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Death notice on her gate

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Detainee steps out into world of terror

By SOPHIE TEMA

VIOLET Mpho Mnisi rubbed her eyes in disbelief when confronted with a note pinned on her front gate with the chilling message: "Your house number is on our hit-list!"

Mnisi, who was released from 30 days in police custody to find the chilling note, is now afraid to live in her Sebokeng house.

The note, signed by one Koos van Heerden and purporting to be from the "Department of Public Safety", further warned that the house was being kept under 24-hour surveillance.

The message states: "Our raid on your house is connected with the recent killing of our fellow SAP members."

Mnisi, a mother of two, told City Press that she was arrested and charged for being in possession of unlicensed firearms and handgrenades. She appeared in court last week and was granted R1 000 bail.

She said she was arrested after her lawyer had taken her to the police to clear up a query following a raid on her house during her absence.

"Only when my lawyer and I arrived at the police station was I arrested and charged. This was after police had alleged that they had found handgrenades and several weapons when they raided my house."

Commenting on the letter received by Mnisi, police liaison officer Capt Piet van Deventer said: "We carry no knowledge of such a letter sent to Mnisi and we do not send such letters to people."

Mnisi took the letter to the offices of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast). A Cast spokesman said: "These types of letter do not come as a surprise to us.

"There was a revelation of hit-squad headquarters in Sebokeng recently and police did nothing to arrest or question those who were implicated.

"Should anything happen to Mnisi we will hold the police responsible.

"We are aware that the United Nations has sent a delegation to SA. The delegation can serve the community best if they consult the civic groups on the ground, communities affected by the violence and deal with such threats on people.

"We are also aware of certain utterences from some quarters which have indicated that they would start their own defence units and that they would no longer sit on the same peace committees or share a room with people who are working towards peace."

Winnie snubbed!

Youths cry 'Let her speak!' – but they are ignored

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By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

DESPITE repeated calls by militant youths to "let Winnie speak", organisers of a recent march ignored the calls, appearing to snub the enstranged wife of the ANC president.

The ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance march was held last week in central Johannesburg, and ended with the presentation of a memorandum at John Vorster Square.

In spite of the apparent snub, the ever-defiant Winnie exchanged smiles and greeted the ANC leadership present at the march.

The march was led by, among others, ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu, his wife Albertina and the organisation's deputy secretary-general Alfred Nzo.

Winnie's impromtu appearance at the march raised the spirits and emotions of thousands of youths who went wild with her sudden appearance, chanting "Down with De Klerk!"

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus, who was present at the march, said he did not know why Winnie was not given the microphone when supporters called on her to speak.

He added that the march was not called by the national office and referred City Press to the PWV office.

PWV spokesman Barbara Hogan said Winnie was not given a chance to speak because she was not listed as a speaker for the day.

She added that the organisers were not even aware she was coming to the march.

She dismissed rumours of so-called "strained relations" between Winnie and the ANC following her suspension from the ANC Women's League. She said this had nothing to do with her not being given a chance to speak.

Winnie arrived shortly after the march started and left shortly thereafter, said Hogan.

Attempts to get comment from Winnie were unfruitful.

On Thursday, Winnie led a march in Duduza as part of the mass-action campaign.



SURPRISE! SURPRISE! ... Winnie Mandela rocks up unannounced at an ANC march.

Cleaner's toddler the fifth victim of strike violence

By ELIAS MALULEKE and MOSES MAMAILA

THE family of a GaRankuwa toddler, who was killed in a petrol bomb attack related to the two-month-old hospital strike, have clammed up for fear of further reprisals.

The death of the child came about after tempers flared in GaRankuwa when strikers erected roadblocks and removed non-striking workers from taxis and buses, forcing them to join the strike or stay at home.

Violence also flared at Medunsa when police fired teargas at students rioting in support of the strikers, which led to some minor injuries.

The escalation of violence against non-strikers and their families has been attributed to the mass dismissal of strikers.

Thug elements

The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) blames the violence on thug elements and "State agents".

Three-year-old Katlego Sebula, of 1259 Zone 16, GaRankuwa, died on Tuesday night at the GaRankuwa Hospital after the bedroom in which he was sleeping with his 12-year-old sister and mother Elsie, was petrol-bombed.

Bophuthatswana police are still investigating and no arrests have been made.

The grieving Elsie is a hospital cleaner and non-member of Nehawu, who did not participate in strike action.

She and her daughter also sustained burns and were hospitalised. She declined to discuss the incident.

Family members who have resorted to guarding her house said she did not want further reprisals from the strikers allegedly linked to the attack.

Katlego is the fifth petrol-bomb victim to die in the last few days in connection with the strike. This follows the death of three sisters who died at the Baragwanath Hospital after arsonists bombed their Soweto home in mid-July.

Bodies of eight found in Vaal Triangle

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The bodies of eight men have been found in Orange Farm Extension 3, near Evaton in the Vaal Triangle, police reported yesterday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said the bodies were found in the camp between 4.30 pm on Saturday and 7 am yesterday. All had been stabbed in the head and face. The private parts had been removed from one victim before he was set alight.

Colonel Bruce said seven of the bodies were found on Saturday afternoon and the eighth early yesterday. Initial evidence did not suggest the killings were politically motivated. "It is believed that residents may have decided to take action against criminal elements in the community."

The countrywide unrest death toll has risen to at least 19 since Friday.

In the latest violence, police shot and killed a man thought to be an ANC supporter in Daveyton, on the East Rand, at 1 pm yesterday. Police and the ANC differed strongly on the cause of the shooting.

Police said they stopped a truck carrying 127 men armed with an assortment of weapons. Three men in the cab refused to get out and behaved in an "extremely agressive" manner. Two were forcibly removed after teargas was used, but the third allegedly attempted to stab a policeman with an assegai. Police fired a shot, fatally wounding the man.

An ANC spokesman said the man had been sitting between two colleagues at the time and could not possibly have attempted to stab a policeman.

On Friday night, gunmen ran amok at the Trump Street taxi-rank in Selby, Johannesburg, killing five commuters and wounding at least 13. The attackers escaped undetected.

A senior Natal ANC member was killed and two of his colleagues were wounded in an ambush outside the Imbali Community Hall near Maritzburg on Saturday. Midlands regional organiser Mandla (Ni) Hadebe died after being shot several times, Reggie Hadebe was wounded several times and Shakes Cele was slightly hurt.

In their unrest report for the 24-hour period ending at midnight on Saturday, police said the body of a man with stab wounds was found in Alexandra, near Sandton.

At Bruntville, in Mooi River, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed after a clash between two groups.

● Detective-Constable P D Ramila (33) and his friend, Sekgala Frans Molokome (38), were shot dead by gunmen in Vosloorus, on the East Rand, late on Friday. Earlier in the evening, Constable Sam Ndobe was seriously injured in a grenade attack in Soweto.

ANC units out of control - Hani

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■ MILITANT MENACE ANC members of self-

defence units are running amok in the townships:

AFRICAN National Congress militants were running riot in black townships and committing atrocities among their own communities, a top ANC official said in a newspaper yesterday.

ANC leader and South African Communist Party general secretary Mr Chris Hani said in the interview that ANC "self-defence unit" members were out of control and "had no conception of democratic tolerance".

ANC self-defence units have been cropping up in townships since the onset of severe political violence.

Their ostensible purpose is to protect township residents from attacks by mystery assailants, often linked to the ANC's bitter rival, the Inkatha Freedom Party.

But Hani is reported as saying that the SDUs are involved in bloody battles among themselves for political turf, that they are unaccountable to the communities they are supposed to represent, and that ANC members in Soweto, Johannesburg, and in the troubled townships of the Vaal Triangle had "necklaced" political opponents.

Police liaison officer for the Vaal, Captain Piet van Deventer, reported that 18 alleged members of a self-defence unit in the Sharpeville township in the strife-torn Vaal Triangle were arrested on Friday morning.

The 18, who were being held in terms of unrest regulations, were arrested after two houses were searched and police discovered two army uniforms.

Vigilantes blamed for stabbings

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Eight men have been stabbed to death in Orange Farm extension 3, near Evaton on the Vaal Triangle, in what police believe to be vigilante attacks against criminal elements.

All the victims had been stabbed in the head and face. The private parts had been removed from one before he was set alight, said police spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Dave Bruce.

Police found seven of the bodies in the camp on Saturday afternoon and the eighth early yesterday.

Colonel Bruce said investigations were still in progress but the initial evidence did not suggest that the killings were politically motivated.

"It is believed that residents may have decided to take action against criminal elements in the community," he said.

At least 18 people have died in unrest since Friday. In the latest violence, police shot and killed a man thought to be an ANC supporter in Daveyton on the East Rand at 1pm yesterday.

A spokesman said police stopped a truck carrying 127 men armed with spears, assegais, pangas and axes.

Three men in the cab refused to get out and behaved in an "extremely aggressive" manner. Two were removed after teargas was used but the third allegedly attempted to stab a policeman and he was shot dead.

On Friday night, gunmen ran amok at the Trump Street taxi rank in Selby, Johannesburg, killing five commuters and wounding at least 13. Police found 70 gun rifle and pistol cartridges. The attackers escaped.

In their unrest report for the 24 hours to midnight on Saturday, police said the body of a man with stab wounds was found in Alexandra, north-west of Johannesburg.

At Dobsonville, in Soweto, police used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse a stone-throwing crowd after they were prevented from pursuing suspects driving a stolen vehicle.

At Bruntville in Mooi River, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed in a clash between two groups. They had earlier used teargas to disperse the fighting groups.

Detective Constable PD Ramila, 33, and his friend, Sekgala Frans Molokome, 38, were shot dead in the street by unidentified gunmen in Vosloorus, on the East Rand, late on Friday night.

Earlier in the evening, constable Sam Ndobe was seriously injured in a grenade attack in Soweto.

Police said violence had dropped in PWV townships since 5 000 extra troops and police were deployed in a "peace and stabilisation" operation on Wednesday.

Pepsi plant sabotaged

MOSCOW. — Gangsters in the Russian city of Kursk, apparently intent on maintaining high black market prices for Pepsi Cola, damaged a new production line that would have flooded the market with the softdrink and brought down prices. — Sapa-Reuter.

Seven squatters die in violence

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PRETORIA. — At least 10 people, including seven squatters and a detective-constable, were killed and six were wounded in violent incidents, mainly on the Witwatersrand, according to the latest police unrest report yesterday.

The bodies of the seven squatters were found by police at the Orange Farm camp near Evaton after unidentified people had raided the camp. Shots were fired at police.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said the bodies were found over an area.

A detective-constable and a member of the public were shot dead outside a house in Vosloorus on the East Rand. The constable's gun was apparently stolen.

Three people, including an assistant constable, were stabbed in a clash with a large stone-throwing group at Windsorton, near Kimberley. Teargas was used to disperse them.

Three people had serious burns when their vehicle was petrol-bombed by an unidentified man in Nyanga, Cape Town.

A man who refused to get out of a truck, which was being searched by police, was shot and killed after he tried to stab an officer who squirted teargas at him, Colonel Bruce said yesterday.

He said police at Daveyton, near Benoni, began searching a large lorry which was transporting 127 alleged ANC supporters to a meeting.

"The people were armed with dangerous weapons, including home-made spears, assegais, axes, etc."

Three armed men in the cab refused to get out. Colonel Bruce said one of the trio tried to stab a policeman with an assegai when the policeman tried to remove him from the cab.

The man was forcibly removed from the cab and subdued.

"The remaining two still refused to get out and held their weapons in a threatening manner.

"Teargas was used and one man climbed out of the cab."

The remaining occupant refused to leave, closing the doors.

"Teargas was again squirted into the cab through the window and the man tried with an assegai to stab the policeman squirting the teargas."

Colonel Bruce said a shot was fired, fatally wounding the man in the cab.

"An inquest docket has been opened for investigation," he said. — Sapa

Vaal violence decreases

JOHANNESBURG. — The incidence of violence in the Vaal Triangle had decreased apparently as a result of increased police presence in the area since last Wednesday, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce.

He said yesterday there had been a total of 19 incidents during the four days since July 27, compared with 11 incidents a day before police presence in the townships was increased. A further decrease was expected in the coming days. — Sapa

Weekend violence claims 17 lives (2-18)

KATHRYN STRACHAN

SEVENTEEN people were killed and 16 were injured in weekend violence centred mainly on the Reef, police said yesterday.

The bodies of seven squatters who had been stabbed, hacked and burnt to death were found at Orange Farm near Evaton on Saturday after an unidentified group raided the camp.

Lt-Col Dave Bruce said shots were fired at police when they arrived at the scene, but members did not retaliate and no injuries were reported.

In another incident, a detective constable and one other person were gunned down outside a house in Vosloorus on the East Rand, and the constable's firearm was stolen. BDAY 3/8/92

The body of a man with stab wounds was found at Alexandra and another at Ratanda near Heidelberg.

In Dobsonville, Soweto, police were prevented from chasing a stolen vehicle by a stone-throwing mob. Police vehicles were badly damaged but no injuries were reported after teargas and rubber bullets were used to disperse the mob.

Three people, including an assistant constable, were stabbed in a clash between two groups at Windsorton, Kimberley.

At Bruntville, Mooi River, police found the body of a stabbed man after two groups clashed and damaged shops and vehicles. Police used teargas to disperse them.

On Friday night attackers shot five people dead at the Selby, Johannesburg, taxi rank. Thirteen people were injured.

8 bodies found in Vaal

THE bodies of eight men - one with his private parts cut off - were found at Orange Farm Extension 3 squatter camp near Evaton on Friday morning, police said yesterday. The hacked, stabbed and burned bodies of the seven squatters were found by police after unidentified people had raided the camp. (278)

In another incident, Detective Constable PD Ramila (33) and his friend, Frans Molokomme, were shot dead outside a house in Vosloorus on the East Rand at the weekend, and the policeman's firearm apparently stolen. Meanwhile police are still baffled by Friday night's taxi rank attack which left five commuters dead and at least 13 wounded in Selby, Johannesburg. - *Sapa.*

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160 000 unionists join stayaway - but it's legal

■ Numsa leader Moses Mayekiso confirms that members of his union won't be fired for striking:

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By Ike Motsapi

WORKERS belonging to the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) will join the mass action campaign today, but their strike will be legal.

Union members totalling 160 000 in three of the four sectors of the union's activities last week cast ballots to go on a legal strike.

Numsa secretary general Mr Moses Mayekiso confirmed at a Press conference on Friday that only workers in the motoring sector - numbering 70 000 - would be on an illegal strike.

"Legalisation of today's actions by some of the affiliates of Cosatu have led to the decision by Nactu to pull out of the mass action campaign," Mayekiso said.

Nactu charged that Cosatu unions were taking steps to protect their jobs by declaring disputes and timing strikes to coincide with the start of the mass action.

Other unions which also declared disputes and therefore will be on legal strikes include Saccawu and Chemical Workers Industrial Union (CWIU).

Nearly 200 000 Numsa members are to walk out on the engineering, automotive and tyre sectors today.

And more than 2 000 workers at Mercedes-Benz in East London will strike from today, Numsa said.

A further 1 300 Numsa members in the region involved in the engineering sector would also go on strike over an industrial dispute.

Police probe nurse's death

■ Nehawu rejects allegations that hospital worker died after assaults by its members:

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By Isaac Moledi

AN ASSISTANT nurse at the Johannesburg Hospital was killed while on her way to work on Friday night, police confirmed yesterday.

A colleague who identified Ms Rossina Mphambukeli claimed she had been assaulted by striking members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) while she was going to work, according to *Sapa*.

Police could not verify the witness's allegation. Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said police would conduct a post-mortem today which would establish the cause of death.

"It appears that Mphambukeli's injuries are consistent with that of a car accident. Therefore, the possibility is that she might have been run over by a car," Colonel Bruce said yesterday.

The colleague, who asked not to be named, said Mphambukeli was found at Nasrec and was declared dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital at 7pm.

Johannesburg Hospital authorities declined to comment.

However, Nehawu distanced itself from Mphambukeli's death.

The union's assistant general secretary, Mr Neal Thobejane, said it was not possible that its members had been involved in the killing.

He said a lot of their members and shop stewards were demonstrating at John Vorster Square on Friday and 250 of them were released on Saturday.

Boipatong's undignified orgy of political oppo

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BOIPATONG has already claimed its place in the horrific South African legacy of multiple slayings; it seems likely also to secure a place in the annals of political opportunism. The undignified orgy of propoganda in its aftermath has distorted both domestic and global public perceptions.

The current campaign to evict the embattled community of refugees inhabiting KwaMadala is a symptom of that strategy. An overview of circumstances leading to Boipatong might help to contextualise the massacre as the symptom of a much broader human tragedy.

Since the National Peace Accord signing on September 14, 1991, at least 41 attacks on suspected IFP-aligned residents of Vaal townships were recorded by the end of May this year in which a total of 13 IFP members died and at least 28 were injured, many seriously. At least seven were victims of horrific necklacing.

KwaMadala itself was baptised in a climate of fear and resentment. When residents were hounded out of local townships, they initially squatted on open veld. The IFP then negotiated with Iccor management to settle the refugees at the disused KwaMadala hostel in August 1990. Fallacious innuendo suggested KwaMadala inmates occupied the hostel of their own volition.

In fact, it is a "refugee" hostel — its persecuted community are marginalised hostel dwellers and homless Vaal Triangle residents who fled the intericine violence engulfing the area. Its threatened inhabitants — many of whom are not from KwaZulu — constitute an islated enclave of IFP support marooned in hostile ANC territory.

Although the derelict complex provides some measure of shelter it represents a desperate refuge for the alientated.

Many of its inhabitants originally lived in the Lekoa Town Council-owned Sebokeng hostel and in Iscor's KwaMasiza hostel. When violence erupted in 1990, some 410 IFP-aligned Iscor employees were "expelled" from KwaMasiza hostel. A further 172 were displaced from Sebokeng hostel in 1991.

Individuals or families identified as IFP sympathisers or "collaborators" were systematically forced out of their township homes by arson or attack. Dozens of homes belonging to IFP members or sympathisers have been razed or "annexed" by rampaging ANC comrades since 1990.

In the last week of April this year for example, just weeks before the Boipatong massacre, the homes of 18 suspected IFP sympathisers were torched in Vaal townships. Some of those 18 families joined the swelling tide of refugees flocking to KwaMadala. Attempts by refugees to rebuild their homes were persistently thwarted. Sadly, the plight of "victims of ANC aggression" hardly merited a mention in public print.

Local peace initiatives consistently remained stillborn, largely due to the delaying tactics and unreliability of the ANC-aligned Vaal Civic Association (VCA). At tempts to activate the negotiation process were retarded either by the VCAs lack of attendance or by its stubborn insistence on further consulting its "principals".

The IFP Central Committee, the party's executive wing, subsequently met on Feburary 2 1991, and mooted the establishment of a Joint Violence Management Committee (JVMC) which could monitor the violence, mediate in disputes and thus defuse conflict, in the area. This suggestion was never endorsed by the VCA.

On February 25 1991, another meeting was arranged in Germiston, again at the request of the IFP, and attended by ANC NEC member Steve Tshwete. Attempts to reach consensus were again frustrated by the ANC's insistence on seeking a further mandate from its grassroot structures and the meeting was postponed to March 16 1991. This meeting too was scuttled due to an absent ANC.

Another meeting scheduled for April 13 in Sebokeng again ended in disarray after VCA leadership failed to arrive. It was left to embarrassed senior ANC official, Patrick "Terror" Lekota, to apologise for the absence of his comrades. Sensing the IFP delegation's dismay, he promised to reschedule another meeting and to contact the IFP for immediate confirmation in this regard. No response was forthcoming.

In desperation, KwaZulu urban representative for the Vaal Triangle and IFP Central Committee member, Vitus Mvelase, drafted a letter to the chairman of the VCA executive on September 9 1991, requesting a peace meeting with that organisation's regional committee at a neutral venue on September 14 1991. The meeting never took place.

The reply from the Vaal Civic is dated seven weeks later, October 28. It expresses appreciation but records that the proposal is to be "discussed by all organs of the VCA for purposes of acquiring proper mandate (and) by all other political organisations, some of which may have had direct conflict with the IFP. The VCA requests that IFP members exercise patience, as the discussion may seem to take long".

Eight months later, Mvelase is puzzled how this delaying approach tallies with the attitude of an organisation that consistently claims to embrace peace and is the victim of Inkatha aggression.

In a memorandum submitted to the newly elected chairman of the Local Dispute Resolution Committee (LDRC) on May 12 1992, the IFP articulated its grave concern at the deteriorating situation and outlined the numerous grievances of KwaMadala residents. The LDRC was tardy in its response and did little to intervene. IFP warnings of impending tragedy were also conveyed to local authorities, the State, and the ANC, but these passed by unheeded. □

● *Ed Tillett is the IFP Information Centre spokesman.*

Traditional weapons are banned on Reef

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TOUGH STANCE Twenty townships affected by the new Government action:

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday declared assegais, knobkerries, pangas and even tyres and garden forks "prohibited items".

This is in terms of a Government notice which came into effect in selected unrest areas yesterday.

The Government also prohibited the display of items that could be viewed as weapons at "traditional cultural gatherings" in the selected unrest areas.

Police said in Pretoria that weapons such as assegais, knobkierries, spears, pangas, petrol bombs, crossbows, bows and arrows as well as firearms - including replicas - could not be carried or transported in 20 declared unrest areas.

A secondary list itemised objects such as garden forks, tyres, tyre tubes, picks, knives (excluding pocket knives), screw drivers and metal pipes. These may not, at any time or in any public place, be carried "in a manner indicating that they are being carried as weapons".

The 20 unrest areas affected are Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Dobsonville, Katlehong, Tokoza, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Alexandra Township, Wattville, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boipatong, Evaton, Sebokeng, Kagiso, Munsieville, Swaniesville, Plakkersdorp, Bekkersdal and Daveyton.

Police added that exceptions which previously applied to "traditional cultural gatherings" were no longer applicable in the declared unrest areas.

They stressed that objects which in certain circumstances could be viewed as weapons were banned from traditional gatherings.

Anyone carrying them in these circumstances in the declared unrest areas was breaking the ban, they said. - *Sapa.*



tion committee chairman André yesterday. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

ANC marching to Pretoria

TIM COHEN

PRETORIA — Pretoria's city council yesterday granted the ANC alliance permission to march from the city centre down Church Street to the Union Buildings, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said.

"Tens of thousands" of people would take part in the march tomorrow, the focus of the third day of the mass action campaign, he said.

The city council said negotiations on the march took place in the spirit of the Goldstone commission's recommendations that applicants, police and local authorities co-operate in drawing up orderly plans for public protests. The application, brought by the Action Council's PWV branch, said between 50 000 and 70 000 people were expected.

The march, intended to compel government to comply with 14 ANC demands on government, was to begin at 10am and end at about 3pm. ANC president Nelson Mandela, who would lead the march, would address demonstrators at the Union Buildings.

Sapa reports that the ANC said Spoornet had offered to transport protesters to Pretoria free of charge. However, Spoornet could not be reached for comment.

'Strikes more effective than marches'

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Urban black people felt strikes and consumer boycotts were more effective than marches and rallies, an opinion poll has found.

However, it showed that men were significantly more in favour of these actions than black women.

It also established that a month ago more than a third of those surveyed were unable to say what "mass action" meant.

The poll, conducted by Research Survey's Omnicheck among 800 black women and 500 black men at the end of June and beginning of July in the major metropolitan areas, found that 72% of men thought consumer boycotts and strikes were effective or very effective, but only 56% of women thought consumer boycotts and 55% felt strikes were effective or very effective

While 64% of men thought marches were also effective, and 53% believed rallies were effective or very effective, 55% of women felt marches, and 49% thought rallies, were effective or very effective.

It found 11% of the men felt consumer boycotts, and 10% felt strikes, were ineffective or very ineffective, 19% of women thought consumer boycotts, and 21% felt strikes, were ineffective or very ineffective.

On the other hand, 25% of men and women thought rallies and 15% of men and 20% of women believed marches to be ineffective or very ineffective.

Among those who replied to a question about what mass action entailed, 32% thought it entailed protest marches, 25% strikes, 22% peaceful demonstrations, 20% consumer boycotts and 18% rallies, Research Surveys said.

Weapon ban in unrest areas

PRETORIA. — Assegais, knobkerries, pangas and even tyres and garden forks have been declared prohibited items in 20 selected unrest areas in a government notice which came into effect yesterday.

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Blast at news office

JOHANNESBURG. — An explosion, believed to have been caused by a missile such as a rocket-propelled grenade, today damaged the sixth floor of a building housing City Press newspaper and Beeld newspaper's administration offices.

An explosion damaged the outside of the building on the corner of Herb and Upper Railway streets in Doornfontein about 6.10am. First reports said there were no injuries, but debris from the blast fell on to surrounding roofs. 278

Police have cordoned off the building and are investigating the cause of the explosion. — Sapa. ARG 4/8/92

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Unrest deaths mount as strike begins

GAVIN DU VENAGE and CHARLIE PRETZLIK

AT LEAST 21 people died yesterday and late on Sunday, and two journalists were shot and wounded while covering mass action in Sebokeng, police reported.

UN observer Hisham Omayad said in Johannesburg yesterday that what he saw personally was "mostly uneventful and seemed to be controlled".

Sapa reports that UN observer mission member Jose Campino of Portugal was refused entry at the border post at Mdantsane, Ciskei, by soldiers manning a roadblock at the entrance to the township.

Peace secretariat chairman Antonie Gildenhuys said he was almost certain Campino would be allowed in today provided he went alone or as a secretariat member.

Journalists Phillip van Niekerk of the Weekly Mail and Paul Taylor of the Washington Post were shot in Sebokeng and their vehicle was then hijacked. The men are in a stable condition in the Milpark Hospital.

Sapa reports 11 people died at Esikhawini near Empangeni late on Sunday in unrest-related violence.

Police said two men died and 16 were injured at East Driefontein mine on Sunday when a group of workers attempted to stop another group leaving the mine.

Early yesterday three people were killed when police fired on a crowd in Dobsonville after their Casspir was shot at.

Police spokesman Col Reg Crewe said many worrying incidents of intimidation had been reported, such as the barricading of roads to prevent people leaving townships for work.

He said an incident in Natal in which a bus driver was killed and passengers forced to flee before the vehicle was set alight was probably related to mass action.

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Deaths

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Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday it was clear that mass action had created tension and "pushed up the political temperature" to an unacceptably high level.

The ANC said yesterday that incidents of violence were remarkably low, "despite the De Klerk regime's provocative actions to intimidate people by the deployment of security forces". The ANC "unreservedly" condemned any intimidation as well as any incidents of violence emanating from mass action.

The ANC said it had alerted the Goldstone commission and the UN monitors about the killing of marshals at a demonstration in the Dobsonville incident. It claimed in its violence monitoring report that the marshals fired on police only after being shot at first.

Govt bans weapons in 20 trouble spots

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TIM COHEN

PRETORIA — Government yesterday tightened the unrest regulations in 20 areas around the country, banning the carrying of all dangerous weapons in these areas.

The ban, which partially satisfies one of the 14 ANC demands put to government, outlaws the carrying of everything from assegais and knobkerries to petrol bombs.

The special Government Gazette issued late yesterday also bans the carrying of certain items in unrest areas if the circumstances suggest they are being carried as weapons. This list includes bricks, axes, hammers, screwdrivers, spades, spanners, chains and tyres.

The areas are Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Dobsonville, Katlehong, Thokoza, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Alexandra, Wattville, Sharpville, Bophelong, Boipatong, Evaton, Sebokeng, Kagiso, Munsieville, Swanieville, Bekkersdal and Daveyton.

The ANC's list of demands includes a ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons, including "cultural weapons", on all occasions in all areas. The effect of the regulations is that the former exception pertaining to cultural weapons no longer applies.

The ban does not apply to security force members on duty. Others needing to carry a licensed firearm for self-defence must apply first at a police station.

NEWS 13 people killed in incidents related to mass action ●News briefs

Strike claims 13 lives

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Two journalists shot while covering mass action

By Kenosi Modisane and Tsale Makam

AT LEAST 13 people have been killed in incidents believed to be related to the two-day general strike.

In Dobsonville, Soweto, seven men were shot dead and four policemen injured in a shooting yesterday morning.

Two journalists covering the mass action campaign in Sebokeng were shot by gunmen yesterday, ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said at a Press conference.

Mr Philip van Niekerk, political editor of the *Weekly Mail*, was shot in the jaw, and *Washington Post* correspondent Mr Paul Taylor was hit in the shoulder. Both men had their cars stolen.

Both journalists were taken to Sebokeng Hospital.

In another incident, ANC officials came to the rescue of *Sowetan* photographer Pat Seboko who was manhandled by a group of youths.

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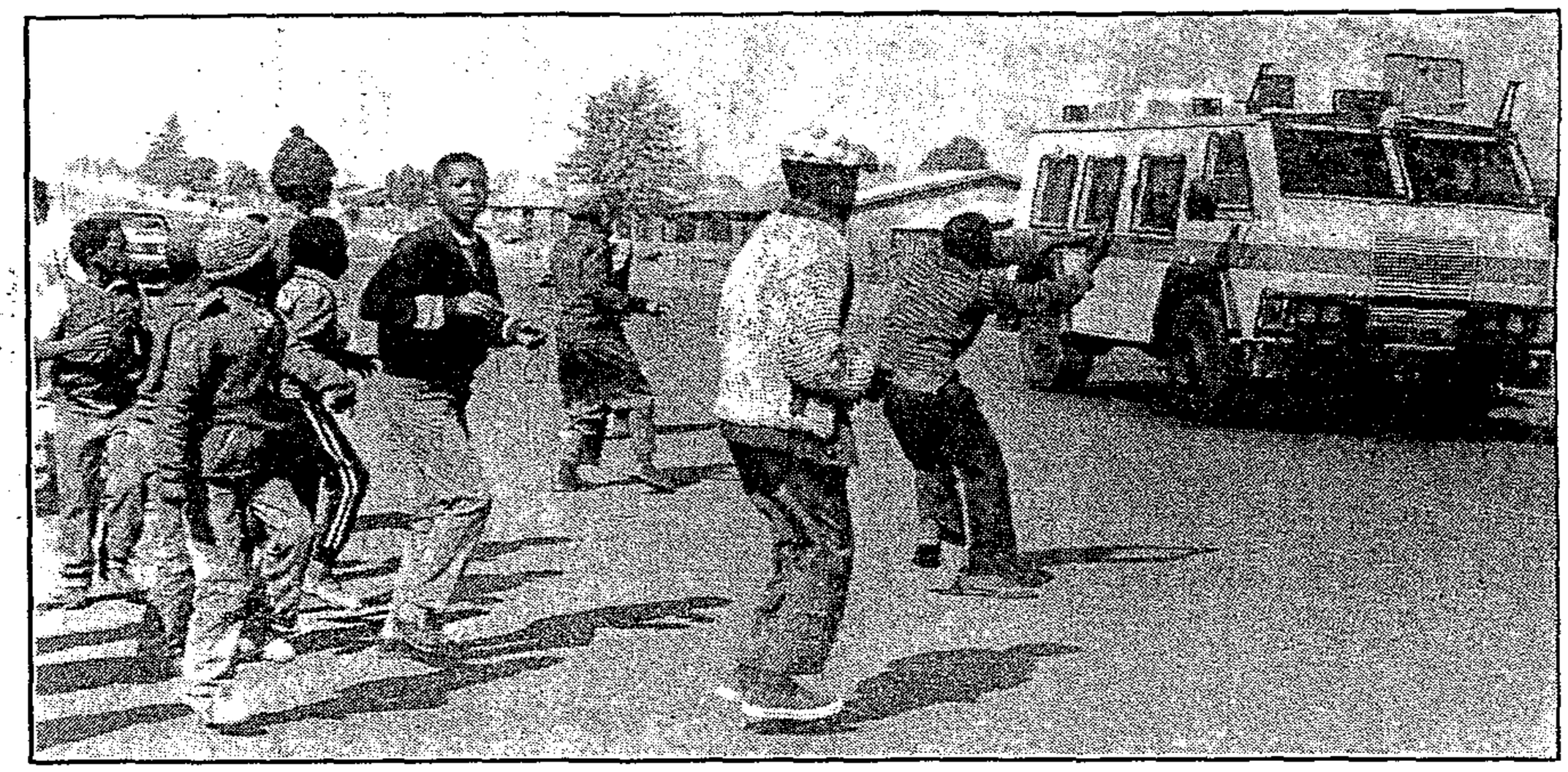
Two people were killed at the East Driefontein gold mine near Carletonville on Sunday night, police spokesman Colonel Ben van Heerden said.

But the ANC said six people were in fact killed during clashes there.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo yesterday confirmed the shooting in Dobsonville, but said only three people were killed.

A witness who was on the scene said he counted seven bodies in the street.

Mariemuthoo said the shooting took place about 5am at the corner of Roodepoort and Main roads. He said policemen opened fire on about 50 men who had attacked a police patrol.



Boys patrolling the streets of Sebokeng Zone 14 in the Vaal Triangle taunt police as they pass by during the strike yesterday. PIC: MBUZENI ZULU

Soweto strike fatality

A man lies dead in a Soweto street yesterday after a confrontation between strikers and police. Hundreds of thousands of black workers began a nationwide strike to demand an end to white rule.



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Officials at the Mdantsane border post refuse entry to United Nations group

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13 die in stayaway

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■ **TOOLS DOWN** The economy grinds to a halt as workers around the country heed the stayaway call:

The ANC-led general strike yesterday virtually brought the country to a standstill.

The strike ends today.

Tomorrow ANC president Nelson Mandela leads a march to the Union Buildings.

Meanwhile, at the time of going to press 13 people had already died in strike-related violence. Six of the deaths were in Carletonville and three in Dobsonville, Soweto.

Two journalists covering the stayaway were shot by gunmen in the Vaal Triangle.

More than 80 percent of workers stayed away in the PWV complex. In other parts of the country between 50 and 80 percent heeded the call.

The South African Chamber of Business confirmed a 90 percent stayaway.

The strike is part of the ANC-Cosatu-SACP mass action campaign to force the Government to meet demands for an interim government and constituent assembly.

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2 journalists wounded

STAR 4/8/92

By Brian Sokutu and Peter Fabricius

Four unknown attackers yesterday shot and wounded two journalists covering the stayaway in the Vaal Triangle's Sebokeng township before stealing their car.

Weekly Mail political editor Philip van Niekerk was shot in the face. Newly appointed Washington Post correspondent Paul Taylor was shot in the left arm.

The three were held up at about 12.30 pm when driving up Evaton Road, said fellow Weekly Mail reporter Hubert Matlou, who escaped.

The shooting, which the journalists believe was not politically motivated, has been condemned by the ANC which has ordered an investigation, said ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa.

The Foreign Correspondents' Association (FCA) said the attack on the journalists "underlines the break in law and order" in the country.

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Journalists wounded

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Still recovering from shock, Matlou told The Star how he "dashed for cover" after watching Van Niekerk being shot after the attackers ordered them out of their car. STAR 4/8/92

"We moved out, leaving keys inside, thinking all they wanted was the car. When one started firing at Philip, from about 3 metres away, I ran towards nearby houses to get help."

When he returned he found Van Niekerk and Taylor inside a car about to be driven to Sebokeng Hospital.

Van Niekerk was later airlifted to the Johannesburg Hospital and then driven to the Milpark Hospital. Taylor was taken to Brenthurst Clinic. Both journalists' were said to be stable.

Carrying weapons banned in 20 areas

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

STAR 4/8/92.

A Government notice which came into effect yesterday banned the carrying of a variety of objects and weapons in 20 declared unrest areas on the Witwatersrand.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel announced that in unrest areas, the following objects may no longer be displayed in any way which indicated that they may be used as weapons in public places: any axe, brick, chain, gaff, garden fork, hammer, hoe, knife (except a pocket knife), metal pipe or rod, pick, pick handle, pitchfork, screwdriver, scythe, sharp-pointed stick or staff, sickle, spade, spanner, stick shod with metal, stone, tyre or tube.

The following may not be carried in unrest areas: any assegai, bow and arrow, club, crossbow, dagger, firearm, knobkerrie, panga, petrol bomb, spear and sword.

Unrest areas include Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof, Dobsonville, Katlehong, Tokoza, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Alexandra, Wattville, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boipatong, Evaton, Sebokeng, Kagiso, Munsieville, Swanieville squatter camp, Bekkersdal and Daveyton.

Last night ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the ban should be received with scepticism.

"Our past experiences with such proclamations has been that of seizure and covert return of such weapons to the owners," he said.

33 released after march

By Montshiwa Moroke

Hundreds of militant ANC-Cosatu-SACP supporters, mostly youths, marched on Moroka police station to secure the release of 33 people arrested in protest action in Soweto yesterday.

The men and women were eventually released from custody before dusk to cheers and whistles from the crowd.

Earlier, a crowd marched on the Soweto Council where Soweto Civic Association chairman Isaac Mogase told the crowd that the SCA demanded the disbanding of the council and that the TPA should hand over rented houses to tenants.

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HRC: decree violates rights

■ UNREST AREAS Commission says declared areas are inappropriately chosen:

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Sowetan Correspondent

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The HRC argues that the authorities are inconsistent in justifying the declaration of unrest areas.

It notes that Bekkersdal, Kagiso, Munsieville and Swanieville on the West Rand and Daveyton and Wattville on the East Rand were largely conflict-free when they were declared unrest areas in the last 10 days of July.

On the other hand, conflict-ridden areas of Natal have not been declared unrest areas.

"These declarations (on the Reef) can by no stretch of the imagination be justified, even using the standards of the South African Police.

The inescapable conclusion is that these latter declarations completed the stranglehold on 20 townships in the PWV area in preparation for the period of mass action."

According to the HRC, about 180 unrest areas have been declared in the PWV, Natal and the Western Cape in the last two years.

Boipatong probe starts

PRETORIA — The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into public violence and intimidation will today begin its investigation into the June 17 Boipatong massacre.

The commission will be sitting at the Vereeniging Civic Centre from 10am.

The sitting will be chaired by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, who will be assisted by, among others, Mr Justice P M Bagwati, former chief justice of Indja.

More than 40 people died in the Boipatong massacre when a large group of armed men attacked the township. — Sapa

Court delays strike ruling

COURT action to have a threatened strike in the metal industry declared illegal has been delayed until tomorrow.

Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of SA (Seifsa) spokesman Mr Hendrik van der Heever said yesterday the federation, representing over 3 200 companies, launched the application against the National Union of Metalworkers of SA in Pretoria on Monday.

"There appears to have been major balloting irregularities, we were not informed of the ballot outcome and we have good reason to believe that the ballot was unsuccessful," he said.

Mr Van der Heever said there would not be a mass lockout. — Sapa

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Pretoria goes on the defensive

TIM COHEN

PRETORIA — Shopkeepers in the city centre yesterday were bristling at the thought of an ANC-alliance march past their premises today.

The march has been routed around Church Square in the heart of the city but this has not allayed the fears of shopkeepers nervous about being swamped by thousands of toyi-toyiing protesters.

They spent yesterday preparing to batten down the hatches ahead of the march to the Union Buildings.

The city council has not allowed a march to proceed along Church Street before, but it agreed with the organisers' argument that the width and straightness of the street would facilitate proper crowd control.

A council spokesman denied the march had been routed around Church Square because "Oom Paul se plek" was holy ground, saying too much disruption would be caused if the square was included. Organisers claim the march will draw between 50 000 and 70 000 people.

Some shopkeepers were encouraged by the fact that the march would be led by ANC president Nelson Mandela. "If the big chief is there, they won't want to embarrass him," one said.

Others have expressed a desire to tell ANC supporters what to do with themselves. "If they come in here, I'll shoot them," said one.

But most are bracing themselves with a mixture of trepidation and resignation and do not intend closing, although many will remove items from their windows and keep their security bars up.

Pamphlets warning motorists along the route to remove their cars by this morning were distributed by police yesterday.

Cars will be towed away if they are still on the route but owners will not have to pay a fine to get them back.

Jo'burg hotels enjoy mini boom

ADRIAN HADLAND

HOTELS in downtown Johannesburg enjoyed a mini-boom this week as companies booked their employees into rooms to avoid transport difficulties and possible intimidation during the general strike.

Almost every non-luxury hostelry in the inner city had house full signs up yesterday.

Springbok Hotel MD Roy Amoilf said "happy days are here again" after three days of full rooms — together with brisk business at the hotel's bar and restaurant facilities.

Employees from the JSE and the Bank of Lisbon took all five floors at the New Library Hotel in Commissioner Street, hotel manager Louis Valenti said.

The Elizabeth Hotel, Dawson's Hotel, the Johannesburger and the Downtown Inn all confirmed they were either full or busier than usual.

AWB backs down

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JOHANNESBURG. — A confrontation between ANC marchers and the AWB was avoided yesterday when the AWB backed down.

A group of about 40 AWB men had barred the marchers' route to Krugersdorp town council buildings, but when confronted by 8 000 ANC members the AWB retired to the pavement.

The 8 000 demonstrators proceeded to the Krugersdorp town council complex, where a memorandum was presented to cabinet Minister and National Party MP for the town, Mr Leon Wessels.

Mr Wessels and two NP councillors in the Conservative Party-dominated council accepted the memorandum from the marchers.

During an otherwise peaceful day of mass action in the conservative West Rand town racial insults were exchanged between AWB members and marchers. No violent incidents were reported.

AWB member "Colonel" Henry de Beer complained to the police that the rally and the march were illegal as permission had not been sought from or granted by the town council.

The ANC in turn complained to senior police officers that the AWB was heavily armed and that this should not be allowed at political gatherings.

In a brief meeting with the head of the UN observer mission, Mr Hashim Omayad, and the chairman of the PWV Peace Committee, Mr Rupert Lorimer MP, Mr De Beer warned that if the police did not stop the march the AWB would.

Mr Lorimer urged him to reconsider his decision as any attempt to stop the march would inevitably result in violence. He emphasised that he and Mr Omayad were there only to observe.

Shortly before the crowd dispersed, Mr Omayad congratulated the ANC for the peaceful demonstration.

"I have no hesitation in saying the UN is very proud of you.

"It is important that your point of view can be expressed in a democratic framework and in a peaceful manner."

Demands 'unfair'

JOHANNESBURG. — Cabinet Minister and MP for Krugersdorp Mr Leon Wessels yesterday responded to demands handed to the government by the ANC in Kagiso township, outside Krugersdorp, last month.

He reiterated the government's call for a return to the negotiating table. He denied allegations of government complicity in the violence and said these were "unwise, unfair and dangerous".

"Your accusations that the NP are not concerned about the suffering of blacks do not do justice to our actions and public statements," he said. — Sapa

Police accused as gunmen kill 6 in Alex squatter camp

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By Charmeela Bhagowat and Brian Sokutu

Six people, including a pregnant woman, were killed in an attack by gunmen on a squatter camp early yesterday in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg.

The slayings brought the known national death toll over the last two days to 35.

The attack on the "Iraq" squatter camp, during which five shacks were gutted, prompted a march by about 12 000 angry residents to the Alexandra Town Council offices yesterday afternoon.

They demanded the closure of Madala and Nobuhle hostels in the township, and that the council evict "illegal residents" from homes in "Beirut", an IFP stronghold in the township.

In a joint statement read at a press conference, Alexandra Civic Organisation, Interim Crisis Committee and local ANC leaders challenged police to explain their failure to intervene in the attack.

"Witnesses have said that police told them they could not risk their lives by intervening in a situation where unarmed residents were shot at with automatic rifles," said ANC branch secretary Obed Bapela.

A woman who did not wish to be named told the conference that police, whom residents saw patrolling the area shortly before the attack, started shooting at shacks at about 1 am.

The witness, who was visiting her sister at the time, said she ran out of the shack to find the area surrounded by police vans and "saw police shooting randomly at people".

"When I ran for cover, I saw a policeman push my sister Thabitha into her shack. I heard her screaming," she added.

Ten minutes later, when the shooting stopped, she found her sister's body burning in the shack. The witness's brother-in-law lay dead next to the shack.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce strongly denied the allegations.

He said: "The allegations of the ANC are by no means new. And if the ANC has any evidence that the police were involved, they should communicate the evidence to the police."

In terms of the National Peace Accord, said Colonel Bruce, the ANC was required to assist the police in their investigation.

"It is highly irresponsible for the ANC to produce witnesses at a press conference for publicity."

The ANC had "good lines of communication with the police which they should use", he added.

Stayaway rebel's home burnt

STAR 5/8/92

Lowveld Bureau and Staff Reporter

The house of a Wesselton man who defied the stayaway and went to work was burnt down early yesterday, police said.

And in Pretoria a man who stood in for a striking messenger was shot and injured after being asked by two men "why he stole black people's jobs".

Police said three alleged ANC members with AK-47 rifles arrived at Solomon Nkosi's home in Wesselton on Monday and sent his wife away after she told them her husband was at work.

Mr Nkosi spent the night with relatives, and was told yesterday his house had been razed.

ANC alliance national campaigns co-ordinator Mandla Dlamini has challenged police to prove the men were ANC members.

Police said Walter Stander (26) who stood in as a messenger for a book supply firm was shot in the chest after getting lost in Watlow, near Mamelodi.

SACP hails people power

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Political Staff

HUGE support for the mass action showed working people's determination to get rid of the white minority government, the South African Communist Party said.

The Western Cape branch of the party said action had been peaceful and the only fatality had been a result of police action.

"We condemn provocations by the SAP, including the use of live ammunition in Grabouw, which led to the death of one person," it said.

The party also condemned isolated acts of intimidation and violence and called on pro-democracy demonstrators to act in a disciplined way.

Efforts by the National Party, government and sections of the Press to suggest peaceful mass action was impossible conveniently forgot that more than 6 000 people had died in political violence since President De Klerk came to power, the SACP said.

It added: "The death toll nationwide in the past two days has been little different from that at the beginning of June before the mass campaign."

1 000 in township demo

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Staff Reporter

MORE than 1 000 placard-carrying Kayamandi residents marched from the township to Stellenbosch municipality offices.

A memorandum supporting ANC demands to the government was handed to officials.

About 1 000 ANC supporters in Mbekweni, Paarl, held a rally at the township stadium yesterday. It was addressed by local leaders of the ANC and Cosatu.

Shops and shebeens in both townships were closed betweeen noon and 2pm.

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Six shot dead in Alex squatter camp

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The Argus Correspondent

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Police denied reports that they were involved in the shooting.



Picture, LEON MULLER, The Argus.

FUELLING THE FLAMES: A youth tends the fire at a barricade in Mitchell's Plain yesterday afternoon.



Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

LISTENING: United Nations mass action observer Ms Joan Seymour listens as Kleinvlei residents talk about their problems with the Stellenbosch Regional Services Council.

Rent siege after mass action meeting

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Tygerberg Bureau

LOCAL issues were at the centre of mass action proceedings in Kleinvlei, Kuils River when about 400 people met at the township's community hall.

Yesterday's meeting, which continued without incident, culminated in a siege of the rent office next door during which community leaders put demands about rental arrears, water supply and house maintenance to the Regional Services Council.

Approached by an Argus reporter, an ANC marshal said: "We do not want to speak to the newspapers, because they twist stories and we believe they are run by the government."

But residents thought differently and mobbed the reporter to talk about their problems.

"Let's forget about the ANC for the moment and deal with what's going on here," said a man who claimed unemployment in Kleinvlei was between 75 and 80 percent.

"The houses belong to the council and we pay between R80 and R120 rent a month, but when something needs to be fixed, you can forget about it," a woman said.

"The roof of my house has been leaking badly for the past two years. I've asked the council to repair it, but I've been waiting months now and nothing's done.

"If you lose your job and you cannot pay the rent, where do you go?" a man asked.

"If you are in arrears for two months, they take legal action and have you thrown out. If somebody else buys the house you are staying in, you are told sometimes, not even given written notice but told to be out within seven days."

Peaceful protest march by 500 at Grabouw

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JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

SANITY prevailed in Grabouw when the municipality, police and ANC supporters agreed on the route and duration of a protest march in the town.

Unlike Monday, when Mr Ntozelizwe Mbovane was killed and several people injured when police stopped an illegal march, yesterday's march proceeded peacefully.

The 500 protesters, led by Claremont MP Mr Jan van Eck and Grabouw ANC branch leaders, marched from a community hall, along the main road to the police station and handed over a list of demands to the station commander, Lieutenant André Linde.

The demands included an end to police violence and that the policeman who fired the fatal shot on Monday be brought to book.

The marchers returned to the hall where Mr Van Eck addressed them.

NEW STORE
OPENING WINE OFFERS

'You have the right to defend yourselves,' ANC marchers told

ARG 5/8/92

EDWARD MOLOINYANE, Staff Reporter

ABOUT 7 000 people attended a rally in Khayelitsha addressed by ANC regional secretary Mr Tony Yengeni.

To wild applause Mr Yengeni said people taking part in today's march would not be searched, because they had a right to defend themselves.

"We are tired of being teargassed while Inkatha is allowed to carry an assortment of weapons in public.

"We will not be searching people for weapons and if the Boers disturb us we will have to defend ourselves.

"We are not people of violence, but we will make Cape Town small tomorrow.

"But we are not saying when one of you is beaten by one Boer we should start looting shops."

In scathing attack on the PAC, Mr Yengeni accused the organisation of siding with the Inkatha Freedom Party and the Ciskei's Brigadier Oupa Qozo by opposing mass action and urging people to go to work.

But people had showed support for the ANC by ignoring the PAC's call.

NEWS At least 36 have died since mass action campaign started

Mandela leads march

■ MILLIONS LOST Industry may have incurred heavy production losses:

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By Themba Molefe and Ike Motsapi Sowetan 5/8/92

AFRICAN National Congress president Mr Nelson Mandela leads a march on the Union Buildings today, an event which could be the biggest protest action since the Defiance Campaign in the 50s.

Meanwhile, the two-day mass action campaign which ended yesterday has cost the country at least R500-million in lost production in the engineering and business sectors.

At least 36 people are known to have died since the campaign started on Monday. Five people were killed in Alexandra, Johannesburg, yesterday.

About 18 were killed in Natal since Monday. The other 13 were killed on the Reef on the first day of the stayaway.

Today's "March to Pretoria", according to ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance spokesmen, is the most significant and a highlight of this week's mass action programme.

The objective of the march is to "collect" a response to the 14 demands the ANC alliance sent to President Mr FW de Klerk on June 23.

The march will be the second Mandela has led since his release from prison in February 1990.

It starts at 10am at Brown Street, Pretoria.

Organisers are expecting up to 70 000 people.

However, the Government yesterday appeared casual about the demonstration.

De Klerk's office said the State President would be back in Pretoria late yesterday afternoon and had not indicated whether he would issue a statement.

The Department of Justice last night said the occupation of buidlings amounted to trespassing and was a criminal offence.

In Ciskei a tense situation developed on the homeland's border with South Africa as armed security force personnel faced impatient protesters. Organisers of an ANC-led march later worked out a compromise with Ciskei military leader Brigadier Oupa Gqozo to allow a delegation to hand over a memorandum at police headquarters.

In Krugersdorp in the West Rand a threat by rightwingers to stop a march to the town fizzled out as 8 000 people marched unhindered when they delivered a memorandum at the National Party's offices.

Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital was under siege by about 2 500 ANC supporters yesterday.

Baragwanath chief superintendent Dr Chris van den Heever said the crowd blocked the main gate and both lanes of Old Potchefstroom Road.

Organsiers yesterday said they planned to occupy city centres and business districts across the country today in a bid to take their campaign to what they called "centres of white power".

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emption Board that he would have to report for duty in July.

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'State of emergency by stealth'

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

By using its powers to declare unrest areas, the Government has effectively achieved a "state of emergency by stealth" in PWV townships where 5 000 police and soldiers have been deployed, the Human Rights Commission (HRC) charges.

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The first unrest areas on the PWV were declared in August 1990.

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Seifsa court bid delayed

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"We are in the process of seeking to have the strike declared illegal. There appears to have been major irregularities (in balloting), we were not informed of the ballot outcome and we have good reason to believe that the ballot was unsuccessful."

Cape motorists warned

MOTORISTS have been warned by Cape Town deputy administrator Mr Alan Dolby to stay out of town today if possible.

Supporters of the ANC alliance are expected to take to the freeways to march from Langa to the Grand Parade in Cape Town.

Dolby said the city council had reluctantly agreed to the march because the alternative would have been a confrontation between police and marchers.

'Emergency by stealth'

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Forty nine people died in the Boipatong massacre when a large group of armed men attacked the township.

Squatters stage sit-in

ABOUT 500 ANC members from the Mandela Park squatter settlement at Hout Bay yesterday staged a sit-in in front of the Hout Bay Forest Station, demanding a meeting with a senior Regional Services Council official.

This follows the refusal by the chief forester at Hout Bay to accept a memorandum from the squatters demanding more land for Mandela Park. - *Sowetan Reporters, Correspondents and Sapa.*

Police ignored warnings – witness

By Philip Zoio

A petrol pump attendant yesterday told the Goldstone Commission in Vereeniging how police apparently ignored warnings of an impending attack in Boipatong, where more than 40 people were massacred on June 17.

He was giving evidence on the first day of the Goldstone Commission inquiry into the massacre, chaired by Mr Justice Goldstone.

Earlier yesterday, the commission was told by ANC counsel Mr Arthur Chaskelson, SC that evidence would be heard to support claims that security forces were involved in the massacre.

Petrol pump attendant Meshak Theoane told the commission he had been working at a petrol station on Boulevard Frikkie Meyer, the main road between KwaMadala Hostel and Boipatong, when he saw two Casspirs chase after youths.

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Counsel for the SAP Mr F Hattingh, SC, disputed the evidence by putting the police versions to Mr Theoane. In his opening address, Mr Hattingh said the SAP would "categorically deny" that the police in any way facilitated or took part in the massacre.

'Police failed to act on massacre'

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The Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING. — A petrol pump attendant has told the Goldstone Commission how police apparently ignored warnings of an impending attack in Boipatong, where 41 people were massacred on June 17.

He was giving evidence on the first day of an inquiry into the massacre.

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Petrol pump attendant Mr Meshak Theoane told the commission he was working at a petrol station on Boulevard Frikkie Meyer, between Kwamadala Hostel and Boipatong, when he saw two Casspirs chase after youths who had been burning tyres outside the township.

Several minutes later, the Casspirs returned and parked on a soccer field outside the township.

Between 9.30pm and 10pm a crowd of about 300 to 400 appeared on the Kwamadala Hostel side of the road. The men, who were carrying objects and were dressed in dark clothing, began crossing the road in small groups.

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NEWS SADF troops accused of inaction during Boipatong massacre ● Quick news

Vaal inquiry opens

Sowetan 6/8/92

■ Alleged police involvement in killing of 49 probed:

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White men

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Counsel for the SAP, Mr PD Hattingh, categorically denied the SAP had participated in, or facilitated the attack.

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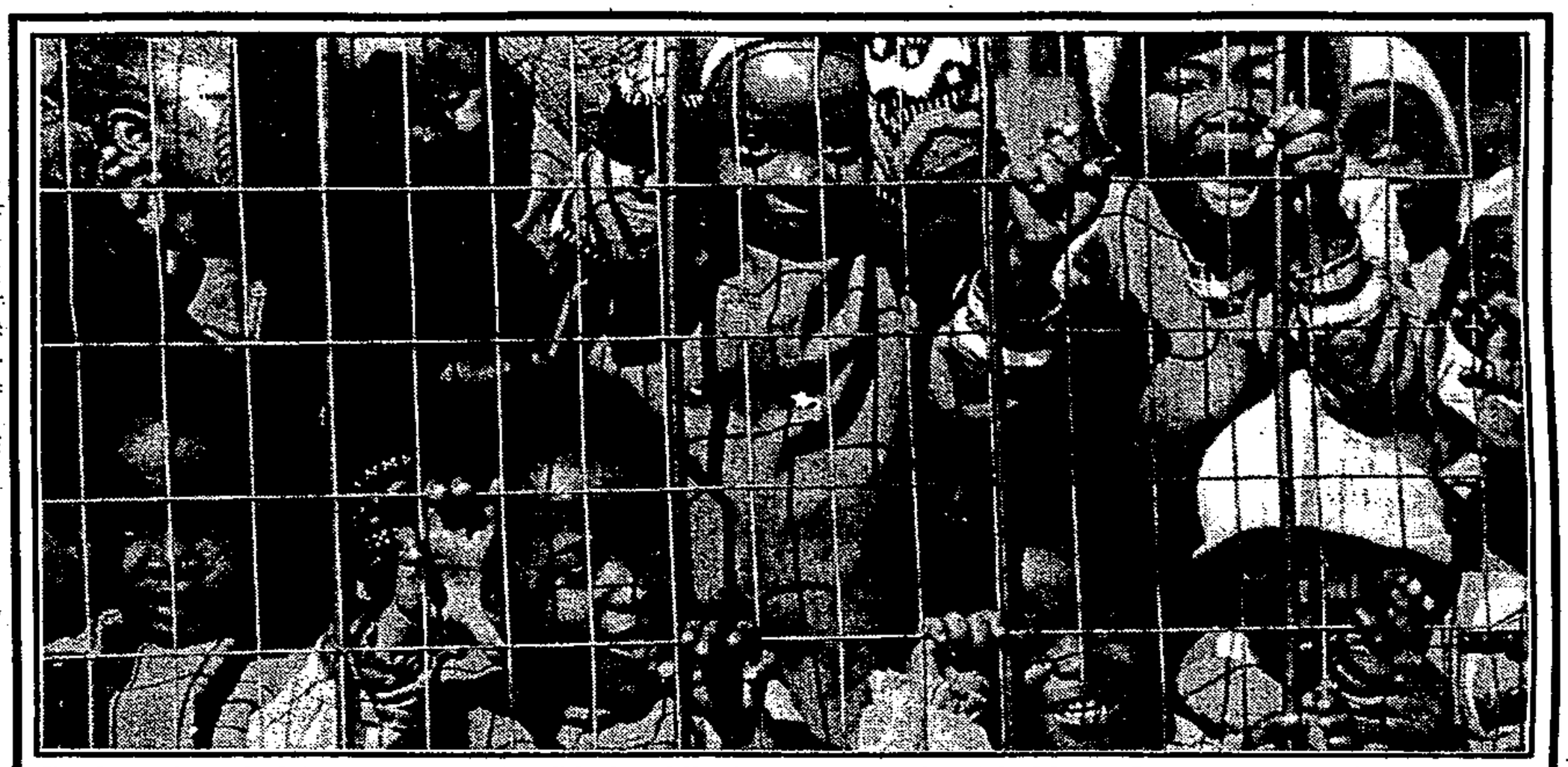
There was also no evidence to substantiate allegations of whites being among the attackers. - *Sapa.*



Back to the grindstone ... these fun-filled toddlers at a creche in Mzimhlope, Soweto, are back behind bars - so to speak - after two days of freedom given to them courtesy of mass action. Pic: LEN KHUMALO

Showdown for CP faction today

BILLY PADDOCK

THE showdown in the CP between the five prominent "new right" members and the old guard takes place today when the five meet to decide whether they will resign.

Bethal MP Chris de Jager yesterday said the five would have discussions with the Transvaal executive.

"If the party does not shift its policy closer to where we stand then we must decide whether to abide by the party line or do the honourable thing and resign," he said.

The other four are Moolman Mentz (Ermelo), Free State leader Cehill Pienaar, Rosier de Ville (Standerton) and Potchefstroom MP Andries Beyers, who brought the imminent split in the party to a head at the weekend by calling for talks to negotiate a smaller Afrikaner homeland.

The old guard, led by CP deputy leader Ferdi Hartzenburg, is calling for the five to be expelled, and attempts this week by leader Andries Treurnicht to reconcile the two factions are understood to have failed.

According to one of the five, it had become impossible to remain in the CP "which had no policy and is not prepared to shift its position to accommodate changes".

The members had the support of about another 10 MPs but they were unlikely to leave the party as they hoped to reform it from within. However, numerous councillors and officials were behind the five, as was as the Transvaal Youth Congress.

'Police alerted before massacre'

THE Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Boipatong massacre of June 16 yesterday heard that evidence would be presented during the next eight days claiming security forces in the area had facilitated the attack and that police had been negligent in their investigations.

KATHRYN STRACHAN

Senior counsel for the ANC and the Vaal Council of Churches, Arthur Chaskelson, told the commission in his opening statement a number of witnesses made reference to the participation of "white men" in the actual attacks on residents.

None of these men were identified as policemen, but there were numerous statements which confirmed the presence of security force vehicles in the area during the massacre, and in some cases, these vehicles were perceived as accompanying and possibly assisting the attackers, he said.

"Despite numerous and persistent complaints and the presence of armoured vehicles in the township and nearby, none of the attackers was apprehended. The obvious suspects were allowed more than 16 hours to cover their tracks before police entered the hostel," he said.

The ANC's first witness, Meshack Theoane, a petrol attendant at a filling station on Frikkie Meyer Boulevard, testified he alerted police when he saw armed men crossing the road toward Boipatong.

Shortly afterwards two policemen arrived, but appeared disinterested in his report and left the area, he said.

With him at the filling station that night was a security guard who radioed his employers. Two white security guards arrived. They said the police had instructed them to take the two men away because it was not safe.

Counsel for the SAP Flip Hattingh denied police had participated in or facilitated the attack, and added any allegation they were informed before the attack of the possibility of it taking place would be denied. He admitted that on the evening of June 16 there had been several police in the area, but at no stage during the attack were they in Boipatong.

Anton Mostert, representing the SADF, said the only SADF members in the township at the time of the attack were members of the Vaal Commando.

He said members had seen large numbers of people moving towards the KwaMadala hostel and had concluded that it was the hostel which wasunder attack. They later tried to locate the group but failed.

Hostel inmates in court

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Another 16 inmates of the Kwamadala Hostel have appeared briefly in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court in connection with the June 17 Boipatong massacre.

Police said the group was arrested at the Kwamadala Hostel on Sunday night.

This brings to 94 the number of suspects who have so far been taken into custody in connection with the massacre. More than 40 people were killed during the late-night attack on residents of the Slovo Park Squatter camp.

No charges were put to the group during their appearance in court yesterday and no evidence was led.

The first group of 78 — including three minors — is scheduled to appear in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrates Court on Monday, when a bail application will be filed on behalf of all the accused.

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Boipatong: 16 more held

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'Nothing done to stop killing'

Goldstone hearing into Boipatong massacre starts

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JOHANNESBURG. — Evidence that security forces did nothing to prevent the Boipatong massacre was heard by the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

Police received at least two warnings before the attack, the committee hearing evidence on the incident were told.

According to a memorandum of events submitted by counsel for the African National Congress, Mr Arthur Chaskelson, a petrol attendant at a filling station between Boipatong and the KwaMadala Hostel had seen groups of armed men crossing the main road between the hostel and the township.

Mr Meshak Theoane rang the alarm at the filling station which is connected via a security firm to the Vanderbijlpark police station.

The police arrived shortly afterwards.

"He (Theoane) explained there was a group of armed men entering the township from KwaMadala, but they seemed uninterested in this information and left the area."

Another pair of policemen arrived at the filling station and took Mr Theoane and a resident security guard away. By this time shots could be heard.

Mr Theoane said in evidence he thought he was being removed from the scene because he was "seeing too much".

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said yesterday he wanted the committee to initially concentrate on allegations of security force involvement in the massacre.

The committee is also charged with identifying those responsible for the massacre, the role played by the SADF and the SAP before, during and after the attack, and steps which could be taken to prevent the recurrence of such an incident.

Mr Hattingh, for the SAP, denied the police had participated in, or facilitated the attack.

Mr A W Mostert, for the SADF, said the only SADF members in the township were members of the Vaal Commando. They had spotted large numbers of people moving towards the KwaMadala Hostel and had drawn the conclusion that the hostel was being attacked. They later tried to locate the group but failed. — Sapa

'Nothing done for 16 hours after massacre'

STAR 6/8/92

Evidence that security forces present in Boipatong on June 17 did nothing to prevent the massacre of more than 40 people will be heard during the next two weeks by a committee of the Goldstone Commission hearing evidence on the issue.

Senior counsel for the ANC, Arthur Chaskelson, also told the commission in his opening statement yesterday that he would produce witnesses who would indicate that attackers had been "dropped off" in Boipatong by armoured vehicles.

Witnesses had also seen white men in the ranks of the attackers, he said.

Commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said the commission had decided to concentrate initially on allegations of security force involvement in the massacre before turning to other aspects of the attack.

The commission has also been charged with identifying those responsible for the massacre; the role played by the SA Defence Force and the police before, during and after the attack; and steps which could be taken to prevent the recurrence of such an incident.

Mr Chaskelson said the KwaMadala Hostel from where the attackers had come had been a focus of conflict for a long time before the attack and was known to be a stronghold of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

He alleged that reports of the attack began to flow into the Vanderbijlpark police station about 10 pm.

"Between 10 and 10.10 pm, 10 complaints were recorded by police of shootings, damage to property and assaults in the Boipatong area."

Witnesses would testify that SADF vehicles present in the township had not intervened.

Mr Chaskelson said the attackers had clearly been confident they would not be apprehended. At least 16 hours elapsed after the attack before police decided to enter KwaMadala Hostel for the first time.

He said urgent questions had to be answered in the findings of the commission. These included:

- Was the policing in Boipatong inefficient?
- Were there reasons, other than complicity or reluctance to bring attackers to account, for the slowness of security force response?
- Why were the obvious suspects given 16 hours before attempts were made to search their premises and gather evidence?

Counsel for the SAP, P D Hattingh, denied that the SAP had taken part in or facilitated the attack. He admitted that on the evening of June 17 there had been several members of the SAP in and around the area, but at no stage during the attack were they present in Boipatong.

"Any allegations that the SAP were informed before the attack of the possibility of it taking place will be denied."

There was no evidence to substantiate allegations of whites being among the attackers. Police had also not transported attackers from KwaMadala to Boipatong.

A W Mostert, for the SADF, said the only Defence Force members in the township at the time of the attack were members of the Vaal Commando, an active Citizen Force unit.

The unit had a limited jurisdiction and its primary function was to guard Iscor, which had been designated a national key point.

On the night of the attack there had been two "soft skin" (not armoured) vehicles and two Buffels (armoured vehicles) in and around Boipatong.

Members of the Vaal Commando had spotted large numbers of people moving towards KwaMadala Hostel and had drawn the conclusion that the hostel was being attacked.

They later tried to locate the group but failed.

A dispute arose in the commission's proceedings yesterday around the issue of secret documents which Mr Mostert said would not be made available to the commission in spite of a request to this effect from Mr Chaskelson.

He said the documents, including briefing documents reflecting SADF instructions on or before June 17, and general documents dealing with secret standing orders and operational planning, were secret and irrelevant to the commission.

He was prepared to make them available only to Mr Justice Goldstone.

The judge said he was not prepared to accept documents he could not make available to the committee.

"Well, that is the only basis on which I am prepared to give them to you," replied Mr Mostert.

Mr Justice Goldstone said the commission's powers of search and seizure might have to be tested against the power of the secret document.

The four-person committee of the commission — which includes an international assessor, Mr Justice P N Bhagwati, a former Chief Justice in India — is to decide when to visit KwaMadala Hostel, which has been partly demolished by Iscor since the massacre. — Sapa.

Knock on door of white power

STAR 6/8/92 (Q78)

If mass action was weighed in the first two days of the week by a huge absence of workers and pupils, at the Union Buildings yesterday it asserted itself as an overwhelming presence, writes JO-ANNE COLLINGE.

THE BLACK, green and gold flag of the ANC was hoisted in front of the Union Buildings yesterday as tens of thousands, gathered in the gardens below, sang Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika.

On the terraces above the speakers' platform, a steady line of khaki-clad members of the security forces stood armed and alert as ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa declared: "We are just at the door of the Union Buildings. Next time, F W de Klerk, we will be inside your office."

The verbal challenge for ultimate power was clear. Yet, beyond the grounds of the Union Buildings, large numbers of policemen and soldiers, supposedly "braced" for the onslaught of mass action on the capital city, slouched non-committally in the entrances of buildings and relaxed atop armoured vehicles.

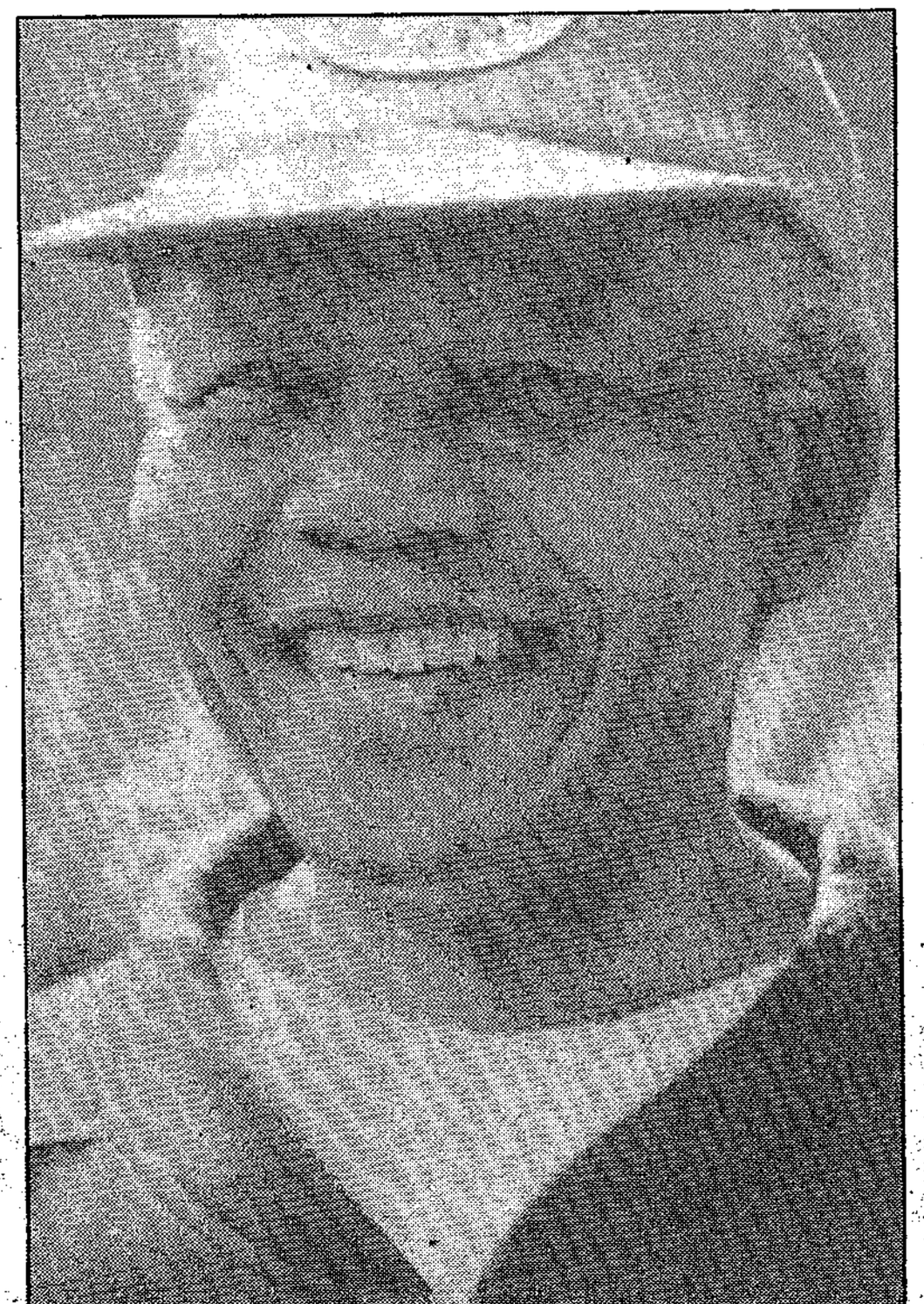
A mild mood prevailed and even the demonstrating mass cheered approval when a speaker observed that their protest had been perfectly peaceful; not a single stone had been cast.

In daring expression of his contempt for generations of minority rule, a young demonstrator clambered up the statue of General Louis Botha, first taking the Boer leader's horse by the bridle, then getting a foothold in his binoculars and ending up sitting firmly on the general's hat, the ANC flag flapping in the breeze above him and the giant stone figure.

Directly across from him, Nelson Mandela delivered his message in his customary clipped and level speech. In the space between the Boer general's statue and the ANC leader, heads, heads and more heads glistened in the sun.

If mass action was weighed in the first two days of the week by a huge absence of workers from work places and pupils from schools, at the Union Buildings it asserted itself as an overwhelming presence.

"This is not a victory for the ANC or the Congress of South African Trade Unions or the South African Communist Party. It is a victory of the people of South Africa," Mr Mandela told the human mass before him. "It is a victory for peace and democracy. All South Africans, black and white, want peace, economic stability and a happy future for their children."



Nelson Mandela . . . at the Union Buildings yesterday.



People's power ... the huge crowd, numbering in the tens of thousands, that gathered at the Union Buildings yesterday.

His words of appreciation to those employers who had understood the gravity of the campaign of mass action and accommodated their workers' determination to take part raised a round of applause.

The procession up the hill to the Union Buildings was a notable departure from the normally tight-packed and highly disciplined marches of the ANC and its allies. A carnival atmosphere reigned in Church Street, as buses disgorged demonstrators and they flowed gently along. At times there were competing processions taking place in opposite directions.

Even a sangoma found space in Church Street to pause a while to throw the bones.

"Thanks God for mass action" read a handmade placard. "Sweep crooks and assassins out of power" demanded another, while the majority addressed more conventionally the demand for interim government and for an end to violence.

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At the Union Buildings, too, white spectators peered from the upper terraces, while the official orange, white and blue flag continued to wave above and beyond the ANC colours.

Towards the end of a long day, a toddler plodded through the crowd behind a youth wearing a T-shirt with the slogan: "Boipatong calls us to action". The little girl carried her own placard: "Comrade Mandela — my future president". □

2 killed in Alex shooting

STAR 6/18/92.

By Carina le Grange and Stan Hlophe (278)

Young choir members were gunned down in an Alexandra street last night by five men who opened fire without provocation.

A teenage choirgirl was killed and at least 11 other victims were wounded.

Earlier last night, in the same area of Alexandra, one man was killed and another was wounded in two separate shootings.

Residents of the violence-ridden township, adjoining Sandton, said the choir members were shot as they got out of a vehicle at about 8 pm.

The members of the Emmanuel and Alexduma choirs were gathering at a house in Second Avenue for a night vigil for a youngster who died of natural causes this week.

Interviewed late last night in Hillbrow Hospital, wounded choir members said a group of men had come "from nowhere and started firing shots" at close range.

Motlalepule Setimela (22) said: "We started running in different directions and I felt a burning sensation in my thigh. Then I saw blood dripping."

A resident who asked not to be named said the singers were getting out of a vehicle when men walking in the street fired at them without reason.

The gunmen then fled.

Noticed

The eye-witness said other residents had seen the men before the attack, but had not noticed "anything funny" about them.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said police arrived on the scene soon after the attack, fine-combed the area and questioned bystanders.

Police later arrested two men, one of whom was found in possession of a pistol.

The men were still being held for interrogation this morning.

Linda Twala, the father of one of the children, told Sapa that a girl known as Nhlanhla, of the Emmanuel Choir, was killed by the gunmen.

Mr Twala stressed that the choirs, under choirmaster Pikie Mokaka, had no political affiliation.

He could not say what kind of weapons were used.

Alexandra Clinic spokesman Yvonne Lefakane told The Star that a 16-year-old girl died on arrival at the clinic.

Police later said the girl was 13 years old.

Eleven other victims, aged between 12 and 20, and one man of 28, had been ferried to Tembisa and Hillbrow hospitals for treatment. Ms Lefakane could not release their names. They were transferred to hospital because of the seriousness of their injuries.

Hillbrow Hospital superintendant Dr Trevor Frankish confirmed that five wounded young adults, aged between 18 and 22, were treated last night for gunshot wounds in their legs.

He described their condition as satisfactory.

Those treated at Hillbrow Hospital were: Orielle Mbebe (19), Phindile Mabena (21), Maria Shilaluke (28), Miss Setimela, and a man who wished to identify himself only as Menzi.

A doctor at the hospital said the victims had all been treated and sent home last night. They were not admitted.

A spokesman for the Tembisa Hospital was not in a position early today to describe the conditions of the victims admitted there.

Linked

Two men were also gunned down in the same area of Alexandra earlier in the night, police said.

Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said although there was no immediate indication that the attacks were linked, police were investigating the possibility.

"The possibility of a connection is being investigated, but at this stage we are a little bit in the dark."

He said a man was killed in First Avenue after being shot at by unidentified gunmen — and minutes later another man was shot and wounded, in Second Avenue.

Boipatong: 16 more appear

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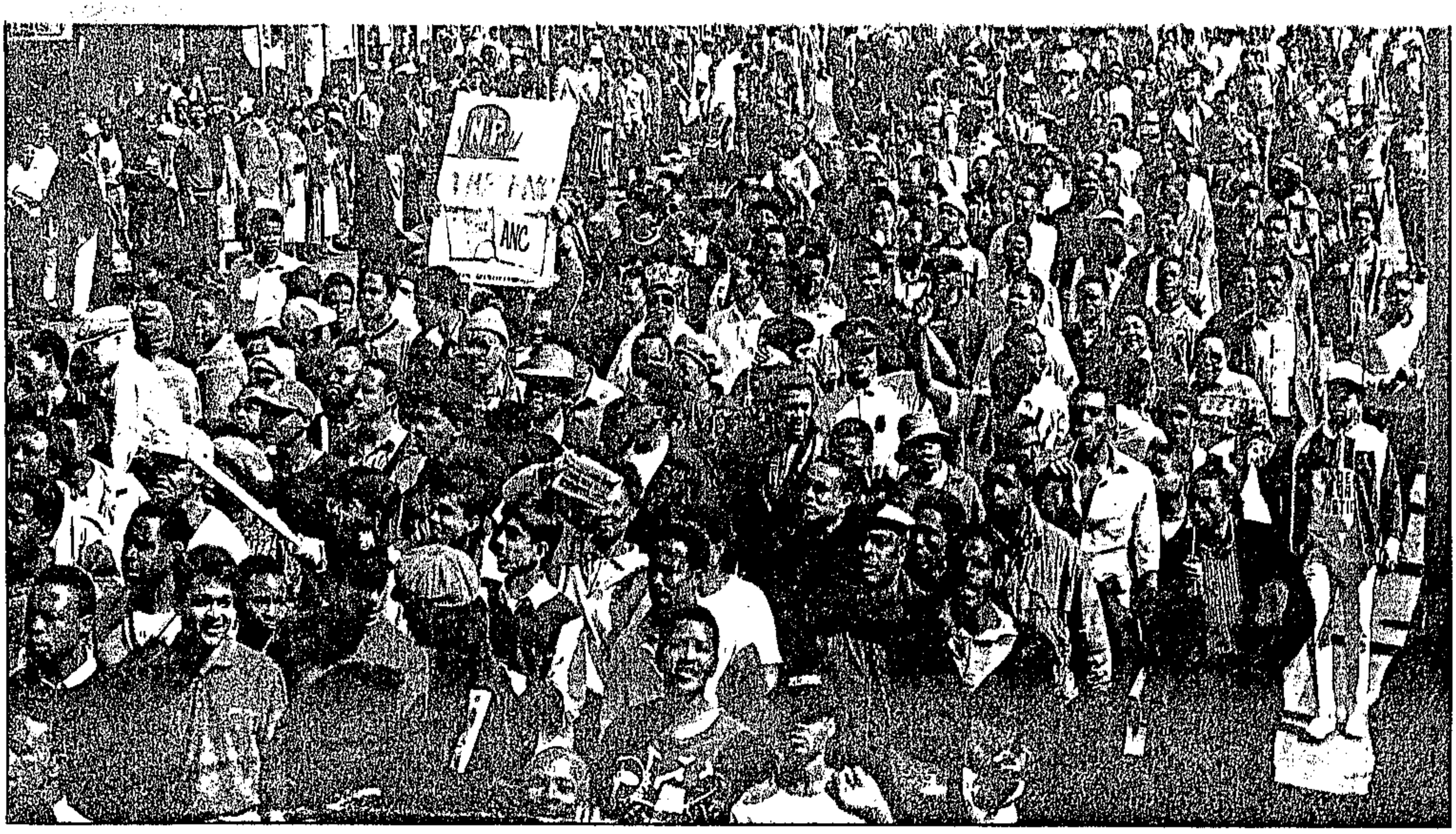

This is a section of the crowd, estimated at about 70 000, which followed ANC president Nelson Mandela during the march on the Union Buildings in Pretoria. See more pictures on pages 2,4 and 7. PIC: MBUZENI ZULU

Pretoria is swamped

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■ **THOUSANDS MARCH** ANC president Nelson

Mandela demands an interim government:

NELSON MANDELA yesterday mounted the steps of the Union Buildings in Pretoria and declared that an interim government should be installed immediately.

Earlier he led 70 000 supporters of the African National Congress in a march through the capital city's centre, an event said only to match the 1950s Defiance Campaign in stature and which preceded his life imprisonment in 1964.

The "March to Pretoria" was a highlight of the ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance week of action which began with a general strike on Monday and Tuesday.

In Cape Town more than 10 000 people marched from Langa township on the city's outskirts to the Grand Parade. There were a few incidents of looting reported in the city and police vehicles were damaged.

A total of 300 people were held in other parts of the country yesterday and the death toll has risen to more than 40.

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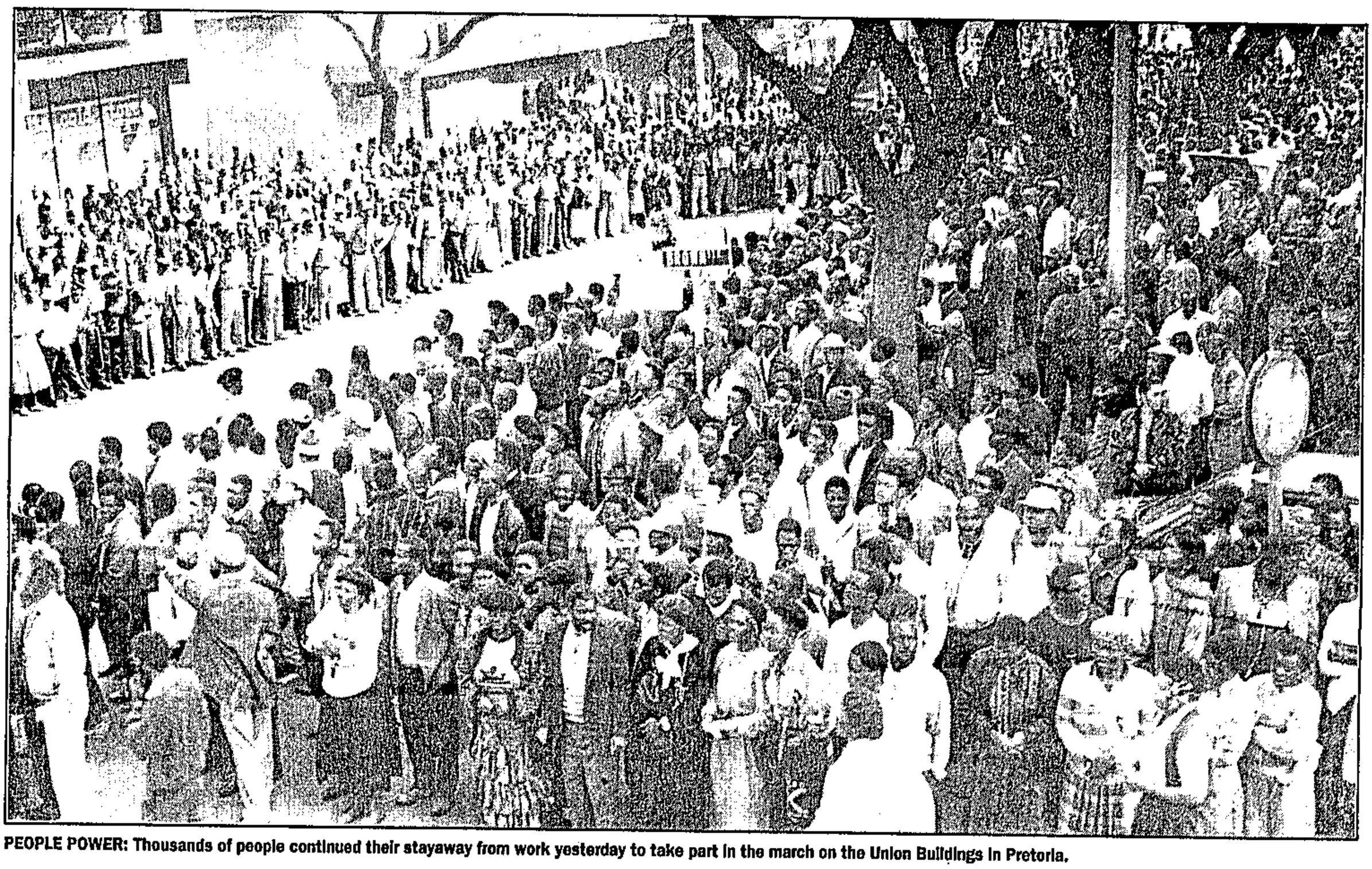
MASS ACTION Marchers anticipate the day Mandela will occupy the Union Buildings



PEOPLE POWER: Thousands of people continued their stayaway from work yesterday to take part in the march on the Union Buildings in Pretoria.

Thousands march with Mandela

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By Monk Nkomo, Kenosi Modisane and Sowetan Correspondent

ALL QUIET Heavy police presence as UN monitor says the march is peaceful:

"WE HAVE COME here to install Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress as the new government of South Africa."

These were sentiments expressed by young and old who thronged the streets of Pretoria yesterday afternoon, hours before ANC general-secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa introduced Mandela as the next president of South Africa at a rally outside the Union Buildings.

"I feel happy that my dreams of being addressed by my own leader right here at the Union Buildings are today fulfilled," pensioner Mr Lazarus Mokhine of Mabopane said.

Mokhine had travelled in a bus full of "comrades" from the Pretoria township to the march.

Mrs Maditaba Mokoena (54) who also arrived with a bus load of comrades from Radium, Hammanskraal, said: "This should be a clear message to the Government that we no longer regard them as our rulers.

"Julle mense raak nou te bederf. Julle hou baie van toyi-toyi. (You people are getting spoilt. You like toyi-toying)," remarked a policeman as crowds passed a human chain formed by police.

Twelve-year-old Raykie Makhubela, who managed to sneak through the tight security jointly manned by SAP and ANC marshals to stand next to the stage, said: "We are coming back here for a bigger celebration when Mandela gets in there (pointing towards the Union Buildings)."

At least two members of the United Nations monitoring group marched alongside the demonstrators to the Union buildings.

Earlier, UN monitor Ms Rehana Achmed said she thought the march was proceeding "very well" and though she had heard of "tiny" incidents, the monitoring team had yet to see anything happen.

A helicopter and two fixed-wing aircraft circled above the throng of people who started arriving as early as 9am. By noon, the crowd had grown to more than 40 000.

More than 1 000 police and SADF troops were deployed along the route to the Union Buildings.

Mandela sets 'core' demands

CT 6/8/92

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

MR Nelson Mandela said yesterday that the ANC was committed to the search for a negotiated resolution of the crisis facing the country — but would return to negotiations only if the government heeded its demands.

He told a crowd of 70 000 supporters at the Union Buildings that the resumption of negotiations hinged on action by the government in three core areas:

- "Practical steps" to curb the violence.
- A commitment to an interim government of national unity.
- A commitment to a sovereign, democratically-elected constituent assembly.

"These three categories of demands constitute the 14 we have made to the government. Unless they are met satisfactorily by the government, negotiations cannot be resumed," Mr Mandela said.

"We have engaged in mass action with the clear objective of ensuring that the outcome of the negotiations is a democratic future for our country." What happened next, and what form the "campaign for peace and democracy" took, depended on how the government responded to the ANC's demands.

The general strike on Monday and Tuesday had unquestionably been one of the greatest events in South African history.

"More than four million workers stayed away," and nothing could detract from the fact that the strike had been peaceful.

"Those who still cling to the idea that the success of this mass action was based on intimidation do themselves an injustice.

"Because this could only be true if they believed that the ANC and its allies have the power to intimidate so many millions of people."

Mass action was not a victory for the ANC, Cosatu or the SACP, but of all South Africans who wanted peace and democracy, he said.

NEWS Pretoria Council perturbed by rally ● Numsa members out until further notice

ANC gets rapped

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■ NO CONTROL Excess will be remembered:

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By Monk Nkomo

THE PRETORIA CITY Council yesterday accused the African National Congress and its allies of not keeping to conditions for Wednesday's march to the Union Buildings.

Management committee chairman Dr Pieter Smith said the ANC alliance also failed to control the march. The time agreed upon - from 10am to 1pm - was exceeded, Smith said.

Mandela arrived at the Union Buildings about 1.30pm. Smith said groups of people broke away from the route agreed upon by the organisers, police and the council.

"I view the ANC's non-adherence to the conditions for the march to which they agreed upon in a very serious light," Smith said.

"This will be kept in mind when future applications for marches are considered."

He added that senior traffic officers estimated the number of marchers at between 35 000 and 40 000.

He expressed his appreciation for the patience of motorists and pedestrians during the march and congratulated the police and the SA Defence Force for the way they handled the "disruptive situation".

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said the council should rather celebrate the success of the march with the organisation instead of having "petty concerns cloud what was a peaceful march". He hoped this "pettiness" would not affect future marches.

Witnesses link SAP, whites to Boipatong

By JACQUIE GOLDING

WITNESSES who claimed that the Boipatong attackers had been "dropped off" by armoured vehicles and that whites were among the attackers were brought before the Goldstone Commission by African National Congress senior counsel Arthur Chaskalson SC this week.

Meshack Theoane, a petrol attendant at the Trek petrol station on the corner of Noble and Frikkie Meyer boulevards, in Boipatong, gave evidence to the commission this week after having been in hiding since June 25, in fear of his life.

He claims to have seen security forces on the outskirts of the township on the night of the massacre. "The police were constantly looking for me and I had to leave my relatives behind because of the truth. All I want is protection," he said.

Theoane alerted police when he saw groups of armed men crossing the road towards Boipatong. Counsel for the South African Police, Phillip Hattingh SC, denied that the police had participated in or facilitated the attack. He added that they were not forewarned about the attack.

The only South African Defence Force members present at the time of the attack were those of the Vaal Commando, said Colonel Anton Mostert, who is representing the SADF.

At the second sitting yesterday, a second witness corroborated Theoane's testimony that whites were among the attackers.

Edison Themba Koti, who lives in Slovo Park, said he heard shattering noises and gunshots on the evening of June 17. He witnessed a group of black men dressed in civilian clothes and wearing white headbands, carrying traditional weapons such as spears, shields and steel pipes, interspersed with two white men dressed in "police unforms" armed with "long guns".

He added that he saw two Hippos disgorging a group of about 50 men. The black men were chanting "*usuthu*" (a Zulu war cry) while running in and out of houses smashing windows and attacking people.

Koti was at home at the time of the attack and he decided to investigate where the attackers came from. He went to the veld outside kwaMadala hostel, where he saw the groups of men returning from the township with various items such as television sets, clothes and others. "Two Hippos were slowly moving behind the group but no action was taken," he said. He then went to a friend's house, where he found that Samuel Moloi's pregnant wife had been killed.

A woman who refused to be named testified that she had seen the killing of her mother and brother. She said that among the group of men were three whites. While her mother and brother were being hacked to pieces, she heard one of their attackers say "kill those dogs", she said.

Controversy arose this week when Mostert gave Judge Richard Goldstone a blue file containing "military secrets" but refused the other committee members and counsels for the other parties access to the documents.

Despite a request by Chaskalson that they should be made available, Mostert was adamant that this will not be allowed.

He said the documents — including briefing documents reflecting SADF instructions on or before June 17 and general documents hosting secret standing orders and operational planning — were "secret and irrelevant" to the commission. Judge Goldstone said he was not "prepared to accept documents he could not make available to the rest of the commission".

"Well, that is the only basis I am prepared to give them to you," Mostert said. He said that other documents requested by Chaskalson had "gone missing".

Judge Goldstone said the police would respond to the Waddington report on the Boipatong massacre within the next few days. He added that a decision on whether a public response should flow from the report would be made after the police had released their response.

The four-person committee of the commission — which includes international assessor PN Bhagwati, a former chief justice of India — is to decide when to visit kwaMadala hostel. The hostel has been partially demolished by Iscor since the massacre.

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White men murdered my brother — witness

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RESIDENTS of the Slovo Park squatter camp yesterday told the Goldstone commission of inquiry into the Boipatong massacre they had seen white men taking part in the killing and security force vehicles "dropping off" the attackers.

An unnamed woman told the commission she watched her brother being stabbed to death by three white men wearing balaclavas. Four black men took part in the killing, she said.

She was hiding in a storage box with her nine-year-old brother and her mother less than a metre from the scene.

"My brother died in a pool of blood and they left him," she said. Her mother was spotted and stabbed to death.

Later that night men dressed in camouflage looked at the bodies, but left without asking questions. Policemen arrived in the morning to take statements. The woman said she did not want to co-operate because she did not trust the police.

The massacre of Boipatong township and squatter camp residents on the night of June 17 left 41 people dead.

Another Slovo Park resident, Edison Themba Koti, testified that he was outside his home on the night of the attack when he heard gunshots and windows shattering. He saw two white men wearing camouflage clothes, armed with "long guns", standing with three black men about 30m from his house.

"My understanding was that they were policemen. My understanding is based on the uniforms they were wearing and the long guns they were carrying," said Koti.

The six were joined by a large group of men, who attacked a neighbouring home. When Koti was spotted, a black men rushed at him with an axe and chased him into the house. Koti escaped, locking the door. When he re-emerged to check on his parents, who lived nearby, he saw a security force Hippo vehicle dropping off about 15 men. They were wearing headbands. They began to attack residents.

Koti, who hid in the veld, later saw men moving in the direction of KwaMadala Hostel, carrying television sets. They were closely followed by two Hippos.

Counsel for the Hostel Dwellers' Association, Vic Botha, said he had been instructed not to cross-examine witnesses or to present evidence but to take part in the commission as an observer.

Counsel for the ANC, Arthur Chaskelson, told the judge policemen had yesterday called at the homes of both of yesterday's witnesses, but had not found them there. Counsel for the SAP undertook to investigate the matter.

□ CHARLIE PRETZLIK reports that 94 KwaMadala Hostel residents will appear in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court on Monday in connection with the Boipatong killings. Police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said yesterday that another 16 hostel residents were arrested on Monday. One had been released. They were charged with murder and public violence.

Witness (278) tells of (CT 7/8/92) whites at massacre



VEREENIGING. — A witness told the Goldstone Commission here yesterday that she had seen white men taking part in the Boipatong massacre.

A woman, whom commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone ruled must not be identified, said she witnessed the murder of her mother and older brother by seven men, three of them white.

The 22-year-old woman told the commission she had been woken in her Slovo Park home by screaming and shouting.

She had heard men shouting in Zulu: "We are killing the dogs."

Her mother and nine-year-old brother had hidden in a storage hut in the yard, where she had joined them.

Her older brother had run from the house towards the hut.

"The men saw him and rushed at him as he reached the hut. They stabbed him there. He died in a pool of blood," she said.

At this point she had noticed that three of the seven attackers were white men wearing camouflage uniforms and balaclavas.

They had participated in the stabbing, holding assegais in one hand and "longish" guns in the other.

As the men left the scene, one of them had noticed

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her mother. Three of the men — not the white men — had returned and stabbed her mother to death.

She and her brother had returned to the house and hidden under a bed until the attack was over. (CAPE TIMES)

Three white policemen had arrived, on the scene but after looking at the bodies had left without talking to anyone. The police had returned the next morning to take statements, and the bodies had been removed about 11am.

Another witness, Mr Edison Themba Koti, said he had seen an armoured vehicle dropping off armed men in Slovo Park. (CT 7/8/92)

He had been sitting at home with a friend when he had heard shots and the sound of windows shattering. He had gone outside, where he had seen two white and three black men about 30 metres from his house.

"My understanding is that they were policemen. My understanding is based on the uniforms they were wearing and the long guns they were carrying," Mr Koti said.

When the men saw him, one of them, brandishing an axe, had chased him into his house.

Mr Koti said he had then left his house to go to his parents' home in Bapedi Street, Boipatong.

On the way he had seen a Hippo armoured vehicle dropping off about 15 armed men. Later he had seen the men returning with televisions and other loot, closely followed by two other armoured vehicles, heading towards KwaMadala hostel.

Mr Vic Botha, counsel for KwaMadala hostel residents, told the commission he had been instructed not to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses at this stage.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

Protesters sjambokked

Johannesburg Bureau

ANC members in a protest march in Wolmaransstad on Wednesday were chased and sjambokked by about seven white men, police said yesterday.

Assault charges were being investigated, police confirmed.

The regional commissioner of police in the area, Brigadier Tokkie Nienaber, said "strong action" would be taken against people who fomented racial violence.

'White men' in Boipatong attack

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The Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING. — A 22-year-old woman from Slovo Park told the Goldstone Commission into the Boipatong massacre how several men repeatedly stabbed her mother and older brother as she sat in a hiding place and watched them die.

Miss A, whose name has been withheld for her protection, said that three of the attackers who killed her brother were white men.

She said she awakened between 10 and 11pm on June 17 after hearing noise and screams from neighbours. Miss A, her mother and her younger brother left the house to hide in an outside storage box.

From inside the box she saw four black men and three white men about seven metres away. The black men were wearing white headbands, while the white men were wearing balaclavas which left part of their faces exposed, Miss A said.

She said her elder brother then left the house for the storage box, where the attackers spotted him. They stabbed him, with the black men shouting in Zulu: "We are killing these dogs."

Miss A said that from less than a metre she watched her grounded brother trying to ward off the attack.

"He died in a pool of blood", she said.

As the men were moving away, one of the black men noticed Miss A's mother lift her hand to indicate to her children to keep quiet.

He drew the attention of the other black men and the four attackers returned to kill her, Miss A said. The men then left.

Three white men in camouflage uniform later arrived. They looked at the bodies and left without speaking, Miss A said.

Another Slovo Park resident, Edison Koti, earlier testified that he saw armed white men with camouflage uniforms in the company of people attacking the township's residents and destroying their property.

"My understanding, based on the uniform they were wearing and the long guns that they carried, was that they were policemen," Mr Koti told the commission.

Mr Koti also testified that he saw a police Casspir drop off attackers next to a Boipatong church. Later, Mr Koti watched two Casspirs drive slowly behind the attackers as they were leaving Boipatong in the direction of Kwamadala hostel.

The hearing continues.

Terror erupts on East Rand

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Blasts, shooting and arson in 'no-go area'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The East Rand became a virtual no-go area as a young couple were petrol-bombed in their car near Alberton, a man was gunned down at a Vosloorus shopping centre and a limpet mine destroyed a home.

A senior police spokesman said the petrol bombing occurred about 11.45 pm yesterday as Mr Shaun Mathews, 22, of Chrisville in Johannesburg, and his girlfriend, Miss C van der Berg, 21, were driving on the N12 freeway near Alberton. As the car burst into flames, the couple jumped out and ran into the veld.

Mr Mathews fired a shot into the ground to ward off the attackers, police said. Miss Van der Berg tripped and fell, breaking her jaw.

The couple said they saw their attackers fleeing across the veld. They reported the attack to police after a motorist stopped to help them.

Miss Van der Berg was treated for her injuries.

Police went to the scene where they found the couple's car gutted. Remnants of the petrol bomb and two bricks were discovered on a seat.

About 8 pm, an ANC marshal was shot dead outside a Vosloorus shopping centre, police said. The man was known only as David and no details of his death were immediately available.

Also on the East Rand, a limpet mine exploded in a house in Katlehong about 8 pm. Nobody was injured when the SP2 mine exploded, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce.

Police warned the public yesterday not to enter Daveyton after several attacks on delivery vehicles.

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At least 48 people have been killed in political violence across the country since Monday. Police said the daily rate of unrest-related violence had tripled during the mass action campaign of the past week.

In Alexandra, where gunmen fired on choir members on Wednesday night, killing a girl and injuring 11 pupils — one of whom was reported to have died later — two off-duty municipal policemen were stoned and injured yesterday.

Police have reported that on Wednesday, when an estimated 110 000 people took part in the ANC-communist-Cosatu mass action campaign, eight people died, 26 were injured and 953 arrested.

The Human Rights Commission contradicted police claims, saying that according to its figures the death toll in the past week was 86 compared with a weekly average of more than 80 in the past five months.

Most victims, the HRC noted, had been ANC supporters. "Security force actions this week alone have accounted for 11 deaths (the highest weekly figure in a long while), 40 injuries and 639 arrests."

Police said that in the worst of 115 unrest-related incidents reported on Wednesday, a woman and a seven-year-old girl were killed and three women, two men and two children seriously injured when their homes were attacked in the Halinyaka reserve in Natal.

Also in Natal, a man was shot dead in the Makwanjaneni reserve and a man was killed and another injured when passengers in a car were attacked at Gangeslie, near Richmond.

Two people were shot dead and two houses attacked on Wednesday night in Umlazi, south of Durban.

A Fort Hare University student was also reported to have been shot dead when protesters clashed with Ciskei police at Alice on Wednesday. About 40 people were detained in the town.

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Man dies as violence hits East Rand

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Fall in, ANC tells self-defence units

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The African National Congress' self-defence units, criticised for violence, murder and intimidation of the very people they're supposed to protect, will be drilled into shape by the ANC. By **EDDIE KOCH**

THE African National Congress this week began a top-level probe into reports that self-defence units, including fighters from Umkhonto weSizwe, had run amok in various townships around the country.

"An internal commission of inquiry is sitting at this moment and taking evidence from members of rival self-defence units in the Vaal townships and will make urgent recommendations direct to Nelson Mandela about how to deal with this problem," said Tokyo Sexwale, chairman of the ANC's powerful PWV region.

Sexwale said the commission, administered by the office of ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa, would examine evidence that members of an ANC-run unit in Sebokeng was responsible for the murder of a union shop steward and other killings in the township earlier this year.

The commission will also consider strong recommendations from Chris Hani, secretary general of the South African Communist Party, about the need to impose discipline and political control over maverick elements that have taken over defence units in various parts of the country.

Hani urges that recruitment of members for these units be carried out with much more caution and that political organisations "must be seen to be punishing people who act contrary to the aims and objectives of the democratic movement and of the self-defence units".

Other proposals include:

●The need to establish political control and a clear line of command over the units. "I have heard of examples where some self-defence units have tried to exact a special tax on business people with some implied consumer boycott if they don't comply. Political organisations must curb any such tendency immediately."

●Strong action against members who use weapons to settle private disputes. *The Weekly Mail* has reported cases where former MK fighters have attacked, and killed, other activists during jealous tiffs over women.

●"Weapons in the hands of defence units must never be used to settle political differences ... even if leadership has become extremely unpopular the only way to settle political differences is through the proper democratic channels."

●The leadership of community groups must exert effective control over the units and this should include regular reports from the units and checks on the "material" they use.

