and lecturers.

Most damaging, said Nel and his colleagues, was that the Bill provided "additional *prima facie* support" for the view that the university authorities were trying to entrench the university as a predominantly white, elitist institution. If this was unintentional, it displayed "a remarkable degree of insensitivity to the perception created."

"We are committed to building a university which welcomes South Africans of all racial and language groups," the academics said.

Professor Sample Terreblanche of the Department of Economics said he and others feared the move would lead to Stellenbosch being seen as a "provincial, tribal institution."

"What will the reaction of the outside world be?" he asked. "Stellenbosch can't be a centre of excellence without international support and co-operation."

He also questioned the timing of the move "in this delicate period where everything is chang-

ing and when the whole issue of language rights in a new South Africa has yet to be cleared up".

The issue would remain controversial as it formed part of a wider ideological struggle — one no longer being fought between black and white, but between a middle-class and an underclass, he said.

"In this context, those in sufficient command of Afrikaans to go to university would be middle-class. This is not the kind of signal the university should be sending out to the world, or to the underclass," he said.

Vested economic interests were clearly playing a role, he said. The economic future of Nasionale Pers rested on that of Afrikaans, hence its support for the new *Stigting vir Afrikaans*. The outgoing rector of Stellenbosch University, Professor Mike de Vries, is a member of Naspers' board of directors.

The person largely responsible for drafting the Bill is incoming rector, Professor Andreas van Wyk, an executive member of the Broederbond.

He said this week the move was unanimously supported by the university's senate and council and served to "confirm the status quo". There was no "hidden agenda": the Bill would also entrench in law Stellenbosch's commitment to non-discrimination (making it the first university to do so) and "at the same time, (the university) wants to affirm its language status".

Asked if the decision had first been canvassed with other universities in view of attempts currently underway to rationalise tertiary provision and address the question of access, Van Wyk said South African universities were autonomous and refused to discuss the issue any further.



# Inkatha leaders gave the orders

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launched the next morning.

The group met early the next morning, as arranged. The witness was armed with a panga because he didn't have money to buy a firearm. "We were all sprayed with a herbal potion which was supposed to make us unidentifiable."

Leaving the hostel at 6am, they walked along the railway line to Kliptown Station. When a train arrived, shots were fired and people jumped out.

"I ran back to the hostel. I think the other men in the group must have boarded the train at Kliptown station, carried out the attack and disembarked at Nancefield station, because when I got back to the hostel they were there. That was about 7.30am."

The witness named some of the hostel dwellers involved in the attack, including leaders.

Two of the men involved in the train attack — Mlamleni Mchunu and Khulekani Mvelase — were arrested in July, when the witness identified them. Both were found in possession of firearms and they later confessed to being involved in the attack. Others were later arrested for illegal possession of firearms.

Another attack was launched by about 200 hostel dwellers on commuters at Nancefield station in October 1991.

"When the train stopped, the hostel men started shooting and hacking passengers," said the witness.

"I was standing nearby watching ... We could see people stabbing the commuters, who were trying to get out of the train, and chasing and assaulting people on the platform. I saw two policemen on the platform, but they ran away when the shooting began."

The attackers changed their clothes after the attack and joined those watching the ambulances at the station, he said.

Unlike the first train attack, the witness did not immediately report this second attack. "It was difficult for me to leave the hostel without being detected or attacked. I only reported the incident in November, to one Danie ... I had his page number. I used to leave a message and he would always turn up for meetings.

"He would give me about R200 at each meeting and asked about what was going on at the hostel."

However, the witness said, he was not paid the R10 000 owed him for information about the June train attack, nor the R30 000 for information on the October attack.

Du Toit asked: "But did the police not tell you that you could only be given the money after a conviction?"

"They said they would pay if I gave them information that would lead to the arrests of those people."



# Cop defends the Phola Park raids

ON Wednesday *Sowetan* criticised the police on incidents at Phola Park.

Major Ray Harrald, spokesman for the SAP in Pretoria, yesterday replied to our criticism:

"I refer to the editorial Comment published in *Sowetan*, May 20, 1991. Please allow me to make the following comments.

To state that "it does seem somewhat petulant, almost revengeful, to raid this particular camp because several attacks have been launched from it" is not true. The SA Police has a by-law-imposed duty to maintain law and order. We will carry out this duty to the best of our ability.

The SA Police had reliable information that certain persons being sought were at Phola Park and for that reason the area was searched. As soon as the criminal elements in Phola Park refrain from launching these attacks and harbouring those being sought for acts of violence, it will no longer be necessary for the police to carry out such operations.

## **'Deliberately tardy'**

Your comment regarding our action against hostels being "deliberately tardy" is unfair and unfounded. Our successes regarding the recovery of illegal firearms and other dangerous weapons during operations when hostels are searched speak for themselves.

I would like to reaffirm our policy that where the SA Police receives sufficient evidence that any person(s) may be in possession of illegal firearms or may be responsible for the commission of any offence, we will not hesitate to act whether it be against the hostels or areas such as Phola Park.

Calls for the police to stay out of Phola Park would only benefit the criminal element and if we were to do so we would be playing into their hands. We are not prepared to do this. We owe it to the law-abiding residents of Phola Park to maintain law and order. We are quite sure that the inconvenience such a search may cause is a small price to pay.

We once again call on all the law-abiding residents of Phola Park, and all other strife-torn areas to support us in our efforts to maintain law and order."



## Peace group STAR to meet on 23/5/92 violence

AN urgent meeting of the full National Peace Committee (NPC) is to be called next week because of increasing violence in the PWV region and Natal.

This was decided at a meeting of the National Peace Executive in Johannesburg yesterday.

The executive said in a statement that matters to be discussed would include the restoration of local administration and services in violence-torn communities and the urgent need for improved police/community relationships.

Another urgent matter was the lack of full-time participation in some regional and local dispute resolution committees in flashpoint areas, which was "severely hampering the efficient functioning of these structures".

In conjunction with the National Peace Secretariat, the committee would consider an invitation to political leaders at all levels to advise on a manner in which security forces could collectively contain the upsurge of violence. — Sapa.



# Rebels on rampage

RENEGADE members of the ANC's military wing have hijacked Phola Park township's self-defence unit and used it to conduct murders, armed robberies and attacks on security force members, police claim.

In a joint operation by the SAP's Crime Information Service, the East

Rand murder and robbery squad and the Internal Stability Unit, 12 dissident members of Umkhonto we Sizwe were arrested in the past two weeks.

According to a police spokesman, one of them has confessed to seven murders and three armed robberies.

Another MK member — who returned to South Africa at the beginning of the year — told police during interrogation that he was one of 2 000 MK dissidents who decided, while in the ANC's Dakawa train-

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ing camp in Tanzania, to turn to a life of crime.

He warned that the serious crime rate could rock et from July, when MK will halt allowances to re-

turned cadres. Crime — and armed robberies in particular — would be the only avenue open to SDUs to finance themselves after that date, the suspect told police.

He said the dissidents had been transferred to Dakawa in May last year after refusing to undergo advanced training in conventional warfare, because

like Inkatha" were laid in the Tanzanian camp.

Other suspects arrested revealed under interrogation that:

- Plans had been discussed for the abduction of children from a daycare centre in the Alberton suburb of Brackenhurst, attacks on soft targets as far afield as the Free State and executions by kangaroo courts;

- The Phola Park SDU replaced the residents' committee in March after two committee members were murdered and the rest fled the squatter camp in fear of their lives,

## ANC cadres turn defence unit into murderous gang

- The SDU is set on establishing a "liberated zone" and planned to use Phola Park as the model for other black townships and squatter camps such as Zonkeziwe (Vosloorus), Mandela Park (Kathong) and Crossroads;

- Phola Park residents were intimidated into identifying soft targets at their places of work and providing details of security measures.

## Patrols

Among the SDU members arrested are three charged with attempted murder following the recent attack on Phola Park residents by members of the SADF's 32 Battalion.

Also in custody is one of two former Frelimo soldiers who have been training SDU members in the township.

A senior SAP officer admitted this week that "ordinary" policing was no longer possible in Phola Park.

He said security force patrols had found the bodies of several people executed by kangaroo courts

in the ruins of a hostel formerly occupied by Zulus on the outskirts of the squatter camp.

Since January 1, 338 cases of serious violent crime had been committed in and around Phola Park, he said.

The head of the East Rand murder and robbery squad, Lieutenant-Colonel Ivor Human, confirmed that suspects had been arrested in connection with the following crimes:

- An attack in which Constable Lourens Oosthuizen was killed and Constable Hermanus Joubert seriously wounded in February when they went to the aid of an elderly couple who were being attacked on a smallholding near Bethlehem;

- An attack on a Rand Water Board minibus on the old Vereeniging road in February, in which four people were killed;

- The murder of German traffic officer Richard Cussins, who was shot five times in the back on March 27 this year while trying to stop a speeding minibus, and the murder of an SAP warrant-officer on March 30;

- The murder of 18 IFP members on September 8 last year while they were marching to a rally at Thokoza stadium;

- The murder of a Coin Security guard during an R80 000 armed robbery last September.



# 'Killer' taxis targeted by enraged squatters

By MOSES MAMAILA C/PN 24/5/92

VIOLENCE against taxi operators would not cease until taxis stopped taking residents to the hostels where some were killed, a squatter camp leader said this week.

Secretary of the Phola Park community, Eric Siwani, said residents had vowed to continue their violent "protest" against kidnappers whom, he said, had claimed at least nine lives in the last two months.

"Taxi drivers take commuters to the hostels where they are forced to identify themselves, and Xhosas are killed immediately. The others are allowed to leave," explained Siwani.

But Siwani conceded that some of the taxi drivers were forced at gunpoint to drive passengers to the hostels.

Eight minibuses have been burnt since last week Friday, he said, adding that several trucks and buses had also been burnt by angry residents.

He said "white-owned properties" had been attacked to force the government to stop "police brutality" in Phola Park.

Asked why white businessmen were being targeted, Siwani said: "The government has the interests of whites at heart and if they (whites) complain about their losses the regime will use its might to end the violence."



TROOPS IN THE TOWNSHIP ... The army moves into Soweto.

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# Slaughter of the innocent

By THEMBA KHUMALO

AT least nine people, including a prominent doctor and teacher, were found shot dead by unknown gunmen who went on a two-day shooting spree in Evaton, Sebokeng and Sharpeville this week.

The bodies of the victims were found by shocked residents in the three townships on Sunday and Monday morning in open veld. The killings are believed to be politically motivated because of the tension that prevails in the Vaal triangle.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed the discovery of the bodies and said police were investigating.

## Demanded gun

Seven of the victims were shot dead on Sunday night and two others died in the same way on Monday night, Van Deventer said.

He said at 8.45 pm on Sunday a group of armed men raided a policeman's house and demanded his service revolver and shot at him. The policeman returned fire and killed two of the assailants and wounded another.

At 9.10 pm on Sunday two people were found shot dead in the head in Zone 14, Sebokeng.

Minutes later, five men carrying AK-47s walked into a shebeen in Evaton and demanded beer. When the shebeen king demanded money for the liquor, they shot him dead and left.

At midnight on Sunday the police found the body of a man near Hollywood Niteclub in Zone 12, Sebokeng.

At about 11.30 pm on Sunday the police also found the bullet-riddled body of a man in a street in Sharpeville.

An hour later in Zone 7 Sebokeng, the police found the necklaced body of Samuel Tsotetsi of Evaton.

Inmates at Sebokeng Hostel fired at and killed a passenger in a passing taxi at about 2 am on Monday.

On Wednesday three best friends were buried in Sebokeng.

They were found shot dead two weeks ago in a veld near Sebokeng.



**STREETS OF FIRE . . . Fire fighters struggle to put out the Diepkloof fire (top) while black smoke (above) billows from a huge truck set alight by rampaging students in Soweto.**

Bavumile Bahlekazi, an executive member of the ANC's PWV region, said there was attempted arson on his house last week. However, he would not divulge the details of the incident.

Residents said the Vaal triangle was steadily sliding into a fullscale war between township residents and faceless gunmen.

In the past five months peace has eluded the three townships as noctur-

nal prowlers - allegedly gangsters who have regrouped after the release of Victor Kheswa, popularly known as "Khethisi - the Vaal Monster" - go on killing sprees.

More than 50 people have died since the beginning of the year and political funerals of ANC activists have become almost a weekly occurrence in these townships.

Bahlekazi said: "When I drove around Sebokeng this week the township

## Terror reigns in Vaal as killers attack at random

was under siege. Just about every street was barricaded with rocks by angry residents. The people are terrified of being killed for no apparent reason."

No one ventures into the streets after dusk in all five Vaal townships. The discovery of a secret police house by the *Weekly Mail* in Vereeniging two weeks ago, has fuelled fears that most of the killings are planned in the house.

Meanwhile, four Alexandra residents in Johannesburg were shot dead on Thursday morning, apparently by two men with AK-47s. Eight others were wounded during the shooting.

## Revenge

Witnesses said the victims were inside a taxi at about 7 am at Pan Africa taxi rank.

The driver of the taxi died instantly and half his skull was blown off when the murderers struck, the witnesses said.

The attack is thought to be in revenge for the slaying of IFP chairman Simon Nxumalo in Alexandra last week.



# Prisoners of fear as gunshots echo

By STAN MHLONGO

THEY call the large Vaal township of Sebokeng "Boom Boom" nowadays.

No reference is intended to former world lightweight champion Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini.

What Sebokeng residents have in mind is the frequent echo of gunshots and the staccato rattle of AK-47 rifles it happens every night.

City Press went around the "Zones of Fear" in Sebokeng this week to confirm reports that — in Zone 7 especially — at 7 pm residents keep off the streets and bolt themselves inside.

## Suspicious

Yet few can explain the spectre behind the fear that stretches into neighbouring townships like Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong.

In Sebokeng Zone 7, John Maluleka gave us suspicious glances and said: "You don't walk here after dusk. In fact, four houses were set alight a few metres from my home."

Maluleka explained nervously that "you can't go around trying to find out who did what to whom because these

faceless vigilantes can turn you into their next target".

Countless states of emergencies have been declared in the Vaal area, the first being during the Sharpeville uprisings of 1960. Today, without any emergency in force, the place still looks (and feels) very much like it is under an unproclaimed emergency.

Kedibone Sechaba of Sebokeng Zone 12 said the Vaal area had catapulted back to the troubled 1984 era.

Dan Nkepetsi, a resident of Sebokeng Zone 11, said: "It is true, it is not longer safe to walk the streets at night in Sebokeng."

As if to confirm this, Vaal police liaison officer Captain Piet van Doorn reported this week that a couple were fatally shot with an AK-47 rifle while they were walking in Zone 14.

Taverns in the area, normally known for their vibrant atmosphere, are now operating at a very low key.

However, things were different at Monyaka By Nite in Sebokeng Zone 11, where patrons were doing the bump jive and the jig.

No one knows why people are being killed — but the death toll keeps rising.