●Thorough screening must take place to ensure that "lumpen elements open to manipulation" and those with a track record of militant rhetoric are excluded.

"We have seen an alarming revival of kangaroo courts and kangaroo justice and even the horrifying necklace. It is extremely important to note that the entire national liberation movement has taken a very strong stand against the barbaric method of killing by necklacing," says Hani.

"Some elements have used defence units to obstruct the police when the police have been engaged in justifiable crime prevention activities. Defence units must never be seen to be sheltering criminals."

Most of these proposals have been outlined in a recent edition of the SACP journal, *Umsebenzi*. While making frank criticisms of some self-defence units, both Hani and Sexwale believe the units cannot be disbanded.

"There can be no question that the formation of these units has contributed to saving many lives in a situation of escalating violence," said Hani.

Sexwale notes that the police have lost all credibility in most townships around the country and that residents, faced with a huge increase in violence since the unbanning of the ANC, will arm themselves to protect themselves.

"Unless we try and give them some form of direction, chaos will reign," said Sexwale.

However, provisions of the National Peace Accord — which prohibit political parties from having their own armed units — have made it difficult for the ANC to exert the amount of discipline required to control the units.

"The National Peace Accord has forced us to leave the running of self-defence units to members of the community who often lack military and political experience. This opens the situation to a number of elements who are not subject to our discipline," said Sexwale

"Ideally, the security forces should protect the people, or at least co-operate with the self-defence units in providing some kind of law and order in the townships. But with the existing police force this can never happen. Instead, they go around kicking down doors, kicking around peoples' jaws and pushing old women around."

Sexwale said that if the commission found evidence that members of the self-defence units were involved in murder and other serious crimes they would be expelled from the organisation.

Soccer 4, Stayaway 2 is the shebeen score

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By MONDLI MAKHANYA

THE talk in Soweto shebeens at the height of the stayaway early this week centred on soccer, crime and the weekend's drinking binges. Only occasionally did peace, democracy and the mass action campaign manage to squeeze into conversation.

While thousands of activists braved the winter cold to march to police stations on Monday, many Soweto residents simply stayed at home or marched in a different direction — to their favourite watering holes. Patrons started trickling into shebeens around mid-morning and by 2pm they were packed.

The flair of visiting Brazilian soccer team Flamenco dominated conversation, with everyone agreeing that even Kaizer Chiefs would have had great difficulty containing the skilful side which totally outclassed Jomo Cosmos and Amazulu.

The shebeen patrons also lamented the township's crime rate, relating tales of hijackings, shootings and stabbings.

Some customers had been "on the job" since Friday evening, continuing their drinking binge through Sunday in the knowledge that the "long weekend" would shield them from having to go to work with a hangover on Monday.

But the extended weekend was posing worries for some. As a patron at a Moletsane shebeen put it: "Some of us are paid on a weekly basis. We've been at this since Friday, we're almost broke already and this week we're only going to get paid for three days."

The prospect of losing two days' pay did not bother strikers like Tshepo, who claimed to be a "member of the struggle" who supported "anybody who strikes hard blows at the government".

"We've been doing this for many years now — it's the only way of getting rid of the oppressors," he said. "But we must just have a long one now that will get rid of them totally. Then we will never have to stay away again."

While shebeen patrons were prepared to stay away from work, many were definitely not going to support the protest marches. "I'll stay at home and lose my pay, but there's no way I'm going to toyi-toyi in the street with children. Besides, after the demands have been given to the *boers* they simply throw them in the rubbish bin. How many demands have been handed to them this year alone and what have they done?" inquired one bespectacled drinker.

An ardent unionist visiting a Jabulani shebeen chattered excitedly about the mass action campaign and vowed he would be participating in every one of the week's activities. Besides taking part in the stayaway, he planned to join Wednesday's march to the Union Buildings in Pretoria and take part in a sit-in at his workplace on Thursday and Friday.

Another enthusiastic striker w "Oupa", block chairman of the Sow to Civic Association in his area. H said he had been up since 5am mon toring railway stations — "to mak sure there was no intimidation" - and lobbying would-be strike-breal ers to stay at home. He conceded th there had been minor incidents intimidation, but attributed this to th "people's hunger for freedom". "Yo cannot teach a hungry man tab manners," he said repeatedly.

Business was better than usual f three unsavoury looking youn patrons at a Phiri shebeen who sai they made a living by hijacking deli ery vehicles in the townships. The wandered into the shebeen selling bi cuits and an assortment of canne foods, taking advantage of the fac that most township shops were shu and few hawkers could be found o the streets. Judging by the speed wit which their goods were being bough the trio had done their homework.

ANC ducks the AWB's right hook

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By ROSALEE TELELA

IT was a very uneven fight, with about 30 members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging vowing to stop at least 8 000 African National Congress marchers at the Jan Lotz Stadium in Krugersdorp, west of Johannesburg, this week.

In the centre of the ring was the United Nations referee, Hisham Omayad, while the police and members of the media took ringside seats.

The 8 000 ANC supporters gathered at the stadium outside Krugersdorp in preparation for a march to the town council as part of the nationwide mass action campaign. They intended presenting a memorandum to Minister of Local Government and local MP Leon Wessels. Watching their arrival was a small group of AWB supporters, armed with pistols and batons.

The last to arrive was the head of the UN monitoring team, Omayad, who was loudly greeted by ANC supporters cheering, ululating, and shouting slogans. He was accompanied by the PWV regional peace committee chairman, Rupert Lorimer.

Round one was about to begin. Lorimer pleaded with the 30 AWB supporters not to throw the first punch.

Inside the stadium the ANC marchers were dancing and singing. ANC Kagiso branch chairman Uhuru Mioloa said the police should not let the AWB carry "their traditional weapons".

AWB leader Colonel Henry de Beer gave an impromptu media conference — for whites only. A photographer from *The Sowetan*, Mbuzeni Zulu, was prevented from taking pictures by AWB members.

De Beer tried to go for a knockout, claiming that "the march is a provocative action ... it is totally illegal. They (the ANC) don't ask, they just take over". He threatened that "if the police don't stop this, we will".

An AWB supporter said "reinforcements" were on the way. At this point Omayad stepped in, asking De Beer to "give the police a chance to resolve the situation". He assured the AWB that the UN observers "understand their position", but added that the people of South Africa should resolve their own problems. "The United Nations is here strictly to observe," he said.

When marchers began to leave the stadium on their way to the centre of Krugersdorp, AWB members blocking the road were ordered by the police to move out of the way. Reluctantly they walked away, their fists clenched. The bout ended without a punch being thrown and the march continued, peacefully.



Onward Marching ...: Rightwingers and marchers eyeball one another after the AWB failed to stop the march Photo: KEVIN CARTER



Bleak dawn ... This man disappeared from Sebokeng hostel. His body was dumped in the street outside a few days later Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Thug shot Van Niekerk at point-blank range

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Two journalists, one The Weekly Mail's Phillip van Niekerk, were shot by car hijackers during Monday's general strike.
HUBERT MATLOU *was an eyewitness*

I WAS standing two metres away when a young car-hijacker put a gun to the head of colleague Phillip van Niekerk and fired. I spent Monday morning with Van Niekerk, political editor of *The Weekly Mail*, and Paul Taylor, of the *Washington Post*, moving from township to township, covering the start of the nationwide general strike.

The two picked me up at Baragwanath Hospital and, after visiting Dobsonville, Soweto, we drove to Orange Farm squatter settlement. Then we decided to go to the Vaal township of Sebokeng, via the quickest route — Evaton. It was about 12.30pm.

As we approached Evaton we slowed down, swerving through concrete barricades strewn across the road. These did not alarm us, as roads in the townships are usually barred during stayaways and the situation appeared calm.

The barricades narrowed the road, allowing only one vehicle at a time to pass.

We stopped to let a white Toyota Conquest coming from the opposite direction through the barrier and continued on our trip. Minutes later the Toyota raced passed us on the right and braked suddenly in front of us. There were four or five men in the car.

A man in his 20s, pistol in his hand, jumped out of the car's passenger seat and ran towards us, shouting: "Out of the car, Out of the car." Another man joined him.

We had little choice but to do as ordered. None of us said anything. None of us offered any resistance.

As Van Niekerk climbed out of our Toyota Corolla he was asked: "What are you doing in the township? Where is the money?" The two began to punch him and tore off his jacket. I watched helplessly as the assault continued.

Just when I thought that it was all over — we had given them everything we had of value — the man held the pistol to Van Niekerk's head and pulled the trigger.

Scared out of my wits, I sprinted for cover, bracing myself for a bullet to rip into my back. No bullet came. Out of the corner of my eye I saw Van Niekerk staggering towards a nearby fence.

I passed many people and dashed into the third house. I asked to use the phone. My request was met with blank stares.

Not knowing what to do, I wandered confusedly around the yard, gathering enough courage to go back to Van Niekerk.

Barely five minutes had passed when I went back. I found that Taylor had been shot in the shoulder and the car was missing.

Residents had found someone with an old Datsun and had already put the two journalists into the car. I opened the door to climb in and saw the two bleeding profusely.

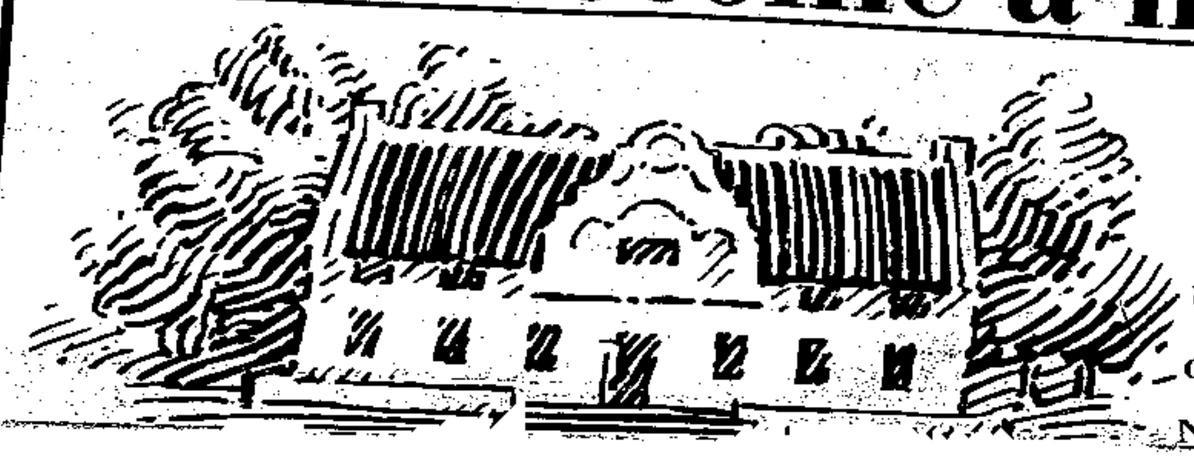
The driver of the Datsun struggled to get it going, and it finally smoked its way slowly along the main Sebokeng road, despite my pleas to the driver to accelerate.

On the way to the hospital we were met by an ambulance and the two journalists were then rushed to Sebokeng Hospital. Their condition was stabilised there before they were moved to Vereeniging Hospital where a helicopter was able to land to take them to Johannesburg.



Muzzling the pressman ... Phillip van Niekerk recovers in hospital
Photo: KEVIN CARTER

In a mere 60 years, Chateau Libertas has become a national monument.



seen in Egypt, adding to the pleasure of dinner aboard a Nile steamer.

collected a Double Gold Medal at South Africa's first National Bottled Wine Show.

SAP slow to act

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Weekly Mail Reporter

POLICE have made no attempt yet to question witnesses to the shooting this week of Phillip van Niekerk and Paul Taylor.

Van Niekerk, of *The Weekly Mail* and stringer for a number of major overseas publications, and Paul Taylor, a *Washington Post* correspondent who had been in the country for only five days, were shot by car hijackers in Evaton township while covering this week's general strike.

Van Niekerk was shot at point-blank range through the neck. The bullet entered just below one ear and passed out below his other ear. By a hair's breadth it missed his spine and artery, though it badly smashed his jaw. He underwent surgery on Wednesday to repair his jaw and will take four to six weeks to recover.

Taylor was shot in a shoulder. The bullet was removed by doctors on Monday night. Both are stable and recovering in Johannesburg clinics.

The two have received a flood of messages of comfort from around the world, including from the state president's office and the department of foreign affairs. Nelson Mandela and Cyril Ramaphosa of the African National Congress paid personal visits to Van Niekerk this week.

The police, however, have made no effort to contact the principal witness to the attack, fellow journalist Hubert Matlou, nor the two victims. They also appear not to have interviewed residents of the area who watched it happen.

The official police report of the incident placed it in the wrong township. They told the media it had happened outside the Sebokeng Zone 13 post office, when in fact it had happened at the entrance to Evaton township.

Asked about police progress on the case, General Leon Mellet, head of the division of public relations in Pretoria, was unable to answer. By late yesterday, he had not answered queries about the case.

Local representatives of the ANC and Congress of South African Trade Unions have conducted their own investigation and submitted a report to their head offices. The report, written by Cosatu organising secretary Z Vavi, says Vaal leaders of the ANC alliance "took it as their task to investigate the shooting" and said "local leadership have been doing everything in their power to trace these hooligans".

both sides detailed several incidents of
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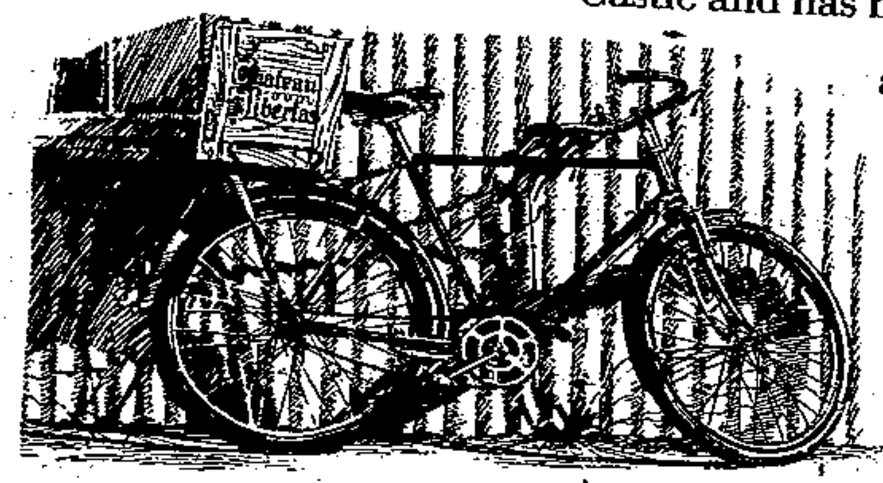

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'White men aided Boipatong killers'

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Staff Reporter

Dramatic evidence of the involvement of white men in the June 17 massacre in Boipatong, in which more than 40 people died, was heard yesterday by the Goldstone Commission sitting in Vereeniging.

A 22-year-old woman from Slovo Park gave a detailed account of an attack in which several men repeatedly stabbed her mother and older brother while she sat in a hiding place and watched them die.

Miss A, whose name has been withheld for her protection, said three of the attackers who killed her brother were white men.

She said she was wakened between 10 and 11 pm on June 17 by a lot of noise and the screams of her neighbours. Miss A, her mother and her nine-year-old brother left the house to hide in a storage hut outside.

From inside the hut she saw four black men and three white men about seven metres away. The black men were wearing white headbands, while the white men were wearing balaclavas that left part of their faces exposed, Miss A said.

She said her elder brother then left the house for the storage hut, where the attackers spotted him. They pounced on him and stabbed him, with the black men shouting in Zulu: "We are killing these dogs!"

Miss A said that from less than one metre she watched her brother on the ground trying to ward off the attack.

"My older brother died in a pool of blood," she said.

As the men were moving away, one of the black men noticed Miss A's mother lift her hand to indicate to her children to keep quiet.

He drew the attention of the other black men, and the four attackers returned to kill her, Miss A said. The men then left.

Three white men in camouflage uniform later arrived. They looked at the bodies and left without speaking, Miss A said.

Another Slovo Park resident, Edison Koti, earlier testified that he saw armed white men with camouflage uniforms in the company of people who were attacking the township's residents and destroying their property.

"My understanding, based on the uniform they were wearing and the long guns they carried, was that they were policemen," Mr Koti told the commission.

Mr Koti also testified that he saw a police Casspir drop off attackers next to a Boipatong church. Later, Mr Koti watched two Casspirs drive slowly behind the attackers as they were leaving Boipatong in the direction of KwaMadala Hostel, he said.

Counsel for KwaMadala Hostel, V Botha, said that the 90 hostel inmates arrested in connection with the 41 murders would exercise their right to remain silent and would not be giving evidence.

The hearing continues.



BROTHERS IN ARMS: All Blacks official Eddie Tong and ANC leader Nelson Mandela shake hands after talks in Johannesburg yesterday. Pic: PAT SEBOKO

Sowetan man appointed to Argus Board

Sowetan 17/8/92

■ General manager gives credit to staff:

THE general manager of *Sowetan*, Mr Rory Wilson, has been appointed to the board of Argus Newspapers.

Mr John Featherstone, chief executive of Argus Newspapers which owns *Sowetan, The Star, The Argus, The Daily News* and a number of other major South African newspapers, said: "This appointment not only recognises Wilson's major contribution, but also the importance of *Sowetan* in the Argus stable of newspapers."

Wilson said yesterday he was delighted to have been made a director.

"This is just reward for the magnificent people of *Sowetan* who have built the newspaper into the largest daily in South Africa."

Eight wounded in Alexandra shooting

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■ Shots aimed at police

Sowetan Correspondent

EIGHT people were wounded, four seriously, in a hail of bullets directed at a police vehicle in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, on Saturday night.

Since Friday at least 21 people, including seven policemen, have died in political violence countrywide. Dozens of others have been injured.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said the Alexandra shooting took place about 9pm.

A police vehicle stopped on the corner of Vasco da Gama Street and Pretoria Main Road and was fired at by unknown gunmen armed with AK-47 assault rifles, R-1 rifles and shotguns.

Weber said the police did not return fire and withdrew because their vehicle was not bullet-proof. None of the policemen were injured.

Police reinforcements later found seven men and a woman had been wounded in the shooting. They were taken to the Alexandra Clinic.

A clinic spokesman said four of the injured people were later admitted to the Tembisa Hospital, while the other four were treated and discharged from the clinic.

Earlier on Saturday, police found the bodies of two men in Alexandra. One had been hacked and stabbed and the other shot. In another attack, an unidentified man was stoned and injured.

In Soweto, an unidentified man was shot dead and another seriously injured on Saturday night when gunmen opened fire on a train between Phomolong and Dube stations.

Late on Friday, assistant Constable JZ Mtimkulu, was shot and wounded by three men at Merafe Station.

'Whites in massacre'

■ **Goldstone Commission told that armed men travelled in armoured vehicles:**

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By Ruth Bhengu

WHITE policemen took part in the attack on the residents of Boipatong on the night of June 17, witnesses told the Goldstone Commission in Vereeniging yesterday.

Two witnesses from Slovo Park, a shantytown near Boipatong, claimed that:

● Whites were involved in the massacre;

● Police were present on that night and that the attackers were dropped off from armoured vehicles. After the attack, the policemen escorted them back to KwaMadala Hostel.

Miss A told the commission how her mother and brother were stabbed to death with "spears and other weapons I cannot describe".

Three of the attackers were white, she said.

"I could see they were white because they were not standing far from where we were hiding outside our shack.

"Parts of their faces that were not covered by their balaclavas were clearly visible."

Mr Themba Koti (28) said he saw uniformed white policemen taking part in the attacks.

He had earlier seen a group of men being off-loaded from an armoured vehicle.

"The group of people were carrying TV sets and various items and were escorted by two "Hippos" as they moved towards KwaMadala Hostel, Koti said.



Thembinkosi Miya of Soweto is the latest winner of Sowetan's bumper-sticker contest. He was spotted at Mountain View garage in Phefeni. Presenting him with his R200 prize is Augustine Mlambo, who works at the garage.

UN observers calm hotheads

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The UN monitoring team has been observing this week's rolling mass action, MICHAEL SPARKS reports.

THE MONITORING team has yet to see an incident of violence or intimidation and is very pleased with the conduct of protesters during the mass action campaign, including Wednesday's march in Pretoria, according to the team leader.

Hisham Omayad believes the monitoring can be successful and achieve a great deal, even with just 10 people from the United Nations involved in the actual monitoring.

Earlier this week he said: "This is more than a public relations exercise on the part of the UN. Our 10 people have been provided with the infrastructure and support they need in all the various regions.

"If the UN had 1 000 observers without the co-operation of people on the ground, we would achieve less than we have been able to with only 10, but with the full backing of the regional peace committees," he said.

Some of the monitors have been involved in confrontational situations, but negotiations involving the peace committees, police, right-wing groups, ANC alliance members and the monitors appear to have averted a number of clashes.

One such incident happened in Krugersdorp on Tuesday when the AWB laid a charge against an illegal gathering and march to the town hall by the ANC alliance.

After much negotiating, the march went ahead, with verbal abuse and vulgar gestures by the rightwingers.

Asked whether this mediation brought into question the team's objectivity, Mr Omayad said: "We are not here as passive observers, we are interacting with all sides." Action to ensure peace did not contravene their mandate, he added.

Shola Omoreigi was also involved in a difficult situation outside the Meadowlands police station, which was surrounded by a crowd of 1 500 alliance supporters. After tense negotiations, a delegation was allowed to enter the police station to present demands.

Wits/Vaal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee co-chairman Rupert Lorimer said it was incidents like these which enabled monitors to "see the Peace Accord in action".

After his first morning of monitoring, Mr Omayad said he wanted to focus on the National Peace Accord and its implementation. "What is in (the Peace Accord) is very valuable," far more so because it was put together by South Africans, he said.

"The peace committee structures are permanent and have been effective. We are only here temporarily," he added.

Another Wits/Vaal committee co-chairman, Andre Lamprecht, gave credit to the UN group when he said: "We must recognise the significance and the international legitimacy that the UN Security Council has given to the Peace Accord and the role of the Peace Accord by sending a delegation to this country."

The monitoring group, sent by UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, is the first ever sent by the world body to monitor protest action in a country. □

'Numsa hostel dwellers face death threats'

DIRK HARTFORD

NUMSA members in Witwatersrand hostels were being threatened with death unless they resigned from the union and joined the Inkatha-aligned United Workers' Union of SA (Uwusa), a Numsa spokesman said yesterday.

Bernie Fanaroff said Zulu-speaking Numsa members at the Jeppe, Wattville and Kwesine hostels had received such threats in the past two days. He claimed men from Jeppe, Denver and George Goch hostels had been threatening striking workers.

People who witnessed a march by striking workers near Jeppe yesterday said that an armed group of alleged Inkatha supporters had confronted the marchers.

Police spokesman Col David Bruce confirmed there had been a stand-off between marchers and Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers. He said police defused the situation and there were no incidents of violence.

Fanaroff said about 200 000 Numsa members were on strike in the metal, motor manufacturing and tyre and rubber industries. Seifsa confirmed that the strike was large and growing, but was unable to provide figures on the number of strikers.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that Seifsa brought an urgent interdict against Numsa yesterday for irregularities in its strike ballot. The case continues today.

Fanaroff said Toyota was the only motor manufacturer to sustain production yesterday, the fourth day of Numsa's strike.

He said Toyota's exemption followed an agreement between it and Numsa after two recent related wildcat stoppages. Company spokesman Flip Wilken said full production had resumed on Wednesday.

Fanaroff said Numsa was due to meet auto employers on Monday. A meeting had also been planned with Seifsa.

Dave Kirby, chairman of the auto industry's employer grouping, said BMW, the Delta Motor Corporation, Samcor and Volkswagen had all halted production because of the legal strike.

New Tyre Manufacturing Industry industrial council secretary Brian Wilson said Gentyre, Tycon and Firestone had been affected by the strike.

Masked white hacked open girl's head, Goldstone told

'Child-slasher'

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■ A survivor of the Boipatong massacre told the Goldstone Commission that a white man attacked a three-year-old girl with a panga.

VEREENIGING. — A white man wearing a balaclava hacked open a three-year-old girl's head with a panga during the June 17 Boipatong massacre, a witness told the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

Mrs Florence Molefe, 39, of Slovo Park told the four-man committee hearing evidence on the massacre that she, her sister Miriam and Miriam's husband Pule Lekabe and their daughter Mita were attacked in their shack.

After Paul Lekabe ran from the shack, said Mrs Molefe, she tried to take Mita from her sister when a white man wearing a balaclava lunged at the baby's head and cut into her mother's arm.

According to a document submitted yesterday by African National Congress counsel Mr Arthur Chaskelson, the child is in hospital awaiting brain surgery.

Mrs Molefe said the white man had spoken Zulu with a "white accent" and when she called for her brother he had told her "the dog is dead". Her brother had died of stab and hack wounds. She said that another white man had been present.

Asked by Mr J J du Toit, SC, for the commission, how she knew they were white, she said she could identify white men by their larger build. And the balaclavas exposed their faces.

Mrs Molefe and her sister took Mita and fled to a rubbish dump behind the squatter camp. From there they had seen two armoured Casspirs moving north. The occupants of the vehicles had done nothing to stop the attack.

A witness who gave his name as Nthombeni said he saw a camouflaged Casspir with the identification marks "T2" on the back door escorting attackers down Bapedi Street shortly after they had attacked his home.

Mr P Hattingh, SC, for the SAP, denied this could be the case, saying the only "T2" vehicle in the area had entered the township after the attack. It was dark green and the "T2" markings had been on the side, not the back.

"I know what I saw and I abide by what I said," replied Mr Nthombeni.

Mr Meshack Theoane, a petrol attendant at a garage between Boipatong and Kwamadala hostel, said two policemen he informed of the pending attack took no action to prevent it.

Mr Edison Themba Koti, 28, said he saw men carrying loot including television sets in the direction of the Kwamadala hostel followed by two Hippos.

A Slovo Park witness, who commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone ruled could be identifed only as Ms A, said three white men armed with guns and spears and wearing balaclavas, exposing only their faces, ttok part in the murder of her brother and mother.

Mr Hattingh has categorically denied police participated in or facilitated the attack.

Mr A W Mostert, counsel for the SADF, told the commission the only SADF members in the township on the night of the attack had been members of the Vaal Commando, an active citizen unit with "limited jurisdiction". Its primary function was to guard Iscor, a national keypoint.

Evidence relating to allegations of security force participation is being heard first. Judge Goldstone said it was the most important issue as it was relevant to the national and international reputation of the SADF and SAP.

The hearing continues on Monday. — Sapa.

Massacre:

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SAP set to take steps

■ The police have admitted "mistakes" at Boipatong — and have announced steps to eliminate faults identified by a British criminologist.

PRETORIA. — The Commissioner of Police has announced 16 steps to be taken to eliminate shortcomings in the South African Police noted by British criminologist Peter Waddington in his evaluation of the police handling of the Boipatong massacre.

The steps were listed in a statement signed by Major-General W Grové on behalf of the commissioner and include the formation of an inspectorate within the internal stability division.

General Grové admitted "mistakes were made in the unexpected chaos in Boipatong" but most of the 16-page statement was spent justifying police action and repudiating the July 23 report by Dr Waddington, director of Reading University's criminal justice studies department.

Dr Waddington and two British Metropolitan Police officers were appointed by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone to evaluate the SAP response to and investigation of the slaughter of more than 40 people in Boipatong on July 17.

Dr Waddington was sharply critical of the SAP, saying it had "serious organisational problems".

In yesterday's reaction General Grové said: "Although the SAP does not agree with all the criticism in Dr Waddington's report, it has been studied with an open mind.

"The questions at issue in the report are not denied primarily because of errors of fact, but mainly because of unjustified conclusions and an over-simplification of complex situations which do not necessarily point to disfunctioning of the entire SAP."

The SAP's major point of criticism was that Dr Waddington had failed to take into account the "unique policing problems the SAP have to deal with".

General Grové also accused Dr Waddington and his team of rushing the report, which meant that unsubstantiated generalisations were based on limited information and of not always ensuring they heard both sides of all allegations.

"The application of the rule is perhaps more relevant in South Afica, where First and Third World standards are intertwined, and especially when those compiling the report are not well-acquainted with local circumstances."

Dr Waddington was also accused of not doing proper research and of failing to consider the possibility of intimidation.

Concerning criticism on securing the scene of a crime, General Grové said intimidation, the large area which had to secured, and a denial of access to the police, had been responsible.

"Dr Waddington and his team appeared rather astonished at the hampering role of the African National Congress and the Press and voiced their dissatisfaction with legal representatives who advised the residents of Boipatong not to co-operate with the SAP."

On criticism that the police had failed to take proper charge of the exhibits, General Grové said: "Circumstances prevalent at Boipatong ... prevented that guidelines in this regard could fully be applied and executed".

On allegations that police appeared to have a "more accommodating approach" towards hostel-dwellers, General Grové said these remarks could create the misconception that the SAP "deliberately discriminates against the ANC and affords preferential treatment to the Inkatha Freedom Party and hostel-dwellers".

"The alleged difference in approach by the SAP cannot summarily be ascribed to discrimination," General Grové said. He did not expand on this statement.

'White man hacked baby'

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'Casspirs escorted attackers'

VEREENIGING. — A white man wearing a balaclava hacked open the head of a three-year-old girl with a panga — critically injuring her — during the June 17 Boipatong massacre, a witness appearing before the Goldstone Commission alleged yesterday.

Mrs Florence Molefe, 39, of Slovo Park, told the four-man committee hearing evidence on the massacre that she, her sister Miriam, Miriam's husband Mr Pule Lekabe and their daughter Mita were attacked in their shack.

Mrs Molefe said she tried to take Mita from her sister when a white man wearing a balaclava had lunged at the baby, hacking open her head and cutting into her mother's arm.

According to a document submitted yesterday by ANC counsel Mr Arthur Chaskalson, the child is in hospital awaiting brain surgery.

Mrs Molefe said the white man had spoken Zulu with a "white accent" and when she called for her brother he had told her "the dog is dead". Her brother had died of stab and hack wounds.

Asked by Mr J J du Toit, SC, for the commission, how she knew they were white, she said the balaclavas exposed their white faces. She said she could also identify white men by their larger build.

Mrs Molefe and her sister took Mita and fled to a rubbish dump behind the squatter camp. From there they had seen two armoured vehicles she had identified as Casspirs moving in a northerly direction. The occupants of the vehicles had done nothing to stop the attack.

Another witness, Mr Jonas Nthombeni, 25, yesterday testified he had seen a camouflage-coloured Casspir with the identification marks "T2" on the back door escorting attackers.

Mr P Hattingh, SC, appearing for the SAP, denied this, saying the only "T2" vehicle in the area had entered the township after the attack.

A number of other witnesses have also alleged the participation of white men and the security forces in the massacre which claimed more than 40 lives.

Mr Meshack Theoane, a petrol attendant at a garage between Boipatong and the KwaMadala Hostel, alleged that two armoured vehicles, which he identified as Hippos, did nothing to prevent large groups of armed men coming from the direction of the hostel from crossing the road and heading into the township.

Two policemen whom he informed of the pending attack took no action to prevent it.

Mr Hattingh has "categorically denied" the police participated in or facilitated the attack.

● Commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone yesterday ruled that secret documents submitted to him by the SADF were irrelevant to the inquiry.

He said the documents, which were requested by Mr Chaskalson, had been carefully read by the committee. They were satisfied the documents had no direct or indirect relevance to the proceedings.

On Wednesday Mr A W Mostert, SC, for the SADF, said the documents included briefing documents reflecting SADF instructions on or before June 17.

The commission will continue hearing evidence on Monday. — Sapa

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30 killed in weekend violence

Staff Reporters and Sapa

At least 30 people have been killed in unrest-related violence across the country since Saturday, say police.

In KwaZulu alone, 20 people were killed. Umlazi, where 11 people died, was worst hit.

In Boboyi, outside Port Shepstone, a baby and an unidentified man were killed on Sunday when two gunmen threw a hand grenande into a house and opened fire.

Violence again flared in Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa on Sunday when gunmen fired on mourners, killing at least two people and injuring 15.

Early on Friday, four people were killed and at least six injured by gunmen. Three people were arrested in connection with Friday's attack.

Police said they arrested six people — five illegal immigrants and a man with an unlicensed firearm and ammunition — in a raid on Tembisa's Mandela Park squatter camp on Sunday.

Residents claim those arrested were identified by members of the "Toaster Gang" who accompanied police — a claim police deny.

Police said two people were killed and two injured when men with AK-47 rifles fired on residents in Hostel 5, Sebokeng, on Saturday night. Petunia Motsoneng (28) died in Sebokeng Hospital with bullet wounds.

Yesterday the regional commissioner of police in Soweto, Major-General Kobus Malan, appealed to residents carrying firearms to apply to his office for a permit.

Since promulgation on August 3 of laws prohibiting the carrying of firearms without a permit, nobody had applied for one.

● The PAC's West Rand branch yesterday offered to mediate at "branch-level" between fighting ANC and IFP groups in the region

White man hacked child, probe told

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PHILIP ZOIO

VEREENIGING — A 39-year-old woman from Slovo Park yesterday told the Goldstone Commission inquiry on the Boipatong massacre that during the attack a white man wearing a balaclava hacked her three-year-old niece's head open with a panga.

According to an ANC document submitted to the commission on Wednesday, the child is now in hospital waiting to undergo brain surgery.

Florence Molete told the commission that she was about to go to bed at about 10 pm on June 17 when she heard loud noises outside her shack. She looked outside and saw a large group of men attacking a neighbouring property.

Shortly afterwards, her kitchen door and bedroom windows were smashed. A black man, wearing a white headband and carrying a spear, came inside and said in Zulu: "Get out, you dogs."

He was joined by men who began to hit and kick Molete. Another group broke the shack from behind. Molete said her brother-in-law, Pule Lekabe, was stabbed as he fled through that opening. He died outside the shack.

Molete said attackers continued to assault her, her sister Miriam, and Miriam's daughter Mita. The white man then "hacked Mita's head open", she said.

After shouting for Pule, Molete heard someone say in Zulu with a "white" accent: "The dog is dead."

She then looked through the kitchen door and saw another white man wearing a balaclava standing at the doorway. He was carrying a "long gun".

Shortly after the attackers left, Molete, her sister and her niece hid in a rubbish dump behind the township from where she saw two Casspir armoured vehicles close to where other attackers were breaking windows and destroying houses.

Earlier, Boipatong resident Joseph Nthombeni testified that he saw a camouflage-coloured Casspir slowly following men who were breaking down doors and smashing windows of houses on his street.

Shields

The attackers, wearing headbands and carrying shields and other weapons, had just passed his house and tried to break down his door, he said.

Nthombeni said he noticed the Casspir had a white "T2" marking on its back doors. He said that three days later he saw a Casspir, with the same marking and colour, near the Boipatong shops.

Counsel for the police, advocate P Hattingh, said a plain-coloured Casspir, marked "T2" in orange and commanded by a Sergeant Schlebusch, had gone to Boipatong on June 17 after receiving reports of violence there. The Casspir had not been present during the attack, he said.

Hattingh earlier denied any police involvement in the massacre.

The hearing continues on Monday.

The good, the bad and the ugly

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UN OBSERVER Hisham Omayad was as pleased to be where he was this week as one of South Africa's highest-ranking black policeman was pained, writes JOHN CARLIN.

COLONEL Simon Tshabalala, one of South Africa's highest-ranking black policemen, did not look a happy man.

A portly figure in a blue uniform, he stood in the middle of a dusty little football stadium in Daveyton with some 2 000 ANC supporters in the stands baying at him to go away. Dolefully, for the benefit of four foreign reporters gathered around him, he offered a polite translation of the crowd's chanting.

"You ugly thing, Tshabalala, we're going to kill you tonight! You ugly thing, we're going to cut off your private parts!"

"They do it all the time," he said. "They call my home at night. They speak to my wife. They abuse us. They threaten us."

Poor Tshabalala was only doing his duty. The chief of the 10-strong United Nations observer mission in South Africa, Hisham Omayad, had arrived on his first visit to a black township, monitoring one of the potential trouble-spots during day one of the general strike. The colonel had been instructed to look after Omayad's safety.

Omayad, a Ghanaian who is the UN's director of political affairs in New York, was as delighted to be where he was as Tshabalala was pained.

Which was perhaps partly because the crowd, mostly local youths, celebrated his arrival as much as they condemned the colonel's.

It was an eye-opener for the UN envoy. He said he was surprised to see such pro-ANC fervour in a relatively unknown township, having imagined that activism



HISHAM OMAYAD: Scored notable success in defusing tension.

of this sort was confined to Soweto.

Upon arrival in Daveyton at midday, Omayad, who was escorted by Democratic Party MP Rupert Lorimer, was met by two local ANC officials and two police colonels, one of them Tshabalala. The initial exchanges were cordial enough. But then Cindi Mbikwa, the local ANC chairman, raised the issue of a shooting last Sunday afternoon.

As Mbikwa saw it, what happened was that an elderly man — an ANC supporter — riding with three others in a truck was killed by a bullet through the windscreen.

The SAP version was that the dead man had tried to stab a policeman with a spear and the policeman had killed him in self-defence.

This, Mbikwa muttered, was "nonsense". But he bit his lip and dropped the subject.

A loud, sharp noise suddenly rang out a few hundred metres away, prompting Lorimer to ask: "Was that a shot?"

Without missing a beat, Mbikwa replied: "This is Beirut. We're used to it." And then proceeded to his next point.

An ANC march on Sunday, he said, had been trailed menacingly by Casspir armoured vehicles. "The Casspirs were provocative," Mbikwa said. "The Casspirs were protective," said a Colonel Last, the second colonel.

And so it went on, with gathering heat.

Then it was on to the stadium. The people in the crowd — some carrying "De Klerk: Wanted for murder" posters — were angry. And not only on account of their local colonels' presence.

They had written to the police three weeks earlier asking permission to hold a march to the police station that day but had been refused.

This was where Omayad scored his mission's first tangible success. With the help of Lorimer he secured permission from the officers in attendance for the march to go ahead.

Further defusing the situation, Omayad's mediation secured the removal — to jubilation — of Tshabalala from the stadium.

The march itself passed off without incident and Omayad ended his first day in South Africa's killing fields with a sense of a worthwhile job well done. "This is far better," he observed, "than sitting in New York reading The New York Times." — The Independent.

Licensed to kill?



TOO LATE ... Ratanda residents and police stand over the body of a man shot by hostel dwellers in the Heidelberg township on Tuesday. ■ **Pic: TLADI KHUELE**

By MOSES MAMAILA

ARE hostel dwellers licensed to kill?

A funeralgoer asked me this question after we witnessed a brutal attack which left three mourners dead at Ratanda, Heidelberg.

The attack on Tuesday was launched by hostel dwellers in full view of police – who, besides assisting the attackers by firing teargas at mourners, did nothing to prevent the killings.

It took place as mourners were on their way to bury three residents allegely killed by Inkatha supporters based at the hostel.

Expecting trouble, police had guarded the hostel entrance, but hopes of protection were dashed as hostel dwellers marched out of the hostel, unhindered by policemen at the gate, and attacked mourners.

As hostel dwellers attacked mourners with pangas, sticks and guns, police fired tearsmoke at the terrified and fleeing mourners – but the attackers were never disturbed in their combat.

Displaying military skills, a member of the hostel mob opened his coat and removed a rifle, which looked like an R4, and sprayed the defenceless mourners with bullets.

After the military-style action members of the mob returned to the hostel.

Again they passed by the police who were at the gate, but no attempt was made to try and stop them. Even the gunman and his rifle entered the hostel safely.

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Reporters watch as cops ignore killings (278)

One of the victims, a man, died instantly. Two other people died later at the hospital. Witnesses saw at least five injured.

Although City Press reporters witnessed the incident, police at the scene denied they had done nothing to prevent the attack, saying they had "driven through" the group of hostel dwellers.

"We were a bit late to respond, but we did intervene," said W/O H Boshoff.

Asked why police had fired tearsmoke at the mourners, who were running away, and not at the attackers, Boshoff said "the wind was blowing in that direction".

He refused to answer further queries, saying that there was no time for questions.

Following the attack residents told City Press that for the first time their long-held belief that police colluded with Inkatha had been confirmed in broad daylight.

"Hostel dwellers are indeed above the law," commented one man, saying that if the gunman had been an ANC member, police would have shot him dead on the spot.

COWARDLY KILLER

'Gang hit kids instead of ANC'

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

WEAKLINGS! Evil dogs! Cowardly chorister killers!

These were some of the township curses hurled at a pack of gunmen who mercilessly mowed down 13 gospel choristers, killing two of them, in Alexandra in Johannesburg on Wednesday.

"How they will live with themselves after this is their own affair. I hope their guilt eats them inside like a cancer every time they look at their own children!" said one embittered resident.

In classic shoot-first-ask-questions-later style, the murderers may have mistaken the choristers for ANC supporters returning from the Pretoria march.

Thabo Morutsi, chairman of the Alex Action Committee and executive member of the Congress of SA Students (Cosas), said the attackers had probably targeted ANC supporters who were returning from the rally which was addressed by ANC president Nelson Mandela at the Union Buildings.

The choristers of Emmanuel and Alexduma Gospel choirs were shot as they were entering Morutsi's yard at house number 4, Second Avenue.

They had come to pass their condolences to the Morutsi family for the death of their daughter who had died from natural causes a week earlier.

Morutsi alleged that the assailants were Inkatha Freedom Party supporters who lived in shacks nearby. He said they had been looking for him since December last year.

Morutsi said although his home was not in Beirut – the name for an IFP stronghold in the township – there was a strong presence of IFP supporters in his neighbourhood.

The Wednesday attack was the second such incident in two days in Alexandra. On Tuesday night a man was killed and another wounded in two separate shootings in the same area.

Angry local residents staged an impromptu march to the local council offices on Thursday to present the authorities with a memorandum demanding the immediate demolition of Madala Hostel which they alleged was a "sanctuary for bloodthirsty murderers".

Two months ago township residents breathed a collective sigh of relief when the security forces moved in and restored an uneasy peace after the government had declared the township an unrest area.

However, soon after the security forces pulled out, violence flared again.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Eugène Opperman said two men had been detained for questioning in connection with Wednesday's shooting.

MOON IN BOIPATONG

MASSACRE UNDER THE

JUNE 17 this year was a cloudless night with a clear sky over Boipatong. There was a light wind and the moon — full two days earlier — rose at 7.30pm. It was at its brightest at 11pm, shining on a community experiencing unimaginable horror.

The Goldstone commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation has heard evidence since Wednesday this week from five witnesses about the events that led to the brutal deaths of 45 people.

The commission findings will be, as the police statement to the commission noted, "a matter of national and international importance".

Twenty-four of the 39 people who died on the night of the massacre were women and children.

The committee is initially focusing on the role of the security forces in the massacre. The hearings are in the Vereeniging mayoral chambers.

The massacre that led to the breakdown of the negotiation process has attracted no senior ANC observers.

Evidence so far makes it possible to construct the following sequence of events.

7.10pm: An SAP patrol is attacked with petrol bombs.

8pm: Two camouflaged Casspirs are seen in Majola Street.

JUST BEFORE 9pm: Around 900 people are seen near Kwamadala hostel.

9pm: Jonas Ntombeni, a Boipatong carpenter, walks home with a friend. At Uniepark Motors on Frikkie Meyer Boulevard, Meshack Theoane, a petrol attendant, begins work.

9.30pm: Theoane sees about 400 men cross Frikkie Meyer Boulevard, which separates Boipatong from Kwamadala. Two Hippos parked near the soccer grounds at Boipatong do not react as the men move past.

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9.55pm: The movement of this large force is reported to the Vanderbijlpark police station by a motorist.

JUST BEFORE 10pm: Mr Ntombeni puts the TV on. He hears gunfire outside and, investigating, sees about 50 men moving up Bapedi Street towards Slovo Park. He switches off the lights, but his house is attacked.

When things quieten down, he ventures outside and sees a Casspir with its lights off, and the white letters T2 on its back doors. In front of it is a large group of men.

Flip Hattingh, for the police, claimed a dark green Casspir — with the radio call sign T2 stencilled on it in orange on the front right-hand-side of the vehicle — was in the area that night. But he denied it accompanied attackers.

Just before 10pm: Edison Themba Koti hears windows breaking. He goes outside and sees two whites wearing camouflage uniforms "with long guns", and three black men with spears, pangas and white headbands standing near his home in Slovo Park. He hears gunshots. His neighbour's home is attacked.

He says a white man notices him. He runs into his house which is then attacked. Afterwards he goes into the street and sees a Casspir drop off 15 men with white headbands in Bapedi Street.

During this period three white men and four black men attack the home of Miss A. She and her nine-year-old brother and mother hide in a storage box outside and see the men shoot at her brother three times, then hack and stab him to death. Her mother is then noticed and is murdered.

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Some hours later, she said, three policemen dressed in camouflage came to the shack, looked at the bodies which were by then covered with blankets and left without saying a word to anyone. The police denied any visit at this time.

10pm to 10.10pm: Ten telephonic complaints are recorded by police of shooting, damage to property and assaults in Boipatong.

10.04pm: The alarm at Uniepark motors is activated by Meshack Theoane.

10.14pm: Two policemen in a yellow van arrive at the garage. Theoane tells them what he has seen, they say nothing and drive away. Police counsel Flip Hattingh denies this ever happened.

10.25pm: Police say they respond to a call from 761 Lekoa Street, Boipatong.

11pm: A group of black and white men break into the shack of Florence Molete. As she tries to grab three-year-old Mita, her niece, a white man wearing a balaclava hacks the child's head open. Her brother-in-law Pule Lekabe is killed outside.

She takes the child (now suffering from brain damage) to a neighbour and runs to find a phone to call an ambulance, but sees another group of men coming up Mokoena Street. She runs back and finds her sister has fled with the child to the rubbish dumps above the community. She joins her there and, looking down, sees two Casspirs with their lights on travelling down Sekhukhune Street while a large group of men move, unhindered, down Bakwena Street.

11.39 Police say the Uniepark Motors alarm is activated again. Mr Theoane denies this.

MARCHING TO PRETORIA



STRENGTH IN NUMBERS ... Marchers move through the centre of Johannesburg this week on their way to John Vorster Square police headquarters. ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

By SEKOLA SELLO

THE massive two-day work stayaway is now behind us and the major protagonists are all claiming victories of sorts.

The ANC-led alliance claims that the estimated four million workers who heeded the stayaway call voted with their feet to endorse calls for "peace and democracy".

Big business says the campaign inflicted minimal damage on them – thanks to the contingency measures they took in advance.

And Pretoria has tried to create the impression that intimidation, more than anything else, led to the massive stayaway.

Whatever the reasons for the stayaway and whatever effects it had on the economy, the real task facing key players is how to avoid a repeat of this costly exercise.

Employer organisations such as Saccola, Seifsa and the AHI seem to be moving closer to a more sound working relationship with Cosatu.

Despite occasional angry outbursts from these employer bodies, there is no doubt the strike has laid a foundation for future negotiations.

However, it is relations between the government and the ANC that are still problematic.

While ANC leader Nelson Mandela and State President FW de Klerk are talking about the need to resume negotiations, they seem to be talking about a different animal.

When the euphoria is over and emotions have cooled – hopefully pretty soon – all will realise the futility of confrontation politics.

After all, there were no victors in this clash.



DEMANDS ... Marchers hand a memorandum to police at John Vorster Square during week's mass-action campaign. ■ Pic: EVANS MBO

COMMENT



FINAL PUSH ... Tens of thousands of ANC supporters marched through Pretoria this week, voting with their feet to endorse calls for peace and democracy at the Union Buildings, the seat of the government's executive power.

■ Pic: THULANI SITHOLE



TRADITIONAL WEAPONS? ... Two Manenburg residents at the ready during a tense mom during this week's mass-action campaign in the Cape.

■ Pic: FANIE JA



EERIE SITE . . . All that remains after after eight alleged gangsters were burned alive by crazed Orange Farm residents. ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

Tearing at heart of killer 'Farm'

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By STAN MHLONGO

ENRAGED Orange Farm residents had no qualms this week about putting to death – in the most brutal fashion – eight suspected mobsters.

The eight were set upon in a moment of mass fury, stabbed, beaten and – in an act of utter finality – hurled into a shack and burnt.

No tear was shed. Instead, residents ran about the streets laughing, singing and chanting "Good riddance!" – as if the killing had, in a mind-blowing instant, amputated a foul and festering limb from the soul of the community.

"They had it coming," Joshua Mazibuko explained to me.

Another resident agreed, saying the eight were Robin Hood-type bandits turned ruthless criminals.

The police have drawn a link between the internecine killing and regular politically-motivated massacres – such as in Boipatong and Sharpville. But township commentators see no such link.

There's no doubt in the mind of the community that these men were feared thugs who fed off the people, raping maidens, murdering and robbing the defenceless, and generally heaping pain upon apartheid-engineered suffering.

Nonetheless, as the crowds rejoiced before the crackling funeral pyre, there were some who did not share the feeling. They were the dazed and numbed witnesses to a deeply disturbing spectacle.

Other battered communities in the world may have their own unique expression of this kind of implosion, but for many the crowning horror was that this was self-inflicted black mutilation.

Police were quick to detect signs of witchcraft. Lieut-Col Dave Bruce said genitals had been severed from one of the corpses.

But, Bruce agrees with the view that this might have been a revenge attack on "criminal elements".

If so, then police are responsible for having failed to stop them.

However, this reporter was left with the feeling that wielding the executioner's blade has not left the people's "judges" untainted.

Witnesses throw new light on massacre

WHITE PAN-GA-NEW

By SOPHIE TEMA

CLEAR visibility and moonlight enabled a Slovo Park woman to identify a white man who participated in the Boipatong massacre.

Florence Molete, 39, who gave evidence before the Goldstone Commission in Vereeniging, said she realised that a man who had covered his face with a balaclava and had stabbed her brother-in-law Pule Lekaba, was white.

She said she became aware of his race after he spoke to her in Zulu with a "white" accent and then she also noticed that his face was exposed.

Molete was the third witness to allege in her testimony that whites had participated in the killing of residents in Slovo Park and Boipatong on June 17.

Earlier in the week a young woman, whom commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone ruled could not be identified, gave a heart-rending account of how she and her younger brother witnessed the murder of her mother and older brother by a group of seven men – four blacks and three whites.

The woman, who was identified as Miss A, told the commission on the night of June 17 that she heard men shouting in Zulu "Bulalani lezi zinja" (Kill these dogs).

Her mother then told them that the Zulus were attacking.

Her mother and nine year-old brother ran into a storage box which was opened on the one side and covered with wire-mesh on the other.

'He was standing in the door with a gun in his hand and I took note of his white skin'

She followed her mother to the box and later her older brother followed with his wife.

The men saw him and followed him to the box where they stabbed him several times with a spear, leaving him dead in a pool of blood.

At this point Miss A noticed that three of the seven men were whites dressed in camouflage and wore balaclavas which exposed their faces.

As the man left, one of them noticed her mother in the box.

Three of them returned and stabbed her mother to death. She and her younger brother managed to escape and hid under a bed in their house until the attack was over.

In her evidence Molete said although Slovo Park is not electrified, clear visibility, moonlight and a candle burning in her shack enabled her to see the two men clearly.

Molete said she was home with her sister, her brother-in-law and her sister's three-year-old daughter, Midah. They were all preparing to go to bed when they heard a noise in the street.

"I peeped through a hole in my shack when I saw a large crowd of people – all of them men – armed with weapons and breaking a neighbour's shack. Suddenly I heard heavy bangs on my door and the breaking of glass in my bedroom.

"The door of my shack broke down and a man carrying a spear walked in and said in Zulu "Phumani zinja" (Come out you dogs).

He was followed by other men and one of them stabbed her brother-in-law who managed to escape through an opening in the shack caused by the attackers.

"During the assault a man hacked Midah's head open with a panga and injured my mother's arm. I then called my brother-in-law Pule, and someone from outside replied in Zulu with a white accent "Ifile inja" (The dog is dead).

"I paid particular attention to his accent and noticed that he was standing in the kitchen door with a gun in his hand and wearing a balaclava but his eyes and mouth were exposed and I also took note of his white complexion."

After the men left, Molete said she hid at a dump site and from there she could see two casspirs moving into Sekhukhuni Street.

The commission proceeds tomorrow.

South Africa faces fatal wave of crime by 2010, experts warn

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — If crime continues to escalate at its present rate, South Africa will be swamped by a staggering 2,1 to 2,5 million serious offences a year by 2010.

So says criminologist Dr Lorraine Glanz of the Unit for Crime and Related Studies at the Human Sciences Research Council. She addressed criminology experts here to study ways of turning the crime tide in a new South Africa.

Two themes emerged repeatedly: A political solution is urgently required and relations between the SAP and township communities must be radically improved.

The results of a survey on crime in Alexandra township, conducted by the University of the Witwatersrand's Centre for the Study of Violence, illustrated the magnitude of community distrust of the police. A huge 94 percent of Alex respondents alleged that police were involved in political and other criminal violence.

However, the problem of crime and violence in South Africa clearly has numerous other tentacles, some less obvious.

According to Professor C B Naude of the Criminology Department of the University of South Africa, very few South Africans have a true understanding of democracy — largely because so many black people have had no political rights, are socially isolated and economically abused in many ways.

The poor state of the economy, and subsequent urbanisation, means thousands of oppressed people were enmeshed in an impersonal urban environment, feeling socially isolated and helpless — therefore transferring their hostility and anger to visible targets, often in an irrational manner.

The Centre for the Study of Violence has also discovered that criminals have exploited the gap left open by the SAP's involvement in political conflict and commit crimes under the guise of political violence.

Spiralling unemployment is yet another factor in the crime rate.

In the face of this, it became clear at the conference that the SAP feels swamped. SAP Major-General J F Calitz said expansion of the SAP would have to be accelerated to a ratio of police to population higher than that for international standards.

He warned, however, that complete prevention of crime would require such a high degree of authority that the principle of democratic freedom would be jeopardised.

But he agreed that obtaining and maintaining the involvement of the community as an absolute pre-requisite for effective pro-active policing.

Connected to the need to improve relations between communities and the keepers of law and order was the need to streamline the judicial system, according to legal experts who attended the conference.

The critical overcrowding of prisons and huge cost of maintaining prisoners required alternative, community-based sentencing to be carefully looked at. Alternatives to the costly and time consuming prosecution procedure also needed attention.

Professor Anthony Middleton of the Department of Criminal and Procedural Law at the University of SA, felt strongly that fines for crimes deserving less than six years imprisonment should be introduced — based on the Dutch legal system. This would provide prosecutors with cheaper and quicker alternatives.

(South Africa has one of the highest per capita rates of imprisonment in the world.)

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7 die in Vaal violence

One victim torched in dustbin

The Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — At least seven people were killed in political violence in Transvaal townships, police reported.

Spokesman Major Henriette Bester said two murders took place in Alexandra township, north-east of Johannesburg.

Police also reported that two men were killed on the East Rand, one near Heidelberg, south-east of Johannesburg and two others near Secunda in the eastern Transvaal.

In Alexandra one of the victims — an unidentified man — was forced into a plastic dustbin and set on fire, while another died after being assaulted with a spade.

Yesterday, police found a 60mm mortar launcher, an AK47 magazine and several petrol bombs ready for use in the township.

The discovery was made by members of the Internal Stability Unit who conducted house-to-house searches in Alexandra, Phola Park, Mandela Park and in Vaal Triangle townships at the weekend as part of the joint police-SADF "peace and stabilisation" operation launched by the government 10 days ago.

In Phola Park a suspect in possession of a stolen M-Net decoder was arrested during the operation. Major Bester said the police were receiving "full co-operation" from residents.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said violence and crime had declined by 47 percent in the township since July 1.

There had been a further decline since the launch of the police-SADF operation, Colonel Halgryn said.

In the only violence reported in Soweto at the weekend, a municipal police hut was damaged in a grenade attack in Central Western Jabavu on Friday night. No-one was injured.

On Saturday morning inmates of the Jabulani hostel found a limpet mine in one of the hostel's rooms. Police were called in and defused the device, Colonel Halgryn said.

In Vosloorus on the East Rand, where a man was arrested for possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition, the body of a man was found with multiple head wounds.

In nearby Katlehong, police found the body of a man who had been repeatedly shot.

On Saturday the body of an unidentified man was found in Ratanda, Heidelberg. He had hack wounds on his head.

In their countrywide unrest report for the 24-hour period ending at midnight on Saturday, police said at Thandanani, near Secunda, two men were murdered and several others seriously injured when striking workers allegedly attacked people who did not want to participate in a strike.

In other violence mentioned in the report:

- Several shots were fired at a police patrol vehicle which was ambushed early on Saturday in Evaton, near Vereeniging. Nobody was injured and no serious damage caused. The attackers fled when police retaliated.
- In Botshabelo, outside Bloemfontein, three houses owned by Provincial Administration workers were extensively damaged by petrol bombs. Two nurses returning home after work was forced out of their vehicle which was then set alight. The vehicle was destroyed.

The nurses had not participated in the Nehawu strike, the report said.

- A man was wounded and arrested following a shoot-out with the police in Maritzburg after the funeral of Midlands' ANC regional organiser Mandla Zeblon Hadebe on Saturday.



Picture: WILLIE de KLERK, The Argus.

CHEERS TO SCHNAPPS! It was third time lucky for Mrs Elizabeth Hennig of Bloubergrand when her eight-month-old red cameo Persian kitten, Anesia Douglas Furrbank (better known as Schnapps), won the Best Kitten on Show prize. Schnapps was one of more than 200 cats at the All Breeds Cat Club's show at the Sea Point Civic Centre.

ANC won't talk until demands met says Winnie

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MARITZBURG. — The ANC will not return to negotiations until the government has met all 14 demands made at the time of the organisation's withdrawal from Codesa, ANC national executive committee member Mrs Winnie Mandela told thousands of mourners at an Umkhonto we Sizwe funeral in Sobantu, near Maritzburg, at the weekend.

Mrs Mandela and SA Communist Party secretary-general Mr Chris Hani were speaking on Saturday at the funeral of MK commanders Mr Mandla Ni Hadebe of Sobantu and Mr Bhi Xaba of Imbali, who were both allegedly killed by gangsters known as Amaqola in Imbali last week.

Mrs Mandela, who was given a thunderous welcome by the crowd, said ANC leaders would only resume talks once all 14 demands had been met.

"Therefore, let us not hear the ramblings we are hearing now that we are about to talk, because that will not happen."

She said fewer people died when "we engaged the State openly in the townships in 1976. Since we decided to talk to them, 11 000 have been killed.

"The Boers understand one language. When we talk to them, they kill us, when we fight them, they listen."

Guns blazed around the stadium when MK members greeted Mr Hani as he rose to speak.

He said there would be no negotiations "while the State wages a low-intensity war against people using hit-squads, criminal elements and other surrogates". — Sapa.

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Seven killed in unrest (278)

AT LEAST seven people were killed in political violence in Transvaal townships at the weekend, police said yesterday.

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Police also reported that two men were killed on the East Rand, one near Heidelberg and two others near Secunda.

Police also confiscated a 60mm mortar launcher, an AK-47 magazine and several petrol bombs during house-to-house searches in several townships on the Reef.

In Soweto on Saturday, inmates at the Jabulani Hostel found a limpet mine in one of the hostel's rooms. Police were called in and defused the device.

Boipatong: 'Security forces were there'

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VEREENIGING. — Two witnesses appearing before the Goldstone Commission yesterday testified that SA Defence Force and SA Police members had been in Boipatong during the June 17 massacre which claimed more than 40 lives.

A witness who Mr Justice Richard Goldstone ruled could only be identified as Ms B, told the four-man committee that her house in the township had been attacked by about 200 armed men. The attackers were unable to enter the house because of burglar-proofing. There had been gunshots nearby, she said.

When Ms B had looked out of a back window, she had seen about 200 men wearing white headbands.

She said a security force Casspir had been parked nearby with its lights shining in the direction of her house.

Another witness, Mr Ishmael Mahasella, told the commission he and fellow workers from the Cape Gate Factory had been fired on in the township by a group of about 200 men.

A SADF vehicle had passing them and they had stopped it. "We asked them to accompany us into the township. They said their vehicle was not bullet-proof but they promised to try to stop the shooting."

However, the vehicle then headed towards KwaMadala Hostel, not the township. It returned accompanied by an SADF armoured vehicle.

The driver of the armoured vehicle told the workers nothing was going on in the township, but they could hear gunshots.

● Yesterday 82 residents of KwaMadala Hostel appeared in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court on charges of public violence and murder in connection with the massacre. They were not asked to plead and were remanded until August 28. — Sapa

R39m plan to protect rail users

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JOHANNESBURG. — A sophisticated communications system on trains, linking drivers, conductors and security centres, is part of a R38,75 million scheme to protect rail commuters.

This was disclosed yesterday by the managing director of the South African Rail Commuters Corporation, Mr Wynand Burger.

He also said that R2m would be spent to upgrade exit and access points at Cape Town station.

On train security, Mr Burger announced several plans:

● R7m would be spent on on-board public address systems as well as communication systems at stations.

● A security force to protect commuters on suburban trains would be established at stations and on trains in the Southern Transvaal early next year.

● The number of Spoornet security officials would be increased from 377 to 741 countrywide at a cost of R19m.

● SAP officers deployed on stations and trains would soon be appointed "authorised officers" by the SARCC to control access to stations.

● SAP facilities at stations would be improved at a cost of R25m countrywide.

● Facilities for "searching purposes" at 168 stations in the Southern Transvaal region would be provided at an estimated cost of R4m.

Mr Burger said the SARCC was also researching the viability of on-board closed circuit television cameras and the installation of walk-through search apparatus.

The "rail guard" follows the Goldstone Commission's recommendations on curtailing train violence.

Mr Burger told a news conference the guards would collaborate with the SAP and the communities they served.

"It is evident that the most effective policing system alone will not totally eradicate crime and violence .... Negotiations are presently being conducted with a community-based organisation to assist the SARCC in establishing a rail guard."



tion public relations officer Connie Nkosi and MD Wynand Burger at a news briefing to nd train violence yesterday.

Picture: BRIAN HENDLER

Security forces 'were alerted to Boipatong'

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE security forces had been alerted to the attack on Boipatong on the night of June 17 but had failed to respond, a resident told the Goldstone commission in Vereeniging yesterday. 11/8/92

Ishmael Mahasella said he and his coworkers had alerted the police to what was happening in the township.

Mahasella told the commission they were on their way home from the factory at about 10pm when they were shot at by a group of men wearing white headbands. The workers ran back to the factory.

He said the workers had stopped an SADF vehicle to ask for help, but the six occupants said their vehicle was not bullet-proof. One of the workers who had been injured during the attack told the SADF members what was happening in the township, and asked them to help him find his wife. His wife was later found dead.

When an armed SADF vehicle arrived minutes later the driver, a Mr Pienaar, told the workers there was nothing going on in the township, despite the fact that shots could be heard while they talked.

The Buffel then escorted the factory's white employees out of the area.

Later, when the workers entered the township together with two ambulances, policemen armed with rifles tried to prevent them from entering a house in which two children had been killed, Mahasella alleged.

Another witness, who did not want her name disclosed, said she was woken by the sounds of breaking glass and heard a group of men trying to kick in her front door.

The woman alleged she heard automatic gunfire and then looked out her window to see a Casspir moving down the street.

STEPHANE BOTHMA reports 82 Kwa-Madala hostel residents allegedly responsible for the Boipatong massacre were refused bail by a Vanderbijlpark magistrate yesterday.

They face charges of murder and public violence.

Magistrate GJ Reynders did not ask them to plead, but refused an application for bail. The matter was postponed to August 28 for trial.

Work begins soon to make trains safer

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RAY HARTLEY

WORK to make urban trains and stations safer — following Goldstone commission recommendations — would begin soon, the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation said.

Corporation MD Wynand Burger told a news briefing yesterday they had consulted community groups, including the Soweto Civic Association, about introducing a rail guard corps acceptable to the community. It would be operational by the end of the year.

There had been delays in upgrading stations due to unexpected problems concerning water and sewerage systems and the procurement of additional land, but he gave an assurance this would now proceed speedily.

He said the rail guard, which would receive proper police training and wear a distinctive uniform, would initially be limited to the southern Transvaal region, but would be extended to the rest of the country later.

As much as R200m would be spent on the guard in the next financial year.

Metro Services senior GM Koos Meyer said about R2,765bn would be spent on train security nationwide by the year 2000, if next year's R250m budget was escalated by 15% annually to compensate for inflation.

Burger said the SARCC was asking government for an extra R88m this financial year to speed up the process, and commuter fare increases to cope with increased expenditure on security and inflation were being considered.

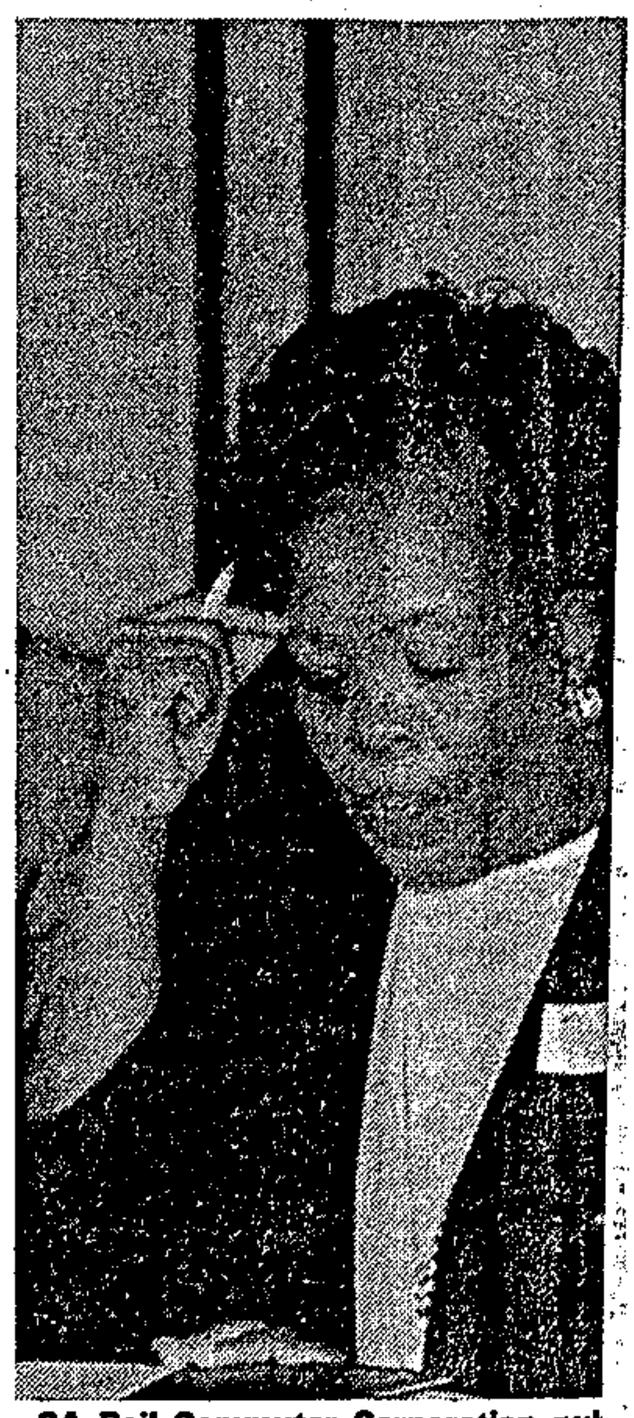
Electronic surveillance equipment was being investigated for train compartments and the entrances and exits of stations.

Train coaches would be made safer by altering windows and doors to make it impossible to throw a person off a moving train and fireproof seating was being investigated.

The provision of interleading doors between carriages — as recommended by the Goldstone commission — was being investigated, he added.

Sapa reports Burger said a lot of progress had been made on the remaining Goldstone commission recommendations. These were:

- ☐ The number of Spoornet security officials would be increased from 377 to 741 countrywide;
- ☐ SAP officers deployed on stations and trains would soon be appointed "authorised officers" by the corporation to control access to stations. Policemen and Spoornet security personnel are already empowered to conduct searches; and
- ☐ SAP facilities at stations would be improved countrywide.
- ☐ R11m had been allocated for on-board communication systems between train drivers and controllers as well as security centres;
- ☐ A further R7m had been set aside for on-board public address systems as well as communication systems at stations; and
- ☐ Burger said the corporation was also researching the viability of walk-through search apparatus.



SA Rail Commuter Corporation pub announce further steps to end trai

New push for peace summit

WILSON ZWANE

THE national peace committee meets in Johannesburg today in an attempt to remove obstacles to a summit between President F W de Klerk, ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

UN observers Hisham Omayad and Shola Omoregie — in SA to monitor the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance's mass action campaign — will attend the meeting B|DAY 11/8/92

The summit, regarded as an opportunity for the three leaders to give fresh impetus to peace efforts, was scheduled for July 30 but was postponed after Buthelezi refused to attend.

Buthelezi cited Mandela's alleged violations of the peace accord at a recent UN Security Council meeting and the existence of Umkhonto we Sizwe as reasons for staying away.

Natal violence pushes death toll to 10

TEN people died in unrest-related incidents around the country yesterday and violence flared up in the Murchison area of Natal. B|DAY 11/8/92

The bodies of seven people who died in renewed violence in the township near Port Shepstone were found yesterday. Police did not reveal the causes of death.

The latest incidents follow the discovery of two bodies at the weekend.

In another incident, two men were shot dead by police who intervened to stop a gunfight between two taxi drivers at Ivory Park near Johannesburg yesterday. Police said they shot the driver of one of the taxis after he opened fire on them, and later shot the man who replaced him at the wheel.

The body of a woman who had been shot in the head was found in Alexandra yesterday. Inkatha central committee member Themba Khoza said the woman, Soalega Miga, was an Inkatha youth leader.

RAY HARTLEY

A Cape Town policeman was in a critical condition last night after he was shot by a suspect in the KTC squatter camp, and a police patrol came under fire in Khayelitsha near Cape Town yesterday.

The KwaZulu police yesterday supported a call by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa for a commission of inquiry into the killing of 11 people at Esikhawini in Natal a week ago, Sapa reports.

Police said yesterday the PAC's military wing, Apla, carried out two attacks on farms in the Elliot area on Monday. No one was injured in the attacks.

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'Nothing going on in Boipatong'

By Philip Zoio 252 278

VEREENIGING — A factory clerk yesterday told the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Boipatong massacre that an SADF member had told him during the attack there was "nothing going on" in the township, despite the fact that both could hear gunshots and glass breaking in the distance.

Ismael Mahasella told the commission that a Mr Pienaar — a Citizen Force member and colleague at Cape Gate factory — also told him the SADF could not arrest any attacker, only take them out of the township.

SADF counsel Anton Mostert, SC, said Mr Pienaar would deny speaking to Mr Mahasella.

During the attack, Mr Mahasella said, he had gone into the township with co-workers. They were shot at twice by a group of about 200 men. Later he and colleagues accompanied ambulance personnel. Police tried to stop them entering a house in which two children had died and whose mother lay injured.

"Miss B", whose name was withheld to protect her, told the commission she had seen a large group of armed men shouting "Usuthu". Shortly after she saw an SAP Casspir.

● Mr Justice Goldstone yesterday requested the Sunday Times to publish a correction to false reports on Sunday which alleged the SADF had attempted to conceal information from the commission. He said the newspaper's inference that SADF officers saw themselves "above the State and outside the law" was not justified.

The front-page headline, "Judge urges SADF inquiry", had also been misleading. The judge said he had simply supported recommendations that various agencies, including the SADF, be fully investigated.

Alex massacre: judge attacks SAP probe

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By Susan Smuts (278)

Policemen investigating the Alexandra vigil massacre had surreptitiously leaked information to witnesses before an identity parade and had lied in statements to a court during a bail application, a Rand Supreme Court judge said yesterday as he acquitted four men of 13 counts of murder.

Mr Justice H Daniels found Gibson Mbata (28), Derick Majosi (21), Christopher Mbata (30) and Petrus Buthelezi (31) had no case to answer at the end of the State's case. The judge had earlier found the State had no case against a fifth accused, John Zwane.

The men had pleaded not guilty to 13 counts of murder, 17 of attempted murder, one of housebreaking with intent to murder and illegal possession of a machinegun, firearms and ammunition. The charges arose from an attack on a vigil in Alexandra on March 27 last year.

In a judgment highly critical of the investigation, the judge said the State's case had been riddled with "inconsistencies, contradictions and fabrications".

Witnesses had been encouraged to give evidence to suit the State's case and it was clear that witnesses who identified the accused at the three identity parades had discussed the suspects. Two of the identity parades had been held after the men had appeared in court. Their names had been widely published, the judge said.

"The procedure seems to be irregular."

Another witness, who had changed her mind after identifying one of the men, must have been told she had made a mistake, the judge said.

He added the investigation had been "all but wrapped up" by the time the men appeared in court, and the

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identification parades could have been organised earlier.

A statement by Constable Louis Bothma to a magistrate during a bail application had been tailored to suit evidence by the leaders of the investigating team, Major John Barnard and Sergeant Stephanus Crous.

Mr Majosi had been implicated by a witness whose evidence was in many instances undoubtedly false and incorrect, he said. Mr Buthelezi had not been identified by a single witness.

Christopher Mbata and Gibson Mbata (no relation) had been connected to the massacre only through the idenitification parades. Gibson Mbata had been arrested about 12 hours after the attack following information from a police informer who had not been called to give evidence.

IFP calls for probe into Khanyile death

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The Inkatha Freedom Party's PWV region yesterday called for a full investigatation into the death of Ratanda branch secretary Welcome Khanyile, who was found blown to pieces outside the township near Heidelberg on Friday.

IFP regional organiser Themba Khoza said in Johannesburg that peculiar events leading up to Mr Khanyile's death made the IFP believe he was murdered.

Police said it appeared the man was blown up while carrying a limpet mine.

According to Mr Khoza, Mr Khanyile was picked up by police on July 30 and was not seen since.

"Police said Mr Khanyile had been released. He also allegedly said Mr Khanyile might be in Natal. All further investigations proved fruitless."

The next news of him was when the police informed Mr Khanyile's workplace they had found his identity card next to the body.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday that although police had questioned Mr Khanyile on July 30 after receiving information he was allegedly involved in the smuggling of firearms, he was released at 1.20 pm the same day.

● A woman who had been shot in the head was found dead in her yard in Alexandra township yesterday. Mr Khoza claimed the dead woman, Soalega Miga, was an IFP youth leader.

Police lied in murder trial, judge finds

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SUSAN RUSSELL

THE police team investigating the murder of 12 people during a vigil at Alexandra in March last year lied and fabricated evidence in the trial of five suspects, a Rand Supreme Court judge found yesterday.

Judge H Daniels made this finding when he acquitted Gibson Mbata, 28, Derick Majosi, 21, Christopher Mbata, 30, and Petrus Buthelezi, 31, on 12 counts of murder, 16 counts of attempted murder, housebreaking and unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition.

A fifth man, John Zakwe, was found not guilty and discharged earlier in the trial.

The five men were alleged to have burst into an Alexandra home early on March 27 last year and sprayed mourners with gunfire from an AK-47 and a revolver.

Counsel for the defence applied for the acquittal of the four remaining accused at the end of the State case.

The judge held that the State had failed to make a case against the four on the evidence given by the police or the contradictory testimony of other State witnesses who were at the vigil.

The judge found the police evidence given during earlier bail proceedings, the trial itself and statements made by members of the investigating team contained fabrications and contradictions.

He said evidence by the four junior members of the investigation team relating to the arrest of the suspects and recovery of an AK-47 in an Alexandra hostel room was "almost too bizarre to be true".

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One was struck, Daniels said, by the inherent improbabilities and the number of inconsistencies and discrepancies in the evidence of the police witnesses involved.

He said the senior investigating officers, Maj Johannes Jacobus Barnard and Det-Sgt Stephanus Crous, had taken statements, which put themselves at the scene of the fabricated recovery of the AK-47. Neither were called to testify in court.

"To my way of thinking these two witnesses could perhaps be seen as most important witnesses," Daniels said.

"Having decided not to call them, the State left itself open to the drawing of inferences adverse to its case."

Daniels also found the State had failed to make a case against the accused based on the testimony of the witnesses who survived the attack. According to the evidence, the only firearms used in the attack were an AK-47 and a revolver. Therefore those witnesses who said there were three gunmen were incorrect, he said.



Constable shot in legs outside police station

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JOHANNESBURG. — A policeman was shot in both legs by an AK-47 rifle as he got out of a Casspir at Sharpeville police station in the Vaal Triangle.

Constable Jan Appelgryn, 20, from the northern Cape, was wounded in both legs above the knees and was admitted to Medi-City Clinic in Vereeniging, where his condition was described as "stable".

Witwatersrand police spokesman Major Henriette Bester said said Constable Appelgryn was attacked "out of the dark". The gunman fled.

"Certain organisations have propagated, admitted and approved attacks on the police in the media and in public," she said.

"In view of the increasing number of attacks on the police, the possible involvement of these organisations will be investigated."

Major Bester said that despite numerous attacks, the morale of the police was excellent and they were getting wide support for their presence in the townships.

● Shots were fired and petrol bombs thrown at two farms near Elliot in the north-eastern Cape yesterday,, police said.

Liaison officer Captain Henry Chalmers blamed the attacks on the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) which is the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress.

Mr Ernie Cooper, 66, of the farm Clutha, said he was woken shortly after midnight by three shots.

He told his wife to telephone the police, but things were quiet after the initial shots.

He said the gunmen set alight his barn and the fire destroyed 1 300 bales of lucerne.

"It was a horrible experience. We didn't know which direction the shots came from," said Mr Cooper.

Captain Chalmers said two petrol bombs had also been thrown at the house, one of which ignited.

The other farm, Cluny, which is 3km from Mr Cooper's farm, was attacked soon afterwards.

Mr N J de Klerk, 55, and his wife were also woken by gunshots. Mrs De Klerk returned fire from a window and the assailants fled.

Captain Chalmers said four petrol bombs had been thrown, two of which had ignited. An unexploded grenade was also found.

A PAC spokesman said all inquiries in connection with Apla should be directed to its headquarters in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, but Apla spokesmen there could not be reached for comment. — Sapa.

Armed group trap nurses for hours

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Tembisa Hospital nurses were trapped inside the building for several hours when a group of men and women with sticks and sjamboks dared them to "come out".

The group were believed to be dismissed hospital employees who assaulted nurses on Friday.

"We are not going to leave until they come out. We will have to sleep here if necessary", some members of the group were heard to say.

According to reports the group assembled outside the hospital as early as 8am.

Most nurses have not worn uniforms to and from the hospital since last week.

Sweeping changes by Media Council

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CLIVE SAWYER
Staff Reporter

A STREAMLINED Media Council is to cut its membership from 30 to 11, move its headquarters from Cape Town to Johannesburg and bar the use of lawyers at hearings.

The council's executive committee is to investigate changing the name of the council as its role changes to being mainly a commission to adjudicate complaints.

Registrar Mr Bob Steyn and deputy registrar Mr Jack Friedman are to be offered retrenchment packages.

Mr Steyn is to be asked to stay on temporarily to brief his successor.

Founded as the Press Board of Reference and later the Press Council, since 1983 the Media Council has investigated broader issues of the media in society, and commented publicly on events such as the State of Emergency.

Yesterday's meeting was a continuation of an April meeting, adjourned when members deadlocked over proposed changes to the constitution.

During the debate on amending the constitution, Mr Ken Owen, a representative of the Conference of Editors, said the Media Council and its predecessors had been devices accepted by the Press to escape repressive legislation.

His newspapers would withdraw from the council if it continued in a form which would "continue (former president) P W Botha's work".

Mr John Featherstone of the Newspaper Press Union said the changes were aimed at cutting costs to all parties.

Mr Gert Hugo said public representatives had been "taken on board by the council and should not just be dumped".

The council had achieved a status greater than just being a mere disciplinary body, Mr Hugo said.

Mrs K Athony asked that future representation for the provincial Press be guaranteed.

The move to Johannesburg at first drew fewer than the 20 votes needed to amend the constitution, but an undertaking by Mr Featherstone that its offices would be separate from those of the NPU swayed a subsequent vote.

Council chairman Professor Kobus van Rooyen said a process of attrition, as members' terms of office expired, would bring membership down from its present 30 to 11 by 1994.

SADF man 'lied' over massacre

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The Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING. — A South African Defence Force member said there was "nothing going on" in Boipatong, even though gunshots and glass breaking could be heard in the distance, the Goldstone Commission of inquiry into the township massacre was told.

Ismael Mahasella, a factory clerk, told the commission that a Mr Pienaar, a citizen force member and work colleague, also told him that the SADF could not arrest any attacker.

During the attack on June 17, Mr Mahasella had gone into the township with a group of co-workers, he said yesterday. They were shot at twice by a group of about 200 men and ran back to the factory.

Later he and some colleagues accompanied ambulance crews to the township. Several policemen tried to stop them entering a house where two children had died and their mother lay injured, he said.

Boipatong: Police tapes 'erased'

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The Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING. — Tape recordings of about 13 hours of radio calls to the police Internal Stability Unit (ISU) at the time of the Boipatong massacre in June have been erased, the Goldstone Commission has been told.

The calls, from 2pm on June 17 to 3am the following day, included ISU conversations with their patrols, other police units and the SA Defence Force, the commission heard yesterday. The massacre happened between 10pm and 11pm.

During cross-examination by Mr Arthur Chaskalson SC, counsel for the African National Congress and the Vaal Council of Churches, Major Christo Davidson said the calls might have been accidentally wiped out by the person on duty.

Major Davidson said he had been told on the telephone by a police technician in Pretoria that the recordings could have been lost because both sides of the tape had been used by mistake.

The tapes were blank in parts while other segments of conversations had been preserved, he said.

Mr Chaskalson asked whether this could happen if someone had erased the tapes. Major Davidson said this was possible.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone asked that the tapes be submitted to the commission immediately. Major Davidson said this would be done.

Major Davidson also told the commission that only three police vehicles went into the township on the night of the attack and that their occupants saw none of the attackers.

Police had received the first reports of a possible attack at 9.55pm after two factory employees had seen 200 to 300 people crossing a major road between Kwamadala hostel and Boipatong, he said.

From 10pm police had received many reports of people attacking houses and killing residents in the township.

A single ISU Casspir left Vereeniging at 10.10pm, but stopped to investigate a reported shooting in Sharpeville, and arrived in Boipatong only at 10.35pm, said Major Davidson.

He said another Casspir then arrived from the Sebokeng municipal police station. An ISU Nyala vehicle followed soon afterwards.

The police discovered that people had been killed and houses had been damaged, said Major Davidson.

Massacre night tapes erased

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■ TECHNICAL POINT Judge demands that damaged tapes be handed to the commission:

TAPE RECORDINGS of radio calls made to the SAP Internal Stability Unit in Vereeniging on the night of the Boipatong massacre were accidentally erased the next day, the Goldstone Commission was told yesterday.

The SA Police officer investigating allegations of security force complicity in the matter, Major Christo Davidson, told the commission, which is hearing evidence on the massacre, that the erasure of about 13 hours of radio calls on the day and night of June 17 had occurred accidentally.

During cross-examination by Mr Arthur Chaskelson, counsel for the African National Congress, Davidson said all calls made between 2pm on June 17 and 3am on June 18 had been accidentally erased by the person on duty.

Asked by Chaskelson how this could occur, Davidson said it was a technical problem he could not explain.

Chaskelson put it to Davidson that the tape had been deliberately erased.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone ordered that the relevant tapes be immediately fetched and submitted to the commission. Davidson agreed to this.

During cross-examination, Davidson also revealed yesterday that only three SAP armoured vehicles had been in the Boipatong area on June 17. These were a camouflaged Casspir from the Sebokeng municipal police, a yellow SAP Casspir and a yellow SAP Nyala.

He said they had only entered the township after reports had been received of violence in the area.

Witnesses from the township who have appeared before the commission have alleged that camouflaged Casspirs were present in Boipatong during the massacre, dropping off attackers from the KwaMadala Hostel and escorting them back to the hostel. - *Sapa.*

Boipatong death: officer suspended

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A MURDER charge is being investigated against a policeman who allegedly shot dead a panga-wielding man in Boipatong on June 20 — the day of President F W de Klerk's aborted visit to the township — police spokesman Col David Bruce said yesterday.

Bruce said the incident happened at 12.30pm, a few hours after De Klerk's visit.

The policeman has been suspended from duty and a murder docket has been forwarded to the attorney-general to decide whether to press charges.

The incident happened three days after the June 17 massacre of more than 40 people in the township.

In unrest incidents yesterday, two more people died in political fighting in Port Shepstone's Murchison township. Police said this brought the death toll in the area to at least 12 since the weekend began.

Delegations from the ANC, Inkatha, churches and police were scheduled to visit the area today to try to end the killings. More than 50 people have been killed in fighting between the ANC and Inkatha in Murchison since mid-June.

Sapa reports the director of church-based human rights organisation, Practical Ministries, the Rev Danny Chetty, said the situation was "very tense and very violent".

This had prompted him to arrange today's meeting.

Inkatha had yet to confirm its attendance at the meeting, although national chairman Frank Mdlalose had indicated a delegation would be sent, said Chetty.

He said everything depended on Inkatha now, explaining that the ANC and SA Police had said they would attend the meeting only if an Inkatha delegation arrived.

Chetty said the latest spate of killings had again created a refugee crisis, with more than 1 000 people having fled their homes in Murchison. People were still fleeing the township yesterday.

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Most refugees were taking shelter at Murchison's hospital and at Port Shepstone churches and were being assisted by the Red Cross, he said.

"Everything has come to a standstill in these areas," he said, referring to daily schooling and usual community activity.

Meanwhile, a caller to the police, identifying himself as the "Lion of the Apla forces", yesterday claimed responsibility for killing a municipal policeman at Katlehong on the East Rand on Monday.

The caller also claimed responsibility for the killing of policemen in other areas, such as Kagiso. He did not elaborate. Apla is the PAC's military wing.

Sapa reports a municipal policeman was killed by unknown gunmen in Katlehong on Monday, Witwatersrand police said yesterday.

W/O Andy Pieke said Const J de Wet Moloi, 55, was walking in Khumalo Street at 12.20pm when two men shot him and took his 9mm pistol.

□ The Goldstone commission of inquiry into violence between ANC and Inkatha members at Wesselton, near Ermelo in August 1990, will resume its sitting in Pretoria today.

The hearing stems from reports in the Weekly Mail that members of a local gang known as the Black Cats, with the help of Inkatha members, attacked ANC supporters in a funeral procession.

Former Black Cats members gave evidence that Inkatha members armed with firearms, including automatic rifles, were involved in the attack on ANC supporters. On the other hand, IFP witnesses said the violence started when ANC supporters fired at Inkatha's funeral procession.

The Black Cats are alleged to be members of the Inkatha Youth Brigade branch at Wesselton.

Blast death: IFP to march

IFP supporters plan to stage a march through the black residential area of Ratanda near Heidelberg, Transvaal, today to highlight the death of a local IFP leader.

On Monday, IFP officials charged that police were involved in the death of IFP Ratanda branch secretary Welcome Khanyile.

The body of Mr Khanyile, who was apparently killed in a limpet mine explosion, was found at Ratanda on Friday dressed in the same clothes he was wearing when he was arrested on July 30.

Today's march will start at 9 am and proceed to the Ratanda police station. — Sapa.

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Police tell inquiry Boipatong tapes erased

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Davidson admitted that the recordings contained critical evidence needed by the commission to establish the movements of the security forces that night.

Commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone ordered that the tapes be fetched immediately and submitted to the commission.

Davidson said his investigation had shown that the only police vehicles which had gone to Boipatong that night were two Casspirs and a Nyala, which had all entered after 10.35pm. He said this was after the attackers had left the area.

The SAP had later called the SADF for reinforcements and two Buffels were dispatched, he said.

Police teargas 200 protesters at Bara

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By Charmeela Bhagowat

About 200 dismissed Baragwanath Hospital workers, protesting outside the hospital's main entrance, were teargassed by police yesterday after allegedly preventing delivery trucks from entering the premises.

The protesting National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) members were dismissed last month and are demanding their own reinstatement as well as that of 7 000 members countrywide.

Baragwanath Hospital spokesman Annette Clear said doctors complained yesterday morning that protesters had stoned their cars and refused them entry to the hospital.

The workers prevented delivery trucks with important medical supplies from entering the premises. "They protest at the gate every day. But the moment they prevent deliveries and disrupt services, we have to take action," she said.

Baragwanath superintendent Dr Chris van der Heever said: "The police monitored the situation and after some stone-throwing took place, the area in front of the main entrance was cleared."

However, the protesters claimed they did not stone doctors' cars or prevent delivery trucks from entering.

Alina Molefe (57) said: "We did not do anything. I was just sitting down with all the other elderly women when the police announced that we had 10 minutes to disperse. When we refused, they teargassed us.

"One policeman stood right in front of me and sprayed the teargas into my eyes and mouth.

"When one of the women asked a policeman why they were teargassing us — because we had done nothing wrong — he said Dr van den Heever had ordered them to."

The protesters dispersed peacefully an hour later.

The reinstatement of the dismissed workers will be discussed at a meeting between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Nehawu tomorrow, reports Sapa.

Nehawu assistant general-secretary Neal Thobejane said yesterday that the union was still pressing for their members' jobs, but TPA spokesman Sonia de Wet said the TPA viewed the meeting as an attempt to normalise the situation, specifically at Baragwanath. The TPA did expect the issue of reinstatement to be raised.

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By the end of yesterday's sitting the policemen sent to fetch the tapes from Pretoria had not returned.

Mr Chaskelson told the commission the tape, which was no longer of any value, could have revealed everything regarding conversations held during radio calls between security force members in the area on June 17.

"Everything that afternoon that happened is no longer on tape. Entire conversations were wiped out. Decisions taken after 11pm (after the massacre) were wiped out."

Major Davidson told the commission yesterday that he had revealed the existence of the damaged tape to international criminologist Dr Peter Waddington when he was in South Africa investigating the massacre on the invitation of Mr Justice Goldstone.

Dr Waddington subsequently compiled a damning document on policing in South Africa, but no mention was made of the erased tapes in the "Waddington Report".

Major Davidson said he had come to the conclusion, following his intensive investigation into the massacre, that the security forces had not taken part in the incident and the police had acted quickly in response to reports of violence in the Boipatong area.

He denied allegations that armoured security force vehicles had accompanied the attackers.

The hearing continues today. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Cops face a new storm

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EVIDENCE ERASED Crucial police recordings on Boipatong massacre accidentally 'wiped' out:

THE police's tape recordings of radio calls to the Internal Stability Unit in Vereeniging on the night of the Boipatong massacre were "accidentally wiped off". This shock disclosure was made to the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry by the SAP's Major Christo Davidson. Counsel for the African National Congress suggested to Davidson that the tape recordings were deliberately erased.

The wiping out of the recordings is bound to add to criticism of the police.

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SAP Casspirs trailed Boipatong killers, policeman tells inquiry

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A POLICEMAN living in Boipatong told the Goldstone commission yesterday he had seen police Casspirs following attackers on the night of the massacre.

Special constable Ntietsa Xaba, who is stationed at Evaton, told the commission he had seen the Casspir following closely behind two men wearing red headbands and brandishing automatic weapons. They were shouting "This is our day" in Zulu and a shot was fired. The Casspir did nothing to intervene, said Xaba.

Later he had also seen a group of about 50 attackers standing near his house, while three Casspirs passed down the next street.

Xaba said he saw a Hippo dispersing residents who had gathered outside a victim's house the next day. A resident was shot by police during the incident, he said.

Xaba and a colleague who also lived in the township fled Boipatong the day after the attack when they were threatened by "comrades" looking for revenge. He said he initially did not want to report what he had seen to the police because he feared them after the night of the massacre.

Xaba and his colleague were later encouraged by other black policemen to give

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statements at the riot police station in Powerville, Vereeniging. While they were waiting outside the station, two white policemen told them they were lying.

Counsel for the SAP, Flip Hattingh, told the hearing Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel had expressed concern yesterday at the impression created by the damaged police tapes. Hattingh said the SAP had explained why the calls on the night in question had been erased.

Ilse O'Reilly, a sergeant stationed at the Vereeniging internal stability unit who operated the machine, told the commission the equipment used to record phone and radio calls between security force members had been incorrectly used since its installation in March.

Col Leon Marryatt of the SAP telecommunications unit said the SAP had realised the mistake only after the investigation into the massacre.

W/O Johan van Vuuren, who installed the system, said he had not been told that only one side of the tape could be used; neither was the information contained in the operator's manual.

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Commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone said the tapes would be analysed by private experts and an SAP expert.

□ BILLY PADDOCK reports that foreign diplomats said yesterday the international community was prepared to go a long way with President F W de Klerk, but the SAP's cynical attitude was beginning to taint him. Reacting to evidence that the tapes had been accidentally erased, at least three diplomatic missions complained of government's "lame and cynical attitude".

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Four held over shooting of journalists in township

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WILSON ZWANE

POLICE have arrested four men in connection with the shooting of Washington Post correspondent Paul Taylor and Weekly Mail political editor Phillip van Niekerk in Sebokeng on August 3.

Their car was hijacked by their attackers. A police spokesman said yesterday the four were arrested after the journalists' car had been seen at a filling station in Evaton.

The men were expected to appear in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court yesterday.

CHARLIE PRETZLIK reports that ANC PWV area spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said Inkatha supporters went on the rampage in Ratanda township near Heidelberg after a march led by regional Inkatha official Themba Khoza to the local police station yesterday to protest against the death of a hostel inmate last week.

He said about 200 armed men were bussed into the township and then "assaulted people at random". No details about injuries were available.

The police, he said, later escorted the attackers back into the hostel without making any arrests.

Col F J le Grange of the Heidelberg police said police had monitored the marches and there were no reports of any injuries.

Police also denied ANC claims that police had been in cahoots with Inkatha supporters.

Also yesterday, outside the Escort bacon factory near Ratanda, Inkatha supporters met Food and Allied Workers' Union members returning from a protest in town.

Clashes followed in which one person was seriously injured, Ratanda Civic Association assistant general secretary Dan Nkosi said last night.

A police squad saw the clashes but could not get to the scene immediately as they were on the other side of a "fenced railway line", police said.

Three people were shot dead at Esikhawini near Empangeni on the Natal north coast on Tuesday night and three were injured, police said.

Our Durban correspondent reports that a church-based peace initiative in Murchison near Port Shepstone yesterday began trying to get warring Inkatha and ANC factions to meet following violence which had left at least 12 dead since the weekend.

A Port Shepstone police spokesman confirmed that 23 people had died in violence in the area since August 1.

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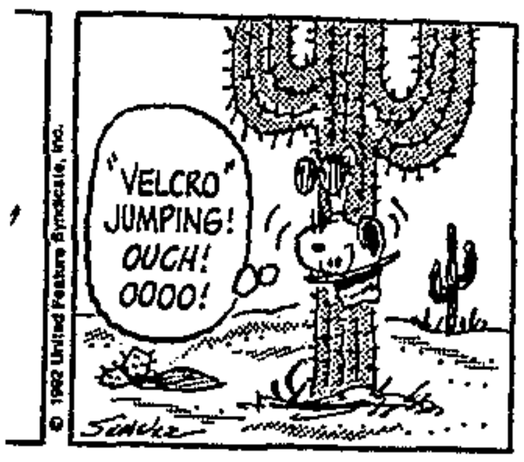

Move to protect bus drivers

DIRK HARTFORD

THE ANC alliance intends laying a formal complaint with the national peace secretariat about continuing intimidation and attacks on Cosatu-affiliated bus drivers at the KwaZulu Transport depot in Maritzburg.

Transport and General Workers' Union assistant general secretary Randall Howard said two KwaZulu Transport buses had been burned this week, five stoned and two drivers injured. BIDAY 13/8/92

Last week Inkatha supporters, led by the Inkatha representative in the Natal dispute resolution committee David Ntombela, sealed off the depot to prevent buses leaving, allegedly because the 500 union members at the depot supported Cosatu's call for a general strike.

Necklaced baby one of 5 killed in unrest

PRETORIA. — Five people died in unrest incidents yesterday, including a baby who was necklaced in Evaton, near Vereeniging in the Vaal Triangle.

The baby's body was found with a man who had also been necklaced, the official police unrest report said today.

The other three deaths were in Katlehong, near Alberton, on the East Rand. Two of the men had been stoned to death and the third had bullet wounds.

Five people were also injured yesterday, four of them in the Springs industrial area on the Witwatersrand when bricks were thrown at them. One man was seriously hurt in Ratanda township in Heidelberg "when a group attacked him with knobkerries".

Groups of African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters clashed in Ratanda.

About 200 ANC supporters had marched from Heidelberg Magistrates' Court towards the industrial area when they were confronted by police.

They were told the march was illegal and dispersed. A "lawful" march by a group of Zulus in Ratanda ended at the same time and clashes ensued.

Police officers could not intervene immediately as they were on the other side of a "fenced railway line".

Scab attack on strikers

■ Inkatha denies involvement in assaults outside Hillbrow Hospital:

Sowetan 13/8/92

By Ike Motsapi and Abbey Makoe

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MEMBERS of the National Education, Health and Workers Union (Nehawu) picketing outside the Hillbrow Hospital in Johannesburg were attacked yesterday by alleged members of Inkatha working as scabs at the hospital.

But Inkatha has denied the allegations.

Inkatha official Mr Peter Magwaza said he had no knowledge of the incident.

Scores of the strikers were injured - four seriously - during attacks which occurred at lunchtime outside the hospital, according to Ms Gladys Mahlangu of Nehawu.

Most of the injured sustained stab wounds.

Mahlangu said Nehawu received information that the attackers were members of Inkatha. The attackers - apparently backed by a group of men travelling in minibuses - were armed with batons, pangas, knives and knobkerries.

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Police reject claim of IFP attack

Police in Heidelberg yesterday denounced as a "deliberate lie" a claim by the ANC PWV region that several people had been attacked by Inkatha Freedom Party marchers in Ratanda township.

The ANC said several people were reportedly attacked in the township after yesterday morning's IFP march to the local police station.

Fifteen minibuses carrying about 200 armed IFP supporters were seen arriving at the local hostel after the march, soon after which the occupants randomly attacked residents, said the ANC.

Colonel F J le Grange of the Heidelberg police said police had monitored the march for the entire morning and there were no reports of any incidents.

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ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said his organisation stood by the statement. — Staff Reporter.

Halt sale of State land, urges ANC

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

The ANC is gearing up for battle over the proposed auction of 53 parcels of Government land in prime residential areas across the Reef.

Yesterday the ANC released a statement calling on the Government to suspend the auction on August 26 at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg.

Sources close to the ANC said the organisation viewed the auction as a test case, and would fight the Government with all its resources.

"The offer of this land to speculators and developers completely ignores the enormous land and housing crisis in the country, particularly in the PWV," the statement read.

The ANC demanded that the sale be halted "in order to provide the opportunity for a more socially responsible approach to be formulated — an approach more in keeping with the future of our cities than with their past".

Protested

The ANC said its demand for a halt to State land sales extended to provincial and local authorities.

Recently the Department of Public Works suspended the auction of several agricultural properties in the Queenstown and Tarkastad areas of the eastern Cape. The auction was due to have taken place yesterday, but land rights groups and communities uprooted by forced removals protested against the sale.

In rural areas the demand for a moratorium on the sale of State land relates largely to the fact that the Government still holds many areas from which "black spot" communities were removed.

Since the appointment of the State President's Advisory Commission on Land Allocation, several communities have lodged claims for the restoration of this land.



Filling empty bellies . . . the headmaster of Dirkie Uys Laerskool in Norwood, Christo Lodder.

Helping hand for hungry Norwood schoolchildren

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By Anna Cox

In the heart of the upmarket suburb of Norwood, Johannesburg, there are children who go to school hungry every day.

And if it were not for the efforts of Christo Lodder, headmaster of Dirkie Uys Laerskool, who runs a feeding scheme at the school, many would go home hungry.

"We have our own twilight children at this school. It is one of the last few Afrikaans schools in the northern suburbs, and when Joubert Park Laerskool closed we got many children from Hillbrow and Berea," said Mr Lodder.

"I found out by accident that certain children were coming to school hungry when a Grade 1 pupil was found stealing a classmate's lunch. She was caught red-handed, with a sandwich in her mouth.

"She had taken nothing except the food and when I asked her why she had done it she answered very simply that she was hungry," said Mr Lodder, who took over as principal in April.

He began investigating all the suspected cases of hardship and personally visited each family to see what conditions they were living in.

"Some families are sleeping on blankets on the floor of unfurnished flats in Hillbrow. Husband and wife are often unemployed and there is no income. Some parents are even struggling to pay bus fare to school," he said.

After appeals for help from the local community failed, Mr Lodder asked the O'Connor Foundation for assistance. Forty food parcels a month are now being sent to the school for the children to take home.

"It is not enough. We need money to get these children proper school uniforms, tracksuits and clothes for the cold winter days, but not many people are prepared to help."

Anyone who can assist should telephone Mr Lodder at 728-6307.

New HIV and hepatitis test to be launched soon

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Medical Reporter

A new test for the HIV and hepatitis virus — a 10 minute "tongue-tip" saliva test — will soon be launched in Johannesburg.

British dental consultant Dr Marsh Midda, who is involved in clinical trials and the launch of the new test, arrived in South Africa this week to attend the Dental Association of SA congress.

Developed by Oracle Diagnostics of California, the saliva test is reportedly as accurate as the Elisa international standard test on blood but has the convenience of being quick, painless and affordable, and can be done in the privacy of one's home.

National Institute of Virology director Professor Barry Schoub said the test was still under evaluation and so he could not comment fully.

"If it is proved to be reliable then certainly it would be a very useful facility," said Professor Schoub.

However, he strongly cautioned against people checking themselves in the absence of professional advice.

According to Dr Midda the home test-kit has met with some controversy in the UK and US as any patient undergoing an HIV test must have full professional counselling as well.

"In some cases, however, it would be better to have a quick diagnosis as some patients who were negative committed suicide before receiving the results of their blood tests," he said.

Arsonists set school bus alight

A bus belonging to a school for the handicapped was set on fire early yesterday, causing R50 000 damage, said Soweto police liaison officer Captain Govindsamy Mariemuthoo.

"There have been problems lately at the J C Merkins School for the Handicapped in White City, Soweto," Captain Mariemuthoo said.

In July, 36 of the school's teachers were arrested after a sit-in demanding the reinstatement of a colleague.

Yesterday at 3.30 am the tyres of the bus were slashed and the bus was set alight.

The arsonists could expect strong action from the police, Captain Mariemuthoo warned. — Sapa.

Several hurt as hospital workers, protesters clash

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By Thabo Leshilo
Labour Reporter

Several people were injured in a clash between sacked hospital workers and those on duty at Hillbrow Hospital in Johannesburg yesterday.

The confrontation took place at about 2 pm when 200 National Health, Education and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) members gathered for their daily picket. The SAP, Nehawu and the hospital gave different accounts of how it started.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said hospital workers on duty "decided they had had enough of the shouting and noise of the protesters".

Hospital senior superintendent Dr Trevor Frankish said fighting started after two workers on their way to work were stabbed by strikers.

However, Nehawu's Johannesburg branch secretary Bongani Tsimo claimed the attack was unprovoked. He said three Nehawu members were admitted to hospital in a serious condition.

● The Transvaal Provincial Administration said yesterday it would meet the Soweto Action Committee for talks on restoring Baragwanath Hospital services to normal.

Fanie Ferreira, MEC for health services, said reinstating sacked workers would be discussed at the committee's request. Of the more than 7 000 sacked, just over 1 000 had given reasons why their dismissals should be reconsidered, he said, and about 400 had been re-employed.

'I saw Casspir during attack'

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By Philip Zoio (278)

VEREENIGING — An SAP constable yesterday told the Goldstone Commission inquiry into the Boipatong massacre that during the attack he saw a police Casspir apparently accompany two men wearing black headbands and carrying machineguns.

Constable Ntietsa Xaba, who lives in Boipatong and is stationed at the Evaton Internal Stability Unit (ISU), said he saw the Casspir after waking up at about 11 pm on June 17 to the sound of gunfire.

Two armed men were walking in front of the vehicle, shouting "This is our day", in Zulu and firing shots in the air, he said. He said another two men who wore camouflage clothes were walking behind the Casspir.

After the Casspir disappeared from view, he saw a group of about 50 people. Gunshots and shouts of "This is our day" came from the group, he said.

Asked if the Casspir was chasing the men, Constable Xaba said: "According to its movements it was not."

Constable Xaba said he then saw three more Casspirs moving in another street. He then went to his shack and slept.

After waking at about 7 am on June 18, he saw that a crowd of youths had gathered outside a house. A woman inside had been shot dead during the attack, Constable Xaba said.

Earlier, the commission was told that up to half of the Vereeniging ISU's recordings of radio calls between March and June — including all those taped during the Boipatong massacre — were erased or damaged

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Casspir seen at Boipatong

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because of a technical misunderstanding.

Sergeant Ilse O'Reilly, the ISU's control room commander, said she had been given false operating instructions for a recording device that was installed on March 24.

Police technician Warrant-Officer Johan van Vuuren told her that both sides of tapes were to be used on the machine, she said. After the massacre, she was told by an officer investigating the killings that only one of the sides should have been used.

Sergeant O'Reilly said she then found out that the device recorded on four channels simultaneously. The entire strip of the tape was used, in contrast with regular recorders which record only on half the strip.

This meant that when the tape was turned over and its second side used, the material recorded on the first side was erased or damaged, she said.

She said that according to procedure she would have put in a new tape at about 4 pm on June 17. Major Christo Davidson said earlier that the recordings of that evening were probably erased the next day. Recordings between 2 pm on June 17 and 3 am on June 18 were damaged or wiped out, he said.

Sergeant O'Reilly said she had not listened to the tapes to ensure that their recordings were undamaged because the ISU did not have any other equipment (apart from the new recorder) to play the tapes on.

She had not received any complaints before the massacre that recordings of any other important conversations had been erased, she added.

The hearing continues.

CP rebels 'will talk to anyone, even the ANC'

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Political Staff

THE five MPs who broke with the Conservative Party are prepared to negotiate for a system of regional government as a stepping stone towards an independent Afrikaner homeland — and will talk to anyone, including the ANC, if necessary.

The five are Free State leader and MP for Heilbron Mr Cehill Pienaar, Potchefstroom MP Mr Andries Beyers, Bethal MP Mr Chris de Jager, Standerton MP Mr Rosier de Ville and Ermelo MP Mr Moolman Mentz.

Mr Beyers said today an Afrikaner homeland was not the group's immediate bottom line, but an "eventual ideal". A system of regional government could be a vehicle towards attaining this ideal.

Mr Beyers said their first priority would be to talk to a wide range of people and organisations who "are moving away from the idea of a unitary state" and their own supporters and proponents of the Afrikaner "volkstaat" option.

After consolidating their support, they plan to hold a meeting of supporters "soon" to decide whether to from a new political party or remain a movement.

The dissidents announced their resignation last night after a marathon meeting of the CP's chief council.

The split places a question mark over the political career of CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht, with some CP members feeling he should resign.

ANC halts talks

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But lines of communication with government stay

Political Staff

AFTER an unsuccessful secret meeting between top-level ANC and government delegations on Sunday, the ANC has refused any further meetings.

But the organisation has kept open the lines of communication with the government by saying that any "practical implementation" of its demands can be addressed through the office of its secretary-general, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa.

The ANC said the Sunday meeting — arranged by the government — was "fruitless" because there had been no visible movement by the government.

The ANC national working committee (NWC) met yesterday and endorsed a recommendation by the national executive committee (NEC) that any further request for meetings with the government be refused.

There is unhappiness in some ANC circles about the meeting, who say it was a transgression of a decision by the NEC in June that any resumption of negotiations could take place only after the situation had been reviewed by the body.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said the meeting was not viewed as a transgression of the NEC decision because the ANC negotiators had not entered into discussions with the government.

The ANC, however, denied that the talks signaled the resumption of negotiations.

"Prior to this encounter the ANC had been given the impression that the government was willing to respond positively in writing to the 14 demands contained in our memorandum of June 23, 1992. In the upshot it emerged that there has been no visisble movemement on these issues on the government's part.

"The meeting was consequently fruitless," the NWC said.

The meeting on Sunday was between ANC negotiators Mr Ramaphosa, Thabo Mbeki, Jacob Zuma and Joe Nhlanhla. The government team included Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer, Director-General of Constitutional Development Niel Barnard, constitutional adviser Fanie van der Merwe and Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers.

It is understood that the meeting was sanctioned by ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

Constable tells probe of threats

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JOHANNESBURG. — A special constable told the Goldstone Commission inquiry on the Boipatong massacre that police threatened him with violence after he refused to change a statement alleging police complicity in the attack.

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Under cross-examination yesterday, Constable Xaba said the two men were white.

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District Six: Expulsions, expropriation denied

Municipal Reporter ARG 14/8/92

RUMOURS that land or houses in District Six would be expropriated or their owners expelled were unfounded, District Six steering committee chairman Mr Clive Keegan told a Zonnebloem Residents' Assocation meeting.

An independent residents' selection study group will be set up to find fair ways of deciding who should be allowed to return to a redeveloped District Six.

A community land trust, and a company in terms of section 21 of the Companies Act, will be set up as soon as all parties have commented on a set of principles guiding redevelopment.

A few members of the audience of about 100 occasionally interrupted speeches by Mr Keegan and two city council planning officials, claiming redevelopment would bring slums and a high crime rate.

Mr Keegan said the aim of redevelopment was to provide high-quality, low-cost housing for about 30 000 people on 50ha. A large proportion of the housing would be for rental.

The planning process was an opportunity for "retribution" and to show what could be done to renew inner-city areas.

Deputy city planner Mr Peter de Tolly, who presides over the District Six technical working group, said the area should be planned in the context of the future of Culembourg, Wingfield and other State-owned land.

Plans to set up the community land trust and the section 21 company would give the Zonnebloem Residents' Assocation a chance to be part of the planning process.

Assistant planning director Ms Amanda Younge said it was proposed that community organisations and "establishment" bodies such as the Provincial Administration and local authorities have equal representation on community land trusts.

The community land trust would administer pooled land in perpetuity, keeping housing affordable and preventing speculation.

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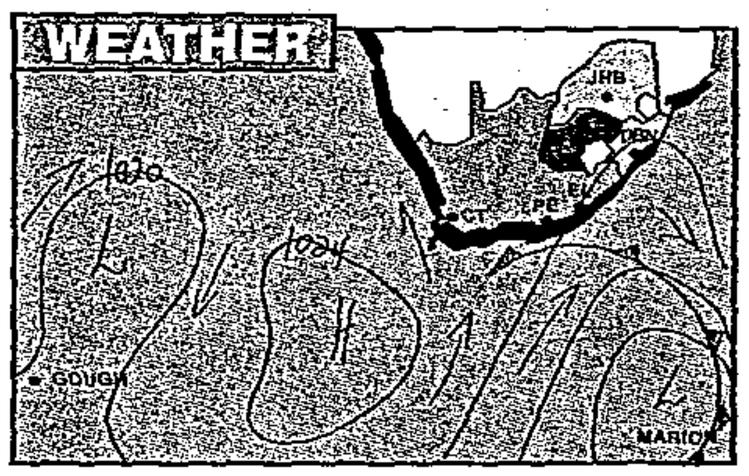

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Fine and warm

WEATHER forecast for the Cape Peninsula and Boland

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18 butchered in squatter camp — ANC

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The ANC claims 18 people were massacred today at the Ivory Park squatter settlement in Midrand.

Midrand police confirmed at least four deaths last night and said they were investigating the ANC claim.

Detectives were still on the scene trying to establish whether the deaths were related as all the victims died in different locations.

In a statement today the ANC quoted a regional organiser in Ivory Park, Mr Sipho Ndamane, as saying the 18 were killed by weapon-wielding IFP members and police.

He said three police casspirs appeared in the area about 3am and fired teargas to clear the roads of ANC marshalls on patrol.

Goniwe inquiry shifts to Pretoria

PATRICK BULGER

THE focus of the investigation into the murder of Cradock political campaigner Matthew Goniwe has moved to Pretoria.

Eastern Cape attorney-general Michael Hodgen said yesterday he was in Pretoria in connection with the Goniwe investigation. He would not name those he had questioned.

He said only that he was following various leads.

Hodgen confirmed that he had received a file from the SADF on the disappearance of a signal document linking the State Security Council to Goniwe.

He said the police had also been given copies of certain documents.

Hodgen said he had yet to come to a decision on whether charges would be pressed in the case of the missing signal document.

He could not comment on the Goniwe investigation itself.

Meanwhile, the SADF said yesterday an investigation report on the disappearance of the document had been given to Hodgen.

SADF spokesman Col John Rolt said the SADF was not looking for former Military Intelligence official Col Gert Hugo.

According to an affidavit from a former police agent Jennifer du Plessis, Transkei's military ruler Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa had acquired the documents from Hugo.

Rolt said that as the SADF had completed its investigation, it had no need to question Hugo now.

Holomisa, who was not available for comment yesterday, has said previously that the document arrived at his office in a plain envelope.

Boipatong policeman 'threatened by captain'

KATHRYN STRACHAN

A POLICEMAN who claimed he saw police in Boipatong during the June 17 massacre in the township told the Goldstone commission yesterday he was intimidated by police who tried to make him change his statement.

Special constable Ntietsa Xaba, who is also a Boipatong resident, said a captain from the Vanderbijlpark police station had tried to make him change some facts on his statement, including the time at which he saw the police Casspirs.

Xaba said the captain became angry when he refused to change the facts, and threatened to assault assault him.

Counsel for the SAP, Flip Hattingh, put it to Xaba that he feared for his safety in the township and made the allegations to gain the approval of the ANC.

A dispute arose in the inquiry yesterday over Hattingh's cross-examination of the witness, which lasted seven hours.

Commission chairman Judge Richard Goldstone said he was concerned about the length of cross-examination, but added Xaba was one of the inquiry's most critical witnesses, and counsel should be given time to test his credibility.

Counsel for the ANC, Arthur Chaskalson, said the tedious cross-examination was ultimately "bludgeoning the witness into a state of confusion and exhaustion", and asked for a time constraint to be placed on questioning.

The first session of the inquiry, which focuses on allegations of security force involvement in the attack on the night of June 17, was expected to end today. But the inquiry has not been able to hear evidence from all the witnesses put forward, and the session is expected to continue in November.

Commission members visited Boipatong late last night to examine the visibility in the area during full moon. Witnesses have claimed they could see events more clearly on the night of the attack because it was full moon.

Talks stall on reinstatement of hospital workers

CHARLIE PRETZLIK

NEGOTIATIONS were stalled yesterday between the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Soweto Action Committee, which includes the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu).

The parties failed to agree on the reinstatement of fired Transvaal hospital workers.

Nehawu assistant secretary-general Neal Thobejane said Nehawu had offered to impose a temporary moratorium on strike action even though demands on wages and service conditions had still not been addressed by the Commission for Administration.

TPA MEC for Health Services Fanie Ferreira said last night the dismissed workers "cannot be reinstated since vacancies have already been filled by new employees".

Witness tells of threats

Sowetan 14/8/92

■ Special constable says he saw two whites carrying guns:

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Taxi war claims lives, disrupts transport

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East Rand Bureau

Taxi services in Ivory Park, Midrand, have been disrupted since Monday following a bloody taxi war in the area which left several people dead and others seriously injured.

The fighting was a culmination of the ongoing taxi feud over routes between the taxi groups of Ivory Park and Tembisa.

Hundreds of commuters have been getting up early since Tuesday to walk about 5 km to Tembisa to get transport from there to their places of employment.

Ivory Park residents said taxi services had ground to a halt.

Tembisa police station commander Major Hendrik de Swart confirmed that people were killed and shacks and taxis destroyed on Monday. The situation was now quiet, he said.

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Captain threatened me – Boipatong witness

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During Mr Hattingh's cross-examination, ANC counsel Arthur Chaskalson, SC, asked how long Mr Hattingh would be given for questions on "collateral" issues.

Mr Hattingh said it was very important to test Constable Xaba's credibility as he was one of two crucial witnesses.

The hearing continues.

Constable 'threatened'

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VEREENIGING. — An SA Police special constable yesterday told the Goldstone Commission police colleagues had threatened him with violence if he did not change a statement alleging the presence of police Casspirs in Boipatong on the night of the June 17 massacre.

Constable Ntietsa Xaba testified before the commission, which is hearing evidence on allegations of security force involvement in the Boipatong massacre of more than 40 people, that he had made a statement to the Vereeniging police to the effect that he had seen four Casspir armoured vehicles in the township on the night of June 17.

At least one of these vehicles appeared to be escorting attackers.

A week later he had been recalled by a white police officer to "correct a mistake" in his statement.

Mr Xaba alleged the policeman, whose name was not revealed to the commission, had threatened to "donder" him if he did not change his statement.

Mr Xaba, a Boipatong resident, said in his statement that he had seen a Casspir in the street he lives in about 11pm escorting four armed men, two in front of the vehicle and two behind. — Sapa 278

Boipatong: Police probe was 'cavalier'

From CHRIS BATEMAN

LONDON. — The police probe into the Boipatong killings adopted a "somewhat cavalier" approach to their accountability and provided British monitors with "garbled" and unintelligible tapes of the night's events.

This is according to the man who headed the independent evaluation of the Boipatong probe, Dr Peter Waddington, director of criminal justice at Reading University.

Speaking from his Reading home yesterday he said: "We were pretty appalled — the mechanisms for making the police accountable did not seem to be in place."

His understanding was that it had only been in response to his team's request for the tapes that the "garbling" problem was identified.

His team had not been suspicious because: "I don't think they (the SAP) were competent enough to cover their tracks."

Dr Waddington emphasised that it had not been his team's task to establish whether or not there was police complicity in the killings.

It's so nice to be alive after a week in SA



American journalist Paul Taylor had just arrived in SA when he hitched a ride with the Weekly Mail's Phillip van Niekerk ... a ride that ended when both were shot by car hi-jackers. Here's how Taylor described the incident to his US readers ...

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By PAUL TAYLOR: **Evaton**

ON my sixth day as a foreign correspondent, somebody tried to kill me.

My rude initiation into this line of work came last week as I was driving with some South African journalists through the townships south of Johannesburg to cover the biggest general strike in this nation's history.

I was on a side mission as well: to cadge as many tips as I could about how a white reporter who had just landed in this beautiful, damned and violent country should do business in risky terrain.

It turns out I got the lesson — and the gift — of my life.

As our car came to a stop at an intersection near Evaton, south of Johannesburg, it was cut off by another car full of *tsotsis* — hooligans who prey on township residents.

Four young black men leaped out of the car, hauled us out of ours, and demanded our keys and money. I could see that at least one had a gun. We explained we were journalists and made it abundantly clear that under the circumstances we were eager to oblige. The *tsotsi* who yanked me from the passenger side seemed reasonable enough, so before I handed him my money, I began the formality of showing him my press card. I wanted him to know I wasn't a cop or some other agent of the state.

But I never finished the transaction. On the other side of the car, a much rougher set of *tsotsis* had hauled out the driver, Phillip van Niekerk, who is political editor of *The Weekly Mail*, South Africa's leading investigative paper.

One clubbed him over the head; another ripped off his jacket. One shouted: "Get out of the townships, you white (expletive)." Then he shot Phillip in the head.

The gunfire distracted my *tsotsi*, which gave me a chance to walk around the car and try to help Phillip, whose face was covered with blood. I got to within five metres of Phillip and the gunman. He looked up at me; I at him. Nothing was said. The only thing I remember of his face was the anger. I also remember thinking: "Stay cool. Don't provoke. Either he's going to shoot or he isn't. You'll find out soon enough." Then I felt an enormous punch inside my chest.

Was it Winston Churchill who said, "Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result"? He sure got that right.

The 9mm bullet bore a hole through the humerus bone in my left shoulder — without breaking it; smashed a rib in my back, then ricocheted harmlessly toward my breastbone — without breaking it — rather than my heart or lungs. Everything the bullet did to my body, nature is going to undo.

Phillip's luck was even more miraculous. He had been shot at point-blank range. The bullet entered his head just behind the right ear and exited just in front of his left ear. Astoundingly, it managed to miss both his spine and the artery to his brain.

In the seconds after the shooting, there was one more dangerous moment to come — far more dangerous, I've since learned, than I realised at the time. Here we were, a couple of white guys, lying bleeding in the middle of a suddenly deserted intersection in the middle of a black township in the middle of a region seething with suspicion and hatred.

This is a corner of the globe where life sometimes seems scandalously cheap, where blacks get axed, speared, machine-gunned and "necklaced" to death — almost always by other blacks — for the sin of commuting to work, or attending a funeral, or having some money, or not taking part in a rent strike.

And it is an area in which white skin usually connotes cop, which in turn connotes repression, torture, terror, massacre — to say nothing of three centuries of unpleasant history. Was anybody in this inner ring of hell going to help?

Phillip was screaming 'Help me! I'm going to bleed to death' ... but there were some in the crowd who were saying: 'Let's finish them off'

Once it was clear the shooting had stopped, a crowd began to gather — not, it seemed, a friendly crowd. Phillip was screaming, "My God, I'm going to bleed to death. Somebody help."

The first wave of onlookers took a puzzled look at us and walked away. I still had my wallet in my hand — in the confusion, the *tsotsis* had failed to take it — and once again began explaining I was a journalist from the United States, here to cover the strike.

I wound up showing my press card to someone who I learned afterward was Felix Gabanakgosi, a computer technician. He phoned me at the hospital later and inquired about my condition. Then he explained he had been drinking at a local tavern when he heard the shots.

"When I got outside, there were some in the crowd who were saying, 'Let's just finish them off'," Gabanakgosi said. "But I told the people, look, they're human beings. At first I was afraid they might burn my house for saying this, but the crowd turned very quickly."

Once everyone was on our side, the crowd commandeered the next car that came by and helped us into the back seat.

The episode has naturally been chilling for journalists here. In years past, when journalists worried about their personal safety in South Africa, the focus of their concern was the police and the security forces. The townships tended to regard our kind as allies, because we were exposing the horrors of apartheid.

But the townships have gotten more dicey, more ambiguous in the transition to democracy. Some of the young black men who became militant during the anti-apartheid struggle — those who boycotted school when the slogan was "liberation before education" — have grown up to become *tsotsis*, preying mostly on township residents.

Others blend activism with hooliganism, using their automatic weapons to enforce boycotts by day and to relieve people of their wallets by night.

While Phillip and I were in the hospital, we each got a visit from Nelson Mandela, who warmly offered his sympathies and emphatically made the point that the African National Congress does not condone attacks on journalists.

But the scary thing about the attack on us wasn't that it was political; it was that it wasn't political. In all the years of the anti-apartheid struggle, only one journalist in South Africa lost his life covering the story. Now, when some 80 people are being killed every week in the townships, everyone who lives there, or has a job that takes him or her there, is frightened. Journalists included.

I also had a visit in the hospital from a police captain named Van Wyk. As he settled into the chair next to my bed, he asked: "Tell me, Mr Taylor, I have just one question for you. What do you think of the townships now?"

I chose to play dumb. "Are you asking me for a statement?"

"No, Mr Taylor. I am asking you what you think of the townships now."

"I think they're pretty dangerous places."

"Yes, Mr Taylor," Van Wyk said, with four centuries of Afrikaner defiance surging through his ample frame. "Pretty dangerous places."

That they are. But they are also places where the Felix Gabanakgosis of this world live. That's the lesson I learned the first week on the job; the one for which I am eternally grateful; the one that provides hope that this haunted nation might yet find its way to a better tomorrow. — The Washington Post

Police arrest four suspects

FOUR men have been charged with attempted murder and armed robbery in connection with the shooting of two journalists in Evaton last week.

The South African Police arrested the four on Monday after spotting them in the journalists' hired car.

The suspects are Simon Sethetho, 23, Alfred Matapane, 19, and Simon Domo, 18 — all of Evaton — and Enoch Molloane, 23, of Sebokeng.

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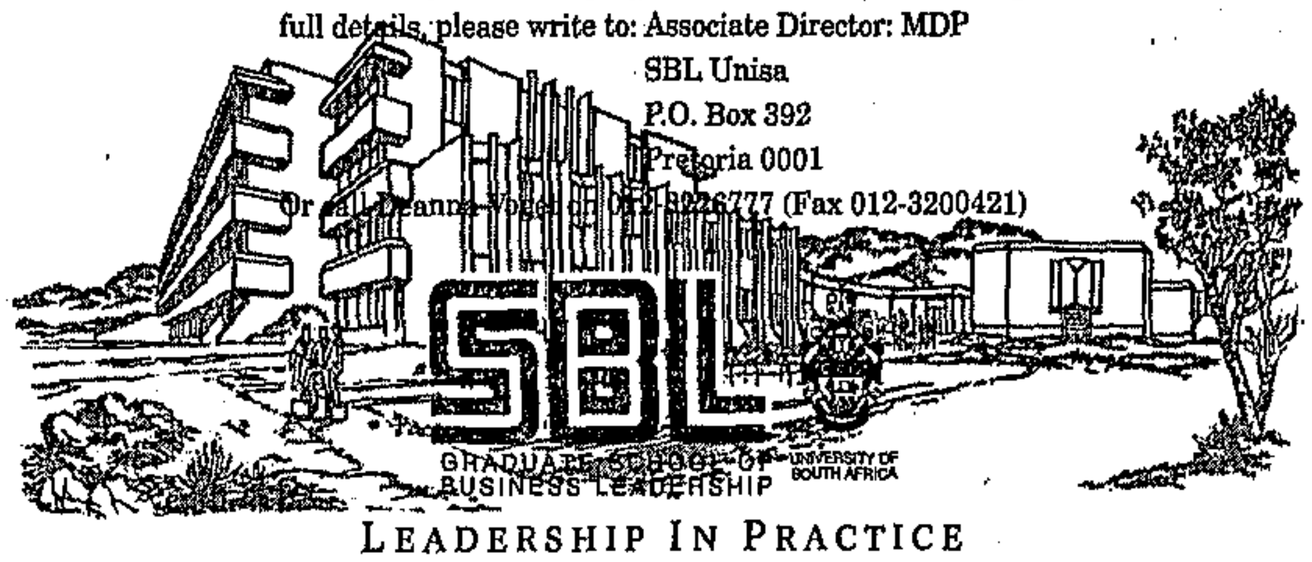

LEADERSHIP IN PRACTICE

Apla refuse probe: 'We are victims of violence'

JOHANNESBURG. — The Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) will not subject itself to a probe, chief political commissar Mr Romero Daniels said in a telephone interview from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, yesterday. (278) CT 15/8/92

Mr Daniels said: "There is no way in which we can agree to be investigated. We are the victims of that violence. How do you investigate a victim? You ought to investigate the perpetrators of that violence."

The United Nations has proposed a general amnesty to lead to investigations of activities of police and security forces, as well as members of the liberation movements. — Sapa

18 slain claim wrong (278) — ANC

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JOHANNESBURG. — Allegations that 18 people had died in another township massacre involving the police and Inkatha were wrong, the African National Congress has admitted.

In a statement issued last night, the organisation said it regretted the confusion that was caused by the "inflation" of the number of casualties.

It said five people died in the incident at Ivory Park, Midrand, in what appeared to be a renewed outbreak of a taxi war.

The ANC said residents ascribed the miscounting to the fact that the injured were counted as dead and those who ran away and were thus missing were also counted among the dead.

However, residents allege police became involved in the dispute in favour of one of the rival taxi groups.

Police said four people were shot dead and seven others, two of them children, were wounded when about 10 men with AK-47 rifles attacked the Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa.

Police spokesman Colonel David Bruce said it would be appreciated if the ANC came forward with evidence to substantiate their "wild claims" that the police had fired teargas to "clear the roads of so-called marshals before the attack".

"Police are in possession of several sworn statements by residents in which they clearly state police were not involved in the attack," he said.

Boipatong floodlights 'were out'

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VEREENIGING. — A policeman yesterday told the Goldstone Commission committee investigating the June 17 Boipatong massacre that the powerful township floodlights, by which witnesses claimed to have seen police vehicles assisting attackers, were off on the night of the massacre.

Lieutenant Marthinus Kruger said that on the night of June 17 he was called out to a petrol station on the outskirts of Boipatong.

He saw groups of men about 100 metres away dancing in the veld and blowing whistles. He also heard a number of gunshots from the direction of Boipatong. He later watched the men crossing the road and heading in the direction of the "Iscor hostels".

It was then that he realised the tall floodlights were off and that Boipatong was in darkness.

The commission also heard yesterday that an initial investigation into the erasure of information pertinent to the massacre inquiry from police tapes appeared to confirm police claims that it was done in error.

Counsel for the commission Mr J J du Toit read the initial findings of Grinaker Electronics Agencies, which confirmed that on completion of recording, the tape was turned around for further recording.

The hearing will resume on November 2. — Sapa

Squatter camp carnage

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JOE LOUW, CAROLINE HURRY and SAPA

A VIOLENT week-long taxi war between two rival companies from Alexandra and Tembisa, fought out at the sprawling Midrand Ivory Park squatter camp, left four people dead and six wounded early yesterday.

The feud was reportedly sparked when angry residents complained at having to pay double on some trips. Ivory Park Taxi Association operators allegedly took residents only as far as nearby townships: commuters were then forced to catch a second taxi — and pay again — if they wished to go further.

Residents had decided that the Tembisa Taxi Association should be allowed into the squatter camp to operate alongside the Ivory Park Taxi Association.

According to witnesses, yesterday morning's violence was confined to the eastern segment of the camp. Shooting started at about 3 am when three groups of men armed with guns, spears and petrol bombs attacked the camp.

Residents said they were awakened by the sound of gunfire and screams. Some shacks had been set alight, and people in their nightclothes fled in all directions.

"They were attacking at random, shouting 'Where is Mandela?' and kicking doors and firing," said Taylor Mogakana, a camp resident. Most of the camp residents interviewed claimed the police, patrolling in Casspirs, had transported the killers to the camp. One, who gave his name as Japhta Dizeni, produced a matchbox on which he says he had scribbled the number of one of the vehicles which he claimed accompanied the attackers.

Simon Muisa, a resident of Ivory Park and one of about 19 men who were "manning the barricades" with the local self-defence unit, confirmed he had seen the same police vehicle at about the time the shooting started.

An elderly man who identified himself only as "Mpho" said: "Ivory Park people have a small pool of taxis called Khatimbani which was supplemented by taxis from Tembisa.

"Some two weeks ago, the Alexandra taxis showed up to carry people from Ivory Park and this is where trouble began. Tembisa objected and last Monday five people were killed. Our association had a meeting with the taxi groups and an agreement was reached about who is to use what routes.

"That Thursday morning, when people wanted to go to work, the Alexandra taxis had disappeared. Shortly thereafter a Tembisa taxi was ambushed, the driver was shot dead and a young girl riding in the back was seriously wounded.

"Alexandra taxi people came here and started threatening us, saying they were going to send Madala hostel people to attack us. Shortly afterwards police, with whom we had no problems up to then, started sjambokking people and throwing teargas at us."

"Mpho" says he saw the same Casspir previously described with about "50 to 100" men squatting near it just before the attacks.

Most other witnesses told similar stories. By mid-morning the bodies of four adults were still lying outside their shacks when ANC officials Saki Macozoma, Tokyo Sexwale and Gill Marcus arrived.

Sapa reports that the National Peace Committee (NPC) intervened in the feud yesterday.

In a day of drama, residents alleged SAP complicity in the attacks, a war of words broke out between the police and the ANC, and various transport organisations held an urgent meeting to resolve the issue.

Democratic Party MP Rupert Lorimer, of the NPC's Wits/Vaal Regional Dispute Resolution Committee, who visited the area, said he would submit signed statements by witnesses to the Goldstone Commission.

Yesterday's attack followed warnings issued last month by a Goldstone Commission committee that violence might flare in the area again.

Denying allegations of police involvement, SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said the charges were a typical ANC ploy to gain political mileage.

"We have several affidavits in which residents swear there were no police involved in the violence. In fact, at one stage the ANC forcibly removed residents who were making statements to the police.

"Such actions are highly irresponsible as they serve only to increase suspicion against the SAP. The registration number of a Casspir allegedly involved proves nothing. Firstly, all police vehicles have three letters and three numbers and, secondly, if a Casspir was there, it could have been a vehicle that is routinely in the area on a daily basis."



THE KILLING FIELDS — Three Internal Stability Unit policeman guard one of the corpses found after an attack on Ivory Park near Tembisa on the East Rand. ● Photograph: GEORGE MASHININI

Cops friendly, residents wary

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By STAN MHLONGO

VAAL township residents this week received peace letters from smiling security force members deployed in the area.

Amid the violence and ongoing tension between police and residents, the notices pleaded for help in restoring peace and love to the troubled township.

The Vaal unrest, which began in 1984, has involved police and residents in chilling hate for hate games.

Many policemen and residents have been killed in violent clashes.

The animosity peaked at the Sebokeng massacre of 1990, when scores of residents were shot near the Sebokeng police station while on an illegal march to Vereeniging.

However, the night vigil massacre of 1991, where residents were gunned down, was the only exception when police were not implicated in the massacre of residents.

The Goldstone Commission into the Boipatong massacre of June 17, 1992, presently taking place in Vereeniging, has heard allegations by residents who claim the police were involved in the massacre.

So how would the police and troops eventually win the confidence of residents under the present blanket of animosity and hatred built by past clashes?

Seemingly taking a leaf from Norman Vincent Peale's novel *How To Make Friends And Influence People*, the troops and security forces have marched boldly into the townships.

Mind you, this time there was little sign of aggression.

In fact, Maki Motloung of Evaton remarked that it was the first time she had seen a smiling soldier – because the boys from the army and police descended on the Vaal townships wearing smiles on their faces.

"We are battling to bring peace and stability to the townships, please help us" the notices read.

The troops went a step ahead in their attempt to improve their communication exercise with the residents and got into action themselves.

They played football with the township kids and enjoyed a few laughs as they mingled with their bitter "former rivals" – the Vaal community.

However, Nhlanhla Mbatha of Evaton is sceptical about the return of peace and the removal of barricades in the Vaal by the troops.

"There is no denying that the deployment of troops has provided a calming effect on the trouble-torn Vaal townships," he said.

"What magical powers are they using? Or are they – as activists have always suspected – the notorious third force behind the violence waged on blacks by the faceless vigilantes?"

Boipatong — evidence of police collusion

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By SOPHIA TEMA

DRAMATIC evidence to support earlier rumours that the security forces were either involved in the Boipatong massacre or did nothing to stop it has been given by various witnesses to the Goldstone Commission.

The Commission is sitting in Vereeniging hearing evidence regarding the massacre on June 17 in which 40 people died.

One of the witnesses to make such claims of police involvement was Special Const Mostert Ntietsa Xaba, who this week alleged he had been harassed by his colleagues after he had made a statement to a senior officer that he had seen four armoured vehicles in Boipatong on the night of the massacre, and that one of the vehicles had escorted attackers.

Another witness, Meshack Theoane, a former petrol attendant at a filling station close to the KwaMadala hostel, said he had sounded the alarm when he saw armed men leaving the hostel and going towards Boipatong.

Police had arrived within 15 minutes but did not seem very interested in his story.

Later, other police took him from the area as he heard the sound of gunfire. He suspected he was removed because he had seen too much.

Earlier an unnamed woman from Slovo Park told the Commission that several men had repeatedly stabbed her mother and brother while she sat in a hiding place and watched them die.

The woman, whose name was withheld for her own protection, claimed that three of the attackers were white men.

Another witness from Slovo Park, Edison Koti, said he had seen armed white men in camouflage uniforms in the company of black men who were attacking Boipatong.

Ishmael Mahasella also gave evidence. He said he and his co-workers had been shot at on their way home from work at a factory.

They had complained to security forces in a Buffel but were told nothing was happening although they could hear shots being fired as they talked.

This week special constable Xaba said his colleagues had threatened him after he had made his statement.

He said a police captain had warned him that if he didn't change the time he claimed to have seen the police vehicles in Boipatong, he would "donder" him.

Under cross-examination he said police were partial, and only liked people who were members or supporters of Inkatha.

Xaba denied SAP counsel Flip Hattingh's suggestion that he fled from the township because he feared for his life and knew that the people of Boipatong suspected him of being an Inkatha member. He said he fled because people were attacking the homes of policemen.

Former petrol attendant Theoane told the Commission he had been fired by his employers and told to go and find work with the ANC after he had given information of what he had seen happen on June 17.

He also said police with guns in their hands had arrived at his home and acted aggressively.

Shootings, necklacing, train attack on Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. — Violence flared in Alexandra's dangerous Beirut area when gunmen seriously injured two unidentified men.

And in yet another train attack yesterday, two commuters were seriously injured when thrown from a train on the East Rand.

The renewed violence came after the necklacing of a woman and the beating to death of a teenager in the Vaal Triangle on Tuesday night.

At 2.15 pm yesterday police found a man who had been shot and seriously injured in Alexandra. Seven minutes later another critically-injured shooting victim was found.

In the first Reef train attack in days, two unidentified men were seriously injured after being thrown from a train between Katlehong and Wadeville stations.

A woman was necklaced and a youth beaten to death in Vaal Triangle townships, bringing to six the number of people who have died violently in the area in three days.

Police said the charred remains of the woman — aged between 25 and 30 — were found on the road between Sharpeville and Boipatong early yesterday. The youth was believed to have been killed near the Kwamasiza hostel near Boipatong.

Police also said their vehicles were stoned in Sharpeville, Boipatong and Sebokeng.

● Two people were reported to have been killed yesterday and one was injured in a mass attack on a house in Bruntville, near Mooi River in Natal.

Taxi wars could end in commuter chaos

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By CHARLENE SMITH

TAXI war killings in Johannesburg are increasing and threaten to seriously disrupt commuter travel. This week four people died and 10 were injured.

The growing conflict, which has claimed about 18 lives this year, with about 30 people injured, is one of at least six taxi wars nationwide.

A taxi war in Cape Town last year claimed 66 lives, caused nearly R4-million damage and seriously disrupted commuter traffic. Witwatersrand taxi owners have warned that commuter transport could grind to a halt as "drivers blast each other away".

Drivers have armed themselves and few sleep at home as battles for routes and ranks escalate. The war is worst in the Tembisa, Alexandra, Ivory Park triangle that serves the industrial heartland of the country.

On Friday four people died and eight were injured after commuters apparently became angry that the conflict between the Ivory Park Taxi Association and the Tembisa Taxi Association was increasing commuter costs.

Earlier this week two drivers from the Alexandra Randburg Midrand Sandton Taxi Association (Armsta) were shot. Seven Armsta members have been assassinated this year, including three executive members.

Its two previous chairmen were murdered and Victor Mogale, the present chairman, has not lived at home for more than three months. He never stays anywhere for longer than three days — and neither do any of his executive.

The taxi industry nationwide is poised on a razor-edge as costs rise and consumer resistance to fee hikes eat into profit margins.

Although the Goldstone commission has said that big business has a critical role to play in defusing this time bomb, most businessmen are averting their eyes.

Most taxis cost about R71 000 with banks demanding a 40-50 percent deposit, the remainder at maximum interest rates over 36 months.

Future Bank managing director Neville Watchurst said finance houses had "no alternative but to levy a finance charge to cover the cost of collection and the bad debt risk". Stannic says it has a bad debt load of 30 percent in this sector.

Toyota's Henk Maree says: "Commuter fare prices have not kept pace with the rising costs of operating taxis — the major reason for the speeding and overloading that occurs in the struggle for survival."

Riddle of the tap lights of Boip

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WHILE the world watches and waits, Judge Richard Goldstone and his committee investigating the Boipatong massacre have begun unearthing serious problems in testimony about the events on the night of June 17.

CHARLENE SMITH reports on the Goldstone hearing

Two key questions emerged:

● Did police deliberately erase the Boipatong tapes, or are they chronically inefficient?

● Are witnesses lying about seeing attackers in camouflage uniforms (similar to those worn by the police instability unit) and others with red headbands accompanying camouflage Hippos into Boipatong?

Whites

The final answers may not come for many months as the Goldstone Commission into Public Violence and Intimidation plods through hours of often incredibly tedious cross-examination.

The hearing, which first sat briefly in July, then for eight days in August, will resume on November 2.

The picture that emerged last week of the attack — directed by armed black men wearing white or red headbands, some accompanied by camouflaged Hippos, others by white men in camouflage dress illuminated by a bright moon and the huge township lights — was thrown into doubt by the close of hearings this week.

Senior Lieutenant Marthinus Kruger, a patrol officer for Vereeniging Crime Prevention, a private security company which responded to a call by a guard at Unipark motors near Boipatong, said that on the night in question the township lights were off.

Ability

If Lieutenant Kruger's evidence is correct, it throws into doubt the testimony of most township witnesses heard so far, who claimed events were visible under the huge Apollo lights.

An on-site examination by legal representatives and members of the Goldstone committee at full moon on Thursday night (the attack took place two days after full moon on June 17), with the township lights on, threw doubt on the ability of witnesses to have seen camouflage on either uniforms or Hippos, or colours.

ANC counsel, Arthur Chaskalson, SC, reported that a witness, Edison Koti, who said he saw a Hippo drop off about 15 men wearing white headbands, would have been unlikely to make out the headbands. It was also not possible to distinguish camouflage in the dark.

Another witness, special Constable Ntietsa Xaba, who was cross-examined for 10 hours — seven of them by police counsel Flip Hattingh — said he saw a Hippo moving up a street with two white men in camouflage carrying rifles jogging behind and two black men, wearing white overalls with red headbands, in front.

Mr Chaskalson noted that with the Hippo lights on, as Constable Xaba described, the figures in front would have been silhouetted and it would not have been possible to make out their clothes or race.

Agreed

It would have been impossible to see anyone behind the Hippo until it had passed.

Nonetheless, advocate Denis Kuny, SC, who visited the scene described by Miss A — who witnessed the killing of her mother and brother by three whites and three blacks — found it was likely she saw all she claimed. The scene was clearly illuminated by bright moonlight and a nearby Apollo light.

Counsel for the police, who did not submit a report of their observations, agreed in essence with the ANC counsel report.

In a dramatic development during the hearing, which heard no testimony from military or Inkatha witnesses and only three police witnesses, police admitted erasing tape recordings of all radio and telephone traffic on the night of the massacre in which 45 people died.

A preliminary report by Grinaker Electronic Agencies for the commission noted the seven tapes "were not bulk erased . . . on completion of a record-

ing, the tape was turned around for further recording. Under these conditions, recordings made on Side A of a tape, for example, would be erased (by the erase head) before being written over by the new information from the record head."

Investigations are continuing to see if any information can be recovered from the tapes.

Testimony about the tapes, primarily by Sergeant Elsa O'Reilly, in charge of the operational room in Vereeniging, and Colonel Leon Maryatt, of police telecommunications in Pretoria, detailed a saga of remarkable ineptitude.

In a nutshell: late last year the chief of the Internal Stability Unit put forward an urgent request for units to be supplied with four-track communications recorders. Ten were bought and assigned to top priority areas. Vereeniging received its recorder on March 24.

However, neither telecommunications head office, nor the installers, nor the users received proper training to operate the equipment, according to testimony.

What no one apparently knew was that the tapes — identical to those used in ordinary cassette recorders — could not be turned over, because the four channels use up all the tape space.

When new data was recorded on side B, it wiped out information on side A — therefore half of all recordings made since March have been lost.

Even more remarkable, according to Sergeant O'Reilly's evidence, no one listened to the tapes.

She said that if there was a serious incident, the tape was marked and placed in a safe for six months for possible use in court proceedings. Where nothing of significance happened, tapes were sent to CIS (the former security police) for erasure. They, too, apparently never listened to the tapes.

Sergeant O'Reilly said no copies of tapes made before June 14 were available, as they had been erased by the CIS.

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Ivory Park awash with blood after mystery attack

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

A YOUNG white policeman found himself the target of squatters' fury as they bayed for his blood after his alleged involvement in an armed attack on residents that resulted in the death of five people at Ivory Park near Thembisa on the East Rand on Friday.

A pregnant woman was among those killed. All the victims died of gunshot wounds.

Eight other people were treated for gunshot wounds at Thembisa Hospital.

Hours after the incident angry squatters tried to stop an armoured police vehicle from leaving the camp, claiming the policeman in question was hiding in it.

They pointed him out to the senior ANC officials, including Saki Macozoma and Ronnie Mamoepa, and said he had led the their pre-dawn assailants.

Many residents claimed the attackers were dropped outside the squatter camp by a bus and taken into the camp in police Casspirs. They recognised the Casspirs by their colours and blue lights, they said.

Mamoepa initially said 18 people had died during the attack.

Later he said the squatters had included the wounded in their initial death toll.

Macozoma told journalists it was not important whether five or 18 people had died – the death of a single person was a great tragedy.

Vice-chairman of the local dispute resolution committee, Rupert Lorimer, said he was worried that unsubstantiated rumours regarding the attack were spreading. He assured the squatters he would take up the matter with the police and secure the protection of residents.

'Opportunism'

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce rejected as "political opportunism" allegations of police complicity in the attack.

He said evidence gathered by the police was that a group of approximately 10 men allegedly armed with AK-47s were responsible for the shooting.

The attack seemed to be part of an ongoing taxi war, he said.

Residents also said tension in the squatter camp started on Monday when they boycotted taxis operated by the local, IFP-aligned, taxi men. Instead, residents invited taxis from Thembisa to come and operate in the camp, a move that angered local taxi owners.

Sapa reports that a dispute between two local taxi organisations led to the pre-dawn raid in which five died and shacks were torched. This followed a shooting incident at the squatter camp on Monday morning in which three taxi drivers were gunned down.

The report said the violence was apparently sparked when residents became angry at having to pay a double fare. Ivory Park Taxi Association operators allegedly took residents only as far as nearby townships and commuters were then forced to catch a second taxi.



Tribute to 278 E Rand dead

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MORE than 300 residents gathered at the Vosloorus Stadium on the East Rand yesterday to pay tribute to those who have died during the past three years, and to highlight the violence that has become endemic in this community.

"Death has become so common that the residents of this township have become numb," said spokesman for the local Civic Association, Mr Eric Xayiya.

"This service was an attempt to highlight the violence and to make people aware that there is a crisis in the community.

"Every weekend we bury two or three people who were victims of political violence.

"We wanted the people to come together to try and find a solution to this crisis," said Xayiya.

He also said the event would become an annual one.

Seven policemen killed in 3 days

Crime Staff

Eight people were wounded, four seriously, in a hail of bullets directed at a police vehicle in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, on Saturday night.

Since Friday at least 21 people, including seven policemen, have died in political violence countrywide. Dozens of others have been injured.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said the shooting took place at about 9 pm. A police vehicle stopped on the corner of Vasco de Gama Street and the Pretoria main road and was fired at by unknown gunmen with AK-47 assault rifles, R-1 rifles and shotguns.

Lieutenant Weber said the police did not return fire and withdrew because their vehicle was not bulletproof. None of the policemen were injured.

Police reinforcements later found seven men and a woman had been wounded in the shooting. They were taken to the Alexandra Clinic.

Earlier on Saturday, police found the bodies of two men in Alexandra. One had been hacked and stabbed, and the other shot. In another attack, an unidentified man was stoned and injured.

And on the East Rand, police yesterday found the bodies of two men who had been hacked and stoned in Tembisa.

In Soweto, an unidentified man was shot dead and another seriously injured on Saturday night when gunmen opened fire on a train between Phomolong and Dube stations.

Late on Friday afternoon, an assistant constable, J Z Mtimkulu (26), was shot and wounded by three men at Merafe Station. A police spokesman said Constable Mtimkulu was in a satisfactory condition in Baragwanath Hospital.

The gunmen escaped with his service pistol and 15 rounds of ammunition.

In their unrest report for the 24-hour period ending at midnight on Saturday, police said a policeman was stabbed in the neck with a bottle in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp.

At Riverlea station, west of Johannesburg, a man was slightly injured when he jumped from a moving train after being attacked and robbed.

At Sharpeville, in the Vaal Triangle, unknown gunmen fired at the police station and a bottle store. No injuries were reported.

In Langa, near Cape Town, police found the body of an unidentified woman. They arrested a suspect, and then used teargas to disperse people throwing stones at their vehicle, the unrest report added.

● Four policemen were killed and five wounded in two separate attacks at Mdantsane, in Ciskei, on Friday night. The attackers — said to be four heavily armed men and a woman — fled into Transkei after a high-speed chase and gunfight with SAP members.

Also on Friday, three policemen and two members of a gang were killed at Sokuhulu Reserve, Kwa-Mbonambi, near Empangeni, in a shootout.

NEWS Casual gunman shoots three dead ● Eight hurt in AK-47 attack

Mourners targets of death angel

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By Ruth Bhengu

■ **Survivor recalls massacre which follows just days after killing orgy in East Rand makeshift settlement:**

THREE people were shot dead and at least one injured in Ivory Park, Tembisa yesterday, when gunmen opened fire on mourners in different incidents in the East Rand squatter settlement.

The mourners were on their way to the local cemetery to bury victims of last week's shootings in what seems to be a continuous orgy of death in the makeshift settlement.

Several residents said the shootings were the result of a taxi feud between two associations, but the police said it was "difficult to tell".

Difficult to tell

A spokesman for the police, Lt Wikus Weber, who could confirm only two deaths, denied the existence of a taxi war.

"It is difficult to tell who is fighting who. The police are still investigating," he said.

Weber said the two dead were reported to him were men.

The *Sowetan* arrived at Ivory Park minutes after the body of a teenage girl had been removed in Jiyane Section yesterday.

Witnesses who survived the shooting said another girl, also in her teens, had been taken to hospital with a leg wound.

A pregnant woman

Yesterdays' shooting came two days after Ivory Park residents witnessed a massacre where four people were killed and eight injured. One of the dead was a pregnant woman.

Witnesses in Jiyane Section said after he had sprayed the combi with bullets, the gunman "walked away casually".

"He did not even run," said a shocked Mr Raymond Ndlovu, one of the passengers in the combi.

"He just walked away and nobody stopped him," said Ndlovu. He could not take his eyes off the combi whose windows were shattered and the bodywork riddled with holes.

He said he became aware that there was something wrong when he heard gunshots.

"We all threw ourselves to the floor of the combi until the sounds of the gun subsided.

Man carrying gun

"We only discovered afterwards that one girl had died and the other injured in the thigh. When I looked outside I saw the man carrying a gun and walking away slowly," said Ndlovu.

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News in brief

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Business indaba

THE role of big business in the development of small businesses is one of the topics to be discussed at the Business and Entrepreneurial Development conference to be held next month. The three-day conference is part of *Sowetan*'s Nation Building campaign and is sponsored by the Development Bank of Southern Africa. It will be held at Eskom's Midrand Training College and starts on September 13. Anyone interested in attending should call (011) 678-2415. See entry form on page 6.

ANC man held

ANC political education secretary Mr Sakile Khumalo was arrested at his home in Sebokeng on Saturday morning for illegal possession of arms and ammunition, police liaison officer Lt Wikus Weber said. - *Sapa.*

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ANC rethinks tours

THE African National Congress is to review its position on further rugby tours, including the current Australian tour, today. This follows the playing of the SA national anthem, *Die Stem*, before the Test match between South Africa and New Zealand at Ellis Park on Saturday.

Boipatong probe to resume in November

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The Goldstone Commission committee investigating the June 17 Boipatong massacre concluded its sitting on Friday and will resume hearing evidence in November.

During the week-and-a-half sitting, the committee heard allegations of involvement in the massacre by whites and/or security force members from eight witnesses, including an SAP special constable living in Boipatong.

The SA Police and SA Defence Force legal teams stood firm in maintaining that the security forces had not in any way been involved in the massacre, and produced their own witnesses in corroboration.

The policeman charged with investigating allegations of security force involvement, Major Christo Davidson, exonerated the police and defence force, and told the commission he was satisfied the police had acted promptly and satisfactorily in response to reports of the massacre.

The major caused a stir by revealing that the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit taped incoming and outgoing telephone and radio calls.

Initial excitement by the committee and legal teams was quickly quashed when Major Davidson went on to tell them that by some "operational error" the tapes of June 17 had been accidentally taped over.

The police claimed they had been using the equipment incorrectly since its installation in March and had consistently destroyed information for three months without being aware of it. They said they could not produce any tapes from before June 14 to corroborate this because they had all been cleaned by the Vereeniging Crime Intelligence Service, which had special equipment for this purpose.

ANC counsel Arthur Chaskalson earlier put it to Major Davidson that the information pertaining to June 17 was possibly damning to the security forces and had been deliberately erased.

On Friday an independent agency said the tapes had not been "bulk erased". Grinaker Electronics confirmed that the tapes had been turned over for further recording, thus erasing previous information.

Police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert issued a statement saying the lack of training and knowledge regarding recording equipment had been identified, and that steps to rectify this were being taken.

Witnesses have alleged that:

- White men in camouflage uniforms and armoured vehicles were in the township during the attack.
- Armoured vehicles escorted and transported attackers.
- Whites took part in the murder and assault of township residents and damage to their property.

In an attempt to find out how much witnesses could have seen on the night of June 17, the committee and legal counsel embarked on a moonlight inspection of the township on Thursday. However, because some of the powerful township lights were not fully functional, and the moon was in a different phase to that of June 17, the inspection was inconclusive.

The commission will resume its public inquiry in Vereeniging on November 2, when it will continue to give its attention to allegations of security force involvement in the massacre.

Other terms of reference include identifying those responsible for the attack; the role played by the SADF and SAP before, during and after the attack; and what steps should be taken to prevent the recurrence of such an incident.

The committee consists of commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, deputy chairman Neal Rossouw, M S Sithole, and former Chief Justice of India P N Bhagwati.

The Inkatha Freedom Party, KwaZulu government, SAP, SADF, ANC and KwaMadala hostel residents are all represented by legal teams. — Sapa.

Tapes finding 'doesn't exonerate police'

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The initial reports by experts brought in to assess the tapes pertinent to the Goldstone Commission's inquiry into the June 17 Boipatong massacre in no way exonerated the South African Police, the ANC said on Saturday.

Reacting to reports that an initial evaluation of the tapes appeared to confirm the police's claims that tapes were accidentally erased, the ANC said in a statement that the evaluation had merely determined that the tapes were erased by recording over the initial information.

"Whether this was done deliberately, or as claimed, the police have since March been systematically recording over previous messages, is a matter for the Goldstone Commission to determine."

The tapes, which before erasure had recordings of security force radio calls made on the night of June 17, were erased by overtaping by the police.

The SAP claimed in evidence before the commission that this had been done by operational error.

"If it is the latter, then the criminal negligence and sheer scale of incompetence defies credulity," said the ANC.

"Accepting this explanation must also entail acknowledgement on the part of the police that no one ever listens to or stores the tape recordings made." — Sapa.

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Harding stood clutching the hand of her daughter Amanda as she was told that she would be released on her recognisances on condition she reported to the Somerset West police daily and was not to obtain a passport.

Petrus Marais of the Office for Serious Economic Offences appeared for the State.

Police 'failed to intervene when ANC man was killed'

RAY HARTLEY

POLICE had not intervened when former ANC guerrilla Lot Phalwane was shot dead in Alexandra on Monday, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

"During the shooting a police Casspir was seen driving past the house but, despite the gunshots, it did not stop," Mamoepa said in a statement.

Police spokesman Lt Wikus Weber yesterday denied the police were involved in any way in the killing.

"A murder docket will be opened and the case will be fully investigated," he said.

The ANC PWV region and the Alexandra branch of the organisation plan to investigate the killing which Mamoepa said was "not criminally motivated".

In a separate statement Mamoepa said the ANC welcomed a ceasefire between rival taxi organisations in the Ivory Park area. The ceasefire was brokered by the North East Rand dispute resolution committee on Monday after a weekend taxi war claimed at least eight lives.

The committee's vice-chairman Pieter Geldenhuys said yesterday a formal agreement was to be signed between the Ivory Park, Alexandra and Tembisa taxi associations by Sunday, Sapa reports.

Police said yesterday the house of a community councillor was petrol-bombed in KwaThema, and a woman was stabbed to death in Alexandra.

burg where a 74% drop in company profits for the six months to end-June was announced.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Cosatu plans 'tax rebellion'

WILSON ZWANE

COSATU is making plans for a "tax rebellion" campaign in which pressure will be put on employers to withhold from government PAYE payments by employees who do not have the vote.

The trade union federation is to put the idea to its alliance partners, the ANC and the SACP, at a meeting on Sunday.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said yesterday the tax monies collected should be redirected to a special trust fund for safekeeping until a "democratic" government had been installed.

The money could then be used to provide basic services to impoverished communities, Coleman said.

The proposed campaign formed part of the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance's mass action, which began on June 16 and which was aimed at the speedy establishment of a new government and an "end to the mismanagement of taxpayers' money".

Coleman said the modalities of the trust fund had yet to be discussed with all interested parties, but basic socio-economic services, such as education and housing, were likely to be priorities.

"We don't intend making this a Cosatu campaign ... we would like to involve many forces, including churches, consumer and human rights organisations, business and political parties," he said.

Coleman said the seeds for the tax rebellion were sown among Cosatu members by last year's disclosures of government's funding of Inkatha.

The constitutional structures of the Cosatu-ANC-SACP alliance would meet in Johannesburg on Sunday to discuss the proposed campaign and other mass action-related activities.

He said if the alliance endorsed the campaign, the union federation would approach employers to "discuss workers' demands for their taxes to be redirected".

Saccola chairman Bokkie Botha said yesterday the employer body would have to discuss the issue with Cosatu and look into the legal ramifications.

Commonwealth to appoint own observers

LONDON — The Commonwealth said yesterday it was organising about a dozen observers to help monitor the violence in SA.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Emeka Anyaoku was asking governments of the 50-nation organisation to suggest candidates for the observer group, which would arrive in SA at the end of September, the Commonwealth Secretariat said in a statement.

Anyaoku and UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali had agreed the groups would work closely with each other and the national peace accord, it said.

Meanwhile, SA Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha said in Pretoria yesterday the government found the UN resolution passed on Monday was "acceptable in its main components". — Sapa-Reuter.

NEWS Rampaging pupils attack Soweto homes ● Sko

Houses damaged as pupils run amok

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By Abbey Makoe

MEMBERS of the Congress of South African Students at Fidelitas High School in Diepkloof, Soweto, went on the rampage yesterday, damaging homes of fellow pupils who questioned their attack on teachers.

And at Altem High School in Orlando East, a Standard 7 pupil was shot in the leg while a fellow pupil was testing a gun in the toilets, sources said.

Soweto police said they had no record of the incident.

A spokesman for Baragwanath Hospital, however, confirmed that a youth had been admitted with a bullet wound in the leg.

■ **PUPIL FURY** Boy hurt in shooting incident:

At Fidelitas, trouble started on Monday when Cosas members sprayed teachers with fire extinquishers.

Pupils said the Cosas members went from class to class early yesterday informing pupils of a meeting.

Matric pupils allegedly objected and pandemonium then broke out. Three houses were damaged.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed the attack on the three houses.

PEOPLE'S LIVES *Must Ramodike now start learning to recite the Freedom Charter backwards?*

Three die, 13 hurt in hostel shootout

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■ Three held for illegal possession of arms:

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THREE men were killed and 13 injured during a gun battle at Selby Hostel in Johannesburg last night.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant Wikus Weber said police received a radio message about 6.30pm alerting them of the shooting.

When the Robbery Reaction Unit arrived on the scene five minutes later, they saw a large group of men shooting and fighting.

The group scattered but continued firing, this time at the police.

The police returned fire and a shootout followed.

Police also arrested three men for the illegal possessioan of firearms.

Visit to squatter camp postponed

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Staff Reporter

Koinonia — a group promoting goodwill among different communities by organising visits by whites to black townships — has postponed a planned Ivory Park encounter because of the East Rand taxi war.

The get-together was organised for this weekend, but will now take place on September 18, 19 and 20.

The decision to postpone the encounter was made despite the signing of a ceasefire agreement between the taxi associations of Ivory Park, Tembisa and Alexandra on Monday.

The ANC PWV region yesterday hailed the agreement, spearheaded by the North East Rand Regional Dispute Resolution Committee.

The taxi problem has been at the heart of a recent spate of killings, particularly in the Ivory Park informal settlement area where a number of people have died.

Koinonia's Ivory Park encounter will be the first effort to take whites into a squatter camp.

Koinonia was formed in Mamelodi, near Pretoria, in 1982 by Dr Nico Smith to promote what he called "pockets of hope" within South African communities.

Cops die in attack

■ Firearms stolen in Katlehong attack: (278)

By Abbey Makoe Sowetan

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TWO policemen were killed with an AK-47 rifle in Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday.

The two, whose names were not released, were accompanying a delivery truck when they were shot in the head and chest. They died on the spot.

The driver of the truck was injured but is reported to be in a stable condition at the Natalspruit Hospital.

The gunmen stole the policemen's firearms before fleeing.

Sapa reports that in another incident, a constable was stabbed in the shoulder when he and two colleagues were attacked by five men at a shopping centre in Daveyton on Tuesday night.

Police said Constable G T Nyoswa suffered slight injuries to the right shoulder. Two of his colleagues, constables D Bale and J Modise were unharmed. No arrests have been made in both incidents, police said.

ANC links SAP to hostel attacks

By Abel Mushi (278)

The ANC would raise the issue of police conduct surrounding several attacks on ANC supporters at or near the Selby hostel in Johannesburg with structures of the National Peace Accord, the ANC has said.

The ANC accused the police of complicity in several attacks on the hostel including Tuesday night's attack by unknown gunmen in which three people were killed and 14 others — including a policeman — injured.

Police said in an unrest report they had seized an assortment of weapons from the hostel after they conducted a search yesterday morning.

ANC PWV region spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa yesterday told a press conference that the police, on arriving at the scene of the attack on Tuesday night, opened fire on the inmates — injuring 12 — instead of apprehending the attackers.

Mr Mamoepa said the ANC's peace monitors had reported that six men with AK-47 rifles indiscriminately opened fire in a shop opposite the hostel, killing three people and injuring eight. The ANC said the shop was frequented by its supporters.

The attack was the fifth at the Selby hostel since July 17. A total of 14 people had been killed and 23 injured in the attacks, which took place on July 17, 21, 24, 31 and on Tuesday.

"In all incidents, police conduct has revealed an unwillingness to respond. Where they responded, the police only surrounded or subjected the hostel to a search after an attack, taking no statements from witnesses and failing to begin a proper investigation into the killings. This suggests an act of complicity," said Mr Mamoepa.



Clean-up . . . police with an assortment of weapons seized at the Selby hostel yesterday morning.

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Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber last night dismissed the ANC allegations as "totally unfounded". He said the police returned fire only when a group of men had shot at them when when they arrived at the scene. Three were later arrested in connection with possession of firearms.

He appealed to the ANC to approach the police with any information it might have.

ANC seeks meeting over alleged police complicity

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RAY HARTLEY

THE ANC's PWV region is organising a high-level meeting with the police to discuss a growing number of allegations of police complicity in violence, regional spokesman Ronny Mamoepa said yesterday.

He said the police were often present at the scene of shootings, but failed to take statements from witnesses. He accused the police of shooting at residents of Selby hostel on Tuesday.

"The police failed to apprehend the perpetrators but immediately opened fire on the hostel inmates who were giving chase," he said.

Fourteen hostel dwellers had died in five separate attacks since mid-July, he said.

"In all incidences police conduct has revealed an unwillingness to respond. Where they responded, the police surrounded or subjected the hostel to a search after an attack, taking no statements from witnesses," Mamoepa said.

Police said yesterday they had been fired on when they tried to intervene in a gun battle at the hostel.

Automatic weapons and three other firearms were siezed in a raid on the hostel, after a gun battle which left three dead and 11 injured, police said.

Sapa reports the SAP again complained yesterday the ANC was not abiding by the national peace accord, and that its allegations were designed to increase antagonism towards policemen.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lt-Col Dave Bruce's comments followed the shooting of Umkhonto we Sizwe member Lot Phalwane three days after his return from exile in Nigeria.

The ANC said Phalwane was shot dead in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, on Monday evening and that a police Casspir driving past at the time had failed to stop.

The statement that a police Casspir was in the area at the time of the shooting "is a well-known ANC ploy designed to create the perception that the police were, in some way or the other, involved". The Human Rights Commission (HRC) said yesterday violence reverted to "its usual intensity" last week following the departure of UN monitors. Seventy-two people died in the week ending Tuesday, it said.

Sapa reports a man was killed and five others wounded in an attack on commuters at Nancefield station in Soweto yesterday. In another incident, two three-year-old children were burnt to death at a house near Scottburgh on the Natal south coast.

Five men were killed in Umbumbulu near Durban, bringing the total number who died in unrest on Tuesday to eight. A five-year-old child was among the people killed.

2 policemen killed escorting meat truck

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Staff Reporters and Sapa

Two municipal policemen were shot with AK-47s while escorting a meat truck to a butchery in Katlehong, on the East Rand, yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said the murder brought to 143 the number of policemen killed this year. Last year, 145 policemen were killed.

The constables, whose names have not yet been released, were stationed in Katlehong.

The driver of the truck suffered several bullet wounds and was admitted to Natalspruit Hospital where he is in a stable condition.

Police said the policemen were robbed of their firearms.

Detectives of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad are investigating, and can be contacted with information at (011) 845-2820, all hours. A substantial reward is being offered.

In other unrest over the past two days:

● One person was killed and five were injured in a shooting at Nancefield station, Soweto, yesterday morning. Police said the shooting occurred when Nancefield hostel dwellers were boarding a train.

At New Canada station, police removed the man's body from the train.

● A man was killed and three people were arrested during a police raid on a home in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, yesterday. Police said ANC member Sifiso Ngcobo (22) was killed when he pointed an AK-47 at policemen. Mr Ngcobo was wanted for murder.

However, the local branch of the ANC said Mr Ngcobo was alive and well. A spokesman said the ANC did not have to explain to the police why police uniforms were found in the house because the people arrested were not ANC members.

Police said an arms cache was also found during the raid, and they were investigating if the men were involved in Tuesday's attack in the Umbumbulu area, south of Durban.

Five people, including a five-year-old, were killed when gunmen in security force clothing raided Mpushini township, at Umbumbulu. Yesterday, two more bodies were found in the vicinity of the attack. One, in an SAP camouflage jacket, is believed to have been one of the attackers.

● Three men were shot dead and 14, including a policeman, were wounded in a shootout at the Selby hostel in Johannesburg on Tuesday night. Police searched the hostel yesterday and seized various weapons.

● A woman was stabbed to death in Alexandra, near Sandton, on Tuesday. Her body was found at the women's hostel in Fourth Avenue.

Victory for peace in Alex taxi row

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By Brian Sokutu

There was a rare victory for peace in South Africa yesterday.

The scene was Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, where an all-too-familar scenario developed — members of two rival taxi organisations squared up for what looked like yet another bloody confrontation.

Alexandra, Randburg, Midrand and Sandton Taxi Association (Armsta) members, protesting against high levies, had used their minibuses to block the Pretoria Main Road entrance to Alexandra near the Pan African taxi rank.

They stopped Alexandra Taxi Association (ATA) taxis, forcing stranded commuters to use buses.

Tempers flared — until Interim Crisis Committee coordinator Dr Liz Carmichael and Captain Piet Smal of the Kew police stepped in.

"Gentlemen, we don't want here the same thing that happened in Cape Town and in Tembisa last week," said Captain Smal, referring to savage taxi wars.

Three hours of talks followed, and the groups were persuaded to sign an interim peace agreement.

The Armsta members were protesting against high levies of up to R35 — meant to subsidise administration costs for boths associations — imposed on them by the joint Armsta-ATA taxi patrol squad. Armsta members claimed the levies were benefiting only ATA members.

According to the agreement, the joint taxi patrol squad would cease collecting fees from Armsta taxi drivers in Alexandra until leaders of the two bodies had met at Kew police station tomorrow to negotiate and sign a final peace agreement.

focus on Boipatong

As the Goldstone Commission began its three-month break this week, the full truth of the Boipatong massacre remained a mystery. Yet unknown is the credibility of the security forces, especially in light of the row over police tape recordings of that fateful night:



The Reverend Ernest Tsotso and Mr Sam Hlobi enjoy a chat with an observer at the Goldstone Commission hearing in Vereeniging.

THE GOLDSTONE Commission inquiry into the June 17 Boipatong massacre last week heard evidence that has raised serious questions about the possibility of police tampering with crucial evidence in the form of tape recordings.

The four-man committee looking into the incident which claimed more than 40 lives will, when they resume sitting in November, have to consider whether the police are guilty of deliberately deleting information from the tapes or if the erasure was a result of police incompetence.

Members of the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit told the Commission last week that the tape recordings of radio calls between members of the ISU on the night of June 17 were erased because the operator incorrectly used the equipment and had been doing so since its installation in March.

The Commission was told that due to inadequate training and an inferior user's manual, the operators of the equipment had consistently erased and recorded over information for three months without realising.

However, the police were unable to prove that accidental erasure had taken place for the three-month period prior to the massacre because all tapes recorded before June 14 were sent to the Vereeniging Crime Intelligence Service for cleaning.

Initial findings of experts charged by the Commission to examine the tapes confirm that they were not "bulk erased" but had been overtaped.

The Commission will have to decide if this happened accidentally or was done to destroy information which could have proved debilitating to the SAP's case.

Involvement of police

The Commission also has been confronted with an overwhelming number of witnesses alleging the involvement of police in the massacre. It is faced with having to sift through witness accounts of the night of June 17 and decide whether they are reliable.

The police deny involvement and, of course, have, following "intensive investigations" ,found themselves innocent of any complicity.

The officer who investigated allegations of security force involvement, Maj Christo Davidson, told the commission he was satisfied the security forces had played no part in the attack and had, in fact, responded quickly to reports that it was taking place.

But several residents of Boipatong and Slovo Park who gave eye-witness accounts to the Commission alleged that armoured vehicles and armed white men assisted the attackers in their indiscriminate massacre of men, women and children.

Most damning of all to the security forces' case is the evidence given by SA Police special constable Mr Ntietsa Xaba, who described how a Casspir escorted four armed men, two of them white, down the street outside his house.

However, the legal team for the police have, in a bulldog fashion, set about destroying the credibility of witnesses, trying to prove them unreliable, liars or cheats.

Xaba was subjected to almost seven hours of cross-examination by the SAP's legal team after which senior counsel for the police, Mr Flip Hattingh, concluded he had prepared his testimony for the ANC and those who wished to prove security force complicity in the attack.

Hattingh has implied to several witnesses that they could not have seen what they claimed to have in the light on the night of June 17.

However, a report obtained by the Commission showed that it was a clear night with no pollution or cloud cover and an almost full moon high above the horizon. The township also has six large Apollo lights that illuminate most of Boipatong.

In an attempt to establish how much could be seen at night, Commission members and some of the legal counsel representatives went on a moonlight inspection of the township last week.

All that could be established was that in some cases it was difficult to see detail such as race and clothing as some of the witnesses claimed to have seen. On the night of the inspection, however, visibility conditions were not identical to those of June 17.

Spotlights were off

One witness, senior Lt Marthinus Kruger, a Vereeniging Crime Prevention patrol officer who was called out on the night of June 17 to investigate an alarm call from the garage situated on the road between Boipatong and the KwaMadala Hostel, claimed the tall township spotlights were off.

If true, this could cast doubt on some eyewitness accounts.

Commission Chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said two weeks ago that the Commission wanted to complete its inquiry into allegations of security force involvement before its adjournment on Friday because the local and international reputation of the security forces was at stake.

The Commission was unable to do this in the time available, and as it enters its almost three-month adjournment, police credibility remains in doubt.

The Commission will resume hearing evidence on the massacre in Vereeniging on November 2.

'Traditional' arms seized at hostel

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By Tsale Makam

■ PRE-DAWN RAID Three men held in connection with the shooting :

POLICE CONFISCATED HUNDREDS of "traditional weapons" and firearms during a pre-dawn raid at Selby Hostel in Johannesburg early yesterday.

The raid followed a shootout which left three people dead and 13 injured on Tuesday night.

An assortment of weapons, including assegais, handguns and AK-47 rifles, was seized during the raid at 5.30am.

The shooting incident was allegedly sparked when a gang travelling in a minibus shot and killed three people about 6pm on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said: "There is a misconception that the police shot at the hostel dwellers but that cannot be determined at this stage. The report I have is that hostel inmates opened fire."

The hostel dwellers, however, denied having opened fire on the police.

Two private vehicles were set alight during the incident.

Weber said three men were arrested in connection with the shooting.

SABC reported last night that inmates at the hostel said they would not go to work until their colleagues had been released.

The ANC yesterday slammed "police harassment of hostel inmates".

Living in terror for doing an honest job

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A black policeman who has testified before the Goldstone Commission is now living in fear of assassination.

JACQUIE GOLDING *spoke to Ntietsie Xaba*

NTIETSIE MOSTER XABA is caught between a hostile township community chanting "kill a cop a day" slogans and angry policemen who he says threaten him at work and at home.

The 21-year-old special constable told the Goldstone Commission last week that he saw a camouflaged armoured vehicle in Boipatong on June 17, the night of the massacre.

"The police think I am mad, but I am telling the truth," he says.

On the night of June 17, he was sleeping in his shack at the back of his parent's home in Majola Street in Boipatong. Woken by a noise, he went outside and saw a Casspir coming down the street towards his house moving in the direction of Slovo Park.

"As I stood there, I saw two people walking in front of the Casspir and later noticed that there were people behind the Casspir as well." He alleges that the men walking at the back of the Casspir were dressed in camouflage uniform and the men at the front were dressed in white overalls and red headbands.

A week after he had made a statement, a captain at the Vanderbijlpark police station told him to "correct mistakes" in his deposition.

"I am afraid that the police will kill me if they get the chance," he said after relating an incident where two policemen came to his parents' home and kicked the front door in search of him. This, he claims, occurred after he had been told to change his statement.

His problems with colleagues are only part of his ordeal. "The people in the adjacent townships are always targeting policemen," he says.

After the Boipatong massacre, he says, a group of men tried to burn down his parent's home; they had discovered that he was a policeman. The house of his brother, also a policeman, was destroyed by arsonists.

Dressed in casual gear and laughing at his own jokes, Xaba becomes quiet and evasive when prodded about where he is living now.

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Gang throws 8 from train

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Police said two bodies and six injured men were later found alongside the railway line.

The attackers, mainly Zulu-speaking, boarded the train at New Canada station and, as it pulled away, tried unsuccessfully to force open the doors. They then smashed the windows and threw out eight people.

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● A police warrant officer stationed at Empangeni has been arrested in connection with the deaths of ANC members Mr Michael Mthetwa and Mr Simon Mswelia. The two died on their way to hospital after being injured in a shootout with police on August 14.

Brigadier J Lourens, head of the Crime Combating and Investigating Unit, was appointed to find out if the men sustained further injuries on their way to hospital. — Sapa

Bloody train attack may be vengeance

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Crime Reporter (278)

Police are investigating the possibility that yesterday's train attack on the Soweto line in which two people were killed and six others injured was a revenge attack for a shooting on a train near Nancefield station on Wednesday.

One person was killed and five were injured in Wednesday's attack, which police said began when a group of men from the Nancefield hostel boarded a train and were fired at from the platform.

Shots were also fired inside the train. The victims were found as the train pulled into Orlando station.

Yesterday, at about 6.20 am, about 20 men, whom police said were Zulu-speaking, boarded a train at New Canada station.

Police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said the men were armed with assorted weapons, mostly sticks and assegais.

Warrant-Officer Pieke said the group of men tried to force open the doors of a train as it pulled out of the station.

When they could not open the doors, police said, the men smashed the train windows from the inside and threw eight commuters out of the carriage.

Police later found the bodies of Hlongo Gabane (25), whose address is unknown, and Jeffrey Tshuma (42), believed to be from Zimbabwe.

Simon Masango (32) of Pimville, Richard Managa (35) of Diepkloof, Simayalè Mzolizi (49) of Orlando East, Mandla Lungile (29) of Kliptown, Fernando Sithole (38) of Orlando East and an unidentified man were treated at Baragwanath Hospital.

In other violence over the past two days, six people were killed in Natal, and policemen and scholars clashed at Mapetla in Soweto.

Police said a man was killed and five people were wounded in a shootout between the police and a group of people in Richmond, Natal, yesterday.

One of the wounded people was arrested for being in possession of an AK-47 rifle with 28 live rounds of ammunition.

Sapa reports that KwaZulu Police said two people were shot dead at Ozwathini near Ndwedwe.

An elderly man was shot dead at Ziphambani near Umbumbulu when his home was attacked. Also at Umbumbulu, police found an AK-47 rifle and a 9 mm pistol at the scene of Tuesday's killings in which five people died.

In Soweto yesterday, police fired teargas at stone-throwing pupils in Mapetla after four police and three private vehicles were damaged.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said the clash followed a march by protesting students on the Protea police station.

● Police have denied responsibility for the deaths of three men in a shooting at Selby hostel on Tuesday night, saying the men were already dead when the police arrived on the scene.

Two die as commuters thrown off Soweto train

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FIVE more people were reported dead in violence in Natal and KwaZulu yesterday and two more Soweto commuters were killed, bringing the death toll in unrest yesterday to seven, police said.

Two men were killed when they were thrown off a moving train between New Canada and Longdale stations in Soweto yesterday morning.

The attack was apparently in retaliation for the shooting of a hostel dweller at Nancefield station on Wednesday.

A police spokesmen said the attackers, who were mostly Zulu-speaking, smashed coach windows and threw eight commuters from the train.

KwaZulu Police said two people were shot dead at Ozwathini near Ndwedwe when they were attacked by unknown gunmen.

Two more were shot at Nongoma and an elderly man was killed at Ziphambani near Umbumbulu.

Two policemen escorting a delivery vehicle were killed in AK-47 fire at Katlehong near Germiston on Wednesday.

Police said the yard of Soweto Civic Association official Patrick Lephunya was petrol-bombed on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, police claimed ANC members could be dressing up as policemen and opening fire on civilians as part of a campaign to discredit the police.

Police spokesman Col Ray Harrald was

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commenting on a police report that SAP uniforms had been seized from an ANC house in Murchison in Natal on Wednesday.

"We question the motive for the men having the uniforms," he said. Police believed the uniforms were being used "to sow suspicion among the community about the SAP in order to implicate the police and drive a wedge between the residents and the police".

He said the police were investigating a link between three men arrested in the raid and an incident on Tuesday when 10 men dressed in SAP uniforms had shot seven people dead at Umbumbulu in Natal.

An ANC spokesman subsequently denied the people arrested were ANC members.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus yesterday accused the police of conducting trials by the media. He said similar allegations had been made in the past but evidence was yet to be produced in court to back them up.

"We really find this very irritating. We don't accuse the police of discrediting the ANC when their members are arrested for necklacing," he said.

He said a member of the SADF's recce unit was found with a crate of 14 AK-47s earlier this week, but the ANC had not used this as an opportunity to accuse the security forces of infiltrating AK-47s into SA.

Schoolchildren's march halts classes

SCHOOLING in Soweto came to a halt yesterday as pupils marched on the Protea Police Station in protest against the hostel system and violence.

Congress of SA Students (Cosas) southern Transvaal chairman Gift Mnguni said most high schools in the area were deserted as pupils gathered at the Elkah Stadium. Police fired teargas and five pupils were arrested, he said.

He said pupils were also expressing their anger at the state of black education, but denied that the

KATHRYN STRACHAN

Cosas-led demonstration would have a disruptive effect on learning. Pupils would be instructed to return to school today.

A Department of Education and Training (DET) spokesman said primary schools were still functioning normally.

With examinations less than two months away, DET regional chief director Richard Motau warned that a further year of disastrous matric results was expected. Pupils had lost about 40% of learning time through demonstrations and teachers' strikes.

Some Soweto schoolchildren told Sapa yesterday that they believed teachers were responsible for the high failure rate.

Teachers had engaged in too many "chalk-downs" and their involvement in political issues had been at pupils' expense, they said.

"Though we understand there are irregularities in our system of education ... actions by teachers are making matters worse," one pupil said.

The Washington Post

Truth The Casualty In SA Race Wars

By William Claiborne and Paul Taylor

TEMBISA, South Africa — The news alert issued by the African National Congress at 10 a.m. Friday sounded ominous: 18 people were massacred overnight in the Ivory Park squatter camp adjacent to this sprawling black township 15 miles north of Johannesburg; the camp was littered with bodies. Moreover, in what seemed to be a devastating blow to the future of peace talks between the black African National Congress (ANC) and the white-minority government, local ANC officials charged that up to 200 Zulu-speaking warriors of the rival Inkatha Freedom Party had been escorted into Ivory Park by armored police vehicles.

Local ANC officials said that, with the active participation of white policemen, the attackers in Ivory Park had gone on a killing rampage reminiscent of the June 17 massacre at Boipatong township, where 43 people were killed by Inkatha warriors. ANC President Nelson Mandela accused the government of having permitted that attack to happen, and he broke off negotiations June 23 for a new form of government in South Africa.

When reporters arrived at Ivory Park Friday morning, they saw the bodies of three men and a woman being loaded into police vans and an angry crowd of camp residents surrounding a police vehicle. The residents were demanding to see a white policeman inside whose jersey, they said, was splashed with blood.

Word spread quickly among the residents that the policeman had participated in the killings and that the blood was from one of his victims.

As the crowd's mood grew darker, the policemen quickly made a tactical withdrawal, but residents continued to provide reporters with detailed and chilling accounts of how white policemen escorting the Inkatha warriors had tear-gassed members of an Ivory Park self-defense patrol to disperse them.



Ivory Park squatter camp residents point to a police vehicle alleged to have participated in the attack -PHOTOGRAPH: WALTER DHLADHLA

While versions differed widely among camp residents, some said they witnessed white policemen helping the attackers burn down shanties and kill unarmed residents one by one. One resident described how he saw a yellow armored personnel carrier guide a white van and a pickup truck into the camp and stand protectively by while groups of men with AK-47 assault rifles randomly shot residents as they pleaded for their lives. He even provided a license tag number for the armored vehicle — a number he had written on his wrist with a pen.

The report was in error. Three hours later, at ANC headquarters in Johannesburg, officials were desperately trying to correct the initial version of the attack. By day's end, the ANC account of what happened was that four people were killed and one person was seriously wounded in a flare-up of a longstanding feud between two rival black taxi groups — the Tembisa Taxi Association and the Ivory Park Taxi Association. The clash apparently was not politically motivated.

By South Africa's standards, the attack was a relatively minor one, a footnote to the almost daily carnage in black townships throughout the country.

But it graphically illustrated how elusive the truth can be in this troubled nation, and how even the most nonpolitical crime can quickly be politicized and turned into a crisis for the fragile process of negotiating a multiracial democracy for South Africa.

Even in the heat of the moment at the scene Friday, some local ANC leaders acknowledged that the shootings may have been prompted by ongoing taxi wars rather than political rivalry. But in the murky world of South African townships, violence and politics often overlap.

"We have been organizing to protest the double billing by the local taxis, and they have been threatening retaliation," said David Mabula, who identified himself as a local ANC leader. Mabula said the Ivory Park Taxi Association had warned they would bring in outside enforcers from the Inkatha Freedom Party if the residents did not abandon their protest.

Once the true version of events became clear, Inkatha and the South African police condemned the ANC for using a nonpolitical township tragedy for political gain. "Initial knee-jerk reaction shows that there is, in fact, a smear campaign against the South African police. A mindset prevails that facts are not to stand in the way of denigrating the police," Capt. Craig Koetze, a spokesman for the Law and Order Ministry, said.

Later, the police issued a statement saying that they arrived at Ivory Park at 3:55 a.m., after receiving a report of a shooting in the camp and the burning of shacks. They said they found evidence that 10 men armed with AK-47s had been responsible, and that the attack was linked to the taxi wars.

Suzanne Vos, a spokeswoman for the Inkatha Freedom Party, denied that any of her party's members were involved, and she accused the ANC of fueling tensions between the ANC and Inkatha.

In a statement tonight, the ANC said it "regrets the confusion that was caused by the inflation of the numbers (and) in the future the ANC will clearly indicate, when issuing statements, whether it has verified the numbers reflected."

Paul Taylor of the Washington Post has recovered after being shot in the chest in Evaton township, near Johannesburg, six days after he arrived in South Africa, in an attack in which Philip van Niekerk, political editor of the South African newspaper, The Weekly Mail, was shot in the head. Van Niekerk is also recovering, as the bullet narrowly missed his brain and spinal artery.

Bush Orders Airlift Of Food To Somalia

By Don Oberdorfer

WASHINGTON — President Bush has ordered an emergency U.S. airlift of food to Somalia to alleviate a man-made famine that threatens the lives of 1.5 million people. The White House announced the airlift and several other U.S. actions to deal with what it called "the growing suffering and mass death by starvation" in the East African nation, which had been a Cold War client of the United States before it plunged into chaos and banditry early last year.

"The United States will take a leading role with other nations and international organizations to overcome the obstacles and ensure that food reaches those who so desperately need it," a White House statement said.

U.S. military aircraft will begin the airlift to locations inside Somalia "where there is sufficient security to support these relief operations" as well as to refugee camps inside neighboring Kenya, the statement said. A White House official said the airlift is expected to begin within days to four or five areas in southern and central Somalia where the need is most desperate. Until now, most U.S. food aid has been sent to the capital, Mogadishu, with little of this food reaching the rest of the country.

Once on the ground in outlying areas, the U.S. food will be delivered by Somali and international relief agencies such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), an official said.

The ICRC has estimated that 1.5 million people, about one-fourth of Somalia's population, are facing the threat of starvation. Another estimate, cited by the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), says as many as one in every four Somali children under the age of five has already perished.

The White House said Bush had ordered an additional 145,000 tons of U.S. food be made available for Somalia. The United States has contributed $86 million to the relief effort in Somalia since early last year, with another contribution of $10 million previously planned to be expended before Oct. 1, AID figures show.

A State Department official said the airlift will be able to deliver only a small portion of the food that is needed in Somalia. A more extensive supply of food from ships is under consideration within the administration and would involve overland convoys from seaports or Kenya. This is currently considered not feasible because of the heavily armed bands that roam the country, stealing and hoarding food and attacking international relief workers. "The primary challenge that the international community faces is the delivery of relief supplies," the White House said.

James Kunder, AID's director of disaster assistance, who called the Somalia famine "the world's worst humanitarian crisis," said nearly every male in his teens or older is now armed. With no functioning government in the country and "a complete breakdown of civil order," Kunder said "each negotiation for each food truck becomes a tortured exercise subject to renegotiation one kilometer down the road."

Serb Farmers Collect Bumper Harvest Of Loot

By Peter Maass

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia — Warfare has prevented many Serb farmers here from planting their fields, but they are collecting a bumper harvest of loot. Along roads gouged by mortar fire, unabashed farmers drive hay wagons heaped with rugs, sofas, lampshades, and kitchenware. A wife or child of the farmer might be sitting in the wagon, smiling, wedged amid the belongings of a Slavic Muslim or Croat family forced to flee their home with just a suitcase or two.

Across the devastated swath of northern Bosnia-Herzegovina that Serb militia forces control, there is little activity aside from the ransacking of deserted and often shattered houses. Serb militiamen usually get first pick — the stereos and television sets. Local farmers take the bulky leftovers.

Like a comatose patient, the vital signs of northern Bosnia are sagging. Most villages along the road to this regional capital are empty, either gutted by warfare or abandoned out of fright. At night, it is bandit country, a time when everyone hunkers down and watches tracer bullets shoot through the sky. The Serbs who control northern Bosnia are applying their "ethnic cleansing" — driving out Muslims and Croats with threats, intimidation and force. Sometimes, when the wind blows from a village where a "cleansing" has taken place, there is the scent of death.

The 180-mile drive from Belgrade, the capital of neighboring Serbia, to Banja Luka used to take about three hours. Now, it can take three hours to travel 30 miles. Bridges have been blown out, their wood beams shattered like toothpicks. The road zig-zags in a crazy pattern because fighting continues in some places, unseen but heard in the thud of falling howitzer shells. At one point, the road is diverted through a corn field. Turns are marked by hand-drawn signs, and at some crossroads the arrows to Banja Luka are painted on empty houses.

There are roadblocks every few miles. Uniformed militia forces, relatively disciplined, ask foreigners for cigarettes and smile politely if they don't get any. Journalists with identification papers are waved through without a hitch. But off the main route, guards have different uniforms, many with no markings. Often they have been drinking. They wave their guns recklessly and demand cigarettes. These forces could be posted to shunt traffic from a surrounded Muslim village, perhaps a prison camp, perhaps a town being looted. They refuse to let outsiders through, despite the promises of local Serb political leaders — who claim sovereignty in the region — that foreign reporters and relief workers can move freely.

Back on the main road, the sparse traffic consists of civilian buses, military trucks that the Yugoslav army handed over to Bosnian Serb militiamen, and gasoline tankers. Fuel is crucial for the Serb war machine. The tankers have Belgrade license plates, and diplomats say there is no doubt that the fuel is supplied free. But there is no gasoline for the noncombatants still living in northern Bosnia. Cities like Banja Luka and Bijeljina, where electricity and phones rarely work, have a slightly Asian air because many people now pedal around on bicycles. The numbers are limited, though — waves of Muslims and Croats have been expelled and even some Serbs are getting out.

"There are a lot of decent Serbs, but they are terrified," said a Muslim in Banja Luka. Many shops are closed. Serb-owned ones might have run out of things to sell, or perhaps the owner decided it would be safer to stay with relatives in Belgrade for a while. Most Muslim and Croat shops have suffered the intimidation tactics of radical Serb militiamen — lootings, bombings, shootings, burnings. The Serbs who leave, after locking their doors, often paint "Serb" in huge strokes on the front wall so that Serb combatants or farmers-turned-looters will steer clear. In some villages, those are the only untouched houses

A bus carrying about 30 civilians, including two foreign reporters, and six gunmen wound its way past such villages but broke down as twilight neared. The village was empty, holes in every wall, roofs collapsed. It had been a Muslim village.

With night falling, the few passing cars and gas tankers roared on through. The passengers would spend the night sleeping in their seats, the militiamen's AK-47 assault rifles hanging from the luggage rack. The militiamen made a fire, toasted corn from a nearby field and talked about their battles against "fundamentalist" Muslims and "fascist" Croats. As tracer bullets from a distant battle lit the sky, a patriotic folk song played on the bus sound system, and the militiamen belted out the lyrics:

"Sing Serbia, you country of heroes,
"Sing stronger and louder, so everyone will fear you."

IFP seeks protection against ANC, SAP

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By Montshiwa Moroke

The IFP will not sit back and allow its members to become "cannon fodder for the ANC's shooting range", the deputy chairman of the IFP's West Rand Youth Brigade, Themba Ndlovu, said yesterday.

He said the IFP would encourage its members in the Transvaal region to form protective units to counter the escalating number of attacks on their lives and property.

While the violence was rapidly increasing, there was no visibly effective action from the security forces, and the perception was that they were in cahoots with the ANC.

Mr Ndlovu said two men and a woman were killed and seven others seriously injured during an attack at Orlando station on an "IFP coach" on the 9615 train from Vereeniging to Johannesburg on Wednesday.

"Why were the Nancefield hostel dwellers the only commuters subject to an intensive body search by the SADF at Orlando station?"

He said that on Monday IFP member Welcome Khanyile had been killed by an ANC mob at Ratanda, Heidelberg. On Tuesday, another IFP member, known only as "comrade Yaliwe", had been shot dead as she walked past the Selby municipal hostel. A third member, Mvunyelwa Dladla, had been shot dead by striking workers in Benrose, near Johannesburg.

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Living in terror for doing an honest job

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A black policeman who has testified before the Goldstone Commission is now living in fear of assassination.

JACQUIE GOLDING *spoke to Ntietsie Xaba*

NTIETSIE MOSTER XABA is caught between a hostile township community chanting "kill a cop a day" slogans and angry policemen who he says threaten him at work and at home.

The 21-year-old special constable told the Goldstone Commission last week that he saw a camouflaged armoured vehicle in Boipatong on June 17, the night of the massacre.

"The police think I am mad, but I am telling the truth," he says.

On the night of June 17, he was sleeping in his shack at the back of his parent's home in Majola Street in Boipatong. Woken by a noise, he went outside and saw a Casspir coming down the street towards his house moving in the direction of Slovo Park.

"As I stood there, I saw two people walking in front of the Casspir and later noticed that there were people behind the Casspir as well." He alleges that the men walking at the back of the Casspir were dressed in camouflage uniform and the men at the front were dressed in white overalls and red headbands.

A week after he had made a statement, a captain at the Vanderbijlpark police station told him to "correct mistakes" in his deposition.

"I am afraid that the police will kill me if they get the chance," he said after relating an incident where two policemen came to his parents' home and kicked the front door in search of him. This, he claims, occurred after he had been told to change his statement.

His problems with colleagues are only part of his ordeal. "The people in the adjacent townships are always targeting policemen," he says.

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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Cop deaths: Five Soweto men held

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Police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said detectives had recovered eight weapons including four police service pistols, but that their serial numbers had been filed off and it was difficult to trace them to their owners.

Lieutenant Henning said ballistic tests would be conducted to match the weapons with their owners.

At least 145 policemen have been killed in South Africa since the beginning of the year, but Lieutenant Henning could not say how many of the deaths occurred in Soweto.

The suspects are expected to appear in court on Monday.

● Three people were killed and eight others, including a policeman and a youth, were injured in violence mainly on the Witwatersrand, according to the yesterday's police unrest report.

In the only incident reported in the Western Cape, a man was injured when a group of people stoned buses at Nyanga.

Police arrested 150 people when a large group of demonstrators refused to leave the premises of a firm on the Sebokeng road near Vereeniging after their employers had obtained a court order.

The police confiscated several firearms and ammunition after a raid in Thokoza, near Alberton, which ended in the early hours yesterday.

● The SAP will maintain a "visible police presence" in the East Rand's Chris Hani squatter camp this weekend following information about a planned attack there.

A spokesman said yesterday that information had been received that "a confrontation would take place" on the nights of August 22 and 23 between "Amabatho" and Inkatha in the Chris Hani squatter camp, in the Daveyton area.

"Amabatho" was understood to be a Xhosa faction, he said. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

IFP calls for 'ANC' probe

DURBAN. — The IFP is to call on the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry to investigate alleged ANC involvement in the massacre at Mpushini, outside Folweni, south of Durban.

Speaking at a press conference in Durban yesterday, IFP Umlazi branch head Mr Reuben Mfeka said the IFP would ask the Goldstone Commission "to probe into the alleged abuses of members of the ANC's self defence units".

An ANC spokesman said: "The impression I get is that these statements were not drafted by the leadership of the IFP but by police headquarters in Pretoria." — Sapa

Gunmen kill policeman in kraal attack

By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Sapa

At least nine people, including a policeman, were killed as violence racked townships around the country at the weekend.

The policeman and six other people were the victims of continuing bloodshed in Natal.

In Silverton, near Pretoria, a young woman was burnt to death yesterday.

It is believed the woman was still alive when she was set alight, police said.

The body of a young man was found in a field behind a hostel at Durban Roodepoort Deep mine on the West Rand on Saturday, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said.

Although an identity book was found on the body, the man still had to be positively identified, Colonel Bruce said.

In Alexandra, Sandton, a man was injured when gunmen fired several shots from a passing vehicle on Saturday.

A policewoman, a Constable Nhlapho, was injured when a crowd attacked her in Daveyton on the East Rand on Saturday, police said. A man was later arrested.

An explosion caused extensive damage to the house of the deputy mayor of Soweto in Power Park on Saturday. Police said the deputy mayor's daughter was injured in the blast.

In Natal, three people were killed and three seriously injured when unknown gunmen opened fire on a kraal in the Makwafini Reserve on Friday. One of the dead was Detective-Constable L S Mazipoliko.

On Saturday, unknown attackers opened fire on a taxi in Magabeni, near Umkomaas, killing two passengers.

Police also found the bodies of a man and a woman at Table Mountain, near Maritzburg.

Bullets fly on the East Rand as general strike looms

Unions battle over factory

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AMOS Magcanya can't quite believe he's still alive.

He has been fired on at the gates of his workplace and shot at twice in nearby streets.

His house has been peppered with machine-gun fire and set alight.

But four attempts on his life have left him virtually unscathed. "Maybe the guys were amateurs, maybe they were nervous," he says. "Maybe I was just lucky." Some of his colleagues have not been so fortunate.

Magcanya is a union man, a member of the Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) and chairman of the shop stewards' council at the Langeberg factory in Boksburg. The factory is one of the biggest in the area and for more than a year now has been the site of a battle for control by opposing unions.

Fawu, which is affiliated to the Congress of South African Trade Unions, says 14 of its members have been murdered. The United Workers' Union of SA (Uwusa), which is linked to Inkatha, says two of its supporters were stabbed to death on the factory premises last month.

Last weekend, the Inkatha Freedom Party called on all its supporters to withdraw membership fees from Cosatu which "appeared to no longer be serving the interests of the workers but had become a political tool to achieve the ANC-SACP's political agenda".

Violent

There is currently a truce at Langeberg which company management believes can hold. In a written statement, Langeberg said:

"Despite a long and violent history of faction fighting between the Inkatha-linked Uwusa union and the ANC-linked Fawu union resulting in deaths, injuries, considerable intimidation and stayaways, workers at Langeberg are now working normally and peace has returned."

Problems in the factory were "very much a reflection of the problems existing in the community at large at the present moment". On that point, both unions agree with management.

"It boils down to political rivalry," Magcanya says. "Uwusa is being used by the State and Inkatha to destabilise the trade union movement. This factory is a big fish and if they gain control they will gain a lot of members. The other, smaller factories would be easier to deal with."

Says Uwusa national public relations officer Duke Senakgomo: "The conflict is caused by ideological differences. Our people are associated with Inkatha while Fawu people are ANC. They say they are not prepared to work with Inkatha. Fawu members are from different organisations and when the union talks badly about certain parties, then it creates the impression that certain people are less welcome in the union."

Both Magcanya and Senakgomo describe the mood at Langeberg as tense. "Anything can happen at any time," says Senakgomo.

The most recent incident of violence was at the end of last month when, outside the gate, a bus was sprayed with AK-47 fire from a moving car, killing two people. Two weeks before that, a Fawu shop steward was shot outside the factory and union members clashed with Uwusa supporters inside. Senakgomo says two of his members were killed; Magcanya says one Uwusa man died, which police confirm.

Last week, Magcanya says, two men carrying guns threatened workers walking from the factory to the nearby Dunswart railway station.

Last August two Fawu members were abducted near the station; one, John Masondo, was shot dead, the first casualty in this ugly little war.

The following day, gunmen grouped around a bridge near the station opened fire from four sides on a group of workers — Magcanya was among them — killing one, Stephen Khiba.

Conflict first flared when about 50 Uwusa and IFP members "illegally and forcibly" — in the words of management — entered the factory and staged a demonstration against Fawu.

A memorandum, on Inkatha stationery, was handed over to management which listed demands including "disallowing the existence of any trade union in company premises".

Fawu, which represents over 900 workers, has a recognition agreement with Langeberg.

Magcanya says 37 Inkatha supporters have resigned from the union; Senakgomo says Uwusa has "plus minus 140 members" at the plant.

"Fawu remains the union representing the majority of workers, and management respects this," a Langeberg spokesman said. Fears remain that the battle for control of the factory will depend less on votes than on whether the violence can be stemmed.

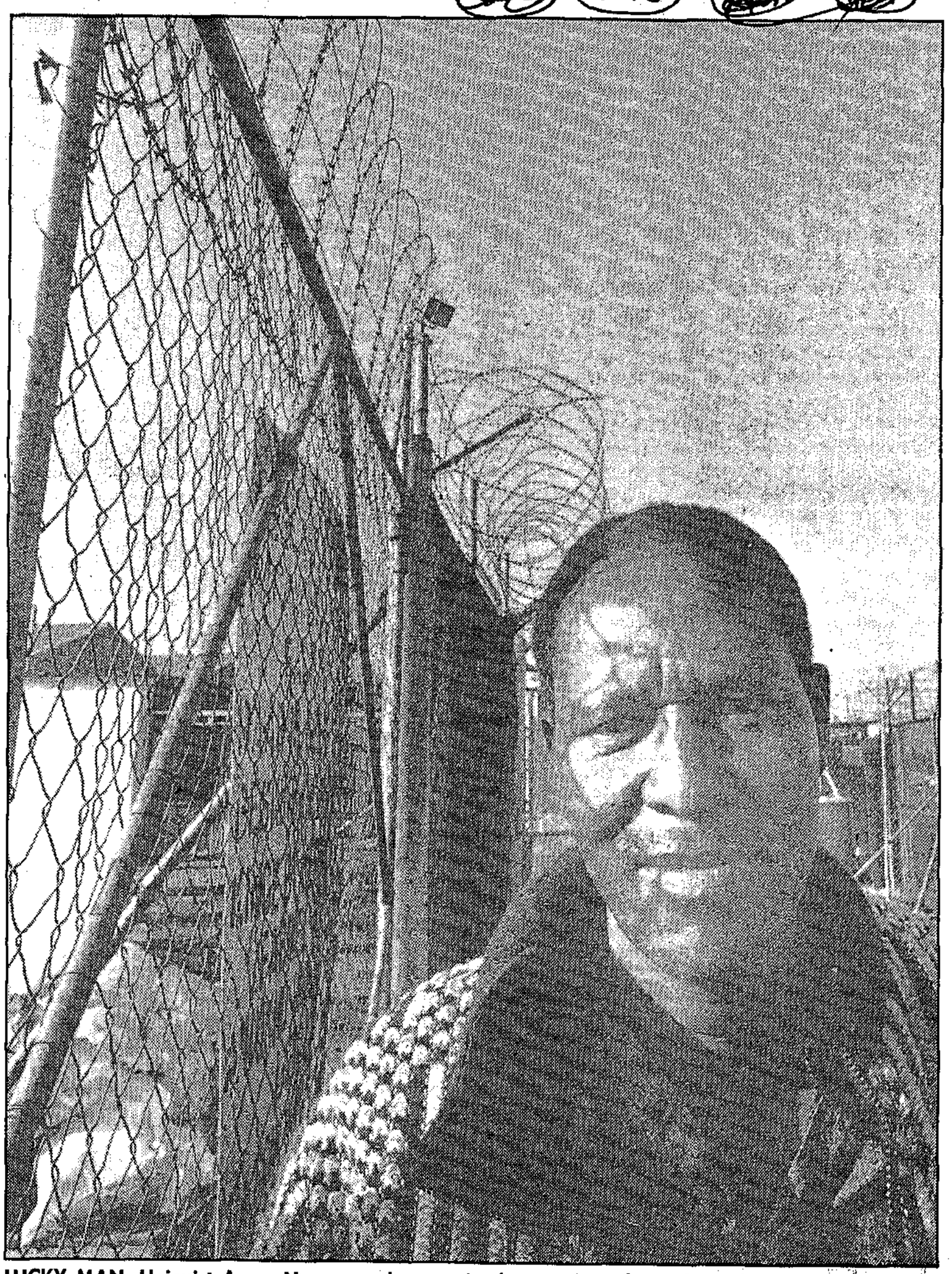
To date, nobody has been prosecuted for any of the killings.

Hampered

Last year Fawu's lawyers complained in writing to Lieutenant-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen that the investigation was being hampered because incidents were being investigated by "different investigating officers based at different police stations on the East Rand. The consolidation of the investigations under one investigating officer is required in order to ensure a thorough and successful investigation."

Lieutenant Mike van Zweel, branch commander at Tembisa, is now overseeing an investigation into 13 cases of murder, but complains that Fawu is failing to assist. "We are actually waiting on the unions to come forward with witnesses and names of suspects," he says. He says there are also ballistic and post-mortem reports outstanding.

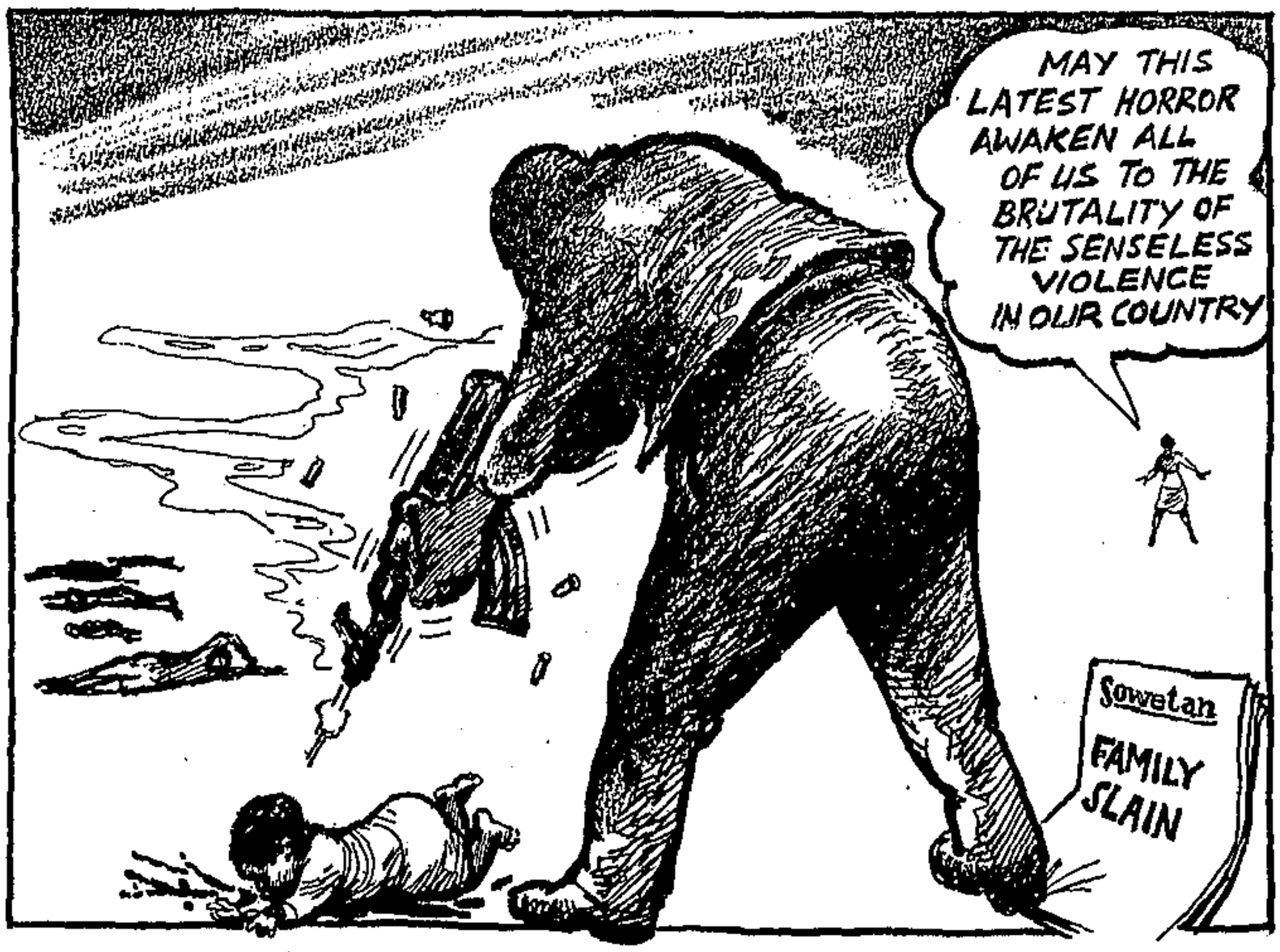
Magcanya says Van Zweel is wrong: "I gave a statement on the killing on the bridge and I pointed out a man who was involved. He was a temporary worker at the factory. He was arrested but later released. Even now, there are people still working at Langeberg who we believe were involved in these incidents."