# Peace needs less talk, more action

GERMISTON Local Dispute Resolution Committee (LDRC) co-chairman Kathleen Jansen takes no nonsense from anyone.

The dynamic industrial relations consultant is obviously intensely committed to the peace process and does not like publicity, preferring "to get on with the job".

The Germiston Peace Initiative was started in August last year after meetings between the trade union Cosatu and the Germiston Chamber of Commerce and Industries (now the Germiston Chamber of Business) — even before the National Peace Accord was signed.

In October, the Initiative formally applied to be incorporated into the structures of the Peace Accord and became an LDRC on December 10.

The peace initiative in Germiston was started after violence in industrial areas and attacks at the city's railway stations.

The forum was then broadened to include representatives from the Germiston City Council, the police, church

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Since the formation of the Germiston Local Dispute Resolution Committee last year, there has been a substantial decrease in violence in the area. LOUISE BURGERS spoke to Kathleen Jansen (right), one of the driving forces behind the committee.

groups, the trade union Uwusa, Afrikaans Sakekamer, Germiston Industries Association and the Transnet Union.

Initially channels of communication were opened and people learnt to trust one another, Mrs Jansen said.

The Germiston LDRC's greatest success to date has been a decrease in the violence in the industrial areas and at stations.

"The reduction of violence in the past eight months in the



area has been substantive. We need to work towards growing a community and putting issues of violence behind us."

Issues such as the causes of violence and the socio-economic restructuring of the area are on the agenda.

Mrs Jansen said the Germiston LDRC was probably a lot further on the road than others, as it had already been through the "political positioning" stage. "Now we're getting on with the job."

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She does not mince words.

"People must own the process of peace — they must not be the victims — the politicians must suffer the consequences of their actions, not the people."

She says it is unnecessary for LDRCs to be used as a political platform to score political points.

"Sitting around a table saying nice things, making idle promises means nothing to people who are consumed by fear. Actions, being seen to be committed to peace, is essential."

She believes that for LDRCs to function effectively, an honest commitment is needed from all parties involved.

Mrs Jansen became co-chairman of the LDRC after being nominated by the National Party city councillors and seconded by Cosatu. The other chairman is the Reverend Bernie van Zijl of the NGK.

"It was decided for the sake of objective chairing of the meetings that we would have a business person and a religious person."

She is not a member of any political party — "the chairman has to be neutral". □



# Peace Committee to meet as Reef violence rages on

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The National Peace Committee (NPC) meets in Sandton tomorrow amid continuing Reef township violence which claimed the lives of at least 15 people at the weekend.

An NPC spokesman said the meeting would discuss the threatened withdrawal from the National Peace Accord by the PWV regions of the ANC, the Congress of SA Trade Unions and other allied political groups.

Speaking on the "Agenda"

TV programme last night, Deputy Justice Minister Danie Schutte expressed disappointment and amazement at the latest moves against the Peace Accord.

● Sapa reports that 36 jailed ANC Women's League members have begun a hunger strike, threatening to fast until the removal of the SADF's 32 Battalion, riot police and KwaZulu police from Imbali township near Maritzburg.

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# 14 killed in Reef unrest at weekend

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Unrest and train violence claimed the lives of at least 14 people in Reef townships at the weekend.

As the number of unrest-related deaths for the past week climbed to 47, church leaders met President F W de Klerk on Friday with proposals to end the violence.

Police said calm had returned to Soweto yesterday, where pupils boycotting schools last week went on the rampage, killing at least three people and stoning and petrol-bombing vehicles and homes.

"No unrest-related incidents occurred on Sunday," liaison officer Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said.

However, on Saturday three people were killed in Meadowlands. Police found the body of a man with burn and bullet wounds and two youths were killed when a hand-grenade they were handling exploded.

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## Protest march over shooting

Staff Reporter

THE ANC intends to march in protest against the shooting of ANC activist Mr Buntubakhe Ndamane, who was shot dead at a meeting in Old Crossroads earlier this month, and to call for the suspension of all community councils.

Mr Ndamane was killed when a community councillor, Mr Poni de Wet, allegedly opened fire after an argument at a residents' meeting in Old Crossroads on May 13.

Mr De Wet was arrested with two other men and was released on bail.

In the statement yesterday, the ANC demanded to know why Mr De Wet had been released on bail and why his gun had not been removed.



## Committee 'did not OK investment'

*Bl Day 25/5/92*  
Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The Kahn Committee, established last year by the President to scrutinise secret government projects, had not approved the R1,6m "investment" of taxpayers' money in a project to set up a chain of pro-SA magazines for circulation in West Africa, committee member James Macmillan said yesterday.

The money had been spent before the committee had its first sitting.

He was reacting to a weekend report that the project was approved by the committee.

BILLY PADDOCK reports from Cape Town that the Foreign Affairs Department's loss of R1,6m of taxpayers' money was just another example of "nefarious practices by a dishonest regime", DP member of the Public Accounts Committee Jasper Walsh said yesterday.

He said the loss occurred prior to President F W de Klerk's takeover.

# 14 die at weekend in unrest and on trains

*Bl Day 25/5/92*  
UNREST and train violence claimed the lives of at least 14 people in Reef townships at the weekend.

As the number of unrest-related deaths for the past week climbed to 47, church leaders met President F W de Klerk on Friday with proposals aimed at ending the violence.

Key proposals by the church leaders included the investigation of security force involvement in violence, involving community leaders in decisions affecting the police force, and international monitoring of violence.

Police said calm had returned to Soweto yesterday, where pupils boycotting schools last week went on the rampage, killing at least three people and stoning and petrol-bombing vehicles and homes.

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The leader of the church delegation which saw De Klerk, SA Council of Churches' Frank Chikane, said in a statement the churchmen also called for all armed forces to be brought under multi-party control. De Klerk agreed to that.

Government, too, would give priority to strengthening the Goldstone Commission of inquiry into violence and introducing a witness protection programme.

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## Demonstrators disrupt service 278

Pandemonium reigned in a Soweto church yesterday when rebel parishioners disrupted the service demanding the resignation of the minister.

About 50 demonstrators, who marched on the premises of the Dutch

Reformed Church in Africa in Pimville, demanded the resignation of Rev Michael Motingwe, after he was allegedly implicated in the killing of a man in January. **STAR 25/5/92**

Tshepo Tumahole (23)

was shot while demonstrating against Mr Motingwe.

Tshepo's mother, Mrs Elizabeth Tumahole, who was among the demonstrators, said her son died as a result of a feud between the youth guild and the minister.



By Abdul Milazi

THE culture of violence in South African townships could have dire consequences for peace in the future.

Mothers in strife-torn townships live in constant fear for the survival of their children - and themselves.

A Tokoza mother of three, Mrs Ouma Sechele, said children were exposed to violence at a tender age.

# Mothers raise children in a culture of violence, fear

"Nobody has ever thought what it does to a child to see his parents or relatives killed in front of him," said Sechele.

Sechele said it was difficult to cope with their own fears, let alone their chil-

dren's. She said it was difficult to predict where and when the enemy would strike.

"Sometimes I wonder if my children will make it home from school," said Sechele.

A 65-year-old Tokoza mother, Mrs Jenet Ntuli, whose son Sam was gunned down less than 1km from his home last year, said her grandchildren had no future.

"Since Sam was killed

we fear that the same people who killed him might come back for his children," said a tearful Janet.

The death of former Cast general secretary, Mr Sam Ntuli left two children fatherless, the second being

born a week after Sam's burial.

"Their chances of receiving a good education are slim. We cannot manage to pay for their schooling since none of us is employed."

An angry Phola Park mother, Mrs Anna Mkhize, said their children were subjected to violence "left, right and centre".

"Here we are facing political, criminal and police violence," said Mkhize.

Mkhize said children became the victims in the end.

Constant panic, fear and the pain of raising children amidst violence is a reality for mothers in strife-torn townships.



**Pearl Majola** talks to women widowed by the horrific violence of the townships in recent times

LIFE was great for Mrs Regan Ntsele until the day she and her two children watched helplessly as her husband died. She began to live a nightmare from which she is only relieved by prescribed drugs. She has become a statistic - a widow of the violence sweeping black townships countrywide. There are thousands of others like her. Most are unemployed and struggling to make ends meet, but a Soweto-based church women's organisation could come to their rescue.

**A**LL she heard was a bang! Her husband fell. Blood spurted and splattered all over her. People scuttled for cover. She screamed, trying hopelessly to shake him back to life.

But he gasped and died in her arms. Within seconds the busy street was deserted. The usual afternoon buzz of people coming from work was gone.

She was left holding on desperately to the dead man. Beside her, two children, aged two and three, had witnessed the whole drama. They were screaming uncontrollably for their daddy.

This could be a scene from any of the violent movies on television. Only the characters are for real and so is the scene.

It was August 21 1991. The woman, 35-year-old Mrs Regan Ntsele, her daughter Lerato and her old son Lehlohonolo. Her eldest daughter, Nthabiseng (14) had been left at home.

#### Good time

The day had started normally for the Ntseles of Zone 7, Meadowlands, Soweto. They had had a good time with family friends who had invited them for an early supper in Zone 5. They left for home at about 6pm.

That fateful afternoon ended her blissful life and transformed it into a nightmare which still haunts her today.

As if the death of her husband while she watched was not enough, six months later Ntsele was to witness yet another horrific scene.

In March she was approaching Dube station on her way to work when she saw three people being thrown off a moving train! Again the blood and the screams of anguish.

This time, the once articulate receptionist for one of the country's top departmental stores and a loving mother of three suffered a mental bruise which has not healed.

"I don't know what happened after the train incident but I managed to get home and my sister rushed me to hospital," explained the distraught Ntsele.

"I was admitted for a week and then referred to a psychiatrist. He arranged for my admission at the Harley Psychiatric Clinic where I spent a week.

# Where have all the husbands gone?

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## Women in pain: Sophie

**Name:** Sophie Rapuleng

**Age:** 29

**Married:** 1987

**Husband:** Killed in September 1991 in Mofolo during an attack on residents by unknown men. Had been a labourer in printing company. Payout was R600 and R2 300 from Blue Card (Unemployment Insurance Fund money)

**Children:** Three. Aged 10, five and seven months (baby was not yet born when his father died).

**Own Accomodation:** None. Living in a four-roomed house with parents, two sisters and a brother.

**Education:** Standard 8

**Occupation:** None. Works part time as supermarket shelf packer.

**Earnings:** R110 a week.

**Insurance:** None.



## Women in pain: Audrey

**Name:** Audrey Tyeku

**Age:** 29

**Married:** 1988

**Husband:** Killed in March 1992 in train attack by unknown men. Was a bricklayer for a construction company in Kempton Park. Still waiting for payout.

**Children:** Three. Aged 14, seven and four years.

**Own Accomodation:** None. Living with mother, sister and two brothers in four-roomed house. Education: Standard 8.

**Occupation:** None. Never been employed before.

**Earnings:** Nil.

**Insurance:** None



‘The three people I saw on the train and all that blood flash in my mind’

"I am dependant on the drugs he prescribed for me. If I don't take them, pictures of my dying husband, the three people I saw on the train and all that blood flash in my mind. I lose the rest of my memory and I can't think straight," she explained.

#### Worst part

"I was only discharged from the clinic because my medical aid could not pay for my stay there anymore."

Perhaps the worst part about Ntsele's plight (and that of many women whose husbands die) is the scorn from her in-

laws who believe she had a hand in her husband's death. They did not attend the funeral and have not been to see her or the children.

"I want to survive and be there for my children. I don't know how but I will do it. We did not have insurance but my children have a roof over their heads.

"I have not been to work since March 9. I have not been paid for the time I have not worked. Hopefully I will be paid when I present my medical certificate. As soon as I return to work everything will be fine," she said.

Can Ntsele find it in her heart to

forgive those responsible for this misery and what does she want in her life now?

"I want all this violence to end. I have realised that I am not alone. There are other women like me and that has given me the strength to go on.

"At first it was difficult. But I always pray and ask God to forgive me as I forgive those who trespass against me. I want to remain true to that promise," she said.

#### A living

Indeed Ntsele is not alone. Over 300 women were identified by the Interdenominational Prayer Women's League in Soweto alone. The organisation now plans to train the women, most of whom are unemployed, in skills like sewing and baking to help them make a living.

It has also organised two professional counsellors who will help the women through their grief. The counselling

service is to be available on Thursdays for the unemployed women and on Saturdays for those who are working.

"All the community ever does for these women is attend the funerals of their husbands and mourn with them. After that they are forgotten," said Mrs Mary Mabaso, president of the IDPWL.

"We felt that it was time we reached out to them and did something practical to help. As Christians we also have a duty to help them spiritually and emotionally, hence the counselling service," she explained.

The IPWL runs Sechaba Training Centre in Soweto where women are trained in various skills including knitting, sewing, gardening and cooking. The centre is situated at the Nicro premises in Rockville, Soweto.

For further details about the organisation, the president, Mrs Mary Mabaso, can be contacted at (011) 986-6251.



# Homeless find Alex 'unbearable'

EMOTIONAL scenes rocked the Alexandra Community Centre yesterday as squatters related the unbearable living conditions in "Beirut".

They were taking part in a meeting held by the Alexandra Land and Property Owners' Association who emphasised blacks should be encouraged to own houses.

Men and women burst into tears when one homeless woman staying at the Alexandra Council offices recounted her life at the squatter camp known as "Beirut" and from which she fled.

The meeting stressed good relations between tenants and landlords.

The association also emphasised that tenants should use available opportunities to buy houses at reasonable costs.

Alpoa executive member Mr Darkiy Rametsi said: "The time has come for blacks to own houses, no matter how small,

By TSALE MAKAM

and not remain tenants for life."

Rametsi said a "reasonable" housing project is underway at Alexandra's Eastbank, funded by the Independent Development Trust.

"Some people may even get houses for free," he said.

Another council office dweller also from "Beirut", told of the miserable conditions of living at the offices.

She said: "Can you imagine the cold at that place? The inconvenience of about 27 families living under one undivided roof?"

Tomorrow Alpoa will meet with the Joint Negotiation Forum, an organisation concerned with the upliftment of Alexandra, to discuss the plight of squatters and tenants.



# Train commuters meet SAP

*Sowetan 25/5/92*  
THE first of a planned series of meetings between train commuters and the South African Police aimed at curbing train attacks took off on a positive start, Soweto police said yesterday.

Spokesman for the Soweto division Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the meeting, held at Protea police station and attended by about 40 train commuters, was intended to "reach commuters at grassroots level and hear from them their experiences in trains".

Trains in the Reef have been the scene of some of the bloodiest killings.

Among the participants was Mrs Masechaba Mabaso, president of the Inter-denominational Prayer Women's League, who has in the past led marches and held prayer meetings in the trains.

From the police was Brigadier Hennie Heymans, co-ordinator Lieutenant-Colonel Fanyana Zwane and Ngobeni.

Ngobeni said the attendants included the youth and hostel inmates.

"We intend to hold another meeting which would include the larger community because we hope this type of meeting would help us come to a more lasting solution."