LUCKY MAN: Unionist Amos Magcanya has survived a number of attacks at home, at the entrance to the Boksburg factory where he works, and at places in between. ● Photographs: JOHN HOGG

MOST people see the struggle between the African National Congress and Inkatha as a political one. But the battle is now being fought out at a more basic level — on the factory floor. JOHN PERLMAN reports on one such clash that may be a sign of things to come.

FOCUS No help for psychological victims of violence



focus on **death**

A Soweto widow, a victim of the on-going violence, lives a lonely and anxious existence after her husband was hacked and thrown off a train. Now she is wrestling with psychological trauma that goes with losing a loved one.

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MARGARET Tshabalala tries in vain to forget the day her husband was stabbed and flung from a train window to his death.

Two years on, the Soweto house wife lives a lonely, anxious existence, bitter that the killers were never punished and frightened by the slightest disturbance in her street.

"When he died it was like my own life had come to an end," she said in an interview.

"Since his death I have never been able to sleep a whole night. I have become a nervous person. Any sound, any movement, even a car passing, and I jump to switch on the light."

The 40-year-old mother of five, who had a nervous breakdown when she was bereaved, is one of thousands of black people wrestling with emotional and psychiatric problems after losing relatives in the political violence.

Few can afford professional counselling. While many say African funeral rites provide comfort, the rituals cannot heal the trauma of violent loss.

Fear of losing one's own life or of relatives being killed in continuing unrest affects eating, sleeping and concentration.

"(Black) people are forced to live with the constant possibility and fear of attack," said a Witwatersrand University report to a child psychiatry symposium.

Factional clashes in townships punctuated by massacres in squatter camps, at minibus taxi ranks and on commuter trains have taken 6 000 lives in the past two years.

Aaron Tshabalala (51) was one of 26 passengers killed on September 13, 1990, when a gang of black men rampaged through a Soweto-bound commuter train east of Johannesburg, firing shotguns and slashing with cane-cutting knives.

His wife said through an interpreter: "They later found him in a Government mortuary. He had been chopped on the head and thrown from a window."

Tshabalala, interviewed at a women's weekly ecumenical Christian prayer session, said: "This meeting and Sunday church are my only support. We are taught that whatever happens we must get closer to God."

Tshabalala said although she knew nothing about counselling she would try it to keep her family together.

"My children, especially my 16-year-old son, were badly affected by my husband's death. He lost interest in school and cannot concentrate. I don't know what to say to him."

Witwatersrand psychology researcher Graeme Simpson said anxiety felt by blacks from the violence was increasingly "played out in the form of displaced aggression in the family".

Tshabalala said her grief was made worse by the fact that the 1990 massacre remained unsolved. Five men charged with the killings were acquitted for lack of evidence.

An independent inquiry into political unrest said it could not determine who was to blame for killings on trains. There have been 400 such deaths since September 1990.

"At the time we thought this violence was a passing thing, but now we are totally paralysed by it," Tshabalala said.

Nthabiseng Mogale, who counsels victims of violence, said blacks often felt unable to express their feelings at funeral rituals where friends and family sit with them for long periods.

"These rituals are breaking down under the violence," said Mogale, a social worker with the trauma unit of Witwatersrand University's Psychology Department, which sees 10 new patients monthly and provides on average five weekly sessions per person.

"There are issues that friends and family may not let you talk about, such as guilty feelings that you could have done something to prevent their deaths."

"At our unit people are able to say 'I'm very angry at God. Where was he when this happened?' Such comments would not be allowed by relatives. People wouldn't want to hear that."

Mogale's unit, one of the few clinics counselling unrest victims, started in the mid-1980s treating political detainees emerging from police torture and detention.

Such suffering was mitigated by the victim's knowledge that it occurred in the service of a clear political goal, she said. But the current violence was meaningless and often random.

"Some people become very angry when they see no retribution against perpetrators. Some will sit with it, others will take revenge. The line between victim and perpetrators is very hazy."



A victim of the senseless train violence lies destroyed along a railway line.

Matron, nurses are assaulted

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■ Clerk also attacked outside Baragwanath Hospital in the violence linked to strikes by hospital workers:

By Ike Motsapi

A matron, three nursing sisters and a clerk were stabbed and assaulted outside Baragwanath Hospital last week in the latest violence linked to the hospital strike.

Hundreds of members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union on strike at hospitals were dismissed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) last month.

The names of the victims of violence are being withheld at their request.

The four were attacked last Wednesday. The deadline for the reinstatement of the dismissed workers is September 3.

The Soweto Local Dispute Resolution Committee, in an attempt to resolve the dispute, has chaired meetings between Nehawu and the TPA.

Mrs Seugnet van Niekerk, public relations officer for Baragwanath Hospital, said the clerk, three nursing sisters and a matron were severely assaulted when they reported for duty.

Mr Neal Thobejane, assistant general secretary of Nehawu, said he had no knowledge of the incident, adding "we have told our members not to attack others. Nehawu will act against those responsible if it gets a report".

Cosatu has said it will press the TPA and the Government to resolve the matter. The federation also claims Minister of Health Dr Rina Venter has blocked attempts aimed at resolving the strike.

The federation has also called for lunch-hour demonstrations and pickets at the workplaces on August 31 to show solidarity with dismissed workers.

A meeting of all Cosatu affiliates will be held on September 4 to decide on action if the matter has not been resolved by September 3.

Massacre suspects: Six under 18 years

POLICE yesterday confirmed that six of the 82 people being held in custody in connection with the Boipatong massacre were under the age of 18. (278)

Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harrald said police did not like detaining the youths, but the investigating officers feared they would disappear if released. ST 26/8/92

He said no final charges had been formulated against the youths and said he was unable to confirm reports that one had turned state witness. He said the youths had refused to say where their parents or relatives lived.

Lawyers for the accused have said the youths are refugees from township violence and do not even know if their parents are alive.

Col Harrald said that if the relatives were found, the youngsters might be released into the custody of their families.

PAC gives R1 000 to Boipatong families

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JOHANNESBURG. — The PAC yesterday handed cheques of R1 000 to each of the 28 families who had lost relatives in the Boipatong massacre.

The cheques were handed over by PAC secretary for relief and aid Ms Patricia de Lille at a ceremony at the Roman Catholic Church in Boipatong.

Ms De Lille said the PAC would also start self-help projects for Vaal Triangle residents.

Addressing the gathering, she urged political organisations, churches and international aid agencies to give direct assistance to the victims' families. She said disputes had previously developed when aid money was not given directly to families. — Sapa

Vaal violence delaying changes to hostel - claim

■ Wessels says struggle hampers hostel conversions:

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THE power struggle between the ANC and Inkatha in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle is preventing negotiations on upgrading hostels, Housing Minister Leon Wessels told the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

"It is self-evident that consensus between all the parties involved is a prerequisite to achieving a lasting and peaceful solution to the hostel issue," he added.

Wessels is reportedly the first Government minister to testify before the Goldstone Commission.

He said there were no "unwarranted delays" with the hostel programme, a thorny issue which constitutes one of the African National Congress' 14 demands that have to be met before negotiations are resumed.

Wessels said the Government's strategy for the upgrading or conversion of hostels into family units must result from negotiations between hostel dwellers, surrounding residents, interested parties and the owners of these hostels.

The essence of the Government's dilemma was that, while it had the capacity, funds and manpower to address community needs, including the issue of hostels, "unilateral action, regardless of its good intent, will not create stability".

"Upgrading, conversion and demolition of hostels can only be undertaken once discussions have led to agreement.

"Everything possible is being done to finalise the negotiation process as soon as possible so that building construction may commence in the upgrading or conversion (of hostels) into family units."

In urgent cases the Government had approved measures to expedite administrative and tender procedures so that construction could start within "three to five weeks" once consensus had been reached.

Consensus had already been reached on the need of 38 of the 177 hostels in question, he said.

Negotiations among representative groups are in progress in respect of 65 other hostels, while negotiations are underway concerning a further 65 hostels. The first upgraded hostel, in Tokoza, will open on Friday. - *Sapa.*

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Gunmen shoot train passengers on Rand

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Three gunmen armed with 9mm pistols shot and wounded five train passengers at Johannesburg's Park Station, police said.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said: "As train No 9168 left Park Station, gunshots were fired out of the last two coaches at commuters on platforms one and two. Five persons were wounded, while three others were injured. Of the three injured, two were hurt when they jumped out of the train, while the third person was injured on the platform during the chaos.

"Police were at the station at the time, but they were present on platforms three and four. The gunmen must have known the police were situated there.

"Police rushed after the train, stopped it and conducted an extensive search at the New Canada railway station, but no suspects or weapons were found.

"We suspect the gunmen alighted from the train as it travelled between Park and New Canada railway stations," he said.

Witnesses interviewed by the police said they saw the gunmen alight from the train before it arrived at New Canada station, he said.

Earlier yesterday, a gunmen shot dead a taxi driver before being shot dead by police in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg.

The killings occurred barely a week after a peace accord was signed between the feuding Alexandra Taxi Association and the Alexandra, Randburg, Midrand, Sandton Taxi Association.

Taxi driver Mr Mphithimphiti Sokhele, 40, of 9th Avenue, was shot dead inside his minibus taxi at the busy Pan African taxi rank, on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Watt Street. An assistant constable on the scene chased the gunman and shot him dead after he had ignored several warnings to halt, according to Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke.

Police confiscated a stolen pistol.

Warrant Officer Pieke said police were investigating the shooting, including a possibility that the attack was part of an ongoing feud between two taxi organisations in the township.

In other violence around the country:

● Vereeniging police reported finding the partially burnt body of a man aged about 20 in Evaton.

He has not been identified.

● In Boipatong in the Vaal Triangle, a church gardener was wounded when he was caught in a shootout between police and an alleged sniper.

Police said a man allegedly opened fire on police who were searching a car near the church. Police fired back and Mr Joel Molewe, 62, who was working in the church garden, was shot in the side.

He is in a satisfactory condition in Sebokeng Hospital.

● A man was shot dead and at least five were injured in unrest-related incidents on Monday, according to the 24-hour police unrest report issued yesterday.

Plan for violence-torn areas put forward

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A FIVE-point programme to stabilise violence-ridden areas would be finalised next week, national peace committee chairman John Hall said yesterday.

He told a Human Sciences Research Council conference on political violence that the programme would involve:

□ Identifying "leadership concern areas" where peace accord structures and security forces could no longer cope;

□ Committing appropriate political leadership, human and other resources to the areas to revive local and regional dispute resolution committees;

□ Identifying hostels involved in violence;

□ Identifying squatter camps involved in violence; and

□ Undertaking "monitoring liaison", including negotiations between peace accord structures and affected communities over the deployment of security forces and international monitors.

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ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus could not

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confirm that the ANC supported the programme last night, but Hall said he was confident that Monday's meeting of the national peace secretariat would endorse the programme.

Hall said he knew of about 20 business organisations, including Sacob, Nafcoc and the AHI, which were keen to plough resources into strife-torn areas, but were holding back because of the violence.

"I'm sick and tired of it. We've got to break through that barrier and take resources to the community," Hall said.

He said he was frustrated at the lack of success of peace accord structures at a local level, but added he believed their effectiveness was growing.

"My view of the violence in the PWV is that it is largely socio-economic and exploited to a certain extent by politicians. It has been aggravated by migration to the cities, overcrowding and the drought," Hall said.

Two men shot dead in Alexandra taxi feud

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■ Cop at the scene witnesses killings then shoots attacker:

By Don Seokane and Sapa

THREE people were shot dead yesterday at Alexandra in what police believe to be an ongoing feud between two taxi organisations in the township.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said two men sitting in a taxi at Pan African taxi rank were shot and killed by unknown attackers at 1pm. A policeman on the scene and who witnessed the shooting then fired at one of the gunmen, killing him.

Pieke said police were investigating the attack, including the possibility that the attack was part of the ongoing feud between taxi organisations in the township.

A spokesman for Alexandra, Randburg, Midrand and Sandton Taxi Association (Armsta), Mr Russell Sekgotho, said from reports he had received one of the victims was a patrol car driver and it was unknown whether the other victim was a taxi driver.

Sekgotho said the identity of the dead gunman killed by a policeman was unknown. The identity of the victims was still unknown yesterday.

He denied that members of his organisation were involved and stated that the attack could not be attributed to the present taxi feud in the township. Alexandra Taxi Association officials could not be reached for comment yesterday. Sekgotho, however, admitted that there has been a taxi feud in the township and that there were continuing negotiations to resolve the feud between the taxi organisations.

He disclosed that a further meeting, scheduled for tomorrow, would iron out proposals to be submitted by both parties.

In another separate incident, police confirmed that a man sitting in a taxi in Wolmarans Street, Hillbrow, was killed at 7.10pm on Monday when he was shot by an unidentified gunman.

No arrests have yet been made and police are investigating. The motive is unclear.

Violence on the wane - cops

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Goldstone Commission told attacks at stations is 50 percent down:

THE police reported back to the Goldstone Commission putting forward statistics suggesting a decrease in train violence on Reef and Vaal railway network.

Giving evidence on behalf of the Central Co-ordinating Centre set up following the recommendations of the commission, Lieutenant Colonel Marthinus Marx yesterday said there were 33 passenger train attacks in July as compared to 71 such attacks in June.

He said 16 people were killed and 29 injured during the July incidents, while a total of 55 people died and were 46 injured in June.

Comparable statistics as at August 20 were 18 incidents, with 10 dead and 22 injured.

This shows a decrease of 50 percent over the past two months at railway stations on the Reef.

The decrease, according to Lt-Col Marx, can be ascribed to the establishment of the Central Co-ordinating Centre and the deployment of extra police officers at stations.

Gunmen hurt 8 at Jo'burg station

FOUR people died in unrest yesterday, two of them in an incident that could be related to the taxi war in Alexandra, police said, while eight people were wounded last night when three gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles fired at a train at Park Station, Johannesburg.

Police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce said the gunmen then boarded the train and left the station.

"Police rushed after the train, stopped it and conducted an extensive search at the New Canada railway station, but no suspects or weapons were found," he said.

A man who shot dead a taxi driver at Alexandra yesterday was killed by a policeman moments after the attack, police said.

W/O Andy Pieke said Mpthimthithi Sokhela, 40, was sitting in a taxi at the Pan African taxi rank, on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Watt Street, when a man walked up to him and fired four shots, killing him.

"An assistant constable who was investigating a case in the area saw the attack and followed the gunman who had fled on foot," W/O Pieke said.

The suspect ignored warnings to stop and he was fatally wounded.

Police were investigating the possibility the attack was linked to a feud between taxi groups in Alexandra.

Food and Allied Workers' Union shop steward Julia Sgudla was shot dead on her way to work at Olifantsfontein near Pretoria yesterday, Sapa reports.

The body of an elderly man who had been hacked to death was discovered by police next to a railway line between Wadeville and Katlehong.

Wessels testifies about hostel plans

PRETORIA — The first Cabinet Minister to appear before the Goldstone commission did so yesterday after an agreement was reached that he would not be cross-examined or be liable for recall.

Agreement was reached just before Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels gave evidence, mainly about a lengthy report on hostel policy.

Wessels told commission chairman Bob Nugent that R324,6m had been allocated for the upgrading or conversion of 177 hostels owned by black local authorities and provincial authorities.

Government's policy was that hostel conversion had to be by consensus.

Negotiations had been completed at 38 hostels and were proceeding at 65 others. Plans had been finalised at 24 hostels and were being finalised at 14 others. Projects had been approved at five hostels and requested at 13 others. Construction was in progress at one hostel, he said. The first upgraded hostel — in Thokoza — will be officially opened on Friday.

Contrary to Goldstone's recommendations, government did not believe that all hostels should be fenced as this sometimes prevented integration with township residents.

Wessels rejected demands that hostels be demolished, phased out or converted to family accommodation.

Sapa reports that Wessels told the

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commission the power struggle between the ANC and Inkatha in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle was preventing hostel negotiations.

Government's dilemma was that, while it had the capacity, funds and manpower to address community needs, including the hostels issue, "unilateral action, regardless of its good intent, (would) not create stability".

But interim national housing forum committee vice-chairman Khehla Shubane told the commission that the committee was experiencing problems because of government's withdrawal from the forum this year.

Shubane said government was party to consensus on guidelines concerning upgrading hostels. Despite this, views on implementation differed.

Since government's withdrawal, state funds had been made available to black local authorities without the forum being informed. This was causing concern because the local authorities were highly politicised. In other instances hostels had been destroyed by communities staying near them.

Shubane said the forum had commitment from Inkatha, the ANC, Azapo, the PAC, Nactu and Cosatu.

The sitting was adjourned until tomorrow, when ANC, Inkatha and KwaZulu government representatives are expected to give evidence.

NEWS Top IFP bosses instigated violence, commission

'Mr 01' tells of train attacks

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■ TRAIN STRIKES Witness says IFP leaders instigated hostel dwellers:

TWO senior IFP leaders instigated Nancefield Hostel dwellers to attack ANC followers, a committee of the Goldstone Commission into train violence was told yesterday.

Under cross-examination by counsel for the IFP Mr Louis Visser, a witness identified only as "Mr 01" who was a police informer, said the two leaders had addressed several meetings at the hostel.

He told the committee that hostel dwellers were told that ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela had said Zulus should be attacked and forced back to Natal.

He said there was tension between the hostel dwellers and township residents, with the former believing that all township residents were ANC supporters or members who had to be attacked.

He said the killing of an IFP member had led to the attack on a train at Nancefield Station on June 25 last year.

"Mr 01" said as a hostel resident he was afraid to move about in the townships for fear of being recognised and attacked. He therefore asked for a firearm from a policeman called Danie, but had not received it.

He was among hostel dwellers who went out on an attack on a train but had to turn back because he was armed only with a panga while the rest of the group had firearms. Five had pistols while two had AK-47 rifles, the witness said.

"Mr 01" said he had expected to be paid about R40 000 by the police for information he gave concerning train attacks. However, he did not receive the promised amount.

Instead, after his lawyers had raised the issue on his behalf, he was paid R3 000 by the police. However, he claimed not to know what the R3 000 payment was for.

"Mr 01" said the causes of the violence in the townships and hostels included ethnic conflict between Xhosas and Zulus, slogans sung by ANC supporters and insults against IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He was not sure whether political rivalry between the IFP and the ANC was a cause of the violence.

Fresh train attack terror grips Reef

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The terror of train attacks has again gripped the Reef, with three commuters being shot dead and 14 injured in separate attacks over the past two days.

Yesterday three commuters were shot dead and five wounded by unknown attackers at the Boksburg station on the East Rand.

A commuter was also thrown off a train between Wadeville and Katlehong yesterday morning, allegedly after he became involved in an argument over money, Witwatersrand police said.

On Tuesday evening five people were injured when gunmen fired on commuters at Johannesburg's Park Station. Three people were injured fleeing the scene.

The resurgence of train attacks yesterday prompted Cosatu, the ANC, the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) and the SA Communist Party to threaten yet another boycott of Reef trains. Commuters boycotted trains for six days in May.

After inspecting the scene of the attack at Park Station's platforms 1 and 2 yesterday, delegations of these organisations expressed shock and disgust at the security arrangements at the station.

Yesterday there were no police in the trains and on the platforms, our sister newspaper The Star observed.

Cast spokesman Mr Dan Mofokeng said after visiting the station: "While Spoornet refuses to compensate victims of these attacks they fail to provide security for our people. We hold them and the police responsible."

The ANC also blamed Transnet and the police for not implementing agreements on security of commuters reached by signitories of the Train Accord signed in May this year.

The ANC, Cosatu, Cast and SACP delegation was supposed to meet Transnet officials late yesterday to discuss the latest attacks.

Police also released names of those injured in the Boksburg attack. They are: Samuel Musetsho, 44, of Orlando East, Makhosi Zimba, 26, of Katlehong, Elphis Molefe, 40, of Tokoza, Izak Dlangamandla, 27, of Jeppe, Samuel Phako, 23, of Katlehong, Mphó Phako of Katlehong and William Mahashe of Alexandra.

In other unrest-related incidents yesterday:

- A Tsakane resident found a mini-limpet mine and two detonators in a plastic bag beside the CID offices at Brakpan police station yesterday morning.
- Two policemen were injured, one seriously, when they were attacked by five armed men while they were standing guard at a Mamelodi hostel.
- The Ivory Park, Alexandra and Tembisa taxi associations were due to meet yesterday to discuss details of a peace agreement reached two days ago.

5 killed by rampaging train gang

JOHANNESBURG. — Five people died and two were injured as a gang rampaged through an East Rand train, police said.

Beginning at 6pm yesterday, the attackers stabbed and shot passengers and hurled them out of the train windows, Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said today.

Also soon after 6pm, a sixth man was killed and two more were injured by commuters, although it is not clear whether this was sparked by the initial attack.

At Katlehong's Pilot Station four men were stabbed and thrown out of the windows.

Three died and one is in hospital. (278) ARG 27/8/92

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Killings: Rail boycott threatened

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JOHANNESBURG. — A boycott of commuter trains might be implemented if killings continued unchecked, the ANC warned yesterday as three more people died on the trains.

ANC representative Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said this as he and delegates from the SA National Civic Organisation, SA Communist Party, Cosas and SA Railways and Harbour Worker's Union led journalists to the scene of Tuesday's shooting at Park Station in central Johannesburg where nine people were injured when gunmen fired out of train windows.

Three passengers were killed and seven injured in a train attack on the Johannesburg-Springs line yesterday.

"A group of men, who witnesses said had been singing ANC freedom songs, attacked commuters causing panic-stricken passengers to jump from the train," police said.

At Springs police found the bodies of three people who had been shot at close range. Two had bullet wounds while five others had been attacked with pangas and knives.

Also yesterday a man was thrown from a train near Wadeville.

The ANC, SACP and union representatives yesterday laid the blame for continued train violence at the doors of the South African Rail and Commuter Services' Corporation and the Ministry of Law and Order for not implementing an agreement entered into on May 14, 1992, which stated: "There shall be policemen on every train, every station and every platform. Every entrance and exit gate of every platform shall be manned by policemen and passengers shall always be searched". — Sapa

Inkatha leaders 'initiated attacks'

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Staff Reporter

Inkatha Freedom Party leaders Themba Khoza and Humphrey Ndlovu instigated Nancefield hostel dwellers to attack ANC followers, a committee of the Goldstone Commission into train violence has heard.

Under cross-examination yesterday by IFP counsel Louis Visser, a witness — identified only as Mr 01, who is a police informer — said the two leaders had addressed several meetings in the hostel which were attended by up to 8 000 inmates.

He also told the committee that inmates were told that ANC leader Nelson Mandela had said the Zulus must be attacked so that they would go back to Natal. This assertion was made by indunas in the hostel.

Mr 01 said there was tension between the hostel dwellers and township residents, with the former believing that all township residents were ANC supporters, who had to be attacked.

He said the killing of an IFP member had led to the attack on the train in Nancefield station on June 25 1991. He knew of another attack on commuters at New Canada station.

Afraid

Mr 01 said that as a hostel dweller he was afraid to move about in the townships for fear of being recognised and attacked. He had requested a firearm from a policeman called Danie but had not received it.

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Mr 01 said the causes of the violence in the townships and hostels included ethnic conflict between Xhosas and Zulus, slogans sung by ANC supporters, and insults hurled by ANC supporters at IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. He was not sure whether political rivalry between the IFP and ANC was a cause of the violence.

Policeman injured as 3 pupils arrested

By Montshiwa Moroke

A policeman was injured by stone-throwing pupils and three schoolboys were arrested in Soweto yesterday after they were found in possession of firearms and other dangerous weapons, a police spokesman confirmed yesterday.

The boys, aged 12, 15 and 16, were taken to Orlando police station and were expected to be released into the custody of their parents yesterday.

Liaison officer for Soweto police Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the SAP had received a report that about 150 pupils were taking part in an illegal march in Vilakazi Street, Orlando East, at about 9.30 am.

"When the police arrived there, stones were thrown at them. One policeman was slightly injured. The police cordoned off the students and searched them," Captain Ngobeni said.

He said two homemade firearms, a 9 mm pistol with an empty magazine, three pangas, four knives and a screwdriver were found on the ground.

Clashes

A 12-year-old youth was arrested for allegedly being in possession of a panga and a 15-year-old detained for allegedly obstructing the police and resisting arrest.

A 16-year-old was arrested after having been found in possession of a homemade firearm and a 9 mm pistol bullet.

It could not be established whether the arrests were related to reported clashes between Bona and Anchor high schools in the area.

Witnesses said clashes broke out between the groups where several shots were fired. No one was injured and the situation was saved by the arrival of police.

A witness said this was the second clash between pupils from the two schools in a month.

Anchor High School pupils were accommodated at Sifuneleni Higher Primary, next to Bona, in Orlando East, after their school in Mzimhlophe was forced to close because of bitter and bloody clashes between Mzimhlophe/Killarney and Meadowlands transit hostel residents early this year.

Train boycott threat as 3 die

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By Musa Mapisa and Anna Louw

Three commuters were shot dead and five wounded by unknown attackers at the Boksburg station on the East Rand yesterday.

A commuter was thrown off a train between Wadeville and Katlehong yesterday morning, allegedly after he became involved in an argument over money, Witwatersrand police said.

On Tuesday night five people were injured when gunmen fired on commuters at the Johannesburg Station. Three people were injured fleeing the scene.

The resurgence of train attacks prompted Cosatu, the ANC, the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal and the SA Communist Party to threaten yet another boycott of Reef trains. Commuters boycotted trains for six days in May.

A delegation of these organisations yesterday criticised security arrangements at the station after a visit there. Reporters from The Star saw no policemen in the trains and on the platforms.

CAST spokesman Dan Mofokeng said after visiting the station: "While Spoornet refuses to compensate victims of these attacks, it fails to provide security for our people."

The ANC accused Transnet and the police of failing to implement agreements on commuter safety signed in May.

The delegation was due to meet Transnet officials yesterday to discuss the latest attacks.

Police named those attacked in Boksburg as Samuel Musetsho (44) of Orlando East, Makhosi Zimba (26) of Katlehong, Elphis Molefe (40) of Tokoza, Izak Dlangamandla (27) of Jeppe, Samuel Phako (23) of Katlehong, Mpho Phako of Katlehong and William Mahashe of Alexandra.

In other unrest-related incidents reported yesterday:

- A mini-limpet mine and two detonators in a plastic bag were found near the Brakpan police station.
- At least nine people were killed in unrest in Umbumbulu and Umlazi townships near Durban on Tuesday.
- Two police constables were wounded, one critically, after an attack by gunmen while on duty at a Mamelodi hostel on Tuesday night.

A Pretoria police spokesman told The Star yesterday that constables C B Shibambo (23) and M J Maphuta (23) were on guard at the Block X hostel in Mamelodi West when the attack took place at about 8.40 pm.

Constable Shibambo sustained 10 bullet wounds in the neck, stomach and chest and is in critical condition in the H F Verwoerd Hospital.

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Three killed, 7 hurt in new train attack

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■ **Eighteen commuters injured in two days:**

By Mokgadi Pela and Sapa

GUNMEN struck again on Reef trains yesterday, killing three people and injuring seven others on a Springs-Johannesburg train.

This brings to 18 the number of people injured in renewed train attacks in the past two days.

Police spokeswoman Captain Ida van Zweel said: "A group of young men who had been singing ANC freedom songs burst into a coach, attacked people and caused panic-stricken passengers to jump from the moving train."

The injured were admitted to Boksburg-Benoni Hospital. Two were reported to be in a serious condition.

BBH superintendent Dr Freda Pretorius identified them as Mr Samuel Musetso (44), Mr Makhosi Zimba (26), Mr Elphas Molefe (42), Mr Izak Dlangamandla (27), Mr Samuel Pako (23), Mr Mpho Pako and Mr William Mahashe.

The names of the dead have not yet been released.

On Tuesday, three commuters were injured when gunmen attacked passengers on a Springs-Johannesburg train.

On the same night eight commuters were injured at Johannesburg Station when three gunmen fired on a train and people on the platform.

Hammer not a 'hit squad'

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■ **NOT ASSASSINS** Unit member upset over allegations of assassinations:

THE "Hammer" unit was not a hit squad, a former member said yesterday.

In an anonymous letter in yesterday morning's *EP Herald*, the man said he had been a member of the EP Command Special Reaction Force, known as Hammer, between September 1986 and June 1987.

The unit has been linked to the murder of Matthew Goniwe and three other Cradock activists, currently under investigation by the East Cape Attorney General.

The man signed himself "Concerned Ex-Member", and said he was a major in the SADF civilian reserve. Having read the reports on the unit, he felt "compelled to rectify the misconceptions that we were Nazi-styled assassins".

"I was at no time recruited for, trained for, informed of or witness to any illegal activity, let alone so-called 'hit-squad' activities."

Members of the unit had occasionally worn balaclavas. This was because many members were employers of local residents. "No one relished being recognised as the person searching his trade union representative's backyard, or his delivery driver's home," he said.

The unit had been formed to assist the commanding officer of EP Command as "a specially trained reaction force, to be available at very short notice for short periods".

Most members had been self-employed businessmen in the Eastern Cape "who were motivated by the arrangement that they were to be used for one- or two-day periods on an infrequent basis, instead of the normal 30-60-day requirements".

The unit had achieved good success in stolen weapons recovery, he said.

"I acknowledge that there are bad apples in any basket," he added. If any members had been involved in killings, "I trust that we all wish justice to be done, as soon as possible." - *Ecna.*

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'Mr 01' tells of train attacks

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■ TRAIN STRIKES Witness says IFP leaders instigated hostel dwellers: (278)

TWO senior IFP leaders instigated Nancefield Hostel dwellers to attack ANC followers, a committee of the Goldstone Commission into train violence was told yesterday.

Under cross-examination by counsel for the IFP Mr Louis Visser, a witness identified only as "Mr 01" who was a police informer, said the two leaders had addressed several meetings at the hostel.

He told the committee that hostel dwellers were told that ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela had said Zulus should be attacked and forced back to Natal.

He said there was tension between the hostel dwellers and township residents, with the former believing that all township residents were ANC supporters or members who had to be attacked.

He said the killing of an IFP member had led to the attack on a train at Nancefield Station on June 25 last year.

"Mr 01" said as a hostel resident he was afraid to move about in the townships for fear of being recognised and attacked. He therefore asked for a firearm from a policeman called Danie, but had not received it.

He was among hostel dwellers who went out on an attack on a train but had to turn back because he was armed only with a panga while the rest of the group had firearms. Five had pistols while two had AK-47 rifles, the witness said.

"Mr 01" said he had expected to be paid about R40 000 by the police for information he gave concerning train attacks. However, he did not receive the promised amount.

Instead, after his lawyers had raised the issue on his behalf, he was paid R3 000 by the police. However, he claimed not to know what the R3 000 payment was for.

"Mr 01" said the causes of the violence in the townships and hostels included ethnic conflict between Xhosas and Zulus, slogans sung by ANC supporters and insults against IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He was not sure whether political rivalry between the IFP and the ANC was a cause of the violence.

Three policemen die in collision

■ Five treated at hospital:

By Abbey Makoe and Sapa

THREE policemen were killed and five injured when a Casspir and a private vehicle collided at the intersection of Sebokeng and Vereeniging roads yesterday.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said police were investigating the cause of the accident and a possible charge of culpable homicide was being considered.

The dead policemen were based at the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit. The accident occurred about 5:30am, Van Deventer said.

He identified those who died as Constable RW Sheepers (20), Constable J Rathebe (25) and Constable TJ Khoali (30).

The five injured were Constables JJT Visser, who is still being treated at Vereeniging Hospital, G Keogh, GJ Mmuwi, JL Kokami and KA Maduna, who were all discharged.

Van Deventer said the driver of the car was 28-year-old Mr M Hugo of Vereeniging. He was admitted to Vereeniging Hospital.

In another incident, two policemen were injured, one seriously.

Police said yesterday that Constable MJ Maputa (23) and Constable VB Shibambi (23) were sitting in a guards' room at the hostel when five men kicked the door open and shot them.

NEWS FEATURE IFP man pleased by statement that comrades are responsible for killings

● The train killers have claimed the lives of 130 people this year alone



Security forces swarm the platform and tracks at Mlamlamkunzi station, Soweto. The station has been the scene of violence.

Train carnage

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■ **NO SECURITY** The police were nowhere to be seen at the railway stations:

By Mokgadi Pela

"I AM EXTREMELY happy that the truth has finally come out about the sinister forces behind the train killings," said an Inkatha Freedom Party supporter from Soweto's Nancefield Hostel yesterday.

The man claimed that two of the three people killed on the Johannesburg-Springs line on Wednesday morning were IFP members from Nongoma. He gave the name of one of them as Kubheka. In the attack seven people were severely injured and admitted to the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital.

Mr Ephraim Mpanza was reacting to a report in *Sowetan* yesterday which quoted police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel as saying: "A group of young men who had been singing ANC freedom songs burst into a coach, attacked people and caused panic-stricken passengers to jump from the moving train."

However, one of the victims who

still on the same old track

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was seriously injured in Wednesday's train attack on the Springs-Johannesburg line refutes the impression created by police that the assailants were ANC supporters.

Mr China Seapelo, whose lacerated face appeared on the front page of *Sowetan* yesterday, said: "I have travelled with comrades on the Johannesburg-Springs train for a long time, and they wouldn't commit such beastly acts.

"It's outsiders masquerading as comrades who attacked us. They trick commuters by singing freedom songs so that we'll think they are also opposing this rotten system of colonial occupation," he said.

These attacks have continued despite the signing of the much-publicised agreement on May 14, which guaranteed security on trains.

An investigation by the Sowetan team this week on the Johannesburg-Springs route showed that the main aspects of the agreement had not yet been implemented.

Police presence at most stations remained unrecorded.

We went in and out of many Reef stations without being searched.

The fear on the faces of thousands of tax-paying commuters, whose lives are at risk every time on the platforms, was unmistakable.

At about the same time Sowetan conducted its random check, African National Congress official Mr Ronnie Mamoepa and a group of journalists on Wednesday visited Park Station, where a train attack had occurred the previous night, and inspected the Soweto-Johannesburg train, number 9366.

Speaking during the inspection in loco, Mamoepa remarked that there was hardly any security 24 hours after four gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles opened fire on a train, injuring eight commuters at the station.

But, the solution to the continuing train attacks seem to be elusive.

The senior general manager of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation, Mr Koos Meyer, this week said there was nothing they could do as the police were responsible for ensuring that such people did not enter the trains.

"For our part, we are still investigating our rail commuter guards. We are, however, satisfied that the police are still investigating the matter. We are very sorry about these incidents," Meyer said.

A special unit assigned to deal with train attacks has yet to record success in its tracking of train killers.

Captain Thys du Plessissaid people should not expect any "quick fix to the ongoing carnage".

Terror trains

Train killers have taken the lives of 130 this year.

In September 1990 exactly 26 people were killed and 100 injured near Jeppe station.

Between January and May this year more than 130 commuters have been killed — either shot, stabbed, or hacked to death — and 235 injured in about 130 attacks on trains and stations.

The four-month death toll exceeds that of the previous 18 months when about 100 commuters were killed and nearly 500 injured in 34 attacks.

Between May and August over 30 people have died and more than 50 injured in the trains in the country.

Another union death

■INTER-UNION violence in the food industry claimed yet another victim this week. A Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) shop steward at Festive Farms on the east Rand, was gunned down on her way to work on Tuesday. Fawu immediately blamed the United People's Union of South Africa,

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which also has a strong presence in the plant. (279)

Train carnage on Reef intensifies

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Reporter

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Since the Goldstone Commission committee on train violence began its second sitting last Friday, 12 people have died and at least 27 have been injured in train attacks across the Reef.

In the two days before the sittings began, six people were killed and several injured in attacks on the East Rand and in Soweto.

In the latest attacks, nine people were killed and four injured on the East Rand.

Police said the attacks began at about 6 pm on Wednesday when attackers stabbed and shot passengers on a train near Katlehong's Pilot station. Four men died after they were stabbed and thrown out of windows.

Later, between Elsburg and Wadeville stations, police found the body of a man who had been thrown off a train.

Shortly after 7 pm, police found the body of another man who had also been thrown off.

Earlier in the day, three people were shot dead and five wounded at Boksburg station.

SA Rail Commuter Corporation spokesman Coen van Niekerk said the corporation was "in full swing", implementing the security measures announced on August 10 by SARCC managing director Wynand Burger. These had resulted from recommendations after the Goldstone Commission's first sitting.

Colonel Frank Steygans, newly appointed head of the SAP's train security unit based at New Canada in Soweto, said yesterday that patrols on trains from Soweto to Johannesburg had been stepped up.

Colonel Steygans said train attacks in Soweto tended to follow a revenge pattern between Zulus and Xhosas.

He asked the Soweto community to contact him with any information that could help ensure the safety of commuters.

He can be telephoned on (011) 474-9441 or 474-8966.



Joe Thloloe's Perspective

Violence is now woven into fabric of society

> **It is at times like these that great leaders show themselves**

TUESDAY August 25. Time 3,45 pm. *Sowetan* news executives are seated around the conference table, deciding on the next day's newspaper.

Deputy news editor Len Maseko gives us a list of the major stories of the day.

"A policeman in the Orange Free State has killed eight people.

"Three more people killed in taxi war in Alexandra Township.

"Two men appear in court in connection with the death of ANC informant Andre de Villiers."

His voice is matter-of-fact. It's another day's work.

The first reaction comes from Day Editor Thami Mazwai: "They are all skop en donder stuff. Isn't there anything else?"

"What about the Northern Transvaal?" somebody asks.

"A man has killed his three daughters and then hanged himself," Backdesk editor Ike Segola replies.

We all burst out laughing, but this is ugly stuff. You probably saw the paper on Wednesday morning:

The page 1 picture was that of policemen wrangling with strikers.

The summary of the day's lead story: Crazed cop kills eight.

Page 2 pictures are those of the killer cop and of one of his victims lying in hospital.

The lead story tells of four policemen and a girl of four being among the eight victims of the killer cop.

Page 3: Suspect in court; Man dies in custody; Two men shot dead in Alexandra taxi feud; Chalkdown threat remains; Commuters hurt; Gang members held; Wife in court; Body next to line; and across the bottom of the page, Violence on the wane - cops.

Violence, violence.

It has woven itself into the fabric of our society.

Crippling our children

Last week I wrote about a more subtle kind, the violence of crippling our children by letting them drop out of school before they even pass Sub Standard A.

Some might argue that the newspapers like to sensationalise, that we ignore the millions of people in our land and around the world who peacefully go about their normal daily business.

They might argue that we go for the gory because it sells newspapers.

I'd urge these people to think again. I'd urge them to keep their antennae working as they travel to work or school, as they eat their lunch in offices, restaurants or on the pavement, as they have their drinks after work.

They will feel violence in the texture of their daily lives.

They will know that when newspapers start filling their first three pages with this menu, it is time something drastic was done.

The optimism that was in the air a few months ago is gone. The economy seems to be getting worse instead of better.

There is tangible desperation all round.

It is at times like these that great leaders show themselves. These are people with vision, able to pull the nation behind them.

They don't offer cosmetic changes in the hierarchy of the police force. They fire unwilling or incompetent Ministers of Law and Order and their police commissioners.

Better policing

They don't offer protection for witnesses that lasts a ridiculous three months. They demand better policing and detection from their security forces.

They don't scratch at the surface of problems.

They find root causes and they go for the radical solutions.

One time - is it really less than 36 months ago? - State President FW de Klerk appeared to be that kind of leader. Now we are left wondering.

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Confessions of a necklace killer

The Weekly Mail meets an unidentified 'comrade' who proudly describes how he took part in the necklace murder of former mayor Esau Mahlatsi. There is a chilling contrast between the schoolboy comrade's neatly-dressed appearance and his opinions: 'Every time the flames died down I would pour on more petrol ...'

By RAY NXUMALO



I SPOKE to a young activist this week who says he necklaced former Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi in May this year — and has no regrets.

The 19-year-old Standard Nine student doesn't look like a child from Hell. He cuts an image of a neat youngster in his All Star sneakers, corduroy pants and white shirt. But when he talks about the deed, he won't look at you. He looks down at his hands or his feet, and his speech is halting.

When I met the boy this week, his face was hidden in a balaclava and he would only give his nickname, which translates as "Happy". I had been asking around, trying to talk to someone who had participated in a necklacing. A third person, whom I had given my telephone number, arranged the meeting in a neutral venue but did not appear for the interview. However, Happy was there, as well as an older friend, Mr X, whose face was also hidden.

Happy is a supporter of the Pan Africanist Congress and Mr X is an African National Congress supporter. They boast that the Patriotic Front exists at grassroots level in the Vaal.

Happy sounds unrepentant as he tells me that with 12 others, he poured petrol over the writhing body of Mahlatsi, that he helped set him alight and stayed as his flesh roasted and turned into ashes.

"Every time the flames died down I would pour petrol to revive the fire," he says, rubbing his hands together anxiously.

He says he is not scarred by the necklacing incident. His immediate worry is passing his Standard Nine.

He says his parents are separated. His father, with whom he lives, is aware that he is an activist. Although Happy doesn't have time to go on patrols any more because he's busy studying for exams, he says his father knows he used to go on patrols, dig trenches and man barricades at night.

"But I did not tell him the whole story about pouring petrol," he says. "The situation in our neighbourhood is such that you kill or be killed."

The necklace incident happened when Vaal townships were on the boil, with residents at loggerheads with kwaMadala hostel dwellers, and youths mysteriously being abducted, tortured and assaulted. The area was in a state of low-intensity warfare and barricades were erected to bring it under control.

The morning of the gruesome incident is vivid in his mind. "We were on guard at a barricade and had to burn tyres to keep ourselves warm when this car came upon us. Like all cars, it was stopped and searched."

In the driver's possession they found a gun which the comrades temporarily confiscated while he went home to fetch the licence. It was on his return that he committed what Happy called "a blunder that cost him his life.

"He came back with another gun and fired a warning shot to disperse the group." The group at the barricade had been looking for mysterious gunmen who had been shooting randomly at residents at night. They overpowered the driver. While he lay on the ground one of the men at the barricade produced an AK47 and shot him. Then he was recognised as the former mayor, and the decision to torch him was "spontaneous".

Happy says it was blind fury which fuelled his action: "It's not possible to necklace a victim if you are not angry enough."

Two years ago, Happy says he was shot in the back by Mahlatsi's bodyguards — and this fuelled his rage. He had been part of a group of youths who had attacked the mayor's house and set it alight.

What is alarming is that Happy says he has no regrets. He was aware of what he was doing and didn't want to stop, but he is adamant that he does not need counselling.

Seeing the man had already been badly hurt and shot, why the need to burn him?

"We were too emotional at the time. What we wanted to do was to totally get rid of him." The hatred in his voice is almost tangible. "The only thing that disturbed me was the screams he made as the flames ate at his flesh."

Speaking to the youth, it becomes apparent that he is little more than a child. His voice changes; the bravado is gone. I have to wait while he swallows a lump in his throat.

His friend, 24-year-old Mr X, says he came late to the necklacing scene. He says the thing he remembers most clearly about the incident is the stench. "It was a mixture of rubber, petrol and nauseating burning human flesh."

He tells me he would not mind watching his enemy burn to death, and after pondering, adds "maybe even participate in the burning itself".

He talks about the kind of people he considers "ideal candidates for necklacing" — informers. Despite the fact that the political organisations Happy and Mr X belong to uphold political tolerance, they say they have no tolerance for state agents and informers. They are incensed and unforgiving that "comrades" have been poisoned while in exile and camps bombed because of collaborators. "Those are some of the obstacles we have to move out of the way to freedom."

Both youngsters are aware that the necklace is barbaric and "an embarassment to the leadership" of both their organisations, but they are convinced that the gruesome method sends a clear message to would-be collaborators that "our struggle is serious".

"The movements have to distance themselves from necklacing because it damages their image," Mr X says, cynically, and Happy nods his head.

"Obviously we would like to see collaborators getting rehabilitated and absorbed into the community but our organisations just don't have the room for this. If they did, such things would not happen."

'The only thing that disturbed me,' Happy boasts, 'was the screams he made as the flames ate at his flesh'. Then Happy's voice changes, and the bravado is gone. I realise he is little more than a child

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2 shot in Phola Park

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POLICE shot and injured a man and a woman at the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park yesterday afternoon after being attacked by angry residents during a "crime prevention operation". A policeman fired into a crowd which had pelted them with stones.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said the exercise was a continuation of "Operation Alpo" which started in July and covered several black townships on the Reef. "We detained persons for a number of offences varying from possession of dagga to suspicion of murder."

Toll of train violence in two years near 300

AT LEAST 20 rail commuters have died violently in the past two weeks, bringing the death toll since July 1990 to nearly 300.

A Human Rights Commission (HRC) report released today said 295 rail commuters had been killed, nine on the East Rand on Wednesday.

Police said yesterday they were searching commuters on an ad hoc basis at Johannesburg Station in an effort to enforce a ban on weapons. Additional manpower could be deployed to assist with train security, they said.

Referring to the proposed "rail guard", police said: "A project has already been launched and the first formal report will be presented to the SA Rail Commuter Corporation on September 15."

Witwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said yesterday it was too early to say with certainty what had caused the latest spate of attacks, but they could have been revenge attacks sparked off by earlier killings.

Sapa reports police shot and injured a man and a woman in Phola Park yesterday, after they were attacked by angry residents at the conclusion of a crime prevention operation.

A policeman fired into a crowd after stones were thrown at police, a police spokesman said.

Police said they detained nine people in the operation for offences ranging from murder to possession of dagga.

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The ANC-linked Peace Action Group slated the exercise as harassment of local residents. "Shack doors were broken down and teargas was used. All men were herded into two yards created with razor wire and were forced to stand in the rain for approximately five hours," it claimed.

Renewed calls for the Goldstone commission to investigate violence in the Esikhawini area were issued yesterday following the killing of eight people there on Wednesday.

ANC northern Natal chairman Aaron Ndlovu also reiterated a call following the killings for the permanent presence of UN violence monitors in the region.

SA women should condemn acts of aggression and urge government to bring perpetrators of violence to book, African Women's Organisation of Azania (AWO) president Ellen Mothopeng said yesterday.

She said AWO, the PAC women's wing, wanted to point out most victims of violence "happen to be women and children".

SA women should therefore bring pressure to bear on government to stop its "delaying tactics" and to arrest and prosecute the perpetrators of violence.

Justice unable to cope, says Von Lieres

THE criminal justice system was unable to deal adequately with rising crime levels, Witswatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau told a conference of the SA Security Association at Nasrec yesterday.

Intimidation of witnesses and delays in summoning the police resulted in insufficient evidence to charge criminals.

One result of this was the fact that during the past year more than 1 000 politically related killings in the East Rand region had gone unsolved, he said.

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Pointing to the increased prominence of "people's courts" in townships, Von Lieres said the criminal justice system faced a crisis of legitimacy.

"If this problem is not dealt with then we will be on the slippery slide to anarchy," he warned.

Government had already taken steps in the right direction by repealing discriminatory legislation, but more needed to be done to encourage the black community to assist in sentencing cases in court, he said.

"Moves are also afoot to take some of the weight off the criminal justice system by transferring more responsibilities for matters like traffic offences and violent disputes onto justices of the peace."

...e-up necessary — retiring general

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human rights.

This was the message of Deputy Police Commissioner Lieutenant-General Henk de Villiers, one of the 13 generals retiring to make way for a restructured police force aimed at revolutionising police relations with the community.

In an interview with The Star, General de Villiers, who has spent 37 years in the SA Police, said he was not resentful of the need for his early retirement, as he was due to retire next May.

He could not, however, speak on behalf of the other generals.

The restructuring, he said, was made necessary by changing times and was vital to the improvement of police relations with the public.

There had be a great deal of criticism of the SAP, despite the fact that it was trying its best to protect the public.

"What upsets me is that I have been in the force for 37 years and the SA Police has always been fully committed to protecting the public. We're trying our best, but despite this, there is so much criticism," General de Villiers said.

Commenting on the retirements, he said it was time to give "younger men the chance to prove themselves".

He felt it was better to afford the generals the opportunity to retire rather than force them into new posts.

"There are different horses for different courses," he said.

General de Villiers said the changes had nothing to do with some generals not supporting the NP's reform policies, as had been suggested.

All of them had been very loyal, he said.

Among the generals retiring early is General G N Erasmus, who was involved in the arrest of ANC leader Nelson Mandela three decades ago.

It is understood there are three black potential generals in the SAP. They are currently writing exams as brigadiers.

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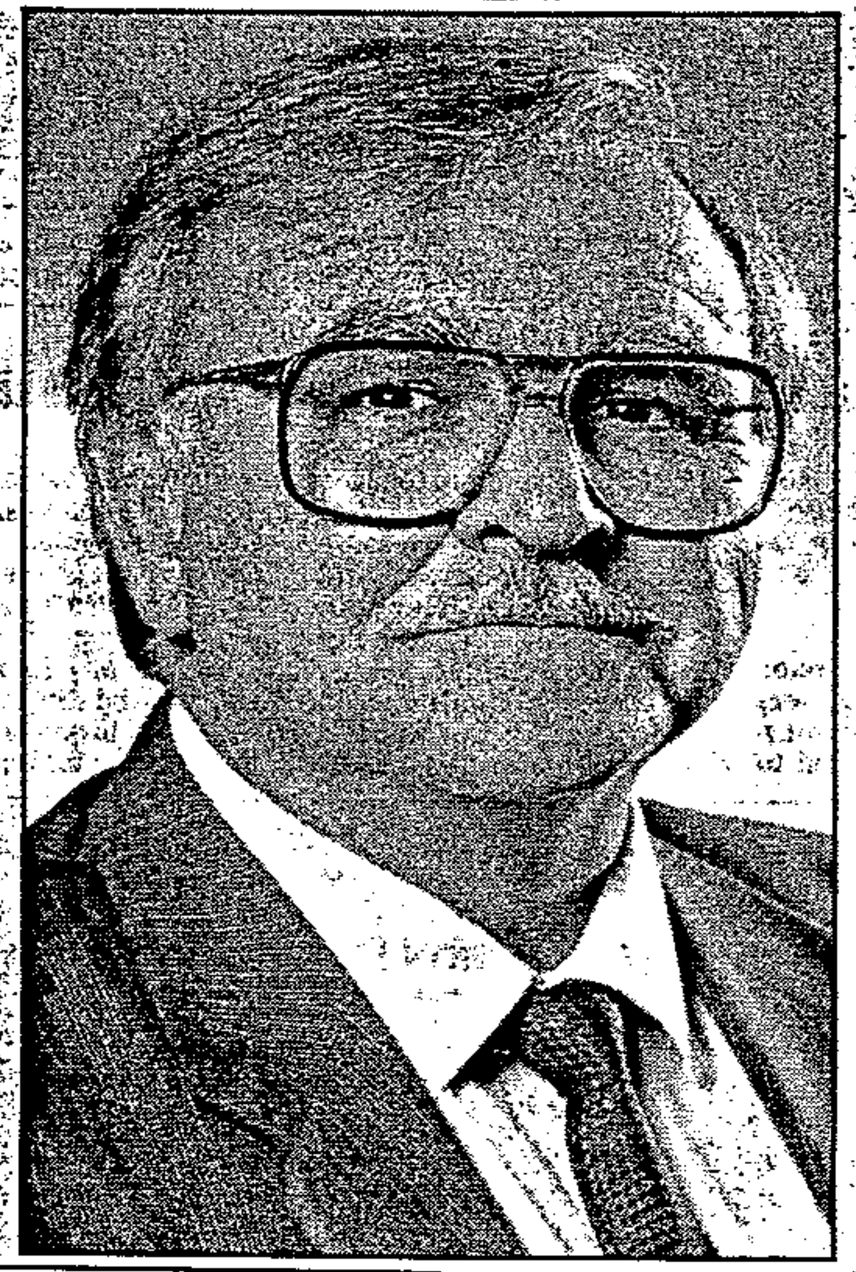
...mance against the ANC in reaction to the arrest of two MK operatives on charges of Mr de Villiers' death, suggests he will lack the non-partisanship required to police effectively the PWV region, which is racked by volatility and violence.

"Where members of the ANC commit crimes, they must be relentlessly pursued, arrested and punished. However, for the 'top cop' in the PWV area to arrive fresh from such a public and demeaning brawl with the ANC poses grave questions about the effectiveness of the rest of the reform package."

Mr Leon said General Calitz's appointment contradicted the announcement of a "new policing style" by the Minister, who had stressed that "emphasis will be placed on the key aspect of total impartiality." — Sapa.



Hernus Kriel ... aim of restructuring was to improve the credibility of the police, improve management and make police more visible.

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Force 'not yet representative of new SA'

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By Michael Sparks

Despite the radical changes in the upper echelons of the police, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said last night that the force did not yet represent the new SAP.

"That will have to be restructured under a new constitution," he said on the SABC's "Agenda".

Answering questions put to him by The Star's political editor Shaun Johnson, Beeld political correspondent Arrie Rossouw and Penny Smythe of "Agenda", Mr Kriel said the country would have to study the federal model of policing with provisions for an overarching federal police force with regional and city forces.

The aim of the restructuring was to improve the credibility of the police, improve management and strengthen the visibility of police.

Mr Kriel denied that the restructuring had anything to do with complying with the 14 conditions of the ANC before it would re-enter negotiations.

Lower SAP ranks worry about jobs

STAR 28/8/92

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Reporter

Lower and mid-ranking police officers yesterday greeted the sweeping changes to the police force with cautious optimism, but some expressed concern about their own job security.

Officers approached by The Star agreed the shake-up announced yesterday by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel would lift sagging morale, but said promotions and retirements would have to be sensitively implemented to avoid resentment from white police officers.

"If they have to make up for all the discrimination in promotion in the past, the white officers — particularly the men — will obviously now be last in line for promotions," a colonel said.

"And if the generals can be asked to quit, what about the rest of us?"

He said the issues of promotion and retirement would have to be handled very delicately.

A black officer, who asked that his rank not be mentioned, said black policemen would be elated at the new promotion opportunities, but they would have to know they were being promoted on merit and not on a token basis.

A lieutenant-colonel said morale had been at an all-time low.

"Maybe this will rescue the image of the police, which will help us to be more effective."

He cautioned that if the promotion of black officers was done in a "so-called affirmative action way, where the rest of us get left behind", it would be "a total mess".

He said most policemen were "hurt" that they had not been informed of the changes.

"All changes affect all of us directly. We should have been told."

He said most white officers were prepared to adopt a wait-and-see attitude before passing judgment.

"But we are all watching our backs very carefully," he added.

Outcry follows police raid on Phola Park

(27B) STAR 28/8/92

By Brian Sokutu

In what the ANC alliance has described as "a violation of the Peace Accord," security forces raided Phola Park on the East Rand early yesterday, shot and injured at least one resident, and arrested 11 others.

Several shacks were damaged, allegedly by members of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit (ISU) in an operation described by Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant J H L Weber as "a continuation of Operation Alpo".

Lieutenant Weber said two men had been arrested and nine others were being held for questioning. The search was intended to arrest "wanted criminals."

There was a mood of anger inside the squatter camp hours after the raid. Residents described how police had damaged their doors and furniture before ordering all men outside the shacks.

Men were escorted by police to an open space in Phola Park where they were split into two groups before being encircled with razor wire. The group was questioned for five hours.

Claudette Yakobi, who suffered bruises on her leg said: "I was running and fell after teargas was fired on us."

Later in the afternoon residents refused police orders to disperse, demanding that ISU Captain Justus Daniel Bruwer, who led the raid, "fix our homes".

"I'm not a carpenter. I can't fix anything," Captain Bruwer told an ANC delegation led by SACP deputy general-secretary Charles Nqakula.

Captain Bruwer denied police were responsible for the damage to the shacks. He said he fired a warning shot for residents to disperse "after being thrown with stones by residents".

"One policeman, also hit by the stones, pulled the trigger and someone was shot." But residents claimed three people were shot.

ANC PWV spokesman Wally Mbele said the manner in which police had conducted the raid was "a violation of the Peace Accord". He asked why the police did not consult local leaders before the raid.

"I wonder whether any civilised police force would keep residents hostage so that they are unable to go to work."

Unions hail restructuring

(140A) (143) STAR 28/8/92

By Thabo Leshilo
Labour Reporter

The country's two largest trade union federations, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu), yesterday welcomed the decision by the Government to restructure the National Manpower Commission (NMC).

The announcement was made by Manpower Minister Leon Wessels on Wednesday.

If the proposal received wide support, the commission would operate as an advisory body to the Minister, staffed equally by employer representatives, employee representatives and Government appointees.

Cosatu said in a statement that the delay in the decision — the move comes 18 months after the term of the previous NMC expired — was detrimental to the constructive approach to labour matters by employers, unions and the Government.

The Cosatu executive will meet at the end of next week to decide whether to take part in the restructured NMC.

The trade union federation withdrew from the Government's advisory body on labour affairs last year.

Some of the conditions the federation gave for leaving were that the commission needed to become an effective negotiating forum, employers and trade unions should have equal representation, and the Department of Manpower should be represented and be bound by majority decisions.

Nactu general-secretary Cunningham Ngcukana welcomed the development to make the NMC more representative and democratic.

He, however, also opposed its advisory status.

Mr Ngcukana said that agreements reached in the NMC should be binding on all parties involved.

...Sunday. Simon is a soccer fanatic and dreams of going to the World Cup. ...Star, to the South Africa versus Zambia game at ... Picture: Jacoob Rykliff

Tara staff holds open day fete

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Staff members at the Tara Hospital for the mentally handicapped in Hurlingham, Sandton, will hold an open day fete at the hospital on Saturday.

Tara hospital spokesman Lara Boss said the purpose of the fete was to generate public awareness about mental illness.

Ms Boss appealed to the public to donate any items, from canned or bottled foods to old books, which will be used in the fun and prizewinning activities.

Donors can hand in their donations to ward staff at the hospital or phone Lara Boss or Pos Yudelowitz on (011) 783-2010.

Guitarist Steve Newman of Tananas will give a solo performance at the fete.

Rubber bullets and teargas fired at teachers

STAR 28/8/92

By Phil Molefe
Education Reporter

The looming teachers' strike took an ugly turn yesterday when riot police broke up a peaceful demonstration and arrested protesting teachers.

More than 20 teachers were arrested and several others said they were assaulted on Wednesday when the police broke up a demonstration by teachers at a school in White City Jabavu.

About 500 teachers were demonstrating outside a school in White City Jabavu to back the teachers' demands for the reinstatement of two dismissed teachers and the withdrawal of suspension notices against 127 colleagues.

The Star saw policemen indiscriminately fire rubber bullets to disperse the demonstrators, seriously injuring an elderly teacher in the foot and hitting another in the eye.

A one-month-old baby was overcome by teargas fumes when police fired the gas into a house where the baby was sleeping.

A Star journalist, Joe Louw, was among those arrested. His camera was confiscated.

Louw was charged for allegedly taking pictures of "people under arrest". He was released after three hours.

A spokesman for the teachers, Oupa Mpetha, said yesterday that police intervention boded ill.

"If the authorities think education issues can be addressed by the police, they are in for a real shock because teachers will not allow a police state, which South Africa has come to be," said Mr Mpetha.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said last night that 22 teachers were arrested in White City for embarking on an unlawful march and confirmed that police used rubber bullets and teargas on the protesters.

He added: "As far as I know the police warned the protesters that the march was illegal and asked them to disperse. Apparently they refused, and police had to use rubber bullets and teargas on them.

"Twenty-two people were arrested and charged at the Moroka police station for taking part in an unlawful march. They were given an option to plead guilty to the charges or appear in court on September 30," said Captain Ngobeni.

He said he was "not aware of any injuries sustained by protesters" and urged those "who allege they were unlawfully dealt with to report the matter to their nearest police station".

Teachers criticised police involvement in dealing with the problem and dismissed charges against their colleagues as "frivolous".

"Once police get involved in education matters, then there must be problems," they said.

Licence warning

Big prizes offered to young

Himself

NEWS Baby hurt by teargas canister ● Commuters fight back in attack ● News in brief

Five killed in train attacks

Sowetan 28/8/92 (278)

■ **Sporadic violence continues on the Springs line:**

By Mokgadi Pela and Sapa

SPORADIC attacks on East Rand trains continued on Wednesday night with the killing of five people and injury of two others.

On Wednesday morning, three people were killed and seven injured when gunmen went on the rampage in a Springs-Johannesburg train. The injured were rushed to the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital and Willem Crywagen Hospital.

Police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said the attackers had stabbed and shot passengers and hurled them out of train windows.

On Wednesday at 6pm, a sixth man was killed and two more were injured by commuters. At Katlehong's Pilot Station, four men were stabbed and thrown out of windows. Three died and one is in hospital. ● See Story on Page 10 and 11

Police disrupt teachers' demo

Sowetan 28/8/92 (329) (258)

■ **22 arrested, many injured during "peaceful march":**

Sowetan Reporters

SEVERAL teachers were arrested and many others injured when police broke up a march organised by the South African Democratic Teachers Union in Soweto yesterday.

A month-old-baby was also injured when a teargas canister fired by police landed inside a house in White City Jabavu. The baby was treated at the White City clinic.

Six Sadtu members and a passerby, Mr Abram Senne, were injured when police fired birdshot and teargas.

Those injured were also treated at the White City clinic.

Sadtu official Mr Oupa Mphetha said police had caused chaos by breaking up a peaceful march.

Police confirmed that 22 Sadtu members who refused to disperse when told to do so were under arrest at Jabulani police station.

"They will only be released after paying their fines," police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said.

Meanwhile, talks between Sadtu and the Minister of Education and Training will continue on September 10.

It was not clear yesterday whether the union would still go ahead with the threatened strike on September 2 following the postponement of talks between the two parties on Wednesday.

The chairman of Sadtu's Soweto branch, Mr Matakanye Matakanye, said the union hoped to sign a recognition agreement on that day.

But he refused to be drawn on whether the union would still go ahead with its strike on September 2.

SAP to promote 3 blacks to general

Sowetan 28/8/92 (251)

■ **Minister announces restructuring to restore credibility:**

By Ismail Lagardien

THE SAP will promote three senior black police officers to the rank of General, a well-placed source confirmed yesterday.

They are Brigadiers John Manuel, Morgan Chetty and Simon Tsoka.

Their appointment will follow a month-long training programme to start in mid-September. They are expected to take office by the end of October.

This is part of an extensive restructuring with a view to "restoring the credibility of the SAP and to heigthen its effectiveness in providing policing for everyone in the country".

In announcing the sweeping changes and restructuring of the higher echelons of the police, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, yesterday confirmed that 18 white generals would "retire" within months.

Other changes in the police hierarchy announced yesterday were: The establishment of an independent investigative body to investigate serious crimes allegedly committed by members of the SAP; The creation of a new division of Community Relations; A new subdivision aimed at "sensitising" members of the SAP about the changed political environment in which policing has to take place.

Thirteen of the 18 Generals have accepted early retirement.

Four others - Lt-Gen JF Calitz, Maj-Gens LCA Pruis, VH Steyn and JH le Roux - have been promoted. Those leaving are: Lt Gen HPM de Villiers, AB Conradie , DS Kemp, PM du Plessis, I Coetzee , and Maj Generals GN Erasmus, HP Grobler, HJ Fischer, BH Henn, GC May, T Breytenbach, JFR Kruger and JAP Burger. The other generals are Lt Gen LP Lothar Neetling, JS M Venter, Maj Gen R Robinson, Maj Gen GJ Viljoen, Maj Gen CM Van Niekerk and Maj Gen JH Gloy.

news in brief

ANC 'welcome to summit'

THE ANC was welcome to attend the Government's summit on regionalism and federalism in Pretoria on September 17, Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer said yesterday.

Meyer said the summit would be "the start of a consensus-seeking process" on the question of decentralisation and strong regional and local government.

The conference was initially expected to be attended by the Government and its allies. However, Meyer said the ANC was welcome to attend if it so wished.

"This is not a conference or discussion to pressurise the negotiation process or even to create the impression of a new initiative," he said.

2 shot in Phola Park

POLICE shot and injured a man and a woman at the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park yesterday afternoon after being attacked by angry residents during a "crime prevention operation". A policeman fired into a crowd which had pelted them with stones.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Wikus Weber said the exercise was a continuation of "Operation Alpo" which started in July and covered several black townships on the Reef. "We detained persons for a number of offences varying from possession of dagga to suspicion of murder."

Workers' sit-in at Seifsa

ABOUT 40 National Union of Metalworkers of SA members yesterday occupied the offices of the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of SA in Johannesburg.

Another 500 members had also gathered outside the building. The sit-in was in support of the union's demands for a 16 percent across-the-board increase and better job security.

Checkmate predicted as power play takes its toll

The Human Rights Commission releases a review of two years of Reef violence, saying destabilisation has outrun its political utility.

JO-ANNE COLLINGE reports.

LIKENING the political struggle to a hard-fought chess game between those desperate for the survival of apartheid power and the majority hungering for a place in the sun, the Human Rights Commission asserts that "checkmate is nigh" for pro-apartheid forces, including the Government.

After two years of intense political violence, in which at least 6 229 people have died, South Africa is very near the point where the minority will concede that it is too costly to cling to power, the HRC argues in a newly released report entitled "Checkmate for apartheid power?"

When "the pain of holding on to power begins to exceed the pain of letting go", the apartheid power bloc will agree to free and fair elections — and effectively to its own political eclipse, the report states.

The HRC calculates that in elections based on proportional representation, the NP and its allies could muster at the utmost 30 percent of all votes. A maximum 92 percent of white voters, 60 percent of coloured and Indian voters and 16 percent of black voters would opt for the NP and its associates.

Despite this, the Government will soon bow to the demand for elections, the HRC reckons, largely because the strategy of destabilisation has begun to undermine — rather than reinforce — the strategy of reform.

The HRC is among those groups which claim the roots of political violence are not mere political rivalry between Inkatha and the ANC. It argues that violence stems from a deliberate policy of destabilisation by the Government, its armed forces and their surrogates and that it is a logical successor to the "total strategy" employed by the Government against the liberation movement in the 1980s.

The HRC pursues this argument in "Checkmate", taking account of patterns of violence, evidence of collusion between agents of violence and the State, and the role of South African armed forces elsewhere in the region.

Certainly no proponent of the "rogue element" theory of violence, the HRC nonetheless observes that recently "destabilisation seems to have run out of control".

"The forces initially unleashed by the apartheid Government in this strategy of destabilisation now seem to have taken on a momentum and agenda of their own. Strong and resolute action by their erstwhile master will be necessary to bring them to heel," the report states.

It views the stakeholders in apartheid as reasonably differentiated, ranging from the Government and its constituency, to the security establishment and the civil service, the homeland governments and the business community, which constituted "prime beneficiaries" of apartheid.

The agencies of violence — or "centres of destabilisation", in the report's terminology — are equally varied, spanning regular police and military units, covert agencies, homeland armies and police forces, vigilante forces and hit squads.

The report suggests that both the "out of control" nature of the violence and early pressures to give up all ploys for minority control stem from this differentiation among apartheid stakeholders.

Economic pressures for democratic change are becoming irresistable, the report argues. Because of the violence, the economy is no healthier in the age of reform than it was during the emergency years.

"We are currently in our third successive year of negative growth, with no prospects of stemming the capital bleeding, let alone reversing it, unless the world's financial system can be convinced that South Africa is politically stable and a secure area in which to place loans and investments," the report argues.

In the negotiating process a number of "power sharing" proposals had been put forth by the Government camp, but they have been unequivocally rejected as popular pressure for a democratic settlement has been mobilised. The issues at stake in negotiation can no longer be obscured, says the HRC: "With all the irrelevancies swept aside, the issue of transfer of power to the majority stands alone." □

Dimensions of violence

The HRC puts the start of "destabilisation" at July 1990, when political violence hit the Reef. These are the dimensions of the violence, according to HRC monitors:

Total death toll: 6 229 — of which 3 190 occurred in year one and 3 039 in year two.

Rate of fatalities: An average of 260 a month or 8,53 a day over two years.

Places of violence: PWV — 58,9 percent of deaths; Natal — 32,2 percent; other regions — 8,9 percent.

Sources of death: Vigilante-related (including killings by pro-ANC forces) — 81,2 percent; security forces — 5,7 percent; hit squads — 2 percent; right wing — 0,7 percent.

Trends in violence: Major massacres (more than 10 deaths) — 34 in year one and 15 in year two. Train deaths — 67 in year one, 227 in year two.

OUR HISTORY OF HORRO

Cpress 30/8/92 (278)

By ELIAS MALULEKE

IS THE dreaded "necklacing" here to stay?

Last Sunday a man walking in thick bushes in the Waltloo industrial area in Silverton, Pretoria, stumbled on the burnt body of a young woman. The body was still smouldering.

According to police, the unknown woman was burnt almost to the bones. They suspect she could have been abducted, raped, robbed, then killed and torched by her assailants.

In the past this incident would have received wide coverage, it would have been described as "brutal, shocking and barbaric". However, until City Press contacted the SA police liaison office at their Pretoria headquarters on Thursday for comment about the victim, the police did not even know about the victim. There was also no mention about this incident in the media throughout the week.

The necklace is known in the Vaal Triangle, Soweto and the eastern Cape as the "Guillotine", a term used by "young revolutionaries" to defend their killing method. They compare their actions to the time when the French used the guillotine to eliminate "collaborators" during the French Revolution.

In recent weeks there has been a steep rise in the number of people killed in this manner in Soweto, the Vaal Triangle and East Rand townships. Soweto alone has recorded more than 12 cases of necklacing and police believe the figure is much higher in the Vaal, East Rand and Natal areas.

The necklacing often starts with the mob attacking the victim with stones, hacking him with pangas and all kinds of missiles before the burning frenzy begins. Then the victim, pleading for his life, is forced into tyres while he is still down. Sometimes one tyre is fixed to his neck. Others get tyres around the neck, waist and legs.

The victim and the tyres are then doused with petrol before the victim is reduced to a ball of inferno while his assailants toyi-toyi around him and other members of the community cheer.

The remains are left to rot in the streets; sometimes the victims are decapitated and their heads paraded on a broomstick by youths whose ages range from 10 upwards.

A Johannesburg social welfare officer said authorities and members of the community have been conditioned by the necklacing violence and accept this form of brutal murder as a way of life.

Politicians have said the necklace must be stopped and point out that they have been condemning the practice among their supporters.

The police have said it is difficult to stamp out necklacing because police only come to the scene after the slaying.

However township residents, who are forced by circumstances to be part of this growing menace, believe otherwise, and demand to know what is being done to re-educate the youth and others to stop the cruel, wanton murders.

Claims are that youth supporting the ANC and their allies are behind the killings and that victims are mostly members of Inkatha and opposing organisations which include Azapo and the PAC.

An ANC activist in the Western Transvaal, George Mathusa, was last month quoted in the media as saying that "necklacing" would be used to make Bophuthatswana ungovernable as was the case in SA in the 80s.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said he had nothing to add when approached for comment this week. Instead he referred City Press to a ANC statement on necklacing incidents which was released to the media on June 30 shortly after reports of necklacing by alleged ANC supporters surfaced.

In the statement, the ANC said it was "deeply concerned" about the resurfacing of the necklacing in the townships and that it was regrettable, and called on all people to stop the practice.

Dr Gomolemo Mokae, education secretariat of Azapo, said the continued use of the necklacing was because of the failure of the community and political leaders to condemn the killings.

"We are reaping the whirlwind of the 1985-86 era when youths were given licences to kill in the name of liberation. They were made to understand that what they were doing by becoming a law unto themselves was the right thing."



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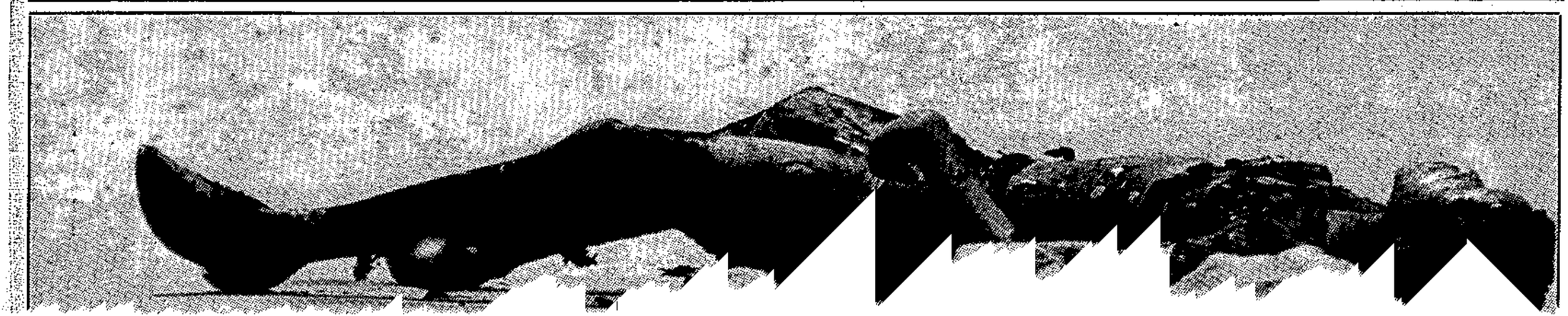

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Or suffer court bias, say residents



OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT? . . . Protestors challenging the impartiality of the Kroonstad judiciary are bundled into a cop van.

By SOPHIE TEMA

PROTESTERS were arrested when more than 1 000 residents took to the streets in Maokeng to challenge the impartiality of the courts this week.

Residents called on Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee to set up a special commission to deal with the Kroonstad Magistrate's Court.

The demonstrators were challenging the impartiality of the courts in dealing with criminal cases involving the notorious Three Million Gang and the police.

They also complained that there was discrimination against blacks in the "white courts".

Protesters were held for almost seven hours before being released.

In a memorandum handed to the chief magistrate, residents complained that members of the Three Million gang were allowed out without bail for serious cases while ANC members were forced to pay exorbitant bail bonds.

"We doubt the impartiality of the courts in Kroonstad when dealing with cases in which members of the Three Million gang are involved.

"We therefore demand the immediate withdrawal of all charges brought against people who were victims of the gang and were charged for defending themselves," said the memorandum.

The march follows a Three Million Gang attack on 19-year-old schoolboy Nkosana Isaac Mavaleliso, who was stabbed more than 30 times and left for dead.

Mavaleliso said he was attacked by about 16 members of the gang in a Maokeng street while three policemen looked on.

Criticising the police the protesters' memorandum said: "Several people have been targeted by the SAP in the violence that has wrecked the black township.

"Charges against the police have not been brought to the courts although numerous members of the community have laid charges of assault and malicious damage to property."

THE SA WAY ... A man is set alight with petrol after being stabbed and assaulted (above). His crime: Accused of being an Inkatha supporter. His sentence: Murder in the cruellest way imaginable.

NO DIGNITY IN DEATH ... (Left) Are South Africans becoming immune to atrocities like this?

Saved from a bloody end

By MOSES MAMAILA

TWO victims of street justice were this week saved from "the gallows" by police who arrived at the scene just before the final blows were delivered.

The two Sebokeng youths were severely assaulted by a mob of pupils who wanted to kill them in revenge for the death of a schoolmate.

The two teenagers are fighting for their lives at Sebokeng Hospital where they were admitted on Monday.

They were bleeding profusely from their heads and covered in blood -- which led many people to conlude that their eyes had been gouged out.

The youths were targeted by pupils of Botebo-Tsebo High after they were implicated in the murder of matric pupil Shimi Makhoba.

Armed with pangas, knives and other weapons, the pupils attacked the two youths in an open field, said witnesses.

"Police saw a mob of people attacking two youths with knives but when they went to the scene, the attackers fled," said police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer.

When City Press reporters visited them this week, the two youths lay in their hospital beds, unable to speak.

Their faces had been sliced several times and were swollen. Their eyes remained closed.

Police said a youth has been arrested in connection with the incident.

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7 murdered in horror violence

PRETORIA. — Four people were hacked to death and then burnt at Inanda on Sunday night, police here said.

A policeman died and another was wounded when gunmen opened fire at a police patrol at Zwelentemba, Worcester.

Constable Helmut Schubert, 22, has lost an eye and is in a critical condition after being shot in the head at Meadowlands in Soweto on Sunday night CT 1/9/92.

A man was necklaced at Sharpeville (278)

Another man was shot dead at Bekkersdal, on the West Rand. — Sapa

Taxi violence probe

A Goldstone Commission committee chaired by Mr DJ Rossouw, SC, who has been conducting an inquiry into violence in the taxi industry, will investigate the taxi industry in Alexandra township north of Johannesburg, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone announced yesterday.

The investigation resulted from a request of the Peace Committee in Alexandra for an investigation into violence involving the township's taxi industry.

The inquiry will commence on September 30 at a venue to be announced, the statement said.

Anyone wanting to submit information may do so in writing to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X858, Pretoria, 0001 on or before September 25 or telephone the secretary at (012) 320-4640.

Swanieville massacre: 8 to be tried

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Eight men are to be tried in the Rand Supreme Court this week on 28 counts of murder following the Swanieville squatter camp massacre on May 12 1991.

Vumisani Majola (37), Sizw Majola (21), Joseph Mphiwa Khanyile (51), Bakers Dlamini (32), Mzanywa Flash Sithole (44), Bhekowakhe Moffat Mdlalose (41), Begabantu Jali (23) and Pheyi Mlango (54) also face charges of public violence and illegal possession of a machine-gun, firearms and ammunition.

According to the indictment, the accused were among a group who armed themselves with a variety of weapons before entering the camp.

In the attack, 28 people were killed and many others assaulted and robbed. Houses were burnt and damaged, and scores of families fled their homes.

The State could call more than 235 witnesses — an indication that the trial could be lengthy. — Court Reporter.

Police, ANC meet

ANC representatives from Vaal Triangle branches and senior SA Police members will meet on Thursday to discuss reconciliation, ANC spokesman Sechake Mothibeli said yesterday. (278)

According to Mr Mothibeli, the meeting will be attended by community representatives from Boipatong, Bophelong, Sharpeville, Evaton, Palm Springs and Orange Farm, as well as ANC delegates from these townships. Sowetan 1/9/92

Police station commanders and senior police officers, and the independent Peace Action organisation, will also attend. - *Sapa.*

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Hostel men face massacre charges

THE trial of eight hostel residents who allegedly murdered 28 people during a dawn raid on the Swanieville squatter camp in Krugersdorp last year is due to begin this week.

Vumisani Majola, 37, Sizwe Majola, 21, Joseph Mphiwa Khanyile, 51, Bakers Dlamini, 32, Mzanywa Flash Sithole, 44, Bhekowakhe Moffat Mdlalose, 41, Begabantu Jali, 23 and Pheyi Mlango, 54, all appeared briefly in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

They were not asked to plead and the trial was postponed until this morning.

Seven of them lived at the Kagiso hostel in Kagiso at the time of the raid, while the eighth man lived at the Wattville hostel, Benoni.

SUSAN RUSSELL

The State alleges the eight were part of the armed group that raided the squatter camp during the early hours of Sunday May 12 last year.

Armed with firearms, spears, pangas, axes, kieries and other dangerous weapons, the group attacked squatter camp residents in their homes.

The group, which the State alleged included the eight accused, also set fire to homes, looted and robbed residents.

Many of the Swanieville residents fled during the attack. The 28 people allegedly murdered by the eight accused died at the scene.

Another 37 were injured.

Kriel 'still holding talks on cell deaths'

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel was discussing the issue of continued deaths in detention with Attorneys-General and magistrates, a Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Reports on all cell deaths in the past two years were requested by Kriel earlier this year when independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman claimed police were involved in the killing of detainees.

Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said Kriel had "every intention" to make a statement about the reports, but was still involved in talks on the matter.

The statement was expected within the next two weeks, Kotze said.

Sapa reports that a police public relations spokesman said in Pretoria yesterday that 178 people had died in police detention since January 1 last year.

Meanwhile, DP southern Transvaal chairman Peter Soal said yesterday that while he welcomed the restructuring of the SAP announced last week by Kriel, the question of deaths in detention had not yet been finalised.

He told a meeting of the Union of Jewish Women in Johannesburg that after the publication of Gluckman's allegations, a "highly flustered" Kriel went on television promising a judicial inquiry.

STEPHANE BOTHMA

"A few days later, after a death a day in detention that week, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee writes to Dr Gluckman asking which inquests he is unhappy with.

"Mr Coetsee has missed the point, as there have been no inquests."

Soal said President F W de Klerk had to act with vigour to restore confidence in the police. Gluckman's allegations had to be investigated at inquests presided over by judges, not by magistrates.

"Allegations must be investigated quickly and any policemen found guilty of misconduct must be dealt with firmly."

There should be no cover-ups. The public should be reassured that government would act with all the energy it currently did not appear to possess. "Minister Kriel has left a lingering doubt about his intention in this regard and he and Mr de Klerk have to move quickly to reassure the public they are serious about the matter."

Council to decide whether to resume train boycott

RAY HARTLEY

A MEETING of the ANC-aligned PWV Regional Action Council will decide tomorrow whether or not to resume a boycott of commuter trains in the region, says ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa.

Mamoepa said yesterday the committee, on which the ANC, Cosatu, the SACP and the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) serve with several other organisations, would draft an "elaborate plan" to counter train violence.

A meeting with the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and the ANC was being planned to discuss the matter. This follows a low-key meeting last week.

Mamoepa described a heightened police presence at the station on Friday as a token show of force.

"If you go to Johannesburg station now, you won't see them there," he said.

Meanwhile, two more people were killed in train attacks at the weekend — one at Johannesburg's Jeppe Station — according to police.

Police reported yesterday the deaths of seven more people in other incidents of violence, Sapa reports.

Four people were hacked to death and then burned at Inanda near Durban in a revenge attack after a man was killed on Saturday. No arrests were made.

Sapa reports that a young police constable is in a critical condition in hospital after being shot in the head at Meadowlands, Soweto, on Sunday night.

Police said Const Helmut Schubert, 22, had lost an eye and was in a critical condition in the Garden City Clinic. His attacker had not been arrested.

And police found the body of a man killed by the "necklace" method at Sharpeville, near Vereeniging. Another man was shot dead at Bekkersdal on the West Rand, the police report said.

Two men appeared in the Maritzburg Regional Court yesterday on several charges of attempted murder and public violence, including the petrol-bombing of the house of Greytown ANC leader Solomon Mzolo.

Staff theft 'is main cause of shrinkage'

CHARLIE PRETZLIK

SHOP assistants with their hands in the till were the main cause of shrinkage in the retail trade, Sacob president Hennie Viljoen told a Security Association of SA conference in Johannesburg last week.

He said retailers were having to allow for between 1% and 2,4% of turnover for shrinkage.

Worst hit were medicine and beauty outlets.

Security company Lodge Services MD Errol Ashman, also addressing the conference, calculated that 13 000 trolley loads of goods were pilfered each day.

Viljoen warned that the law was ineffective as a tool to combat shrinkage.

The solution, he said, lay in "sound industrial relations, with a contented and motivated workforce".

Councillor's house bombed

A SOWETO councillor whose house was bombed at the weekend has linked the incident to the in-fighting within the Sofasonke Party. (278)

Mrs Lillian Matheta said her Zola Two home was rocked by a limpet mine on Friday night.

"I believe I was attacked because I belong to one of the splinter groups. The fact that the deputy mayor was attacked also confirms the rumour that inter-departmental feuds are behind the attacks," she said. Sowetan 1/9/92

Goldstone to hold inquiry into 'wars'

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PRETORIA. — The Goldstone Commission is to hold an inquiry into the taxi "wars" in Alexandra at the end of the month.

The announcement follows a request from the township's Peace Committee.

Taxi feuds have claimed dozens of lives in Alexandra and townships on the East Rand in recent months.

Goldstone Commission vice-chairman Neil Rossouw, SC, who has been investigating violence in the western Cape taxi industry, is to chair the Alexandra inquiry on September 30.

The inquiry will focus on establishing the nature and causes of the violence and intimidation, whether it aims at the achievement of any political goal, what persons are involved and what steps should be taken to curb or prevent it.

The SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta) said it welcomed the inquiry, as the organisation itself was "too close to the situation to find solutions to problems".

Sabta spokesman Mike Ntlatleng said the problem spots also included the northern Transvaal, eastern Transvaal and East Rand.

"The taxi violence in Alexandra is very complex, not only because of fighting over ranking facilities but because of political tensions", said Mr Ntlatleng.

Shooting at KwaMadala

FOUR people were wounded when shooting broke out at the KwaMadala hostel in Vanderbijlpark yesterday morning after detectives from Parys arrested six hostel residents in connection with two armed robberies and a rape case, SABC radio news reported.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said detectives had been following up information received after eight suspects were arrested in Parys.

A stolen bakkie and a video recorder were seized at the hostel.

Van Deventer said when the detectives left the hostel with the suspects, about 80 residents began stoning them and at least 30 shots were fired at them.

The detectives returned fire and four people were wounded.

Four of the suspects escaped in the shooting.

KwaMadala hostel burst into the news on June 17 this year when residents allegedly attacked neighbouring Boipatong township and massacred at least 40 people. — Sapa.

ANC joins forum to tackle education crisis

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE ANC, Azapo and 11 political, trade union and pupils' organisations are to tackle the education crisis.

The national education conference vowed yesterday to "engage the state and business through the mechanism of a forum" in an attempt to restructure the schooling system.

At a news conference yesterday, ANC education head John Samuel announced that the new forum would launch a "mass educational campaign" to back the forum's demands. No details of this campaign were available yesterday.

The initiative began early last year when a delegation, headed by ANC president Nelson Mandela, met President F W de Klerk to discuss the crisis. But political organisations' diverging views have delayed formulation of a strategy to resolve the education problem.

Samuel said organisations had finally reached consensus on a number of issues.

He said the forum had requested a meeting with De Klerk next month, and had invited government to take part in discussions. Negotiations with the PAC, which until now has rejected the forum, were also under way.

Because of the private sector's considerable investment in education, Samuel said, it was important that it be drawn into the structure to ensure resources were used to the maximum benefit of pupils.

The forum would focus on key actors such as Saccola and the Joint Education Trust, a structure set up by business and community organisations.

Samuel said the forum would look at the reallocation of educational resources and especially the waste involved in the retrenchment of thousands of teachers from white schools.

Samuel said the forum should have binding powers and should not operate as an advisory body.

A principle of the forum was that government had to accept sole responsibility for the crisis in education, and the forum would not be party to co-managing a resolution of the problem, he said.

An independent body would be established to ensure that decisions made by the forum were implemented.

Meanwhile, thousands of Soweto teachers embark on a strike today to protest against the alleged dismissal of two colleagues. The action comes less than two months before year-end exams in the government schools.

SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) assistant general secretary Thulas Nxesi said the strike was likely to spread to other areas. Teachers in Katlehong and Tembisa meet today to discuss solidarity action.

Jo'burg advocates to defend objectors for free

STEPHANE BOTHMA

A GROUP of advocates at the Johannesburg Bar yesterday formed a roster to provide free legal assistance to anyone charged with failing or refusing to perform military service or related offences.

About 35 advocates, including five senior counsel, indicated their willingness to provide the service.

End Conscription Campaign (ECC) chairman Chris de Villiers said the initiative was independent and not linked to the ECC.

Meanwhile, De Villiers said the alternative to military service available to conscientious objectors — up to three years in government service — was unacceptable.

Reacting to an announcement by the SADF that it would not prosecute conscripts who had failed to report for national service prior to August 28, De Villiers said it was an attempt to make propaganda out of the status quo. No conscripts were being prosecuted anyway.

The SADF said conscripts were being offered a "one-time" opportunity to avail themselves of the wider scope for conscientious objection provided for in the new Defence Amendment Act of 1992.

"This is merely a bluff and we predict that the number of prosecutions will continue to drop," De Villiers said, adding that the Defence Act was no longer valid since the scrapping of the Population Registration Act.

The ECC was not aware of any conscript facing prosecution for failing to report for national service in the January and July 1992 intake, and only 8% of those who failed to report last year were prosecuted, De Villiers stated.

He predicted that very few, if any, conscripts would register as conscientious objectors due to the "punitive and unacceptable" alternative offered.

In terms of the Act, objectors could be ordered to do continuous government service for up to three years while receiving the pay of an SADF private.

Only 6% of campers who failed to report during last year faced prosecution, De Villiers said.

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Two killed, 15 hurt in train attack

Soweto 2/9/92. (278)

■ **ROLLING COFFINS** After a short lull, attacks on railway transport are on the rise:

By Mathatha Tsedu

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Reef train attacks: 3 killed, 15 injured

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JOHANNESBURG. — At least three people were killed and 15 others injured yesterday in continuing Reef train violence.

Yesterday's separate train attacks bring to 12 the total number of commuters killed, and to 37 the number injured in train attacks since the Goldstone Commission committee on train violence started its second sitting on August 21.

A man was arrested at New Canada station when commuters pointed him out minutes after two people were killed and 13 others injured by a gunman who fired shots inside the Johannesburg-bound train from Vereeniging.

In other incidents, a man was found with stab wounds in his head at Croesus station in Industria, police said. The man had been attacked on the train and then thrown off.

And the body of a man was found between Jeppe and George Goch stations. Witnesses said he had been knocked down by a train while attempting to cross the railway lines.

● Four men are recovering from bullet wounds under police guard at Sebokeng Hospital, near Vereeniging, after a confrontation between police and inmates of the notorious KwaMadala Hostel early yesterday.

The injured men were allegedly part of a group of about 80, believed to be occupants of the hostel, who stoned and opened fire on several Parys detectives.

According to police, the shooting broke out shortly after the detectives had arrested six suspects at the hostel in connection with an armed robbery and rape case in the Parys area.

● In Richmond, the ANC and the IFP confirmed that a peace meeting is planned for today. — Sapa

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3 killed on trains on eve of safety talks

STAR 3/9/92

By Brian Sokutu and Musa Mapisa (278)

Just days before the PWV Regional Action Council (RAC), the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) and the police are due to meet to discuss the resurgence of train violence, three people were killed and two critically injured on PWV trains yesterday.

At least 14 commuters have so far been killed and 38 injured in separate train attacks since the Goldstone Commission committee on train violence started its second sitting on August 21.

The body of an unidentified man was found in a train coach at the Vereeniging railway station yesterday.

According to the SAP, the man, about 30 years old, had a single bullet wound in the head.

His body was discovered in an empty coach by railway personnel.

It is not known at what stage of the journey, or by whom, he was killed.

Police have opened a murder docket.

Police yesterday found the body of a man on a train at Kwesini station outside Johannesburg. The victim had been stabbed.

The SAP is investigating a charge of murder.

Also yesterday morning, police found the body of a man along a railway track near Mayfair station.

"We believe the man was thrown off a train on Tuesday evening," a Witwatersrand police spokesman said.

Spoornet ticket controller Elias Sibeko was yesterday shot in the head and thrown from a train at Kutalo station near Germiston. He is in a serious condition in the Garden City Clinic.

Johannes Motlapeng is in a critical condition in the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital after being stabbed in the back with a knife and thrown off a train in Boksburg early yesterday morning.

Police are investigating.

Commenting on tomorrow's meeting between the PWV RAC, the SARCC and the police, SA Communist Party regional secretary Jabulani Moleketi said issues to be raised would include the recommendations made by the Goldstone Commission last month on train safety.

Also to be discussed, said Mr Moleketi, would be the SARCC's failure to implement the train-safety agreements reached in May between the corporation and community organisations.

He said although no concrete action plan had been devised by the RAC to counter train violence, a boycott remained "the only weapon available to commuters".

The RAC consists of the ANC, SACP, Cosatu and the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal. Also in the council's delegation will be representatives from the Institute for Contextual Theology.

Inkatha returns to inquiry on Bruntville violence

STAR 3/9/92

By Peter Wellman

MOOI RIVER — The Inkatha Freedom Party returned to the Goldstone Commission's committee of inquiry into violence here yesterday after pulling out because of two hand grenade attacks against hostel inmates on Tuesday.

After the IFP's chest-beating confrontation with ANC supporters in Bruntville that followed the attacks, police said the grenades had injured one person. The ANC denied responsibility for the attack.

One of the targets was "displacees" who had moved into the hostel because of attacks against them by ANC township residents.

But finally the committee got down to what it had come for, before the grenades and the spear-waving stand-off: what caused the violence, and how it can be stopped.

The morning session was a drawn-out and inconclusive skirmish between IFP official Philip Powell and ANC branch executive member Mncedisi Mthethwa.

Mr Powell seemed to want to show that the ANC had deliberately driven IFP members out of Bruntville.

Mr Mthethwa denied this, saying the ANC wanted to implement the National Peace Accord.

Questioned about an earlier newspaper interview in which he had said the ANC could drive Inkatha out of Bruntville in 20 minutes, he acknowledged that his remarks were a violation of the accord.

This was a point scored for Mr Powell, but beyond that, neither man really made much headway in a rambling set of questions and answers about the dates and times of an IFP meeting with a representative of the Midlands Regional Dispute Resolution Committee.

Whether IFP members were justified in carrying weapons to it, or whether ANC members were there first, with their own weapons, was not resolved.

In the afternoon there was a bit of a wrangle between Mr Mthethwa and advocate Jenny Wild, for Mooiriver Textiles.

They went round and round over how long ANC supporters had observed a work stayaway last year, and the circumstances of ANC workers being dismissed by the factory.

The company is by far the town's biggest employer. What emerged under cross-examination of Mr Mthethwa was how ANC structures in Bruntville work. For instance, street committees are controlled by the ANC Youth League.

Police could have stopped violence

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■ DEEP DISTRUST ANC branch says suggestions for peace were ignored:

BRUNTVILLE'S AFRICAN National Congress branch wanted peace in the township but was disappointed with attempts by various parties, including the local peace committee and the Goldstone Commission, at bringing this about.

This view was conveyed yesterday to a sitting of a Goldstone Commission committee investigating violence in the Mooi River township.

The Bruntville ANC political education officer, Mr Mncedisi Mthethwa, said the ANC hoped the involvement of a skilled neutral mediator would resolve the conflict in Bruntville.

In a submission to the committee, Mthethwa said any initiative to resolve the political conflict in the Natal Midlands township would have to address issues such as: the arrest of perpetrators of violence; neutral and effective policing; the re-employment of dismissed workers at a local textile factory; an end to the carrying of dangerous weapons in public; and, problems relating to hostel dwellers residing in Bruntville hostel.

Mthethwa's submission comes on the second day of a reconvened sitting of the Goldstone Commission investigating ongoing violence in Bruntville since 18 people were massacred in the township in December last year.

Since then at least another 20 have been killed in Bruntville.

Mthethwa said it was not the policy of the ANC to attack Inkhata members or policemen. He said the conflict had "brutalised the residents of Bruntville... there has been social disruption".

The ANC believed the police could have decisively ended the conflict at its beginning had they wanted to. "Instead the police have failed to arrest the perpetrators of the violence.

"In spite of Bruntville being a small township and the areas of conflict limited, the police have failed to protect residents and their possessions."

Mthethwa further charged that police had refused to implement suggestions made to them for security in the township and many ANC members harboured a deep suspicion that elements within the SAP were directly involved in the Bruntville conflict.

"The SAP are unashamedly biased against the ANC, blaming the organisation as (being) reponsible for the violence without having any evidence to back this."

Mthethwa said weapons displayed openly by Inkatha supporters in Mooi River intimidated Bruntville residents and provoked anger from them. - *Sapa.*

Massacre accused's case dropped

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By Susan Smuts

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Charges against one of the accused in the Swanieville massacre case have been withdrawn because a witness in the case against him has disappeared.

Seven hostel dwellers pleaded not guilty to murdering 28 people, during the massacre in May last year, when the men appeared in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Vumisani Majola (37), Sizwe Majola (21), Joseph Mphiwa Khanyile (51), Bakers Dlamini (32), Bhekowakwe Moffat Mdlalose (41), Pheyi Mlango (54), all of Kagiso hostel, and Mzanya Flash Sithole (44), of Wattville hostel in Benoni, also pleaded not guilty to charges of public violence and illegal possession of a machine-gun and other firearms.

Charges against Begabantu Jali (23) were withdrawn as a witness in the case against him had disappeared.

Constable Remo Liut told Mr Justice C Botha and two assessors that policemen called to Swanieville at about 6.30 am on May 12 had encountered a group of about 200 armed men leaving the squatter camp. The men told the police they were going to the Kagiso hostel, near Krugersdorp. The men wore red headbands and armbands, and were armed with spears, axes, metal pipes and knobkerries, Constable Liut recalled.

Some carried televisions and wall clocks.

The group was joined by another crowd of about 800, similarly attired and armed, and also carrying booty. Among this group was Mr Khanyile, who was armed with an AK-47 rifle, said Constable Liut.

Four unarmed men climbed into Mr Sithole's taxi, which was later found at the hostel. Mr Sithole had complained to the police about two weeks earlier that he had been intimidated and driven out of Swanieville, the policeman testified.

The crowd headed for the hostel. Vumisani Majola, who was among the first to enter the hostel, was carrying a pump-action shotgun, Constable Liut said. The police used barbed wire to fence off the hostel before searching it. Three carloads of assegais, spears, axes and other weapons were confiscated. Pistols and an AK-47 were also found.

The men are on bail of R500 each.

The hearing continues.

More deaths meet new rail violence talks

BIDAY 3/9/92

RAY HARTLEY

THE ANC's PWV region will meet SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) and Law and Order Department representatives tomorrow to find ways of ending train violence which claimed two more lives yesterday.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said if demands for the installation of TV surveillance equipment in coaches, improved access control systems and the fencing off of stations were not met, the train boycott was likely to resume.

He said a similar multilateral meeting in mid-May had agreed these things would be implemented speedily but nothing had been done.

A meeting of the PWV Action Council — which includes representatives of union and community groups — would evaluate the discussions and decide on further action on Saturday, he said.

Police said the bodies of two people killed in train violence were found at Kwesini and Mayfair stations near Johanessburg yesterday.

The latest deaths bring to 92 the number of people killed in train violence since the mid-May agreement, according to Human Rights Commission (HRC) figures.

In another incident, ticket controller Elijah Tokwe was in a serious condition in the Garden City Clinic after being shot in the head and thrown off a train near Germiston. Witwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said Tokwe had been found at Kutalo station near Germiston at 5.30am. And a man was badly injured when he was stabbed and thrown from a train to Boksburg.

Police are investigating.

Sapa reports that police Const Z P Phunewane was killed and his eight-year-old daughter Portia wounded when unknown gunmen opened fire on their vehicle in Sebokeng on the East Rand yesterday afternoon. (278)

SAP spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said Phunewane was hit in the neck, chest and arm. He died in the Sebokeng Hospital. His daughter was being treated for a bullet wound in the shoulder.

Sapa also reports that an ANC Natal leader, Sgubudu Chiya, was shot and killed at Wema in Natal yesterday. This assassination follows the earlier killing of the chairman of the Zuma branch, Morris Gumede, his son and an unidentified neighbour.

Recently, another ANC member, Sylvester Nkosinathi Mabaso, was killed at Izingolweni. The ANC southern Natal media officer, Dumisani Makhaye, said Chiya was shot in the back of his head at Wema on Monday evening. He had survived several previous assassination attempts.

The police have not yet commented on the killings.

'Illegal arms at KwaMadala'

RAY HARTLEY

RESIDENTS of KwaMadala hostel, who were implicated in the Boipatong massacre earlier this year, were still moving illegal firearms freely in and out of the hostel's premises. (278)

In the latest incident, hostel residents fired about 30 rounds at police, who arrested six of them on Tuesday in connection with armed robbery and rape charges.

Iscor was not planning to improve security at the hostel, which is located on its property, company spokesman Ernest Webbstock said yesterday. He said additional security would be decided on by police. BIDAY 3/9/92

He said existing security did not include metal-detecting equipment and no body searches were conducted, making it possible for residents to enter and leave the premises with firearms.

But East Rand police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said companies should take decisions about improving security on private property.

He said the police welcomed improvements in security made by businesses, if they contributed to a drop in crime.

Iscor spokesman Neels Howatt said about half the hostel had been demolished and the remaining portion had been fenced off and incorporated into Iscor works since the Boipatong attack.

"It is very difficult to control the possession of arms absolutely. You can't have raids on the hostels every minute of the day."

Howatt said weapons were freely available in the area, making control even more difficult.

Hostel seven appear on massacre charges

BIDAY 3/9/92 SUSAN RUSSELL (278)

SEVEN hostel residents, who are alleged to have been part of an armed group which massacred residents of the Swanieville squatter camp near Krugersdorp in May last year, pleaded not guilty to 28 counts of murder in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

They also pleaded not guilty to one count of public violence and additional charges of unlawfully possessing two firearms and ammunition.

Counsel for the seven said their clients did not intend submitting statements in amplification of their pleas at this stage of the trial.

Six of the men, Vumisani Majola, Sizwe Majola, Joseph Khanyile, Bakers Dlamini, Bhekowakhe Mdlalose and Pheyi Mlango lived at the Kagiso Hostel at the time of the attack.

The seventh man, Mzanywa Sithole, lived at the Wattville Hostel, Benoni.

Charges against an eighth man, Begabantu Jali, were withdrawn by the State at the start of the trial yesterday.

The State alleges the seven remaining accused were part of an armed group that raided the squatter camp during the early hours of May 12 last year.

Armed with firearms, spears, pangas, axes and other weapons, the group swooped on the camp, killing 28 people and leaving 37 others injured.

The group also looted and set fire to shacks.

The trial continues today.

SA acts for Angola on air crash

Massacre: 7 in court

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SEVEN hostel dwellers pleaded not guilty in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to 28 counts of murder following the massacre at Swanieville squatter camp in May last year.

Mr Vumisani Majola (37), Mr Sizwe Majola (21), Mr Mphiwa Khanyile (51), Mr Bakers Dlamini (32), Mr Mzanywa Sithole (44), Mr Moffat Mdlalose (41) and Mr Pheyi Mlango (54) also pleaded not guilty to charges of public violence and illegal possession of a machinegun, firearms and ammunition.

Charges against an eighth accused, Mr Begabantu Jali (23) were withdrawn. The State alleges the men were part of a group of attackers who murdered and robbed people, plundered and razed homes on May 12 last year. Some 28 people were killed.



Two die

Crucial meeting on rail deaths

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A CRUCIAL meeting on train violence is to be held tomorrow between an ANC-led delegation, railway and law authorities.

The meeting comes as four more people died in train violence yesterday.

Two men were killed and 13 wounded when gunmen fired on a train at Soweto's Mlomlankinzi station. A body was found on a train at Kwesini and another on the track near Mayfair.

Ticket controller Mr Elijah Tokwe is in a serious condition after being shot and thrown from a train near Germiston.

The ANC said an agreement, signed in May, to step up security had been reneged on. If the violence did not end they would call for a train boycott.

Since the agreement was signed 85 attacks had occurred in which 90 people had died and 152 were injured.

It's a lie, policeman tells massacre trial

By Susan Smuts STAR 4/9/92

A policeman giving evidence in the Swanieville massacre trial in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday dismissed as "a blatant lie" allegations that white men in balaclavas and camouflage were among the 1 000-strong crowd who attacked the West Rand squatter camp.

Cross-examining Constable Remo Liut, defence counsel A Burger said the media had published allegations by residents that white men were among the marauders on May 12 last year. Constable Liut replied that the police viewed the allegations "in a serious light".

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Constable Liut, who identified Vumisani Majola and Mr Khanyile as carrying a shotgun and an AK-47 respectively, denied he had fabricated evidence that they were carrying the weapons. 357

Swanieville residents had also claimed a Casspir patrolled the squatter camp during the night and shortly before 5.30 am, when the attack began, Mr Burger said. Constable Liut replied it would not have made sense to dispatch policemen to the area if other policemen were already there. He added the police were alerted of a shooting only at 6.30 am.

Mr Majola would deny ever possessing a shotgun or knowing how to use one, and would say he was not present during the attack, Mr Burger said.

The court heard that Constable Liut had fired at Mr Khanyile because he thought Mr Khanyile was going to fire at the police. However, he had not retrieved the cartridges, which is standard police procedure every time a policeman uses his service weapon.

The trial continues.

Police 'saw no white attackers'

ONE OF the first policemen on the scene of the Swanieville massacre in May last year denied in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that there had been white men among the armed group leaving the camp as the police arrived.

Allegations that white men were seen among the attackers who swooped on the camp during the early hours of Sunday, May 12 last year, were reported in the media shortly afterwards.

Const Remo Luit, who was in the Casspir sent to investigate a report of a shooting incident at the camp early that morning, said he did not see any white men in the group of about 1 000 hostel dwellers they encountered leaving Swanieville.

Luit was giving evidence at the trial of seven hostel dwellers who are alleged to have been part of the armed group which murdered 28 Swanieville residents and injured 37 others.

Vumisani Majola, 37, Sizwe Majola, 21, Joseph Mphiwa Khanyile, 51, Bakers Dlamini, 32, Bhekowakwe Mdlalose, 41, Pheyi Mlango, 54 and Mzanya Sithole, 44, have pleaded not guilty to 28 counts of murder.

SUSAN RUSSELL

Earlier Remo testified that two armed groups of 200 and 800 each had converged into one as the police Casspir approached.

The men in the group were wearing red armbands and headbands, Luit said, and were armed with spears, axes, knobkerries and assorted other weapons.

Luit told the court that the group had seemed to be about to go through Kagiso to get back to the hostel, and the police had wanted to divert them around the township instead, to prevent any further violence.

He said the group was escorted back to the hostel. No attempt was made to arrest any of them, to avert further bloodshed.

The trial continues before Judge C Botha today.

ANC to march on absent Gqozo's capital

THE ANC — preparing for a show of strength when it marches on the Ciskei capital of Bisho on Monday — has demanded the removal of Ciskei leader Brig Oupa Gqozo as head of state and the downgrading of the territory's independent status.

The ANC and its alliance partners, the SACP, Cosatu and the SA National Civic Organisation, aim to march on Bisho while Gqozo is in Pretoria at government's federalism conference.

PATRICK BULGER

In a memorandum yesterday, the alliance said the wave of violence and intimidation in the Ciskei had reached alarming proportions and it was vital to create a climate of free political activity.

The ANC said it had no interest in seizing power in the Ciskei.

How fast will the anarchy spread?

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STAR 5/9/92.

APARTHEID is on its knees. But what of conditions in the townships where the revolt against it began? JO-ANNE COLLINGE investigates.

AS APARTHEID faces its demise, conditions are more hostile than ever in the very townships where action on September 3 1984 signalled the start of a campaign to undermine it.

Just weeks ago Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong were called anarchic. They still hover on the brink of chaos. And there is more than politico-folklore in the question: if the Vaal looks this way today, can other areas' townships be far behind?

The Vaal townships were not only foremost in mobilising mass resistance in 1984. Weeks later, Operation Palmiet made Sebokeng the first township to be occupied by the military. November 1984 saw the Vaal at the heart of a new form of stayaway, mobilised 0jointly by trade unions and community organisations. In July 1990 residents experienced the first concerted conflict with Inkatha supporters on the Reef.

Until recently, signs of anarchy were everywhere: extortionists repeatedly seized control of the barricades which went up around the time of the Boipatong massacre; self-defence units reportedly press-ganged residents into duty; young activists — including a number of Umkhonto we Sizwe returnees — turned their guns on their supposed comrades in the trade unions ...

But these are symptoms rather than reasons. And the question remains: who or what made the Vaal townships ungovernable?

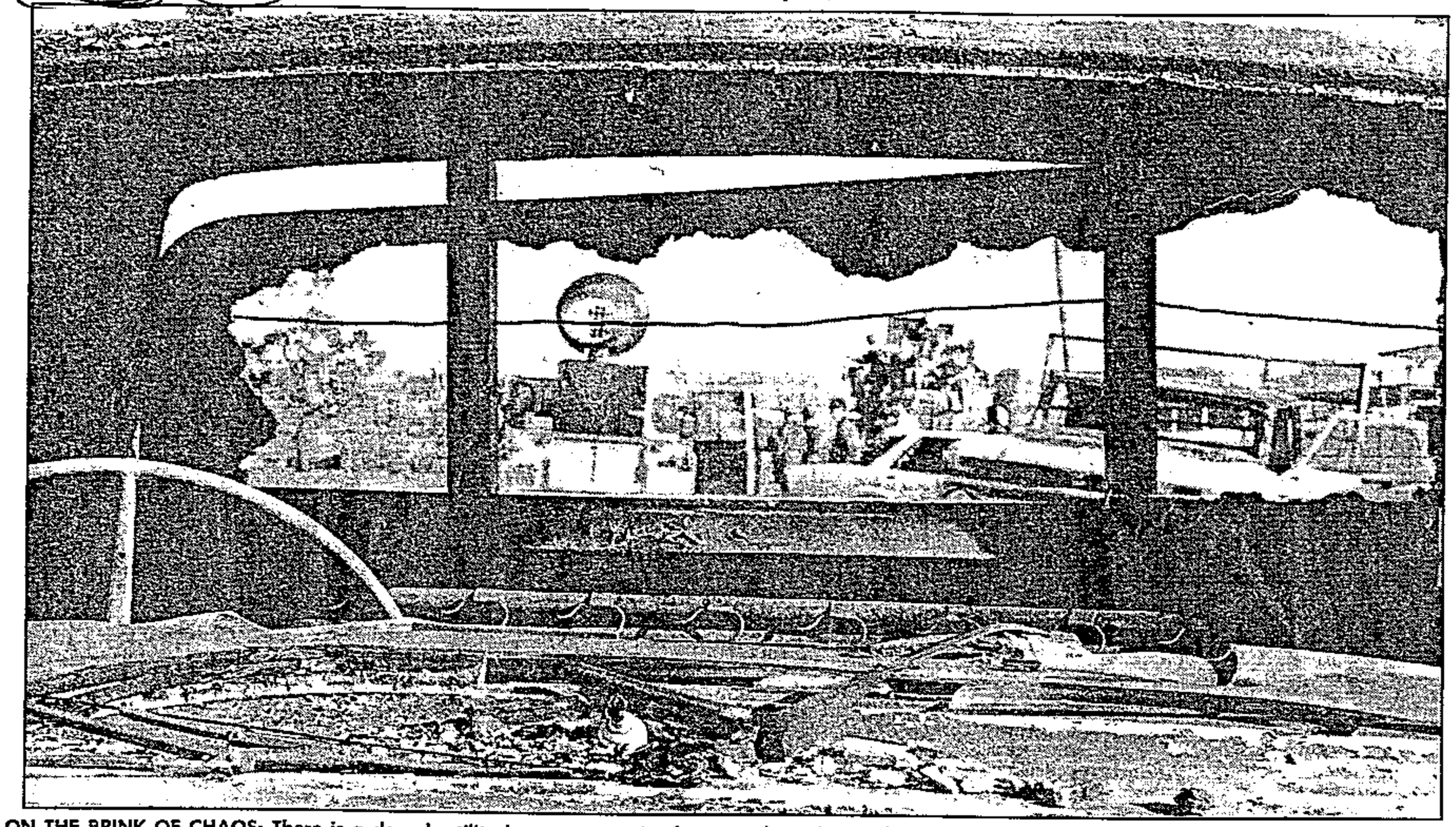
Behind the chaos lies a deep hostility between security forces and residents. The forces' violent record and failure to protect people from repeated attack were central to creating a lawless region.

Political and community organisations are unable to create an alternative framework to instil order.

The deterioration in relations between residents and police was reflected just four months after the 1984 rent uprising in a report by the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference. Based largely on affidavits taken in the Vaal, the report concluded that police had come to be seen in the townships as disturbers of the peace and perpetrators of violent crime.

The study spoke of indiscriminate police violence while the press reported allegations of police torture.

On the first anniversary of the uprising, Saul Tsotetsi of the Vaal Civic Association — who was blown up in mysterious circumstances this year — said: "You know how children play in the streets at evening — marching up and down? Initially the songs they sang castigated the councillors. Now they are singing songs about the soldiers and (Law and Order Minister) Le Grange ... they are now seeing the soldiers and the police as enemies."



ON THE BRINK OF CHAOS: There is a deep hostility between security forces and residents. The forces' violent record and failure to protect people from repeated attack are central to the lawlessness. Political and community organisations are unable to create an alternative framework to instil order.

Enmity

Implementation of the states of emergency confirmed this enmity. There were mass detentions in the Vaal. Local civic association and youth group activities were restricted.

When F W de Klerk was elected president in 1989 and the mass defiance campaign was treated benignly by police in most urban centres, there was no thaw in the Vaal.

Continued intolerance of political activity, enforced by the armed forces, resulted in a virtual replay of the Sharpeville 1960 shootings. On March 26 1990 police opened fire without orders on marchers at Sebokeng, killing 11.

Six months later, a similarly unauthorised volley loosed by soldiers at a crowd that had trapped 150-odd Inkatha members inside Sebokeng hostel resulted in four deaths. An earlier attack on the hostel saw about 40 deaths.

From July 1990 Vaal residents were at the mercy of armed mobs and hitmen who mowed down scores of innocents — at choir practice in Sharpeville, at an ANC night vigil in Sebokeng, at shebeens throughout the Vaal, in homes.

The attack of June 17 1991 on Boipatong was the *third* attack on this community launched by KwaMadala hostel residents. Two others took place in July 1990. Nobody was arrested.

Revenge

Lives have been frittered away in a running war between policemen and township youths. Among them must be counted deaths in custody, "shootouts" between police and former MK cadres, and brutal revenge killings of individual policemen.

In all this bloodletting a simple harsh fact stands out: not a single person was convicted for any of the security force, vigilante or hit squad killings perpetrated in the Vaal since 1990.

Thus the barricades and defence units: to succeed where police had failed in preventing death squads from getting into the townships and — failing that — to make sure they did not get out.

In the eyes of political figures, it overrides whatever abuses might occur at the barricades.

However, the "people's" security option has its drawbacks. Although defence units are in theory answerable to the "community", political and community organisations have proved unable to mediate in this relationship.

Organisation in the Vaal was sytematically destroyed in the 1980s. Established civic leaders were arrested soon after the 1984 uprising and banned from the area until the Delmas treason trial ended in late 1988. Many never returned. And the replacement leadership was peeled away, layer by layer, by detentions.

The ANC and other organisations were unbanned but unable to operate freely when the first conflict with Inkatha occurred in Sebokeng in July 1990. Failure to protect their constituencies further undermined them.

Living with death as a constant companion affected residents deeply.

A local leader describes destabilisation as "when our enemies fight us in our heads, making sure that people should not trust each other".

Crisis

Elements of the Vaal's descent to disorder can be found in many townships, particularly on the East Rand and in parts of Greater Soweto. The difference is that crises and killings have not happened as thick and fast elsewhere.

Whether this means that other areas are moving more slowly but as surely to the brink of anarchy remains debatable. In many areas there are countervailing efforts at reconstruction. Even in the Vaal, against the tide, this process persists — seeking to revive essential services, to negotiate a *modus vivendi* for police and activists, to truly organise the rapidly growing membership of political parties.

One thing is certain: there can be no cause for complacency in any area where, in trade unionist Zwelinzima Vavi's words, a generation has grown up "jumping over their own relatives' bodies".

ARTISTS

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Train peace talks collapse

JOHANNESBURG. — A regional peace conference on train violence collapsed here yesterday.

Participants said the failure was because police delegates failed to provide crucial information required to make progress in combating the carnage.

The talks were postponed to Friday next week.

General Gerrit Erasmus, who led the police delegation, said he had no comment. SA Railway Commuter Corporation director Mr Wynand Burger said the gathering failed to achieve its objective.

SACP regional secretary Mr Jabulani Moleketi said: "The police were ill-prepared for the meeting." — Sapa

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Train violence conference derailed

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The conference was postponed to next Friday to enable the police to collate and provide the information.

The conference was attended by representatives of the South African Railway Commuter Corporation, the African National Congress, the South African Communist Party, the Congress of South African Trade Unions and Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal.

Cosatu regional secretary Mr Amos Masondo said the conference was postponed because police were "unable to give satisfactory information to a number of questions".

— Sapa.



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK . . . Policemen show a sample of the different weapons they have to face every day as the statistical probability of being killed on duty keeps rising.

UNDER FIRE!

By ELIAS MALULEKE

KATLEHONG police Const WS Skhosana, 37, prayed before leaving home at 5.30 am on August 22.

He left his seven-month pregnant wife, Zodwa, and their three children – aged 10, seven and four – sleeping in their new house.

The daily prayer was not enough to save Skhosana. He never returned home that night and he never will again. He died three hours after reporting for duty.

Skhosana and his colleague, Const Mafika Mbatha, 26, died in a hail of AK-47 and R1 fire when gunmen opened up on their marked police vehicle patrolling in Katlehong.

They didn't have a chance. As their vehicle cruised along Zuma St, about five men wielding AK-47 and R1 rifles opened fire. Mbatha died instantly and Skhosana died later at Natalspruit Hospital.

The gunmen stole their service revolvers before disappearing. Although many people heard the shots and peeped out from behind drawn curtains, no one has come forward to help police in their investigations.

A day later in Soweto, a police vehicle responding to a fraudulent emergency call was waylaid and its three police occupants attacked as they reached the scene of the alleged crime. They were also robbed of their firearms.

"Two more policemen die in attack," shouted the news headlines.

To readers, the impression of the attack was soon lost as they paged over to the sport pages. But to policemen, the question was, and still is: "Who's next?"

The lot of the men in blue is not an easy one. They think about death as other people think about thirst or food. It is always on their minds. Every day a policeman is either killed or wounded in the PWV area. Police blame "war talk and belligerent statements" by political organisations for fuelling attacks on their members.

Police told City Press that like Skhosana they pray hard before they go to work. But those who survive the day's ordeal are always living in fear of tomorrow.

"Every time I go out I fear the worst. I am not sure if I will return home in one piece or in a coffin," a policeman said.



TARGET . . . Are all cops, including people like former SAP Lt Gregory Rockman, legitimate targets?

Police headquarters said although criminal violence was also claiming the lives of policemen, most cops killed were victims of political attacks.

However, the police declined to state how much had been paid out to injured policemen and next of kin of officers killed in the line of duty.

"All financial matters are dealt with on merit and no figure is available," a spokesman said.

Close to 200 black and white policemen were killed from January to August this year, almost double the 145 policemen killed during the whole of last year. There is mounting concern that the toll could go as high as 400 before the end of the year. A total of 71 policemen died nationwide in 1990 – but this year over 80 policemen lost their lives in Johannesburg, Soweto, the Vaal Triangle and East Rand townships.

Legacy of apartheid backfires on cops as death toll rises

A huge reward of R100 000 offered by police to anyone supplying information leading to the arrest and conviction of police attackers has also failed. Few witnesses are coming forward for fear they will be targeted.

The Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru), the ANC, SACC, SACP, Cast, the community and political parties have condemned the attacks.

However, the PAC supports the murder of policemen, saying police are agents of the "apartheid regime".

The Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), the PAC's military wing, has claimed responsibility for a number of attacks on policemen.

The "internal commander" of Apla, Carl "The Jackal" Zimbiri, claimed the attacks on cops were part of the "war" on the apartheid regime.

The faceless Zimbiri – whose nickname hails from Frederick Forsyth's best-selling thriller *The Day of the Jackal*, speaks to newspapers from call boxes.

"The police are part of the apartheid regime, they are targeted to weaken the might of (President FW) De Klerk's regime," Zimbiri has said.

The PAC says the onslaught against the police is to weaken the system because the regime relies on the security forces to stay in power.

"Political bullshit!" retorts Const Mandla Mashabane. The young policeman stationed in Protea said he joined the force to serve his community and this is what he was doing.

"I am serving the community of Soweto to fight crime and to earn a decent living. Besides, the PAC is talking to the government. They shake hands with the oppressor and then shot the messenger. Is killing your own people a liberation struggle while you kiss the very same people you are trying to free your people from?" Mashabane asked.

Const TS Vorster, 21, of the Soweto Internal Stability Unit, recounted how he miraculously survived a close-range shot in an ambush last month while driving in the strife-torn Dobsonville area with colleague Hans Steenkamp.

"The night was suddenly shattered by gunfire and I immediately stopped the van. We spotted a group of about seven people standing next to the road. It was still dark, and as we approached them they started to run away."

He jumped out and gave chase, but as he rounded the corner of a tin shack, he found himself staring straight down the barrel of a 9 mm pistol.

"I heard a shot and went numb, then it all became dark," he said.

He is one of the hundreds of policemen who have been injured in such ambushes.

"We are living in danger. We know it is always dangerous to go out, but it does not help to worry about the danger. It is part of the job, but we think about it all the time," Vorster said.

Soweto police liaison officer Col Tienie Halgryn said there were no more apartheid laws for police to enforce and it was wrong to single out policemen for political attacks.

"Police are only trying to maintain law and order in the community and they are not serving any particular political party in their line of duty," he said, adding that to lessen the danger for policemen they were now being provided with bulletproof vests and vehicles.



ARMS CACHE ... Parys police detectives, Sgt SD Motsoeneng, Const MFZ Senokoane and Sgt Marius Botha, with some of the weapons used against them in a gunbattle with hostel-dwellers. ■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE

Police and hostel men in gunfight

By SOPHIE TEMA

POLICE and residents of KwaMadala hostel in the Vaal Triangle exchanged gunfire at the hostel this week when the police staged an early-morning raid.

Investigations by police against a group of thugs who went on a rampage in Tumahole township in Parys last weekend led them to the notorious Iscor hostel.

Allegations of rape, robbery and assault were being investigated against 10 people arrested in Parys after stolen goods, including two vehicles, were recovered at the hostel, about 100 km from Tumahole.

Nine men and a woman appeared briefly in the Parys Magistrate's Court on Thursday, and were remanded in custody until September 17.

Vaal Triangle police liaison officer, Capt Piet van Deventer, confirmed the arrest of the 10 people and said that after the arrest of the Tumahole thugs investigations led police to the KwaMadala hostel.

"On arrival at the hostel the police wanted to search certain rooms, but were hampered by residents who attacked them.

"They shot and threw stones at the police, damaging some of their vehicles.

"During the skirmish four of the suspects managed to escape when police retaliated in self-defence.

"Four people from the hostel were injured."

Reacting to the incident, the IFP Youth Brigade said: "We totally condemn the barbaric attack on our fellow members who are residing at the KwaMadala hostel.

"Local police will agree that there is a procedure to be followed when a raid is to be carried out on the hostel: to contact hostel leaders, to identify themseves as police, to wear their uniforms, make sure their vehicles are visible and provide the name of the suspect they are looking for.

"IFP members fear for their lives and safety, hence it is imperative for the police to adhere to these conditions, especially bearing in mind that some ANC members are using police attire to carry out their secret missions."

Residents in terror as hostelites move closer

By STAN MHLONGO

MANY Vaal residents are not looking forward to September 21, the day KwaMadala inmates are expected to be moved to KwaMasiza.

Their new home, they say, will bring inmates, including the "Vaal monster" Victor Khetis Kheswa, closer to the Vaal area.

"I don't know what Iscor management is up to," complained Nelson Pitso of Sebokeng Zone 14.

"Is this another indication that whites do not give a hoot what happens to their black fellowmen?"

Maxwell Nsibanyoni of Orange Farm said the move was an act of aggression.

But Iscor PRO Ernest Webstock said criticism of Iscor was unjustified. "Those allegedly responsible for the Boipatong massacre are in jail," he said.

Exiles return home to terror

By MOSES MAMAILA

ANC member Lord Phalwane, who spent more than 10 years in exile, returned to his Alexandra home and was gunned down three days later – bringing to 28 the number of exiles allegedly assassinated since their return.

As in most of the murder cases involving ANC returnees, Phalwane's assassins vanished into thin air.

On August 14 this year, Phalwane returned to his Alex home in 10th avenue to join his family he had not seen for more than a decade.

Three days later, he died in a hail of bullets outside his house.

Another MK combatant, George "Sgomora" Mashele, died mysteriously during a raid by the police at his Vosloorus home. His mother was also killed in the attack.

While police claimed that Mashele blew himself up with a grenade, the ANC maintained that he was killed by the SA Police.

In a report issued by the National Co-ordinating Committee for the repatriation of South African exiles (NCCR), the body said the initial euphoria of exiles returning home had turned into a nightmare following countless attacks by "faceless" killers.

A number of exiles were killed in the Natal area allegedly by police and combat forces.

In the Vaal, the plight of the returnees was marked by the killing of their family members.

Ephraim Lefiedi was shot dead on January 4 this year by gunmen and three months later the killer wiped out his entire family.

An undisclosed number of returned exiles have been been subjected to various acts of intimidation and harassment.

Grenade attacks wound 11 police

JOHANNESBURG. — Eleven policemen were injured, three seriously, in two hand grenade attacks in the Eastern Transvaal township of Wesselton early on Saturday.

The South African Police public relations division said the first attack occurred when the Ermelo police went to investigate a case in which a young man had been killed by an armed group and his house set alight.

A hostile mob confronted the police, the statement said.

A member of the Violent Crime Investigation Unit, Sergeant D D Hall, fired two warning shots into the ground.

"A hand grenade was thrown at the police and Sergeant Hall was wounded in a leg."

Police fired a number of rounds and withdrew.

Another hand grenade was thrown but no one was injured.

Later, about 7am, a hand grenade was thrown at a team of policemen at the scene of another murder. Ten policemen were injured in this attack, three seriously.

Police said a strong police presence was being maintained and reinforced patrols were patrolling the area."

● A Witwatersrand police spokesman said yesterday that the police would furnish the information requested on the number of police deployed at railway stations, the record of arrests, prosecutions and convictions at a meeting on Friday, September 11.

This assurance followed talks between the ANC, Cosatu, the police and the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation representatives. After the meeting Cosatu representative Mr Amos Masondo said the required information had not been available.

In other unrest and violence:

● Three houses in Zolani, Ashton, were attacked with petrol bombs at the weekend. Police spokeswoman Major Denise Brand said the homes of Mr Mziwoxolo Mkhohli, Mr James Zwedala and Mr George Dyonasi had been damaged. No one was injured.

Found shot dead

● In Natal two suspects have been arrested in connection with the death of Assistant Constable B B Sibiya, who was stabbed to death at KwaDabeka near Pinetown.

● In the Transvaal a commuter was killed and thrown off a train at Fellside railway station, at Elsburg, East Rand, on Saturday. Police are investigating a case of murder.

● A policeman was found shot dead on Friday night in the police barracks at Protea, Soweto.

A police spokesman said the motive for the murder had not been established. The man's name could not be given as his family had not yet been informed. — Sapa, Own Correspondent and Staff Reporter.

Boipatong cops 'not dismissed'

JOHANNESBURG. — The SA Police on Saturday denied claims in a newspaper that two special police constables who are witnesses before the Goldstone Commission of inquiry into the June 17 Boipatong massacre, had been dismissed from the police force. Instead the two had "failed to report for duty", said a spokesman. — Sapa

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Weekend violence claims lives of 22 nationwide

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Continuing violence has claimed the lives of at least 22 people around the country since Friday.

Yesterday, a man was stabbed to death with a spear before his body was set alight in Vosloorus, police said.

Also on the East Rand, a commuter was killed when he was attacked and thrown from a speeding train near the Fellside station, Germiston, early on Saturday.

In Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, five people were shot and wounded and 23 stabbed, according to residents.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said only three people were injured and a house set alight when two groups attacked each other. He said police separated the groups who were armed with firearms and knives.

Residents alleged that Inkatha Freedom Party supporters from Madala hostel opened fire at a burial society procession at the intersection of Selbourne and Third Avenue. Nobody was injured.

On Friday night, a policeman was shot dead and robbed of his firearm in Katlehong.

Two people were killed in the Vaal Triangle and another narrowly escaped a "necklacing".

Yesterday, police found the body of a woman who had been murdered and raped in Boipatong.

On Saturday, Isaac Nyamatha (46) found the body of his son Leva Philip (27) in Union Road, Evaton Small Farms, police said.

Also on Saturday, Sam Mofokeng, of Sasolburg's Zamdela township, was travelling in his minibus in Zone 7, Sebokeng, when he was stopped by about 40 youths.

Mr Mofokeng was dragged out of the minibus and the youths tried to "necklace" him, police said.

Mr Mofokeng managed to escape and ran off, chased by some of the youths who had jumped into his minibus.

Another man was murdered and his house was set alight in Wesselton in the eastern Transvaal on Saturday morning.

● At least 14 people were killed on Natal's troubled south coast on Friday and Saturday, police said.

Spokesman for the SAP's Internal Stability Division, Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harrald said extra police had been deployed in the area.

On Saturday, members of the Internal Stability Unit (ISU) shot dead a man believed to be a "people's court offical" whom they had connected to three murders in Port Shepstone, he said.

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3 policemen killed in attacks

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Melody McDougall

Three policemen were killed and 11 were injured in separate attacks around the country at the weekend.

In Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday morning, gunmen attacked Sergeant M R Malama who was on duty in Khumalo Street, police said.

The gunmen shot Sergeant Malama in the head before taking his firearm. He died in the Katlehong Hospital.

Early on Saturday morning, Assistant Constable B B Sibiya was stabbed to death in Kwa-Dabeka, near Pinetown. A Natal police spokesman said two men had been arrested.

Also on Saturday, Constable T P Mpeke was shot in the chest at the police barracks at Protea police station in Soweto.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said police could not rule out the possibility that Constable Mpeke was shot by another policeman.

Eleven policemen were injured, three seriously, in two hand grenade attacks in Wesselton in the eastern Transvaal early on Saturday.

The SAP said the first attack occurred when the Ermelo police went to investigate the murder of a young man whose house had also been set alight.

The road was barricaded and a mob confronted policemen near the body.

A member of the Violent Crime Investigtion Unit, Sergeant D D Hall, fired two warning shots into the ground, a police spokesman said.

A hand grenade was thrown at the policemen from the crowd and Sergeant Hall was wounded.

Later, a hand grenade was thrown at policemen at the scene of another murder. The SAP said 10 policemen were injured, three seriously.

● Four people were killed and three injured in two accidental hand grenade explosions at the weekend.

Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant Eugene Henning said the four died when a grenade exploded in a house in Tladi at 11.30 on Saturday night.

Police believe one of the deceased was handling the grenade when the pin fell out.

Two people were injured, one of them seriously.

The name of one of the deceased has been released. He was Alfred Tabagale (18).

In another explosion in Fairmount, Johannesburg, a man was injured when a grenade exploded in his hand on Saturday.

Police said the man, whose name has not been released, was in a serious condition in hospital.

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Indaba flops as train violence rages on

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■ Police fail to provide crucial statistics:

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A COMMUTER was killed and thrown off a train at Fellside Station, Elsburg, near Germiston on the East Rand on Saturday, according to a police unrest report.

Eighty-five incidents of train violence, in which 95 people were killed and 152 injured, have occured since May.

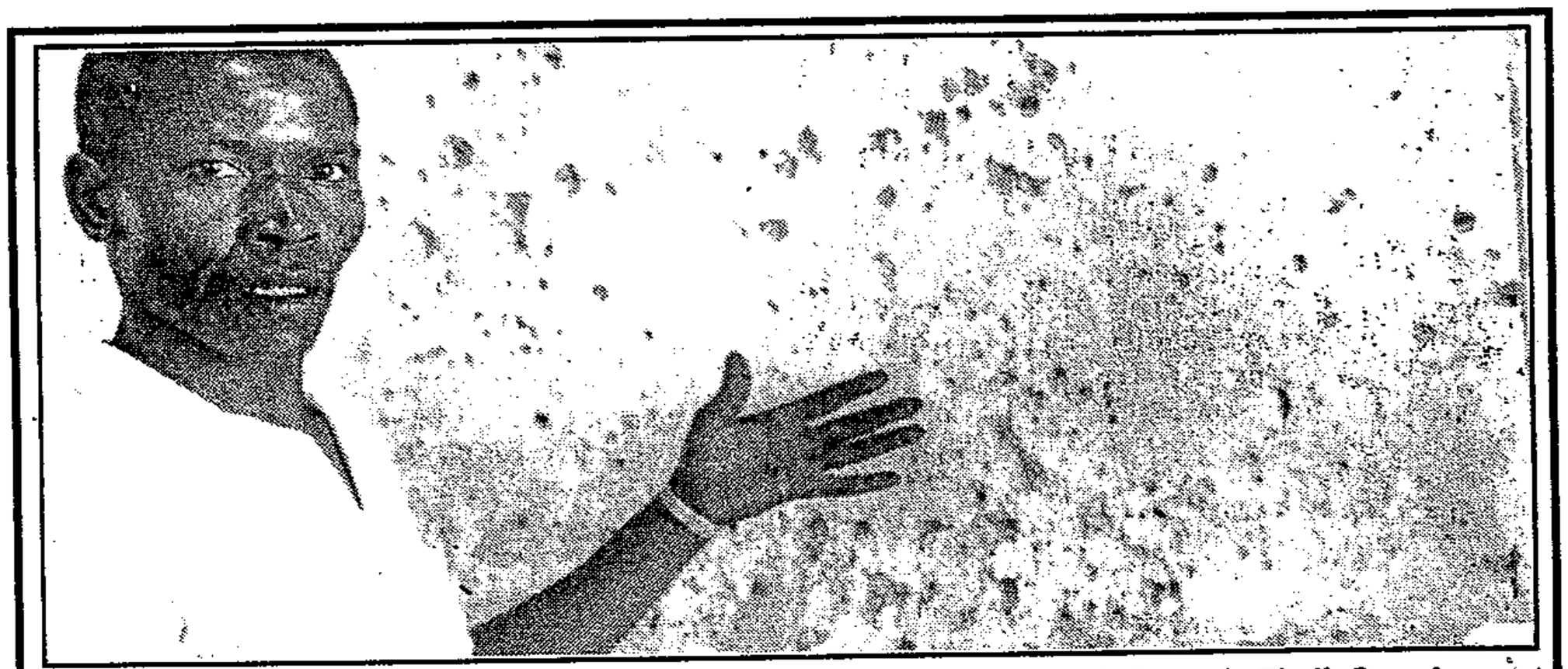
In a related development, a regional peace conference in Johannesburg on train violence collapsed on Friday because police delegates failed to provide crucial information required to make progress in combating the carnage, conference participants said.

The conference was postponed to Friday to enable the police to collate and provide the required information.

The information concerned the number of security personnel deployed in areas affected by train violence, arrests, court cases and convictions, and cohesive strategy to combat the violence.

The conference was also attended by representatives of the South African Railway Commuter Corporation, the African National Congress, the South African Communist Party, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal and the Institute of Contextual Theology.

Asked if any progress was made at the conference, SA Railway Commuter Corporation managing director Wynand Burger said the gathering failed to achieve what it had set out to do because information required from the police was unavailable. - *Sapa*



Mr Marks Mabote points at the shrapnel marks on the kitchen wall of his home in Tladi, Soweto, following a handgrenade blast on Saturday night in which four people, including a woman, were killed.

Attackers escorted to hostel, trial told

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By Susan Smuts

In a bid to avert further bloodshed after the Swanieville massacre, the police escorted the attackers to a nearby hostel, the Rand Supreme Court heard on Friday.

Sergeant Tinus Botha told Mr Justice C Botha and two assessors that the police had encountered the crowd coming out of the West Rand squatter camp early on the morning of May 12 last year.

Sergeant Botha said the men, armed with a variety of weapons and sporting red headbands and armbands, had told the police they were on their way to Kagiso hostel.

Kagiso township lay between the hostel and the squatter camp, and the police had received a report that Kagiso residents were arming themselves and assembling in the township, Sergeant Botha said.

Fearing a confrontation, the police escorted the crowd to the hostel, which they then sealed off and searched, Sergeant Botha said.

He was giving evidence in a trial in which Vumisani Majola (37), Sizwe Majola (21), Joseph Mphiwa Khanyile (51), Bakers Dlamini (32), Bhekowakwe Moffat Mdlalose (41) and Pheyi Mlango (54), all of Kagiso hostel, and Mzanya Flash Sithole (44) of Wattville hostel in Benoni have pleaded not guilty to 28 counts of murder as well as charges of public violence and illegal possession of an AK-47 rifle, firearms and ammunition.

The hearing continues.

ceremonies the Reverend Joe Tshawane, said people needed to communicate with God through prayer.

He said the word of reconciliation should be spread if peace was to be

The Reverend Junior Motsei, a sports reporter at *Sowetan*, said the reason the country was plagued by violence was because people had "moved away from the teachings of God".

Four killed in blast from hand-grenade

■ Difference between youth and policeman ends in tragedy:

Sowetan 7/9/92. (278)

By Lulama Luti

FOUR people, including a woman and a former exile, were killed when a hand-grenade exploded in the hands of a youth in Tladi, Soweto, on Saturday night.

A fifth man, Mr Elias Motaung, is in serious condition at the Baragwanath Hospital as a result of the incident which occurred at house number 530 in Tladi.

The four who died were: a mother of three, Mrs Agnes Molla (31); former exile Mr Alfred Thubagale (18); Mr Reginald Modise (26) and a matric pupil at Tladi Technical High, Mr Patrick Malele (22).

The grenade is alleged to have exploded in Thubagale's hands after he pulled the pin.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant Eugene Henning confirmed the incident and said four murder dockets and one of attempted murder had been opened.

According to Mr Simon Selepe, who was slightly wounded during the explosion, the incident occurred between 10.30 and 11pm on Saturday.

Thubagale and his friends allegedly walked into the house and found Molla in the kitchen.

Sudden explosion

"I was in the dining room when suddenly without notice the lights went off.

"This was followed immediately by a deafening sound and there was smoke all over the place. In the confusion that ensued, I ran out of the house and managed to escape unhurt.

"Later on we found three bodies lying on the kitchen floor and there was blood spurted all over the kitchen," Selepe said.

The fourth body was found in the neighbouring yard, he explained.

It is believed the incident was caused by a difference between Thubagale, whom he knew well, and a policeman who used to stay in the house.

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Police given ultimatum to produce station records

RAY HARTLEY

POLICE had until Friday to provide information on the numbers of officers deployed at PWV stations and their records of arrests, prosecutions and convictions, Cosatu spokesman Amos Masondo said at the weekend.

He said talks between the ANC, Cosatu, police and the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation (SARCC) had been postponed after it became clear key information was not available.

"They basically had no information. The very little they had was unsatisfactory," he said.

"We were also not satisfied by the inability of the police to provide a coherent strategy (to combat train violence)," said Masondo.

The meeting was attended by SAP Witwatersrand commander Gen Erasmus and SARCC MD Wynand Burger as well as representatives from Cosatu, the SACP and the Civic Associations of Transvaal (Cast).

Burger said a great deal of progress had been made in implementing recommendations for improved train security made by the Goldstone commission.

"From the SARCC side, we are very concerned about the situation, the violence, the deaths and the injuries," he said.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said yesterday police would furnish the information needed on the number of police deployed at stations and their record of arrests, prosecutions and convictions at Friday's meeting.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that a commuter was killed and thrown off a train at Fellside Railway Station, Elsburg, near Germiston on the East Rand on Saturday. Police are investigating a case of murder.

Two policemen have been killed since Friday and 11 injured in attacks around the country.

Eleven policemen were injured, three seriously, in two separate hand grenade attacks in the Eastern Transvaal township, Wesselton, early on Saturday.

Police said they were investigating charges of murder, attempted murder and arson.

A policeman was found dead on Friday night in the police barracks at Protea in Soweto after being shot by an unknown gunman.

Meanwhile in Natal, two people have been arrested in connection with the death of a policeman, who was stabbed to death at KwaDabeka near Pinetown on Saturday.

Police said at the weekend 90 arrests were made last week in "an intensive crime prevention and stabilising operation in the Soweto/Vaal Triangle area".

Fifteen stolen vehicles and 12 illegal firearms were recovered in Soweto where 62 people were arrested, the statement said.

ANC gets some

HRC's Coleman says business

Five shot, 23 stabbed in Alex

■ Residents claim IFP members opened fire on procession:

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Sowetan Reporter

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FIVE people were shot and 23 stabbed in an outbreak of violence in Alexandra Town yesterday.

A spokesman for Alexandra Clinic said three of the injured were transferred to a Johannesburg hospital. Most were treated at the clinic and discharged.

However, police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said three people were injured and a house set alight when two groups attacked each other in the township.

He said police were monitoring the situation.

Eyewitnesses claimed Inkatha Freedom Party supporters from Madala Hostel randomly opened fire at a burial society procession in Selbourne and Third avenues.

Mrs Martha Duma, a member of the Alexandra Women's Helping Hand Society, said they were on their way to a funeral when shots were fired at them by men coming from the direction of the hostel.

Bid to end strife in Vaal

Staff Reporter (278)

A team of independent experts has been consulting organisations in the Vaal Triangle over the past three weeks in an effort to find ways to normalise conditions in the strife-torn area. STAR 8/9/92

The Vaal Investigating Team was appointed at the request of the Vaal Civic Association, the TPA, and the administrators of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong. It is expected to generate proposals on the formation of mechanisms to address, among other issues, the ongoing services crisis and development challenges facing the Vaal Triangle.

Also expected are practical recommendations on the improvement of communication between all parties in the area. 8/9/92

The team said a broad multiparty gathering was being planned to share ideas on mechanisms to foster the discussions.

Massacre: conspiracy denied

By Susan Smuts (251) (278) STAR 8/9/92

A policeman giving evidence in the Swanieville squatter camp massacre trial yesterday denied being part of a conspiracy to fabricate evidence against some of the hostel dwellers accused of taking part in the incident.

Shotgun

Under cross-examination in the Rand Supreme Court, Sergeant Tinus Botha denied discussing his evidence with Constable Remo Liut, who gave evidence earlier.

Both men have identified Vumisani Majola as a man who ran into the Kagiso hostel carrying a shotgun after the attack on the West Rand squatter camp on May 12 last year.

Defence counsel A Burger said that the detail of the evidence given by the two policemen was "almost identical".

Sergeant Botha told Mr Justice C Botha and two assessors that he had discussed the events with Constable Liut, but said they had not discussed the court case, the statements they had made nor the evidence that they would give.

Mr Majola (37), Sizwe Majola (21), Joseph Nphiwa Khanyile (51), Bakers Dlamini (32) and Bhekowakhe Moffet Mdlalose (41), Pheya Mlango (54), all of Kagiso hostel near Krugersdorp, and Mzanywa Flash Sithole (44) of Wattville hostel in Benoni have pleaded not guilty to 28 counts of murder as well as to charges of public violence and illegal possession of an AK-47 rifle, arms and ammunition.

Ballistic

Mr Burger said that ballistic evidence showed that empty cartridges found at Swanieville did not match the AK-47 found in a room where Vumisani Majola, Sizwe Majola and Mr Khanyile were present.

He said this was evidence of fabrication in the case against the accused.

Another aspect of the investigation which emerged under cross-examination was that the police had conducted an internal inquiry into the inicident.

Sergeant Botha said he had not been asked to make a statement in this regard.

Mr Burger also said residents had estimated that between 80 and 200 people had attacked the squatter camp, whereas the two policemen had told the court that there were about 1 000 men.

The hearing continues.

Workers hurt in clash at bacon factory

By Charmeela Bhagowat
Crime Staff

Three Escort Bacon factory workers in Heidelberg, Transvaal, were injured and one youth was killed in the nearby Ratanda township yesterday.

The youth was killed by unidentified men after permanent and casual labourers clashed at the Escort factory.

Peace Action co-ordinator Venetia Govender said casual labourers taken on during the strike, and then dismissed when it ended, refused to allow returning Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) members into the factory.

Peace Action was monitoring the return of about 260 striking Fawu members to Escort.

The casual labourers were dismissed on Friday after the month-long wage dispute between Fawu and Escort was settled. Miss Govender said the returning workers had to be moved to the Thusong Civic Centre to avert a clash between them and armed casual workers who had gathered at the factory gates.

Attacked

However, Fawu members who managed to enter the factory were attacked by non-Fawu workers who had not taken part in the strike.

Escort assistant general manager Paul Watmaugh said one Fawu member was injured when he was "hit over the head with something", but workers were immediately disarmed.

Fawu organiser Sakkie Kekana said three Fawu members were injured. One was seriously injured and taken to the Heidelberg Hospital with stab wounds.

Fawu and the company then decided to send the Fawu members home until it was safe for them to return, he said.

According to Peace Action, the casual workers who returned to Ratanda hostel at about 7.30 am attacked Ratanda residents, and local schoolchildren said they saw the group kill a youth near the hostel.

Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said police found the body of an unidentified man near the hostel at about 8 am with a bullet wound in the head.

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ANC to march on consulate

THE ANC's PWV region is to march on the Ciskei consulate in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, today to demand the replacement of Ciskei military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo following the Bisho massacre.

A spokesman for the region, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, said the march would begin at the organisation's headquarters in Plein Street.

The consulate will also be picketed tomorrow. There will also be a lunchtime meeting at the City Methodist Church in Pritchard Street on Thursday. - *Sapa*

Minister Kriel blames ANC

HAD the ANC acted within the guidelines laid down for the march, the Bisho massacre that claimed at least 24 lives would not have happened, Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel said last night.

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Speaking on SABC's TV news, Kriel said the blame for the massacre had to be laid squarely on the shoulders of the ANC. - *Sapa.*

Labour Party slams FW

THE Labour Party has blamed President FW de Klerk for the bloodshed at Bisho.

The party called for an immediate transfer of power to a government of national unity.

The LP expressed its condolences to the families of those killed and injured.

"Their deaths, like those of thousands of South Africans, must not be allowed to have been in vain," he said. - *Sapa.*

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Bisho shootings 'deplorable'

The National Party deplored yesterday's Bisho massacre.

Saying it sympathised with those affected, the NP said the incident was a result of the ANC's "provocative actions". - *Sapa.*

Killings were at 'random'

THE firing on "unarmed protesters in Bisho was unprovoked, random and sustained", Cosatu said last night.

"Nothing could conceivably justify this senseless and brutal massacre. According to all reports received so far, the marchers were peaceful," - *Sapa.*

NUM outraged by shootings

THE National Union of Mineworkers has condemned "the wanton killing of peaceful marchers by security forces of apartheid" in Bisho.

The union said it was "outraged by this massacre and our souls go out to the families of those gallant fighters for peace, democracy and justice". - *Sapa.*

Call for T'kei gun probe

CT 9/9/92

DURBAN. — The Inkatha Freedom Party has called on Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa to investigate allegations of gun-running and transporting of weapons and uniforms from the Transkei for use in the ongoing political war in Natal.

IFP Youth Brigade national organiser Mr Otto Kunene told a news briefing here yesterday that the Transkei was being used as a "springboard by uMkhonto weSizwe to mount incursions into Natal to eliminate IFP leaders and members".

Members of the Transkei Defence Force were smuggling SA Police and camouflage uniforms and firearms into Natal. The Port Shepstone area had become a war zone, he said.

Contacted late yesterday afternoon in Umtata, General Holomisa said he viewed the IFP allegations as serious.

He asked that IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi "furnish this information to his Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha".

Mr Botha could then take the matter up with the Transkei government through diplomatic channels.

"At this time I can assure Buthelezi and his warlords that we will do our utmost to investigate the matter immediately we receive a diplomatic note listing all the problems." — Sapa

Three Soweto clinics torched

PRETORIA. — Three Soweto clinics have been damaged in attacks. (278) CT 9/9/92

Diepkloof clinic was petrol bombed at the weekend, causing damage estimated at about R40 000, while R20 000 damage was caused by a fire started in the Molofo clinic on Saturday. On Monday night the Zola clinic was damaged and burned in an attack.

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GIANT COLOUR POSTER SPECIAL!

by Ian Walker

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Four shot dead while waiting at bus stop

CT 9/9/92

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Four men were shot dead while waiting at a bus stop in the Table Mountain area outside Maritzburg early yesterday.

Captain Henry Budhram said police believe the attackers fired on the victims from a moving vehicle using AK-47 rifles and shotguns.

● KwaZulu Police yesterday reported six more politically-related killings in the homeland over the past two days, bringing the death toll in Natal violence since last Thursday to 32.

In Khayelitsha on Monday a man was injured and damage caused to buses in a stone-throwing attack.

Also on Monday, the bodies of four people were found by police, while three people were injured in unrest incidents nationwide.

At Loskop, Ladysmith, a youth was wounded when gunmen fired at a group of young people. At Ratanda, Heidelberg, police found the body of a man who had been shot.

In Alexandra, police found two bodies, one with bullet wounds and the other with burns. Another man was found with stab wounds.

At Geldenhuys station in Germiston a man was seriously injured when a group attacked him with sharp objects and threw him from a moving train. In another incident a man was killed when a group attacked him and threw him from a moving train.

At a roadblock near Stutterheim police confiscated a RGD-5 handgrenade and arrested 16 people who were allegedly on the way to Bisho. — Sapa

Station work goes to locals

JOHANNESBURG. — Soweto contractors have been awarded the majority of contracts for the upgrading of nine railway stations in the township, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) announced yesterday.

In a statement, the corporation said an "encouraging factor was that black businessmen showed a keen interest" in the project.

Work is due to start this month and should be finished early in 1993, it said.

The SARCC announced in March that substantial upgrading was to be done to increase commuter safety. — Sapa

Gunmen kill four at bus-stop

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Crime Staff (218) (654)

Fourteen people, including a municipal policeman, died in violence across the Reef and in Natal in the past two days.

In one attack, four people were shot and killed at a bus-stop in the Table Mountain area near Maritzburg yesterday morning — bringing to 36 the number of people killed in violence in Natal since Thursday.

Police said the assailants sped past the bus-stop, opening fire with shotguns and AK-47 assault rifles.

On Monday, six people died on the Reef.

Three people were killed in Alexandra near Sandton. Police said one man was shot dead, another burnt and a third stabbed to death.

Three men died and two more were injured in sporadic unrest incidents in Alexandra yesterday.

The body of a necklacing victim was found. Two men were stabbed to death. A man was injured when a group of attackers stoned him. Another man was shot.

The body of a 34-year-old Dube-based municipal policeman was discovered near the Mlamlamkunzi railway station in Orlando, Soweto, on Monday afternoon.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said it looked as though the policeman had been robbed.

Another man was stabbed to death and thrown from a moving train at Geldenhuys station near Germiston on Monday. In the same area, a man was seriously injured in a similar attack.

Clash

A youth was killed and three workers were injured after workers clashed at the Escort bacon factory in Heidelberg on Monday. The youth was killed in nearby Ratanda after the clash at the factory.

The Zola Clinic in Soweto was damaged in an arson attack on Monday afternoon.

Lieutenant Henning said a group of men claiming to be members of the National Union of Metalworkers of SA had forced their way into the clinic and damaged four vehicles outside.

Inside, they set two rooms alight. All the clinic's records were burnt and damage was estimated at R10 000, Lieutenant Henning said.

The attack on Zola Clinic followed arson attacks on the Mofolo and Diepkloof clinics at the weekend.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration said the attacks indicated that hostile individuals or organisations were targeting TPA clinic services in Soweto despite the fact that the TPA was speaking to various organisations and trying to resolve the hospital dispute.

The TPA appealed to the community to protect health services and centres.

In Natal, Themba Nhlanzi (46) was shot dead at Kwa-Makhutha near Amanzimtoti on Monday night.

On Sunday night, five people were killed in the Uganda settlement in Umlazi.

'I saw my friend hacked to death'

By Philip Zoio (558) (278) STAR 10/9/92

A Swanieville resident yesterday told the Rand Supreme Court how attackers hacked his friend to death with pangas during the massacre at the West Rand squatter camp in May last year.

The man, who may not be identified, also told the court how he feigned death to escape the same fate.

He said he was awakened by the sound of gunfire on May 12. He, his wife and his friend hid under a bed, but ran outside after realising that the house had been set on fire. He saw many people around the gate.

Some of them approached his friend, demanding money. One of the accused, Bakers Dlamini, told the friend in Zulu: "We are not here to play around."

With help from the light shining from the burning house, the witness saw the men start hacking his friend, he said. After co-accused Mzanywa Sithole had struck the first blow, Mr Dlamini and the others joined in, he said.

Mr Dlamini then approached him and said to his companions: "Why should we let this dog go?"

Another man then aimed a gun at his head. "The gun didn't fire, it just made noises," the witness said. He then knocked the man to the ground with a wheelbarrow.

As another man was about to shoot at him, he lifted the wheelbarrow. The bullet pierced the wheelbarrow and went through his right forearm. A second shot struck him on the left arm, and he fell to the ground.

With the wheelbarrow covering his head, he pretended to be dead, and through the bullet holes he watched the men move away, the witness said.

The witness's mother told the court how men entered her house and demanded money, her husband and her husband's firearm. Among the group was Mr Dlamini, who she said had been living in Swanieville for a long time.

One man slapped her, another kicked her and a third man lifted a spear before being told by a companion not to stab her, she said.

She then crawled to a toilet, where she hid until the attack was over.

Mr Dlamini, of Kagiso hostel near Krugersdorp, Mr Sithole, of Wattville hostel near Benoni, and five others have pleaded not guilty to 28 counts of murder, public violence and illegal possession of an AK-47, arms and ammunition.

The other accused are Vumisani Majola (37), Sizwe Majola (21), Joseph Khanyile (51), Bhekowakhe Mdlalose (41) and Pheyi Mlango (54), all of Kagiso hostel.

The trial continues.

Woman aids black youth

Sowetan 10/9/92

■ HUMAN TRAGEDY *At least one victim of the Boipatong tragedy is not all alone:*

THREE NERVOUS BLACK youths sat at a table in a small restaurant in the conservative town of Vanderbijlpark, south of Johannesburg. They were in the company of a young white woman and her two children.

The youths were from nearby Boipatong, a township indelibly etched on world consciousness after the June 17 massacre that has bedevilled talks toward a new political order in South Africa.

The woman, Samantha from Durban, had travelled 100km to meet a black teenager whose mother and brother were speared to death by attackers who rampaged through Boipatong and butchered at least 43 men, women and children.

The teenager, Paul, brought two of his township friends,"just in case".

Samantha requested her personal details not be revealed, saying she was not "after publicity".

Story of the deaths

She is a former social worker and runs her own business in Durban. She said she had been reduced to tears by the 15-year-old boy's story of the deaths and how he had wriggled under the bed and survived the attack. Samantha was in Johannesburg on business when she visited Vanderbijlpark for a face-to-face meeting with the young man she had pledged to help face the future."I have a child of that age. He could have been my son."

As the group sat in the restaurant, the black youths repeatedly darted glances at white people peering at them.

"I felt I had moved back in time, 10 or 15 years. People stared, one didn't feel especially comfortable," Samantha said.

Despite President FW de Klerk starting to write another chapter of South African history by beginning to dismantle apartheid in 1991, extreme right-wingers are vocal for its revival. In Vanderbijlpark one cannot help but feel vulnerable to the right-wing threat.

"There is human tragedy unfolding around us. People are going through incredible agony with no resources to turn to. I find it quite heartbreaking," Samantha said.

Asked why she had decided to help the young man, her answer was simple: "It was a desire not to say 'shame, oh how terrible'. To light a small candle of hope in the hearts of some of the disadvantaged people."

Paul's parents were divorced 11 years ago and his father lives somewhere in the Vaal Triangle. His father attended the mass funeral when his former wife was buried.

The teenager's 26-year-old married sister has moved into the house with her husband after the tragedy.

His other relatives live in nearby Sharpeville township.

Following the massacre in Boipatong a fund for the victims was established and the Red Cross has been involved in efforts to help the victims. - *Sapa.*

On the map

Status: One of six Vaal townships.
Population: About 50 000.
Facilities: One high school, one primary school, a sports stadium and communal hall. No health facilities - nearest hospital is 10km away in Sebokeng.
Location: Situated in industrial heart of Vaal Triangle, in Vanderbijlpark. Most residents employed by large corporations, Iscor, Metal Box etc.

Extra police sent to ANC-IFP clash scene

AR CT 11/9/92 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — Police reinforcements have been sent to the East Rand township of Ratanda, scene of clashes between ANC and IFP supporters in which at least two men were killed and three people were injured over the past 24 hours, the SAP said.

A man was murdered in a squatter hut early yesterday and his wife and five-year-old daughter injured. On Wednesday night another man was shot dead in a private house, police said. A hostel dweller has been arrested in connection with the murder of the squatter.

Five youths aged between 13 and 19 had also been arrested yesterday, Captain Van Zweel said, and a man was arrested for carrying an axe.

She also said a gang of about 20 men tried to hold up two policemen in Ratanda yesterday and take their firearms. The policemen had fired in retaliation but nobody was injured.

Later in the day patrolling police had noticed a man carrying an AK-47 rifle in the squatter camp behind the Ratanda Hostel, but the man got away.

At least 10 homes were petrol-bombed or shot at by marauding gangs on Wednesday night.

Three men were reported killed in unrest-related violence around the country on Wednesday.

A man was killed when a grenade was thrown through the window of a bedroom at Ixopo.

In Wynberg in Sandton, police found the body of a man stoned to death.

In Daveyton on the East Rand the body of a man with cuts and superficial wounds was found.

Eight people were arrested for participating in illegal gatherings — six at Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital and two at Vryburg in the Northern Cape. — Sapa

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Crisis at Reef hospitals grows

■ **ATTACKS MOUNT** Viscious assault on woman as TPA hospital conditions deteriorate:

By Ike Motsapi and Sapa

A VICTIM OF A HORROR attack this week, who was doused with petrol, set alight and stabbed, yesterday described her ordeal at the hands of 33 men and women.

Ms Gladys Mnguni (32) of Zondi, Soweto, from her bed at Baragwanath Hospital described how she narrowly escaped death.

Mnguni is one of a number of victims of attacks on nurses, clerks and ward helpers, which have increased after hopes of a solution to the hospitals strike crisis were dashed this week.

Hospital staff yesterday also spoke out against deteriorating conditions at black hospitals on the Reef with many seriously patients being discharged untreated.

Mnguni, a nursing assistant at Hillbrow Hospital, was attacked at her home on Monday night.

She said: "I was relaxing at home when 30 men accompanied by three women entered my house. They dragged me outside and ordered my family not to follow.

"They took me to a dark alley where someone in the group stabbed me twice in the back. They then doused me with petrol and set me alight."

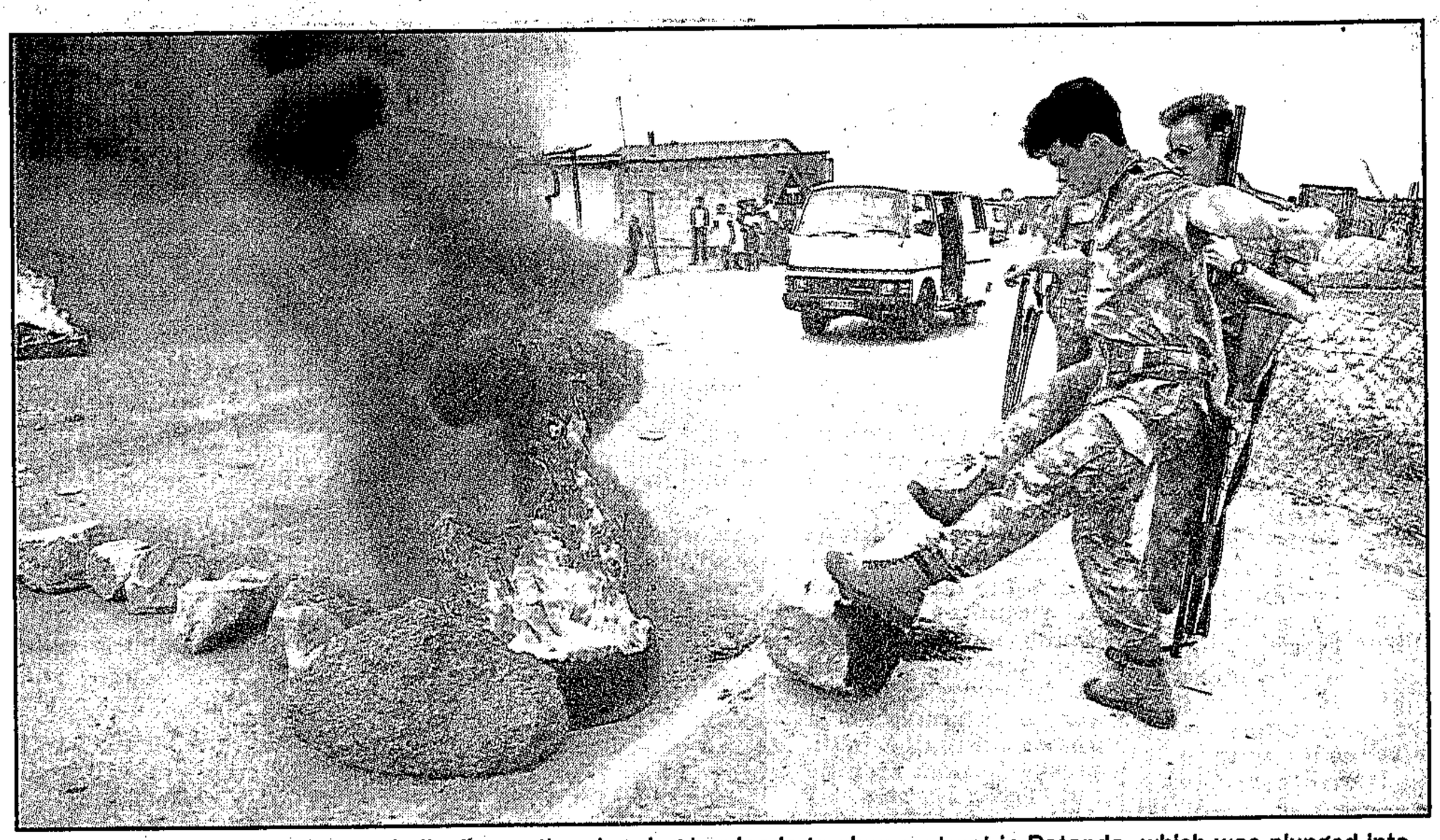
Three nurses, among them Thembi Sibeko, were also the victims of the latest attacks on non-striking hospital workers.

Meanwhile, conditions at some Transvaal hospitals are becoming so bad that some patients are using washing rags as toilet paperand critical operatons are being delayed.

A Baragwanath doctor said the situation had not normalised at the hospital as the TPA had claimed.

"Many 'non-urgent' surgery cases have been waitlisted since April... the waiting list extends to certain cancers."

TPA director-general said it was premature to comment. "Negotiations between the TPA, Cosatu and Nehawu are at a delicate stage. We hope to find a solution as soon as possible".



Fire and fury . . . policemen hurriedly dismantle a burning barricade to clear a street in Ratanda, which was plunged into chaos yesterday in the aftermath of Wednesday night's attack in which two people died. Picture: Joao Silva

Two killed, houses set alight on East Rand

STAR 11/9/92

By Montshiwa Moroke
Anna Louw
and Abel Mushi (278)

At least two people were killed and about seven houses set alight on Wednesday night and yesterday in clashes between hostel dwellers and residents at Ratanda, Heidelberg.

Residents braced themselves for more attacks last night and police stood between Ratanda hostel and groups of residents to prevent further confrontation.

Police said a man was hacked to death and his wife, daughter and five-year-old granddaughter were injured when a mob attacked them with pangas in their squatter camp hut yesterday.

On Wednesday night another man was shot dead and a person injured in a house, said SAP liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweel.

She said a hostel dweller had been arrested on a charge of murder and three counts of attempted murder.

Five youths aged between 13 and 19 had also been arrested and a man held for carrying an axe.

The township was tense throughout yesterday.

A Food and Allied Workers' Union statement alleged that IFP-supporting scabs living at Ratanda hostel had spearheaded the attack, aimed at intimidating union members from taking back their jobs after their wage dispute was settled last Friday.

Escort Bacon Co-operative's assistant general manager Paul Watlough confirmed that an agreement had been reached.

Mr Watlough said the firm's temporary contract with the scabs ended last Friday.

He added that the firm's 260 workers had resumed work

Six die in conflict over Inkatha strikebreakers

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The latest outbreak of inter-union strife on the Reef has prompted the intervention of the Goldstone Commission.

By **BAFANA KHUMALO**

THE death of six people in strike-related violence in Heidelberg has been ascribed to a company's decision to recruit Inkatha-supporting strikebreakers from Thokoza Hostel.

The violence — which followed the eruption of a pay dispute at the Eskort Bacon factory in July — has prompted the intervention of the Goldstone Commission, which this week met representatives of management, the Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) and the Inkatha-aligned United Workers Union (Uwusa).

This is the latest outbreak in the worsening conflict between Uwusa and Congress of South African Trade Unions affiliates on the Reef. At the Langeberg Ko-op in Boksburg, 17 workers have died in inter-union strife since late last year.

According to Fawu branch organiser Sakie Kekana, the Eskort trouble started on July 24 when the "company fetched 'scabs' from Thokoza Hostel" after Fawu members had gone on strike.

The casual workers, said Kekana, evicted Fawu members from their hostel in the nearby township of Ratanda, forcing them to flee to a squatter camp. Three people were killed when the camp was attacked.

At the funeral of the victims, more violence flared up, resulting in the deaths of three mourners, including Fawu shop steward Andries Moloi. "Inkatha members came to the funeral and shot randomly," alleged Kekana.

Repeated attempts to contact Uwusa for comment this week failed. A receptionist at the Uwusa offices in Johannesburg said the two union spokesmen were tied up in a meeting on the Eskort conflict.

The resolution of the strike had given the conflict a new twist, Kekana said, as the strikebreakers had now been discharged to make way for the original workforce. "The 'scabs' are not prepared to leave the company," he said.

On Monday, Fawu members preparing to resume work were barred from entering the factory by strikebreakers, who were escorted back to Ratanda by police and officials from Peace Action, a violence-monitoring group. Later, violence flared up inside the factory and all the workers went home.

A statement by Peace Action said that while the workers were entering the factory, "Peace Action and Fawu representatives saw an assortment of weapons lying in the security office on the factory premises", adding that this was contrary to company policy.

Eskort assistant manager Paul Watmough confirmed the workers had been attacked by Uwusa members, but said these were company employees who had not gone on strike, not casual workers.

As the returning workers were going towards their change rooms, he said, they sung and chanted derogatory slogans about the non-strikers, who had attacked them "in a flash".

"We tried everything in our power to contain the situation and called in the police," Watmough said.

● A Peace Action spokesman reported on Thursday that about 2 000 Ratanda community members had assembled to march on the hostel in Ratanda, in apparent retaliation for an attack on three homes belonging to Fawu strikers on Wednesday evening.

Newsman describes shooting

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By STAN MHLONGO

WASHINGTON Post journalist Paul Taylor, this week told the Vanderbijlpark Regional Court how he narrowly escaped death when he was shot at point-blank range while covering a stayaway.

The accused are Simon Sithetho, 23, Alfred Matipane, 19, Enock Malloane, 23, and Simon Domo, 18.

They all pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery and two of attempted murder before Magistrate FW Strydom.

At the time they were stopped, Taylor said, he was travelling in a car with *Weekly Mail* reporter Philip van Niekerk when their car was cut off by a vehicle occupied by their four assailants.

Both journalists were shot and their car was hijacked by the four youths.

The trial was postponed until September 25.

Necklace nightmare

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By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

THE dreaded necklace almost claimed the lives of a Vaal couple accused of abducting two boys for muti purposes.

Palm Springs businessman David Nhlapo, 36, and his wife, Vatiswa, 28, got a last-minute reprieve from sure death at the hands of "comrades".

The two missing boys, Kgothatso Mokoena and Fanyana Mazibuko, had spent a week at a twilight centre for runaway kids in Lenasia, fearing home because they had stolen R20.

Fighting back tears, the couple related their terrifying ordeal.

"I had just opened my shop last Saturday when crowds of youths burst into the yard," Vatiswa said.

Without explanation, they bundled David into his car and drove off with him. They demanded that he "produce the children".

At home, Vatiswa was being interrogated and assaulted by the remaining youths who ransacked the house searching for "kid's heads".

At around 11 am, "the accused" – David and Vatiswa – were driven to Evaton followed by a truckload of chanting youths.

The entourage made a beeline for the nearest service station where they bought petrol to set the two alight.

"We just wept and prayed," said David.

Their prayers were answered when a Palm Springs ANC youth leader, known as Blue, stopped the rowdy procession.

Blue demanded that more proof be sought that the couple were guilty.

He threatened to report the youths to the branch leadership.

The couple were then handed over to Blue and his men.

That same afternoon David and Vatiswa were taken to a house belonging to an ANC chairman in Orange Farm. There they stayed for two days.

The week before the couple's ordeal, Kgothatso's mother, Jane Mokoena, dreamed of her son's disappearance.

"She wrote down the details and handed them over to Evaton youths," said Blue.

The dream script, alleged to have been written by Mokoena – and in City Press' possession – concluded that the children had been murdered and their heads kept in a butchery fridge.

It was later revealed that the two runaways had gone to the Twilight Centre after running out of money.

Their mothers never reported the return of their sons to the comrades.

"I went to their homes in my follow-up investigations and I asked for the boys," Blue said. "They emerged from beneath a bed."

The dust might have settled, but the memory will haunt David and Vatiswa for some time to come.



atiswa Nhlapo narrowly escaped death. ■ Pic: THULANI SITHOLE

Ratanda reels after violence

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By MOSES MAMAILA

A 40-YEAR-OLD woman this week gave a horrifying account of how she miraculously cheated death when heavily armed men stormed her shack and stabbed her husband to death.

The merciless attackers also stabbed her 22-year-old daughter and three-year-old granddaughter with spears and left them for dead during fierce fighting between supporters of the ANC and those of Inkatha in Ratanda, Heidelberg.

The grief-stricken Mavis Ramothibe told City Press that her husband, Jacob, was fatally stabbed while her daughter, Patricia and her granddaughter were hospitalised.

AG Visser Hospital spokesman Dr D Brummer confirmed that Patricia, who was in a critical condition, had been transfered to Natalspruit. The toddler, with two stab wounds in the back, was recuperating.



ANGRY ... Ratanda resident Emily House holds up petrol bombs that were used to torch her house. ■ Pic: THULANI SITHOLE

Detailing their ordeal of the early hours of Thursday, Ramothibe said they were woken by gunfire and her husband hid under the bed when somebody started smashing their windows.

"I hid under the dressing table. Within minutes the attackers broke open the door and shouted: 'Se sifikile!' (We are here!) They asked where my son Themba was. But Patricia, who was trying to cover for us, replied that she was alone with her child.

"They used their torch to search under the bed and pulled my husband from his hiding spot. Without saying anything they stabbed him several times with spears.

"The attackers, who wore balaclavas, then attacked Patricia. One of them suggested that the toddler should not be killed, but others refused and stabbed her."

The attackers also stabbed the dog, Rocky, but it survived.

Local residents said that the armed group of hostel dwellers, believed to be Inkatha supporters, went on the rampage on Wednesday night, targeting ANC-aligned Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) members.

Police spokeswoman Capt Ida van Zweel confirmed that two people were killed, but the ANC has put the death toll at four. At least five houses were gutted and about four stoned.

A pensioner, Rosinah Sebeko, 80, whose house was burnt by residents because she housed two Inkatha members, described the attack as senseless and cruel.

An ANC member, Julia Mzini, 30, said the garage which she rented was damaged by ANC supporters who wanted all Inkatha members out of town.

The unrest in Ratanda, which has claimed at least 13 lives in two months, was triggered by a dispute between Fawu strikers at a local firm, Escort, and non-strikers belonging to the Inkatha-aligned United Workers' Union of SA (Uwusa).

Taxi driver tells of how he escaped necklace

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By STAN MHLONGO

A ZAMDELA taxi driver in Sasolburg this week told how he opted to give away his employer's R48 000 minibus rather than risk being necklaced by Sebokeng "comrades".

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Sam Mofokeng, who works for William Sibaya Taxis, said he was confronted by "comrades" in Sebokeng as he was delivering workers at their homes this week.

"The comrades called me an Inkatha spy, and I heard others threatening to necklace me. I went cold with fear," said Mofokeng.

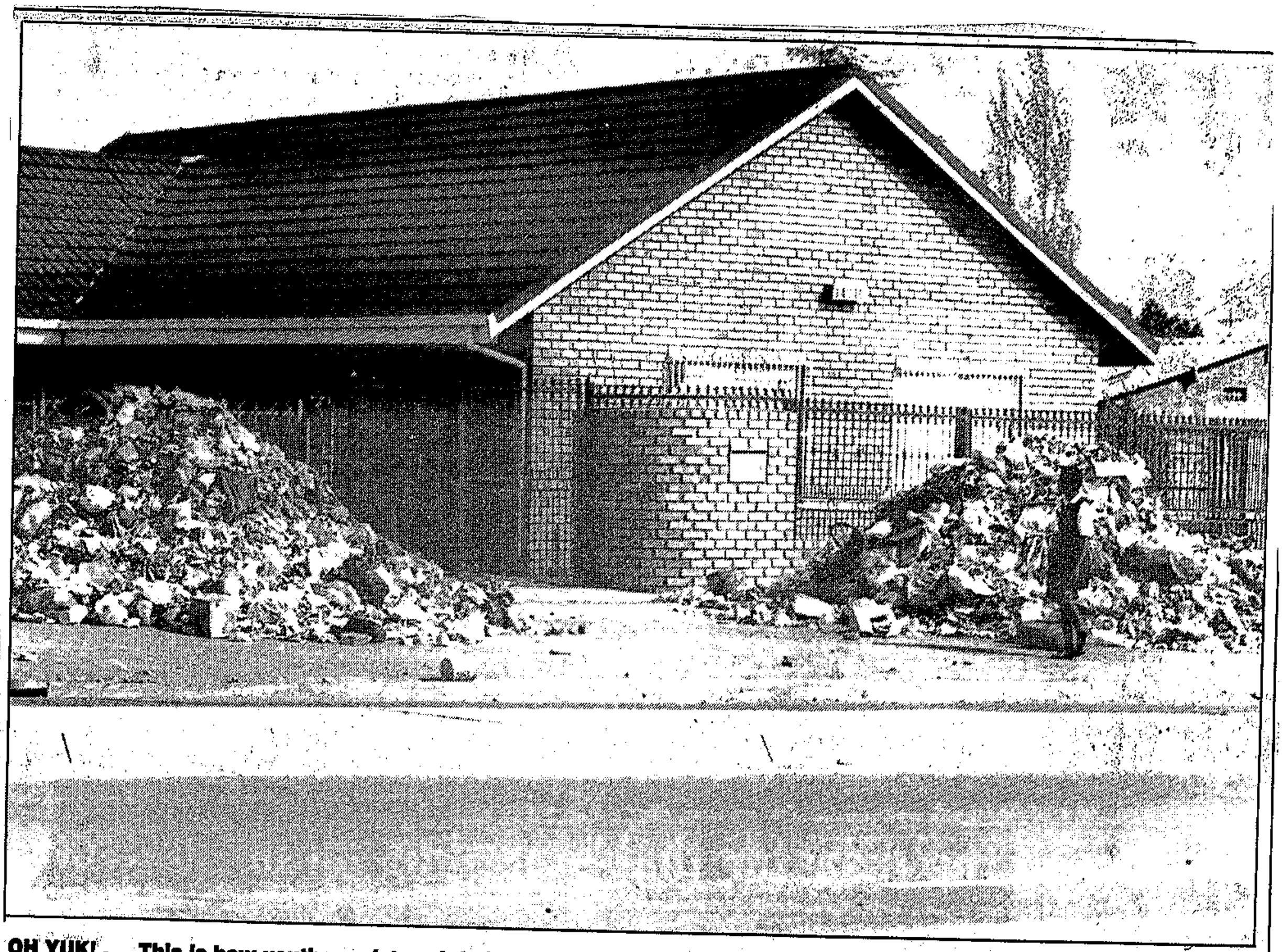
He told City Press that he made a dash for safety, knowing well that his life depended on outrunning his would-be assailants.

"I went to the Sebokeng Police Station to report the hijacking of the minibus and police helped me to locate the vehicle," said Mofokeng.

He said the police found the minibus the following day in Sebokeng Zone 6.

Mofokeng said the "comrades" seemed to have been angered by the alleged abduction of another "comrade" by one of Sibaya's drivers.

Sibaya said he wished to make peace with the "comrades", and would drop car-theft charges. The incident was confirmed by Vaal police liaison officer Capt Piet van Deventer.



OH YUK! . . . This is how youths registered their displeasure to local councillors.

■ Pic: JONAS MANKOA

Suffering Mamelodi's BIG STINK

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

FRESH allegations of harassment and intimidation have been made against the Mamelodi Civic Association (MCA) following the dumping of garbage in front of the house of the mayor and other councillors.

Some councillors also claim they have been threatened with violence in a bid to force them to resign from the council, and that their families have also been singled out for intimidation.

People who break the boycott of businesses owned by councillors or their relatives also claim to have been sjambokked by youths who are "monitoring" the boycotts.

City Press found piles of garbage dumped in front of the homes of Mayor Sydney Mokone and councillors DP Mphuti and James Maluleke this week.

It is alleged that youths resorted to "hijacking" garbage removal trucks which were then forced to the homes of the councillors where the garbage was dumped.

"Immediately after clearing the mess, the youths bring in another truckload. We are now starting to live with it although it is not pleasant," Mokone's family said.

Oupa Shirinda and his brother Plaatjie said the boycott of their business was unwarranted because their uncle Ben Shirinda has resigned from the council.

"He had nothing to do with our business. He has his own house and runs his own affairs. It is ironic that the person who called the boycott against our dry-cleaning business is our competitor," Plaatjie said, referring to civic deputy president William Dube.

Dube confirmed he was also running a dry-cleaning shop, but said residents had called on councillors to resign at a mass meeting late last month, and that councillors who failed to heed the call would be isolated together with their relatives and their businesses boycotted.

However, he denied claims that threats had been made, and called on councillors to resign and rejoin the community.

"Since we started with the campaign last Tuesday, two councillors have resigned and others have indicated their plans to do so," Dube said.

A senior Mamelodi officer said police were investigating charges of intimidation.

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Prison monitors to increase

THE number of magistrates appointed by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel to monitor detainees in police custody would be doubled soon, his department said at the weekend.

Kriel announced that negotiations regarding the appointment of six retired magistrates had been completed and their names would be announced shortly.

"In order to increase the effectiveness of this measure, I have decided that the number of these monitors should be doubled as soon as possible to 12 persons," he said.

Kriel and the International Red Cross were also negotiating visits by the organisation to prisoners.

Kriel said the SAP was busy with an intensive analysis of suicide cases in custody to determine if steps, over and above existing measures, could be taken to prevent such incidents.

Monitors would be asked to give

STEPHANE BOTHMA

urgent attention to the aspect of suicide and to make recommendations to the Minister.

Regarding claims by independent pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman that alarming numbers of detainees were dying of unnatural causes in police custody, Kriel stated: "I still remain fully committed to my pledge to reply in full to his allegations, but due to a number of factors, I am at this stage not able to do so."

He said the attorneys-general of the Witwatersrand, Transvaal and Free State had had discussions with Gluckman, who had consented to make available to police a list of 130 names of people who had allegedly died in police custody under suspicious circumstances since 1986.

To date Gluckman had provided details and documentation regarding 53 cases, Kriel said.

Attorneys welcome new-style courts

PRETORIA — The attorneys' journal De Rebus has welcomed the introduction of short process courts, suggesting they might become as popular as small claims courts.

Short process courts, essentially magistrates' courts with simplified procedures, are likely to reduce legal costs significantly.

The September edition of De Rebus, in an editorial, said the involvement of practitioners in the operation of short process courts would help improve the image of the profession.

According to statistics supplied by members of the Association of Law

TIM COHEN

Society's branches, more than 1 400 cases are heard every month in the small claims courts. The same opportunities to help people and thereby improve the image of the profession and gain experience in adjudication appeared to be inherent in short process courts, the editorial said.

Taking part in the process of adjudication would be important in preparing attorneys for appearances in the Supreme Court and for when judiciary members would be drawn from their ranks, the editorial said.

Groups meet to end train killings

RAY HARTLEY

POLICE, the ANC, Cosatu, Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast), SACP and SA Rail and Commuter Corporation representatives agreed at the weekend to meet within three weeks and plan a strategy to end train violence.

The six groups decided to consult their constituencies for fresh ideas before the meeting, scheduled for early October.

Cosatu spokesman Amos Masondo said ANC-aligned organisations believed police were not dealing with the problem adequately. "There is no overall strategy that is acceptable to all parties. We hope that at this meeting some clear guidelines will be given," he said.

The number of police deployed on trains and at stations had tripled to 1 201 since May, but only five people had been arrested for violence against commuters.

Of the five arrested, four were "linked to hostels", pointing to a pattern which the police had not investigated adequately, he said.

SA Rail and Commuter Corporation MD Wynand Burger said he was happy with the meeting. "We've made good progress."

The SARCC presented four alternatives to improving station security, including a system using magnetic detection and closed-circut TV. The systems would be tested soon, it said.

Narcotics detectives attacked

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JOHANNESBURG. — A narcotics detective and a police informer were in a critical condition yesterday after they were shot by unidentified men near the Wolhuter Hostel in Jeppe.

This is the second incident within days in which drug squad police have been attacked.

Last week two policemen were shot dead during a dagga raid in Sharpeville.

Two detectives and an informer had gone to the area on a drug investigation about 10am. Afterwards they went into a shop for cooldrinks.

When they returned to their car and got in, they were confronted by four men with pistols who demanded the policemen's firearms.

A police spokesman said the attackers saw the police blue light in the vehicle and panicked. They shot a detective in the head and the informer in the chest. The driver had his pistol taken from him before the men ran off.

The shopowner, Mr Rissik Devabhai, said he heard a noise. His nephew, Hitesh, said he knew something was wrong when he saw two men running past the shop towards the hostel.

"When I ran out of the shop one of the policemen was carrying another policeman who had been shot in the head and was running to the doctor's surgery.

"I ran to the car and asked the man inside if he was alright. He had been shot and asked me to drive him to the surgery," Hitesh said. He did so.

"The attack was not political and is purely a criminal matter," the spokesman said. — Sapa

BUSINESS BRIEF

Inkatha men burnt my shack, court told

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By Susan Smuts

A Swanieville woman described yesterday how her shack was gutted by fire after Inkatha supporters attacked the West Rand squatter camp in May last year.

The woman, who may not be named, was giving evidence in a Rand Supreme Court trial in which seven men have pleaded not guilty to 28 counts of murder, and charges of public violence and illegal possession of an AK-47, firearms and ammunition.

She told Mr Justice C Botha and two assessors that she and her husband had been awakened by "banging noises" at about 5 am on May 12.

Her husband looked out and said: "It's Inkatha." They heard voices shouting: "Burn."

"I told my husband I was leaving because I did not want to die in the shack. I opened the door and saw two people in red headbands with kerries and guns."

One was Mzanywa Flash Sithole, who demanded to know where her husband was. She told him he had fled. He hit her with his kerrie and she ran away.

The accused are Vumisane Majola (37), Sizwe Majola (21), Joseph Mphiwa Khanyile (51), Bakers Dlamini (32), Bhekowakhe Moffet Mdlalose (41), Pheyi Mlango (54), all of Kagiso hostel, Krugersdorp, and Mr Sithole (44), of Wattville hostel, Benoni.

The trial continues.

Man killed in Vosloo march

A PEACEFUL protest march by more than 500 Vosloorus residents was yesterday marred by a shooting incident in which one person was killed and two others injured. (278)

The residents of the East Rand township marched on the Vosloorus Council offices to demand the reversal of an attachment order on houses of rent defaulters. Sowetan 15/9/92

Family links deaths to on-going hospital strike

Nursing sister and her 2 daughters shot dead

■ Survivor (6) seriously hurt:

By Abbey Makoe

A NURSING sister at the Natalspruit Hospital and her two daughters were shot dead in their home at Katlehong's Maphanga section on Saturday night.

A family spokeswoman, Mrs Evon Matlhare, said Mrs Margaret Mabaso and 14-year-old daughter Matshidiso died instantly.

The other girl, Nomthandazo (11), died later at the Natalspruit Hospital.

The only surviving member of the family was the youngest daughter Mbali (6), who was shot in the throat.

A Baragwanath hospital spokesman said yesterday the child was "conscious but in a vey serious condition".

Matlhare said the family was convinced Mrs Mabaso's death was linked to the hospital strike.

"Only three weeks ago we were urging Margaret to resign because we had seen reports about people being killed for not taking part in the strike - but what would her children eat?"

She said police found spent AK-47 rifle cartridges in the house.

There were also 9mm pistol cartridges.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday said the motive for the attack was not yet known. No arrests had been made.

UN monitors expected in violence-racked Natal

DURBAN — Six UN unrest monitors are expected in Natal tomorrow as political violence continues to sweep through townships, with attacks and killings reaching levels last experienced in the mid-1980s.

Sapa reports another eight people were killed in an ambush on a van in Umgababa on Natal's South Coast yesterday, exactly a year after the national peace accord was signed. Weekend violence claimed at least 13 lives in the province.

Regional ANC and Inkatha spokesmen yesterday welcomed the UN monitoring team's presence in Natal.

ANC southern Natal spokesman Dumisani Makhaye said international monitors were needed to curtail "state-sponsored violence".

Inkatha spokesman Kim Hodgson said the peace accord had not worked in Natal and welcomed "any international involvement that can create a climate of peace".

The monitors will be stationed in Durban, Maritzburg, Empangeni and Port Shepstone.

TIM COHEN reports that an eight-man OAU delegation arrived in SA yesterday for a three-week visit to discuss what role the Organisation could play in restarting negotiations and resolving violence.

The trip was a follow-up to the visit of OAU leaders to SA in May, delegation leader Osmane Camara said yesterday.

The delegation would meet a broad range of political players and hoped to determine what new action it could take to assist the political process in SA, Camara said.

RAY HARTLEY reports that national peace secretariat officials began a two-day briefing with a group of 15 UN monitors on the situation in SA yesterday.

In other incidents of unrest, two men were killed at the Copesville squatter settlement near Maritzburg. Police believe the killings are related to a people's court hearing in the settlement.

In Johannesburg, a narcotics detective and a police informer were seriously wounded yesterday when they were shot near the Wolhuter Hostel in Aspot.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said the attack "was not in any way political and was purely a criminal matter".

The names of the injured men would be released later.

In Cape Town, damage estimated at R20 000 was caused when a delivery van was set alight in Khayelitsha on Sunday, police said yesterday. The driver escaped.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that two alleged members of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe have been arrested in connection with the death of a policeman, Const Marius Blom, in Maritzburg last week.

Col Willie van den Bergh, head of the Maritzburg Murder and Robbery Unit, said yesterday the two men had been arrested last Friday.

He said police had taken possession of three guns.

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the murder of Richmond farmer Derrick Speirs, 61, whose badly charred remains were found in his gutted farmhouse last week.

Col van den Bergh said detectives were following up a number of leads.

Accord a failure — HRC

RAY HARTLEY

DEATHS in political violence increased by 28,5% to 3 400 since the signing of the national peace accord a year ago, the Human Rights Commission (HRC) said yesterday.

"In statistical terms the peace accord is a failure if one measures the levels of violence before and after the signing took place," it said.

Peace accord media liaison officer Mark Manley described the criticisms as "hypothetical".

He said violence would probably have been even greater if the accord had not been signed.

"The general consensus seems to be we are moving back along the continuum towards peace".

He said a HRC suggestion the accord had not been translated into African languages was incorrect, and summaries of the accord were being circulated to make it understandable to the average person.

HRC national director Safoora Sadek said the recent announcement of a special investigative squad attached to the Goldstone Commission and the establishment of a witness protection programme could improve the efficacy of the accord.

Sadek said weaknesses in the accord include:

- Goldstone Commission recommendations accepted by government but not implemented; and
- A reluctance by the attorney-general to prosecute cases arising from peace accord structures.

"The major weakness of the accord, however, is its inability to deal with the covert activities of hit squads and all undercover special forces," the HRC statement said.

National peace committee chairman John Hall said the accord had played a major role in containing violence.

"We are working on a continuum that ranges between absolute peace and total anarchy. The accord is not only preventing the slide toward anarchy but moving the country back towards peace."

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One killed, two hurt before march

WILSON ZWANE

ONE person died and two were injured in the East Rand township of Vosloorus early yesterday — hours before residents converged on the local town council offices to demand an end to seizure of rent defaulters' properties.

Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) spokesman Jabulani Dumani said unknown gunmen in a minibus opened fire on residents preparing to march.

Police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweel confirmed the incident.

The council agreed to cease attaching properties until the two parties met again next week.

Municipal officials, accompanied by policemen, broke into the homes of rent defulters "and seize whatever takes their fancy," a resident said.

Vosloorus town clerk George Prinsloo said he was not aware people's homes were being broken into. "I would assume that if the lawyers attach people's properties, they do that with a court order," he said.

Court told of dawn assault in Swanieville

SUSAN RUSSELL

A WOMAN whose home was burnt down during the Swanieville massacre last year told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday she had fled into the veld in her nightdress after finding two Zulu-speaking armed men at her door.

She was testifying at the trial of seven hostel dwellers alleged to have been part of the armed group which raided the Swanieville squatter camp near Krugersdorp at dawn on May 12 last year and in which 28 people were killed and 37 injured.

The seven, Vumisani Majola, 37, Sizwe Majola, 21, Joseph Khanyile, 51, Bakers Dlamini, 32, Mzanywa Sithole, 44, Bhekowakhe Mdlalose, 41, and Pheyi Mlango, 54, have pleaded not guilty on 28 counts of murder, and to charges of public violence and unlawful possession of firearms.

The woman, who may not be identified by order of the court, identified Sithole as one of the two men and said he had carried a firearm and knobkerrie.

She testified that she and her husband were awakened shortly after 5am by a noise, which came nearer, and then their front window was broken.

Her husband looked through the curtain and said: "It is Inkatha".

They hid under their bed, but heard a voice say in Zulu "chiza" (burn). She tried to leave, but found two men wearing red scarves outside her door. She recognised Sithole and the other man who she knew as "Bheki" because both had been taxi drivers.

When she told them her husband was not at home, Bheki accused of her lying and hit her with his knobkerrie. She then fled.

At one stage she looked back and saw flames coming from her shack.

Restaurant



Five-year-old Mahlatse, dressed in her Sunday best, searches for her friends as she walks through the rubble where shacks once stood in Alexandra. The war between the ANC and Inkatha has devastated the township. Picture: AP

Residents reject govt conditions

WILSON ZWANE

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk has agreed to declare the violence-ravaged section of Alexandra township known as "Beirut" a disaster area, but residents have rejected conditions for the declaration.

A source close to the Alexandra branch of the ANC said yesterday a letter was received from De Klerk last week in which he agreed to declare "Beirut" a disaster area.

"But the President has set conditions, which we reject," the source said.

The source said one of the conditions was that residents in the area should apply individually to his office for relief aid.

"We reject this condition as it makes the receipt of aid very difficult.

"What De Klerk must do is to make funds available to the council — under whose jurisdiction 'Beirut' falls — which will, in turn, be in charge of how they will be channelled," he said.

Alexandra community leaders met Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel in April to discuss violence in the township.

Kriel was then asked to refer the community leaders' request that "Beirut" be declared a disaster area to De Klerk.

Kriel agreed and indicated he would visit Alexandra "soon" to examine the situation. But sources said yesterday he had not yet visited the township.

ANC official Paul Mashatile recently said thousands of residents had been displaced by violence and their homes had been looted.

De Klerk's office could not confirm or deny that he had declared "Beirut" a disaster area.

CP slams Verwoerd monument decision

PRETORIA — The CP said yesterday it noted with regret the decision by the Hendrik Verwoerd monument committee not to go ahead with the erection of a monument to the former prime minister on the planned Verwoerd Square in Pretoria.

Brits MP Andrew Gerber, CP representative on the committee, said the decision had been taken because, among other reasons, the executive committee believed the current political climate was not favourable for the erection of such a monument.

Gerber said the committee had discredited the principles for which it stood.

"The ANC/SACP alliance is now dictating to Afrikaners which of their heroes they may honour and which not."

Gerber said the honouring of national heroes, such as Verwoerd, who had worked diligently for the freedom of the Afrikaner, should in future be left in the hands of those who would not allow themselves to be intimidated or dictated to about their symbols, their festive days, monuments and national heroes.

"Obviously supporters of the government no longer qualify."

Verwoerd's perspicacity regarding the freedom of various nations in their own areas would eventually triumph, he said on behalf of the CP.

"He deserves recognition for the monumental work which he performed in this regard." — Sapa.

4 die, 9 hurt in train terror

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JOHANNESBURG. — At least four people died and nine were injured or wounded in the wake of renewed attacks on Johannesburg train commuters today, police and independent radio reports said.

Reports from the Radio 702 traffic helicopter said at least two people were found dead and five injured, two of them seriously, beside the railway line near New Canada Station, outside Soweto.

Neither Soweto nor Witwatersrand police could immediately confirm the reports.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said two men died and four were injured in five other train incidents, all between 6am and 6.30am.

Some of the attacks happened on the same line and it was possible the same attackers were involved, he said.

At Longdale station — the next Johannesburg-bound stop after New Canada — two men were wounded by knifemen, Captain Opperman said.

Between Longdale and Croesus stations police found the body of a man lying on the tracks. He had been stabbed.

At the next stop on the same line, Langlaaagte station, a man was stabbed to death by a group of men.

Beside the track between Highgate and Longdale stations police found a man with a stab wound. It was not immediately clear whether he had jumped or had been thrown off a moving train.

Between George Goch and Denver station, police found a seriously injured man beside the line. It was also not clear whether he had jumped or had been thrown from a train, Captain Opperman said. — Sapa.

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14 thrown off trains: 3 die

JOHANNESBURG. — Three people died and 11 were hurt in attacks on two city-bound commuter trains here yesterday.

Police said the attacks on both trains were carried out by small groups of men between 6am and 6.40am.

Captain Eugene Opperman said two men and one woman died and nine people were wounded when they were stabbed by five young men who boarded at Soweto's New Canada station.

The dead woman was stripped of her clothing before she was flung from the train. The other victims were all stabbed before being thrown off.

Two other people were stabbed and thrown from a train travelling between Germiston and Katlehong.

● A 27-year-old man was killed and another was seriously injured on Monday night when a group armed with R-1 rifles attacked a homestead at Nqatsheni reserve, near KwaMakutha on the Natal South Coast.

● A man and a woman were taken to hospital after petrol bombs were thrown at two houses belonging to hospital workers not taking part in a strike, police said yesterday. — Sapa

Couple critical after bomb attack

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■ Kalafong Hospital clerk and her husband trapped in burning bedroom as attackers strike at 1am:

By Monk Nkomo and Josias Charle

AN Atteridgeville man and his wife are in a critical condition at Kalafong Hospital after petrol bombs were hurled into their home while they were asleep in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Mr Sydney Ntsie (42) and his wife Charlotte (39) of Matlejoane Street were trapped in their burning bedroom after the attack at about 1am, a spokesman for the family said yesterday.

Mrs Ntsie is a clerk at Kalafong Hospital and Mr Ntsie works in a factory at Hammanskraal.

A few minutes before the attack, the house of a neighbour, Mr Johannes Maake, who works at HF Verwoerd Hospital, was also petrol-bombed but nobody was injured.

Both families believe the attacks are linked to the strike at HF Verwoerd Hospital.

There was only a one-day stoppage at Kalafong Hospital during the recent nationwide strike by hospital workers.

In another attack, which has also been linked to the hospitals strike, a nursing sister at Natalspruit Hospital, Mrs Margaret Mabaso, and her two daughters, aged 14 and 11, were gunned down at their home in Katlehong on Saturday night. Another daughter, aged six, was shot in the throat and is in a serious condition at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto.

The Ntsie and Maake families said yesterday they had identified one of the attackers as a recently dismissed worker at the HF Verwoerd Hospital who was also a shop steward of the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu).

17 arrested, policeman hurt in chaotic ANC protest

By Bronwyn Wilkinson (278)
Crime Reporter

Seventeen people were arrested and a policeman was injured when an illegal ANC march in Schweizer-Reneke in the western Transvaal erupted in chaos yesterday.

Police used teargas and dogs to disperse the marchers after a protester threw a brick at a police sergeant, hitting him in the face, police spokesman Lieutenant Koos Degenaar said.

The march was to have gone from Ipelegeng to Schweizer-Reneke, but both town councils had refused permission for the march. STAR 16/9/92.

Among the 17 people arrested was ANC western Transvaal leader George Mathuse, police confirmed.

Later, after discussions between the Schweizer-Reneke Town Council and UN observers, the demonstrators received permission to march from Ipelegeng towards Schweizer-Reneke at 5 pm but they were not allowed to enter the town, Lieutenant Degenaar said.

The second march went ahead peacefully and no incidents were reported, police said.

Marchers handed a list of demands to Schweizer-Reneke police, calling for the phasing out of hostels and for an end to alleged bias by the local magistrate's court.

DP marches into confrontation with ANC

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BILLY PADDOCK

WITH political protests becoming almost a daily occurrence in Johannesburg, the inevitable happened yesterday — two marches collided.

A DP march for peace led by party leader Zach de Beer, which was proceeding through Braamfontein to the strains of John Lennon's Give Peace a Chance, was surprised to encounter an ANC demonstration against the Department of Education and Training.

The DP's 300 well-heeled marchers seeking peace and negotiation were confronted by about 40 rowdy ANC supporters decrying an increase in examination fees from R10 to R30 for adult literacy classes.

The latter's anger was suddenly redirected at the rival demonstration and the DP marchers were forced to endure yells of "Down DP! Down Zach de Beer!"

More than 50 armed police quickly moved between the two demonstrations, but did not have to take any action.

The DP gathering came to a halt and speeches were delivered while the ANC crowd heckled and toyi-toyied nearby.

The DP march included party acting regional chairman Tony Leon and MPs Lester Fuchs and Douglas Gibson.

The peace marchers were dressed in business suits, formal dresses or trendy designer summer wear.

Soon after the march got under way there was a misunderstanding concerning the route, and as the leaders marched purposefully up Harrison Street the bulk of the marchers veered off down Pritchard Street. Harassed traffic officers reunited them a block later.

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Shrinkage losses affect turnover

WILSON ZWANE

THE SA retail industry stands to lose more than R1bn or 2% of its annual turnover this year through shrinkage, according to an electronic surveillance company. B|DAY 16/9/92.

"Some large retailers will lose as much as R50m," Securisearch GM Bryan McDermott said yesterday.

Retailers canvassed yesterday agreed that shrinkage was a serious problem which affected turnover.

OK Bazaars and Pick 'n Pay estimated that losses through shrinkage averaged 1% of annual turnover.

Pick 'n Pay GM Mike van der Merwe said the problem was international and was more grave during recessions.

McDermott agreed and said the retail industry worldwide stood to lose R160bn this year. People were not stealing for "fun but to survive".

He said sophisticated networks were in operation to acquire stolen goods and find markets for them.

To protect their goods, retailers had to follow the international trend and install electronic surveillance equipment, McDermott said.

Three killed in train violence

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RAY HARTLEY

IN A bloody incident of violence against commuters, three people were killed and nine injured on a train as it passed through four stations on the Soweto line yesterday morning.

The killings came as negotiations over commuter safety between the SA Rail Commuter Corporation, police and ANC-aligned groups remained on hold after Friday's decision to consult constituencies.

Police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said the killings were probably all committed by one gang of youths.

One of the victims, a woman, was stabbed to death before being stripped naked and flung from the train, he said. Another of the corpses was removed from the train at Langlaagte Station by people wanting to provide medical assistance.

In spite of this the train's run continued uninterrupted and two more bodies were thrown off between Longdale and Highgate stations.

Asked why the train had not been stopped or searched between the stations, Opperman said police could not be everywhere at once. ".. that is impossible because in our region alone there are over 200 railway stations and only nine of them are in Soweto," he said.

Two more people were injured in a separate incident on the East Rand.

Cosatu said in a statement yesterday train killings were linked to covert activity which had also sparked renewed violence in Natal.

"Since the revelations by Felix Ndimene that Recce units were perpetrating massacres on the trains, not a single attacker has been jailed, despite the scores of attacks and deaths which have taken place."

SADF uniforms misused monitor

MEN in SADF uniforms who were killing residents of several Natal townships could be part of a third force, Durban-based DP unrest monitor Roy Ainslie said yesterday.

"There are elements in the country who are determined to destabilise the situation. One of the things they are doing could be this (masquerading as SADF troops)."

Regulations were needed to cut down on the availability of SADF and police uniforms to the public, Ainslie said. An SADF source said greater control over the distribution of uniforms was being investigated.

In the latest incident, gunmen in SADF and police uniforms killed eight Inkatha supporters in Umgababa on Monday, raising the toll in this type of violence to 32 in recent weeks, latest figures show.

Sapa reports Natal regional police commissioner Lt-Gen Cilin Steyn has offered a R20 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the Umgababa attack.

RAY HARTLEY

Cosatu has condemned the attack, but Inkatha called yesterday for a special unit to investigate whether Umkhonto we Sizwe played a role in attacks by people in SADF uniforms. B|DAY 16/9/92

Ainslie said there were very few cases where attacks in Natal had been proven to be linked to either the ANC or Inkatha.

"Inkatha's ability to evaluate immediately after an attack what part the victims and the attackers come from is highly suspect," he said. Membership cards were no longer an accurate way of determining political allegiances, he said.

A Human Rights Commission statement said yesterday 195 people had died in Natal in August, 68 of them along the South Coast where the Umgababa killings took place.

Bhamjee bid to appeal fails

STEPHANE BOTHMA

THE last avenue open to former soccer kingpin Abdul Bhamjee to appeal against a 14-year Rand Supreme Court prison sentence for stealing R7,4m was closed this week when Chief Justice Michael Corbett dismissed his petition for leave to do so.

Three earlier attempts by Bhamjee to obtain leave to appeal before trial judge M J Strydom also failed.

The former NSL public relations officer was convicted in January on 33 counts of theft involving NSL money.

He pleaded not guilty,

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More carnage on Reef trains

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■ **KILLER COACHES** Victims in the latest train attacks number at least 22 -five are dead:

By Lulama Luti and Sapa

AT LEAST FIVE PEOPLE DIED and 17 others were injured in renewed attacks on trains in Johannesburg yesterday morning.

In one attack, three people were killed and eight injured when a gang of men went on the rampage on a train near the New Canada station outside Soweto.

Police said the victims were all stabbed and hacked before being thrown from the train at about 6.10am.

A representative of Baragwanath Hospital, said a man was brought to the hospital by helicopter with serious head injuries.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the attacks took place between 6am and 6.30am at Longdale and New Canada stations.

At Longdale Station two men were wounded when stabbed by a group of unidentified men.

He said police found the body of a stabbed man lying on the tracks between Longdale and Croesus stations.

At Langlaagte a man was stabbed to death. Between the Highgate shopping centre and Longdale Station police found a man with a stab-wound lying alongside the track.

Attempts by the police, ANC/SACP/Cosatu/Cast and the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation to plan a strategy to end the violence have, to date, drawn a blank.

5 killed, 12 hurt in train attacks

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Crime Reporter

Five people were killed and 12 injured in six attacks on Reef trains early yesterday.

In the worst incident, three people died and eight were injured, some critically, when a gang went on the rampage in a carriage on a train from Vereeniging to Johannesburg.

Police said the victims were stabbed and hacked before being thrown from the train just after 6 am.

The first body was found on the road under the railway bridge near New Canada and the others were a few hundred metres away.

In another attack, a man was stabbed and thrown off a speeding train. His body was found next to the railway line between Longdale and Croesus stations.

Another man died after being stabbed on a train shortly before it drew into Langlaagte station at about 6.15 am.

Police said two men were stabbed and seriously injured on a train near Longdale station at 6 am. They stayed on the train, and when it drew into the station, they were taken to hospital.

Between George Goch and Denver stations, a man was hacked and stabbed on a train before being thrown off at 6.40 am.

He survived and was taken to hospital.

Another man was hacked on a train between Highgate and Longdale stations. He was also admitted to hospital in a serious condition.

SAP told residents they would be safe – witness

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By Susan Smuts

Policemen had assured Swanieville residents they could "sleep in peace" the night before an attack on the West Rand squatter camp, which left 28 people dead and scores injured, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

A Swanieville woman, who may not be named, said that the night before the massacre on May 12 1991, policemen in Hippo vehicles had assured residents they would be safe.

The woman was giving evidence in the trial of six Kagiso hostel dwellers and two Benoni hostel inmates, who have pleaded not guilty.

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3 held over 2 killings

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Three men were arrested yesterday afternoon in connection with the killing of two municipal policemen in Tembisa on the East Rand in the morning, police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel said.