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# Two youths die while playing with grenade

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**TWO youths playing with a handgrenade which exploded in Meadowlands, Soweto on Saturday afternoon were among 13 people killed between Friday and Saturday, police said yesterday.**

The bodies of seven men with burn or bullet wounds, or both, were found on Sat-

urday in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle townships of Bopelong, Sharpeville, Katlehong, Alexandra and Soweto.

Police did not give further details on the deaths other than to say the victims were killed by "unknown attackers".

Police had not yet released yesterday's unrest figures by the time of going

to press.

The body of one of the men was found next to the railway line between Wadeville and Elsburg stations on the East Rand. He had been shot and then apparently thrown from a moving train.

Alexandra residents arrested a man they suspected of murdering a person whose body was found in

the township on Saturday afternoon. The residents handed the suspect to the police.

Police said a "routine police patrol" was attacked on Saturday morning by gunmen at the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park, the scene of chaotic violence in recent weeks. The police returned the fire but no injuries were re-

ported and the attackers escaped.

Five people were shot dead in two incidents in Sebokeng, on Friday.

In the first incident, three men were shot dead in a house, and in the second, a man and a woman died when the car they were travelling in was attacked by gunmen. - *Sapu*.



# Unionist's funeral disrupted

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By MAZWI XABA

MEMBERS of the SADF disrupted a funeral of a Food and Allied Workers Union member in Ratanda, Heidelberg, on Saturday when they ordered the mourners to disperse.

Witnesses said the incident occurred while mourners were returning from the cemetery during the funeral of Mr Koos Mputwana (48), who died of natural causes last week.

FAWU member Mr Abay Motsile said the mourners were going to wash their hands at the deceased's home when they were told to disperse.

The funeral followed a week of violence in the East Rand township.

On Tuesday, unknown people attacked an Inkatha Freedom Party member's house with petrol bombs and later an ANC member's house was burned down in what seemed like a revenge attack.

Police spokesman Captain Henrietta Bester said she had not received any reports about the incidents.



## Accord threat to top agenda

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WILSON ZWANE

THE threatened withdrawal from the national peace accord by the ANC's PWV region and its allies will be high on the agenda at today's urgent meeting of the full national peace committee. *8/10/92 26/5/92*

It is understood ANC NEC member Sydney Mufumadi will be in an ANC team. Inkatha will be represented by national chairman Frank Mdlalose and government's delegation will include national peace secretariat member Gert Myburgh.

National peace committee spokesman Val Pauquet said the meeting — convened a month early because of escalating violence — would appeal to all regions to remain active and committed to the peace process and not to regard withdrawal from dispute resolution committees as a solution to problems.

The PWV regions of the ANC, SACP, Cosatu and the Civics' Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) last week said they were considering pulling out because government and the security forces had signed the accord in bad faith.

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## More executives lose jobs

SENIOR and middle management executives are feeling the draft as the recession takes its toll. *8/10/92 26/5/92*

Placement industry sources confirmed yesterday there had been an escalation in the retrenchment of top staff, adding that sectors most severely affected were banking, mining, engineering and retailing.

Career Transition International director Neil MacDonald said an inflow of applications and accompanying curricula vitae had been experienced over the past year as retrenched executives sought new jobs.

The number of layoffs at managerial level rose steeply last year with more companies approaching career consultants to help alleviate the problem of displaced managers, he said.

MacDonald said companies had offered employees handsome retrenchment packages of six months' to a year's salaries, but decided to look for more viable solutions, one of which was finding them work.

"Companies are putting on a more humane face when it comes to releasing trusted, experienced staff for whom there

is no place in the restructured company."

Chart Outplacement Consultants MD Monty Wood agreed that job applications from retrenched business executives had increased over the past six months.

Companies were increasingly recognising the need to run tight and well-structured enterprises.

"Competent management needs to look at efficiency and cost elements, especially in times of recession."

Wood said even when the economy improved, companies would maintain "right-sized", tightly run operations.

Chart Consultants director Rod McIntjies said UK companies were "delayering".

Company hierarchies were closing the gap between higher and lower ranked workers, a development helped by the advancement of computer technology. An efficient computer database enabled top management to make decisions without having to consult middle management staff.

KARIN FRANKEN

## Station upgrading hit by funds shortage

THE SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) project to upgrade nine Soweto railway stations has run into financial difficulties, it was disclosed yesterday. *8/10/92 26/5/92*

The corporation announced in March this year it would pump R11,9m into the project aimed at improving the service.

SARCC MD Kobus Nel

said the upgrading of Naledi, Inhlazane, Dube, Phomolong, Phefeni, Mzimhlophe, Midway, Chiawelo and Nancefield stations was part of a larger project to develop a number of stations on the Reef.

An SARCC spokesman said yesterday the project

had become too expensive so the corporation had to reconsider it. It was due for completion next month.

He said the need to incorporate requirements from the community and the Goldstone commission Of inquiry into public violence and intimidation in the planning of the project had hit the budget.

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By JOSHUA  
RABOROKO

SIX people were shot  
dead in separate inci-  
dents of violence in two

Vaal Triangle town-  
ships at the weekend.

Mr Aaron Mphirima  
(40), Mr Tebogo Monkhe  
(49) and Mr Jacob Phathi  
(56) all of Zone 13,  
Sebokeng, were watching  
television on Friday night

# Six die in violence

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when they were shot by  
unknown people.

Their bodies were found  
in a bedroom of Phathi's  
house. The family believe  
they were herded into the  
bedroom and killed.  
Several goods, including

a TV set, clothes, pots and a  
church gown were stolen  
by the gunmen, who left in  
a white Cressida.

Mrs Ivy Nxumalo said  
her father (Phathi) was  
watching TV with  
Mphirima and Monkhe.

They all had bullet  
wounds in the head.

"My mother (Mrs  
Paulina Phathi) arrived  
home a few minutes after  
the incident and found the  
three lying dead in my bed-  
room. The alarm was raised.

and the police later re-  
moved the bodies," she  
said.

In another incident, Mr  
Steven Mcedise Mokgalle  
(28) of 74-4 Small Farm,  
Evaton, and an unknown  
woman were shot dead

while in a BMW car on  
Saturday night.

Another woman who  
was with the couple is be-  
lieved to have escaped un-  
harmed when the gunmen  
sprayed bullets into the car.  
In a separate incident, the

Smith family of Zone 13,  
Sebokeng, fled their home  
after their son, Mr Jordan  
Smith, was attacked and  
killed at the weekend.

Neighbours said the  
family left their home in  
fear of their lives after Jo-  
dan's mother, Mrs A  
Smith, died when a hand-  
grenade was thrown into  
the house three weeks ago.  
Vaal Triangle townships  
yesterday remained tense.



# Soldiers rampage

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By MATHATHA TSEDU (278)

ABOUT 15 members of the SADF's Battalion 21 raided the Tambovillesquatter area near Wattville, Benoni, on Sunday night, assaulting and injuring residents.

But an army spokesman, confirming the incident, said the men had gone absent without leave and were not "deployed under the command of the SA army" at the time. Several of them had been arrested, he said. At least two people are known to have been seriously injured.

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with one, Mr Bernard Mkhathswa (35), likely to lose the use of both eyes. The other, Mr David Nkosi, has gaping wounds on his

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head and a suspected fracture of his left hand. They are both at the Benoni-Boksburg Hospital.

Mkhathswa said the soldiers had arrived in an army truck at his home and knocked roughly on his door.

"When I opened the door they started hitting me with their rifle butts and fists and accused me of being part of the security of the Tamboville," he said with both his eyes swollen closed.

He said he had lost consciousness after losing a lot of blood.

Nkosi said the soldiers had accosted him in the street and had beaten him all over his body and hit his head with instruments he did not see.

The chairman of the Tamboville Civic Association, Mr Abbey Nyalunga, told a Press conference yesterday the soldiers were accosted by a team of the area's security men after they had beaten Mkhathswa.

He said the soldiers fired shots in their fight with residents but no one was hit.

Residents arrested one soldier, Mr Moeketsi Mogwerane, who was later handed to the police.

The SADF spokesman said a thorough investigation was under way to ascertain the facts and asked people to contact them or the police.

The SADF said "several members of 21 Battalion were arrested by the SA Military police for absence without leave.

"The SADF will not condone any misconduct or bad behaviour by its members."



# ANC withdrawal focus of talks

*Sowetan* 26/5/92  
**Sowetan Correspondent**

**THE National Peace Committee meets in Sandton, north of Johannesburg, this morning amid a continuing wave of Reef town-ship violence which claimed the lives of at least 15 people at the weekend.**

According to an NPC spokesman, the closed-door meeting is to discuss the threatened withdrawal from the National Peace Accord by the PWV regions of the ANC, Cosatu and other allied political groups.

Speaking during the SABC's Agenda actuality programme on Sunday night, Deputy Justice Minister Mr. Danie

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Schutte expressed disappointment and amazement about the latest moves against the NPA.

"The NPC has decided to call a broad committee meeting on Tuesday where the whole matter will be discussed," he said.

Violence and bloody murders claimed nine lives on the East Rand at the weekend.

In one of the worst attacks this year, three men died when gunmen opened fire on the occupants of a house in Section 13 in Sebokeng on Friday night.

Police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said Mr Jacob Padi, Mr Simon Monke, and Mr Aaron Mpereni died when unknown gunmen ran into a house in Section 13 and shot them. A television set, telephone and blankets were stolen.

A few hours later, a woman and a man were killed and three seriously injured when gunmen opened fire on a car in Mashosho Street, Section 13 on Friday night.

Bester said three gunmen in a car opened fire on the occupants of another car with AK-47 rifles.

The injured were taken to the Sebokeng Hospital.

Anyone with information about the horrific Sebokeng killings is asked to contact the Sebokeng police at (016) 88 1340.

Police were unable to name any of the people killed in the unrest since Friday. Captain Eugene Opperman said on Friday the names of unrest victims were not given to police liaison departments and he only had "statistics".

Meanwhile Sapa reports that 36 imprisoned members of the ANC's Women's League have begun a hunger strike, threatening to fast until their demands for the removal of the SA Defence Force's 32 Battalion, SAP riot police and the KwaZulu police from the vio-

lence-plagued Imbali township near Maritzburg are met.

An ANCWL spokesman, who on Sunday visited the prisoners at the Napierville Prison in Maritzburg, said the women started refusing food on Friday night, restricting themselves to a "liquid diet".

The women were arrested for trespassing while protesting against the presence of SADF's 32 Battalion, the riot police and KwaZulu police in Imbali. They have refused to pay bail. Department of Correctional Services spokesman Colonel Daniel Immeelman confirmed the women have, since Saturday been on a hunger strike.



# Soldiers detained over clashes in township

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Several SA Defence Force soldiers have been arrested after fighting civilians in Wattville on the East Rand on Sunday, a spokesman for Witwatersrand Command confirmed yesterday.

Public relations officer Major Andreas Jordaan said in a statement that the members, from 21 Battalion, were arrested by SADF military police for absence without leave.

He said the SADF would not condone any misconduct or bad

behaviour by its members, adding that Wits Command reiterated that the soldiers were not on duty or deployed under army command at the time of the incidents. (SAP) 278

"At this stage, without an investigation, it appears as if members of the community may have abused a group of individuals, or a group of off-duty soldiers may have abused their authority. (SAP)

"The facts of the matter will only be established once it has been properly investigated," Major Jordaan said.

"Meanwhile, we appeal to the community involved to come forward with their testimony," he said.

"If they should choose not to use the military to do this, the defence force encourages them to make use of the SA Police," Major Jordaan said. — Sapa.



# I shot at security forces — 'Apla man'

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A man claiming to represent the Azanian People's Liberation Army — armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress — claimed responsibility in a telephone call to Sapa yesterday for recent attacks on security forces in Sebokeng and Phola Park.

The caller identified himself to a reporter but the line was bad and conversation broke up repeatedly. The reporter, who has spoken in the past to other

callers claiming to represent Apla, did not recognise the voice.

The caller said: "You must take this information quickly ... I'm not going to be around for long."

The caller said Apla cadres had attacked security forces in Sebokeng and Phola Park in recent days. In an "operation" in Sebokeng at the weekend, three security force personnel had

been killed, he claimed. The latest attack had been in Phola Park yesterday morning, when one person was killed.

The caller said the operations were aimed at protecting residents from "mercenaries and their defenders".

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said he doubted Apla was operating from Phola Park, which he described as a "strong ANC area".

"There are self-defence units

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operating in Phola Park and all are ANC-aligned," Captain Opperman said.

He said police were not aware of the most recent Apla claims.

"This is the first we hear of Apla claiming responsibility for such attacks in recent days. Police are investigating several incidents in the Vaal Triangle and information will be made available when investigations are complete." — Sapa



# Constables injured in grenade blast

Vereeniging Bureau  
and Sapa

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Two members of the police's Internal Stability Unit in Vereeniging suffered minor injuries after a hand grenade was thrown under their Casspir vehicle in Sharpeville yesterday.

Both constables H le Roux and C F Landman were treated for shrapnel wounds to their legs at the Medi City Hospital in Vereeniging, and later discharged.

According to Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer, the two policemen were patrolling the Sharpeville area when they stopped and parked the Casspir behind a house.

Shortly after the constables got out of the vehicle, a grenade was apparently thrown under the Casspir by an unknown person.

The grenade exploded and the pair were wounded by shrapnel entering their legs. Police have opened an attempted murder docket in connection with the incident, but no arrests have been made.

In another attack, a member of 21 Battalion was killed in an attack on the SADF in Sebokeng near Vereeniging on Monday night, Witwatersrand Command reported yesterday.

The command's liaison officer, Major Andreas Jordaan, said battalion members were assisting a civilian whose vehicle had broken down in the township when they were fired on by unidentified attackers.

Police investigating the attack found a number of spent AK-47 cartridges on the scene, Major Jordaan said.

The name of the soldier will be released after his next of kin have been notified.



# Two taxi drivers die in city shooting

By Brian Sokutu  
Crime Staff

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Two taxi drivers were shot dead and another was wounded by gunmen driving a black BMW and armed with an AK-47 rifle and a .45 pistol in central Johannesburg's busy Noord Street yesterday.

Commuters, fruit vendors and shop-owners in the area ran for cover at about noon when bullets began flying.

Police said they believed the killings were triggered by feuding between rival taxi organisations.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Sergeant Francois du Plessis said the gunmen immediately sped from the scene after the shooting. Police later recovered spent cartridges from the weapons.

Police arrived on the scene and cordoned off a section of Noord Street where the two bodies, one on the pavement and another on the floor of a fast food outlet, lay in pools of blood before being removed at 2 pm.

Police took possession of a .38 revolver with five unused cartridges from under the body of the man in the fast food shop.

A crowd of onlookers gathered in the area while residents from the Rowallan flats peeped over balconies after police had ordered them to remain indoors while forensic experts inspected the area.

The back windscreen of a car and the windows of at least one shop were damaged during the attack.