One of the men was found in possession of the .38 revolver with which the policemen were shot, as well as two 9 mm pistols which were taken from the victims, Captain van Zweel said.

Two men confronted the constables, M A Ngwetyana and M P Letswalo, who were in their vehicle.

A struggle ensued in which Constable Ngwetyana's firearm was taken from him.

One of the suspects opened fire on the two municipal policemen, hitting Constable Ngwetyana. He died on the scene. Constable Letswalo died on the hospital.

The suspects are in custody and will appear in the Kempton Park Regional Court soon, Captain van Zweel said. — Sapa.

4 killed with AK-47s on East Rand

Three men armed with AK-47 rifles shot dead four men between the ages of 17 and 34 at the Mandela Park squatter camp near Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday morning in what appeared to be a planned attack, police said.

The names of the deceased have not been released. Eye-witnesses alleged the attackers came from nearby Phola Park squatter camp. — Sapa.

Soweto faces health crisis

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■ UGLY TURN Five Soweto clinics attacked in the past two weeks in wake of hospital strike:

By Lulama Luti and Mokgadi Pela

ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES in black townships could soon grind to a halt following the petrol-bombing of five clinics in Soweto since September 5.

One of the clinics, in Orlando East, was set alight by a group of men on Tuesday night.

The other attacks were carried out at Mofolo Central Health Centre, where the X-ray unit was destroyed on September 5; Zola Clinic where the maternity wing was razed on September 7; and Diepkloof Clinic, also on September 7.

The Dobsonville Clinic was destroyed on September 12.

The attacks caused damage estimated at thousands of rands.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday said a Katlehong Hospital employed was killed on Tuesday.

Police believe the attacks are related to the 16-week-old strike by members of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union.

The targetting of the clinics follows closely on the attacks on non-striking hospital workers in the PWV area.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said no arrests had been made in connection with the attacks.

Leading to a breakdown

In a statement last night, TPA Administrator Mr Danie Hough condemned the attacks and said they were steadily leading to a breakdown in hospital services.

Nehawu spokesman Mr Neal Thobejane distanced the union from the attacks on clinics and said:

"Our members know it is against union policy to do such things.

"If they become violent, they would rather target white hospitals than black ones. We suspect there are some agent provocateurs behind these attacks."

Police among Reef victims

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JOHANNESBURG. — At Tembisa yesterday three men were arrested for killing two municipal policemen hours earlier.

Constables M A Ngwetyana and M P Letswalo were in their vehicle after having escorted a Telkom vehicle to the township when shots were fired at them. Constable Ngwetyana died at the scene and Constable Letswalo died later in hospital.

● Three men armed with AK-47 rifles shot four at the Mandela Park squatter camp, Katlehong yesterday. The attack appeared planned as they sought out their victims, leaving others unharmed.

Eyewitnesses alleged the attackers came from nearby Phola Park squatter camp.

● At Atteridgeville two people were injured by petrol bombs.

● At Longdale station two men were attacked and stabbed by an angry mob.

● Three men were thrown from moving Reef trains, one after having been stabbed.

● At Tokoza a woman was stoned to death.

● At Ipelegeng 17 people were arrested for participating in an illegal march. — Sapa

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JOHANNESBURG. — Pope John Paul II appealed yesterday for all in South Africa to "desist from the ways of violence and to foster the ways of understanding, reconciliation and harmony".

He said in a message delivered to the SA Catholic Bishops' Conference. — Sapa

Top ANC man shot down in Sebokeng

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SEBOKENG. — Gunmen yesterday shot and severely wounded Mr Bavumile Vilakazi, deputy secretary general of the ANC's PWV region and a former Delmas trialist.

He was shot in the head outside a hardware store here, and his car was then set alight.

Police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said Mr Vilakazi was in hospital, adding that poice were investigating.

● One person was killed and two others seriously wounded in two separate shooting incidents at Wembezi, near Estcourt, on Wednesday night.

Mr Albert Khumalo, 60, was shot dead near the Tambo Supermarket, while Mr Sifiso Ngcobo, 18, and his sister Gobo were shot when gunmen attacked house 230.

● Meanwhile police yesterday dismissed charges by Ratanda's ANC chairman Mr Obed Nkosi that police had fired shots into several houses in the township between 9pm on Wednesday and 4am on Thursday.

A police spokesman said the only reported incidents in the area were the arrests of two people, one for illegal possession of a firearm and another for possession of petrol bombs.

● Violence in South Africa was yesterday condemned by the Southern African Council of Priests at their annual meeting.

In a statement from Pretoria, the Council said it was saddened by the loss of life.

Masked trio threatens civic official

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Staff Reporter (278)

Three masked men tried to coerce Hartbeesfontein Civic Association secretary Solly Phetoe to resign his position this week.

"Three black men arrived at my house in a blue Nissan Skyline. Their faces were hidden by balaclavas. They requested that I should resign," Mr Phetoe said.

They would not identify themselves, and when Mr Phetoe refused to write a letter of resignation they said they would be back.

Men driving a different car, with Bophuthatswana plates, arrived in the early hours yesterday, but left when their knocks went unanswered, Mr Phetoe said.

He felt he was in danger but did not know what to do.

The civic association in Hartbeesfontein, in the western Transvaal district of Brits, is an active body. The settlement, on former SA Development Trust land, is underdeveloped and residents have campaigned persistently for improvements.

NEWS Nurse had premonition about her death - but it did not include her daughters



Margaret Nkhumeleng with Mbali

Mum, 2 kids buried

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EARLY FEARS Nkhumeleng was afraid her two best friends, who recently joined the strike, would betray her: (278)

By Abbey Makoe

THREE VICTIMS of the current wave of violence related to the hospital strike will be buried tomorrow.

The three were a nursing assistant at Natalspruit hospital, Margaret Mabaso Nkhumeleng, and her two daughters, Matshidiso (21) and Nomthandazo (17). They were gunned down in an AK-47 attack while having supper on Saturday.

They died on the spot.

The only surviving member of the family, Mbali (9), is being treated at the Baragwanath Hospital for a bullet-wound in her neck.

A close relative of the family, Mrs Bongi Nzwai, said yesterday that Nkhumeleng (39) had expressed fears that an attempt on her life was imminent but never feared that her children would be attacked.

"Only a few weeks ago she removed some of the expensive furniture from her home, saying that in this way she would not lose much in case her home was bombed," Nzwai said.

During the week she died, Nkhumeleng reportedly told her family about her "two best friends" who had joined the hospital strike without telling her.

"They are going to sell me out," Nkhumeleng allegedly told her family.

Matshidiso was a Standard 9 pupil and her sister, Nomthandazo, was in Standard 8.

Both attended Fumana High School in Natalspruit.

Mbali, who is understood to be recoving well in hospital, is in Standard 1 at the Monde Lower Primary school.

The funeral service will be held at the D H Williams Hall from 8am until 11am when the cortege leaves for Schoeman Cemetery.



Matshidiso Nkhumeleng



Nomthandazo Nkhumeleng

NEWS FEATURE Cops lack culprits' description

Attacks occured two coaches from police

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■ **FOXY CRIMINALS** They have carefully studied cops' methods and strike unguarded areas during peak hours:

By Mathatha Tsedu
Investigations Editor

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THE TRAIN attackers who killed at least three people outside New Canada station on Tuesday, did so only two coaches from a police contingent.

Police believe the attackers are well-informed criminals who make a careful study of the patrol and search patterns of the security forces.

Meanwhile, as attempts to stem the killings go on, the sealing of coaches is emerging as one of the major contributing factors to the death toll, as trapped commuters have only windows as escape routes.

The police are now calling on commuters to stand up and defend themselves.

The head of the New Canada-based Police Mobile Unit that is responsible for Soweto trains, Colonel Frank Sneygans, said the train that was attacked had three groups of policemen in it.

Two of the groups were conducting searches from the back and front while a plain clothes contingent was in another coach.

The attackers hit the second coach from the plain clothes policemen. Sneygans said the police were unable to move into the affected coach while the train was in motion because the coaches were sealed.

"The closure of the coaches is a big impediment because it means our men can only move from one coach to another when the train is stationary," Sneygans said.

The coaches were sealed after people stole the outside brass railings which protected passengers moving between coaches while the train was in motion.

The coaches have now literally become moving coffins in the event of an attack.

The attacks on Soweto trains have taken place mainly between New Canada and Longdale, which is, ironically, just a few metres from the strongest police mobile unit dealing with train attacks.

Sneygans said this could be because it is the only long stretch between stations outside Soweto.

The attacks are mainly on trains packed with workers and happen within a period of 30 minutes, mostly from 5.45 to 6.15 in the morning and during peak hours in the afternoon.

Commuters, he said, should fight back and defend themselves. "Instead, they vent their anger on the police. They refuse to talk to us. They do not give us information or descriptions of the attackers," he said.

"As a result, we can't develop a profile of the attackers to see whether the same poeple are involved. We have no description, no leads, nothing. How can we investigate properly without information from those who witnessed the attacks."

Sneygans said the culprits were not stupid people who merely pounced on any train.

"These people watch us. They see how we work. They saw how we were searching and decided where to attack - in the middle. When the train stopped at Langlaagte station, everybody, including the attackers, rushed out of the coach as the police closed in. No one would describe them.

Blaze ravages house after worker fired

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By Clyde Johnson
Lowveld Bureau

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NELSPRUIT — After three weeks of alleged intimidation, the home of a local newspaper production manager, Gert Gerber, was partially destroyed by fire on Wednesday afternoon.

For Mr Gerber (52), his wife Lydia and their three children the intimidation allegedly started after Mr Gerber — an employee of The Lowvelder — discharged an assistant bookbinder for insubordination.

She complained to the ANC, he said. Mr Gerber told an ANC spokesman that her discharge had nothing to do with a recent stayaway. He refused to reinstate her.

Three days later the family woke up to find the letters ANC spray-painted on both sides and the back window of their car.

A week later they discovered a cloth which had been forced into their vehicle's petrol inlet pipe. It had been set alight.

The following evening the family got home to find a burnt mat on the front stoep.

Since then they have received regular telephone calls — between three and four a night — where the caller says nothing but breathes loudly.

On Monday the study curtains were set alight from outside. On Wednesday, Jean Gerber (16) got home at 4 pm to find smoke pouring from an upstairs room.

Asked to comment, ANC eastern Transvaal general-secretary Joe Nkuna said he was unaware that Mr Gerber's house had been destroyed by fire.

He said that in a telephone conversation with Mr Gerber he had merely requested him to reconsider employing the woman.

"The ANC cannot be blamed for the events that followed," Mr Nkuna said.

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Suspended Sandton councillor takes legal action

SUSPENDED Sandton town councillor Frederick Ehlers will bring an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court for his reinstatement.

Ehlers, who was suspended for 60 days following suggestions that the council's tendering procedures were open to bribery and corruption, said he would file the application soon.

A letter had been sent to all councillors and to Sandton mayor Bruce Burns earlier this week requesting

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the convening of a special meeting to discuss the suspension, Ehlers said.

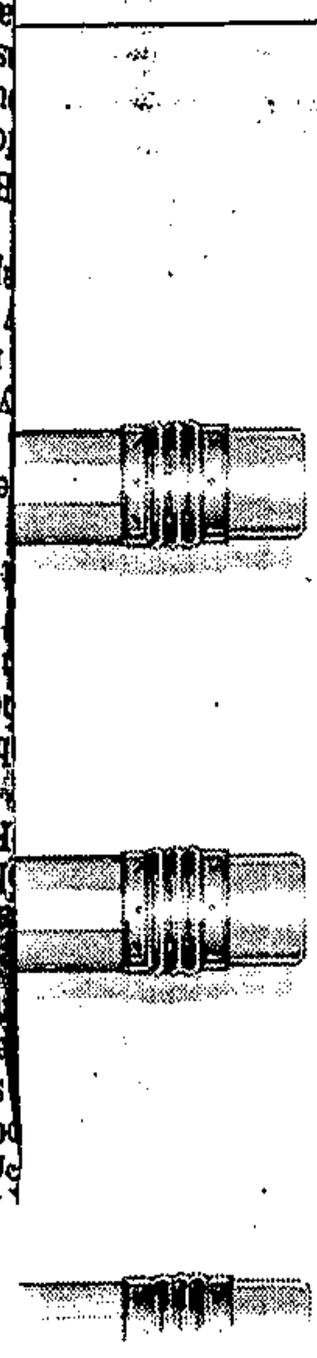
This had been done following the breakdown of a mediation attempt last week by DP MP for Bryanston Rupert Lorimer.

The mayor had been given until 5pm yesterday to respond, failing which the urgent application would be served, Ehlers said. "As no meeting has been convened, I hope to file papers by Monday next week."

Ehlers stated individual councillors would be cited in the application so as not to burden the ratepayers with the cost of the action.

The application aimed to have Ehlers reinstated to the council and would reclaim any council allowances withheld due to the suspension.

Council chambers would be picketed on Thursday, he said.



'I saw policeman shoot passerby'

MARITZBURG — An SAP sergeant testified in the Supreme Court yesterday that he saw his former Mooi River station commander, Lt George Nichas, cock his shotgun and fire twice at a man walking alone in a Bruntville street in 1990.

The man fell after the second shot but the police casspir in which they were travelling did not stop. Later at the Bruntville clinic he and other policemen, including Nichas, saw the body of a dead man whom he recognised as the alleged murder victim, Jotham Mchunu. He could not say whether Mchunu was the person who was shot at by Nichas.

Nichas has pleaded not guilty to two murder and four attempted murder charges, and four counts of contravening the Arms and Ammunitions Act in connection with two shooting incidents in Bruntville on April 7 and June 16 1990. Two of the charges relate to his alleged unlawful handling of firearms while under the influence of alcohol.

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Sgt Martin Mhlongo denied having seen or heard a large toyi-toyiing group in the vicinity of the casspir at the time of the

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shooting as claimed by several other police and civilian state witnesses. Asked by Judge Booysen how it was possible he did not see the crowd, Mhlongo said he did not know if it was because he was seated in the casspir while some of his colleagues were standing. He saw the man at whom Nichas fired through the casspir's open rear doors.

Defence advocate Kobus Booyens SC asked Mhlongo (who resides in Bruntville with his family) if he had been intimidated in connection with his evidence or statement to the police concerning the shooting. Mhlongo said no one had approached him in connection with the case.

Mhlongo agreed, in reply to further questions by Booyens, that it was unsafe for a policeman to live in Bruntville and that he was scared.

Mhlongo said he was not aware that ANC supporters in Bruntville hated the accused.

Mhlongo also testified that before leaving the police station in the casspir he had noticed that Nichas's speech was not normal, as though he had been drinking liquor

SA's first Asian Oscars' presented

ANC man viciously attacked

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■ 'Strange people' had been following the victim:

By Abbey Makoe

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THE ANC's deputy secretary-general for the PWV region was seriously injured when gunmen pumped him with a hail of bullets in Zone 7, Sebokeng, yesterday.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said Mr Bavumile Vilakazi was attacked outside Billy's Hardware early yesterday.

"His car was set alight and completely burnt out," Van Deventer said.

Mr Vilakazi was admitted to Sebokeng Hospital and later transferred to a private clinic in Johannesburg.

Shot in the head

Van Deventer said the motive for the attack was not yet known. He related that Vilakazi was shot in the head and hip.

ANC PWV region spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said the organisation was shocked by the attack on Vilakazi.

"He has been unable to attend some of the executive committee meetings after a discovery that some strange people have been following him lately," Mamoepa commented.

He said an unsuccessful attempt to kill Vilakazi was made two weeks ago when an unknown car followed him from Johannesburg to his home.

Top ANC man shot

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■ MYSTERY GUNMEN ANC official under surveillance by "strange people" before being shot:

THE deputy secretary-general of the PWV region of the African National Congress was gunned down by unknown gunmen in Sebokeng yesterday.

Mr Bumavile Vilakazi, who was shot as he left a hardware store, is in a critical condition at a clinic.

The shooting follows a spate of attacks on ANC officials on the Reef in recent months.

ANC regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said Vilakazi had been unable to attend meetings recently because "strange people" had been following him.

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ANC official shot, vehicle set alight

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A senior ANC member in the Vaal Triangle, Bavumile Vilakazi, is in a serious condition at the Sebokeng Hospital after unknown gunmen shot him in the township yesterday.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said Mr Vilakazi was wounded in the head and hip.

His car was set alight just after the shooting. (278)

Captain van Deventer said Mr Vilakazi was attacked as he was leaving his brother's hardware store in Zone 7, Sebokeng, yesterday morning.

The police are investigating. — Vereeniging Bureau.

Train killers watching our movements — police

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"A COFFIN on wheels" is how one Soweto commuter describes the train he has to take to work each day.

Most train commuters take a daily gamble with death and injury. Killers are on the loose, and they can strike at any time.

This week's flare-up of train violence, in which five commuters died and 17 were injured, convinced the police that the killers were watching the trains and the pattern of the SAP's patrols.

More than 130 train commuters died — either shot, stabbed or hacked to death — between January and May this year. More than 235 were reported injured during attacks on trains and at stations.

In the most recent incident, a gang of armed men attacked at New Canada station near Soweto — right next door to where one of the strongest mobile police units was stationed.

Colonel Hans Jordaan, recently appointed head of mobile units for southern Transvaal, said although the police had deployed 1 200 men "who are doing their best", there had not been much success in containing the violence.

"After intensive searches and patrols on the trains we saw a lull. Incidents were down to less than 50 percent. But this week suddenly we had this latest attack. For the past few days it's been quiet again, but we never know," he said.

Colonel Frank Snygans, who is in charge of the New Canada Mobile Unit, is convinced that the killers are aware of the way in which police work and plan their attacks accordingly.

"These people are watching us. They see how we work, which stations we search, and decide to attack where they think we will not go back."

A sergeant on patrol described yesterday why he thought police were not very effective. "What happens is that our units start off with an empty train, say at George Goch. They go into compartments searching for weapons from both ends of the train.

"But because the coaches are sealed off from each other, the men can only continue their search from coach to coach when they reach the next station. Meanwhile, in the coaches behind more people crowd in, making the whole thing quite useless," he said.

Snygans urged commuters to defend themselves, and complained that they were not co-operating with police. "Without information from those who have been attacked we cannot build up a profile of the attackers. We get no descriptions, nothing. The public must co-operate."

Police are asking members of the public to call a toll-free number — 080-111-0141 — if they have any information to report on train violence.

Meanwhile, ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa has expressed dissatisfaction with the performance of the police and their strategy. He said: "They simply have to put in more of an effort to bring these criminals to book. They must redeploy more personnel and effect more arrests. We learnt from the police that after investigating 196 attacks they were able to make only five arrests. This is clearly unacceptable."

He said the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance, civic associations, churches and other interested parties would convene a weekend meeting to discuss and develop a "comprehensive strategy" to combat train violence.

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Boipatong massacre suspects vanish



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War of harsh words

THE mass funeral of Bisho massacre victims passed without incident, but saw harsh rhetoric traded between the ANC and the government.

The funeral was addressed by a number of political and church leaders, including SACP general secretary Chris Hani, ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu and Deputy Defence Minister Wynand Breytenbach.

Speakers blamed the SA government for the massacre, and Hani said the SADF had di-



By ELIAS MALULEKE

POLICE say they have launched a nationwide manhunt for 17 men wanted in connection with the June Boipatong Massacre in which 49 people lost their lives.

All the wanted men were residing at the notorious KwaMadala hostel in Boipatong at the time of the massacre, an alleged Inkatha stronghold and launching pad of violence in the Vaal Triangle.

The 17 "vanished" from the hostel shortly after they were questioned by police after the massacre.

The suspected killers were in a group of 75 men who were held and later released during a raid at the hostel. Photographs of the suspects were taken by police before they were released pending further investigation.

The men allegedly gave police the wrong names during their interrogation.

Police also confiscated various weapons at the hostel and sent the weapons for forensic tests.

Police said this week that tests made on weapons confiscated at the hostel during the raid and blood stains found on the weapons and other items have been positive, and believe the wanted men can "help" police with their investigations.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman told City Press on Friday that the man are believed to be in the Natal region, however, police were also searching for the men

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Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman told City Press on Friday that the man are believed to be in the Natal region, however, police were also searching for the men in Vaal, Soweto and East Rand townships.

Opperman said during questioning and photographing, some of the suspects did not have IDs and some gave police false names, which if released could create confusion.

Opperman said police had not ceased their investigation into the massacre, but that it was difficult to investigate a case where many people were involved.

A report by British expert Dr Peter Waddington into the Boipatong massacre released in July described the SAP probe into the atrocity as "woefully inadequate" and "incompetent".

About 49 people were slaughtered when a mob said to be Inkatha supporters from the hostel went on a murderous rampage in the Boipatong squatter camp during the night of June 17.

Following the international outrage in the wake of the slaughter and cries of police complicity, security forces sealed off the hostel to prevent inmates from leaving. Police claimed however that the militant throng inside the hostel prevented them from entering.

Inkatha leaders mediated between police and the inmates to enable the police to enter the hostel.

Opperman said more than 200 people have since been arrested in connection with the massacre and appealed to the public to assist in tracing the 17 missing men.

Any person who recognises any of the men is requested to contact either Col AF Eager at (016) 33-8686 (OH) or home (011) 674-2776 or Lt Greef (016) 85-2014 (AH).

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Health workers under attack

By SOPHIE TEMA

ATTACKS on nurses and health workers by faceless perpetrators of violence were slammed this week by Transvaal administrator Danie Hough.

Violence associated with the strike by hospital workers took an ugly turn last week when five Soweto clinics were attacked in the wake of the ongoing strike.

Natalspruit nursing sister Margaret Mabaso, and her two children, died after their home was attacked by thugs wielding AK-47 rifles. On the same day a worker was killed outside the hospital grounds.

Family spokesman Evon Matlhare said Mabaso and her 14-year-old daughter Matshidiso died instantly, while her second daughter Nomthandazo, 11, died later at the Natalspruit Hospital.

The only surviving member of the family is Mabaso's youngest daughter, six-year-old Mbali, who was shot in the throat and later admitted to Baragwanath Hospital in a serious condition.

In Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, the homes of clerks from Kalafong and HF Verwoerd hospitals were petrol-bombed.

Sydney Ntsie and his wife Charlotte were seriously burnt and their home extensively damaged after unknown persons hurled petrol bombs while they were asleep.

Several homes belonging to hospital workers in Soweto and other areas were torched and a number of matrons and nurses assaulted on their way to or from work.

Since September 5, four clinics have been damaged in the Soweto area.

Expressing shock and dismay at the intimidation of hospital staff and the damage of their property, Hough said: "As recently as September 14, the TPA, Nehawu and Cosatu in a joint statement called upon all to refrain from doing anything that would contribute to the intensifying of conflict and the undermining of negotiations.

"Despite the statement, new incidents of violence are still being reported.

"The TPA assumes that the parties concerned are not directly responsible for the incidents, since they have already committed themselves to defusing the conflict.

"I therefore find it totally unacceptable that this tendency persists."



VICTIM ... A health worker reveals her wounds after being assaulted by unidentified assailants.

Where is my mom?

C/Press 20/9/92 (278)

By THEMBA KHUMALO

AN eight-year-old Katlehong girl, Mbali Mkhumeleni, recovering in hospital from bullet wounds, is pining for her mother.

She does not know that her beloved parent, Margaret Mkhumeleni, is dead, and her father cannot summon up the courage to tell her.

Her mother and two sisters, Faith and Elsie, were killed when four gunmen burst into their Maphanga Section home while the family was watching television and pumped bullets into them.

Margaret and Faith died instantly. Mbali and her sister Elsie were rushed to Natalspruit Hospital, but Elsie could not be saved.

Margaret's sister, Joana Mabaso, said she arrived at the house about 30 minutes after the shooting and found Margaret and Faith lying in a pool of blood. There were bullet holes in the wall behind them.

Faith, 21, and Elsie, 17, were students at Fumana High School in Katlehong. Mbali is a Std 1 pupil at Monde Primary School.

Their father, Andries Mkhumeleni, was in Venda at the time of the tragedy.

Numb with shock he told City Press: "I received a call that there was a tragedy back home. I started to drive back immediately, but got stuck along the road.

"When I finally got home I was greeted with the dreadful news. I was paralysed with shock. I still keep asking myself why it happened. I pray night and day that Mbali will recover.

"I visit her every day in Baragwanath, but how do you tell a wounded eight-year-old that she no longer has a mother and her sisters are dead? She keeps asking about them and I tell her they are fine.

"I will only tell her the terrible truth when she is back at home after the funeral," he said.

An East Rand police spokesman said an investigation into the incident was continuing.



AWAITING VISIT . . . Nobody has had the heart to tell eight-year-old Mbali Mkhumeleni that her mother and two sisters are dead.

Girl, 8, unaware mother died in attack on family



FAMILY TRAGEDY . . . The unknown assassins' bullets killed Mbali's sister, Faith, instantly.

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Boipatong hostel dwellers hunted

JOHANNESBURG. — A nationwide manhunt has been launched for 17 residents of the KwaMadala hostel who went missing two weeks ago after being questioned about the Boipatong massacre, police have confirmed.

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"There is certain new evidence and, though it does not specifically implicate the 17, we believe they can . . . help the police in solving this case."

The 17 "vanished" from the hostel two weeks ago after being questioned by the police.

Capt Opperman said arrests could be made "soon, as we have the suspects' photographs and fingerprints, and every police station countrywide is on the lookout".

He said the men's ages ranged between 18 and 48.

Seventy-two hostel inmates have appeared in court in connection with the massacre. — Sapa

ANC probed: 'Ploy' denied

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A ministry of Law and Order spokesman yesterday denied allegations that, by investigating members of the ANC, the SA Police was trying to obtain a blanket amnesty for its security forces.

Police liaison officer Capt B S J van Rooyen confirmed that 17 senior ANC members were being investigated for crimes.

Among those police were investigating were SACP secretary general, Mr Chris Hani, SACP chairman Mr Joe Slovo, ANC national chairman Mr Oliver Tambo, SACP member Mr Ronnie Kasrils and Mr Joe Modise, commander of the ANC's military wing.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said: "This is not a special police investigation and is not directed at ANC only."

He said "normal police duty" required investigations of all crimes — including those within right-wing organisations, Inkatha, and the security forces.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus yesterday said the police investigations were "unacceptable".

"The government is trying to force us to agree to its general amnesty which benefits its security forces."

"To say the police will investigate everyone, including the SAP, the IFP, and the right wing, is a lie. This is directed at political organisations and especially at the ANC."

Mr Niehaus said ANC members would not co-operate. — Sapa

Police seek 17 massacre suspects

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■ Police stations on the lookout and cops have fingerprints and pictures of these KwaMadala inmates: (278)

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Seventy-two hostel dwellers are appearing in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court in connection with the brutal massacre on June 17. - *Sapa.*

Baby axe victim in unrest toll

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PRETORIA. — At least six people, including a baby, have been killed and two have been injured in unrest at the weekend.

According to police unrest reports, three people died on Friday and another three — including a baby who was killed with an axe — on Saturday.

The baby was killed and his mother seriously injured when they were attacked in their home in Kagiso, Krugersdorp, by an axe-wielding man.

In other deaths at the weekend, police reported that on Friday the body of a man with bullet wounds was found at Katlehong near Alberton.

In the Ivory Park squatter camp, near Kempton Park, a man was killed when a group opened fire on him and at Tembisa, in the same area, police found the body of another man with bullet wounds.

In another incident on Friday, a security guard was seriously injured in Daveyton, near Benoni, when a group of people fired on the delivery vehicle he was escorting.

On Saturday in Katlehong police found the bodies of two men who both had stab wounds. — Sapa

Boipatong: hunt for 17

Police are continuing their hunt for 17 residents of KwaMadala hostel who went missing after questioning about the Boipatong massacre. STAR 21/9/92

A police spokesman yesterday said the men could have gone back to Natal, but this was not certain. He said new evidence had emerged about the massacre and, although it did not necessarily implicate the 17, the possibility they had taken part in the massacre could not be ruled out. — Crime Reporter

ANC rejects mock trial apology call

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DURBAN. — THE ANC in the Natal Midlands has rejected a National Peace Committee instruction to apologise for the staging of a mock trial in Maritzburg recently.

Regional deputy chairman Mr Reggie Radebe said yesterday: "We are not going to apologise. This judgment is a gross miscarriage of justice."

Yesterday the NP and the IFP issued hard-hitting statements calling for the ANC's "militants" to be disciplined and for Mr Harry Gwala to be relieved of his position as Midlands leader.

The NPC adjudication panel had found that the ANC had contravened five sections of the peace accord during a mock trial and that Mr Gwala's comments were also a contravention of the agreement.

The incident — which was "not a mock trial" — had in fact ended with the crowd agreeing to send allegations against various IFP "warlords" to the attorney-general and Mr Gwala's statement that the ANC would kill IFP "warlords" was quoted out of context, Mr Radebe said. — Political Staff, Sapa

Kriel accuses ANC of 'selective morality'

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel yesterday accused the ANC of "selective morality" for insisting that SAP members who had committed crimes should be brought to trial but not ANC members.

Mr Kriel told the Johannesburg Press Club that he agreed that SAP members who had allegedly committed crimes should be thoroughly investigated. This was being done and was not considered a threat to negotiations.

"But when ANC members are investigated to determine their involvement in the murder of women and children, then this is perceived as standing in the way of negotiations.

"In other words, prosecute policemen for murder, but don't touch ANC members — especially not national executive committee members."

He denied ANC charges that the SAP was involved in a strategy to get amnesty for members of the security forces by investigating crimes allegedly committed by senior ANC members to force a trade-off.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the SAP did not close murder cases and cases were regularly re-examined.

Investigation of senior ANC members only appeared to have gained new momentum because for the first time in several years people who had information about crimes committed some time ago were back in the country.

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Boipatong bail request vetoed

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JOHANNESBURG. — The bail application of the 71 KwaMadala hostel inmates facing charges in connection with the Boipatong massacre was yesterday opposed by the prosecution.

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Testifying in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court, Colonel Joseph du Pont of the Vaal Triangle Crime Investigation Unit said he believed the accused would skip bail and fail to attend their trial.

The 71 suspects, including four youths, are facing at least 40 counts of murder and public violence charges.

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Death, arson in 'tense' Ciskei

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BISHO. — The situation in Ciskei remained tense yesterday, following the violent death of an 18-year-old youth and at least 12 arson attempts since Sunday morning, Ciskei Defence Chief Brigadier Marius Oelschig reported.

He charged that the continued presence of uMkhonto weSizwe members in the area was a threat to government employees.

In Mdantsane an 18-year-old youth was assaulted by a mob and died of his injuries. Seven of the 12 arson attacks were directed at members of the Ciskei police or defence force, said Brig Oelschig.

Meanwhile, this weekend at Ulungisi near Queenstown, a municipal police van was set alight after a petrol bomb was thrown at it.

Two houses belonging to ANC members in Dimbaza were attacked in separate petrol-bomb and handgrenade attacks early yesterday, the Border-Ciskei Independent Monitoring Network confirmed.

● ANC mourners in Alice alleged yesterday that they had been raided and shot at during a vigil at Krwakrwa village by Ciskei soldiers led by the homelands Internal Affairs Minister, Mr Ray Ngcofe, on Saturday. — Sapa.



Suspects are not missing

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■ 'If these men are released we will have a bloodbath,' says Du Pont.

THE 17 suspects in the Boipatong massacre are not missing, Vanderbijl- Park Magistrate's Court heard yesterday.

During the continuation of the bail application hearing for 71 Inkatha Freedom Party members, IFP advocate Mr As Burger told the court that contrary to reports in a Sunday newspaper, two of the men said to be missing were in court.

He said one man was dead and another could not be accounted for. The rest were available.

The bail application will continue on September 28 when Burger will question Colonel John du Pont. Du Pont has told the court: "If these men are released we will have a bloodbath."

Boipatong: bail opposed

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By Melody McDougall
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The State yesterday opposed the bail application of 71 KwaMadala hostel inmates facing charges in connection with the June 17 Boipatong massacre.

Testifying for the State in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court yesterday, Vaal Triangle Crime Investigation Unit assistant head Colonel Joseph du Pont said he believed the accused could skip bail and miss their trials.

The 71 suspects, including four youths, are all facing at least 40 counts of murder and public violence charges. No one has yet been asked to plead to the charges before magistrate Mr G J Reynders.

Colonel du Pont said the case was an "historic and crystallised" one, and a matter in which society and the world would demand that justice be done.

He said that if the accused skipped bail it would be difficult to trace them to their given addresses in Natal. Other suspects still being sought in connection with the alleged massacre had already disappeared.

Referring to the "very tense atmosphere" between Inkatha and ANC supporters in the Vaal Triangle area, Colonel du Pont said it would be safer for the suspects to remain in custody.

He had information that ANC supporters in Boipatong would attack the KwaMadala hostel if the accused were released on bail.

The bail hearing was postponed to Monday.

NEWS Victim dies of burn wounds after bomb attack ● Baby killed in axe attack

Man butchers baby with axe

■ **Police looking for alleged lover after seven-month-old child bleeds to death in arms of helpless mother:**

By Lulama Luti

A SEVEN-month-old baby boy bled to death in the arms of his helpless mother after he was allegedly hacked with an axe by a man said to be her lover in Kagiso near Krugersdorp at the weekend.

A desperate Miss Nthabiseng Mawela, who was severely injured during the attack, got into a taxi to take the baby to hospital but the child died in her arms before they could reach it .

Speaking from her bed at Leratong Hospital, Mawela (22) told of how a man had attacked her and the baby after he had had an argument with a friend.

"I was sitting on a chair feeding the child when the door was suddenly flung open. The man, who was wielding an axe, then started chopping the child.

"I tried to protect the child but I was also hacked," she said.

She went on: "I managed to escape from the room with the baby but the man came after us. The baby, Pogiso, was already covered in blood. He had been hit behind the right ear.

"The man continued to attack us with the axe. I later fell to the ground and the man left us for dead," she said.

When neighbours came to their rescue the man ran away. She was then rushed to hospital.

Nthabiseng said she did not know the reason for the attack because she had had no quarrel with the man.

West Rand police liaison officer Major Henrietta Bester confirmed the incident and said police were looking for the man, who had been identified as a hostel dweller.

Hospital clerk dies after petrol attack

Sowetan 22/9/92

By Josias Charle

A PETROL bomb attack victim, Mrs Charlotte Ntsie (39) of Atteridgeville, died at Kalafong Hospital at the weekend.

She received serious burn wounds a week ago when her house was petrol-bombed. Her husband, Mr Sydney Ntsie (43), who was also injured in the attack, has been transferred from Kalafong to a private clinic in Pretoria. He has been reported to be in a stable and fair condition.

Kalafong Hospital public relations officer Mrs Berdene Schoeman said Mrs Ntsie died of her wounds at 10am on Saturday.

She was a clerk at the hospital and the attack on her home has been linked to the ongoing hospital strike. Her husband is a factory worker at Babelegi.

■ **STRIKE RELATED** 12 people have so far died since health strike began: 28

Minutes before their house was bombed, their neighbour, Mr Johannes Maake - also an employee at Kalafong Hospital - had his house petrol-bombed but no one was injured in the attack.

Mrs Ntsie was one of many casualties following attacks on non-striking hospital workers.

A worker was shot dead at Natalspruit Hospital on June 3;

Two union shop stewards were gunned down in a house on June 5;

Two members of a non-striker's family died in a petrol bomb attack on their home on July 14. Three other family members were wounded in the attack;

Another two non-strikers burned to death on July 28 when their home was petrol-bombed.

On July 30, Katlego Sebola (4) died when his parents' home was petrol-bombed.

A Johannesburg Hospital nurse was killed. Nurses said her ears had been cut off because she "would not listen"; and

Last week, a nursing assistant at Natalspruit Hospital, Mrs Margaret Mabaso, and her two daughters, aged 14 and 11, were gunned down at their home in Katlehong.

Policeman dies in Reef shooting

JOHANNESBURG. — A policeman was shot and killed in Westonaria here at the weekend — allegedly by a security guard. CT 22/9/92

The motive for the shooting was unclear, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The police constable, whose name has not yet been released, was shot in the face allegedly by the guard while he was on duty with a colleague. A man has been arrested. — Sapa (278)

NEWS Goldstone Commission to rule on fatal shootings ● Top cops under investigation

15 Bisho massacre victims 'shot in back'

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Top investigation a 'sop'

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■ **Activities of the far left and far right are both under scrutiny:**

POLICE are investigating possible murder, torture and assault charges against senior homeland policemen including KwaZulu police chief Major-General Jac Buchner and the SAP's Lieutenant General Lothar Neethling.

Lieutenant JA du Preez of the SAP yesterday also confirmed investigations were underway into similar charges "against more than one hundred policemen".

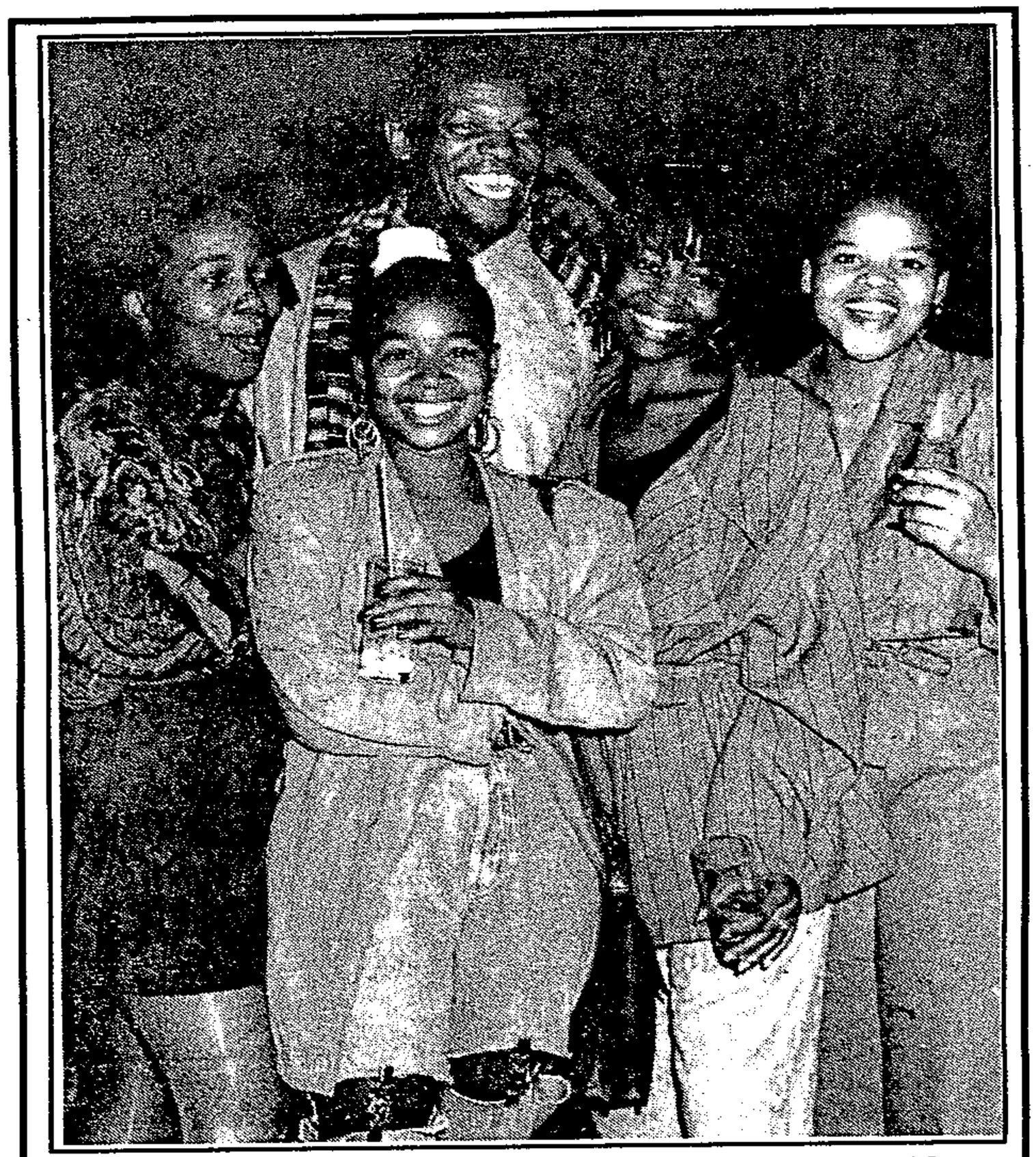
He could not confirm the official list of ANC and PAC people under investigation, and only said that "numerous allegations involving the far right as well as the far left" were being looked into.

Senior ANC and PAC officials yesterday said the "investigation" of police officers was a sop created by the Government to squeeze a general amnesty out of the movement.

"It is clear that the Government wants to blackmail the ANC into accepting blanket amnesty.

"We fought a war of liberation in which everyone acknowledged their role in such a war.

"The National Party Government fought a war to retain apartheid - condemned by the world as a crime against humanity."



Former exile Mr Duma Ndlovu (centre back) enjoys the comforts of Sun City. He was a guest at the Shell Road To Fame Talent Contest at the Bophutatswana resort at the weekend. He is with (from left) Miss Lindiwe Hlengwa, Miss Khanyo Maphumalo, Miss Dudu Ndlovu and Miss Cynthia Nthako. PIC: MBUZENI ZULU

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Hostel men were set up - defence

Sowetan 24/9/92

■ Lawyer representing Swanieville massacre accused will give evidence to show cops were responsible for killings:

DEFENCE counsel in the Swanieville massacre trial told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday it would lead evidence to show police had taken part in the attack and then blamed nearby hostel dwellers.

Mr AS Burger told Mr Justice C Botha and two assessors the witness would say about 80 to 100 people, including policemen, had taken part in the attack in the West Rand Squatter Camp, and not 800 to 1 000 hostel dwellers as policemen had testified before the court.

Mr Burger cross-examined Constable Remo Liut, who had been called back to give evidence after an inspection in loco on Tuesday.

Constable Liut had earlier dismissed as a "blatant lie" allegations that policemen had taken part in the massacre. He told the court yesterday five Casspirs could have transported 80 to 100 people.

Call to fence off hostel

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Leaders of a two-month-old consumer boycott in Roodepoort, the local business community and the police have recommended jointly that a Dobsonville hostel be fenced off.

The Consumer Boycott Committee announced earlier yesterday that it was suspending the boycott of businesses from the end of the month, following a meeting on Tuesday.

"The suspension of the boycott is to allow the recommendations to be implemented, failing which we will not hesitate to review our stand," boycott leader Mandla Dlamini said.

The parties also agreed that a local high school caught up in continuing violence should reopen, and that a climate for the return of displaced families be created.

Forte High School, close to Simphiwe hostel, has been shut for about six months following attacks on pupils, Mr Dlamini said.

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A TPA official who attended the talks, held at the local police station, had pledged to push for immediate action by the town council on the recommendations, Roodepoort trader Ismail Hassam said. — Sapa.

Matron bombed

■ FIRE TERROR Unknown men petrol-bomb the Soweto house of Baragwanath's chief matron: (278)

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BARAGWANATH Hospital chief matron, Mrs Thelma Zwedala, is believed to have gone into hiding following a petrol bomb attack on her Soweto home.

Her husband, Greenland, suffered serious cuts while trying to put out the fire.

Extensive damage was caused to the furniture, linen and clothing.

The Zwedala family believes the attack could be related to the current hospital strike.

Condemning the attack, the chief superintendent at Baragwanath, Dr Chris van den Heever, said it was a "despicable deed of cowardice".

Since the strike began, five Soweto clinics have been torched, causing damage estimated at about R2 million. The attacks on non-striking workers and family members included the deaths of four members of the Madikane family after a petrol bomb attack on their Soweto home on July 7.

Widespread incidents of intimidation have been reported.

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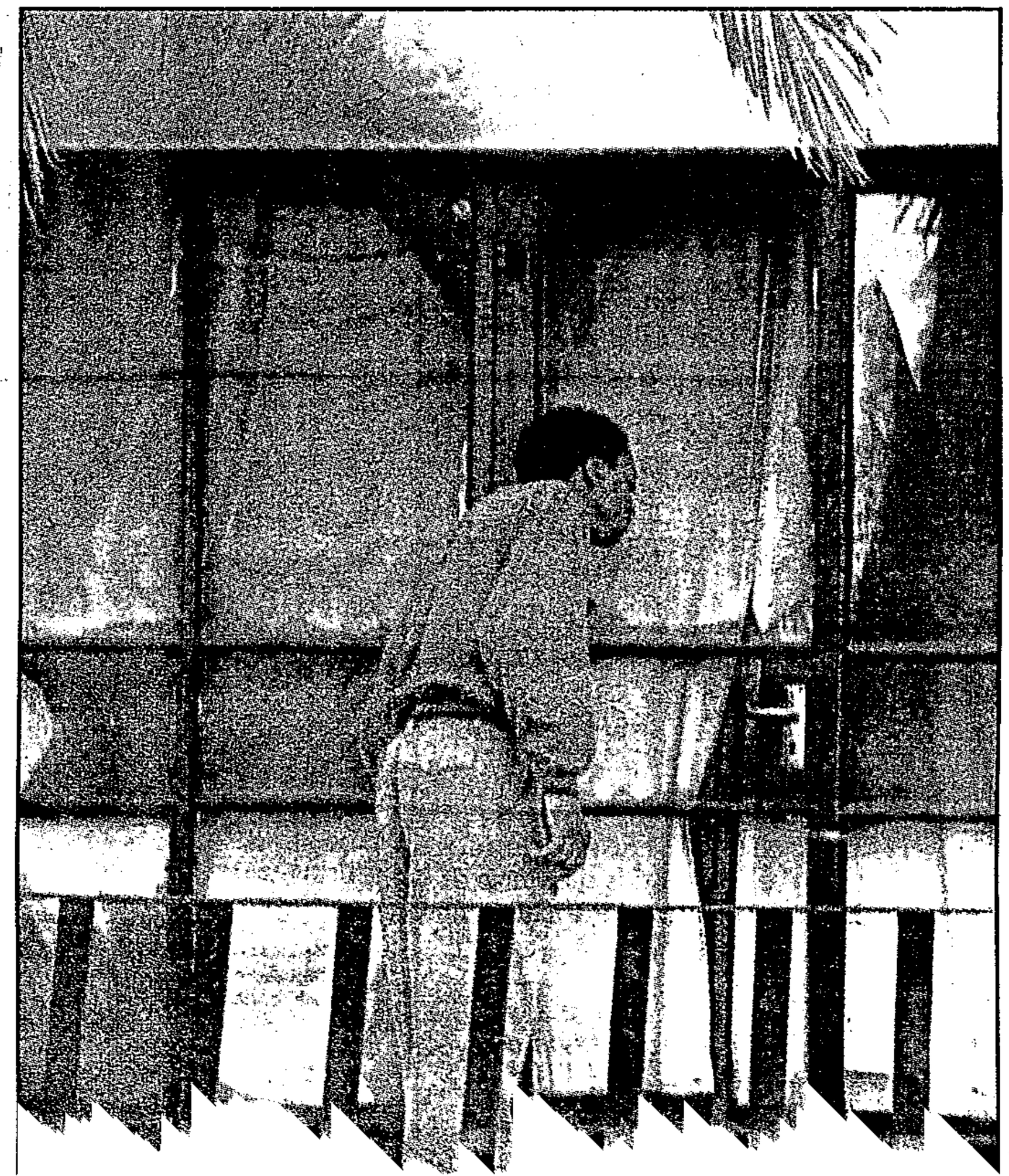



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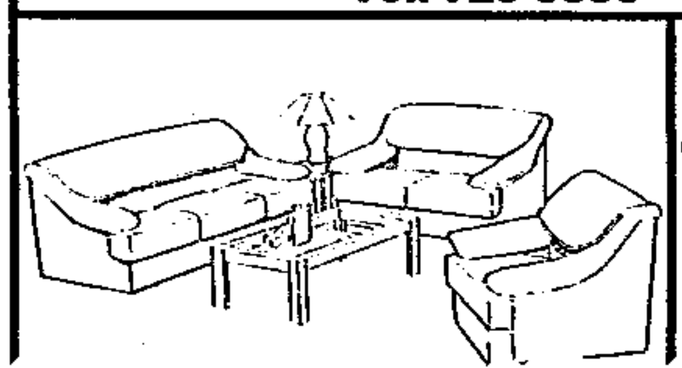

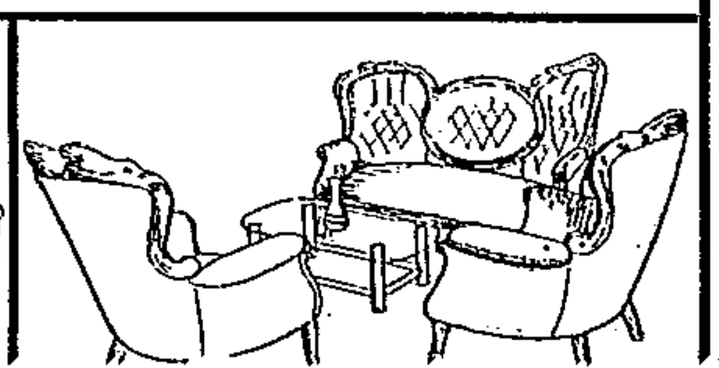

Martens, 48, of Umhlanga was travelling to Durban near the Umgababa off-ramp when she was hit on the cheek by a brick, apparently thrown through the wind-

used a shotgun in the first attack and AK-47 rifles in two other attacks, but the weapons used on the two other victims had not been identified. — Sapa.

Police 'carried out attack'

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A WITNESS to the Swanieville squatter camp massacre last year would testify that police personnel dressed in camouflage carried out the attack, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Defence counsel A Burger SC, acting for the seven hostel dwellers on trial for the murder of the 28 people killed in the attack, said he had not yet consulted the person in question, but had been informed the witness was prepared to testify on behalf of his clients.

Burger made this submission during further cross-examination of state witness Const Remo Luit, who was recalled to the witness stand after the court held an inspection in loco at Swanieville on Tuesday.

Burger's clients have pleaded not guilty to 28 charges of murder and additional counts of public violence and unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

Vumisani Majola, 37, Sizwe Majola, 21, Joseph Khanyile, 51, Bakers Dlamini, 32, Mzwanya Sithole, 44, Bhekowakhe Mdlalose, 41, and Pheyi Mlango, 54, are alleged to have been part of the armed group which attacked Swanieville at dawn on Sunday, May 12 last year.

The attackers murdered 28 people and left 39 injured. Residents also had their homes looted and burned down.

Burger said yesterday the defence would argue that police personnel, and not Zulus from the nearby hostel in Kagiso, had carried out the attack on Swanieville.

Luit reiterated his earlier evidence that he had not seen any white men among the armed group which he and his colleagues had encountered leaving from the squatter camp after the attack. He said he had no knowledge of any police involvement.

Burger put it to Luit that the defence would argue the attack had been carried out by a group of between 80 and 100 people, and not 800 and 1 000 as testified by the police witnesses.

Luit conceded that five Casspirs would have been sufficient to transport 80 or 100 people to the squatter camp. Five Casspirs had been deployed in the area.

Asked if there had been enmity between the police and Swanieville residents, Luit said he had not been aware of this, nor that there had been a belief that Swanieville residents wanted to kill policemen.

The trial continues today.

Agreement to fence off hostel

Overton 24/9/92

■ CONSUMER BOYCOTT Suspended after meeting between residents organisation, businesses and police:

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Also at the meeting, a Brig de Vries pledged to step up security in the vicinity of the hostel, Hassam added.

He said the boycott had affected businesses "terribly" and things had come to a point where businessmen were becoming desperate.

Roodepoort lies west of Johannesburg. - *Sapa*

Bomb attack on Bara matron

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■ **FAMILY TERROR** Attackers petrol-bomb

Soweto home of Baragwanath's chief matron:

BARAGWANATH Hospital chief matron Mrs Thelma Zwedala is believed to be in hiding following a petrol bomb attack on her Dube, Soweto, house on Tuesday night.

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Hospital authorities said yesterday Zwedala did not report for work and her daughter Nonceba said they did not know where she was.

Police could last night could not confirm whether any arrest had been made. Extensive damage was caused to furniture, linen and clothing. The family believes the attack could be linked to the current hospital strike.

Baragwanath chief superintendent Dr Chris van den Heever yesterday described the attack as "a despicable deed of cowardice".

Zwedala's daughter Nonceba said yesterday her mother had received several threats to her life since the strike began 17 weeks ago. On the night of the attack they had received a telephone call in which the caller wanted to know whether that was "Dr Zwedala's residence".

"I told him that there was no Dr Zwedala living with us and he hung up. Later there was a knock at the front door and when I looked through the window I saw about 10 men.

"I then called out to my sister to lock the kitchen door. Shortly afterwards there was a loud bang. This was followed by another and we saw that the curtains and furniture had caught fire," she said.

They tried to use the phone but it was dead, apparently having been cut off. They were helped by the neighbours to extinguish the fire.

Since the strike began five Soweto clinics have been burnt down. Among attacks on non-striking workers and family members were:

- Four members of the Madikane family were killed after a petrol bomb attack on their Naledi, Soweto, home on July 7;
- Nursing assistant at the Hillbrow Hospital Miss Gladys Mnguni (32) was stabbed and doused with petrol before being set alight.

The National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union, which represents striking workers, has distanced itself from the attacks.

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Councillor slain before big meeting

By Abel Mushi

Soweto councillor Themba Kunene, stabbed to death at his Orlando East home in Soweto on Wednesday night, was to have been appointed a member of the Soweto City Council's executive committee last night.

Mr Kunene (32) was to have delivered a memorandum in support of a motion of no confidence against five executive committee members who were asked to relinquish their positions at an executive meeting earlier yesterday, following allegations of corruption.

Family members said Mr Kunene was killed at about 8 pm on Wednesday when four unidentified men stabbed him outside his house after a short conversation.

Mr Kunene is survived by his wife Benedicta (28) and a seven-year-old son.

Police are investigating.

There have been other recent attacks against council officials.

In July, a house belonging to executive chairman Jabu Mnguni was bombed.

And houses belonging to deputy mayor Oscar Maseko and cultural committee chairman Lilian Mthetha were bombed last month.

Boycott threat to Checkers-Shoprite

THE SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Saccawu) is organising a national consumer boycott of Checkers-Shoprite stores after the entire black work force at Checkers' Heidelberg store was dismissed last week for striking illegally.

The boycott is scheduled to begin on October 1.

Almost 1 000 workers at about 15 Checkers stores in the Transvaal were on strike demanding the reinstatement of the dismissed workers, Saccawu said.

It said Checkers-Shoprite had told the union it was overstaffed by 500 people in the Transvaal and wanted to discuss ways of resolving the problem.

In addition, the company had told Saccawu it wanted to cancel its recognition agreement with the union at the end of this year.

It is possible more stores could come out on strike over the dismissals next week. Saccawu spokesman Norman Moekoena said several stores had already staged illegal stoppages and then returned to work. And the southern Transvaal office of Checkers-Shoprite was occupied by striking workers last week.

There is already a consumer boycott of the Heidelberg store, and Saccawu members are picketing outside the store each day. Marches have been planned on the Heidelberg store and the southern Transvaal office of Checkers-Shoprite next month.

DIRK HARTFORD

Moekoena said the actions were spontaneous outbursts of worker anger against Checkers' refusal to bargain in good faith with the union.

He said workers at the Heidelberg store went on strike after a worker was dismissed for fighting with a security guard. The union argued that the worker was manhandled by the guard, who allegedly called her a "kaffir".

There have been continuing allegations of racism and AWB activity at the store. In March a shop steward at the store allegedly received death threats from the AWB and eventually resigned his job because he feared for his safety.

Moekoena said the Heidelberg workers were dismissed before some had even arrived at work. He also claimed that workers on leave and maternity leave were among those dismissed.

Checkers' official spokesman was not available for comment last night.

Hostel issue tied to abduction

THE abduction of a National Union of Metalworkers of SA official has been blamed by the union on problems in relocating inmates of the KwaMadala Hostel in the Vaal Triangle.

But police said yesterday the kidnapper of Numsa Vaal Triangle legal officer Stanley Tyelentombi would appear in court on charges of armed robbery.

Tyelentombi told a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday that on Tuesday he was abducted by people opposed to relocation of the KwaMadala Hostel dwellers to the KwaMasiza Hostel.

An attempt was made to move the mainly Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers from KwaMadala after the Boipatong massacre in which more than 30 people were killed in an attack apparently launched from the hostel. The removal has been foiled.

Tyelentombi said five youths entered his car opposite the KwaMadala Hostel and forced him at gunpoint to drive to a Boipatong house, where they collected assegais and pangas.

They then drove to a house in Sebokeng where a man, who knew Tyelentombi, accused him of wanting to move KwaMadala residents to the ANC-dominated KwaMasiza Hostel where they would be killed.

The man then instructed the youths to put Tyelentombi in the boot of the car and drive him to the leadership of KwaMadala, after which he would be killed, Tyelentombi claimed.

The Numsa official managed to escape on the way to the hostel. Police later found his car and arrested one of the five youths, Tyelentombi said.

Capt Piet van Deventer confirmed the incident, saying the suspect would appear in the Vanderbijlpark Regional Court today on charges of armed robbery.

Numsa spokesman Alfred Woodington said the relocation of the KwaMadala inmates had to be addressed by all parties in the Vaal Triangle who were signatories to the national peace accord. — Sapa.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz

Legal officer claims he was kidnapped

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A legal officer for the National Union of Metalworkers of SA yesterday claimed he had been kidnapped and was being taken to KwaMadala hostel to be killed when he managed to escape.

Stanley Tyelentombi yesterday said his car was hijacked in the Vaal Triangle by five men.

One of the men allegedly told him he was being taken to the hostel to meet with "the leadership" of the hostel — known to be an IFP stronghold — and that he would later be killed.

One man accused him of masterminding the agreement between Iscor and Numsa for closing down the hostel.

Mr Tyelentombi subsequently managed to escape from the boot of his car. — Staff Reporter.

Little light shed on pre-dawn killings

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By JACQUIE GOLDING

POLICE claims of shooting two Umkhonto weSizwe members "in self-defence" were challenged by family lawyer Gys Rautenbach earlier this week in the Johannesburg Inquest Court.

Contradictions arose surrounding the deaths of Itumeleng Padi and Nokuzola Ncola, who were killed during a pre-dawn raid in a back room in Soweto last year. Padi's family had claimed that the shooting was an assassination.

Press clippings were produced by Rautenbach which contradicted the police's version of the room having been dark at the time of the raid — too dark for them to see that a woman was in the room with Padi.

According to statements made by police spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Tienie Halgryn, early last year, the police shone a torch at Padi who then grabbed a hand grenade and attempted to throw it when he was shot.

Three members of the Police Tracing Unit gave evidence earlier in the week that their actions were justified during the raid.

The unit's commanding office, Lieutenant Herman Havenga, told



Itumeleng Padi

magistrate Willem Botha that Padi was in possession of hand grenades at the time.

All three policemen denied knowing that the other occupant was a woman since the "room was dark", but Havenga said he could see the hand grenades despite the poor light.



Nokuzola Ncola

Rautenbach challenged Havenga's version that only after the shooting did they realise it was a woman. Newspaper reports quoted the police as saying they shot a woman who had "stormed at them with a grenade".

Havenga insisted that he shouted an alert of "hand grenade" to his two colleagues, Sergeant Danie Knoester and Warrant Officer Marthinus Schoeman, before using R5 rifles on the two occupants of the room.

Rautenbach emphasised that it takes 4,5 seconds for a hand grenade to explode once the pin is removed, yet all three policemen had time to take position and fire more than 15 rounds into the room.

Rautenbach claimed that Havenga never shouted an alert since the occupants of the adjacent room heard only: *"Skiet hom! Skiet hom!* (Shoot him! Shoot him!)"

The position of the bodies was another contradictory aspect. Rautenbach put it to Havenga that the bodies "could have been moved" prior to the police photographs being taken. Ncola is positioned between the bed and the wall in the photographs, yet forensic tests show that a bullet entered her from the rear.

The dead man's father, Isaac Padi, said he was tortured with electric shocks and cross questioned by both Schoeman and Knoester a few days before his son's death.

"They told me that they will kill him if they find him," Padi said.



NOWHERE TO RUN ... This old man is the only remaining resident in Luthuli Street. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

Where no one dares to walk

First the gunfire, now scars and bleak silence

By SOPHIE TEMA

DOBSONVILLE township has its own death row, where no one dares to walk.

In the deathly quiet of Joas Moabi and Luthuli streets hangs a deep frustration and desperation – the aftermath of multiple deaths resulting from fights with hostel inmates earlier this year.

Nobody dares walk in these streets, which have been dubbed the "streets of death". They are as quiet as the proverbial grave.

Attacks

Most the families who lived in the streets have fled, claiming that they were exposed to danger and attacks from hostel dwellers after their houses were burnt and damaged.

Houses that were not burnt down are standing empty. Some have been looted and others are riddled with bullet holes.

Both streets run alongside the hostel.

Most of the hostel has been destroyed by township youths and only the ruins remain.

But residents claim that fear has gripped every facet of their lives and they do not dare walk in these streets at night or even during the day.

They claim that although the hostel may seem deserted, sporadic shootings directed at township residents come from the direction of the hostel.

The Peace Action group, which has been involved in monitoring the situation in Dobsonville, said there is a clear indication that residents of the two streets have been affected by the violence.

Spokeswoman Venitia Govender said: "After constant attacks, most of the residents in these streets were forced to leave their homes.

"Most of them now live with relatives or friends and have no place to call home.

"Because of the insecurity and having to live on a knife's edge, it is no surprise that the residents of these two streets have not yet returned to their homes.

"Whether the residents will return home or not remains to be seen. But even if they do, there is very little chance of them returning to their former way of life.

"This is indeed a very sad reflection of how a future Dobsonville community would be," Govender said.

■ Pic: Rhatshmane College of Education

Vaal anarchy spirals

CPress 27/9/92

By MOSES MAMAILA

MAYHEM, anarchy, chaos and terror has gripped Vaal townships.

Following a campaign by youths to drive police from the townships, residents are now complaining about the law of the jungle in the area which is governed by "comrades".

Organised crime, terrorism and people's justice is intensifying.

A gang calling itself the Mafia's Roll, which is allegedly at the forefront of the terror campaign, is believed to have strong links with local "comrades".

Campaign victim Noko Martha Sandamela told City Press her story.

"The youths under the banner of the ANC used to frequent my shop in Zone 7 Sebokeng asking for donations.

Guarding

"Initially they used to ask for R5 daily, saying they needed the money for legitimate purposes as they were guarding the township from Inkatha attackers.

"Later they demanded large sums of money amounting to thousands of rands. I told them that my fruitshop was not making that much and I could not afford to comply with their demands.

"That was the greatest sin I committed against the 'comrades'. I was then accused of being a member of Inkatha and of selling items to Inkatha.

"My shop was completely looted on July 12 and I lost all my equipment, even the fridges and the cash registers.

"The youths accused me of selling my house to IFP official Themba Khoza when we moved into Debonia Park, and they set it alight.

"I took the matter to the ANC regional executive but the youths were angered by the fact that I did not approach local structures.

"Local leadership are afraid of being labelled as traitors if they reprimand the culprits," said the widow who had to sell liquor to raise capital to open the fruitshop.

She told City Press that most of her family joined the ANC hoping the youths would stop harassing them, but it did not help.

She, like most of the residents spoken to, believe that the Mafia Roll gang has strong connections with the township youths.

To back her statement, Sandamela said residents were not allowed to walk in the townships during the night as streets were patrolled by the youths, but the gang appeared to have free movement in the area.

ANC regional organiser Simson Tsotetsi confirmed that Sandamela reported the matter to his organisation.

"Her version of the story is basically true," said Tsotetsi, adding that unfortunately the ANC was unable to apprehend the culprits.

Hani's view

He promised that the matter was receiving the serious attention it deserved.

SACP secretary general Chris Hani recently remarked that the youths in the Vaal had become uncontrollable.

Sandamela is one of many residents who say the tsotsi element has gained the upper hand in the townships and is ruling the area.

In Evaton, 42-year-old Aletta Machobane was forced to hand over R1 000 after ignoring previous requests by the gang for a donation of R300.

This week a City Press car was nearly hijacked in Zone 7 by teenagers who said the newspaper was not covering adequately the activities of the "Vaal monster", Khetisi Kheswa.

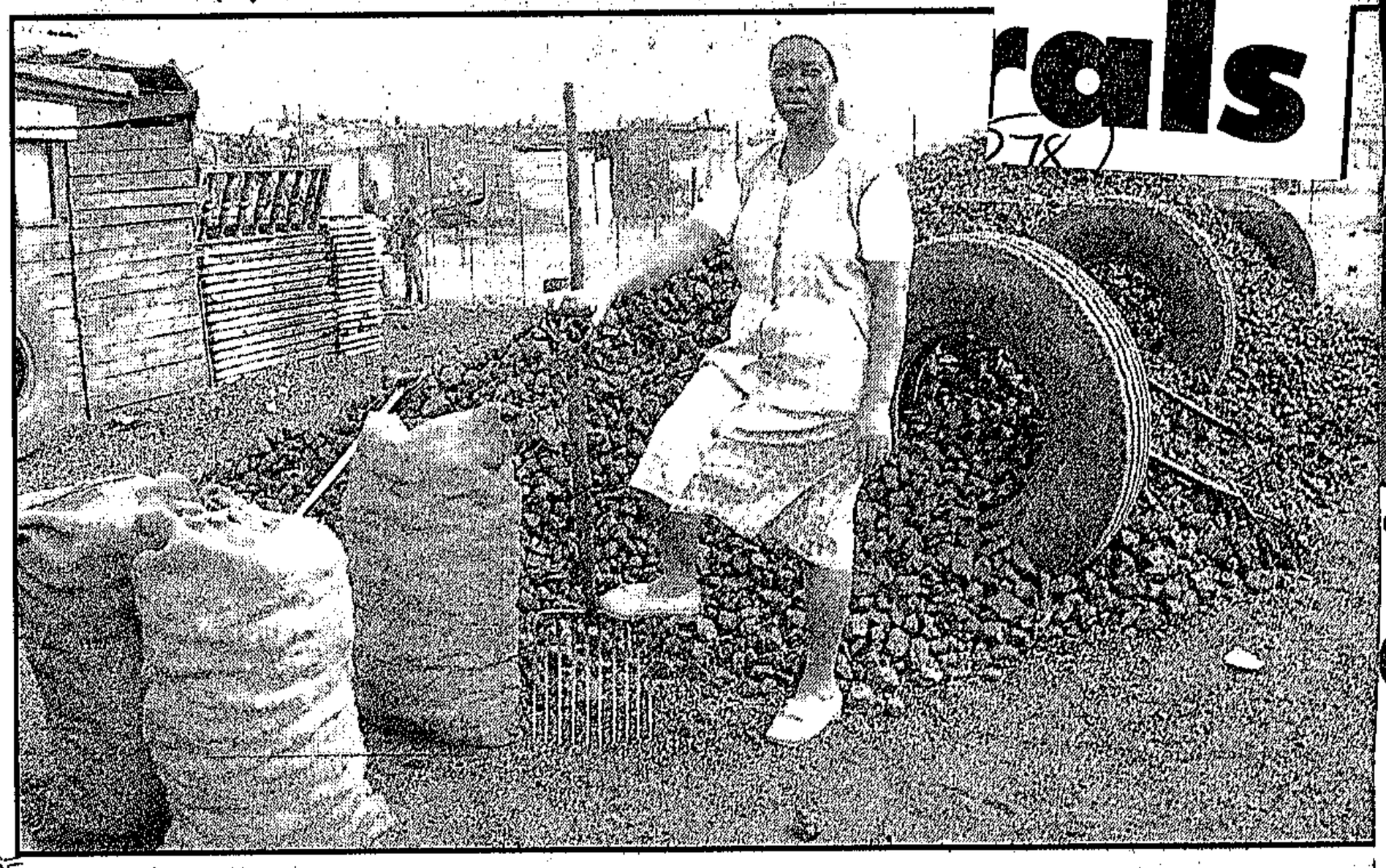
The youths did not know that City Press is a weekly newspaper and demanded that on Thursday the paper should run an article about Kheswa.

The people's court has a strong grip on the Vaal and victims of street justice are often burnt alive.

Forced

Asked if it was true that youths had taken over the reins of the township after the police were driven out of the area, police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said although many policemen were forced to vacate their houses, security men were deployed in the townships.

He asked residents who had complaints about criminal activities to come forward.



VICTIM . . . Aletta Machobane was held at gunpoint and forced to hand over R1 000 to gangsters who also looted her home.

■ Pics: TLADI KHUELE

Nothing is done to quell the fears of the terrified victims



DESTITUTE . . . Noko Sandamela.

SADF refuses ANCYL memo

■ Troops told to stage their own march:

Sapa and Sowetan Reporter

SENIOR military officers at Pietersburg's Group 45 unit refused to accept an African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) memorandum when activists marched on the unit on Saturday.

The SADF officers presented a counter memorandum stating the SADF was the only legitimate military force that ensured peace and stability for all to about 250 League members who had marched on the camp from the nearby Seshego township, demanding the disarming and removal of the unit.

The ANCYL leadership refused to accept the SADF memorandum and the army officers, in turn, refused the league's memorandum.

ANCYL Northern Transvaal regional spokesman Zondi Maphanga said if the SADF wanted to present a memorandum to the league, they should stage their own protest march.

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Crime Reporter (278) (800) STAR 28/9/92.

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One killed in attack at Ratanda

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By Abel Mushi (278)

One person was killed and 28 others were injured in Ratanda township on the East Rand yesterday when a handgrenade and a petrol bomb were hurled at a bus, police said.

Two houses belonging to Inkatha Freedom Party members and a furniture truck had earlier been petrol-bombed by rampaging youths.

According to residents, the attack on the bus, from the Escort Bacon Factory in Heidelberg, was carried out at about 5.30 pm outside the Ratanda Hostel, occupied by Inkatha supporters.

A week ago one person was killed and 15 others injured when a handgrenade was thrown at another bus.

According to residents, the grenade attack on the bus was believed to have been carried out by Inkatha supporters avenging the death of hostel inmate Caiphus Nyati, who was attacked and killed by a mob on Sunday.

Last night an ambulance that had arrived to take the injured to hospital was stoned.

200 unionists arrested

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JOHANNESBURG — About 200 demonstrating National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union members were arrested outside Johannesburg Hospital yesterday.

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Goldstone to investigate Alex taxi wars

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By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The Goldstone Commission is to hold an inquiry into the taxi wars in Alexandra at the end of this month, following a request from the township's peace committee.

Taxi feuds have claimed dozens of lives in Alexandra and townships on the East Rand in recent months.

Goldstone Commission vice-chairman Neil Rossouw, SC, who has been investigating violence in the western Cape taxi industry, is to chair the Alexandra taxi wars inquiry on September 30 at 2 pm.

The inquiry will focus on establishing the nature and causes of the violence and intimidation, whether it aims at the achievement of any political goal, what persons are involved and what steps should be taken to curb or prevent it.

The Southern African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) said it welcomed the inquiry, as the organisation itself was "too close to the situation to find solutions to problems".

Sabta spokesman Mike Ntlatleng said the problem areas also included the northern Transvaal, eastern Transvaal and East Rand.

"The taxi violence in Alexandra is very complex, not only because of fighting over ranking facilities, but because of political tensions.

"Taxis seen going in and out of hostels, for instance, become targets," Mr Ntlatleng said.

Anyone who has information which could help the inquiry is requested to furnish it in writing to the Secretary of the Commission, Private Bag X858, Pretoria 0001.

The information should arrive before September 25.



Bus attack sparks township turmoil

DIRK HARTFORD

HEIDELBERG's Ratanda township was in turmoil last night after a series of violent incidents left at least one person dead and dozens injured.

The unrest appeared to have been sparked off by a grenade and petrol bomb attack on a bus taking workers from the Eskort factory in Heidelberg to a hostel.

Police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said other incidents in Ratanda yesterday included petrol bomb attacks on three homes, one belonging to an Inkatha supporter and council worker.

Van Deventer said crowds of 50 to 1 000 people were involved and police had used rubber bullets, teargas and buckshot.

Monitoring group Peace Action said tensions had risen in Ratanda after the killing of an Inkatha member there on Sunday.

A resident said the bus was carrying members of the Cosatu-affiliated Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) who recently returned to work after a five-week strike. Two weeks ago, Fawu warned that a disaster "similar to Ciskei" was imminent in Ratanda, which had been a flashpoint of tensions between Fawu and the Inkatha-aligned Uwusa trade union.

Worker dies in attack on bus

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — One person was killed and 28 were injured in Ratanda township on the East Rand when a handgrenade and a petrol bomb were hurled at a bus transporting township residents from nearby Heidelberg, police said.

Two houses belonging to Inkatha Freedom Party members in the township and a furniture lorry had been petrol bombed earlier in the afternoon by rampaging youths.

According to residents the attack on the bus from the Escort Bacon Factory in Heidelberg was carried out at about 5.30pm outside the Ratanda Hostel, which is occupied by Inkatha supporters.

Last Monday one person was killed and fifteen were injured in a similar attack when a grenade was thrown at a bus carrying Ratanda residents to Heidelberg.

Last night the streets were deserted and the only evidence of the tension which had engulfed the towship earlier in the day were rock barricades which made the main street impassable, and smoke from the smouldering remains of the two houses which, according to residents, belonged to Inkatha members.

Before reporters were ordered to leave the township, which is under a 9pm curfew since being declared an unrest area three weeks ago, they interviewed two youths who passed the scene of the attack.

The youths, who asked not to be identified, said they believed the grenade attack on the bus was carried out by Inkatha supporters to avenge the death of a Ratanda Hostel inmate Mr Caiphus Nyati, who was killed by a mob in the township on Sunday.

The youths said an ambulance which arrived at the scene to take the injured to hospital was stoned by men at the hostel.

"The situation was so tense that at one stage the police used their guns to scare the crowd," one of the youths said.

Ms Venetia Govender, coordinator of Peace Action — a group monitoring violence in the area — said the organisation was worried that the attack took place despite a strong police presence in the strife-torn township, particularly close to the Ratanda Hostel.

Confrontation in the township began after IFP-supporting casual workers, dismissed when a four-week strike at the Escort Bacon Factory was settled, prevented the Food and Allied Workers Union members from returning to work.

Isotec probe shows drip contamination

KATHRYN STRACHAN

ISOTEC Nutrition yesterday admitted its investigations had found bacterial contamination in drips which allegedly caused the deaths of seven babies last week.

Isotec MD Iain Rosekilly said the results of independent laboratory testing, commissioned by the company, were released yesterday. Three intravenous solutions were contaminated, he said. B|DAY 30|9|92.

Investigations are being conducted by the SA Institute of Medical Research and the Medicines Control Council, as well as researchers abroad, to find the exact cause of the contamination. The preliminary results of these tests will be available today.

Isotec buys some of the ingredients for the solutions from Sabax, the company which supplied drips given to 13 babies who died in 1990.

Rosekilly said that due to the highly complex nature of the solutions, a sterilisation process of the final product could not be performed.

The components therefore had to be mixed in a totally isolated sterile environment and sealed prior to distribution, he said.

"This is not a generally prescribed intravenous solution," said Rosekilly. "They are in fact highly specialised solutions which are usually only prescribed and administered to patients who are already critically ill."

Meanwhile, two babies who were given intravenous feeding last week are still in intensive care. A Johannesburg General Hospital spokesman said 19-day-old Louise Bender was still in a critical condition, but the condition of the baby at Park Lane Clinic had improved.

35 hurt as police open fire on Ratanda march

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RAY HARTLEY

AT LEAST 35 residents of Ratanda township near Heidelberg were injured — two seriously — when police opened fire on protesters at Ratanda police station yesterday, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said.

The residents marched to the police station to demand demolition of the Ratanda Hostel from which a grenade attack, in which one person was killed and others were injured, was allegedly launched on Monday.

Ten protesters were arrested during the demonstration, he said.

Ratanda Hostel is believed to be among 15 hostels targeted by government and ANC negotiators for fencing by mid-November.

The ANC called for urgent security measures to be implemented at the hostel "to prevent further flare-ups in the area".

But the call to fence hostels has elicited furious protests from Transvaal hostel residents, with one threatening "bloodshed" if such a move is attempted, reports THEO RAWANA.

President F W de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela agreed at their meeting on violence that hostels would be "adequately fenced" and that there would be security patrols and a police presence outside the hostels.

But East Rand Hostel Residents' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo said De Klerk and Mandela should first explain why hostels should be fenced.

"It is not acceptable, because governmen took a decision without the hostels' leadership It is not going to happen — there will only b bloodshed if it is attempted," said Mlambo.

While Mandela said hostels were sources o violence, hostel dwellers saw Umkhonto we Sizwe at its root, he said.

Transvaal Hostel Residents' Associatior chairman Joe Kubheka said his organisation was surprised at the agreement on hostels. It would meet today to decide what to do.

"We are going to react strongly," he said.

"Even National Housing Minister Leon Wessels recommended to the Goldstone commission that hostels should not be fenced."

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that four people were killed on Monday night at Chicken Farm squatter camp near Kliptown, Soweto.

Khabisi Mosunkuthu of the Soweto Civic Association said yesterday the four were shot and hacked in separate attacks.

"Residents managed to apprehend seven of the attackers, but three escaped later," he said. The suspects were handed over to police.

In Umlazi's G section, Durban, Gabriella Dlamini was found shot in the head late on Monday night. The body of an unidentified man was found in Umlazi's T section yesterday.

Hospital staff alarmed by murder of doctor

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

STAFF at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto were deeply shocked and upset at the killing of a German doctor on his way home from the hospital, sources at the hospital said.

Dr Stephan Walter, 29, was shot by unknown gunmen after leaving work on Monday evening. He was found unconscious at the turnoff on the M1 North, close to Baragwanath, and was taken to hospital. He died without regaining consciousness.

Walter came to SA from Munich in January to work at Baragwanath.

Baragwanath Hospital spokesman Annette Clear said the killing had not only shocked those close to Walter, but had left a feeling of fear and uncertainty that could be sensed throughout the hospital.

It was also possible that the attack would turn away doctors and nurses who might otherwise have applied for jobs at the hospital, she said.

"All staff members fear for their safety wherever they go," said Clear, adding that the attack had intensified that fear.

"This hospital has been through a trying time in the past few months with the strike and the violence, and this has only made it worse," she said.

Clear said Walter was shot on a road which many of the staff used as a short-cut through the township.

Hospital superintendent Chris van den Heever appealed to staff members yesterday not to go into areas about which they had any doubts.

Train boycott looms in PWV

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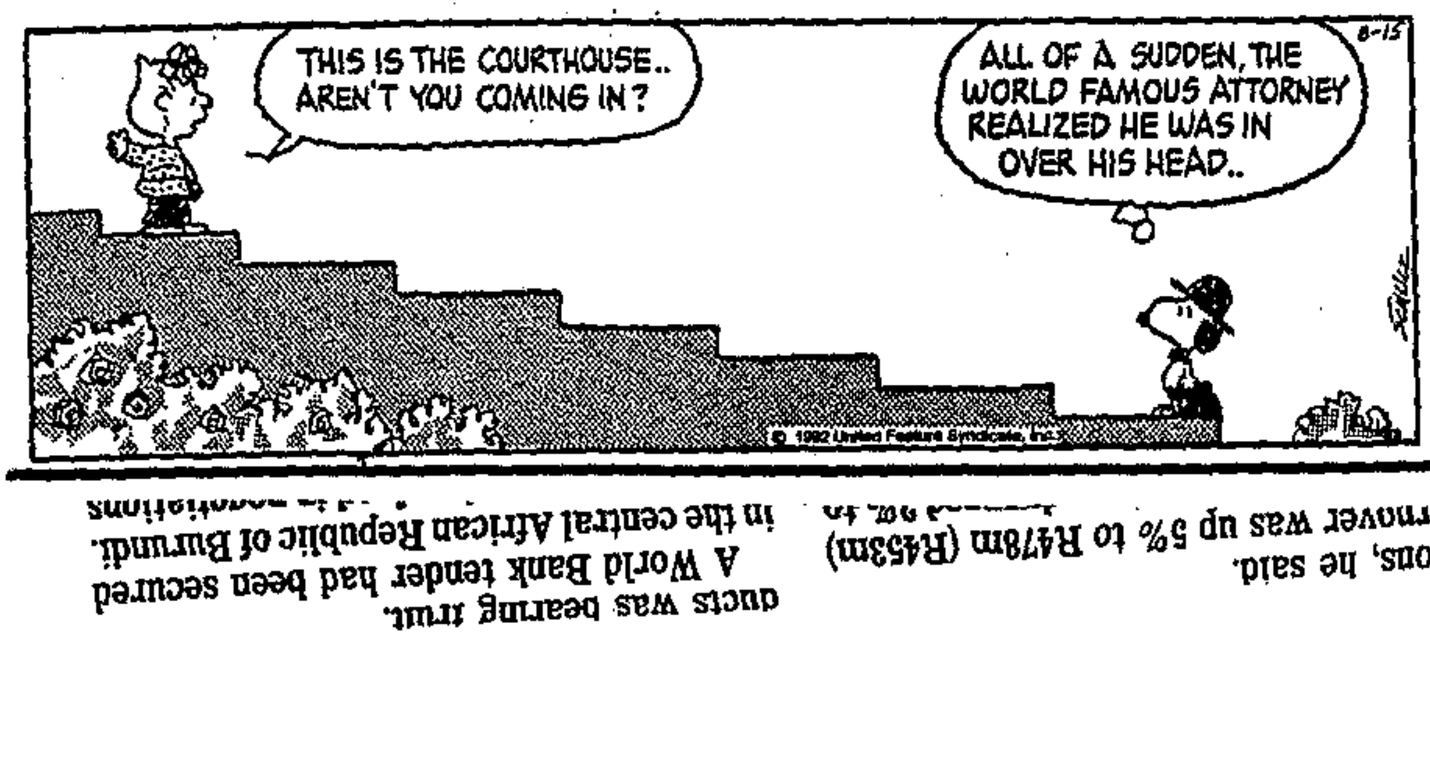
RAY HARTLEY

ANC-aligned organisations in the PWV have agreed in principle to boycott commuter trains because of the failure of police and SA Rail and Commuter Corporation to implement agreements.

The decision was taken at a PWV Action Council meeting which included representatives of Cosatu, the SACP and the ANC, but would have to be vetted by individual organisations before it was implemented, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said.

He said it was unacceptable that a new rail guard would only come into operation in April 1993 instead of the end of the year.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz



Dispute mediator's evidence challenged

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A witness testifying before a Goldstone committee inquiry into violence on trains said yesterday that while observing station security measures in Soweto one day in August, he did not notice any policemen on duty.

Nathi Gaisa was working for the Independent Board of Inquiry at the time, a body acting as a mediator in disputes, and his brief was to observe and report on railway station security.

During cross-examination he said that although he did not see policemen at the Soweto stations, he was told by a passenger that special policemen were sometimes on duty.

Asked by counsel for the South African Police why he did not mention the presence of the SAP-controlled special police in his report, he said he did not place emphasis on the information because he did not see policemen when he was at the stations.

Mr Gaisa said when he visited Nancefield station later in August he saw two policemen in camouflage uniforms.

If there were other policemen who were dressed in plain clothes, he would not have been aware of them.

He said he saw security personnel wearing uniforms with SS written on the shoulders at Merafe station, and was told they had been brought in from a Meyerton-based security firm to examine the security at stations.

He also saw four ticket examiners at Merafe station, and identifyied them by their uniforms.

At Nhlazane station, he was not asked to present his ticket when he walked on to the platform.

He did not see any ticket examiners on the platform, Mr Gaisa said.

Assumption

Asked by counsel for Spoornet if he was aware that because of violence on trains and intimidation, ticket examiners could not wear their uniforms, Mr Gaisa said he had seen newspaper reports to that effect.

He conceded that because there were no uniformed ticket examiners and because he was not asked to produce his ticket, he had assumed that there were no ticket examiners at that station.

Committee chairman Gert Steyn adjourned the sitting until today. — Sapa.

NEWS Four people killed in attack on squatter camp

Scores injured as cops open fire on protesters

Soweten 30/9/92 (278)

■ BUS BOMBING Angry residents on rampage:

By Tsale Makam and Mandla Zibi

SCORES of people were injured yesterday when police fired pellets on a crowd protesting against a bomb attack on a bus at Ratanda near Heidelburg on Monday night.

Two people were killed and 28 injured when a staff bus from the Eskort Bacon Factory was bombed at about 5.30pm at the township's entrance near the hostel, police said.

Also on Monday night, four people were killed at the Chicken Farm squatter camp near Kliptown, Soweto, police confirmed yesterday.

According to Mr Khabisi Mosunkutu of the Soweto Civic Association, the four were shot and hacked in attacks between 9pm and 10pm.

"Residents apprehended seven of the attackers but three later escaped," Mosunkutu said.

The four suspects, three women and a man, were handed over to the police.

Police spokesman Major D du Preez said yesterday two Russian-made handgrenades were found in the bus which was attacked in Ratanda.

Residents believe it was a revenge attack by Inkatha Freedom Party supporters after one of its members was killed in the township on Sunday.

Residents also said IFP members working at the Eskort Bacon Factory did not use the staff bus although they had coupons.

A survivor, Mr Banzi Nhlapo, said: "I saw a ball of fire flying towards the bus. It hit the bus and people were hurt, burnt and charred."

The driver, Mr Petrus Nhlapo, who escaped unhurt, said: "I saw men standing in a queue along the hostel, others around a fire. Suddenly a man with what seemed like a rod was winding a ball of fire on it. I turned the bus and tried to drive away but they hit us twice."

After the attack, residents went on the rampage, leaving at least four houses belonging to IFP members gutted, police said.

Pandemonium continued until yesterday morning when police fired birdshot at a huge crowd, injuring about 22 people, including a 20-month-old baby.

Five dead, 29 injured in unrest

(278) CT 20/9/92

JOHANNESBURG. — Five people died, at least 29 were injured and 18 others were arrested in the wake of political violence on Monday, a police unrest report said.

The bodies of three men and a wounded woman who had been shot were found at Kliptown, Soweto.

The woman died of her wounds on arrival at hospital. Residents apprehended six people and turned them over to police.

At Ratanda near Heidelberg two handgrenades and three petrol bombs were thrown at a bus taking township residents from a factory about 5.30pm. Twenty-one women and seven men were injured. One of the injured died in hospital.

Residents claimed the attack was carried out near the Ratanda Hostel which is occupied by Inkatha supporters.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer said police had used rubber bullets, birdshot and teargas several times during the evening to disperse mobs armed with stones and petrol bombs.

Meanwhile a man was seriously wounded when a group attacked and stabbed him at Alexandra, north of Johannesburg.

Twelve people were arrested in the Boland town of Wellington for staging a sit-in at council offices, the police report said.

Two people were killed in separate incidents of unrest in Umlazi, Durban, on Monday night and yesterday morning, KwaZulu Police reported.

At least one person was injured and a number of homes razed in Mabhuyeni Reserve near Nseleni in Northern Natal, according to an ANC spokesman.

Yesterday police confirmed clashes between IFP and ANC supporters had been taking place in the area since Friday. — Sapa

4 shot dead in squatter camp

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Staff Reporters

Three men and a woman died after being shot executioner-style in Chicken Farm squatter camp in Pimville, Soweto, on Monday night.

The men died in the camp and the woman in hospital, police said.

ANC member and Pimville Civic Association leader Khabisi Mofunkutu said yesterday that residents arrested six people and handed them over to the police.

● Two men were shot dead in Evaton in the Vaal Triangle on Monday night.

Police said that at about 7.30 pm a man was chased in Ward Road by a gang. He was shot in the head. His name has not been released.

Later the body of another man was found in the same road. He had been shot and stabbed.

● One person was killed and 28 were injured in Ratanda on Monday when a grenade and a petrol bomb were hurled at a bus transporting township residents from Heidelberg, police said.

Two houses belonging to Inkatha Freedom Party members in Ratanda and a furniture truck were petrol-bombed earlier in the afternoon by youths.

Residents said the attack on the bus from the Escort bacon factory in Heidelberg took place at about 5.30 pm outside Ratanda hostel, which Inkatha supporters occupy.

Last Monday, one person was killed and 15 injured when a grenade was thrown at a bus carrying Ratanda residents to Heidelberg.

When The Star visited the township on Monday night, streets were deserted.

Before journalists were ordered to leave Ratanda, which is under curfew from 9 pm after being declared an unrest area three weeks ago, they interviewed two youths who had passed the scene.

The youths, who asked not to be identified, said they believed the attack on the bus was carried out by Inkatha supporters to avenge the death of a Ratanda hostel inmate, Caiphus Nyati, who was killed by a mob on Sunday.

The youths said an ambulance that arrived to take the injured to hospital was stoned by men at the hostel.

Venetia Govender, co-ordinator of Peace Action, a group monitoring violence in the area, said the organisation was concerned that the attack took place despite a strong police presence.

● Police arrested two youths at Bopholong in the Vaal Triangle after a group attacked two men and set fire to their home.

Charges of hit squads in Reef taxi war

JOHANNESBURG. — Hit squads were being used by rival groups in the taxi war in Alexandra, a policeman told a committee of the Goldstone Commission this week. (278)

Warrant Officer Deon Wessels said that recent crimes had been made more difficult to solve as people were being brought in to commit the crimes and then disappearing. (332)

Earlier killings and assaults had been easier to investigate and solved as they were allegedly committed by members of the rival taxi association members in the area.

WO Wessels mentioned four incidents this year where he thought hit squads had been responsible. — Sapa CT 11/10/92

'Comrades' gun down schoolgirls in cold blood

CP NEWS 11/10/92.

By MONWABISI NOMADOLO (278)

THE cold-blooded execution of two Evaton schoolgirls in the Vaal on Monday night – amid allegations that the girls were spying for inmates of the notorious and hated Kwa-Madala hostel – has left many questions unanswered.

The bullet-riddled bodies of bosom friends and cousins, Jacobeth Nthabiseng Rantso, 18, and Rose Motshidisi (meaning a comforter) Mohalane, 19, were found at Juventas soccer grounds – 500m from their home – on Tuesday morning after they were taken away by about 20 "comrades".

The youths suspected of carrying out the killings are known to the family, who now fear possible retaliation.

Youths claiming to be comrades have become untouchable, not even accountable to the leadership structures they claim to represent, residents told City Press.

Rose's sister Mampe, who was present when the three were marched to the grounds, now fears "she knows too much". Mampe, a matric pupil, was returned home by an escort on Monday after she was found "innocent" by the tribunal which "sentenced" her sister and cousin to death and executed them.

A family spokesman, who requested anonymity, said investigations by the family showed there were rumours that one of the girls was either suspected of being in love with Vaal monster Khetis Kheswa, or that they spied for the hostel.



MYSTERY ... Cousins Jacobeth Rantso and Rose Mohalane with a young relative.

However, the spokesman confirmed that Rose, like many other girls in the Vaal, was once kidnapped and held at the hostel.

"The very same comrades were unable to rescue them from the hostel," the spokesman said.

The family had been engaged in a series of meetings with the local civic organisation, including ANC structures, since last year. "The difficult thing was that even Khetis' men came and interrogated us. We were caught in the crossfire."

Rose and her mother, Puleng, moved to an aunt in Zone 11, and when the threats continued, moved to Jacobette's home in Evaton. That is where the girls were picked up on Monday night.

Earlier, in despair, the family had sent the two to Manthatise High School, a boarding school in QwaQwa, in an attempt to keep them away from the township. Even during vacations, the girls visited relatives in Welkom. They only arrived in Evaton from Welkom on Sunday and were to have left again on Tuesday.

On Monday afternoon Mampe was accompanied by Rose to a taxi rank to see off one of their relatives following the birthday party of a one-year-old cousin.

"On our way back, we met two guys I did not know," Mampe said.

"They stopped us and called Rose," she said, adding Rose knew the guys. "I don't know what they discussed, but I heard the two guys saying they were coming that night."

At around 8 pm a group of youths arrived at the house, demanding that the girls accompany them, despite pleas by the family that they sit down and talk the matter out.

The youths gave assurances the girls would be returned.

"We heard gunfire a distance away that night but we never suspected that the girls were being killed," the spokesman said. The bodies were found in the morning.

Vaal police spokesman Capt Piet van Deventer said no arrests have been made.

The local ANC branch has not investigated the incident.

The two will be buried today.

debris had been cleared by yesterday afternoon. — Sapa.

Sapa reports that a Correctional Services spokesman said Malaza could not be summari-

their stories in the past and would be paid for them in the future.

NECC assistant general secretary Barry Pule, at a news conference yesterday, expressed fears about pending black matric exams.
Picture: BRIAN HENDLER

Commuter 'told to make arrest'

PRETORIA — Police ordered a commuter to apprehend three attackers who were walking away from the scene of a shooting at a railway station on June 15, a witness told a Goldstone committee inquiry into violence on trains yesterday.

Patrick Marakeng, who was commuting from Johannesburg to Daveyton on the East Rand, said he was surprised when he was told to apprehend the three men.

Marakeng said shots had been fired at commuters as they were leaving Daveyton station. A commuter, Willie Khumalo, died in the shooting.

Marakeng said two policemen arrived on the scene and asked if he was injured. He said he was not, and demanded that the policeman arrest the attackers who he pointed out.

Marakeng said the policemen had then told him to apprehend the three men. He said he could not identify the trio as their faces were not visible in the poor light. The three men drove away in a car. (278)

Asked why, in his written statement, he had said the person who was told to apprehend the attackers was fellow commuter Alex Mnisi, Marakeng said a misunderstanding could have arisen because of the language he spoke.

Asked why Mnisi, in a written statement, had claimed that he had also been told to apprehend the attackers, Marakeng said he did not know. B1Dmy 1/10/92.

About seven policemen were brought into the committee room and Marakeng identified a sergeant and a constable as the men who had been first on the scene after the shooting.

In spite of denials by counsel for the SAP, Flip Hattingh, Marakeng was adamant that the two men he had identified were the policemen he had seen on June 15. — Sapa.

Slain doctor: five arrested

KATHRYN STRACHAN

POLICE have arrested five youths in connection with the murder of German doctor Stephan Walter, who was shot in his car after leaving Baragwanath Hospital earlier this week.

Soweto liaison officer Lt Eugene Hennig said Soweto murder and robbery squad members, reacting to information from an anonymous caller, arrested the five youths — aged 16 and 17 — in Diepkloof. Police also seized three firearms.

The youths will appear in the Protea Magistrate's Court tomorrow on charges of murder.

Gloomy forecast for exams

B1Dmy 1/10/92

KATHRYN STRACHAN

WITH black matric exams only a week away, the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) yesterday predicted another year of poor results.

Speaking at a news conference yesterday, NECC assistant general secretary Barry Pule said education had suffered as a result of the continuing violence and poor facilities at schools. In some areas there was very little schooling this year, he said.

Pule said the committee was "extremely worried" about the exams, but urged pupils and teachers to "do their utmost to prevent last year's catastrophic results".

"There has not been an improvement in the conditions of learning in the schools during this year. In fact, to a large extent, conditions have worsened," he said.

NECC national organiser Terry Tselane admitted to serious problems of discipline in schools, but he said disruptions were precipitated by the lack of facilities and pupils' frustration at the Department of Education and Training (DET).

"Even though text books were ordered last December, some schools only received their books last week," he said.

Although the SA Democratic Teachers' Union strike for recognition had been disruptive, Tselane said it had been necessary because "negotiations in education do not produce any results".

Pule said the NECC would again monitor the administration and marking of matric exams. The committee was concerned about the DET's decision to decentralise marking this year. Its previous investigations had highlighted irregularities.

The NECC also criticised government's unilateral restructuring of education, particularly plans to scrap own affairs.

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Attacks cause transport freeze

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One person was killed and 33 others injured when two men threw handgrenades into the bus as it passed the Ratanda Hostel. Local ANC branch chairman Mr Obed Nkosi said yesterday the protest was complicated by the withdrawal of transport by bus and taxi owners for fear of further attacks.

Buthelezi, Tutu exchange views

Sowetan 1/10/92

SOUTH Africa's political leaders should observe a moratorium on vituperative attacks on one another, KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said in a joint statement yesterday.

The two met for about two hours at Ulundi to exchange views on the church's role in bringing about political unity and peace.

The statement said Tutu would pursue the idea of a moratorium further. Tutu also raised the issue of the IFP's withdrawal from negotiations.

NEWS Police admit turned guerrillas are uncontrollable ● Skulls found now number 6

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Lehlabile furore over Askaris

Sowetan 1/10/92. (278)

■ Former ANC men are accused of waging a reign of terror, raping two young girls and murdering a resident:

By Josias Charle

RESIDENTS of Lehlabile near Brits are up in arms over the killing of a labourer and the rape of two young girls allegedly by Askaris operating in the township.

Angry residents yesterday vowed to drive out about 100 Askaris presently staying there. A number of accusations have been made against these former African National Congress members who have turned and are now working with or for the police, helping them, among other things, to uncover arms caches.

General K Engelbrecht admitted yesterday that he was commander of the Askaris but refused to divulge further information on their activities.

He told *Sowetan* that "proper channels had to be followed to get hold of such information".

Northern Transvaal police liaison officer Major Andrew Leach said his office was awaiting a statement from Engelbrecht and as soon as it was ready, it would be released to the Press.

Among the allegations levelled against the Askaris is that two weeks ago, two girls, aged 12 and 14, were raped by one of them. The girls were found by their parents at a man's house after disappearing for two days.

Sexually assaulted

It was established that they had been sexually assaulted.

Last Saturday a labourer, Mr Temba Keswa, was found murdered. His brother sustained severe wounds and a broken leg when, according to residents, a well-known Askari attacked them.

Residents also claimed that the more than 100 Askaris in the township were all armed and were a danger to the community.

Publicity secretary of Lehlabile Civic Association Mr Lungile Dantjie said yesterday they had been told by the local police that they (police) were unable to control the Askaris.

A public meeting will be held at 8.30am on Sunday at the community hall to decide on a plan of action.

Community leader's son found murdered

Star 2/10/92 (278)

By Montshiwa Moroke

The son of a community leader at Noordgesig, outside Soweto, was found murdered in the township this week in an incident which has shocked residents of the close community.

Cornelius Smith (29) was the son of Vesta Smith, a mother of six.

A distraught Mrs Smith said yesterday that she had been awakened at about 5 am on Wednesday by residents who told her Cornelius's body was lying in the street. He had been stabbed.

"We found his body on the corner of Summer Street and Colin Drive. I did not get very close. My daughter identified him," said Mrs Smith.

The killing has marred a visit to Mrs Smith by her sister, Esme Matshikiza, from London. Mrs Matshikiza is here with her daughter Marian from Brazzaville, Congo.

Mr Smith will be buried next Wednesday.

Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto police said yesterday Mr Smith had been stabbed in the chest. Two men had been arrested and a murder docket had been opened at the Orlando police station.

Rail raid victims 'not told to make arrests'

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Staff Reporter [redacted]

A police sergeant denied before a committee of the Goldstone Commission into train violence that the police had ordered victims of the June 15 train attack in Daveyton to arrest the attackers.

Sergeant S Gebhardt of the Internal Stability Unit's investigations section in Daveyton said yesterday that Patrick Marakeng's assertion before the committee on Wednesday was not true.

Sergeant Gebhardt said he arrived at the scene of the attack at about 7.30 pm on June 15.

He said bodies were lying on the ground. He tried to get statements from onlookers but one man told him he would not co-operate as the police were killing them.

Another witness, Constable W Mavhuso, also denied telling Mr Marakeng to arrest the attackers.

The hearing, chaired by Gert Steyn, has finished hearing evidence. It will sit again from November 23 to 27.

Askaris must be removed, say residents

Angry Lehlabile residents near Brits want the removal from the township of an estimated 100 members of the Askaris and their families.

They claim that members of the unit are responsible for the brutal murder of a resident, two rape cases and harassment of locals.

Askaris are former ANC guerillas who now work for the police after being "turned".

The national commander of the unit, General Krappies Engelbrecht, declined to comment and directed all questions to the police directorate of public relations in Pretoria.

A spokesman for the directorate said investigations were "at an advanced stage" and one suspect had been suspended from duty.

A spokesman for the Lehlabile Civic Association said a meeting would be held on Sunday to decide what action to take. — Pretoria Bureau.

No bail for Boipatong 76

JOHANNESBURG — A Vanderbijlpark magistrate presiding over a bail application by 76 KwaMadala hostel residents saidyesterday that the massacre of 40 people in Boipatong was "probably planned and did not happen spontaneously"

Refusing bail, he said the 76 each faced 40 counts of murder. The temptation to skip bail would be great.

Counsel for the accused said they would appeal.

The case was postponed to October 26. — Sapa (278) CT 3/10/92

ASKARI VICTIMS NOW 'MISSING'

By THEMBA KHUMALO



WAITING . . . The mother of a young rape victim waits to find out if her missing girl will come to light.

■ Picsi JONAS MANKGA

ALLEGATIONS of shocking atrocities committed by Askari mercenaries have resurfaced at tiny Lethlabile township outside Brits.

Two girls – allegedly raped by an Askari – have been missing for two weeks.

Angry residents said the assailants – mostly turned MK and Apla soldiers, now working for the police – had been preying on them for three years.

Residents accuse them of raping and murdering villagers.

Trouble started in 1989 after the exposure of Vlakplaas farm, the Askaris' clandestine base.

They said Askaris had begun moving into Lethlabile in large numbers that year to avoid detection by Human Rights lawyers and a delegation from the SA Council of Churches who were monitoring Vlakplaas.

In February 1990, after the unbanning of political organisations and the return of exiles, the mercenaries – a rag-tag bunch comprising Askariformer Koevoet, (SWA police unit) and 32nd Battalion (ex-Unita) members – had occupied Zone Five, an exclusive suburb in Lethlabile.

Civic leaders spoke of the terrifying effect this had on the township.

In one incident, on September 19, two girls aged 12 and 14 disappeared for the night.

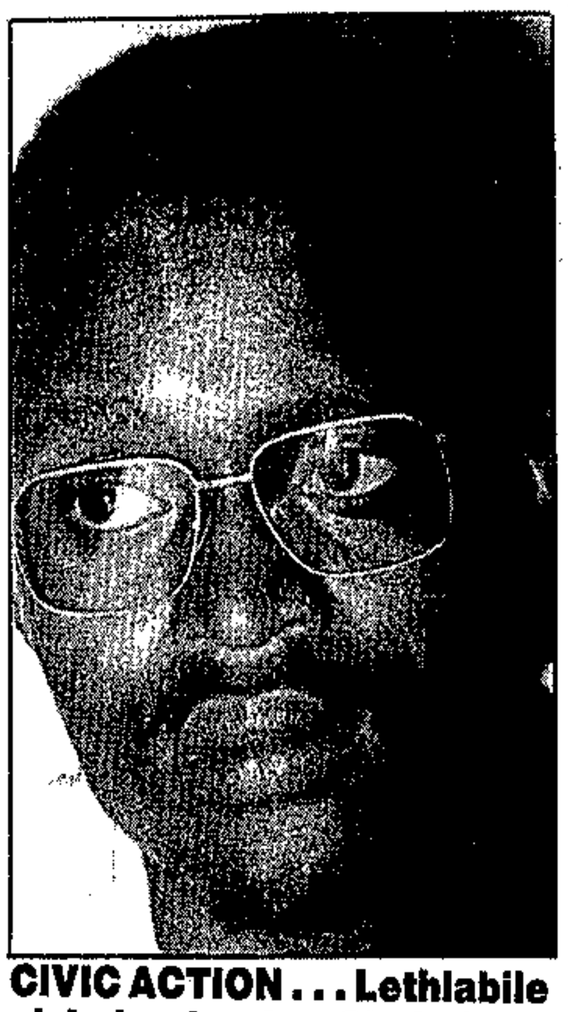
Distraught

The mother of one said the distraught family was told by neighbours that the girls had been seen at the home of an Askari (whose name is known to City Press).