# Unit admits to 'violence'

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PRETORIA. — A lawyer appearing for 32 Battalion yesterday conceded some soldiers of the unit, during a sweep operation in Phola Park, performed acts of "heavy-handedness and technically committed acts of violence".

Mr Kobus Lowies, counsel for the battalion, told a Goldstone committee inquiring into the unit's alleged rampage through Phola Park on the East Rand on April 8 that the concession was made solely to help finalise the

committee's findings.

However, he told the committee — chaired by Mr Solly Sithole — that the battalion denied any of its members committed any murder, rape, assault or theft.

On the night in question, he said, members of the battalion entered Phola Park to investigate reports of automatic shooting and to restore law and order in the squatter camp.

Mr Lowies said a platoon of

about 27 members found itself in an ambush where its members were shot at from different directions with automatic firearms.

A second platoon was sent to reinforce the first one.

He said the two platoons replied to the fire by firing 200 rounds, some of which hit several houses. He blamed "so-called self-defence units" for firing on the battalion.

The sitting continues today. — Sapa

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# Hani recalls days of 'paranoiac ANC'

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

PARANOIA and hysteria in the ranks of the ANC about government's ability to infiltrate it before it was unbanned resulted in innocents being detained in prison camps, former Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) chief-of-staff Chris Hani has admitted in a magazine interview.

Hani is reported by the latest edition of Work in Progress as saying about 18 or 19 MK members found guilty by a tribunal of taking part in a mutiny against superiors in Angola in 1984 were executed.

At his request, the ANC leadership had stepped in and stopped further executions.

Speaking about ANC detention camps, Hani said one of the innocents detained in the mid-'80s, was national executive committee member Pallo Jordan, for making a derogatory remark about methods used by the ANC's security department. Jordan was detained in June 1983 for six weeks after criticising the security infrastructure in a private conversation.

"And that critical voice reached the ears of security, and because security was a law unto itself, Comrade Jordan was picked up and detained for a few days," he said.

Hani said the climate at the time, when "the regime" was destabilising the ANC, killing its leaders and assassinating commanders of MK, had created a situation of overall suspicion.

When 60% of cadres sent to infiltrate SA were either arrested or killed, sometimes the wrong impression was drawn that those who handled the operations were working for the enemy, he said.

"People began to lose a balanced approach in terms of combating the infiltration of the ANC by the regime. That situation actually caused problems where, in my own view, the innocent and the guilty were sometimes lumped together."

Asked about several mutinies that took place in camps in Angola, Hani said he had been summoned to solve the mutinous situation. Cadres mutinied over the deployment of MK members against Unita in Angola, and not the apartheid regime, and refused to take orders.

"They actually took their weapons, took trucks and virtually took over our transit camp in Viana, in Luanda."

When they refused to stop their actions, Angolans were called in to help disarm them. They were disarmed and were sent back to camps of the ANC, Hani said.

Another mutiny took place a few months later, and although Hani said he was in favour of dialogue with the mutineers, he had "reached the end of my tether" when they killed several key commanders in one camp called Bango, and took over the camp. Bango was taken back by force and the mutineers were brought before a tribunal, of which Hani was not a part. Some were sentenced to death and executed.

On a new security force, Hani said "I would like a situation where a security apparatus is answerable to Parliament."

He added: "I would favour, for instance, a parliamentary committee to oversee the security apparatus."

## Bitter hostel debate continues

B/Day 27/5/92

WILSON ZWANE

A FEW years ago hostel and township residents used to party together. Now they are enemies.

Residents say relationships with hostel residents started deteriorating in 1990 when violence rocketed in Reef townships.

They perceive hostels as the epicentre of violence. Civic organisations — such as the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) and the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) — have echoed that sentiment.

SCA official Kgabisi Mosunkutu told a recent meeting of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber that hostels should be "emptied" as they were breeding grounds for violence.

The civic organisations want the hostels converted into family units to allow migrant workers to live with their families.

However, this would be costly, and few hostel residents can afford to buy homes.

Soweto City Council spokesman Moja-

lefa Moseki says emptying the hostels "will fuel tensions in the townships and cause more social strife". However, he supports their conversion into family units, saying women and children make up about 30% of Soweto's hostel population.

West Rand Hostel Residents' Association vice-chairman Joseph Kubheka says he has not come across any hostel resident who favours conversion, and East Rand Hostel Residents' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo says his organisation is "totally opposed" to it. Mlambo says the hostels should rather be upgraded.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration is injecting funds into upgrading hostels under its jurisdiction. In Thokoza, hostels are undergoing a multimillion-rand facelift. Renovations to one of the township's three hostels will cost about R3,5m.



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# Police hurt in grenade attack as violence flares

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

SPORADIC violence flared up on the Reef and in the Vaal Triangle yesterday when two policemen were seriously injured in a handgrenade attack and a police patrol came under heavy automatic rifle fire.

Two members of the SAP's internal stability unit were badly injured when a grenade was flung at them in Sharpeville, Witwatersrand liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said.

The policemen were on duty when they noticed a person in an open field acting suspiciously. As they were approaching the suspect a grenade was hurled at them from a nearby property, Opperman said.

Police did not know who was responsible for the attack.

In the volatile Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand, a police patrol came under heavy gunfire from unknown attackers yesterday.

Opperman said police were attacked by gunmen daily in the settlement. Several people had been arrested in Phola Park in the past weeks, he said.

Sapa reported yesterday that a man, claiming to represent the Azanian People's Liberation Army, the armed wing of the PAC, had claimed responsibility in a tele-

phone call to the news agency for recent attacks on security forces in Sebokeng and Phola Park.

Meanwhile, the Goldstone Commission has set up a one-man committee consisting of Johannesburg advocate R M Wise to investigate recent allegations by the Weekly Mail newspaper that the police have been involved in planning or instigating violence in the Vaal area.

Commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone said yesterday that on May 22 the Commission had held a preliminary inquiry into the allegations published in the newspaper on May 8 and 15.

Goldstone said such an inquiry would mean a specialist committee would have to be appointed and would need many weeks of preparation and more of evidence.

The Commission believed the Weekly Mail allegations of criminal conduct by police required urgent attention and that they should be dealt with as a separate issue, Goldstone said.

The committee would hear evidence in this regard from June 15 in Pretoria.

## 'Good Samaritan' soldier killed in township

Monday 27/5/92

STEPHANE BOTHMA

A MEMBER of the SADF's 21 Battalion was killed by AK-47 rifle fire in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, on Monday, while he and colleagues were helping a motorist.

Witwatersrand Command liaison officer Maj Andreas Jordaan said police investigating the attack found a number of spent AK-47 cartridges at the scene.

Jordaan confirmed also that several off-duty SADF soldiers were arrested after fighting civilians in Wattville township, on

the East Rand, on Sunday. They were arrested by Military Police for being absent without leave.

"The SADF would not condone any misconduct or bad behaviour by its members," he said, adding that Wits Command reiterated the soldiers were not on duty or deployed under army command at the time of the incidents.

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Richard Pillay, left, of the NUM's human resources development unit, with ANC education head John Samuel and Numsa's head of skills training Adrienne Bird at yesterday's private sector education seminar.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

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## Fedhasa petitions govt over holiday

FEDHASA yesterday petitioned President F W de Klerk and Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee to allow retail liquor stores to open on Saturday, a public holiday.

This follows earlier letters to De Klerk and Coetsee asking that any transgressions be overlooked.

The national chairman of Fedhasa's liquor committee Len Polivnick said taking into account the accel-

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erated end of the month trade and the fact that it was a Saturday, lost turnover could amount to R55m.

Home Affairs Minister Gene Louw announced earlier this month that the May 31 public holiday which falls on Sunday would be advanced to Saturday.

Polivnick said about a third of the R55m would be made up of excess duty and VAT. Government itself would lose about R20m.

He said "in hard times like the present we cannot afford to lose this kind of money and nor can the government. We also lost out on May 1."

Polivnick said he expected at least some retail liquor stores to risk the R100 fine on Saturday.

## Education 'a priority'

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE problems facing education were too urgent and desperate for SA to wait for a new constitution and a new education policy, De Beers training manager John Gath-erer told a private sector education seminar yesterday.

"Responsibility rests on all stakeholders affected — the private sector, the community at large, as well as educationalists — to provide quality contributions to the education process while the interim period between negotiation and full implementation is with us," he said.

The two-day seminar, organised by human resource specialist CTU, looked at ways in which the private sector could be more closely involved with solving SA's educational problems.

ANC education head John Samuel warned that an education policy formulated by an interim government could end up with a mediocre solution.

Although all parties agreed that there had to be an urgent intervention in the "national disaster" of education, Samuel said there was no simple solution.

It would take years to restore the bankrupt education system, but in the meantime interested groups had to concentrate on reaching visible, realisable goals, he said.

Samuel warned businessmen that if they were "not brave enough" to become involved in wider educational movements, ideas from initiatives such as the seminar would be "doomed to remain in the covers of the report".



# Beware those who advocate boycotts

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A remarkable piece of paper landed on my desk a couple of days ago — and if it reached my eyes, it must surely have done the rounds elsewhere.

Distributed by an organisation calling itself the "SA Youth Talk Out Program", it urges "YOU, your neighbour and 50 000 'friends' to participate and contrive a more meaningful future and existence (sic) for ALL, and most important (sic) the children of tomorrow".

What "YOU" are required to do is to abstain from making further mortgage bond repayments for three months should the bond rate not come down to 14 percent by the end of May.

By so doing, "YOU" would achieve a "bond saving" — on a R40 000 bond, of as much as R335.

## Repossession

I've carefully checked the fine print and nowhere can I find any mention of a warning that suspension of bond repayments exposes the homeowner to the risks of repossession.

Neither is there any indication of the additional financial burden imposed on the homeowner shortsighted enough to heed SAYTOP's advice.

No, far from risking the roof "YOU" have over your head, your delinquency will be channeled into improving your living standards, education, the upliftment of the needy, investment in your retirement — or

By John Spira



anything else at "your discretion".

In a society more sophisticated in financial matters than ours, such blatant nonsense would give rise to general hilarity. But in a South African society gullible (via relative ignorance of the monetary and legal systems) to propaganda of this sort, it's alarming.

Either the powers that be at SAYTOP aren't aware of the mayhem that will result forthose who take their urgings to heart, or they simply don't care.

If they, like their target audience, have any concern for "the children of tomorrow", they have a responsibility to study the consequences of the content of their "literature".

Rubbish like this, and the dread that it might be acted upon, creates deep despair among those who cling to the hope that South Africa is destined to achieve winning-nation status.



# Peace isn't going to fall from heaven, but

**ASK NATIONAL** Union of Metalworkers of SA organiser Alf Woodington to talk about himself and he hums and haws. He looks distinctly uncomfortable. The conversation stumbles into an awkward silence.

But ask him about his work as Cosatu's representative on the Vaal/Wits Regional Dispute Resolution Committee (RDRC) and the words come tumbling forth.

Talking peace, quite obviously, is what he does best.

Born in Transkei and brought up on the East Rand where his family had first-hand experience of forced removals, his journey into union, and subsequently peace, negotiations started in 1977 after he left school and began work in a food canning factory.

The work was boring, says the man who prefers to call a spade a spade.

"I didn't last long."

A job hop or two later, he

It takes an unusual man to stand up for peace when some of his closest companions, including his wife, have died in the ongoing violence. Alfred Woodington is one such man. PAULA FRAY reports.

moved to an engineering company nearer to home in Boksburg. Workers there formed a "rough committee" and in 1986 he joined the Metal and Allied Workers Union (Mawu).

"In those days, being a so-called coloured, you were just told to be in such a union. I was a member only in terms of paying contributions."

Mawu, he said, was the first truly representative union he belonged to.

By the time Mawu became Numsa in May 1987, he had been elected to the education committee in Benoni and his work with various groups had begun.

His decision to move from private industry into full-time union work meant a reduction

in salary, but otherwise the change was not difficult.

When violence broke out at the end of 1990, the union formed the Numsa crisis unit to assist and protect members. In effect, it meant taking his first step in peace resolutions.

"The crisis unit meant engaging with whoever was necessary," he says.

The unit was abandoned after six months but, in June last year, was revived after another flare-up of violence.

"The crisis unit existed long before the signing of the National Peace Accord," he notes. One example of the work needed was resolving violence at a disused Iscor hostel, KwaMada-

la, in Vanderbijlpark.

"On July 22 1990 there was a rally held after the release of Madiba (Nelson Mandela). After the rally, there was an outbreak of violence at hostels with Inkatha members. Inkatha members had to leave these hostels and they took over KwaMadala. At first there were 50 and it grew to 400."

Clashes continued. Lives were lost and people were threatened. Eventually Numsa's crisis unit, Iscor and Inkatha joined forces to try to establish peace.

Now Mr Woodington is one of two Cosatu representatives on the Vaal/Witwatersrand RDRC.

Talking to people on the other side of the fence is part of the

job. Thinking of people in terms of being on the other side of the fence is not.

"In order to achieve peace it will be necessary for myself and Inkatha to engage in some talk. One thing we must understand is that peace is not going to fall from heaven. It is a process."

The growth of local dispute resolution committees is sign enough that the process is under way. But a time-frame cannot be given. It is the tendency to violence which must be arrested, he says.

"Peace is definitely making inroads."

Only once has he seriously questioned his involvement:

Three years ago his wife died in an "unexplained accident". "I battled with myself," he says. But, in view of his wife's own commitment, he decided to continue.

A jazz-loving man in his limited free time, Mr Woodington takes inspiration from the strength of his late grandmother.

And he enjoys recalling the more humorous side of his work, although it often smacks of the "old" South Africa.

While still an active Numsa organiser he was once called out to a family-owned factory where 13 workers had been fired for going on strike.

"It was crude but at the end of the day you can laugh about it," he says.

The owner, a big man with a huge hangover, met them in his office. Asked why he had fired the workers, he replied: "Die kaffirs het op 'n slow motion strike gegaan." □



Reaching out . . . Alfred Woodington. Picture: Peter IV

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# Ex-Lekoa mayor found shot and necklaced

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A well-known Vaal resident and former mayor of the now-defunct Lekoa Town Council, Esau Mahlatsi (45), was shot in the back and "necklaced" in Sebokeng early yesterday.

The badly burnt body of Mr Mahlatsi was found abandoned in Moshoeshoe Street, in Zone 13, shortly before 5 am.

Mr Mahlatsi, who lived in Zone 10, also had bullet wounds in the back. According to a police spokesman it has not yet been established whether the former mayor was still alive when he was necklaced.

An autopsy is to be held to determine the cause of death.

The identity of his attackers is not known.

Mr Mahlatsi served as the mayor of the Lekoa council in the mid-1980s.

According to yesterday's police unrest report, three other people were killed and four seriously wounded in the Transvaal and Natal.

A police patrol in Daveyton on the East Rand came across the body of a woman who had been dowsed with petrol and set alight. In Sebokeng another police patrol warded off an attack by unidentified gunmen. No fatalities or injuries were reported from the attack.

Phola Park on the East Rand had a relatively quieter 24 hours with only one incident in which a delivery vehicle was set alight, causing damage estimated at R1 500.

A suspect believed to be a KwaZulu policeman was arrested after two men — one armed with a 9 mm pistol — fired at a bus in the Table Mountain township near Maritzburg, killing two men and seriously wounding two men and a woman.

Unidentified gunmen fired shots at guests attending a party at Umkomaas on the Natal South Coast, seriously wounding a man.



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# Phola Park sweep 'was done in a rush'

PRETORIA. — The purpose of an April 8 sweep operation at Phola Park on the East Rand by members of 32 Battalion was not fulfilled because it was apparently done in a rush, a Goldstone committee heard this week.

Lieutenant Fritz Ras, commanding officer of one of the platoons which entered the squatter camp that night, was giving evidence before the committee inquiring into an alleged rampage by the battalion.

He said the sweep, after shots had been fired in the area, was made for injured people and possible illegal firearms, but nothing was found when shacks were searched.

Lieutenant Ras told the committee, chaired by Mr Solly Sithole, that before the sweep it was decided the platoon would go into every shack which

had bullet holes. He and a few of his men, acting on information received earlier, searched a house where weapons were allegedly stored.

Lieutenant Ras said the sweep was in an alley and the soldiers moved quickly through the shacks and returned to a soccer field where military vehicles were parked.

Asked if the house of Mr John Msimango, who was shot in both legs and whose wife was killed, could have been missed in the sweep, Lieutenant Ras said it was possible because Mr Msimango's shack was between 35m and 50m from the alley.

He said that during the sweep some members of the platoon were "heavy-handed" when people tried to run away. — Sapa



## Decide on death penalty — judge

STEPHANE BOTHMA

A RAN Supreme Court judge on Wednesday urged Parliament to take a final decision on the death penalty, saying it was uncivilised to keep prisoners on death row for years.

Sentencing two murderers of an elderly Johannesburg woman to death, Judge M J Strydom said it was extremely upsetting that the Criminal Procedure Act expected him to impose the death penalty when executions were suspended.

"The time is over-ripe that a decision be taken," Strydom said.

He sentenced Simon Plaatjies, 26, and Phillip Masala, 29, to death for murdering Joan Emrie on July 29 last year by tying a cord around her neck and strangling her during an aggravated robbery, for which the pair each got 15 years. *8/0ay*

He said 295 prisoners were awaiting execution at the end of last year.

"If the death penalty is not abolished in the future, mass executions will have to take place," the judge said. He agreed with an editorial in the SA Bar journal *Consultus* that this was not an option. *29/5/92*

The editorial said a possible solution would be the death penalty's abolition, but all race groups seemed to favour its retention.

Despite the controversy, Strydom said, he had to follow the law. "In your case," he told the murderers, "the death penalty was the only appropriate sentence."

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# Ex-mayor dies after necklacing

FORMER Lekoa township mayor Esau Mahlatsi died yesterday after being shot and necklaced in Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, police said last night.

Spokesman Capt Henriette Bester said police found Mahlatsi's charred body at about 4.45am in Moshoeshoe Street, in Section 13 of the township.

The motive for his murder and the identity of his killers were not known. Mahlatsi apparently survived several earlier attempts to kill him.

Soweto police last night reported that the Meadowlands hostel was attacked twice during the afternoon. At about noon an unknown man opened fire on the hostel. One man was injured in the incident.

At about 2pm, a handgrenade was thrown at the hostel. Capt Govind-samy Mariemuthoo said the grenade failed to explode. Police were investigating both incidents.

In a shooting incident in Hillbrow yesterday, one man was killed and two people injured when a gunman fired at their vehicle with an AK-47.

The victims were sitting in a parked Mercedes-Benz in King George Street when the gunman fired about 18 shots at them from a blue minibus parked in front of the car. The minibus drove away after the shooting. No arrests had been made.

On Wednesday Jubileno de Sousa, who ran a dry cleaning business in

LINDEN BIRNS

Main Reef Road, Benrose, was murdered at the George Goch mens' hostel in Jeppe. De Sousa and one of his workers went to the hostel to collect clothes for cleaning.

A man grabbed De Sousa while another man held a gun to his head.

Police said De Sousa was shot in the face when the worker with him ran to get help.

Sapa reports that the Human Rights Commission (HRC) said 50 people were killed and 32 injured between May 20 and 26. During the previous week 61 were killed and 59 people injured, the Human Rights Commission said.

## Injuries

In a report released in Johannesburg on Wednesday, the commission said vigilante actions in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) area and Natal accounted for 42 deaths and 24 injured.

Security force action accounted for five injured and 414 arrests in the PWV, eastern Cape and Ciskei.

The commission said the SADF's 21 Battalion had again been involved in raids on East Rand townships, which had resulted in injuries to residents in squatter camps at Phola Park, Tamboville and Ratanda.



## Residents to lay assault charges

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At least seven Tamboville residents in Wattville who were injured during an attack on their camp on Sunday, allegedly by SADF members, are to lay charges of assault.

Their legal representative, Mahomed Ramdela, said charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm would be laid.

Mr Ramdela added that there were fears that one of the injured, Bernard Mkhathwa, might lose sight in both eyes.

About 15 armed members of 21 Battalion allegedly raided the camp on Sunday night, assaulting residents indiscriminately.

The Wattville Civic Association said the attack was an attempt by the Government and its agencies to import violence into "a developing, peaceful community".



# Ex-mayor shot and necklaced

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**VEREENIGING.** — A former mayor of the now-defunct Lekoa Town Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, 45, was shot in the back and necklaced in Sebokeng early yesterday.

Mr Mahlatsi's badly burnt body was found shortly before 5am. He had bullet wounds in the back. It was one of three deaths reported by police yesterday.

The identity of Mr Mahlatsi's attackers was not known.

Mr Mahlatsi served as mayor of the Lekoa council in the mid-1980s.

Other deaths reported by police were:

- A man was killed and two people were injured in a hail of gunfire in Johannesburg yesterday morning.

Police spokeswoman Captain Henriette Bester said about 18 shots were fired at a parked Mercedes from a minibus in King George Street.

A brown minibus pulled up in front of the car and a blue minibus pulled in behind it.

The driver of the Mercedes, Mr George Tshabalala, was killed instantly in the hail of AK-47 bullets from the blue bus, which sped off with the other minibus after the shooting.

Two of Mr Tshabalala's passengers were wounded.

Captain Bester said police are investigating the possibility that the shooting was linked to the taxi war which had recently reached the streets of Johannesburg.

On Tuesday, two taxi drivers were killed and another was wounded in an AK-47 shootout in Noord Street.

- In Daveyton, on the East Rand, a police patrol found the body of a woman who had been doused with petrol and set alight, and in Sebokeng, near

## 50 die, 32 injured in week of unrest

**JOHANNESBURG.** — Fifty people were killed and 32 injured across the country in the week from May 20 to 26, compared with the previous week's total of 61 deaths and 59 people injured, according to the latest repression report compiled by the Human Rights Commission (HRC).

It said in the report released here this week that vigilante actions in the PWV area and Natal accounted for 42 deaths and 24 injured.

The PWV death toll of 38 remained constant (39 died the previous week) and the Vaal region — Sebokeng in particular — continued to be a flash-point. Five train attacks on the East Rand and in Johannesburg areas accounted for five of the deaths and five of the injuries.

In Natal, the deaths dropped from the seven recorded last week to four this week. Four people were injured.

According to the report, action by security forces accounted for five injured and 414 arrests on the Reef and in the Eastern Cape and Ciskei.

The HRC said the SA Defence Force's 21 Battalion had yet again been involved in raids on East Rand townships, which had resulted in injuries to residents in squatter camps at Phola Park and Tamboville, and in Ratanda. — Sapa

Vereeniging, another police patrol warded off an attack by unidentified gunmen. No fatalities were reported.

Phola Park, on the East Rand, had a relatively quieter 24 hours with only one incident in which a delivery vehicle was set alight.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze confirmed in Cape Town on Wednesday that police were investigating murder cases arising out of the activities of operatives of the ANCs' Phola Park self-defence unit.

According to reports, police said their investigations included 37 murder cases.

Five self-defence unit members had been charged regarding various incidents that included attacks on people as far away as the Free State, as well as attacks on members of 32 Battalion. — Sapa



# 'Military explosives killed ANC lawyer'

By Susan Smuts

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Military rather than commercial explosives were probably used in the portable cassette player which killed ANC lawyer Bheki Mlangeni, an inquest at the Rand Supreme Court heard this week.

Investigating officer Captain Andre Kritzinger told Mr Justice B O'Donovan that further tests would be conducted on the explosives. Samples taken of the packing in which the machine arrived did not match samples from South Africa and there was a "strong foreign connotation", he said.

The cassette player was apparently intended for Dirk Coetzee, a former captain in the SAP stationed at Vlakplaas where death-squad activities were allegedly planned. Mr Coetzee did not receive the parcel in London because he did not have money to pay the excess postage and it was sent to Mr Mlangeni, whose name appeared as the addressee.

Captain Kritzinger said he was waiting for a report comparing fingerprints of Mr Coetzee's former colleagues at Vlakplaas with fingerprints found on the cassette player.

Captain Kritzinger said he had arrived unexpectedly at Vlakplaas three months after

Mr Mlangeni's death although he had suspected much earlier the cassette player could have been sent from there.

Under cross-examination from G Rautenbach, appearing for Mr Mlangeni's family, he admitted he had met Lieutenant Kobus Klopper, who was stationed at Vlakplaas, the day before the visit. Lieutenant Klopper knew of the investigation.

Mr Rautenbach put it to him the visit was pointless because evidence which may have been there could have been removed.

Captain Kritzinger replied that clues could be found up to two years after an incident.

In a statement taken while he was in Weskoppies, self-proclaimed death squad member Ronald Bezuidenhout had named several policemen as possible suspects. Captain Kritzinger said he confronted the policemen concerned, but they denied any involvement in Mr Mlangeni's death.

He said a technical report comparing the bomb which killed Durban computer analyst Nic Cruise showed no similarities in the explosives.

He said he did not think it would be useful to obtain similar reports about the bomb which killed Ruth First, or the one which seriously injured Albie Sachs in Mocambique.

The hearing continues.

## Man injured in hostel blast

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A man was injured when Meadowlands hostel in Soweto was attacked twice by unknown gunmen yesterday.

The first attack, according to Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo, took place at noon when an unknown gunman opened fire at the hostel. One inmate was in-

jured.

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He said the injured man was taken to Baragwanath Hospital for treatment.

In another attack later in the afternoon, a man threw a hand grenade into the hostel at about 2 pm. No one was injured.

Captain Mariemuthoo said policemen removed the grenade, which failed to explode, from the hostel.



# Ex-mayor of Lekoa found necklaced

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THE controversial former mayor of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi (45), was shot and "necklaced" in Sebokeng yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Henrietta Bester said Mahlatsi's charred body was found in Moshoeshoe Street, Zone 13, shortly before 5am. He also had several bullet wounds in his body.

Bester said police did not know the motive for his killing. His assailants were also not known to

the police.

His shocked family were unable to speak to the Press at his Zone 10 home yesterday. They referred all inquiries to the police.

Mahlatsi shot to prominence during the 1984

By MOKGADI PELA

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anti-rent protests, when his now-defunct council was under constant pressure from residents in Sebokeng to resign or face the consequences.

At the time of his death, Mahlatsi belonged the Zion Christian Church, a fact confirmed by a source close to the family.

Bester said an post-mortem examination would be held to determine the cause of his death. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.



Esau Mahlatsi was brutally killed.



THE SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL SPIRALS INTO BLOODY ANARCHY ...

# It's worse than 1976

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**T**HE revolt of township youths in the Vaal is already uglier than the uprisings of June 1976.

Today's youths are armed, their violence anarchic and random, their targets innocent passers-by.

A little-publicised State of Emergency has been declared in the Vaal area. Streets are barricaded and schooling has stopped. A land mine attack destroyed a police Casspir.

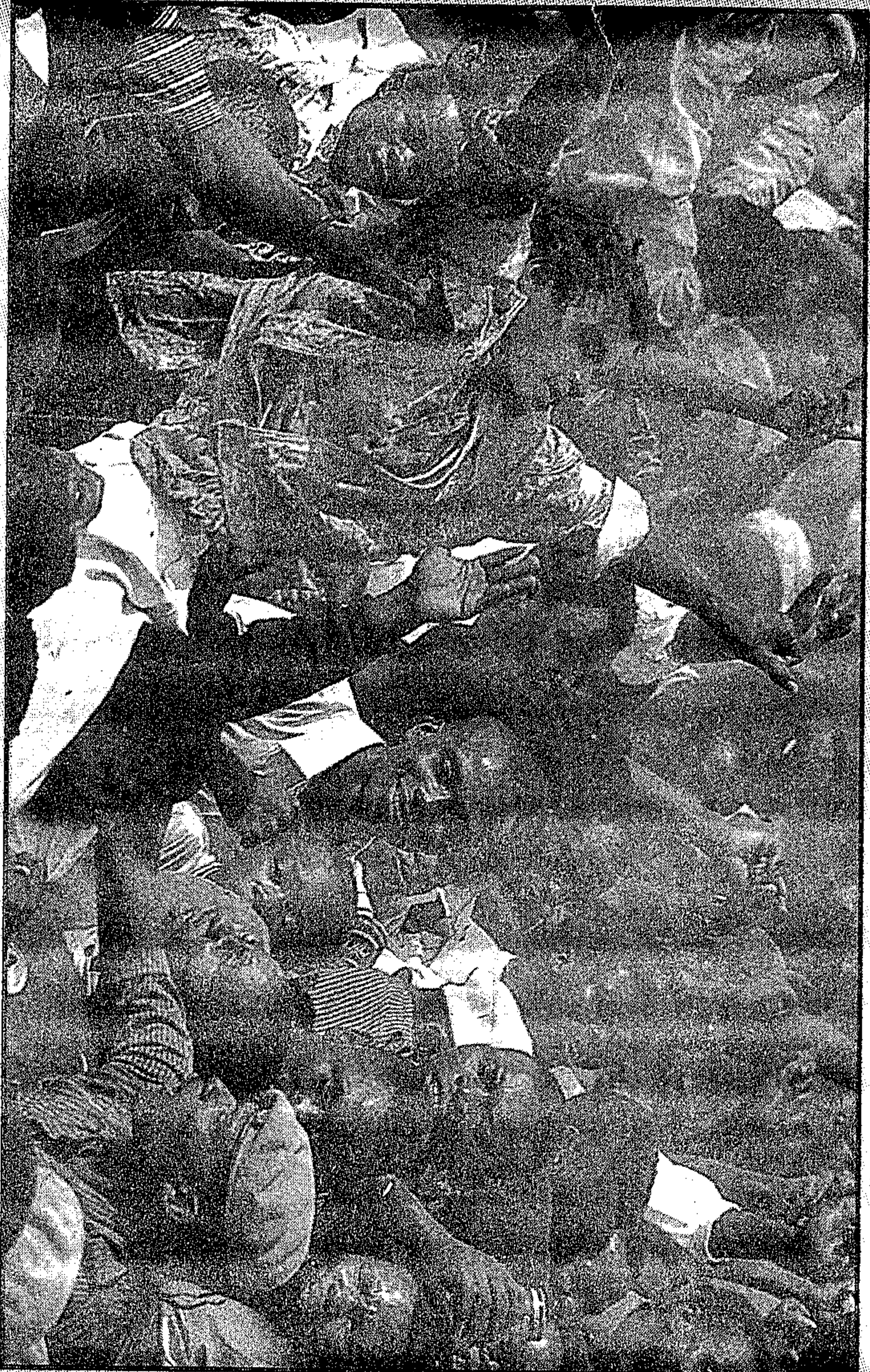
Behind the apparently aimless violence lies a desperate cry for help from a generation whose schooling has been intermittent and inadequate and whose futures look bleak.