She said: "When we went to his house the Askari refused to open the door until we called the police. When he finally opened my daughter and her friend were there."

They denied having been raped or spending the night there.

The mother then took both girls to her house and they finally admitted to being raped.



CIVIC ACTION . . . Lethlabile civic leader Joe Shabalala.

"My daughter then confessed that they were raped by the man. When I checked her vagina I found that it was bruised and her womb was protruding."

The terrified girl had said the Askari had threatened to shoot the girls and their parents if they told of what had happened.

A doctor had confirmed the rape injuries.

A rape charge was laid but he was not arrested. Police allegedly told the family the Askari was "untouchable" as he was under the command of Maj-Gen Krappies Engelbrecht of Police Intelligence at Kompol, the police headquarters in Pretoria.

Frustrated by police apathy, the family approached the civic.

A week later the two girls vanished.

The mother of the 14-year-old said she feared the Askari was involved.

Civic leaders told how on September 25, a week after the alleged rape, another Askari – whose name is also known to City Press – kidnapped two residents, took them home and, accusing the pair of robbing his home, tortured them so severely that one of the victims died.

Themba Kheswa and Alfred Gonondwe were allegedly tortured until the early hours of the next day when Kheswa died. Realising Kheswa was dead, the Askari released Gonondwe, who crawled into the street and was helped by passersby, officials said.

They said Kheswa's body was later found in the veld and the Askari is said to have admitted to the killing. Local police allegedly told the civic officials they were powerless to arrest him.

Witness

Now Gonondwe is said to be in hiding following his abductor's threat "to finish him off" as a witness to the murder.

Meanwhile, a meeting of civic leaders and Engelbrecht on Monday failed to resolve the matter.

Residents want the mercenaries out the township, but the civic leaders said Engelbrecht said the soldiers had bought houses there and had nowhere to go because their families had been killed.

A mass meeting held later in the township hall resolved to evict the Askaris.

Today's public meeting is to decide on the how to do it.

The SAP liason office in Pretoria confirmed a rape charge was being investigated against the Askari whom they said was attached to the Crime Investigation Services (formerly Security Police).

The cops said the Askari had been suspended pending the outcome of the case and that a docket was sent to the Attorney-General for his decision.

The statement further confirmed that a murder docket had been opened against the killing of Kheswa and the Attorney-General would decide on the matter.

The police response to both cases was proof that they would not hesitate to prosecute force members who contravened the law, the statement said.

Engelbrecht had suggested a liaison forum between the SAP (Askaris) and the civic be formed.

Suggested

The statement said the civic had turned the offer down.

Police would no longer react to allegations against Askaris because they were "too vague".

They said: "The SAP finds it difficult to react to unsubstantiated allegations. If the Askaris should contravene any law then the law must take its course. If the complainants decide not to press ahead with the charges for whatever reason, then surely the SAP can't be held responsible?"

'Vilakazi shot to open jobs'

CP Reporter

THE vicious gunning down two weeks ago of deputy secretary general of the ANC PWV region, Bavumile Vilakazi, was carried out by "fed-up" former exiles attempting to "clear their way to finding jobs", a confidential source revealed this week. CPress 4/10/92.

Vilakazi was gunned down by unknown gunmen as he emerged from a hardware store.

This attack follows a spate of killings aimed at activists affiliated to the ANC in the Vaal.

According to sources in the Vaal, Vilakazi had been accused of "blocking" jobs.

Vilakazi was critically wounded in the attack and is presently receiving treatment at a Vaal clinic.

Vilakazi's brother, Paul, who is a minister on the East Rand, refused to comment on the issue, saying he had no right to talk about the controversy.

ANC PWV region organiser Paul Mangaliso said the organisation was not aware the shooting was an "inside" job.

He said the Vaal was a highly militarised area which was teeming with Askaris, Civil Co-Operation Bureau assassins and "sellouts".

Mangaliso added: "A commission has been instituted by the ANC to investigate the matter and locate who was responsible for destroying democratic organisations and ANC comrades like Floyd Mashele."

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Row over missing Boipatong money

Citizen 4/10/92.

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

A NEW controversy has erupted over the alleged disappearance of thousands of rands which were collected for the burial of Boipatong massacre victims in June this year.

The money was also meant to help the families of the shooting victims who are struggling to make ends meet.

Boipatong ANC branch chairman Ernest Sotsu said a local working committee appointed a relief committee with the task of collecting the funds and opening a bank account.

On July 17 the working committee felt that bereaved families were ready to receive the money and asked the relief committee to wind up its matters and give a report-back meeting.

Sotsu claimed that the relief committee was evading the report-back meeting and instead they have asked the local civic association to call a meeting of the victims of violence to hand over the money directly to the affected families.

He claimed the relief committee was by-passing the working committee in order to avoid the discovery of the missing funds.

Since its inception the relief committee had ignored repeated requests by the working committee to supply them with an audited statement of the collected funds.

Sotsu said: "We are sceptical of the way these funds are being handled. We are also surprised by their refusal to give us an audited statement."

He claimed that three of the members of the relief committee were not Boipatong residents and that they by their actions wanted to divide the township community.

About 48 people died during the massacre by alleged IFP members from KwaMadala Hostel on the night of June 17. Hundreds of others were wounded during the raid.

Boipatong-killing court chaos

VANDERBIJLPARK chief prosecutor P Du Plessis prevented a threatening bloodbath by phoning for police assistance as a heated exchange broke out between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

The war of words took place at the local court where 70 people charged with carrying out the Boipatong massacre were appearing. 278

As City Press interviewed Du Plessis about the case, Inkatha and ANC supporters were busy exchanging abuses outside the court.

Du Plessis, in a desperate call to Vaal police liaison officer Piet van Deventer, said he feared the situation could get out of hand and police cars in the vicinity would be damaged.

The 70 men accused of the massacre appeared before magistrate GJ Reynders, but were not asked to plead on 42 counts of murder.

This week defence counsel AS Burger twice applied for bail for the accused but was turned down. CPress 4/10/92

Burger argued that the world would laugh at this country's legal system for allowing the release of convicted political prisoners, while refusing bail for the accused who had not been convicted or charged with the Boipatong massacre.

The case was postponed to October 26.





TESTAMENTS TO TERROR . . . Alinah Ntlapo, who suffered shrapnel wounds in this week's grenade attack on a bus in Ratanda, while this Inkatha member's house was one of five homes razed after the incident

FLASHPOINT RATANDA

ST Times 4/10/92. (278)

IT BEGAN with a low-key labour dispute. But little more than two months later the township of Ratanda, near Heidelberg, is a powder keg.

Monday's handgrenade attack on a bus ferrying workers — which left one dead — prompted the Local Dispute Resolution Committee to ask the Goldstone commission to investigate violence in the township as a matter of urgency.

On Tuesday police opened fire on about 30 people protesting against the attack, sparking a meeting of the LDRC — comprising SAP, SADF, ANC and Inkatha representatives — on Friday.

Report: KURT SWART
Pictures: JOE SEFALE

Tension has been building since July 22, when management at the Eskort bacon factory hired temporary workers to replace striking members of the Food and Allied Workers' Union.

Township residents say the scabs were IFP supporters bussed in from the Thokoza and Kwamadala hostels.

When the wage dispute was settled and Fawu workers returned to work on September 12, the temporary workers invaded the Ratanda hostel, driving out the Fawu members and setting fire to their belongings, in a battle that left four people dead.

The hostel has been an Inkatha stronghold ever since, and there have been sporadic outbreaks of violence, both on the factory floor and in the township.

On one occasion, Fawu workers were barred from entering the factory by a group of Inkatha supporters armed with traditional weapons.

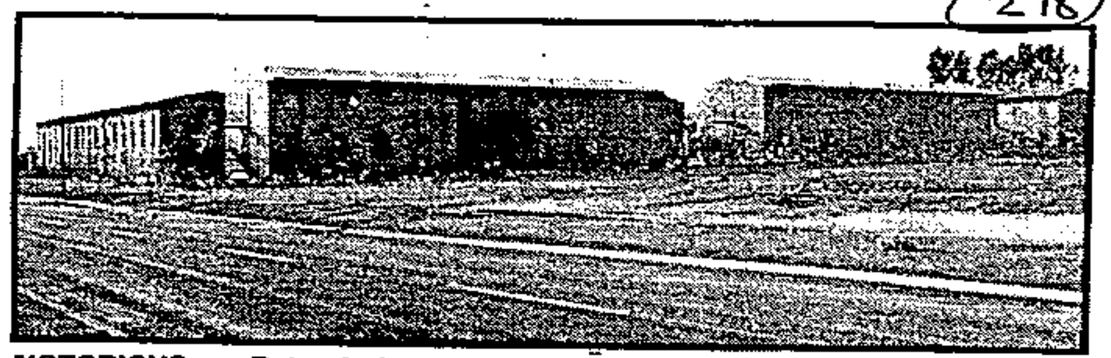
Following a meeting between the ANC, the SAP and the factory management, police agreed to escort buses carrying Fawu members to and from work.

This was done for a fortnight, but on Monday the escort failed to arrive.

The attack on the bus came as it passed the Ratanda hostel, and resulted in the death of Mr Thomas Tsoari and shrapnel and burn injuries to 32 other passengers.

Mr Shadrack Mayongo, who suffered shrapnel wounds in his leg, said: "We saw men armed with guns and petrol bombs at the side of the road. There was an explosion and I felt dizzy. The bus was still moving. People were screaming and moaning. Shots were still being fired at us.

"When the bus stopped there was blood and injured people everywhere. Taxis stopped to take the injured to hospital. Then police shot teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot at people trying to help us."



NOTORIOUS . . . Ratanda hostel, alleged launching point of the bus attack

Bus attack brings volatile township to brink of war

Police have denied Mr Mayongo's allegations.

On Tuesday, local IFP leader Mr Thokazani Biyela was chased from his offices by an angry mob, who accused him of being involved in the grenade attack.

Mr Biyela took refuge in the Ratanda police station and police opened fire on the crowd gathered outside, allegedly without warning.

Worse

Residents claim 30 people were injured by rubber bullets and birdshot, while police put the figure at 20.

In a further protest, residents staged a two-day stayaway, returning to work on Thursday.

Friday's LDRC meeting took place amid a storm of allegations and counter allegations by the police, the ANC, Inkatha and Eskort management.

Ratanda ANC branch chairman Mr Obed Nkosi said the root of the problem was the launch of an IFP branch in Ratanda a year ago.

"The situation has worsened since the strike began on July 22 and many of our people have been killed — mostly in the presence of police, who either take no action or teargas residents trying to protect themselves," he said.

"The people doing the killing are not being brought to justice. Many of the killers have been seen walking freely in the hostel grounds."

Ratanda Civic Association chairman Mr Ezekiel Macu said the conflict was not an ANC-Inkatha clash, but "a case of hostel dwellers fighting the community, and an attempt at union-bashing".

Malicious

Mr Paul Watmough, assistant general manager of the Eskort factory, said temporary workers had not been screened for political affiliation and had been dismissed when the strike had been resolved.

"We understand that they caused havoc in the township afterwards, but that was beyond Eskort's control," he said.

Inkatha spokesman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu condemned the Ratanda violence, which he said had claimed two IFP lives.

The homes of five Inkatha supporters had also been burnt to the ground, he said.

"The IFP finds the action taken against Mr Biyela last Tuesday provocative and inciting. There has been no proof of Mr Biyela's involvement in this hideous act of violence against innocent people," added Mr Ndlovu.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said allegations that police had sided with Inkatha members were false.

"Ratanda has become the focus of violence which obviously cannot be stopped by ANC and Inkatha leaders, and the police have become the target of malicious and uncalled for propaganda," he said.

Recommendations tabled at the LDRC meeting stated that:

- Communication between Fawu and Uwusa, the Inkatha-linked trade union, should be improved;
- The hostel should be fenced and illegal tenants arrested;
- There should be heavy deployment of police in the township and especially at the hostel;
- Police should wear identity tags at all times and ensure fair treatment for everybody; and
- The Goldstone Commission should investigate the violence as a matter of urgency.

No Codesa 3 without Buthelezi, say Nats

ST Times 4/10/92.

CODESA 3 could be underway by early November — if the government can get dissident homeland leaders, including Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, back to the negotiations table.

Both the ANC and the government, after a five-month negotiations break which cost the country dearly economically and politically, are now eager to resume talks, with the prospect of elections in the second half of next year.

Late next week ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and government constitutional head Roelf

By CHARLENE SMITH

However, Deputy Constitutional Affairs Minister Tertius Delport said although the government was ready to resume negotiations immediately, "multilateral talks would definitely not take place without Mr Buthelezi".

"We can't have multilateral talks excluding leaders within our present boundaries — certainly not without Inkatha," he said.

President FW de Klerk this week sent a letter to Mr Buthelezi suggesting a meeting with him and the Gqozo, the Conservative Party and Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope. The IFP leader has yet to respond to the invitation.

A meeting of the four dissenting forces could be held next week.

If obstacles from all sides are cleared, the negotiations agenda will include:

- An ANC "lekgotla" (meeting of key negotiators) soon after the return of Nelson Mandela from abroad on October 11;
- The second sitting of Parliament from October 12 to October 23;
- A meeting of National

Killing: Police motives queried

By DAN DILLMANN

WHO killed Pfc. Nov. 28 Kenji Kyuzo? This is the question being asked by residents of Kyushuville, scratching their heads in wonder. Everywhere they go, this question is on their lips.

Pfc. Kyuzo was found dead in his barracks room on the morning of Sept. 28. The cause of death was a gunshot wound in the head.

Police Capt. Ryan Chiba, who is in charge of the case, refused to comment on the progress of the investigation. However, it is known that police have been questioning many persons in connection with the murder.

Kyuzo was a native of Kyushuville. He was born there 20 years ago and attended school there. He was drafted into the Army in 1951 and was sent to Korea, where he served with the 1st Cavalry Division. He was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart.

He returned to Kyushuville in 1953 and was employed by the Kyushuville Transportation Co. until he was drafted into the Army a second time in 1955.

Kyuzo was married to the former Miss Mary Jane Smith of Kyushuville in 1956. They have one child, a son, Kenji Jr., who was born in 1957.

Kyuzo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Kyuzo, live at 1234 Main St. Mrs. Kyuzo is employed at the Kyushuville Public Library.

Police have been questioning members of Kyuzo's family, friends and neighbors in an effort to find a motive for the murder. So far, they have been unsuccessful.

Kyuzo's body was found by his wife when she returned home from work at 5 p.m. Sept. 28. She notified police immediately.

Police said the murder weapon was a shotgun.

The police report said that the gun was found in the bedroom closet of the Kyuzo home.

Police said a murder charge will be filed against the person or persons responsible for the killing.

Kyuzo's wife and parents were unavailable for comment.

Police Capt. Chiba said that police were investigating a number of leads in the case.

Police said they have been unable to find any motive for the murder.

Police said that they have been unable to find any weapons other than the gun found in the bedroom closet.

Police said that they have been unable to find any witnesses to the murder.

Police said that they have been unable to find any suspects in the case.

Police said that

Askaris rouse fury

■ Letlhabile residents want action now:

5/10/92 (278)

By Alinah Dube

RESIDENTS at Letlhabile, Brits, yesterday resolved to march on the houses of askaris, some of whom recently allegedly murdered a labourer and raped two girls.

Tempers flared at a public meeting organised by the local civic association on what action should be taken against askaris staying in the township.

Most residents erupted in anger when civic leaders pleaded with them not to resort to violent measures against the culprits.

They demanded to be allowed to march on the houses of the askaris and burn them down immediately after the meeting.

They blamed President FW de Klerk for the move to allocate houses to the alleged "murderers" in the area.

"We call upon mothers in the township not to house these people nor allow their daughters to be in love with them because they have proved to be our enemies. This is the beginning of the fight and we should not rest until they are kicked out of the township," a speaker said.

Askaris are former ANC guerrillas who now work for the South African security forces.

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Bail refused for IFP 70

SEVENTY Inkatha Freedom Party members held in connection with the June 17 Boipatong massacre were denied bail on Friday after Mr AG Reynders ruled in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court that if released they would be difficult to trace.

Their crimes were among the most serious in South African history and releasing them would be very risky considering the accused had come from different areas. No amount of bail could ensure they would return to face trial, magistrate Reynders said. The case was postponed to October 26.

Mob necklaces man in Bedfordview street

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

A group of people yesterday set a man alight on a Bedfordview pavement.

A Star employee who witnessed the attempted necklacing described the incident as "a nightmare".

Dave Herald of The Star's circulation department said he returned to his flat in Bradford Road at 1.30 pm to find "drunks and prostitutes" brewing an alcoholic concoction known as "skokiaan" on the pavement opposite the Bedford Centre.

"I anticipated trouble and called the police. Suddenly I saw a man on fire running towards the flats," said Mr Herald.

Mr Herald grabbed a fire extinguisher and ran to help the man who jumped into the swimming pool before he could reach him.

"The smell of roasting flesh hung in the air, it was terrible," he said.

Mr Herald again called the police and told them to alert paramedics.

A Bedfordview fire department spokesman said the victim was "barely conscious and in severe pain".

A helicopter with a doctor on board landed at the fire station where emergency treatment was given to the victim who suffered third degree burns to his face, chest and back.

The spokesman said the man had also sustained injuries to his trachea and lungs from the heat and had to be placed on a ventilator.

The man was airlifted to the burn unit at Baragwanath Hospital.

He was reported to be in a critical condition.

Schools empty despite guarantee of safety

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HEIDELBERG — Few pupils attended school at Heidelberg's Ratanda township, eastern Transvaal, yesterday despite a safety guarantee from UN observers, the local dispute resolution committee and police.

Witwatersrand/Vaal dispute resolution committee spokesman Ilona Tip said schools in the township had been closed for at least two weeks because of violence.

SA Democratic Teachers' Union spokesman Jabu Marwa said pupils had been physically molested, either at schools or while on their way to class.

He confirmed an increased police presence in the area, which was also being monitored by three UN observers and two dispute resolution committee representatives.

A man was stabbed to death in Ratanda by a group on Saturday, according to the police unrest report. On Saturday police found the bodies of four men in the area.

Police reported that one person was killed in a tavern at Evaton in the Vaal Triangle early yesterday when three men opened fire with a 9mm pistol and an AK-47 rifle.

On Sunday night Dora Muse of Kagiso escaped injury when a Russian-made F1 handgrenade was lobbed into the lounge of her west Rand House. The explosion damaged property worth about R5 000.

A woman died and a man was seriously wounded when a group stoned them and set them alight at Bruntville, Natal.

Two burnt bodies were discovered at Darington near Fort Beaufort in the eastern Cape.

The hacked and stabbed bodies of two men were found in Alexandra, Johannesburg, on Saturday. Police said the men had been killed in separate incidents.

Two hostel residents and a policeman were shot dead in separate incidents in KwaZulu at the weekend.

The policeman, Const S Mgwabi, was shot dead by unknown gunmen after an argument at his house in KwaMashu on Friday, said Col Moses Khanyile. His firearm was stolen.

In another incident on Friday, two men were shot dead by unknown gunmen in KwaMashu men's hostel. The killers fled with R62. — Sapa.

Gunmen kill man in tavern

STAR 6/10/92

Staff Reporters

Three gunmen killed a man when they opened fire in a tavern in Evaton, south of Johannesburg, early yesterday, police said.

According to police, the men burst into TK's Tavern in Small Farms at about 2 am, firing several rounds with an AK-47 and pistols.

The dead man, who has not been identified, was shot in the head. No other injuries were reported.

In a vicious attack in Bruntville, near Mooi River, on Sunday afternoon, a 25-year-old woman was stoned, stabbed and "necklaced" near the township's stadium after a residents' meeting.

SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said Thembi Zulu was confronted outside the stadium after the meeting and she was stoned and stabbed before a petrol-soaked tyre was placed around her neck and set alight.

A man, Robert Khumalo, was injured after being stoned and stabbed several times in the same area on Sunday. Police do not know if the attacks were related.

Also on Sunday, a man was stabbed to death in simmering Ratanda township near Heidelberg.

Three people, including a policeman, were killed in KwaMashu, near Durban, on Friday.

Police said a group of men arrived at the home of Constable S Mgwabi on Friday night, demanding to talk to him. After an argument, they shot him with a .38 revolver. His fiream was stolen.

Two other men were shot dead by unknown gunmen in the KwaMashu men's hostel.

● Natal police have arrested 25 people in connection with the killing of 10 people in Gengeshe, near Richmond, last Saturday.

Nine people, believed to be Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, were killed in the attack. One of the attackers also died.

Captain Budhrum said yesterday police had arrested Thandukwazi Christopher Dlamini (18) on Thursday last week. He appeared in the Richmond Magistrate's Court on Friday and was remanded.

Another 24 people were arrested over the weekend. They appeared in court yesterday and were also remanded.

Patrol policeman shot dead on Reef

JOHANNESBURG. — An assistant constable patrolling the Marlboro suburb near Sandton was shot dead yesterday, police said. (278) CT 7/10/92

An SAP spokesman said the constable and a colleague were approached by two men armed with revolvers. Shots were fired and the assistant constable collapsed. The attackers took his service pistol.

In the Eastern Transvaal, police arrested three men after finding AK-47 rifles and ammunition in their bakkie at Malelane on Monday.

At least 14 people died in unrest in Natal over the past three days, police reported yesterday morning.

SAP spokesman Captain Hamilton Ngidi said he had received reports of at least four deaths in faction fighting near Dududu, outside Umkomaas, on Sunday.

Also on Sunday, a woman in Bruntville, Mooi River, was necklaced. One person was shot dead in Umbumbulu.

In KwaMashu one person was killed in T Section when men wearing camouflage uniforms attacked a house. The armed men, who posed as policemen, were later identified as residents of the Zamani shack settlement in nearby U Section. — Sapa

Planned train boycott 'not warranted'

■ Money lost would be better spent on upgrading railway services

A TRAIN boycott was unwarranted in the light of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation's serious efforts to produce a better and safer commuting environment, SARCC managing director Mr Wynand Burger said yesterday.

Burger said the money lost during boycotts, strikes and stayaways - an estimated R28 million in 1991/92 - could have been better spent curbing violence on trains and safeguarding stations.

News reports indicated a train boycott was being planned, he said, apparently because the corporation had failed to keep its side of the May agreement. The agreement between community organisations and the SARCC followed a sit-in by community leaders angered by repeated attacks on train passengers.

Contrary to the allegations, Burger said, the corporation had made significant progress upgrading security measures at various stations in the southern Transvaal.

"Approximately R11,5 million has already been spent over the past four months to improve security measures on the Reef.

"Boycotts will have an adverse effect on future tariffs and in the end it is the commuter who will be losing out." - *Sapa.*

Train boycotts, stayaways cost R28-m

(278) STAR 8/10/92

By Montshiwa Moroke

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) estimated yesterday it had lost R28 million through train boycotts, work stayaways and strikes since the beginning of last year.

However, SARCC managing director Wynand Burger said the corporation had made significant progress in upgrading security measures at stations in the southern Transvaal since the signing of the Train Peace Accord earlier this year.

His statement followed a weekend newspaper report which said another train boycott was being planned because the corporation had failed to keep its side of the agreement.

"The matter is receiving serious attention. Train boycotts have a very negative effect on limited funds and is unwarranted in the light of the corporation's serious efforts to produce a better and safer commuting environment," said Burger.

He said about R11,5 million had been spent in the past four months to improve security measures on the Reef.

This figure included the fencing of 103 stations. All 158 stations on the Reef were expected to be fenced by the end of March. In addition two trains would be fitted with closed cir cuit television and a public ad dress system by December.

Johannesburg station an Soweto's Dube station were t get access control points wit metal detectors in compliance with the Train Peace Accord.

The availability of sufficien funds to implement these mea sures was an important facto to be considered in speeding u the process, Burger said.

New steps to thwart cop-killers

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Police vehicles are to be equipped with powerful American-style loudspeakers in a bid to foil assassinations by cop-killers posing as stranded motorists.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel yesterday unveiled measures to halt the killing of policemen and revealed that 21 were dying violently every month.

He told the National Party Cape congress here that a particularly alarming trend was for police to be ambushed when they stopped to assist cars which had apparently broken down at the side of the road.

Police were investigating a system whereby the occupants would be ordered through a loudspeaker to vacate their cars and "spread" before police would leave the safety of their vehicles.

Other measures to improve police safety would include bullet-proof vests, armoured "bakkies" and increased training.

Mr Kriel said that in 1991/92 the majority of policemen killed were not on duty. He said 68 black policemen had had their houses burnt down or badly damaged in arson attacks during the last 12 months.

To loud applause Mr Kriel said he wanted to offer particular praise "to black and brown members of the force because they work in particularly difficult circumstances".

He said attackers were increasingly wearing security force uniforms and asked: "Is this not perhaps the third force?"

The SAP and SADF were all that stood in the way of the ANC grabbing power, he said.

● NP take blame for squatting — Page 2

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Commuters shot at: One killed

JOHANNESBURG. — One person was killed and another was injured when shots were fired at commuters waiting at a taxi rank in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, early yesterday.

Police said the commuters were attacked by a group of men who had climbed over a wall on a property near the taxi rank.

Police in the area spotted the attackers and tried to catch them, but they climbed back over the wall and fled.

In a statement, the Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade in Alexandra said the dead man was a resident of Madala Hostel.

According to the Youth Brigade, yesterday's attack followed the death of three IFP members in two separate attacks at the same rank in the past seven days.

● Two men were killed when gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles and 9mm pistols fired a number of rounds at a private vehicle in Sebokeng, Vereeniging.

● Three attacks on police occurred nationwide on Tuesday, according to yesterday's police unrest report, including one in Mfuleni, near Cape Town, where a man was injured and another arrested when a group threw stones at a police car.

● A man was necklaced outside a house in Wembezi township near Estcourt on Monday night, bringing to 15 the number of people killed in unrest-related incidents in Natal in the past three days.

● Thirty-six people died and 78 were injured in politically-motivated violence countrywide over the past week, the Human Rights Commission said yesterday. — Sapa

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Commuters shot 278

ONE person was shot dead and another injured when shots were fired at commuters waiting at a taxi rank in Alexandra. Sowetan 8/10/92

Witnesses to the 6.50am shooting told police that commuters were waiting for transport at a rank in First Avenue, when a taxi drove past. The taxi occupants allegedly opened fire on the commuters.

One person died and one was injured. Police had no further details on the victims.

Police on the scene recovered a number of cartridges from the street.

The Goldstone Commission is currently investigating taxi war violence in Alexandra. The hearings are being held in the township this week.

Young girls shot dead in 'error'

Sowetan 8/10/92.

■ **BRUTAL MURDER** Evaton teenagers killed by alleged 'comrades' who thought they were

KwaMadala Hostel inmates:

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By Mzimasi Ngudle

Two schoolgirls, mistaken as KwaMadala Hostel residents, were allegedly herded to a sports ground and shot dead by youths armed with AK-47 rifles at Evaton in the Vaal Triangle on Monday night.

The bodies of Rose Mohalane (19) and Jacobette Rantso (18), who were pupils at Manthatise Secondary School in QwaQwa, were found by police at the Juventus grounds on Tuesday morning.

Police spokesman Captain Piet van Deventer confirmed yesterday that two bullet-riddled bodies were found on the sports grounds.

The girls had arrived home on Sunday after visiting friends in Welkom the previous week.

Nthabiseng's grief-stricken mother and family members wept as they related the tragedy yesterday.

A family spokesman said the youths, who claimed to be members of the African National Congress, snatched the girls from their parents at gunpoint on Monday night.

He said the youths apparently thought the girls lived at the KwaMadala Hostel.

They ordered Rose, Jacobette and Mampe Mohalane (Rose's sister) to go with them to the grounds.

Jacobette's father, Mr Simon Rantso, insisted that he accompany the girls as he did not trust the "comrades". However, he remained behind after the youths promised they would bring the girls back.

On the way they told Mampe to return home and took Rose and Jacobette to the grounds. Mampe said the men accused her sisters of being "midlwembe", local slang for a spy.

The family waited until they went to sleep, hoping the girls would return at night.

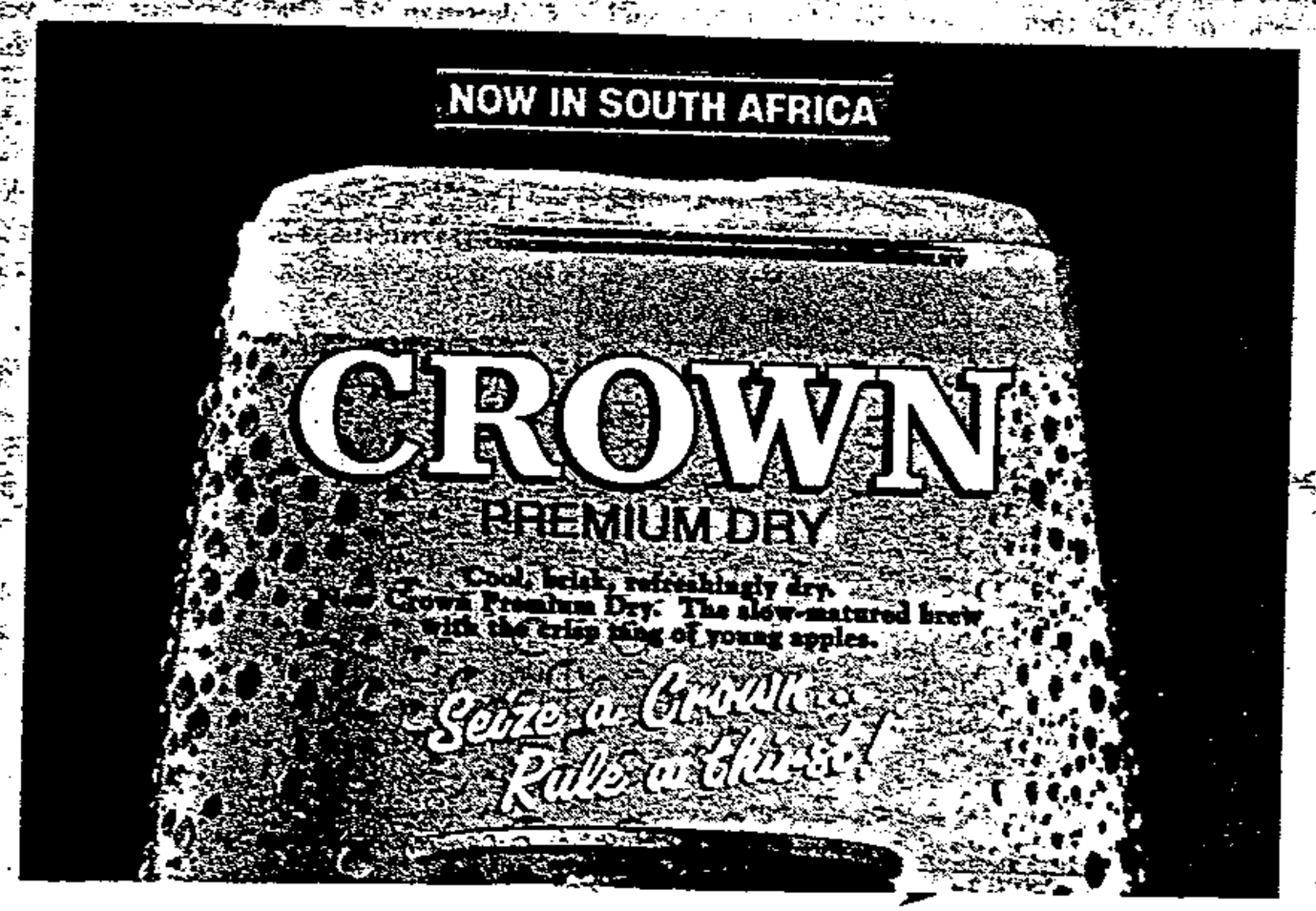
About six the next morning someone came to tell them he had seen the girls' bodies at the sports grounds.

Bosom friends



FLASHBACK: Bosom friends Jacobette Nthabiseng Mohalane (left) and Rose Motshidisi Mohalane's bullet-riddled bodies were found on a soccer field in Evaton after they were allegedly abducted by armed youths who mistook them for KwaMadala inmates. The picture is from a family album.

Monstrous murders



WRONG VICTIMS Young girls gunned down in cold blood by vicious thugs using AK-47 rifles:

EVATON in the Vaal Triangle has been rocked by the horror killing of two schoolgirls, allegedly by youths armed with AK-47 rifles who had apparently mistaken them for KwaMadala Hostel residents.

The bullet-riddled bodies of cousins Rose Mohalane (19) and Nthabiseng Rantso (18) were found by police at a sportsground on Tuesday morning.

For the girls' grief-stricken families, the tragedy began on Monday night when the youths arrived at Jacobette's home, snatched the girls at gunpoint and herded them to the sportsground.

The family spent a sleepless night praying the girls would return. Early Tuesday morning a man told them the girls' bodies were found.

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PROPERTY Challenge to resolve housing crisis ● Actio



Mr Brian Wegerle of the ICC and Mr Obed Bapela of the ANC.

Violence a constant plague to housing

Sowetan 8/10/92 (278)

By Joshua Raboroko

■ **POOR INFRASTRUCTURE** Committee looks at why Alex housing is scarce:

VIOLENCE and large-scale unemployment have continued to plague the development of housing in Alexandra.

The situation has been aggravated by the unavailability of land, finance criteria applied by banks and building societies and the threat to boycott bond repayments. These are some of the views expressed at the Alexandra Housing Convention held last week.

Addressing the conference, chairman of the Interim Crisis Committee Mr Brian Wegerle said there were 46 000 shacks, three single-sex hostels and few middle-class homes in Alexandra.

Wegerle said infrastructure was poor -no sewerage or refuse removal and the township was "a health hazard".

It was evident that there was a housing backlog in the country, therefore everybody was being challenged to resolve the housing crisis.

But as long as violence continued to sweep through most of the townships, the housing backlog will not be solved because developers and financial institutions are reluctant to invest in the beleagured townships.

Financial institutions, the private sector, the business community, building industries and the current governing bodies were applying themselves to breaking this housing shortage, yet violence inhibited their moves, he said.

The population of Alexandra was 355 000, and 305 000 were unemployed. These people could not afford to buy homes, and financial institutions would not give them loans.

Problems highlighted were:

- Mushrooming of squatters near Alex;
- Call by South African National Civic Organisation to boycott bond repayments, and the fact that the organisation's president was a resident there;
- No networking between the residents and community organisations regarding the housing shortage.

MK member is terrified of police

■ **He has to hide:**

By Mzimasi Ngudle

UMKHONTO weSizwe cadre Tebogo Mosime (19) fears for his safety after police allegedly raided his home five times since he returned from exile.

He has now gone into hiding. What puzzles him is that he has been co-operative with the police, even reporting some of the raids.

"The first time a policemen hit my mother with a rifle. They also smashed a wardrobe and impounded my combat uniform.

"In subsequent raids they punched my brother," he said.

Tebogo said police first came on June 16 but he was not at home.

This week, police allegedly smashed the metal door of his home, kicking the door frame into the kitchen.

Soweto police spokesman Lietenant E Henning said he was not aware of the incident.

Taxi groups differ over cause of feud

Star 9/10/92 (228)

By Brian Sokutu

Leaders of two warring Alexandra taxi associations, appearing before a committee of the Goldstone Commission, yesterday differed in their submissions on alleged police involvement in fuelling the feud.

Alexandra-Randburg-Midrand Taxi Association (Armsta) chairman Victor Mogale alleged police involvement, but Alexandra Taxi Association chairman Lesole Manamela said his organisation had good relations with the police.

Mogale, who claimed Armsta had lost "many" members since 1988, implicated four policeman in the fighting, three of whom he said were taxi operators in Alexandra.

Mogale told the commission — chaired by advocate Niel Rossouw — that he was disturbed that police allegedly failed to investigate cases reported by Armsta members.

"Whenever violence broke out between the two associations, you would find a policeman who is a taxi operator receiving the complaint at the police station," Mogale said.

Disputing these allegations, Manamela said the feud was caused by the presence of the two rival taxi associations in the township.

"Policemen have owned taxis in Alexandra long before the faction fight started," he said.

The two taxi associations had to merge, Manamela said.

The hearing continues on Monday.

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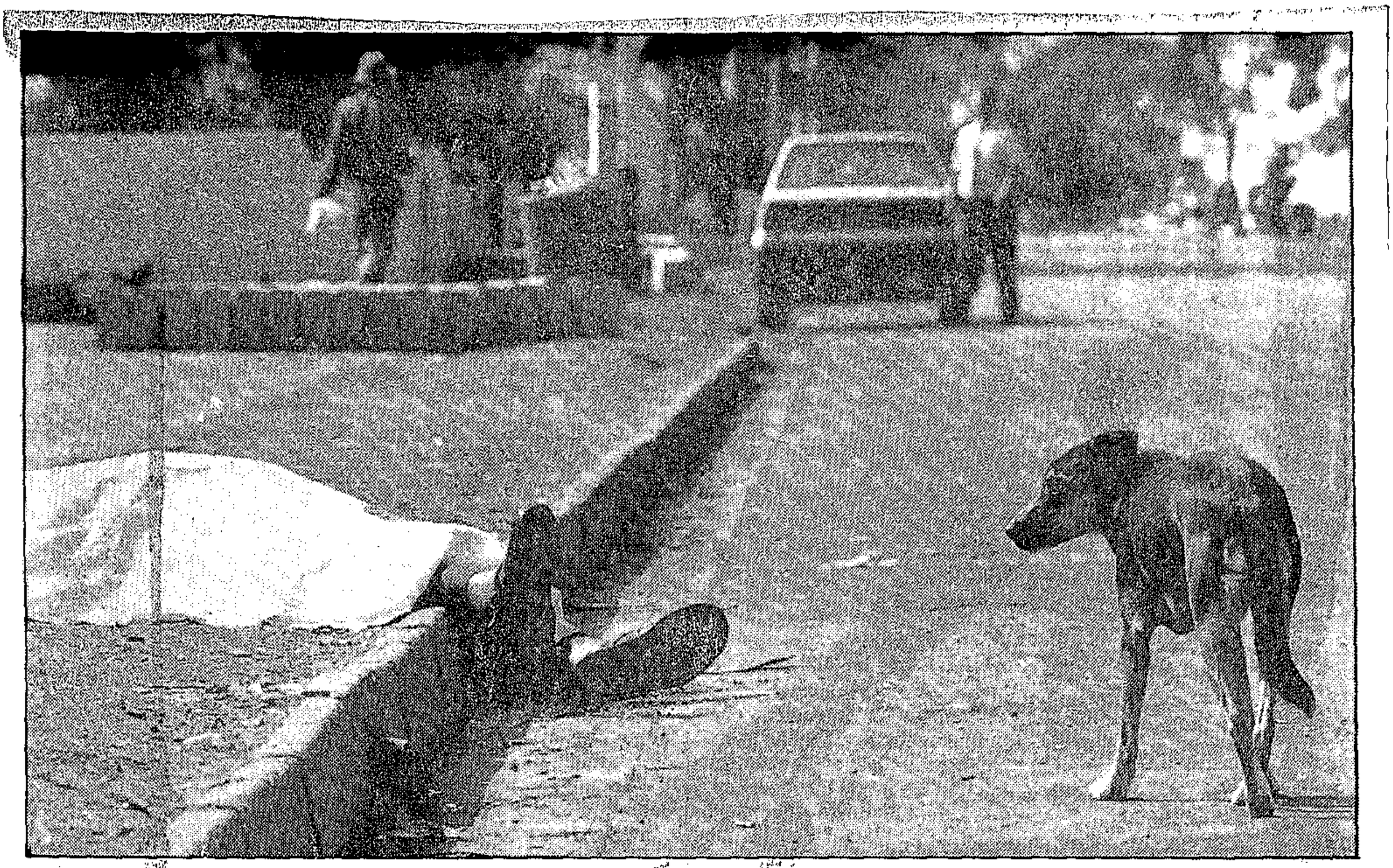
Soweto mosque damaged

A MOSQUE in Soweto was searched, damaged and fired at by people masquerading as policemen who claimed to be looking for illegal immigrants hidden on the premises.

Imam AJ Muiumbiro was praying when the "so-called policemen asked for permission to search the premises for criminals which they claimed had entered the mosque through a window".

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Henning said the Imam had made a mistake by not asking the men to produce their police identity cards.

Henning said police regarded the allegations in a serious light and would bring the culprits to justice whether they were real policemen or not.



Shooting spree . . . the body of one of the two men from Diepkloof hostel who were gunned down outside the Bluebird Cafe in Robertsham, Johannesburg, early yesterday. Picture: Joao Silva

Hostel residents shot dead outside cafe

Crime Reporter (278)

Two Diepkloof hostel residents were killed outside a cafe in Robertsham, Johannesburg, yesterday when a group of men fired a number of rounds at them and sped off in a waiting car.

Police confirmed the men — Benjamin Mdlalose and Themba Khanyile, both from Diepkloof hostel — were gunned down by unidentified assailants outside the Bluebird Cafe at about 6.50 am.

Mcele Ndawonde, who escaped death by a hair's breadth, told a Star photographer that Mdlalose, Khanyile and he had driven to the cafe to buy snacks. STAR 9/10/92

He went into the shop with Mdlalose while Khanyile waited in the car.

Mdlalose returned to the car first while Ndawonde waited in the shop for his purchases.

He heard gunshots, ran out of the shop and saw Mdlalose and Khanyile slumped in the car.

A man armed with a 9 mm pistol started firing at him.

A shaken Ndawonde said the bullets "zipped" past him, missing by centimetres.

The gunman ran to a car parked nearby and jumped into it with four other men — one of whom was also armed with a pistol.

Mdlalose, who was shot in the head, died outside the cafe while Khanyile died at Baragwanath Hospital.

A police spokesman said the two men were attacked by gunmen speeding past the cafe in a blue Mercedes-Benz. He confirmed Mdlalose was shot in his car and Khanyile was shot as he was leaving the cafe.

10 dead in 2 days in Alex

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Star 9/10/92.

Crime Reporter

Ten people have died in Alexandra in the past two days, among them four who police believe were victims of a continuing taxi war in the township.

On Wednesday morning one man was killed when gunmen opened fire on a group of people waiting for a taxi in First Avenue.

Yesterday morning three people were gunned down in separate attacks, one of them at the taxi rank in First Avenue.

Police said that at about 6.10 am gunmen opened fire on commuters, killing one person and injuring another. One man was arrested.

At about 6.20 am a man was shot near the taxi rank.

About 10 minutes later a man in Watt Street was shot by attackers.

The bodies of six men, who had all been stabbed, were discovered on Wednesday night in the township.

In other unrest-related incidents, a man was necklaced in Katlehong on the East Rand and a woman was shot dead in the area.

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Goldstone probe into hostel violence on hold

Blom 9/10/92. (278)

THE Goldstone commission has suspended further inquiries into violence at hostels.

Hostels subcommittee chairman Advocate Bob Nuget said the decision followed the Record of Understanding reached between government and the ANC.

This agreement, which entails fencing off several hostels including Dube and Dobsonville, was based on an interim report submitted to President F W de Klerk last month by the sub-committee.

The committee would convene to probe further the hostel issue when and if necessary, Nuget said.

It is understood the Goldstone commission will meet next week once Judge R Goldstone has returned from overseas.

It will discuss, among other things, whether further inquiries into violence at hostels are still necessary.

Meanwhile, the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association has put on hold its plans to embark on mass action in protest against the fencing of hostels.

A spokesman said the mass action would be suspended pending the outcome of a meeting between De Klerk and representatives of organisations which this week attended the "conference for concerned South Africans".

WILSON ZWANE

It could not be ascertained yesterday when the meeting would take place.

☐ Sapa reports that both parties involved in the Alexandra taxi war told a committee of the Goldstone commission that police partiality led to distrust.

Alexandra Taxi Association (ATA) chairman Petrus Manamela and Alexandra, Randburg, Midrand and Sandton Taxi Association chairman Victor Mogale made submissions to the committee yesterday.

Mogale claimed the former station commander of Alexandra police station accepted the use of an ATA member's minibus to take his family on holiday.

He also claimed policemen were operating taxis, some without legal permits.

Manamela told the committee ATA members were reluctant to lay complaints because of rumours of police partiality.

Moves to halt train violence

JOHANNESBURG — Various community organisations, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and the police yesterday decided to form three joint committees on train violence. CT 10/10/92

Two committees will deal with pro-active measures to end the violence, and the third with preventive measures such as cameras, gates and fencing at stations. — Sapa (278)

Mystery raiders bomb house

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JOHANNESBURG. — Unknown assailants yesterday afternoon threw a grenade at a house in Alexandra in the latest incident of strife in the squalid township.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman confirmed the explosion, and said none of the occupants were injured.

"The explosion occurred about 1.50pm after the grenade was hurled at the house. We are not sure what the motive was as the residents there have no political affiliation," he said.

In the last week, Alexandra has been plagued by a resurgence in fighting between alleged supporters of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Police reported that 10 people were killed in the township in the last two days, with one man arrested on Thursday. — Sapa.

Back home in Fear City

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Sunday Times reporter CHARMAIN NAIDOO arrived back in Johannesburg after an 18-month posting to London and discovered a city living on its nerves

NEVER have I felt such a sense of communal fear. Everyone is afraid — of personal injury by gunmen or knife-wielding criminals, of rape, of robbery, of rampant inflation, of poverty ...

And with good reason. In the 18 months I've been away, three good friends have been raped and everyone I know has been burgled or mugged or had a car stolen.

Within hours of my return from London two colleagues welcomed me home with news that their sons had been killed in the violence — one shot, the other stabbed.

Fierce

The "new" South Africa has unleashed a sinister revival of Us and Them. We are the victims and They the perpetrators of dark and criminal deeds.

I came home expecting closer co-operation and a sense of relief that the horrors of apartheid were finally over. Instead I find a fierce hostility on the streets of Johannesbug.

This grudging sullenness seems to have permeated the service industry. On my first visit to a Yeoville supermarket I watched two women shelf packers turn on an arthritic old woman who'd mumbled a complaint that they were talking too loudly. "We have been kept silent for too long under apartheid. We will not be denied a voice." The store manager looked on silently. Where are the days of the customer always being right?

Later that day I brushed against a pedestrian as we both began to cross Diagonal Street and he turned and glared at me, then spat close to my feet in anger.

People are barricading themselves in. I am a guest in the home of a friend who handed me eight keys which unlock padlocks, deadlocks and Yale locks to allow entry into his thrice-burgled home. It makes me yearn for my tiny London flat where my first-floor sash windows stayed open all summer and where a single key let me in.

The warnings from colleagues came early on my first morning in the office: never leave the building carrying your handbag; don't wear any jewellery; never walk to the car park.

I assumed it was just collective paranoia until individual stories of hold-ups, muggings and stabbings began to unfold. I am afraid, not only of the constant perceived threat to my person and belongings, but also that I will forget to take extra care and end up a victim.

Not that the city centre is terribly appealing, with its dangers and filthy streets. Downtown Johannesburg looks more like an African capital than when I left a year and a half ago — makeshift vending stalls lining the pavements in the shadow of first world buildings, where everything from fruit to shoes, handcuffs to gun holsters can be bought.

The aftermath of a day's trading is evident in the late afternoon when the streets are piled high with litter and filth. Management committee chairman Ian Davidson says the budget for cleaning the city centre has doubled, with streets being swept morning and evening. Yet the seediness remains.

One of my biggest surprises was how expensive South Africa has become in the last two years. Inflation is out of control with prices up between 40 and 45 percent since I last shopped here. Comparatively, food prices in London are cheaper, even when multiplied by the current R5 to £1 exchange rate.

We've lost something in this New South Africa — I think it's trust. Nobody trusts anyone any more. Hostility has replaced congenial communication, anger has replaced reason, guns have replaced debate. But most important is the ever-present fear that has everyone looking over their shoulders.

Angry

I'm angry that within a few months of being back home, living with the fear will become normal and I will get used to locking myself in and complaining about the violence like everyone else. People have asked what I'll miss most about London. It is the sense of safety I felt living in a country where human life has a value and where anything which threatens the security of the individual is considered a very serious crime.

Until we get rid of the simmering anger and the fear we're doomed.

Krappies men rip up old wounds

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

IT used to be a humble place, but now little Lethlabile is furious again.

Residents of the tiny township outside Brits have scorned promises of State action against Askari mercenaries who recently settled in the area.

Instead they want the Askaris to face the wrath of the community.

To scorn promises of State prosecution sounds strange, but in Lethlabile it makes sense: the former MK and Apla men enjoy the protection of their new master, Maj-Gen Krappies Engelbrecht, head of the Criminal Investigation Service – formerly the Security Police.

The Askaris' alleged brutality has reopened old wounds. Many of the villagers were forcibly removed from Oukasie to Lethlabile in the mid-80s: residents said they "knew" the cunning and savagery of white rule.

The presence of the Askaris – dubbed the Third Force – was exposed by Almond Butana Nofomela, the black cop fighting for his life on Death Row after the killing of a white farmer in the late 1980s.

Residents and informed sources said the Askaris were whisked away from their secret farm base near Brits on the eve of a visit by human rights lawyers and a church delegation.

Frustrated by the unbanning of their "enemy" and the return of their old leaders, and whatever goes into the make-up of a black turncoat in the new SA, these unstable men were quietly inserted into Lethlabile.

Residents barely noticed the new arrivals.

Then flowed the accusations: residents spoke angrily and bitterly about sadistic child abductions, beatings, rape and murder.

Township talk soon found a name for the newcomers – the "Intelligents" – after their security cop bosses in Pretoria.

For a while the alleged atrocities went unpunished. "We were told at the police station that the Askaris are untouchable," residents said.

Then last month an Askari was accused of raping two young girls at his house. It was a night of unspeakable terror for the frightened girls, who, it was discovered, suffered gruesome damage to their private parts.

Two weeks later another Askari allegedly abducted two men and tortured them so severely in his house that one of them died.

The surviving victim says the mercenary, realising what he'd done, released him. The man crawled bloodied and broken through the empty streets until help came. A blunt weapon was used in the attack.

Police said in Pretoria that the rape accused was suspended from duty pending investigations and that a murder docket against the second Askari was with the Attorney-General for his decision.

The civic association met Krappies Engelbrecht but came away still too angry to accept his suggested "forum" between them and the Askaris to address the crisis.

They called an emotion-charged meeting last Sunday which decided on a mass protest march on the comfy Askari homes – built by the State.

ANC spokesman Karl Niehaus said the matter would be put before the National Peace Secretariat, the Goldstone Commission and UN observers.

'Askaris out to get me'

By THEMBA KHUMALO

A 30-YEAR-OLD Lethlabile man has opted to stay in prison rather than face the prospect of being killed by Askaris after he allegedly murdered one of them two years ago.

Awaiting-trial prisoner Clive Masanga was arrested in November last year after allegedly shooting to death one of the turned former freedom fighters during a brawl in a shebeen.

He is appearing in Brits Regional Court charged with murder.

His mother Johanna said Masanga forbade his family from paying his R500 bail because he feared for his life.

She said: "He told me that immediately after his arrest other Askaris came to the police cells where he was held and threatened to shoot him if he dared set foot outside prison."

She said her son was presently serving an 18-month prison term for escaping from jail in April. He and other awaiting-trial prisoners had escaped from the Brits police cells.

However, he had reconsidered the Askari threats and handed himself in soon after.

This was confirmed by Pietersburg Human Rights attorney Jackie Malatji who is representing Masanga.

Masanga's older sister Ellen Adonis, 36, alleged that after her brother's escape from prison the Askaris raided her home and assaulted everyone in the house while demanding to know Masanga's whereabouts.

She said they hit her with gunbutts and tramped on her as she lay on the ground. She suffered hearing loss for two months afterwards.

They had shoved their gunbarrels in her brother's mouth, threatening to kill him if he did not find Masanga.

When she reported the matter at Lethlabile police station the police told her there was nothing they could do as the Askaris were "above the law".

His mother said her family was struggling to make ends meet now that Masanga was not able to provide financial support.

R11-m spent on train security

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

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IN a desperate attempt to avert a second massive Soweto train boycott the South African Rail Commuter Corporation has spent nearly R11,5-million in improving security on trains and at stations.

"Train boycotts have a very negative effect on already limited funds and are unwarranted in the light of the corporation's serious efforts to produce a better and safer commuting environment," said the corporation's managing director Wynand Burger.

Burger was reacting to reports that the Train Boycott Committee was planning another boycott after weeks of renewed train violence.

In one incident last month five people were stabbed and thrown from a moving train between New Canada and Longdale stations. Among them was a woman who was allegedly raped in front of horrified commuters before she was thrown off.

A snap survey by City Press has shown that the attacks have subsided slightly because of large police presence in coaches and stations.

However, the police said their task was hampered as sealed doors prevented movement between coaches.

CHILD PRISONERS OF TOWNSHIP VIOLENCE

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By WISEMAN KHUZWAYO

HUNDREDS of terrified children are trapped in Kwamadala hostel, in the Vaal, because they fear for their lives if they attend schools in the nearby townships.

Most of them have not seen a classroom for two years. They are the victims of the bloody clashes between the ANC and the IFP. In the townships they are seen as Inkatha members.

This was revealed by the Rev Kruger du Preez, acting chairman of the Regional Dispute Resolution Committee, in the wake of the murder of two teenage girls who were shot by youths claiming to be a ANC members. They mistook the girls for Kwamadala residents.

The girls, who in fact were pupils in Qwaqwa, were abducted in front of their relatives from a house in Evaton. Their bodies, riddled with AK-47 bullets, were found by police at a sports ground the following morning.

The ANC said it was investigating claims that the murderers were ANC members.

Kidnap

Mr William Nhlapho, regional secretary of the IFP, said his members in Kwamadala were safe as long as they did not go to the Vaal townships. It was those members who were living in the townships who were in constant fear.

He said only two weeks ago ANC supporters had tried to kidnap an Inkatha member in central Vereeniging. He was only able to escape by sprinting into the Kwazulu government offices nearby.

Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, spokesman for the ANC in the PWV region, said: "The level of violence in the area is of deep concern to us, but we believe the State must take the blame.

Iscor, which owns Kwamadala, has been trying to close down the hostel since September and move its employees to Kwamasiza hostel. But Kwamasiza residents, who are ANC supporters, won't share their lodgings with Kwamadala residents.

According to the IFP, Iscor has said it will not accept responsibility for the residents not employed by the company when the move takes place.

The Vaal Council of Churches has been trying to organise a meeting between the local ANC and IFP to resolve the plight of the residents.

Homeless

Mr Du Preez, who visited Kwamadala this week, said there were 304 children of all ages at the hostel.

Kwamadala did not have anything even resembling a school. Most of the children were homeless because their parents were driven out of the Vaal townships by ANC supporters while others had taken refuge in the hostel of their own accord.

Mr Du Preez has since been in contact with the local offices of the Department of Education and Training. He said he had been given a sympathetic hearing and a DET official had promised to look into the possibility of registering a school at Kwamadala.

Mr Du Preez added: "The residents were also complaining that they were isolated. Welfare workers did not visit the hostel because they were afraid for their lives when they returned to the townships.

"There is no church because even pastors are afraid to go there. TB and syphilis are rife among the inmates."

Both Inkatha and the ANC blame each other for what is happening in the PWV area.

IFP 7 deny 28 murders

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By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

A WEST Rand detective was this week called a liar by a member of the legal team defending seven IFP members facing 28 charges of murder, 27 charges of attempted murder, arson and public violence relating to the Swanieville massacre on May 12 last year.

They men – Vumisani Majola, 35, Siswe Majola, 48, Joseph Khanyile, 42, Bakhithi Dlamini, 29, Bhekowakhe Mdlalose, 29, and Pheyi Nhlapo, 49, of Kagiso No 1 Hostel, and Mzanywa Sithole, 34, of Watville Hostel – have all pleaded not guilty, and defence lawyer AS Burger told the court some were forced to make confessions.

When asked why a confession was taken at night in a police station, a Maj Dicks, who testified for four days, said there had been no magistrate available.

Burger argued the men were booked out of the Krugersdorp prison to force them to confess. He said the two Majolas and Khanyile were blindfolded, given electric shocks and assaulted.

Dicks had denied taking three of the men out at night, but the occurence book showed they had been booked out after 6 pm.

Young rivals cram into the same dock

By DAN DHLAMINI

THIRTY members of arch-rivals Inkatha and the ANC this week shared the same dock in the Klerksdorp Regional Court.

Hartebeestfontein Tigane branch Inkatha youth leader Ernest Mojaki, 18, and 10 other IFP members, as well as 19 ANC members, faced charges of public violence.

The 30 – including 11 teenagers – appeared before magistrate Louis Venter, in a sequel to an incident on May 9 1991 in which ANC members Jeremiah Motsumi and Buti Kraai were killed in a grenade explosion.

Several others, including some of the accused, were injured by shrapnel.

The State says the two groups clashed at an illegal street gathering on May 9 1991.

The charge sheet states that they started to sing and toyi-toyi before throwing stones and grenades killing Motsumi and Kraai and injuring number of others.

According to the charge sheet, Mojaki is accused of throwing the grenade.

The 30 accused, who comprise of ANC and IFP members, are represented by separate teams of lawyers.

New bid to protect commuters

A BREAKTHROUGH in the fight against train violence was achieved when a strategy to protect commuters was agreed upon by ANC-aligned organisations, police and SA Rail and Commuter Corporation (SARCC) officials at the weekend.

The agreement would lead to a re-evaluation of the need to resume an ANC boycott of trains, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

He said a two-pronged strategy proposed by the ANC had been adopted.

Two working groups, which were scheduled to begin operations by October 1, would look at ways of speeding up the arrest and prosecution of perpetrators of train violence, he said.

"In the end it is only an interim government that will address the issue properly. The forums will not be bogged down by detail," he said.

RAY HARTLEY

SARCC spokesman Connie Nkosi said the community would become involved in preventive measures to protect commuters at stations.

The SARCC said it had already spent about R11,5m on increased security at Reef stations, a separate statement said.

"It is estimated that the corporation lost about R28m because of boycotts, stayaways and strikes during 1991 and 1992," it said.

"This is a large amount of money for any organisation to forfeit ... and could rather be applied to curb violence on trains and safeguard stations.

"The boycotts have a very negative effect on already limited funds and are unwarranted in the light of the corporation's serious efforts to produce a better and safer commuting environment."

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Senior ANC official killed

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■ BULLET RIDDLED Killers are members of gang who have terrorised Tokoza, say residents:

Sowetan Correspondent

A SENIOR ANC member from Phola Park, near Tokoza, and three other people were killed on Saturday night when gunmen riddled the car, in which they were travelling, with bullets.

Phola Park ANC leader Mr Prince Mhlambi and the others were gunned down at Mapatane Street in Tokoza at about 9pm, ANC PWV spokesman Ms Barbara Hogan said yesterday.

She said two gunmen opened fire on Mhlambi's car with AK-47 rifles before fleeing.

Witnesses claimed the gunmen were members of a gang which has been terrorising the Beirut section of Tokoza for some time, she said.

Hogan said the gunmen later returned to the scene and started shooting into the crowd which had gathered. She said Mhlambi and two other occupants of the car, Mpati Machitje and Sampo Mofokeng, died instantly.

Two other occupants, Mokgele Sebeteone and a woman known only as Anna, were admitted to the Union Hospital in Alberton. A hospital spokesman said the woman died soon after she was admitted. Sebeteone was still in hospital but his condition was not serious.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce confirmed the shooting.

Hogan said although the police arrived at the scene only after 1am yesterday.

The police allegedly refused to give the victims' families the name of the investigating officer and told them they would have to report the shooting to the Katlehong police station.

Bruce said the SAP would look into the allegations and urged the ANC to contact them.

He said the police were saddened and shocked by Mhlambi's death.

"We (the SAP) have had many discussions with Prince. We met him at the recent conference on policing in Vanderbijlpark and found him to be an extremely pleasant person," he said.

Afrikaner home idea 'doomed'

JOHANNESBURG. — Attempts by the Conservative Party and the Afrikaner Volksunie (AVU) to establish their own Afrikaner homelands were doomed because there was no region in the whole of South Africa which could boast a white majority, said Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder at a Kruger Day rally at the weekend.

And in Krugersdorp on Saturday the leader of the Conservative Party, Dr Andries Treunicht, warned the day could come when the Afrikaner would have no other choice but to declare war. CT 12/10/92

Addressing a crowd of 3 000 at the Paardekraal monument, Dr Treurnicht said the CP rejected domination by the leaders of others. — Sapa

Policemen wounded by robbers

JOHANNESBURG. — Two policemen were critically wounded and another received slight injuries yesterday after robbers held up a supermarket in Lenasia.

The robbers entered the supermarket, held up the owner and stole cash and goods.

As they fled, they fired at policemen in a vehicle on the Soweto highway, critically wounding two and slightly injuring a third.

Police asked the public to be on the lookout for a BMW with a Bloemfontein number, and said the occupants were heavily armed and extremely dangerous.

● An assistant constable was wounded by a gunman firing an AK-47 from a car on the Golden Highway about 8am yesterday. Police said Constable R Farret was taken to hospital. — Sapa

Buthelezi: 'No right-wing alliance'

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The Chief Minister of KwaZulu and president of the Inkatha Freedom Party, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has denied that last week's talks between members of the Conservative Party and the Volksunie Party as well as certain black leaders, represented an "alliance with right-wing parties".

He was addressing a crowd of about 7 000 members and observers at the Inkatha Women's Brigade's annual conference at Ulundi, drawn from 1 000 branches of the party throughout the country.

"It is amazing that both the Afrikaans press and the English press have tried to portray that picture," he said.

"The only white political parties that were represented at the meeting were the CP and the Volksunie Party.

"Political parties and governments that were represented included the Bophuthatswana government, with a government delegation led by President Mangope, the Ciskei government led by Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, the delegation of the Ximoko Party of Gazankulu led by Chief Nxumalo, Mr Ismail representing the National People's Party, and the IFP led by myself," Chief Buthelezi said.

The IFP president said the time was now ripe to get a multi-party conference of review off the ground.

He called for uMkhonto weSizwe, the military wing of the ANC, to be disbanded, negotiations to be put back on track and mass action to be suspended, and said marches against capitals to topple governments had to be abandoned.

Hope for resumed talks

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Political Staff

CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi could meet President F W de Klerk as early as this week to discuss issues that have driven a wedge between Inkatha and the government.

And there is optimism in government circles that multi-party negotiations could resume by the end of next month.

Plans are under way for a meeting between Mr De Klerk and a delegation from last week's Conference of Concerned South Africans, which was attended by Chief Buthelezi, Ciskei ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope and CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht.

Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer said yesterday the meeting would probably be while Mr De Klerk is in Cape Town for the short session of Parliament.

Its delegation will probably include Chief Buthelezi and possibly Brigadier Gqozo and Dr Mangope.



SHOW OF STRENGTH . . . IFP members with their weapons inside the gates of a workers' hostel in Thokoza yesterday. There was tension after an ANC march passed the Zulu hostel on the way to a rally. Picture: AP

Top ANC man gunned down

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JOHANNESBURG. — Senior ANC official Mr Prince Mhlambi was one of three men killed when gunmen riddled the victims' car with bullets at the weekend.

Two others were injured in the incident, which police said took place in Mapanga Section, Katlehong. Witnesses, however, said the shooting took place in Thokoza.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce could not confirm Mr Mhlambi's death.

The two wounded men were treated at Natalspruit Hospital. The names of the dead have been withheld pending identification.

According to witnesses, the four youths in the car with Mr Mhlambi when the attack occurred were all members of a local football club.

In other unrest, a grenade was thrown through a window of the Diepkloof police station in Soweto yesterday, wrecking a toilet. No-one was injured.

At Bridgeton, near Oudtshoorn, a policeman sustained injuries when a group threw stones at police vehicles.

At Alexandra a man was stabbed, and in Katlehong a man was necklaced. — Sapa

FW will try to win confidence

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Political Staff

WHEN President F W de Klerk addresses Parliament today he will try to restore confidence in the negotiation process and demonstrate to jittery Nationalists and business people that he has not lost his nerve.

In the face of mounting economic pressures, mass action by the ANC alliance and increasing criticisms about the cost and purpose of the 10-day short session of Parliament, Mr De Klerk will want to show that his government remains firmly in control.

As he affirmed at last week's Cape congress of the National Party, he is convinced he is on the right path, and he will fight off criticisms of the government's role in negotiations.

Mr De Klerk wants it to be seen that he is effectively leading the country to the new South Africa and that he is on the most sensible course towards transition.

The government hopes the session will consolidate parliamentary support behind its strategies about negotiations.

The ANC leadership, meanwhile, faces internal criticism from activists who believe it has made too many concessions to the government for it to be able to fight elections by next year.

Attacks on right, left expected today

ANC marchers outside Parliament today will symbolically rename Stalplein — in front of Mr De Klerk's Tuynhuys offices — Albert Luthuli Square.

Under pressure from some in his party who believe the government has been "soft" on the ANC, Mr De Klerk is expected to continue bashing the organisation.

He will also direct some of his venom at the Conservative Party, which believes it has taken on new life since its meeting with KwaZulu's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and other homeland leaders last week.

Mr De Klerk is expected to assert that his falling out with Chief Buthelezi has arisen over details and not principles.

The short session has largely been dimissed as a waste of time.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus yesterday described the session as financially wasteful and "another racist and unrepresentative exercise".

Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer said the stated reason for the session — to pass legislation agreed to in negotiations — had not materialised and so it was something of a "face-saving" exercise for Mr De Klerk.

Legislation to be passed during the session will empower Mr De Klerk to rationalise the Own Affairs administrations and appoint people to the cabinet without their having to become MPs within a year. This would allow him to appoint blacks to the cabinet, although the government has stressed that it has no such plans at this stage.

Other legislation will end by-elections, make provision for a general amnesty for all "political" crimes committed before October 1, 1990, and outlaw hard gambling.

Dr De Beer said the rationalisation of Own Affairs — if part of the broader rationalisation of the civil service demanded by Finance Minister Mr Derek Keys — might save money.

He said the legislation could have a bearing on the negotiation process in that Mr De Klerk "is taking steps to dismantle the tricameral system".

Gunmen kill ANC official, 3 others

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By Charmeela Bhagowat and Abdul Milazi

Senior Phola Park ANC member Prince Mhlambi and three other people were killed on Saturday night when gunmen shot at their car.

The incident happened in Mapatane Street, Tokoza, at 9pm, ANC PWV spokesman Barbara Hogan said yesterday.

Witnesses claimed the gunmen were members of a gang which has terrorised Tokoza's Beirut section, she said. Mhlambi, Mpati Machitje and Sampo Mofokeng died instantly.

Two others — Mokgele Sebeteone and a woman known only as Anna — were admitted to the Union Hospital in Alberton. The woman died shortly afterwards. Sebeteone is in hospital but his condition is not serious.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce confirmed the shooting.

Hogan said although the police were informed of the shooting, they arrived at the scene only after 1 am yesterday. "The two policemen were drunk, abusive, arrogant and unco-operative," she said.

Bruce said the SAP would look into the allegations and urged the ANC to contact the police to ensure the matter was dealt with immediately. He said the police were saddened and shocked by Mhlambi's death.

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Train violence breakthrough

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Major pact to protect commuters

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A major breakthrough in the fight against train violence was achieved at the weekend when ANC-aligned organisations, police and SA Rail and Commuter Corporation officials agreed to a joint strategy to protect commuters.

The agreement meant the ANC would take a new look at its decision to boycott trains, ANC PWV spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

The strategy involved the establishment of two working groups on "pro-active and preventive measures" to combat violence, Mr Mamoepa said.

The working groups, which are scheduled to begin operations by October 22, will look at ways of speeding up the arrest and prosecution of those guilty of train violence.

"But in the end it is only an interim government that will address the issue properly. The forums will not be bogged down by detail," he said.

SARCC spokesman Ms Connie Nkosi said the community would become involved in preventive measures to protect commuters at stations.

In a separate statement, the SARCC said it had already spent some R11,5 million on increased security at Reef stations, and added that it had lost about R28 m through boycotts, stayaways and strikes during 1991 and 1992.

"This is a large amount of money for any organisation to forfeit, especially if it is mainly funded from state subsidies. The money could be better used to curb violence on trains and safeguard stations.

"The boycotts have a very negative effect on already limited funds and are unwarranted in the light of the corporation's serious efforts to produce a better and safer commuting environment," the statement said.

AK-47 gunmen kill four

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■ GUNMEN RULE Violence and yet more violence

in another bloody weekend on the Reef: 278

IT WAS yet another weekend of violence when four people were killed and four injured - all except one the victims of gunmen - mostly on the Reef.

Among the dead was ANC senior member Mr Prince Mhlambi, who died with three youths when their car was raked by AK-47 rifle fire at Phola Park in Tokoza on the East Rand on Saturday night.

In another incident a handgrenade was thrown through the window of Diepkloof Police Station in Soweto yesterday morning, wrecking a toilet. No one was injured. At Alexandra near Sandton, police found an injured man who had been stabbed and at Katlehong on the East Rand police found the body of a man who had been set alight.

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ANC leader, 3 others die as gunfire rakes car

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A senior ANC member from Phola Park, near Tokoza, and three other people were killed when gunmen opened fire on the car in which they were travelling.

Phola Park ANC leader Mr Prince Mhlambi and the others were gunned down on Saturday night, ANC spokesman for the PWV area Barbara Hogan said. She said two gunmen with AK 47s riddled the car with bullets before fleeing in a Mazda.

Witnesses claimed the gunmen were members of a gang that had been terrorising the Beirut section of Tokoza for some time, she said.

Ms Hogan said the gunmen later returned to the scene and started shooting at people when they tried to apprehend the killers.

She said Mr Mhlambi and two other occupants of the car, Mr Mpati Machitje and Mr Sampo Mofokeng, died.

Two others, Mr Mokgele Sebeteone and a woman known only as Anna, were admitted to the Union Hospital in Alberton. The hospital said the woman died soon after she was admitted but Mr Sebeteone's condition was not serious.

Ms Hogan said the police arrived at the scene four hours after the shooting and were "drunk, abusive and unco-operative".

Canoeist, 30, killed

JOHANNESBURG. — A 30-year-old Johannesburg canoeist was killed on the Vaal River at the weekend when a speedboat ploughed into his canoe, police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said. — Sapa.

Idasa mourns Mhlambi (218)

THE Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa) yesterday expressed shock and dismay at the weekend murder of a Phola Park leader.

Mr Prince Mhlambi and two others were shot dead when gunmen riddled their car with bullets on Saturday. Sowetan 13/10/92

Two others were injured in the incident, which police said took place in Mapanga Section, Katlehong. However, witnesses said the shooting took place in Tokoza.

Four unrest deaths

AT least four people died and four were wounded in unrest-related violence on Sunday, police reported.

Of those killed in Alexandra on the Witwatersrand, Katlehong near Alberton, and Phola Park, Tokoza, one was shot, one stabbed, one clubbed and one set alight.

In Katlehong, a man and two women were injured when gunmen carrying AK-47 rifles shot at a taxi.

A bystander was wounded in Johannesburg when a city councillor fired a shot after being confronted and threatened with a knife.

Four killed in violence at weekend

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Crime Reporter

Four people were killed and at least four others injured on the Witwatersrand in unrest-related violence on Sunday, police reported yesterday.

In Alexandra, near Sandton, a man was shot dead by unidentified gunmen and in the same area police found the body of a man who had been stabbed.

In Katlehong, on the East Rand, police found the body of a man who had been clubbed to death.

Police said the charred body of a man who had been set alight was discovered in Phola Park, Tokoza, on Sunday morning.

This followed the slaying of Phola Park ANC leader Prince Mhlambi and three others in the area on Saturday night.

Police said three people were seriously injured when gunmen wielding AK-47s fired at a minibus in Katlehong on Sunday.

In Johannesburg a man threatened a councillor with a knife. The councillor fired a shot to ward off the attacker, wounding a bystander. The name of the councillor is being withheld by the police.

Four die in Sunday violence, police report

PRETORIA — At least four people died and four were wounded in unrest-related violence on Sunday, police reported yesterday.

Of those killed in Alexandra on the Witwatersrand, Katlehong near Alberton, and Phola Park, Tokoza, one was shot, one stabbed, one clubbed, and one set alight.

In Katlehong, a man and two women were injured when gunmen carrying AK-47 rifles shot at a taxi.

A bystander was wounded in Johannesburg when a city councillor fired a shot after being confronted and threatened with a knife.

Our Durban correspondent reports that seven people were killed and two injured at Mbokodweni, near Nquthu in northern Natal, when they were attacked by men in camouflage uniforms at the weekend.

KwaZulu police spokesman Lt-Col M Luthuli said yesterday that firearms and sharp instruments were used in the attack, and police took possession of seven camouflage uniforms.

In another incident on Saturday, four KwaZulu police members travelling to the Mphembeni area were shot at by men armed with AK-47s.

Bullets pierced the canopy of their vehicle, but no-one was injured. They arrested a man in connection with the attack.

A short while later, two KwaZulu police members came under fire in U-Section, Umlazi.

They returned fire, but no-one was injured in the incident.

On Sunday, a house at Richmond Farm, KwaMashu, was petrol-bombed and completely gutted. The inhabitants of the house were not injured.

Sapa reports from Durban that the warring factions at Ngonyameni, near Umlazi, where about 40 people have already been killed, committed themselves to peace in the area yesterday.

This emerged at a meeting of the two factions, led by Induna Petros Mbokazi and Induna Ziphi Mdabe respectively, at Isipingo, south of Durban.

The meeting was organised by the local police station commander, Capt Danny Pillay, and was also attended by the local chief, Ndodi Cele.

Pillay expressed his concern about the killing of innocent people in the area and urged the local community to co-operate with police in their efforts to end the fighting.

He said the two factions were to meet again on Sunday afternoon and a peace accord was expected to be signed after the meeting. — Sapa.

Two killed in train attacks

JOHANNESBURG. — Two people were killed and 17 injured in separate attacks on train commuters here last night.

Gunmen opened fire at commuters from a Soweto-bound train at Langlaagte station, killing one man and wounding 12 others.

A second man was shot and killed at Braamfontein station. Five people, who either jumped or were pushed from the moving train, were injured.

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A police spokesman also said several people were reported injured in stone-throwing attacks at Langlaagte station.

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Squatter camp hero mourned

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The world is poorer for the death of Prince Mhlambi, reports WINNIE GRAHAM.

A REPORT in The Star this week said Prince Mhlambi and three others had been shot dead in the streets of Tokoza, near Alberton. No one knows who killed him or why.

In most South African homes, Mhlambi's death will mean little. He will largely be perceived as just another victim in yet another shootout.

In Phola Park, the overcrowded, squalid squatter camp where he lived and worked, however, he is being greatly mourned.

No one is likely to write his obituary. Not many will know his personal circumstances — other than that he lived in a shack, was neither rich nor famous or, beyond the area where he operated, even well-known.

And yet the world is the poorer for the death of Prince Mhlambi.

His story is that of Phola Park, the unfortunate settlement where violence has erupted regularly in the past year.



Books for the people . . . Prince Mhlambi started a "library" when these books were donated to Phola Park.

I first met Prince when I visited Phola Park. He was to be my guide on many visits. He knew all there was to know about the so-called settlement, a squatter camp which started in 1987.

As is so often the case, the local council ordered the squatters off the land because the site had been sold to a private developer. But the new arrivals had no place to go and so they stayed. Then came the bulldozers. Their shacks were demolished on July 22 1987, and for the next fortnight — in the heart of winter — the families camped in the open.

Prince worked with the local Catholic Church in trying to resolve the many problems which beset the growing community.

Once, after a Justice and Peace meeting at a church in the area, he asked for a lift home. When we reached the squatter camp, he wanted to be dropped on the outskirts.

"It's not safe for a woman here at night," he told me.

When violence erupted in Phola Park last year and the people fled to the Catholic Church in Eden Park, I inquired after Prince.

"He's okay," a woman told me. "He'll survive anything."

Again and again he emerged unscathed from the death and destruction that has plagued the squatter camp.

But he survives no longer. Prince Mhlambi is dead. □

Violence death toll down

By Charmeela Bhagowat
Crime Reporter

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Last month 279 people were killed in political violence, bringing the number of deaths for the year to 2 762, the Human Rights Commission reported yesterday.

In its monthly repression report, the organisation said the death toll for September was significantly lower than that of August when 348 died in political violence. It welcomed the fact that there were no death squad-related deaths last month.

The HRC said 89 people died in politically related violence in the PWV area last month and 1 574 people were killed in the region this year.

The HRC said 817 people were injured, bringing the total for the year to 4 657.

For the second consecutive month the number of deaths in Natal exceeded the number of deaths in the PWV.

The report welcomed the decrease in vigilante-related activity, which was responsible for 129 deaths, saying this figure was the lowest since January.

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However, more deaths as a result of security force action were reported last month than for any other month this year.

The HRC said security forces were responsible for 33 deaths — with the Bisho massacre accounting for 28.

The HRC also recorded the first death in five months as a result of right-wing activity.

news in brief

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2 Durban suicides

A POLICE constable shot and killed himself in his flat in Overport, Durban, on Monday night. Police said Constable TM Shangase (30) was found with a bullet wound to his head in a flat in South Road. Foul play is not suspected.

In another incident, Mr J Govender of Chatsworth was found hanging from a tree.

Cop shot four times

AN off-duty municipal policeman, Sergeant Robert Khatshelo (39), was shot and wounded on Monday night.

Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant Eugene Henning said Khatshelo went to investigate a noise at a neighbour's house in Generator Street, Power Park, at about 7.40pm when he was confronted by three men, one with a firearm.

During an ensuing argument four shots were fired, wounding the policeman twice in the right arm and twice in the left leg.

The suspects fled on foot.

Khatshelo was admitted to the Garden City Clinic. His condition is stable.

Mental health care

THE South African Federation for Mental Health launched its public awareness campaign for October at a two-day conference in Johannesburg last week (Oct 6 and 7).

The conference, which focused on mentally handicapped children, resolved to reduce the incidence of mental handicap in children.

Driver dies in hijack

A TRUCK driver has been shot dead near Dundee in what police believe to be an attempted robbery and hijacking, SABC radio news reported yesterday.

Church discriminates against blacks, claim

■ **BLACKS EXPELLED**: 300 members bring accusations against church:

By Mandla Zibi

A GROUP of 300 people who were allegedly expelled from the Old Apostolic Church of Africa's Transvaal region have accused the church of discriminating against black members.

This was said at a Press briefing in Carletonville at which representatives of the fired members expressed their dissatisfaction about the church administration headed by Apostle JJ Boshoff.

The group's spokesman, Mr Theophilus Mahlatshana, said the church had promised to build creches, old people's homes, schools and other projects but only white members's needs had been met so far.

Mahlatshana claimed about 300 members had been expelled.

"For example, we have long been asking for an old people's home but only white church members have one in Johannesburg, and yet everyone of us contributes 10 percent of their monthly salary to the church," Mahlatshana said.

Another major grievance was that blacks were denied top positions in the church.

Measles attacks older kids

■ **Outbreak in Johannesburg also emphasises need for immunisation:**

By Mokgadi Pela

THE Department of Health has reiterated the importance of early immunisation against measles in the wake of recent outbreaks of the disease in Greater Johannesburg.

Dr Coen Slabber, director general of the department, said 40 cases were reported to the Johannesburg City Health Department in one week. This indicated a sharp increase in the incidence of the disease compared to the same period last year.

The Johannesburg outbreak came largely from high school pupils who were not immunised as children. According to Slabber, such outbreaks can only be prevented by the early immunisation of children and by maintaining vaccination levels.

Most children in South Africa received the measles vaccine but a small proportion did not develop immunity.

Violence continues

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At Wembezi near Estcourt in Natal a youth was shot dead and another two people wounded when gunmen opened fire on a house. In Johannesburg police found the body of a man who had been shot dead. In a separate incident a man was wounded by gunfire while in the East Rand township of Ratanda. Sowetan 16/10/92

Also at Ratanda, an explosion caused damage to a house but there were no injuries.

8 killed, 3 hurt in unrest clashes

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PRETORIA. — Six people, including four from the same family, were shot dead at Oshabeni in Mehlomnyama, near Port Shepstone, on Wednesday night. CT 16/10/92

The dead are Ms Gugu Ngwazi, 34, Ms Ntombi Ngwazi, 20, Nokubonga Ngwazi, 10, Mr Alfred Ngwazi, 55, Mr Mpizane Tshitshini, 30, and Mr Tallman Gumede, 35.

Two more people were shot dead and three wounded during unrest-related incidents on Wednesday, police reported.

At Wembezi, near Eastcourt in Natal, a youth was shot dead and another two people wounded when gunmen opened fire on a house.

In Johannesburg police found the body of a man who had been shot dead, and in the East Rand township of Ratanda a man was wounded.

In Natal about 300 ANC refugees from Patheni, Richmond, are to return to their homes tomorrow despite a breakdown in peace talks.

A statement from ANC Midlands deputy chairman Mr Reggie Hadebe yesterday said the refugees would definitely return this weekend.

An urgent summit on violence in the Vaal Triangle is being planned by the churches, the SACC announced yesterday.

It said in a statement the summit, scheduled for October 27, will be attended by delegates from church, political, civic, labour and business organisations. — Sapa

Court freezes sale in Group Areas case

LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — A poor coloured family which lost its land under the Group Areas Act yesterday had a freeze placed on its resale in a court action which could act as a precedent preventing the hasty sale of state-owned land acquired under apartheid legislation.

The Legal Resources Centre, which assisted with the case, said it had important implications for the right of the state to sell land obtained as a result of the Group Areas Act. In Cape Town alone 3 241 properties are registered in the name of the Community Development Board and much has already been sold despite land reform measures introduced by government.

An agreement between John Hendricks and his grandmother Kassie, 81, and the chairmen of the development boards of the House of Representatives and Assembly, the purchaser P Basson and the Registrar of Deeds was made an order of the Cape Supreme Court.

In terms of the agreement the sale of the disputed land was frozen pending the Hendricks's application to the advisory commission on land allocation set up in terms of the Abolition of Racially Based Land Measures Act and to the Cape Administrator.

Basson, a businessman and speculator, who has been provisionally sequestrated five times and finally sequestrated once, paid R23 000 in 1991 for the land which the Community Development Board bought for R39 900 from the Hendricks family in October 1984.

Certain clauses in the sales contract with the board were illegally deleted and the case has been referred to the Advocate General for investigation.

Basson sold the property in April 1992 to the New Apostolic Church (Cape) for R160 000. The Hendricks family accused the Development Board of selling the land to Basson at well below its value.

In 1982 the Hendricks's land was declared white and the board purchased it. While legally required to move most of the family continued to live there.

In July 1989 the land was reproclaimed coloured but the Hendricks family was not informed.

In December 1991 Basson informed them that he had bought the property and demanded R10 a month in rental. Some family members refused to pay and the water supply was cut off. Basson then informed them the land had been sold and that the family was to be evicted.

Clerics planning protest march in Bophuthatswana

GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE SA Council of Churches (SACC) would soon hold a protest march in Bophuthatswana's capital Mmabatho to protest against the "heinous abuses and violations of human rights", Bishop Kevin Dowling said yesterday.

More than 35 organisations including human rights groups, community organisations and political groups such as the ANC, PAC, Azapo and Bophuthatswana's ruling People's Progressive Party attended a three-day conference in Bloemfontein this week on conditions in the homeland.

Conference chairman Dowling said reports and personal testimonies detailing torture, harassment, unfair dismissals, detention without trial and dispossesion through corrupt means had been heard at the conference.

A march of clerics and Christians would be held soon, on an as yet undecided date, to "bear witness" and publicly condemn the Bophuthatswana government.

The conference adopted resolutions calling on the Bophuthatswana government to repeal all "repressive" laws such as the Internal Security Act and the Prevention and Control of Mass Action Act.

Meanwhile, Bophuthatswana government spokesman Alwyn Viljoen said in a statement that the SACC allegations were "rejected in the strongest possible terms". He said Bophuthatswana was the first southern African country to have an ombudsman and a constitutionally enshrined Bill of Human Rights.

□ Sapa reports that a conference on violence in the Vaal triangle, in which community organisations are expected to take part, is being planned by the SACC for October 27.

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Ban 'Zulu nation march' call by ANC

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■ **Warning that stability could be threatened in Pretoria's Atteridgeville township:**

By Mandla Zibi and Josias Charle

THE African National Congress (ANC) in the PWV region has called on the Government to stop a "Zulu nation march" in Pretoria's Atteridgeville township due to take place tomorrow.

The ANC yesterday warned that the march could threaten stability in the township.

The call comes in the wake of an ANC statement accusing the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) of being responsible for the death of a Saulsville hostel inmate, Mr. Vuyisile Bonya, last Sunday. The ANC claimed the man was killed during the launch of an IFP branch at the hostel on Sunday.

The situation at the Saulsville hostel was quiet this week, contrary to reports that some inmates had been evicted. A spokesman for the hostel complaints office told *Sowetan* that according to his knowledge, no one had been evicted from the hostel.

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This refuted rumours that alleged IFP members at the hostel had driven out non-members from their rooms. The spokesman said only one man had asked to be relocated to another section of the hostel and this was a routine request.

The IFP's Themba Khoza yesterday denied that the march was organised by the IFP saying it was only a "Zulu nation march".

"The march has been planned by Zulus who want to show their defiance of the Government's intention to outlaw the carrying of cultural weapons," Khoza said.

He said the marchers would show their defiance by carrying other weapons as well on Saturday.

Asked to comment on the ANC's objections to the march, Khoza said the IFP dismissed them as evidence of the ANC's interference and political intolerance.

'IFP leader shot while SADF patrol stood by'

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JOHANNESBURG. — The leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party in Alexandra township, Mr Jotham Xaba, 37, and IFP member Mr Peter Mncube were gunned down on Thursday night in view of a SA Defence Force patrol, the IFP claimed yesterday.

Three other IFP members were wounded in the attack.

Witwatersrand Command spokesman Major Andreas Jordaan denied the claim the SADF patrol had not taken action.

According to IFP spokesman, Mr Themba Khoza, shots were fired from a minibus in the IFP squatter area at about 8pm.

The attack brings to six the number of IFP members who have been killed in Alexandra this week.

● Intensifying military-style attacks on IFP leaders and supporters in Natal since August is part of a sinister new phase of covert African National Congress hit-squad operations, Inkatha spokesman Mr Ed Tillet has said.

This allegation and others are contained in an eight-page special report compiled by Mr Tillet in support of the IFP's demand for the disbanding of uMkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's military wing.

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He says 55 IFP members have been killed in Natal in a spate of attacks since August.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus says the ANC rejects the report as "nonsense".

● The bodies of four men, believed to be victims of attacks on trains, have been found near Soweto and on the East Rand.

● Police reported that a man died when he was stabbed by a group stoning police at Botshabelo, Bloemfontein.



PROTEST . . . Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi leads an estimated 20 000 Inkatha supporters to John Vorster Square Picture: HERBERT MABUZA

Sunday Times Reporters

IMPIS ON THE MARCH

HUNDREDS of policemen watched impotently yesterday as an estimated 20 000 Inkatha supporters defied a ban on the carrying of traditional weapons and marched through Johannesburg carrying spears, axes, sticks and knobkieries. ST Times 18/10/92.

On Friday night, SAP regional commissioner General Gerrit Erasmus turned down a request by march organisers to carry the weapons in public.

As wave upon wave of Zulu impis — led by IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — marched from the George Goch stadium to John Vorster Square, police stood on the sidelines, but made no attempt to disarm them.

A spokesman for the police said afterwards it would have been "unwise" to try to confiscate the weapons.

Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party has approached the government to release 40 prisoners which it claims are political. Among them is controversial former Kwazulu deputy minister of the interior Samuel Jamile.

Trade unions and right-wing political parties have also added their voices to the clamour of those claiming their supporters are political prisoners, said a spokesman for Correctional Services Minister Adriaan Vlok.

He said the November 15 deadline agreed to by the ANC and the government in their Record of Understanding for the release of all political prisoners may have to be extended.

Mr Jamile was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1990 for the 1989 murder of a former tenant and the attempted murder of a woman whose throat he cut. He was acquitted on 10 other murder and attempted murder charges.

The government and the ANC held a four-hour meeting on Thursday in which they studied a list of 150 names. It was decided the co-accused of those already released should receive preference and a list of 25 names has been forwarded to Mr Vlok for consideration.

Two die in taxi war

ANC not happy at Youth League 'actions'

By THEMBA KHUMALO

VIOLENCE has erupted between taximen and members of the ANC Youth League in Bekkersdal in the western Transvaal, claiming the life of a youth who was allegedly implicated in the murder of a taxi driver in the township last week.

The taxi driver, known as Shongwe, was allegedly shot dead by three youths before they hijacked his vehicle in front of passengers this week.

Angered by the incident, taxi owners allegedly abducted one of the hijackers and necklaced him between Westonaria and Randfontein.

An ANC Youth League spokesman said the dead youth was Koos Monyaka, who died of severe burns at Kagiso's Leratong Hospital on Thursday.

Another unidentified youth who was allegedly abducted from Mohlakeng by angry taximen on Tuesday and hacked with axes and pangas is believed to be in a critical condition at Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital.

Irate youths marched to and barricaded the Bekkersdal taxi rank on Friday morning.

A potentially ugly situation was averted by the swift arrival of the police. Sources said passengers had fled in all directions when taximen drew firearms.

Subsequently a meeting was held between the taximen, ANC youths and community-based organisations in a desperate attempt to resolve the tension.

A youth, who said he was the general secretary of the local ANCYL branch, told Dr Benoni van Graan – an executive member of the Local Dispute Resolution Committee (LDRC) in the West Rand – that by killing their comrades, taximen were "clearly siding with and perpetrating the work of the enemy".

But taxi owners had a different version. They alleged that last month ANC youths hijacked 12 minibuses and drove to King William's Town to attend the Bisho mass funeral.

Along the way the youths allegedly filled their petrol tanks at the expense of the Bekkersdal Taxi Association (BTA) and looted food outlets. Some of the vehicles were confiscated by garage owners and some youths were arrested, taxi sources said.

They said damage to the vehicles and petrol expenses cost the BTA R36 000.

The association took up the matter with the local ANC leadership, but with no results. The killing of Shongwe, the taximen said, was the last straw, prompting them to take the law into their own hands.

Commenting on the hijacking of taxis to Bisho last month, a spokesman for the ANC PWV region said he was disappointed about the behaviour of the Youth League. He advised the taxi owners to approach his Johannesburg offices if they were not happy with the handling of the matter by the local ANC leadership.

Buthelezi may face criminal charges for leading marchers – police

IN OPEN DEFIANCE

'KwaZulu officials get the call-up'

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By S'BU MKGADI

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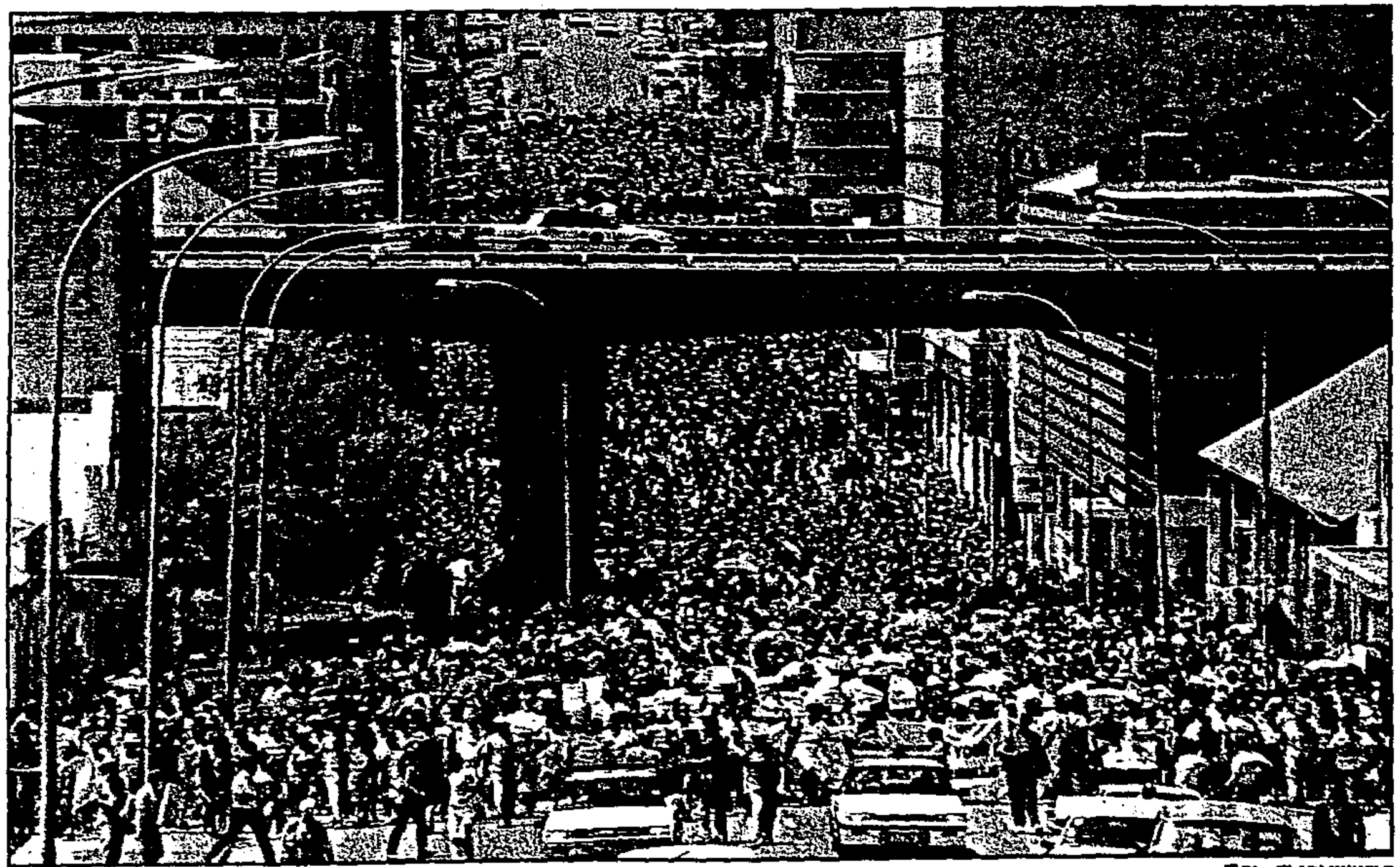

ON THE WARPATH ... Inkatha marchers defy the government's weapons' ban in Johannesburg yesterday. ■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE

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ABOUT 30 000 Inkatha supporters defied a government ban on carrying dangerous weapons in public and marched – armed to the teeth – to John Vorster Square in Johannesburg yesterday.

However, police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman told City Press that KwaZulu Chief Minister and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi could face criminal charges for leading the marchers.

Opperman said dockets would be opened and submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision on whether or not to prosecute Buthelezi and other Inkatha leaders.

The captain could not say what charges the Inkatha leaders would face.

He said police had issued notices prohibiting the carrying of dangerous weapons and this was defied.

The march was preceded by a rally addressed by Buthelezi at George Goch Stadium.

Buthelezi told his ululating supporters that the Zulus would not allow themselves to be fenced inside the hostels "like pigs".

He rejected outright the Record of Understanding reached by State President FW De Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela last month.

The IFP marchers were bussed in from hostels and squatter camps in the Transvaal and some of the vehicles bore Natal registrations.

The police, who were out in full force, watched helplessly as the chanting impis waved their weapons in the air while clasping their shields.

The march was also attended by Angela Davies who leads the United Nations delegation of observers to monitor violence in this country.

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Those senior KwaZulu government officials who qualified for government-issue guns were encouraged to arm themselves in case violence broke out during the march, Ulundi residents told City Press.

Following last month's ANC threats to march on the KwaZulu capital, the civil servants were reportedly mobilised into ANC-like defence committees.

Churchmen meeting to quell strife

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

THE rising wave of violence in Vaal-Triangle townships has prompted the Vaal Council of Churches to hold an urgent summit with liberation movements and community-based organisations this week to defuse the situation.

The Rev Israel Qwelane, chairman of the VCC's Justice and Social Ministries Committee, said the summit comes in the wake of the resurgence of black-on-black violence which has claimed hundreds of lives since the beginning of the year.

He said: "The Vaal is gripped by violence and we are in a threatening situation. If we address the situation together we will be able to identify the culprits and isolate them."

Anarchy

At the top of the summit's agenda will be control of self-defence units and inter-civic strife.

Qwelane said the violence directed at communities and businesses, often perpetrated by faceless gangsters falsely claiming to be from one liberation movement or another, will be discussed.

Inter-organisational hostilities are also to be discussed. Churchmen said while there was no overt fighting among the liberation movements there was a "chilling war of words and points of strife that needed to be resolved before conflict arose".

The five Vaal townships have virtually been transformed into war zones by youths who terrorise residents and motorists in the name of purging the area of "third force" elements.

After the eviction of IFP-aligned supporters from KwaMadala Hostel in August, residents were held to ransom by rampaging youths and ill-disciplined members of self-defence units. The area has since been a scene of anarchy and chaos.

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During the ANC's August 3 mass-action campaign, journalists Paul Taylor of the *Washington Post* and the *Weekly Mail's* Phillip van Niekerk were attacked by three men who shot Van Niekerk before they hijacked their car.

Three suspects are presently appearing at Vereeniging Regional Court.

Last Wednesday two City Press journalists and a driver were robbed of their car at gunpoint by six youths. The youths were later seen sitting nonchalantly at a bus terminus near the scene of the robbery.

The journalists said the youths pointed threateningly at them and warned them to go away. They told them they took the vehicle because it was a company car.

The matter was reported to the Evaton police station.

Esau Mahlatsi, former Lekoa Town Council mayor, was necklaced in July after youths manning makeshift roadblocks in Sebokeng disarmed him and necklaced him when he tried to claim his weapon.

Motorists claim that they are made to pay fees before being allowed through the roadblocks by the youths. Some businessmen also alleged that they were forced to pay protection fees.

'Danger zone' claims another victim

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By JUSTICE MOHALE (278)

ANOTHER victim has been claimed by the mysterious burning soil which simmers on the bank of the river between Emdeni Extension 2 and Dobsonville Extension 3.

This time a 12-year-old child sustained badly bruised and swollen legs after he and a group of friends strayed into the "danger zone" – which lies in an open field of reeds.

Speaking from Baragwanath Hospital, Bongani Mahlangu said his legs suddenly sunk in the quagmire. His frightened friends ran away leaving him screaming in pain.

A passing stranger was alerted by his screams and Bongani lived to tell his horror tale.

"Had it not being for the stranger, I would not be alive. May God bless him," said Bongani.

Residents next to the "danger zone" expressed their discontent, adding they feared their homes would one day sink into the soft soil.

Gloria Mphahlele, 35, whose son's shoes were burnt when he was playing there last week, said it was wrong for the Dobsonville Council to house people in the troubled area.

Durban Diep geologist Piet van Rensburg, who inspected the area earlier, described the "danger zone" as peat moss, a type of moss which grows in damp conditions and forms partly carbonised peat as it decays.

"It is hot because the soil is a concentrated compost causing a natural chemical process which causes spontaneous combustion, and it can only be quelled by water," he said.

Van Rensburg added that the soil is rich in plant nutrients and should be utilised by local residents as fertilizer for their gardens.

A Dobsonville Council spokesman assured residents that it would erect warning signs to avert further incidents.

First snipers, then a grenade

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By MONWABISI NOMADOLO

LUCKY to be alive! That's how the Mashitela family of Alexandra, near Johannesburg, feel after a grenade hurled from the Inkatha-controlled KwaNobuhle hostel exploded in their yard on Tuesday morning.

The Mashitela's house stands directly opposite the notorious hotel in 8th Avenue.

Family membe Daniel, 25, was not so lucky.

He was hit by shrapnel as the device exploded while he was sitting under a tree in the yard with his little sister, 6, who escaped unhurt.

"There was a deafening noise and I realised something had exploded as there was dark smoke," Daniel said.

"I saw people running away in different directions.

"The windows of the house were shattered by the explosion, which was heard a kilometre from the area."

Residents of nearby houses told City Press that snipers from KwaNobuhle had randomly shot at people in the past two weeks.

"In fact three people were killed in my yard in the past two weeks by snipers shooting from the hostel," said Thomas Mashitela, Daniel's father.

Mashitela said residents considered 8th Avenue a "no-walk-area" after 7 pm.

"I was called from work in Modderfontein and told about the explosion at my house.

"When I arrived, police and paramedics were at the scene," Mashitela said, adding that he had no idea why his house was singled out for the attack.

Police spokesman, W/O Andy Pieke, confirmed that the grenade, which was of Russian origin, was thrown from the hostel.

Pieke said police were investigating the incident but no arrests had been made.

Ironically, the hostel is situated next to a daycare centre called "Women For Peace". Yet the peace message does not seem to have reached the hostel.

Concern over train killings

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■ Latest wave of killings brings to 12 number of dead since October 13:

By Joe Mdhlela

THE ANC yesterday again expressed concern at continuing train killings on the Reef and called on the Government to treat the matter with urgency.

ANC spokesperson Gill Marcus said urgent measures were needed to attend to the train killings.

Four people died on Friday when they were thrown out of moving trains on the Witwatersrand, bringing to at least 12 the number killed on Reef trains since October 13.

National general secretary of the Pan africanist Students Organisation Eddie Bosman condemned the train murders.

However, he said while it was true the killings could be State-inspired, he warned it was also possible that "Africans were perpetrating this form of violence against one another."

Three train commuters were attacked and thrown out of a train last week.

Zulu nation was on the march, not IFP - Myeni

Sowetan 19/10/92

By Themba Molefe
Political Reporter

THE Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday said a march by 30 000 people led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi on Saturday was a march by the "Zulu nation" and not of the IFP as a political party.

IFP central committee member Mr Musa Myeni told *Sowetan* that the organisation, as a political party, had had nothing to do with the march.

Asked to comment on police statements that Buthelezi and other leaders faced possible charges for defying the ban on weapons Myeni said: "I am not aware of this. The police must explain if they want to prosecute leaders of the Zulu nation and may launch a full investigation if they wish. They must name all the Zulu leaders they want to charge."

KwaZulu Chief Minister Buthelezi led chanting supporters through the city streets to John Vorster Square to protest against the Government's ban on the carrying of traditional weapons in public.

The marchers defied the ban and openly carried their weapons.