Among recent incidents in the area: **1** Renegade Umkhonto weSizwe rebels gunned down a union shop-steward after a dispute over missing funds.

**2** There is a widespread fear of death squads. Eight people, mostly ANC members, were killed this week by mysterious snipers in unmarked cars.

**3** Returned exiles say they have been detained, questioned about their colleagues and subjected to electric shock torture by police.

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Zambians learn the meaning of rock 'n roll as South African stars delight the crowds at a Freedom Day rally this week. See PAGE 16

Photo: KEVIN CARTER



**U**NTIL last week, the Kolokoto family of Sebokeng was the human stage for a classic political drama.

One brother, Bekinyana Kolokoto, was an active member of the African National Congress. Another, Mike Kolokoto, is not only a municipal police sergeant, but has also been linked to a police network which allegedly planned attacks on ANC members in the Vaal Triangle.

A third brother, Isaac Kolokoto, is a man of the cloth and of peace. As organising secretary of the Vaal Council of Churches, he is directly involved in attempting to end the violence that sees his brothers on opposite sides of the barricades.

Until last week, the family itself remained united, despite the incredible political triangle.

And then last Sunday, Bekinyana, publicity secretary of the ANC's Sebokeng Zone 11 sub-branch, was gunned down in Sharpeville and dumped outside the township.

Isaac Kolokoto believes it is possible his brother's death was politically motivated. "Bekinyana was a highly active person," he explained.

Bekinyana Kolokoto had left Sebokeng at about 4pm on Sunday and travelled to Sharpeville to visit friends. This was the last time his father saw him alive. That night, after spending

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## Kolokoto brothers

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*The Kolokoto brothers could be an ordinary family — until you look a little closer. One is a policeman linked to a covert police network, another is a priest and the third, an ANC activist, was gunned down last weekend. By PAUL STOBBER*

the evening with friends, he left the Philadelphia Tavern at about 11pm. The next morning his body was found with five bullet wounds.

Bekinyana Kolokoto was the latest ANC official to be killed in the low-intensity war being conducted against the ANC in the Vaal, allegedly with the support of a covert South African Police network.

Sergeant Mike Kolokoto was linked to this covert operation when he was named, in an affidavit about the network, by Sebokeng activist Daniel Kolisang. Kolisang stated a police off-

icer had offered him money to bomb houses belonging to ANC members and said Mike Kolokoto could give him weapons training.

Later, members of Mike Kolokoto's private football club alleged he used the club to recruit youths as informers for Inkatha and had supplied these youths with weapons.

Father of the brothers, William Kolokoto, does not believe the allegations about his son. Describing himself as politically neutral, he explained: "Other people have spread these rumours about Mike to force him out of his soccer team, because they want to control it."

Questioned about Mike Kolokoto's relationship with members of the kwaZulu Police who live in a house, rented by the kwaZulu government, next to his, William Kolokoto asked: "If you buy a house and somebody rents the one next door, what must you do? Move away?"

Last week Mike Kolokoto admitted having regular contact with the kwaZulu policemen, but said it was

due to "good neighbourliness". William Kolokoto was adamant that there had been no problems between his sons.

"They got along and never quarrelled," he said. "They were always together. Mike often picked Bekinyana up for soccer."

Although the Vaal Council of Churches is an affiliate of the ANC-aligned South African Council of Churches, Isaac Kolokoto is not a member of any political organisation.

"But this does not mean I am apolitical," he added. "Because of my ministry I do not want to fall into the trap of ideology," he explained.

Despite their differences, the family is working together to overcome their tragedy. While Isaac and William Kolokoto organised the release of Bekinyana's body with the police, Mike Kolokoto was making some of the funeral arrangements.

The ANC will be asked to be part of Bekinyana's burial, because "that was part of his life".

But, besides the gap which Bekinyana's death has left in their ranks, the family has another worry. Only too aware that whole families have been targeted by the Vaal's death squads, Isaac Kolokoto said: "Until his death is solved, we will not be comfortable. Maybe those who killed him are after the family."



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By RAY NXUMALO

HOSTELS have long been regarded as a source of violence but they are now becoming a threat to education, judging by the number of schools near hostels that are forced to close down.

Attendance at three high schools in Soweto has ceased. When confrontation between Meadowlands residents and hostel dwellers at the nearby Mzimhlope hostel began about three months ago, education at Anchor High School was disturbed. Fearing for their safety, pupils stopped going to school.

Forte High School followed suit, after running battles between Dobsonville hostel dwellers and township residents threatened to spill into the school last month.

"The schools are officially not closed," a Department of Education and Training (DET) spokesman told *The Weekly Mail*.

## Fears of hostel violence drive pupils from schools

Several primary schools are presently on the 'platoon system'. Pupils at various primary schools get taught half-day to make way for their older brothers and sisters to come in later in the afternoon," the spokesman said.

Not only have pupils lost their schools but they have been scattered throughout the township.

After recent clashes between Dube hostel dwellers and residents, Veritas High School is also looking for alternative accommodation.

The DET has established a working committee which will look into ways of helping children learn.

"Anchor has been closed for more

around hostels at risk, but also students are exposed to the most trying hardships," said Mashele.

He said the police should be able to protect pupils when they go to school but conceded that "we don't have an efficient police force".

This latest trend has resulted in a shift in the ANC's demand to convert hostels into family units.

"That seems to have failed and we now demand the closure of these hostels," he said, citing hostels as the main source of conflict.

Despite the difficulties, Thutolore High School in Meadowlands' Zone One — the heart of the battlefield — soldiers on.

"We try to stay open most of the time but when there are gunshots around the houses nearby, we dismiss school," principal Johannes Ledwaba said.

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**B**ENONI'S peaceful Wattville township in the east Rand was rudely awakened this week to the brutality plaguing other Reef townships when members of the South African Defence Forces' 21 Battalion raided the area.

The SADF claimed the soldiers were Awol — absent without leave — at the time, despite the fact that they were uniformed, armed, and in possession of an army truck.

Further, Wattville had been a peaceful township until the SADF deployed 21 Battalion in the area two weeks ago. "Out of the blue," according to a civic leader, the soldiers began patrolling the township. From that moment, tensions between residents and soldiers began rising in Wattville.

In an incident similar to that which occurred last month in Phola Park when more than 100 residents were either assaulted, raped or shot at by 32 Battalion soldiers, on Sunday night at around midnight about 15 uniformed and armed SADF members assaulted and injured Wattville residents.

According to residents, a strange person was seen acting suspiciously in the township earlier on Sunday night.

The man was questioned by members of the township's security unit, but was unable to give them a satisfactory explanation for his presence there. However, they let him go.

# 'Awol' soldiers run riot in quiet Wattville

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*Members of the SADF's 21*

*Battalion, allegedly Awol,*

*raided Wattville last week.*

*Residents of the hitherto*

*peaceful township are angry*

*at the 'unprovoked' attack.*

*By LINDA RULASHE*

He explained: "There is not a permanent deployment of troops in Wattville. The 21 South African Infantry Battalion troops in the area are allocated to the Group 16 headquarters for utilisation in the area. SADF deployment involves patrols in co-operation and support of the SAP in the Brakpan, Benoni and Delmas areas and are not directed specifically at Wattville or surrounding areas.

"At this stage the SADF, due to the present quiet situation in the area, is not planning any permanent deployment."

Two soldiers — Jabu Philemon and Moeketsi Mogwerane — were "arrested" by a team of the area's security unit after the soldiers had beaten Mkhathswa.

When the SAP arrived at the scene after residents had reported the incident to them, claimed Tamboville Civic Association chairman Abbey Nyalunga, the policemen "witnessed some of the soldiers assaulting residents so severely that they had to

intervene and stop them.

"However, a Sergeant Skosana told the residents that he could not charge the soldiers for assault until Pretoria had been consulted as they were government officials," Nyalunga added.

According to the SAP, one of the SADF members who was arrested was taken to the police station while another was taken to hospital.

A warrant for the arrest of Philemon — who allegedly discharged himself from the Benoni-Boksburg hospital — has been issued. However, the warrant relates to his allegedly being Awol rather than to the assaults.

The police said in a statement they had told Nyalunga to report the incident formally to the charge office so that the matter could be investigated.

"At the police station none of the persons present wanted to lay a formal complaint. There was thus no formal grounds to detain the member of the SADF."

However, Nyalunga said: "The residents haven't done anything to provoke these soldiers and we want to put it on record that we intend to lay charges."

Residents claimed the incident was the result of a build-up of events which started two weeks ago when members of the commando started patrolling the township for no apparent reason.

One resident, Benedict Mthembu, was frogmarched while another, Zanele Mthembu was pulled by the hair and forced out of her house.

Denying allegations of an attack on Wattville residents, a Witwatersrand Command spokesman said the involvement of these soldiers — who have subsequently been arrested for being Awol — would be thoroughly investigated.

An SADF spokesman said the patrols were in Wattville to protect and assist the SAP in maintaining law and order.

About 15 minutes later, gunshots were heard in Bosheoloe Street and 15 21 Battalion men advanced on the township.

In the ensuing attack, residents were assaulted and injured, two seriously. One of the injured, Bernard Mkhathswa, is likely to lose an eye after being severely beaten, resulting in both of his eyes swelling and closing up.

Describing what happened, Mkhathswa said the soldiers arrived in an army truck at his home and knocked roughly on the door.

When he opened the door, "they started hitting me with their rifle butts and fists and accused me of being part of the security of Tamboville (a squatter camp in the area)".

Mkhathswa lost consciousness after losing a lot of blood.

Another seriously injured man, David Nkosi, received blows to his head — resulting in gaping wounds — and also sustained a suspected fracture of his left arm when soldiers assaulted him in the street.



## ... BLOODY ANARCHY AS VAAL YOUTHS REVOLT

By PAUL STOBBER

THE Vaal region — in the grip of a mini-Emergency — is spiralling towards anarchy.

In the past week, eight people have been killed in drive-by shootings, two of them African National Congress-linked activists. In Sebokeng, all streets are barricaded, and in one of the giant township's zones schooling is at a standstill. Human rights lawyers say an average of five people are killed in political violence every week.

Police Casspirs cruise the rutted roads, and two members of the Internal Stability Unit were injured on Tuesday when a grenade exploded under their armoured vehicle.

Many activists are in hiding or sleeping away from home.

The secretary of the ANC's PWV region, Barbara Hogan, is convinced that there has been an increase in the level of violence since *The Weekly Mail's* expose of a secret network of police bases allegedly linked to the planning of

# The killings continue as

# Vaal spirals into chaos

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assassinations.

"Every day we receive delegations of members who feel their lives are being threatened.

They report they are being followed, that their telephones are being tapped and strange people are on their property," she said.

Relations between the police and the ANC in the Vaal Dispute Resolution Committee have hit rock-bottom. According to ANC Vaal organiser

Shaka Gadebe: "The police do not want to cooperate with us. When we ask for their help they say we should go to the newspapers and Nelson Mandela."

Commenting on this remark, SAP colonel Johan Mostert said it was unacceptable. "The

SAP protects the people and does not refer those that approach it for help to others," he added.

Distrust of the police and fear of death squads has haunted the townships of the Vaal for the past two years and has reached fever pitch in the wake of the latest revelations. The communities of the Vaal are taking extreme measures to protect themselves.

In Sebokeng, every main road and side street is barricaded at the entrance with boulders and rocks are strewn the length of the road to hamper any quick getaway. At dusk — when the hitmen begin their deadly prow — the roads are sealed and gangs of youths gather at fires, set in the middle of the road, for guard duty.

No one who cannot be identified is allowed to move freely through the township, and there are enough firearms in the hands of defence units to ensure that breaking the curfew is extremely dangerous.

Despite these precautions, the killings continue. Gadebe reported that last Friday, a white Nissan Senta, registration number NHS563T, was stolen at gunpoint from an ANC member known as "Comrade Witbooi". Two hours later, at 9pm, the car was spotted outside a house in Sebokeng Zone 13 in which three men were executed after goods were stolen from the house.

The next day shots were fired from the same car at youths who were barricading a street. A youth was killed and five others injured.

Last Sunday, two people were killed in Sebokeng when their car was sprayed with gunfire. In nearby Sharpeville, two men, one an ANC member, were shot dead.

In the township, the ANC-dominated defence

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## BEHIND THE VIOLENCE ...

## ... COMRADES OUT OF CONTROL

# ANC worry over MK 'loose cannons'

Colbert King 29/5-4/6/92

**C**OLBERT KING, a union stalwart from the Iscor steelworks, walked into the grounds of the kwaMasiza hostel at midnight on May 5 after returning from his home in Port St Johns and was greeted by a comrade who took out an AK-47 and gunned him down.

It's nothing new when activists are shot dead in the streets these days. But the killing of King highlights a new and sinister twist to this spiral of township violence: vicious internecine feuds are flaring up around the country between renegade members of Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) and other anti-apartheid veterans.

King's murder in the township of Sebokeng, the subject of sensitive and high-level talks at African National Congress headquarters in Johannesburg over the past two weeks, is surrounded by political intrigue and secrecy.

But interviews with some of those involved in the controversy reveal that the murder was the culmination of an intricate squabble that has developed between pro-ANC union shop stewards from Iscor and a local self-defence unit led by militant members of MK in the township.

At the core of the dispute is a union demand that members of the defence unit, who are based in the kwaMasiza hostel and work closely with a group of returned MK exiles, accept the political leadership of the local shop stewards' committee and account for money that has allegedly gone missing after the pro-MK unit imposed a levy on hostel dwellers supposedly for the purpose of buying arms and ammunition.

The deadly vendetta escalated this month when the home of another senior Iscor shop steward was raked with automatic rifle fire — and this is clearly not an isolated incident.

Reports compiled by the Democratic Party's unrest monitoring unit in Natal indicate that the township of kwaNdengezi near Durban has been turned into a hotbed of intrigue and tension between resident comrades and MK members just returned from exile.

Conflict between local youth activists and a faction of armed Umkhonto fighters led to a shootout between the rival groups in January

*Tensions are rising between Umkhonto weSizwe cadres returning to the townships and activists who remained behind. EDDIE KOCH reports on the ANC's battle to reconcile its military and political structures*

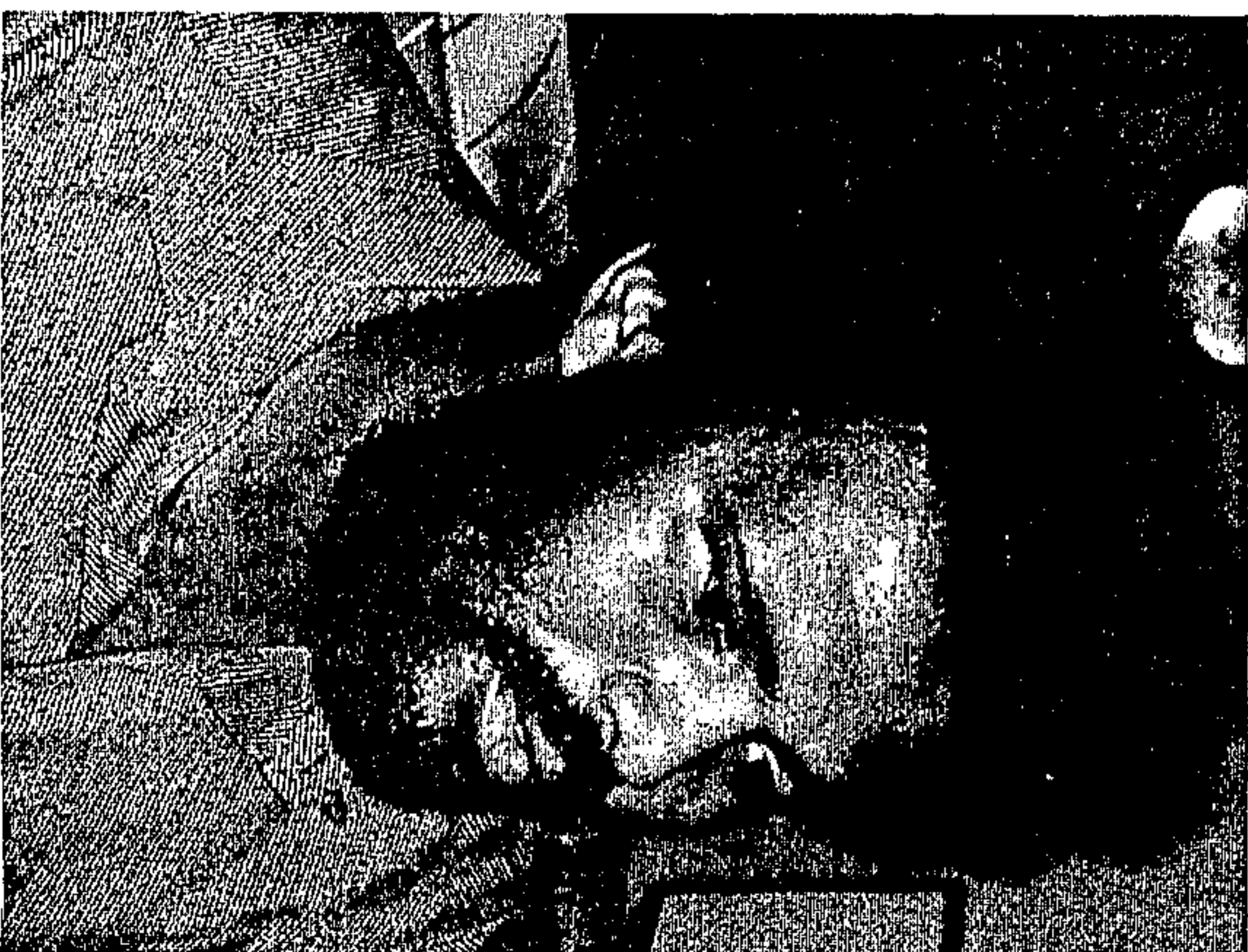
this year. More recently the local comrades hounded some of the MK men out of the township after accusing them of stealing cars in the city, bringing them into the township and attracting unwelcome attention from the police.

"These guys tend not to respect the local township structures. They get involved in armed robberies and steal cars. Recently there was a shoot-out between them and the police in the streets of kwaNdengezi which endangered the community. But they refuse to be disciplined," a local ANC leader told *The Weekly Mail* on condition that he was not named.

Similar internecine battles have resulted in open violence between ANC supporters and an MK-led faction in the Phola Park squatter camp. Last month a rebel group in the informal settlement — a traditional ANC support base that has been subjected to repeated raids from the police, the army and Inkatha — ousted members of the local civic committee in an armed coup d'état that was backed by men described as "togue" member of MK.

Members of the old committee now have their names on a hit-list and this month one of the ousted members was pulled off a bus, allegedly by members of the rebel group, and shot dead. Since then senior ANC leaders have held a series of fruitless talks aimed at getting the rebel group to disarm themselves. At one stage the MK leadership was so desperate that it considered sending in an armed detachment to do the job.

Reports from other parts of the country have filtered into *The Weekly Mail* offices of violent arguments between returned MK fighters and youths who stayed home and fought in the townships during the years that the ANC was banned. These frequently



Gunned down ... Union official Colbert King was shot by a comrade

involve personal tiffs that range from competition for political positions to jealous spats over women.

"The MK guys believe they are heroes who devoted a large part of their lives out there in the bush and should be treated with a special respect now that they are home," said an ANC source.

"But the local boys believe it was they who fought on the front line of the struggle without much help from MK and resent being treated in this way. The comrades complain that the Umkhonto guys have access to guns and threaten to use these when there is a dispute in the township."

The actions of out-of-control MK cadres come nowhere near matching

the level of violence fomented by Inkatha and third force attacks in the townships. But the government and police are exploiting the lack of discipline in the ranks of MK to discredit the ANC and shift attention away from the role of security forces in township strife.

The SAP last week justified a series of "crime prevention" raids on Phola Park by saying their aim was to weed out a group of MK rebels that have imposed a reign of terror on the township — and, without providing any evidence, blamed this group for the massacre of 18 Inkatha supporters on their way to a rally in September last year.

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Kriel this week countered Nelson Mandela's blistering attack on the government's failure to stem the violence by claiming the SAP had uncovered a "crime network under the banner of the ANC's self-defence units" and listing a series of violent crimes in which MK members were allegedly involved — again without providing any evidence.

The ANC is deeply embarrassed by these criticisms and secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa has held a series of meetings with Umkhonto leaders and other political leaders to look at ways of dealing with the problem.

Members of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, who stress the need for civic groups and defence units to be strictly accountable to an elected leadership in the townships, are pressing the ANC to inject more control and discipline over wayward MK groups.

MK member Rocklyn Williams, who works for the independent Military Research Group, said a major reason for the breakdown of Umkhonto weSizwe control over some of its cadres was the failure to integrate these units into the army and to provide them with jobs and housing after their return from exile.

"The problem of MK banditry is linked to the material insecurity that exiles face upon their return to the country," says Williams. He points out that bilateral talks currently taking place between the ANC and the South African Defence Force about possibility of integrating the two armies are not taking place quickly enough to deal with the problem.

Political analyst Howard Barrell, who is researching ANC strategic policy at Oxford University, says the tendency of some MK members to use "banditry and a form of warlordism" has strong historical roots.

His research indicates that the ANC failed in the post 1976 period to link military cadres that were infiltrated into the country with the political leadership that took charge of the mass movements inside the country.

"There was a continual parallelism between the ANC's political and military operational structures characterised by dislocation and bickering," says Barrell. And the indications are that the organisation has failed to overcome the crippling effects of this flaw.



# Behind the rage, a cry for help

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By PHILIPPA GARSON

SPORTING leather pants, slick pointed shoes and rings on his fingers, Abraham Sithetho is a cool dude — the kind you'd expect to find sauntering around the Carlton Centre.

But Sithetho's mission is a lot more urgent than window-shopping. Immersing himself in "life and death" battles in his home town of Sebokeng is a full-time job. Erecting barricades, organising street committees, keeping watch after dark and forcing the children off the streets are his immediate tasks.

In between, he dreams of going to India for "military training and education". After failing his matric some years ago, he's been unemployed. But one day he wants to be a lawyer.

Unlike most youth, Sithetho dreads the weekends — it's then that the fighting really starts.

Ever since gunmen in a car opened fire on his friends playing soccer a fortnight ago, killing three and injuring six others, youngsters have poured en masse on to the streets, setting up barricades at every turn.

Sporadic fighting between Inkatha supporters in the kwaMadala hostel on the outskirts of Vanderbijlpark and African National Congress-supporting residents continues. Young criminals from Sebokeng have been recruited by Inkatha and are also holed up in the compound, claims Sithetho. Schooling has been disrupted, particularly in Zone 7, the scene of most of the fighting.

When night falls, the youths stand on street corners tapping their watches. "Time up, time up," they yell.

Time for taxi drivers to stop their rounds. Time for all cars to leave the streets. And time for the mysterious Nissan Sentras to cruise the township, firing at random targets.

It's dark and the youth, clumped in groups on street corners, some with guns, stop every car. Those that don't stop are stoned or set alight. How can they be sure of their targets?

"We know their number plates," says Sithetho, admitting that sometimes the wrong people are the victims.

According to Peter "Gift" Moerane, of the Vaal Council of Churches, the youths are as volatile as they were in the mid and late 1980s. "They've have taken the law into their own hands." They spend their hours patrolling the streets, "defending the community. But they don't know what they're looking for".

"It's anger that brings us on to the streets," says Sithetho. "The young ones are angry too. They feel unsafe — at home, on the playing



Youths vent their anger ... But who is the enemy?

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

fields, attacks can occur. They only feel safe in a mob. The youths believe in mobs. Being in a mob is safer.

"The youngest (involved in the fighting) are about nine years. We tell them to go home but when the violence happens we'll find them around us again."

The little ones have no fear, he says. "Sometimes you'll see a seven-year-old looking at a corpse and fear becomes dead to him. We don't fear death because death fears no one."

Before dusk, a group of teenagers playing dice stop to talk after some persuasion by Sithetho. Others sullenly refuse, saying they're busy.

"My life is worse than before because this situation is not normal. It makes me do terrible

things," says 18-year-old Jabulani Khumalo. "Our schools are overcrowded, there are no jobs. Even at school we are afraid. This thing will doom the future of many young people because they aren't going to school."

And Khumalo's ambitions? "I wish I could go to Lusaka for training so I can protect my family."

"We are not like ordinary young people because we have no happiness," says Raymond Vilikazi. "We can't even entertain ourselves. We have to have parties in the day because after six they come to shoot."

They brighten up briefly when the Kine Centre in town is mentioned. "Yes, we go there. We fully enjoy it. We feel a little bit safe there."



## 3 killed in shootings

THREE people were killed and four seriously wounded in shooting incidents in the Transvaal and Natal, police said yesterday. *Sowetan 29/5/92*

A suspect believed to be a KwaZulu policeman was arrested after two men - one armed with a 9mm pistol - fired at a bus in the Table Mountain township near Maritzburg, killing two men and seriously wounding two men and a woman.

Unidentified gunmen fired shots at guests attending a party at Umkomaas on the Natal South Coast, seriously wounding a man.

A police patrol in Daveyton on the East Rand came across the body of a woman who had been doused with petrol and set alight, and in Sebokeng near Vereeniging, another police patrol warded off an attack by unidentified gunmen. No fatalities or injuries were reported.

Phola Park on the East Rand had a relatively quieter 24 hours with only one incident in which a delivery vehicle was set alight, causing damage estimated at R1 500. - SA Press Association.



# Final warning for Minister

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

PARENTS in Dobsonville yesterday threatened to lead a march of pupils on the Forte school unless the Minister of Education and Training removed hostel dwellers squatting there.

The Minister, Mr Sam de Beer, allegedly promised to move the inmates on Tuesday during his secret fact-finding visit to high schools affected by violence.

Parents were attending a meeting to discuss the plight of more than 4 000 Soweto pupils roaming the streets after violence disrupted their education.

The meeting was called by the Dobsonville-Meadowlands Crisis Committee, which was formed to look into the problem of schools disturbed by the violence.

They are Forte in

Dobsonville, Veritas in Meadowlands and Anchor in Mzimhlophe.

Veritas and its neighbouring primary schools, Dzata and Tshumetso, closed on May 15.

This was after attackers, allegedly from Dube Hostel, injured one pupil when they invaded the schools.

Veritas pupils are expected to platoon at KwaMahlobo High in Zone 10, Meadowlands, from Monday.

Forte closed on April 22 after seven months of irregular schooling due to violence around the hostel.

One pupil was hospitalised while three staff members dodged bullets as they tried to protect pupils, parents

were told.

A crisis committee spokesman said De Beer agreed that Forte could only be re-opened after the removal of the squatters.

Currently, Forte's 1 240 pupils are platooning for two hours every afternoon at three primaries.

"High school pupils need at least six hours of tuition to be able to make it," the committee spokesman said.

Forte's closure has also led to the disruption of the three schools they use in the afternoon.

Anchor was the first school to close.

Its pupils now attend at Altem in Orlando East.



# Azapo plea to end taxi war

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THE Azanian Peoples Organisation, yesterday appealed to warring taxi associations in the Nebo district in Lebowa to end the killings which have claimed more than 100 lives.

More than 300 taxis in the area have been inoperative since the outbreak of violence in April, with taxi drivers fearing for their lives and commuters being left stranded.

This week, two taxi drivers were abducted from separate locations and hacked to death by unknown men.

Their bodies were found near Madibong village with stab and gunshot wounds. Azapo Northern Transvaal media liaison officer, Mr Mmutle Phasha, said the or-

ganisation was dismayed at the continuing bloody feud and the ever-growing black taxi industry would gain nothing at the end.

Phasha said enough blood had already flowed through the senseless violence in this country and it was time the black downtrodden people stop taking arms against each other to settle their differences.

"The cruel thing about this taxi war is that innocent people are caught in the cross-fire and this is unacceptable. We are tired of this fighting and if this is not resolved immediately, we will do everything in our power to end it," Phasha said.



# Police and troops in huge Phola Park raid

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THE police yesterday launched an intensive crime sweep in violence-racked Phola Park, south of Alberton on the East Rand.

Acting Commissioner of Police Lieutenant-General Hendrik de Villiers said all divisions of the police and members of the defence force, assisted from the air, were involved.

The thrust of the operation was to trace unlawful firearms, but action would be taken if security force members uncovered any other unlawful activities.

## Crime

"During the past three months Phola Park has been ravaged by serious crime. Numerous members of the community have been brutally murdered, and hundreds more have been injured," he said.

"There is also a marked increase in the number of attacks on members of the security forces.

"Five policemen have been murdered in the execution of their duties and a number have been seriously injured," De Villiers said. He added that a number of crime networks were operating in Phola Park and the police had arrested a number of people in past weeks.

But the situation had deteriorated to such an extent that it had been decided to stabilise the area immediately. — Sapa.



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# Mamelodi loves to mingle

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By GODFREY MDLULI

HOSTELS on the Reef are perceived to be the "headquarters" of the bloodshed that is gripping the East Rand and Soweto.