Buthelezi handed a petition to the police protesting against the Record of Understanding between State President FW de Klerk and Mr Nelson Mandela which led to the ban on traditional weapons.

Buthelezi, surrounded by KwaZulu Minister Dr Frank Mdlalose and other leaders, told the crowd at a pre-march rally in George Goch that De Klerk's acceptance of the ANC's conditions for returning to negotiations "have nothing to do with negotiation but everything to do with joint action by the State and the ANC against other parties at Codesa and in particular the Zulu nation".

Buthelezi said Zulus would not allow themselves to be fenced inside hostels like "pigs".

Police said at the weekend that a docket would be handed to the Attorney-General for a decision.

Earlier, about 30 cinemagoers were injured and the doors of the Goodhope Cinema damaged when a crowd panicked trying to get away from three Inkatha supporters who entered after their march, reports Sapa.

Irate manager Mr Sanjith Lutchman said most of the 400 seats had been broken and babies hurt as people rushed to get away.

Police videotaped the damage and said those hurt could file charges if they so wished.

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Huge Inkatha march completed peacefully

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MORE than 20 000 Inkatha supporters who took part on Saturday in what some observers believe was the largest political march yet seen in Johannesburg, dispersed peacefully after president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and party official Frank Mdlalose handed a memorandum to a senior policeman at John Vorster Sqaure.

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The memorandum handed to Witwatersrand police district commissioner Brig Braam Strauss contained several demands, among them that the controversial Record of Understanding between government and the ANC be reviewed by all parties involved in constitutional negotiations.

Although police warnings about carrying weapons were ignored, no arrests were made.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said leaders would possibly be rebuked and decisions on prosecutions would be taken by the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand.

"In volatile situations such as this, it would be dangerous for police to move into the crowd to confiscate weapons and arrest people," said Opperman.

Meanwhile Goodhope Cinema manager Sanjith Lutchman said most of the cinema's 400 seats and its doors had been broken and babies had been hurt when patrons rushed to get away from Inkatha supporters.

Soon afterwards, the cinema's patrons were back in their damaged seats. — Sapa.

Dangerous wepaons

Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi leads a march by heavily armed supporters through the streets of Johannesburg in protest against the banning of traditional weapons.
PIC: THE STAR



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IFP leader dares cops

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■ WEAPONS BAN The IFP challenges the Government to charge "Zulu nation" leaders:

IN THE the wake of Saturday's march by the Inkatha Freedom Party in Johannesburg, the organisation yesterday dared the State to prosecute the leaders of the "Zulu nation" for defying an arms ban.

It was not the IFP as a political party that was marching, it said, but "Zulus", central committee member Mr Musa Myeni said.

The march was to protest against an agreement the ANC reached with the Government which led to the banning of "traditional weapons".

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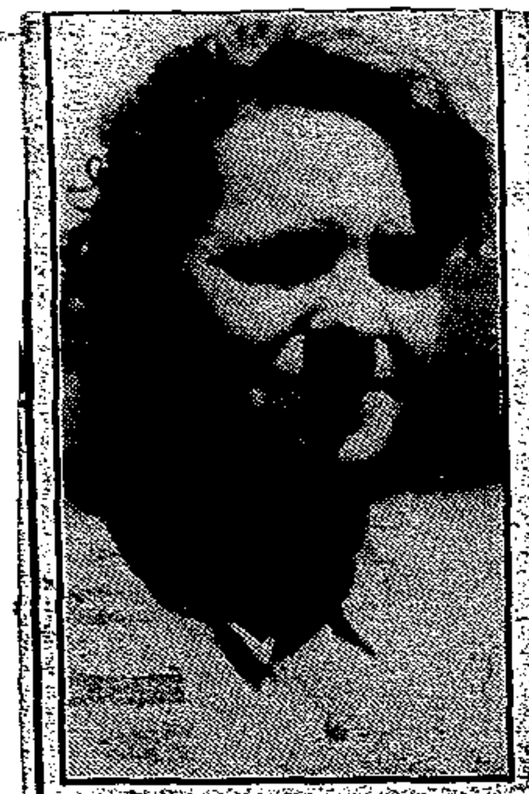

Janet Connor

Caught in school coup

By Janet Connor 21/10/92.

I NEVER thought of a stapler as a weapon until a teenage thug threatened me with the harmless school supply turned iron stick. "You must leave - NOW," the leader of a dozen young males sternly said as he pounded a crowbar on the principal's desk.

The headmaster, another female reporter, two photographers, and I flinched, realising we were surrounded by volatile students taking over the Fidelitas School in Diepkloof.

I remained calm although I was shaking inside and wondering why, as an American journalist, I had jeopardised my life to uncover the repercussions of apartheid.

■ 'I wondered why I was risking my life to uncover the repercussions of the apartheid system':

We quickly closed our notebooks and followed the gang across the schoolyard.

I breathed a sigh of relief until the boys caught us again and demanded the photographer rip out his film and hand it over. Little rebels.

Was this a school or prison yard?

We left through the razor-wire gate, past a smouldering truck that had been smashed, looted and burned to commemorate the opening of the school day. I suppose this has replaced the ritual of singing to start the day.

Our driver and car were nowhere in sight, and a student said the car had been hijacked. So we wandered down the road searching for a telephone, but we could see the ruffians following.

Just like in a movie, a police truck rushed on to the scene to save the day, and children scattered through trash-filled fields and over fences.

Because I am white, I was delegated to flag down the police truck to help us find our car. They sent out a bulletin and dropped us in Orlando near a telephone.

A student picked up while fleeing the school also was let off. Yes, he desperately wants to write exams scheduled for the next day.

It is his second time to write his matric and may be his last chance. That's when the movie stopped and reality hit.

focus on violence

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Militancy by trade unions and strike-related violence are on the increase in South Africa despite the worst recession in 88 years, damaging already gloomy prospects for renewed foreign investment in the country. But labour and business are beginning to co-operate:

KILLERS STAB a nurse defying a strike and set her ablaze with petrol in a Johannesburg street.

A gang throws a handgrenade at a bus full of "scab" workers in rural Ratanda township, killing a passenger. Police later fire at a crowd protesting against the attack, wounding 30.

Labour militancy and strike-related violence are on the increase in South Africa despite the worst recession in decades, damaging already gloomy prospects for renewed foreign investment.

It will not be easy transforming worker-boss ties long politicised by a race segregation system which traditionally saw the 5-1 black majority as a vast source of unskilled labour.

Strikes cost 3,1 million work-days in the first nine months of 1992, up from two million in the same period in 1991, labour analysts Andrew Levy and Associates said in a report on industrial action.

The figures do not include political stoppages like a two-day general strike in August by millions in support of an African National Congress (ANC) pro-democracy campaign.

Wages were the direct cause in 76,3 percent of the strikes, up from 62,7 in the same 1991 period, Levy and Associates said.

The turbulent political climate also fuels emotions.

"The impasse in (democracy) negotiations has created a climate of extreme impatience," said a report in the Innes Labour Brief newsletter.

Ugly incidents abound, including killings of strikers and "scab" workers and battles between workers and security guards.

The largest cause of lost workdays was a four-week stoppage by 80 000 members of the largest union, the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, in a pay dispute with employers which cost R880 million in lost production.

Twelve people were killed and millions of rands of damage done in attacks on clinics and homes in a four-month pay strike by hospital workers, South Africa's longest public service strike.

Away from the picket lines, though, thawing labour-business relations have produced unprecedented developments this year.

Government, business and the 1,3 million member Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) decided in August to set up a tripartite national economic forum to chart the economic future - a kind of economic counterpart to constitutional negotiations.

Cosatu sees the forum as an opportunity to reshape the economy to accommodate black social pressures and press for a moratorium on unilateral decisions by Pretoria on economic policy shifts.



One side of the hospital strike was the demonstrations ... the other was the violence.

"The aim is joint economic reconstruction and joint economic activity," said Bokkie Botha, chairman of the employers' group, the South African Co-ordination Committee on Labour Affairs.

The National Union of Mineworkers recently agreed with struggling gold mines a new profit-sharing productivity plan over and above the new annual five percent basic wage increase.

Pro-ANC unions entered the equity market with a high-profile unit trust fund aimed at financial growth and furthering worker benefits, investing only in "socially responsible" companies.

Parastatal electricity giant Eskom this year negotiated a forum with the 10 unions represented in the company to find ways for the union to influence decisions affecting them.

"An increasing number of individual companies are showing a sensibility towards the demands of transition and change," commented *Finance Week*.

"Faced with the reality of a business crisis, we have moved much closer to the unions," Rand Mines executive Francois Lamprecht told the magazine.

But union militancy will not disappear, partly because many Cosatu leaders are also top ANC and Communist Party officials.

Cosatu, better organised than the ANC, is widely seen as the "battering ram" of the ANC's pro-democracy mass action campaign.

Cosatu said this year's strike surge was caused by the attack by employers on living standards.

"When workers are facing poverty, starvation, unemployment and soaring rises in the cost of living, employers offer wage rises well below (15 percent) inflation," it said.

Business groups say the longest recession in 80 years requires a squeeze on pay. The downturn, lasting three and a half years, has cost 250 000 jobs and pushed investment spending and company profits to a 20-year low. Unemployment stands at 40 percent.

South Africa, seeking foreign investment in the sanctions-bled economy, saw an outflow of R1,8 billion in short-term capital in the 1992 second quarter due to "political uncertainty and social unrest", the Reserve Bank said. - *Sapa-Reuter.*

FOCUS *It won't be easy transforming worker, bosses relations*



Casspirs 'drove past armed men'

VEREENIGING. — An SAP special constable told the Goldstone Commission yesterday that he had seen police casspirs driving past armed people during the Boipatong massacre on June 17. (278) T 21/10/92

Assistant Constable Joseph Sello said that on the night of June 17 he saw people armed with sticks, spears and guns at his gate.

As they walked away, two casspirs drove past toward the adjoining squatter camp, Slovo Park, but did nothing to stop the armed people.

Later another two casspirs drove past.

Senior counsel for the SAP, Mr Flip Hattingh, put it to Constable Sello that his evidence was a fabrication.

Manwhile, an analysis of the erased police tapes relevant to the Boipatong massacre is to be made available to the commission by the British government next week. — Sapa

It is believed ANC secretary-general tus Mekgwe.

Productivity in ANC spotlight

WILSON ZWANE

NO PROGRAMME aimed at increasing productivity would succeed unless the entire economic system was legitimised, ANC NEC member Saki Macozoma said yesterday. BDay 21/10/92

Addressing the 36th annual convention of the Institute of Personnel Management in Sun City, Macozoma said labour should not be blamed exclusively for the ills of the country's economy.

He said various factors had an impact on the "productivity dynamic".

These included the perception SA's economic system was illegitimate because it excluded blacks, and the poor education system which "fails to inculcate basic tenets that would help in increasing productivity".

Macozoma said the country's political crisis was characterised by:

- ☐ A lack of political legitimacy;
- ☐ Mistrust of security forces and the judicial system (by blacks);
- ☐ A climate of repression and intolerance;
- ☐ Escalating exploitation of ethnic and regional divisions; and
- ☐ The collapse of local authorities.

Police 'threatened Boipatong witness'

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TWO policemen threatened a witness of the Goldstone commission of inquiry into the June 17 Boipatong massacre when they visited his home, the inquiry heard in Vereeniging yesterday.

ANC counsel Karel Tip told the commission, which resumed sitting yesterday after a two-month recess, that the witness had said policemen visited his Boipatong home on Wednesday last week. The witness was not home so the policemen had left a threatening message with his wife, Tip said.

SAP counsel Flip Hattingh told the commission the police had no idea the man was to be called as a witness.

He said policemen had visited the Boipatong area on Wednesday night to make certain observations, but said they had not entered any premises.

The commission was also told that an analysis of the erased police tapes relevant to the investigation would be made available next week.

Judge Richard Goldstone said the British government, to whom the tape had been submitted for analysis, would provide the commission with the relevant information. — Sapa.

Stress a danger to black managers

BDay 21/10/92

ANDREW KRUMM

SUN CITY — The small pool of black managers would shrink in the next five years should advancement programmes not take into account stress-related disorders, Bristol-Myers-Squibb director Ben Allmann said yesterday.

Speaking at the 36th annual convention of the Institute of Personnel Management, Allmann said corporates had to extend their thinking beyond the workplace, or about 86% of black managers would suffer from performance-impairing stress related disorders within the next two years.

He said his predictions were based on the results of a three-year collaborative national management stress research project he conducted among managers from 13 major companies.

The project showed that black managers found their homes and community environments twice as stressful as their work.

Black managers recorded lower remuneration, less praise and more criticism, discrimination and cultural gaps as contributory to stress.

'Cops hindered arrests'

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■ Lack of vehicles meant police could not enter hostel:

POLICEMEN in two Nyala armoured vehicles prevented municipal police from attempting to arrest KwaMadala Hostel residents on the night of the Boipatong massacre, the Goldstone Commission heard yesterday.

South African Police special constable, Mr Diau Monare, told the commission, inquiring into the massacre, that on the night of June 17 he had run to the Boipatong police station to report the attack.

Boipatong police had refused to enter the township as they had no armoured vehicles, he said. They were also informed by radio that the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit was unable to send any armoured vehicles.

It was eventually arranged that Sebokeng South municipal police would send a Casspir.

Monare said he had joined the municipal police in the back of a Casspir and had travelled with them through the township.

He told the commission the Casspir had then headed in the direction of KwaMadala Hostel but before reaching it had come across two SADF Buffel vehicles on the road between the township and the hostel.

The soldiers informed them that they had seen a large armed group crossing the road in the direction of KwaMadala.

The soldiers agreed to accompany the Casspir to the hostel and assist in arrests if necessary.

Two Nyalas then arrived and three policemen carrying balaclavas alighted.

"The police sergeant came to us and told us to leave. He said KwaMadala was his responsibility and that it was quiet. He said the problem was not at the hostel but at the location." - *Sapa.*



Train-attackers flee

Six people were wounded when a group of gunmen opened fire with pistols and AK-47 rifles at commuters disembarking from a train at the Elandsfontein station in Germiston at 6.40am on Tuesday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said a policeman returned the fire when he was also shot at but it was unknown if any of the attackers, who fled the scene on foot, were wounded.

The injured passengers were admitted to the Willem Cruywagen Hospital in Germiston. - *Sapa.*

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Angola teeters on edge of civil war

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LUANDA — Preparations by two joint Unita/MPLA commissions yesterday in Luanda, to resolve disputes over political and military affairs and so enable a summit between their respective leaders, came amid warnings by diplomats that Unita could attempt to stage a coup.

Unita forces were being deployed throughout the country, with the ruling MPLA reported to be in control only of Luanda.

Unita troops were also barricading streets in the capital city.

Angolan state media reported at least 20 people dead in sporadic violence over the past 10 days.

Radio Luanda reported from the southern Benguela province that Unita troops had attacked MPLA installations in Ganda and that senior MPLA officers had fled the town.

Police said yesterday that leading Angolan poet and scientist Fernando Marcelino was shot dead by unknown assailants in Huambo.

Marcelino's wife and sister were also killed in the attack on Tuesday night. Family friend Zaida Daskalos, one of the country's best known writers of children's books, was seriously wounded.

Marcelino's death has increased tension in the city which has been the scene of recent violence between police and Unita's armed supporters.

He campaigned for the MPLA, which won Angola's first multiparty elections last month.

Unita has accused the government of rigging the vote, and has threatened to renew fighting in Angola's 16-year civil war.

Unita leader Jonas Savimbi has stayed in his Huambo stronghold since leaving the capital, Luanda, after the election.

Portuguese-born Marcelino wrote in both Portuguese and Umbundo, the main language of Angola's central highlands.

He was also director of Huambo Agricultural Institute and was known for his work on improving cereal yields in the region, which was hit by famine during the civil war.

Unita officials and the MPLA were expected to meet in Luanda yesterday to fix an agenda for a peace summit between Savimbi and President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

But although Luanda was quiet yesterday, diplomats warned there remained a real risk of a new outbreak of the civil war.

"This is all on a hair-trigger; anything could spark it," a US official remarked. — Sapa-AP.



Unita leader Jonas Savimbi talks to newsmen on Tuesday in his highland stronghold of Huambo, after meeting international observers seeking to avert a new outbreak of war after Angola's recent multiparty elections. Picture: AP

Hostel resident describes grisly attack

VEREENIGING —A KwaMadala Hostel resident told the Goldstone commission yesterday how he and a heavily armed group of about 250 other hostel residents cut a path of havoc and destruction in Boipatong on the night of June 17 when more than 40 people were killed.

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Top police appointments announced

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MAJOR-GENERAL Nick Acker, the Western Cape's regional police commissioner is to retain his post in a nation-wide shake-up.

Police yesterday released the names of 16 brigadiers who will be promoted to the rank of major-general on December 1.

Two of the new major-generals will serve as deputy-regional police commissioners under General Acker. They are Brigadier H M du Toit and Brigadier N S Snyman. Brigadier Du Toit will be head of community policing in Cape Town and Brigadier Snyman will retain his present post.

A police spokesman said Brigadier Du Toit was the current commanding officer of the police academy in Graaff-Reinet and Brigadier Snyman headed the Crime Combating and Investigation Unit for the Western Cape region.

Included in the list of promotions are South Africa's first black police generals.

● Major-General M S Tsoka will become a deputy regional commissioner and head of community relations in the Witwatersrand division, which serves Soweto.

● Major-General M Chetty will serve as head of community relations at police headquarters in Pretoria.

● Major-General J M Manuel will be the head of community relations in Natal.

A police spokesman said Brigadier Manuel, a former station commander at Mitchells Plain police station, will take up his post in Durban next year.

Police Commisioner General Johan van der Merwe said other structural changes to the police force, announced earlier, would be effective from December 1.



KEEPS JOB ... Nick Acker

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He denied being affiliated to any political group and said he had not been aware of the group's intention when they left the hostel.

Mr C said he did not see any members of the South African Police or any police vehicles in the township during the attack.

He saw a number of the attackers carrying goods such as television sets and radios back to the hostel. These were later set alight and burned.

They began to run when someone shouted that the police were coming. They returned to the hostel and retired to their rooms.

The commission earlier heard from another witness, an SAP special constable, that members of the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit (ISU) prevented the Sebokeng municipal police from trying to arrest KwaMadala Hostel residents on the night of the massacre.

Special Constable Diau Monare told the commission that on the night of June 17 he ran to the Boipatong police station to report the attack.

Neither the Boipatong police nor the Vereeniging ISU had armoured vehicles and could not enter the township. It was then arranged by radio that Sebokeng South municipal police would send a Casspir which travelled through the township.

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Mr Monare said that on arrival at the main gate of the hostel two armoured vehicles arrived and three ISU policemen carrying balaclavas alighted.

A police sergeant told them to leave.

The hearing continues tomorrow. — Sapa

City bus strike ends: 130 workers reinstated

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Staff Reporter

THE two-month-old Golden Arrow Bus strike was resolved yesterday after four weeks of mediation.

Of the 221 striking workers 130 were reinstated with a final written warning valid for six months and 49 were given retrenchment packages.

The remainder, who had not found work elsewhere, were put on a preferential waiting list, said a spokesman representing the Transport and General Workers Union, the Transport and Omnibus Union and Amalgamated Woodworkers Society.

The flashpoint of the strike came when Golden Arrow Bus Services brought criminal charges against three employees for malicious damages and stealing property.

The men had used the company's buses without permission to visit depots and rally support for safety measures in their jobs.

These charges were dropped during the course of the strike.

The 221 workers were dismissed when they failed to obey a court interdict forbidding employees to "instigate, incite or take part in a strike or to interfere with or disrupt the company's services" a statement from the management said.

The workers' demands for safer working conditions had been implemented and drivers were issued with bullet proof vests, the union spokesman said.

Civil servants warn govt

CT 22/10/92

By PETER DENNEHY

THOUSANDS of civil servants have issued a blunt warning to the government that it will face "severe disruptions" if it fails to respond positively to employee concerns over staff reductions.

Administration minister Dr Org Marais's press secretary said he would respond today.

Mr J A Louwrens, co-ordinator of a group of 11 unions and associations with a total membership of about 300 000, said they were demanding a moratorium on staff reductions until they were consulted. Among the organisations are the Public Servants' League and the Health Workers' Union.

Mr Louwrens said letters had been written to government ministers to protest against "the way the government has announced and applied its intention of reducing staff and related expenditure by 5%".

Mr Louwrens also complained that the government was applying two contradictory policies. On the one hand, it intended to reduce staff expenditure. On the other, "departments have been ordered to apply a policy of increased appointments to affect a policy of affirmative action".

Clinton's carrot and stick for SA

WASHINGTON. — If Mr Bill Clinton of Arkansas becomes the next president of the United States, he is likely to pursue a carrot-and-stick policy toward South Africa.

The carrot is a programme of aid and investment incentives to boost the economy once SA has a fully democratic government.

The stick is the maintenance of state and local sanctions in the United States — one of the main reasons why American corporations are reluctant to invest in SA — as well as continued restrictions on SA access to International Monetary Fund resources.

Mr Clinton, currently leading President George Bush in the polls for the November 3 election, outlined his policy on SA in a recent issue of the American magazine Africa Report. — Sapa

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MAJOR-GENERAL Nick Acker, the Western Cape's regional police commissioner is to retain his post in a nation-wide shake-up.

Police yesterday released the names of 16 brigadiers who will be promoted to the rank of major-general on December 1.

Two of the new major-generals will serve as deputy-regional police commissioners under General Acker. They are Brigadier H M du Toit and Brigadier N S Snyman. Brigadier Du Toit will be head of community policing in Cape Town and Brigadier Snyman will retain his present post.

A police spokesman said Brigadier Du Toit was the current commanding officer of the police academy in Graaff-Reinet and Brigadier Snyman headed the Crime Combating and Investigation Unit for the Western Cape region.

Included in the list of promotions are South Africa's first black police generals.

● Major-General M S Tsoka will become a deputy regional commissioner and head of community relations in the Witwatersrand division, which serves Soweto.

● Major-General M Chetty will serve as head of community relations at police headquarters in Pretoria.

● Major-General J M Manuel will be the head of community relations in Natal.

A police spokesman said Brigadier Manuel, a former station commander at Mitchells Plain police station, will take up his post in Durban next year.

Police Commisioner General Johan van der Merwe said other structural changes to the police force, announced earlier, would be effective from December 1.



KEEPS JOB ... Nick Acker

Boipatong: Hostel man tells of havoc

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'Armed group hit at people and property'

VEREENIGING. — A KwaMadala Hostel resident yesterday told the Goldstone Commission here how he and a heavily armed group of about 250 other hostel residents cut a path of havoc and destruction in Boipatong on the night of June 17 when more than 40 people were killed.

The resident, identified only as "Mr C", is in protective custody under the Criminal Procedure Act. He was released from the attorney-general's office to attend yesterday's hearing.

Mr C told the commission that the group, armed with sticks, kieries, spears and shields, entered Boipatong and attacked people and destroyed property.

He said the group scattered into smaller groups once they entered the township. He saw no guns but heard gunshots once they were in Boipatong.

His group of about nine people had not hurt anyone but vandalised the homes and property of Boipatong residents.

Mr C admitted seeing a man from another group emerging from a house holding a "blooded knife" which he realised must have been used to kill someone.

He denied being affiliated to any political group and said he had not been aware of the group's intention when they left the hostel.

Mr C said he did not see any members of the South African Police or any police vehicles in the township during the attack.

He saw a number of the attackers carrying goods such as television sets and radios back to the hostel. These were later set alight and burned.

They began to run when someone shouted that the police were coming. They returned to the hostel and retired to their rooms.

The commission earlier heard from another witness, an SAP special constable, that members of the Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit (ISU) prevented the Sebokeng municipal police from trying to arrest KwaMadala Hostel residents on the night of the massacre.

Special Constable Diau Monare told the commission that on the night of June 17 he ran to the Boipatong police station to report the attack.

Neither the Boipatong police nor the Vereeniging ISU had armoured vehicles and could not enter the township. It was then arranged by radio that Sebokeng South municipal police would send a Casspir which travelled through the township.

Mr Monare said he joined the municipal police in the back of the Casspir.

By this time there was no sign of the attackers. He told the commission that the Casspir then headed in the direction of KwaMadala Hostel.

On the way, South African Defence Force soldiers joined them, saying they had seen a large armed group crossing the road in the direction of KwaMadala.

Mr Monare said that on arrival at the main gate of the hostel two armoured vehicles arrived and three ISU policemen carrying balaclavas alighted.

A police sergeant told them to leave.

The hearing continues tomorrow. — Sapa

City bus strike ends: 130 workers reinstated

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Staff Reporter

THE two-month-old Golden Arrow Bus strike was resolved yesterday after four weeks of mediation.

Of the 221 striking workers 130 were reinstated with a final written warning valid for six months and 49 were given retrenchment packages.

The remainder, who had not found work elsewhere, were put on a preferential waiting list, said a spokesman representing the Transport and General Workers Union, the Transport and Omnibus Union and Amalgamated Woodworkers Society.

The flashpoint of the strike came when Golden Arrow Bus Services brought criminal charges against three employees for malicious damages and stealing property.

The men had used the company's buses without permission to visit depots and rally support for safety measures in their jobs.

These charges were dropped during the course of the strike.

The 221 workers were dismissed when they failed to obey a court interdict forbidding employees to "instigate, incite or take part in a strike or to interfere with or disrupt the company's services" a statement from the management said.

The workers' demands for safer working conditions had been implemented and drivers were issued with bullet proof vests, the union spokesman said.

Civil servants warn govt

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By PETER DENNEHY

THOUSANDS of civil servants have issued a blunt warning to the government that it will face "severe disruptions" if it fails to respond positively to employee concerns over staff reductions.

Administration minister Dr Org Marais's press secretary said he would respond today.

Mr J A Louwrens, co-ordinator of a group of 11 unions and associations with a total membership of about 300 000, said they were demanding a moratorium on staff reductions until they were consulted. Among the organisations are the Public Servants' League and the Health Workers' Union.

Mr Louwrens said letters had been written to government ministers to protest against "the way the government has announced and applied its intention of reducing staff and related expenditure by 5%".

Mr Louwrens also complained that the government was applying two contradictory policies. On the one hand, it intended to reduce staff expenditure. On the other, "departments have been ordered to apply a policy of increased appointments to affect a policy of affirmative action".

Clinton's carrot and stick for SA

WASHINGTON. — If Mr Bill Clinton of Arkansas becomes the next president of the United States, he is likely to pursue a carrot-and-stick policy toward South Africa.

The carrot is a programme of aid and investment incentives to boost the economy once SA has a fully democratic government.

The stick is the maintenance of state and local sanctions in the United States — one of the main reasons why American corporations are reluctant to invest in SA — as well as continued restrictions on SA access to International Monetary Fund resources.

Mr Clinton, currently leading President George Bush in the polls for the November 3 election, outlined his policy on SA in a recent issue of the American magazine Africa Report. — Sapa

Stayaway 'a success'

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■ State sabotage efforts fail:

By Mandla Zibi

MONDAY'S stayaway called by the Witwatersrand region of the Azanian People's Organisation was a success despite Government efforts to sabotage it.

The stayaway call was made to commemorate Black Solidarity Day, October 19 1978, when the Government banned 18 black political organisations and two black newspapers, *World* and *Weekend World*.

Azapo official Mr Monwabisi Duna said his organisation felt the move had been successful despite the arrest of one of their Soweto organisers, Mr Shiiko Ramasele.

Mr Shiiko Ramasele said he was briefly arrested by police on Saturday after they had seen pamphlets and posters in his bakkie.

"This was clearly a case of political sabotage by the police" said Ramasele, who was released on Monday this week.

NEWS Political violence has shifted back to Natal ● Murderer hated his stepmother

Decapitation was most brutal - HRC

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■ **PWV region experiences a significant drop in killings but train attacks increase:**

A MAN'S head was cut off and taken away by his assailants in a most "inexplicably brutal" attack in the week from October 14-20, which saw 56 deaths countrywide, the Human Rights Commission said yesterday.

The victim was one of two in the October 16 attack on Adam's Mission, south of Durban, during a week which saw political violence shift back to Natal.

The HRC weekly repression report also cited a six-year-old boy who died after he was assaulted and thrown into a burning shack by his assailants in a weekend attack on Umgababa.

His seven-year-old brother was stabbed, but survived.

Thirty-seven people were killed in the troubled province as opposed to the 21 the previous week.

The PWV region, however, experienced a significant drop in killings. Alexandra township, where 18 people were killed during the previous week, showed three deaths this week.

Train attacks in the region increased with eight deaths and nine injuries resulting from six attacks. - *Sapa.*

Boipatong: One Casspir was sent

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VEREENIGING. — The Internal Stability Unit here initially sent only one vehicle to Boipatong on June 17 in response to reports that an attack, which claimed more than 40 lives, was under way, the Goldstone Commission heard yesterday.

Lance Sergeant Vorster Brand Schlebusch of the Vereeniging ISU told the commission his commander, a Sergeant Kruger, had indicated that he had administrative duties and would join him later.

When they arrived in Boipatong in a Casspir armoured vehicle, they found the streets barricaded and unnaturally quiet.

"In my experience if an area is that quiet you know that something is not right."

They saw one other Casspir in the township — a Sebokeng municipal police vehicle.

At 761 Lekoa Street a man waved them down. The man, Mr Abednigo Mabuza, was hysterical and incoherent. The sergeant asked him to climb into the Casspir and Mr Mabuza said his relatives and other people had been killed.

Conflicting evidence

The Casspir was driven down the street and Sergeant Schlebusch noticed that homes had been vandalised. They reversed to house 761 where they found a dead woman and another critically injured.

Sergeant Schlebusch's evidence conflicts with that given on Wednesday by Mr Mabuza, who said the police had forced him at gunpoint into the Casspir and had not listened to his explanations, saying they "had no time".

Mr Mabuza said the police did not assist the injured and insisted on having photographs of them taken before calling ambulances.

Sergeant Schlebusch denied this, saying he contacted radio control immediately.

A KwaMadala Hostel resident — Mr C — alleged in evidence yesterday that police had assaulted him to obtain a statement.

On Wednesday Mr C gave the commission an account of how he and about 250 other heavily-armed KwaMadala Hostel residents had attacked Boipatong.

He is in protective custody. — Sapa

'Pattern' to railway violence

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A pattern which went some way to explaining violence on PWV commuter trains was emerging, SA Rail and Commuter Corporation and ANC-aligned spokesmen said yesterday.

Speaking after a meeting between the parties, SARCC spokesman Mr Koos Meyer said a direct link had been established between violence on trains and that in nearby communities. Shifts in township violence had correlated with shifts in train violence.

Cosatu official Mr Alfred Woodington said the conflict was being generated by a group who were trying to derail multilateral talks on the issue.

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PWV train violence 'developing a pattern'

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RAY HARTLEY

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Shifts in township violence from east to west had been correlated with similar shifts in train violence, he said.

Cosatu official Alfred Woodington said train lines between Soweto and Johannesburg and between Katlehong and Germiston had been identified as epicentres of train violence.

He said the conflict was being generated by a grouping trying to derail multilateral talks on the issue. Attacks had also been found to follow publicised breakthroughs in the talks.

Progress had been made in identifying the perpetrators of the violence, but it was too early to publicise this, he said.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the ANC continued to believe government was using surrogates to conduct "low intensity war" leading to train violence.

Woodington said a working group on measures aimed at preventing train violence would look at access control at trains and stations, viable policing and public relations.

Meyer said a second working group would deal with policing methods and arrangements had been made for a joint ANC alliance/SARCC delegation to visit a police operations room to observe existing methods.

"There's always crime and there will always be this violence on trains, but it is our duty to see that it is limited," he said.

"Nobody, not even the Goldstone commission, could find a reason for the violence. It's very difficult to solve the problem until you know the cause," he added.

Woodington said the parties would meet next week to prioritise action to be taken by the two committees and to set time frameworks.

Sapa reports a man was stabbed and pushed off a train at a Germiston station, east of Johannesburg, yesterday morning.

Witwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said L Ncube was stabbed numerous times with a sharp object before being pushed off the train at Driehoek Station.

He was admitted to Germiston's Willem Cruywagen Hospital in a critical condition.

No arrests have been made.

Fancourt directors oppose Masterbond liquidation bid

PETER GALLI

THE Fancourt board of directors has opposed the application by Masterbond curators to have the upmarket golf development in George placed in liquidation.

The board said the curators had failed to obtain the urgent application brought before the Cape Town Supreme Court on Wednesday and that they had filed an opposing affidavit.

As a result, the matter would now be heard on November 17 to allow the curators an opportunity to respond to this affidavit.

However, directors could not be reached for further comment and specific details of the affidavit were unavailable.

"We believe we will successfully oppose the curator's application," the statement said.

"If we do so, this will have caused unnecessary damage to the project and will have wasted about R200 000 by the time the matter is heard."

The directors added that Fancourt was never a Masterbond company and its recent difficulties were caused by Masterbond's inability to meet its financial commitments to Fancourt.

Fancourt has retained the services of Mallinick, Ress, Richman & Closenberg, assisted by advocates Jeremy Gauntlett, SC, and John Dickerson, to oppose the motion.

Zimbabwean trucks talks

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HARARE — Zimbabwe's Transport Minister Dennis Norman held urgent talks with Mozambique authorities yesterday concerning a dispute that has left dozens of Zimbabwean trucks with food aid stranded in Mozambique.

The dispute arose two weeks ago when Mozambique raised fees for trucks moving through its territory to $150 from $25 a truck, in hard currency.

The Zimbabwean officials said Norman wanted the dispute resolved quickly as the rainy season starting next month could close some roads and prevent movement of the aid. — Sapa-Reuter.

service even before the end of the year."

Training a vital component of affirmative action

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■ Courses on job skill and management:

TELKOM says it is involving trade unions in its affirmative action strategy - "needed for competitive advantage and business viability" - and does not expect any large stumbling-blocks.

Training is an important component and includes:

● A managers-in-training course for high-potential employees.

It's aimed at enhancing interpersonal skills, self-knowledge and management ability in a culturally diverse milieu.

● Literacy/numeracy programmes for the unskilled.

● Practical technical courses for employees.

Overseas courses are also included.

"We see the emphasis falling on accelerated job-skill/academic training; effective people management skills; and equal employment and promotion opportunities," says Telkom.

Five more die in Reef violence

JOHANNESBURG. — At least five people died in political violence in townships on the Reef on Wednesday.

Two people were found dead at a squatter camp at Evaton, one in a burnt-out car and the other outside the vehicle with bullet wounds.

The body of a man was found in Sebokeng and another was found in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg.

A man was stabbed and pushed off a train at Driehoek station, near Germiston, police said.

A policeman was shot in the face with his service pistol after four men pinned him to the ground at Kagiso, on the West Rand, yesterday morning.

Constable N T Tladi, 25, was admitted to hospital in a serious condition.

Six men had been arrested in connection with the illegal possession of seven firearms and a PPM mine on a smallholding in Westonaria on the West Rand in the past two days, police said.

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Violence flared in Estcourt's troubled Wembezi township and at least five houses were burnt, people stoned and shots fired. CT 23/10/92

Prince's mystery fall from grace

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Phola Park's Prince Mhlambi was an extraordinary young man whose dedication to his community and leadership skills shot him to prominence. Why, then, did he attract so much controversy — and why has he been killed? By

LINDA RULASHE

PRINCE Mhlambi, the charismatic young Phola Park community leader gunned down a week ago, remains an enigma.

While his undeniable commitment to the volatile East Rand shack settlement is commended by the Phola Park community and by those who worked with him, some of his liaisons — particularly with the police — and his motives are still under scrutiny.

Mhlambi (25) was a Zulu speaker within a largely Xhosa community, and his fluency in English, his communication skills and natural leadership qualities made him an obvious candidate to link up with outside organisations. He continually engaged individuals and organisations who were helpful in the development of Phola Park, pressing donors and sponsors for help and consulting lawyers, social workers and other professionals in the process.

However, some have suggested these contacts "were never in touch with the real Phola Park" and only saw it through the eyes of Mhlambi and his committee. Evidence of this is to be found, they say, in the fact that organisations involved in one development scheme have adopted a wait-and-see attitude since the ousting of the former residents' committee of which Mhlambi was vice-president by a self-defence unit comprising dissident African National Congress cadres.

A community worker says Mhlambi was wrongly perceived as a "paragon of virtue". Others have critised him for being "an undemocratic leader" who did not consult with his community but "went out on his own" to solicit financial assistance.

Certainly, his leadership skills and ability to liaise with different groupings opened him to immense scrutiny — typical of the "social relations within informal settlements, where accountability and democracy are always called for", as one project worker put it. He operated in a tangled web of mysterious forces in Phola Park, which may lend weight to theories that his death was linked to forces within the community.

But his long-time attorney, Mohseen Moosa, counters these theories and says he has the evidence to prove it.

Moosa's claims back up a widespread belief that there is a potentially lethal combination operating in Phola Park, comprising criminal elements who dabble in car racketeering and arms smuggling, political organisations striving for supremacy, self-defence units fighting for their own turf and continual police harassment. There is also a belief that the community is at the mercy of renegade criminal elements who are masquerading as legitimate self-defence units.

Moosa concedes the dangers faced by Mhlambi as a highly visible leader working in such a complex community, but insists that "the community of Phola Park, or elements within Phola Park, were not responsible in any manner whatsoever for the killing".

Police say they are following up Moosa's leads.

Mhlambi was driving away from a party on October 10 when he and four passengers were attacked by gunmen with AK47s. He and two youths were killed instantly, another died on arrival at hospital and the final victim died later in the week. Mhlambi is survived by his six-month pregnant wife Grace and two-year-old son Oliver.

Those who knew Mhlambi well — most have been threatened and fear reprisals if they are named, and express concern about jeopardising the "delicate situation" in Phola Park — say his commitment and dedication to the community were inconsequential to those bent on destabilising it.

Geoff Budlender, of the Legal Resources Centre, remarks that Mhlambi "knew his life must have been at risk but nevertheless went on working for the community".

Mhlambi moved to Phola Park in 1987. He had become politically active during the mid-1980s and his inspiration came from Tsietsi Mashinini, a 1976 Soweto leader.

Mhlambi's key role in canvassing money for Phola Park's development led to the start of a comprehensive development project, but its introduction exacerbated tensions and was partly responsible for plunging the community into further distress and anarchy.

Among the sources of contention were R23-million put up by the government-funded International Development Trust (IDT) and the fund-raising structure called Kwasa set up by the residents' committee. Though residents recognised that Mhlambi had successfully canvassed funds, dissatisfaction arose because he failed to divulge how the money was being spent.

In April, a self-defence unit allegedly comprising dissident ANC cadres usurped power at gunpoint from the elected residents' committee after the committee members failed to attend a meeting at which they were going to be held accountable for the money raised.

Rumours began to spread and Mhlambi, together with other local leaders, was accused of stealing the funds. At least in the case of the IDT money, this was discovered to be unfounded as none of the leaders had access to the money, which was being held in trust.

Police response to the ousting — harassing residents and concentrating particularly on the arrest of self-defence unit members — fuelled rumours that Mhlambi had supplied the police with names. Some believe that the state of confusion at this point furthered the police's interests in dividing the community.

The leaders were killed or hounded out of the area and their shacks burnt down. Mhlambi sought refuge in Johannesburg; others went to nearby shack settlements and townships.

During several attempts to forge peace in the community, Mhlambi's dealings with the police became the source of further allegations. It was said that while Phola Park remained "relatively calm" with his intervention, living conditions became unbearable after he and his fellow committee members left and the police moved in.

Mhlambi described these difficulties at an Institute for a Democratic South Africa conference on policing a week before he was killed. He said distrust had become so bad during his term of vice-presidency that suspicions of committee members being police informers had led to the death of two civic leaders, Harris Booi and Johnson Madiga.

Suspicions also arose when Mhlambi, who had always vehemently opposed the ANC, recently decided to become a member of the organisation. According to some residents, the self-defence unit which ousted Mhlambi's residents' committee was "his ticket back into the community, and he therefore had to be seen to be siding with them".

HI, I'M COLLECTING MONEY... THAT CONVICTED ... WE'RE RAFFLING ... GIVE ME

Policeman denies treating Boipatong 'lightly'

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MELODY McDOUGALL
Weekend Argus Correspondent

VEREENIGING. — A member of the police internal stability unit testifying before the Goldstone Commission in Vereeniging has denied allegations that police on the scene of the Boipatong massacre had treated the situation lightly.

Lance-Sergeant Vorster Brand Schlebusch was reacting to claims by a previous witness that he had been playfully "boxed" by police at a house in the township where there were dead and injured people.

Dismissing these allegations, he yesterday told the commission, chaired by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, that policemen on the scene of the carnage were there to do their duty and had treated the matter very seriously.

According to Lance-Sergeant Schlebusch, he and five colleagues were sent to the township shortly after 10pm on June 17 after receiving a message that people and houses were being attacked in Boipatong.

On Thursday, he told the commission only one of four Casspirs was available for immediate dispatch to the township when the message was received. This was because two drivers and a section commander were off ill.

Continuing his evidence yesterday, Lance-Sergeant Schlebusch said he and the others in his section arrived in Boipatong about 10.30pm. Shortly afterwards, the first deaths and injuries were reported to him. He also was told then that inmates of the Kwamadala hostel had been responsible for the attack.

He said that, at that stage, residents appeared to be peaceful and calm, but crowds soon started gathering where he had discovered the first body. He then radioed for help.

After he visited another house in the area, he received more reports of deaths and injuries and then realised the situation was far more serious than initially thought. Later, he went to several more houses where a number of dead and injured people were found.

Lance-Sergeant Schlebusch admitted to the commission that entries recording two of his radio calls from Boipatong to the radio control centre, differed in time and detail from the entries he had made in his pocket book.

He was unable to explain why and how the different entries had been made.

Tape recordings of all radio calls made by the ISU on the night of June 17 were erased by the unit the following day. The ISU claimed the recording were taped over accidentally.

Deputy minister 'told lie'

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Political Staff

THE Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr Danie Schutte, had told "a lie" when he said on television that all parties supported the Further Indemnity Bill and their only objection was that they had not enough time to study it, the Democratic Party said yesterday.

"This is a lie and Mr Schutte knows it is a lie," it said in a statement issued by one of its representatives on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Justice, Mr Douglas Gibson.

Mr Gibson said the Motion of Desirability was defeated at the Standing Committee when all parties, apart from the National Party and the AVU, voted against the bill.

Govt, PAC meeting 'amicable'

GABORONE. — Talks between the South African government and the Pan-Africanist Congress continued into last night here, with both sides describing the discussion as amicable.

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No statement would be isssued after yesterday's talks, government spokesman Mr Marius Kleinhans and PAC spokesman Mr Jaki Seroke agreed.

Mr Seroke said the activities of its military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) in South Africa could not be dealt with under the general item for internecine violence.

As yet there were no indications as to whether both parties had agreed on any items on the agenda. — Sapa

Name list incorrect, says ANC

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE ANC said last night that the list of names published yesterday of alleged torturers in its camps in exile was "inacurate" and included names of people who could in no way be connected to any of the allegations.

The ANC's response followed the publication in the Weekly Mail of what the newspaper billed as "The names the ANC tried to hide".

The names published included those of key ANC officials, including some still in leadership positions.

Earlier this week the ANC released details of "abuses of the most chilling kind" contained in its own Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Complaints by former ANC prisoners in the organisation's camps.

However, the ANC stopped short of naming the individuals accused and the organisation said last night that it had begun the process of setting up an independent commission of inquiry before names were disclosed.

The Weekly Mail reported that its own investigation had revealed that:

● A number of people currently employed at ANC headquarters in Shell House, Johannesburg, were allegedly personally and directly implicated in torture and murders. These included one of Mr Nelson Mandela's bodyguards (M B Mavuso or "Jomo") and others who are still in the department of intelligence and security (including "Africa Nkwe" or Oupa Shadrack Khumalo and "Sizwe Mkontp").

● Others allegedly involved in the abuses have since been promoted, such as Mr Andrew Masondo, the current head of the ANC mission in Uganda. He replaced Mr Thenjiwe Mthintso, the "hero" of the report and allegedly one of the few ANC officials who went out of their way to help the detainees.

● A number of the most senior ANC officials appeared to know about the conditions in the camps but allegedly did not do enough to change things. These include the then president, Mr Oliver Tambo, commander of uMkhonto weSizwe Mr Joe Modise and former MK chief of staff Mr Chris Hani.



NAMED ... Chris Hani



NAMED ... Oliver Tambo

Lubowski killing 'was CCB project'

JOHANNESBURG. — The murder of Swapo executive member Mr Anton Lubowski was a Civil Co-operation Bureau project but the shotgun killing of University of the Witwatersrand academic Dr David Webster was not, the Deputy Commissioner of Police in Namibia, Colonel Jumbo Smit, told the Webster inquest in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Colonel Smit said this had been told him by Brixton Murder and Robbery head Brigadier Floris Mostert, who got the information from CCB head Colonel Joe Verster.

Colonel Smit told the inquest that the head of the CCB's Region Six, Colonel Staal Burger, and operative Mr Calla Botha were involved in a conspiracy to kill Mr Lubowski.

He tried to contact Colonel Burger and other CCB members possibly connected to the Lubowski killing for a statement before Namibian independence on March 21, 1990.

After that date he had no authority to warn people in South Africa who were possible suspects in a murder case and get them to make a statement.

Colonel Smit said he had a statement from CCB operative Mr Abraham "Slang" van Zyl in which Mr Van Zyl said he had been at a CCB "in-house" meeting awaiting Colonel Verster where the "Lubowski thing" was to be planned.

Mr Van Zyl and Mr Botha were told to leave before Colonel Verster arrived. CT 24/10/92

It was suspected that Colonel Burger, Mr Botha and another CCB operative, Mr Chappie Maree, were involved in the Lubowski killing, but there was nothing to show that Colonel Burger or Mr Maree were in Namibia on the day of the shooting, September 12, 1989.

The inquest continues on Monday. — Sapa



NEW HOME ... Conservationists encourage some of the six zebra relocated at the Groote Schuur Estate, near UCT, to move into their new home yesterday. The zebra are part of a programme to selectively breed a quagga.

Picture: CLIVE SMITH

'Quagga breeders' come to city

SIX plains zebra — all part of the controversial quagga breeding project — were freed yesterday on the Groote Schuur Estate near the University of Cape Town.

The five-year-old Quagga Project, the brainchild of Mr Reinhold Rau of the SA Museum, is trying to breed an animal as close as possible to the quagga, which was hunted to extinction near the end of the last century.

Mr Rau, a taxidermist, discovered through genetic tests that the quagga was a sub-species of the plains zebra.

The theory is that quagga characteristics are present in certain zebra, and selective breeding may concentrate these genes.

The selective breeding programme began at the Vrolijkheid research station near Robertson in 1987, but the six were moved to Cape Town because the increasing herd size was placing a strain on the Vrolijkheid station.

Mr Rau is confident the project will culminate in a quagga-like animal, despite the scepticism of detractors.

"Whether it will be 100% genetically the same as an original quagga we will never know," he says.

Boipatong: Attackers not pursued

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VEREENIGING. — The local Internal Stability Unit did nothing to identify, pursue or arrest the attackers in the Boipatong massacre which left more than 40 residents dead on the night of June 17, two members of the unit told the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

Lance Sergeant Vorster Schlebusch and shift commander Sergeant Deon Kruger told the commission, which is hearing evidence on the massacre here, that they both considered it a priority to stabilise the area before pursuing suspects.

Sergeant Schlebusch said it was the duty of the investigating officers who went to Boipatong the following morning to establish who the attackers were. He said if he could have identified the attackers he would have tried to arrest them.

ANC senior counsel Mr Denis Kuny put it to Sergeant Schlebusch that the attackers were identified by witnesses as IFP members from KwaMadala hostel.

Sergeant Schlebusch said: "It was my task to stabilise the area. I could not give attention to arresting the attackers. I can't be in two places at once."

Sergeant Kruger said that he, too, had done nothing to arrest KwaMadala hostel residents in spite of reports from the crew of an SADF Buffel vehicle that they had seen a large group of about 500 people crossing the road from the township towards the hostel.

It also emerged yesterday that one of the homes attacked, in which two children were killed, belonged to a special constable attached to the police here.

Constable Patrick Njoli's two children, Ndo, 14 and Thselela, 8, died of hack and stab wounds, and his wife Martha was stabbed and shot. — Sapa

Observers' costs shared

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Political Correspondent

THE costs of visits by United Nations and Organisation of African Unity observers are not being fully borne by the South African taxpayer.

Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha said the government would provide financial assistance to the observers for office accommodation and related expenditure.

These expenses were usually borne by the host country where an international observer team was deployed, Mr Botha said in reply to a question from the CP MP for Brakpan, Mr Frank le Roux.

ANC to challenge 'ban' in KwaZulu

DURBAN. — The ANC intends going to the Supreme Court to challenge the KwaZulu authorities' alleged virtual banning of public meetings by the organisation and its allies.

This was announced at a news conference here yesterday, where the ANC said it was to consult lawyers.

Plans for court action followed the latest unsuccessful attempt by the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) to secure a public meeting in Sundumbili township, outside Mandini.

Four previous applications have been turned down by the Inkatha-dominated local council.

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An ANC spokesman said township authorities had cited procedural problems and the volatile situation in the area as the reasons for the refusals.

The Inkatha Freedom Party, in a statement yesterday, said the ANC's demand for free political expression in KwaZulu was "akin to the pot calling the kettle black when considering that ANC political activity was always accompanied by terror tactics".

● Five Commonwealth observers flew into Durban yesterday to monitor violence in Natal, send reports to their secretary-general on political fighting in the province and give recommendations on how to quell it.

Reports submitted to the secretary-general would be referred to several Commonwealth governments which aim to influence people involved in violence to stop.

● In Mpumalanga, near Maritzburg, the ANC and IFP are due to hold a joint rally tomorrow to cement a local peace agreement. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

Two policemen shot dead

DURBAN. — Gunmen shot dead two policemen in separate incidents in townships around Durban on Thursday in a wave of attacks on officers that has left five policemen dead this week.

The deaths brought to at least 65 the number of policemen killed in Natal so far this year. Authorities say 170 policemen have died nationwide.

Four other people were reported killed in Natal on Thursday, one of them a 17-year-old girl who was gunned down as she rode a motorcycle with her boyfriend in KwaMashu township. CT 24/10/92

● A Goldstone Commission committee will sit next month to investigate the origins of "recent serious and violent attacks" on policemen.

Commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said the committee would comprise Mr G Steyn, a commission member, and Mr S Moshidi, a Johannesburg attorney. The committee would sit from November 9 to 13 in Pretoria. — Sapa



GRAVE ISSUE ... Shocked residents discuss the appalling burial procedure of 11 corpses which were allegedly tossed into graves. ■ Pic: TLADI KHUELE

Blacks abused even in death

By MOSES MAMAILA

INHUMANE treatment is the lot of black people, even in death.

These sentiments were expressed by ANC PWV regional chairman Tokyo Sexwale on Friday at the Ratanda graveyard in Heidelberg where 11 bodies were thrown into shallow graves, allegedly by police.

Coffins in most of the graves were upside-down which confirmed claims by gravediggers that the police actually threw the bodies haphazardly into their "permanent homes"

Speaking at the scene, Sexwale said: "You do not have to open the coffins to know that the deceased are black. Only blacks in this country are subjected to this kind of treatment."

The small community outside Heidelberg has been shocked by the heartless treatment of the dead.

ANC to challenge KwaZulu in court

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By S'BU MNGADI

WHILE Inkatha defiantly marched through Johannesburg last Saturday – courtesy of the new SA – the old SA remained firmly entrenched back in KwaZulu.

Authorities in the homeland have only granted the ANC permission to hold two public meetings in KwaZulu north of Thukela River since the ANC was unbanned on February 2 1990.

Northern Natal ANC secretary Senzo Mchunu told a press conference in Duban on Friday that KwaZulu authorities' political intolerance continued to deprive non-Inkatha residents of free political activity in the homeland.

The ANC-Cosatu-SACP alliance began preparing on Friday to lodge an urgent Supreme Court application to prevent KwaZulu from blocking non-Inkatha members' access to public facilities.

Meanwhile, a special meeting of the Natal/KwaZulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee resolved to refer the issue to the National Peace Secretariat (NPS) to be heard at a national meeting of the National Peace Accord (NPA) signatories soon.

According to Peace Secretariat chairman MC Pretorius, the dispute resolution meeting was also attended by Peace Secretariat chairman Antonie Gildenhuys, KwaZulu interior minister Stephen Sithebe, northern Natal ANC chairman Dr Aaron Ndlovu and US observers Angela King and Ismat Steiner.

Pretorius said the national signatories' meeting would negotiate the terms and conditions for making use of venues and find a solution to the recognition of tribal and local government structures.

Cops forced to exhume bodies they dumped

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By KURT SWART

THIS was the macabre sight as police exhumed 14 unidentified bodies on the orders of the Goldstone commission at Ratanda township, near Heidelberg, this week.

Police had earlier dumped coffins containing the bodies in a row of unmarked graves.

After complaints by the African National Congress, the commission told the police to return the corpses to a government mortuary for identification.

This weekend, Ratanda residents were still angry after witnessing a police unit, accompanied by a team of gravediggers, drop the coffins into open graves on Thursday morning. Eleven graves were left uncovered.

Tense

Police have given conflicting statements about the reasons for the mass burial.

Lieutenant-Colonel Roelf Rohrs, one of the officers who carried out the exhumation, said all except one body had been identified before burial.

"Some are murder victims, some have died of natural causes and some of unnatural causes," he said.

A later statement by a police spokesman contradicted this. It said police obtained magisterial permission to bury the bodies after they had lain unidentified at a government mortuary for six months.

Community leaders said the Ratanda community believed the bodies were those of victims of recent violence in the township, involving residents, the police and Inkatha-aligned hostel-dwellers.

According to ANC Ratanda branch chairman Obed Nkosi, police arrived in trucks at the township cemetery with 14 coffins carrying unidentified bodies.

Angry residents engaged in a tense stand-off with police as the 14 graves were dug.

"Why were the police involved in this mass burial and why were these bodies dumped here without dignity? Who are the dead?

"They could be my parents, my uncle, other relatives — there are so many people who have gone missing here and in other areas," said Mr Nkosi.

"If this were to happen with white bodies, there would be a tremendous backlash against the government. We condemn the treatment of our people by the SAP and the government."

ANC PWV officials Ronnie Mamoepa and Tokyo Sexwale visited the gravesite on Friday in the company of six United Nations observers.

"We are disgusted at the way these bodies were dumped in unmarked mass graves. The graves themselves are shallow and a health risk," said Mr Mamoepa.

"We are also appalled that not even the normal procedures of lowering the coffins was followed. You could see they were just thrown in.

"One coffin was upside down, one was broken and some were lying skew inside the grave, not even touching the bottom."

The ANC was told about the burials by the local community and instructed its lawyers to contact Judge Goldstone, who appointed advocate PJ Botbijl to investigate.

The ANC also contacted Police Commissioner Major-General Johan van der Merwe, who appointed a Heidelberg police officer to investigate the burials.

Removal

On Friday evening, ANC members and policemen under the command of Colonel Rohrs negotiated the removal of the coffins.

In the gathering darkness, under the glare of the spotlamps of a police Nyala, teams of policemen in camouflage uniform, wearing white surgical masks and red gloves, began hoisting up the coffins one by one with the aid of a hosepipe serving as a makeshift rope.

Tomorrow, in an identification process facilitated by the Goldstone commission, the bodies will be photographed and fingerprinted in the presence of police and lawyers representing the ANC

Cops did not arrest killers

THE Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit did nothing to identify, pursue or arrest the perpetrators of the attack on Boipatong residents which left more than 40 people dead on the night of June 17, two members of the unit told the Goldstone Commission on Friday.

Lance-Sgt Vorster Brand Schlebusch and shift commander Sgt Deon Kruger told the commission, which is hearing evidence on the massacre in Vereeniging, that they both considered it a priority to stabilise the area before pursuing suspects.

Schlebusch said it was the duty of the investigating officers who went to Boipatong the next morning to establish who the attackers were. - *Sapa.*

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Squatter killed by horseman

■ Peace threatened:

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A 42-YEAR-OLD Zevenfontein man was allegedly shot dead by four white men yesterday while he and friends from the squatter settlement were looking for poles in a nearby veld.

The incident threatens the relative peace in Zevenfontein since violent clashes between the squatters and TPA officials over planned forced removals stopped a few months ago.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel confirmed the killing.

Violence almost erupted yesterday when residents attempted to stop police removing the body. - *Sapa*

ISU 'did nothing'

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■ Shift commander's actions were 'extraordinary':

THE Vereeniging Internal Stability Unit shift commander, Sergeant Deon Kruger, did nothing to co-ordinate the actions of the security forces present in and around Boipatong on the night of the June 17 massacre, the Goldstone Commission heard yesterday.

Kruger told the commission he had not sought or exchanged information with municipal police or Iscor security, both of whom were on the scene at the KwaMadala hostel following the attack.

Cross examination

He conceded during cross examination by African National Congress counsel Mr Karel Tip that he had also done nothing to co-ordinate the actions of the ISU, the South African Defence Force, Iscor security and the municipal police in order to arrest the KwaMadala hostel residents who were the prime suspects.

Tip put it to Kruger that his failure to make inquiries or to co-ordinate the security forces' action against the KwaMadala residents was, "to say the least, extraordinary".

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Complete absence

"I put it to you that your failure to take steps to identify, pursue, or arrest the attackers can only be consistent with a complete absence of will or desire to act," Tip said.

Kruger said the ISU's duty was to stabilise the area and the investigative team was to do the rest.

He said the investigators had indicated to him that they would return at sunrise to search the hostels. He said that he would not have entered the hostels with less than 500 men as the hostel was notoriously violent and dangerous.

He added that it was the duty of the investigative team and of the ISU to identify and later remove the attackers from KwaMadala hostel.

The hearing continues. - *Sapa.*

Soldier shot in township search

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PRETORIA. — A South African Defence Force member was shot and seriously wounded yesterday while taking part in a search operation in Katlehong near Germiston.

The attacker was shot dead shortly afterwards.

Police said members of the SADF had helped cordon off part of the township for a search when a youth armed with an AK-47 rifle fired on them.

Police fired back, killing the man. The names have not been released.

Two attacks were made on police patrols in Khayelitsha at the weekend and a Kwazulu police-man stationed at Mpumalanga was shot in the back near the police station. A man who was shot in an exchange of fire was arrested.

On Saturday shots were fired at a police Casspir at Site B, Khayelitsha, causing slight damage. Police used tearsmoke to disperse a crowd throwing stones and bottles at the vehicle.

On Sunday a group of about 40 men threw stones, bricks and bottles at a Casspir, also at Site B, and police fired rubber bullets and tearsmoke.

No one was injured.

In other incidents:

● At Indodo, Umkomaas, extensive damage was caused to several homes which had been set alight. A man was killed when a number of rounds were fired at him during the incident.

● At Katlehong, Alberton, a home was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

● At Zevenfontein squatter camp police found the body of a man with bullet wounds.

● At Daveyton, Benoni, a woman was injured when gunmen fired on a minibus.

● The body of a 21-year-old man who had been shot in the head was found at Umlazi's U Section.

● Five women and a one-year-old child were seriously injured when people armed with grenades and firearms attacked the Khuzwayo homestead in the Mkhazini area at KwaMakhutha.

The casualties, all members of Mr E Khuzwayo's family, are believed to be IFP supporters. — Sapa

EAST LONDON. — A Ciskei soldier was killed and seven people were injured when a military bus was attacked in a dawn ambush yesterday.

The bus, which was travelling from Dimbaza to a base near Bisho, was sprayed with automatic rifle fire.

Two soldiers and five civilians were wounded.

● Six people were arrested after the body of a Ciskei soldier was found in the Buffalo River near Zwelitsha on Sunday.

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Officer 'knew of massacre 7 hrs on'

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VEREENIGING. — It was seven hours after the June 17 Boipatong killings that the former head of Vereeniging's Internal Stability Unit, Captain Desmond Roos, knew the incident had assumed the proportions of a massacre.

This was Capt Roos's evidence yesterday to the Goldstone Commission.

Capt Roos testified that by 1.15am on June 18, the unit had only discovered two bodies and a number of injured people. He said he had not been on duty but was monitoring what was happening by radio.

It was only at 6.15am that he was telephoned and told that the unit's two vehicles in the township had discovered a further 10 or 11 bodies. Only then had he called for reinforcements. Capt Roos admitted he had not gone into the township although it was normal for him to do so if more than two people were killed.

Capt Roos also confirmed earlier evidence that the ISU had done nothing to pursue, identify or apprehend the attackers on June 17 or the morning of June 18. He said it was up to the investigative team to establish who the suspects were.

ANC counsel Mr Arthur Chaskalson said: "I put it to you that the general view in places like Boipatong is that when it comes to attacks by hostel inmates on township residents, police treat it as black-on-black violence and don't react as they would if it were black-on-white violence." Capt Roos denied this.

Since the massacre, the ISU in Vereeniging had been upgraded and Capt Roos was transferred to the Vereeniging SAP's uniform branch.

Earlier yesterday, the Vereeniging ISU's shift commander, Sergeant Deon Kruger, testified he had done nothing to co-ordinate the actions of the security forces in and around Boipatong on June 17.

The hearing will continue today. — Sapa

Boipatong cop denies claims

■ LAST WITNESS Driver tells Judge

Goldstone colleague asked him why he gave whites army vehicle:

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A MUNICIPAL policeman yesterday told the Goldstone Commission a colleague recently asked him why he had given a Casspir to "whites" on the night of the Boipatong massacre.

Constable Phafodi Khanye was testifying before the Commission, chaired by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, investigating the massacre on June 17.

More than 40 men, women and children were killed.

The last witness to be called to testify, Constable Khanye, said under cross-examination by counsel for the SAP, Advocate Flip Hattingh, that he was recently approached at his home by a Constable Monare. Monare said he had heard that Khanye had given a Casspir he (Khanye) was driving to "whites" on the night in question.

Khanye said Monare explained himself. Monare started having doubts about the identity of the person who was supposed to "have given the Casspir to the whites" after Khanye's explanation.

The witness said he then walked away because Monare had no authority to question him in his house. He had already made a statement about all he knew.

Monare's earlier evidence conflicted with that of Khanye and other policemen.

Khanye said he received a message on June 17 about 10.10pm to go to Boipatong as residents were being attacked. He did this. Shortly after entering the township he came across a woman at the intersection of Lekoa and Bafokeng streets who was covered with blood.

An ambulance was called before he was ordered to proceed to the KwaMadala Hostel to see if they could spot any of the suspected attackers.

All was quiet when Khanye arrived at the hostel. He was informed by SADF members on the scene that he could leave.

Arguments by the counsel representing the various parties will be heard in Johannesburg tomorrow and on Friday.

Thokoza civic leader shot dead in street

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JOHANNESBURG. — An assassin shot dead Thokoza township civic leader Mr Vusi Tshabalala yesterday afternoon, police confirmed.

Mr Tshabalala, assistant general secretary of the local civic association, was gunned down as he walked in a street in the East Rand township, fellow activist Mr Makgabo Molotho said.

Police spokeswoman Captain Ida van Zweel said the slain activist was shot in the head. Police had not yet established a motive.

Mr Molotho said the association could not rule out that he had been murdered for his civic activities.

According to the official unrest report for the 24 hours ending at midnight on Monday, at Ezizine, Wartburg, two people were killed and two seriously wounded when gunmen fired at pedestrians.

At Katlehong, Alberton, a man armed with an AK-47 rifle fired at members of the security forces while they were searching a house. Police returned fire. A man was killed and a woman wounded.

EC observers for SA

LONDON. — Fifteen EC observers are to arrive in South Africa tomorrow, a statement by the Foreign and Commonwealth office said here yesterday.

"The team members include police officers, lawyers and economists. They will try to prevent violence, defuse tension and promote peace in situations of potential conflict.

"They will be working closely with the National Peace Secretariat as well as with United Nations and observer teams from other international organisations." — Sapa

Death night: Clash over events

VEREENIGING.—A Sebokeng South municipal police constable and Casspir armoured vehicle driver told the Goldstone Commission yesterday that another policeman and witness visited his home and accused him of allowing white men to use his Casspir on the night of the Boipatong massacre.

Constable Phafodi Khanye told the commission sitting here that Constable Diau Monare called at his house on a Sunday and questioned him about the Casspir he usually drove.

Constable Monare accused him of allowing whites to use his Casspir on June 17, the night of the Boipatong massacre, he said.

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Balaclavas

Constable Khanye said he had told Constable Monare this was not possible because Constable Monare was with him in the Casspir on a patrol of Boipatong on that night.

Constable Monare, who accompanied the crew of the Casspir on the night of June 17, told the commission last week that when the vehicle arrived at Kwa-Madala Hostel soon after the attack, three Internal Stability Unit members carrying balaclavas alighted from a Nyala armoured vehicle and told them to leave.

Disappointed

Constable Monare said he felt disappointed at the time because the ISU had prevented them from arresting those he considered to be prime suspects in the massacre.

Constable Khanye denied that the ISU ordered the municipal police to leave the area.

He said the ISU members did not alight from their vehicle or speak to the municipal police who decided to leave the area after consulting members of the SADF.—Sapa

1 dead, 2 hurt in train attacks

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JOHANNESBURG. — A man was seriously injured when he was thrown from a moving train between New Canada and Longdale stations in Soweto yesterday, the second attack on train commuters between the two stations in two days.

On Tuesday morning a man was killed and another seriously injured when they were attacked by armed men on a commuter train also between New Canada and Longdale stations.

The attacks prompted an announcement by the ANC's PWV region that it would consider bringing civil claims for compensation of victims of train violence against the South African Rail Commuter Corporation.

The ANC said the attacks could have been avoided if there had been adequate security measures.

"As far as we are concerned, the SARCC has a duty to afford reasonable security to every passenger who goes on its property or trains," it said.

Nearly 350 people have died in train attacks between 1990 and 1992, the ANC quoted the Human Rights Commission as reporting.

● In other unrest, a man was thrown out of a car and shot dead near the Doornkop Snake Park near Soweto on Tuesday night. — Sapa

Reef train attacks: Two men for trial

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■ **Victim encouraged singing of freedom songs:**

TWO Soweto men appearing in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on murder and attempted murder charges relating to train violence on the Reef were yesterday ordered to appear in the Rand Supreme Court next month.

Icam Mazibuko (24) and Michael Mguni (26), both of Mapetla Hostel, face one murder charge and seven of attempted murder.

The State alleges the men were part of a group of armed men who boarded a train travelling from Germiston to Johannesburg station and attacked passengers on October 17 last year.

The men allegedly boarded the train at George Goch station and started attacking passengers with assegais, knobkeries and pangas. The State claims a man who was allegedly murdered, Thapelo Tsotsetsi, was encouraging passengers to sing "freedom songs" in one of the coaches.

He was allegedly attacked and killed by members of the group which included Mazibuko and Mguni. The cause of death was found to be "a penetrating incised wound of the right lung and cranio cerebral trauma".

'Progress' on train violence

WILSON ZWANE

SUBSTANTIAL progress was made in Johannesburg yesterday at a meeting of two working groups set up last week to find solutions to train violence, sources said.

The sources said the working groups — on preventative and active measures of ending train violence — would meet again within days to continue deliberations.

Further meetings would have to be held, they said, before resolutions on how to combat train violence could be taken.

They said it had been agreed a joint statement be issued only after the resolutions had been adopted.

The groups were set up in terms of the Train Agreement, which was signed in May by representatives of community and political organisations, police and the SA Rail Commuter Corporation.

Sapa reports that police said one man was killed and another seriously injured when they were attacked by a group of armed men on a train in Soweto early yesterday morning.

Fangelakha Cebakalu, 45, and Emmanuel Vilakazi, 31, were attacked on a train between Longdale and New Canada stations.

"They were stabbed with knives and thrown out of the train. Cebakalu died from wounds sustained and Vilakazi was taken to Baragwanath Hospital in a serious condition," the police report said.

Singapore moves to form SA links

LLOYD COUTTS

THE 10-year decline in SA's economy could not be reversed within one or two years, Singapore senior minister Lee Kuan Yew said in Johannesburg yesterday.

And in another development, the Singapore Trade Development Board announced yesterday that a trade delegation from Singapore was to visit SA next month to develop trade and investment links and to explore the possibility of using SA as a springboard for markets in Africa.

The board said the delegation of its senior executives and representatives of 11 Singapore companies would visit Durban and Cape Town.

Speaking after a meeting with ANC president Nelson Mandela, Lee said SA's industries had become "protectionist, heavy and slothful" because competition had been discouraged.

Lee said Mandela had told him the constitutional negotiations would probably lead to the institution of a transitional government acceptable to the majority of South Africans within a year. He had asked Mandela how long-term problems like unemployment would be resolved without capital development and manpower once "teething problems" like a transitional government had been resolved.

"SA will have to compete with many countries with large populations crying out for capital and expertise — like China and Vietnam — and it will have to compete against the rest of the world for capital," he added.

Mandela said he had been impressed with Lee's knowledge of political and economic developments in SA and that he was keen to engage Lee as an economic and financial adviser.

Lee, a former Singapore prime minister and the man credited with engineering Singapore's "economic miracle", said his country would be able to offer training and technical assistance, and infrastructure management skills.

He is on a 13-day official visit to SA and has already met Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

The board statement said the Singapore delegation arriving on November 1 would represent business interests such as packaging and printing, civil engineering, construction, ship building and repair, computers and computer peripherals, consumer electronics, engineering equipment and trading.

Meanwhile, a small delegation of businessmen accompanying Lee met black businessmen in Johannesburg yesterday. How Par International chairman Hong Hai and Scott Holdings chairman A Jumabhoy met the businessmen to discuss potential assistance to the black business fraternity.

week of November, and in addition ...

Commercial crime: 31 suspects arrested

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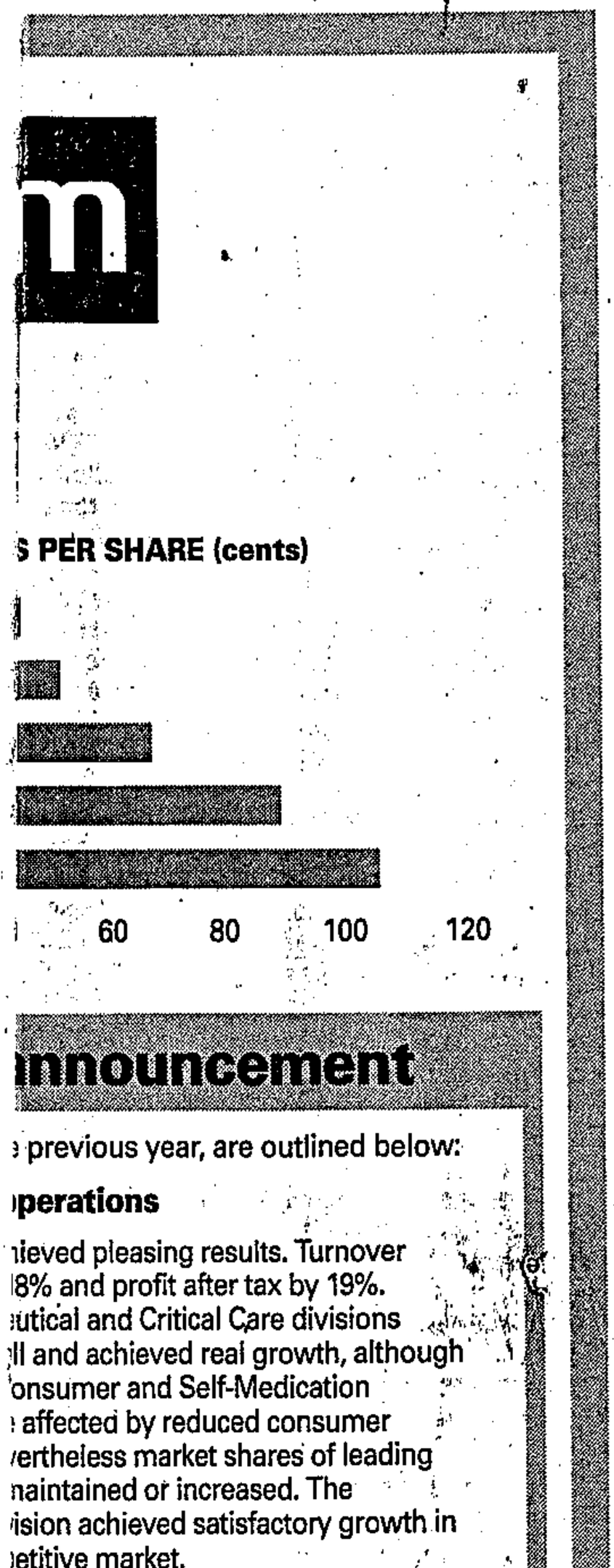
PRETORIA — The SAP's Commercial Branch arrested 31 people countrywide from October 12-19 on charges of commercial crime involving about R30m.

The SAP's liaison department said yesterday those arrested included two directors of a group of companies under liquidation.

Commercial Branch head Maj-Gen Martin Nel said commercial crime largely went unnoticed by the media and the public. Between 1987 and 1991 the number of cases reported to police had increased by 70%.

In the Witwatersrand area the Commercial Crime Unit was investigating more than 900 fraud-related cases involving several billion rands.

"We need the media to take up the public outcry ... innocent victims are being exploited by fraudsters, swindlers and conmen," he said. — Sapa.



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Monare told the commission last week that when the vehicle arrived at Kwa-Madala Hostel soon after the attack, three internal stability unit members carrying balaclavas alighted from a Nyala armoured vehicle and told them to leave.

This was denied by Khanye, who said the internal stability unit policemen did not alight from their vehicle or speak to the municipal policemen.

Monare, however, had said they were told by the commander of the Nyala that the hostel was a unit post and had nothing to do with the municipal police.

Monare said he felt disappointed at the time because the unit had prevented them from arresting the prime suspects.

The commission adjourned until tomorrow for closing argument. — Sapa.

NEWS Bail for Mamelodi civic leaders withdrawn ● Witness tells of Webs

Court told of 'garbage action'

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■ **Councillors tell court how singing groups asked them to resign their posts:**

By Josias Charle

A MAMELODI town councillor yesterday told how refuse was dumped at his home on two occasions in a bid to pressurise him to resign.

Mr Robert Josia Makgatho, who is also local branch chairman of the National Party, told the Pretoria Regional Court that three Mamelodi Civic Association executive members led the groups of people to his house on each occasion.

The three are Mr William Dube, deputy chairman, Mr Pasty Malefo, publicity secretary and organiser, Mr Tunka Matila.

The three had their bail withdrawn on Monday after allegedly violating their conditions.

They first appeared in court on September 8 on charges related to intimidation and were each granted bail of R2 500.

Among the conditions was that they should not contact Mamelodi councillors.

Makgatho testified that the first time Matila and Malefo arrived at his home they were accompanied by a group of about 60 people.

They dumped refuse on his premises, asked him to resign and then left.

He said on October 10 the group returned with Malefo, Matila and Dube. They again dumped refuse on his premises.

He said he told them he needed time to think about their request and they left.

Councillor Mr Amos Mtsweni told the court he was contacted by Matila and Dube who asked him to resign.

On one of the occasions they were accompanied by a singing crowd.

He also told the court he believed the men had violated their bail conditions by contacting him at this home and at his business.



Oupa and Tshidi Matsei are the winners of the Sowetan/American Swiss Bridal Couple Of the Month competition for July 1992. They are pictured here receiving their prizes at a cocktail party at Sowetan.

PATH TO PEACE ANC contends police have not tried hard enough to stop train killings

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Another attack, another death. How long will this carry on?

■ SURROGATE FORCES Train violence continues despite agreement:

By Ruth Bhengu

Five months ago community leaders extracted a commitment from the authorities to stop the ongoing train violence that has claimed many lives in the Transvaal.

The South African Rail Commuter Corporation signed an agreement on May 14 after a week's boycott of trains by commuters. The boycott was called by the African National Congress and its allies.

Signatories to the agreement were the SARCC, Spoornet, the Ministry of Law and Order, the Institution of Contextual Theology (ICT) Civic Associations of Transvaal (Cast), Cosatu, SACP and the South African Railway and Habour Workers Union (Sarhwu).

The SARCC undertook to implement certain measures to put an end to the violence and ensure the safety of commuters.

But the ANC's Ronnie Mamoepa says the police have failed to combat train violence. In fact he has doubts if they ever tried hard enough.

"The police have no strategy to deal with the train violence," he says. "The train violence is part and parcel of the low-intensity conflict perpetuated by the State against the people.

"The State uses surrogate forces so that ultimately the blame does not lie with the security forces or the police but with some unknown forces."

Mamoepa also said there was a definite trend to train attacks.

- They occurred at certain stations regularly and almost simultaneously;
- They took place between 6 and 7am and 5 and 7pm, and...
- They occurred near certain hostels.

"These trends indicate that somewhere there are people planning the attacks," Mamoepa pointed out.

Pattern of violence

After the train boycott in May the violence shifted to the taxis and then later back to Natal before it resurged on the trains in the PWV in September.

Mamoepa described the pattern of violence as "random". He said it sometimes coincided with major political events but not always.

Citing the police as the weakest link in the strategy to eradicate violence on the trains, Mamoepa said he and some ANC monitors had visited stations and found the security "pathetic".

"We have visited some train stations on several occasions and found the deployment of police negligible.

"We were not searched and we got onto the train without tickets. One factor that inhibits the patrol is that it is not possible to move between compartments.

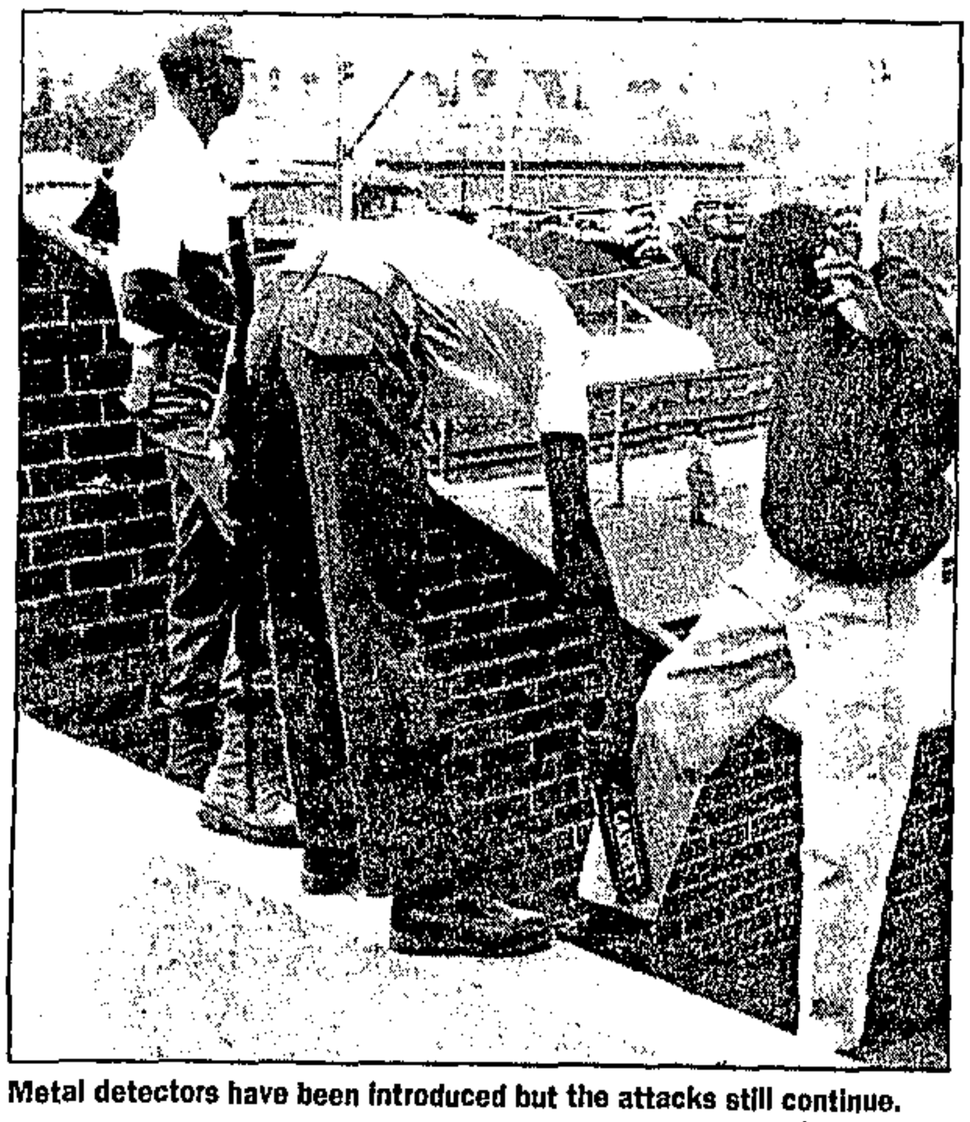
"The redeployment of police which was agreed upon has not happened. The only time there is a visible presence of police and any searching for weapons takes place is after attacks when the Railway Corporation does a propaganda stunt," he said.

Working groups, set up as part of the agreement reached between community leaders and the authorities to make the trains safe, met this week for the first time.

This meeting was a last ditch attempt by the parties concerned to find a way of completely wiping out the internecine violence on the trains that has taken so many lives.

Whereas the task of the working groups is to work out the finer details of the overall strategy of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation, it seems they have been thrust into the frontline, according to Mamoepa.

The working groups will work out preventative and pro-active measures to deal with the violence. Their report will be released soon, said Mamoepa.



Metal detectors have been introduced but the attacks still continue.

Police mum on violence

By Mathatha Tsedu

■ Colonel Dave Bruce says he will only give details of train killings at a Press conference scheduled for today:

IN THE compilation of this series we approached the police unit dealing with train violence for comment and statistics about the occurrences.

The police have regularly come under fire for their handling of investigations into the train killings, with the Goldstone Commission, among others, castigating them for sloppy investigations and not keeping records.

Several meetings between the police and community structures dealing with the train violence have failed to go on because the police have failed to provide much needed statistics on arrests, prosecutions and attacks generally.

Sowetan approached a Colonel Marx at the Witwatersrand control unit of the stability section, which deals with train violence.

He said while he had the information needed, he could not release it without the authority of Colonel Dave Bruce, who is in charge of media liaison.

Bruce told us he could not release the information as he would be holding a Press conference today. Despite repeated efforts to get him to release the information, he refused.

After further persuasion, he relented and said we should send a fax with our questions and he would respond. This was done on Monday afternoon.

Bruce failed to respond to telephone inquiries for the whole of Tuesday, despite requests through his office and the pager to call back.

Yesterday morning, Bruce finally told us he would not respond to any of our questions "because that will destroy the whole purpose of the Press conference".

These questions need answers

- When did train killings start and where?
- How many people killed?
- How many people injured?
- How many arrested?
- How many convicted?
- What stations are the favoured targets?
- What trains are the major targets?
- How many police officers are on train duty on the Reef?
- What are the problems encountered by police in investigations?
- What are the causes, from your side, of the train killings?
- How successful has the Train Accord been in curbing violence?
- Where are the metal detectors and helicopters that were to help in policing the stations and lines?
- What is the way forward?

ANC threatens to prosecute SARCC for train violence

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■ Angry after other attacks this week and lack of security:

THE AFRICAN National Congress PWV region is to consider bringing civil claims for compensation of victims of train violence against the South African Rail Commuter Corporation.

In a statement on Wednesday, the ANC said it would instruct its attorneys to look into the possibility of bringing the claims following two attacks between the New Canada and Longdale stations in Soweto over the last two days.

It said the attacks could have been avoided if there had been adequate security measures.

A man was seriously injured when he was thrown from a moving train between the stations on Wednesday morning.

On Tuesday, a man was killed and another seriously wounded when they were attacked by armed men on a commuter train on the same line, police said.

According to the statement: "None of those injured or those who lost their loved ones have been compensated by the SARCC. In our agreement signed on May 14, 1992, SARCC flatly refused to entertain the idea of compensation.

> **'As far as we are concerned, the SARCC has a duty to afford reasonable security to every passenger'**

"As far as we are concerned, the SARCC has a duty to afford reasonable security to every passenger who goes on its property or trains."

Nearly 350 people have died in train attacks between 1990 and 1992, the ANC PWV region quoted the Human Rights Commission as reporting. - *Sapa*

Police admit 'lack of enthusiasm'

WILSON ZWANE

A LACK of enthusiasm on the part of some policemen was hampering efforts to curb violence on trains, a senior police officer said yesterday.

At least 231 people have been killed and 434 injured in 363 incidents of violence on the trains in the southern Transvaal since the beginning of the year, according to police figures.

Most of the incidents occurred on the Johannesburg-Soweto, Johannesburg-Vereeniging and Kwesine-Katlehong lines.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce told journalists in Johannesburg yesterday that although policing of trains had been stepped up, it appeared some policemen were "less motivated" than others.

But Bruce pointed out that 121 people had been arrested since April, many for being in possession of dangerous weapons.

He admitted nobody had been convicted of murder on trains, largely due to a lack of evidence because witnesses were reluctant to come forward.

The ANC PWV region has charged that this week's attacks on commuters on the Johannesburg-Soweto line would not have occurred had security measures agreed upon by the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and community organisations in May been implemented.

Bruce showed the media a new centre from which the policing of the trains was being co-ordinated.

Boipatong: Police aid 'highly unlikely'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Claims that the police had openly helped KwaMadala Hostel dwellers attack Boipatong residents on the night of June 17 were inherently improbable, SAP senior counsel Mr Flip Hattingh submitted to the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

He said in his closing argument to the commission it was highly improbable that the police would have acted in such an open manner.

"Can one really accept that police would think no one would come forward and identify them?"

The legal counsel for the ANC earlier submitted in their closing argument that the police had either been actively involved in the June 17 Boipatong massacre or had totally neglected their duty.

Mr Denis Kuny told the commission that evidence showed the police response to cries for help from Boipatong residents who were being violently attacked had been "inadequate to say the least".

"There should have been an immediate and drastic response and the indifference to the situation was ridiculous. One is forced to wonder if it was deliberate indifference or sheer neglect."

Mr Arthur Chaskalson, also counsel for the ANC, questioned how the inmates of KwaMadala Hostel could have brazenly attacked, murdered and plundered with apparent impunity.

"How could it be? What makes it possible for an armed group of more than 500 men to carry out such a mission openly over a period of one hour? How did they get away with it?"

Mr Chaskalson said ineffective policing was one of the main causes of the cycle of violence. "The commission must address this or the country will tumble into anarchy."

Mr Chaskalson said commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone should also take into account the many witness accounts of the presence of security force Casspirs in the township at the time of the massacre.

Mr Hattingh denied police complicity, saying it was "objectively and inherently so improbable it simply cannot be accepted".

Closing arguments from the counsel for the defence force, the commission, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the KwaZulu government will be heard today. — Sapa

Witness fears cops

■ STREET SHOOTING He won't make a statement about slaying of Tokoza Civic Association official:

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By Abbey Makoe

AN EYEWITNESS to the slaying of Mr Vusi Tshabalala, assistant general secretary of the Tokoza Civic Association (TCA), says he will not make a statement to the police.

Tshabalala died instantly after being shot at point-blank range along a street in Tokoza at about 4.30pm on Tuesday.

The witness, who does not want his name published, is a member of the TCA.

He said he was not going to report what he saw to the police because every time they did so they became targets of unknown assailants.

Closer move

Describing the murder, he said: "Tshabalala's killer moved closer to him as he lay on the ground.

"Another shot went off, hitting Tshabalala in the head. Two more shots were pumped into his body in an apparent move to make sure that the 27-year-old activist was dead."

The killing took place in the centre of Tokoza, Tshabalala's place of birth.

His death has renewed the fears of TCA leaders about their safety.

Mr Louis Sibeko, general secretary of the TCA, said: "We have been leading abnormal lives since the assassination of Mr Sam Ntuli last year."

He linked Tshabalala's killing to that of Mr Prince Mhlambi, another activist who was gunned down in Tokoza two weeks ago.

"There is a mission to wipe us out," charged Sibeko.

The eyewitness who described the attack on Tshabalala said he was so shocked by the incident that all he could eat 24 hours after the attack was a piece of chocolate.

"We were hugging and laughing in the street when suddenly I heard gun-fire.

Louis shouted "yoo mma we!" and fell on his face."

"A few seconds later my hand hung in the air, Louis was on the ground, bleeding.

"I took about three steps forward. The assailant remained quiet and just looked at me," said the witness.

Pact pinpoints danger hostels

By ARTHUR GAVSHON

AN unpublished pact between the government and the African National Congress commits the security forces to isolate, disarm and regularly check 28 hostels identified as centres of violence, crime and a danger to law and order.

Commonwealth diplomats, who disclosed details of the pact, said it was drawn up as an annexure to the Record of Understanding reached by President FW de Klerk and the ANC's Nelson Mandela on September 26. The details have remained secret presumably to avert protests.

Essentially, the confidential document spells out how the government and ANC foresee the implementation of a programme of security focusing on the flashpoint hostels named.

It embodies the main recommendations on the problem submitted by the Goldstone Commission which the government has accepted. November 15 is set as the deadline for completing the new security measures, though there is provision for extending that time limit.

Prime responsibility for executing the programme is delegated to the police who, if necessary, may call for military support.

The document pays particular attention to the issue of fencing danger hostels. It stipulates that fences erected around new hostel perimeters should be 2m high, with limited access points allowed. Where old fences exist, they must be maintained in good repair.

Topping a list of hostels needing to be fenced is kwaMadala Hostel. Others earmarked for urgent attention include Mzimhlope, Dube, Nancefield, Dobsonville and Merafe in the Greater Soweto area; the Sebokeng complex in the Vaal; and Umlazi Section T Unit 17 and kwaMashu in kwaZulu.

Weekly Mail allegations 'unfounded'

Informants' statement totally false

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Sowetan Correspondent

THERE is no evidence to support allegations made in the *Weekly Mail* of May 8 to 14 and May 15 to 22 that the South African Police (SAP) planned and instigated violence in the Vaal area, the Goldstone Commission has found.

In a report released yesterday the Commission also found that in evidence before the one-man Goldstone Committee chaired by Mr RM Wise, SC, set up to investigate the *Weekly Mail* allegations, nothing justified the allegations that the SAP had a base which was linked with the planning of assassinations in the Vaal, or the innuendo that the police were involved in a death campaign or a "silent war against leaders and activists of the ANC and its allies".

The committee also found the statements by Mr Daniel Kolisang and Mr Solly Mngomezulu that the SAP planned and instigated violence, which constituted the basis of reports by the *Weekly Mail* on May 8 and 15 this year, to be totally false.

Hostel inmates are blamed for massacre

STEPHANE BOTHMA

INDEPENDENT witnesses and other evidence conclusively proved that only KwaMadala Hostel residents had been responsible for the Boipatong massacre, the Goldstone commission was told yesterday.

Flip Hattingh SC, delivering closing argument for the SAP at the inquiry into the massacre, told Judge R Goldstone the evidence further proved the attackers had moved on foot from the hostel to the township.

He asked the commission to reject allegations the SAP or individual members had been involved in the killings, or had supported or protected the attackers.

However, senior counsel for the ANC, Denis Kuny, argued that the events in Boipatong that night showed the police had either been actively involved in the massacre or had neglected their duty.

Responding to a remark by Goldstone that it was "hardly conceivable" that the police would use their official vehicles to assist in the attack, Kuny said that in the past police had gotten away with similar actions merely on the basis of an official denial.

Arthur Chaskalson, also representing the ANC, questioned how KwaMadala inmates could have brazenly attacked, murdered and plundered with apparent impunity.

Either the group of about 500 attackers knew the security forces were so incompetent that they would not be apprehended, or it had been arranged that no action would be taken against them, he argued.

Weekly Mail claims 'false'

PRETORIA — The Goldstone commission found yesterday that allegations by the Weekly Mail newspaper of planning and instigation of violence by the SAP in the Vaal area were devoid of truth.

The commission's report, released in Pretoria, found no justification for the newspaper's allegations that the SAP operated a base where assassinations of political campaigners were planned.

In the report, the Goldstone commission said statements by Daniel Kolisang and Solly Mngomezulu, whose allegations of SAP involvement in violence and assassinations were the basis of the Weekly Mail reports on May 8 and 15, were totally false.

The commission accepted the finding that the newspaper staff's attempts to get police comment had been inadequate.

The Ministry of Law and Order welcomed the findings yesterday.

A spokesman said in a statement the finding "will hopefully increase confidence in the SAP". — Sapa.

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A family caught in Natal's crossfire

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Beauty Ngcobe, a 46-year-old Inkatha supporter whose husband was gunned down in front of her three years ago, allegedly by ANC activists, endures attacks on her house in Imbali township, 10 kilometres from Maritzburg, almost every night.

Her crime is to live in an African National Congress area of Imbali, but she is stuck in a vicious circle, as her house, pockmarked with bullet holes, is unsellable.

Mrs Ngcobe says one Friday in September, township ANC activists threw a grenade onto her roof while she was eating dinner with her five children, aged between four and 22.

The grenade rolled off, and exploded behind the house's side wall.

"They pay kids to do it," says Dennis, Mrs Ngcobe's 18-year-old son. "The ANC tsotsis approach kids who have nothing, give them a grenade or an AK-47, and say, 'here, if you kill so-and-so we'll give you R50'."

Dennis says he holds no bitterness towards his fellow Zulus, and he hopes for a time when he can live in peace with his neighbours.

During a night spent with the Ngcobe family in Imbali, the house was shot at several times and stoned once — a quite normal procedure for a Friday night, according to the family. CT 30/10/92

Many of the people who are dying in Natal have little passion for politics, and, like the Ngcobes, differ from their enemies only nominally.

Dennis Ngcobe, in spite of being an Inkatha member, was fond of Mr Reggie Hadebe, whom he said had strived vainly for peace in the region: "It's not Reggie, or even Mandela who orders the fighting. It's the tsotsis right here." — Sapa-AFP

3 more die in Natal unrest

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Three more people died in continuing violence in Natal when armed gunmen attacked the kraal of a headman in the Umbumbulu area yesterday morning. CT 30/10/92

Also, a prominent IFP member, Mr Sichizo Zuma, was shot and seriously wounded while driving in Edendale early yesterday.

And police said yesterday they had opened an attempted murder docket after local IFP leader David Ntombela was shot at while driving near Henley Dam on Wednesday.

Meanwhile hundreds of residents from the Ngonyameni Reserve outside Umlazi attended a reconciliation service yesterday to celebrate the signing of a peace agreement.

IFP criticises Hadebe offer

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The IFP has described the government's R250 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the killers of ANC leader Mr Reggie Hadebe as a "disgraceful display of selective morality" CT 30/10/92

"We remind the government that 252 IFP leaders have been assassinated since 1985," the organisation said.

Cop stabbed, shot to death

JOHANNESBURG. — A policeman died, one was injured and a group of policemen were stoned in unrest yesterday

The body of a police constable with bullet and stab wounds was found in the veld next to KwaMazibuko Hostel in Katlehong yesterday.

In Soweto, a policeman was injured yesterday when a grenade was hurled into his house.

Constable M Khumalo was asleep in his house when the grenade was thrown into his bedroom.

At Mbekweni, near Paarl, policemen were stoned whilst conducting a search. A man was hurt when police used rubber bullets to ward off the attack.

Natal: Troops to be doubled

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DURBAN. — Amid indications that an urgent meeting of National Peace Accord signatories is in the offing, President F W de Klerk announced last night that the Defence Force will double the number of troops currently deployed in Natal.

Mr De Klerk also announced that unrest areas are to be declared in the violence-racked province and "high density" police patrols would be initiated "to stop the infiltration of MK members" from the Transkei into Natal.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze warned that the assassination of ANC Natal Midlands deputy chairman Mr Reggie Hadebe could be "the spark that sets Natal alight".

The special investigation unit was doing "everything possible" to track down the killers.

In a statement issued in Pretoria, Mr De Klerk said the Defence Force would, within a week, "double the number of troops currently deployed in Natal in support of the South African Police".

Defence Ministry spokesmen last night declined to give details on their troop strengths in the province, saying such information was never made public for security reasons.

Mr De Klerk said the SAP would also further reinforce its manpower in Natal and "deploy additional units, including the Internal Stability Division, more widely throughout the province".

General Johan Swart, head of the division, told a press conference last night that about 300 members had been deployed in Natal in recent weeks and more would arrive over the weekend.

General Swart thought three unrest areas would be declared, but could not give details.

Government sources indicated earlier this week that Richmond and areas of the South Coast were of particular concern. Maritzburg — the scene of fresh violence yesterday — may also be considered.

Mr De Klerk also said that the police may have to establish bases along the Natal/Transkei border to secure the area.

The ANC last night rejected as "brazen lies" allegations by Defence Minister Mr Gene Louw that Transkei was used as a base for MK to launch attacks on southern Natal and the eastern Cape.

Mr De Klerk added that the government would ask Mr Justice Richard Goldstone to "become more personally involved" in the Goldstone Commission's investigations into violence in Natal.

"The government reiterates its call on Dr Buthelezi and Mr Mandela to meet as soon as possible," said Mr De Klerk.

National Peace Committee chairman Mr John Hall said last night after a meeting with Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi that "extensive preparatory work" was being done in the hope of making such a meeting possible.

Mr Hall held "constructive talks" with Mr Nelson Mandela on Wednesday and with Chief Buthelezi yesterday.

He will now meet Mr De Klerk and Mr Mandela and then report to an executive meeting of the National Peace Committee. It is understood this will take place early next week.

Govt, ANC will meet to plan 'bosberaad'

THE government and the ANC will meet "more than once" in the next week to plan a "bosberaad" between the two parties — but no date had yet been fixed for the proposed meeting, a government spokesman said last night.

The government also said it was unaware of plans for a November 15 summit between President F W de Klerk and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela.

AFP reported that both parties had tentatively agreed to the summit date, but the Director-General of the State President's office, Mr Dave Steward, told a press briefing last night that he had no knowledge of such a meeting.

And senior Department of Constitutional Development spokeman, Mr Marius Kleynhans, said: "We don't know anything about this."

Mr Kleynhans said the government would have discussions with the ANC on the proposed bosberaad "over the next week or two" but added that "no firm date has been set as yet".

Sapa reports that ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said last night that he was not interested in bilateral talks with Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to end violence in Natal.

"The position of the ANC, which has been endorsed by the Patriotic Front is that this violence cannot be ended or reduced by a simple meeting between two individuals. What is required is the collective wisdom of political leaders across the spectrum who should come together to address the matter," Mr Mandela said.

ANC man shot in Ciskei

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — ANC member Mr Bejile Basayi was seriously injured when his house in Nonibe, between King William's Town and Peddie, was attacked with grenades and rifle fire on Wednesday night.

ANC media officer, Mr Mceblsi Bata, said Mr Basayi was shot in the leg and was admitted to Bisho Hospital.

● The deputy commander of the police station in NU 13, Mdantsane, Lieutenant Jack Hulana, was shot dead at a party at the Mdantsane prison on Wednesday night. CT

A Ciskei Police spokesman said a police constable had been arrested.

Eyewitnesses said Lieut Hulana was shot 18 times in the stomach during a quarrel. He died instantly.

Transkei strike broadens

UMTATA. — Prison warders, court prosecutors and magistrates joined a growing civil servants' strike in the Transkei yesterday after a breakdown in negotiations over salary parity. CT 30/10/92

And the homeland's military council issued an ultimatum to nurses on strike at more than 29 hospitals to return to work immediately.

In another development, the Transkei Radiographers' Association announced a general strike by all paramedics, beginning on Monday.

Prosecutors and magistrates said they would meet at Umtata's Regional Court today, and would remain there until further developments. — Sapa

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Youths saved from 'necklace' mob

■ JAWS OF DEATH Four youths escape death at the hand of fellow pupils:

By Abbey Makoe

FOUR YOUTHS, INCLUDING high school pupils, werev seriously injured after being stabbed with a garden fork and threatened with a "necklace" by a mob of students in Sebokeng yesterday.

The four pupils were saved by two local ANC leaders from angry pupils from the Ruta Sechaba High School in Zone 13.

The ANC leaders called police to save Walter Matheza (18), Steven Mafobokoane (20), Pehello Mokoena (22), and Junior Mokgesing, who had sought refuge at the ANC offices.

The attack followed allegations the youths were involved in the killing of own their friend, David Mpotwane, who was shot on Sunday in their presence.

David was a pupil at the Ruta Sechaba High School.

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Junior and Phehello said they were awakened by the dead boy's brother known only as "Tsambo" and told to go to David's home to explain how he was murdered.

The other two youths also reported at the same house following a "request" to do so. Sowetan

The four youths said they were still in the house when a mob of about 500 pupils, armed with an assortment of weapons including firearms, garden forks and scissors, burst in and started stabbing them. 30/10/92

Junior was rushed to hospital after being stabbed with a garden fork. Walter was stabbed in the face with a pair of scissors.

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Phehello and Steven also sustained serious injuries after being stabbed and kicked.

The mob fled when police and members of the Internal Stability Unit, aided by the SADF, arrived on the scene after being summoned by ANC officials, Mr Watch Mothibedi and Mr Levy Thobejane. The attackers had threatened to petrolbomb the ANC offices, according to Thobejane.

In an interview with *Sowetan*, Matheza said he had made a statement to the police in which he told them that David was shot dead in their presence by a local policeman he knew.

'Cop apathy' over rail deaths

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JOHANNESBURG. — A lack of enthusiasm among some policemen was hampering efforts to curb violence on trains, Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said yesterday.

However, he said 121 people had been arrested since April.

At least 231 people have been killed and 434 injured in train violence in the southern Transvaal since the beginning of the year.

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'Faster action may have netted suspects'

JOHANNESBURG. — The police should have taken steps to enter and search KwaMadala Hostel sooner than they did on the night of the Boipatong massacre, counsel for the SAP, Mr Flip Hattingh, conceded before the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

During his closing argument Mr Hattingh said an earlier entry into KwaMadala could have led to the arrest of more attackers and the seizure of relevant evidence before it was destroyed.

"Having said that, entry into KwaMadala Hostel at that early stage would have met with resistance, violence and maybe further bloodshed."

The police have been criticised severely for entering and searching the hostel the day after the massacre. CT 31/10/92 (278)

Mr Hattingh also conceded that it would have been better if there had been more policemen available on the night of June 17, but added that this was not affordable.

Mr Hattingh has denied the police had prior knowledge of the pending attack.

Mr Louis Visser, SC, appearing for the Inkatha Freedom Party and the KwaZulu Government, said in closing argument there was no evidence that the IFP or the KwaZulu Government had been involved in the attack.

The commission should find that allegations to this effect were "unwise, unfair and dangerous" and could exacerbate the climate of violence, he said.

Mr Anton Moster, for the Defence Force, said no one had suggested that the Defence Force had been involved in any way in the massacre or had not performed its duty.

The two Defence Force units involved on the night of June 17 had conducted themselves properly, he said.

● Commission chairman Mr Justice Goldstone closed the proceedings yesterday afternoon but said they could be reopened if warranted by the analysis of erased police tapes. — Sapa