However, hostels in Mamelodi, near Pretoria, paint a very different picture.

During weekends inmates from the hostels, which according to a council spokesman have a total of 14 176 beds, can be seen playing soccer with enthusiastic specta-

tors cheering them on.

Other hostel-dwellers mix freely with Mamelodi residents at taverns and shebeens.

Publicity secretary for the Mamelodi Civic Association P Malefo attributes this peaceful co-existence between local inmates and residents to the fact most are "card-carrying members of the civic association and other local structures like the ANC and the PAC".

"Residents do not look down upon hostel-dwell-

ers as people coming from the rural areas," he said.

Malefo said he saw one of the problems of ongoing violence between hostel-dwellers and residents on the Reef as the fact that most hostel-dwellers came from one specific area, whereas in Mamelodi hostels there were people from various regions.

However, Malefo said they were aware of "forces of darkness" who were trying to cause divisions.



# 'Khetis' linked to Zone 7 terrorism

By SEKOLA SELLO (278)

WHAT started as low-intensity fighting in Sebokeng is now threatening to blow into a full-scale war.

The start of the war, civic leaders claim, coincided with the release on bail of notorious gangster Victor Kheswa, also known as "The Vaal monster" or "Khethis", seven weeks ago.

Kheswa, who admitted during a recent court appearance that he is an Inkatha Youth Brigade member, is scheduled to appear in the Rand Supreme Court on three charges of murder, two of attempted murder, as well as charges of robbery and arson.

More than a dozen political activists or their relatives have been killed. Zone Seven, the epicentre of the fighting, is now called Beirut and several houses in this area have been destroyed.

Pupils and residents are pitted against what they say are criminal elements who are now Inkatha members allegedly working in collusion with the

police.

The fighting is exacting a heavy toll. On April 16 two youths, Nkosi Mtinkulu and Saule Zilelo Yika, were abducted by heavily armed men driving a minibus. A day later their bodies were found between Deur and Meyerton.

Zone Seven MK cadre Mpiyakhe Mthombeni, who returned from exile in January, was shot in the thigh while walking in the street.

He said: "Since my return, I have heard that there is an order to kill all returnees. It is said our return is complicating life for some people - Khethis and gang - as they can no longer do as they wish."

His father Samuel was one of five killed that night alone.

A couple, the Tshabalala's, an Indian resident known as "Solly" and two youths were murdered that night.

On May 17 Mzwandile Mkwai, Lawrence Mapokati and Edwin Molepo were killed.

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By SEKOLA SELLO

"POLICE attempted to drown me". (278)

This is the claim of a Sebokeng man who claims he was shot by police in a Casspir, dragged into the vehicle, assaulted and later thrown into a dam — where he was left for dead.

Abram "Laitie" Raphephe is in hospital with one eye swollen closed, his face and left arm pockmarked with birdshot — the result, he alleges, of an unprovoked attack by four white policemen.

Raphephe's allegations are the latest in a series of claims made in recent weeks that police in collusion with criminal elements are conducting a reign of terror in the Vaal.

However, police have denied involvement.

Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Tshirela are becoming war zones as residents battle armed gangs.

Low intensity war is now becoming open warfare with AK-47s paraded brazenly.

Civic leaders in the area claim the resurgence of violence coincides with the release on bail of notorious gangster Victor Kheswa, known as "Khethis" or the "Vaal Monster" — a self-confessed member of Inkatha.

Raphephe tells his sto-

## Police abetting violence — claim

ry: "I was shot without provocation as I was walking home. Then the cops pulled into the Hippo (Casspir) where they assaulted me. By the time I was taken to the dam, I was too weak to do anything and I don't think I would have been able to drag myself out."

He was pulled from the dam by a group of youths.

Police media spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said he was unaware of the incident and said a police officer who was later instructed to trace Raphephe at Sebokeng Hospital to take his statement, could not find him.

But Raphephe is not the only one to allege police brutality. Officials of the Evaton Civic Association say reports brought to them implicate a policeman in the killing of at least three young activists two weeks ago.

The policeman, whose name is known to City Press, lives in Zone Seven, Sebokeng.

Susan Molepo, the mother of one of the victims, Edwin Molepo, says though she knew who killed her child, she had not reported it to the police because "it will not

serve any purpose."

"My child was killed by the police. What is the point in reporting the matter to the same people?" she asked.

Molepo, 21, Lawrence Mapokati, 21, and Mzwandile Mkwai, 17, were shot at Zone 7 where they suspected planned attacks against residents.

ECA members say the three entered the house. After some time, gunshots were heard and they came running out of the house.

At this stage, three policemen allegedly appeared on the scene with guns drawn and shot Molepo, Mapokati and Mkwai. Molepo and Mapokati died on the spot while Mkwai died later.

"The police got into a white car which also appeared from nowhere," the ECA members said.

Township youths speculate that the occupants of the house had communicated with the police by two-way radio.

"There is a definite pattern developing. Every time killers are under attack, cops emerge from nowhere and pretend to be quelling trouble while in fact they are saving the killers."



# Town clerk sits tight

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By DAN DHLAMINI (278)

THE town clerk of war-torn Tigane, where violence is the order of the day, will not resign despite demands by residents and the Council of Churches.

The Klerksdorp-based Northern Cape and Western Transvaal Council of Churches this week prayed for peace and led a march to the Hartebeestfontein police station.

They handed over a memorandum demanding among other things the resignation of town clerk Peet Koster, who was until three months ago Inkatha Freedom Party's secretary in the remote Tigane township.

Koster told City Press this week that he would

not be intimidated into resigning.

In the memorandum, handed to Hartebeestfontein station commander Lt A Janse van Rensburg, residents demanded the immediate removal of Koevoet members deployed in Tigane and the confiscation of all illegal weapons in the township.

In answer to a City Press inquiry, western Transvaal police spokesman Lt P Ramatsoele said Koevoet did not exist in the SA. He said a Koevoet supporting unit was assisting the police at Hartebeestfontein in tracing suspects in cases of stock theft and other serious crimes and was not deployed for suppression of violence or unrest anywhere in the country.



# Mzimhlophe on the brink of war

By MOSES MAMAILA

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RESIDENTS of Mzimhlophe in Soweto have dubbed the area "Beirut" as it teeters on the brink of full-scale war following intense fighting among residents, hostel dwellers and the police.

A 23-year-old youth, Phillip Matsoge, was allegedly shot by the police on Thursday night following a limpet mine explosion. He later died in hospital.

Residents said shortly after the explosion at 8.30 pm, which occurred in an open space near Anchor Secondary School, they heard a bugle call - a signal to mobilise hostel inmates.

Activists formed themselves into units to repel a possible attack. Matsoge was deployed at a street corner near the hostel, his cousin Annah Moroke said.

Just then, a vehicle with its lights off, approached Matsoge and its occupants fired a few shots.

Matsoge drew his firearm and shot back, but realised they were police and surrendered. Moroke said the police ignored his surrender and shot him at least five times.

"They even shot at him after he had fallen to the ground," she said.

This week several bombs have rocked the hostel.

Residents said the "people's militia" who guard the township at night have asked for donations.

"They say the war against the O'Jays (hostel dwellers) is costly and we should help them finance the project for our own survival," one woman said.

Soweto police spokesman Fanyana Zwane yesterday said he could neither confirm nor deny the allegations. He referred further enquiries to Col G Mariemuthu who was the officer on duty at the time of the incident. Mariemuthu could not be reached for comment.



# Hatred breeds yet more hatred

BY MOSES MAMAILA

THE degree of enmity between the township residents and hostel-dwellers could perhaps be summed up as follows - the hate that hate produced.

As the hostels and the townships continue to drift apart, innocent people are the main victims.

A woman was accosted by Mzihlophe residents at the gate of the nearby

hostel where she was assaulted before being burnt alive.

What was her crime? She stayed in the hostel, angry residents replied.

Investigations by City Press revealed that the woman was a township resident who had gone into the hostel to visit her lover.

Early this week two kids were blown up in a grenade explosion in

Meadowlands, also in Soweto.

The toddlers were reportedly playing in the street when a "friendly" man gave them a ball in a plastic bag.

Little did the kids know that the ball was in fact a grenade which would claim their lives.

Two secondary schools near the Mzihlophe Hostel have closed and pupils have had to be accommo-

dated at other schools in the neighbourhood.

During the night residents, particularly youths, form themselves into defence units and patrol streets in anticipation of attacks by hostel-dwellers.

Armed with deadly weapons, including AK-47s, the residents have lived up to their slogan - the best form of defence is to attack.

Hostel inmates too have learnt to hate, and children have also been among the victims.

The freeway between the hostel and the townships now serves as no-man's land and taxis have become the latest targets.

Taxi drivers staged what they called a "keys down" to protest against the bloody violence that is becoming more and more of a way of life.



# Doctors live with fear

By SOPHIE TEMA

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DOCTORS practising in black townships in the Vaal are contemplating quitting following the reign of terror in the area and the war declared on them by faceless gangsters.

Doctors say the situation has worsened since the death of one doctor whose body was found in an open veld a week ago.

Since the death of Doctor Dan Mogabudi, several other doctors have been threatened with their lives by gangsters who move around the townships robbing and in some cases attacking doctors.

Several doctors claimed that they had been visited by several suspicious youths who claimed they were members of the ANC asking for donations.

After the doctors had asked them to produce their ANC membership cards and the fund-raising numbers the youths became aggressive and threatened to burn down their consulting rooms because they refused to co-operate.

The doctors said attacks against them started about 18 months ago when one doctor was shot in the leg and robbed of his vehicle.

This week medical practitioners in the Vaal were to have held a meeting in Roshnee to discuss the volatile situation that has developed in the area and put the lives of doctors at high risk.

The doctors says criminals are using the high levels of violence in Vaal townships as an opportunity to attack and rob them.

## Hijacked

So far, about five of them have been robbed of money and their vehicles taken from them at gunpoint.

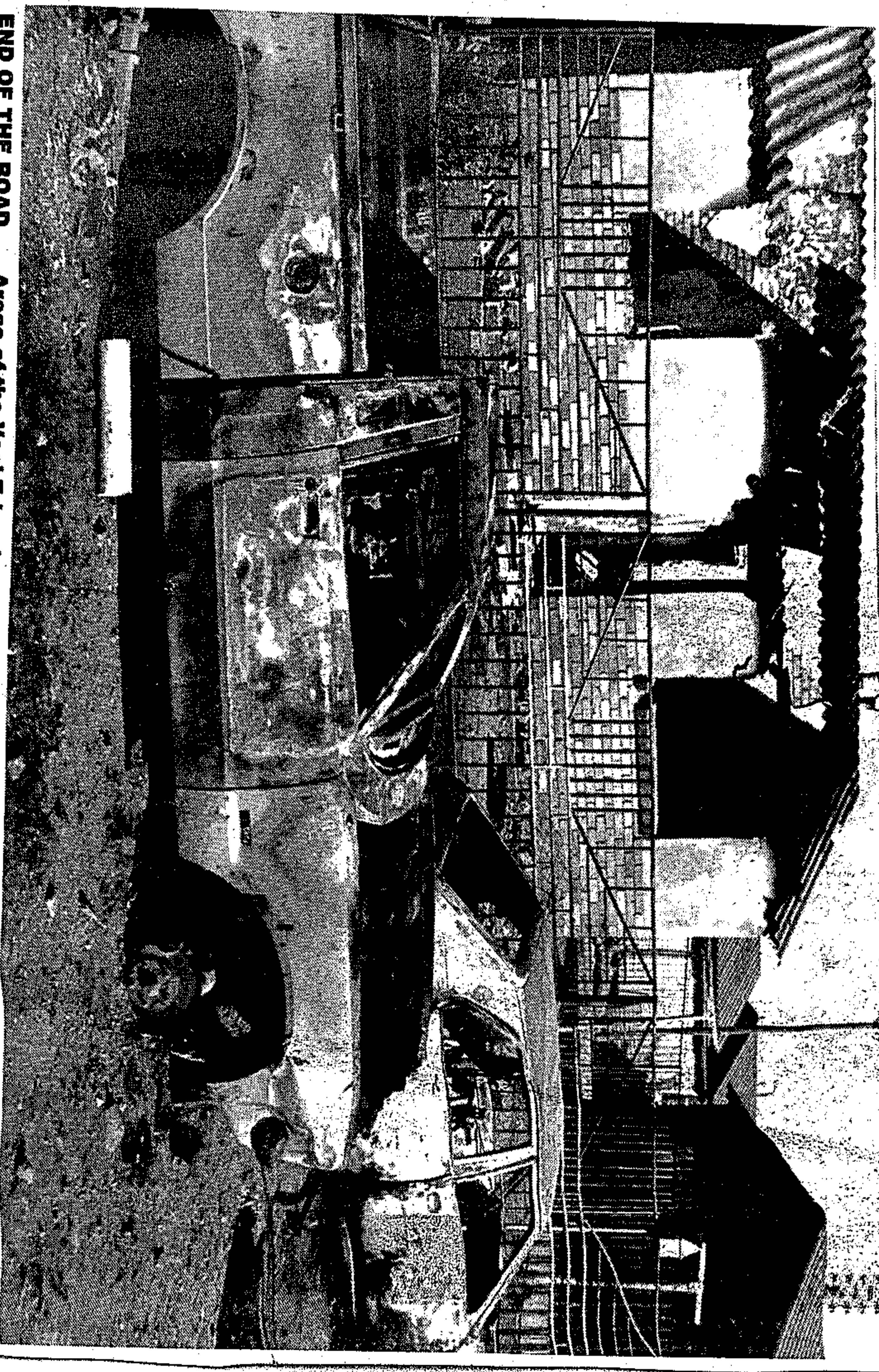
A Soweto doctor who was practising in Orange Farm had his brand-new car hijacked and the engine burnt out.

A doctor who requested that his name not be published, said: "I had a nasty experience after it had been rumoured that I had been shot and killed by gangsters.

"Two days after the rumour, two men were reported to have visited my surgery. Fortunately, I was not in and they found the nursing staff.

"The one who came into the rooms wanted to know where I was and the nurse told him that I had gone out.

"I am now very scared. I am also thinking of moving out of this place. I grew up here, went to school here and after I had completed my studies as a doctor I returned to my home town to offer my



**END OF THE ROAD ... Areas of the Vaal Triangle resemble war zones, with burnt-out vehicles and gutted houses bearing testimony to the violence raging in the area.**

services to my people.

"But now I am terribly scared. I close my surgery earlier than usual because I can no longer guarantee the safety of myself and my workers."

Most of the doctors have laid complaints with the police.

Vaal police liaison officer, Captain Piet van Deventer, said he only knew of an investigation into the death of Dr Mogabudi.

He said however if complaints had been made to police by doctors



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**STREET LEGAL . . .** Sebokeng's troubled streets, where children enforce the law. Residents have declared a curfew and any vehicle found travelling through the township at night runs the risk of being torched. **■ PICS: EVANS MBOWENI**